

the St. Dunstan Dudleys are known to have been soldiers. However, the Rogers* and Johns and Thomases were possibly all connected together.

I would like to help Adlard prove that his derivation of Gov. Thomas Dudley has truth and reason in it. Of course I will not be satisfied with mere probabilities. But I will show them, so that some other more learned antiquary may have clues to go by in his search and investigations. Something must have become of that Thomas Dudley, brother to Lord Quondam, Baron John Dudley of 1550. All I have found about him is just his name in the Heralds' Visitations, as being a son of Sir Edward and Cicely (Willoughby) Dudley, and set forth in Blore's Rutlandshire, Shaw's Staffordshire, etc. I published the pedigrees of those English Dudley's on a large sheet in 1861, and Adlard made a great part of his from mine. But he was over anxious to find the "missing link." He took the Thomas of 1549, for our ancestor without sufficient proof, although there are some facts leaning that way. I will give both sides of the argument. In order to do so, I must point out Adlard's mistakes. He says on page 44, "Sutton Dudleys." "Judge Nichols, or Nicols, married a Purefoy." That is all wrong. Judge Nicolls, (the family always spell it so) married Mary, dau. of Hemings and widow of Edward Bagshaw, Esq. of London. Judge Nicolls' mother married a Purefoy of Shalston, for her second husband, but had no children by this marriage.

The Nicholas Purefoy who married the Judge's sister, was of an entirely different family. He was of Drayton in Leicestershire, son of Nicholas and Jane (Vincent). The same family was also of Muston, or some of them were. The Purefoy that married Judge Nicolls' mother was Richard, brother to Francis, who married Anne Furthe, and of Mary, who married Thomas Yardley of Northamptonshire. Richard's brother, John, married Anne Windsor at St. Dunstan's in the West of London. Richard's family was of Shalston in Bucks, back four generations. The date of Richard's birth is not given, but his brother William was born 1524 and died 1595.

Adlard's guesses about the Nicolls' and Purefoys' connection with the Dudleys are very amusing to say the least. He did not know much about them. He says, "May it not be probable that Roger Dudley married one of the sisters of Wm. Purefoy, whereby the Judge became a kinsman by the mother's side? If Judge Nicolls married Margery, as has been stated, the probability may be that Roger Dudley married Dorothy, and that the daughter, Dorothy,

*There was a Roger Dudley of Coventry in 1624.