

carried on farms, mills and stock-breeding, as well as preaching, and acting as Judge or Magistrate, Representative etc. When the Indian deed of the Exeter lands, which had been given to Mr. Wheelwright and others, needed to be authenticated, he made an affidavit, in 1668, that he had seen the original document with the Indian Sagamores' signatures signed to it. Mr. Wheelwright also swore to it.

His second wife, Mary Byley, died at Exeter, about 1651, and, in a year or so, he married another wife, named "Elizabeth," by whom he had four sons and four daughters.

By the second wife he had three sons and two daughters; and by the first wife, three sons and two daughters, making in all 18 children, that is 10 sons and 8 daughters. Several of the third wife's children were minors when he died. Evidently he had to work hard and take good care of his property, to bring up so many children in those rough times. But 5 or 6 of the children died young.

Rev. Samuel's father didn't give him much by his will, because he had to provide for his younger brood. Of all his ten sons, only Stephen, a son by the third wife, has posterity inheriting the name of Dudley from Rev. Samuel. The historians before me, had never discovered but 14 or 15 of Rev. Samuel Dudley's children. Still I am ashamed that I have not learned more facts about him. The old records were badly kept, and many, being on frail paper, have been entirely destroyed by use and abuse.

A great many grants of land, timber swamps and mill-sites were made to him by the town of Exeter, some of which are as follows: In 1650, 18 acres of swamp lying about south east from the Falls, near the Great Plain; and in 1652, 100 acres above the upper falls, on the main Fresh river, two or three miles from the town, on the hither side of the river.

At a town meeting, March 30, 1674, "there were granted to Mr. Samuel Dudley, six hundred acres of land for a farm, to be laid out where he shall find a place convenient, and he shall make choice of, provided it be within the space of two miles distant from the town, which is to be understood from the meeting-house."

He took the land on the south side of Exeter River, being the sixth lot from the Great Hill, bounded on one side by Hampton line. This was in what is now the town of Brentwood, where several of the oldest branch of the family still reside.

This land was laid out for Mr. Dudley by the town measurers, Lieut. Hall and Wm. Moore, and bounded as follows: "From the Great Hill, upon the south side of Pick-pocket, beginning at a tree