

fixed up a small church organization. Then, in 1706, followed Rev. John Odlin, who, after a while, had his son, Rev. Woodbridge Odlin, for his colleague and successor. But Theophilus only saw Clark and John Odlin, after Rev. Samuel Dudley's time. I cannot discover that Theophilus had much to do with books. But he was not behind most of his neighbors in learning and intelligence. I surmise he leaned to Governor Joseph Dudley's liberal church principles. The Samuel Dudley, who witnessed his will, was his half brother Samuel. Governor Joseph Dudley was probably the author of Captain Theophilus's commissions, as captain of the Exeter Company of Militia in time of Colonel Winthrop Hilton's early warfare against the Indians, and as magistrate and judge in later life. I have spoken of how Captain Judge Theophilus might have helped his young nephews with his bequests. Let us see who they were and what they afterwards did for the country to shame their unmindful uncle, and make him regret his slights if he could only know how it turned out.

They were the sons of Stephen Dudley and Sarah Gilman. First, there was James, 23 years old, who was a Lieutenant under Sir William Pepperell, at the brave capture of Louisburg. His sons Joseph and Samuel were also in the same glorious enterprise. John (another son of Stephen) had already been slain by the Indians, while he was with Colonel Winthrop Hilton in Epping woods. Nicholas, 19 years old when his uncle Theophilus died, fortified his house as a garrison against the Indians, and devoted his time and money to the defence of his country. He also sent a son to help take Louisburg. Trueworthy, another son of Stephen, was Captain of a Company at the Reduction of Louisburg, that is, Cape Breton; and Sarah Dudley, sister of James and Trueworthy, was wife of Ezekiel Gilman, who was a Major, and died at Cape Breton in 1746. Besides these, Lieutenant James's daughter, Joanna, was wife of Daniel Ladd, who was Captain of a Company at the same siege. There were seven warriors in that one family; brave, public-spirited and worthy of immortal honor, whom their uncle Capt. Judge Theophilus entirely overlooked in his short-sighted view of his duty to the rising generation of the Dudleys. Captain Theophilus, in his will, requested that his body should be decently buried, but no monument of him can now be found, and I have never heard of a portrait of any of those early Exeter Dudleys.