

Gilman and Humphrey Wilson, in behalf of others, petitioned the Council for the incorporation of Brentwood.

At Exeter, October 31, 1753, Nicholas Dudley gave a receipt to his son-in-law Josiah Robinson and his daughter Sarah Robinson, wife of said Josiah, for five pounds in full for a female "Negro Slave named Kate," then aged about eight years, which he sold them. This receipt is written in a hand as smooth and clear as copperplate print. It is signed by the autograph of Nicholas Dudley, which is perfectly plain, but not elegant. It shows that he could write, although his Will is signed with a *mark*, which was doubtless because he was too sick to write, or he might have been blind at that time. He died at his house in Brentwood, July, 1766, aged 72.

The slaves mentioned in his will and other papers, were soon set free, as slavery was abolished in New Hampshire in 1781.

I have the bill for sundries bought by Mr. Dudley's executor, Captain Josiah Robinson, of Daniel and Jacob Tilton at Exeter, for the funeral of "Mr. Nicholas Dudley," viz. :

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| 2 | black fans, | £o. | 3. | 6. |
| 1 | yard black tammy, | | 3. | o. |
| 1½ | yard black satin, | | 12. | o. |
| 1¾ | yard cypress, | | 11. | 4½ |
| 6 | yards hat crape, | | 13. | 6. |
| 3 | yards black satin ribbin, | | 4. | 6. |
| 5 | yards black silk ferret, | | 1. | 8. |
| 3 | sheets cartridge paper, | | o. | 6. |
| 6 | pairs men's white gloves, | | 15. | o. |
| 8 | pairs women's ditto, | | 1. | o. |
| 4 | pairs men's black hose, | | 2. | o. |
| | | | £6. | 5. 0½ |

His physician was Dr. John Lamson, of Exeter, whose last bill for attendance and medicines was £2.10. But this bill does not include the two years before his death. It was only for the time between 1762 and 1764.

WILL OF NICHOLAS DUDLEY.

In the name of God, Amen. I Nicholas Dudley, of the Parish of Brentwood, and the Province of New Hampshire in New England, Yeoman, being of a sound mind & memory, but calling to mind y^e mortality of my body; do make and ordaine this my