

SKETCH OF GEN. PETER⁵ DUDLEY

(*Stephen,⁴ Samuel,³ Samuel,² Francis¹*).

[See pedigree of the Concord, Mass. Dudleys, pp. 12-13.]

GEN. PETER⁵ DUDLEY was born November 29, 1773, at Littleton, Mass. Francis Dudley is thought by some writers to have been related to Gov. Thomas Dudley. Peter's father, Stephen Dudley, was born at Littleton, July 2, 1735. There is a tradition in the family that Stephen, the father of Peter, entered the American army during the early part of the Revolutionary war. His name is on the war rolls of Massachusetts for 1775, as a private volunteer. He was then 40 years old.

Stephen Dudley married Lydia Harwood, of Littleton, Mass., fifteen or twenty years before the Revolutionary war, and settled in Littleton, and lived there till a short time before his death. After the war, about 1784, he went to South Carolina on business, and was there taken sick and died that year, leaving at Littleton a widow, and several children then quite young.

Peter was the second son of Stephen Dudley. The widow and children of Stephen Dudley moved to Vermont, or, according to one account, to Westmoreland, New Hampshire, and afterwards to Andover, Vermont. The widow purchased a farm there which remained in the family down to about the year 1835 or 1836. There were five sons and four daughters, namely: 1, Stephen, Jr.; 2, Lydia; 3, Abigail; 4, Joseph; 5, Samuel; 6, Mary; 7, Peter; 8, Jonathan; and 9, Asa. Some of these children probably died young. They were all born at Littleton, Mass., and the precise dates of birth are given on the town records as well as the names of both parents. Our present purpose is to give a brief sketch of General Peter Dudley.

He was married to Lucy Barnard, March 11, 1800. Miss Barnard moved with her parents from Westminster, Mass., to Vermont, about 1798. They first made a visit at the house of Jonathan Dudley, in Andover, Vermont, where Peter had lived. Later they moved to Peru, and took up wild land. The Barnards moved to Andover in 1798, and to Peru about 1800, the year of Peter's marriage to Lucy. When the young couple went to Peru