

## THE CONNECTICUT DUDLEYS.

1. WILLIAM DUDLEY, born at Richmond, formerly Sheen, in Surrey, England; came to Guilford, Conn., from the town of Guilford, some thirty miles south-east from London, in the county of Surrey. He was married to Miss Jane Lutman by Rev. Henry Whitfield, Rector at Ockley in Surrey, Eng., Aug. 24, 1636, according to the parish register of Ockley. He and his wife Jane came over to America, and settled at Guilford, Conn., in 1639. They came with Rev. Henry Whitfield, as part of the Eaton and Hopkins expedition to Connecticut. This company sailed from London, May 20th, 1639. Mr. Dudley was a member of Whitfield's church and parish, and readily joined with his clerical friend in the emigration.

When arrived with his young wife at Guilford, Conn., they established their home on what is now Fair Street. This place or home lot is thus described in the old records:—It contained land "allowed for three acres and three quarters fronting up the street on the west rearing bank to the home lot of John Mipham on the east, the home lot of John Stevens on the north, and the home lot of John Fowler on the South."

There were distinguished men in the company with whom Mr. Dudley came to America, some of whom were Samuel Disborough, who returned to England, became Lord Keeper of the Great Seal in Scotland, a famous M. P., &c.; Mr. John Hoadley, who returned, and became an eminent clergyman; Thomas Jordan, Esq., who returned and became an eminent lawyer of Westminster Hall; Mr. William Leete, who was for many years Governor of Connecticut. Mr. Dudley was a Representative to the General Court for Guilford, Ct., and held other offices. He and his wife both died at Guilford. He died March 16, 1683-4, and she died May 1, 1674.\*

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\* Of the Coat of Arms, which this American progenitor bore, Rev. Dr. Field wrote me as follows: "The Dudley Coat of Arms, which, by tradition, was once in the hands of Wm. Dudley of Guilford, and which, according to the same tradition, descended to the eldest son of every family, down to the late Harman Dudley of Chester, Vt., was,—*Two lions, one buck and a buck's head, with a dart through the throat.*" I do not credit this account; but the two lions may be the *Somerie* two lions passant in pale, azure, and the buck's head may be the crest, of the Willingham house of Dudley. Burke, in his *General Armorie*, gives this Coat for the Baronet of that house. It must have been granted to the Baronet Dudley by the Herald's College at a late day. It is not an ancient Coat, but the two lions