

Mr. Dudley was a farmer, as appears by his will and inventory. He made his mark on his will, but this does not prove that he could not write. He might have been palsied or lame in his hand, or blind, or too sick to write.

Children of William and Jane (Lutman) Dudley :

2. i. WILLIAM,² b. at sea, June 8, 1639; m. Mary Stow, Nov. 4, 1661 (who was living in 1702), and he d. May, 1701, at Saybrook, Conn. 3. ii. JOSEPH, b. April 24, 1643; d. at G., June 3, 1712; m. Ann Robinson, Oct. 6, 1670. 4. iii. RUTH, b. April 20, 1645; m. John Whittlesey, of Saybrook, June 20, 1664. 5. iv. DEBORAH, b. Sept. 20, 1647; m. 1st, Ebenezer Thompson, June, 1671—2d, Thomas Scranton, of Guilford, and d. at G. Oct. 1681. v. Another child, whose name is not known.

2. DEA. WILLIAM² DUDLEY (*William¹*), was called a cordwainer by trade. He was admitted freeman at Guilford, Conn., in 1670, and that year he removed to Saybrook, where he was a Deacon of the Church, and a Representative to the General Court many years, and Commissioner several years.

The town records say: Feb. 7, 1675-6, there were given to Dea. William Dudley, by the town of Saybrook, 32½ rods of up-land as a plot to build his house on at what is now called Old Saybrook, and other pieces of land in that part of the town. See Vol. i. p. 228.

The Probate Court at New London, Ct., April 14, 1719, appointed Mrs. Mary Dudley, widow of Mr. William Dudley, administratrix on his estate. Will of Dea. William Dudley: oldest son William to have a double portion, and to have the homestead after decease of his wife. Date of Will, Sept. 2, 1700; proved May 29, 1701.

His son William he enjoins to pay his mother, testator's widow, twenty shillings a year, and "if my son Daniel live to enter upon building a house for himself, then my will is that my son William do pay to my son Daniel five pounds in Lawful money of New England." "To my sons Samuel & Joseph, and daughters Eliz. and Mehetabel," other legacies.

PART OF THE INVENTORY, MAY 22, 1701.

He is called "Deacon William Dudley of Saybrook."

A musquit	£	18. 0
a karbine		7. 0
2 backswords		9. 0
the dwelling house	40.	0. 0
the home lot 6 acres	18.	0. 0
1 acre orchard	4.	0. 0
30 acres of upland by Sam. Dudley's house,	67.	10. 0