

"tanner." He was 26 years of age; his brother John, aged 20, came with him, and his sister Mary, aged 22, who, in 1643, became the second wife of Rev. Samuel Dudley. In 1664, his daughter Rebecca married Rev. John Hale of Beverly, ancestor of Hon. John P. Hale, late member of Congress from New Hampshire. They settled at Salisbury about 1635, which town doubtless was named for their home in the mother country. By this wife, Rev. Samuel Dudley had five children; but only one of them left posterity. Captain Theophilus probably never married. His two brothers, Byley and Thomas, married, but had no children. Their education was poor; just a fair business training. They studied no profession. Theophilus was a popular man among the people. They called him captain, and delighted to honor him. They chose him Selectman of the town of Exeter as many as fifteen different times, and that was oftener than any other man had the honor. From 1693 to the end of his life he was an active and influential Representative for Exeter in the General Provincial Assembly; and during six or seven of his last years he was one of the Judges of the Court of Common Pleas. He held a commission as County magistrate most of his life. I find that he belonged to the Church, as did also his brothers Byley and Thomas, 2d, but not Stephen.

His will is interesting, as was that of the eldest son of Rev. Samuel, viz., Thomas, Fellow of Harvard College. As that young gentleman cherished his mother's children and overlooked the rest of his father's brood, so this Hon. Theophilus, in his will, is very sparing of bequests to the children of his father by the last wife. He is the son, who was administrator of his father's estate, and he claimed to be the gentleman of the family, as he was probably the eldest son alive. He speaks of his house and orchard, and "all his moneys." So he was a well-equipped citizen, in a pecuniary point of view. Perhaps he loved property and feared the expenses of a wife and family. Why does he give his property to his brother Byley, who already had a competence for himself and wife? To his own sister Mary's children he is generous, but of all the others, mentions only his "cousin Stephen Lyford," his "cousin Mercy Hilton," whose father had been slain by the Indians three years before, and his "sister Lyford's three youngest daughters." It may be that he thought the rest sufficiently provided for; but I suspect he felt a partiality for his mother's heirs. The language in his will about his soul