

Large Dudley's will is dated July 16, 1755, and mentions his children, John, Ferdinando, Guilford, Robert, George, and Largey (the first four cut off with a shilling each).

Large Dudley is described in some papers, as of Roscrea, and in others as of Frankfort, King's county. He must have joined the Society of Friends, for he was at a meeting at Mount Mellick, Queen's county, 29 Sept., 1731. His will was proved in 1757. His second son, Ferdinando, is spoken of in a lease with his father as having a son Largey and daughters, but his descendants have not been traced, nor those of his brothers, any further than through the last century and the first part of this. There were many families by the name of Dudley in the counties of Tipperary, and King's. They were all people of small estates, and most of them emigrated to America, where the name of Dudley is now more common than in England or Ireland.

John, the eldest son of Large, married (5 Feb., 1738,) Anne Sheldon, dau. of Eliezer Sheldon, and Susan, his wife, dau. of Wm. Edmondson, of Rosinallis, Queen's Co. Both Sheldon and Edmondson are carried down, as Christian names in the family to the present day.

John Dudley had 3 sons; first Eliezer, who m. Anne Hort, and from whom the present Mount Dudley and Roscrea families are descended: second, Joshua, who m. Caroline Friend, of Boskill, Co. Limerick, and Ballyruky, King's county, high sheriff in 1740, from whom the present Templemore Dudleys are descended, and 3rd, Wm., b. 16 Sept., 1757.

Eliezer had 3 sons: 1st, Sheldon, m. to Elz. Evans. He lived at Roscrea. 2d, Edward, m. Mary Eves, and was a banker in Roscrea, but emigrated with his 8 children to Philadelphia, in America. The children's names were: John, b. 17 Nov., 1794; Samuel, b. 16 Oct., 1795; Edward, b. 30 Aug., 1797; Wm., b. 1 Apr., 1799; Charles, d. young; Anne, Margaret, and Mary.

John, m. Mary Shannon, and d. 14 Sept., 1801, a gentleman tanner. Sheldon, b. 20 Dec., 1768, m. Elz. Evans, and had 6 sons, — Saml. Sheldon, John, Alfred Ely, Eliezer, Henry, and 5 daus. Jane, m. to Joshua Hill; Mary Anne, m. to Ed. Ashby; Elz., Charlotte, and Caroline. Dr. Powell, of Roscrea, m. one of these daughters. Saml. Sheldon m. Amy Thompson, and lived at Mt. Dudley, outside Roscrea. He had 2 sons, — 1, Sheldon, b. 16 Aug., 1841, who is an Epis. clergyman in Ireland; and 2, Saml. Driver, d. in Dublin in 1879, aged 24. There were 8 daus., some of whom are m. and settled in Dublin.

Francis, son of Sheldon, and Elizabeth Evans, resided in Roscrea, and had 3 sons, — 1, Sheldon Francis, Epis. clergyman. He assumed the name and arms of Jannes, by Royal license, in 1874, in compliance with the will of his kinsman, Charles J. Jannes, of Ennis, commander R. N. 2nd, Henry, who is a Medical Practitioner in King's Co.; and 3d, John, who is a Surgeon in the Royal Navy. He had, also, 3 daughters.