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The name of Dudley originated from "Dudley Castle" in Staffordshire England, and was assumed according to ancient customs in England by the younger children of the barons of that place. The beautiful ruins of this castle are said to still remain on the northeast of the town and parliamentary borough known as "Dudley" in the south of Staffordshire. The castle was founded by "Dudo", a Saxon Prince, in A.D. 760. It was demolished in the time of the "wars of Charles 1st." and was rebuilt but afterwards burned down in 1750.

The family from whom the Dudleys sprung was the Suttons.


1st. Hugh DeSutton, was a native of Nottinghamshire England, married Elizabeth Patrick, daughter and heir of Wm. Patrick. It was by this marriage that the Suttons became proprietors of "Dudley Castle".

2nd. Richard DeSutton,

3rd. Sir John DeSutton, Kt.,

4th. John DeSutton Kt.,

5th. John DeSutton ---- died 1406,

6th. John DeSutton,

7th. John Sutton,

8th. Sir Edmund Sutton,

9th. Edmund Dudley:— the fifth son of Sir Edmund Sutton took the name of Dudley; born in the year 1462, beheaded August 18, 1510. Edmund Dudley was an English lawyer and statesman. He studied at Oxford and read law at Greys Inn and early became privy councilor to Henry VII. In 1497 he became Under-Sheriff of London, a post then of considerable importance to the Crown as being useful in collecting revenues from the great feudal chiefs. In this post he amazingly increased the King's wealth and his own. He became Speaker of the House of Commons in 1504. Upon the accession of Henry VIII, he was hailed before a special commission, by which an indictment was found against him on the grounds of an alleged treasonous attempt to obtain the throne. After failing to escape from the Tower, he was beheaded on Tower Hill.
He married for his second wife, Elizabeth Grey, daughter of Edward Grey. His son, John Dudley married Cicily Grey, daughter of Thomas Grey. John Dudley was an English Statesman. In 1542 he was made an Admiral and a peer with the title of "Viscount Lisle"; created Earl of Warwick in 1545 and five years later, Duke of Northumberland. He schemed to have the succession brought within his own family and when Edward VI died (1533), Northumberland proclaimed his own daughter-in-law, Lady Jane Grey Queen but finding himself alone he gave support to "Mary"; nevertheless he was put to death for treason.

10th. Thomas Dudley,

11th. Capt. Roger Dudley: – who was "slain in the wars" about 1586. He left two children, a son and a daughter. The son Thomas, emigrated to America in 1630, as first "Deputy Govener" of Massachusetts.

*****************( First generation in America )***************

12th. Govener Thomas Dudley was born in Northampton England, 1576, died in Roxbury Massachusetts July 31, 1653. Thomas Dudley, having served in several important civil offices and as Captain in the British army, emigrated to America with Govener John Winthrop in 1630 as first deputy govener of Mass. under Winthrop, and from that time until his death was, next to Winthrop, probably the most influential man in the Colony. He served thirteen years as Deputy Govener, and was four times govener of the colony, in the years 1634, 1640, 1645, and 1650. He took an active part in founding Harvard College in 1636 and was twice elected President of "The United Colonies of New England. He had eight children, namely, (Samuel), Anna, Patience, Mercy, Deborah, Joseph and Paul. His daughter Anna (Bradstreet) the poet married Govener Simon Bradstreet. His son Joseph was a conspicuous public character as Colonial Govener, magistrate and envoy to England.

13th. (2d,) Rev. Samuel Dudley was born in Northampton, England, 1606 and died in Exeter, NH, 1685. (It will be seen that the two last named, although set down as the two first generations in America, were both born England.) He had three wives and eighteen children, namely, Thomas, John, Margarett, Samuel, Anna, Theopilous, Mary, Biley, Mary (2d), Thomas, (Stephen,) James, Timothy, Abigal, Dorothy, Elizabeth, and Samuel (2d),

14th. (3rd,) Stephen Dudley was born in Exeter N.H>, and died 1734. He had eleven children namely, Samuel, Stephen, (James), John, Nicholas, Joanna, Sarah, Trueworthy, Joseph, Abigal, and Elizabeth.

15th. (4th,) James Dudley was born in Exeter N.H. June 11,
1690, was a cooper, had eight children namely, James, Abigail, (Samuel), John, Joseph, Joanna, Sarah and Mercy.

16th. (5th.) Samuel Dudley was born 1720 and died Aug. 3d. 1797. He married, first, Miss Ladd, second, Mrs. Sleeper and third, Mrs. Clark. He had ten children namely, Daniel, Samuel, Micajah, Jeremiah, Moses, (Eliphalet), James, Mary, Mahitabel and Lydia.


18th. (7th.) Deborah Dudley was born March 3rd. 1791, married Daniel Gray September (12th?) 1st, 1814, and died in Talleyrand Iowa March 13th. 1870.
GENEALOGY of the GRAYS.

1st. George Gray was born 1720, married Martha James, 1742, and died March 30th.1755. They had eight children, namely, (John), born March 5th.1743, Robert, born July 17th.1744, (discovered the Columbia river, 1788 and by this discovery established the rights of the United States to the Oregan country), Anna, born May 1st.1746, Moses and Aron, (twins), born January 12th.1748, Daniel, born April 3rd.1752, Eleanor, born May 30th.1753.


3rd. George Gray was born Oct.16th.1766, married Rebecca McFadden, Feb.1st.1789, and died Aug.11th.1819. Rebecca McFadden, daughter of Thomas McFadden, was born. Nov.17th.1768 and died Sept.27th.1844. they had eleven children, namely: - (Daniel), born April 26th.1790, married Deborah Dudley, Sept.12th.1814, and died Oct.1st.1842; Hannah, born Sept.11th.1791, married Jesse Hilton and died Dec.27th.1829; Betty, born Sept.16th.1793, married David Hilton; George, born April 9th.1796, married first Miss ---, second Miss Baker; Rebecca, born Nov.7th.1797, married Joshua Pain; Thomas, born Feb.28th.1801, married Sarah Cragin, June 5th.1825; Robert, born March 12th.1803, married Nancy Bunker, 1830; Rachel, born July 26th. 1806, married Joshua Savage; Joshua, born May 31st.1811, married Miss---; Abiel W., born May 4th. 1813, married Miss---.

4th. Daniel Gray was born April 26th.1790, married Deborah Dudley Sept.12th.1814 and died at Napolian Ark., Oct.1st.1842. They had eight children Namely:- George, born April 22nd.1816, married Eliza Lucky, ______ and died [1894 in Talleyrand, IA]; Daniel D., born March 1st.1818 and died Feb.____1838; (James D.), born Nov 15th.1821, married Juliett Stevens at Talleyrand Iowa ______ and died at Talleyrand Iowa Jan.2nd.1894; Joanna, born May 3rd.1824, married Wm Kirkbridge; Rebecca, born Aug.9th. 1826, married Lemuel J. Knight; Joshua, born Nov.23rd.1828, emigrated to Australia ______, married Eliza ______ in Australia ______ and died ______; (Hannah), born July 14th.1831, married Stephen Maynard Stevens Sep.30th.1854, and died in Lancaster Iowa Jan.16th.1871; Mary G., born March 4th.1834 married Charley Johnson in Keokuk County Iowa ______ and died ______.
The "Wrights" were supposed to be "Scotch"

1st. Samuel Wright married Philena Bill, date not known. They had six children namely: - Sabra, Samuel, Charles, (Elizabeth), Catharine, and James.

2nd. Elizabeth Wright married Stephen Maynard; The marriage took place in Massachusetts in 1786.

The MAYNARDS.

1st. Elnathan Maynard was born in the county of Cork Ireland, date not known (abt 1713). When about fourteen years old he was impressed into the British Navy. When his term expired he was discharged and being in a colonial port, remained in the Colonies. He married Bile Button in Mass. date not known but supposed to be about 1740 to 1743, died in Mass. near the close of the eighteenth century [1 Dec 1777].

Bile Button was born in Wales date not known and died in Ohio some time after 1806.

Elnathan Maynard is said to have served in the "sea forces" under John Paul Jones, during the revolutionary war. [This is not likely since he would have been about 63 years old.]

He had ten (eleven) children namely: - Amos, Cyrus, Mary, Rueben, Thankful, Moses, Zilpa, Ama, Hannah, (Anna), and (Stephen).

2nd. Stephen Maynard was born in Mass. Dec. 26th.1762, enlisted three times in the land forces of Mass. during the revolutionary war; his enlistments appearing from Worcester county. He married Elizabeth Wright in Mass. 1786, and died in Franklin county Ohio, Aug.24th.1821. He moved to Franklin county Ohio, in 1806.


3rd. Olive Maynard married Harvey Stevens in Franklin County Ohio March 17th. 1814, and died in Lancaster Iowa March 12th. 1870.
Genealogy of the Stevens

1st. Abijah Stevens was born May 13th, 1744 in Mass. (it is supposed to have been in Boston), died in Chenango County N.Y. May 9th, 1844. He had a brother, named Ebenezer, who was born in Boston Mass. in 1751, of military fame. Abijah served in the land forces of Mass. during the Revolutionary War. His enlistment shows from Berkshire county. He married first Sarah Lee, second Ester Ruth.

To his first wife Sarah, were born several children two of whom were named Salley and Anna.

To his second wife Ester, were born two children named Harvey and John. (Harvey) was born in New York Feb. 2, 1790, John was born in New York 1793 married Miss Clara ______, never had any children, died in Chenango county New York some time after 1856.

2nd. Harvey Stevens was born in New York Feb 2, 1790, married Olive Maynard in Franklin county Ohio, March 17, 1814, emigrated from New York to Pencilvania in 1836, thence to Keokuk county Iowa in 1839, settling on a claim about four miles south of the present site of Keota, Dec. 26, 1839, and died at the same place March 8, 1846.

His wife, Olive Maynard was born in Mass. Sept. 17, 1789, and died in Lancaster, Keokuk county Iowa March 12, 1870.


He was a mechanic and mill-wright by trade and after the
death of his first wife, he worked at his trade in Iowa and Ill. about nine years; then moved with his family to Texas county Mo. in 1880, bought a flour mill on Big Piney and operated it for several years. After his second marriage he made his home permanently at one place in Texas county Mo., until his death.

He united with "The Brethren" church (Dunkard) being baptised Sept. 15, 1883, installed in the ministry, Nov.5, 1885, advanced to the second degree, Aug.5, 1893, advanced to elder, Oct.17, 1894, and Elder in charge, May 1909 to May 1910.

His first wife, Hannah Gray was a daughter of Daniel Gray and a sister of James D. Gray, was born in Monroe county Ohio July 14, 1831, graduated in Marietta College, marietta Ohio about 1850, died in Lancaster Keokuk county Iowa Jan.15, 1871.

There were five children by this marriage, all born in Keokuk county Iowa, namely:- James Horry, born Sept.1, 1855; Lyman Joshua, born Sept. 12, 1860, married Susie Neighbors in Texas county Mo. April 8, 1888 _________; Hobart Maynard, born May 2, 1865 and died in Texas county Mo. July 9, 1882; Casimir Pulaski, born Feb. 10, 1867, _________; Ann Eliza, born March 3, 1870, married Wm. H. Neighbors in Texas county Mo. and died June 17, 1906.

His second wife Sarah, was a widow of Elias Green Neighbors and was a daughter of Elcania Oxley and was born in Virginia, June 15, 1846.

There were Three children by this marriage all born in Texas county Mo. Namely:- Maud Althina, born Nov. 2, 1883, married Walter P. Deboard in texas county Mo. July 7, 1906, _________; Stella May, born Dec.23, 1885 and died May 18, 1901; Pearly Ethel, born May 20, 1890, married Leroy Parrot in Texas county Mo. Aug. 6, 1908 _________.


James Horry Stevens was born in Talleyrand, Keokuk county Iowa, Sept. 1, 1855, emigrated to Texas county, Mo., 1880, married Serepta Freeman in Texas county Mo. Nov. 27, 1881, emigrated to Tulare county Calif., with his family in Sep 1901.

Serepta Freeman was born in Blunt county Ala. May 4, 1865.

They had eight children namely:-


Charles Arthur and Harvey Oscar (twins) born in Laclede county Mo. May 26, 1885 and died Aug. 26, 1885;

Cora Olive, born in Laclede county Mo. Feb. 21, 1887, and died Nov. 30, 1888;

Mamie Ester, born in Mountain Grove, Wright county Mo. Jan. 25, 1895;

James Walter, born in Mountain Grove, Wright county Mo. June 1, 1898;

Stephen Maynard, born in Mountain Grove, Wright county Mo. Dec. 3, 1899;

Ann Eliza Stevens was born in Lancaster, Keokuk county Iowa. March 3, 1870, married William H. Neighbors in Texas county Mo. and died in Texas county Mo. **June 17, 1906.**

Wm. H. Neighbors was born in Indiana Feb. 7, 1866.

There were ten children all born in Texas county Mo. namely:

- **Clara Bell,** born April 8, 1887, died **Aug. 7, 1891;**
- **Maynard Green,** " Sept. 28, 1889;
- **Clyde,** " Aug. 23, 1891;
- **Oscar,** " Jan. 23, 1894;
- **Nellie Hannah,** " Jan. 1, 1896;
- **Altha Elizabeth,** " Oct. 14, 1897;
- **Carrie Juliett,** " March 10, 1899;
- **Lenore,** " Dec. 30, 1900;
- **William Hugh,** " Oct. 28, 1902;
- **Helen Susie,** " Jan. 8, 1905.