

John Dudley

New Hampshire Revolutionary War Patriot and DuPage County, Illinois Pioneer

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Among DuPage County's early pioneers was Revolutionary War patriot, John Dudley, who relocated to DuPage County in the spring of 1840. This article examines John Dudley's service in the War of American Independence, and the reader will learn of his participation in a number of famous and pivotal battles, including Washington's crossing of the Delaware. A genealogy of his descendants through five generations is also provided.

Biography and Revolutionary War Service

Research for this article began using John Dudley's pension file to glean through his narrative basic facts, dates, locations, etc. This information was used to follow the trail through numerous sources of data, including census records, church records, cemetery burial records, SAR and DAR records, as well as numerous on-line genealogical search engines for Illinois, New Hampshire, and Vermont. The various sources are cited in the genealogical section, and at the end of this article.

John Dudley, the fifth of nine children, was born 25 Feb 1758 in Saybrook, New London County, CT^{1,2} the son of Daniel Dudley³ and Susanna Chatfield. In 1776, at the age of 18, he was residing in the town of Newport, Cheshire County, NH³.

In late September or early October of 1776, the Militia of the area was called up to be sent to Fort

a) As a matter of interest, Daniel Dudley also served in the American Revolution as a Private in Nichol's Company under Colonel Bellows, New Hampshire Militia.



Dudley Family Monument
Naperville Cemetery, Naperville, DuPage, Illinois

Ticonderoga, about the time of the defeat of Generals Waterbury and Arnold on Lake Champlain. John Dudley volunteered for the New Hampshire militia, which set out under Colonel Walker of Charlestown, NH and Colonel Benjamin Bellows⁴.

Upon arrival at Fort Ticonderoga John Dudley joined Colonel Reed's Regiment, enlisting in a company commanded by Captain Robert Oliver Ashley under Colonel Reed's command, in a group that was known as "Year Men" due to the one year term of their enlistment. John Dudley was stationed at Mount Independence, which the American troops named in honor of the Declaration of Independence, and was opposite Fort Ticonderoga on the Vermont shores of Lake Champlain. It was atop this rugged promontory that American troops built a fort complex to guard against a British attack from Canada⁵. Soon, the Brigade was ordered to march to Albany, NY which was accomplished by moving by water on Lake George. The Brigade was stationed a few days at Fort George, and then marched again to Saratoga, where they encamped a few days, and then proceeded to Albany⁶.

At Albany, they boarded a vessel and sailed to Kingston, NY. From here they marched to Newtown, PA, arriving in early December to join the main forces of General George Washington's army. From Newtown, PA the forces proceeded to Trenton, NJ and Washington's famous crossing of the Delaware. Here, for the first time, on 26 Dec 1776, John Dudley met the enemy British Forces. During this famous battle and subsequent American victory, John Dudley took part and assisted in capturing about 900 Hessian soldiers⁷.

After the Battle of Trenton, the "Year Men's" enlistment expired, and John Dudley was discharged. On the same day of his discharge he reenlisted in a company commanded by Captain Mause in a regiment under the command of Colonel Stark. It is possible his reenlistment was due to the impassioned pleas of Washington to his men, when he stated "My brave fellows, you have done all I asked you to do and more than could reasonably be expected. But your country is at stake, your wives, your houses, and

all that you hold dear. You have worn yourselves out with fatigues and hardships, but we know not how to spare you. If you will consent to stay only one month longer, you will render that service to the cause of liberty and to your country which you probably never can do under any other circumstances. The present is emphatically the crisis which is to decide our destiny."⁸

Shortly thereafter, the regiment marched to Princeton, NJ, where the regiment took part in that successful battle and captured hundreds of British soldiers. From Princeton, NJ, the army moved to Norristown, PA where they took up winter quarters. About 15 Feb 1777 John Dudley's enlistment

expired, he received a pass and returned home to New Hampshire, arriving on 1 Mar 1777.

In May of 1777 the area militia was again called upon to return to Fort Ticonderoga due to fears the British were

expected to attack there. The militia was then under the command of Captain Samuel Hurd of Newport, NH in a regiment under the command of Colonel Bellows. Upon arrival at Ticonderoga John Dudley was again stationed at Mount Independence. After about a month and a half, when no British appeared, the brigade was dismissed, and John Dudley returned home to Newport, NH.

In September of 1777 the militia was again ordered to arms, under the command of Lieutenant Jesse Wilcox, and the militia was immediately marched toward Saratoga in order to assist in opposing British general Burgoyne. They eventually met up with the troops under Colonel Bellows, and the combined force proceeded directly to Saratoga, arriving on the day Burgoyne retreated from Stillwater to Saratoga, NY. John Dudley took part in the Battle of Saratoga, which many historians regard as the pivotal battle of the revolution, and which forced the surrender of Burgoyne. After the battle of



Revolutionary War Soldier John Dudley, Sr on the right with his son, John Jr., on the left.

Saratoga, the militia was once again discharged, and John Dudley went home to Newport, NH.

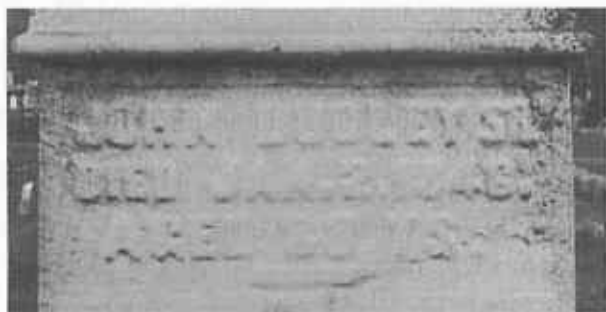
When the Indians and Tories burned Royalton on the White River in Vermont the militia was again called upon under the command of Colonel Samuel Hurd, and the expedition went out to find the parties responsible, but soon heard the enemy had retreated and the militia was about to be ordered home when the order was countermanded, and the militia was ordered to Newbury on the Connecticut River. They arrived after traveling non-stop, they found no signs of the enemy, and were again discharged after about two weeks of service.

After the war ended, John Dudley remained in Cheshire County, NH for a number of years⁹, eventually moving to Rutland County in Vermont¹⁰, and around 1816 he relocated to Ogden, Monroe County, NY¹¹.

John Dudley was married to Lydia S. Booth on 20 Jun 1782 in Killingsworth, CT. Lydia was born 20 Nov 1758 and died, it is presumed in New York, on 20 Jun, 1824. At this time, the only known and documented child of this marriage is John Dudley, Jr. who was born in Ogden, NY on 7 May 1795¹².

We do know that John Dudley, Jr. came west from Ogden, New York to Lisle Township, DuPage County, IL in the early 1830s¹³, and that he was married to Mary Barrows, who was born in Vermont¹⁴.

In March of 1840, John Dudley, Sr. relocated from New York to DuPage County, Illinois¹⁵ and was living with his son John Jr. because he was "aged and unable to support himself."¹⁶



Close-up of the text for John Dudley, Sr on the family grave stone

John Dudley, Sr. passed away on 2 Jan 1846 at the age of 87 years, 10 months and 7 days, and is buried in section two, plot 506 of the Naperville Cemetery in Naperville, IL.^{17, 18, 19, 20}. The marker is cut from the standard 19th century stone, which

weathers easily, and becomes more difficult to read over time. However, the family name Dudley is still clearly visible, carved deep into the stone. John Dudley's grave has been marked by the Fort Payne Chapter of the NSDAR. Also buried in the plot are John Dudley Jr. and his wife Mary, as well as a number of John Sr.'s grandchildren and great-



DAR Marker placed by Fort Payne Chapter, NSDAR Naperville, Illinois

grandchildren²¹.

It should be noted that any descendant of John Dudley is eligible for membership in either the Sons of the American Revolution or the Daughters of the American Revolution. For additional information on membership requirements for the SAR, go to www.foxsar.org and click on "How to join the SAR."

Descendants of John Dudley, Sr.

Generation No. 1

1. JOHN² DUDLEY, SR. (*DANIEL*¹) was born 25 Feb 1758 in Saybrook, New London County, CT, and died 02 Jan 1846 in Naperville, DuPage County, IL. He married LYDIA S. BOOTH 20 Jun 1782 in Killingsworth, CT. She was born 20 Nov 1758 in Saybrook, Middlesex County, CT, and died 11 Jun 1824 in NY.

More About JOHN DUDLEY, SR.:

Burial: Naperville Cemetery, Naperville, DuPage County, IL

Child of JOHN DUDLEY and LYDIA BOOTH is:

2. i. JOHN³ DUDLEY, JR., b. 07 May 1795, Ogden, NY; d. 11 Aug 1854, DuPage County, IL.

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Generation No. 2

2. JOHN³ DUDLEY, JR. (*JOHN², DANIEL¹*) was born 07 May 1795 in Ogden, NY, and died 11 Aug 1854 in DuPage County, IL. He married MARY BARROWS. She was born 17 Sep 1806 in Middlebury, Addison County, VT, and died 06 Oct 1867 in DuPage County, IL.

More About JOHN DUDLEY, JR.:

Census: 1850, DuPage, IL; Roll: M432_105; Page: 13A; Image: 33

Burial: Naperville Cemetery, Naperville, DuPage County, IL

More About MARY BARROWS:

Burial: Naperville Cemetery, Naperville, DuPage County, IL

Children of JOHN DUDLEY and MARY BARROWS are:

- i. AUGUSTUS ⁴ HENRY DUDLEY, b. 01 Feb 1838, DuPage County, IL; d. 30 Jan 1875, DuPage County, IL.

More About AUGUSTUS HENRY DUDLEY:

Census 1: 1850, DuPage, IL; Roll: M432_105; Page: 13A; Image: 33
Census 2: 1860, Hartford, Madison, Kansas Territory; Roll: M653_351; Page: 335; Image: 335; Family History Library Film: 803351

Census 3: 1870, Naperville, DuPage, IL; Roll: M593_217; Page: 502A; Image: 271; Family History Library Film: 545716

Burial: Naperville Cemetery, Naperville, DuPage County, IL

- ii. JULIA E. DUDLEY, b. 5 Dec 1840, DuPage County, IL; d. 1906, DuPage County, IL.

More About JULIA E. DUDLEY:

Census: 1850, DuPage, IL; Roll: M432_105; Page: 13A; Image: 33
Burial: Naperville Cemetery, Naperville, DuPage County, IL

3. iii. MARY DUDLEY, b. 08 Nov 1842, Lisle Township, DuPage County, IL; d. 20 Jun 1927, DuPage County, IL.
4. iv. EDWARD C. DUDLEY, b. 1845, DuPage County, IL.
- v. FRED DUDLEY, b. 10 Oct 1850, DuPage County, IL.; d. 21 Nov 1874
Burial: Naperville Cemetery, Naperville, DuPage County, IL

Generation No. 3

3. MARY⁴ D. DUDLEY (*JOHN³, JOHN², DANIEL¹*) was born 08 Nov 1842 in Lisle Township, DuPage County, IL, and died 20 Jun 1927 in Yankton, SD (?). She married DANIEL N. GROSS 14 Jan 1864 in DuPage County, IL. He was born 11 Dec 1837 in Lisle Township, DuPage County, IL, and died 27 Nov 1889 in DuPage County, IL.

Notes for MARY DUDLEY:

According to the book Pioneers of Naperville by the Fort Payne Chapter of the DAR, Mary was a member of the Daughters of the American Revolution, and her grave was so marked.

More About MARY DUDLEY:

Census 1: 1850, DuPage, IL; Roll: M432_105; Page: 13A; Image: 33

Census 2: 1870, Naperville, DuPage, IL; Roll: M593_217; Page: 502A; Image: 271; Family History Library Film: 545716

Census 3: 1880, Lisle, DuPage, IL; Roll: 204; Family History Film: 1254204; Page: 339B; Enumeration District: 252

Census 4: 1900, San Diego Ward 6, San Diego, CA; Roll: T623_99; Page: 13B; Enumeration District: 197

Census 5: 1910, Yankton Ward 4, Yankton, SD; Roll: T624_1489; Page: 1A; Enumeration District: 0441; Image: 825; FHL Number: 1375502

Census 6: 1920, Yankton Ward 1, Yankton, SD; Roll: T625_1726; Page: 8B; Enumeration District: 265; Image: 922

Burial: Naperville Cemetery, Naperville, DuPage County, IL

Marriage record: <http://www.ilsos.gov/>

GenealogyMWeb/MarriageSearchServlet: License #3083, Volume B, Page 6, DuPage County, Illinois Statewide Marriage Index, 1763-1900

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Notes for DANIEL N. GROSS: Civil War Service

Name: Daniel Gross

Residence: Lisle, IL

Enlistment Date: 10 Sep 1861

Side Served: Union

State Served: IL

Service Record: Enlisted as a Private on 10 September 1861 at the age of 23.

Enlisted in Company E, 8th Cavalry Regiment IL on 18 Sep 1861.

Discharged for wounds Company E, 8th Cavalry Regiment IL on 7 Dec 1862.

Sources: IL: Roster of Officers and Enlisted Men

Note: Descendants of Daniel N. Gross are eligible for membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War

More About DANIEL N. GROSS:

Census 1: 1870, Naperville, DuPage, IL; Roll: M593_217; Page: 502A; Image: 271; Family History Library Film: 545716

Census 2: 1880, Lisle, DuPage, IL; Roll: 204; Family History Film: 1254204; Page: 339B; Enumeration District: 252

Burial: Naperville Cemetery, Naperville, DuPage County, IL

Children of MARY DUDLEY and DANIEL GROSS are:

- i. BERTHA C.⁵ GROSS, b. 20 Feb 1866, DuPage County, IL; d. 10 Dec 1952, Los Angeles, CA.

More About BERTHA C. GROSS:

Census 1: 1870, Naperville, DuPage, IL; Roll: M593_217; Page: 502A; Image: 271; Family History Library Film: 545716

Census 2: 1880, Lisle, DuPage, IL; Roll: 204; Family History Film: 1254204; Page: 339B; Enumeration District: 252

Census 3: 1900, Riverside Precinct 2, Riverside, CA; Roll: T623_96; Page: 1A; Enumeration District: 205

Death date/location: California Death Index 1940-1997, Ancestry.Com

- ii. CHENEY CASTLE GROSS, b. 15 Feb 1868, DuPage County, IL; d. 06 Jul 1953, Los Angeles, CA.

Notes for CHENEY CASTLE GROSS:

Source of Death Date/Location: CA

Death Index, 1940-1997

More About CHENEY CASTLE

GROSS:

Census 1: 1870, Naperville, DuPage, IL; Roll: M593_217; Page: 502A; Image: 271; Family History Library Film: 545716

Census 2: 1880, Lisle, DuPage, IL; Roll: 204; Family History Film: 1254204; Page: 339B; Enumeration District: 252

Census 3: 1900, Yankton, Yankton, SD; Roll: T623_1555; Page: 16A; Enumeration District: 348

Census 4: 1910, Yankton Ward 4, Yankton, SD; Roll: T624_1489; Page: 1A; Enumeration District: 0441; Image: 825; FHL Number: 1375502

Census 5: 1920, Yankton Ward 1, Yankton, SD; Roll: T625_1726; Page: 8B; Enumeration District: 265; Image: 922

5. iii. DEAN DUDLEY GROSS, b. 19 Sep 1870, DuPage County, IL; d. 21 Jul 1938.

- iv. MARY D. GROSS, b. 1878, DuPage County, IL; d. Unknown.

More About MARY D. GROSS:

Census 1: 1880, Lisle, DuPage, IL; Roll: 204; Family History Film: 1254204; Page: 339B; Enumeration District: 252

Census 2: 1900, Yankton, Yankton, SD; Roll: T623_1555; Page: 16A; Enumeration District: 348

Census 3: 1910, Yankton Ward 4, Yankton, SD; Roll: T624_1489; Page: 1A; Enumeration District: 0441; Image: 825; FHL Number: 1375502

Census 4: 1920, Yankton Ward 1, Yankton, SD; Roll: T625_1726; Page: 8B; Enumeration District: 265; Image: 922

- v. FRED A. GROSS, b. 14 Aug 1881, DuPage County, IL; d. 28 Jun 1900, San Diego, CA (?).

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More About FRED A. GROSS:

Census: 1900, San Diego Ward 6, San Diego, CA; Roll: T623_99; Page: 13B; Enumeration District: 197
Burial: Naperville Cemetery, Naperville, DuPage County, IL

4. EDWARD CHAMPLAIN⁴ DUDLEY (*JOHN³, JOHN², DANIEL¹*) was born 1845 in DuPage County, IL. He married HELENA RUCH on 31 Jan 1871 in the Dakota Territory. She was born 20 Aug 1844 in Williamsville, NY.

Notes for EDWARD CHAMPLAIN DUDLEY: Civil War Service

Name: Edward C Dudley

Residence: Lisle, IL

Enlistment Date: 25 Feb 1865

Rank at enlistment: Corporal

State Served: IL

Service Record: Enlisted in Company D, IL 156th Infantry Regiment on 09 Mar 1865.

Mustered out on 20 Sep 1865 at Memphis, TN.

Sources: IL: Roster of Officers and Enlisted Men

Note: Descendants of Edward C. Dudley are eligible for membership in the Sons of Union Veterans of the Civil War, and either the SAR or DAR

More About EDWARD CHAMPLAIN DUDLEY:

Census 1: 1850, DuPage, IL; Roll: M432_105; Page: 13A; Image: 33

Census 2: 1870, Yankton, Yankton, Dakota Territory; Roll: M593_118; Page: 154B; Image: 310; Family History Library Film: 545617

Census 3: 1880, Yankton, Yankton, Dakota Territory; Roll: 115; Family History Film: 1254115; Page: 449C; Enumeration District: 105; Image: 0104

Census 4: 1900, Casselton, Cass, North Dakota; Roll: T623_1227; Page: 9B; Enumeration District: 26

Census 5: 1910, Yankton Ward 4, Yankton, SD; Roll: T624_1489; Page: 6B; Enumeration District: 0441; Image: 836; FHL Number: 1375502

Census 6: 1920, Minneapolis Ward 13, Hennepin, MN; Roll: T625_839; Page: 4B; Enumeration District: 250; Image: 124

Children of EDWARD DUDLEY and HELENA RUCH are:

- i. EDNA⁵ DUDLEY, b. 15 Sep 1872, Dakota Territory.

More About EDNA DUDLEY:

Census 1: 1880, Yankton, Yankton, Dakota Territory; Roll: 115; Family History Film: 1254115; Page: 449C; Enumeration District: 105; Image: 0104
Census 2: 1910, Yankton Ward 4, Yankton, SD; Roll: T624_1489; Page: 6B; Enumeration District: 0441; Image: 836; FHL Number: 1375502
Census 3: 1920, Minneapolis Ward 13, Hennepin, Minnesota; Roll: T625_839; Page: 4B; Enumeration District: 250; Image: 124

- ii. MABEL DUDLEY, b. 4 Jul 1874, Dakota Territory.

More About MABEL DUDLEY:

Census 1: 1880, Yankton, Yankton, Dakota Territory; Roll: 115; Family History Film: 1254115; Page: 449C; Enumeration District: 105; Image: 0104
Census 2: 1910, Yankton Ward 4, Yankton, SD; Roll: T624_1489; Page: 6B; Enumeration District: 0441; Image: 836; FHL Number: 1375502
Census 3: 1920, Minneapolis Ward 13, Hennepin, Minnesota; Roll: T625_839; Page: 4B; Enumeration District: 250; Image: 124

- iii. NORA DUDLEY, b. 12 Dec 1876, Dakota Territory d. 10 Jun 1947 in San Francisco, CA. She married RAY E. WOODSIDE in 1904 in SD.

More About NORA DUDLEY:

Census 1: 1880, Yankton, Yankton, Dakota Territory; Roll: 115; Family History Film: 1254115; Page: 449C; Enumeration District: 105; Image: 0104
Census 2: 1910, Minneapolis Ward 13, Hennepin, Minnesota; Roll: T624_706; Page: 1A; Enumeration District: 0210; Image: 282; FHL Number: 1374719
Census 3: 1930, Pasadena, Los Angeles, California; Roll: 169; Page: 6B; Enumeration District: 1199; Image: 652.0