

Richard M. Dudley, puddler, Duncannon Iron Company, Duncannon, PA, was born in Evans Forge, Pa., March 11, 1827. He is a son of **John** and **Mary (Balden) Dudley**, both deceased. **Richard M. Dudley**, at a very young age, removed to Duncannon, Perry County. His father was born in Pennsylvania and his mother, born in Delaware. On January 13, 1825, the couple were married at Saint Martin's Episcopal Church, Marcus Hook, Delaware County. In addition to **Richard M.**, there were: **Elizabeth**, married **Philip Rhodenizer** who died August 1851 and remarried May 16, 1864 to **Abraham Rathburn** of Sheffield, Ma.; **John Wesley**, born December 11, 1831, married **Mary R. Swayne**, daughter of **William** and **Rebecca Swayne**; **William Henry**, born February 28, 1834 and died as a young boy July 15, 1838; **Hannah**, born June 6, 1836 and married **John Willis** in Delaware in 1858; **Mary Ellen**, born November 13, 1838 and married **William Hanna** of Delaware; and **Ann Maria**, born August 9, 1840, married **George Washington Mutzabaugh** of Duncannon, son of **Jacob Grove** and **Martha A. (Bonner) Mutzabaugh** and removed to Altoona, Blair County.

Richard M's father, **John** was born in Pennsylvania May 30, 1800 and died June 30, 1842 at the age of 42. His remains were interred in the Young's Methodist Churchyard in Penn Township, Perry County. His wife, **Mary Balden**, was born in Delaware, November 17, 1809. After the death of **John**, she remarried April 8, 1850 to **John I. W. Palmer**. **Mr. Palmer** died shortly thereafter, May 21, 1850. The widow remarried again to **Mr. Isaac Martin** of Duncannon. **Mr. Martin's** first wife, **Edith Taylor**, daughter of **Francis** and **Rebecca Taylor**, had died of bronchial consumption February 22, 1853. **Mr. Isaac Martin** passed this life at his home in Duncannon, November 24, 1884 and his wife, **Mary Balden** passed two years later, November 28, 1886. Both are interred in the Presbyterian Cemetery of that place.

Richard M. was employed with the Duncannon Iron Works as a roller, rougher and puddler. **Richard** mustered in as a Private with Company A, 201st Infantry Regiment at Camp Curtin, Harrisburg, PA. On August 29, 1864 a regimental organization was effected. Immediately after organization, they proceeded to Chambersburg and camped five miles from town near the point where the pike crosses Back Creek. It was here that he was schooled and regularly drilled, and on the 12th, started on a three day march for exercise. On the 17th of September, Company H, was ordered to York for duty at the General Hospital. **Richard M.** took ill from dysentery which culminated in his death on September 28, 1864 at the Little York Hospital. At the age of 38, **Richard** left a widow and four children, the oldest being eight years old, and the youngest being less than six weeks. **Richard M.** is buried in Young's Methodist Churchyard, Penn Township.

Richard M. Dudley was married, August 20, 1848 in Dauphin County, Pa., to **Mary E. Wagner**. Their children are: **Hiram Jefferson**, born April 3, 1856, married in 1880 to **Miss Mary Jane Gates**, daughter of **Joseph** and **Nancy Gates**, and died of typhoid pneumonia February 26, 1887, leaving his widow and three sons; **Martin Luther**, born December 8, 1858, married 1878 to **Miss Susannah A. Linard**, daughter of **George** and **Rebecca (Maxwell) Linard**, and died June 27, 1951 at the venerable age of 92; **Mary Ellen**, born December 1, 1861, first married a **Mr. Brubaker** who died in September 1882, then married March 25, 1888 to **William H. Campbell**, son of **Joseph** and **Rachel Campbell** and remarried after his death of January 24, 1902 to **Walter Schlesman** on November 11, 1905. She died February 28, 1929 in Duncannon, Perry County. The remaining child, **Richard H.** was born August 19, 1864 and married April 15, 1888 to **Miss Mary Jane Gilbert**, daughter of **Joseph Washington** and **Sarah Ann (Ebright) Gilbert** and died April 2, 1950 at the age of 85