

## CHAPTER XXI.

### ISBELL FAMILY.

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I. ROBERT ISBELL, of New London, in the Colony of Connecticut, yeoman, obtained a grant of land from the Townsmen October 19, 1650,\* and probably came from Salem, Mass., as a person of that name received a grant of land at that place in 1637.†

Robert Isbell died about 1655, leaving a widow, Ann, who died September 5, 1689, having married, secondly, Mr. William Nicholls, a gentleman of good position in the town, by whom she had no issue.‡

Issue of *Robert Isbell* and *Ann* ———, his wife: §

i. ELEAZER, of whom hereafter.

ii. HANNAH, m., first, August 6, 1668, Thomas Steadman, and, secondly, John Fox, of New London.

II. ELEAZER ISBELL, of Killingworth, in the County of New London, Conn., yeoman, (son of Robert and Ann,) succeeded to the greater part of his father's estate at New London, and, July 21, 1658, joined his stepfather in consenting to his mother's sale of his late father's house and lot.|| In 1663 he settled at Killingworth, being one of the original proprietors of the town, which was then called Kenilworth, after the town of that name in Warwickshire, which had been the English home of several of the early settlers.¶ Having established himself permanently at Killingworth, one of Mr. Isbell's first steps seems to have been to dispose of his estate at New London, as in 1665 he sold a tract of 20 acres which had belonged to his father, and in 1674

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\* New London Land Records.

† Felt's *History of Salem*, p. 169.

‡ Caulkins's *History of New London*, pp. 272, 289.

§ See *Appendix XXXI*.

|| New London Land Records, Book III, p. 64.

¶ Field's *History of Middlesex County, Conn.*, p. 106.