



BIRTHPLACE OF MRS. RUTH KILBURN BURRAGE, 1780.

capable of carrying it on, and therefore somewhat inclined to sell it. The difficulty was in getting the means to make the purchase. He probably had saved of his earnings, up to that time, five or six hundred dollars, — barely enough to pay for stock and tools for a farm and the scanty furniture of his dwelling. But, luckily, his brother William offered to become jointly responsible with him for the purchase-money, and in the spring of 1801 (the deed is dated April 20, 1801) the farm of eighty acres, with the buildings thereon, and thirty-six acres and thirty-two rods of land besides, was conveyed to Josiah Burrage and William Burrage for the sum of \$3,000. So the young man of thirty-one and the young woman of twenty-one years moved on to their farm,