

## CHAPTER XI.

JOSIAH BURRAGE, the third son, remained at home, helping his father to carry on the home farm and working a portion of the time for the neighboring farmers for wages until the thirtieth year of his age. In that year, March 7, 1800, he married Ruth Kilburn, a daughter of William Kilburn, of Lunenburg, a descendant of George Kilburn, who came from Wood Ditton, England, in 1635, and settled in Rowley, Mass., in 1640. William Kilburn removed from Rowley to Lunenburg in 1767, the same year that William Burrage went from Lynn to Leominster. During the first year after their marriage the young couple lived in a hired house about a mile northeast of the homestead of his father, on the Shirley Village road, on which her father's homestead was situated, at a distance easterly of about two miles from her new home. But for several years before his marriage, Josiah had had his eye on the intervale farm which joined the homestead on its western and southern boundaries,\* owned by one Jonas Fiske, who was hardly

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\* This farm is bounded westerly and southwesterly by the Nashua River, — a somewhat uncertain and movable boundary, since, owing to the alluvial character of the soil, it is constantly undermining its banks on either side and thus changing the location of its channel. The farm-house is situated on the slope to the river (on a natural terrace) about midway between the river and the homestead of his father, purchased in 1767. The farm is now in the possession of Alvah A., the twelfth child of Josiah and Ruth K. Burrage.