

## CHAPTER XXII.

### GRISWOLD FAMILY.

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FOR the following account of the Griswold family the compiler is largely indebted to Prof. Edward Elbridge Salisbury's excellent history of the family, and to the kindness of the Hon. William H. Buell, of Clinton, Conn., and Mr. Henry Hull, town clerk of Killingworth, Conn. Prof. Salisbury gives his authority for each statement, and as that has been the plan adopted throughout this work, the compiler only quotes those authorities, without, however, wishing to appropriate the credit therefor.

The Greswolds, of Kenilworth, County Warwick, England,—or Griswold, as their name was sometimes spelled,—appear, by the visitation of the county made in 1619, to have originated with John Greswold, of that place, who married the daughter of William Hugford, of Hulderly, in Solihull, from whom descended, in the eleventh generation, the representative of the family mentioned in 1619.\* Their arms were: Argent, a fess gules, between two greyhounds courant, sable. They have been used as of right belonging to the American branch, though, in spite of the most painstaking researches, no one has as yet been able to clearly prove the connection between the ancestor of the American family and the old heraldic Greswolds. The late Joseph L. Chester, LL.D., F.S.A., who was employed in the matter, expressed the opinion that, unless the connecting link could be found among the local wills at Litchfield, it would be impossible to prove the connection. Those wills have since been examined, but without success, and the compiler has also instituted some additional researches with a like result.

It has, however, been clearly established, by the depositions of several members of the family in America, that they possessed

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\* Publications of the Harleian Society, Vol. XIII; *The Visitation of the County of Warwick, in the Year 1619*, edited by John Fetherston, London, 1877, pp. 60-62.