

The fifth entry records the baptism of Edward Hubbell and establishes that the family lived at "Parlours".

Corningsbys until 1629, so a younger Hubbard seeking patronage might well turn to their neighbours, and this may explain the presence in Rock of a family named Hubbard, which is evidently a corruption of Hubbard. Their name appears frequently in the registers of Rock and Ribbesford, so evidently they lived somewhere near the Gladder Brook. Another entry in the Rock register* says that the "Hubballs" lived at Parlours.** If, however, ambition brought this family to Parlours, there was nothing to keep them there when it became evident that such hopes were likely to be frustrated.

It could well be that one reason why Richard Hubbold or Hubbell and his uncle went to New England about 1640 was that Fitzwilliam Corningsby was preoccupied in Herefordshire. In 1618, his father had given him Hampton Court²⁰ and had decided to make his home at The Bower; but Sir Thomas had died in 1625, so the Hubbolds or Hubbells were left without a patron. Yet, times were changing: the Calvinism which had appealed to Walsingham, Leicester, Sidney, Essex, Southampton and their circle tended to extinguish the desire of many young men to seek fame and fortune by way of patronage. In its place, they substituted the notion of an ideal society, a covenanted community. When they found that the way to the New Jerusalem was obstructed by the corruptions of the Old World, they turned their eyes to the New. As John Winthrop told his wife:²¹

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In 1620, Edward Winslow of Droitwich sailed in the

* 1609.

** See p. 13. Like many places in Rock 'Parlours' got its name from an early occupier. John le Parlor paid 6d for the lay subsidy in 1327, as did William le Palmer for Palmers.

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