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HON. FRANCIS ADAMS of BATH, MAINE.

He kindly gave his Line of Ancestry and the data which follows: (Ist generation in America) Richard Adams came from Chester, England after I680.He bought a large tract of land in a sparsely settled portion of New Hampshire. The Indians at once too note of his sturdy character, and that he was inducing other settlers of a like make-up to settle near him--- as they thought, impudently encroaching on their favorite hunting grounds. The savages also marked the wary plans which Richard Adams made for defeating their many plots to break up the settlements of N.H. To gain his scalp was counted as one of the greatest triumphs to which they could bend their energies. It was a long time before they could carry out their wicked designs, and he was not in their power until scores of their "braves" had fallen . Not long before his death, in spite of all the dangers surrounding him, Richard Adams had sent to England for his son and daughter to join him. When they arrived in Boston, Mass., they heard of their father's death. The daughter, Jemima Adams, was overwhelmed with grief, and cried out, "I feared this would be the end of my dear father's life when I bade him adieu! It is no place for our people to dwell. " In spite of the protestations of her brother Francis , she at once made plans for returning to her beautiful city of Chester, England; soon she was on homeward voayage, and throughout her life warned people of again "the land of Savages." Her brother Francis firmly resisted all her urgings for his speedy embrakation for England. As gently as possible, but with a purpose that never wavered, he told her of how it was his duty to carry out the pland which his father had so carefully and, as he

belived , wisely laid, and to face the perils of the New World with the same heroic courage that he had manifested. "Fear not for me when I strive to honor my father," was his farewell word to Sister Jemima. THis brave purpose is all the more glorious because Francis Adams was not over I6 years of age, according to the records which have been handed down in the family. The old data states that he was born in England in I677, , and that his arrival in Boston, at the very latest , was I693. Hon,Francis Adams often said, "I have always been grateful that I was given the name of this young man, who amidst the perils of that early day, and without near relatives in America so far as I have been able to learn, made his grand resolve to do his best to honor his father's memory." He seems to have looked after his father's lands as best he could, and inspired the early settlers with courage which soon drove the Indians back from the marauding expeditions. He then removed to Kingston, Mass., where he was a worthy citizen. His long and useful life closed Apr I6th ,I684. Francis Adams married Mary Buck, who was born Scituate, Mass., June 25, I684, and died at Kingston, Mass., May I, I769.She was the daughter of Thomas Buck, and granddaughter of Isaac Buck, and of one of the sturdy families of those early days. The children inherited the noble qualities of their father.

(3d generation) Mary Adams born Nov I6, I704.
Married Nathaniel Atwood.

(3d) Jemima Adams b June I2,I707.
Married Barnabas Shurtleff.

(3d) Thomas Adams b May 8, I709.
M Bathsheba Bradford.

(3d) Francis Adams b Sept 27, I7II.

M Keziah Atwood.

(3d) John Adams b June I4, I7I4;

M Thankful Washburn (See data below this record.)

(3d) Richard Adams b June I4, I7I9;

M Mary Carver.

(3d) Sarah Adams b I72I; M Elisha Stetson.

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The children of the above John Adams (3d) & Thankful Washburn were of the

(4th generation) Joseph Adams.

(4th) Francis Adams b Kingston, Mass., Mch I2, I74I; d Feb 4, I825; he was a man of sterling qualities. He married Rebecca Cook of Kingston, Mass., who died Nov 29, I8I8 aged 77 years.

(5th generation) Lucy Adams.
(5th ") Betsy Adams.
(5th ") Francis Adams; he seettled at New Meadows, near Brunswick, Me., at quite an early date, and was a truly ~~worthy~~ helpful citizen, with numerous and worthy descendants who have been an honor to the Pine Tree State. See pages 8—10.

(4th) Ebenezer Adams; whose son Caleb Adams, moved to Brunswick, Me., about I8I8, settling on a farm four miles above Brunswick Village, and living a good life.

(4th) Thankful Adams.
(4th) Rebecca Adams.
(4th) Bartlett Adams, who came to Portland, Me., early in life, and was a well--known citizen and stone-cutter in that city; dying there in I826.

(4th) Hannah Adams.

(4th) Daniel Adams.

(4th) Richard Adams b Kingston, Mass., Feb 29, I784;

died at Topsham, Me., Apr I, I845. After serving an apprenticeship as a stone cutter with his brother, Bartlett Adams, at Portland, Me., he settled at Charlestown, Mass., and in Boston, working in a very successful manner. In I830 he removed to Topsham, Me., on a fine farm. But he could not give up his work in stone, for many neighbors knew of his skill, and others urged him to continue this line of work. Until his death he had large shops at Brunswick and Bath, Me., employing much help, and teaching many worthy young men this profitable line of business. His wife was Silence Hunter of Topsham, Me, a woman of noble qualities as wife, mother, and kind-hearted neighbor, the daughter of Arthur Hunter and Sarah Winchell. She was born I790, and died I875.

The children were of the
(5th generation) Sarah Winchell Adams b Charlestown, Mass., Dec 26, I8I6; d at Topsham, Me., Sept 26, I894. She removed to Topsham, Me., with her parents when she was thirteen years old She was a noble and helpful woman. She M Sept I3, I843 Capt Thomas Jefferson Winchell born Topsham, Me., Dec 25, I8I0; d in that town, Jan 9, I9I0; see his full ancestry and data in the Winchell Genealogy by Rev.Chas.N.Sinnett.

The three daughters are of the
(6th generation) Melvina Jellison Winchell b July I2, I845.
(6th) Mary Waterman Winchell b Feb 4,I849.
(6th) Rebecca Adams Winchell b Oct I7, I85I.

(5th generation) Richard Adams b Charlestown, Mass., Nov 28, I8I8; died at Topsham, Me., after a long and useful life. He came to that town when he was twelve years of age. Married Dec I7, I848 Martha F.Rogers, who died at Cathance, Topsham, Me., Oct 23, I859, aged 66 years and eleven months.

(6th) George S.Adams b July I4,I85I; d Apr 2I, I898
M Apr. I882 Marcia E. Thomas of Brunswick,Me.

(7th) Mary M.Adams b Sept I2,I883.
Employed in an Augusta, Me., publishing house

(7th) Marcia Adams b Sept I, I889.

(7th) Eunice Adams b Apr 7, I89I.

(7th) Parker S.Adams b Sept., I895;
Schools of Topsham, Me; resides
Cathance, Me.

(6th) Lucinda R.Adams b May 7, I854; d Oct 6,I855.

(6th) Carrie B.Adams b Feb I9,I856; d Oct II, I89I.

(6th) Martha R.Adams b June I07, I859; resides
Topsham, Me. M June 27, I882 Isaac Pennell b
Aug 30, I852.

(7th) Lizzie G.Pennell b July 2,I883.
(7th) Harold A.Pennell b Mch I0, I89I.

(6th) Julia M. Adams b Oct 23,I860.
M Wm. R.Hildreth of Topsham, Me.

(7th) George Hildreth.
(7th) Edwin Hildreth.

(5th generation) Arthur Hunter Adams b Charlestown, Mass., June I6, I820; d at Topsham, Me., Jan I5,I899; unmarried.

(5th) Hon. Francis Adams b Charlestown, Mass., July I8,I824; died at his Bath, Me. home Feb 7th, I905 aged 8I years.
He kindly gave the following sketch of his life," I spent most of my boyhood on the farm at Topsham, Maine, occasionally helping my father on his stone work until his death, Apr Ist, I845. After that I carried on the stone work at Brunswick, Me ., for a few years, and, in the meantime, entered Bowdoin College in I846, where I graduated in I850.After my graduation I spent several years in teaching, and in the study of the law.I was admitted to the Bar in I854.I practiced law at Brunswick, Maine, for some years, though I still made my home at Topsham, Me., until I869, when I removed to Bath, Me., where I have resided since then.I held th office of County Attorney for Sagadahoc County, Me., I863---I874.For several years I was a

member of the Superintending School Committee. While living in Topsham, Me., I was Selectman for a few years. I enjoyed my law practice until the infirmities of old age obliged me to give it up." A friend added to this brief sketch of a remarkably enterprising and useful life," He was one of the best known lawyers of Sagadahoc County, Maine. He died from pneumonia at his cozy home on High Street, Bath, Me., on Sunday night. He was the oldest lawyer in Sagadahoc County, Me., and was the President of the Sagadahoc County Bar Association. In Bowdoin College, where he did fine work, he was classmate of William P.Frye, Charles Carroll Everett, and many others whose names are well known.Later on he studied law with Ebenezer Everett of Brunswick, Maine, and taught with good success at Topsham,Me., Academy and Litchfield, Me., Institute.In 1857 he entered the law office of William G.Barrows.During his term as Sagadahoc County Attorney he was an ardent supporterr of Horace Greely for President of the U.S. Five years before his death failing health compelled him to give up his law practice.One of the cases in which he achieved wide-spread promine nce was in the prosecution of the Bowdoinham, Me., Bank robbery. For many years Mr. Adams was in partnership with the late Nathan Coombs, and they did a very successful business. He was a lawyer of unusual ability and a highly respected citizen. He was a faithful attendant at the Universalist Church.He spent many happy summer days at his cottage on Squirrel Island, Me., and was glad when he could entertain his many friends there."

Married July 8,1867 Clara J.Hildreth of Topsham, Me., a woman of sterling qualities; the daughter of Jonathan P. Hildreth and Margaret J. [illegible]

(6th) Margaret J. Adams b Topsham, Me. Aug 27, 1868; a remarkably successful teacher in the schools of Bath, Me.

She graduated from the Bath high school ,with fine records in all of her classes, and took a very helpful course in the Boston, Mass., Normal School. For several years she studied music in the best schools of Boston, and became a proficient musician.

(6th) Sarah A.Adams b Bath, Me., Sept 24,1870; is a music teacher at Bath, Me., and the well known organist of the Universalist Church of that city. In 1887 she graduated at the Bath high school with fine records. In the summer of 1897 she went abroad and spent most of a year in Paris, in the study of music and French.She has taken music also under some of the best instructors in America.

(6th) Clara Augusta Adams b Bath, Me., June 29, 1872; Resides Lancaster, N.H., where she is well known for her many kind and helpful deeds and words. In 1889 she graduated at the Bath, Me., high school; from the Boston, Mass., University in 1895.She then taught a year with fine success in the Natick, Mass., high school; following this with work of the same high grade in the Lancaster,N.H., high school.

M Oct 29, 1897 Guy Flanders of Lancaster,N.H.

(7th) FRancis Adams Flanders b Aug 28, 1898.

(7th) Roger Lee Flanders b Feb 3,1901.

(6th) Alice Fairfield Adams b Bath, Me., June 29, 1875; died Aug 5, 1876.

(6th) Francis Adams b Jan 17, 1880 ; d June 19,1898.

(6th) Pauline Hildreth Adams b Oct 4,1887 ; schools of Bath, Me., with good records, A proficient musician on piano and violin under the careful training of her sisters.

(5th) Rebecca Adams b Charlestown, Mass Oct 10, 1828; lived at Topsham, Me., where she was a kindly friend and neighbor; deceased.

RECORDS OF FRANCIS ADAMS OF THE FIFTH GENERATION;

(5th generation) Francis Adams b Kingston, Mass., Dec I4, I769 d at Brunswick, Me., May I6,I839; he removed from Kingst Kingston, Mass., to Charlestown, Mass., in I790; was engaged in business and navigation; later on moved to Brunswick, Me. He was a man of strict integrity and genuine worth; he put his children into the public schools of Kingston, Mas Charlestown, Mass., and then sent them to the higher schools.

M Margaret Patten b Aug 6, I78I; died Aug I2,I865; a woman of superior qualities; the of the 4th generation of the famous Patten family of Me; daughter of Robert Patten b Saco, Me., May I4,I743; d Bowdoinham, Me. Mch I4,I84I ; M. Margaret Hunter b Topsham, Me.,June 28, I747; d June 25, I834.

(6th) John Patten Adams b July 27, I803; d Oct 20, I804.

(6th)Margaret J. Adams b July II, I805.

M Isaac Center of Brunswick, Me., who d Mch 20, I859.

(7th) Isaac H. Center b Brunswick, Me., Jan I6 I830.

(7th) Miss Sarah C.Center, 434 S, 40th St., Philadelphia, Pa.

(7th) Margaret Center.

(6th) Louisa Adams b Mch II, I807; deceased; unmarried.

(6th) Francis C. Adams b Aug I5,I808; d Nov II, I809.

(6th) John F.Adams b Apr 7, I8I0; d June 22, I8I7.

(6th) Robert Patten Adams b Feb I0, I8I2; deceased; lived at Brunswick, Me.; a seaman and then farmer; unm.

(6th) Bartlett Adams b Dec 27, I8I4; deceased; cashier of a Bank at Brunswick, Me.,unm.

(6th) Daniel P.Adams b May I7, I8I7; deceased; farmer at Brunswick, Me. M Sarah J.Wilcox.

(6th) Cornelia P. Adams b Mch 4,I850.

(7th) Cornelia P. Adams b Mch 4,I850.

(7th) Margaret Patten Adams b Jan 22, I854.

(6th) Cornelia Patten Adams b Charlestown, Mass.,

Mch 28, 1821; d May 8, 1890. "She was a beautiful woman in every sense of the word, and attractive in person and manners; was very prominent and widely known and beloved; she was very hospitable and with her husband entertained hosts of people; after her death her husband received many letters of sympathy."

M (as his second wife) Dec 25, 1844 Capt. Charles Sewall Pennell b May 19, 1815; d June 7, 1900; a man of sterling character.

(7th) Harriet G. Pennell b May 5, 1846; d Oct 16, 1895; the author of many fine poems.; unm.

(7th) Frank A. Pennell b June 3, 1848; d Oct 13, 1897; a real estate agent.

M Oct 28, 1875 Elizabeth Merryman b 1852; d May 1, 1900; of Freeman Merryman and Sarah Norton.

(8th) Marion Norton Pennell b Aug 19, 1876.

(7th) Maria Louisa Pennell b Mch 28, 1850; lives 354 Franklin St., Newton, Mass.; unm.

(7th) Cornelia Adams Pennell b June 7, 1851; lives Salem, Mass; M May 8, 1886 Frank V. Wright ; lawyer.

(8th) Frank Vernon Wright b Mch 26, 1890

(8th) John Lawrence Wright b Dec 23, 1897.

(7th) Charlotte Adams Pennell b Apr 12, 1854 d Jan 1, 1893; unm.

(7th) Chas. B. Pennell b Jan 27, 1858; deceased. Lived at Bath, Me., for many years.

M July 18, 1889 Elizabeth H. Wing b Winthrop, Me., Nov 23, 1854; daughter of

(8th) Carl M. Pennell b Sept 7, 1889.

(8th) Leon B. Pennell b June 17, 1892.

(8th) Charles Sewall Pennell b Mch 15, 1897.

(8th) FRank A. Pennell b Mch 21, 1899;

(7th) Carrie Evans Pennell b Apr 29, 1860; resides Brookline, Mass; M Dec 29, 1893 Edward Shirley Beck, merchant of Boston, Mass.

(7th) Helen Augusta Pennell b Jan 23, 1865; resides Boylston St., Dorchester, Mass. M June 23, 1887 Dr. Wm.E. Baxter of Portland, Me.

(8th) William Henry Baxter b July 7, 1889.

(8th) Clarence Pennell Baxter b Mch 31, 1891.

(7th) Georgia Patten Pennell b Jan 12, 1868; unm.

(6th) Charlotte Adams b Oct 24, 1826; d Aug 29, 1852; unm.

In speaking of the history of his branch of the Adams family the Hon. Francis Adams would always say, "In order to understand how the strong and heroic characteristics of our ancestor have been handed down through the long generations, you must not confine your study alone to the male members of the family. The female lines, which are often treated meagerly by many genealogists, afford very strong proofs of how they have transmitted noble qualities to their children and descendants." Then he would tenderly, and with great enthusiasm, speak of the Line of his Aunt Keziah Adams, the daughter of Francis Adams of Kingston, Mass., and of his estimable wife, Rebecca Cole. She was therefore of the Fourth Adams Generation.

She was born Mch 19, 1796, and died at Bowdoinham, Me., Apr 12, 1878. She came to Maine when a young woman of energetic and cheery character, and had always a great admiration for the towns of the old Pine Tree State where others of her kindred had located and prospered so well. She was ever ready to meet with great courage and sunny smiles the changes of life. She was a true type of her ancestor Francis Adams who refused to return to England because of the hardships of a new country beset him on every side. She honored him in the second name of her first child.

Kezia Adams married in 1818 John Patten who was born Oct 4, 1785 and died at Bowdoinham, Me., Aug 28, 1866. He was of the fourth generation of the historic Patten family of Topsham, Me., and the adjoining towns. He was a man deeply interested in education, and taught with great success in Maine and North Carolina after graduating at Bowdoin College. He was farmer, store keeper, preacher, and farmer, and from his home great tides of strong and helpful influences flowed into many States and nooks of the world. "The touch of Keziah's hand," was his favorite way of explaining the successes of his children

and long line of descendants.

The first son, Robert Francis Patten, was born Oct I2,I8I9 and died Oct I9, I867. He was well educated and was a fine atty-at--law in Abbeville, Lousianna. His only daughter, Annie Keziah, married John Abadie of a sturdy old French family, and the children were very wide-awake and inventive

The second son was Capt. Bardwell Patten b Charlestown, Mass., Jan 9, I82I; died at his fine home Bowdoinham, Me, June 27,I890. For thirty years he was a very succesful sea captain, sailing many times around the world, and to all the continents except Africa. He then settled down on the farm at Bowdoinham, Me. His daughter, Mary Caverly Patten, is the famous artist of Boston. His son Robert Everett Patten is on the old homestead at ~~ant~~ Bowdoinham, Me., and is often spoken of as "one of the most progressive farmers of the Pine Tree State." The next son of Capt. Bardwell Patten is Rev. Arthur Bardwell Patten, pastor of many Maine Churches, and of the Congregational Churches of Santa Rosa and ~~Stockton~~ Sacramento, California.

The third son of John Patten and Keziah Adams was William Sydney Patten born Nov I7, I824; died June 6,I845. He bore his handicap of ill health with great bravery, and met his early death with wonderful fortitude.

The fourth son of John and Keziah Patten, Hon, Captain Jarvis Patten was born Bowdoinham, Me., June I3,I827 and died at Washington, D.C., May I6, I888. He received a classical education, went to sea, was Master of a fine ship at twenty-two years, and followed that occupation for fifteen years. He resided abroad for some years, and was a good French scholar. He was fifty--five years old when he took charge of the Bureau of Navigation. The care, diligence, and patient labor, which he displayed in collecting the scattered elements from the various offices and Bureaus of the Treasury Department

where the shipping interests were in a chaotic state of confusion, and uniting them all under a single head, were a fitting compliment to the Dingley Act, in which he took a deep interest, and in the framing of which he had a part. His important contributions to the literature of commerce and navigation elicited commendations from shipping men in various lands, as well as at home. His whole life was filled with such noble works which widely benefitted the world, and which no obstacle could make him lay aside. His son, Francis Jarvis Patten, was born Nov 21, 1832; died in N.Y. City Nov 12, 1900. He graduated at Cornell University and from West Point Military Academy in 1877. The Army and Navy Journal said of him," In his early youth his parents sent him to the University of Bonn; after four years he returned to enter Cornell University. At the Military Academy he stood high in his class, taking the first prize in drawing at the close of his course. In 1877 he was commissioned Lieutenant, and spent ten years on the frontier, serving in Indian warfare, and, when off duty, studying in the line of engineering, mathematics, and electricity. While staticned at Fort Boise he engineered the laying of the first telegraph line from Coeur d' Alene, Idaho, to Spokane, Washington His first invention was a self-recording target, designed for rifle firing, which he was trying to place with the military officials at the time of his death. Later he conceived the idea of the application of alternate motors to synchronous multiple telegraphy." The other son of Hon. Captain Jarvis Patten was John Lyman Patten, a succes. ful farmer at Bowdoinham, Me. The daughter, Mrs. Hortense Charlotte (Patten) Philbrick, is awoman of ~~fine~~ great ability and gifts, and her sister, Anna Baker Patten, is the author of many fine poems and stories, and well known in Washington.