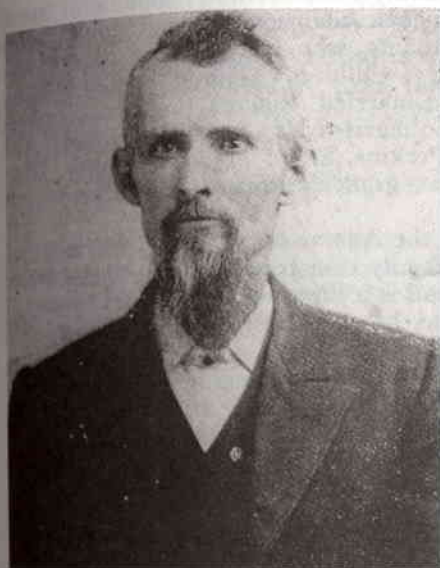


## THE SAMUEL B. ADAMS FAMILY

**George Foster Adams**

Samuel B. Adams was one of the pioneer settlers of the Providence and Union communities. He was descended from one George Adams, who came from Scotland and settled at Newberryport, S. C., in early colonial times. Samuel was the son of Robert and Margaret Rudd Adams. He was born in Talbot County, Dec. 14, 1810, and married Holland Vause Feb. 23, 1834. Robert Adams and his wife came to Talbot County from whence his sons came to Stewart County.

Samuel Adams was one of a family of eight children.

He and his brother, Charles, became citizens of Stewart County. George went to Chattahoochee County. Other members of the family moved to other states, chiefly to Texas and some remained in Talbot County.

Children of Samuel Adams and Holland Vause:

1. William, born Jan. 10, 1835, married, went to Texas.
2. Robert Franklin, born Oct. 31, 1836.
3. George W., born Feb. 22, 1838; killed in Chancellorsville, Va.; a member of 21st Ga. Reg.
4. Charles B., born Sept. 20, 1839; married first, Jennie Irvin; second, Elizabeth P. Irvin. Went to Texas.
5. Henry H., born May 24, 1841. Went to Texas.
6. Susannah, born June 11, 1842; married Metcalf. Went to Milton, Fla.
7. Samuel Owen, born July 20, 1845; married first, Rachel Cherry; second Emma Powers. Went to Texas.
8. Winfield Scott, born May 20, 1847; married Elmira Kenyon. Went to Texas.
9. Mary Elizabeth, born July 22, 1849; married George Kenyon.
10. Sarah Ann, born March 8, 1851; married John Joiner.

11. Frances Ann, born March 8, 1853; died unmarried.

Members of the Adams family were lifetime residents of Stewart County. A brother of Samuel B. Adams, who remained in Talbot County, was Robert Sloan Adams, who married first, Betsy Ann Mizell; second, Ann Bradbury. Children: George Foster Adams, moved to Stewart County and married Amanda J. Walton; moved to Kentucky; Lou Adams, who married Mr. Adams; Elizabeth Ann Adams, who married A. F. Perkins, Sr. of Stewart County. Children, grandchildren and great grandchildren of this couple still reside in Stewart County.

Many of the members of the Adams family who died in Stewart County are buried in the family cemetery at the old homestead. Dr. Marcus Kenyon of Richland is a direct descendant of the original Adams family. The Adams brothers were strong, dependable, highly respected citizens.

Charles B. Adams, Robert Franklin Adams and Samuel Owen Adams were members of the "Stewart Grays," the first military company to leave Stewart County to fight in defense of the Confederacy. William Adams, a member of the "Rawson Rangers," was transferred to Co. K. Sept. 29, 1862.

#### DR. SAMUEL HOUSTON ADAMS



Dr. Samuel Houston Adams

Samuel Houston Adams, M.D., only son of Winfield Scott Adams and Elmira Kenyon Adams, represents two of Stewart County's pioneer families who lived in the Providence and Shady Grove communities.

He was born Oct. 6, 1874, and moved with his parents in 1885 to Texas where he was educated for some years in the public schools. He served his county in various capacities, assuming both educational and religious duties. He was graduated in medicine from the University of Louisville, Ky. in 1909, and practiced medicine in Lubbock and Staton, Texas until his death in 1932. He was surgeon for the Santa Fe Railroad for a number of years.

He was married in 1907 to Miss Julia Price of Hale Center, Texas. His tragic death (shot by a demented man) marked a distinct loss to his community, his state and his profession.

Dr. Samuel Houston Adams is a direct descendant of Samuel Adams, who was descended from George Adams, who came from Scotland and settled at Newberryport, S. C., in early colonial times

#### THE DAVID RAIFORD ADAMS FAMILY

David Raiford Adams was the son of Obadiah Adams and Elizabeth McRae. After the death of his parents he was given to his aunt, Mrs. Jessie Rooks of Stewart County, who raised him to manhood.

When the War Between the States began, David Adams was eighteen years old. On the first call for troops, he enlisted at Lumpkin, Ga., and served in the Bartow Guards under Capt. Tip Harrison. He was Color Bearer in Company E., and carried the flag through many a blazing battle. Later, he exchanged the flag for a musket and fought under Beauregard, Gordon and Evans. Nearly all of his four years campaigning was under Lee in Virginia. Once he was taken prisoner and exchanged; twice he was desperately wounded, once in the hip, and the second time his knee was shattered. After each recovery he went back into the service and was with Lee when he surrendered at Appomattox Court House. He died in Weston, Ga., Oct. 12, 1925.

David Adams married on June 14, 1866 Georgia Walker, born April 23, 1848, died Jan 27, 1927. She was the daughter of Freeman Walker and Virginia Mitchell Walker. Children:

1. James Walker Adams, born March 28, 1867; First marriage was to Sarah (Dollie) Hollomon, second to Annie Dennard, both of Weston, Ga. His widow and one son, J. W. Adams Jr., live at Rome, Ga. Children by first wife were Sid, Georgia and Johnnie.

2. Benjamin Persons Adams, born Dec. 18, 1868, died Feb. 9, 1917; married Nov. 12, 1890, Hattie Chambliss, born March 7, 1869, died July 26, 1933. Four children.

3. Obe H. Adams married Annie Soloman of Jeffersonville, Ga., where his widow still lives.

4. Walter M. Adams married first to Bettie Perkins of Alabama, second to a lady from Texas.

David Raiford Adams and wife were residents of Stewart County until their later years, when they moved to Weston, Ga. They are buried in the cemetery at Weston.