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member of the board of directors of the Salem Mutual Fire Insurance Company. He was a member of old Essex Lodge, Free and Accepted Masons and the Essex Institute. In politics a Republican and in religion preference was a Universalist. On November 1, 1855, Mr. Dowbridge married Joanna Frances Adams, born in Salem, May 23, 1836, daughter of Charles Hodgdon and Elizabeth (French) Adams (see Adams family). One daughter was born of this marriage, Clara Louise Dowbridge, born in Salem, June 21, 1856. She married (first) Archibald Nettles, and by him had one son; married (second) Stephen W. Abbott, of Beverly. Henry D. Nettles, son of Archibald and Clara L. (Dowbridge) Nettles, was born April 8, 1882, married Rita Viola Derby, of Beverly, and had three children: Clara D. Nettles, born October 8, 1900; Gladys D. Nettles, born November, 1901; Lucille Dorothy Nettles, born September 5, 1907.

(I) Henry Adams, of Braintree, ADAMS was one of the earliest planters in the locality known in colonial days as Mt. Wollaston and which in 1640 was incorporated as Braintree. He was born in England and came to New England about 1632-33, with his wife, eight sons and one daughter, and in 1640 had a grant of forty acres of land at "the mount," which seems to have been the allotment for his family of ten members. The name of his wife does not appear, nor the date of her death, but Henry died in Braintree in 1646. He was a malster and yeoman. Of his sons several bore military titles won in early colonial wars, and one of them fulfilled the office of deacon of the church. They were Lieutenant Thomas, Captain Samuel, Deacon Jonathan, Peter, John, Joseph and Ensign Edward.

(II) Joseph Adams, son of Henry Adams, immigrant, was born in England in 1626, and was a malster and yeoman; was made freeman in 1653, served as selectman in 1673, and died in 1694. He married, November 26, 1650, Abigail, daughter of Gregory and Margaret (Paddy) Baxter, of Boston. She died in 1692, having borne her husband twelve children: Hannah, Joseph, John (died young), Abigail, Captain John, Bethea, Mary (died young), Samuel, Mary, Captain Peter, Jonathan and Mehitabel.

(III) Joseph Adams, son of Joseph and Abigail (Baxter) Adams, born in Braintree, December 24, 1654, died there February 12,

1737. He was a soldier of King Philip's war, 1676, and selectman of Braintree three years. He married (first), February 20, 1682, Mary Chapin, born August 27, 1662, died June 14, 1687; married (second) Hannah Bass, born June 22, 1667, died October, 1705, daughter of John and Ruth (Alden) Bass; married (third) Elizabeth, daughter of Caleb Hobart, of Braintree. She died February 13, 1739. By his first wife Joseph Adams had two children, Mary and Abigail; by his second wife he had Rev. Joseph, Deacon John, Samuel, Josiah, Hannah, Ruth, Bethia and Captain Ebenezer; and by his third wife he had son Caleb.

(IV) Rev. Joseph Adams, son of Joseph and Hannah (Bass) Adams, and uncle of the second president of the United States, was born in Braintree, January 4, 1688, and died in Newington, New Hampshire, May 21, 1783. He graduated from Harvard College in 1710, was ordained and settled at Newington, November 16, 1715, and was pastor there for the next sixty-six years. He married (first), October 13, 1720, Mrs. Elizabeth Janverin, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Knight) Janverin of Newington. She died February 10, 1757, and he married (second), January 3, 1760, Elizabeth Brackett, of Greenland, New Hampshire. Rev. Joseph Adams had children, all born of his first marriage: Elizabeth, Dr. Joseph, Deacon Benjamin, and a daughter.

(V) Dr. Joseph Adams, son of Rev. Joseph and Elizabeth (Janverin) Adams, born in Newington, New Hampshire, January 17, 1723, died in Barnstead, New Hampshire, March 22, 1801. He graduated from Harvard College in 1745, and entered the profession of medicine against the expressed wishes of his father. He settled first in Newington and in 1792 removed to Barnstead, where the last nine years of his life was spent. His wife was Joanna Gilman, daughter of Major Ezekiel Gilman, of Exeter, who commanded the New Hampshire forces at the capture of Louisburg in 1745. Dr. Joseph and Joanna (Gilman) Adams had twelve children: Ezekiel Gilman, Captain Joseph, Ebenezer, Dudley, Gilman, William, John, Elizabeth, Abigail, Benjamin, Nathaniel and Polly.

(VI) Nathaniel Adams, son of Dr. Joseph and Joanna (Gilman) Adams, was baptized in Barnstead, New Hampshire, March 31, 1770, and died there in 1853. He was familiarly known as "Uncle Nat." He married Olive, daughter of Honorable Charles Hodgdon, and