

Genealogy of the Adams Family.

The earliest record of this family is that they settled in Old York.

Tradition says that several brothers from England settled in this country: some in York; the others in different parts of Mass.

The only correct record attainable is that two brothers from York, evidently the sons of the one that settled there, left that place; one Samuel coming to Bowdoinham, the other, Nathan, settled

Heppewell and married a Jenkins. Samuel settled in Bowdoinham about the year 1740 near the Abagadocott river. ^{HP 44 or 45 necessary at S. Adams}

He had eight children, three sons and five daughters. We will trace the genealogy of the males, as they are of more consequence to the record.

The sons were Samuel, born about 1740, John 1747 and Jedediah. Three of the sisters (whose names are known) were Lucy, Mariah and Peggy. Only the latter was ever married and she to a Stover of Boothbay.

Samuel Adams, the older was drowned in Merry meeting Bay in 1775. His wife was a ^{young} Young. Of his children Samuel, the oldest, was taken prisoner during the French and Indian war, held prisoner during the siege and capture of Quebec. His father, hearing of his capture, went to Quebec, joined Gen. Wolfe's army, was at the capture of that city and found his son who returned with him. This was in the fall of ^{Nov 5} 1759. The son afterwards settled in Philadelphia.

Nathan, ^{Born 1711} who settled in Harpenell, ¹⁷⁴⁵ married a Jenkins and had three children ^{born}, Nathan and Samuel, who settled in Bordoin, and Catherine who married John Adams of Bordoinham, she being his own cousin. He was the second son of Samuel junior and our direct ancestor. He retained the old homestead.

Their children were

1. Moses, born in 1769, March 7, married Martha Kenney about 1789.
- Anna, born in 1773, Samuel, 1778, Jedediah 1781, John 1783, and Lois 1787.

Their children were Mary, Moses, Catherine, Jephtha K., Dennis, John, Martha, David, Samuel, Thomas J., Jewett P., James M., Charles K. and Alonzo.

2. Anna born in 1773, married Samuel Wilson and lived in Bordoinham.

3. Samuel, born in 1778, settled in Wilton Maine, his children were Isaac, Samuel, (Jedediah and Abel) twins

4. Jedediah, born in 1781, married Mary Adams. Their children were Nathan, Jedediah, Aea, Hannah, Lydia, Martha, Rodney, Jephtha, John D. and Moses. George died in infancy George by second wife. born 1833.

5. John, born in 1783, settled in Bordoinham on the old homestead, it having been the home of his father and grandfather. John's children were Daniel, John,

6. Lois, born in 1787, lived in Wilton and Pittsfield and finally lived and died in Bordoinham.

Copied from the records of
Andrew N. Adams of Fair Haven, Vt.

"There was a Philip Adams in York in 1665 and 1679. A Thomas Adams of York made his will in April 1726, probated in June 1737; his eldest son was Philip, youngest Thomas, and he had also Samuel, Hezekiah, Nathan besides Hannah, Ether and Elizabeth.

I am disposed to think that Thomas was the son of Philip, and Samuel the father of your Samuel, and if so then your Samuel would be of the fourth generation from Philip.

Why I think so, is that this Samuel (3^d gen.) died in 1753; he made his will in April, and it was probated in May of that year, and in it he mentions his wife Lydia and his children, who were Elkanah, Lydia, Samuel, Nathan, David and sons John and Richard, deceased who left families.

This Samuel and Nathan (4th gen. from Philip) as I conjecture, must be the same Samuel & Nathan who removed, as you say, one to Bordownham, the other to Harpwell.

An extract from the old York Records
as received from Capt Silas Adams in 1908

1st generation

Phillip Adams born 1631. Signed
articles of submission Nov. 22. 1652.

2nd generation

Thomas - his son. born in 1652.
married Hannah Parke.

3d. Samuel born in 1681. Married Lydia
Gowell of Kittery ~~Nov 1734~~. Will probated in 1753.

4th generation

Samuel: born March 26, 1710. Married
Elizabeth Young and settled at Bowdoinham
about - 1745. Drowned in Merry meeting Bay 1775.

5th. John, born 1747 married Catherine, daughter
of Nathan Adams of Hairpewell in ~~1771~~ 1768.
Died at Bowdoinham Nov 2. 1809.

6th

Moses born May 7. 1769. Married Martha
Kenney of Gardiner in 1789.
Died Jan 4. 1855 at Wilton Maine.

6th Gen. Anna born Aug 5 1773.

6th Gen. Samuel 1778

Account taken there is no 2nd. wife, see page 185. M₃

6th Gen. Jede died April 1 1781

6th Gen. John April 4. 1783

6th Gen. Lois Oct. 4. 1787. died Feb 27. 1877

Copied from papers now in the family. - 1909. - C.W.A.

"The 3rd. son of Samuel Adams Sen., Jedediah, born 1751, married Rebecca Hill of Brooklyn; —. Their children were: Harriet, born, 1794; Samuel born, 1796; Betsy, 1799; Rebecca, 1801; Sall, 1814."

"Catherine Adams, after the death of her husband, John Adams, married Wm. Gowell of Rowdoinham, (Me.) and died in Wilton, (Me.) at the home of her son Jedediah."

There are persons now living; Aug. 1909, who know the above, about Catherine Adams, to be a fact. She was buried near East Dixfield, Me. C.W.A.

6th Moses the eldest son of John & Catherine married Martha Kenney and was one of the first settlers of Farmington Me. He removed to Temple and later to Ea Wilton and founded the Adams homestead of Wilton.

6th Jedediah the third son of John & Catherine married Mary Adams daughter of Moses
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