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***** INVITATION *****

93rd ANNUAL REUNION TO BE HELD ON SUNDAY 14 AUGUST 2011

The first Adams-McKain reunion was held in 1919 to welcome home two family members who served in WWI: Captain Ross U. Adams, M.D., and Lt. Harry Alford Adams. Both had served in Europe. For some reason, the numbering of the reunions got off by one year during the 1930's: the 1932 reunion was numbered 13 instead of 14—even though reunions were held every year. As we approach 2018, which will be the 100th reunion, it becomes more important to correct the numbering, and we will do it this year. **This year's reunion (2011) will be the 93rd, not the 92nd.**

This year's reunion will be held at the Hudson Memorial Building, 179 N. Jones Street, Marcellus, MI on Sunday, 14 August 2011. There is air conditioning, a kitchen, electricity, a small covered picnic pavilion outside, and free on-street parking. The large dining room is handicapped accessible (rear entrance). A hardwood basketball court is on the upper level.

Family will begin gathering at 11:00 and the meal is planned for 12:30 p.m. Table service items, meat dish, soft drinks, cold water, and rentals will be provided. Please bring a dish to pass. The cost for adults is \$9.00 and children \$4.00 (ages 4-12). **Please make your lunch reservations by August 7th** by contacting George. You will pay him at the luncheon (address - last page).

Directions from I-94, exit 60: take M-40 south for 15 miles. (M-40 turns east just before entering Marcellus.) After entering Marcellus, take the first left (Jones St). **Directions from US 131:** take M-216 west for 9 miles. One block west of the junction with M-40, turn right onto Jones Street. If you need a place to stay in the area, one suggestion is Holiday Inn Express, 1207 W. Broadway St, Three Rivers, MI 49093 (just off US 131). Suites

are AAA-3-Diamond rated. Their telephone is (269) 278-7766 or (888) 444-8650. Call the hotel directly for room reservations.

Auctions started in 2005 and the total amount raised through 2010 is \$2924.00. We will have an auction, so please bring your "treasures" for sale, such as: family photos, handmade items, such as afghans, jams, jellies, and pies.

BUSINESS MEETING: 91st Reunion: 14 Aug. 2010: River Oaks County Park, Galesburg, MI.

Elections and Location: George Adams called the business meeting to order. Officers for 2011 are: President: George Adams; Secretary/Treasurer: Barbara Gale; Assistant Secretary, Bill Wheaton; Webmaster: Jim Adams; and Newsletter Editor: Bob Brown. Next year's reunion will be on Sat. August 13, 2011 with location to be decided by staff. [Date later changed to Sunday Aug. 14.] Please send your correct address, phone number and e-mail address to Bob Brown or any member of the reunion staff: (contact information on the last page). Barbara remains Secretary-Treasurer so please send correspondence and the requested \$5.00 donation for the cost of printing/mailing and other expenses. Please make your signed check out to Barbara Gale.

Treasurer's Report: The amount on hand to start the 91st Reunion on Saturday, 14 August 2010, was \$2,969.89. The deposit on Reunion Day was \$505.00 of which \$383.00 was auction money, so by 16 Aug. 2010, the total on hand was \$3,474.89. A deposit of \$100.00 from Bill Wheaton to be used for stamps to mail 2011 newsletters was made 02 June 2011. After paying \$139.95 to use the web, the total of \$3,434.94 was on hand 17 June 2011.

Newsletter: Bill mailed all 2010 newsletters in July. There were 93 e-mails and 61 postal mails for a total of 154 newsletters. The cost of printing, labels, etc. was \$41.60. Postage was \$37.21 (61 stamps @ 61 cents each) for a total cost of \$78.81. Each postal newsletter cost 68 cents to print plus 61 cents postage. Therefore the printing/mailing of each newsletter was \$1.29.

Bill has recently resigned as Assistant Secretary due to health problems. He has helped with printing/ mailing of the newsletters since 2005 and the Reunion family thanks him for his help.

A Memorial/ Honorary fund was started in 2001 and the family is encouraged to participate in it. \$425.00 is currently in the fund. We need to continue collecting money for yearly expenses as well as the 100th in 2018

Two Corrections to the 2010 newsletter:

(1) Roger Brown's father was Emory Brown's brother, not Abner's (page 5). (2) Irene Bent lived in Alameda, California, not Michigan. (page 4)

Reunion Activities: It did not rain as much as last year so the children played outside as well as having fun playing on the stage. Margaret, Mary and Chris made the auction an enjoyable time for the adults. It also was a good time to visit and Rolland shared news about the tornado damage at the Centennial Farm.

Barbara presented a new notebook entitled "One Room Schools." Rena Thornton taught in Kinney School #5 where many of the Uri M. and Jane Adams family went to school. Barbara read a poem Rena wrote to the graduation class of 1902. Rena was also the first secretary of our Reunion.

Displays included the photo of the Adams School ("District No. 4 of Porter") from the Reunion files. Also, two undated photos of students (estimated to be from about 1885 and 1895 based on apparent ages of family members) with identifications. Copies of these items were also sent to the Decatur District Library for inclusion in the Bess Britton One-Room School Collection.

2018 THE CENTENNIAL YEAR: There are only six newsletters to write, excluding 2011 and 2018. Some branches have minimal information and no one has volunteered to write up their family history. Staff encourages you to write about your branch, or provide data for staff to do. If you don't want to do your whole branch, please send partial information.

FAMILY ATTENDANCE – 14 August 2010:

Total attendance was 33 (31 members and 2 guests). Francis Morse was the oldest person (98) and Riley Dane Little, the youngest (2 years). Riley is the grandson of Marilyn Little. Joan Reinke came the farthest from California. Family came from CA, IN, MI, NC, ND, VA, and WI.

FRANKLIN & ANNA (FLETCHER) ADAMS DESCENDANTS: (2)

Rodney and Charlotte Adams of Kalamazoo, MI

GEORGE & EFFA MAY ADAMS DESCENDANTS (1)

Barbara Gale of Coloma, MI

HORACE CHESTER & ROXANNA (BENT) ADAMS DESCENDANTS (21+1)

George & Mary Chris Adams of South Bend, IN
John & Pat Adams of Fredericksburg, VA
Bob & Margaret (Adams) Wetherell of Chase, MI
Jim Adams of Sturgeon Bay, WI
Michael & Mary (Adams) West of Rockford, MI
Dan & Pam Adams of Hudsonville, MI
Keri, Hayli, & Caleb Throneberry, Hudsonville, MI
Justin Rendleman and guest Jessica Neyron of Zeeland, MI.

Marilyn Little of Walker, MI

Tony, Brenda, and Riley Little of Walker, MI
Francis and Rolland Morse of Kalamazoo, MI

DORSEY & SARAH LUCINA (ADAMS) FLETCHER DESCENDANTS (5+1)

Muriel Hurt of South Heart, ND, and guest Mary (Mohney) Morris of Battle Creek, MI.

Bob Brown of South Bend, IN

Nancy Hume of Holland, MI

Bill Wheaton of Charlotte, NC

Joan Reinke of Ontario, CA.

THOMAS & JANE (MORROW) McKAIN DESCENDANTS (2)

Jay and Virginia (Copley) Vliet of Decatur, MI.

CURRENT NEWS: (News received after the June 15th deadline may be in the 2012 newsletter.)

Captain Jeffrey Adams: The paragraphs below were excerpted by Barbara from an article entitled "Meet Captain Adams." It was written (8-31-2010) by Airman 1st Class Rachele Ellsa, 325th fighter

Wing Public Affairs, Tyndall Air Force Base, FL. The full article is in the annual Reunion Book #10.

Jeffrey was born in Vicksburg, MI and raised on a grain and pork farm with four brothers and 3 sisters, so there was never a shortage of work. Jeff earned money by working on the farm, mowing lawns, shoveling manure, and driving machinery to attend crops. In addition to farm duties, his childhood consisted of lots of fishing & duck hunting,



Capt. Jeffrey Adams

After the age of 9, his parents became “snow birds” and they traveled to Florida to visit for one to four months every year. He went to two different schools each year from age 11 until high school, graduating at seventeen. He enlisted in the military and started his college studies. After 19 years of full time work and college studies, he earned an Associate of Science in Criminal Justice, Associate of Arts in Management, a Bachelor of Science in Organizational Management, and a Master of Arts in Security Management.

Since joining the Air Force, Jeffrey has been to over 30 countries, and is in his 11th assignment: 325th Security Forces Squadron commander. He predicts he will stay in the Air Force for 28 years and hopefully become Lieutenant Colonel.

Jeff has three boys: Nikolas (20) is a junior at Angelo State University in Texas, Tyler (18) is in

the delayed enlistment program pending entry to the Air Force with a job reservation as a para-rescue man, and Garrett resides in Prattville, AL and is in the fifth grade.

John & Pat Adams report that **Christina** is living in Arlington, VA, working at Quest Labs where her work includes reviewing frozen pathology specimens under a microscope. **Jennifer and Matt** are in Jacksonville, FL. Matt completed helicopter flight school in August and is now at Mayport Naval Station training for flying SH-60B Seahawk helicopters. Matt did very well in his training and John and Pat attended two ceremonies. In March, **John and Pat** visited his sister Marge and husband in Florida. One highlight of their visit was watching two eagles trying to steal an osprey’s catch. The osprey won! They also visited Jennifer and Matt in Milton, and stayed at Pensacola NAS so had access to the beaches on the Sound. While there they saw the “Blue Angels.” Pat made trips to upstate NY, and they attended the Adams-McKain Reunion. Pat continues to teach 6th grade and John works in Crystal City, just outside of Washington, D.C. Everyone was home for Christmas.

Mary Adams reports in January she and John IV joined his parents in Mobile, Alabama, when Troy University played Central Michigan in the GMAC game. Later in the month, John IV began a golf internship in Houston. In February, MaryJo and Mary attended a conference on International Studies in Amsterdam. Mary traveled to Alabama in April for Troy Fest and enjoyed musical/theatrical performances. In May, Chris and two local artisans reconstructed the family’s nearly 70 year old cabin on Chub Lake. Chris was transferred to Astoria, OR, where his new duties include patrolling the Pacific coastline. In June, the four Cochrans and Mary met in Dallas for the Texas state Amateur Golf Tournament. Both Hallie and John IV were in the tournament. July was spent with friends at the cabin and in August Mary’s sister came to Michigan to see family and friends. Hallie and Chloe (her Yorkie) spent a week with Mary in September at the cabin. Mary flew to Idaho and Sarasota to celebrate birthdays. The Wood cousins in Indianapolis hosted Thanksgiving and the Pugsleys, Cochrans, and

Adams were together in Kalamazoo. “May 2011 be a year of understanding and peace.”

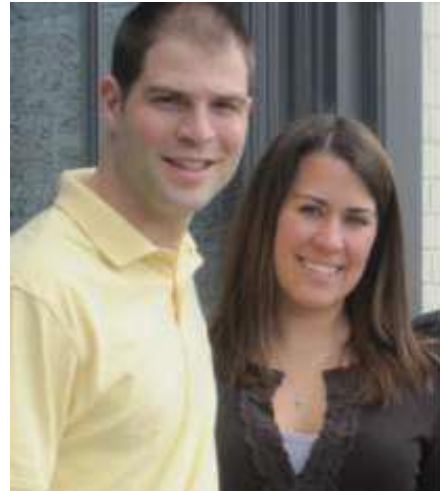
Robert Adams, son of Horace and Mary (Pugsley) Adams, reports that he and Linda are doing well. His employer, the JR Simplot Company, sells food and agricultural products so the company is doing well. Linda’s health has been stable and for the most part she has been feeling pretty good. Robert, Linda and a friend participated in a floating glass convention/workshop while on a cruise to Puerto Rico, St. Martin, and St. Kitts in January.



Rob & Linda Adams

Robert took a week-long raft trip down the Salmon River. It is a five star treat! Rob was also active with his chapter of Back Country Horsemen of Idaho. Linda has been active in her stained glass studio, doing a number of projects with her kilns – see <http://picasaweb.google.com/moosely.adams/>. Linda also spends a lot of quality time with her beloved friends, Mika and Sweet Pea. Mika is the alarm that tells Linda when there are visitors. Sweet Pea, who was Linda’s guide and had dedicated her life to caring for the family died in November. “We hope that your health continues to be good and that you have a joyful 2011.”

Robert and Linda’s son, **Christian and wife, Rebecca** moved to Portland this summer when he was transferred from the Ice Breaker, Bristol Bay, to the medium endurance cutter USCGC Steadfast. While Christian was at sea, Rebecca set up their home and found a job. Their home is about half way between Portland where she works and Astoria where the ship is tied up when in port.



Christian and Rebecca

Jim Bowe Family, 2004 - 2010: There have been many changes and events for our family of six children. The most significant change is the take-over of the shipping business started by Jim, his brother and sister-in-law. “Postal Connections” has been the top store in that age group since we opened in 2003 and in 2010 we were rated second in the nation. **Jim** was furloughed from American Airlines in April 2005 and since then he has taught some FEMA courses and served in the church as counselor. **Elizabeth** works in the store and is a full time mom teaching Jonathan and Kathryn who are in Cyber School. She is also a leader/teacher at church. **JennaMarie** (24) - see weddings. **Loralie** (22) graduated from High School in 2006 ranking #3 in her class. She served as president of the Future Educators of America and President of the Laurel class at church. She graduated *Magna Cum Laude* from Brigham Young University with a degree in Elementary Education and is now substitute teaching, helping at the family store, working as a Rides Supervisor at Dutch Wonderland, and hoping to get a full time job.

Jeremy (20) was on the cross country team for five years with the last two as captain. During High School he also enjoyed the alto saxophone and marching band. After graduation in 2009, he entered the "Mission Training Center" in preparation to serve in a Spanish speaking mission in Las Vegas, NV. **Rachel** (18) graduated from High school in June 2010 in the top ten of her class and worked at Dutch Wonderland last summer. She started college at BYU in the fall with a major in Public Health and a minor in Music. While in High School she accompanied the regular and honor choirs on the piano. After multiple concussions from soccer in her junior year, she was team manager in her senior year. **Jonathan** (11) is an excellent student and his musical talents are many. He got his start with a drum set, than a guitar, saxophone, and now piano. He loves to practice and make up new songs. Jonathan loves scouts and has earned his Webelos badge and Arrow of Light in the Cub Scout Program. He was baptized in December 2007 by his big brother, Jeremy. **Kathryn** (2) was born in 2003 and in 2004 she was diagnosed with a cataract in her left eye caused by PHPV. As a result, she had eye surgery when 4 months old and at 5 months began wearing a contact lens in that eye. Since the problem was detected early, she now has normal vision. She is a first grader and loves to read. She has a creative mind and is usually found coloring, or pretending she is a horse. "The family wishes everyone a Merry Christmas and Happy New Year."

Shirley Davis reports **Mark** and family will move to Abilene, TX in June 2011 to finish his degree in computer configuration at Texas State Tech. Christopher attends school in Grand Rapids working towards a degree in Criminal Forensics. John graduated from Jackson High School, Jackson, MI, in June 2010, with scholastic honors, and is a freshman at Western Michigan University in Honors College. **Michael and Stacy** reside in Coloma, MI. He teaches GED at an alternative school near Kalamazoo and has his own insurance business. **Stacy** teaches music from home, along with taking care of, and home schooling their children. Their family is now eight: **Jim** (19 - see graduations), **Hannah** (16) wants to become a Dominican Nun. **Eliza** (14) is very much into

gymnastics. **Rudy (11), Maddie (7), Gabriel (5) and Joe (2)** all help with gardening, cooking, canning, etc. **Abigail** - see Births. **Kirsten** will have her Associate Degree in History by October 2011 and plans to continue her studies in Wyoming, where she and Shirley plan to move in 2012.

Muriel Hurt reports **Floyd** has been on the south Heart City Council for 30 years, nine of those as Mayor. He is chairman of Roosevelt Custer which obtains grants/benefits for several counties in ND. He was a Ruling Elder at the First Presbyterian Church of Belfield from 1985 through 2009 and now is President of the Church Council at the United Congregational Church of Dickinson, ND. He is an active member of the Dickinson Military Guard. **Muriel** has been a REALTOR® for 34 years and served as President of their local board for two years, state director for two years, and served on numerous National committees for 16 years. She also served as President of the Dickinson Area Chamber of Commerce in 2000. She was the first instructor on the Interactive Video Network in North Dakota to teach from Dickinson Univ. about Real Estate. In 1994 she went China as a delegate of the US government to meet with the Chinese government on housing. Grandson **Jason** lives with them and works in the oil fields. **Tori & Tara** - (see graduations) **Bob and Kris Hurt** are still in Hill City, SD. He works in Kuwait as a drilling superintendent for Chevron. Muriel spent time with her two great-grandsons, **Peyton** and **Teytum**. Their mother, **Sara Streeter** teaches school in Grand Forks and her husband **Clint** is in the Aviation Program at NDSU. Floyd and Muriel traveled to Minnesota for nephew Joe Warner's wedding and to Nebraska in July for a cousin's wedding. She made two trips to Michigan, to visit her cousin Mary and for the Adams-McKain Reunion.

Rolland Morse reports **Brian Mansberger and Erin Morse** moved to Chicago, where Brian works in the IT department of an investment bank, and Erin works at the Environmental Law and Policy Center. **Colin** graduated from the University of Chicago in June 2011 with a Masters Degree in Public Policy with a certificate in Health Care Planning. He works at St. Francis Hospital in

Evanston, Illinois. **Brigid** graduated from Loy Norrix High School in Kalamazoo in June. She plans to go to the University of Michigan and has a goal of social work. She works as a waitress/hostess at the present time. Later this summer, she, Andreea, and Rolland are going to Romania. While there they plan to see a cousin of Andreea's who lives in Constanza. **Anna** will be a junior this year at Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo. She is majoring in Social Work and Spanish. **Francis** will be 99 years old in September and now lives with his family.

Ellen (DeHaven) Peterson's activities included golfing in June, August and September at the Monterey Peninsula Country Club, going to the Tennis US Open in New York City in August and seeing her daughter, **Betsy**, who works there. Family activities with **Nicholas**, **Jenny**, **Taylor** and **Bennett** included a baptism and celebrating Bennett's first birthday (September 2009). The family, including Betsy, went to the Minnesota State Fair in September and Ellen spent Thanksgiving in Florida with Nick and family. Ellen's parents were Edward and Jane (Sykes) DeHaven; her grandparents were Claude and Mary (Adams) Sykes. She is a descendant of Uriah M. and Jane W. (McKain) Adams.

Dave and Dawn Sivley report Jeffrey and his son Garrett visited in June. Jeffrey has been out of the country for 6 years so it was good to reconnect with him. In August, Mary and Jack came to Michigan for cooler weather but that did not happen. Their granddaughter, **Avila Marie**, turned 2 on July 30th. Nothing brings a smile on their faces quicker than seeing her face; they feel like kids themselves waiting for Christmas. They went to Oregon in July to visit Dave's brother and family. It was quite an ordeal getting there. They left Kalamazoo at 10 a.m. and got to their house at 3 a.m. our time – 17 hours! While they were there Dave caught a huge green sturgeon (47 inches) but had to release it because it is endangered. They also did quite a bit of sight-seeing. Dawn ends with this saying: "God chooses to shine through imperfect, cracked pots rather than perfect ones without cracks. People are blessed when our cracked pots let the light of Jesus

shine through. Choose to be a glory-filled cracked pot rather than an empty, pretty vessel."

Bob Brown writes the quarterly newsletter for the Friends of Oak Ridge Cemetery (Buchanan, Mich.) and is also serving as President of that group. The main functions of the group are to clean and repair gravestones in the cemetery, and promote local history and serve as a genealogy resource. Bob also volunteers as a docent for the Pears Mill in Buchanan.

BIRTHS: **James Ryan Baldwin** was born in January 2010 weighing in at 7 lbs., and was 20 inches long. His parents are Shannon and John Baldwin. James' grandmother is Joan Reinke, daughter of Garry and Ethel Brown, and a Dorsey and Sarah (Adams) Fletcher descendant.

Abigail Lee Davis was born to Michael and Stacy (Legault) Davis in April 2010. She weighed 8 lbs. 12 oz. and joins 4 brothers and 3 sisters. Grandparents are Charles & Shirley (Moe) Davis and great-grandparents are Arthur & Marian (Adams) Moe. She is a descendant of Franklin B. & Anna (Fletcher) Adams through her g-g-grandparents, Franklin K. & Josephine (Burhans) Adams.

DEATHS: **Richard Hartwell Kinney** was born 27 Oct. 1923 to Hartwell Nathan and Mildred (Harrison) Kinney in Mountain View, OK. He was the grandson of Nathan S. and Mary (McKain) Kinney. He was thus connected to the reunion through both the McKain and Adams (Kinney) branches. He died October 10, 2010. [I calculated Richard was a fourth cousin once removed to Barbara Gale and George and Jim Adams via Uri Adams and second cousin once removed via Jane Woods McKain Adams.] He graduated from Mountain View High School in 1942, entered the Army Air Corp, and became an advanced flight instructor at Luke Field, Phoenix, AZ. After WWII, He was honorably discharged and returned to Mountain View where he was employed in the First National Bank. He married Joan Knight on September 15, 1947. His only daughter, Joyce Ann, was born in Mountain View just before he was recalled in December, 1951, to serve in the Korean War, and then in the Vietnam War. He was a

consummate air pilot and flew open cockpits to 8-engine planes. His awards and decorations include: Distinguished Flying Cross, Air Medal, Air Force Commendation Award, Vietnam Liberation Medal, WWII Service Medal, and Korean Service Medal. It would be accurate to describe Dick as a "Renaissance Man" because he enjoyed learning and had a passion for music, especially the opera. He had a great interest in people and cultures which influenced the way he lived. He remains an example for those who knew him. Richard is survived by his wife, Joan, one daughter, Joyce Ann Kinney Hines and her husband, Jim, of Kingfisher, sister-in-law and brother-in-law, Bill and Joyce Moseley of Mountain View, granddaughter, Andrea Hines Herrera and her husband, Lt. Col. Sal Herrera of Ft. Campbell, granddaughter, Amy Hines Garvick and her husband, Michael of Chattanooga, TN, great-granddaughters, Madeline Elizabeth Young, Anna Isabella and Ehma Sophia Herrera, and one great grandson, Charles Michael Garvick. Richard was preceded in death by his parents. A service was held Wednesday, October 13, 2010 at the First United Church in Kingfisher, OK, with the Rev. Michael Strange officiating. Burial was at Mountain View Cemetery under the direction of Sanders Funeral Service in Kingfisher.

WEDDINGS/ANNIVERSARIES:

Bowe-Guevara: JennaMarie Bowe married Dany Rigoberto Guevara on Saturday 18 June 2011 in the Orlando, Florida LDS Temple. A ring exchange and reception/open house was held in Windermere, FL. The bride is the daughter of James and Elizabeth (Powell) Bowe. JennaMarie graduated from Brigham Young University (BYU) in January 2008 with a degree in Recreational Management. She now works full time at Disney World, FL. She also has worked as a shift manager at Taco Bell in Orlando, FL. Dany is a computer programmer. JennaMarie's grandparents were John W. & Marie Clarice (Anstiss) Bowe, and her great-grandparents were Frank B. & Marie (Wenks) Anstiss. Her great-great grandparents were William & Minnie (Bates) Anstiss. She is a descendant of Isaac Leonard and Emily Loriania (Adams) Bates.

GRADUATIONS/HONORS:

Jim Davis graduated from High School and a special Mass was celebrated for him, and an open house held at their home. He now attends Lake Michigan College, taking Russian, pre-Algebra, and Calculus. He has applied for a Student Exchange Program through the Naval Seals Program. He is the son of Michael and Stacy Davis.



Tori and Tara Fox

Tori and Tara Fox graduated from Fargo South High School on May 2011 and are now at the Minnesota School of Fine Arts in Minneapolis. Tori is taking 3D photography and Tara is taking fashion design and marketing. They are the twin daughters of Linda Fox, and granddaughters of Muriel Hurt.

REUNION LIBRARY:

The Reunion Library continues to grow as family contributes by sending data to staff and the information is brought to each Reunion. The family is encouraged to look at the data because you will find interesting facts about our heritage.

In the Andrew Adams' book, only three of Bildad Adams' 11 children are listed as leaving descendants: Horace Hale, Candace (Andrews) and Nancy (McKelvey). While the McKelveys stayed in Ohio, Horace Hale came to Michigan as did Lewis and Candace Andrews, and another sister, Emily Adams (who married Luther Kinney). See pages 4 and 6 of the 1999 newsletter for more information on the Candace (Adams) Andrews branch, and page 10 of the 2009 newsletter for information on Luther and Emily (Adams) Kinney.

Matthew McKelvey was born in Westmoreland Co., Penn. (just east of Pittsburgh) on January 30, 1794. (His father, William McKelvey had served in the Revolutionary War.) The McKelvey family moved to NE Ohio in 1804, then to Greenfield Twp. (Huron Co.) in 1815. (See page 5 of the 1999 newsletter for information about this area, known as the "Firelands," and Bildad and Mary Haynes coming to the area in 1815.)

Matthew McKelvey (1794-1853) and Nancy Adams (1798-1842) were married 27 March 1818 in Ohio. Nancy Adams had taught school nearby in Maxville (Peru Twp.). Soon after their marriage they moved to Portland Twp. (Sandusky), where Matthew was a merchant. In 1825 the family moved to Paris, now Plymouth, which is on the border of Huron and Richmond counties. He opened a general store there. They stayed in Plymouth until 1841 when they moved about 50 miles west to Blanchard (Hardin County).

Matthew and Nancy had 10 children: 7 girls and 3 boys. Two of the girls and one boy had died before they left Plymouth. A couple months after moving to Blanchard, tragedy struck when three of the girls died in July 1841. Then on January 27, 1842, Nancy (Adams) McKelvey died (in Blanchard). Matthew and the remaining children moved back to Plymouth. Another daughter died in July 1842. The remaining three children (two boys and a girl, who were the youngest of the 10) lived for many years. Matthew McKelvey died in Greenfield Twp. on March 18, 1853.

The three surviving children are listed in Andrew Adams' book (page 229) as: (1) Martha (b. 1831 in Plymouth) who married Ethan Lovell and lived in Greenfield Twp. (Another source lists her name as Mrs. E. C. Scovell, so she must have remarried after Ethan died in 1898).

(2) Matthew McKelvey (b. 1833 in Plymouth) married Mary Woolsey in 1858. They had two children. He was a merchant in Sandusky and later became interested in growing grapes and writing. He publishing a newspaper and was owner of a printing office in Tiffin, Ohio.

(3) John McKelvey (b. 1835 in Plymouth) married Jane Rowland Huntington. They had six children. He was a "large land owner and active citizen of Sandusky" and had interests in railroads and industry.

FAMILY HISTORY SECTION: This section has three different subjects: (1) Public Service by Members of the Adams Family, (2) Update of Andrew N. Adams' book, *A Genealogical History of Robert Adams of Newbury, Mass. and His Descendants 1635-1900*, and (3) a response to the question of whether we are related to the John Adams who was President.

(1) Public Service by Adams Family members: We have been compiling information on family members' military service for several years (and there is a section for this on our web site). We have discussed compiling information on family members' public service (primarily elected or appointed public office). In the paragraph below is information on early public service in Massachusetts/Connecticut, Vermont, Ohio, and through the first Michigan generation). We would like to add information to this (through the current generations).

Jacob Adams (1651-1717) was born in Newbury, Massachusetts, on Sept. 13, 1651, the son of Robert and Eleanor (Wilmot) Adams. In 1677, Jacob married Anna, daughter of Nicholas Allen of Dorchester, Mass. About 1681-82, they left Newbury for Suffield (now in Connecticut, then part of Massachusetts). In Suffield, "he was one of the most prominent and influential of the early settlers. He was often chosen to important offices, was a member of the General Court of the colony, then held in Boston, 1711 to 1714, and again in 1717. He died in Boston, suddenly, in Nov. 1717, while in attendance upon his duties as a member of the General Court from Suffield." (The quotation is from Andrew Adams' book on Robert Adams and His Descendants.)

Joan Wheaton and her daughter, Amy Keaton, identified data to show that descendants of Jacob Adams are eligible to belong to the "The Colonial

Dames of America.” See page 2 of the 2007 Reunion Newsletter (vol. 2 No. 3).

Bildad Adams (1765-1826), great-grandson of Jacob, was born in Suffield on April 3, 1765, and moved with his parents to Marlboro, Vermont, about 1786. In Marlboro, Bildad served as constable and collector in 1796 and 1801, selectman in 1804 and 1811; and served as justice of the peace. After serving in the War of 1812, he settled near Milan, Huron Co., Ohio in 1815. He was a member of the first board of County Commissioners, helping to organize Huron Co. (1815). On the 1815 tax rolls, Bildad is in Wheatsborough Twp. (now Groton Twp.), but in the 1820 census he is in Greenfield Twp. (which was transferred to Erie Co. when it was formed in 1838).

Matthew McKelvey (1794-1853) husband of Nancy Adams (daughter of Bildad and Mary Adams) was elected one of the County Commissioners of Huron County, Ohio, in 1829 to 1831, although a member of the minority party (Whig).

Horace Hale Adams (1805-1847) son of Bildad and Mary (Haynes) Adams, left Ohio and came to Michigan in the spring of 1837 with his wife, Lorania Gates (Kinney) Adams and three children—the other two children were born in Michigan. They settled in Porter Twp. (then part of Decatur Twp.) in Van Buren Co. The first Porter Township meeting was held on April 7, 1845, and Horace Hale Adams was chosen as one of the Justices-of-the-Peace, and also as one of the members of the township board. In 1846 and 1847, he was selected as Township Clerk. In 1865, Horace and Lorania’s son, **Franklin B. Adams**, was selected as township Supervisor.

We have some information on later and current generations, but invite members to send us more information about public service by members of their branches for future newsletters.

(2) Update of Andrew N. Adams book, *A Genealogical History of Robert Adams and his Descendants* (pub. Rutland, VT, 1900):

This book was published in 1900 and has the descendants of Robert and Eleanor Wilmot Adams documented to within a few years before that date. We have discussed updating the book by creating a supplement covering the next several generations (of our branches) – to be completed in time for the 100th reunion. We have a draft completed for the Dorsey and Sarah (Adams) Fletcher branch, but need information to do this for other branches.

With this goal in mind, the editor has summarized information contained in the book, starting with Bildad Adams (1765-1826) and Mary (Haynes) Adams – the parents of Horace Hale Adams. The format of the book is to list the descendants of Robert Adams (1602-1682) and Eleanor Wilmot (d. 1677) by generation:

In the *Sixth Generation* section, the children of Bildad Adams (1765-1826) and Mary Haynes are listed on pages 102-103: Maria, Polly, John, Nancy, Bildad, Maria, Candace, Horace Hale, Sarah, Emily and Susannah.

In the *Seventh Generation* section, the children of Horace Hale Adams (1805-1847) and Lorania G. (Kinney) Adams are listed on page 230: Franklin B., Phebe (1830-1833), Uri M., Sarah Lucina, Emily Lorania, and Mary Calista.

In the *Eighth Generation* section, the children of Franklin B., Uri M., Sarah L., Emily L., and Mary Calista are listed on pages 399-401, and these appear to me to be complete (except for dates of marriages and deaths after about 1898).

Below is information for the five children of Horace Hale and Lorania G. (Kinney) Adams, taken from pages 399-400 of the Andrew Adams book, with additions in **bold** type. The editor has also corrected a few errors, for example: (1) Dorsey, not Dorry, Fletcher, (2) Wm. Anstiss, not Austiss, and (3) Clara Lucinda Adams, born in 1859, not 1839.

Children of **FRANKLIN B.**, (1828-1910) [971] and Lucinda (Fletcher) Adams (1830-1879); res. Lawton, Mich.

i. HORACE HALE, b. in Porter, Van Buren Co.,

Sept. 27, 1857; d. 8 Apr. 1860, and

ii. CLARA LUCINDA (1859-1946), b. in Van Buren Co., Jan. 28, 1859; m. Aug. 1, 1879, Dudley L. Thornton, son of Dudley Thornton; res. near Lawton, Van Buren Co., Mich., and have a fine fruit farm.

Children of FRANKLIN B., (1828-1910) and Anna (Fletcher) Adams (b. 1856).

iii. FRANKLIN K. (1882-1955), b. in Van Buren Co., Oct. 9, 1882, and

iv. HORACE HALE (1884-1976), b. in Van Buren Co., July 21, 1884.

Children of URI M. (1832-1900) [972] and Jane (McKain) Adams (1847-1913); res. Lawton, Mich.

i. EFFIE MAY (1866-1954), b. in Van Buren Co., Mich., Feb. 28, 1866; m. May 17, 1891, George Adams, son of George and Mary (Stewart) Alford, b. Jan. 28, 1858, and adopted by Franklin B. Adams; res. Marcellus, Cass Co., Mich.

ii. HORACE CHESTER (1868-1953), b. in Van Buren Co., Sept. 10, 1868; m. **Roxanna Arvilla Bent**.

iii. ARCHIE L. (1871-1944), b. in Van Buren Co., July 10, 1871; m. Jan. 21, 1897, Lillie Douglass, dau. of John and Nancy Douglass.

iv. MARY CALISTA (1876-1970), b. in Van Buren Co., Nov. 21, 1875; m. 1898, **Claude P. Sykes**.

v. MASON CLARENCE (1877-1928), b. in Van Buren Co., Dec. 25, 1877; m. **Pearl Eisenhauer (1883-1939)**.

vi. ROSS URI (1883-1943), b. in Van Buren Co., June 2, 1883; m. **Grace Daly (1896-1974)**.

Children of SARAH LUCINA, (1835-1914) [973] and Dorsey Fletcher (1828-1898); res. Lawton, Mich.

i. JULIAN FLETCHER (Oct.-Dec. 1857), b. in Van Buren Co., Oct. 11, 1857; d. in infancy.

ii. JULIUS HORACE FLETCHER (1857-1923) (twin), b. Oct 11, 1857; m. Sept. 11, 1881, Sophia E. Stute; res. near Lawton, Mich.

Children of EMILY LORANIA, (1839-1911) [974] and Isaac Leonard Bates (1835-1927); res. Andover, Brown Co., So. Dak.

i. FRANKLIN ADAMS BATES (1867-1924), b. in

Van Buren Co., Mich., Sept. 6, 1867; m. Sept. 13, 1898, Laura Perkins of E. Paw Paw, Ill. He is mail-route agent between Lincoln, Neb., and Edgemont, So. Dak.; res. Lincoln, Neb.

ii. SARAH SOPHIA BATES (1869-1970), b. near Schoolcraft, Mich., Sept. 18, 1869; m. Dec. 8, 1895, Jason D. Feller (1869-1942). She was a graduate of the State Normal School, Madison, So. Dak, and for several years a teacher; res. Scotland township, Day Co., S. Dak.

iii. WINNIE LEONORA BATES (1876-1919), b. near Schoolcraft, June 14, 1876; m. Apr. 7, 1896, William H. Anstiss of Porter, Mich. She graduated with honor in June 1895, at Burlington, Iowa, and was a teacher of music; res. Andover P. O., Brown Co., So. Dak.

Child of MARY CALISTA, (1842-1919) [975] and David F. Smith; res. Chicago, Ill.

i. HORACE HERBERT SMITH, b. June 8, 1868. He is city editor of the "Butte Miner," Butte, Mont.

The above listing is from the EIGHTH GENERATION. (Robert & Eleanor Adams are the first generation.) We would like to update by adding the Ninth and Tenth generations (and perhaps later generations).

(3) Related to President John Adams? From time-to-time we are asked the question of whether our Adams family is related to the John Adams who was President of the United States. We do have a John and Abigail Adams in our family tree, but they are not the ones who were President and First Lady. (We may be distant cousins—depending on what ancestry you accept for Robert Adams.) Our ancestors, John and Abigail Adams, lived a number of years earlier than President John Adams and his wife Abigail.

John Adams (1735-1826), who became the second President of the United States, was born in Braintree (Quincy) Massachusetts, on Oct. 30, 1735. He was a descendant of Henry Adams (of Somerset Co., England) who settled in Braintree about 1653. He married Abigail Smith, whose father was a minister in Weymouth, Mass. John

Adams died on July 4, 1826, the same day as Thomas Jefferson.

John Adams (born June 18, 1694), who is an ancestor to Adams-McKain Reunion members, was born in Suffield (then part of Mass., now in Conn.), son of Jacob Adams (1651-1717) and Anna Allen (b. 1658, dau. of Nicholas Allen of Dorchester). Our John Adams married Abigail Rowe on July 26, 1722. She was the daughter of Peter and Sarah Remington Rowe. (Sarah was the daughter of Thomas Burr of Windsor, Conn., and Peter was the son of Hugh Roe.) Abigail died in 1731, and John remarried, Martha Winchell.

The father of Jacob Adams was Robert Adams of Newbury, Mass. Robert's grave stone says he came to Massachusetts about 1629 from Devonshire, England. Some genealogists believe his father, also named Robert, was a brother of William Adams, father of Henry Adams of Braintree and Quincy, Mass. If so, the two John Adams were distant cousins.

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This newsletter is sent by regular mail or e-mail to people on the mailing list. It is also posted on our website, <http://www.adams-mckain.com>, in both PDF and MS Word formats. (If the version sent to you by e-mail doesn't print correctly, you can download the other version from the website, or contact Barbara or Bob if you want a copy mailed to you.) A new website ("beta") has also been set up: <http://adamsmckain.com/>. Questions or comments or additions for the web site may be sent to Jim at adamsmckain@gmail.com.

Newsletter and Website Need Your Support: We request that family members submit written histories for inclusion in future newsletters. (Contact Bob or Barbara.) We will keep these histories as part of the permanent family record in the reunion archives. As an alternative, record your family history on cassette tape and bring the tape to the reunion or send it to Barbara Gale or Jim Adams. We would appreciate good quality family pictures, either with your history, or separately. Jim continues to add to the website including entries on

related families. He encourages you to send data, pictures, diaries, and especially data on veterans (branch, dates/places of service, etc.). You may send what you have by e-mail to: adamsmckain@gmail.com, or regular mail. In addition to family information presented on our website, www.adams-mckain.com, there are links to other websites, including the two listed below and several SW Mich. websites. If you have a website dealing with family history, please contact Jim so he can include a link to your web site.

Return to the Adams-McKain website often because changes and additions are constantly being made!

Other websites of interest:

Jim's Family Tree Maker:

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/a/d/a/James-R-Adams/index.html?Welcome=1005172078>

Jim Bowe's Family Tree Maker:

<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/b/o/w/James-E-Bowe/?Welcome=1088626260----?>

There are also links to these two websites on the reunion's website: <http://www.adams-mckain.com> (As of 4-19-11: new web: <http://adamsmckain.com> –no hyphen.)

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