

Henry Adams of Braintree and His Descendents

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Henry Adams was born January 21 1582/83 in Barton St.David, Somerset (Somersetshire), England. His parents were John Adams (1555-1604) and Agnes Stone. He married Edith Squire October 19, 1609. She was born May of 1587 in Charlton Mackrell, Somersetshire, England.

Children of **Henry Adams** and **Edith Squire**:

Lieutenant Henry, born 1610, died 21st of February 1675/76.

Lieutenant Thomas, born March 1611.
Deacon Johnathan, born 1614.
Captain Samuel, born 1617.
Ursula, born 19th of July 1619.
Peter, born 1st of March 1621/22.
John, born December 1622.
Joseph, born 9th of February 1625/26.
Ensign Edward, born 8th of April 1629.

All of the children were born in Somersetshire, England.

***Note: Joseph was the Great Great Grandfather of President John Adams and Great Great Grandfather of President John Quincy Adams.

Henry Adams decided to leave England with his wife and children go to the Colonies in America for opportunities. It is believed that they landed in Boston, Massachusetts. They arrived there sometime between 1630 to 1639. A search of Ship's Lists of passengers was negative for 1628 through 1641. They settled in the Mount Wollaston Area about 1639, it later became incorporated as Braintree. Today where the original homestead stands is located in present day Quincy.



The Adams Family Homestead in Quincy, Massachusetts

Besides being a farmer and a malster he was also the town clerk. **Henry Adams** died the 6th of October 1646 in Braintree, Norfolk County, Massachusetts. He was about 64 years old.

After Henry's death Edith remarried. She married John Fussel. They resided in Medfield, Norfolk County, Massachusetts.

Edward Adams was born in Kingsweston, Somersetshire, England and was the youngest son of **Henry and Edith Adams**. **Edward** married Lydia Penniman about 1652. She was born in February 1634/35 in Boston, Suffolk County, Massachusetts. Lydia was the daughter of James Penniman and Lydia Eliot. **Ensign Edward** and Lydia settled in Medfield about 1654. Edward was appointed as Ensign of the Medfield Company of Militia. In 1689, 1692 and 1702 he was a representative to the Massachusetts General Court.

Children of **Edward Adams** and **Lydia Penniman**:

Lydia born 12 July 1653.
Captain Jonathan born 4 April 1655.
John born 18 February 1657.
Eliashib born 18 February 1659.
Sarah born 29 May 1660
James born 4 January 1662.
Henry born the 29th October 1663.
Mehitable born 20 March 1665
Elisha born 25 August 1666.
Edward born 28 June 1668.

Ensign Edward Adams died in Medfield, Norfolk County, Massachusetts on the 12th of November 1716. He was 87 years of age.



Present day Downtown Medfield, Massachusetts

Henry Adams was born in Medfield, Norfolk County, Massachusetts. He was a farmer. He married Patience Ellis the daughter of Thomas Ellis and Mary Wight on the 10th of December 1691. They resided in Medway, Norfolk County, Massachusetts.

The children of **Henry Adams** and **Patience Ellis**:

David born 3 September 1692 in Medway, Massachusetts.
Hannah born 21 February 1693/94 in Medway, Massachusetts.

Patience Ellis Adams died in 1695. Afterward, Henry Adams moved to Providence, Rhode Island with his children.

In 1697/98 **Henry Adams** married Patience's Sister Ruth Ellis. She was born 31 Oct 1670 in Medway, Massachusetts.

The children of **Henry Adams** and **Ruth Ellis**:

Solomon born the 23rd of April 1699.
Henry Jr. born 14 October 1700.
Ruth born 10 April 1702.
Ebenezer born 11 February 1704.
Patience (twin) born 11 February 1704.
Joseph born 28 July 1706.

About 1706 or 1707 **Henry Adams** took his family to Canterbury, Windham County, Connecticut where his cousin Samuel Adams had a farm. Samuel was the son of Peter, Ensign Edward's brother. When Peter died, Ensign Edward became Samuel's guardian. So, Henry and Samuel had grown up together.



Canterbury, Connecticut

Henry Adams died in 1748 in Canterbury, Connecticut. He was 85 years old.

Solomon Adams was born in Providence, Providence County, Rhode Island. As an adult he was able to acquire some land to farm in Canterbury, Windham County, Connecticut. His father Henry may have provided some of the farmland to Solomon. On the 28th of April 1726 Solomon married Abigail Monroe. She was fifteen years old. Research indicates marrying at a young age wasn't common but rather unusual in New England at that time. Abigail was the daughter of David Monroe and Deborah Howe.

Children of Solomon Adams and Abigail Monroe:

Abigail born 9 November 1726. Died young.
 Solomon Jr born about 1728.
 Lydia born 7 January 1730/31.
 Deborah born 7 March 1733/34.
 Alice born 15 May 1737.
 Hannah born 31 August 1742.
 Anne born 27 August 1745.
Eleazer born the 25th of July 1748.
 Abigail born 10 May 1752.
 Olive (twin) born 10 May 1752, died 5 June 1752.

Solomon Adams died 20th of November 1778. He was 79 years old. Abigail Monroe Adams died 17 September 1784. She was 73 years old. They both died in Windham County, Connecticut.



The 1st Congregational Church of Canterbury est. 1711

Eleazer Adams was born in Canterbury, Windham County, Connecticut. He was a farmer. He served in the Revolutionary War. According to Family History (Orson Bennett Adams) Eleazer was bayoneted and was unable to farm. He followed engineering. Eleazer Adams married Prudence Bennett on the 15th of June 1770 in Connecticut. They resided in Windham County after they were married.

Children of **Eleazer Adams** and **Prudence Bennett**:

Prudence, born 1771, died 1784.

Eleazer, born 1772, died 1784.

Esther, born 21 August 1776.

Elisha Bennett Adams, born the 27th of May 1778.

David, born 1784. Died 1784.

Lois, born 3 February 1785.

Eleazer died in 1819, unknown where, quite possibly New York.

It is unknown to me when or where **Prudence Bennett Adams** died.

Elisha Bennett Adams was born in Canterbury, Windham, Connecticut. It appears sometime before 1800 the family moved to the area of Orange County, Vermont where they had relatives living in the area who were also from Canterbury, Connecticut. It is most likely that he moved there with his parents. Elisha married Asenath Camp 3 December 1801. Asenath was born 7 April 1783 in Sharon, Connecticut. Her parents were Joel Camp and Ann Gillett. They were married in Tunbridge, Orange County, Vermont.



The Church in Downtown Tunbridge.

While living in Vermont, **Elisha Bennett Adams** and **Asenath Camp** had four children born to them:

Sally, born 2 August 1802 in Tunbridge, Orange County, Vermont. Sally married Cyrus Kinman in Pike County, Indiana the 11th of February 1819.

Elisha Gillett Adams was born 9 January 1805 in Tunbridge, Vermont.

Lovina born 18 January 1807 in Vermont.

Amanda was born the 13th of September 1808 in Vermont. Amanda married Edward Dasmon in Morgan County, Illinois on the 4th of December 1831.

Elisha Bennett Adams and Family settled in Alexander, Genesee County, New York sometime before 1811. Besides farming, **Elisha Bennett** was an engineer. The Western New York Land Transaction Records show that **Elisha B** renewed his land contract with the Holland Company the 12th of April 1815. The last known land recording for **Elisha B** was in 1821. A year after his death.

Children born to **Elisha Bennett and Asenath Adams** in Alexander, Genesee County, New York:

Asenath, born about 1811. Married Clark Roberts 9 October 1828 in Morgan County, Illinois. Asenath died 17 March 1833.

Joel Madison Adams, born 1813 in Alexander, Genesee, New York.

Orson Bennett Adams, born 9 March 1815 in Alexander, New York.

Hannah Jane, born 6 February 1818 in Alexander, New York. Married Ryderius Brown 1835 in Morgan County, Illinois. In her later years she omitted that the family moved from New York to Indiana in a interview. She stated her father died in New York during their move to Illinois. She was about 8 years old when the family moved from Indiana to Illinois.

Elisha Bennett Adams served in the War of 1812. Family History (Orson Bennett Adams and his sister Hannah Jane) says he was wounded in the Battle of Buffalo. He may have served in more than one New York Militia Unit. The National Archives have recordings of a Elisha Adams serving in three different units. In 1818 sometime after the birth of their last child Hannah Jane, the family moved to Indiana. It is possible that their original destination was Illinois.

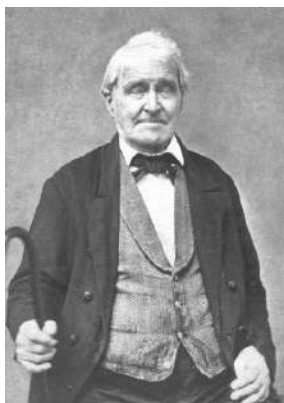
Elisha Bennett Adams died 8 September 1820 in Washington, Pike, Indiana about a month after the 1820 Federal Census was taken.

After Elisha's death Asenath and the children remained in Pike County, Indiana.

The 19th of December 1825 Asenath married Graves Mead in Pike County, Indiana. Graves was originally from Kentucky.

The 2nd Monday of February 1826 Graves Mead petitioned the Pike County Circuit Court for a divorce from Asenath. A Complaint Summons was issued for Asenath. There is no evidence that the summons was ever officially served on Asenath. She most likely was en route to Illinois. It appears a divorce was granted to Mead the 18th of December 1827. (Note: The summons is kept with the Criminal Complaint Summons Files at the Pike County Courthouse.)

Asenath leaves Indiana under a cloud. 1826, Asenath and her daughters, her sons Elisha Gillett, **Joel Madison** and Orson Bennett started their trek to Illinois. They arrived in Morgan County, Illinois in 1826. They settled in Morgan County, Illinois. Asenath's brother George Camp lived in Morgan County.



George Camp

On the 18th of July 1828 Asenath married Daniel Burbank in Morgan County. Like the Adams, he also had lived in Genesee County, New York. At one time he was a land assessor there. He served as a major in the War of 1812. It is most likely the he and the Adams were acquainted. Just before their marriage, Daniel had been appointed a District Judge. Asenath and Daniel resided in Meredosia, Illinois.

Daniel died in November 1832. Probate was filed the 3rd of December 1832. George Camp

(Asenath's brother) was appointed the administrator of the estate.

The 30th of April 1833 Asenath married James Brown in Morgan County. He was about 15 years younger than Asenath. They purchased land in Versailles Township near what is nowadays the Town of Versailles. Their land was about three miles west of Asenath's sons properties.

April 1853 James Brown dies Probate Records show that Asenath was the administrator of the estate and that her son Elisha G assisted her with administrating the estate.

It is believed that Asenath lived with Elisha G and Family for awhile. The 1860 Census shows that she was living with her daughter Hannah Jane and Family in Virden, Macoupin, Illinois.

The 16th of August 1864, Asenath Camp Adams Brown passes away. There were no Probate Records for Asenath . She was buried in the Adams Family Plot of the Lavina Henry Cemetery in the Versailles Township.

Elisha Gillett Adams

Elisha Gillett Adams stated that "he, his mother and his brothers **Joel** and Orson Adams moved first to Morgan County, Illinois in 1826. He indicates to the author in "The History of Schuyler and Brown Counties, Illinois" that he (and the family) emigrated from Canada. There is no evidence that the family ever lived in Canada. His account is not supported by the facts that are known. There is no mention by him of Indiana.

Elisha Gillett Adams married Matilda Henry 2 October 1828 in Morgan County, Illinois.

Children of Elisha G. and Matilda:

Cynthia, born 1833 died 1834.

Amanda Matilda, born 1834, died 1910.

"Captain" George Camp Adams, born 27 December 1835. Died 28 December 1865 in Versailles, Brown County, Illinois from wounds sustained while fighting in the Civil War.

Joel Henry, born 1837. Died 1887. Joel H was the first appointed Guardian for John Quincy, George Thomas and Elijah Madison Adams when their father Joel Madison Adams died.

Oliver Perry, born 1838, died 1886.

Anna M, born 1840, died 1843.

Orson Austin, born 1842. Died 1869.

Albert Francis, born 30 January 1846. Died 10 January 1865 from wounds in the Civil War. Buried in the Nashville National Cemetery.

Emily S., born 1847. Married Henry Stuller in 1877. Died 1927.

Asenath Roxanna, born 1849. Died 1894.

Hannah Ellen, born 1853. Married John Pruden in 1871. Died 1939.



George Camp Adams



Joel Henry Adams & Family



Oliver Perry Adams



Emily Adams Stuller

Elisha G. prospered in Versailles, Brown County, Illinois and he became a large landowner in the county. He first purchased a section of land in 1833 in the Versailles Township. In the 1850's when the Versailles School burned down, Elisha G. donated land for a new school. It was named the "Adams School". It has since burned down.

Elisha Gillett died 17 February 1892, he was 87 years old. Elisha G is buried in the Lavina Henry Cemetery in Versailles.

Orson Bennett Adams

Orson Bennett Adams purchased a section of land in Versailles Township, Brown County, Illinois in 1833. He was 18 years old. Where he got the money to buy the land is unknown. I can only speculate and say it was probably from his inheritance.

Orson married Susanna Smith the 20th of March 1836 in Morgan County, Illinois.

Children of Orson Adams and Susanna Smith:

Mary Jane, born 1838, died same year.
Martha Jane, born 1841, died same year.
John Smith Page, born 1844. Died 1935. He was adopted.
Susann, born 1853 in Utah. Died 1931.

About 1840 a group of Mormons moved into the Southwest Corner of Versailles Township. Priddy Meeks, Susanna's step-father had a homestead near **Joel's**. He joined the Mormons and appears to have influenced Orson quite a bit during Orson's younger years. Orson and Susanna joined the religion. Things were getting tense between the Mormons and the Citizens of Illinois. Orson sells his property in Versailles to his mother. The Nauvoo Land Tax Index Records show Orson and Susanna living in Nauvoo with the other Mormons in 1842. For further information on the Mormons, read, "The Combined Histories of Schuyler and Brown Counties, Illinois" Pages 160, 161 and 162.

Orson and Susanna officially join the Later Day Saints in Nauvoo. Their endowment date is 5 January 1846. It was in this time frame that the Mormon Church began to encourage it's members to record their family history and submit it to the church. Orson provided a written family history to the church.

The Mormons had become somewhat unhappy living in Illinois because of the problems they caused with their neighbors just like they did in Missouri, Arkansas and Ohio. Orson and Susanna, along with the other Mormons began to move to what is nowadays Council Bluffs, Iowa after Joseph Smith Jr. death because the situation that that the Mormons caused in Illinois was quite explosive.

The Later Day Saints (LDS) sent a small delegation to Washington, DC to lobby for financing so they could move to the Utah Territory. At about the same time the Mexican War broke out. The U.S. Government wanted additional troops to supplement the U.S. Army in California. A agreement was made to form the Mormon Battalion which consisted of five companies. The Mormons were provided funds. The battalion was under the U.S. Army's authority.

Orson Bennett Adams joined the battalion 16th of July 1846. He was assigned to C Company as a sergeant. The company was also called the Sick Company since many of its members were infirmed and the elderly. His wife, Susanna was a nurse and laundress for the company. Sergeant Orson was in charge of 10 wagons and families. The company left Council Bluffs, Iowa in July 1846.

The company arrived in Salt Lake City in September 1847. Orson was discharged from the Battalion the 16th of December 1847. In 1887 he and the other members of the Mormon Battalion became eligible for a Military Pension from the U.S. Government for their service during the Mexican War. The 19th of March 1887 Orson applied for the Military Pension. It was approved and he received 8 dollars a month.

Orson and Susanna first settled in the Salt Lake City Area and then moved to Iron

County, Utah Territory. The 1850 Census shows them living in Iron County. The 1860 Census Report lists them living in Red Creek, Iron County.

In 1861 Orson and Susanna were called upon by the LDS Church (Brigham Young) to move to the confluences of the Leeds and Quail Creeks in Southern Utah to help establish a settlement there. The settlement was named Harrisburg. It's located north of Saint George, Utah. The 1870 Census Report has them listed as living in Harrisburg.



Orson Bennett Adams House, Harrisburg, Utah



Orson Bennett Adams Family. Orson Bennett, wife Susanna Smith, Daughter Susanna and adopted son John

In 1892, Susanna died at their homestead in Harrisburg. Sometime afterwards, Orson moved to nearby Leeds, Washington, Utah and lived with his daughter Susanna and her husband William Harris.

Orson Bennett Adams died the 4th of February 1901 in Leeds, Washington, Utah. He was 86 years old.

You probably want to know if Orson was a polygamist. I highly doubt it. I have found no evidence or indications that he was a polygamist. Some people have him having two additional wives. I found no proof of this, these accounts appear to be story telling and nothing more. Orson wasn't rich enough to have additional wives like his wife's step father. According to some historians, older, established men would marry additional women, especially younger ones with no family, so as to provide them with a family name in the church and for protection for them. If Orson did, I get the feeling he did so for those listed reasons. I must add again there is no proof of this and evidence indicates otherwise. It appears that Orson was a good husband, father, and man from my research on him.

Joel Madison Adams

From 1828 until 1837 it is unclear what **Joel Madison Adams** was doing and where he was living.

Joel Madison had acquired the SW $\frac{1}{4}$ of the SW $\frac{1}{2}$ of Section 12 of the Versailles Township in 1837 from a private party. It was near his brothers Elisha Gillett and Orson Bennett Adams properties. He starts to farm. All in all Joel acquired at least six 40 acre sections of land. The sections were scattered about. The first section that was purchased is where Joel built the homestead was on or at the base of the slope of the bluff (Illinois River Bluff). It faces east towards the Illinois River which is about a mile away. A creek ran through about the middle of the property. I imagine the cabin he first built was on the slope because of the potential flooding from the creek and the nearby Illinois River. He planted fruit trees on the land.

Joel Madison Adams joins the 36th Regiment, Illinois Volunteers the 28th of June 1844 for the Mormon Wars (Removal of the Mormons from Illinois)

On the 25th of March 1847 Joel Madison Adams marries Sarah Ann Stanfield. She was born 23 June 1831 in Greene County, Tennessee. She was the daughter of William Stanfield and Elizabeth Hise, both who were from Tennessee. William Stanfield owned the homestead next to Joel's. The Stanfields were Quakers.



Sarah Stanfield Adams

Children of **Joel Madison and Sarah Adams**:

Elisha William born 4 March 1848.

Joel Dewitt born 13 March 1852.
John Quincy born 18 August 1856.
George Thomas born July 1858.
Elijah Madison was born the 25th of March 1862.

All of the Adams Boys were born in Versailles, Brown County, Illinois.

Sarah Stanfield Adams died the 10th of January 1865 in Versailles, Brown County, Illinois. She was only 34 years old! There is no official recording of her death. She was buried in the Adams Family Plot Section of the Lavina Henry Cemetery in the Versailles Township.

Before **Joel** remarried, he transferred sections of land to his sons: Joel Dewitt, John Quincy and George Thomas. I found no record of any property being transferred to Elisha William. Joel D. was given two forty acre sections, one may have been for Elisha W. Arrangements were made for the homestead site to go to **Elijah Madison**.

The 15th of December 1866 Joel Madison Adams marries Susan Jane Booking in Versailles. The recording on file shows Susan's surname to be Booking, the state record shows Bodkins. Her maiden name may have been Booking. Bodkins was the surname of her first husband.

Children of **Joel Madison** and Susan Jane:

Lily Mae, born June 1867 in Versailles. She married James Hagerty the 21st of October 1886 in Versailles.

The 1880 Census shows Susan Jane living in Versailles Township with her daughters Mary Bodkins and Lily Mae Adams. The 1900 Census shows Lily living with her husband in Cooperstown Township, Brown County, Illinois. Her sister Mary Bodkins was living with her.

The 8th of November 1867 **Joel Madison Adams** dies and was buried in Lavina Henry Cemetery in a section away from the Adams Family Plot. Maybe it was his new wife, Susan Jane's request, I don't know. In 1972, Joseph Francis Adams, son of John Quincy Adams and grandson of **Joel Madison** had Joel's remains moved next to his wife Sarah and had a new headstone placed there for Joel and Sarah. Joel's old headstone: well, Joseph Francis put it on display in his living room in Lone Jack, Missouri. What a guy!!!



Joel M. & Sarah A. Adams' new headstone

Joel's brother, Elisha Gillett was the administrator of the estate. In **Joel's** probate records, I found no will or document that shows who received what. In one signed document, Elisha G. states that there was no real estate. The Adams Boys were now orphans.

The 17th of March 1868, Joel Henry Adams was appointed by State of Illinois, Brown County as the Guardian for John Q, George T and **Elijah Adams** at the request of his father. Joel Henry was the son of Elisha Gillett Adams. It appears, the Court felt that Joel Dewitt was old enough to fend for himself, since he was about fifteen

years of age at that time. I found no guardianship records for him.

It appears that a guardian in that era and place was responsible for the financial affairs and insuring that their wards had a place to reside at but didn't necessarily take them in. None of the boys resided with Joel H. In that era there was always a bumper crop of orphans because of epidemics that visited and anybody that could take in an orphan would do so. Their Uncle Elisha G. had a couple of orphans living with him at the time of his brother Joel's Death.

Elisha William Adams

Elisha William Adams, the 20th of March 1865 joins the Union Army in Jacksonville, Illinois. He's assigned to Company K of 28th Illinois Infantry. He and other enlistees are sent to Alabama as replacements. I think he may have gotten there for mop up operations. From there the unit was sent to Louisiana and then on to Texas. He mustered out the 15th of March 1866 in Brownsville, Texas. He was formally discharged from the U.S. Army at Camp Butler, Illinois the 13th of May 1866. While he served with the 28th the Regiment it did engage in a couple of conflicts.

After he was discharged, I assume he went back to Versailles for a visit. The 1870 Federal Census Report lists Elisha as living in Burlington, Coffey, Kansas working as a well-digger. (Years later Elisha W would teach his nephew Victor G Adams the art of witching for water.) Most of Elisha W.'s mother's brothers lived in Burlington, Kansas or nearby. His Uncle Henry H. Stanfield was one of the more enterprising young men in the growing community. Henry went by HH, later Elisha would also start going by his initials, EW.

In 1871 Elisha W.(EW) was in the Dakotas. The 24th of May 1871 EW. joined the Cain Brothers aka the Cain Party for the journey to the Washington Territory. Their overland travel was by the Union Pacific and Central Pacific to San Francisco. In San Francisco they caught a steamship bound for Portland, Oregon. From Portland they traveled by foot and wagon to Olympia. From Olympia, they took several boats until they arrived at Semiahmoo the 1st of July 1871. There were already some settlers from the Dakotas in the Blaine Area, so they had friends there.

Elisha W. filed a land claim for a 160 acre section located on California Creek. Meridian: Willamette, Township-Range 040N-001E, E1/2SW1/4 and W1/2 SE 1/4, Section 21 in 1871. Nowadays, the southern edge's border is Birch Bay-Lynden Road. His neighbor to the north was Louis Holtzheimer, to the northwest Ed Holtzheimer. The Holtzheimer Trail ended on Elisha W.'s property. He received title from the U.S. Government 7/25/1873 which indicates that he bought the land outright since it takes five years to gain land under the Homestead Act. A copy of the title is on file at the Whatcom County Courthouse in Bellingham, Washington. Also, its on record with the Bureau of Land Management (BLM). The land is located about three miles south of present day Blaine.

It is unclear to me how much time Elisha W. spent on his property. He seemed to like to bounce around. He appears to have been on very good terms with Ed and Louis Holtzheimer. About the time he and the Holtzheimer Brothers settled on/in the California Creek Area, logging was and had been conducted where their lands were. It was old growth timber. So, Elisha W. probably cashed in on the timber on his property since he owned it free and clear. And he and the Holtzheimer Brothers probably let the loggers do the slashing requirement for them to meet the proving up requirements. I didn't research when he sold the property because the records provided to the public are so disorganized and whoever copied them to microfilm did a horrible job. Most are extremely hard to read and a number of them weren't copied fully.

In the mid 1870's Elisha W. was involved in photography. He took a stereoscopic photograph of Whatcom Creek at the north end of Lake Whatcom, east of present day Bellingham, Washington. The photograph is part of the Photography Collection at the New York Public Library. It can be seen online at the New York Public Library

Website. While in Burlington, Kansas, his Uncle HH may have introduced him to photography. HH was interested in technology and of course in making money.

The 1878 Washington State and Territorial Census shows EW living in Tacoma, Pierce, Washington and working as a carpenter.

The 1880 Federal Census Report lists EW living at 730 Commercial Street, Seattle, Washington. He's reported as working as a carpenter.

In 1884 E.W. is supposed to have had a photography business in Idaho and his younger brother **Elijah** meets him there. The source isn't reliable and I have found no evidence of it. Elisha W. most likely met up with his brother **Elijah** in the Walla Walla, Washington Area. Their brother Joel Dewitt Adams lived in the area. And their mother's brother John Stanfield and family were living in the Umatilla, Oregon Area which is near Walla Walla.

From Eastern Washington, it is told that they went to Seattle and bought some type of vessel and turned it into a floating photography. They toured Puget Sound with it, stopping off in Port Townsend, Friday Harbor, San Juan, Coupeville and finally mooring it in Bellingham Bay.

I have found no positive evidence of them owning a floating photography gallery that they moved about.



Elisha William Adams

The source, Colonel Prosser, liked to fabricate stories about his subjects. So, most of what he has written I've discounted. They did own a photography gallery on a barge that was moored in the bay at Bellingham.

The 1885 Washington Territorial Census lists EW and he is living in Whatcom (Present day Bellingham).

The 1887 Washington Territorial Census shows EW and Elijah Madison (EM) as photographers and living in Whatcom County.

The University of Washington Pacific Northwest Photography Database has EW as being a photographer in Whatcom for the years of 1887 and 1888.

In 1894 EW is living in San Jose, Santa Clara, California. The Voters Register for the County of Santa Clara shows him as being 5'6 1/2" tall with blue eyes gray hair and being 46 years old. He's working as a cook.

In 1896 and 1898 Elisha W. is living at 506 East Market Street, Stockton, San Joaquin, California. The Voters Register lists him as having grey eyes, grey hair and a scar on his forehead. His occupation is photographer.

The 1900 Federal Census shows EW now living in Bodega, Sonoma, California. It's about seventy miles north of San Francisco. He owns his home free and clear. He's working as a photographer.

The 18th of March 1908 E.W. Adams was a passenger on the Steamship Pomona when it struck submerged reef off of Fort Ross. It was going up the coast. Destination unknown to me. The passengers were taken back to San Francisco.

The 28th of September 1909 EW was admitted to the U.S. National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers at Sawtelle, California. He lists his brother John Quincy Adams of Ellsworth, Kansas as being his nearest relative.

The 1910 Federal Census lists Elisha as being an inmate(patient) at the Pacific Branch of the National Home for Disabled Volunteer Soldiers(NHDVS) in Malibu, California.

The 17th of September 1910, EW discharges himself from the Home. It appears, Elisha W. was counted twice in the 1910 Federal Census. He is listed as being a boarder living in Friday Harbor, San Juan Island, Washington. He's working as a laborer for Caroman_ _ _?

The 3rd of October 1912, EW is re-admitted to the NHDVS in California. The 17th of April 1913 he discharges himself.

The 3rd of November 1914 Elisha W. is again living in San Jose, Santa Clara, California according to the Precinct Register, Santa Clara County, Cottage Grove Precinct for the 11/3/1914 Election. He's listed as being retired and belonging to the Prohibition Party.

The 7th of November 1916 EW is still living in San Jose according to the Voters Registration for the General Election. He's still retired and a member of the Prohibition Party.

April 5th, 1917, Elisha re-admits himself to the NHDVS in Sawtelle, California. He discharges himself in May of 1918.

An interesting note is that the different times that E.W. was in the NHDVS, Caroline B. Adams' Uncles Daniel and Petaliah (Ty) Bond were also in and out of the NHDVS facility.

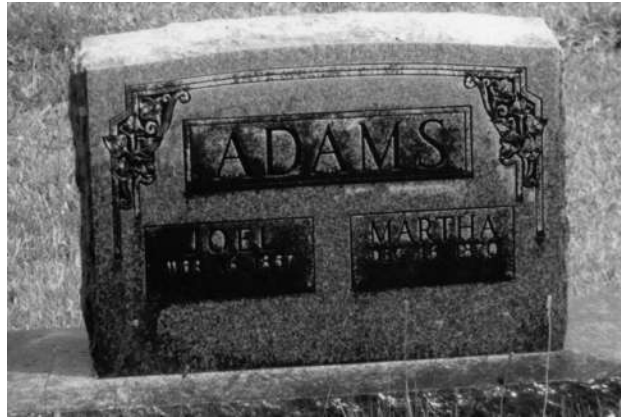
The 1920 Federal Census lists Elisha W. living on Ross Island, Portland, Oregon. He owns his home free and clear. His listed occupation is none.

The 24th of June 1921, he's back in the NHDVS. He discharges himself the 2nd of October 1922.

The 1922 Register of Voters, Los Angeles City Precinct No.539 lists EW as living at 2158 Wilshire Court, Los Angeles, California and that he is retired.

Elisha William Adams died the 30th of August 1929, probably in California. He was 81 years old.

Joel Dewitt Adams



Joel and Mattie's grave in Tonasket WA

Joel Dewitt Adams was about 15 years of age when his father passed away. In 1864, Joel Madison transferred two adjoining 40 acre sections of land to his son Joel Dewitt. About 1870/71 Joel Dewitt sold one of the sections and departed Versailles. It appears the transaction wasn't finalized. The 3rd of September 1872, Joel Dewitt signed a witnessed affidavit in front of Judge A.R. Elder in the County of Thurston, Territory of Washington transferring three sections of land in Versailles, Brown County, Illinois.. One, the SE1/4 of SE1/4 Section 14. two, NE1/4 of SE1/4 of Section 14 and 3 SW1/4/ of SE1/4 of Section 14 in Versailles Township. This document is on file at the Brown County Courthouse in Mount Sterling, Brown County, Illinois.

From the 3rd of September 1872 to 1887 it is unknown to me exactly what Joel D. was doing or where he was at.

On the 18th of December 1887, Joel D married Mattie (Martha) Daggett at her father's house in Columbia County, Territory of Washington. Her father's name was Almiron Daggett.

The Washington State and Territorial Census of 1889 shows Joel Dewitt and Mattie living in Columbia County, Washington.

In 1892 Joel D and Mattie were living in Walla Walla, Washington. The Census report lists Joel was working as a guard at the Pen(State Penitentiary). I contacted the Washington State Department of Corrections. They informed me that they could find no records for his employment with them.

The 1900 Federal Census has Joel, Mattie and their daughter Ruth P. living in Alto, Columbia, Washington. The census shows Ruth was born in December 1895 in California. Joel is working as a farm laborer.

Sometime between 1900 and 1906 Joel D moves to Okanogan County. The sections of land he homesteaded are Meridian Willamette, Township-Range 037N-029E, SW1/4NW1/4 Section 25, E1/2NE1/4 Section 26 and NE1/4 SE1/4 Section 26 is in the Bonaparte Valley Area which is east of Tonasket. A total of 160 acres. The terrain is quite rough. Quite a bit of land isn't very suitable for farming. There is no longer a drivable road to the homestead, so I was unable to get to where the homestead was. The land is south of Highway 20 and about ten miles from Wauconda.

About 1915 Joel's daughter Ruth Pauline married a Charles Gafert/Gaffert/Gafvert. Their son Carl H. was born in 1916. Charles had a 80 acre section that bordered Joel's property.

According to the 1920 Federal Census Joel and Martha are still living on the homestead and farming. Charles and Ruth are still living on the 80 acres that bordered Joel's Place. Charles occupation is listed as a rancher on a stock ranch. The 27th of December 1921 Joel D. purchases a 80 acre section of land that borders his homestead.

Sometime before 1930 Ruth P. dies or disappears.

In the 1920's droughts and extreme hot temperatures visited the Bonaparte Valley

Area. It burnt up the grain crops and encouraged an exodus of the farmers from the area.

The 1930 Federal Census shows Joel and Martha living on Whitcomb Avenue in Tonasket, Okanogan, Washington. They have a boarder. Also living nearby on Whitcomb Avenue is Charles Gafert and his son Carl H.. Charles's wife is listed as Ida M. He's working as a laborer for the Department of Highways and she's an apple sorter.

The 8th of January 1950 Joel Dewitt Adams dies in Tonasket, Okanogan County, Washington. He is buried in the Tonasket Cemetery. Joel was about 2 months shy of being 98 years old.

The 10th of May 1959 Martha "Mattie" Daggett Adams dies in Sequim, Clallam County, Washington. I assume she is buried in Tonasket Cemetery with Joel. They have a joint headstone but the dates of their deaths were never engraved on the headstone.

I've done searches to find out what happened to Joel's grandson Carl H. Gafert but the results so far have been negative.

John Quincy Adams

On the 26th of January 1872, David Sims of Brown County, Illinois is appointed Guardian for John, George and **Elijah Adams**. He's their 2nd Guardian. The children as far as I can ascertain are not residing with him.

John Quincy Adams. Per Joseph Francis Adams, his Father John Quincy told him and his siblings, after his father Joel Madison Adams died he went west to Nebraska with a man named Hubbell Johnson. He lived with him until he was about 15 years old when he ran away. He went to Kansas and herded cattle on the range. Exactly when he left Versailles is unclear.

I did a check on Hubbell Johnson. He was born in Illinois. The 1860 Federal Census shows him living in Illinois. He doesn't show up in the 1870 Federal Census Report in either Illinois or Nebraska. He could have been en route to Nebraska and didn't get counted. He appears in the 1880 Federal Census living in Thayer County, Nebraska. His occupation is stock raiser(Cattle).

The 19th of August 1880 John Quincy Adams marries Abigail "Abbie" Card in Reynolds, Nebraska.

Children of John Q. and Abbie:

Lilly May born 1882, died 1970.
Ida Martha born 1885, died 1965.

The 1885 Kansas Census Report shows John Q. living in Union, Kansas and that he was farming.

In 1886 John Q. and Abbie divorced.

The 8th of February 1888 in Hill City, Kansas, John Q. marries Mary Frank.



John Quincy Adams



John Quincy Adams and Family

Children of John Q. and Mary:

Oliver Harold born 1889, died 1961.

Eva Mae born 18 November 1890, died 15 June 1968. When Eva Mae was about ten years old she began writing to her Uncle **Elijah Madison Adams** about family history. Throughout her life she researched the Adams Family History. When she died, she passed the torch onto her brother Joseph Francis.

Katherine born 1893, died 1900.

Thomas Ernest born 1894, died 1971.

Lawrence Anthony born 1897, died 1970.

Joseph Francis born 3 November 1899, died 1980. He was a member of the Church of Christ(Mormon).Joseph completed the Adams Family Tree that he and his sister had been working on. A copy of it was given to his first cousin Victor Goldsmith Adams.

George Charles born 1902, died in 1987.





Eva Mae around 1966

Joseph Francis Adams

The 1900 Federal Census Report has the John Quincy Adams Family living in Ellsworth, Kansas and he is working as a laborer.

The 1905 Kansas Census lists John Quincy and family living in Ellsworth, Kansas. John Q. is working as a mason.

The 1910 Federal Census: John Q. and family is still living in Ellsworth, Kansas. He is now an engineer working at a Electric Plant.

The 1920 Federal Census shows John Q. and Mary Adams are living by themselves in Ellsworth, Kansas. He is working as a engineer for the Town of Ellsworth.

Sometime after 1920 John Q. retires. He and Mary move to Independence, Missouri. Joseph Francis lives nearby.

The 10th of April 1930 John Quincy Adams dies. He was 74 years old.

In February of 1876 Joshua Singleton becomes the Guardian for George T and **Elijah M. Adams**.

George Thomas Adams

It appears in 1870 George Thomas Adams is living with the Isaac Veach Family in the Pea Ridge Township, Brown County, Illinois.

On the 19th of July 1880 George T. Adams becomes of age and requests the court to discharge Joshua Singleton of his duties as his guardian.

The 28th July of 1880 George T marries Elizabeth Bishop in Brown County.

The 13th of December 1881 George and Elizabeth sell the section of land that his father gave him. He sold NW1/4 NW1/4 of Section 13 in the Versailles Township for \$500.00. Thomas J. Russell Police Magistrate certifies the transaction at the Courthouse in Mount Sterling, Illinois.

From December 1881 to 1885 I don't know what George and Elizabeth were doing. As for their older children, I don't have positive information on them, so I haven't listed the older children. One report I have indicates that at least one of them took up residence in Chehalis, Washington.

In 1885 the Kansas Census shows George T. living with his brother John Quincy Adams in Union, Washington, Kansas. He's listed as being single and is farming. Elizabeth isn't listed on the census.

The 1900 Federal Census shows George T. living in Whatcom (present day Bellingham). He's listed as being a widower and working as a day laborer. His daughter Alta Pearl

lives nearby and is listed as being the adopted daughter of Willie C Hunt Family. Daughter Mildred is living with James and Elizabeth Scott.

Alta Pearl was born 1894 in Washington.
Mildred was born 1897 in Washington.

It appears that George's wife Elizabeth died between 1897 and 1900.

The 18th of July 1901 George T. marries Ella Clark. She's a widow and was working as a cook with a family that took in boarders.

In 1910 George is working as a millwright in a lumber mill according to the census report. His daughter (Alta) Pearl is living with him and Elizabeth. They are living at 2421 Peabody Street in Bellingham, Washington. His brother **Elijah Madison Adams** lives at 2407 Peabody Street.

The Federal Census Report of 1920 lists George and family still living on Peabody Street. His daughter Alta Pearl is divorced. Her daughter is Ema M. Bose. She was born about 1916. Alta Pearl is studying to be a nurse.



George Thomas Adams, date unknown.
Most likely taken in Washington State.

On the 13th of November 1945 George Thomas Adams died in Walla Walla, Washington. He was 87 years old. George appears to have lived somewhat a tragic life and in his later years resided in halfway houses because of mental issues. One source says he died in the Mental Institution in Walla Walla but that source refuses to show me the documentation that they say they have.

Elijah Madison Adams

At eight years old in 1870, **Elijah Madison (EM)** is living with the John M. Thomas Family in Cooperstown, Brown County, Illinois according to the Federal 1870 Census. John M's wife, Amanda was Elijah's cousin and the daughter of Elisha Gillett Adams. The Cooperstown Township borders the northern boundary of the Versailles Township and near Elisha G.'s Homestead.

The records of Guardianship shows that Mister Singleton took his position very seriously and insures that the **Elijah's** property was generating income. And taxes were paid promptly on the real estate. He also is paying for room and board for

Elijah from his property income.

When **Elijah Madison (EM)** was about sixteen or seventeen years old its reported that he was taking business courses in Keokuk, Iowa. At 18 years old he left school to pursue other interests. About eighteen years of age the 1880 US Federal Census report shows **Elijah Madison** as a boarder with the James Conway Family in Missouri, Brown County, Illinois. He is working as a laborer. Family History says he farmed the old homestead for a couple of years but I kind of doubt it since Mister Singleton had the land leased out. So if he did, he probably farmed for others. He also pursued building cars according to one source. What kind of cars he was building, I don't know but it definitely wasn't automobiles. One reliable source, his son Victor Goldsmith Adams told me he was building railroad cars. I think the location was Saint Louis, Missouri.

The 26th of March 1883 **Elijah Madison Adams** is of age and Joshua Singleton transfers all assets he held in trust over to him.

The Eighteenth of September 1883, **Elijah** sells the old homestead. (SW1/4SW1/4, Section 12, Versailles Township). He tried farming it but realized he didn't want to be a farmer. The land was sold for \$560.00. It appears that he was married at the time. Her name, Arabell F. Adams, is on the deed with her mark that was witnessed. Apparently she couldn't read or write. The transaction was witnessed by John H. Dunkleburg, Notary Public for the State of Illinois. A search of the Illinois Marriage Records was negative for Arabell and Elijah. **Elijah** may have met and married Arabell in Saint Louis, Missouri. I haven't found out yet who she was or where they were married.

In the fall of 1883, its reported that **E.M.** and his brother George went west to visit their brother John Quincy in Nebraska or Kansas. I have no idea what happened to **Elijah's** wife Arabell. In the spring of 1884 Elijah left Nebraska or Kansas. Probably Kansas since he visited his Stanfield Family around that time. He may have traveled the eastern and southern areas of Oregon and Washington with his brother Elisha W.. It's quite possible that they stopped in Walla Walla Area to visit their brother Joel Dewitt and the Umatilla, Oregon Area and visited their Uncle John Stanfield. They ended up in Seattle where **they supposedly** bought a vessel and turned it into a floating photography gallery. They sailed around to various ports on Puget Sound: Port Townsend, Friday Harbor, Coupeville, Bellingham Bay and other points. **I have found no proof of this.** The only photo gallery vessel that went around Puget Sound that I could find wasn't owned by either of the brothers. They did ended up establishing a photography business in Bellingham.

In April 1885 the Washington State Census has an **E.M. Adams** living in Seattle and working as a deckhand. Is this the link to the vessel that plied the waters of Puget Sound or **another E.M. Adams that just happened to be a sailor? Reflecting on examining everything at hand, I think it was a different E.M. but I could be wrong.**

In 1885 **E.M.** files a homestead land claim on Meridian Willamette Township/Range 041N/001E, Southwest 1/4(Quarter Section), Section 34. It's about a ½ mile south of the U.S.-Canadian Border and about two miles east of Blaine, Washington. Throughout the homesteading of it, he appears to spend the minimum required time on the homestead.

The 1887 Washington State and Territorial Census shows **Elijah Madison Adams** and his brother EW were photographers in Whatcom County, Washington. They had a photography studio on a barge which was moored on Bellingham Bay

Besides the photography business, **E.M.** also had a construction company. Up until about 1889 most of his construction contracts appear to have been in Seattle. By 1889 most of his construction business had moved to the Blaine Area. About the same time, **Elijah** had sold his interest in the photography gallery to his brother EW in Bellingham. From what I understand **E.M.** had opened a photography shop in Blaine.

It appears Elisha W. did a good job introducing **E.M.** to the leading people of Blaine. **E.M.** joins two different lodges and partakes in local civil works and causes. He appears to be well liked.

On July 21 1889 **Elijah Madison Adams** marries **Caroline Bond** in a Church Ceremony in Blaine, Washington. Caroline was also known as Carrie. She was born in Minnesota on the 16th of January 1861. Her parents were Hezekiah Bond and Anne C Hough, both were Quakers. (Hezekiah's parents were Benjamin Bond and Ellen Goldsmith. The Goldsmiths were of English Heritage, they were not Jewish). Her father Hezekiah died during the Civil War in Salisbury, North Carolina in a Confederate Prison Camp or as some historians refer to as Confederate Prison Pens. Caroline and her mother Anne moved to Blaine, Washington in 1887.

Elijah Madison and **Caroline** resided in Blaine, Washington in 1890. They lived in a house that he built. Besides the construction business, he operated a sawmill at one time. He also had a hardware and furniture store in partnership with a James G. Lund. They sold the store in February 1901 and then opened up a grocery store, under the name of Adams and Lund. He had an insurance business and a real estate brokerage. He owned at least one business building on Washington Avenue.



Washington Avenue, Looking North. Blaine WA 1906.

Children of **Elijah Madison Adams** and **Caroline Bond** :

Victor Goldsmith Adams, born the 7th of July 1890 in Blaine, Washington.

Portia Anada, born 24th of March 1898 in Blaine, Washington. The 15th of September 1922 Portia marries Eugene Ortwein in Bellingham, Washington. For awhile they lived in Maple Falls, Washington where Eugene's father had a lodge. They eventually moved to the Bremerton, Washington Area. Gene work in the Navy Shipyard. Portia owned and operated a Dress Shop. During World War II her specialty was making wedding dresses. I remember Aunt Portia as being a happy little chirpy woman. Eugene died in February 1977. Aunt Portia died in June of 1981. She was 83 years old.

Daphne Dale, born 19th of March 1900 in Blaine, Washington. Daphne married Gustav Albert Lund the 6th of October 1921 in Whatcom County. Gustav was also know as Gus.

Daphne and Gus had two children:

Gustav Albert Lund Jr. born 1925, died 1960 in California.
Richard Dale Lund born 1927, died 2010 in California.

Gustav Albert Lund Sr. died 1 November 1943 in Seattle, Washington.

Daphne remarried. She married Bennett William Meador. They resided a number of years

at Lake Isabelle, Kern, California. Bennett died in 1987 in Kern County, California. It appears Daphne moved to Poway, California where she died the 17th of July 1993. She was 93 years old. She is buried at the Fort Rosecrans National Cemetery next to her 2nd husband Bennett Meador.

I remember Aunt Daphne as being a somewhat lively attractive well dressed woman.

The 23rd of April 1891 **E.M.** receives the title for his homestead outside of Blaine. In July 1891 he sells half of it (80 acres) to his one year old son Victor G. for \$4000.00. The document is on file at the Whatcom County Auditor's Office.

November 1892 **Elijah Madison** is elected Justice of the Peace. He served a total of six years. Apparently at that time the terms were 3 years.

By September of 1894 EM Adams is a Lieutenant of Company 1 of the Blaine Volunteer Fire Brigade. After a fire at one of his buildings he promoted and helped to establish a Fire Department in Blaine.



An early photo of a fire hall in Blaine

The 1900 Federal Census Report shows them still living in Blaine and **Elijah Madison** owning a hardware store. Also living with them was Caroline's Mother Ann. My Grandfather **Victor G. Adams** told me that he also had a construction business at that time. Also, at one time or another he was engaged in the real estate and insurance brokerage business. Also he was operating a saw mill and had a hardware store.

In 1902, Eva Mae Adams, daughter John Quincy, takes an interest in the family history and begins corresponding with **Elijah Madison**. She was twelve years old at the time, the same age as **Victor G.**

In 1910 the US Census Reports the **Elijah Madison Adams** Family are now living at 2407 Peabody Street, Bellingham, Washington. His brother George T. was a neighbor. Besides having a hardware store in Bellingham, **E.M.** was working as an Industrial Inspector, inspecting factories and plants for safe working conditions and etc.

1920 Federal Census Report reveals **Elijah** and family is living at 1919 Dock Street Bellingham. Dock Street was eventually renamed Cromwell, The report lists his occupation as a millwright in a lumber mill. But he's still working as Industrial Inspector for the State. Caroline Bond and Portia are listed as having no occupation, they could have been running the hardware store if they still owned it. Daphne is listed as being a stenographer for the school board.

The 10th of October 1926 **Elijah Madison Adams** died. While inspecting a plant or mill he had accidentally stepped on a rusty nail, contracted blood poisoning and died from it.

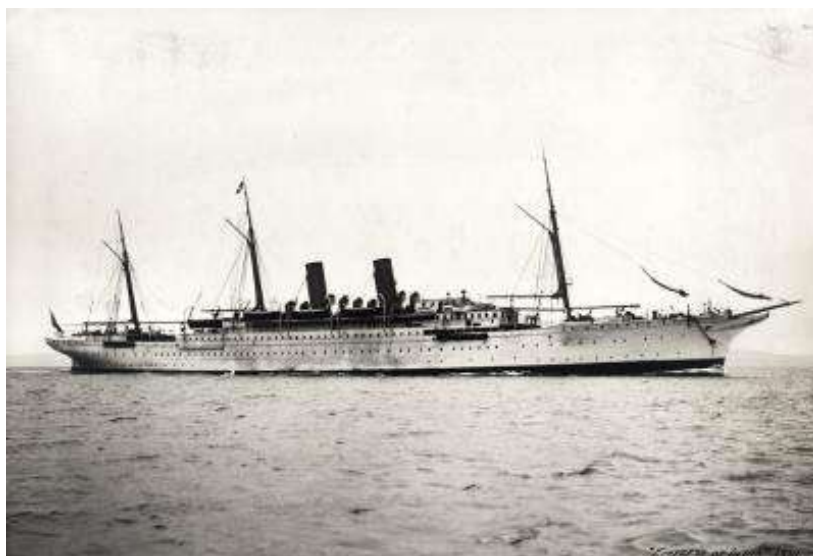
The 17th of October 1948 Caroline Bond Adams died. She was 87 years old. My Uncle Bobby recalls his grandmother "as a fine educated lady who treated everybody with kindness and respect. A real lady".

Both **Elijah** and Caroline are buried (along with Ann C. Bond) in the Bayview Cemetery in Bellingham, Washington.

Victor Goldsmith Adams grew up in Blaine, Washington in the 1890's. The majority of the children he grew up with were Lummi Indians. He learned to speak fluent Straits Salish which was the Lummi Indian's dialect of the Coast Salish Language. Also he learned Coast Salish and the Chinook Jargon. The Chinook Jargon was used as a trading dialect from the mouth of the Columbia River to Yakutat, Alaska.

In 1899 **Victor G.** went with the Lummi Indians to Annette Island in Southeast Alaska. They journeyed from Puget Sound to Annette Island in open canoes. The purpose of the visit was to see their relatives that had married Tsimshian Indians who were part of Father Duncan's Flock on Annette Island. He had brought them from the Prince Rupert Area of British Columbia to Annette Island in Alaska. (Note: During the harvesting of hops in the Fraser River Valley, Indians from the coastal areas of Washington, British Columbia and Alaska would go there to work the harvest for cash).

In 1903 when **Victor G** was 13 years old he decided he wanted to go to sea. He got a job as a cook's helper or cabin boy on a Clipper-bowed steam ship, "RMS Empress of India" bound for China. He probably hired on it in Vancouver, B.C. since it was a British Royal Mail Ship. The ship's cook was nicknamed Buffalo Bill. When they got to Shanghai, China, Buffalo Bill took young **Victor G** up a hill that overlooked the city. At the top of the hill was a large pit with baskets covering the people's heads that were lined up around the pit. A large Chinaman with a sword would one by one lean them over, in one swift blow cut-off their head and the head and basket would fall in the pit. The Chinaman would then push the headless body into the pit. I guess it was sentencing day for their crimes that they may or may not have committed.



RMS Empress of India

When **Victor G** got back, his father **Elijah** was very displeased with Victor G and he put him in a Home for Wayward Boys for awhile to get his attention according to one family member. This hasn't been verified and I have found no evidence of it and that particular family member hasn't produced any documentation but it makes for a good story, I guess.

In 1905 he was working for F. C. Kaylor as an apprentice. Mr. Kaylor was a newspaper reporter. He was doing research on Western Washington. Kaylor eventually had his findings published.

Robert I. Adams recalls his father telling him "In 1907 I went to Goldendale (Washington). Bought a horse and rode it north to Okanogan (County). It took about a month to get there". I imagine he went there to visit his Uncle Joel Dewitt Adams. Also it was still one of the few areas in Washington State where a person could still homestead. And I imagine his father Elijah encouraged him about homesteading.

Well, I guess he wasn't impressed with the land that was available and went on his way.

1907/1908 Victor G was working as an electrician. He eventually became one of the first members of the IBEW Union in Washington State.

1909 Vic was attending Vashon College and Military Academy. While on Vashon Island according to his son Robert Irwin he was in charge of the operations of the Vashon Telephone Company.

1910 Victor G was attending the Highland Park College in Des Moines, Iowa. He was studying Electrical Engineering. According to his son Bob, Victor's parents bought him a Velodrome with the idea it would provide a income. Something went awry (He may have been using it for illegal gambling activities) and his mother Caroline and sister Portia had to go to Des Moines to get him. Robert was told this story by his Aunt Portia. The 1910 Federal Census has him living in Des Moines and he was a electrician.

1911-1913 Vic was in Panama working on the Panama Canal. No doubt as an electrician which were in short supply and they needed a small army of electrician for the canal work. He told me Panama was a rough place. One night **Victor G** and a friend went into a wrong bar in Balboa. He said they had to pull out their guns and back their way out of the joint. He didn't say whether or not any shots were fired. Whenever I would ask what he was doing there, he'd just say "I was just there" and that would be the end of the conversation.

The 31st of May 1913 **Victor G. Adams** signed a affidavits selling 80 acres of land that his father had sold to him when he was one year old. The grantee was Elijah M. Adams, his father. He sold it for ten dollars and other valuable considerations. The document was notarized by E.K. Curial, a Notary Public of the State of Minnesota in the County of Anoka. This document is on file at the County Auditors Office in Bellingham, Washington. **Victor G.** was most likely in Anoka County visiting his Uncle Scipio Bond.

June 1913 to 1914 or 1915 its unknown to me exactly where or what Victor G was doing.

It is unknown to me exactly when **Victor G.** first joined the Canadian Military during WWI. Maybe 1914, more likely 1915 to 1916. The person who has his military records isn't a very sharing individual with any family members. When the Canadian Troops were sent to England they were transferred into the British Military. The ones that became members of the British Royal Flying Corps , their records were stored in England. During World War II the building that the records were stored in took a direct hit from a German bomb and most were destroyed. I did a search with the Canadian and British Archives, the results were negative. I also contacted the Royal Air Force Museum in London. Their search of their records didn't yield anything.

I've pieced his military history through what he told me and some other family members. And what his mother, Caroline B. Adams, provided to Louis Jacobin who compiled and published, "Everyman and Women Index to With Colors from Whatcom, Skagit, San Juan Counties 1917, 1918 and 1919, Washington U.S.A." Copyright and published 1921.

Because of the 1818 Foreign Service Act which prohibits Americans from bearing arms in a conflict for a Foreign Nation, Caroline didn't give a complete account of **Victor G.'s** WWI experience.

Sometime after WWI started, **Victor G.** went to Canada and joined the Royal Flying Corps. It was first formed in 1912 but didn't become fully operational until 1917. It appears he volunteered for service in Europe. He was sent to England and then onto France where he was a member of the British Observation Corps. He was a Air Mechanic, 2nd Class(Radio/Telephone). He may have ended up being a Observer/Radio Man on an aircraft. For some unknown reason to me he was sent to a hospital in London (I can't remember). Apparently after being treated, he became an orderly for a short while. According to Robert Adams, his son, his father became a driver or some type of assistant to a high ranking British Officer. Victor G did tell me about high ranking officers and British High Ranking Officers meeting with allies. At that

time General DeGault was a LTC or Colonel and was at the meeting. For some reason he became agitated and jumped out of a two story window, eventually in the fall his head struck the ground. Victor G laughed about it whenever he'd tell me that story. Can't remember the exact reason why DeGault jumped out of the window. He thought DeGault was on the goofy side.

Victor G. told me that he enjoyed London. For the women of London, England during the war there was a shortage of men. Victor G said, "The women use to stand on the street corners (in the evening) looking for action. Whenever a man would approach or walk by, they'd whistle at him and pinch him on the butt". It was a good time to be a man in London for Victor G.

It appears sometime in 1917 he was sent back to Canada. He had about one year left of his service contract.

Victor G.'s WWI Draft Registration Card, 5 June 1917. The card was filled out by the registrar. The birth year is wrong. The question, Do you claim exemption from the draft (Specify grounds), the response written was "Moral Deficiency". Where the person is suppose to sign the document affirming their answers are true and correct is unsigned. The the back of the form is the Registrar's Report. Out of the choices Tall, medium, short, the registrar wrote medium. **Victor G.** was 5'4". Eyes blue, hair dark brown. Written in and crossed out Broken Leg in the section reference missing limbs. When **Victor** was fifteen years old he did break a leg while ice skating.

I don't know if he made a personal appearance before the draft board or somebody went before it for him. Canada did watch out for their American Enlistees. It is possible, when he got back from Europe, he was given a furlough and went back to Washington for a visit.

The 25th of August 1917 Victor G. entered the USA. Destination (visiting) Niagara Falls, NY. On the Border Crossing Card his nationality is listed as Canadian. Occupation: Soldier. Address: Toronto, Canada. In the section ever in US, he puts From 1890 to May 1917, Where: Various places. Interesting, he wasn't in Seattle to go before the Draft Board the 5th of June 1917. Also there is no indication that he had been to Canada before May of 1917. I think he didn't want any written record that he was out of the country before 1917.

A photograph that I have of **Victor G.** shows him poised in uniform. At first, I thought he was in a Canadian RFC Uniform but doing a little research, to me appears it might be a British RFC Uniform rather than Canadian.



While in Canada in 1917 and 1918 he served at Camp Bordon and Camp Mohawk. He was discharged in October 1918 in Toronto, Canada.

In 1918/1920 the Axeman of New Orleans had the city gripped in fear. He would enter people's houses and kill them with an ax. My grandfather use to enjoy telling me the story about the Axeman of New Orleans. **Victor G.** told me that he worked for the railroad and he had the run from Chicago to New Orleans, He enjoyed his time in the Big Easy. Uncle Bob remembers that his Dad worked for the Central Railroad. He was in charge of the railroad signaling system from Chicago to New Orleans. **Victor G.** was constantly making railroad trips between the two cities and stopping off and inspecting and if necessary repairing the signaling system. Sometimes he had a gang of black fellows working for him to do some of the repairs. He'd tell them about how long the job would take and that if they got the job done before then they could take it easy for the rest of the day. He had their full attention and they would do their utmost to get the job done as quickly as possible so they could lay around the rest of the day. He kept his word so they liked working for him.

1920 **Victor G. Adams** was in Akron, Ohio working as a electrician according to the Federal Census.

The 13th of January 1927 **Victor Goldsmith Adams** married Hazel Louise Clapper. She was the daughter of Charles Clapper and Matilda Alberta Seibold. She had a young son from a previous marriage? **Victor G.** adopted the baby Charles Melvin Clapper and raised him as his own son. Charles always held Victor G in high esteem and always thought of him and treated him as his father.

Children born to **Victor G. Adams and Hazel Clapper.**

George Eugene born April 27th 1928 in Lorain County, Ohio. Married Marilyn Smikle the 14th of September 1948



George and Marilyn Adams

Children of George and Marilyn:

Christie, Sherman, Connie and Charlie.

Robert Irving born the 12th of August 1929 in Sheffield Lake, Lorain, Ohio.

He married Jeanette Le Moine.

Children of Robert and Jeanette:

Michael, Heather and Shelly.



Robert Irving Adams, August 2011, Kettle Falls, Washington

In 1931 **Victor G. Adams** decided he had had enough of the flat lands. It was the time of the Great Depression and the Cleveland Area was hit hard by it. Their destination was Longview, Washington. Vic bought a pickup truck to haul their furniture and other personal items. Hazel followed in their car with Charles, George and Robert. At that time there wasn't a good highway system so I imagine it was an interesting trip with three small children.

Victor G got a job as an electrician in a mill in Longview, Washington. He told me that his uncle (George) had helped him to get the job.

Patsy Louise Adams was born in Longview, Washington in 20 February 1932.

She married Francis Gene Bartholomew 2 July 1948. Children:

Barry, Terry, Kerry, Garry, Melody and Sherry.

Shirley Ann Adams was also born in Longview about 1934.

She married Floyd Adams. No relation. Shirley and Floyd had four children:

Gregory, Caroline, Leon and Shane.



Shirley, Patsy, Lucy, and George early 1950s



Victor G at what appears to be a pump station in Alaska.
Possibly outside of Nome, Alaska.

From Longview they moved north to Snohomish County, Washington and acquired some land in Maltby which **Victor G** turned into farm. During much of the thirties he spent the summers in Alaska working. When he got back to Maltby he'd have to go to work for the WPA because his wife Hazel Clapper had a big heart and was feeding the neighborhood and any tramp or bum that showed up at the backdoor. They lived close to a railroad switching yard.

Lucille Adams was born at the Snohomish General Hospital on the 2nd of December 1935.

Lucy married Barney, one child, Lucy.

Lucy married Arthur Bunnell. Three children, Robert Paul, Gay Lee and Gwen.

Victor Gene Adams was born at the Snohomish General Hospital about 1939. He was the baby of the family.

He married Judy Le Moine.

Children of Victor Gene and Judy: Debra, Daryl, Diane and Danny.



Bob, George, Victor Gene, Lucy and Victor Goldsmith Adams

The World War II years saw **Victor G.** in a number of types of jobs for the war effort. For awhile he was an Inspector at the Naval Ship Yards inspecting Naval Ships being built for the war. I imagine he primarily did the electrical aspect of the inspecting. At the request his employers he went to work at the Hanford Project in Eastern Washington. The FBI had him snooping on workers at the project. As an electrician he had free reign to go wherever he wanted to at the project. According to his son Robert Adams, one day he came home sick and was infirm for several months. Quite possibly from radiation poisoning.

In the mid to late fifties **Victor G.** retired. Hazel wanted to travel, Victor G also wanted to travel and go rock hounding, he was very interested and knowledgeable about geology. Hazel Clapper demanded that they sell the farm in Maltby and buy a top of the line Airstream. **Victor G.** wanted something more reasonably priced. After her constant nagging and badgering **Victor G.** threw in the towel. They sold the farm and bought a top of the line Airstream and hit the road.

They explored the Southwest Part of the USA. Sometimes their son Robert (aka Uncle Bobby) would travel with them and would go out on rock hounding expeditions with

Victor G. who would walk him into the ground.

For a few years they lived in the Omaha, Nebraska Area where their son George lived with his young family. Victor G worked at Boys Town as an electrician. At Boys Town at times he would discuss religion with Father Flanagan. In his younger days Victor G attended Northwestern University. He was one semester short in getting his engineering degree. His minor was religion. At the time of the discussions with Father Flanagan he was a atheist. In later years, I think he was more of a agnostic.

About 1964 they returned to Snohomish County, Washington and settled in the town of Snohomish. In 1966 they had a house at 426 Avenue H. Victor G enjoyed puttering around in his work shop and reading extensively. His wife Hazel Clapper acquired the reading habit from him and also read extensively.



The Victor Goldsmith Adams Family, early 1970s:

Bottom Row, Victor Gene, Victor Goldsmith, Wife Hazel Louise Clapper Adams, Adopted Son Charles Melvin.

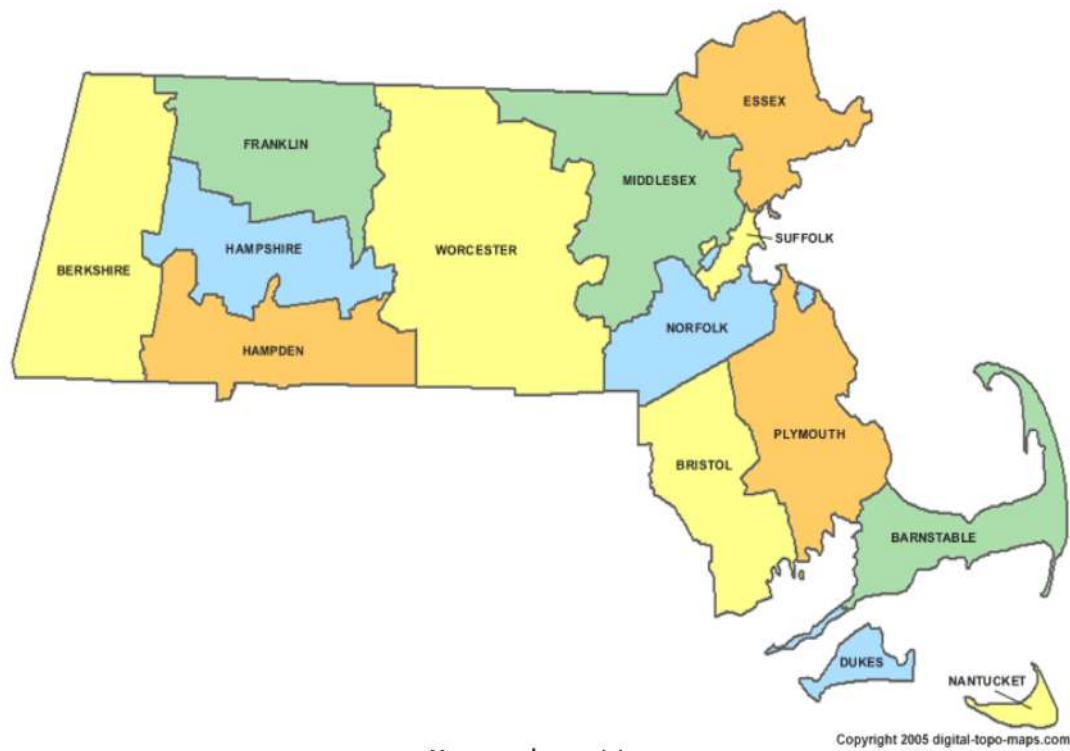
Top row: Lucille Caroline, Shirley Ann, Patsy Louise, Robert Irving and George Eugene

Victor Goldsmith Adams died in April 1976 in Snohomish, Washington. He was 86 years old. His son Robert was at his bedside when he died. Bob told me "I'll always will remember him as a "Good Man". "

Hazel Louise Clapper Adams died in October 1980 in Snohomish, Washington. She was 73 years old.

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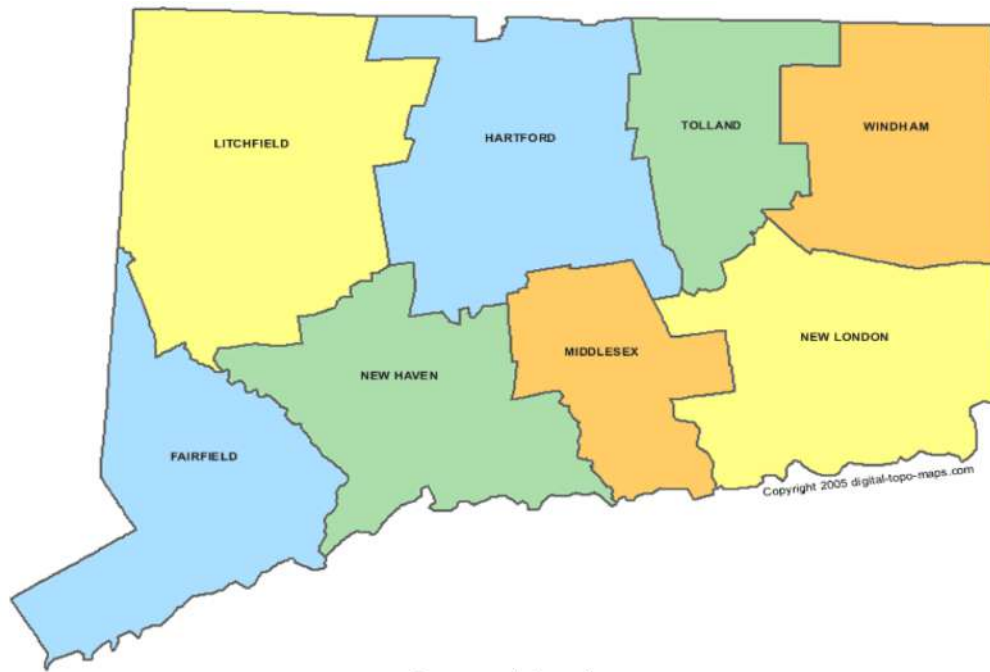
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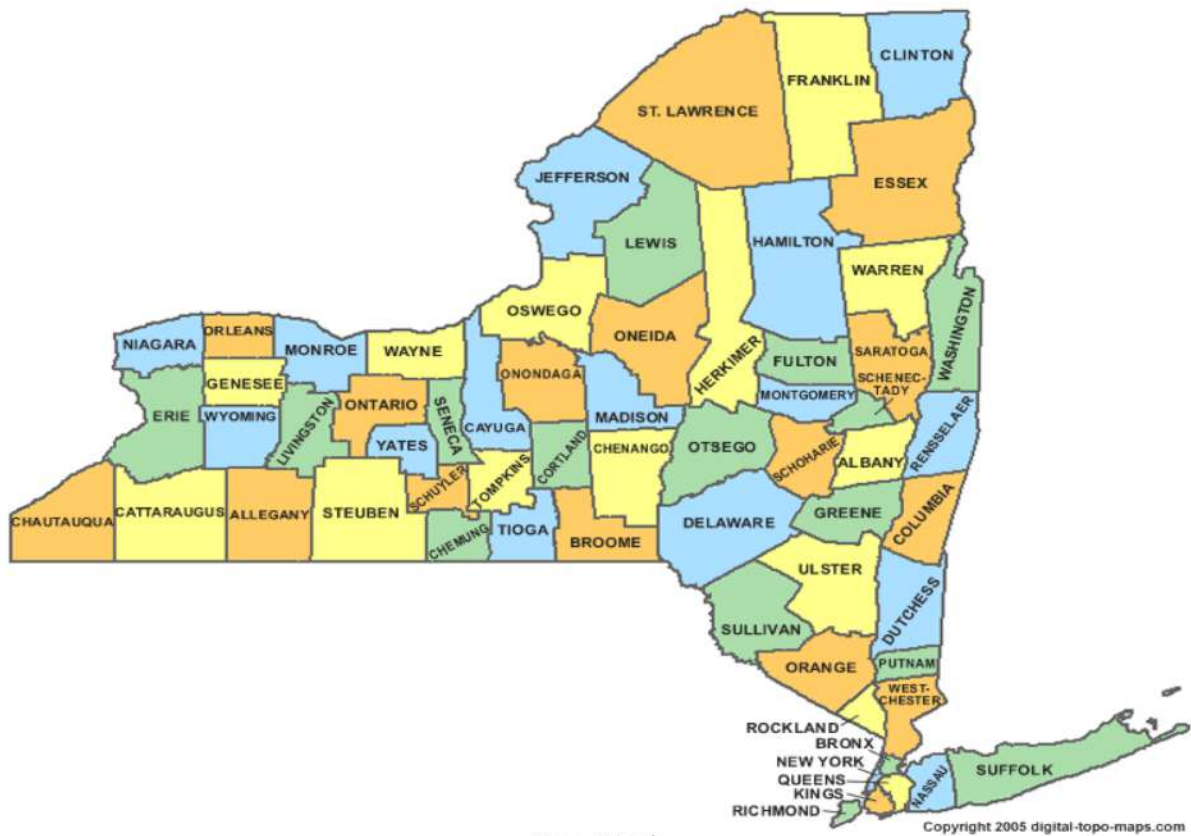
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