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The Adams Family - "One of our brick walls"

Our interest in the ancestry of the ADAMS is because of Abigail ADAMS who married Jacob HEATH in Sep 1785 in Salem, Essex County, MA. We present a brief pedigree chart for Abigail as best as we have been able to determine. Abigail's parents are believed to be Richard ADAMS and wife Anna (TICKNOR). Richard ADAMS was born 1 September 1744 in Preston, CT 7 child, 4th son of Richard ADAMS, Jr and Susanna PRESTON. As we try to determine the ancestry of Abigail, we offer excerpts from a paper published in New England Historical and Genealogical Register.¹

FAMILY OF JOHN ADAMS OF PLYMOUTH

JOHN¹ ADAMS arrived at Plymouth in the *Fortune*, Nov. 9, 1621. He died in 1633. His Widow Ellen, presented "an inventory of the goods and chattels of her late husband, John Adams, deceased, upon oath, Nov. 11, 1633, and whereas the said John died without a will, it was ordered that if in the case the said Ellen shall have an inclination to marry, she before her said marriage, estate the three children of her former husband deceased, James, John and Susan, in £5 sterling apiece to be paid when they come to years of discretion according to the Statutes of England." [*Plymouth Colonial Court Records*, quoted by J. H. Hatch, Esq.] She is sometimes called Eleanor and Helen. She is supposed to have been Ellen Newton, to whom land was granted in 1623, among those who came in the *Ann*. [Savage's *Genealogical Dictionary*, vol. 1, p. 10; Baylie's *New Plymouth*, Pt. I, p. 260] In June 1634, she married Kenelm Winslow, of Marshfield, and died in that town. She was buried Dec. 5, 1681, "being 83 years old." [Dr. Holton's *Winslow Memorial*, vol 1, p. 73, quoting record.]

¹ In October of 1879, In volume 33, and on pages 410—413, of the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, there was a very interesting and informative Article published about the Family of John Adams of Plymouth, Massachusetts.

- Children of John Adams and Ellen Newton:
 - i. (2) James Adams, married Frances, daughter of Mr. William Vassel, in Scituate, June 16, 1646.
 - ii. (3) John Adams, married 1st, Jane James, 1654; married 2nd, Elizabeth — about 1663
 - iii. Susan Adams.

2. JAMES² ADAMS (*John*¹), "resided on a farm on the Marshfield side of North River, nearly opposite Mr. Vassall's, the father of Mrs Adams. They worshipped with the second church in Scituate, and their children were carried there for baptism." [*Memorials of Marshfield* , by Marcia A. Thomas, pp. 36-37. Miss Thomas adds this quotation: "James Adams died at sea, on board the good ship *James*, 16 Jan. 1651; " but the year must be an error, perhaps, typographical, as he had a child born in March 1651. *Savage*(1, 10) gives the date "19 Jan 1653 "Qu. 1653-4?]

The *Plymouth Colony Records*, under date of June 10, 1651, record that James Adams came before the governor and acknowledged that he had received from Kenelm Winslow the £5 which was to be paid to him when he became of age, and "on the 26th of December 1651, it was ordered to be entered upon the publicke record as payed and received." [*Plymouth Colony Records* (Boston, 1855), vol. ii. p.176]

James Adam's widow, Frances, had 150 acres of land laid out to her by the Massachusetts General Court, May 7, 1673, "About eight miles northward from Lancaster." [*Massachusetts Colony Records* (Boston, 1854), vol v. pp 524 and 539]

Children of James Adams and Frances Vassall:

- i. William, born May 16, 1647; bapt. by Mr. Witherell, May 23, 1647.
- ii. Anna, born April 18, 1649; bapt. May 20, 1649
- iii. Richard, born April 19, 1651; bapt. April 27, 1651.
- iv. Mary, born Jan 27, 1653; bapt. Feb 5, 1653.
- v. Margaret, (no record of birth), bapt. March 18, 1654 [Letter of Charles E. Bailey, Esq. of South Scituate.]

3. JOHN² ADAMS (John¹) settled first in Marshfield. "He dwelt near Mount Skirgo, an elevation of the Marshfield bounds of the forest which lies between this town and Pembroke."

Children of John Adams and his first wife Joane:

Mary, born 3, 5, 1656.

Martha, born 4, 1, 1658.

Rebecca, born 13, 12 1661; married Henry Clifford, of Flushing, 29, 3, 1686.

Children of John Adams and his second wife Elizabeth:

John, born 17, 6 , 1664; died 4, 8, 1665.

Elizabeth, born 9, 1, 1665. [married 23, 1, 1692, William Hollingshead]

Sarah, born 28, 2, 1668.

James, born 4, 8, 1671.

Susanna, born 6, 9, 1674.

Hannah, born 15, 12, 1675.

Deborah, born 7, 3, 1678.

John, born 10, 7, 1680; died 30, 10, 1688.

Abigail, born 2, 11, 1682.

Thomas, born 12, 11, 1684.

Marsey, born 13, 10, 1686.

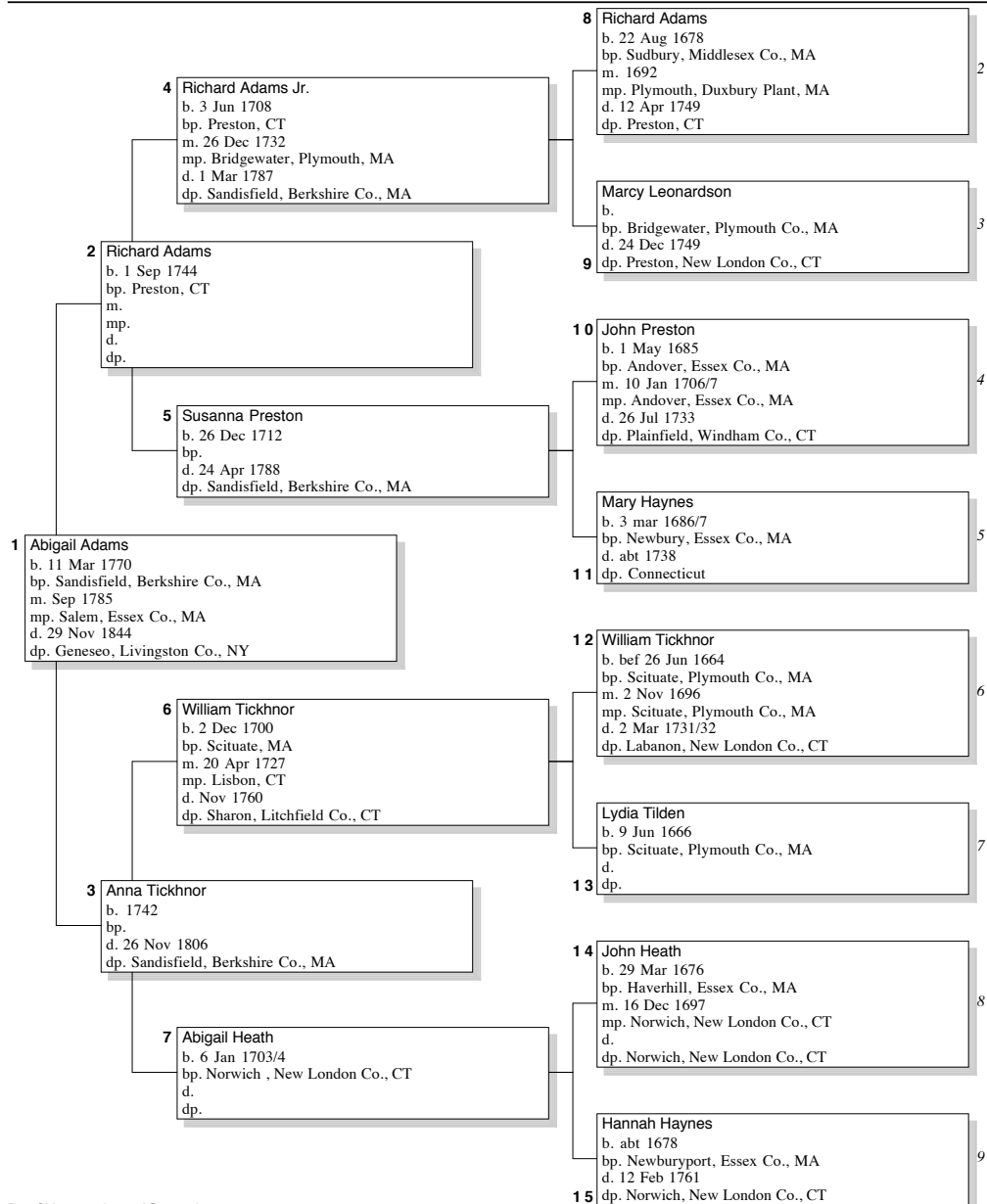
Phebe, born 9, 12, 1690.

This ends excerpts from the Article from the New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 33: 410-413.

Our interest in this family is the the first son James Adams(2) above and his wife Frances Vassall. We include the family information for the second son #3 above for completeness. On the following two pages we have pedigree for Abigail ADAMS wife of Jacob HEATH.(great great grandparents)

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Chart #1



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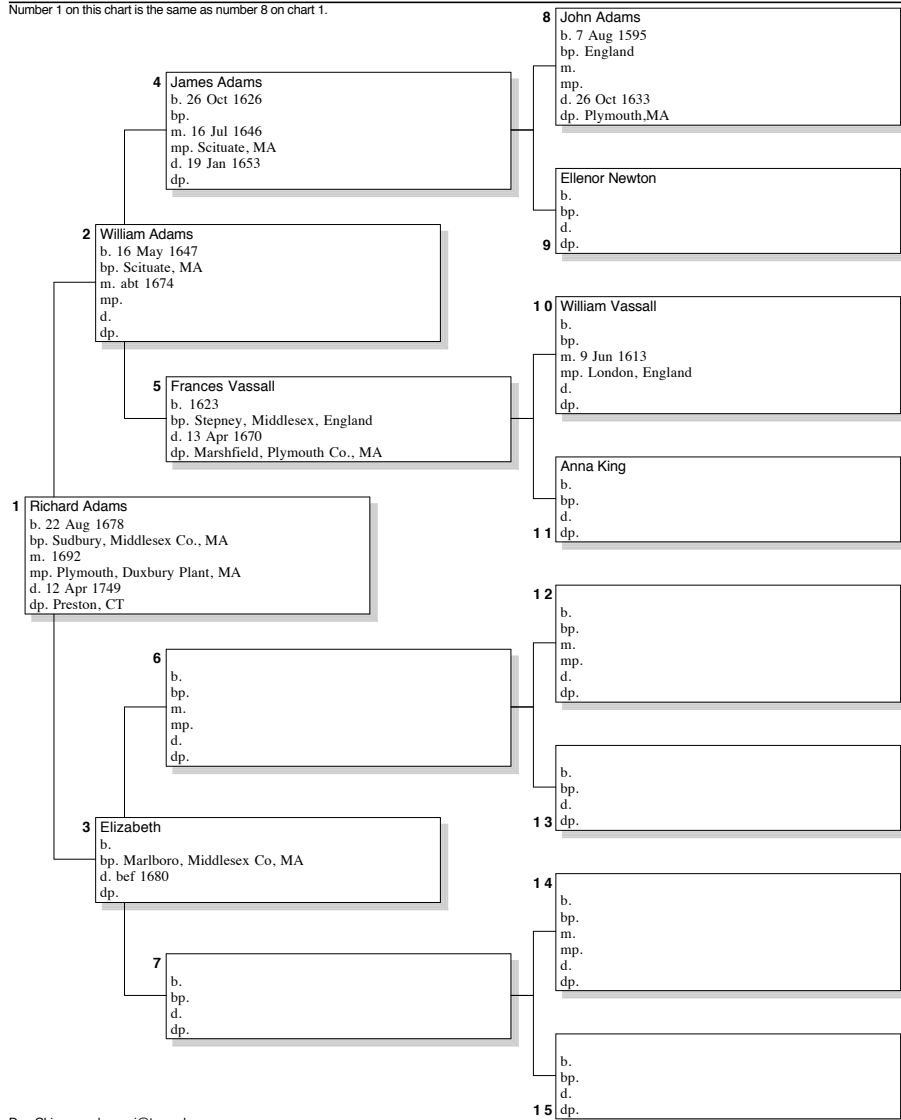
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The chart above, our interest is ancestry of Abigail Adams thru Richard Adams (box 8) b 22 Aug 1678. Her Adams ancestry continues in the chart on the following page - Starts with Richard Adams (box 8 above and in box 1 on page 5 chart #2)

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Chart #2

Number 1 on this chart is the same as number 8 on chart 1.



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The pedigree charts shown on pages 4 & 5 depict the ancestry of our Abigail Adams as we have in our family tree. I believe this information ties into the “Family of John Adams” as presented on our page 1 of this issue.

So what next for our research of the Adams Family?

I have studied the life of Abigail and John Adams (Our 2nd US President) and have wondered if we are related in any way. So next on my list is to research the ancestry of this John Adams and determine if there is any relationship to our ADAMS tree.

CHARLES W. FITCH DIARIES

Transcribing continues. Judy Jett is working on transcribing 1957. Don Chinnery has started to transcribe a diary that contains four years. 1944-1947, currently working on 1944. I find transcribing especially slow as I am not a speed typist. This four year volume is especially slow, because for any given day, there are entries for each of the four years included in the book. We will continue to progress with this project. All previously transcribed diaries (11) are available at the Chinnery website. www.chinnery.info - Click on genealogy and on that page you will find the link to the diaries. All are available as "pdf" files and easily downloaded, than you can read or print off line.

Missing diaries.

Having two diaries currently available(covering 5 years), we wonder what happened to all the other years. Are they still in existence? Are they buried in some boxes of family materials and being overlooked? This is **an appeal** to all my cousins to please review all the accumulations you find in your mothers, and aunts homes. Do not throw any possible family artifacts.

Diaries - What should we do with the copies in Existence?.

Based on only having two books left (one containing four years, I guess we can expect this project to come to end, unless more copies surface. The question now arises what should we do with the copies we do have. The transcriptions are available in pdf format. Most of my cousins that did supply the volumes have died and/or indicated they did not what them returned. In fact except for one copy 1908 which was returned to the family years ago, how should we distribute those that I do have. **Please send me some suggestions - what years would you like to have?**

RESEARCHING

Donald Chinnery has been researching the following branches

John ADAMS

John Adams, 2nd President of the United States and his wife Abigail Smith. I have been a student and admirer of John and Abigail ADAMS and with the connection to ADAMS family as presented on the first pages of this newsletter now have the goal to see if this famous ADAMS is related to the ADAMS family of our tree.

Children of Alfred Thompson and Rebecca Watts

Issue #38 of The Four Drive reported on our research for the ancestors of Rebecca Watts. Sad to say we have not been able to get thru that brick wall.As reported in Issue #39 we have found additional information on the children of Alfred and Rebecca, siblings of my grandmother Margaret Chinnery.

Ella THOMPSON

The oldest was Ella R. Thompson born ca 1868 in Illinois. Ella married Louis Ellsner, 28 August 1889 in Ashtabula, OH. Louis and Ella had one daughter Isabelle Mary Ellsner born 17 Nov 1902 in Eire County, NY she died in Buffalo NY January 1987 unmarried and there were no known children. So this branch ends there.

RESEARCH (cont'd)

We believe the parents of Louis² were John and Minnie Ellsner. Minnie was found in Census for 1900 and Louis was living with her age 24 bp Illinois. This seems to be a conflict as he would have been age 14 at marriage. A Lewis Ellsner and Ella Ellsner with daughter Mary were living in Erie County, NY in 1910. Louis died in Chicago in February 4, 1911. Louis is listed as next of kin for burial arrangements for Alfred Thompson, 13 May 1900 in Greenwood Cemetery, Cook County, Il

Census 1910 (April 15 1910)

Lewis Ellsner³ age 42 Carpenter in Stage - married 20 years (would be 21 yrs in August)

Ella Ellsner age 40

Mary I Ellsner age 7

Census 1920

Ella Ellsner

age 48 Wd bp Illinois NJ and England for m & f Cleaner in Theater

age 17 S bp NY Usher in Theater

Census 1930

Ella Ellsner age 56 Widowed matron theatre

Isabella Ellsner ag 27 single polisher A? Factory

583 Spring Street Buffalo NY

Census 1940

These records should be available in 2012.

Clara THOMPSON

Clara THOMPSON was sister to my grandmother Margaret CHINNERY nee Thompson. She was one of three daughters of Alfred and Rebecca (nee WATTS) THOMPSON. Clara married Daniel MEAGHER 22 September 1892. Witth contacts on internet via Ancestry and available census records thru 1930 we have traced 4 generations of descendants for Clara and Daniel Meagher. Again we are anxiously looking for the 1940 Census due to be released in 2012.

Family Group Sheet for Daniel and Clara (nee Thompson) Meager follows on next two pages.

² Louis and Lewis seemed to be used inter changeably . This was common - enumerators, whatever the occassion wrote what they heard according to there spelling knowledge.

³ Also various spellings of Ellsner, Elsner.

Daniel and Clara(Thompson) Meager fgs

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Name	Daniel Edward Meagher	
Birth	22 Aug 1861	Williamstown, Ontario ¹
Death	13 Feb 1941	Greenwood, Franklin Co., KS ¹
Father	James Meagher (1812-1884)	
Mother	Margaret Donnelly (1819-1885)	
Marriage	22 Sep 1892	Vulcan, Dickinson Co., MI ²
Spouse	Clara B Thompson³	
Birth	3 Aug 1873	Chicago, Cook Co., IL ^{1, 4}
Death	20 Jan 1960	Homewood, Franklin Co., KS ¹
Father	Alfred Thompson (1844-1900)	
Mother	Rebecca "J" Watts (ca1847-1880)	
Children		
1 F	Theresa M Meagher	
Birth	24 Jul 1893	Vulcan, MI ¹
Death	22 Jun 1976	Williamsburg, KS ¹
Spouse	Earl Reed	
2 M	Daniel Meagher	
Birth	14 Jun 1895	Scottville, Mason Co., MI
Death	29 Aug 1943	Anacortes, WA
Spouse	Ida C Loessin	
3 F	Barbara Belle Meagher	
Birth	14 Sep 1897	Scottville, Mason Co., MI ^{1, 5, 4}
Death	May 1981	Arcadia, OK ¹
4 M	No Name Meagher¹	
Birth	May 1902	Scottville, Mason Co., MI
Death	May 1902	Scottville, Mason Co., MI
5 M	Francis Edward Meagher¹	
Birth	Apr 1903	Scottville, Mason Co., MI
Death	15 Aug 1915	OKklahoma
6 F	Isabella Ella Meagher¹	
Birth	24 Sep 1906	Shawnee, OK
Death	Aug 1909	Oklahoma
7 F	Marjorie Joy Meagher	
Birth	2 Dec 1909	Meeker, OK ¹
Death	7 Jan 1974	Williamsburg, KS
8 M	Michael Alfred Meagher¹	
Birth	3 Aug 1914	Shawnee, OK ¹
Death	13 Jan 1994	Bellingham, WA ¹
Spouse	Elaine McGhee	
Notes for Daniel Edward Meagher		
<p>1900 living in Custer Census 1900 & 1920 shows bd as Aug 1861 naturalized 1892 came here 1886 (Census 1920)⁶</p> <p>Since living in Custer I suspect married in Mason County BUT SEE RECENT ADDITION OF VULCAN MI MARRIAGE. PARENTAGE NOT IN LINE WITH OTHER NOTES</p> <p>But marriage in Vulcan Dickinson County some births of children there too need to check births in Mason County</p> <p>Also parents of Daniel and Clara not in line with what we previously surmised</p> <p>*****</p> <p>The following is from footnotes by Brenda Meada file Footnote: As Daniel was the youngest of the family, he was responsible for helping out his parents as they aged. Mike Meagher, son of Daniel and Clara Meagher, writes that "Dad cut trees and covered the</p>		

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Name	Daniel Edward Meagher
Spouse	Clara B Thompson³
Notes for Daniel Edward Meagher (Continued)	
<p>cabin roof as it was summer and his Dad died and they did not embalm them, or did not him, as they were poor..." Daneil went to work for the Canadian Pacific Railroad at age 14. Mike Meagher writes in a letter that, "he was firing locomotive laying steel behind the construction crew. This line was Port Arthur West - Fort William, Kenora, and Thunder Bay. Father recalled taking a load of machinery across Lake Michigan and getting into storm, and nearly losing machinery. The vessel was Francis Smith (side Wheeler). After unloading, it sank with all hands - on return trip. Said it 'creaked and groaned' all the way up with the load." Daniel worked for the Pennsylvania Iron Mining Company as a mining engineer. The mines were shut down soon after Grover Cleveland was elected president. Daniel went to South Bend, Indiana for work moving weeds from along the railroad for 50 cents a day. He was later offered a job in the Studebaker Wagon works in South Bend, later known as Studabaker Autos. At this time his mother, Margaret, died and he returned to Canada to bury her. He returned to America with a settlement of \$900.00 of which he used to purchase land for the family farm in Scottville, Michigan. There he built his own buildings. The rest of the family supposedly got 1000s of dollars. He later showed his son Mike Meagher, "all that was left of the fortune." It was a steel square which was the only tool left of his purchases made with the money. After hurt feelings because of being left out of the "family fortune," Daniel never spoke to his family after leaving. Little is known of them because of this. It is said that Daniel's story differs from the rest because of the resentment, etc. In a letter dated Jan. 5, 1930 from Daniel's nephew, James (son of Sarah), it is written.. "...you know it is a long long time since I saw you and I often wondered where you were or what had become of you. To hear from you now takes me back to the little house in the Gore and going hunting with you." Daniel was the last of 13 children born to James and Margaret.</p> <p>copied June 6, 2011</p>	
Notes for Clara B Thompson	
<p>Best information I have had was from census record that she was born in 1873. Brenda Meade has 03 Aug 1876¹</p> <p>1900 Census shows her birthday as August 1873 bp Michigan parents as NJ (note later census got it right)</p> <p>Problem is that Margaret was born 10 Sep 1875 and was the youngest so the 1876 date could be in error</p> <p>1880 Census with Parents in Michigan last name spelled Thompsen see Alfred Thompson</p>	
Sources	
<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Family information from Brenda Meade 2. IGI - Marriage Search 3. Claribel Shrink Chinnery, Personal letter to Donald Chinnery, dated 12 May 1997 also a letter dated October 21, 1996 4. Federal Population Census 1900 5. Mason Co., Michigan Records of Births asfound on LDS records. 6. Federal Population Census 1920 	
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RESEARCH (cont'd)**Richard ADAMS** (1 Sep 1744)

We are still trying to track this Richard. We believe that he died in Livingston Co., NY in the 1830's We found a Richard ADAMS in Livingston County Census for 1820 and 1830 and the ages are possible match.

VITAL RECORDS**BIRTHS**

None reported.

MARRIAGES

none reported

DEATHS**Alfred THOMPSON, died** 13 May 1900 at age 56Alfred Thompson Male White bp NY

age 56 lived 32 yrs in Illinois

13 May 1900 - Occupation Sailor

transported from 566 Carroll Ave to Hospital

Burial Mt Greenwood⁴ May 16, 1900

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⁴ Note received July 30, 2003 from Mt. Greenwood Cemetery, 2900 west 111th Chicago IL 60655

"Alfred Thompson was 56 years old when he was buried on May 16, 1900, he died on May 13, 1900 from pneumonia and pyema at Cook County hospital in Chicago, Illinois.

His listed kindred was Louis Ellsner. Alfred is buried in a single grave area with no marker on his grave in Section 8 Lot 1 Tier 22, Grave 7. If you would like a copy of this record there is a \$2.00 service fee. Thank you" Kim Demas