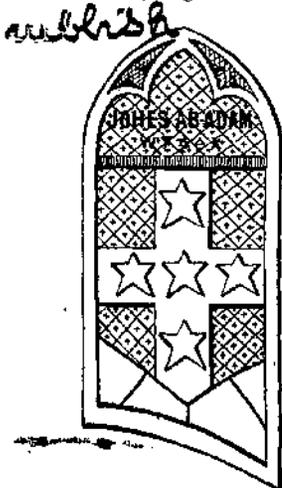


Richard Adams are mentioned in Farmer's Register as among the earliest settlers of Massachusetts. A partial record is shown of the following:

1. JOHN came to Plymouth in the ship "Fortune," November 11, 1621.
2. HENRY with eight sons, settled at Mt. Wollaston (Braintree), 1634.
3. WILLIAM, of Cambridge, 1635; removed to Ipswich before 1642.
4. ROBERT, tailor, Ipswich, 1635; Salem, 1638; Newbury, 1640.
5. RICHARD, Weymouth, 1635; representative, 1637.
6. RICHARD, bricklayer, Salem; came in the ship "Abigail," 1635.
7. JEREMY, Braintree, 1632; Cambridge, 1635; Hartford, 1636.
8. FERNANDINI, shoemaker, from London, 1637
9. GEORGE, a glover, Watertown, before 1645; removed to Lexington in 1664.
10. CHRISTOPHER, mariner, Braintree, 1645; Kittery, Me., before 1668.
 RALPH, Elizabeth City, Va., 1623. Adams.
 RALPH, James Island, Va., 1623.
 ROBERT, Martin's Hundred, 1624.
 RICHARD, age 22, embarked for Virginia in ship "Globe," of London, Aug. 6, 1638.



The earliest record of the English branch of the Adams family is that of John Ap Adam, of Charlton Adam, in Somersetshire, who married Elizabeth, daughter of and heiress to John, Lord Gourney, of Beviston and Tidenham, County of Gloucester, who was summoned to Parliament as Baron of the Realm, 1296 to 1307. In the upper part of a Gothic window on the southeast side of Tidenham church, near Chopstow, the name of JOHES AB ADAM, 1310; and "Arms, argent on a cross gules five mullets or," of Lord Ap Adam, are still to be found beautifully executed in stained glass of great thickness and in perfect preservation.

This church is still in a good state of preservation. It originally stood within the boundary of Wales, but at a later period the boundary line was changed, and it now stands on English soil.

The Arms and crest borne by the family are described as

ARMS.—Argent on a cross gules, five mullets or.

CREST.—Out of a ducal coronet a demi lion.

MOTTO.—Loyal au mort.

A motto commonly used by this branch of the Adams family is:

"Aspire, Persevere, and Indulge Not."

Still another:

"Sub cruce veritas."

The first one is preferred as expressive of the characteristics of the descendants of Henry of Braintree.

AP ADAM (1) "came out of the Marches of Wales." [Lords of the Marches were noblemen, who in the early ages inhabited and secured the Marches of Wales and Scotland, ruling as if they were petty kings, with their private laws; these were subsequently abolished.]