

JOSEPH, the eldest son, graduated at Harvard College in 1745; he studied medicine against his father's wishes, who desired him to enter the ministry. He married Joanna, dau. of Major Ezekiel Gilman, of Exeter, and settled at Newington.

BENJAMIN, the youngest son, b. Jan. 18, 1729, married, first, Abigail Pickering, of Newington; his second wife was Susanna Brown, of Rochester. He died March 24, 1803. Hon. Isaac Adams, of Sandwich, N. H., formerly of Boston, inventor of the famous Adams Printing Press, was a great grandson of Benjamin.

Rev. Joseph Adams married for his second wife, Elizabeth Bracket, of Greenland, June 3, 1760.

EBENEZER ADAMS, of Braintree, b. 1704, known as Capt. Ebenezer Adams, was brother of Rev. Joseph, of Newington, and tenth child of the second Joseph, of Braintree. His wife was Anne, dau. of Peter Boylston, of Brookline. He was the father of Rev. Zabel Adams, minister of Lunenburg, Mass., a distinguished preacher, and the grandfather of Z. B. Adams, M. D., of Boston, an eminent physician. The children of Ebenezer Adams and Anne (Boylston) Adams were: 1. Peter; 2. Anne; 3. Boylston; 4. Ebenezer, m. Mehitable Spear, 14 Dec., 1758; 5. Micayah, b. 1741.

PETER ADAMS, b. 1669, eighth child of "VII Joseph, of Braintree," m. 12 Feb., 1695, Mary, dau. of Christopher Webb. They had MARY, b. 27 Jan., 1696; ABIGAIL, b. 15 Aug., 1698; PETER, b. 13 Aug., 1700; HANNAH, b. 12 Oct., 1702; ESTHER, b. 11 Aug., 1707; MEHITABLE, b. 25 Nov., 1708; JEDEDIAH, b. 21 Jan., 1711; H. C., minister of Stoughton; BETHIA, b. 3 July, died young.



JOHN ADAMS, second President U. S., was born in that part of Braintree now known as Quincy, Mass., Oct. 19, 1735; died July 4, 1826. He was the eldest son of John Adams, a farmer, and Susanna Boylston, and was a direct descendant of Henry Adams (1), of Braintree, through VII. Joseph (1), son of the emigrant, Joseph (2), and John (2).

He graduated at Harvard College in 1755, and while preparing himself for the profession of the law, taught school at Worcester for about two years. He was intended for the ministry, but could not subscribe to the orthodox creed of Calvinism.

He studied law and was admitted to the bar in 1758, and afterwards resided with his father at Braintree for several years, where he acquired a good practice. He married, in 1764, Abigail Smith (a granddaughter of Col. John Quincy), a woman of excellent character and superior talents. His first active participation in political affairs was on the occasion of the passage of the Stamp Act in 1765. At a meeting of the citizens of Braintree, he offered resolutions or instructions addressed to the Legislature, which were approved and were adopted by forty other towns in Massachusetts. He published, in 1765, an "Essay on Canon and Feudal Law." The same year he was appointed by the Town of Boston, together with Jeremiah Gridley and James Otis, to support a memorial addressed to the Governor and Council that the courts might