

Camden, S. C.; *Joseph*, the youngest child. The Rev. Amos Adams afterwards married Sarah Chauncey, but she had no children. He graduated at Harvard College in 1752, and was ordained Sept. 12, 1753. He was the fourth minister of the First Church of Roxbury, Mass., succeeding Rev. Oliver Peabody. The old house occupied by him is still standing. He was an able and very energetic preacher. His voice was uncommonly sonorous and plaintive, and though some were disgusted with the plainness of his speech and the length of his sermons, yet he was popular in the pulpit, and had great influence over the people. He was an ardent patriot from the first, earnestly co-operating in the efforts of the people to stop importation from the Mother Country, and to encourage domestic manufactures. An instance of the spirit that pervaded all classes at the time is found in the fact that one day in September, 1768, nearly sixty young women of Roxbury, Mass., met at the minister's house and gave Mrs. Adams the materials for and the spinning of about one hundred skeins of linen yarn. "Such an unusual and beautiful appearance," says the chronicle, "drew a great many spectators from town and country, who expressed the highest satisfaction at such industry." Mr. Adams was scribe of the Convention of ministers at Watertown, which, in May, 1775, recommended to the people to take up arms. Assiduous in his labor, he not only visited his own scattered parishioners, but also the soldiers stationed among them. It is said that after preaching all day to his own people, he addressed the regiment (Ninth Mass. Militia, of which he was chaplain) in the open air, and that his death, which speedily ensued at Dorchester, October 5th, 1775, was occasioned by a fever brought on by this extra exertion and exposure. Dr. Eliot, the biographer, says he fell a victim to the prevalent camp dysentery, which spread more than twenty miles in the environs of Boston. He was buried with military honors by his own regiment, on the Saturday following his death, having served nearly twenty-three years as minister of the church.

JOSEPH, youngest child of the Rev. Amos Adams and his wife, Elizabeth Prentice, lived after his father's death with his stepmother, Sarah Chauncey, and when she died was taken charge of by his father's sister, *Keziah Adams*, who married Dr. Holt, of Bristol, Conn. Joseph Adams married Deborah Marsh, of Litchfield, Conn., and resided there until his death in 1856. The children of Joseph and Deborah (Marsh) Adams were:

SARAH, married Tracy Peck.

BETSEY, married Charles May.

HENRY, married, had children.

AMOS, married ———

CHARLES, married Julia M. Hinman.

WILLIAM THOMAS, unmarried.

KEZIAH HOLT, married Henry W. Rogers, of Buffalo, afterwards of Ann Arbor, Mich.; no children.

JOHN MARSH, third son of Joseph and Deborah (Marsh) Adams, was born April 16th, 1801, at Litchfield, Conn.; removed in early life to Augusta, Ga., where he re-