

daughter of Col. Samuel Swift, who was the mother of his children; for his second wife he married "widow Warren," the mother of Gen. Joseph Warren, the hero of Bunker Hill. John Adams was the son of *Edward* (2), who m. Rachel Saunders; son of *John*, who m. Deborah Partridge; son of VII *Edward*, who m. Lydia Rockwood; son of *Henry* of Braintree, the emigrant. Andrew Adams married, Dec. 16th, 1757, Ruth Wadsworth, daughter of Rev. John Wadsworth. Her grandfather was Benjamin Wadsworth, president of Harvard College from 1725 to 1737, the time of his death. Gen. Peleg Wadsworth, Adjutant-General of Mass., was her brother. The Wadsworths were lineally descended from Priscilla Mullins and John Alden, of Mayflower memory. Andrew Adams "held a commission under George III, dated 1761—Coroner for the County of Suffolk, in our Province of Massachusetts Bay." He also held a lieutenant's commission in a company of cavalry under the English government, and at the commencement of hostilities at Lexington, he volunteered for his country, and served until the English evacuated Boston, thus showing himself truly an American by giving up his English commission. He fought at the Battle of Bunker Hill, where his kinsman, Warren, fell, and so many of his name were killed and captured. His name was mentioned in the miscellaneous rolls of Mass. as an officer in Col. Robertson's regiment, "that traveled to Roxbury and served as a standing company in the defense of liberty before a standing army was completed, after the battle of Concord." He is again found "marching with Lieut. Col. Wherlock, on an alarm for Bennington, when the enemy was there." After the war, in 1802, Col. Andrew Adams removed with his family to Lancaster, N. H., where he died April 14th, 1833, aged 98 years and 8 months. In the *Norfolk Advertiser* of May 14th, 1833, his obituary appeared embodying the above facts and reading "Andrew Adams, Esquire, an officer of the Revolution, formerly of Milton, Mass." His wife died Oct. 27th, 1820, aged 83. Many remarkable stories are related of his great physical strength and courage, his wonderful energy and activity at an advanced age. When past his eightieth year with a party of pioneers he ascended Mt. Washington, when not so much as a foot-path had been made. On the morning of his death he rode on horseback eight miles. Returning home he seated himself to rest, and passed gently away in his sleep. The children of Andrew and Sarah (Swift) Adams were: *Isaac*, *Andrew*, *Lucy*, *John*, *Ruth*, *Lemuel*, BENJAMIN, b. March 25th, 1771, of whom hereafter, and *Lewis*.

BENJAMIN ADAMS, of Lancaster, N. H., seventh child and fifth son of Andrew and Sarah (Swift) Adams, was born in Milton, Mass., March 25, 1771. He married Sally Lamb, daughter of Thomas Lamb, of Palmer, Mass., Colonel of Continental Artillery during the Revolution. They had issue *Sally*, *Seth*, HARVEY, b. May 11, 1808, of whom hereafter; *Reuben Lamb*, *Rebecca Warren*, *John*, *Ruth Ann*. Benjamin Adams died in 1846; his wife died in 1852.

HARVEY ADAMS, of Lancaster, N. H., third child of Benjamin and Sally (Lamb) Adams, was born in Lancaster, N. H., May 11, 1808. He married for his first wife Mary Chessman, daughter of Col. Joseph Chessman, one of the early pioneers and original proprietors of that section of country. They had issue one child, *Charles Harvey*. His second wife was Nancy, daughter of Dustin Rowell and Jennie Gordon, his wife. Dustin Rowell was a descendant of Valentine Rowell, one of the early settlers of Salisbury, now Amesbury, Mass., who died May 17, 1662. Samuel