

The father of W. I. Adams, was Barnebas Scureman Adams, who m. Elizabeth Carhart, June 12th, 1831, b. Feb. 7th, 1803, dau. of *Hackaliah* Carhart, b. at Rye, N. Y., April 2d, 1785, who m. Margaret Anderson; he was the son of *Thomas* (2), b. about 1718, and Elizabeth (Purdy) Carhart; son of *John* (1), who was the son of *Thomas* (1), the ancestor, b. about 1650; arrived in New York, Aug. 25th, 1683, holding the appointment of Private Secretary to Col. Thomas Dongan, English Governor of the colonies in America. This Thomas Carhart was the son of Anthony Carhart, of Co. Cornwall, Eng. The name was originally Carhurta and Carharta, derived from the Saxon *caer*, a town



or city, and the Old Saxon *harta*, from which the English word heart is derived. The arms of the family are *Shield*, Argent, two bars sable in chief, a demi-griffin issuant of the last. *Crest*, a demi-man naked, argent, a wreath about his head sable, in right hand an oaken branch vert acorns or. The issue of Barnebas Scureman and Elizabeth (Carhart) Adams was Washington Irving, Elizabeth Armenia, Margaret Emily, Mary Louise and Elma Maria. Washington Irving, the eldest, was educated at the Public Schools of New York. He entered the service of the Scovill Manufacturing Company in 1858, and rapidly rose through successive grades of responsibilities, until he was appointed in 1878 agent of the company, with entire charge of the business in New York. In the same year he was elected director of the company. In 1875 he became President of S. Peck & Co., manufacturers of photographic apparatus in New Haven, Conn., who had previously come under the control of the Scovill Manufacturing Company. In 1889, when the Scovill & Adams Company succeeded to the Photographic Department of the Scovill Manufacturing Company, Mr. Adams was made President and Treasurer of the new corporation. Under his able management the business of the company has grown until the Scovill & Adams Company has become the largest and most influential manufacturing firm of photographic apparatus in the world. During the 1876 Centennial in Philadelphia Mr. Adams was identified with Dr. Edward L. Wilson of that city, and others, as First Vice-President of the Centennial Photographic Company. He was for many years Chairman of the Executive Committee of the National Photographic Association of America. When only twenty-one years of age he was elected school trustee in the Ninth Ward, New York City, but since then has persistently refused to accept any proffered public office under the municipal or State government. Since 1868 Mr. Adams has made his residence in Montclair, N. J. He m. Lydia, dau. of Hon. George Briggs, of New York City; issue: *Briggs Booth*, b. Sept. 5th, 1861, d. Dec. 24th, 1873; *Charlotte Elizabeth*, b. Nov. 24th, 1862, d. Feb. 24th, 1864; *W. I. Lincoln*, of whom hereafter; *Mary Wilson*, of whom hereafter.

*Washington Irving Lincoln Adams*, third child of Washington Irving and Marion Lydia (Briggs) Adams, was b. in New York City, Feb. 22d, 1865, and was educated at Montclair (N.J.) High School. In 1883 he became associated with his father in business in New York. He is editor of the *Photographic Times*, an illustrated weekly magazine, published by the Photographic Times Publishing Association, and is author