

Selectmen. He has long been identified with the Masonic Fraternity. His knowledge of Speculative Masonry was acquired in Greylock Lodge, F. & A. M.; of Capitular Masonry in Composite Chapter, R. A. M.; in the Chivalric Order he was created and dubbed a Knight Templar in St. Paul Commandery, and is still a member of these several orders. He has been for many years a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church, also one of the Official Board and one of the Trustees since 1852. He married, first, Harriet Sheldon, of North Adams, Nov. 2, 1849, by whom he had one child, *Della A.*, born June 29, 1854; he married, secondly, Maria C. Hubbell (nee Ditwiler), Sept. 3, 1862; issue, *Harriet Isabel*, born July



25, 1865; WILLIAM OSCAR, born Feb. 13, 1867, of which hereafter. *Delia*, the only child of Jasper Hide Adams, by his first wife, married George F. Miller. They had issue *Harry Adams*, b. Feb. 19, 1877; *Elsie*, b. July 4, 1886.

WILLIAM OSCAR ADAMS, of *North Adams, Mass.*, second child of Jasper Hide and Maria C. (Hubbell) Adams, was born at North Adams, Mass., Feb. 13, 1867. He attended the public school and completed his education at the Drury Academy of North Adams, Mass. He entered his father's employ as clerk, and after acquiring a thorough knowledge of the business, he became a partner on Feb. 1, 1890, under the firm name of J. H. Adams & Son, thus perpetuating the oldest furniture house in the business, it having been established in 1828. Exemplifying the motto worn on the arms of the early ancestors of the Adams family, viz.: "aspire, persevere, indulge not," Mr. Adams, in imitation of his worthy sire, has aimed to increase his influence for good by uniting with various benevolent orders, among which are Greylock Lodge, F. & A. M.; Composite Chapter, R. A. M.; St. Paul Commandery, K. T.; Onico Lodge, No. 100, I. O. O. F., and Wells Encampment, No. 28, Canton Colfax, No. 28. Deceased Jan., 1893.

SAMUEL CARY ADAMS, of *Buffalo, N. Y.*, was born in Chatham, N. Y., Dec. 22, 1820. His line of descent from *Henry*, of Braintree, is through "VII. *Joseph*," of Braintree, *Capt. John*, of Boston, *Samuel*, of Boston, *Joseph* (who was the brother of Samuel Adams, signer of the Declaration of Independence), *Samuel Adams*, and *John Calvin Adams* who married Hepzibah Chadwick, born at Lyme, Conn., daughter of Ezra Chadwick. The mother of John Calvin Adams was Prudence Latham, a descendant of Cary Latham, one of the first settlers of New London, Conn. Samuel Cary, the second son of John Calvin Adams, obtained his knowledge of the rudimentary branches in the country school, and afterwards pursued a system-