

AMANDA (McCORMICK) ADAMS, wife of Hugh Adams, and the youngest sister of the late Cyrus H. and William S. McCormick and of Leander J. McCormick, of Reaper fame, was a woman remarkable for her beautiful Christian character and unselfish devotion to her family. Her rare qualities and influence were felt by all who surrounded her. Her death occurred October 12th, 1891, Watkins, N. Y.

JOSEPH ADAMS, son of James Adams and Grandson of John Adams, lived at Rockbridge Baths, Rockbridge Co., Va. His sons, Hugh Adams and James Adams, died leaving families.

Mrs. Emma A. Fant, of Madison Court House, Va., is a daughter of above Joseph Adams.

Robert L. Rea, M. D., son of Robert and Patsy (Adams) Rea and Grandson of John Adams and his first wife, Miss Hutchinson, of Rockbridge Co., Va., is one of Chicago's leading and most prominent Alopathic physicans, for many years Professor of Anatomy in Rush Medical College.

CYRUS HALL ADAMS, the second son of Hugh Adams and Amanda (McCormick) Adams, was born at Kerr's Creek, Rockbridge Co., Va., February 21st, 1849. He was educated at one of the public schools of Chicago and at the Chicago University, and entered the office of Cyrus H. McCormick & Co., Commission Merchants, Chicago, as a book-keeper in the 18th year of his age. He is a young man of fine mind, and a lover of books, well informed on all subjects of the day, especially those pertaining to the history of his own country. Few are possessed of a more unselfish and generous nature, and these qualities combined with a genial manner and retiring disposition make him highly appreciated by those who know him well. He became a member of the Chicago Board of trade in 1870, and was admitted to the firm as partner after the great Chicago Fire in 1871, when the firm name was changed to McCormick, Adams & Co. This house was founded by Cyrus Hall McCormick and Hugh Adams, and had grown to be one of the largest and strongest houses in the great grain trade of Chicago. Until 1871 their business was principally that of receiving and selling grain, and under the management of Hugh Adams the house had assumed a position second to none in the trade. The success and establishment of the business after the Chicago fire of 1871, is largely due to the rare qualities of energy, ability and strict integrity of Cyrus Hall Adams who became his father's right-hand man. When admitted to partnership, Cyrus Hall Adams assumed the management of a new department, devoted to buying and selling grain and provisions for future delivery, and built up a large and profitable business in this line. In addition to his business, Mr. Adams, from the first took an active part in the general affairs of the Board of Trade and became one of it's most prominent and influential members. He was elected a member of the Arbitration Committee in 1875, and after a two years term of service was immediately chosen to fill a three years term in the Board of Trade Directory. At the expiration of the three years, he was promoted to the Committee on Appeals, on which he served for two years. In 1882 he was urged to accept the office of President of the Board, and has been repeatedly urged to do so since, but failing in health and pressure of private business has compelled him to forego this honor. It is generally conceded by his associate members, that during his active and official connection with the Board, Mr. Adams did as much, if not more than any