

Donald Elmer Adams married Dorris Ethel Robbins. They had a son, Robert Dana who married Ethel May Lindsley and are Steve's¹ parents.

Adams Family (Addams, Adamson, Addison, Aden, Aiken, MacAdams)

Adams Name Meaning

English (very common in England, especially in the south Midlands, and in Wales) and German (especially northwestern Germany): patronymic from the personal name Adam. In the U.S. this form has absorbed many patronymics and other derivatives of Adam in languages other than English.² (Origin Hebrew) Man, earthly, or red. The surname of Adam is of great antiquity in Scotland. Duncan Adam, son of Alexander Adam, lived in the reign of King Robert Bruce, and had four sons, from whom all the Adams, Adamsons, and Adies in Scotland are descended.³ The first Adam recorded in Scotland was Sir Adam, a knight with a castle who pre-dated England's King Arthur (who lived cir 1137). The name "Adam" was more common in Scotland than in Ireland. However, it was also used in England, Wales, Germany, Prussia, and Holland, among other nations.

Donald Elmer Adams, son of Elmer Samuel Adams and Nettie M. Burns was born 14 Jan 1911⁴ in Madison, Me. He married **Dorris Ethel Robbins** 14 Jun 1929⁵ in Waterville Me. Dorris Ethel Robbins, daughter of Dana Robbins and Edith Dean was born 27 Sep 1909 in Madison, Me. Donald Elmer Adams' middle name is from his father's first name. Most people spell Dorris with one r as in Doris, but she told me her name had 2 r's in it.⁶ Then, I found it that way on the census reports.

Dorris Ethel Robbins and Donald Elmer Adams had the following children: Jean b. 1936 m. Harvey Williams; Robert Dana b. 1930 m. 1. Ethel May Lindsley (our line); 2. Rena Marie⁷ Raymond. Dorris brought a child into the marriage: Stella Ruth Ahearn b. 1927 (dau of Cecil James Ahearn). Stella m. Robert Jesse Dean.

Donald worked as a blacksmith and then worked at the Madison paper for several years before retirement. Though being raised as an only child and somewhat spoiled, Dorris grew up to be a hard working woman. She worked in the snowshoe factory at Solon and later the shoe shop in Skowhegan doing piece work. She retired after 17 years. The years I knew her, she worked hard in the kitchen and alongside her husband on the farm. Both Donald and Dorris worked their homestead together with help of their son, Robert and his family in their later years. Donald was

¹ Steve is Steven Donald, husband of author of this book. The 'tradition' was to name a son after the grandfather's name for his middle name, thus, Steven has his grandfather's first name for his middle name. But, I see it was only a few generations back and the first one was Samuel who gave his son his name as a middle name.

² <http://www.ancestry.com/name-origin?surname=adams>

³ Source: An Etymological Dictionary of Family and Christian Names With an Essay on their Derivation and Import; Arthur, William, M.A.; New York, NY: Sheldon, Blake, Bleeker & CO., 1857.

⁴ : Maine State Archives; Cultural Building, 84 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0084; 1908-1922 Vital Records; Roll # 1 note: Donald's name is not on the record, but the date is correct and his parents names are on it. By the date, maybe it was too cold to go to the courthouse to put a name down!

⁵ Ancestry.com. Maine Marriages, 1892-1996 [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2003. Original data: Maine State Archives. Maine Marriages 1892-1996 (except 1967 to 1976). Maine. Index obtained from Maine Department of the Secretary of State, Maine State Archives.

⁶ It is also spelled Dorris in Stella Dean's notes p. 5

⁷ as of 2013, Rena said her name was May, but then took out the birth certificate and saw that it was Marie.

still active into his early eighties. Dorris had health problems and was confined to her chair much of the time in her 80's. She enjoyed reading.⁸ They lived at RR 1 POB 534, Madison, ME, 04950 Later known as 21 Robbins Rd, Madison, ME, 04950-3613.

On the 1920 Census, Donald E Adams is 8 years old and included on his father's census record on Park Street in Madison, Somerset, ME. He is a white male.⁹

The 1930 census¹⁰ had Donald and Dorris living with her parents, Dina H (Dena H Robbins) and Edith D Robbins in Madison, Somerset, ME. He is 19 and Dorris is 20. Their son, Robert is 2 months old and Stella R Ahearn is 2 1/2.

The 1940 census¹¹ had Donald and Dorris renting a house in Solon, Somerset, ME on School St. It was not a farm, though they did live on a farm in 1935. His occupation was a Blacksmith. It says his Highest Grade Completed was High School, 3rd year and Dorris High School, 4th year. The week prior to the census, he worked 40 hours. Weeks he worked in 1939 were 52. Donald E is age 29, Doris E Adams 30; Robert D Adams 10; Jean D Adams 4.

Donald died 8 Sep 1995 in Madison, Me at age 84. Dorris died 22 Nov 1995 in Madison, ME at age 85. They are buried in Evergreen Cemetery in Solon, Somerset County, ME, USA. GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 44.93220, Longitude: -69.83940.



NOTE: Because, Dorris Adams' mother's line is Dean and her daughter, Stella married a Dean with the same ancestry, Dorris Robbins and Robert Dean (Stella's husband) are 3rd cousins. Robert Dean and Stella Ahearn are 3rd cousins, 1X removed. Dorris Robbins and her grandchildren by Stella and Robert are 3rd cousins 1X removed, another way. ☺



Elmer S. and Nettie M. Burns Adams 50th anniversary

Elmer Samuel Adams, son of Samuel M. Adams and Clarentine P. Spofford b. 15 Jun 1876 in Skowhegan, Somerset County, ME. He was listed as a lumberman.¹² He was white, tall,

⁸ from family talking and author's listening.

⁹ 1920; Census Place: Madison, Somerset, Maine; Roll: T625_648; Page: 5B; Enumeration District: 111; Image: 781

¹⁰ Year: 1930; Census Place: Madison, Somerset, Maine; Roll: 839; Page: 3B; Enumeration District: 47; Image: 720.0. Source Information: Ancestry.com. 1930 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2002. Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1930. T626, 2,667 rolls.

¹¹ Year: 1930; Census Place: Madison, Somerset, Maine; Roll: 839; Page: 3B; Enumeration District: 47; Image: 720.0. Source Information: Ancestry.com. 1930 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2002. Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1930. T626, 2,667 rolls.

¹² The middle name is Samuel according to the WWI paper as well as description and job.

med. built, dark bl. eyes, and gray hair at age 42. He was a pulp mill operator at the Great Northern Paper Co. He registered for the draft in WWI.¹³

He married **Nettie May Burns**, daughter of Stephen Weston Burns and Clara E. Foster. Nettie b. 13 Feb 1883 in ME, and died 17 April 1976 in ME, at age 93. Nettie May Burns and Elmer S. Adams had the following children: Reginald; Donald Elmer Adams (our line); Erlon Adams. Erlon was a gifted musician and a band leader. Donald played the fiddle, Reginald the trumpet and Erlon the piano. When they were together they played music for the family.

When Nettie was in the nursing home in 1973, we went to Connecticut to take our new baby, Crystal, to see her grandparents. They drove us to ME and to the nursing home for a 5-generation photo. Nettie did not acknowledge anyone until she saw Crystal, and then became alert. The staff helped her into a chair and securely placed Crystal in her lap for the photo.



On the 1880 Census, Elmer S. Adams, at age 3, lives with his parents in Bingham, Somerset, ME.¹⁴

The 1900 Census has him living at a boarding house in Madison, Somerset, ME. He is a 27 year old white male, born June 1876.¹⁵

There is no 1910 census for Elmer Samuel Adams, that I can find.

In 1920, on the census, he is listed as Edwin S Adams [Edmee S Adams] or [Elmer S Adams] age: 40 [42] and his birth year abt 1880 [abt 1878] in ME. He lived on Park Street in Madison, Somerset, ME. His parents were born in ME. His wife's name is Nettie M Adams, age 36. He is able to Speak English. His occupation is a Beater man at a Paper Mill. He owns his house. Household Members are: Regnald B Adams, 12; Donald E Adams, 8 [9] ; Erlon S Adams 2 [28]¹⁶ (Looks like 2.5 for Erlon to me.)

On the 1930 Census, Elmer Adams lives in Solon, Somerset, ME at age 53. Nettie is 47 and Elron is 12.

The 1940 census has Elmer S Adams at age 63 and born in ME. He lives on Pleasant St. in Solon on a farm. (Inferred Residence in 1935 - Same House) He is a farmer, working on own account, who owns his property valued at \$2500.00. He has an 8th grade education (which back then was pretty good!) Weeks worked in 1939 were 52 and his Income was \$1000.00. He has income from other sources, also. Household Members: Nettie M Adams, age 57, Ella Burns Aunt (widow), 81.

Elmer Samuel Adams died 5 Oct 1955¹⁷ in Skowhegan, Somerset County, ME, at age 79. Nettie May



¹³ Ancestry.com. *U.S., WWI Civilian Draft Registrations, 1917-1918* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2000.

¹⁴ Year: 1880; Census Place: Bingham, Somerset, Maine; Roll: 487; Family History Film: 1254487; Page: 220D; Enumeration District: 155; Image: 0443. Source Information: Ancestry.com

¹⁵ **1900**; Census Place: **Madison, Somerset, Maine**; Roll: **600**; Page: **17A**; Enumeration District: **0157**; FHL microfilm: **1240600** Source Information Ancestry.com.

¹⁶ 1920; Census Place: Madison, Somerset, Maine; Roll: T625_648; Page: 5B; Enumeration District: 111; Image: 781 Source Information Ancestry.com.

¹⁷ Find A Grave Memorial# 52092965 Tim & Grace (both of them)

Burns Adams died 17 April 1976 in ME, at age 93. They are buried in Madison Bridge Cemetery, Madison, Somerset County, ME, USA. GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 44.79688, Longitude: -69.88112.

Samuel M. Adams, son of Joseph Crosby Adams and Sarah Bell b. 20 Jun 1844 in Moscow, Somerset County, ME. He was a laborer and retired from it. He married **Clarentine P. Spofford** in 3 Jul 1867 by David R. McIntire, Justice of the Peace.¹⁸ Clarentine P. Spofford, daughter of Eli Russell Spofford and Nancy F. was born. 5 Jan 1850 in Brighton, Somerset County, ME.

Clarentine P. Spofford and Samuel M. Adams had the following children: Jophanus Warren b. Nov 1868 in ME d. 18 Jan 1938 in Fairfield, Somerset, ME; Livonia E. b. 1871 in ME d. 1932; Lester E. b. 1 May 1873 in ME d. 7 Jun 1950 in West Gardiner, Kennebec, ME; Elmer S. b. 15 Jun 1876 in Skowhegan, Somerset County, ME d. Oct 1955 (your line); Lena Nancy b. 3 Feb 1877 in Caratunk, Somerset, ME d. 23 Jan 1957 in Bingham, Somerset, ME. Nancy V. b. in Feb 1879 in ME; Florence B Adams b. in Aug 1881 in Skowhegan, Somerset County, ME d. 1944; Nettie E Adams b. Nov 1887 in Skowhegan, Somerset County, ME d. 1978.

The 1850 Census has Samuel Adams, age 6, living with his parents in Bingham, Somerset, ME.¹⁹

On the 1860 census for Joseph C Adams, Samuel's father, there listed a Sanil Adams, age 15, born abt 1845. I assume this is Samuel.

On the 1870 Census, Samuel M Adams, a white male, born abt 1844 in ME, is 26. He lives in Madison, Somerset, ME. The Post Office is Skowhegan. The value of his real estate is \$200.00 and personal property is \$250.00. Included in the household are: Clara , his wife, age 20; Jophanus W, 1; Andrew Kennedy, 11 (b. in Canada); and Hannah Mcdonald, age 83 (b. in New Hampshire).²⁰ Clara's parents are listed above them on the census record. Note: There is a McDonald family listed on the same page. Note: Martin Kennedy from Canada lives with Samuel's father at this same time. All it says for them is 'at home'.

For the 1880 Census, Samuel M. Adams lives in Bingham, Somerset, ME. He is 35 and a farmer. Both parents were born in ME. Estimated birth year: abt 1845, Birthplace: ME. Clara P. Adams is 30; Jophanus W, 11; Livonia E, 9; Lestor E, 6; Elmer S, 3; and Nancy V, 1.²¹

1900 census has Samuel M Adams [Samuel Adams] at age 55, born Jun 1844 in ME. The live in Madison, Somerset, ME. He is a white male head of the household. His wife is Clarontine P, age 50. They were married in 1868 and have been married 32 years. It says his father was born in ME and his mother in Canada, England (It should be Ireland). At home are: Lester E, 26; Florence B, 18, Nettie E. 12; Nancy B Rogers , 21; William S Rogers, 24 (son-in-law) ; Elmer S Rogers 3 months; John Blaney 33 (boarder). It has Samuel listed as a Stage Driver and Clara as a Boarding House Keeper and Florence as a servant. all could read, write and speak English.²²

¹⁸ Maine Marriage Records, 1705-1922 // Maine State Archives; Cultural Building, 84 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0084; Pre 1892 Delayed Returns; Roll # 1.Ancestry.com.

¹⁹ Year: 1850; Census Place: Bingham, Somerset, Maine; Roll: M432_269; Page: 241B; Image: 467. , Ancestry.com.

²⁰ 1870; Census Place: Madison, Somerset, Maine; Roll: M593_558; Page: 233A; Image: 472; Family History Library Film: 552057, Ancestry.com.

²¹ Year: 1880; Census Place: Bingham, Somerset, Maine; Roll: 487; Family History Film: 1254487; Page: 220D; Enumeration District: 155; Image: 0443. , Ancestry.com.

²² 1900; Census Place: Madison, Somerset, Maine; Roll: 600; Page: 18B; Enumeration District: 0157; FHL microfilm: 1240600Source Information, Ancestry.com.

1910 Census has Clement M Adams [Samuel M Adams] was 65 years old and lives in Madison, Somerset, ME. Again, it says his father was born in ME and this time his mother in Canada, English. Clara P Adams is 59 [60]. In the household are: David Helvey 35; Florence Helvey, 28; Ellery L Elle (Adams) (grandson) 1. Note: Is he Helvey's child or another son's child?²³

On the 1920 census, Samuel M Adams is 75 and lives in on Thomas Street in Madison, Somerset, ME. Clara P is 69. Again, his mother is born in Canada. He speaks English, Occupation: Laborer , Industry: Farmer . He owns his home Free of Mortgage.²⁴ Their son, Joseph and family, is listed below them on the census.

Samuel died of Prostatitis²⁵ and cerebral hemerohyde²⁶ 20 Oct 1921 in Madison, Somerset County, ME, at age 77. Clarentine died 7 Oct 1928 in Madison, Somerset County, ME, at age 78. Their burial is at Forest Hill Cemetery, Madison Somerset County ME, USA Plot: Lot 397.²⁷ GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 44.80330, Longitude: -69.87030

Jophanus 'Joseph' Crosby Adams was born in 1814 in ME. He married Sarah Bell²⁸ 25 Jul 1835²⁹ in Moscow, Somerset County, ME. Sarah Bell b. 11 Oct 1812³⁰ in Ireland.³¹ The 1900 census has here listed as a boarding house keeper. Joseph was a farmer.

Sarah Bell and Joseph Crosby Adams had the following children: Flora Adams b. 8 Jan 1840 d. 17 Jan 1899; Jophanus H. b. 1842; Samuel (our line); Nancy M. b. 1846 d. bef 1880; Paulena B. b. in Jun d. aft 1930; Albra L. Adams b. 24 Jun 1853 in Bingham, Somerset County, ME.

The 1850 Census about Joseph Adams has him at age 34, born abt 1816 in ME. He lives in Bingham, Somerset, ME. Household Members are: Sarah, his wife at age 37; Florian, 10; Jophanus, 8; Samuel, 6; Nancy, 4. Joseph was a laborer.³²

The 1860 Census has Joseph C. Adams at age 45. He lives in Bingham, Somerset, ME. Household Members are: Sarah, his wife at age 48; Jophannus, 18; Sanil (Samuel, I assume)15, Nancy, 14; Pelena (Paulina)(dau.), 9; Albra, 6. He is a farmer and his real estate is valued at \$600.00 and personal property at \$380.00. Sarah was born in Ireland. The rest in ME.³³

1870 United States Federal Census about Joseph Adams, has him born a white male abt 1813 and is now 57. Their home is Madison, Somerset, ME. Post Office: Skowhegan. Household Members: Sarah (keeping house) at age 60; Albra , 16; Martin Kennedy, 15 (b. in Canada)

²³ Year: 1910; Census Place: Madison, Somerset, Maine; Roll: T624_546; Page: 22B; Enumeration District: 0230; Image: 517; FHL Number: 1374559 Ancestry.com.

²⁴ Year: 1920; Census Place: Madison, Somerset, Maine; Roll: T625_648; Page: 4B; Enumeration District: 111; Image: 779 Ancestry.com.

²⁵ prostrate problems for a year and stroke 2 years.

²⁶ Maine Death Records, 1617-1922. // Maine State Archives; Cultural Building, 84 State House Station, Augusta, ME 04333-0084; 1908-1922 Vital Records; Roll # 1. Ancestry.com.

²⁷ Created by: Tim & Grace, Record added: Apr 06, 2010, Find A Grave Memorial# 50719414

²⁸ Vera Lindsley & Irene Foster thought maybe her last name was Ball and that name goes back to the Revolutionary War, but According to Samuel Adams death cert, her name is Bell and she was born in Quebec Canada. Samuel Adams' 1900 and 1910 US Census has Samuel's mother born in Canada nd something beside it in (Eng) Samuel Adams 1880 census says she was born in Maine.

²⁹ Find a Grave has 27 Sep 1833 for their marriage year.

³⁰ Find a Grave has 1811 for her birth year.

³¹ Some records of her children show she was born in Maine or Canada. Also: Albra Adams death certificate.

³² : Year: 1850; Census Place: Bingham, Somerset, Maine; Roll: M432_269; Page: 241B; Image: 467.Source Information: Ancestry.com.

³³ Year: 1860; Census Place: Bingham, Somerset, Maine; Roll: M653_452; Page: 613; image: 617; Family History Library Film: 803452.

Gardner Benson (son-in-law) 23; Nancy M Benson (dau) 24. Note: Andrew Kennedy from Canada lives with their son, Samuel at this same time. All it says for them is 'at home'.

On the 1880 Census, Joseph C. Adams lives in Madison, Somerset, ME at age 67 and born abt 1813 in ME. He is the head-of-household and his wife, Sarah is 69. His father was born in ME³⁴ and his mother in MA. He is a farmer. Living in the house are: Albra, age 25 (works on the farm) Albra's wife, Annie G. age 20; Alfred J, 1; Minnie Benson, 5 (their granddaughter).³⁵ This time it says They were all born in ME and Sarah's parents were born in Ireland.³⁶

He died of ulceration of the stomach 29 Oct 1896 in Madison, Somerset County, ME, at age 82.³⁷ Sarah died 14 Aug 1884 in Madison, Somerset County, ME, at age 71. They are buried at Jewett Cemetery. GPS Coordinates: Latitude: 44.89030, Longitude: -69.79280

There is an interesting note about Joseph at findagrave.com written by Tim & Grace. ³⁸

NOTE: We do not have a birth record and the census records of his father do not include names, so we are not sure of Joseph's parents or his middle name. Most people assume he was the son of William Adams Sr. and Eleanor "Nellie" Crosby and his middle initial 'C' is for Crosby, her maiden name.

Note: I discovered (in reference to the Kennedys from Canada) that on the 1850 census, there is listed an Andrew Canada (Kennedy) who is married to William and Eleanor Adams' daughter, Nancy. On that census, there is a Eleanor Savage, age 73, listed. Could this be our Eleanor and if so, why is her last name Savage and where is William? On the 1860 census, Nancy and husband Andrew are in MA Eleanor (Ellenah) is with her son, Seth. Nancy died in 1860 at age 60 and Eleanor died in 1861 at 84. Maybe that is why there are Kennedys with Samuel and Joseph on the 1870 census, though they are not children of Andrew and Nancy. Also, that *could be* our 'connection' from Joseph to William.

I did a search for Adams in that area at that time and could not find any more than this family. Of course, he could have come up on his own and started his own clan. However, I believe from what I read, that the line goes on to William and Eleanor Crosby Adams. If you disagree, you can assume it is EOL for the Adams and stop reading here.

William Adams Sr., son of Amos Adams and Sarah Kemp b. 13 Sep 1772 in Pepperell, Middlesex County, MA.³⁹ He married **Eleanor "Nellie" Crosby** 13 Feb 1796⁴⁰ in MA, . Eleanor Crosby b. in 1776 in MA. She d. 1860 in Caratunk, Somerset, ME, at age 84.

Eleanor Crosby and William Adams Sr. had the following children: Adoniram b. in 1796; Seth b. in 1813 in Norridgewock, Somerset, ME. He died 16 Jan 1886 in Caratunk, Somerset, ME. Eliza b. in 1814 in Norridgewock, Somerset, ME; Joseph Crosby (listed above) ; Nancy b. in 1817 in Norridgewock, Somerset, ME.⁴¹ EOL for Crosby⁴² family.

³⁴ William, his father, was born in MA.

³⁵ Her mother, Nancy, died of consumption (TB) 7 Nov 1879. Her father, Gardner lives in West Forks, Somerset, Maine and is a blacksmith. On the 1900 census, she, at age 25, lives with him and her step-mother.

³⁶ Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: Madison, Somerset, Maine; Roll: 487; Family History Film: 1254487; Page: 383C; Enumeration District: 165; Image: 0768.

³⁷ Info from death certificate; says father was John, but mother was Nellie Crosby and Nellie was married to William.

³⁸ From Tim & Grace at Find a Grave (findagrave.com)

³⁹ Ancestry.com. *Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations, Inc., 2011.

⁴⁰ History of Norridgewock, Maine p. 171 & http://genealogytrails.com/maine/somersetco/marriages_norridgewock.htm ©

⁴¹ The names of the children differ here than with findagrave.

The first grist mill built in the village of Madison was built by 'one William Adams'. It was located on Jones' Brook not far from the Pine Street Bridge. Some say that William is our William.⁴³ (I don't know for sure.) But, ours is the only Adams family I can see there, so far.

Home in 1800: William Adams in Norridgewock, Kennebec, ME. Free White Males - 2 under age 10, 1 age 26-45; Free White Females - 1 age 10 thru 15: For a total of 4.⁴⁴

Home in 1810: William Adams in Norridgewock, Kennebec, ME. Free White Males - 1 under age 10, 2 ages 10 to 15; 1 age 26-45; Free White Females - 1 under age 10; 1 age 10 thru 15; 1 age 26 to 44: For a total of 7.⁴⁵

The 1820 Census has William Adams in New Vineyard, Somerset, ME on August 7, 1820. Free White Males -1 under age 10, 1 age 10 to 15; 2 age 16 thru 25; 1 age 45 and up; Free White Females - 2 ages 16 thru 25; 1 age 45 and over: For a total of 8.⁴⁶ There is a William Adams listed below him. His son?

I do not have an 1830 or 1840 census for William and / or Eleanor.

On the 1850 census has Eleanor Savage living with, their daughter, Nancy and her family.

On the 1860 census, Eleanor is living with her son, Seth as Ellenah Adams.

Eleanor Crosby Adams died in 1861 at age 84. We are not sure when William died. It seems as though he would be gone before the 1850 census, assuming that is her living with her daughter. He does not appear in the 1850, 1860, 1870 or 1880 census

NOTE: Some say he died 16 Apr 1887 in Clinton, Kennebec, ME, at age 114?⁴⁷ The grave for his son, William Adams, Jr., born 1797, has not been found. If there was a William Adams who died in Clinton, 16 Apr 1887, it probably was the son, William ... aged about 90 years.⁴⁸

My theory (bja) Being there are no more census records for William Adams I after 1820, my guess is that he died bef 1830. Or, maybe he did go to Kentucky to seek a job and never came back (as some people say). Why? Death along the way? Abandonment of all in ME? Who knows, but he and God? I would estimate that the grave is for William Adams II. So, another mystery in the family tree!

Now, why is Eleanor's last name Savage on the 1850 census? (Assuming this is our Eleanor and not a coincidence, being it does not show a relationship and assumes it is Nancy's mother) Maybe, she married again and lost him (or left him) before the 1860 census when her name is back to Eleanor Adams. Or, maybe whoever in 1860 told the census worker her name, used Adams instead of Savage.

Amos Adams was born 16 Jul 1771 in Boston, Suffolk, MA, son of Mephiboseth Adams and Jane Derby. He b. 29 Jun 1746 in Pepperell, Middlesex, MA. He married Sarah Kemp,

⁴² Belinda Jo Harris Adams has Crosby in her line.

⁴³ Madison Register p. 25

⁴⁴ Year: 1800; Census Place: Norridgewock, Kennebec, Maine; Roll: 7; Page: 46; Image: 211; Family History Library Film: 218677.Source Information: Ancestry.com.

⁴⁵ Year: 1810; Census Place: Norridgewock, Somerset, Maine; Roll: 12; Page: 473; Family History Number: 0218683; Image: 00477.

⁴⁶ 1820 U S Census: New Vineyard, Somerset, Maine, Page: 308; NARA Roll: M33_38; Image: 312.Source Information: Ancestry.com.

⁴⁷ Not sure about those dates. © The burial site for his son, William Adams, Jr., born 1797, has not yet been found. It is more likely that if there was a William Adams who died in Clinton on 16 Apr 1887, it would have been the son... aged about 90 years.

⁴⁸ revised from what I learned and from Tim & Grace.

daughter of Ebenezer Kemp and Mary Bradstreet, born about 1760⁴⁹ (no marriage records have been found). He and Sarah moved to Norridgewock, ME abt. 1780.^{50 51}

At an adjournment of a town meeting, held October 6th, Ephraim Brown, Josiah Heald, and Peter Farnsworth were chosen to lay out a road on the west side of the river, and Zachariah Longley, Obadiah Witherell, and Amos Adams to lay out a road in the back part of the town on the east side of the river.⁵² Amos and his son, Amos joined the Congregational church in Norridgewock in 1797. (... church in Hallowell, Rev. Mr. Emerson was chosen moderator, and Bro. Henry Sewall Scribe. The following persons were examined as to their qualifications for membership, Amos Adams and Amos Adams Jr. etc.)⁵³ Mar 1789, Samuel Weston was employed to mark the boundaries of the town. The first perosn tax after the incorporation of the town was Amos Adams ... and other men.⁵⁴

After Sarah died 29 Jan. 1830, Amos married the Widow Sarah Hacket in 1830,⁵⁵ both in their 80s.⁵⁶ Amos served in the MA Troops, American Revolutionary War and was awarded a pension for service commencing 4 Mar 1831. Amos Adams marched at the Lexington alarm and was at Bunker Hill. He was placed on the pension roll of ME at the age of eighty-five.⁵⁷ I have the proof in my files of the paperwork for this transaction.⁵⁸

Sarah Kemp had a brother, William Kemp, who served in the American Revolution in the 5th Regiment of the MA Continental Army. Sarah was declared William's heir at law and she and Amos were awarded William's Revolutionary bounty land in 1818.⁵⁹ I have the proof in my files of the paperwork for this transaction.

Sarah Kemp and Amos Adams had the following children: Amos b. 1768; Sarah b. 1770; William b. 13 Sept 1772 (our line); Molly b. 1775; Alice b. 1777; Emma b. 1780.⁶⁰

On the 1790 census, there is an Amos and Amos Jr. listed on page 42 , middle row in Lincoln County, (ME?). The 1800 Census has Amos, Amos Jr, William and Joseph listed in Norridgewock, Kennebec, ME.⁶¹ The 1810 h census has Amos Adams Sr and all his sons in Norridgewock, Kennebec, ME.

Amos died 15 Feb 1845 in Madison, Somerset, ME, at age 98. According to the census of 1840, Mrs. Adams (probably Jane, Mephiboseth's wife) was said to be 100 years old.⁶²

⁴⁹ History of Norridgewock, Maine p. 117

⁵⁰ History of Norridgewock, Maine p. 70 " ... Amos Adams, ..., all settled about this time in the northeast part of the town, on lots marked E, F, G, H, I, J, K, L, and M and on the back end of the front lots" P. 96 (Amos name on first tax list).

⁵¹ The families residing in Norridgewock at the time of its incorporation, may be learned from the following list of the first payers of taxes. Those not mentioned in the Winslow tax list came between 1780 and 1788. Among the names are: Amos Adams and Amos Adams Jr.(from History Of The Old Towns by J. W. Hanson. P. 209 Asa Longley, Charles Witherell, Joseph Tar- bell, Josiah Nutting, Amos Adams.

⁵² from History Of The Old Towns by J. W. Hanson. P.216

⁵³ History of Norridgewock, Maine p. 191

⁵⁴ History of Norridgewock, Maine p. 96

⁵⁵ History of Norridgewock, Maine p. 178

⁵⁶ (Ladies' Miscellany, v. 1-2, published 1831). Page 49 In Norridgewock, Me Mr. Amos Adams, aged 80, to Mrs Sarah Hacket, nearly the same age.

⁵⁷ Daughters of the American Revolution; Item notes: v.19 1897, Lineage Book, (The Society, 1905), Pgs 173 & 174.,

⁵⁸ generously shared with me from me by Jan Hensley.

⁵⁹ From Tim & Grace at Find a Grave (findagrave.com)

⁶⁰ History of Groton, Massachusetts by Caleb Butler 1848 P. 384

⁶¹ Page 1 of the census for 1800 and 1810. ©

⁶² History of Norridgewock, Maine p. 116. "By the census of 1840, there is but one in about 200 that was over 80 years of age, one in 45 over 70 and one in 18 over 60. But one person in town has ever lived to the age of 100. Mrs. Adams, who died near 40 years since, was reputed to be over 100 years old. Three have died at the age of ninety- eight; namely, Amos Adams, Obadiah Witherell, and Ezekiel Gilman." My (BJA) best guess is that Mrs. Adams is Jane, wife of Mephiboseth because she was born in

NOTE: Some people want to put Sarah as Sarah Chauncey, but from my search I see that she is Sarah Kemp. See my file for the proof.

Mephiboseth⁶³ **Adams** b. 3 Jul 1715.⁶⁴ He married **Jane Derby**.⁶⁵ ⁶⁶Jane Derby b. in 1706.⁶⁷ Jane Derby and Mephiboseth Adams had the following children: Lydia b. 1743, Amos (our line) James b. 1748, John b. 1752.⁶⁸ Mephiboseth d. 1787 at age 71. Jane lived until she was 100 years old. See footnote 58.

In the Groton Historical Series, Vol. IV., No. III, Groton, MA 1896 page 453 FASHION IN GIVEN NAMES - "Mephiboseth Adams was a resident in the west parish of Groton a hundred and fifty years ago, and tradition says that he was known among his neighbors as "Fib" Adams, - but he spared his own boys (having his name)." Jane d. Norridgewock, ME in 1811, aged 105 years. Record of Mortality in Norridgewock commencing 1774 1811 Mrs. Adams, mother of Amos Adams 105.⁶⁹

Lexington Vital Records to the year 1850 gives Mephiboseth's death as - 18 May 1774 age 36 ... but this appears to be an error and should read - age 86. This sounds like information from a gravestone, but a gravestone has yet to be found.⁷⁰

John Adams b. 2 Sept 1688 in Lexington, Middlesex County, MA, to George Adams & Martha Fiske.⁷¹ & ⁷² He died 18 May 1774 in Lexington, Middlesex County, MA. He married **Mary Flagg** 27 Oct 1714 at Watertown, Middlesex County, dau of Gershom Flagg, MA.⁷³

Mary Flagg and John Adams had the following children: Mephiboseth (our line), John, Micah, Mary, Abijah, Prudence, Samson, and George.

George Adams,⁷⁴ son of George Adams And Frances Taylor b. in 1647, in Watertown, MA⁷⁵ He was baptized by Mr. Angier and owned the covenant 19 Jun 1698 at Watertown, MA In 1702 he was an assessor and constable in 1715. He married **Martha Fiske** in Watertown, Middlesex County, MA, MA⁷⁶. Martha Fiske, daughter of John Fiske and Sarah Wyeth, b. 15 Dec 1666, and baptized by Mr. Bailey 21 Nov 1686 at Watertown, MA Watertown, MA

1706. I don't have a birthdate for Sarah, but assume she was not born before Amos in 1746. And Mephiboseth died in 1787, so Amos could have brought his mom to live with him.

⁶³ http://www.vastpublicindifference.com/2009/11/name-of-day_21.html

⁶⁴ recordofbirthsma01lexi_black_white

⁶⁵ Record of births, marriages, and deaths to January 1, 1898 .. (Volume 2)

⁶⁶ Lexington Record of marriages page 94

⁶⁷ Marriage Notes for Mephiboseth Adams and Jane Derby: Mephiboseth Adams found in: Marriage Index: Massachusetts, 1633-1850 Married: May 2, 1734 in: Lexington, Middlesex Co., MA Gender: M This record can be found at: Family History Library, Salt Lake City, UT, Film # 0962818 item 2. (got from web)

⁶⁸ History of Groton, Massachusetts by Caleb Butler 1848 P.468 /491 (verified 2015)

⁶⁹ From Tim & Grace at Find a Grave (findagrave.com)

⁷⁰ From Tim & Grace at Find a Grave (findagrave.com)

⁷¹ History of Adams fam, des. of Henry Adams of Braintree, Ms. By Henry Wittemore. New York, 1893. (84p.):

⁷² *Massachusetts, Town and Vital Records, 1620-1988* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com

⁷³ Lexington Record of marriages page 94 & 115

⁷⁴ The principal sources of information on the ADAMS family are Genealogies of the Families and Descendants of the Early Settlers of Watertown, Massachusetts, by Dr. Henry Bond (1860).

⁷⁵ according to Family Memorials, his birth was not recorded.

⁷⁶ Lexington Record of marriages page 94 & 115

Martha Fiske and George Adams had the following children: George; Martha; John (our line); Nathaniel; Sarah; Benjamin.⁷⁷ George III became a doctor and is listed as a bone setter and surgeon (surgeon?) George died 17 Feb 1732/3, Lexington, Mass and Martha died 7 May 1747.⁷⁸

George Adams – (sometimes spelled Addams) We don't know when or where he was born. He married **Frances Taylor**, daughter of Richard and Ann Taylor of Watertown, Mass, in 1645. Frances was born 1623.⁷⁹

George was a glover – making and selling gloves. He was convicted of "selling two guns & strong water to Indians" in 1653. He lived at Watertown in indigence (poverty) with a wife and five children Jan. 1660/1. In 1664 he and his wife sold their land in Watertown to John Chinery, then he moved about 1664 to Lancaster, and spent his last years at Cambridge Farms (now Lexington). Numerous court records exist concerning control of a two hundred acre tract at Lancaster. George was a soldier in King Philip's War, serving with Capt. Joseph Sills.⁸⁰

George died d. Oct. 10, 1696, Watertown, Mass when he was 'killed by the fall of a rock'. I don't know if he fell off a rock or a rock fell on him. Another note for a George Adams.⁸¹

Frances Adams, "Relict widow of George Adams late of Cambridge Husbandman Deced," was appointed administratrix of his estate on 28 Oct. 1696. The inventory of the estate of "George Adams Senr late of Cambridge who Deced ye 10th of Octobr, 1696" was taken 19 Oct. 1696, and amounted to £61 13s. 8d. In this inventory appears an entry for "Two hundred and Sixty acres of Land at Lancaster" valued at £50.⁸²

Frances Taylor and George Adams had the following children: John; George (our line); Daniel; Joseph; Samuel; Mary; Benjamin; Abigail; Anna.⁸³

Note: several pieces of information suggest George migrated to New England through Barbados. His name is not listed on any of the ship manifests, so his date of arrival cannot be certain (his name may have been left off a manifest, or he may have signed on as a sailor and jumped ship in Boston.⁸⁴

Note: Many people assume his parents are: Father: George Adams b. about 1585 in Queen Camel, Somersetshire, England d. 1647 in Barbados, Jamaica. Mother: Martha (or Francis) Streetholt b. about 1600 in Devon, England.

Note: It is *possible* that George Adams of Watertown, was a nephew of Henry Adams, of Braintree, and a brother of John Adams, of Cambridge. so, would be '*cousin*' to the Adams presidents.⁸⁵

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<sup>77</sup> Lexington Record of births page 1

<sup>78</sup> Lexington Record of Deaths p. 163

<sup>79</sup> Gen. Column of the " Boston Transcript". 1906-1941.(p. 397)

<sup>80</sup> Immigrant Ancestors Before 1750 page 5

<sup>81</sup> [for to Infecl: ye yoking & ringing of swine George Adams j for ye ffarmes] found in Records of Cambridge, Mass.march 14, 1697/8. Don't know if this is our George Adams.

<sup>82</sup> [Probate Records of the County of Middlesex, Mass., 9:70-72 at East Cambridge].

<sup>83</sup> I have more information about the children of George and George Adams in a file adams\_kinnexions.com

<sup>84</sup> <http://www.our-genealogy.com/griffin/ancestry-adams/george-adams.html>.

<sup>85</sup> See General. Reg. VII., p. 40. And see Cambridge Church Gathering, p. 62]. Text: p. 673