

# 85th ADAMS-McKAIN REUNION News

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## \*\*\*INVITATION\*\*\*

### 86th REUNION TO BE HELD SATURDAY

13 AUGUST 2005

Rolland Morse and family graciously invite our family to attend the Reunion at the Centennial Farm. Uri Mason Adams purchased the farm just before he married Jane Woods McKain on 19 April 1865 so we will celebrate 140 years. A pot-luck dinner is planned for 1:00 PM. Service items and corn on the cob will be provided but you need to bring a dish to pass.

### PLEASE MAKE YOUR RESERVATIONS NOW!

At last years family reunion it was agreed that we would have a "family auction" of sorts to defray expenses for the 100<sup>th</sup> reunion in 2019. This year's auction will be held at the Centennial Farm. Those attending are invited to bring items to be auctioned off by a family member. Suggestions for items are baked or canned goods, (possibly with the recipe attached, maybe a family favorite), flowers, plants, or bulbs from your home, or even a piece of family memorabilia that you would like to share with other family members. Please bring your item unwrapped and labeled (if necessary for a description) and all items will be placed on a table for all to view before the auction begins after dinner and the meeting.

The Centennial Farm address is **88789 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, Porter Township, Van Buren County, MI.** **Directions:** Take US 131 to

Schoolcraft (which is in southern Kalamazoo County); go to the southern most light in town (this is called Eliza in town, but becomes "W" Ave. outside of town). Turn to the west on Eliza/W Ave. & go approximately 7 miles west to 23<sup>rd</sup> Street, turn left and go south approximately 1 mile to the Centennial Farm which is on the left or east side of the street. It is the 3<sup>rd</sup> home on the left. Be aware that as you precede west from Schoolcraft, the cross street numbering system goes from 10<sup>th</sup> St. down to 1<sup>st</sup> St., than to Vankal (the county line) and then the first street in Van Buren County is 23<sup>rd</sup> Street. **RSVP BY 7-30-05** to: Rolland Morse 2524 Lomond Dr. Kalamazoo, MI. 49008-2126: Phone 1-269-343-4911 or e-mail to: [morse@gmrv.com](mailto:morse@gmrv.com) Bob Brown has been active as a docent for the cemetery in Buchanan and has offered to be the docent for family who would like to visit Kern Cemetery where Horace H. and Loria G. (Kinney) Adams, their son Franklin B. and Lucinda (Fletcher) Adams, and Loria's parents, Elijah and Lucretia Kinney are buried. There will be a business meeting before we adjourn.

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### FEATURED STORY— Adams Centennial Farm

The Centennial Farm was purchased from the Cornelius K. Webber estate in 1865. This transaction evidently involved some kind of public land sale as there are documents on file at Paw Paw with 1865 dates of February 20<sup>th</sup>, April 10<sup>th</sup>, and May 27<sup>th</sup> that deed fractional interests in this 80 acres of land for a total price of \$2,9821.57.

Uri Mason Adams was born in Milan, OH 02 Nov 1832. He moved with his parents, Horace & Loria (Kinney) Adams to Porter Twp. in 1837. Robert Brown has been researching the Kinney family for inclusion in the family history. Elijah Kinney (1787-1864) and his wife, Lucretia Colvin Kinney (1788-1852) had a son, Luther, who married Emily Adams in 1830. Several sources suggest Loria Gates Kinney (1803-1850) who married Horace Hale Adams (1805-1847) was their daughter. Other sources suggest she was Elijah's sister. Uri L. Kinney (b. 1802-1805) was Elijah's nephew, and married Eunice Colvin, and their daughter,

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Lorania (Kinney) Matthews McDaniels lived across the road from the Uri & Jane Adams' farm house. Also Jane Adams' sister, Mary McKain, married Nathan S. Kinney, the son of Niles Hartwell Kinney. (If anyone has researched this branch please contact Jim Adams).

On 19 April 1865 Uri married Jane Woods McKain and they lived in a log cabin north and east of the present farm buildings. The old walnut tree northeast of the barn is the sole marker where the original log cabin was built on the property. Rolland Morse, son of Dorothy (Adams) and Francis Morse was told by Dorothy that the log cabin was still standing when she was born in 1913. Effa May Adams, the firstborn of Uri and Jane is the only child who was born in the log cabin.

Family tradition holds that the present residence (the Centennial Farm) was built in 1876.

The family has a copy of a warranty deed that was filed in the Registrar's Office in Van Buren County on 26 May 1870. It shows Uri Mason and Jane (Woods-McKain) Adams purchased 40 acres of land on 10 May 1865 from Sarah L. Fletcher for \$1,200. Francis Morse states this is not a part of the Centennial Farm because the acreage is in Section 25 and the Centennial Farm is Section 24. The land in the 10 May indenture is described as follows: "the east half of West half of Northwest 1/4 Section twenty four, town four South,

Range thirteen west containing 40 acres of land"

The Adams-McKain Family Reunion got its start in 1919 at the Centennial Farm as a welcome home to Lt. Harry Adams of Los Angeles and Capt. and Mrs. Ross Uri Adams of Kalamazoo. Another highlight was the Golden Wedding celebration for Horace Chester and Roxanna Arvilla (Bent) Adams Sunday, 12 March 1950. Guests who celebrated with Chester and Roxanna were: Mrs. C.P. Sykes and granddaughter of Benton Harbor, MI; Mrs. Moulton Davis, St. Joseph, MI; Mrs. Margaret Pagels, NY; Mrs. J.J. Reiling, Mrs. Margaret Cain and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Vernal Parish and children, IN; Mrs. C.J. Swallen, OH; Mrs. S.P. Weidenbeck, Drucilla and Patsy, Three Rivers, MI; Mr. & Mrs. Irving Gale and Barbara, Coloma, MI; Mrs. A. L. Adams, Mr. and Mrs. Don Price and daughters, Mr. and Mrs. Francis Morse, Kalamazoo, MI; Mr. and Mrs. Allen Snow, Colon; Mr. and Mrs. C.J. Champion, Doster; Mr. and Mrs. Hale Thornton, Rena Thornton, Lawton, MI.

Chester and Roxanna were married 50 years earlier on 07 March at the home of Roxanna's parents (Frederick & Ellen Bent) by Rev. Sink. They farmed there until 1945 when Chester retired.

Family members who have lived in the house are: Uri & Jane Adams and their 6 children; Effie May, Horace Chester, Archie L., Mary Calista, Clarence Mason, and Ross Uriah. Chester &

Roxanna's children were: Uriah Mason, Leslie Bent, and Dorothy. Leslie and Mildred (Snow) Adams' children were Dan and Marilyn. Next came Dorothy (Adams) and Francis Morse's son, Rolland and his wife Patricia and their children: Erin, Collin, Roxanna, and Brigid.

Rolland Morse became the owner of the farm in 1982. In 1990 the farm was designated as a "Centennial Farm" by the Michigan Historical Commission and a sign was placed on the property. In 1994 the home was remodeled and decorated with family heirlooms.

The following is a transcript provided by John K. Adams of a handwritten letter by Hazel Grace Adams: "July 12, 1990

Re: 1<sup>st</sup> reunion. Really just a get-together to welcome Uncle Ross and Aunt Grace back from overseas and Harry from 1<sup>st</sup> W.W. Laura Copley, wife of Earl Copley (Aunt Esther's son) of Decatur suggested we make it a yearly affair, so called reunion. Laura was a lovely person. Picture somewhere of number there at the Adams farm. I can still see your mother making many trips from kitchen to pantry, and always said she did more work after family in bed, she was a hard worker. Can recall your Dad picking up food from the reservoir (stove or range?) to the table for meals. Later pantry made into bathroom, you can remember that Dorothy.

I always slept with grandmother, her room was the east room at the

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top of the stairs. I would be homesick and want to go home, made promise to go home next morning all forgotten till night came again.

Hay fork. One of my pleasures of the season was to be there at hay time and drive the hay fork with a horse. Big event, long table in dining room, of hungry farmers and in those days no dish washing machines, all hand work and dried in your mother's kitchen cabinet.

I can remember seeing the log cabin in the field beyond the barn. My mother was the last to be born in the cabin and that year they moved into the big house. My mother was born in 1866. If that date does not agree with your dates Frances and Dorothy I could be wrong on the house dates, but do know that mother was born in the log cabin in the field beyond the barn.

Before the pantry made into a bathroom trips made to the outhouse from the back door, past the smoke house, through the garden gate to four holer and one smaller one for the children. In AM trips made with the pail or slop jars to empty. Hazel G. Adams. Original hand written, no editing except for commas and periods. JKA"

## 85th BUSINESS MEETING

14 AUGUST 2004

**ELECTIONS:** George Adams, President, called the business meeting to order. The elected officers for 2005 are: President: George Adams, Newsletter Editor: Jim Adams, and

Secretary/Treasurer: Barbara Gale.

**LOCATION:** Rolland Morse and family graciously invited the family to attend the Reunion at the Centennial Farm on Saturday the 13 of August 2005. The invitation was enthusiastically received and we look forward to having the 86<sup>th</sup> reunion on the farm.

## TREASURER'S REPORT

Barbara reported a total of \$384.00 was on hand for Reunion to pay for the 84<sup>th</sup> Reunion. The disbursements from 03 August 2003 to 13 Aug 04 was \$ 200.00 Reunion paid Barbara in full which left \$184.00 to start the 85<sup>th</sup> Reunion on 14 Aug 04. 125 newsletters were sent. One letter costs \$1.29 (copied letter-74c-stamp-55c) so \$38.70 was saved because 30 letters were e-mailed. However the highest cost remains photocopying 95 newsletters (\$69.85) and stamps (\$56.69) for a total of \$126.54. After discussing how to conserve money for yearly use as well as for the 100<sup>th</sup> reunion, it was decided to continue sending the newsletter to people on the address roster, emphasizing the need of current addresses (including e-mail address) and telephone numbers. Bill Wheaton volunteered to mail letters by postal service and Barbara will do e-mail letters. Sally Boldman volunteered to collect money by ordering polo shirts with an Adams logo. A \$5.00 donation is requested to cover the cost of the newsletters

and stamps. Please make checks out to Barbara Gale. Thank you.

I thank those who donated information for the 2004 reunion and since then. **Bob Brown** continues to add to the Brown-Fletcher History. Bob brought three exhibits for the Dorsey and Sarah Lucina (Adams) Fletcher family branch. **One** exhibit was the 2004 revision of the Emory and Muriel (Fletcher) Brown family history, originally compiled by Garry and Mary Brown in 1986, and revised by Bob Brown. A copy of this was donated to the reunion. Bob's **second** exhibit was a "12 x 16" framed marriage certificate for Julius H. & Sophia (Stute) Fletcher (11 Sept. 1811) with pictures of the bride, groom, and minister (T.T. George). The ceremony was in Lawton and the two witnesses listed on the certificate were Alice J. Fletcher (Later Moyer) and George Adams who married Effie May Adams. Bob's **last** exhibit was a wool spread, now over 170 years old, made by Barbara Ann (Ulery) Fletcher (1798-1870) while the Fletchers still lived in West Virginia (then still a part of Virginia) before coming to Michigan in 1839. Barbara married Thomas Fletcher (1794-1877) and they were the parents of Dorsey Fletcher who married Sarah Lucina Adams in 1856. They were the parents of Julius H. Fletcher. According to notes in the handwriting of Muriel (Fletcher) Brown (1889-1970), Barbara made the spread in 1883

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and then 5-year old Dorsey held the yarn for her. This spread was “lost” for years and Bob Brown’s father, Don Brown (1914-1976), found it in a suitcase or trunk in the attic at 219 Dibble St. in Marcellus. Don’s mother, Muriel Brown, recognized it. The background color of the spread is white (natural) and the predominant color is dark blue, with a lesser amount of light red. The spread is in very good condition. Coincidentally the 2004 reunion was held on the 176<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Dorsey Fletcher,s birth on August 14, 1828. **David F. and Mary Calista (Adams) Smith update-see #12 newsletter:** from Bob Brown’s scrapbook-obituary: David was born in Ontario, Canada 05 July 1840. After marrying, they lived in Canada near his old home and removed to Burlington, Iowa where he became an American citizen. Later he removed to Chicago, where he died of Brights Disease on 13 Feb. 1901. His wife and two children survived him. The funeral was held at J. Fletcher’s house and interment was at the Bly Cemetery, Marcellus. It is believed one of his sons, Herbert Smith, wrote a book. If you have information to verify this, please notify us. **Two new members of our family are Rev. Canon David C. Adams and Patty LeMasters.** David sent data about his branch of the Robert (1602) & Eleanor (Wilmot) Adams, who had six children: one being Jacob (1651) who married Anna Allen. Jacob & Anna had

Lieut. Abraham (1687) and John (1694). David’s branch of the Robert Adams families starts” with Lieut. Abraham and the Uriah branch” starts” with John. David wrote:” The Canadian Branch in Ontario still retains the family crest “Loyal au mort.” If you wish more data, David’s e-mail is [dc-adams@rogers.com](mailto:dc-adams@rogers.com). Patty LeMasters sent data showing that she also is a descendant of Robert Adams. The first born of Robert Adams and Eleanor (Wilmot) Adams children was Sergt. Abraham (1639) and he married Mary Pettengill. The connection between Patty’s and Uri’s families is that Sergt. Abraham and Jacob Adams were brothers. Patty’s e-mail is [cowwpatty@hotmail.com](mailto:cowwpatty@hotmail.com). **2019-THE CENTENNIAL YEAR:** lets all do our part—Why don’t **YOU** volunteer to write something for #14 newsletter?

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The *Van Buren Pictorial History Book* done by the Van Buren Regional Genealogical Society will be available at this reunion. Our pictures published in the book are Harmony Chapel Church and the Adams School House

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## FAMILY VIDEOS

Dave and Dawn Sivley contributed a video of the reunion held at Prairie View Park, Kalamazoo, MI in 1986. Do you have a reunion or family gathering video you could contribute to our library? This

would be a wonderful way for families to participate if they can’t come to the reunion.

## ANNOUNCEMENTS

The Reunion was held at the Clarion Hotel in Kalamazoo, MI. A reporter/photographer from the Kalamazoo Gazette published an article in the August 15, 2004 paper. The title was “This Family Sticks Together:It’s 85 reunions in a Row for Adams/McKain Bunch”. A brief history was given starting with Robert Adams to the current time and the reporter noted there was a great deal of history with books, photographs and other memorabilia. The featured picture was sisters, Andreea Hunter 6, and Bridghid Morse 11, of Kalamazoo, who were looking at pictures. They were the youngest children there and their parents are Rolland and Margy Morse. The oldest member present was Francis Morse. They are descendants of Chester and Roxanna (Bent) Adams. Bob Brown, Bill Wheaton, Nancy Hume, Sally Boldman, and Muriel Hurt grew up in Battle Creek, Holland, and Buchanan, and it was the first time they have been together for 45 years. Muriel came the farthest from South Heart, ND. They are descendants of Horace Hale Adams’ daughter Sarah Lucina. A beautifully decorated cake stating “Adams-McKain Reunion” was enjoyed by everyone. A card was mailed to Robert Kunce who is terminally ill and to Tim Adams who is in

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the military after the family signed the cards.

## 86th REUNION PLANS

The meeting was adjourned with a reminder the 86th Reunion will be held Saturday 13 August 2005 at the Centennial Farm, Porter Township, Rolland and family to plan.

## FAMILY ATTENDANCE

25 members attended the 85th Reunion and six branches were present. The states represented were North Dakota, North Carolina, Maryland, Indiana, and Michigan.

## FRANKLIN B. & ANNA (FLETCHER) ADAMS DESCENDANTS (3)

Rodney and Charlotte Adams of Kalamazoo, MI.

Joan Ryan of Kalamazoo, MI.

## GEORGE & EFFA MAY ADAMS DESCENDANTS (1)

Barbara Gale of Coloma, MI  
**HORACE CHESTER & ROXANNA (BENT) ADAMS DESCENDANTS (12)** George & Chris Adams of South Bend, IN

Margaret Wetherell of Chase, MI

Mary West of Rockford, MI

Dan & Pam Adams of Hudsonville, MI.

Francis & Mildred Morse of Kalamazoo, MI.

Rolland, Margaret, Brighid, and Andrea Hunter-Morse of Kalamazoo, MI

## ARCHIE & LILLIE (DOUGLAS) ADAMS DESCENDANTS(2)

Sue Stozicki of Kalamazoo, MI.

Sharl May of Portage, MI

## DORSEY & SARAH LUCINA (ADAMS) FLETCHER(5)

Muriel Hurt of South Heart, ND  
Bob Brown of South Bend, IN  
Bill Wheaton of Charlotte, N.  
Nancy Hume of Holland, MI.  
Sally Boldman of Ijamsville, MD

## THOMAS & JANE (MORROW) McKAIN DESCENDANTS (2)

Jay & Virginia (Copley) Vliet of Decatur, MI

## CURRENT NEWS

(NEWS RECEIVED AFTER 31 MAY 2005 WILL BE IN THE 2006 NEWSLETTER.)

**HORACE & MARY ADAMS** reports Christian graduated from the Coast Guard Academy in May, 2004 and married. John IV is taking a college break this year testing the idea of a business degree or continuing in education. Hallie graduated from High School and is a freshman at the "Savannah College of Arts and Design" in Savannah, GA. She is a member of the Golf Team, with a golf scholarship. Robert and Linda still resides on "The Adams Ranch" in Idaho and John III and Maryjo are still at the "Red Roof House" in TX. The "Guest House", storage building, and wood shed were completed at the lake. A fractured ankle reduced our time at the lake and eliminated the walking portion of our European Holiday in September, but we were able to do the River cruise portion from Brittany up the Seine to Paris.

**JOHN & PAT ADAMS** reports that since Jennifer graduated in June 2004, she has enjoyed her

freshman year at Christopher Newport University and majored in political science. She is involved in the President's Leadership Program which encourages students to volunteer in the community, attend speeches and events, and interact with the President. Christina is at James Madison University and is majoring in biology. The summer of 2004 Christina took summer school at the new University of Mary Washington and worked at a grocery store. John did some remodeling projects & Pat is still teaching 6th grade. She teaches two subjects and is co-chair of a five year School Improvement Plan. John and Pat toured Washington D.C. which included the Refurbished Washington Monument, the WW II Memorial, and other places.

**JIM & LINDA ADAMS** reports that Jessica will be working on an internship in Jamaica this summer before she returns to Northland College in Ashland, WI this fall. John is a staff writer for the Missoula Independent (MT) and recently wrote the cover story on a federal judge for the paper. Jim is going to college while trying to balance work, and raising 3 children. Linda continues her work in real estate and Jim was recently elected President of the WI Council for the Social Studies, the professional organization for 500 teachers, K-college.

**JOHN & SALLY BOLDMAN** reports John's job has him traveling to New Orleans and San Diego. In October he attended his

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Navy reunion in New London, CT. Sally took an Alaskan cruise. She attended the Reunion and saw other family. Sandy moved into her first apartment and has a steady boyfriend. She worked part time at "Kids Swim First" and attended classes full time. She also worked at the Maryland Theatre Festival in August. Sandy is working on her senior thesis and completing her final project for costume design. She has accepted parts in 3 independent films. Sandy graduated from Towson University with a BS in Theatre. She is now working at an entry level administrative position at a publishing/printing company in the Baltimore area. At this time acting is her hobby unless an excellent opportunity should arise. Thank you, Sally for ordering polo shirts to add to the money for the 100<sup>th</sup> Reunion.

## **JIM & ELIZABETH BOWE**

reports Jim continued to fly with American Airlines until 01 April 2005. Now he and Elizabeth run "Postal Connections" a mail and parcel center. The website for their store in PA is <http://postalconnections.com/158>.

Their five children (JennaMarie is in college) keep busy with home/school activities as well as helping at the store with Jonathan (5) saying he is the boss. Kathryn (18 mo.) had a cataract removed and she now wears a contact to replace her natural lens. She appears to be doing well.

## **FLOYD & MURIEL HURT**

reports their many activities, which include Floyd being mayor and working on a project of new water and sewer lines at the golf course. Muriel continues with her realtor work which includes several national committees and the earning of the "Emeritus" Award. There were many times of traveling in the United States to see family and friends. Muriel and four of her cousins whom she had not seen since 1959, attended the reunion.

## **BRUCE & DONNA MORSE**

reports between selling insurance, managing the business, and handling claims (four hurricanes in Florida), they have had a very busy year. They lost the 2-story screen enclosure around the pool. They are still enjoying water & snow skiing, hiking, and bicycling. They traveled to San Diego, Hawaii, Telluride, CO, MI., and Chicago.

## **BILL & JOANN WHEATON**

reports that Amy was invited to join the Colonial Dames of America based on all the fine genealogical research Bob Brown has done. Amy also frequently speaks to Quester Groups and tries to attend sampler shows. Joann had several trips with the family. Amy and Laura attended the New York antique shows. Laura and Joann saw the Broadway show "The Producers" with Matthew Broderick and Nathan Lane. Joann went to Panama through the canal and took her grandson, David to Philadelphia in June.

There were also visits to the "Charlotte Mint Art Museum" in Seattle and to Denver for Thanksgiving. Thank you, Bill for helping with the printing and mailing of this newsletter.

## **NURSING HOME RESIDENTS**

**ALLAN COPLEY** resides at 3637 McCain Road, Jackson, MI, and would enjoy hearing from you.

## **BIRTHS**

**EMELINE MAE SEELEY** was born to Tim & Rene Seeley on 16 April 2005. She weighed 7#-10oz and was 21 inches long with a lot of dark hair. Tim is Char's son and this is their third girl. Emeline is the 10<sup>th</sup> grandchild of Rod and Char.

## **DEATHS**

**GARRY BROWN** died Saturday 21 August 2004 after a fall at home. Garry was born in Marcellus, MI. on 17 December 1909. After he graduated from high school in 1927, he trained in electrical engineering and worked at that for a couple of years. He then went to work as a Metropolitan Life Insurance agent in Battle Creek and he enjoyed a very successful career. On 14 August 1936, Garry married Ethel Burns of Quincy, MI. and they had one daughter, Joan. Garry has three grandchildren and had been eagerly awaiting his first great-grandchild. In 1958, Ethel Brown died. Garry then married Mary Gordon, also of Battle Creek, who survives. Garry took an early retirement in 1968 and he and Mary traveled for several

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years in a travel trailer before settling in Tucson, Az in 1974. Garry's cremains were buried in the Battle Creek cemetery beside his first wife. The Masons of Alma, MI. made the arrangements. In 1986, Garry and Mary compiled a Brown/Fletcher family history, and they have contributed many papers/pictures to the reunion with information on how the Dorsey and Sarah Lucina (Adams) Fletcher family has interacted with the Adams branches: for example, the donation of the land for the Harmony Chapel which is still in use today.

**MARGARET L. COPLEY** died Wednesday, 10 November 2004 at Lake View Continuing Care Center, Lawton, MI. Margaret was born 18 March 1905, in Decatur, MI, the daughter of William & Ella Kathryn (Wassman) Conway. Margaret married Earl Copley on 21 September 1927. He preceded her in death 01 June 1972. She was also preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Allemang; and three brothers, Edward, John, and Lynden Conway. Survivors include two daughters- Virginia (Jay) Vliek of Decatur and Mary Lou (Robert) O'Connell of Jackson, MI. and one son, Allan B. Copley of Jackson, MI. She has 11 grandchildren, 12 great-grandchildren and a sister, Maurine Haefner, of Lawton, MI. The Newell Funeral Home, Decatur was in charge of services. A Vigil was held Friday, Nov. 12<sup>th</sup> and a Mass of Christian

Burial was celebrated on Saturday the 13<sup>th</sup> at the Holy Catholic Church, Decatur. She was buried at the Lakeside Cemetery.

Decatur. Virginia, Mary Lou, and Allan are descendants of Thomas & Jane (Morrow) McKain.

**VIVIAN SARAH ASHFORD DYE** died 17 June 2004. Vivian, the firstborn of Harry & Violet (Feller) Ashford's five children, was born on 17 December 1920 in Aberdeen SD. She married Frank Dye 31 August 1940 and they had two children: Linda (01 April 1944) and Ward (09 February 1949). Frank died 22 April 1994. Vivian's sister, Genevieve and two brothers, Jason and Harry are still living. Vivian's grandparents were Jason & Sarah (Bates) Feller and her great-grandparents were Isaac & Emily Loriania (Adams) Bates.

**ROBERT KUNCE** died Tuesday, August 17, 2004 at home in Galveston, TX. Robert was born to William and Helen (Adams) Kunce on 15 December 1929. Some of Robert's activities included chef, owner, and entertainer at the "Wharf" Restaurant in Gilchrist and later at the "Dinner on the Diner" in Galveston. He also wrote newspaper reviews of theater and musical events in various newspapers. He was the organist at the St. John Lutheran Church for the last 13 years and played the organ at other places for church services and weddings as well as performing wedding ceremonies. He was a member of the Galveston Musical Club

where he performed some of his own compositions. Survivors are his two daughters, Kathy Linderholm, her husband Harold, and Mary Beasley, along with 4 granddaughters, Jennifer Linderholm Ward, and Nikki, Mandi, and Lexi Beasley. Robert's sister, Maryhelen Shotland lives in the mountains of Arizona. A memorial service was held August 28, 2004 at St. John's Lutheran Church in Galveston, TX. His body was donated to the University of Texas Health Science Center. Robert attended some of the reunions so got acquainted with his Michigan cousins. He is a Uriah & Jane (Woods-McKain) Adams descendant.

## WEDDINGS

**RICHARD ADAMS AND LORINDA JACKSON** were married 12 March 2005 in South Bend, IN. They are at home at 1104 Hidden Lakes Dr. Apt. 18 Mishawaka, IN. 46544.

**WILLIAM CHRISTIAN ADAMS & MARIA JUDITH NIEMIEC** were married 21 May 2004 at the First Unitarian Church of Providence, Rhode Island. After the wedding, Christian and Maria drove to Christian's first duty station aboard CGC Alder (WLB-216) in Duluth, MN. After moving in, they had their honeymoon in San Diego while attending one of Christian's classmates & Rugby team mates wedding. Christian is the son of Robert & Linda Adams: the grandson of Horace and Mary Adams. He is a

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Franklin B. & Anna (Fletcher) Adams descendant.

**JIM: ATTENTION—THIS IS WHERE THE WEDDING PICTURE OF CHRISTIAN AND MARIA NEEDS TO GO-SEE MY 5-11-05 E-MAIL.**

**JENNIFER LINDERHOLM** was married to Krish Ward on Wednesday 05 May 2004 by her grandfather, Robert Kunce. They live near her parents, Harold and Kathy Linderholm. They were married on the same date as her great-grandparents, Bill & Helen (Adams) Kunce (05 May 1923). Jennifer is a photographer and Krish is an auto mechanic. Jennifer is a George & Effa May Adams descendant.

**ROLLAND MORSE** married Margaret (Margy) Hunter 06 September 2003 at the Martin Luther Park, Kalamazoo, MI. Andreea Hunter joins her sisters Anna, & Brigid.

Rolland is the son of Francis & Dorothy (Adams) Morse. He is an Uriah & Jane (Woods-McKain) descendant.

**ANGEL SEELEY AND MICHAEL HARTTER** were married 01-November 2003 at Kanley Chapel on the Campus of Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI. The reception was held at the Rose Street Market in downtown Kalamazoo. They went to Jamica for their honeymoon. Angel works for J. Walter Thompson Advertising in Detroit as a creative business manager and Mike works for TNT Logistic, Southfield, MI. as a Logistic Engineer. They live in

Ferndale, MI. Angel is Char's daughter.

## **GRADUATIONS/HONORS**

**CAPTAIN JEFFREY ADAMS** was selected as the 435<sup>th</sup> ABW Company Grade Officer.

**MASTER SGT. MONICA ADAMS** won an annual Award in the 435<sup>th</sup> Air Base Wing Communications competition. Jeffrey and family will be in Germany three more years.

**WILLIAM CHRISTIAN ADAMS** reports he graduated from the U.S. Coast Guard Academy with a degree in Civil Engineering. After the wedding and honeymoon, Christian spent July, August, and September at the Marinette Marine Shipyard, WI. The Alder sailed Sept. 17th for about a month before leaving for the Fall Bouy Run on Lake Superior to keep shipping lanes open. During the winter Christian went to various Coast Guard schools including SC, KY, OH, & VA. The Alder will be officially commissioned on June 10<sup>th</sup> and will be busy with fisheries, law enforcement, and security this summer. Maria enrolled in the University of Minnesota- Duluth to finish her Bachelors Degree in Environmental Science. She will be working at a local nature center this summer cultivating a butterfly garden and creating an educational program for it.. She also joined the UMD Girls Rugby team. Christian and Maria helped coach the "Ice Rats Level Ice Hockey Team".

**JENNAMARIE BOWE** graduated from high school in 2004. She just finished her freshman year at Brigham Young University. She is working at the store and at a local amusement park for the summer. She plans to return to college in the fall.

**SEAN CUNNINGHAM** graduated from Western Michigan University, Kalamazoo, MI. He is the son of James & Cheryl Cunningham, the grandson of Norman & Joan (Adams) Ryan. His great-grandparents were Alan & Gail (Garlock) Adams

**SARA HURT**, granddaughter of Floyd and Muriel Hurt, graduated 06 Aug. 2004 from the University of ND with a Masters in Elementary Education.

**MEGHANN MISIASZ** graduated from Grinnell College, Grinnell, Iowa. She is the daughter of Richard & Rhonda Misiasz, the granddaughter of Norman & Joan (Adams) Ryan. Her great-grandparents were Alan & Gail (Garlock) Adams.

**NICHOLAS WEST** graduated from Rockford High School on May 2004 with high honors. He plans to attend Michigan State University, East Lansing, MI. majoring in foreign languages. Nicholas is the son of Michael & Mary (Adams) West, the grandson of Uriah & Clarice (Nemmers) Adams, and the great-grandson of Chester & Roxanna (Bent) Adams. He is an Uriah & Jane (Woods-McKain) Adams descendant.

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Horace W. "Hoss" Adams of County Road 657, Lawton, MI passed away June 2, 2005 in Russia. Horace was born March 30, 1918 in Ann Arbor, Michigan the son of Horace Herbert and Iva (Wood) Adams. He was life-long resident of Van Buren County (Paw Paw & Lawton). He was a graduate of Paw Paw High School, Class of 1936 where he excelled in music, sports and academics. He received his BS degree from the University of Michigan (major in political science and botany) 1940 and his Jurist Doctorate degree from the University of Michigan Law School 1942.



Horace served as an attorney for the US Air Force Command in Dayton, Ohio during World War II. Horace practiced law with his father in Paw Paw throughout his entire career. In 1950 Horace was elected as prosecuting attorney of Van Buren County and served two terms. He helped form the Lake View Community Hospital Authority and for several years was the President of the Michigan

Community Hospital Authority. He was past president of the Mattawan school board and a life-member of the Van Buren Youth Camp board. Horace has served as an attorney for several villages, townships, and corporations as well as serving on their Board of Directors. He was a member of the Paw Paw Lions Club, Farm Bureau, and active member of the Van Buren County Bar Association since 1946. Horace was a member of the Paw Paw-Lawton Lodge # 25 F&AM and a generous patron of Western Michigan University's Music Department. Horace W. Adams was awarded a Certificate of Proclamation by the State of Michigan celebrating his 58 years of legal service in the state of Michigan as he "contributed to the growth and progress of the Great Lakes State with his personal sense of dedication, integrity, and respect for humanity. His hobbies include international travel as he passed away in Moscow while exploring the Russian waterways with his beloved wife, Mary. On June 24, 1949 Horace was united in marriage to Mary Louise Pugsley, who survives. Also surviving are a son, Robert W. Adams and his wife Linda Adams of Boise, Idaho daughter, Dr. Maryjo Adams Cochran and her husband, John Cochran III of Huntsville, Texas; three grandchildren, William Christian Adams and his wife, Maria Adams of Duluth, MN; John IV and Hallie Cochran of Huntsville, Texas. Family will

receive friends Monday, 5-8 p.m. at the Adams Funeral Home, Paw Paw. A Masonic memorial service will be held Monday evening 7:30 p.m. at the funeral home. A memorial service will be held Tuesday, 11 a.m. at the First Presbyterian Church, Paw Paw with Rev. Tom Abbott officiating. In lieu of flowers memorial contributions may be made to the Van Buren Youth Camp.

The online obituary and guestbook may be found at: <http://www.timeformemory.com/adams>

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The newsletter will continue to be mailed to people on the newsletter address roster. A \$5.00 donation is requested. Please make checks out to Barbara Gale. Please accept our apologies if you did not get an invitation or newsletter. Please notify George or Barbara about address, email, telephone changes to avoid re-mailing or being missed. You can also receive an electronic copy of the newsletter in PDF or MS Word format. Please contact Barbara or Jim if you prefer to receive a digital copy of the newsletter.

## Adams Family on the 'Net

You can visit the Adams-McKain Family internet web site: <http://www.adams-mckain.com>

Send us your name, email address, AOL Instant Messenger username to Jim Adams.

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The Reunion Library in the home of Barbara has 3 genealogy notebooks, 2 history notebooks of pictures, diaries, etc. 8 reunion notebooks with data for each year since 1919, and one notebook labeled "Our Family War Heroes".

War data begins with the French & Indian War through current wars. The Civil War and WW1 are emphasized so if anyone has information about family members who have served in the armed forces please forward it to Barbara Gale.

Other notebooks include the 80<sup>th</sup> Reunion Recipe book, the Chicago Iroquois Theater Fire of 1903, Treasurer's reports, Marcellus Centennial, The Wildcat (MHS Centennial Book) and the genealogy book by Andrew Adams of Robert Adams & His Descendants.

It is hoped the enthusiasm and interest shown by the group while looking at the information is contagious and that we will compile all related data so it can be presented at the 100<sup>th</sup> Reunion in 2019. Let George, Jim or Barbara know if you are interested in this worthwhile project.

Another way you can help is to volunteer to write the family history section of newsletter #13 in July 2005. Barbara will need that information by 01 April 2005. Barbara also needs your family news, such as births, marriages, etc. no later than 01 May 2003 for it to be published in Newsletter #13.

## Newsletter Needs Your Support

If you would like to receive this newsletter via email, please let Jim Adams or Barbara Gale know your email address. This newsletter is produced in Microsoft Word format. This would save us some cost of printing & mailing and you could get the newsletter earlier!

The newsletter editor is requesting that family members submit written histories for inclusion in future newsletters. We will keep these histories as part of the permanent family record.

As an alternative, record your family history on cassette tape and bring the tape to the reunion or send it to Barbara Gale or Jim Adams. Be sure to test your equipment before your interview and check the audio level.

If you have a good quality family picture to include with your history please send a copy with the history for inclusion in a newsletter. Please send current news and pictures by 28 July to Barbara Gale or bring to the reunion.

Jim's Genealogy Page for ideas in working on family history: <http://www.sevastopol.k12.wi.us/socialstudies/geneal.html>

If you have a website dealing with family history please contact Jim so he can include a link to your website.

You can find links on his website to sites where you can download genealogical forms (family group sheets, lineage charts, etc.).

Other websites of interest:

Jim's Family Tree Maker:  
<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/a/d/a/James-R-Adams/index.html?Welcome=1005172078>

Jim Bowe's Family Tree Maker:  
<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/b/o/w/James-E-Bowe/?Welcome=1088626260>

Sunny's Family Tree Maker:  
<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/l/i/n/Kathy-Linderholm-Texas/index.html?Welcome=1088626306>

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