

# ADAMS-McKAIN 75th REUNION

Sunday, August 7, 1994 1:30 p.m.



*Wrest-A-While*

Standing from left to right: Ross, Chester, Effa Mae, Archie, Mary and Mason  
1924 ~~Whist~~-A-While Cottage of Horace Herbert (Hale) Adams, West Side Park,  
Bransen Lake, Porter Township, Van Buren, Michigan

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**MARCELLUS HIGH SCHOOL CAFETERIA  
MARCELLUS, MICHIGAN**

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Volume #1

MARCELLUS, MI

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## 75th Reunion

The 75th Adams-McKain reunion will be held in the Marcellus High School cafeteria in Marcellus, MI on Sunday, 07 August 1994.

Those still living who attended the 1st Adams-McKain family reunion at the Uriah Adams family farm in 1919 are Hazel Adams, Clare (Adams) Price, Marion (Adams) Moe, and Horace Adams.

The 1st reunion was a celebration of the end of the Great War (WWI) and the successful return of Captain Ross U. Adams, M.D. and Lt. Harry Alford Adams. Capt. Adams served in the Medical Corps assigned to a surgical team in St. Mihiel, and the Meuse and Argonne. Lt. H. A. Adams served in the infantry in France.

The Adams-McKain families have met for 75 years since that 1st reunion.

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## Robert Adams Family Arrives in America

**Robert** (1602-1682) and Eleanor (?Wilmot) Adams had 9 children. Their son **Jacob** (1651-1717) and Anna Allen (?Ellen) had 8 children including **John** (1694-?) who married Abigail Roe (R?Rowe) had 5 children, one named **Joel** (1729-1820) who was a Lieutenant in the French & Indian War (1755). Lt. Joel Adams married Elizabeth Fowler and they had 6 children, one named **Bildad** (1765-1826) who was a twin. Bildad married Mary Haynes & moved to Milan, OH. They had 11 children including **Horace Hale** (1805-1847) who married Lorian Kinney. They had 6 children (Phebe died at age 3).

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I ♥ CLIMBING THE  
FAMILY TREE!

## Program

1:00 PM--Social & Picture Time  
Dawn & Dave Sivley

1:30 PM--Welcome & Prayer  
George Adams

Buffet Dinner--  
Kay Gailhouse, caterer

Beef Roast  
Chicken  
Potatoes Au Gratin  
Hot Vegetable  
Vegetable Tray  
Cole Slaw  
Rolls  
Fruit Compote  
Coffee or Iced Tea  
Punch Bowl  
Cake

2:30--Business Meeting  
President: George Adams  
Secy/Treas: Barbara Gale

3:00-4:30--A journey down  
"Memory Lane"  
Family histories &  
reminiscing  
--Centennial Farm  
Rolland Morse family

4:30--Adjournment

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## Franklin B. Adams 1828-1910

He married Lucinda Fletcher and they had **Horace Hale** (1857-1860) and **Clara Lucinda** who married Dudley Thornton. They had six children. They settled near Lawton, MI where they were involved in fruit farming.

F.B. Adams had 2 children with Anna Fletcher. Their son, **Franklin K. Adams** (1882-1955) married Josephine Burhans and they had 6 children. **Horace "Bert" Adams** (1884-1976) married Iva Woods and they had a son.

## Historical Family Displays

Franklin B. Adams: Shauna Lula

Uriah Mason Adams: Jim Adams

Sara Lucinda Adams: Garry Brown

Emily Lorian Adams: Edith  
Johnson

McKain/Copley: Max McKain &  
Virginia Copley

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## Uri Mason Adams 1832-1900

Uri married Jane Woods McKain of County Down, Ireland and they had 6 children. **Effa May** (1866-1954) married George W. Adams and they had 4 children. **Horace Chester** (1868-1953) married Roxanna Arvilla Bent and they had 3 children. **Archie Leonard** (1871-1944) married Lillie LaBarr Douglas and they had 2 children. **Mary Calista** (1876-1970) married Claude P. Sykes and they had 4 children. **Mason Clarence** (1877-1928) married Pearl Eisenhower and they had no children. **Ross Uri** (1883-1943) married Grace Daly and they had one son.

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## Sara Lucinda Adams--1835-1914

Sara married Dorry Fletcher and they had twins, one dying in infancy. **Julius Horace** Fletcher married Sophia Stute and they had 4 children.

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Reunion program layout and printing were a joint effort of Jim and George Adams.

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## Emily Lorania Adams--1839-1911

Emily married Isaac Leonard Bates who served in the Civil War and they had 3 children. **Franklin Adams** Bates married Laura Perkins and they had one child. **Sarah Sophia** married Jason Feller and they had 3 children. **Minnie Leonora** married William H. Anstiss and they had 9 children.

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## Mary Calista Adams--1842-1919

Mary married David F. Smith and they had one child, **Horace Herbert** Smith.

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## Thanks & Credits

Barbara Gale, coordinator and Jack K. Adams, assistant coordinator thank all those who helped make today a memorable one, particularly the various committees.

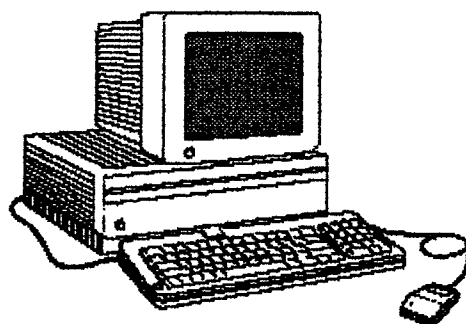
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The editor of the Adams-McKain newsletter has attempted to be as accurate and complete as possible. If you find errors or omissions please contact him so that correct family records may be maintained. He also wishes to thank all of those family members who have contributed with research over the years (especially Barbara Gale!)

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## Computerized Genealogy

The Adams-McKain family history is being compiled, organized and maintained on a computer program called Reunion™. This program can be ordered from Leister Productions for \$110.00 and is available for the Apple Macintosh computer.

The address is 14 Hill Boulevard, Mechanicsburg, PA 17055-9850; (717) 697-1378. Reunion™ is also available through various mail order catalogs such as The Mac Zone.

If you would like a copy of the data files for Reunion™ call or write Jim Adams for a copy.

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## Adams-McKain Family Tree

The Adams Family Tree dating back to Robert Adams who arrived in Ipswich in Massachusetts Bay from Devonshire, England in 1635 and the McKain Family Tree beginning with Thomas McKain and Jane Morrow of Ireland will be displayed at the family reunion.

The McKain family is from County Down, Ireland. Many members of the McKain family are buried in the Nicholsville Cemetery west of Marcellus just off Marcellus Highway.

## Family History

Robert Adams was a tailor and yeoman who resided in Salem in 1638-1639 and settled in Newbury, MA where he acquired a large farm.

The Adams family moved to Suffield, CT then to Marlboro, VT and later to Milan, OH which was known as the Connecticut "Western Reserve" or the "Firelands". This "western" land was "reserved" for war veterans who lost land and property in the war. The US government often could not pay cash to the soldiers so the government provided land acquired from the British.

In 1837 Uri Mason Adams moved with his parents (Horace Hale & Lorania G. Kinney Adams) to Porter Township in Van Buren County, MI where he purchased the farm in 1865. The home was designated a "Centennial Farm" on 13 July 1990.

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From left to right: Mason, Uri, Ross, Jane, Archie, George, Effa May, Mary, Chester  
Picture was taken in 1890 or 1891 at the Chester Adams Farm in Porter Township.  
The farm has been designated a centennial farm and is now occupied by the  
Rolland Morse Family.

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January 12, 199~~4~~<sup>5</sup>

Dear Barbara:

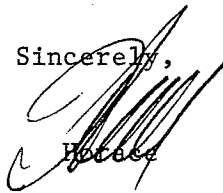
The sign at my parents cottage at Bankson Lake was "Wrest A While" which is a play on words. Wrest is defined in the dictionary as "to extract by persistent effort" which implies that for one to find any "Rest" at this cottage, you could not simply sit down and start to rock, but that it took great effort to achieve it with all of the effort that was required to maintain and support it.

We enjoyed the newsy recap that you were able to put together and have xeroxed a copy and sent to each of the children.

We visited Robert in Maryland over Thanksgiving and spent 10 days in Texas at Maryjo's new home, enjoying the grandchildren while John and Maryjo spent a few days in Cancun.

We have made no plans for this year, except to have the grandchildren with us for 4 - 6 weeks, which we enjoy and hope to continue until their other activities start to interfere. We do plan a motor trip to the Canadian Maritime's in May with some friends fom Seattle. It will be fun to renew our acquaintenance with the area, which he have previously done both by car and ship.

Sincerely,



Horace

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