

**Adams Geneology**

(Beginning the first installment of the talk "Our Branch of the Adams Family" given by James Taylor Adams of Big Laurel, Va., at the recent Craft-Adams-Webb Reunion at Mayking, Ky.)

Cousin Burdine Webb, kin-folks, friends and guests:

I am honored today to stand here, in the presence of so many of my relatives, surrounded by the dust of our common ancestors, brave and hardy men and women who, forsaking the ease of civilization, came afoot and on horseback into a vast wilderness and spent themselves that we, of today, the fifth, sixth and seventh generations, might enjoy fuller lives than they even dreamed, back there in the dawning years of the nineteenth century.

There are many traditions as to the origin of the Adams, Craft and Webb families. But I have never been much of a hand to accept tradition, for my experience has been that tradition is wrong more than it is right. In genealogy, as in most everything, it is not a good idea to take too much for granted. Everytime someone expresses themselves as satisfied with what they have "heard said," I am reminded of an old fellow who I interviewed on his family a few years ago. He knew his father all right, but when it came to the first name of his paternal grandfather he was stuck. He scratched his head, fingered his chin, and gazed off into the distant sky as if he expected to communicate with something or somebody beyond. Finally he brought his gaze back to me, "I believe his name was John" he said. "I'm almost sure it was. That's all right, just put him down as John. Hit won't make any difference." I did not put him down as John; and, later an interview with a more interested descendant and the checking of a court record, established the old fellow's name as Thomas.

I find that the handbill advertising this annual meeting is headed "Reunion of the Craft-Adams-Webb Families." Adams would have covered it all as far as we are concerned, for every Craft and Webb, descendants of Archelus Craft and Benjamin Webb are descendants of John Adams.

The Holbrooks, Hammons, Kincers, Lewises, Smiths, Williamses and many other names could have been added, for all these people are descendants of Old John, Old Benjamin or their nephew Moses Adams who settled a few miles down Kentucky River from his uncles. Then there are the Caudills (descendants of Old Stephen). For Stephen was a son-in-law of Old Benjamin Adams.

While we find many traditions and leads which tend to show that the Adamses were originally from New England this has not been proven. I might say that I do have, at this time, some leads which I am following through my research in courthouses in Virginia, Maryland, Pennsylvania and New Jersey which I hope will finally forge the connecting link and bring us to our immigrant ancestor.

So far the first record I have of our branch of the Adams family is in the year 1774 when Spencer Adams was for his marriage to Mary Townsman for Jacob Adams son in Rowan County, North Carolina. Rowan county was later to give part of its territory to form the new county of Wilkes; and it was in that part of Rowan that the Adamses lived.

The next official record I find of our people is around 1780 when they took up lands on Roaring River. There were John, Spencer, Benjamin, Charles, William and Jacob, all of whom we presume to be brothers. Then in 1785 we find Elizabeth Adams, daughter of Old John, and Archelus Craft marrying and the bondsman for this wedding was Elizabeth's uncle Jacob Adams. Following this the court and church records in Wilkes county are cluttered up with Adams activity.

In the year 1783 the South Fork of Roaring River Baptist Church was constituted and the first matter of business af-

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Here is the perfect combination of appeal and cooking ease—one of the all-time favorites, hearty pork chops. Serve them piping hot, with plenty of good gravy and hot self-rising biscuits. Everyone will wipe his plate clean and call for more.

**PORK CHOPS AND GRAVY**  
6-8 pork chops (¾-1 inch thick)  
1 teaspoon salt  
¼ teaspoon pepper  
4 tablespoons fat drippings  
4 tablespoons self-rising flour  
2 cups sweet milk  
Brown pork chops on both sides in medium hot skillet which has been greased slightly by rubbing fat edge of one pork chop over it.

Season with salt and pepper, reduce heat to low, cover, and cook 20 to 30 minutes or until tender. Remove to hot serving platter.

Gravy: Skim off excess top fat, leaving all the brown drippings in the pan. Add self-rising flour to fat drippings and stir until well blended. Add milk or water all at once, stirring constantly until smooth and thickened. Add more salt and pepper if needed. Simmer three or four minutes. Serve with hot self-rising biscuits.

**SELF-RISING BISCUITS**  
2 cups self-rising flour  
3 tablespoons fat  
½ cup sweet milk (about)  
Sift flour once before measuring. Cut fat into flour until texture of coarse cornmeal. Add liquid all at once and stir until all flour is well dampened (20 strokes). Knead lightly 6 strokes. Roll to ½-inch thickness and bake on ungreased baking pan in hot oven (450° F.) for 12 minutes.

ter organization of the church was completed, was the admission of John Adams and wife by experience and baptism. Spencer and his wife joined about six months later by letter; and about the same time Henrietta, Benjamin Adams' wife, was also a member.

In the year 1803 Spencer Adams (then a noted Baptist preacher) led a colony from the Roaring River section of Wilkes County, N. C., and settled on the headwaters of the North Fork of Kentucky River. Old Spencer got about, and it is believed that he had been on a preaching tour in the Bluegrass country, and returning to his home in North Carolina, discovered this fertile land and made up his mind to settle it. Anyway among them being two of his brothers, Old John, our ancestor, and Old Benjamin.

Now I think it will be of interest to take each of these old Adams brothers and trace their descent briefly.

Spencer was elected a magistrate almost on arriving here; he also served a term as deputy sheriff of Floyd County; and in 1817 he was elected High Sheriff of Floyd County, which, at that time covered all of East Kentucky. Yes, Old Spencer got around. For, while serving as sheriff of his county he also pastored the Indian Bottom Church, the Sandlick Church which he had constituted near his home at the mouth of Sandlick and the Castlewoods church at Castlewood, Russell County, Virginia, and the Deep Spring Church, in Lee County, Virginia; and, with all this, he found time to carry on a very active real estate business and horse-swapping, as the records in Prestonsburg and Hazard reveal. Then, in the year 1821, he, with his sons Benjamin, John and Irvin and his sons-in-law Sampson and Abner Caudill, he pulled up stakes in Kentucky and moved to Dallas County, Alabama, where he lived out his days on a large plantation and where he died in the year 1830 and lies buried on a hill overlooking the Alabama River. During the time he stayed in Kentucky his son William died; and he left two children, Spencer and Hannah, whom Old Spencer raised. His son Jesse, the youngest did not go to Alabama, but resided here for several years and then moved to Searcy County, Arkansas, where he died and where his descendants still live.

(Next week, old Jacob Adams.)

**RESOLUTIONS**

Upper Kentucky River Education Association, October 10, 1952.

We the committee on resolutions of the Upper Kentucky River Education Association in convention at Hazard, Ky., this October 10, wish to submit the following resolutions:

1. We commend the officers of the association for their efforts in bringing us an excellent program and we wish to thank all those who took part. We wish especially to commend our president for his part in our association for continuing a discussion type of program, and for his promptness in starting the meetings.

2. We wish to thank the Hazard Board of Education for the use of its building and facilities; the citizens of Hazard, the Chamber of Commerce, and the civic organizations for their hospitality; and the Hazard papers and Radio Station WKIC for the publicity given.

3. We wish to thank the ministers, the special speakers and consultants, the Breathitt County High School Glee Club, and the Stuart Robinson Folk Dancers for the excellent contributions they made to the general program.

4. We wish to commend the members of the association for the fine attendance at the meeting and the active part they took in the discussion.

5. We recommend that the members of the Upper Kentucky River Education Association go on record as supporting without reservation a minimum Foundation Program for the education of the children of Kentucky. We pledge ourselves to work with the citizens of our respective communities in an effort to arrive at a program which will raise the level of all our schools without reducing the level of any school.

6. We commend the Governor of the state and the General Assembly for making it possible for the people of Kentucky to vote on the amendment which will permit a "Better School Program" to be developed.

7. We wish to stress the need for Federal Aid to Education, and we urge the Congress to appropriate the sum necessary for the equalization of educational opportunities throughout the United States.

8. We again request that the Extension Department of the University create a region for speech activities composed of the counties in the UKREA region, since two large high schools have been added to the region, and we pledge to carry out a speech program in the region to the best of our abilities.

9. We further recommend that our local associations be affiliated with our state and national Associations and that we strive to attain 100 per cent membership in these associations.

10. Finally we recommend that copies of these resolutions be given to the press and a copy be sent to the office of the Kentucky Education Association and to the National Education Association.

Respectfully submitted:  
Dewey Hendricks, Chairman.  
Roy S. Huffman,  
Estil McIntyre,  
Mrs. Homer Nantz.

**MINERS DEADLINE**

John L. Lewis has told his United Mine Workers to refuse to go to work November 18 unless mine operators have made their increased royalty payments to the union well in advance of that date.

A recent contract between union and operators calls for an increase of ten cents a ton in the royalty payments, from 30 to 40 cents.

The contract, which also calls for a \$1.90 a day wage increase, is now before the Wage Stabilization Board.

Lewis pointed out that the contract specifies that each operator is to certify by November 18 that he has paid royalty covering production for the previous month.

Steel, glass, and chemical industries use more than 20 per cent of total U. S. bituminous coal produced each year.

**Stuart Robinson News**

Misses Irene, Nola and Nola Turner and Mrs. Glen Hampton visited their parents who live near Jackson, Kentucky, the past week end. While they were on their visit they attended a square dance at Le's College in Jackson.

Miss Lois M. Ellis, English teacher, is away this week representing the schools and Home Missions in several of the churches of Fayetteville Presbytery in North Carolina.

Miss Jean Croucher, Miss Betty Lou Chamberlin and Mr. Patrick Napier, with ten boys and girls, attended the fall rally of the Young People of the Guerrant Presbytery, which met at Lee's Cottage, Jackson, Kentucky, on October 11. They reported a good meeting and a good time.

Mr. Harvey Johnson visited relatives and friends in Charlotte, North Carolina over the week end. Johnny McLaughlin also visited his parents in Charlotte, North Carolina.

Mr. and Mrs. Jack Burkich and son Michael had dinner with Mrs. Burkich's mother, Mrs. Leslie Hogg, at Blackey, Kentucky Sunday.

Miss Campbell D. Wallace is visiting her parents, Dr. and Mrs. Bear in Richmond, Virginia.

The majority of the dormitory students went home over the week end.

The following students gave a performance at Hazard Thursday, October 9 for the U.K.R.E.A. Nola Turner, Claudetta Breeding, Delores Caudill, Nora Turner, Margaret Crigger, and Loretta Mayes. The boys were Jimmy Hayes, Johnny Duke, Frank Duke, Junior Whitaker, David Estepe and James Cornett. The three folk dances they performed were North Skelton Sword Dance, Twentieth of May and Dargison.

The average amount of coal consumed in the U. S. is 3 tons per person per year.

NOTICE — Our Christmas card samples have arrived. We have a complete new line in art masterpieces. Place your order now and receive invoice first of the year. All cards are exclusive, no duplicates will be sold.

— THE MOUNTAIN EAGLE

**Blackey School To Hold Carnival**

If you like to to laugh, don't miss the Hallowe'en Carnival Friday night, October 17, at Blackey School. One of the main events is a Style Show featuring Oakley Halcomb, Joe Back, Don Bates, Paul Blair, Herman Campbell, Dexter Dixon and others as models.

At this writing, we aren't sure which one will wear the latest in dresses, evening gowns, bathing suits, grass skirts, etc.

Other attractions will be to require twice as much U. S. fish pond, ring toss, scales, coal as the current imports of white elephant sale, candy

wheel, snack bar, penny board, ring donald duck. Special music by Green Mountain boys.

There will be a door prize (basket of groceries) and a King and Queen will be named.

Mrs. Dexter Dixon, Chairman of this annual event, invites all parents to help make it an enjoyable affair for their children. Come out and have fun with your children while they are children.

By 1975 Canada is expected to require twice as much U. S. coal as the current imports of 25 million tons annually.

**REPORT OF WHITESBURG SCHOOL**

**ACTIVITY FUND**

From August 25, to October 1, 1952

Name of Activity	Bal. at beginning of Mo.	Receipts During Mo.	Disb. Mo.	Bal. at Close of Mo.
Bookstore	\$400.26*	\$2437.94	\$1581.52	\$456.16
Choruses	.00	91.00	.00	91.00
Civics	8.60*	28.25	.00	19.65
Instrument Rent	322.20*	.00	.00	322.20*
Juniors	65.00	453.66	3.17	515.49
Library	27.08*	.00	56.13	83.21*
Locker Fees	302.52	.00	.00	302.52
Manual Training	39.36*	131.50	94.10	1.96*
Office	100.00	888.21	562.39	425.82
Science	13.56	101.95	.00	115.51
Seniors	546.70	1160.50	1110.00	597.20
Sophomores	75.50	.00	.00	75.50
Typing	296.67	895.00	877.34	314.33
Uniforms Band	384.82	.00	.00	384.82
Wildlife Club	4.00	18.50	.00	22.50
Totals	991.27	6206.51	4284.65	2913.13

\* Denotes — "In The Hole"

There were a few unpaid bills at the time this report was made. There will be a statement each month in the paper of the Whitesburg School Fund.

This information obtained in this report is a true statement of the financial condition of the various activity accounts as shown above.

MILLARD TOLLIVER, Principal.

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