

and commanded a detachment of 1000 men, which destroyed the railroad running South from Jackson. In August following, owing to a severe illness (which continued for fifteen years), he was compelled to resign and return home. His father, who was also an ardent patriot, rendered important service during the early part of the war. He was appointed Captain and Commissary of Subsistence by President Lincoln, in July, 1861. While stationed at Camp Dick Robinson, Gen. Zollikoffer, commanding the (Confederate) Army of Tennessee, began his march through Cumberland Gap, and Gen. Thomas, commanding the Federals, was without means of subsistence for his army, and unable to check the advancing Confederates, the sympathies of the inhabitants being largely with the rebels. In this dilemma Capt. Adams offered to pledge his private fortune and at once rode to Lexington, where he was well-known among the merchants, and purchased sufficient food and other materials to meet the emergency. Gen. Thomas said to him that he was "the noblest Roman of them all," and that he believed that this unselfish act of patriotism was without a parallel in the war. On a previous occasion he supplied the East Tenn. troops in the same manner. Capt. Adams, like his son, was stricken with a severe illness and compelled to resign in 1863. H. W. Adams, the son, subsequently engaged in the wholesale dry goods business at Lexington, Ky., continuing until 1874, when he removed to New York city and engaged in the iron business, which he has since carried on successfully. He is a member of the N. Y. Com. of the Military Order of the Loyal Legion, U. S., of Ulric Dalhgrehn Post, No. 26, Dept. N. J., of the Washington Ass'n, N. J., Member Met. Museum of Arts, N. Y., Union League and Historical Society of Virginia. Mr. Adams married, in Jan., 1867, Miss Caroline B. Haywood, daughter of Benj. Haywood, Esq., of Pottsville, Pa. He has four children, his eldest, a graduate of Princeton, is now (1892), at Harvard Law School, and two others are preparing to enter college.

ADAMS FAMILY of Carroll County, Maryland and Fairfax County, Va.

FRANCIS ADAMS, of Charles Co., Md., is the first direct ancestor of this branch of the Adams family of which there is any authentic information. He and many of his descendants bore the Arms and Crest of an old distinguished family mentioned in "Burke's General Armory," viz.: *Arms*, Ermine, three cats-a-mountain, passant in pale sable. *Crest*, a greyhound's head, coupé ermines, charged on the neck with two bars gemelles, or. Francis Adams was born about 1680, and in 1707, married Mary, daughter of George Godfrey, of Charles Co., Planter. By deed, dated Nov. 13, 1707, the said Godfrey conveyed to Francis Adams and Mary his wife, part of a tract of land called "Troops Rendesvous." The issue of Francis and Mary (Godfrey) Adams, were:

Josias, who in his will, recorded Aug. 17th, 1773, mentions as children: *Daniel*
Jennifer Adams, *Elizabeth Mason Adams* and *Anna Adams*.

George, living in 1749.

Ignatius, to whom his father bequeathed "Troops Rendesvous."