

*Abednego*, of whom hereafter.

*Samuel*, who died in 1748, leaving issue, *Tabitha*, *Celia*, *Athaliah* and *Cloc*.

*Francis*, of Charles Co.

ABEDNEGO ADAMS, of Fairfax Co., Va., fourth child of Francis and Mary (Godfrey) Adams, was born in 1721. When quite young he settled in Fairfax Co., Va., on lands lying between the two branches of "Little Hunting Creek." In 1753 he inherited by will the lands of his cousin William Godfrey, of Fairfax Co., and in 1760 obtained from Lord Fairfax, proprietor of the Northern Neck of Virginia, a grant of land in Fairfax Co. He married three times; by his first wife he had three children; his third wife was Hannah Moss, of Fairfax Co., he died, Nov. 1, 1809. In his will, dated June 28th, 1804, he mentions the following children:

*Josias Peake*, of whom hereafter.

*Francis*, of Centerville, Fairfax Co., b. Feb. 7th, 1811, at his homestead in "Mount Gilead," in Centerville. This was one of the few houses in the village that survived the Battle of "Bull Run." He served in the War of the Revolution and was subsequently appointed by President John Adams in the "Excise Office," equivalent to that of Collector of Internal Revenue of the present day. He married, Feb. 8th, 1777, his cousin Ann, dau. of Humphrey Peake. Issue, *Catharine*, b. Feb. 1st, 1778; *Thomas Louis*, b. Aug. 20th, 1778; *Mary Stone-street*, b. Feb. 23d, 1782; *George*, *Elizabeth*, *Ann Peake*, *Frances Folsom*.

*John*, went to sea and was never heard from.

*Robert*, m. Lucy Cordell, and had issue, *George Martin* and others.

*Abednego*, m. and had issue, *Robert* (supposed to have been a builder in New York about 1835), *Abednego*, *Samuel*, *Julia*, *Elizabeth*, *Sarah Jane*, *Mary*, *Maria*.

*James*, m. Miss Bruner, had issue, *Samuel*, *Julia*, *Elizabeth*, *Sarah Jane*.

*Mary Ann*, of Centerville, Va., spinster, died in 1822.

*Sarah Moss*, b. April 15th, 1778, m. Thomas Peake, of Centerville.

JOSIAS PEAKE ADAMS, of Loudon Co., Va., eldest son of Abednego and Mary (Peake) Adams, born about 1748. In 1791 he married Elizabeth Price Crump, of Tanquier Co., Va.; issue:

*Francis*, of whom hereafter.

*William Godfrey*, b. Oct. 9th, 1795, died unmarried.

FRANCIS ADAMS, of Alexandria, Va., eldest child of Josias Peake and Elizabeth Price (Crump) Adams, was born July 22d, 1793. He was a merchant in Alexandria. He married, Dec. 20th, 1814, Mary Ricketts, daughter of William and Jane Barr (Stuart) Newton, of Alexandria, and sister of Commodore John Thomas Newton, U. S. N. Francis Adams served in the War of 1812-15. He was vestryman of Christ Church, at Alexandria, where Gen. Washington worshipped. On March 3d, 1819, he was appointed U. S. Consul, at Trieste, Austria, and on Aug. 8th, 1823, U. S. Consular Agent at Matanzas, Cuba, at which latter place he established the firm of Latting, Adams & Stewart, and bought a coffee estate which he named "Mount Vernon." By his marriage with Miss Newton, he had issue: