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**Richard Adams**, Lebo, Perry County, Pa., son of **John** and **Susan (Moore) Adams**, was born in Spring Township, Perry County, January 23, 1839. His paternal grandfather was a native of Berks County and reared a family of seven children: **David; John; Martha; James; Mary (Mrs. Chester Zigler); Richard;** and **Joseph**. His maternal grandfather, **John Moore**, a native of Germany, was a weaver. He was married to **Mary Shearer**; their children were: **Susan; Kate (Mrs. Joseph Bailer); Jane (Mrs. John Croll); Hettie (Mrs. Samuel Shettler); David**, deceased; **Lena**, died in 1865; **Peter**; and **Mary (Mrs. Abraham Hopple)**. In 1866, **Mr. Moore** died at the age of eighty-four years.

**John Adams**, father of **Richard Adams**, was born in Berks County, and followed farming all his life with the exception of a few years during which he kept hotel in Spring Township. He was twice married. His first wife was **Sarah**, daughter of **James Bell**, and of their six children only one survives: **Elizabeth**, widow of **Peter Warner**. Those that died were: **Mary; Martha; Samuel**; and two that were **twins**. His first wife having died, **Mr. Adams** married **Susan**, daughter of **John** and **Mary (Shearer) Moore**. They had four children: **Henry; John; Richard;** and **Sarah (Mrs. John Reiber)**. **Mr. and Mrs. Adams** were members of the Lutheran Church. **Mr. John Adams** died aged eighty-one years and seven months. His widow is eighty-three and resides in Spring Township.

**Richard Adams** received his education in the common schools. He was reared on a farm, and when eighteen years of age learned the trade of stone mason, with Stephen Losh. He served an apprenticeship of three years, and this being over; **Mr. Losh** gave him employment for six consecutive years.

**Mr. Adams** continued to work at his trade until the second year of the war, when he went to Duncannon, Perry County, and worked at puddling for two years. On September 14, 1864, he enlisted in Company F, Two Hundred and Ninth Pennsylvania Volunteers, and served for nine months. During that time he participated in the battles of Fort Steadman and of Petersburg, Va. while serving in the army a log fell on his arm, and broke several bones in his right hand, disabling him for ten weeks. The war being ended, **Mr. Adams** again found employment with **Mr. Losh**, with whom he continued for four years, after which he spent two years in the puddling mills in Duncannon. Subsequently he engaged in farming on the place where he now resides, and on which he has built a new house. He is a successful farmer, and an esteemed friend and neighbor. He is serving his third year as school director.

**Mr. Adams** was married, March, 1859, to **Abigail**, daughter of **Adam** and **Eliza J. (Stonesifer) Fenical**. They have had these children: **Susan (Mrs. Emanuel Shearer); William; Charles; George; Thomas; Harry; Albert; Matilda; Walter; Flossie; Howard; Edward Logan**, died in infancy, 1862; **Eliza J.**, died in 1866, aged three months and five days; and **Chester**, died October 29, 1894, aged nineteen years and seven months. **Mrs. Adams** and children are members of the United Brethren Church.

**Mrs. Adams'** grandfather, **Matthias Fenical**, was a native of Perry County and a farmer. He was married to **Mary**, daughter of **Andrew** and **Mary (Haines) Losh**. They had these children: **John**; **Amanda (Mrs. William Martin)**; **Edward**, died aged thirty-seven years; **Margaret (Mrs. Jacob Preisler)**, deceased; **Peter**, deceased; **Susan (Mrs. Joseph Carmichael)**, deceased; **Adam**, deceased; **Stephen**, deceased; **Elizabeth (Mrs. Jonathan Murphy)**, deceased. Both **Mr.** and **Mrs. Fenical** were members of the Church of God.

**Adam Fenical**, father of **Mrs. Adams**, was born in Perry County. He was a puddler, and also worked at blacksmithing in his younger days, but later in life he went to farming. He was married to **Eliza J. Stonesifer**, a native of Maryland. They had a family of eight children: **Abigail J. (Mrs. Richard Adams)**; **Margaret (Mrs. Samuel Brubaker)**, of Lancaster, Pa.; **William**; **Mary (Mrs. Isaac Meger)**; **Edward**, died aged twenty months; **John W.**, deceased; and **Charles Morgan**, who was killed on the railroad near Bailey Station, in the year 1890. **Mr. Fenical** died in November, 1892, aged seventy-one years. **Mrs. Fenical** died very suddenly in January, 1894, at the age of sixty-eight years.

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