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The memoirs of the Adams family of Virginia and Tennessee were written by Dr. Morgan Adams of Mississippi and from these the early data to follow have been taken. Dr. Adams is a former president of the Mississippi Dental Association, an editor of *Archives of Dentistry* and the *Southern Dental Journal*; he is chairman of the Mississippi State Committee for the World's Congress in Chicago, etc.

Notwithstanding a statement made by W. D. Adams in a letter: "A pedigree is not worth a darn if the horse can't run"—a few references will be made to his antecedents.

His grandfather was a native of Tennessee, a soldier in the Creek War under General Jackson; one of the early American writers of school books; prominent in early Tennessee Masonry. In the grandmother's lineage is General Joseph Dickson, a revolutionary soldier, member of Congress from North Carolina, at the beginning of the nineteenth century; later, he emigrated to Tennessee and was appointed to a judgeship by President Jackson. The families have been represented in the wars referred to and by a larger number, from several states, in the Confederate Service.

Walter Dickson Adams' antecedents in this country date back to John Adams, a native of Wales, who emigrated to the United States in 1740 and settled in Virginia. Walter is the son of George M. Adams and Elizabeth (Hubert) Adams, and was born at Kemp, Texas, December 31, 1871. At the age of three, having been bereft of father and mother, he was entrusted to the care of a widowed aunt until her death, when he was about twelve years old, after which time he began to shift for himself. He attended public school at Kaufman, and worked in the drug store of his brother, S. M. Adams. Later, he served a three years' apprenticeship in the print shop of the *Kaufman Sun*. In 1887 he moved to Forney and attended a private academy, and worked in the drug store of another brother,

F. M. Adams. At the age of seventeen, with the financial assistance of ten leading citizens, he established the *Forney Tribune*. The venture was successful, but desiring further education he sold his interest in the paper and obtained the means for a year at Texas A. & M. College, acting also as clerk in the president's office. Returning to Forney he again engaged in the newspaper business; disposing of this two years later he purchased an interest in the drug store of his brother, F. M. Adams and, later, became sole owner and has successfully continued the business for more than 37 years. December 20, 1930, Mr. and Mrs. Adams celebrated their 36th wedding anniversary. Mrs. Adams is a "helpmeet" in its truest sense; she has always taken a practical interest in the activities of her husband, in business life and association affairs. In the latter she has been most active in the Women's Auxiliary of Texas Pharmaceutical Association.

Mr. Adams has been a member of the National Association of Retail Druggists for many years, and of the AMERICAN PHARMACEUTICAL ASSOCIATION since 1913. Of the latter organization he is the vice-president and he is also vice-president of the Conference of Pharmaceutical Association Secretaries. His outstanding work has been within the Texas Pharmaceutical Association, of which he was president in 1914 and has been its secretary for the past ten years and, in addition, is the editor of the *Texas Druggist*. Included among a number of proposals and successes achieved as secretary and editor he has accomplished a great work in bringing together the records of the Association, which had been scattered, and at its fiftieth anniversary he was in position to show pictures of all former presidents and secretaries, accompanied by a sketch of each one. Those who have in like capacity searched for records that in earlier years were more or less imperfectly kept will recognize this collection of historical material as a worthwhile accomplishment.

Mr. Adams is a member of the Episcopal Church and for a number of years was a member of the Bishop's cabinet, diocese of Dallas; for four years he served as trustee of St. Mary's College, a select school for girls founded by Bishop Garrett. For seven years he was a member of the Board of Regents of the State College of Industrial Arts and, for a time, member of the Board of Managers of the State Hospital at Terrell. He is vice-president of the Retail Dealers' Allied Council of Texas, composed of nine of the largest retail organizations of the state; has been Mayor of his home town and takes a lively interest in its civic affairs, is a Rotarian and active in the Masonic bodies by which he has been distinctively honored. He is quiet and unassuming and finds his greatest recreation in work and his most satisfying pleasure in serving; his happiness responds to the friendships he makes.

CHAULMOOGRA IN PORTO RICO.

The first chaulmoogra trees in Porto Rico were planted by the United States Forest Service a few years ago, in one corner of the small leper colony at Trujillo Alto. The seed was brought from Siam and the East Indian Islands by the Bureau of Plant Industry. The young trees have thrived remarkably and promise to make Porto Rico not only an important nursery center but also a future source of the oil. The Federal Government maintains the Luquillo National Forest in Porto Rico, with a gross area of about 65,000 acres, administered by the United States Forest Service. Several insular forests are maintained by the local government.
