

Joseph Thornton Adams

(- 26 Feb 1878)

Adams. On Tuesday morning, at 503 E street northwest, Joseph Thornton Adams, in the eighty-first year of his age. Funeral this morning at 11 o'clock.

The Evening Star, February 26, 1878

Death of an Old Journalist

By the death of Joseph Thornton Adams, which occurred at one o'clock this morning at his late residence in E street, a good man has been taken to rest, and many in this city, in Massachusetts and New Hampshire lose a valued friend. To those whose privilege it was to know him intimately his memory will ever be especially precious as that of a genial, generous friend and a true man. Living to a green old age, his had been an eventful life. Graduating at Harvard College in 1820, he was for many years the editor and proprietor of the Boston Sentinel, afterwards collector of customs in New Bedford, and in later life for fifteen or twenty years a clerk in the Treasury Department.

Although unfortunate and unhappy in his domestic ties, yet in them, as in all the other obligations of life, his friends are proud in remembering that he was ever true to a manly interpretation of duty, and never hesitated in performing it, though often repelled by an indifference and chilled by an ingratitude that made his life as cheerless as it was homeless.