



**Benjamin Adams
Early Mayfield Settler**

BENJAMIN ADAMS, JR.

Born Hallowell, ME 1835

Son of Benjamin and Harriet Adams

Oldest son in a family of 7 boys and 3 girls

Moved to Coburn Ridge in Mayfield
with his parents about 1848

Worked for A. and P. Coburn at the
age of 20 and in that way purchased
100 acres of wild land and built a home

Went to California in 1867 across the
Isthmus of Panama. Caught malaria and
went to Nevada Hot Springs for treatment
Returned to Maine after 3 years in the West.

Charter member of Bingham Lodge of Masons
State legislature representative 1899

Was the oldest citizen of Mayfield at his death in
1918 – 83 years of age

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