Hiram Adams was a Union veteran who lived near Keller when the 1890 census was taken. He was born in November 1837 in Ohio. His wife, Julia A. Harden Adams, was born in May 1839 in Indiana. She was a daughter of John Harden. By the time the 1860 census was taken, they were married and living in Curry Township, Sullivan County, Indiana.

Hiram served in the Union army in Co. H, 149th Indiana Infantry. One record shows him as a resident of Ascension, Indiana when he enlisted on February 16, 1865. He was mustered out on May 16, 1865.

When the 1870 census was taken, Hiram and Julia and their children were living in Melrose Township, Clark County, Illinois. They apparently came to Texas about 1875, and when the 1880 census was taken they were living in Precinct 4 of Tarrant County. Sam Street’s 1895 map of Tarrant County locates their home on the G. B. Hendricks survey about five miles northeast of Keller, probably about where the north end of Pearson Lane dead-ends into Dove Road. The 1900 census taker found them still living there.

Both Hiram and Julia Adams were pensioned for his Union army service. Julia applied for her pension in April 1909, so it seems reasonable that Hiram may have died shortly before that. He has no death certificate on file in the Texas death records in Austin. By 1910, Julia and two of her children were living in JP District 4 of Denton County, Texas. Julia Adams died at 1 p.m. at Roanoke in Denton County on August 17, 1918. Her death certificate says she died from an acute stomachache caused by bowel trouble incident to old age. She was buried in the IOOF Cemetery south of Roanoke, just inside the Denton County line. Neither she nor Hiram Adams now have readable headstones there. The death certificate records her birth date as April 1, 1840. The informant was Bid Adams of Roanoke.

Hiram and Julia Adams had a number of children including Jane Adams, who was born in Indiana during the War; George H. Adams, born about 1865 in Indiana; Charles E. Adams, born about 1868
in Indiana; Ben Adams, born about 1870 in Illinois; Elizabeth Adams, born about 1872 in Illinois; John S. Adams, born about 1874 in Arkansas; Minnie Ann Adams, who was born in August, 1877 in Texas; Lottie J. Adams, born in October 1880; Oliver T. Adams, born in March, 1883 in Texas. Census records also suggest that there may have been one or two children named James and/or James L., who were born before the War, both in Indiana; and a son William, born about the end of 1869.

One of the children was Charlottia Jane Adams, who was born October 5, 1880 in Texas. She died in a nursing home in Grapevine, Tarrant County, on Feb. 22, 1968, after having been a resident of Roanoke for a number of years. Her death certificate shows her to have been a daughter of Hiram Adams and Julia Ann Johns. She was buried in the IOOF Cemetery in Roanoke. She was never married.

One of the sons was Oliver Taylor Adams, who was born March 4, 1883. He registered for the World War I draft while he was living at Roanoke in Denton County. At the time, his wife’s name was Callie Adams.