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Name of collection:	Location:
Adams, Benjamin, Judicial Records, 1802-1830	Octavo volumes "A"

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1 octavo volume (176 pp.)	RLIN id:

Sources of information on collection:

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Collection description:

Benjamin Adams (1764-1837) was a lawyer in Uxbridge, Mass. He was born in Mendon, Mass., on 16 December 1764, attended public schools, and graduated from Brown University in 1788. He was a member of the Massachusetts House of Representatives from 1809 to 1814, and served in the Massachusetts Senate in 1814, 1815, and 1822 to 1825. He was elected as a Federalist to the Fourteenth Congress to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Elijah Brigham (1751-1816), reelected to the Fifteenth and Sixteenth Congresses, and served from 2 December 1816 to 3 March 1821. He was an unsuccessful candidate for reelection in 1820 to the Seventeenth Congress and for election in 1822 to the Eighteenth Congress. He died in Uxbridge on 28 March 1837.

This octavo volume chronicles the legal activities of a Justice of the Peace in Worcester County, Mass., in the early nineteenth century and includes recordings of marriages, civil suits (often over debts), etc.