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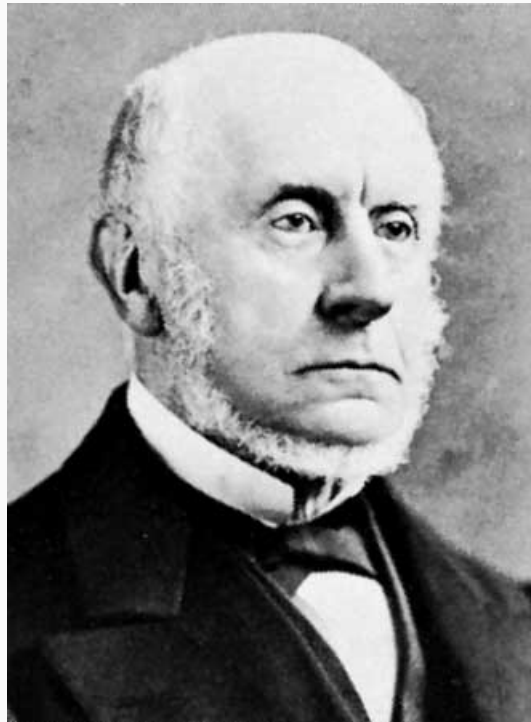
1807-86

US diplomat and author

Born in Boston, he was the son of John Quincy Adams, sixth president of the USA, grandson of John Adams, second president, and father of Henry Brooks Adams. He was admitted to the Bar in 1828. He was a member of the US House of Representatives as the congressman for Massachusetts (1858-61). During the Civil War he was Minister to Great Britain (1861-68), and from 1871 to 1872 was one of the US arbitrators on the *Alabama* claims. He published the life and works of his grandfather (*Works of John Adams*, 1850-56) and father (*Memoirs of John Quincy Adams*, 1874-77), and edited the *Letters* of his grandmother, Abigail Adams.

Summary Article: **Adams, Charles Francis**

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Charles Francis Adams Credit:Library of Congress, Washington, D.C.

(born Aug. 18, 1807, Boston, Mass., U.S.—died Nov. 21, 1886, Boston) U.S. diplomat. The son of John Quincy Adams and the grandson of John Adams, he served in the Massachusetts legislature and edited a Whig journal. He helped form the antislavery Free-Soil Party and in 1848 was chosen its candidate for U.S. vice president. As ambassador to Britain (1861–68) he was instrumental in securing Britain's neutrality during the American Civil War and in promoting the arbitration of the Alabama claims.

Birth Place: Boston, Massachusetts, United States

Death Place: Boston, Massachusetts, United States

Name: Adams, Charles Francis or Charles Francis Adams

Gender: male

Nationality: American

Activity: American diplomat

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