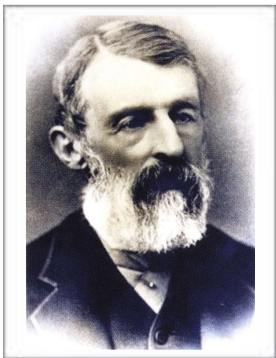


experiences via a portal on the Historical Society website and to hold physical materials until a time when they can be safely received at the Scott House.

The story of the Covid-19 pandemic is still being written and the end is not yet certain, but the Ridgefield Historical Society is working to make sure that it will be documented for future Ridgefielders, who will undoubtedly face unique challenges of their own and may benefit from learning how early 21st Century citizens coped with a worldwide viral outbreak.

## Heading for the Hall of Fame, with a little help from friends

Daniel Lucius Adams, M.D. (1814-1899), a well-known and successful Ridgefielder in his day, was one of the founders of the sport we know as baseball. He wrote the seminal “Laws of Base Ball” in 1857 and was himself a renowned player, manager and president of the Knickerbocker Base Ball Club of New York.



Daniel Lucius Adams, M.D.

Cornelia Adams, his wife

In Ridgefield, where he moved in 1865, Dr. Adams was a state representative, a founder and first president of the Ridgefield Savings Bank (now Fairfield County Bank), and the first president of the Ridgefield Library, among his many civic contributions. He had mostly retired from his baseball endeavors, although he did play in occasional “old timers” games. Later in life, Dr. Adams relocated his family to New Haven, where he died in 1899.

To the dismay of his family and his many fans and supporters among those who study the early baseball era, the National Baseball Hall of Fame in Cooperstown, N.Y., has yet to add ‘Doc’ Adams to its ranks. The Early Baseball Committee considers inductees at its meeting every tenth year. At its meeting this December, candidates will be selected for 2021 induction.



A petition in support of “Doc” Adams is available online at <https://docadamsbaseball.org/the-petition/> and his granddaughter Marjorie Adams, who has spearheaded the campaign to enshrine her grandfather, urges all who are interested in baseball and its origins to read and sign the petition. Marjorie reports that Doc missed this honor by one vote last time and notes the importance of the petition; she’ll talk about her grandfather in a video presentation that will be posted on our website, <https://ridgefieldhistoricalsociety.org> on Aug. 20.