

# HADLEY NEWSLETTER

(Hadley, Headley, Hadlee, Hadly, Hadleigh, etc and their related kin)

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**REUNION NEWS:** July 17<sup>th</sup> 2010 will see our Hadley Reunion/Conference taking place in Acushnet, MA, in the gym/cafeteria of the St. Francis Xavier Elementary school. Acushnet is a typical small New England town that currently functions as one of the bedroom communities to New Bedford. Acushnet is an American Indian name and gets its name from the Wampanoag Indians "Cushnea," meaning "peaceful resting place near water." Acushnet was also the name of the whaling ship upon which the author Herman Melville sailed and was inspired to write his novel *Moby Dick*. Acushnet is the home of a high-end golf equipment company that makes, amongst other things, the Titleist golf balls.

**PURPLE HEART UPDATE:** You may recall from reading in a previous newsletter, it is our hope to have the Purple Heart awarded to three of our family members who were killed in action during the Civil War between the years 1862 and 1863. It has truly been a daunting task attempting to work through the governmental procedures and levels of responsibility to even get to a US government office that could possibly authorize such an award for our patriots.

We have finally found the U.S. Army Human Resource Command, Dept. AHRC-PDP-A located in Alexander, VA that may be able to respond to our medal request.

We have received a courteous letter from Steward L Stephenson, Jr. Lieutenant Colonel, Chief, Military Awards Branch, indicating it could be as long as six months before they are may be able to review our awards request. We will keep you posted as to the progress of our quest to obtaining the Purple Heart for our three fallen family members.

## **BOOK by Family Member:**

*My River Chronicles: Rediscovering America on the Hudson* by Jessica DuLong,

<http://www.jessicadulong.com/>, Free Press, New York (ISBN 978-1-4165-8698-2). Jessica, one of our family members, has just had her first book published. The book came as a result of the transition of her desk job to becoming a fireboat engineer, plying the waters principally on the Hudson River. Jessica grew up in the Salem area of MA. After graduating from high school and Stanford University in CA she worked at a dot-com desk job in New York City. Her connection to our Hadley family is through her mother. Jessica and her family attended our 2009 reunion in Danvers and have plans to attend this coming year's reunion in Acushnet, MA. Her book is an interesting read and is filled with historical accounts that took place along the Hudson River.

## **HADLEY FACTOID:**

A number of the Hadley men were named after famous people. The list that follows is only a partial list of our ancestors that carried such a distinction. The number in parenthesis following the name is the number of different Hadley men we have identified who have carried that identical name.

1. Benjamin Franklin Hadley
2. John Wesley Hadley
3. Charles Wesley Hadley
4. Henry Harrison Hadley (x7)
5. Dewitt Clinton Hadley (x2)
6. George Washington Hadley (x5)
7. Ethan Allen Hadley
8. Horace Greeley Hadley
9. Lafayette Hadley
10. Winfield Scott Hadley

## **Newsletter Distribution**

We invite you to forward this newsletter and information about the 2010 Hadley Reunion to anyone you feel may have an interest in what we are doing. Also, please feel free to invite them to be part of our reunion. If you think they would like to receive this electronic newsletter, we will be happy to add their email address to this private distribution list. Just send Jim Hadley; [Jags@hvc.rr.com](mailto:Jags@hvc.rr.com) their names and email addresses.

In addition, if you know of a changed bio or important happening to any member of the extended Hadley family, would you kindly drop Jim a note and share that genealogical information.

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