

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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VISITING THE SOUTHERN COAST OF MA:

There are lots of things to see and do all along the southern coast of Massachusetts from the Town of Marion to Fall River. If we begin in Fall River, one can visit Battleship Cove and the world's largest historic naval exhibit located at the confluence of the Taunton River and Narragansett Bay. And of course, there is the Lizzie Borden museum to visit should any have an ax to grind. There is also the restored 1920 Lincoln Park Carousel.

We have received information from **Sandy Holmes** about other places you may wish to visit along the Massachusetts coast. Sandy has supplied us with the following website: <http://www.umassd.edu/southcoast/tourism/cats/?cat=artsandculture&sub=museums> . In addition, Sandy has offered her assistance to any who would like additional information about this area in Massachusetts where she has lived much of her life. She can be reached by email at: BKWORM26@aol.com

Plymouth visit Sunday morning July 19th 10:00AM.

You may wish to join us by including a visit to Plymouth Rock, see the Mayflower and visit Plimouth Plantation. www.plimoth.org

Plymouth, MA is about 28 miles and a 45-50 minute drive from our reunion facility in Acushnet, MA. I realize no individual is actually spending the night at the school and the given distances and travel time is only meant as a guide for you to make an adjustment depending upon where you are staying.

The Plimoth Plantation has ongoing interpretative activities. A chauffeured golf cart is provided to bring folks to the various outdoor displays but will not actually enter the working village. This will facilitate minimal walking for those that may find walking a challenge. Parking is free at the Plantation.

The Mayflower visit is also staffed with an interpretative staff and is about 3 miles from the ship. Adult ticket costs are: Plimoth Plantation \$24; Mayflower \$10; or a combination ticket for \$28. There is a reduced rate for children under 13 years of age. Parking near the Mayflower is at street meters. There is no cost to view Plymouth Rock.

HADLEY CEMETERY:

Some will remember our first Hadley gathering/reunion held in July of 2006 in the Canaan/Orange, NH area. The impetus for the reunion was the rediscovery of an over-grown and abandoned Hadley cemetery that had not received any new graves since 1894. As you can guess, an unattended cemetery in the middle of the woods would soon yield itself back to nature.

We experienced an unsuccessful attempt to interest the Town of Orange, NH to add this cemetery to their list of cemeteries within the town for their assumed maintenance and care. The Town of Orange stated that “*since the cemetery was a private cemetery and on private land, the owner of the land upon which the cemetery is located would have complete control as to what happens to the cemetery.*” The Town of Orange supervisor went on to say “*the owner of the land could even take a plow to the cemetery if wished.*” His words caused us to fly into action.

Even though the current owner of the land, upon which the cemetery is located, would never dream of harming the cemetery, we were concerned about future owners and their possible interests in reclaiming the cemetery for other purposes. As such, we took our concerns to the New Hampshire Attorney General’s office. After about six months and many letters, the Attorney General of the State of New Hampshire ruled the cemetery belongs to the Hadley family and the cemetery could not be harmed by either the Town of Orange or the owner(s) of the adjacent land. We have this ruling in writing from the Attorney General, as does the land owner, and as does the Town of Orange, NH

With this new information and ruling from the State of NH we put together a work crew with the intent of straightening fallen headstones and in general cleaning the cemetery of 115 years of growth. We were indeed fortunate; local neighbors and the owner of the adjacent land took an active role in cleaning the cemetery for us.

We have received the following article from **Dave Webster** who found a 100 year newspaper article about our Hadley cemetery. Even though the news article is a century old, it could have been written today

From the Oct. 29, 1909 Canaan Reporter,

" _____? _____ short cut across a pasture _____? _____ drew Hadley farm one day this _____? _____ we came upon the family burying lot which will soon be in the midst of dense woods. We had forgotten its existence though we can remember when the tall granite shaft which marks the grave of Jacob Hadley and his wife was plainly visible from the highway. The lot is enclosed by a stone wall and contains the graves of Drew Hadley and his first and second wives, and three children, Carlos, George and Angie. The monument is of course intact, but the headstones are all broken except those at the graves of Mr. Hadley and his last wife, and some of them look as if they had been purposely smashed by some vandal. "Uncle Jake" who lived at the top of the hill where the buildings are now in ruins, was a maker of rakes in his day, doing the work by hand except possibly turning the handles. The teeth were made by driving the pins through a hole in a piece of iron to make them round, and a rake would last a man forty years so heavy and substantially made were they. Incidentally, it may be said that in doing a haying with them the men would handle extra weight enough over the rakes of the present day to have loaded the entire hay crop if the force had been expended in the proper direction. Although a private cemetery it would seem desirable that the town should see that the trees and bushes are cut in the enclosure if no one else is interested in the matter."

OTHER HADLEY CEMETERIES:

Since our previous article addressed an issue of a Hadley cemetery, we were wondering just how many different private Hadley Cemeteries there may be. We know about the Hadley Cemetery in Bar Harbor Maine that we visited during the 2008 Hadley reunion. Sadly, much of this cemetery is now in a marsh and at times totally under water, thanks to the work of some local beavers. **Patti Leland** of Seal Harbor, ME has informed us of a small Hadley cemetery in Amherst, ME. We know this cemetery contains the graves of two small Hadley

girls; one who died at 2 years of age in 1857 and a second who died at 10 months of age in 1859. These girls were the children of David and Mary Hadley. There may be more buried in this cemetery. It would be appreciated if someone would assume the role of visiting that cemetery, taking pictures, recording all data, and seeing if other tombstones exist. Interested parties could further investigate David and Mary Hadley who we assumed lived in that town and probably very close to the cemetery. It may be that this cemetery was located on their property. We suspect there might be a need to contact the town clerk in Amherst, ME, Ms. Cheryl Toner, email: town_clerk@emainehosting.com, in an effort to locate the cemetery. Amherst is a small town that in 2007 had a population of 227 people.

The following is a list of the private or substantially private Hadley cemeteries we know about. If you know of others, would you please let Jim know about them at Jags@hvc.rr.com.

1. Hadley Cemetery, Bar Harbor Maine
2. Hadley Cemetery, Amherst, Maine
3. Hadley Cemetery, Orange, New Hampshire
4. Hadley Cemetery, Hampstead, New Hampshire
5. Hadley Cemetery, Bow, New Hampshire
6. Hadley Cemetery, Hadleyville, Nova Scotia, Canada

Note: There is the Hadley-Urban Cemetery, in Westminster, MA although that cemetery is not of the George Hadley's line.

Please see the attachment for our

July 17, 2010 HADLEY REUNION AGENDA

that will be held in Acushnet, MA.

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