

## Joseph Hadley – Runaway Servant:

Joseph Hadley was born in 1724 in Gloucester Massachusetts, resided for a time in Rhode Island before finally settling in Nova Scotia. An interesting reference to Captain Joseph is found in an 1897 book, a compilation of old newspaper "extracts". It reads:

*"Run away from the subscriber, living at Cool-Springs, Sussex county, upon Delaware, A servant man, named Edward Proger, by trade a Taylor, about 20 years of age, about 5 feet and a half high, swarthy complexion, his lips are very thick and his face somewhat bump'd, born in England; Had on when he went away, A blue waistcoat, without sleeves, white ruffled shirt, black wig, new felt hat, new shoes, one brass buckle and one steel ditto, and grey yarn stockings. 'Tis supposed he went aboard a vessel bound to Rhode Island, Joseph Hadley, commander. Whoever takes up and secures said servant, so as his master may have him again, shall have Forty Shillings reward, and reasonable charges paid by*

*James M'Irvine.*

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