

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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The Hadleys Lived Under King George III: (Our Last King)

Our Hadley families lived on the North American Continent under the British Monarch from 1609 to 1775 for about 166 years, and that last Monarch was King George III. However, it was in 1587, the first attempt to establish a settlement under English control was made in what is now known as Roanoke, Virginia. The inhabitants of that settlement disappeared under unknown circumstances.

Without the blessings from the British Monarch James I, about 104 would-be settlers sailed on the *Susan Constant*, *Godspeed* and *Discovery* and landed on a peninsula in the James River. This landing location was known by the various names, i.e. *James Forte*, *James Cittie* and *James Towne*, (which it is now known as present-day Jamestown), and being part of the Commonwealth of Virginia. It was not until about two years later in 1609, when **William Hadley** arrived in Jamestown on the *Mary and John*, and dare-we-say, apparently never left. There is a strong indication this **William Hadley** was one of the 100 or so settlers who died from sickness or starvation- a starvation that was so grim, those who did survive resorted to eating shoe leather, some of their dead neighbors along with their surviving pets. Boiled flesh along with acorns were considered a delicacy for those lucky enough to find an oak tree and was able to beat the squirrels to the gathering task.

We have not yet established absolute proof this **William Hadley**, who was one of the early settlers in the Jamestown Colony, was a direct relative to our Patriarch George. According to the late genealogist, **Barbara (Hadley) Edge** (1958-2018), William was probably related to our Patriarch George, as an older brother or possibly an uncle who had arrived in Massachusetts about a dozen years later.

As archeological digs are now underway in Jamestown (dare we even call it a cemetery), skeletal remains are being uncovered and DNA tests are being performed. Hopefully, we will find DNA samples stemming from our seventeenth century Patriarch George Hadley, and perhaps venture some informed guesses if one of the skeletal remains would be that of **William**. As of yet, our DNA connection, through our Patriarch George Hadley, has not been absolutely proven as coming from England. If such a DNA connection were to be made to our Patriarch George, the much sought-after proof that our George came from England would also then likely facilitate our extending genealogical research of our Hadley family back many multiple generations in England and perhaps beyond.

NOTE: We have the late Barbara (Hadley) Edge (1958-2018) to thank for much of the research having been done on **William Hadley**, who we know came from England and arrived in Jamestown, Virginia in 1609.





HADLEY DEATHS: (Continued from the February 2022 edition of the Hadley Newsletter)

Death of Hadleys in the War of the Rebellion: (Civil War 1861-1865)

1. **Abel Hadley**, born ca. 1832 Canaan, NH. Died 16 Sept 1863 South Carolina
<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf185.html>
2. **Allen T Hadley**, born 22 Feb 1844 Bennington, VT.
<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf5669.html>
3. **Elias H Hadley**, born 28 Sept 1839, Dorchester, NH. Died 14 Jan 1863 Port Hudson, LA
<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf267.html>
4. **George Hadley**, born 1842, New York. Died 12 Aug 1863 in the Missouri River, MO
<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf7655.html>
5. **Henry Joshua Hadley**, born 20 June 1839. Died 08 June 1861 Cross Keys, VA
<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf1112.html>
6. **James W Hadley**, born 11 Apr 1834 Hartland, VT. Died 26 May 1862 Georgetown, VA
<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf1284.html>
7. **Langdon Samuel Hadley**, born 06 Nov 1840. Died 30 Dec 1863 Memphis, TN
<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf113.html>
8. **Miller Hadley**, born 31 Mar 1843 Richland, OH. Died 18 Nov 1863
<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf8839.html>
9. **Moses Edwin Hadley**, born 16 Sept 1841 Rochester, OH. Died 05 Feb 1863 Madison, WI
<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf3504.html>
10. **Simon P Hadley**, born 13 Apr 1832, Cherry Creek, NY, Died 14 July 1865 Jeffersonville, Indiana. He is buried in the New Albany, Indiana National Cemetery <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf581.html>
11. **George Hadley**, born 10 May 1826, Knox County, Illinois, Died 26 Aug 1864
<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf8828.html>
12. **Henry Hamilton Hadley**, born 19 July 1826, Fairfield, NY, Died 01 Aug 1864 Washington, DC He died at sea and is believed to be buried there.
13. **Osmon Baker Hadley**, born 07 May 1842, Vermont, Died 17 Jan 1864, Regiment Hospital, Virginia
<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf597.html>
14. **James Francis Hadley**, born 07 May 1842, Weare, NH, Died 25 Nov 1862 Jersey City, New Jersey
<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf12821.html>
15. **Isaac N Hadley**, born 1842, Ohio, Died 23 Oct 1861 Sharpsburg battle, Washington, DC. Buried in the Antietam National Cemetery, Sharpsburg, Maryland <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf775.html>

(To be Continued in the May 2022 Hadley Newsletter)

“Faith is the art of holding on to things your reason has once accepted in spite of your changing moods.”
~ C.S. Lewis

Correction to the Mar 2022 Hadley Newsletter: In that lead article “*feme sole & feme convert*”, the word should have been spelled **covert** and not convert.

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