

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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George Hadley's Arrivals In "The New World":

There are lists of arriving Pilgrims to "The New World" that are mostly complete, including the ships available to them at: <https://www.packrat-pro.com/ships/shiplist.htm>. Why is our Patriarch George Hadley not listed? We know George did not swim to the North American continent, and we have every reason to believe he was not a Native American -- thus he arrived by ship.

Let us speculate why his name does not appear on any ship manifest. . .

1. It is possible our George, who apparently was not a paying passenger, came as a member of the crew and "jumped ship" upon arrival.
2. It is possible our George came as an indentured servant to the ship's Captain. Upon his arrival, via an unknown named ship to the Massachusetts Bay Colony, his indentured-ship might have been sold to a paying passenger who could have been on the same ship that was carrying our George.
3. We know our George possessed the skills of a weaver. This skill was a much sought-after and a valuable trade in the colonies. As a weaver, he was sure to find work mending sails, clothing, or bedding. This skill was likely acquired in England where it is likely he was **not** destined to be "The Lord of the Manor." We know, King Henry VIII passed a law in England mandating estates could no longer be sub-divided among the heirs. The estate, if one existed, usually went to the oldest son. Additional sons usually acquired a skill/trade while the oldest son was educated in the tasks of running the estate. We thus could assume our George was not the oldest son in his family and it was in his birth home location that he acquired the weaving skills.
4. There was a Charles Hadley who went to Colonial Jamestown about 1607. No record has yet been found as to what became of Charles. (It is likely he did not survive his time in Jamestown). There is some belief this Charles may have been an uncle to our George. If these assumptions are somewhat correct, it is likely our George might have received some motivation to try his hand in the "New World," motivated by this possible uncle.
5. The Hadley men were noted for being tough and demanding men of their sons. It is reasonable to assume our George felt he needed to "escape" from the dictates of his father, and the Massachusetts Bay Colony offered that opportunity.
6. Many young Hadley men, both then and now, held an adventurous spirit. Most would agree that in the early 1620s, a journey to the "New World" might indeed fulfil such an adventurous spirit.

We Need Your Help:

The *Hadley Newsletter* is for you. We invite you to submit to Jim@HadleyGenealogy.net any news items you feel would be worthy of inclusion in a future newsletter. For example, this might include such items as marriages, major promotions, major graduations, deaths, significant anniversaries, unusual travels/experiences, or anything else you feel the greater Hadley family would appreciate knowing. We also invite your financial support for the developing *Hadley Room*, located at the Narragansett Historical Society, Templeton, MA. We still need about \$3000 to finish the room. We also invite you to consider donating your Hadley records, identified photographs, and genealogy files to the Hadley Room. Please contact Jim Hadley Jim@HadleyGenealogy.net or 845.339.5363 with questions/inquiries.

Hadley DNA Factoid:

As a Hadley member who had taken a DNA test, it is interesting to note my DNA may be different from my brother's, even though we have the same parents, are not identical twins, and each get ½ our DNA from our father and ½ from our mother. How is that possible, you may ask? Answer. There is nothing to say my brother and I we received the same ½ DNA from each parent.

Considering the many markers that are part of a DNA test, it is almost certain the result of the markers would indicate that we are indeed brothers.

There are number of different DNA testing companies, and each company has a different set of assumptions in their database used to determine the percentage of possible geographical ethnic roots. Even though our ethnic roots might suggest we are a bit different, the results of our being brothers would likely still be the same from all testing companies.

The Hadley's have been using the **Family Tree DNA** testing company. You may find our *Hadley Surname Project* data at www.hadleydna.org of interest, and decide to participate with other Hadleys and become part of that program.

Hadley Photograph Correction:

On page one of the *Hadley Newsletter* for Jan 2017 will be found a photograph, <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/pdf/Newsletter%20Jan%202017.pdf>. We have been informed by Rebecca Falzarano rebeccafalzarano2@yahoo.com, a great great granddaughter to Andrew Hadley, of an identification error. Andrew is the standing man in the photo, along with his wife Clara, and the infant is Albert Hadley. We thank Rebecca for her sharp eyes and the correction.

A government big enough to give you everything you want is strong enough to take everything you have. ~ Thomas Jefferson

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