

# HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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## Meet Homer Moore Hadley: (1885-1967)

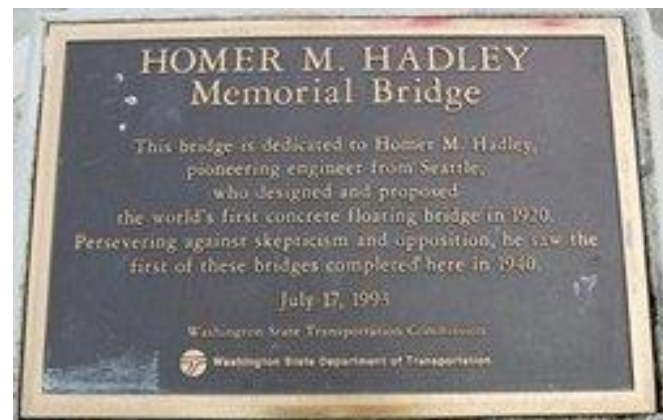
Homer was the second child born in Cincinnati, Ohio to George and Elizabeth (Moore) Hadley on the 15 Nov 1885 and a 4<sup>th</sup> great grandson to our Patriarch George Hadley.



Note: The following data was copied from notes found under his name when searching for his burial site. We believe his ashes were likely scattered in the Pacific Ocean

*Engineer Homer M. Hadley designed several unique concrete bridges throughout the state of Washington during his lifetime, including many early American applications of the European innovation of concrete hollow-box, or cellular construction. This economical method of construction was used extensively throughout Europe, but was not widely used in the United States until the 1940s and 1950s. It was Hadley who originally conceived the design of a floating bridge across Lake Washington, the large lake that separates Seattle from Bellevue and Kirkland (the Eastside). He visualized a floating roadway made up of a series of hollow concrete barges. Homer Hadley's unusual work reveals the effects of a single innovative engineer on bridge design within the state.*

*Hadley was born in Cincinnati, Ohio, and raised in Toledo. He worked as a surveyor in North Dakota, and came west as part of the U.S. Coast & Geodetic Survey. Before settling in Seattle, he worked on a surveyor crew for the Great Northern Railroad, Copper River Railroad in Alaska, and for the Canadian Northern Railroad in Vancouver. He studied engineering intermittently at the University of Washington, attaining the equivalent of about three years of study.*



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## Our Patriarch was an “unkell” to Thomas Dorman, Jr.:

The reference as an “unkell” is a not an unknown spelling to the *Hadley Newsletter* and is recorded using that spelling in the book *Genealogy Record of Moses Hadley and Rebecca Page...* by Judge Samuel Page Hadley, published by Morning Mail Print, Lowell, Mass. 1887. The above reference has been quoted six different times in a legal deposition by Thomas Dorman, Jr., stating that our Patriarch George was his uncle.

If we are to understand the meaning of the word “unkell” as being a biological uncle, then Thomas would have had to be a relative with a blood connection to our Patriarch George.

Since this legal deposition reads so that we understand Thomas Dorman Jr and our Patriarch George were very familiar with each other, that lends additional credence to a biological connection between these two men.

How is that connection? It is possible our Patriarch George may have been a brother to Thomas Dorman’s, Jr. mother, or a husband to his aunt on either side of his family.

The *Hadley Newsletter* has found numerous suggestions, although not yet fully documented, with implied proof that Thomas Dorman Jr. was born in Ipswich, Essex, Massachusetts in May 1640 and died in Topsfield, Essex, Massachusetts on 09 Jan 1715. The records also point to a Thomas Dorman, Sr., born about 1600 in Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire, England and died in Topsfield, Essex, Massachusetts on 24 Apr 1670. This Thomas Dorman Sr. is “said” to have been married to **Ellen Hadley**. This Ellen Hadley was born somewhere around 1619 in Downton, Wiltshire, England and died about 27 Feb 1667/68 in Topsfield, Essex, Massachusetts. Even though we do not yet have absolute proof that Ellen was a relative to our Patriarch George, and if so, how that relationship existed.

However, the records do indicate Ellen was a daughter of a **George Hadlye** [*sic*] (1599-1653) and Elizabeth Spooner (1588-1647). This George was said to be born 20 Mar 1599, in Frostenden, Suffolk, England and died 09 Nov 1653 in Ipswich, Essex, Massachusetts.

The *Hadley Newsletter* does believe Ellen and our Patriarch George were related. If we can prove that connection, we would likely have the absolute proof that our Patriarch George did come from England and we then would likely be able to establish his biological English roots too. Should that English connection be found, then we may be able to trace our lineage back to the *Battle of Hasting in 1066* and perhaps beyond to what is now Normandy in France, where some believe that quest will take us.

If we should ever get to a Normandy connection, it would be interesting to try to find out how it is possible that a Hadley living today has a proven DNA connection to our Patriarch George and to some unknown male person who lived about 350 CE somewhere along the Southern European Mediterranean coast.

**Note:** We caution our readers not to take this initial research surrounding the roots of our Patriarch George as factual. Much more research needs to be done, especially through Parish Registers in England, before we will add the above data into our database.

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“Everyone thinks forgiveness is a lovely idea until he has something to forgive.” *C.S. Lewis*

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