

# HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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## Hadleys in a Necropolis:

The dictionary describes a Necropolis as a large cemetery with tombs and monuments. The word comes from the Greek language meaning "City of the Dead".

There are a number of cemeteries around the world that would likely qualify as being a necropolis. The only necropolis in the United States the *Hadley Newsletter* has been able to validate as having remains of some of our Hadleys is the *Green-Wood Cemetery* in Brooklyn, Kings County, New York.

The *Green-Wood Cemetery* was founded on 478 acres of land in 1838. It now holds the remains of around 600,000 people, 36 of whom have the surname of Hadley. However, it is likely not all with the surname *Hadley* are genealogically connected to our Patriarch George Hadley (ca1612-1686).

Of the 36 Hadley souls in the *Green-Wood Cemetery* we have been able to document, 25 of those Hadleys have a directly genealogical line from a male Hadley or through marriage, a female Hadley. Of those 25 Hadleys, 11 are interred in the Catacombs within this cemetery.

*Green-Wood* was designated a National Historic Landmark in 2006. Part of the reason a National Historic Designation was granted to this cemetery is its location in Brooklyn Heights, NY. This is where the Battle of Brooklyn took place on 27-29 Aug 1776, as part of the American Revolution.

The American colonists suffered about 1,000 casualties in this battle, while the British lost about 400 men. An unknown number of Colonists who lost their lives in this battle are buried on the Brooklyn Heights and the burials likely includes some of the British troops as well. This Battle Cemetery is part of the entire

*Green-Wood Cemetery* complex, although it stands apart from the public internment grounds.

This is a fascinating place to visit and the ½ hour guided tour via a trolley ride, many consider well worth their time. This tour might include a visit to the catacombs which is open only on limited days. There are also different tours that might include a visit to the graves of some notorious and famous folks such as Leonard Bernstein, Rev. Henry Ward Beecher, Gov. DeWitt Clinton, Horace Greeley, Louis Comfort Tiffany, William "Boss" Tweed, Roger Williams, to name but a few.



## Lester, Eva, & Sylva Hadley all died within a week:

These three lovely sibling children, all died within a week of each other in Aug 1881. Lester died on 24 Aug, 1881, and both Eva and Sylva died on 31 Aug 1881. Lester was 9 years of age; Eva was 11 and Sylva was 18 months. They were the children of John Shannon Hadley (1835-1909) <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf690.html> and Elizabeth Amanda Hudson (1848- 1882)

All three are buried in unmarked graves in the Davis Cemetery, Bellaire, Belmont, Ohio, which is also the resting place for both their father, mother and others members belonging to this family.

The search for the cause of death for these children has been inconclusive, although their deaths were likely due to diphtheria which was quite prevalent in 1881. In 1884 diphtheria was the leading cause of death amount children in the United States. Today, diphtheria is virtually non-existent in the United States; between 2004-2007 only two cases of diphtheria were known to have existed.

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**These Hadley Newsletters:** These newsletters need your input and continued support. Please let us know of any births, marriages or deaths, along with other important happenings within your greater Hadley family. A picture, would be helpful too.

In addition, we invite you to write a brief biographical profile of one of your relatives – be they noble, notorious, or just an interesting character. This one-page article should be of general interest to the greater Hadley family. If you need assistance or just wish to discuss your idea(s), please feel free to contact Jim Hadley who possibly could provide some help. The issue of the *Hadley Newsletter* where your data is likely to appear will be filed, as are all *Hadley Newsletter*, with the US Library of Congress and will ultimately become accessible to all. It will then become part of our Hadley history and held in posterity by the US Government.

When you think about our Hadley history, please remember we have a historical and genealogical library in the Port Ewen Reformed Church, Port Ewen, NY. This library now holds thousands of Hadley genealogical records and files donated by dozens of Hadleys, along with research books, documents, pictures and some Hadley memorabilia as old as 200 years. This library can be open to all, with a little advanced notice, except during Sunday morning between the hours of 10:00 and noon. Just contact Jim Hadley to arrange admittance.

*(Please feel free to communicate with the newsletter via the phone, snail mail or email links given below)*

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## **Passing of LaVerne Paul Hadley: (1956-2022)**

We are saddened to share the news of the passing of LaVerne on the 29 May 2022, from a heart attack at his home in Oxford, NY. LaVerne was born in Delhi, NY His mother, and his surviving brothers, sisters, and friends also morn his passing. His burial is in the Bovina Cemetery, Bovina, NY with many other family members.

“There are far, far better things ahead than any we leave behind.” *C. S. Lewis*

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