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Meet the Honorable Amos Kinny Hadley: (1812-1901)

<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf97.html>. Amos was born in Waterford, Caledonia County, Vermont, on 12 Oct 1812, the fifth son of thirteen children born to Stephen Hadley and his wife Sarah Cushman. Early in his life, his family moved to -----?-----NY and it was there he spent much of his school years. He was fitted for college at Lancaster Academy, Lancaster, NY where his brother, William, was its President. He attended the Oneida Institute in Oneida, NY. His collegiate education was from Hamilton College in Clinton, NY. He then proceeded to study law under the tutelage of Judge John P Cushman of Troy, NY and was admitted to the NY State Bar in 1843.



Amos was elected to the New York State Assembly in 1847 and as Speaker of the Senate in 1848-1849. His NY State Assembly District was from Rensselaer County and his political party was that of a Whig. The Whig party was organized in 1834 and dissolved about 20 years later. Amos, as did most of the members of the Whig party, then joined the developing Republican Party.

After leaving the Assembly, Amos continued to practiced law in the Albany NY area. Through his law practice, he was made the executor for the estate of a millionaire, and for which he received an annual annuity.

He married Eliza Hart and they proceeded to have four children, two boys and two girls. Eliza died about 1893, and Amos went to live with his unmarried daughter, Anna, in her home in New York City where he died on 05 Mar 1901.

Editor's Note: The Hadley Newsletter has been unsuccessful in finding additional details about Amos. If you have any additional knowledge about him, please share that information with the Hadley Newsletter: Jags@hvc.rr.com

The cost for your "AFTERLIFE":

Once again, folks are starting to resume a former common practice, which was practiced in the later part of the nineteenth century. This is a Sunday afternoon practice which involves being with the departed family members in a cemetery for an afternoon picnic. This activity brings family member together and provides a time to share memories and reminisce about "the good old days."



However, some burial plots might not be appropriate for a family picnic such as in a church, sitting on the floor, where a family member is interred.

If you wish to have your remains interred in the Basilica of St. Patrick's Old Cathedral on Mulberry St. in NYC, that cost, as of 2019, is \$1,000,000 per person. If that is a bit rich for your budget, there are a few Hadley plots that will likely have minimal, if any, costs for the plots, although grave preparation and funeral expenses are another matter.

It seems that some Hadleys, who have gone before us, purchased burial locations that had multiple plots. In a number of cemeteries where our Hadley relatives' remains can be found, some of those plots have gone unused. In some cemeteries, if those plots remained unused for 75 years or more, and no immediate living relatives can be located, those unused plots are now being resold to the general public. If you, as a Hadley, have a desire to have your remains located in one of those unused Hadley plots, just by proving your Hadley lineage, that plot can likely become yours for the asking. (*The Hadley Newsletter does not maintain a list of those cemeteries*). Some cemeteries are now "stacking." This means more than one coffin is being placed in the same plot. We are told a few cemeteries are now permitting up to three coffins in the same plot, with successive coffins being placed on top of another.

The average burial plot is 36" wide by 8'-0 long. However, some cemeteries have now reduced the plot width to 30" and with a length of 7'-0. In addition, if interest is in placing an urn in the ground, that space usually requires only 1 cubic foot.

According to the *New York Times*, when you buy a burial spot, you're just acquiring the right to use that space in perpetuity – you don't actually own it. It is probably the only real estate for which you will not be taxed, and that is likely because our politicians have not figured out how that can be done.

Within the larger cities in the country of Greece, and as cemetery space becomes unavailable, bodies are exhumed if family are unable to pay for continued "rental space." The bones of the exhumed are then cremated and the cemetery space made available for another person. There is now some limited discussion involving this reusable cemetery plot practice, which may actually find its way into cemeteries in North America. This reusable plot practice could then someday involve our Hadley families too.

RAYMOND LeRoy HADLEY: 1932-2019

It is with deep sadness we report on the passing of Ray Hadley at the Mayo Clinic Health System in La Crosse, WI. on 22 April 2019 at the age of 86. We send our condolences to his children; Raymond Jr., Eve (Alexander), Hiedi (Lawrence), Dustin, and his dear friend Jo Jo (Joyce) Jones. Ray leaves a number of grand children with whom he has felt a deep connection. The Nov 2016 *Hadley Newsletter* had an article that profiled a portion of Ray's life. We invite you to see:

<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/pdf/Newsletter%20Nov%202016.pdf>

The difficult is what takes a little time; the impossible is what takes a little longer. ~ Fridtjof Nansen

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