

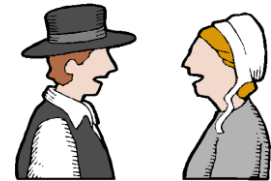
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MYSTERIES surrounding Sylvester Henry Hadley: (1851-?)



Sylvester Henry Hadley <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf8014.html> was born September 17, 1851 in Scugog Island, Ontario Canada. He was the 5th in birth order of a total of eight children born to Sylvester Joseph Hadley, who was the 4th great-grandson to our Patriarch George. It was Sylvester's grandfather William (ca 1786- ca 1861), who was born in Tarrytown, NY and moved from the United States to Canada where he died in 1861.

On January 1, 1872, in Fenelon Falls, Victoria, Ontario, Canada, at the age of 20, Sylvester married **Mary Ann Shell/Schell**, the daughter of John Shell/Schell and Mary Jane Hicks.

The 1881 Census for Monmouth Twp., Haliburton Co., Canada lists Sylvester and Mary Ann as having four children.

In 1888 this family came to Michigan, although it is not known how they travelled. By the time of their arrival in 1888, their family had grown to eight children. After settling in Michigan, they had five more children, with one dying at the age of seven in 1900. All their children, except De los, who was the next to last child, were named after other Hadleys, Shell/Schell, Hicks or Fralick relatives

1900 Census shows this family living in Richland Twp., Missaukee Co., McBain, Michigan. Sylvester was listed as a farmer on 20 acres of land, and we can assume his wife Mary was very busy being a mother/home-maker to 13 children and a farming husband.

Upon further research by Sue Henry, who is a great grandchild of this Hadley family, uncovered some interesting additional data on Sylvester and Mary Ann Hadley. Sue came across a legal document at the Missaukee, Michigan County Courthouse for the sale of their property in Richland Twp. It states that Sylvester Hadley, a former resident of Richland Twp., who was then residing in Lamonta, Brook County, Oregon. This property sales document, dated May 5, 1909, was sold to a O.O. Dunham for \$200. There is another document on the same day and for the sale of that same property by Mary Ann, the wife of S.H. Hadley of Richland Twp., selling this land to Orrin O Dunham for \$300.

Mary Ann and Sylvester were subsequently divorced and Mary Ann married a James Allen. That marriage also ended in divorce in 1911. James divorced Mary Ann, stating the reason for the divorce as "not legally married as she (Mary Ann) was a widow without a divorce". *We can assume that means she was neither a widow nor divorced at the time of their alleged marriage.* SOURCE: 1920 Census for Missaukee Co., City of McBain, Michigan list Mary Ann as head of household, widowed and a general practice nurse.

Mary Ann “married” for the third time to a Charles Stephan’s in 1922. We have been unable to find any record of Mary Ann from 1922 until she died in 1926.

At the time of Mary Ann death, she was living with her son, Solomon Hadley (1895-1953). She is buried in the Mount Avon Cemetery in Rochester Michigan. Her death certificate lists her name as *Mary Ann Hadley*.

We have been unsuccessful in locating any pictures of Sylvester and/or Mary Ann, or in finding any great depth of information about them. Mary Ann had been a mystery for years and was finally located after her death. It is still a mystery as to exactly when or where Sylvester died, or for that matter, where he is buried. We are not even sure if he was ever actually divorced from Mary Ann Shell/Schell. There is some indication, later on in his adult life, he might have lived in the Pacific Northwest. What he might have been doing there is yet another mystery to be solved.

The *Hadley Newsletter* wishes to acknowledge with appreciation **Sue (Williams) Henry**, a great granddaughter of Sylvester and Mary Ann, for her research and writing of this article.

Passing of Arthur L Hadley Jr: (1934-2022)

We are sad to learn of the passing of Arthur and send our deepest sympathy to Melissa, Jennifer, Arthur III and Debi. Arthur was born in Buffalo, NY and spent the better part of his life in Western New York. He was a multi-faceted individual. He was a professor of mathematics, a pilot, ski instructor, swim coach and attorney, besides being a loving dad and grandfather and a friend to many.

<https://www.dignitymemorial.com/obituaries/williamsville-ny/arthur-hadley-10523084>



Passing of Lorraine (Davies) Hadley: (1929-2022)

Word has been received of the passing of Lorraine in Nanaimo, British Columbia. Lorraine was the wife of the late Chesel Hadley and the mother of three children; Wesley, Susan and Patti, along with their families and loved ones. The greater *Hadley Newsletter* family sends their sympathy to her family.



Passing of Richard Hadley: (1955-2021) and his mother Joan: (1932-2021)

Richard was the son of **William H Hadley** and the late **Joan (Underwood)**. He was the husband of Debra and their three children; Michael, Brandon and Lindsey. Richard and his family are from British Columbia. Richard was born on the 30 Oct 1955 and died on 24 Jan 2021. His mother **Joan** was also from British Columbia and had been married on 28 Dec 1950 to the late **William H Hadley** until his death in 2017. The *Hadley Newsletter* sends sympathy to this grieving family.

“Love is something sterner and more splendid than mere kindness.” *C. S. Lewis*

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