

# HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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## **Hadley Reunion:**

It will be about a month and a half before we all meet in Salem, Oregon for our Hadley reunion. There is still time to register and make room reservations. Details can be found on our website: <http://www.hadleyfamily.us/2015/>  
For your convenience, the Registration form is attached.

**What:** Hadley Reunion, Salem Oregon

**Where:** Comfort Inn & Suites (503) 585-9705

**When:** July 31- Aug 1 2015

**Cost:** Registration = \$7.00/  
Lunch = \$12.00/  
Evening Banquet = \$22.00/  
Hotel Room = \$100.00/ **IF RESERVED BY JULY 1ST.**

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**Note:** If there is an individual who would like to give a brief presentation at the reunion, please contact Sandy Sumner at the phone number or Email above.

**Note:** For any who have a connection to the California Gold Rush, please contact **Mary Lyon**  
[lansonl.lyon@gmail.com](mailto:lansonl.lyon@gmail.com)

## **A lovely place to visit and lots to do . . .**

"The weather has been beautiful here in Oregon. The sky is clear and blue and when coming home from Salem I could clearly see Mt. Hood and St. Helens (with her top blown off) in the distance. The Marion Berries and strawberries are blooming, the rye grass fields are growing fast, the grape arbors are getting greener every day, the Iris fields are beautiful, and the trees now have their beautiful green leaves.

I hope many that attend the Hadley reunion will take advantage of seeing the sites around the Salem/Portland area. There is so much to see and do. We have the beach 1 hour away from Salem; Mt. Hood is about a 2 hour drive, and



Watercolor by Mona Podgurski

much more. My little city of Molalla is 30 miles north east of Salem. We have an Elk Farm (that gives tours), Shady Del Train Park where adults and children can ride miniature trains and there are picnic tables there too (it is free). There are Christmas tree farms on about every corner and Hazelnut (filbert) farms everywhere.

Anyway, there is a couple at my church, **Glenn and Jean Baird**, who have an apartment above their shop that is available for a family to stay at no charge! The apartment sleeps four – a fold out couch and a queen size bed. There is room on the floor for several others too. Please spread the word. I hope this will help a family to attend the reunion.

Linda is putting together a list of motels/hotels at the beach. Anyone interested in staying a few nights at the beach need to make reservations right away. They fill up very fast.

Thanks, Sandy Hadley Sumner, 503-829-8861 (h) 541-260-7777 (c)

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### **Meet Dana George Hadley: (1832-1924)**

Dana was the 4<sup>th</sup> great grandson of our patriarch, George. Dana <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/gp7850.html> was born in Laconia, New Hampshire, the oldest of three children born to Richard and Rachael (Williams) Hadley. He married Harriet M. Pickering (ca. 1837-1906) and they also had three children; Anna, Dana (Jr), and Emma.

Dana (Jr). *Editor's Note: No record has yet been found as of Feb 2015 that Dana was actually a Jr. The addition of the Jr. and Sr to their names has been added only to distinguish father from son.*

Dana (Sr) had experience in the hotel business in NH. Due to his health and that of his wife, in 1890, and acting on the recommendation of their physician, they moved to Henderson County, North Carolina. They both were suffering from “weak Lungs disease” (probably tuberculosis or consumption) and a common remedy was to avoid the harsh winters of NH. While in Henderson, they purchased a tract of land on the “Ridge Road” outside of Henderson. It was here they decided to build the *Summit Hotel*, named for its elevated view along the spine of the Blue Ridge Mountains. The hotel, with its twenty rooms, was a major success thanks to its scenic view, outstanding service and uncompromisingly delicious and generous meals. Behind the hotel they constructed a 100-ft. observation tower which also proved to be a major tourist attraction.

The children of Dana Jr and his wife Harriet were young adults when mom and dad move to North Carolina and were thus left behind in New Hampshire with their own lives. However, Dana Jr. and his wife Abby and their four children did move to North Carolina about 1892. It was here their daughter, Irene Belle Hadley, was born on March of 1894.

Dana Jr. went to work with his dad at the family hotel. Dana Jr. was much liked and popular with the hotel guests and staff. A vexing problem existed for the hotel and its guests – the lack of mail delivery. Dana Sr. and a local merchant petitioned Washington for the rights to establish a post office. Washington agreed with this request and approval was awaiting the naming of this new post office. The hotel employees and guests suggested the town be named after Dana Jr., which it was. And, Dana's new daughter had a birth certificate, one that cites her as one of the very first born in the town of Dana, North Carolina.

Dana Jr. and his entire family soon moved back to New Hampshire, as did mom and dad, after selling their hotel. Sadly, the hotel is no longer standing, having been destroyed by fire.

Today, the town of Dana is a thriving, lovely community of about 3,500 people, where the apple-growing industry has become a major business.

**Note:** We thank Terry Robinson, [terry@tlobinson.com](mailto:terry@tlobinson.com) Dana, NC and Mona Podgurski, [MonaP@aol.com](mailto:MonaP@aol.com) Canton, MA for their contributions to this story.

## **Ancestral Worship:**

Sikhs, Muslims, Hindus, Buddhists and Native American, to name but a few, have a very different understanding of their ancestors compared to the practices of those living in North America and who derived their religion and ancestral practices from Europe. The common religious and ethnic ancestral worship, or at the very least paying homage to their ancestors, is a value and practice often found in the Eastern cultures that is a bit of an enigma to those who have their roots in Europe.

Perhaps the quest many in the West are now pursuing through genealogy is a step towards acquiring an undertaking of their ancestors and their own ancestral values. This step towards changing attitude and values, including understandings of their ancestors, with a greater appreciation of the contributions their ancestors have made, have helped shape their own lives, whether they realize it or not.

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## **Hadley Room: Narragansett Historical Society, Templeton, MA**

Why a Hadley Room? We, as descendants of the Hadley lineage and who most likely came from England and before that probably Saxony, have our own history here in North America. We need to preserve and maintain the level of respect our forefathers worked and fought so hard to obtain. We have a history to tell and share and one of the best ways to do that is to preserve our past – and we need to get it correct. Memories are fleeting and we need a time capsule that will include pictures, documents, memorabilia and family object to help tell our story. These artifacts are our family heirlooms that tell how we lived, what was important to us and these need to be preserved for generations to come. There is a need to connect our lives with our ancestors.

The Narragansett Historical Society in Templeton, MA has provided a room for us which will be dedicated to our Hadley family. However, it is up to us to provide the necessary monies to renovate and furnish that room and bring it into reality. We need your support. **Mary (Hadley) Grimes** (978) 652-5115, [maryegrimes@comcast.net](mailto:maryegrimes@comcast.net) is the archivist to our Hadley room. All tax deductible financial support should be mailed to: Narragansett Historical Society, c/o Ms. **Debra Caisse**, Treasurer, PO Box 354, Templeton, MA 01468. Questions may be directed to **Jim Hadley**, (845) 339-5363 [Jags@hvc.rr.com](mailto:Jags@hvc.rr.com)

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“The first duty of love is to listen” Paul Tillich

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