

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Incorrect Hadley Assumption:

Down through the years, many have tried to find and prove the birth date and birth location of our Patriarch George Hadley. To the best knowledge of the *Hadley Newsletter*, no **proof** of either his birth location or year of birth has been found.



It is assumed he was born somewhere in England and somewhere around the year 1612. We find no ship manifests, or other solid documentation of his passage to America. (We are reasonably sure he did not swim across). However, we do know our George was an established individual and living in Massachusetts in 1628 and we know he also died in Massachusetts on 29 Sept 1686. We had assumed his name was given to honor a Duke, Nobleman or some other dignitary. which was a common practice to name a son after such an individual. We also know the name of George was a relatively common name in England around the time of his birth.

Upon investigating the sixteenth century English history, we find many male children named George; the practice actually began around the fifteenth century, but had nothing to do with any English king.

The first English King named George, was George I, who was born Georg Ludwig, the son of Sophia Dorothea of Celle, Germany on 07 June 1660. He ascended to the English throne on 22 June 1727. This George was the first of the *Hanoverian* succession, which also saw the ending of the *Stuart* dynasty.

Since our Patriarch George was born around 1612, he could not have been named after any English King who had the name of George, as many Hadleys had assumed.

Was There A Hadley Loyalists?

To answer that question, we should first define what it means to be a "*Loyalists*."

For the purposes of this article, we are defining a Loyalists as an individual who supported the English Crown's governing control over the American Colonies verses self-rule by the Colonists themselves.

Before the American Revolutionary War, Ben Franklin felt 1/3 of the Colonists wanted self-rule, 1/3 wanted to remain under the umbrella of the English Crown, and 1/3 had no interest or opinion as to how the American Colonies should be governed.

We do know there were some Colonists who took up arms in support of the Crown and many who did, moved to Canada which at that time was mainly under British Control.

Today the **United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada (UELAC)** is an active group whose mission, amongst other functions, is to record stories and the



names of those who supported the British Crown during The American Revolution. You can subscribe to the *Loyalists* free monthly Newsletter at <http://www.uelac.org/Loyalist-Trails/Loyalist-Trails-index.php>

When we review their *Loyalists Directory*, we do not find the name of any Hadley. We then ask why no Hadley name appears on that list? We venture forth an answer to that question. The reason no Hadley name existing from the lineage of our George is that no Hadley has been able to prove their lineage from our Patriarch George (ca 1628-1686); no individual has yet submitted proof to that organization that any of our Hadley relatives were Loyalists.

We know a number of Hadleys moved to Canada before the Revolution. We also have the name of Hannah Orser (1796-1833), who was married to William Hadley (ca. 1786-ca. 1861). William was one of 5 males of 10 children born into the family of Joseph Hadley (1757-1832) and his wife Abigail Baker in Yonkers, New York. We know this Joseph, along with at least one of his sons, were active during the American Revolution for the Colonists' cause of independence. We also know Joseph's son William moved to Canada with his wife Hannah. Hannah's father, Solomon Orser (1761-1833), was active in Canada as a Loyalists and is listed in The United Empire Loyalist's Directory. Did our William support the cause of his loyalist father-in-law and that of his wife? Was the marriage of William and his move to Canada the cause of what is believed to be a permanent separation from his New York biological family? Did he become a Loyalists?

If any of the *Hadley Newsletter* readers could shed some light on the political activities of our William, please let the *Hadley Newsletter* know. If our William did become a Loyalists, we would like to present evidence to the Loyalists society for his inclusion into their organization.

Also, if any know of other Hadleys who were likely Loyalists, please also let the *Hadley Newsletter* know. Any future information that comes to light in reference to a Hadleys being a Loyalists will be made know to you in this, your *Hadley Newsletter*.

This, Your Hadley Newsletter:

This Hadley Newsletter exists for you. We are asking you to share with other Hadleys pertinent information that has or will be transpiring in their lives. All you need to do is send an email to Jim@HadleyGenealogy.net, giving the particulars of what you would like to see printed in the next *Hadley Newsletter*. This could include Hadley family gathering, weddings, awards, and graduations, along with the passing of a loved one.

Graduation - Keifer Tobias Hadley Ludwig:

Keifer was graduated on 27 May 2019 from Oberlin College, Oberlin, Ohio with a Bachelor of Arts degree which included a major in Religion. He lives in NYC and Woodstock, NY and is the son of John (Toby) Ludwig and Karen J. Hadley. Congratulations to you, Keifer, for your achievement. We wish you much success in your future endeavors.

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