

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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Death of Hadley Children:

As we research the Hadley children, we find that a number of them died in infancy or very young. It also was not uncommon to name the next child born into this family, providing it was of the same sex as the previous child that had died, the same name as the child that had recently died. In one instance, we have found a third Hadley child, being given the same first name as the two previous dead children.



We are certain our eighteenth and nineteenth century Hadley parents, who lost a child, grieved as much as the parents of today when they lost a child – it just was more common in years gone by to lose a child. It was also more common for parents to have more children than the families of today.

Last month the *Hadley Newsletter* had an article about Col. Henry Harrison Hadley (1841-1903). Henry and his wife Elizabeth had eleven children. Two of those children carried the same first name; Elizabeth Jane (1874-1874) and Elizabeth Catherine (1877-1780). Both these children died young and also carried the first name of their mother, Elizabeth Catherine Anderson (1850- 1930). *Editor's Note: How devastated this Hadley family must have been.*

Birth Certificates Being Changed:

NY State Gov. Andrew Cuomo signed a bill on 15 Nov 2019 which unsealed the birth records for adopted children. This bill undid a NY State law that had been in effect since 1935. This new law now allows individuals, 18 years of age or older and who were born in NY State, to gain access to their original birth records. These records can, at times, be a mix of conflicting and inaccurate information.



We know of a married Hadley woman who has two adopted children. When these children went through the adoption process in New York State about forty years ago, new birth certificates were issued indicting the adopting parents **were** the *Birth Parents* (which they were not). There is/was no indication on these “new” birth certificates to indicate they are not original birth certificates. In addition, there is no indication on the “new” certificate any change has been made or is there any identification to be found indicating there potentially may be another birth certificate for these individuals floating around somewhere. If a DNA test were to be taken for the adopted children, it would likely indicate these children would have no biological relationship to the adoptive parents – but that is not what these legal documents indicate.

Hadley Characteristics:

Over the years, the *Hadley Newsletter* has frequently been asked if we have any information about the Hadleys having any unique identifiable physical characteristics that seem to run in the family.



Photographs and/or written records of any unique characteristics are unlikely to exist back more than six or seven generations. Beyond that time frame, few, if any, unique characteristics are unlikely to have been recorded. Within the recorded timeframe for which we are likely to have some records that would indicate a unique characteristic, we do have some data for men but none, as of yet, have any such data for women.

The genetic pool that contributes to us all is so very expansive, it seems the unique characteristics we have noted in some men, fades or disappears all-together after a few generations. Some of the noted characteristics are:

1. Loss of hair and/or a unique pattern of semi-baldness-receding hair line.
2. A flat spot in the underlying bone structure on the rear of the scalp.
3. Physical builds in men that tends to be rather stocky and a bit shorter than many. (Nutritionists have something to say about the build of today's men verses those who lived a century or more ago.)
4. The ear lobes at the bottom, are not attached to the side of the head.
5. Hands and feet are a bit smaller than average.
6. Complexion that is a bit fairer than many but with a tendency towards ruddiness.
7. Nothing unique about eye color differences from what generally exists throughout society.

We have been asked by some of our readers about the tendency towards smoking or alcoholism. We have noted a vast decrease in the use of all kinds of tobacco and alcohol over the past 40 years or so. And yes, we still have reports from today that instances of excessive alcohol still exist in some Hadley families for both men and women.

It has been proven through DNA testing; all human traits are inherited. However, the physical signs of those inherited traits are often not visible, or if they are, we are not conditioned to see them. All animals inherit the sucking instinct. If any species did not have that instinct, it would cease to exist – including the Hadleys.

Addendum to the July 2019 Hadley Newsletter:

In the July 2019 issue of the Hadley Newsletter <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/hadley-news.html> there is an article "*The cost of your AFTERLIFE.*" Within that article, we quoted the cost of \$1,000,000 for a burial plot in New York City. We have since been informed by the *Community Service Advisor* to the *Valley of the Temples* in Kaneohe, Hawaii they have a burial plot selling for *Thirty Million Dollars*.

This cemetery is a rather new cemetery which accepted its first burial about 1963. There are still many thousands of burial plots remaining in this cemetery, although the **\$30,000,000** plot is their most expensive – just in case you were wondering. We are told that plot has a "great view".

"Someday you will be old enough to start reading fairy tales again." – C. S. Lewis

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