

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Mehitable (Tippett) Hadley: (both a *feme sole* & *feme convert*)

Mehitable Tippett was a *feme sole* until she married Joseph Hadley on 03 Sept 1682 in Ipswich, Essex, Massachusetts. Mehitable was born in 1662 in Phillipsburg, Westchester, New York to George Tippett and Mehitable Betts.

Before we get too far into this story, we probably should explain the legal title given to the wife of Joseph Hadley. In the 17th century, a *feme sole* was a widow or unmarried adult woman. However, when a woman married, she became a *feme convert*. A married woman had very limited legal rights and could not own any property in her own name as long as she remained married. Once she became a widow, providing her husband left property to her, she was then considered a *feme sole* (single) again and could inherit property from her deceased husband or, for that matter, anyone else, since her legal rights would have been restored. This legal restriction placed upon a married women most likely greatly limited her condition to seek a divorce, should she find herself wishing to do so. It has been understood those restrictive conditions were indeed a reason meant to limit a woman's options.

Joseph Hadley (ca. 1653- bef. 1694) was the second son as-well-as the second child born to our Patriarch George Hadley (ca.1612-1686), and his wife Mary Proctor.

Records suggest Joseph and Mehitable had no children, although both had a second marriage. What was the reason for the divorce between Joseph and Mehitable? More research needs to be done to try to determine the reason for the termination to that marriage.

Research also needs to be done to determine if Mehitable ever owned property. When Mehitable married for the second time to a John Conklin, the *Hadley Newsletter* made no attempt to determine details of that couples married life. However, the second wife of Joseph Hadley was Mary Richardson and this marriage resulted in, at least, two children.

Did Mehitable (Tippett) Hadley ever inherit land? Again, no attempt has been made to answer that question, since it strays a bit off the objective of the Hadley genealogy. Upon the second marriage of Mehitable, she would no longer be considered a Hadley and thus have no connection to the Hadley family, even if she had children by her second marriage.

As indicated in our Feb 2022 Hadley Newsletter, this will be the beginning segment, for the next several months, of data on Hadleys who lost their lives resulting from their participating in American wars.

HADLEYS KILLED in the WAR OF THE REBELLION: (1775 – 1783)

1. **Bishop Hadley**, born ca. 1750 in New York. Died 03 Aug 1781.
<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf9582.html>
2. **Samuel Hadley**, born 03 Aug 1718 in MA. Died 19 Apr 1775, Concord, MA.
<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf5241.html>
3. ***An unnamed** “Older Son” of Isaac Hadley:
<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf775.html>
4. ***An unnamed** “Younger Son” of Isaac Hadley:
<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf775.html>



***Note:** According to the “*Americana*” (American Historical Magazine) Vol XX Jan 1926-Dec 1926, published by *The American Historical Society, Inc.*, **Isaac W Hadley** (abt. 1771-1841) (who is a direct descendant of our Patriarch George), had two unnamed sons, but without any dates associated with them, and who both died in the “United States Army.” *i.e.* (*Our Revolutionary War*).

(To be continued next month with the names of more fallen Hadley Patriates)

Hadley Military Records Destroyed:



On 12 July 1973, a devastating fire at the National Personnel Records Center in St Louis, Overland County, Missouri, destroyed 16-18 million Official Military Personal Files. Virtually all files beginning with the letter “H” were destroyed, which including those records for our Hadley family. A few of our Hadley family records have been reconstructed, although some of those records have not received official sanctions from the United States.

As time marches on, more and more of the immediate descendants from our fallen Hadley patriots are no longer with us to provide first-hand knowledge of their military service.

Correction:

Our Feb 2022 *Hadley Newsletter* had an error. This restored flag that is in the possession of Janna Hadley, wife of the late Henry Harrison Hadley the 4th, and not the 3rd as the article erroneously indicated.



“Humility is not thinking less of yourself, but thinking of yourself less.” *C.S. Lewis*

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