HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Are all those Hadleys related to our George Hadley?

Have you ever wondered if some of the various and widely scattered Hadleys are all related to our Patriarch George Hadley and by extension, to us too? Wonder no more because most likely they are not related to us, unless you wish to try and trace their lineage back to *Adam & Eve.*

There are several rather large groups of Hadleys living here in North America. Our Patriarch George Hadley's relatives are but one of those groups. To the best of our research, the Hadleys connected to our George have the largest number of Hadleys in North America. Should any of the other groups of Hadleys have any connection to our George, (ca. 1612-1686)



we may have to step back many hundreds of years to the shores of Europe to find that connection. Many researchers believe it is unlikely any connection exists with these other groups of Hadleys unless we wish to step back several thousand years.

Some of the *other* Hadley genealogists, who share the same surname of Hadley with us, have their own root structure, and as far as we have been able to determine through DNA and genealogical study, are unrelated to us. A couple examples of these different Hadley roots are suggested below:

 William John Hadley was born 14 Dec 1883 in Newark Twp., Iowa and died 19 Oct 1942 in Nevada, Iowa. He was one of the sons of Peter (Peder) Hadley who was born in Jan 1851 in Wisconsin and died 19 Aug 1918 in Fort Dodge, Iowa. This Peter was one of the sons of **Hadle Evenson**, who was born on 05 Sept 1816 near Etna, Norway and died on 12 Sept 1903 in Slater, Iowa. Hadle arrived in New York on 29 June 1846 on the ship *Kong Iverre*.

This is our best guess: his name was changed to Hadley since it sounded very much like Hadley if spoken in his native Norwegian tongue. Thus, he actually became a Hadley in his new county of the USA, but without any known lineage to our George.

2. In the mid-1950s, Robert L Hadley from Athol, MA, who is part of a direct line to our Patriarch George, had taken his wife to Worcester, MA to do some clothing shopping for their children. Robert, being a bit bored with this type of shopping and being a principle in the Athol Table Mfg. Co. Inc., decided he would visit the area *Hadleys Furniture* store. While in this store, he met the store owner, another Mr. Hadley. The two men talked and Robert asked about the origin of his roots and surname. The owner indicated to Robert that his family, as Jews, had emigrated to Massachusetts from Eastern Europe years before.

It was this store owner's family's interest to go into the furniture retail business. Looking around for an appropriate store name, they acknowledged there had been a respected area judge with the surname of Hadley. He felt the Hadley name could lend credibility to their new store and would be a more acceptable and an easier name to pronounce than their Eastern European name. Thus, they adopted the name Hadley for their store, and by extension, their surname as well. However, this family had no known lineage connection to our George.

A Glimpse of Capt. George Hadley: (1742-1823)

This Revolutionary War Officer was the 2nd great grandson to our Patriate George and an interesting character was he. There are conflicting reports that the father of Capt. George drowned in Island Pond, Hampstead, New Hampshire.

George married Lydia Wells (1740-1806) in 1823 and they proceeded to have eleven children. George remarried in 1809 his second cousin, Mehitable (Hadley)Toy. During the early years of George's adult life, he was associated with dealings related to the *French and Indian Wars*, although not much was happening, since peace had been declared in 1763.

In 1777, George enlisted at Fort Edward in the *Committee for Safety*, since our Revolution from *mother* England was taking place. George apparently had acquired a substantial sum of money. He was chosen by the Town of Weare, New Hampshire, and was able to advance the town payment for its soldiers, for which the town ultimately repaid George 1056 pounds in paper currency.

In 1776, George and a John Simmons jointly hired a Mr. Joseph Emons for the sum of 6 pounds to serve for five months in our Revolutionary War on their behalf.

"George, being a lover rather than a fighter, hired another townsman to report for duty in his place. Farmers often hired people to report in their place while they brought in the crops, then they would report themselves.



George, having more money than desire to be shot at, hired one person after another to report for military service on his behalf, so he never actually did see any active duty". (Note by the late Brad Hadley:1952-2015)

Genealogy Corner

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"True Liberty demands economic Independence" -- Alexander Hamilton

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