

# HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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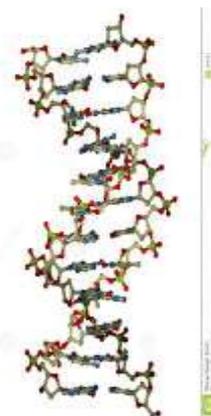
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## DNA Primer Part 9: I am a Hadley and I am from Africa too:

A mere 40,000 years ago or just about 200 generations past, my Hadley ancestors came from Africa too. How do I know this? My DNA tells me so and it will also give you the same answer if you have your DNA determined. It is through our “Y” chromosome markers that links us all together and proves we all come from a single source. The markers in the human genome consists of 23 pairs of chromosomes and is made up of 3.1 billion bits of information. Thus, we are all one race and the efforts to cluster us into different races is divisive and, for the most part, counterproductive.

The characteristics we label as “race differences” are due to our bodies having adapted to the different environments where we lived. That adaption took place gradually over many years and the gradual adaption process is continues even today. Some believe our bodies have increased the changing adaptive process starting with the last ice age about 20,000 year ago.

In you go to the *Hadley DNA Project* web link, <http://www.hadleydna.org/10th.htm> you will see how many of the current day Hadleys are linked together in small cluster groups.



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## Green Burials:

Many of us visit cemeteries in our quest to uncover information about our Hadley ancestors. During these visits some of us become uncomfortable and we find ourselves thinking about our own final resting place. Some of us also have planned our own funeral or are in the process of making plans for our own final arrangement. Apart from the “traditional funeral,” whatever that may be, about 50% of folks are now selecting to be cremated. The *cremains* are sometimes placed in an urn or canopic jar or just scattered to the wind. And there are many other choices that could also be made. Now, some Hadleys are investigating “*green burials*” for themselves and their loved ones. It seems that green burials often use no casket -- rather just a fabric shroud. And if a casket is used, it is made from papier-mâché, cardboard, bamboo, or some other natural and biodegradable material. For those interested, we invite you to view the *Green Burial Council* website: <https://greenburialcouncil.org/>. At this council website you will find, listed by state, cemeteries that are participating with the green burials function. In addition, many cemeteries are now exploring the idea of permitting green burials, since this ancient process is gaining wide interest and approval.



The non-green burial function of embalming seems to date back to the civil war. During that war, some families requested their fallen men be returned to their home for burial in a family plot. In order to accommodate that request, it was necessary to find some process that would temporarily preserve the body – thus the embalming process. Today, most embalming fluids are not biodegradable and ultimately find their way into the soil. According to Suzanne Kelly in her book, “*Greening Death: Reclaiming Burial Practices and Restoring Our Tie to the Earth,*” approximately 4.3 million gallons of embalming fluid is used each year which remains in the soil for an unknown number of years.

Some rules governing burial are set by the state. Other rules are set by the town or county and still other rules/guidelines are established by the cemetery itself. Some of these rules are now being challenged and many expect to see current local burial practices being modified to accommodate those wishing to have a green burial.

Open air cremation is also an option. This funeral Pyre is practiced at the Crestone Colorado Cemetery and is considered a green burial too.

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## Who was Duncan Hadley/Hurley? (1856- 1952)

Duncan was born in 1856 in Meagher's, Grant, Nova Scotia, Canada to Peter Hurley and Mary Grant as Duncan Hurley. He immigrated to the US and settled in Minneapolis, Minnesota in 1878 and became a Naturalized US Citizen in 1895. He married Annie Coakely (1860-1907) in May 1885, and she and Duncan gave birth to the following eight children: Pearl, Virginia (1887- 1950), Alma (Bessie) (1893-1950), Frederick, Charles, Joseph, Claude (1905-1905) and Albert.

For some reason unknown to us, Duncan changed his surname from **Hurley to Hadley**. Let us speculate the reason(s) for his name change. . .

1. The Hadleys were many in number in the later part of the 19<sup>th</sup> Century in Nova Scotia. The first recorded Hadley we can document as living in Nova Scotia was Joseph Hadley who had previously been living in the Bar Harbor area of Maine, although he was born in Gloucester, MA in 1724. He was a fisherman. Canada had rich fishing water around Nova Scotia and Joseph went on to found the settlement of Hadleyville, Nova Scotia. He was a prominent citizen and became well known and respected in his name-sake town.
2. Joseph Hadley was a loyalists who left the Bar Harbor area just before the American Revolution. He did this in spite of his siblings having a different political philosophy and who were committed to the cause of the Colonists. We can only speculate the angst his political decision caused within his family.
3. Joseph Hadley's wife, Ruth, reportedly came from a family of Loyalists to England. This did not sit well with some of the family from which Joseph was born.
4. Free land was being offered in Nova Scotia for those willing to "homestead" there, and Joseph, being a good Hadley opportunist, took advantage of the invitation. Duncan thus saw the advantages to becoming a Hadley too.

If any can add some proof to the saga for the reason(s) of the name change from Hurley to Hadley, please let the *Hadley Newsletter* know.

We thank Kristin (Hadley) Schmoldt [Kschmoldt@hotmail.com](mailto:Kschmoldt@hotmail.com), who is a relative to Duncan, and for some of the data about Duncan and his family.

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*"A good novel tells us the truth about its hero; but a bad novel tells us the truth about its author."*

*~ G. K. Chesterton*

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