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Meet Col. HENRY HARRISON HADLEY, Esq.: (1841-1903)

Henry Harrison Hadley, the second son and fifth of six children <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf538.html> was born on the Ohio frontier, the son of New England pioneers. In his autobiography, he describes the life as harsh and rough and tumble. He enlisted in the 90th Ohio Infantry in 1862, fought in battles in Tennessee, and was wounded and discharged in 1863. After he recovered from his wounds, he enlisted in the Signal Corp. In 1864, he was sent by Special Orders to the 119th United States Colored Troops in Paducah, KY, where he was made Captain. He was discharged in 1866 as Lieutenant Colonel by brevet.

After the Civil War, he made a successful career selling insurance to the new frontier businessmen and was promoted to a position in NYC. Through a business connection, he met his 3rd wife, Elizabeth Catherine Anderson, with whom he had eleven children, seven of whom lived to adulthood. He graduated from the National Law School in Washington, DC in 1875 and began a successful corporate law practice in NYC.

During most of his adult life he was an alcoholic and finally on July 28, 1886 he made his way to the McCauley Rescue Mission on Water Street in New York City where his brother, The Reverend Samuel Hopkins Hadley, was Superintendent. That night he experienced a religious conversion after which he never consumed another drop of alcohol. During this time, and as the owner and editor of the Up-Town News, and after his conversion, he stopped taking advertisements for saloons and encouraged the saloon owners to take up alternative work.

He gradually became involved in Temperance work and was made Superintendent of the Avenue A Rescue Mission. He convinced the Rector of the large St. Bartholomew's Episcopal Church to take up the cause. The Cornelius Vanderbilt family financed the building of the St. Bartholomew Mission and Henry was made the Superintendent, a post which he held for 7 years. In 1896 he and others in NYC started the United States Church Army which was similar to the Salvation Army but centered on Temperance work. Each summer he organized the summer religious colony in Ocean Grove, NJ and during that time he pioneered the use of cinematograph pictures to illustrate his talks. He had become interested in the new technique through his acquaintance with Thomas Edison. He traveled the country organizing Rescue Missions to advance the idea of abstinence – according to his obituary he founded sixty missions and raised over \$250,000 for their support. He became the Director of the National Christian Abstainers' Union and General of the Blue Button Army whose members wore a blue button to show their commitment to abstinence from alcohol.

Because of all of this work, he collapsed from fatigue and was sent to the Battle Creek Sanatorium in Michigan to recover. After regaining his health, he continued his mission work. He died in Boulder, CO where he was building a sanitarium for sufferers of tuberculosis. He is buried in the Fountain Cemetery on Staten Island, NY. (Part I: This will be the first of successive articles on other Henry Harrison Hadleys).



We thank Janna (Peterson) Hadley for the above article about her husband's Great Grandfather

Creation of the Hadley Special Project Fund:

Now that the physical structure of the *Hadley Room* at the Narragansett Historical Society in Templeton MA has been substantially completed, we are now tuning our attention to historic Hadley family documents and items that need special attention. This includes such items as a Hadley hand-made Civil War battle flag that has started to deteriorate; several 18th century Hadley Family Bibles that are “falling apart” and which have recorded genealogical names and dates for some of our Hadley relatives; a badly faded and molding 19th century document addressed to H. H. Hadley and signed by Pres. Andrew Johnson and his Secretary of State Edwin Stanton; a number of broken and vandalized Hadley headstones, to name but a few of the Hadley items that need preservation/restoration.



In the months that follow, and as selected items are identified for repair and/or restoration, we will be asking for your **limited** financial assistance with these projects.

We are also now asking for your assistance in helping to identify specific items/projects you feel would qualify for our assistance. Please be as specific as possible when you identify these projects, along with their location and, if known, potential costs for repair/renovation. Please send that data to the Hadley Newsletter, Jags@hvc.rr.com

A list of items identified for special attention will be maintained by the *Hadley Newsletter*. To be fair to all the Hadleys, any items that receive financial assistance would then be placed in the *Hadley Room* at Narragansett Historical Society. You, as part of the greater Hadley family, will be involved in determining what projects have the greatest and most urgent need of our attention.

Passing of Nanette (Mrs. Henry Harrison) Hadley V

We are left to grieve the passing of Nanette on 18, Oct 2019. Nanette, her husband “Rick” Henry Hadley V and their 12-year-old son, Henry VI live in Georgetown, MA. Nanette was born in Amherst, NY to William and Nancy (Howard) Brumfield on 24 July 1970.

“To be ignorant of what occurred before you were born is to remain always a child.”

~Marcus Tullius Cicero (106 – 43 BCE), Orator, chapter

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