

# HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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## Variations in Hadley Birth, Marriage & Death Dates (BMD): PART 2

The previous month of the *Hadley Newsletter* discussed birth date variations.

### Part 2: Marriage date conflicts/variations:

It is not unusual to find three different marriage dates for our Hadley ancestors. In the past, it was often required for a couple to file an application stating their marriage intention. That application was usually done a week or two before the actual wedding, and it has been observed the date on that application was sometimes used as the marriage date.



When a church wedding takes place, it is now required by law, that the marrying official submit to the local government, documentation indicating the details of the marriage. Usually the church marriage date is recorded by the government as the marriage date. In some other instances, the submission date to the government was recorded as the official date of the marriage. Here we raise a hypothetical question. What would happen if the clergy does not transmit data to the local government about a marriage he/she performed? We guess the clergy could be sanctioned by the administrative body of the church, providing that church had an administrative structure to do so. One thing we do know for certain is the government, without documentation that a marriage has taken place, considers the individuals as **not** being married. This is exactly what happened to Lucien N Hadley (1844-1928) and Jeanette Bourn (1850-1915) when they married on 21 Aug, 1865 at their local church in Templeton, MA. Documentation of their marriage never reached the local government. If those records had reached the local government, the town did not secure them since a marriage document for Lucien and Jeanette has never been found by any government body. Lucien and Jeanette went on to have four sons and three daughters. Of their seven children, all the men married and had families, yet none of the daughters were ever married. Today there are a multitude of living Hadley off-spring directly related to Lucien and Jeanette. We wonder how many of them know that as of today, no documentation has been found validating their great-great-grandparents were ever married or for that matter, even care?

We have observed other instances where a marriage date is "fudged" to an earlier date than the actual marriage date so as to better coincide with the birth of their first child!

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## Hadley Military Deaths:

As we search the records of the Hadleys from the descendants of our **Patriarch George Hadley** (ca. 1612-1686,) we have uncovered a number of Hadley men who made the ultimate sacrifice of laying down their lives in an American War. What the records do not show is the terrible suffering their death took upon their family,



and indeed may have been a principal cause of the death for some of their family members.

We are now attempting to record the names of our Hadley ancestors who lost their lives as a direct result of their involvement in one of the many wars we have experienced. To date, we have only found the names of men who were living in the US. We are reasonably certain there were other Hadley men from our line who were born in countries other than the USA, and who made the ultimate sacrifice.

If you look at the attachment in this newsletter: [Fallen Hadleys in America's Wars](#), you will note there were two men who lost their lives in the *American Revolution*; ten in the *US Civil War*; one in *World War Two* and one in the *Vietnam War*. The list is likely far from complete and we are asking for your help by sharing with Jim Hadley [Jim@HadleyGenealogy.net](mailto:Jim@HadleyGenealogy.net) the names and details of any Hadley men who gave their lives and whose names do not appear on that list. Any additional Hadley names descendent from our patriarch George will be added to the list and shared with you in a future *Hadley Newsletter*.

Depending upon how one calculates the number of *French & Indian Wars*, we have found records of our Hadley men who fought in all seven of those wars although, as of yet, have not found any record of Hadley men who lost their lives in one of those wars. Even though there were Hadley men who fought in the wars before the US became a country, we would like to add their names to the list of the *Fallen Hadley Men*.

We are asking for your help. The additional names will be added to our list, which will be shared with you in a future *Hadley Newsletter*.

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### **Meet Samuel Gibson Hadley: (1856-1954)**

According to his great granddaughter, **Diana Lynn Hadley**, Samuel Gibson Hadley <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf5902.html> was "A hardworking, hard drinking, gambling guy..." Please see the attachment: **Samuel Gibson Hadley**, for a brief profile of his life.

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### **Passing of Barbara (Hadley) Edge: (1958-2018)**

It is with deep sadness we share with you the passing of Barb on 12 Aug 2018 at her home in Viola, Wisconsin. Barb was a dedicated genealogist, and had uncovered many unique facts about our family history, especially data surrounding our Patriarch George (ca. 1612- 1686). In addition, her research included Joseph Hadley who was likely a relative and one of the first to arrivals at Colonial Jamestown, VA around 1607.

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*"A liberal is someone who feels a great debt to his fellow man, which debt he proposes to pay off with your money."*

*~ G Gordon Liddy*

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