

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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Faith of Hadleys' fathers:

As we research the Hadleys who have gone before us, we often see examples of Hadley men who found a deep faith, as witnessed by the way they led their lives. We also have found a number of Hadley men who found a joy in singing, as proven by their many years being members in a church choir. In spite of the involvement of men in a church, it was the adult females in the home who usually assumed the principal religious nurturing role for the children, and established which church their family was to attend.

For the 200 years between 1775 and 1975, the data we have indicates the vast majority of Hadleys were Protestants, somewhat equally divided between the Methodist Episcopal (now United Methodists) and the Episcopal Churches.

It was not until the middle of the twentieth century, when women were often found working away from their home, that the role of the parents began to change. As the role of both the parents changed, so did the decision-making process. For many years and in many social settings, it was the Hadley men who made the final decision, and, do we dare to say, many women expected this from their Hadley husbands back then. After WWII, younger Hadley homes found parents in conflict about the role each was to assume. Here we also see a sky-rocketing incident of divorce within many Hadley homes, and conflicts about the role a church should and could play in their family life. Church affiliation for Hadley families began to wane (and from what we read continues even today). Sexual morays changed too, as did the role of Hadley men within their family. Church and religion started to take a back seat within the family structure, and that structure found families having a reduced church affiliation, if any at all.

Today we see a social assault of many men including the Hadleys, and this may be a major reason we often see the nuclear family in a state of flux. Only time will tell what long-term effect this social upheaval will have upon our Hadley men and our society as a whole.



Pres William Henry Harrison (1773-1841):

Justifiably, you may ask, what does President Harrison have to do with our Hadley line. Besides being the first US President to die in office after serving only 31 day, Harrison was a member of the Whig party (which became the Republican Party), and a Protestant by religion, there really is not much of a Hadley connection to him except for a number of Hadley men who are named after him. We have a Hadley relative named "William



Pres. William Henry Harrison

Henry Harrison Hadley," two of our relatives were named "William Henry Hadley," and eight different Hadley men carried, or are now carrying the name, "Henry Harrison Hadley" <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf538.html> . Of these latter eight, six are directly related to each other, and most of the six have the additional designation added to their name I, II, III, IV, V, or VI. It is with these six "Henry Harrison Hadley" men, starting next month, that an article is planned for the next six successive monthly *Hadley Newsletters*. The articles will present a biographical profile for each of these six Henry Harrison Hadley men. We are sure you will find the articles interesting reading about these remarkable and sequentially related Hadley men, especially since the articles are being written by the genealogist, Janna (Peterson) Hadley, the wife of Henry Harrison Hadley IV.

Walter Aaron Hadley: (1889- 1975)

Perhaps most of the Hadleys who have passed through this life do not have a legacy of special note, as recorded within the archives of society. Walter is but one such man who we wished we could have known. His fine character speaks for itself. His life also made a difference in the lives of other. . .

Walter <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf3570.html> was the tenth of twelve children born to Henry Newton Hadley and Hannah Wilder on 26 Feb 1846 in Wright Michigan. He married Cordia Bell Van Atta on 24 Dec 1930 in Bartlesville, Oklahoma and he died on 01 Jan 1975 in Glencoe, Oklahoma.

Walter and Cordia had but one child, Billie, who was born on 21 Jan 1932 and died the following day.

What little that is recorded about Walter is that he was born deaf. Apparently, he lived a happy life and made those around him happy too. He spent his life working as a cobbler and his business cards read "*I do fine work on your best...on your worst, I do my best*"

Walter, his wife, and Billie are all buried in separate graves within their Hadley plot in the White Rose Cemetery, Batesville, Oklahoma.



"Fun is like life insurance: The older you get, the more it costs". ~ Kin Hubbard

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