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GORDON FRANKLIN HADLEY (1905-1981)

From Hadleyville, Nova Scotia to Hadley Road, Oregon



"My father, Gordon Franklin Hadley, was born in the town of Oyster Pond, Nova Scotia Canada on November 1, 1905, one of six children of Mark A. and Susan Welsh Hadley. His early years were spent in a community that was then known as Hadleyville, which was located in Guysborough county. The community was made up of mostly fishermen, loggers and small farmers. After completing the fourth grade, at the age of 10, he went to live with his older brother Owen in Boston, Massachusetts. He went to work on the docks and later took a job with Reed & Murdock, a local cannery. (Apparently child labor laws were not strictly enforced at that time!) In 1923, at the age of 18, Gordon headed west on his own, transferring to Reed & Murdock's Salem, Oregon operations. In 1930, Gordon married a socialite named Catherine Hartley. For appearances sake their wedding announcement mentioned that Gordon

was "Educated in the East," which was certainly true, if not a bit of a stretch. Gordon and Catherine then purchased the 203-acre Hartley family farm near Independence, Oregon and had two sons – Edgar Mark and Douglas Rupert.

Gordon worked and managed the farm, raising hops for over 35 years, serving for several years as the chairman of the Oregon Hop Growers Association. The little town of Independence was once known as "The Hop Capital of the World" from the 1890's through the 1940's, and was a thriving metropolis during hop harvest. The small community he lived in was well known as "Hopville"! Dad later grew tree fruit and row crops, but raising hops was always his first love! He instilled in me a love of farming and I was blessed to have worked side by side with him for many years.

Dad was known as the "teller of stories," which he regularly shared with friends and family (and anyone who would listen)! He had a perpetual twinkle in his eyes. He never knew a stranger and had a tremendous recall for names. He loved spending time visiting farmers and friends around the community, and was a regular fixture at Taylor's Drugs soda fountain in Independence. Another favorite pastime was playing the card game "Pitch" with his grandsons, Mark and Robert.

Gordon died in 1981 and the farm is no longer in the family, but six miles south of Independence Oregon is Hadley Road - a tribute to my Dad- a great farmer, father and friend! I know it would make him smile to know that the farm is now, once again, planted back to hops!"

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Passing of George Hadley Dooley: (1919-2020)

It is with a heavy heart we share with the Hadley family the passing of George on 12 Aug 2020 in Grantsville, MD. George was a devoted Christian, Mechanical Engineer, Husband, Parent, with multiple hobbies and interests. We send our deepest sympathy to his children George, Martha, Carolyn, and their families.



Our Hadley Ancestors' Medical Terms:



- **Ablepsy** - Blindness.
- **Ague** - Used to describe intermittent fever and chills; usually, but not always, associated with malaria. Also called *febrile intermittens*.
- **Aphonia** - A suppression of the voice; laryngitis.
- **Apoplexy** - A disease in which the patient falls down suddenly without other sense or motion; stroke.
- **Bilious remitting fever** - Dengue fever.
- **Break-bone** or **Break-heart fever** - Dengue fever.
- **Biliousness** - Jaundice.
- **Bloody Flux** - Dysentery; an inflammation of the intestine causing diarrhea with blood.
- **Brain Fever** - An inflammation of the brain, used to describe one of several different brain infections including encephalitis, meningitis and cerebritis.
- **Camp Fever** - Typhus.
- **Chlorosis** - Anemia; also called green sickness.
- **Cholera infantum** - Infant diarrhea; sometimes called "summer diarrhea" or "summer complaint."
- **Catarrh** - This term is still in use today to describe excessive buildup of mucus in the nose or throat, associated with inflammation of the mucous membrane. However, in the 19th century the term was used more generally to describe upper respiratory ailments such as bronchitis or the common cold.
- **Consumption** - Tuberculosis.
- **Creeping paralysis** - Syphilis.
- **Debility** - Used to describe "failure to thrive" in infancy, or in old age due to loss of weight from undiagnosed cancer or other disorder.
- **Dropsy** - Edema; often caused by congestive heart failure.
- **Dyspepsia** - Acid indigestion or heartburn.
- **Falling sickness** - Epilepsy.
- **French pox** or **French disease** - Syphilis.
- **Green sickness** - Anemia; also called chlorosis.
- **Grip** or **Grippe** - Influenza.
- **Marasmus** - A wasting of the flesh without fever or apparent disease; severe malnutrition.
- **Milk sickness** - Poisoning from drinking milk from cows that have eaten the [white snakeroot plant](#); found only in the Midwest United States.
- **Mortification** - Gangrene; necrosis.
- **Nostalgia** - Homesickness; yes, this was occasionally listed as a cause of death.
- **Phthisis** - The French word for "consumption"; tuberculosis.
- **Quinsy** - A peritonsillar abscess, a known complication of tonsillitis.
- **Scrumptox** - Skin disease; usually an infection caused by the herpes simplex virus

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"What this country needs are more unemployed politicians." ~ Edward Langley (1928-1995)

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