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Hadley Reunion: July 31-Aug 2, 2015 Salem, Oregon

Please see the special website develop by **Brad Hadley** and with input from **Sandy (Hadley) Sumner** <http://www.hadleyfamily.us/2015/>. This is your connection to the reunion and it will likely answer any questions you may have, plus provide you with the **reunion registration form and agenda**.

Salem is the Capitol of the State of Oregon. However, it has no large commercial airport. All visitors to the Hadley Reunion, if they are flying in, will likely fly into the neighboring city of Portland. If you do not wish to rent a car, do know there are a number of Hadleys in the greater Salem/Portland area that have graciously offered to meet you at the airport and transport you to our reunion hotel. At the end of the reunion, they will also provide transportation back to the airport in Portland – all at no cost to you. You may also wish to consider participating in one of the free pre-reunion site-seeing tours. Please see the website that is listed above for a brief descriptions of the various tours and to make arrangements to be met at the airport. **Sandy (Hadley) Sumner** sandys@molalla.net is your contact person.



Watercolor by Mona Podgursk

Now, let us whet your appetites a bit, with a few of the presentations you can expect to enjoy at the Hadley Reunion . . .

Life on the Oregon Trail: A presentation at our Hadley Reunion

“Hadley pioneers” in costume will tell about what they carried, what they ate, how they had fun, and what they feared on their journey West.

The Henry Hadley Family; A presentation at our Hadely Reunion

Henry Gardner Hadley was a peddler of Yankee notions and Connecticut clocks. He ran a mill and distillery, and then tried his hand at baking confections. During the Gold Rush, he headed to California to “strike it rich.” Hearing about Oregon, he returned home to bring his family across the plains to the Willamette Valley, where he settled down to ranch and to raise a family. Hear more about him and his family’s adventures.

The Oregon Trail Overview: A presentation at our Hadley Reunion

Henry, Samuel, and Melville, three Hadley brothers from Maine, and their wives, Loretta and Amelia, traveled the Oregon Trail from Illinois. Amelia’s diary, the record of their journey, was published in Covered Wagon Women. According to editor, Kenneth Holmes, Amelia’s diary is “one of the finest records of frontier life” and has “rare significance as a document of American history.”

The California Gold Rush: A presentation at our Hadley Reunion

Follow Henry Hadley as he searches for gold in California and finds out there are better ways to make money. Learn how to pan for gold from the “old Hadley prospector.”

Hadley Coffin Plates: A presentation at our Hadley Reunion

Why not come to the Hadley reunion this July 31-Aug1, in Salem, Oregon to hear about as well as see a collection of Hadley coffin plates that were actually attached to Hadley coffins.

A soldier's life: What our Yankee ancestors wore during the American Civil War. A presentation at our Hadley Reunion.

The Union army supplied its fighting men with blue uniforms and equipment deemed necessary to survive in the field. What were those items? How did they dress for success in camp or on the march? What did loved ones send, to remind their soldiers of hearth and home? Living historian Paul Hadley will model a typical Yankee uniform and unpack a knapsack to provide glimpses into a soldier's life while on campaign. It is rumored he may bring samples of an enlisted man's food to share!

Dr. William Wallace Hadley (1864-1933): A presentation at our Hadley Reunion

An intriguing short biographical profile will be given at the Hadley reunion about this federally convicted huckster, coupled with the surrounding and very mysterious circumstances of the death of some of his wealthy wives (he had five wives). If you are interested in hearing more, than why not come to the Hadley reunion in Salem Oregon July 31-Aug 1?

Who Is She?

The attached picture is of a dead young girl. This daguerreotype print was found in an old shoe box belonging to three unmarried Hadley sisters; these sisters, **Lizzie** (1865-1951), **Mary** (1871-1954), and **Lucy** (1873-1940) lived together in their retirement years in Templeton, MA. The photograph, which came from their home, was included with many other Hadley family photographs. I am quite certain this young girl is a Hadley relative and likely a Hadley herself. I can just imagine how and why the photograph was taken. The camera was a relatively new instrument when the young girl died. The daguerreotype process first came into use in 1839 and was not used much after 1862. Likely some local entrepreneur approached the girl's family saying how sad it was that no portraiture had been painted of their "lovely little daughter". However, he likely went on to say that he could "provide a lasting picture of their departed loved one." It is not too far-fetched to believe the photographer played upon the emotional grief of the girl's parents. You may find the photograph a bit of the macabre. I am sure at the time of her death, all knew her name but all who knew her are certainly no longer living today. The small lettering stamped into the metal surround just under the photograph reads, "J. H. ARCHIBALD." There was such a photographic business operating in Worcester, MA around 1856. I am still attempting to add a name to the young girl as well as accurately dating the photograph. If any of you would care to venture a guess as to the age of the young girl and the year the photograph was likely to have been taken, please contact me, Jim Hadley Jags@HadleyGenealogy.net For me, the genealogical quest to place a name with this your girl has just begun.



My introduction to Genealogy: by James R Hadley

As a young boy growing up in a small New England town, I was exposed to many of my older family relatives who took pride in their connection to the early settlers of our country. They told me stories about their early years and somehow, I thought they must have been in the bible too. Almost every night my father had been reading stories to me from the bible in both the Old and New Testaments. Jesus and His genealogical roots I did not really understand and when I heard the name of so-and-so “begot” another, I kept listening for a name of one of my older relatives to be mentioned, for after all, they were really old too!

I kept trying to piece together the connection of my family to those in the bible and it was not until my early teen years that I began to understand why genealogy was important, both to my family and for my understanding in the bible.

Dad died in Oct 1977 and very shortly after I realized there would be no more stories about his side of the family. By the time of dad’s death, I had pretty much been able to link together all my older family relatives and in the correct sequence too. The stories that had been told of their youth and of their parents presented me with the opportunity to now tell the stories of my parents and of my older relatives who, by this time, had also passed.

I started by attempting to write a brief biographical profile of these deceased relatives and I soon realized I did not know as much about them as I thought I did; yet, then as now, I feel a strong spiritual kinship with them. For example, I did not have dates or knew why they had moved from one town to another. In addition I had inherited a shoe box full of pictures, many of whom I could identify, but of others I am still uncertain. The shoe box now continues to grow in content as more pictures are passed on to me. I try to write the names, using a soft pencil on the back of the photographs, of those that are pictured on the front side and the sequence (l to r), of those in group pictures. I struggled with identifications when some names appeared on the back of the pictures such as, *auntie*, *grandpa with brownie*, etc. I knew the dog in the picture was likely the one named brownie but I was unsure which *grandpa* had the dog. For the most part, no identification appeared on the back of most of the pictures. Background, clothing and other incidental items in the pictures have been a great help in identifying those in the photographs by way of the style and type of clothing and kind of photograph. Anita Hadley, having observed the results of my genealogical research for the past 35+ years, has written the following:

The Genealogist

*He breathes life, even if for brief moments, into each of them,
They who fill his blood and soul with their shadows of existence.*

*They enter the world of his family history, vast and complex.
Most are unaware that they have been invited.
But because of him, their names and dates and places in time
Become personalities and faces of prominence.*

*He meets each at the door,
Greets them all properly and with homage,
And leads them to the links and connections and pedigree
That have made each one part of
The Family of Hadleys, in both large and small ways.*

*Many do not know the others; it matters not
For he knows each one, and how and why they belong.
The passion of his life's work is recorded and celebrated.*

James R. Hadley, this is dedicated to you!

~ Anita DeFina Hadley '08

DAR/SAR Membership:

A number of Hadleys have successfully completed their research and documentation process to gain membership into the DAR (Daughters of the American Revolution) or SAR (Sons of the American Revolution).

Currently **Linda (Hadley) Anderson** kanderson6868@hotmail.com is interested in pursuing membership in the DAR and is requesting guidance from anyone willing to assist her with that application process. We are asking you to contact Linda directly with your willingness to help. If you are planning to attend the Hadley reunion this July 31-Aug.1 in Salem, Oregon, you will also have the opportunity to meet Linda, since she is a member of the organizing committee for our reunion.

In addition, if there are others willing to assist a Hadley with the application process for either the SAR or DAR, please let the *Hadley Newsletter*, Jim@HadleyGenealogy.net know of your willingness to help so that your name and email can be included in a future *Newsletter*.

“When the mouse laughs at the cat, there is a hole nearby” Nigerian Proverb

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