

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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The All Important Dash:

As we explore and record information on our Hadley relatives, we usually see them listed similar to the following: **Lucien Norman Hadley (1844-1928)**. We all acknowledge these individuals were much more than dates and it is the **dash** between their birth date and the death date that is truly the important part of who they were.

We look to the dash to find answers to the questions that made them who they were. Questions such as who was the person(s) they may have married and who were their children. How did they meet their married partner, where did they meet them and what were the factors that led to their union? Where did they live and why did they live there? Did they ever move from one location to another and if so, why did they move? What was their schooling and what did they do to earn an income? What were their hobbies and special interests? What was their religious beliefs and probable affiliation?

These are just a few of the important aspects to a person's life beyond knowing their birth and death date, along with perhaps a photograph from the town where they lived.



We encourage you to record the information you know or have uncovered about your family and write their biographical profile. The *Hadley Newsletter* would be interested in publishing your writing efforts. Please consider forwarding your writing to this, your *Hadley Newsletter*. In addition we would like to catalogue and file your information in our **Hadley Room**, the forthcoming repository for our Hadley family records that will be located at the Narragansett Historical Society, Templeton, MA. We hope you will also consider making a tax deductible financial donation towards the creation of this **Hadley Room**. Please send your donations to: Ms. Debra Caisse, Treasurer, Narragansett Historical

Society, PO Box 354 Templeton, MA 01468. Make sure you indicate on your gift that it is for the **Hadley Room**.

DNA Primer: Part 2

We are continuing from last month with a short tutorials about DNA.

As of 2017, there are only four types of viable DNA testing used for genealogy. These are:

1. **Y-DNA**, 2. **mtDNA**, 3. **atDNA**, 4. **X-DNA**

Y-DNA (Y chromosomal) is only carried by males and was given to them by their father and who received it from their father and who received it from their father, etc.



DNA Primer: Part 2, continued. . .

mtDNA (mitochondria) is a part of DNA and is given from the mother to both her male and female children. The mother passes on her mtDNA only to her daughters.

atDNA (autosomal) is a pair of chromosomes found in our cell nucleus. We have 23 pairs and one copy of 22 of the pairs is found inherited from both the mother and father and 1 copy is our sex chromosome.

X-DNA (X-chromosomal DNA) is our sex. Women have two X chromosomes given to them by their mother and men have one X chromosome given to them by their father. Fathers also have the Y chromosome.

More to follow next month.

Hadley Massachusetts

Perhaps the most frequent questions asked of the *Hadley Newsletter* has to do with the name origin for the town of Hadley, Hampshire County, Massachusetts. This town is located in the western part of central MA. The town came into being in 1659 by a group of about sixty disgruntled residents of the towns of Hartford and Wethersfield, Connecticut. These early settlers had, what they perceived, a major religious differences with their CT. neighbors and decided to move about fifty miles north up the Connecticut river to the very fertile farming land known as the Connecticut Valley. Subsequently, this town of Hadley became the mother of four additional towns; Hatfield, South Hadley, Amherst and Granby. In the early years of this Town of Hadley, it saw some of the worst and bloodiest Indian raids of the 17th century in New England.

Today, US Route 9 runs east-west through the town and has become a well-developed commerce corridor, thanks in part, to the five neighboring colleges; The University of Massachusetts, Amherst College, Smith College, Mt. Holyoke College, and Hampshire College.

We understand the Town of Hadley MA was named for the Town of Hadley in England. However, the name origin of the English Hadley town is unclear. There are several settlements/towns/villages with the name of Hadley in English with which we may have a connection.

To see a list of 31 town and villages by the name of Hadley we invite you to see the attachment: *Hadley-Towns & Villages*.

“If there were no God, there would be no atheists.”

~ C.K. Chesterton

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