

# HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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## Hadley Green:

Hadley Green is a 25 acre nature conservatory located in Monken Hadley, which is within the town of Barnet, Hertfordshire, England. Monken Hadley is now considered a borough of London. This reserve is reputedly the site of a decisive battle in the Wars of the Roses, the Battle of Barnet in 1471. It had been a traditional *village common* (see note) and was grazed by villagers' animals until the 20<sup>th</sup> century. The residents of Monken Hadley secured this land as an "Open Space" in 1818 and it is now available for all to use. It is also the site of the Barnet Market which goes back to 23 August 1199 when King John issued a Charter for a Market at Barnet to the Lord of the Manor, the Abbot of St. Albans, John de Cella.



*Editor's note:* Village Common. In the early years of what is now the United States, communities often built their homes around a common grazing area. This provided a central area for militia training, grazing of livestock, and often the cutting of fire wood. In order to have full use of this common area, a man would have had to be designated to the position of being a "Common Man."

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## Green-Wood Cemetery:

Brooklyn, NY [www.green-wood.com](http://www.green-wood.com)

This historic Brooklyn, NY cemetery is located in the section known as Brooklyn Heights. It is also on the hallowed grounds where the "Battle of Brooklyn" was fought in 1776. We do not hear much about this battle since it happened early in the days of the American Revolution and the Americans, under Gen. George Washington, lost that battle with a terrible loss of lives. "A magnet for history buffs and bird watchers, Green-Wood is a



Revolutionary War historic site. It is also on the Civil War Discovery Trail. It is on a major bird flyway and is a registered member of the Audubon Cooperative Sanctuary System. This cemetery has been designated a National Historic Landmark.

Many who lost their lives in the Battle of Brooklyn are buried here and in later years, this cemetery became, perhaps, the most prestigious place to be buried in New York City. In the later part of the 19<sup>th</sup> and early 20<sup>th</sup> centuries many wealthy people spent small fortunes on their statuary and mausoleums – many of which are unique to this cemetery. “Leonard Bernstein, Boss Tweed, Charles Ebbets, Louis Comfort Tiffany, Horace Greeley, Civil War generals, baseball legends, politicians, artists, entertainers and inventors,” all can be found here.

There are even catacombs as part of this cemetery which, with pre-arrangement, can be visited. In fact there are thirty-four Hadleys buried in this cemetery, including some in the catacombs. Their names can be found at: [http://www.green-wood.com/burial\\_results/index.php?action=R&spage=2](http://www.green-wood.com/burial_results/index.php?action=R&spage=2) although some of these Hadleys are likely not from our line. There are now over 600,000 souls in these hallowed grounds.

Visitors may pre-arrange several different two hour trolley tours; walking throughout this 478 spectacular acreage of hills, and glacial ponds, with a panoramic view of Manhattan and the Statue of Liberty, is a delightful experience. Really!

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## **Hadley Reunion: 2014 ????**

A number of folks have asked, “Will we be having another global Hadley reunion in 2014?” As we write this newsletter, we know of no reunion in the planning stage. That being said, we are exploring the idea of having a Hadley reunion this coming summer in Brooklyn, NY with part of the focus being on the Green-Wood Cemetery. We are asking for your feedback by responding to the idea of another Hadley reunion in 2014 and/or having it in Brooklyn. Questions that need to be answered: When, where, and who will be willing to work on, help organize, and/or take a leadership role for a reunion? Please respond with any thoughts to **Jim Hadley**; [Jim@HadleyGenealogy.net](mailto:Jim@HadleyGenealogy.net)

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"The education of a man is never completed until he dies"

*General Robert E. Lee*

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