

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Weare, New Hampshire:

As we step back in time to investigate our roots in North America, we often run across Hadleys that were from Weare, NH and the surrounding town of Goffstown, Bow, Dunbarton and Lyndeborough – to name but a few. All these towns are located in the south eastern/central part of the state. These town began to see our family migrating to this general area shortly after the Salem Witch Trials, which incidentally, documents two of our relatives hanged in 1692.

The King Philip War and the subsequent French & Indian Wars offered free land to some of the colonists who served in the wars, provided they developed the land. Several Hadleys fought in these wars and did indeed receive free land.

John “Lang” Langdon Hadley lhadley@nikola.com has provided us with an interesting article http://www.nh.searchroots.com/documents/Hillsborou gh/History_Weare_NH.txt on the History of Weare, which is the birth town of Lang. Several Hadleys are mentioned in this article, including Capt. George Hadley, Ephraim Hadley, and Daniel Hadley.

We thank Lang for the article. Incidentally, Lang is also one of the organizers of the *Hadley Reunion*, which will take place July 31 – Aug 2, 2015 in Salem Oregon. (Much more will be presented on the Hadleys of this time period at the *Hadley Reunion*).



Susannah (North) Martin: (ca 1621- 1692)

Susannah was the mother-in-law to **Samuel Hadley** (ca 1652-1745), who was a son of our patriarch George Hadley (ca 1612-1686). Samuel had married Susannah’s daughter, Jane, on 11 Aug. 1676 in Amesbury, MA



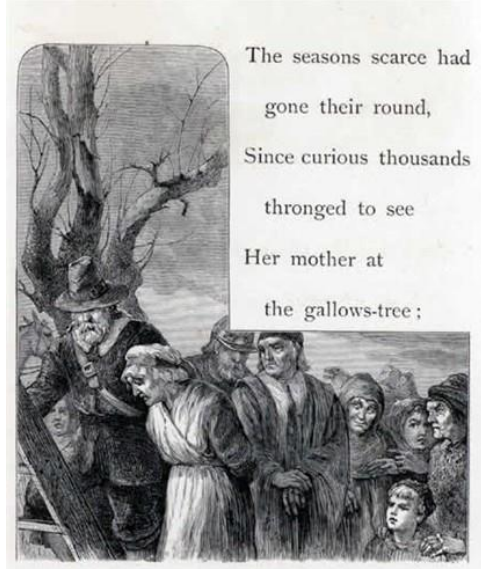
Susannah was born in Romsey, Hampshire England and married **George Martin** (ca 1618- 1686) in Aug 1646 in Salisbury, MA. She and George had eight children together with our Jane being the second girl and fifth child born to this couple.

At the time of the Salem Witch Trials, Susannah, who was about seventy- one years old, had been an impoverished widow for six years. She was arrested for witchcraft on a warrant dated 10 Apr 1692 and “examined” at the village church on 2 May 1692. “Her accusers said she went on foot from Amesbury to Newbury in the “dirty season” (during a

rainstorm), without getting her feet wet. In order to get out of the rain, she entered the kitchen of a home and boasted that her shoes and clothing were not wet. To her accusers, this was not possible, save by preternatural means." As one reads the transcript of her trial and the surrounding accusation of her being a witch, one may get the impression that Susannah did not put-up a vigorous self-defense. She was found guilty and hanged to death on 19 July 1692.

*"Let Goody Martin rest in peace, I never knew her harm a fly,
And witch or not - God knows - not I know who swore her life away;
And as God lives, I'd not condemn An Indian dog on word of them."
John Greenleaf Whittier*

Note: More information on Susannah will be presented at the **HADLEY REUNION** in July 2015 in Salem, Oregon. In addition, information pertaining to the 1692 trial and hanging of another of our related Hadley "witches", **John Proctor** (1631-1692), will be shared.



31 July-01 Aug 2015 Salem, Oregon:

Yes, that is the date for the **Hadley reunion** and **ALL** are welcomed and encouraged to attend. Hadleys will be attending from all over North America and if you are similar to most people, you will know very few, if any, of those in attendance. You will meet some of your distant relatives – relatives that you likely did not know you had. We all will be wearing name tags so that you will know the name of the person with whom you are speaking. You will be hearing much more about this reunion in the upcoming monthly *Hadley Newsletters* between now and August 2015. To get you thinking about Oregon, **Sandra (Hadley) Sumner** offers the following in the attachment: "*Oregon State*"

The Hadley Reunion organizing team is putting together a number of day side-trips you may wish to consider either before or after the reunion. Please see the following link that has been developed by **Brad Hadley** pertaining to the July *Hadley Reunion* in Salem, Oregon:
<http://www.hadleyfamily.us/2015/index.php>

"Want to see more of Oregon, but don't want to rent a car? Hadley cousin, Mary Lyon, and her husband, Lance, would like to host a couple after the Hadley Reunion. They live between Portland and Salem and have a guest room. Mary can pick you up at the airport on July 29 and take you to the Comfort Inn in Salem. The Lyons can host you at their cabin in Depoe Bay, take you on a wine tour around the Dundee Hills, or take you on a loop trip to Mount Hood, Hood River, and the Columbia River Gorge. You choose. Contact Mary at lyon.mary@gmail.com."

Show & Tell:

A small portion of time at the **Hadley Reunion** in Salem Oregon will be devoted to **Show & Tell**. Please let **Sandy (Hadley) Sumner** sandys@molalla.net know if you have something you would like to show and the amount of time you will need. Already, two items will be brought forth to show; one is a collection of Hadley Coffin Plates from the later part of the 19th century, and the second a Patent Medicine Bottle from Dr. William W. Hadley (1864-1933). Dr. Hadley had five wives and is likely to have been the instigator in the death of several of those wives along with being a huckster by selling "Snake Oil."

Hadley Room Updates:

As we promised in previous emails, we are happy to submit guidelines of items that will be received into the **Hadley Room**, which is being created and located at the Narragansett Historical Society, Templeton, MA. (See attachment: *Hadley Room Guidelines*). We encourage you to make a much needed tax deductible donation towards the creation of this **Hadley Room** by sending your gifts to:
Narragansett Historical Society
C/O Ms. Debra Caisse, Treasurer
PO Box 354
Templeton, MA 01468

John E Lynds: (1942-2014)

John passed on the 08 of Nov 2014 at his home in Bridgewater, VT. We send out deepest condolences to John and his wife Sandy (Hadley) and their four sons, John, Aaron, Peter and Timothy.

"Freedom, in a political context, means freedom from government coercion. It does not mean freedom from the landlord, or freedom from the employer, or freedom from the laws of nature which do not provide men with automatic prosperity." - Ayn Rand

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