

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Michael Kelly: (1933 – 2012)

Mike <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/gp751.html>, whose mother was **Bonnie Hadley**, was one of our premier Hadley genealogists. Mike worked for many years compiling and documenting data on the **Joseph Hadley** (1633-1694) line. Joseph was a son of **George**, (ca 1612-1686) our patriarch. Audrey, Mike's wife, has donated years of his significant Hadley research to our developing Hadley Museum. (The *Narragansett Historical Society*, Templeton, MA has provided us a special room devoted to Hadley genealogy and other significant Hadley memorabilia.) We are deeply indebted to Audrey for the donation of Mike's valuable records and research that will be housed in the Hadley Room at the Narragansett Historical Society.

We are seeking additional tax deductible donations from you so that we can fully equip our special room with the necessary furniture, environmental controls, lighting, and computer research facilities along with a few structural changes to the room. Your donation can be mailed to: Narragansett Historical Society, c/o Ms. Debra Caisse, *Treasurer*, PO Box 354, Templeton, MA 01468. Questions may be directed to **Jim Hadley** (845) 339-5363 Jags@hvc.rr.com or **Mary (Hadley) Grimes**, *Hadley Room Archivists*, (978) 652-5115 Maryegrimes@comcast.net

Hadley Cemeteries:

We have encountered a number of cemeteries that are named "**Hadley**" and yes, some of our relatives, as one might suspect, have found their final resting place in one of these burial grounds. (For the list of 42 cemeteries we have found with the name **Hadley**, please see the attachment; *Hadley Cemeteries*)

One such **Hadley Cemetery**, located in Orange, Grafton, New Hampshire, has presented us with a challenge. About 10 years ago when we first uncovered this cemetery, it was wildly over-grown with shrubs and trees and whose roots had over-turned several headstones. In addition, a number of headstones were broken due to fallen limbs and time had totally obscured some grave markers as well. To make matters more complicated, this private cemetery was isolated in what is now a wooded area approximately 100 yards from any road- and it was a gravel road at that.

In the summer of 2006, a task force of concerned neighbors using a tractor to right a several ton monolith which had been dedicated to **Jacob Hadley** (1785-1854), cleaned the cemetery and removed a number of trees including several larger specimens that had taken root in this approximately 100' x 100' family burial ground. We would guess there may be as many as 20 folks buried in the cemetery although only about a dozen head stones have been found, including several that were unreadable. Even though **Jacob Hadley** was not the first to be buried in this family cemetery, it is nonetheless located on the side of hill of what was once part of his farm.



Hadley Cemetery, Orange, NH

When this farm of Jacob was sold and subdivided, no access or right-of-way was provided to the cemetery. If one had an interest in visiting this cemetery, providing they even knew about it, were challenged, since no path or identifiable access to these burial plots existed. In addition, the cemetery was totally surrounded by private land and a visit to the cemetery required one to trespass.

When the town of Orange, NH was approached with a request to having the town clean up and care for this cemetery, the town refused, saying since this was a privately-owned cemetery they had no interest in preserving it. The town went on to say the current land owner was free to do with that cemetery whatever he desired, including "taking a plow to the cemetery." (*We now express our appreciation to the existing land owner who has been most generous and cooperative by making a visit to the cemetery available "anytime"*).

Since we were concerned about the intent of a future land owner, we approached the Office of Attorney General for the State of New Hampshire, inquiring if there was anything that could be done to preserve this **Hadley Cemetery** from a future land owner taking a plow to our cemetery. The Attorney General said there was a NH State statute that prevented the destruction of cemeteries and that statute included privately owned cemeteries as well. The State sent a letter to the Town Of Orange, as well as the existing land owner, stating that the "**Hadley Cemetery belongs to the Hadley family.**" We have attached a copy to that letter: (Please see attachment **LETTER**). This means, as descendants from the **George Hadley** (ca 1612 – 1686) line, **YOU** are now part owner of this cemetery. Now, we can only hope the Town of Orange, the County of Grafton, or the State of New Hampshire does not find a way to tax our cemetery!

Jon Hadley: Marietta, GA

We ask for your prayers to be with **Jon Hadley** jmihadley@comcast.net and his wife Maddy, as Jon recovers from surgery that removed tumors from his pancreas and gallbladder.

Welcome: Jude Ellington Rubin-DuLong

Jude came into this world on October 19, 2015. We congratulate his mother Jessica, father Rubin and brother Zillin. All are "overjoyed" with their new family addition.

(Editor's note: The great grandparents of **Jessica DeLong** were **George Newman Dooley** who married **Ella Whitney Hadley**)



"Life has a certain ending and uncertain timing" Goethe

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