

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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A Hadley for the Ages:

We invite you to see the attachment: "*A Hadley for the Ages*" contributed by **Mona Podgurski**, monap@aol.com
. Perhaps this Stephen Hadley is actually related to us. Thank you, Mona.

Patriotic Organizations:

Interest has been shown within the Hadley family about patriotic organizations such as the *Society of Mayflower Descendants*, *Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)*, *Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)*, *Society of the Cincinnati*, (Devoted to descendants of officers in the Continental Army and Navy), *Sons of the Revolution*, to name but a few. And yes, it is our understanding various Hadleys, or those with a bloodline to the Hadley family, maintain a membership in all those organizations.

There is a fair amount of work required to document your blood line in order to satisfy membership requirements. There is also much assistance available to you. Do you know where to look for help? Perhaps the *Hadley Newsletter* can help.

Are there folks willing to give a helping hand to others who would like to pursue membership in a patriotic society? If you are one who would be willing to help, please let **Jim Hadley** know at Jim@hadleygenealogy.net by sending your email address and identifying what organization(s) you would be willing to provide assistance. In a future *Hadley Newsletter* Jim will publish your name, organizational connection(s) and email so interested family members may contact you should they need assistance.

Care for Gravestones:

Two member of the Hadley family have given additional suggestions you may wish to consider when you visit cemeteries and are faced with the challenge of reading old tombstones.

From Lincoln Nebraska comes a suggestion from **Paul Hadley**: "*We use a nonabrasive, environmentally secure, National Park Service/Arlington National Cemetery-approved product on marble headstones that kills algae, etc. for up to two years WITHOUT harming the stones*".

From Bel Air Maryland comes another suggestion from **Sandy and Suzi Thompson** who suggest the following: "*Putting flour on gravestones [except white ones] that are hard to read works like a charm - when finished, just brush it off - no harm done!!*"

Note: The attached photograph is for the grave of Jane Brower Hadley which is located in the inactive Latttngtown Baptist Cemetery, on the grounds of the Latttngtown Baptist Church, Milton, Ulster County, New York.

There were many Hadleys living in and around the tiny village of Latttngtown, NY during the early and mid-eighteenth & nineteenth centuries. To the best of our knowledge, these Hadleys were all from the



line of Joseph, the son of our patriot George (ca. 1612-1686). To date, we have been unsuccessful in finding any genealogical connection for Jane to those in our Hadley database www.hadleygenealogy.net or locating any family she may have had. If anyone could help in placing this Jane into our Hadley genealogical database, it would be appreciated. Unfortunately, the burial records for Jane seem to be lost and the tombstone is so badly damaged, no dates can be read.

Hadley Cemetery Project Update - January 2013

Since we launched the project in our September 2012 newsletter, there have been 485 Hadleys added to the Find-A-Grave database from the US and Canada. Our thanks to those of you who have contributed. Many of those added since September were added by non-Hadleys who are entering everybody for a given cemetery. (One such contributor we spot checked has entered almost 900,000 people into Find-A-Grave!). Of those new additions, most do not have a photograph, so even if your ancestor has been added, there might not be a photograph and transcript of the gravestone.

We've compiled some ideas and suggestions from emails we've received from some of those who are actively working on adding their ancestors to Find-A-Grave.

- *First, of course, focus on your own ancestors. If you know where they are buried but don't have photographs of the gravestones, enter them into Find-A-Grave anyway. You can add photographs later, or use Find-A-Grave's "Request a Photo" button. To do the latter, go to the entry for the person. In the right column you will see two buttons. One is marked "Request a Photo." When you click on that button, it lets you add a note about the request if you want. The result is that this person will be included on a list of photographs needed for that cemetery. There are many volunteers who photograph gravestones for others. As an example, a photo request for a Hadley in a Missouri cemetery indicated that there were 47 volunteers within 10 miles of this cemetery and more than 1,000 within 50 miles. These volunteers are people who have told Find-A-Grave that they will occasionally look at the request list and go to the cemeteries to take pictures.*
- *When you are going to a cemetery to take photographs and gather information for your own family, check Find-A-Grave for that cemetery and see what photo requests are there. Bring the list with you and try to photograph those on the list. The more you help others, the more help you are likely to get on your photo requests.*
- *Consider contacting the cemetery administrator for cemeteries near you to check for Hadleys. They may not be your relatives, but we are trying to document all Hadley gravestones. You will be amazed at the number of cemeteries near you, and may find Hadleys you didn't know were buried in your area.*
- *Important: Be sure to do a search on Find-A-Grave before adding someone so you don't duplicate names. Be sure to check for variations in spellings of the first names. Also check a range of dates in case your person was entered with a different date than the exact date you have. People do make mistakes in entering information, and sometimes the information on a gravestone differs from the official birth and death dates.*

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