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THE OLD BOX MILL OF TYNGSBOROUGH, MA.

Tyngsborough is today an affluent community of approximately 12,000 people in the northeastern section of Massachusetts, which borders the State of New Hampshire; running through this town we find the Merrimack River.

It was in this town in the early 1700s that a grist mill was constructed. As the community needs changed, the grist mill became a saw mill, woolen mill, then a carding mill and finally a box mill. It was demolished in the 1930 to make room for the construction of a bridge that now crosses the Merrimack. During the approximately 225 years that a business stood on this spot, over a dozen different owners had possession of the facility --each expanding and improving on the structures.



Box Mill, Tyngsboro, MA

Andrew Payson Hadley (1854-1915) ran this box mill. Andrew was the second son of three boys and was born in Hancock, New Hampshire to Dr. Dewitt Hadley and his wife Mary Ann Haggett. His lineage, going back to our Patriarch George is: Andrew, Dewitt, Abijah Jr., Abijah Sr., Eliphalet, Samuel, Samuel, George.

Andrew married Clara A Upton on 25 July 1878 and they had six children. It was through marriage to Clara that Andrew gained the right to run the Box Mill that was owned by his wealthy father-in-law, John Green Upton. John acquired this box mill through marriage from his first wife. Clara was John's daughter by the third of John's four wives. No record has been found indicating any of John and Clara's children were involved with running the Box Mill.

The photograph is assumed to be John and Clara (Upton) Hadley with his mother Mary (Haggett) Hadley holding the first child of John and Clara, Albert Clinton Hadley, who was born 09 Jan 1880.



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Robert Keith Hadley:

*“On Dec. 10, 2016, Robby was awarded a **Black Belt** in Taekwondo. Only about 1 in 10,000 people are able to achieve this rank. Robby has been practicing martial arts for about 3 years – going to class 3 to 4 time each week. The Black Belt represents his ability as an athlete, martial artist and commitment to achieve. We are very proud of his accomplishments and this has shown him that he can do and achieve anything even with life’s barriers.*

At more than 6’-1” tall and 185 lbs., his powerhouse kicks and strength makes him a formidable challenger even though he is only 13 years old. His adult classmates in martial arts have frequently mentioned during sparring that you don’t want to be on the receiving end of his kick. Robby’s love for life, gentle respect for others, humor and boyish charm makes him a wonderful person.” He is the son of Leah and Keith Hadley, Rancho Santa Margarita, California and is the 10th great grandson of our patriarch George.



Instructor with Robby

An unidentified man believed to be a Hadley:

This unidentified photograph, which is thought to be a Hadley, appeared in our July 2016 issue of the *Hadley Newsletter*. We asked our readers if any could identify him. Several responded and thought the gentleman looked dead.

During the latter part of the nineteenth century as photography was gaining in popularity, it was not uncommon to photograph family members in a post-mortem state. Individuals, with the help of wire frames were often placed in either a standing or sitting position. Some small dead children were photographed with either their mother or their siblings.

It is our guess the photograph is indeed of a non-living man. However, we still have been unable to identify him or where he lived.

If you can help identify him, it would be appreciated. For those that are interested in reading about the practice of photographing the dead, we direct your attention to <https://www.google.com/#q=post+mortem+photos>.



“Wisdom is the reward you get for a lifetime of listening when you’d have preferred to talk”

~ Doug Larson

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