

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Hadley migration to the Pacific Northwest: (part four of four)

The past three months have seen articles in the *Hadley Newsletters* on three different and distantly related Hadley families to our patriarch George (ca. 1612-1686). Each of these three families moved from the eastern/central parts of the North American continent to the Pacific Northwest and all have roots that go back to our George who arrived in Massachusetts sometime before 1628.

Today, there is a strong presence of these Hadley living in and around the Pacific Northwest. We think it would be wonderful if next year (2015) the descendants of these three families, along with others, would organize and host a Hadley gathering/reunion. The six previous Hadley reunions have all been held in or around Massachusetts and we hope the Pacific Northwest part of our clan will take up this challenge. There is help available from the New England folks should it be desired. Also, we encourage everyone to use this, your *Hadley Family Newsletter*, as another means of communication with others. This newsletter reaches hundreds of Hadley related family units that are directly connected to our patriarch George. Just send your notices for inclusion in the *Hadley Newsletter* to Jim@HadleyGenealogy.net

Joe Bowers: (ca. 1845-13 June 1885)

"When I was a little tot my parents adopted a Siskiyou Indian boy, 5 years old. His mother was blind and couldn't take care of him. Father named him JOE BOWERS. He grew up with the rest of us and was like one of the family. He idolized Mother. He was one of the finest Indians I have ever known. He was perfectly dependable and everyone liked him. Father was a stock man and usually had 300 to 400 horses. Joe Bowers and my brothers, Albert, Melville, and Hank, rode the range and were expert horse wranglers. They would break horses to ride before Father sold them."



(The above note was written by about 1950 by Melvina (Dolly) Frances Hadley (1856-1954), a brother to Joe Bowers.)

The father mentioned in the writing above was Samuel Bradley Hadley (1858-1941). It was Samuel and his wife of four days Amelia "Emily", who left from Illinois by wagon train in 1851 and traveled to Oregon.

There is considerable disagreement with the birth year that appears on the cemetery stone of Joe Bowers. No actual birth record for Joe Bowers has been found. In fact, many Native Americans did not record birth dates. In addition his actual Indian name is unknown. His cemetery stone was commissioned by Gerald LaVerne Hadley <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/gp9531.html> several years ago and placed in the Paisley IOOF Cemetery, Paisley Lake, Oregon. The birth date uses on the stone was the best guess at that time. Recent research into the Hadley family suggests Joe may have actually been born closer to 1860. And still we know little about the life of Joe, when and where he died and the circumstances of his death. There are several family members actively researching the archives and records to see if we can find out more about Joe and his life. If you any information about Joe, please forward that information to Diana Lynn Hadley ddsroot@yahoo.com

Hadley Museum Room:

The Narragansett Historical Society, Inc. located in Templeton MA has acquired the neighboring Grange Hall located at 9 Hubbardston Rd. This large framed two story structure will be a multi-purpose supplement to the existing museum's principle historical brick building. This old Grange Hall is undergoing a total renovation to the exterior and is scheduled to be completed this year. The interior renovations, consisting of new insulation, plumbing, heating, lighting, wiring, humidity control and air conditioning, along with the usual painting and refurbishing is scheduled to begin as soon as the exterior is completed.



*Old Grange Hall
9 Hubbardston Road, Templeton, MA*

Within the Grange is an anteroom to an existing stage. This anteroom is about 10'x 12' with 14' high ceilings. The museum is very receptive to designating this anteroom as the "**Hadley Historical & Genealogy Room**". It is envisioned, when the Historical Society receives appropriate Hadley records and artifacts,



these archival materials will be housed in this "**Hadley Room**". The total renovation and cost associated with the furnishing of the room will be **our** responsibility.

Templeton is a small town west of Salem, MA. (*Salem is where, in 1672, two of our relatives were hanged for being "witches"*). Templeton is considered one of the Hadley "homesteads" in North America. We would guess there are over 50 Hadleys buried in the local cemeteries. Over the years there have been six generations of Hadley living in that town.

We are proposing a very ambitious undertaking and we “estimate” the refurbishing and renovation of this “**Hadley Room**” will cost at least \$10,000. Many shelves will need to be built, display cabinets and cases acquired, file cabinets purchased, study and research tables and chairs obtained, appropriate specialized lighting installed, a computer made available for research and record keeping, etc. The room will serve as a repository for historical/genealogical records, documents, old family bibles that have family records, photographs, memorabilia, etc. for the Hadleys in North America who stem from the line of George Hadley (ca 1612- 1686).

We have already received a tax deductible gift of \$1000 towards our goal of raising \$10,000 and we will be looking for grants to cover any expenses beyond that amount. This **Hadley Room** will need to be finished before the museum will be able to accept any Hadley related historical contributions. We will soon be developing criteria for items that can be accepted by the museum for the **Hadley Room**. It is our hope the **Hadley Room** will be in a position by the summer of 2016 to start accepting Hadley historical and genealogical records. In the meantime, let us know your thoughts about this exciting new museum endeavor and we hope you will start thinking about making a tax deductible donation to help bring the **Hadley Room** to fruition. In the coming months, much more information will be found in this, your *Hadley Newsletter*, pertaining to the **Hadley Room**. Please send any thoughts, comments or questions to Jim Hadley, Jim@HadleyGenealogy.net

Breaking News:

The Directors and Officers of this Narragansett Historical Society have recently given their unanimous approval for the creation of a **Hadley Room**

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