

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Hadley migration to the Pacific Northwest:

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Debra Hadley Parminter's (<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/gp8303.html>) line to Solomon: Debra; Albert; James; Robert; Solomon

Solomon Orser Hadley

Farmer; Post Master; Constable; Treasurer; Councilor; son; husband; father; grandfather and my g-g-grandfather but who was he? A grainy family photo gives an image of what many might picture Santa Claus to look like.

He was born on 18 Jun 1843 in Reach Township, Darlington, Durham, Ontario, Canada the second child of eight and the first son of Sylvester Hadley and Mary Fralick. Census records show the family considered themselves Methodists and depending on which census and which part of the family they were of either: German, Dutch or English background. I wonder if the differences come from their mother being from a Prussian background and their Grandmother Hannah Orser Hadley being of Dutch descent.

In 1844 Solomon's father Sylvester received Scrip for 200 acres in Reach Township as the "Heir at Law" of his mother Hannah whose father Joseph brought his family to Kingston, Ontario as a British Loyalist. In 1848 he sold that land and moved the family to another property in the same area. In 1861 Solomon was



Solomon Orser Hadley

living on Scugog Island, Reach Township, Ontario as were other members of the family. On 8 June 1864 Solomon married Adelaide Victoria Mayer/Meyer/Mayers from Mariposa, Victoria Co, Ontario. A family portrait of her shows a woman worn down by life, having given birth to 13 children that we know of might have been part of the cause of that as well.

Solomon and Adelaide's first child Albert died at age three and is buried in the Scovill Cemetery. After Albert, twelve more children were born between 1865 and 1883 including one set of twin boys. All twelve lived to adulthood and all but possibly one had families. They are: Sarah Jane; Anetta; Robert Charles; Isaac Daniel; Mary Etta; Solomon Sylvester; Thomas Hiram; Edith May; Jeremiah; Herbert; Locretia aka Letitia or Teesh; and Roy Hilton. In addition Solomon and Adelaide raised a girl named Leta who was 14 years younger than their youngest child. Leta's daughter was told that her mother was a foundling. There is other speculation in the family about her origins but to date, without a birth record or other documentation, there is no real way of knowing for sure.

Solomon, Adelaide and many of their children left Ontario heading west sometime between 1891 and 1906 when they appear on the census in Assiniboia East District, Saskatchewan.

Adelaide died on 23 January 1910 in Hawarden, Saskatchewan. The family remained in Saskatchewan until sometime after the 1916 Census. In 1921 they are in Alberta, first in Spruce Grove and later in the Evansburg area. The area they chose to settle in Alberta held several opportunities in farming, mining and logging and they were involved in all.



Adelaide Victoria (Mayer) Hadley

Solomon died in 1927 before my father's 3rd birthday, and at least in my branch of the family there are no members left that would remember him. The family remained in Alberta until WWII when many headed west again settling on Vancouver Island. They continued in the logging industry which included running a small sawmill owned by my grandfather James Solomon Hadley.

Some traditions seem to have run strong in the family as many of the names are repeated through the generations. So much so that at times untangling which Sylvester is which etc. is a challenge. Nicknames they used also make it interesting as many of them had little if anything to do with their actual names.

I started this journey of genealogical discovery when I was still in my mid-teens after puzzling over a small family book my mother had for her mother's line and hearing my father's stories of his family. My father had no family photos or documents but he had an incredible memory of people and events and he loved to tell us about them. I spent many hours talking with him and showing him the documents I discovered along the way. Between us we were able to put many of his memories into context with those documents and often they would then lead to more memories or clarification of some detail. One of those details was his story about his "g-grandfather old-uncle Joe." When asked why he called him that he wasn't sure. After locating several documents he realized that he had blended his memory of his grandfather Solomon with that of Solomon's brother Joseph. He was not yet 3 when Solomon died, as I mentioned earlier, and Joseph lived until Dad was age ten.

Another memory led to land records for a member of the family in Alberta and Adelaide's death record in Saskatchewan and many others along the way for Dad's mother's family as well. My father used to tell us that if we wanted to travel across Canada we could pretty much do it without being out of touch with family for any length of time as we went, and I now believe he was right. There are Hadley's in every province from British Columbia to Ontario and in Nova Scotia that we know are connected, as well as strong ties to Michigan and beyond. I have no doubt that we will find others before we are done.

Brad Hadley:

Readers of the *Hadley Newsletter* have inquired about the condition of Brad. Brad bradh@bradhadley.com has shared with us the following:

"First, thanks to all for your good wishes and prayers for my health. Around the first of March I was diagnosed with stomach cancer, which had spread to the liver. The initial prognosis wasn't good but as it turns out, due to those good Hadley genes, I have some hormones that let me have a relatively new treatment. I'm now wrapping up my fourth treatment and I am doing pretty good. The side effects of the treatments have been minimal compared to what many others in similar conditions have experienced. Although I've certainly felt better, I feel pretty good, and am doing much better than a person with stomach and liver cancer can be expected to do. All indications are that the treatments will continue to be effective. My oncologist says I am his most improved patient ever, and I will do my best to maintain that standing. I appreciate all the support from the extended Hadley family. Thanks! Brad"

Note: The *Hadley Newsletter* office will be closed for the month of June.

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