

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Hadley Reunion Meal Registration:

Our reunion is fast approaching. If you have not yet submitted your meal registration to Brad Hadley, please consider doing it very soon. (See attached Meal Registration Form.) We know some may have a special diet or other restriction. It is not necessary to purchase the meals in order to be part of the reunion. If you plan on providing for your own meals, we still encourage you to register with Brad by using the attached Meal Registration Form to indicate that intention.

Anniversary:

We have a very special day just around the corner. Mike and Audrey Kelly will be celebrating their 50th wedding anniversary on June 12th. (Mike's mother was a Hadley). Their home address is: 4257 South Broadway Ave, Springfield, MA 65810-1640. Their email is: biloxiblues22@att.net. Mike is a major researcher on the Hadley line and has been active and supportive of our past reunions.

Mike and Audrey will be again be attending the Hadley Reunion this coming July 17th in Acushnet, MA and Mike will be making a presentation on the role of the Hadleys in the militia around Yonkers, NY. Mike has been actively researching the Hadley line starting with Joseph Hadley (1653 – 1695) who was one of the sons of our patriot George (abt 1610 – 1686). Mike also has a great public webpage on Ancestry.com.

We all wish Audrey and Mike a wonderful and loving celebration.

Lyndeborough, NH Visitation:

A visitation to the Lyndeborough, NH area where perhaps, more than 100 of the Hadleys of yester-year had lived, is scheduled for the late morning and early afternoon of Friday, July 16th. There remains wonderful old restored "Hadley homesteads" in Lyndeborough and there are plans to visit at least one of them. The tombstones inscriptions found in the local cemeteries will give a small glimpse into the short life and in some cases the long life of some of our family.

The small village of Lyndeborough has accurately been described as a typically bucolic New England village that still retains some of the rural and rustic charm of the past. Today, it serves as a bedroom community to some of the surrounding area, although limited farming still is taking place. For those who are interested in reading the local newspaper we invite you to see : <http://town.lyndeborough.nh.us/> . That paper will soon have an article written by Janice (Hadley) Baber about our pending visit to that community.

Please see the attachment (**Lyndeborough**) for details and your invitation to join the Hadley group who will be visiting Lyndeborough on July 16th 2010.

We are indebted to some of the local Lyndeborough folks that have been helpful to us in planning our visit to their town.

Obituary:

We are sad to report the passing of the mother of Brad, Guy and their sister Sharan (Gross) Hadley.

Ruth Philbrick (Hadley) Donnelly, 88, died at her beloved Rye "cottage" Thursday, April 29th, 2010 surrounded by family and close friends. Ruth Helen Philbrick was born March 1, 1922 in Somerville, MA, the daughter of the late Guy E. and Alice M. (Shapleigh) Philbrick. She married Otis N. Hadley September 28, 1946. He died in 1979. She married William J. Donnelly November 7, 1978. He died December 14, 1999.

She is survived by her three children, Guy P. Hadley and wife Jessie of Orlando, FL, Bradford H. Hadley and wife Pat of South Berwick, ME, and Sharan Hadley Gross and husband Dave of York, ME. She also leaves granddaughters Amanda Bouchard and husband Jason of York, ME and Alyson Hadley and friend Shane of Asheville, NC. She also leaves two great-grandsons, Logan and Lucas Bouchard. Also many nieces and nephews and many, many "adopted" children who all called her "Madre".

She is predeceased by her brother, Herbert A. Philbrick **in 1993**.

A memorial service was held in her honor at 10:30 A.M. Saturday, May 8, 2010 at the Rye Congregational Church.

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