

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Curiosities in our Hadley lineage:

There are many examples we have uncounted as we try to document individual Hadley descendants from our patriarch George Hadley. Some of these are:

1. The name Hadley has been found to be spelled in thirty four different ways. (see attachment)
2. In doing a DNA study, it is likely no Hadley connection will be found for an adopted child.
3. We know of one case where a male Hadley child was born 11 months after his Hadley father's death.
4. We know of one instance where the male groom took his Hadley bride's sir name as his own.
5. We know of one instance that took place in the mid 1920's where a Russian Jew, with a very difficult name to pronounce, wanted to go into the retail business and determined the name Hadley would be more acceptable than his birth name. He thus changed his sir name to Hadley.
6. We know there are a number of different Hadley clans from which we can find no connection to our George Hadley line.
7. We know of one case where a Hadley, who apparently was unrelated to our George Hadley, married a Hadley who was not from our George Hadley line.
8. We know, in at least one instance, where a male Hadley married another male and then adopted a child who was given the sir name of Hadley.
9. We know in the 19th century, some children were just "given" to a Hadley family and that child assumed the sir name of Hadley. This was likely the result of a death in the child's biological family.
10. We know there were some African slaves who belonged to a Hadley. After emancipation of the slave, who might have only had a first name, took the sir name of their previous Hadley owner as their own.
11. We are aware of one instance where a Hadley male and a non-Hadley female just assumed a "married" life together. The women, acting through the courts, legally changed her sir name to Hadley. They felt their religious commitment was all that was necessary.
12. To define marriage may not be as simple as you think. Since the middle of the 19th century western culture required churches and other religious institutions to submit to their local authorities a written verification that a marriage took place. This document, as a minimum, listed the date and location of the marriage, by whom the service was performed, the names of the bride and groom along with the names of witnesses. If that document was not submitted to the legal authorities, the government did not and does not consider the marriage to be legal. We know of several instances where a marriage was performed in a church by a pastor and yet no document was ever submitted to the legal authorities. As such, the Church and the families of the couple considers the people married and yet the government cannot attest to the legality of that marriage.
13. We have found, through DNA testing, where a Hadley wife had a male child and the child had no DNA connection the Hadley father.

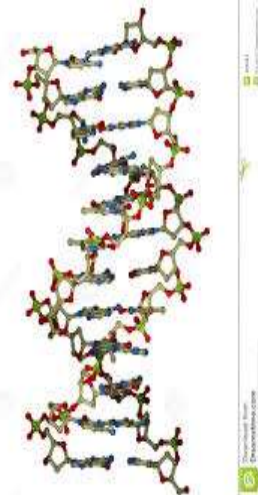
DNA Primer: Part 4: An ethical question about DNA.

The following situation has arisen. Donors of sperms or eggs have made a part of themselves available to assist with the reproduction process of those women seeking in vitro fertilization. These donations have been done with the assurance to the donor their names and identify would forever be kept confidential. With the advent of DNA it may now be possible for the artificially conceived child to have their DNA determined. This can often lead to identity determination of the donor. This will also likely give the artificially conceived child not only the name and identify of the donor but those related to the donor.

Is this situation one that would concern you and do you see an ethical issue in these possible activities? Does an individual have a right to their own DNA? Do we have the exclusive right to our own DNA?

The above situation is but one ethical situation that has arisen in the past couple of decades since the advance of DNA testing.

More next month on the DNA Prime. Part 5



“International” Hadley Reunion Anyone?

Several Hadleys have inquired about another Hadley reunion. It has been two years since our last reunion, which was held in Oregon. 2017 may be upon us too quickly to plans for a reunion this year. 2018 will be here all too soon, and we would like to suggest that now may be the best time to start planning for a reunion in 2018. Without advanced planning for an “international” reunion, it is highly unlikely such a reunion will take place. We need someone to step up and take the lead role in planning for such a reunion. If no one takes the lead for a reunion, another year will pass without the greater Hadley Family getting together and meeting other Hadleys they had never met or for that matter even know they existed. If you would be willing to help plan a reunion, where much planning can be done via email, your Hadley Newsletter will assist any way we can. All across the US and Canada, Hadley-related folks had previously offered to assist. If we put the word out that help is needed, we are confident many will step forward to assist. Now, all we need is a reunion leader. Those who in the past have assumed that role, we know will be happy to provide assistance too. Let Jim Hadley know (845) 339-5363 or Jags@hvc.rrr.com if you would consider being the lead person, willing to assist or would like to talk about such a function. Some have suggested Canada might also be a fine place to consider for a future international Hadley reunion.

Did You Know? Apart from being on file in the US Library of Congress, Washington DC, most of the previous *Hadley Newsletter* are available right at your fingertips. They can be found listed under “*Hadley Family News*” at www.HadleyGenealogy.net

William Herbert Hadley: (1929-2017): We are sad to report the passing of William on 28 April 2017 in Victoria British Columbia. He left his wife Joan of 66 years, six children and many Hadley relatives to mourn his passing. Amongst his special interests, “Herbie” was involved with the Merchant Marines, and The Canadian Rangers, doing Search & Rescue activities.

“Hope is the power of being cheerful in circumstances that we know to be desperate.”
G. K. Chesterton

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