

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Reunion Registration:

We encourage you to complete the attached Reunion Registration Form and mail to **Brad Hadley**, South Berwick, ME. It will be helpful to us in our meal planning if we know who will be attending. **Mark Hadley**, Marion, MA will be obtaining the lobsters and clams for our evening meal and arranging with a group of his male friend to prepare the food for us.

Joshua Hadley Homestead:

We have a visitation planned to the Joshua Hadley homestead in Lyndeborough, NH on Friday July 16, as a kick-off activity for our 2010 Hadley Reunion which will also be taking place in the Acushnet/New Bedford/Plymouth areas of Massachusetts on July 16, 17 and 18th. There were many Hadleys who lived in Lyndeborough during the later part of the 18th and into the 19th century. The local cemeteries, some of which may be visited, are replete with our ancestors. For those who are able and wish to make the visit to the Joshua Hadley homestead, the following information may be of interest, (supplied by **Janice (Hadley) Baber** of Anchorage, Alaska). **Janice**, along with **Kim (Hadley) Anderson** of Salem, Oregon has been organizing the visitation. Specific details for the Lyndeborough visit will soon be announced.

The following link is from a Lyndeborough, NH town newspaper in 2008. It has a wonderful story of our Hadley homestead and a picture of the present owner, Mrs. Helen Van Ham. Also the story talks of what the house and land looked like when Mr. and Mrs. Van Ham first saw it. . Her picture is on page 6 and the article continues on page 13.

Also on page 9 is a picture of Walter Holland who lives in the home of Wilkes Hadley.

<http://town.lyndeborough.nh.us/vertical/Sites/%7BD459AAA7-89DB-4A53-B59D-0ECFB81229C2%7D/uploads/%7B43C5A364-69FE-4074-8DA8-AE7AC4801E52%7D.PDF>

HOW HADLEYS CAME TO NOVA SCOTIA

“How many of you know that you have HADLEY relatives in Nova Scotia, as well as the other Provinces of Canada? There have been many stories written about the first Hadley to come to Nova Scotia.

Joseph Hadley born 1724 in Gloucester, MA, the son of John Hadley and Hannah Lowe, grandson of Samuel Hadley and Jane Martin, great-grandson of George Hadley and Mary Proctor, came to Nova Scotia sometime in the late 1750's, likely with his wife Ruth and several of his children. Joseph was my fourth great grandfather. His great granddaughter Eleanor Hadley was my great grandmother.

As far as has been determined, he first settled in the Liverpool area on the South Shore of Nova Scotia. He had been listed as a pre-loyalist, when he came to Liverpool. He no doubt had visited the area many times, before deciding to bring his family to that area. He received land grants of 500 acres in Port Joli, Lunenburg County, NS. He was involved in the shipping industry, and was the Captain of transport ships taking lumber and fish to the Caribbean and Europe, with loads of salt, molasses and other merchandise being brought back. It was a very dangerous time for shipping because of the privateers.

In 1758 at the “Siege of Louisburg” on Cape Breton Island, he was the Captain of transport ships taking the soldiers and supplies to the area from Halifax. For his efforts 1500 acres of land in Milford Haven, (then known as Sydney County) now Guysborough County, Nova Scotia, was reserved for him. He did not settle on this land until after 1765 and it was actually granted in 1784.

He had a family of nine children, five boys and four girls. His son Joshua drowned as a small boy, while they were living in Liverpool. Son, John drowned on a trip to Milford Haven. His other children married and raised families and their descendants are scattered all over Nova Scotia and beyond.

Many Hadley descendants have held important positions in politics, religion as well as business. They have moved far and wide and you can find records of their activities in many places. There are many Hadley tombstones in Nova Scotia as well as other Provinces of Canada.

Joseph’s first wife Ruth died in Dec 1790 and he re-married Esther Tuttle, a widow of William Atwater another Connecticut loyalist. Joseph died in 1801 and is buried on his property at Milford Haven at the mouth of Guysborough Harbour, along with Ruth. Esther died October 1807 and is buried in Christ Church Anglican Cemetery, Guysborough, NS

I have spent many years researching Joseph Hadley and where he came from. With the help of many other researchers and especially all the information I have received from Jim Hadley and his web pages, I am now able to look back with satisfaction, on what we have accomplished.

After my husband and I attended the Hadley Reunion in 2008, and met so many of our wonderful “American” cousins, it has all been worthwhile. These Nova Scotia Hadleys, are “your” ancestors as well, so come for a visit. “

*Many thanks,
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