

# HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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## Hadley migration to the Pacific Northwest: (Part two of four)

In the April 2014 *Hadley Newsletter* we profiled **Samuel Bradley Hadley** who was an early Hadley settler in the Pacific Northwest. This month we will profile **Benjamin Orson Hadley**, who was another Hadley that moved to the Pacific Northwest. The lineage of **Benjamin Orson Hadley** back to our Patriarch George Hadley is as follows: Benjamin Orson, Harry Everlin, Adolphus (AB) Hubert, Benjamin Franklin, Joshua, Joshua, George, George, Samuel, George. We thank **Kim (Hadley) Crabb** [rotsymom@gmail.com](mailto:rotsymom@gmail.com) for the following story. . .

### Benjamin Orson Hadley: 1914-2004 *This is the story of my dad and his side of the Hadley family. . .*

*Dr. Benjamin Franklin Hadley as we know was born on 23 Jul 1807 in Lyndeborough, New Hampshire. He married Lydia Prentice on 27 Feb 1885 also in Lyndeborough. It looks as though they moved to Jasper, Steuben Co., New York sometime before they started having their children, the first born in 1834, and they went on to have 11 more between 1834 and 1858. My 3x's Great Grandfather was Adolphus Hubert "AB" Hadley, was number 6 in the line and the 4th boy. He was born in 1845, joined the military in 1864 at the age of 19, and was in the 111th infantry as a private and enlisted at Portville, Cattaraugus Co., New York. It is said that he was single at the time. He also had two brothers who served as well, one of which was Henry Joshua, killed at Cross Keys during the Civil War.*

*After the War "AB" married Mary Irene Galpin on 03 Sep 1871 in Fremont, Steuben Co., New York. Sometime between 1870 and 1878 they moved from New York to Duncan Mercer Co, Illinois. They had two children:*

- 1. Ethel S. Hadley, born: 14 May 1878, died: 18 Aug 1879 and*
- 2. Harry Everlin Hadley, (my grandfather) born: 25 Jul 1882; died: 05 Mar 1967, who was born in Yates City, Illinois. He never served in the military; however he did register in W.W.1. He was a farmer his whole life. He married Meril Fisher on 31 Dec 1907 and they had 9 children between 1909 and 1929 4 girls and 5 boys, this line where my father Benjamin Orson Hadley was born. He was born on 27 Jul 1914 in Joy, Mercer Co., Illinois and was number 3 in the line and the first boy born, so he had a lot to do to help out on the farm. He went to Duncan district 31 grade school and then attended Joy High School for 1 year where he performed in the Joy follies. I remember my dad telling us stories that he had to help with the chores before he and his sisters went to school and of course it was always 5 miles up hill both ways in the snow barefoot and they always enjoyed the walk. But I am sure it was very hard living on a farm during those times. After Ben came 6 more children, 5 of whom grew to adults and one that died 3 days after he was born. I know from some stories that times were very difficult on the farm and things were tough for a family of 11, so my dad said that he only went to the 8th grade in school, (I am not sure if that was where high school began or if that was all in a one room school house as they had back then) and then got a job doing work to help the family. He went to work for the Civilian Conservation Corp. in Illinois, and then was sent by bus to the northwest to work. The men were paid \$30.00 per month and had to send \$25.00 home to help their families during the hard times as unemployment was at 25% at that time. They would serve from 6 months to 2 years.*



*When he came to Oregon he helped to clear the roads and help to build the lodge that would*

later be known as Timberline Lodge on Mount Hood Oregon. He started out as a Muck Sticker (Ditch Digger) and worked his way up the ranks assistant commissary cook. Also during that time he became a boxer and became very good at it, eventually becoming semiprofessional. They also laid the road which is now known as highway 22 leading from Portland to Detroit Oregon.

He then became a truck driver and owner of trucking companies until his retirement. On 10 Jul 1938 Ben married June Runyan in Vancouver Washington; and they lived in Portland Oregon. They had 3 children: Janice Kay Hadley, Benjamin Orson Hadley Jr. and Dennis Lee Hadley. Ben and June eventually were divorced.

Ben then married Margaret Ellen Hackenberg and had 4 children: Judy Lynn Hadley, Michael David Hiram Hadley, Steven Patrick Hadley and Brian Fitzpatrick Hadley. Ben and Margaret divorced and Ben married Carolyn Elizabeth Martin and they had Kimberly Sue Hadley.

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## The HADLEY CHEST:

These wonderful examples of early New England chests were made in Western Massachusetts along the Connecticut River Valley where the Town of Hadley is located. The chests were given the name "Hadley" based upon the location where they were first recognized as an important part of American furniture. These chests were made between the years 1680 to about 1725. About 1730, the craft of furniture-making took a major step forward in craftsmanship and style. The Hadley chests were then often relegated to back rooms and barns as fine furniture started to be imported and emerged as functional art from the woodworking shops within the American Colonies.



These chests were often hand-carved with tulips and vines and sometimes with initials. It is known the initials were often that of a young lady and were sometimes constructed as a wedding gift similar to a "hope chest."

These delightful chests, of which about 250 are known to exist, are much sought after today by museums and furniture collectors. When these chests do come on the market for sale, those in original condition and maintaining their original painted color of red and/or Prussian blue, can fetch in excess of \$400,000. These chests, often were made from white oak and pine and some had a hinged top and some with a drawer or two.

Since these chests bear the name Hadley, a logical next question might be, "then what do those chests have to do with us?" An attempt to answer that revolves around our name and whether our ancestors established the Town of Hadley, Massachusetts. The answer to that is *no*, although once that town had been established, we can find of few Hadleys who are related to us living in the Town of Hadley.

We direct your attention to the attachments "Hadley- Towns & Villages" that bear the name Hadley. Some of these locations were indeed named after of kin. Other were likely named after the town in England that has the name of Hadley and this is the case for the town for Hadley Massachusetts.

Our next question could will be, "where did the town of Hadley, England get it name?" "Was the town of Hadley in England named after us or were we named after that town?" Stay tuned for a future *Hadley Newsletter* when we will address those questions.

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"Looking up the family tree  
Is anything but a snap,  
Especially when you discover  
That you may be the sap"

-- Lou Sequin

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