

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Genealogy:

The word Genealogy comes from the Greek word Genesis, which is the name of the first book in the bible. The word genealogy means “a beginning”. For those interested in reading a beginning we refer you to Matthew 1 the first book in the New Testament. It lists the 42 generations from Joseph, the father of Jesus, back to Abraham. As part of that genealogy, only three women are listed in most bibles.

The genealogical records used most commonly today in western culture, usually still follow the paternal line and not that of the maternal line. With the advent of DNA and the relative low costs associated with its testing, we may start to see more of the genealogical records following the female line.



Hadley Genealogical Records:

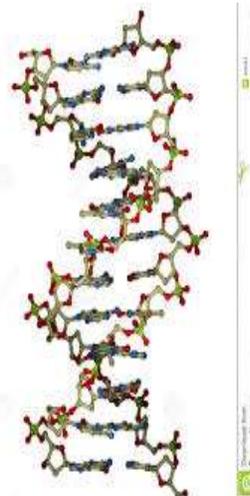
You probably have thought about what will happen to your finances, your possessions and maybe even your real estate when you die. But what about your genealogy records. Your Hadley Room, located at the Narragansett Historical Society in Templeton, MA will be happy to accept your organized records, as well as your tax deductible financial gifts so that the Hadley Room renovation can be completed. Your contributions towards the room completion should be sent to the Narragansett Historical Society. Please see the attachment “Donations” for the procedure to follow.

You may find the following article of interest -- “Sorry, Nobody Wants Your Parents’ Stuff” that has been published in the American Ancestors by the New England Historical Genealogical Society.

DNA Primer: Part 3

In North America there are currently three principle DNA testing companies: 1. 23andME, 2. Ancestry DNA, and 3. Family Tree DNA. All three of these companies use slightly different sets of relationships to make their predictions. Our Hadley family uses the Family Tree DNA Company and the results from the efforts of **Jim Hadley** and **Brad Hadley**, who started this list back in 2003, can be found at <http://www.hadleydna.org/> where there is currently a listing, by DNA kit number, of over 100 different men. This link is also imbedded within the website www.hadleygenealogy.net or www.hadleygenealogy.com.

(More next month, with **DNA Primer: Part 4**)



Hadley DNA Uncovered:

Background: In the fall of 2002, the late **Brad Hadley** (1952-2015) and **Jim Hadley** (1938- still living) undertook a joint project to investigate the DNA of the Hadley name with a goal of trying to not only determine the birth location of our patriarch George Hadley (ca. 1612- 1686) but to try and determine our own roots as far back as possible. They chose to use themselves as a place to start. They both took an initial 12 marker DNA test with the results arriving in March of 2003. They found the test to be of limited use, so they both took another DNA test that expanded their results. It showed the Brad and Jim were indeed related and substantiated what their traditional genealogical search had indicated, that they were 7th cousins and both being directly related to our patriarch George.

For the next 13 years they trudged along the DNA path while other Hadleys took a DNA test that resulted in grouping all the Hadley test takers into [nine different DNA groups](#). Many of these groups were related to George, although some showed no connection to our patriarch George even though their surname was Hadley.

Ross Hadley stepped up in 2016 to fill in the working void left by the death of Brad Hadley and became the lead co-administrator of the Hadley DNA project along with Jim.

New findings: Jim Hadley took another DNA test in late 2016 called the **BIG Y**. The results arrived in February of this year with immense new data being uncovered. The results of this test explored deep ancestral links of Jim's direct paternal line by using known DNA markers. The **BIG Y** not only tested thousands of known branch markers, but included millions of places where there may be new branch markers. This test result has given Jim the ability to know how he is connected to others within the "Y" DNA tree and has narrowed his genealogical origins, and potentially will unlock specific genealogical connections. (Note: The Y DNA is the male line and the X DNA is the female line).

Working with other Hadley branches, the descendants of our Patriarch George can now likely trace their DNA lineage back to about 350 AD. This was at the time when **Emperor Constantine** of Rome claimed conversion to Christianity. Constantine issued the proclamation, the *Edict of Milan*, and convened the first *Council of Nicaea* in 325 AD. It was out of this Council the Nicene Creed was adopted for Christians, and likely is the root of adoption of Christianity for most Hadleys.



Emperor Constantine

The DNA test is not meant to stand alone but to complement the traditional research into Hadley genealogy. Much more will undoubtedly be uncovered as Jim Hadley and others continue to explore their DNA roots. With much optimism we will be trying to answer many questions about who the Hadleys are. As answers are revealed, the results will be shared with you via this, your *Hadley Newsletter*.

"Let your religion be less of a theory and more of a love affair."

C. K. Chesterton

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