

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

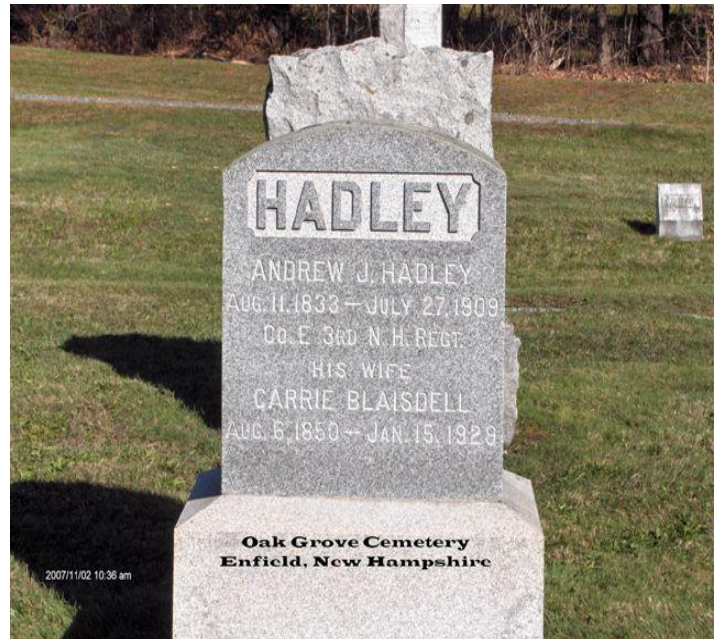
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Hadley Gravestone Project:

For the past several months, your *Hadley Newsletter* has been talking about our new **Gravestone** project www.findagrave.com. As of 02 Nov, 2012, there were 10,281 Hadleys listed in that database; many we suspect are Hadleys other than from our line to George.

One of the big challenges we still face is to identify the exact location within a cemetery where the gravestones are located. These locations need to be identified, coupled with a pictures, so others can find the gravestone(s.) Most cemeteries, as of yet, do not have gravestone plot maps that are available on the internet. Next month we will include a worksheet along with suggested items you may find helpful to bring along on your visits to cemeteries.



The following should be included with your picture(s) of the gravestone(s) and submitted to www.findagrave.com:

1. The name of the cemetery including the Town, State/Province and Country where it is located.
2. Directions to the cemetery including road names.
3. Directions to the gravestone within the cemetery. GPS coordinates would be a great help.
4. Recording all data and markers found on and around the gravestone.

It also would be helpful if you would let us know of any data you upload to that site so that we can pass along that information to others in a future *Hadley Newsletter*.

The above picture is an example of a good photograph. What is still needed is information as to how to get to that cemetery and where that particular gravestone is located within the Oak Grove Cemetery.

Just who do you think you are?

Most of us have an interest in our immediate family history that goes beyond our grandparents from which we probably have first-hand knowledge. It is likely we all have heard family stories – and some of those stories may have been embellished a bit. There are even those that claim they can trace their roots back to Adam and Eve (gulp)! However, most folks don't make that claim. Our memories sometimes give us trouble in just trying to remember birthdays and other important dates for members of our immediate family.



The Hadley name, and its many spelling variations, (see attachment: *Hadley – Name Spelling Variations*) have been found in English documents going back through the eleventh century. Much more research is needed to establish if we are related to some of those folks although it is likely we do have some connection. **Kingston Hadley**, a researcher working about 1935 writes:

“When George Hadley's father died, the man's estate went to George's older brother. Not wishing to be in his brother's care, George got aboard a ship to Boston. Having no money, he told the captain that he would be willing to become an indentured servant with whomever the captain chose. George arrived in Boston in 1628 and worked as an indentured servant for about three years before moving on to Ipswich”

In fact, we have yet to prove that our patriarch George Hadley (ca. 1612-1686) was English, when he came to “the new world” and how much of the above writing of is true. We have found no ship manifest with his name and thus assume he was not a paying passenger. He may have been a member of a ship crew and worked his way across the Atlantic. Upon his arrival he might have become indentured to a colonist as **Kingston Hadley** suggests in the above quote and then there is the possibility he just jumped ship.

The first hard evidence we have of our George comes from documents indicating George was in Ipswich, MA in 1639.

“Life is a waste of time and time is a waste of life, so waste your time and have the time of your life!”

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