

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Historical Societies:



There is much to be learned by studying the early patriotic societies that sprang up before, during and just after the American Revolution in 1775. These societies had the general goal of preserving the newly formed Nation. Some of these societies were: **Society of the Red Men** <http://www.redmen.org/> which was formed after 16 Dec 1773 when 343 chests of English tea were dumped into Boston Harbor by colonists disguised as Mohawk Indians. The **Sons of St. Tammany** which later became known as *Tammany Hall* in New York City and became a powerful political machine run by William M “Boss” Tweed. **The Sons of Liberty** www.newsonsofliberty.us consisted of tradesmen that had a mission to work against the Stamp Act that had recently been imposed upon the colony.

All of us had relatives who lived during the revolution and were involved in some way with the Revolutionary War - some were Loyalists to King George and the British Crown and some wanted their independence from England.

There were dozens of patriotic organizations that came to life in the years following the revolution. Several of those organizations are as follows and the person listed after that organization has volunteered to assist you in getting your research started into membership should you wish to do so.

1. *The Mayflower Society*: **Sandy Thompson** smsthompson@msm.com
2. *Sons of the American Revolution (SAR)*: **Mike Kelly** biloxiblues2@juno.com

3. *Daughters of the American Revolution (DAR)*: **Betty (Hadley) White**
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We encourage you to explore your historical connection in some of these or in other such groups. Your blood connection could be through the Hadley line but also through the women who married into the Hadley family. For example, **Mary (Hadley) Grimes**, maryegrimes@comcast.net, through her mother, has documented three Pilgrims with whom she has an immediate blood connection and who arrived on the *Mayflower* in 1620. She also can trace her immediately blood line back to a Brigadier General who was in command of all the colonial troupes in Massachusetts during the Revolution. As such, she likely would be eligible for membership in *The Society of the Cincinnati* www.societyofthecincinnati.org. This organization is open by invitation to those who have a military officer in their bloodline who served with honor and distinction during the Revolution.

Most all societies have a historical research library and some are searchable online by their members.

What about you? Have you thought about exploring the signers of the ***Declaration of Independents*** or the ***Articles of Confederation*** to see if you have a connection?

Passing of Jean Ferguson Hadley:

Jean slipped peacefully from her final breath at her home in Rotterdam, NY on July 26, 2011 at the age of 98. She leaves her 5 children: Hugh, Andrew, Jeffrey, Ellen and Anne, their families and many grandchildren. We send our condolences to the family for the loss of the wonderful and loving lady.

Passing of M. Lillian(Hadley)Smith:

Lillian was the daughter of Alvin Hadley and Laura Margaret Hadley. She slipped into the hands of God at the Heritage Nursing Home on Cape Cod, MA at the age of 94. Her ashes were placed in the Hadleyville United Church Cemetery, Hadleyville, Nova Scotia on August 23, 2011. We send our heartfelt condolences to her family.
