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## The Murder of Hiram Mead Hadley: (1869-1930)

Hiram was born into a large family on 12 March 1869 in Kickapoo, Vernon County, Wisconsin. He was the fifth child and third male of nine children born to Romeo and Eunice (Rockwell) Hadley. His lineage is: Hiram, Romeo, Hiram, Joseph, Joseph, William, Joseph, Joseph, and our patriarch George.

The family maintains that he was murdered on 30 July 1930 in Viola, Vernon County, Wisconsin.

The account of his murder comes from a newspaper account, family records and detailed research done by **Barbara (Hadley) Edge**, the great granddaughter of Hiram.

It seems as if Hiram was active in the bootleg trade during probation and was known for his "quality" whiskey which he was supplying to the Al Capone enterprise. Hiram's mother-in-law, Agnes Geddes, was part owner of a resort/lodge in northern Wisconsin and Capone and his men were frequent visitors to the lodge. Something went horribly wrong.

The *official* account on the Thursday morning of 26 July 1930 indicates Hiram had left home and by night time he had not been heard from or seen. A posse of neighbors scoured the country throughout the night and found nothing until Friday morning when Hiram was found dead in a bunch of ferns about a mile from his home. His throat had been cut and underneath his body was found a knife that the coroner determined was used in his self-inflicted death.

**Barbara (Hadley) Edge**, the great granddaughter of Hiram has researched the conditions surrounding Hiram's death. It seems Laura (Geddes) Hadley, the wife of Hiram, along with several of their children, saw Hiram standing in front of their home on Duck Creek on the morning of his disappearance. Hiram was seen talking with a person in a "large black car." The car drove off and Hiram walked into the woods never to be seen alive again. Hiram was well known as a supplier of quality bootleg liquor to "someone in Chicago." Laura indicated she always felt Hiram was killed by the people in the "large black car" but never made any formal statement for fear of her own life and that of her children. **Barbara (Hadley) Edge** has also uncovered the State of Wisconsin Death Records for Hiram. This death certificate was signed by a dentist who was a close personal colleague to the personal dentist of Al Capone and apparently was the only death and funeral record he ever signed.

*The October issue of the Hadley Newsletter will be primarily devoted to a major article on the roots of our patriarch George. This article will be based upon the 10 years of research done by Barbara (Hadley) Edge. Barbara has determined that William Hadley of England was most likely the father of our patriarch George. Her research has uncovered data indicting his father was William and not George Sr. as so many genealogists have surmised.*



## Samuel Hopkins Hadley (1836-1906):

The story of Samuel is a fascinating one, one that recounts the dedicated Christian life of one of our relatives. His connection to our Patriarch George is: Samuel (1836-1906), William (1793-1863), Ebenezer (1748-1823), Joseph (1700-1758), Samuel (ca, 1652-1745), and our patriarch George (ca.1612-1687). The link below, an 8 page biographical profile of his life and his involvement with the famous *Jerry McAuley Water Street Mission* in New York City is a most interesting story in Christian mission work for the down-trodden and drunk seamen. For 19 years, Samuel was the director of this mission.



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## Beginning of our Judean - Christian Genealogy Roots:

Genesis 11. 10-27 and 1 Chronicles 1. In all likelihood, these passages in the Bible may be one of the earliest records of a family tree. Many have looked to find a Hadley connection as set-forth in the biblical references above, and to the best of our research have been unable to find proof of a genealogical connection. This does not mean that a connection does not exist, it means that we just have not yet been able to find proof of that connection.

As stated above, we will see in next months (Oct 2016) *Hadley Newsletter* an article outlining the research done by **Barbara (Hadley) Edge** on the probable roots of our patriarch **George Hadley**. We will also see in the coming months where the name of Hadley appears in English records dating from at least 1086 AD, thanks to the dictates of *William the Conqueror*.

We acknowledge there is much research needed on the Hadleys' name in order to make a biblical connection, although we are trying to find that connection which likely will have a very different spelling and certainly not of the spelling in an English format.

Apart from the reality that some early genealogy records just may not exist, we have the added problem of language and the many spelling variations of our name. (See an updated attachment: *Hadley-Name Spelling variations*).

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*"Why pay money to have your family tree traced; go into politics and your opponents will do it for you."*  
~Author unknown

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