

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Does Our Hadley Lineage Denotes Status?

Does our lineage denote and/or promote status for the Hadleys? Does anyone research their own lineage with the intent of self-deprecation? Many genealogists and historians believe it is necessary in understanding who we are, along with other factors, for each of us to understand from where we came and how we got to where we are.

How often have you read something about your roots in this, your *Hadley Newsletter*? How many of the Hadleys have we referenced in these monthly newsletters who have acquired considerable wealth or held an important position in their community or business? How many of us know that we have multiple different genealogical connections to several who came on the Mayflower? However, most of us are just plain hard-working, honest folks who have a deep connection to our family.

We often reference our two Hadley relatives (Susannah Martin and John Proctor) who were hanged for being witches in 1692 during the *Salem Witch Trials*. However, many are unaware of the various Hadleys who served in the seven different Indian wars? These took place during the 150 years between our settling in North American and the American Revolution. It is also difficult to count the number of Hadley men who served in the American Revolution and the number of our relatives who also died in that struggle for independence. The US Civil War was another part of the US history that saw many Hadleys participating in that war-- and from both the North and South too. That struggle also cost the lives of a number of Hadley men. These wars devastated many Hadley families, including the wives and children who suffered for the rest of their lives as a result of the wars.

Does our Hadley history denote a status within our own family? Should it be something we discuss openly? Is it important for you to research, uncover and record our past? If so, we assume you are aware of the **Hadley Room** that is under development at the Narragansett Historical Society, Templeton, MA. We still are in need of funds to complete that renovation. We also especially need monies to purchase six used file cabinets, furniture, a display case and a computer terminal.

We ask you to consider making a tax deductible gift to help facilitate the completion of the *Hadley Room* and to purchase the much needed storage equipment. Your tax deductible gifts should be sent to: Ms. Debra Caisse, Treasurer, Narragansett Historical Society, PO Box 354, Templeton, MA 01468. Make sure to indicate on your check that your gifts are for our *Hadley Room*.

Different Hadley First Names:

For the past two months, we have provided you with lists of unusual different birth first names given to both male and female Hadleys. We provided those lists again as attachments with the request for you to send additional unusual names you have observed for people who were **born** as Hadleys. Please send those names to this, your **Hadley Newsletter** at Jags@hvc.r.com In addition, we have observed three additional names for whom we do not know the sex. These people were named; 1.Tillengrose, 2 Albion, and 3. Geth. If you have run across any of these names and think you know the likely sex of the individual, would you also send that information to this your Hadley Newsletter?

We have come across many names of different spellings other than what might be considered the common spelling. In addition, we all know of a number of names that are spelled the same and that can be used for either a male or female. We bet you also know a number of unsex names.

DNA Primer: Part 7:

There are a number of things our DNA will tell us as well as a number of things our DNA will not tell us. For example, it will not tell us when we are going to die. In addition, it will not tell us what diseases or sickness we are going to contract. However, in some case it can suggest we may have a



propensity toward a certain illness, which is based upon those in our family who may have acquired a genetic sickness. DNA can tell us our race but most of us already know that.

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Why the Narragansett Historical Society, Templeton, MA?

This is the question we have often been asked -- why we have located the *Hadley Room* in that lovely New England town of Templeton, MA. The answer to two fold.

First, the Hadleys played a very prominent role in this small town during the last century and a half. Perhaps research would indicate Lucien Hadley (1844-1928) was not only the Hadley patriarch of that town but it often had been said that Lucien and his offspring "owned about half the town." That, of course is a bit of an overstatement, although in 1890 he and his father-in-law Isaac Bourn (1821-1906) owned in excess of 1500 acres in Templeton and the surrounding area. In addition, they jointly owned the Bourn Hadley Furniture Co and employed over 65 people in their various businesses. These included owning about 15 horses that were most likely used for hauling lumber from the surrounding forests to their saw mill. Lucien had 7 children and all were well-educated beyond high school. They also made an important contribution to Templeton.

Second, is the very nature of the vibrant Narragansett Historical Society with a membership of over 390 people. This community-centered organization also has many outreach programs and functions. A neighboring building to the principal Society structure is the large two-story defunct Grange Hall, which has a stage and lots of room. The Historical Society has acquired this structure and has been renovating/restoring it back to its glory days. It is within this structure the Hadleys found an unused anteroom to the second floor stage that is about 9'x12', with high ceilings and two windows. This room, along with \$10,000 will be needed to convert this space into a secure, environmentally-controlled room that will be used to house our records, and provide a space where genealogical and historical research can be done. Library shelving and two file cabinets have been obtained, although we currently need a total of eight file cabinets and \$4000 to finish the renovation.

Ethel Mira Hadley: (1923-2017)

We are saddened to hear of the passing of Ethel on 24 Aug 2017 at her home in Victoria, British Columbia. She was the widow of Albert C Hadley (1923-1996) and is survived by four living children; Debra, Judith, James and Patricia and their families. We send our sincere condolences to this family.

"The most incredible thing about miracles is that they happen."
~ G. K. Chesterton

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