

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Our Colonial Wars:

What was happening in our country for the 155 years between the times the Pilgrims landed in 1620 in Plymouth, MA and the beginning of our Revolution in 1775 which again took place in MA?

For one thing, we were involved in six wars and five of those wars, in whole or in part, took place in New England.

Those wars were: **1.** King Philip's War (aka Narragansett War) 1675 – 1672; **2.** King William War 1689 – 1697; **3.** Queen Anne's War 1702 – 1713; **4.** King George's War 1744 – 1748; **5.** French and Indian War (aka Seven Year War) 1756 – 1763; and **6.** Cherokee War 1759 – 1761.

Since the Hadleys were involved in those wars that took place in New England, we will attempt the daunting task of trying to create a profile of those wars while exploring the Hadley connections. We plan to do this in a 45 minute presentation at our reunion/conference on July 17th 2010, which will take place in Acushnet, MA

Purple Heart Update:

The following is a brief profile of the three Hadleys we know about who lost their lives resulting from combat during the Civil War. We are working towards having the Purple Heart awarded to the following:



1. Henry Joshua Hadley was born 20 June 1839 probably in Jasper, Steuben County, NY. He was the fourth child and third son of eleven children born to Dr. Benjamin Franklin Hadley and Lydia M (Prentice) Hadley.

The History of the Bucktails, Kane Rifle Regiment of the Pennsylvania Reserves Corps (13th Pennsylvania Reserves, 42nd of the Line) written by O.R. Thompson & William H. Rauch states in the Muster Roll of Company I:

“Corporal Henry J. Hadley was killed at Cross Keys, June 8, 1862.” A hand-written note in the possession of **Jon Hadley** indicated Henry was about 6'-5" tall.

Corporal Henry Joshua Hadley, Company I, 42nd Regiment, “Bucktails,” Kane Rifle Regiment of the Pennsylvania Reserve Corps (13th Pennsylvania Reserves, 42nd of the Line), recruited in McKean County, PA (south of PA/NY border near Portville & Jasper, NY known homes of his father Dr Benjamin Franklin Hadley, mustered in 25 (or 30) May 1861, age 21, for three year term at Smethport, PA although he is listed as being from Ceres Township.

His grave location has yet to be found and it is assumed he may be buried in an unmarked grave in the general area where the battle took place. *(Data researched and compiled by Jon Philip Hadley)*



2. Allen Hadley was born 22 Feb 1844 at Burlington, VT. He was the fourth son and fifth child of five children born to Lyman Hadley and Polly (Dunavan) Hadley.

His military service was between 1861 and 1862 Co. H Battalion, 14th US Infantry. He enlisted on 27 Aug 1861 at St Albans, VT in Company H, 3rd Battalion, 14th US Infantry. He later was transferred to Company G, 1st Battalion 14th US Infantry. He was wounded by gun shot in the knee on 03 Nov 1862 in a battle at Snickers Gap, VA. He died of his injury in Columbia Hospital, Washington, DC on Dec 18 1862 and is buried in the US Soldiers and Airman's Home National Cemetery, Washington, DC *(Data researched and compiled by Betty (Hadley) White.)*



3. Elias H Hadley was born 28 Sept 1839 in Dorchester, NH. He was the ninth child and fourth son of eleven children born to Amos Hadley and Mehitabel (Briggs) Hadley. He enlisted on 06 Sept 1862 in the 15th NH Infantry Regiment Vol. Co. F as a private and reported for duty on 15 Oct 1862. He was shot while on picket duty in Port Hudson, LA. His arm was amputated at the shoulder and he died on 14 June 1863. He is buried in an unmarked grave at the Port Hudson National Cemetery, Port Hudson, LA. The following is an account of his surgery from the book, "Among The Cotton Thieves" by Edward Bacon:

"I am mounted again, waiting beside the open hospital building for Dr. Mottram, who has been called upon by his enemy, Dr. Sanger, the division surgeon, to stay here and help in an extraordinary case now in hand. And what a sight is before me. There is the dim flicker of lights in the midst of surgeons, with their young assistants, crowded around a rough bench, on which lies the subject, (Elias H. Hadley,) a nobly-formed young volunteer of the Fifteenth New Hampshire. Chloroform has been used in vain. He is crying, in an agonized, despairing voice, "O kill me, kill me, do kill me " I see his large, manly breast, heaving with agony, as he lies on his back, held by some of the young doctors, who have their eyes set upon the hands of older doctors, at work now with probe, now with knife and saw, and now with other frightfully appearing instruments of torture. The young man has been shot in the shoulder, and the doctors are digging out his arm for experiment. Some one of them says aloud, " There is not much chance for him " The glimmer of candles flickering in the night breeze, dimly showing the naked form of the writhing victim, and the hard faces of the surgeons, with their bloody hands and saws, the darkness hanging over us like a pall, the stars sparkling in the vault of heaven, —the same stars beheld by our friends at home, far away, and by our enemies in the beleaguered fort before us all together make a tableau not to be forgotten. I am glad to find myself at last riding away from the horrid odors and sights of that hospital. The voices of myriads of insects of every kind and size, and the occasional boom of a cannon, •with straggling shots from sharpshooters, are not enough to drive from my ears the groans and cries of the poor New Hampshire soldier, dying in the hands of his tormentors as we left".

(Data researched and compiled by James R. Hadley)

Hadley Factoids: The following towns/locations in the United States and Canada have been found to have the name HADLEY:

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| 1. Hadley, Pike County, Illinois | 8. Hadley, Saratoga County, New York |
| 2. Hadley, Hendricks County, Indiana | 9. Hadley, Nye, Nevada (now a ghost town) |
| 3. Hadley, Warren County, Kentucky | 10. Hadleyville, Guysborough County, Nova Scotia |
| 4. Hadley, Hampshire County, Massachusetts | 11. Hadley Township, North Carolina |
| 5. Hadley, Lapeer County, Michigan | 12. Hadley Township, Arkansas |
| 6. Hadley, Murray County, Minnesota | 13. Hadley Purchase, New Hampshire |
| 7. Hadley, Reynolds County, Missouri | 14. Hadley, Mercer County, Pennsylvania |

Reunion/Conference Motel:

Comfort Inn, 360 Airport Rd, Fall River, MA

Phone: (508) 672-0011

Our reunion/conference is taking place during the “high season” and yet we have been successful in getting a special room rate. You will have the option of a room with either two queen beds or one king bed at the rate of \$89.00/ night. The motel has a free limited continental breakfast that include scrambled eggs, sausages, juices, rolls, toast, waffles, coffee, tea, fruit, cereal and pastry.

You must make your own reservations directly with the Comfort Inn at (508) 672-0011 and **not** go through their 800 national phone reservation desk. You also must indicate you are part of the Hadley Reunion/Conference and make your own reservation before June 26, 2010 directly with the Fall River Comfort Inn in order to receive our special rate. Of course, you are not required to stay at that motel and should free to find your own lodging at any other facility if you prefer.

Mayflower Connection:

We have been informed other family members have found their connection to a Mayflower passenger. **Betty (Hadley) White** and **Ardella MacPhee** have a blood line connection to a pilgrim. Our family list now is:

1. Betty (Hadley) White-----Pilgrim James Chilton
2. Linda (Mundy) Hadley-----Pilgrims John Alton and John Billingtons
3. Sandy (MacPherson) Thompson-----Pilgrim Isaac Allerton
4. Elizabeth Mazie-----Pilgrim Stephen Hopkins
5. Ardella (Florence) MacPhee-----Pilgrim Stephen Hopkins

If you have found a Mayflower connection, please let us know so that we can add your name and the name of your pilgrim ancestor to our growing list.

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This Newsletter is my way of keeping us all connected with Hadley information as we approach the Reunion/Conference in July. If you have anything you would like to share in future monthly Newsletters, feel free to send it to me and I will incorporate and disseminate it.

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