

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Location Change of our Hadley Room:

Most are aware of our six-year effort to create the *Hadley Room* at the Narragansett Historical Society, Templeton, MA. This Society has informed us that the room we funded for renovation will now be needed exclusively by the museum and they have directed us to vacate their facility.

We have found a **MUCH** nicer and **LARGER** home. The move to our new facility took place on 27 Mar. 2020 to the Reformed Church of Port Ewen, 160 Salem Street, Port Ewen, NY 12466.

Our previous location in Templeton was in a building which was under total renovation. Even though we had completed the renovation of our room, we were told it could be five years before the building itself would be safe for us to enter and access our Hadley records and files.

We are still in the process of setting up our new room. Once we get the Coronavirus behind us, our new room will be open for your inspection and use. We do not yet have our computer up and running although we expect it soon will be. We are now so very happy to be out of the Templeton facility and in a place that is welcoming us and has no hidden agenda. In the coming months we will be sharing additional exciting details about our wonderful new home in Port Ewen, NY and how you can access our "new home".



The Sad Reality Of Genealogy With Our Younger Generation:

As our Hadley social structure changes, one of the unfortunate side effects is the loss of family time together at meal time.

In the past, when families regularly ate together, the history of their family, even in small ways, often came-up during conversations. During this story-time, frequently memories of the adults were shared with their "sitting children" about themselves in their earlier days and about their relatives who had passed along with details about other family members

As insignificance as the details in their stories might have been, years later, some stories were remembered by the children and often recorded as genealogy became more important to them.

We have observed that family histories usually do not perk the interest of people until they get much older - say somewhere in their 50's and beyond. How many times have we heard: "Oh! I wish I had paid more attention to those stories when I was young". Unfortunately, many of today's youth are just too busy with their complex lives to even sit and have a relaxed meal with their parents – of even want to. We believe there may be a solution for our youth for not having the opportunity of hearing those family stories. That solution lies within their parent's grasp. The parents should take the time now to write their own memoirs. We say write because other means of recording data will most likely not readily be accessible in the years to come. For example, how many of you have access to either a tape

of wire recorder? What about a floppy or zip disk or even an 8-track tape recorder/player?

In a past *Hadley Newsletters*, there is a featured article about a Hadleys who was a shoe cobbler; others who may have been bankers; some who were farmers; others who were court judges; and in one case, a rum-runner while another being a college professor. All these Hadleys lead an interesting life and their story were worth recording. Now



it is all our turn to write our story. We also ask you to consider writing an article about one of your relatives where that article could potentially be published in a future *Hadley Newsletter*. This *Newsletter* will be happy to assist should you wish our help. All *Hadley Newsletter* are filed with the US Library of Congress and as such, you as the writer of your published family history will then also have a place in history.

“LIFE AFTER DEATH”: Beliefs held by some Hadleys:

Down through the ages, people have been concerned with death and what may come after their physical death. All major religions endorse a belief that something does come after the bodily death. Some believed in reincarnation, other believed in a spiritual rebirth, while others believed in an actual physical rebirth. During the Elizabethans Era, new thoughts took root on the subject of *Life After Death* and many did not consider death to be a final condition. Some took the investigation of this topic to new heights through the New Age Movement. Some treated this topic lightly and as a fashionable parlor game, while others have professed a manifestation that death is final and nothing more happens.

Wikipedia defines afterlife as” the stream of consciousness continues after the death of the physical body.” Thoughtful people such as Carl Jung and Deepak Chopra have written on this topic and there is a plethora of books available citing varying degrees of proof, both for and against the notion of an afterlife. The Hadley connection to this topic is varied.



Sister Mary Hadley 1788-.1854) <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/qhtout/grpf661.html> was a member of the *United Society of Believers in Christ’s Second Appearing* better known as the Shaker Community at Canterbury, NH. Sister Mary was one of fourteen children born in Weare, New Hampshire to Daniel Hadley and Hannah Ordway. Hannah died when Mary was but 10 years old and the impact of her mother’s death was one of the major factors influencing Mary to join the Shaker Community. Apparently, the Shakers did not find it necessary to have grave markers at their interment site, since they believed their burial was only a temporary stay. (**Note:** *A general marker exists at the site where many Shakers are buried and “Shaker” is the only word to be found inscribed on this tombstone*).

According to the scant information we have on Mary and the doctrines of the Shaker Society to which she was a member, her belief, as it was with other members of this Society, was that there is a physical life after death. There is, however, reason to believe we do have additional Hadley relatives who, to some degree, also believe there is an actual physical life after their death.

We have observed the notion of an “after life” for some Hadleys by the epithets on some tombstones. Also, the very shape and carvings of some tombstones may also be an indicator the buried held a belief in a physical life after death.

Many Hadleys believed that someday all will be raised from the dead, which is also a tenant of the Christian Religion. What Christianity does not convey to many, is the form the physical body will assume and when it will take place. This newsletter will not attempt to address the belief of an afterlife since this newsletter understands that topic is outside its mission.

“Adversity introduces a man to himself”

Thomas Fuller 1732

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