

# HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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## Hadleys -- 1620 to 1781 & Bishop Hadley (ca. 1750 – 03 Aug 1781)

We all know that the legacy of our Hadley forefathers underwent a radical transformation in the 160+ years between the landing of the Pilgrims in Plymouth in 1620 and the end of the Revolutionary War in Yorktown in 1781. This transformation went in spurts, and according to our research, not all our Hadley relatives agreed with the way in which our country was evolving, and the future development it would likely face.

According to the general information we have been able to glean from some Hadley written records we have found, there were a variety of opinions as to what the future of our country should be.

At the time of the Revolution about 1/3 of our Hadley colonists were in favor of keeping their connection with the British Crown; 1/3 were in favor of gaining independents; and the remaining 1/3 were just too busy with the issues of trying to advance their immediate lives and did not have a defined opinion as to whether their overall governance under the British should be retained or forced into change.

When our Independence War broke out, many of the Hadleys rushed to help efforts of gaining independence. Many men "signed up" to assist, but after a relatively short time, broke ranks and when home. (Gen. Washington complained about the large number of deserters under his charge.) We have records of a number of Hadleys serving in the cause of independence. We also have the records of some who moved to Canada and the proven record of **Bishop Hadley** <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf9582.html> who lost his life in the war.

**Bishop Hadley** was born about 1750 in NYC to Joseph Hadley and Martha Bishop. He died in the Revolutionary War in upstate New York, while being a part of the Sullivan Expedition, on Aug 3, 1781. *(His burial was likely in the Dyckman-Nagel Cemetery, in New York City along with many in his family. [His grandmother was a Dyckman]. In 1926, this cemetery was relocated and only 26 of the 417 bodies in this cemetery were able to be identified. All remains were moved to the Woodlawn Cemetery in Bronx, New York).* Bishop had no known wife or children. His father, Joseph 3<sup>rd</sup>, was son of Joseph Hadley Jr. and Rebecca Dyckman. His military record indicates he enlisted in the New York Line-3<sup>rd</sup> Regiment on 26 Nov 1776 in New York. He reenlisted in Dec 1780 in the 3<sup>rd</sup> New York Regiment, which became part of the 1<sup>st</sup> New York Regiment. He was court martialed on 20 June 1779 at Canajoharie Creek, Montgomery, New York for sleeping on his post and was on his bare back.



In 1822 his cousin, Joseph Hadley (1757-1832), son of William; purchased a portion of the bounty lands awarded to Bishop Hadley after his death in Tompkins County, New York. Deeds, Vol. E Pg.148. This indenture was made the *“fifteenth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty-two. Between William Hadley, James Hadley, Charles Hadley, Isaac Hadley, George Hadley and Elizabeth Berrian, of the State of New York, surviving heirs of Bishop Hadley, late a Soldier of the Revolutionary Army, deceased of the first part and Joseph Hadley, f the County of Livingston and State aforesaid, of the second part. That the parties of the first part for and in consideration of the sum of one hundred dollars, lawful money of the United States of America, to him in hand paid at or before the delivery of the property by the party of the second part. The receipt hereof is hereby acknowledged...quit claim unto the said Joseph Hadley and to his heirs and assigns forever...a certain parcel of land containing six hundred acres situated in the Township of Hector, County of Seneca, and State of New York and known and designated as Number Ninety and being the tract of land granted to the aforesaid Bishop Hadley for his services during the revolutionary war, as a soldier of regiment of the New York line. To have and to hold...the City of New York, the day and year above written. Signed, sealed and delivered in the presence of Mr. G. W. Berrian, William Hadley James Hadley Charles Hadley Isaac Hadley George Hadley Elizabeth Berrian City and State of New York, Be it remembered that on this the 29<sup>th</sup> day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and twenty two, personally appeared before me-William 2 evere, James Hadley, Charles Hadley, Isaac Hadley, George Hadley and Elizabeth Berrian, all known to me to be the persons 2 everely 2 in and who have executed the within deed, and they 2 everely acknowledged that they did execute the same for the uses and purposes therein mentioned and there being no concerns..allow the same to be recorded. G.W Berrian, Commissioner. This is to certify that the written names of William, James, Charles, Isaac and George Hadley and Elizabeth Berrian, formerly Elizabeth Hadley, are the legitimate Brothers and sister of the within named Joseph Hadley who is the party of the second part in the within indenture. New York City, June 29<sup>th</sup>,1822. G.W. Berrian, Commissioner State of New York, Westchester County-The testimony of Jane Tayler, taken on oath before me Samuel Berrian, one of the justices of the Peace in and for the said county this twenty seventh day of June 1822. Jane Tayler saith that Bishop Hadley was a known cousin to Joseph Hadley and that Bishop Hadley died without issue and that he left no lawful heir, neither Brother nor sister. Jane Tayler, her mark. This (to) certify that the above testimony was taken before me this 27<sup>th</sup> day of June 1822. Samuel Berrian, J of Peace Detail New York, Land Records, 1630-1975 Tompkins Deeds 1821-1823 Vol E,Pg.148 (ima382/616)”*

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“There is no distinctly Native American criminal class, save Congress”. Mark Twain

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