

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

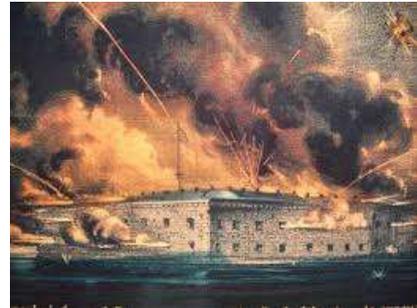
(Hadley, Headley, Hadlee, Hadly, Hadleigh, etc and their related kin)

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FRANCIS SCOTT KEY: (1779-1843)

We suspect most know the name of **Francis Scott Key** as being the author and writer of the “*Star-Spangled Banner*,” which became the National Anthem of the United States. However, how many in the Hadley Family know that Francis’s grandson, Clarence Key (1836-1911) was married to **R. Priscilla Hadley (1839-1900)**. Note: *The spelling of her first name is unclear. It has been found on official documents as 1. Pricilla, 2. Priscilla, and 3. Prescottia*



Priscilla is part of our Hadley family through her father, Thomas Benjamin Jefferson Hadley (1801-1869) and Piety Lucretia Smith (1807-1899).

An unnamed male child was born to Clarence and Priscilla, although he died at birth. Their only other child was a daughter, Aurelia (1871-1886). Aurelia was born and then died in Washington DC at the age of fifteen. No additional children have been found, born to Priscilla and Clarence, nor from Priscilla’s two additional marriages. As such, there are no blood descendants from Priscilla Hadley.

We surmise the death of Aurelia, this daughter of Clarence and Priscilla, may have been a contributing factor to the termination of Priscilla’s first marriage. A second marriage was to S. Holly Skiff who died in 1864 at the age of 24. We assuming his death resulted from his involvement in the US Civil War. Priscilla then married for a third time and her new husband was Thomas Howle.

R. Priscilla A (Hadley) Key is buried in Mexico City, Mexico National Cemetery*, Cuauhtemoc, Cuauhtemoc Borough Distrito Federal, Mexico, plot 724. We assume Priscilla’s burial location had much to do with her first husband Clarence, who had served as the foreign secretary of the Chinese Legation in Mexico City. Clarence died eleven years after Priscilla at the *Confederate Home* in Pikesville, Maryland, although he is buried in the Loudon Park Cemetery, Baltimore, Maryland

- **Supporting Note:** *” *The Mexico-City National Cemetery is a cemetery in Mexico-City. It was established in 1851 by the United States Congress to gather the American dead of the Mexican-American War that lay in the nearby fields and to provide burial space for Americans who died in the vicinity. This was the first dedicated United States military cemetery abroad, and it served as a model for later foreign cemeteries. This Cemetery contains the remains of 750 unidentified soldiers of the Mexican War and with a single marker for all.”*

Assistance Needed: Very little information is known about Priscilla. If you are able to provide the *Hadley Newsletter* with **any** additional information about Priscilla or any of her three husbands, that information would be most welcomed.

Who Was The Oldest Hadley?

The oldest Hadley the *Hadley Newsletter* has been able to find was Eva Mildred (Hadley) Myers.

<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf5539.html>

Eva was born on 11 Nov 1900 in Oyster Ponds, Guysborough, Nova Scotia, Canada to Abram Hattie Hadley and his wife Margaret Sophia Scranton Bruce.

Eva died on 21 Jan 2007 at the age of **106**, in Guysborough, Nova Scotia and was buried on the 24 Jan 2007 in the Isaac's Harbor Baptist Church Cemetery, Isaac's Harbor, Guysborough, Nova Scotia, Canada.

An obituary for Eva can be found by reviewing the notes found under her name. Just *Click* on the [www](#) link above to read that obituary.

Should anyone know of an older Hadley beyond 106, please share that name with us.



NOTE: The *Hadley Newsletter* has been unable to locate a picture of Eva. If anyone has such a photograph, please consider sharing a copy with this, your *Hadley Newsletter*.

1950 US Census for Hadleys:

April 01, 2022 will be the public release date of the 1950 US Census. Some of the data in that census, as with previous US census data, is likely to have errors. We are speculating that there is likely to be errors in names and data of some Hadley individuals. The reasons for these errors are many, and at this time, it may not be worth speculating as to the many causes of these possible errors.

As we look forward to the data release, we encourage you to approach that information with a bit of skepticism – and not to be in a rush to accept that data as “gospel truth.” The *Hadley Newsletter* will attempt to inform our readers of errors associated with our family as we encounter them.

How many boys' first names are we likely to see such as: Junior, Sonny, Baby and what may be their true birth first names? How many misspelled names can we expect to find? How many people, that should have been counted in the census, have been missed? How much of the reported data will be confusing or incorrect? Nevertheless, the census promises to be a wonderful genealogical tool.

“One day, you'll be just a memory for some people. Do your best to be a good one.” *Unknown*

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