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

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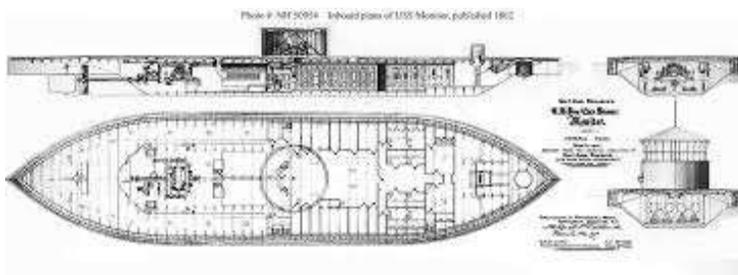
Meet Winslow N Hadley (1840-1889) & the Civil War “Monitor”:

Winslow was the fourth of the children born to Amos Hadley and Esther Mayo in Eden, Hancock, Maine.

He was married twice; his first wife was Zernah Richardson who died in 1879 and with whom he is buried in the Mountain View Cemetery, Bar Harbor, Maine. His second wife was Abby S Williams. He had no children by either wife.

Winslow <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf1552.html> enlisted in the Union Army in July, 1862 and served as a sailor on the ironclad **Monitor**. His service record is recorded in the *Special Schedule-Surviving Soldiers, Sailors and Marines*. Due to heavy seas the Monitor sunk off the North Carolina Cape Hatteras coast on 31 Dec 1862 with the loss of 16 lives, (although fortunately our Winslow survived.)

The **Monitor** was a steam powered craft. That sunken ship was discovered in 1973 and has been partially salvaged. In Newport News, Virginia, the gun turret, along with other relics can now be viewed at that Mariners’ Museum.



Editor’s Note: As far as we have been able to uncover, the U S Civil War took the lives of fifteen of our Hadley men – all serving for the Union cause. *(We know we also had Hadley relatives serving for the Confederate cause, but have not been able to document any that lost their lives.)* To date, we have documented twenty-five of our Hadley men who made the ultimate sacrifice in the various wars in which they were involved. *(In a future Hadley Newsletter, we will be discussing those men and the wars they were in).*

The Children of Plummer and Polly Hadley:

[Plummer Hadley](#) (1771-1861) and his wife [Polly Hadley](#) (1781-1856) were second cousins, and both grew up and lived their entire lives in Goffstown, Hillsborough County, New Hampshire. They both could trace their lineage back to our Patriarch George.



From all accounts they had a successful and productive life, while raising a family of twelve children. This farming family was larger than most and all were members of the local Congregational Church.

What makes this family unusual is that eight of their twelve children were never married – five were female and three being males. Only one woman in this family married, while the three men all married. Seven of the unmarried children lived to adulthood, while one died in infancy. Another unusual fact is that son, Charles (1823-1899), and his sister, Martha (1815-1899), were buried on the same day. The age of Charles was 75 at his death on 17 Jan 1899 and Martha was 83 at her death on 19 Jan 1899. Their deaths were unrelated and both were buried in their home town at the Westlawn Cemetery, Goffstown, New Hampshire.

One reason many women in the mid-19th century never married was likely due to the US Civil War which, as we know, took a horrific toll on the available marriable young men.

We believe at least two of the women in this family were, at least for part of their adult lives, school teachers. Teaching for women was considered a respectable profession, although it paid poorly. It was a profession that usually demanded only single women be permitted to become teachers. Initially, when a woman married and became pregnant, she was forced to terminate her teaching.

Hadley Names:

The Hadleys who are involved with genealogy will likely run across certain first names that are repeatedly used. Some of those names seem to be specific to a period of time, although a few names, such as Mary, are found in several time periods as well. Female names such as Victoria, Mehitable, and Almira do not seem often found in contemporary times. Names such as George, Joseph and John are often found amongst men throughout the four hundred years of our US and Canada history. In fact, by count, the first name of John for a Hadley can be found exactly on Hundred fifty times in the records of www.hadleygenealogy.com. It is no wonder it is often difficult to keep certain Hadleys with the same name correctly associated with their proper family. We know of one family related to our Hadley line who has used unique names for their five children; namely Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday and Friday. (*We wonder what might have been the name of their eighth child*).

“Those that are doing it should not be interrupted by those that are not.” *Anonymous*

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