

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Cenotaph Tomb for Our Patriach George Hadley (ca. 1612-1686)

The burial location of our patriarch George Hadley is unknown. <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf3662.html> George was the first permanent Hadley on the North American Continent and we feel it would be appropriate to recognize and honor him with a cenotaph tomb. (A cenotaph tomb is usually used to honor an individual, who is often buried at a location that is different from where they died, and does not hold their remains). In fact, we are not even **sure** where our George was born or where he died. It is almost certain our George was born in England and died in Massachusetts at or near where he lived in the Ipswich area of MA.



We now have a *Hadley Room*, located at the Narragansett Historical Society, Templeton, MA. This documental, historical, genealogical, record room is well under development, although the room is very much in need of additional funds to finish its modification. (See NOTE at the end of this article).

Located within the town of Templeton is the *Hadley Museum Room* and the Pine Grove Cemetery where many Hadleys are buried. It is in this cemetery where an 8 foot, four sided, granite obelisk has been erected. This obelisk records the names and dates of 13 generations of one branch of Hadleys who starting with our patriarch George. Two sides of this obelisk remain blank waiting for many more names to be added as the need arises. This obelisk now marks the burial location for some of the Hadleys. Adjacent to this obelisk is 20 unused burial plots that could use the casket method of burial or about twice that number of plots for cremation urns. This entire area is owned by the Hadley family and is under perpetual care. Only 4 of the cremation plots are now reserved out of the approximately 40 potential cremation locations. It is in this Hadley plot where we are proposing a cenotaph tomb be constructed. Its cost, size, shape and other geometric concerns would be your decision.

Please share your thoughts about the creation of this cenotaph tomb by sending your comments to the *Hadley Newsletter*, c/o Jim Hadley at Jim@HadleyGenealogy.net

NOTE: We also would encourage you to financially support the developing *Hadley Room* by sending your tax deductible gifts to: Ms. Debra Caisse, Treasurer, Narragansett Historical Society, PO Box 354, Templeton, MA 01468

Hadleys Men and their Prostate Issues:

This article is addressed not only to the **Hadley** men, but their wives and families as well. The prostate for the Hadley men has been a very serious problem and we suspect there may be an inherent genetic weakness in our Hadley DNA. **The Hadley men are at a high risk for developing prostate cancer.** It is also the second leading cause of cancer deaths in the US.



We know at least a dozen Hadley men that have died from complications associated with prostate cancer. We also know of several Hadley men who are currently dealing with prostate issues, including several who have recently undergone prostate surgery. This is an issue that effects not only the Hadley men but their entire families as well. We also have observed the Hadley men tend to act in a stoic manor and do not bother, after the age of **40**, to have a PSA (*Prostate Specific Antigen*) test for prostate cancer as they should. Even though the PSA test is not 100% reliable, and sometimes the PSA test results in a false positive indication, still many medical professionals believe it is one of the very best early indicators that a potential problem may exist. If prostate cancer is found early and treated, we understand there is a very high success rate in preventing further complications and potentially saving lives.

One of the problems with cancer of the prostate is that it can exist without giving any symptom until it is advanced and/or too late. At the very least, **ALL** middle age Hadley men should be tested for prostate cancer. They owe it to themselves as well as their loved ones. Hadley ladies, we encourage you to assist the Hadley men by encouraging them to be tested for prostate cancer which, if detected early, could likely save their life.

Your Hadley History Room:

“If your family does not want your stuff now, they surely will not want it when you are dead.” Rather blunt talk from an unknown genealogist. But it rings true. So what do we do?

May we suggest you think about donating your important records/documents to the **Hadley Room**, which is now part of the Narragansett Historical Society, Templeton, MA? This historical society is a vibrant organization with over 400 members, and some have been donating their time by physically renovating the room and otherwise making it accessible for our records – and most of these people have no connection to the Hadleys. We, as Hadley, must do more to bring our Hadley room into reality. Even though we have raised over \$6000, we still need about \$4000 more to complete the electrical, heating/AC, insulation, sheetrock, flooring and finishing work.

The *Hadley Room* will be pleased to accept your **HADLEY** records that are of historical/genealogical interests to those that follow you. The *Hadley Room* is unable to accept photographs that do not have most, if not all, those in the photograph identified on the back. We suggest the use of a soft pencil and not ink to record the names since, over time, ink tends to bleed through the photograph. It would be helpful if a date and location is also indicated. Please do not use names such as “Aunt Sue, or baby Jane.” If you do not know those in the picture, the *Hadley Room*, for sure, will not know who the folks are either. You may find the following attachment of interest: [*Hadley Room Guidelines*](#)

The *Hadley Room* is now having installed an environmental controlled atmosphere system. In addition, we will need drawer(s) in a file cabinet to store your data. So, please do not forget to include enough money to purchase at least the drawer(s) of a used file cabinet. (We find the purchase of each drawer costs about \$25.) We currently have adequate shelving for books.

Your files can be sent to **Mary (Hadley) Grimes, Hadley Room Archivist, c/o Narragansett Historical Society, PO Box 354 Templeton, MA. 01468.** Your tax deductible donations for the Hadley Room should be sent to: Ms. Debra Caisse, Treasurer, Narragansett Historical Society, PO Box 354, Templeton, MA 01468. Make sure to indicate on your check that your donation is for the **Hadley Room.**

Hadley/Withers Connection:

In 1851, **Samuel** and **Amelia Hadley** spent 4 ½ months traveling the Oregon Trail and ultimately ended up in Oregon City, outside Portland in August of that year. In 1853 **Peter Withers** and his wife **Effie** made a similar journey. The paths of these two families became connected in the Summer Lake Valley, OR, with the marriage of **Melvina “Dolly” Hadley** and **John A. Withers**, children of the two families.

Down through the years, the families stayed connected and a large collection of old photographs and records pertaining to the Hadley and Wither families were passed along to **Dolly and John’s son, Chester L Withers**, who passed them along to his daughter **Mary Francis Withers**. **Mary** passed away in 2000 and her husband of 50 years, **Loren C. Harrison**, scanned the collection before his death in 2007. Loren’s son, **Alan C Harrison**, great grandson of **Melvina Hadley** and **John Withers**, has recently been sharing the collection with the *Hadley Newsletter*.

Starting next month, the readers of the *Hadley Newsletters* will be treated to a series of four sequential articles about the **Hadleys** and their journey on the Oregon Trail. Additional articles will then follow about others connected to these folks. Today there are many that can trace their lineage to the Hadley/Withers pioneers. The *Hadley Newsletters* owe a great debt of appreciation to **Loren C. Harrison** and his son **Alan** for the records and photographs made available. In addition, appreciation of other files and data connected to our Oregon Hadley families are being made available by **Diana Lynn Hadley**, also a direct relative to the early Hadley/Withers.

In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one class of citizens to give to another.” ~ Voltaire

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