

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Our **NEW** Genealogy Room:

Our delightful new private Genealogy Room is just about finished and ready for you to visit and to use the facility. It is located in the Reformed Church of Port Ewen, 160 Salem Street, Port Ewen, NY. The room can most likely be made available almost anytime, with the exception of Sunday morning. Because of the valuable documents, the room is kept locked. You can gain access to the room by calling Jim Hadley (845) 339-5363 or email: jags@hvc.rr.com.

Apart from the book cases and desk that you can see in the picture, the room also has five file cabinets of which about 2/3 are filled with Hadley family research files. These files have been donated by the families of Brad Hadley, Jon Hadley, Michael (Hadley) Kelly, A. M. Hadley, Kingston Hadley, and Jim Hadley.

In addition, there is a large 55" LCD TV screen, a large white board, a closet, and a work table with chairs. The room is centrally heated and air conditioning.

All the books and files you see are directly related or relevant to the Hadley family. **The room is also now accepting donated Hadley research files compiled by others.**



Hadley Occupation:

From time-to time, the *Hadley Newsletter* will be sharing with you interesting aspects of a Hadley individual's life.

Earl Richard Hadley (1889-1919)

<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf9039.html> died at the age of twenty-nine in his home state of Illinois. His obituary lists him as a chauffeur.

He likely had a collegiate educational background, judging from his occupation as a chauffeur. When the US entered WW1, there were many vehicles that needed to be driven, such as supply trucks, ambulances and troop transporters. At that time, there were not a lot of men who knew how to drive. Many of those who did know how to drive had a college degree. Those who had college in the background likely came from families that could afford to send their sons to college. Many of those families also had the resources to purchase an automobile.

When drivers were needed in the military, the government realized many of those with a driver's license had a college degree. They assumed a college degree was likely necessary to acquire driving skills and thus assigned the college graduate recruits to driving activities. When the war ended and a young man possessed a driving license, it was considered prestigious employment to be a chauffeur.

Submission Invitation:

The Hadley Newsletter exists for you. If there is a meaningful, important or tragic event in your life, many readers of the *Hadley Newsletter* would like to know about it. Please let the *Hadley Newsletter* know of that event. We would like to publish that news in a future newsletter issue. Since all *Hadley Newsletters* are now on file in the US Library of Congress, you, the author of an article, will be chronicled with that library. Copies of the Newsletters are also available for your pursual in our new *Genealogy Room*.

In addition, if you have a Hadley family relative who had an interesting life or activity, we encourage you to write a one-page biographical profile of that person. The *Hadley Newsletter* would like to publish that article, while giving you the credit as it author. The newsletter will even assist you with its writing and help with the structuring of it content, if you wish. Write to Jags@hvc.rr.com about your thoughts or call Jim Hadley at (845) 339-5363 EST to discuss your ideas.

"It is terrible to contemplate how few politicians are hanged." – *The Cleveland Press*, March 1, 1921
G K Chesterton

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