

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Hadleys: Both Patriots & Loyalists during the Revolution:



A Patriot was an individual who supported the cause of independence during the American Revolution (19 Apr 1775 - 03 Sept 1783, although these dates given above are generally considered to be the defining dates). A Loyalists, also known as an "American Tory," was an individual who supported the belief and actions of British crown in maintaining the American Colonies as its property. This revolution was thought, by US President-to-be John Adams, to



be consisting of 1/3 colonial people who were in opposition to a war, 1/3 who favored the war, and 1/3 who initially wanted to ignore the war, hoping it would go away.

As with all wars, there were many and different acts and conditions that lead to the conflict between the British crown and the American Colonies. If Britain had not imposed heavy taxes upon the Colonists without their input, the United States might still have a political connection to England and conceivably a war would never have happened.

Joseph Hadley (ca.1757-1832) <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf731.html> was born in Yonkers, Westchester, New York, and was a Patriot who fought in the Revolution. His military records indicate he was with Gen. Washington a Valley Forge, PA., and was a witness to the surrender of the British Gen. Burgoyne at Yorktown, VA. Joseph's son **William Hadley** (ca.1786 - ca.1861) <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf7963.html> was born in NY and married **Hannah Orser**, the daughter of **Solomon Orser**, <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf7987.html>. Solomon was a staunch Loyalist who move to Canada; as did both his daughter Hannah and husband **William Hadley**.

It is thought as many as 50,000 Loyalists were living in the colonies at the onset or during the Revolution, and subsequently moved to Canada. Some of these Loyalists abandoned their property in the colonies, while in other cases, their land was confiscated by Colonists without giving any compensation for their newly "acquired" land. Many of the Loyalists were living in or near the Atlantic coast, and it is not surprising their uprooted move took them to Nova Scotia or New Brunswick and some to Ontario and Quebec. In addition, some went/returned to England. However, Quebec was a region strongly controlled by France, which at the time of the Revolution, was at war with England. And for the most part the French Canadian Province of Quebec was not all that eager to assist the English Loyalists by giving them a new homestead in their French territory.

It is estimated it took about 40 years after the war ended for the major hostilities between the Loyalists and Colonists to subside.

If you are interested is seeing what the current *United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada* is all about, we direct your attention to their website: <http://www.uelac.org/>

Were there any Hadley Loyalists?

The definition of a Loyalists for this article, will refer to those who supported England during the American Revolution. A Loyalist, as defined by the UELAC (United Empire Loyalists' Association of Canada) <http://www.uelac.org/> is as follows: "*The United Empire Loyalists were generally those who had been settled in the thirteen colonies at the outbreak of the American Revolution, who remained loyal to and took up the Royal Standard, and who settled in what is now Canada at the end of the war*"

As referenced above, during the latter part of the 18th century it is estimated there were 50,000 Loyalists. For a list of proven Loyalists <http://www.uelac.org/Loyalist-Info/Loyalist-Info.php> we were unable find any Hadleys. However, we are certain there were Hadley Loyalists, but need to document their existence. We may find, after our research, there were Loyalist women who married Hadley men who then became Loyalists through their marriage.

If you know of a Hadley Loyalists, would you kindly let the *Hadley Newsletter* know of your documented finding(s)?

Perhaps the first Hadley Genealogy Book 1887:

and Rebecca Page of Hudson, NH together with some accounts of George Hadley of Ipswich, MA and his descendant". A very long title for this 1887 book that is now available to us on the internet. We thank **Amanda Hadley** for making this known to us. Please see: <https://archive.org/stream/genealogicalreco00hadl#page/n6/mode/1up>

Hadley Graduation:

Congratulations to **Leah (Clarke) Hadley** on her **MSW** (Master of Social Work) graduate degree from California State University, Fullerton on May 18, 2018; Leah completed her undergraduate degree in 1993. She married **Keith Hadley** and together they are raising their three children, ages 12, 14, 16. Leah said "*for the past three years it has been rewarding and challenging being a full-time mother and a full-time student at the same time.*"

Meet The Hon. Henry G. Hadley: (1815-1906):

Please see the attachment: Meet **Henry G Hadley**.

In general, the art of government consists of taking as much money as possible from one party of the citizens to give to others... ~Voltaire (1764)

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