

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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Harry G Hadley: 1875-1936

As we prowl through the archives of our Hadley family, we often uncover aspects about our ancestors that are not well known – or forgotten. Some of their stories are heart-warming while other are heart-wrenching. The story of our Harry Hadley <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf2934.html>, who was married to Delia Colliss Fales, yields no record of any children born into this family. The US Census of 1920 lists him as married, while the 1930 US Census lists him as divorced.

Harry suffered the loss of both his hands in a saw mill accident during the year 1900. They were completely severed by a circular saw. As one might expect, his life was greatly altered after his accident, although he and his brother Fred continued to run their saw mill. After his accident, he learned to write checks and sign his name by using his elbows. Eating was done in a similar way when the kind of food he was served allowed that function. Buttons were a challenge, so he often used suspenders for trousers and pull-overs for upper garments.

On Oct.19, 1936 he lost his life at the saw mill when his clothing was caught in a belt while, with one elbow, he was adjusting a pulley. He was buried on 22 Oct 1936 at the Hillside Cemetery, Weare, NH.



Samuel Hadley: (ca 1652-1745)

“The names of all those psons of Eamsbery who took y^e oath of Allegiance & Fidelity before Major Robert Pike y^e 20th day of Decem-ber, 1677.”

We have found in the “*Old Norfolk County of Allegiances, &c.*” a listing for our Samuel, <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf1170.html>, the son of our patriarch George Hadley, as having taking an oath during the uncertain times between 1674 and 1677. In this oath, Samuel’s name is listed as “*Sam Hadley*”.

As you may surmise, the **Oath of Allegiance and Fidelity** was to the then King of England, Charles Stuart. During the tumultuous years in the later part of the 1700 century, the English Crown was far from a secure position. Beheadings were still taking place and it is likely the American Colonists, including our relative Sam, did not feel totally secure had he not taken the oath. For those who refused

to take "The Oath," and there were very few men who refused, would likely find themselves, at best, unwanted in their local community.

Samuel was a member of the church in the West Parish of Amesbury, Mass. And he may have moved to Buxton, ME or that area which was then still part of Massachusetts. He was given a grant of land for military service in what became Buxton, Maine, and there is a record of a Samuel Hadley, age about 80, in the York, Maine county court records. One source says he died in 1726 in "Amesbuarnar", (Amesbury), NH. The location of his home, which he had sold to Capt. Francis Davis, was in the northwesterly corner of Amesbury near the point of intersection of the town lines of Amesbury and Haverhill in MA and Plaistow and Newton in NH. He was a weaver, a "tything" (tithing) man in 1702, a member of the church in west parish in 1726, and in its "training band."

He was one of the training band of Amesbury in 1680 and a soldier in the Narragansett War under Capt. Frank Davis. He was Baptized in Salisbury, MA in 1657.

In the History of Goffstown, NH, it states he had 11 children and only 2 came to Goffstown, NH. The following deed is from the Massachusetts Essex County Deeds ,Vol 70,Pg 108:

"Samuel Hadley of Almsbury..in New England House carpenter..sum of twelve ponds and ten shillings..paid by John Harvey of Almsbury,Housecarpenter..do give,grant..unto him John Harvey..a half share of one complete and full half share in a ownership granted to me in partnership with others by the general court of province for consideration of my being a soldier in his Majesties service in the Narragausette War whenever the lands should be situate or however bounded. As Witnessed my hand and seal this 13 day November 1734. Samuel Hadley.

In presents of Wm.Moutton,John Stevens.

Essex,Almesbury,July the 9th,1735,Appeared the written named Sam'L Hadly and owned his hand and seal and the writtings written to be his Land Deed before me. O.Bagley,Justice of the peace."
Recorded Oct 1,1735.

This Newsletter is a way for you to communicate with other Hadleys.

If you have a topic of concern or interest you feel others would find of value, you are not only free, but encouraged, to share that information or story with us. Simply send a brief email or place a phone call to the *Hadley Newsletter* (communication avenues below). We are sure some may be having a difficult time dealing with the Covid-19. Perhaps a member of the greater Hadley family could be of help, if we knew about their needs. Please communicate with us and let us know.

"No man knows how bad he is till he has tried very hard to be good." – C. S. Lewis

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