

# HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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## Meet Lewis Foster Hadley: 1829-1914:

Lewis Foster Hadley was the first child born to Lewis Hadley and Julia Foster on 06 July 1829 in South Danvers, Massachusetts. His mother died in December of that year. His dad married again in April of 1830 to Elizabeth Robinson, and for all practical purposes, became his mother. This family then moved to Michigan to take up farming. They proceeded to have six additional children in the space of 11 years, although one of his siblings died in 1832, about the age of 15 months.



Lewis had an uneventful, though spiritual, upbringing and at the age of 23 married Sarah Tucker; they proceeded to have seven children. At about the age of 33, he was drafted into the Union Army during the US Civil War. He petitioned to be excused from military service on the basis of “not liking guns.” He was thereby excused from active warfare; it was determined, however, he would be more useful utilizing his understanding of topography. While serving in Gen. Sherman’s Army 1863-64, he acted as a draftsman, where he was presented with plans for military maneuvers and for which he constructed the supporting maps.

At the end of the war, he deserted his wife and children when his oldest son, Royal, was a lad of fourteen or fifteen. Royal then assumed much of the roll of “the man of the house” until Sarah Tucker divorced Lewis and then remarried.

Lewis had gone west to Indian territory as a missionary, representing the Quaker Church. In this role he taught the Indians sign language, while for many years his family heard nothing from him.

Years after his wife had died and his children had grown, Lewis’s son, George, located him and sent him \$50 with which he used to return to Michigan. Lewis Foster Hadley had long since been dismissed from the Quaker Church and its employment because he took sides in a controversy between two Indian tribes. (*The Quakers take no part in wars*). The Indians adopted him into a tribe and gave him an Indian name.

He wrote reports for the US government about his work in teaching sign language. One of his books is now in the Smithsonian Institute and another at the Congressional Library <https://www.loc.gov/books/?q=Lewis+Hadley>. where all 560 pages of his book can be read.

Lewis is said to have had a brilliant mind, although for the most part, was self-educated. He was the first person to know short-hand in Manistee County, Michigan and later served as a court stenographer. He claimed he was the inventor of the Burroughs Adding Machine and maintained his patent for that machine was stolen from him. It is also said he invented the Lambs Knitting Machine.

He settled at Bear Lake, Michigan about 1866 and homesteaded on the old Berdan Farm.

Lewis died in 1914 at the age of 85 and is buried in the Bear Lake Cemetery, Bear Lake, Michigan.

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## Hadley Chauffeurs:

Our article in the Jan 2021 Hadley Newsletter referenced [Earl Richard Hadley](#) serving as a chauffeur after WW1, which was considered to be a privileged employment. We since have received notification that two other Hadleys, as well, had that similar honor. [Willard B Hadley](#) (1901-1972) was another Hadley who acquired a chauffeur's license. After Willard graduated from a special automotive school in Detroit, Michigan, he obtained a position for a wealthy lady ca 1925, as her personal chauffer, driving her Harmon car similar to the one pictured here. Unfortunately, the details of that employment are now lost to history.



The Oct 2020 Hadley Newsletter featured an article on [Everest W. Hadley: "EW"](#) (1856-1933). EW was a college graduate and became a wealthy railroad executive who spent the later part of his life in California. He had lived in Newport Beach where he owned a machine shop. He then built a 41-room home in Santa Barbara. In his home garage, he built a turn-table for his car so that he would not have to back out. In 1909 he owned an automobile and also acquired a chauffeur's license. He was an inventor with a keen interest in mechanics and was deeply interested in cars. Even though he could afford a chauffeur, there is no record he ever hired one, since he preferred to drive his own car(s). He even built and raced his own racing cars.

Did he need a chauffeur's license? Probably not, but having such a license was something to be expected from this hard-working and talented Hadley.



*Typical Chauffeur's Badge*

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"All religions, art and science are branches of the same tree". *Albert Einstein*

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