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Meet Florence Ardella (Grant) MacPhee: (1935-2017)

(Florence)Ardella, daughter of James William Roy Grant and Lydia Lois (MacPherson) Grant, is descended from Sir. Archibald Lewis Grant and Margaret (McPherson) Grant.



Her great grandparents were James John Grant and Eleanor (Hadley) Grant. Eleanor is descended from George Hadley and Elizabeth (Spooner) Hadley who we believe were from Frostenden, Suffolk, England, in the 1500'

Raised in St. Francis Harbour, Guysborough County, Nova Scotia, Ardella, as a teenager, worked briefly at Westinghouse in Ontario.

When she returned to Nova Scotia, she was employed by the Federal Government at the Naval Base, H.M.C.S. Stadacona, where she met her future husband, Bob MacPhee. They were married in 1957 and raised three children; Barry, Lois and Bruce. Because Bob was in the Canadian Navy, they moved numerous times during the next twenty-five years.

In 1979, the family relocated to New Glasgow, Nova Scotia. Ardella was employed with Fraser and Hoyt Insurance for over fifteen years until she retired in 1998.

In July, 2008, Bob and Ardella, had the good fortune of meeting many of Ardella's extended American Hadley Family at the Bar Harbour Hadley Reunion. They were truly grateful to attend this reunion.

In later years, although her health deteriorated, her keenness for researching her genealogical family history and connections with to the Hadleys continued. Most of the Hadley connections stemmed from Joseph Hadley who was born in Gloucester, Massachusetts in 1724. Joseph was a fisherman, plying his trade out of Mount Desert Island, Massachusetts. We identify Mount Desert Island as part of Massachusetts, since it did not become the independent state of Maine until March 1820, when it broke away from Massachusetts.

The fishing exploits of Joseph often took him into the waters surrounding Nova Scotia, Canada, where there was often better fishing. Joseph eventually ended up settling in the northern part of Nova Scotia and established a settlement that now bears his name – "Hadleyville." This is also where he is buried. Ardella has a direct lineage to Joseph Hadley and by extension to our Patriarch George Hadley

We wish to thank Bob MacPhee, the husband of Ardella, for much of the information in the article above, and for contributing her genealogical files to the [Hadley Genealogy Room](#) at the Reformed Church of American. Port Ewen, NY

Meet William Hadley: (bef. 1786-aft 1861)



By his neighbors and family, William was thought to be a “turn coat” and some even classified him as a traitor. *Oh, we see what love will do to some men.* Before we delve into William, it might be helpful to provide a bit of background on our Hadley Family in “The New World.” Our Patriarch George Hadley (ca 1619-1686), came to the North American shore about 1628. He was a weaver by trade and raised a rather large family of about seven children. We know a good deal about two of his sons, Samuel (ca 1652-1745) and Joseph (1653-1694).

The descendants of Samuel initially stayed around Massachusetts, New Hampshire and what was to become the state of Maine, while some later generations eventually worked their way up into Canada.

Joseph Hadley <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf679.html> left his home in Ipswich, Massachusetts about ca.1680 and moved to New York State; he settled in Yonkers, then a small settlement adjacent to what would become New York City. Joseph’s descendants spent several generations in the Yonkers area, but gradually started to migrate north along the shores of the Hudson River. However, some eventually moved to the southern part of what would become the United States. For the most part, these southern Hadleys became successful planters and some even owned slaves.

The focus of this article is on William Hadley <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf7958.html>, born into the line of our Patriarch George, William’s great-grandfather. Joseph married Hannah Orser, a daughter of Solomon Orser, and Mary Robins. Solomon was an avid and staunch Loyalists with supporter of the British Crown and its continued control of much of North America. Just before the onset of the American Revolution, Solomon moved his family, including his daughter Hannah, to Canada. Our William Hadley, being smitten with Hannah, moved to Canada with his new wife, (Hannah). It was in Canada where William and Hannah proceeded to raise their family, which consisted of five children.

It was also in Canada where William Hadley signed an oath of loyalty to the Britain Crown on 10 Sept 1833. In this oath he is listed as being a Yeoman. (Being a “[Yeoman](#)” in 1833 was more of a way of saying he owned a parcel of land, but did not have the elite meaning it had several hundred years before.)

William spent the rest of his life in Canada; he remarried in 1835 after the death of Hannah in 1831. William is buried adjacent to Hannah on Wolfe Island near Kingston, Ontario, Canada.

John D. Rockefeller was one of the wealthiest men who ever lived. After he died, someone asked his accountant, “How much money did John D. leave?” His reply, “He left...*all* of it.”

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