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Hadleys Following Their Dream on the Oregon Trail: (Part four is the last part of this story about Amelia and Samuel Hadley and their life in Oregon)

Note: The previous three segments can be found by visiting the Hadley Family News page: <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/hadley-news.htm> and selecting Jan through Mar 2018 Hadley Newsletter postings.

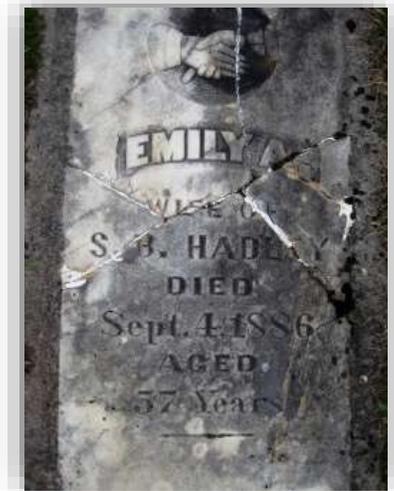
Amelia and Samuel, upon reaching Oregon on Sat., 23 Aug 1851, spent a few months in Portland before following fellow travelers, Aaron and Sarah Rose and Dr. James and Louisa Cole south to the Umpqua Valley. Aaron Rose is the founder of the town of Roseburg, the Douglas County seat. A region in the Umpqua Valley is named for the Coles – Coles Valley. Amelia and Samuel settled south of Roseburg and east of Coles Valley near Myrtle Creek, Oregon, taking possession of the [Donation Land Claim](#) on 01 Dec. 1851.

Accounts vary as to whether they moved from Portland at that time or in the fall of 1852. It seems as soon as Amelia and Samuel arrived in Oregon, they preceded to have children about every two years. About 1865, the Hadley family moved to Myrtle in the Umpqua Valley, Oregon where their children were born. It was in this area where Amelia and Samuel spent their working lives. Their first child, Albert Horatio (1852-1879) was born in Douglas County Oregon in Dec 1852 as was the birth location of Margaret Louisa (1854-1902), and Samuel Gibson (1856-1954). Twins Melvina “Dolly” Frances (1858-1941) & Melville Francis (1858-1940), John Timothy (1860-1876), Kitty “Kate” Emeline (1862-1940), and Henry Marshall (1866-1946) were born near Yreka, Siskiyou, California where Samuel ran a store. In addition, about 1865, Amelia and Samuel “adopted” a five year old Siskiyou Indian boy who was from the Karuk Indian Tribe. It seems as if the boys’ mother was blind and unable to care for him. The family named him **Joe Bowers** (1860-1885). No official adoption papers have been found, so there may not have been an actual official adoption. However, Joe was much loved and nurtured by the Hadleys. and was considered a full member of the Hadley family. In fact, Joe is buried in the Paisley IOOF Cemetery Hadley plot, Paisley Lake, Paisley, Oregon. Joe, along with Albert, Melville Samuel, and Henry, rode the range and were considered expert horse wranglers.

After returning to Douglas County, Oregon, the family moved to the Summer Lake Valley, Lake Oregon just outside Paisley, Lake, Oregon. Samuel had a large horse ranch which reportedly had as many as 400 horses at one time. Dolly and Kitty were the first two “official” brides in Lake County, Oregon, marrying into neighboring ranching families. They maintained close ties with Samuel’s brother Henry, in Eugene, Lane Oregon and family and friends in Douglas County.

Amelia was a talented lady. She played an accordion which was both a joy and comfort to her family during their 4 ½ month trek on the Oregon Trail. She was also a talented homemaker, a devoted Christian and part of the Methodist Episcopal Church. She died on 04 Sept 1886 while visiting her daughter in Portland, Oregon and is buried in the IOOF Cemetery Myrtle Creek, Douglas, Oregon. Oregon

Postscript: Both Amelia and Samuel Hadley departed for the Oregon Territory between 20 -25 July, 1851 and did indeed file for free land as can be documented by the records of the *Donation Land* claims. In addition, Hon. Henry G Hadley, an older brother to Samuel, departed for the Oregon Territory between 17-20 Aug.1851.



Robert, a younger brother to Samuel, arrived in Oregon between 1851 and 1852 and it appears he traveled as part of a later wagon train to Oregon. Both Henry and Robert lived in the Eugene, Lane, Oregon area. Henry lived in a settlement west of Eugene called **Hadleyville**. Research suggests a Clarence Hadley and his siblings founded this settlement in the early 1820's. (For those interested in seeing the 32 different town named Hadley, please see the attachment: *Hadley-Towns & Villages*). We would like to thank **Diana Lynn Hadley** ddsodyssey@yahoo.com, the great great granddaughter of Amelia for providing some of the background data for this series of articles about Amelia (Hammond) Hadley, plus the Hadley family that is associated with Amelia and the Oregon Trail.

Hadley History in the Making:



To some extent, we are all family historians, and genealogy is but one way to uncover and record the roots of our Hadley family members who have gone before us.

Many attempt to organize their own family history in a format that will be understood by future generations. We keep records in many different ways and in many different places. Some use a family bible to record BMD (Birth, Marriage, Death) dates. Others create a written narrative about the lives of our ancestors, while others have found the use of DNA, an important tool in uncovering our roots. Some have old photographs tucked away in a shoe box that may be partially hidden on the top shelf of a closet. The tragedy of the shoe box collection is that many of those old photographs of people have no name associated with them. It is highly likely most, if not all, of those individuals in the photographs are somehow related to us. We urge you, at your next family gathering, to make the time to ask other family member to carefully root through your shoe box in an attempt to identify the individuals. We suggest you use a **soft pencil** to write on the back of each picture, when possible, by recording the names of those that can be identified and when and where the photograph was taken. If your photographs are in an album, writing names underneath the picture may be a good option.

We hope you will consider placing whatever old Hadley records and **identified** photographs in the *Hadley Room* located at the Narragansett Historical Society, Templeton MA. **Mary (Hadley) Grimes**, the *Hadley Room Archivist*, can be reached at 39 Wellington Road, Templeton, MA 01468, maryegrimes@comcast.net or (978) 652-5115. In addition, other Hadley questions can be answered by **Jim Hadley** Jim@HadleyGenealogy.net or (845) 339-5363. Please remember there is still a strong need for your financial support to complete the restoration and equip the *Hadley Room*. Your tax deductible gifts can be sent to Ms. Debra Caisse, Treasurer, c/o Narragansett Historical Society, PO Box 354, Templeton, MA 01468. Please mark on your check that your gift is for the *Hadley Room*.

Your organized records are likely to require a drawer or two in a file cabinet for which the cost of that cabinet must be covered by someone - and hopefully that someone will be you.

You may also wish to plan a summer weekend visit to the Narragansett Historical Society, Templeton, MA. The Museum is located directly across the road from the Town Common which is located on Rt. 2A.

I contend that for a nation to try to tax itself into prosperity is like a man standing in a bucket and trying to lift himself up by the handle... ~ Winston Churchill

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