

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Canadian Roots:

I suspect many may not know the Hadleys have extremely strong roots in Canada. Below is the photograph of one of the Canadian patriots who had 13 children and lived in several different provinces during the course of his life. His grandfather, William Hadley (1785-1861) was born in New York. William and his wife, Hannah Orser (1796-1833) were both *United Empire Loyalist* and moved to Wolfe Island near Kingston, Ontario where they received 200 acres of free land just after the American Revolution. They raised a family in Ontario and are both buried there as well. For those interested in looking at his genealogical line, see website <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/gp7972.html>

Solomon Orser Hadley 1843-1927



The father of William was Joseph Hadley (1757-1832) who was active in the American Revolution. Joseph was with General George Washington at Valley Forge. Joseph also witnessed the surrender of General John Burgoyne to Horatio Gates at the battle of Saratoga, NY.

It has been reported that Solomon Orser (abt. 1761-1833), the father of Hannah, was also an acknowledged *United Empire Loyalists*, and a supporter of the English

cause during the American Revolution. It is thought his daughter Hannah may have had a strong influence on William Hadley and helped him make the decision to move to Canada. (*Alas, it seems that a woman, once again, may have had an influence on a Hadley man!*)

We can only conjecture about the possible strife that existed between William and his family when he made known his plans to move to Canada and at the same time expressed his loyalty to England. This was done knowing his grandfather, for whom he was named, along with his great uncles, had put their lives in harm's way and fought for the right to be free of English rule during the American Revolution.

Hadlington: Township of Monmouth, County of Haliburton, Province of Ontario

Joseph Hadley (1845-1935) a grandson of the William Hadley (1785-1861) established the town of Hadlington, Canada. The following is from the book "*A JOURNEY THROUGH GLAMORGAN'S PAST*" by Elva V. Bates © 2007 ISBN978-0-973

Hadlington was named after the first settler, Mr. Joseph Hadley, who owned and operated a store, ran a sawmill and was Postmaster. This busy man also had a farm. Before Mr. Hadley left this little hamlet there were approximately 30 families living in the area. At one time 25 children attended school and this building served many functions – Church and Sunday School, with the late Canon Battersby officiating. (Canon Battersby was Mrs. Sylvia Cameron's father) Also Rev. Beck helped out. Dances were also very popular in the schoolhouse. The building still stands and is privately owned.

In the early 1900's a number of saw-mills were operating and these were owned by Keaco, Braden, Gillospie, Stewart, Wilson, Richardson, McGregor, McLean, Herlihey and Hadley. A Metal, Siding and Shingle Company also operated at this time. During the Depression years, many of the mills closed.

Means of transportation to Tory Hill was by horse and snowshoes. A long way from today with the road ploughed and graded.

Settlers in the Hadlington were names such as Hadley, Johnson, Kelly, Klyzal, Spaffora, Jones, Flentons, LaPlante, Marshall, Forbes, Burdick, Perry, Tripp, Nankivel, Post, Burnett, Bagen, Bowlen, Woods and Adison. Some of these families had as many as fifteen children. Births took place in the homes as there were no hospitals.

You may recall a brief article in our Nov 2009 newsletter which listed 14 different towns in the US and Canada by the name of Hadley or Hadleyville. We think it appropriate to list **Hadlington** as the 15th town.

We Made the Press:

Janice (Hadley) Baber, Anchorage, Alaska, wf5f@aol.com has informed us the *Lyndeborough Views*, <http://www.town.lyndeborough.nh.us/> an area newspaper in Lyndeborough, NH has an article and picture on page 14 of those who visited the Joshua Hadley Homestead as part of the Hadley Reunion in July 2010.

July 15 & 16, 2011 HADLEY Reunion Update:

We are receiving some wonderful suggestions and responses for workshop development at our pending reunion. Mona Podgurski, Canton, MA monap@aol.com has agreed to develop a workshop “*Following the Colonial Hadley Women*” and Paul Hadley, Lincoln, NE hadleyfam@windstream.net is planning to give us a presentation on “*Civil War soldiers muskets and dress.*”

We are seeking additional volunteers to develop and lead a 20-30 minute workshop at the reunion. Possible workshop topics that still could be developed are: **a.** *Colonial Foods*; **b.** *Colonial Trades & Occupations*; **c.** *Slavery in Colonial Times*; **d.** *Colonial Children (life, school, games and toys)* **e.** *Colonial tools and clothing*; **f.** *Religion in the Colonies pre 1775*; **g.** *Life as a Loyalists before, during and after the Revolution.* It is envisioned all of the topics will have a Hadley connection.

NOTE: Please feel free to forward this Newsletter to family and friends you think might find it of interest.

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