

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Hadley Library:

The Hadley family now has their own library located in the Reformed Church, 160 Salem St. Port Ewen NY. This library can be opened for public inspection and use during traditional day hours except on Sunday between 10:00 -12:00PM. To schedule a library visit, please call Jim Hadley at (845) 339-5363.

The library is blessed to have an extensive genealogy collection with research data related to thousands of Hadleys stemming from the line of our George Hadley (ca. 1612- 1686).

The library is also fortunate to now have 17 different published books that have either been written by or about a Hadley, plus many different Hadley related pamphlets and articles.



The library is looking to expand its collection of both Hadley and related Hadley genealogy books. We are grateful to **Linda Hadley Anderson** for her recent donation of the book *God's Purple Elephant. A Journey of Man's Hope in God*, written by her late brother **Harry E Hadley** (1949-2013) and edited by his son **Anthony J Hadley**. In addition, **Anita D. Hadley** has donated her current book *Aerial Views along the Hudson River*.

The Hadley library is aware there are other published Hadley books that it does not have. Those books would make a valuable addition to our library and we would be most appreciative for a donated copy of those Hadley books. (We have an anonymous Hadley benefactor who is willing to consider purchasing, if necessary, other Hadley books.)

Currently the library houses about 125 different genealogy related books. Many of those books have been developed and published by various towns, where some of our Hadleys once lived, and which contain significant Hadley related data. In addition, this Hadley library houses 80 genealogical loose-leaf binders which contain extensive research on our Hadley family ancestors. Major supporting data and old photographs related to these Hadleys can be found in manila folders. These folders are housed in one of the 5, four-drawer file cabinets that are also part of the Hadley library. These file cabinets are now about 60 % full and are waiting to receive future Hadley data as it becomes available.



We have now started to offer free genealogy classes for members of the Port Ewen Reformed Church that has made this room available to us without charge. We are also exploring whether a need and interest exists to offer similar genealogy classes to the greater Port Ewen, NY area community.

Hadleys: Dimensions of our experiences

As some of the Hadleys search for their genealogical roots, many have likely overlooked issues that are beyond the hard science and statistical data of our forebearers. Some of the data they may wish to consider about their ancestors are:

1. What were the issues that may have been behind love that led to marriages of our ancestors?
2. What was the motivation behind those who "went off to war?"
3. Without the light pollution many encounter today, our ancestors likely had a much clearer view of the night sky. What were their dreams when they saw the milky way, the stars, and indeed our moon?
4. What emotions and skills might have had an impact upon their lives such as envy, jealousy, anger, talents, and how did they deal with those issues?

Many of those attributes would likely, to some extent, be influenced by the mores, time period and location in which they lived.

As we attempt to write a biographical profile of those who have gone before us, that profile would likely be more meaningful in helping us gain an insight into the nature of our relatives. You might know of some intimate or intrinsic incident in a Hadley member's life that you could record. That detail could add to our understanding of that family member which goes beyond the statistical dates of birth, marriage and death and help us to appreciate who they really were. Please share that data with us via this, your *Hadley Newsletter*, if you are so inclined.



****If you know someone who would like to be added to the *Hadley Newsletter* distribution list, please put "ADD" in the subject line and send their email address to Jim@HadleyGenealogy.net****

"The world is full of magical things patiently waiting for our wits to grow sharper". *Bertrand Russell*

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