

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

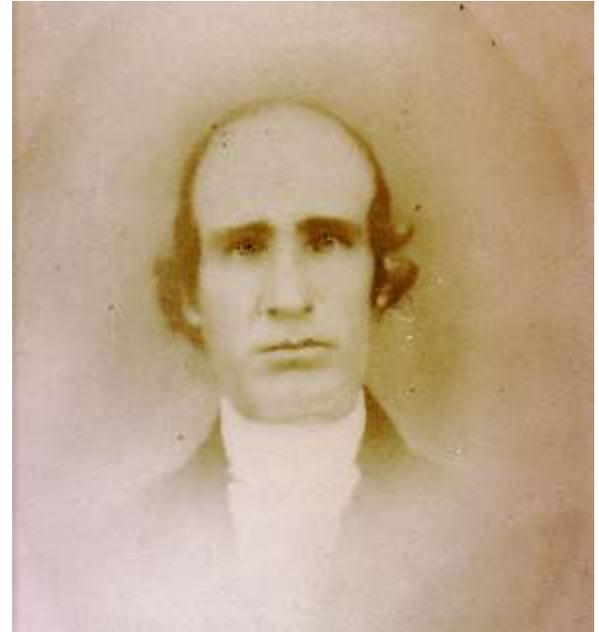
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Dr. Benjamin Franklin Hadley M.D. : (1807 – 1885)

Benjamin Hadley (Joshua Jr., Joshua, George, George, Samuel, George) grew up in a farming family. His homestead is still standing and is considered an historic home in the town of Lyndeborough, New Hampshire. Benjamin was the tenth of eleven children born to Joshua Hadley, Jr and Elizabeth (Giddings) Hadley. At an early age, Benjamin moved with his family to Jasper, Steuben, NY. Then, between 1850 and 1856, he moved to Ceres Township, McKean, PA., where he lived for only a couple of years. In 1858 we find him living in Weston Mills, Portville, and Cattaraugus, NY. He married Lydia Prentice in 1833 and they, following his mother and father's example, also had eleven children. One of their children, Henry Joshua Hadley (20 June 1839 - 08 July 1861) was a Corporal in the Union Army and was killed during the battle at Cross Keyes, VA, where he is also buried.

There is a wonderful recounting of Benjamin and some of his family, which has been provided to us by **Jon Hadley** jmihadley@comcast.net of Marietta, Georgia. Please see the following attachment: ***Benjamin Franklin Hadley***



Dr. Benjamin Franklin Hadley, M.D.

Meet Sister Mary Hadley: (1788-ca.1854)

Mary Hadley (Daniel, Joseph, Samuel, George) joined the religious community of what we know as the "Shakers." The official full name of this religious community is the *United Society of Believers in Christ's Second Appearing*. This is a religious sect founded in the 18th century in England and was a spin-off from the Quakers.



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This group first settled in Colonial America on the outskirts of New Lebanon, New York and soon added additional communities throughout the northeast U.S. They believed in the equality of both men and women, a simple communal life style, pacifism, and non-marriage for community members. Town people, where the various

communities were located, observing the ecstatic behavior during their Christian services, dubbed the group "Shaking Quakers," which soon became just "Shakers".

Since this religious sect did not believe in marriage, they relied upon conversions to add to the community growth, which at one time numbers about 6000 members. The process of gaining members was successful up until the later part of the 19th century when that practice of non- marriage fell out of favor with potential converts. From a peak of 12 different communities, today there is only one small community remaining, which is the *Sabbathday Lake Shaker Village* in Maine.

Our **Mary Hadley** joined the Canterbury, NH Shaker Village somewhere around 1820, where she lived for the rest of her life, dying in about 1854. She is buried in the cemetery on their community grounds <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=cr&CRid=2434488&CScn=Shaker&CScntry=4&CSst=32&CScty=1903&> .

The Shakers, for the most part, do not believe in placing burial markers with the name of the individual, so the exact burial location of Mary is unknown. In addition, as of the writing of this article, we have been unable to find the exact date of her death. We do believe the exact data of her death is likely to be recorded somewhere and will ultimately be found.

Mary was the 9th of 14 children born to **Daniel and Hannah (Ordway) Hadley** in Weare, Hillsborough, New Hampshire, where her family was involved in farming. Daniel had first been married to Mehitable Whittaker and had two children by that marriage. Upon the death of Mehitable, he married Hannah Ordway. Hannah died in 1798, and Daniel married for a third time, the widow Susanna Milbury. Daniel was a Revolutionary War soldier and a member of the Baptist Church in Weare, NH, where Mary and many of her brothers and sister received their initial religious training.

Mary was a pious and deeply religious person and was totally committed to the life-style of the Shaker community.

"Those who do well, like criticism; those who do not do well, resent it". Anonymous

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