

# HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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## How should we record a Hadley?

There is a movement in the United States to remove all implications of sex in our lexicon. We also understand some schools are now teaching their young students not to make reference to their female parent as mother, but rather to define that person as their “birthing parent.” In addition, we are now seeing some states listing three parents on a birth certificate and in at least one state, those three parents can all be male. [LISTING BY STATE.](#)



[One article on the subject may be of interest to you: [Three \(Parents\) Can Be A Crowd, But For Some It's A Family](#)

**Question:** How should the Hadleys record the three same sex parents into our family genealogy? Are we being asked to search for answers to questions that really do not even exist? Please send your recommendations of these procedures to the *Hadley Newsletter*. In a future newsletter, we will then publish a summary of the responses we receive.

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## Consanguinity with our Hadley family:

Perhaps we should start with a definition of **consanguinity**. The meaning of this word relates to descendants from the same ancestor. [from Latin *consanguinity* ‘of the same blood’ (from *con-* ‘together’ + *sanguis* ‘blood’)]

We feel consanguinity is what the Hadley genealogy is all about. This then often leads to an exploration of the history within and between members of our Hadley family as well. This pretty much sums up what the *Hadley Newsletters* try to accomplish and at the same time making them an interesting read.

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## Probable Genesis of our Hadley Name:

Our *Hadley Newsletter* has often been asked questions surrounding the origin of our surname. There are many towns and villages throughout the western world with the name of Hadley, or some variation of it. It is also likely most of the current towns with the name of Hadley, ultimately derived their name from an English settlement. And yes, it is likely the genesis of our early ancestors derived their names from the settlement in England where they lived.

There are a few exceptions to the name deriving from the England settlement. And yet, we do know a few settlements, both in Canada and the United States are named after a specific Hadley individual. The following suggests an in-depth exploration of our Hadley name. . .

## Origin of the name of Hadley:

*This is an English locational surname of Anglo-Saxon origin, deriving from one of the places called Hadley in Hertfordshire, Shropshire and Worcestershire, or from any of the places called Hadleigh in Suffolk, Essex and elsewhere.*

*The early recordings of the placename in the Domesday Book of 1086, for instance, are as "Haethlege, Hatlege" and "Hadlega", showing the derivation from the Olde English pre 7th Century "haeth", heathland, heather, and "leah", wood, clearing. Hadley in Worcestershire, however, is recorded as "Haddeleye" in 1327, and derives from the Olde English personal name "Hadda", a short form of the personal names beginning with "heard", hardy, brave, strong, with "leah", as before.*

*The surname was first recorded in the late 12th Century (see below), and other early recordings include: Warin de Hadlai (1212, Yorkshire); Richard de Hadlege (1311, Cambridgeshire); and John Hadley (1390, Essex).*

*The Coat of Arms most associated with the name is a red shield with two chevrons between three silver falcons beaked, legged, and belled gold, the Crest being a silver falcon beaked, legged and belled gold, holding in the mouth a gold buckle. The first recorded spelling of the family name is shown to be that of Matilda de Hadleghe, which was dated h=1194, in the "Pipe Rolls of Suffolk", during the reign of King Richard 1, known as "The Lionheart", 1189 - 1199.*



*Surnames became necessary when governments introduced personal taxation. In England this was known as Poll Tax. Throughout the centuries, surnames in every country have continued to "develop" often leading to astonishing variants of the original spelling.*

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"Don't compare your life to others. There's no comparison between the sun and the moon. They shine when it's their time."  
– Anonymous

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