

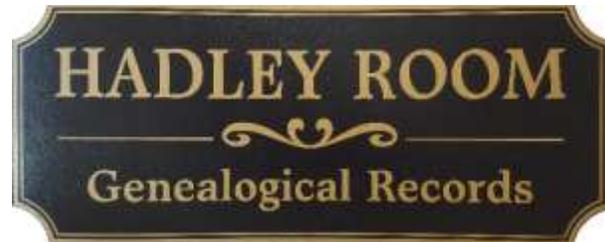
HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Hadley Room for Genealogical and Historical Records at the Narragansett Historical Society, Templeton, MA



At the close of the US Civil War in 1865, Lucien N. Hadley came to Templeton at the request of Isaac Bourn. Lucien married Jeanette Bourn, the first child of Isaac by his first wife, Mary Ann Brooks. It was in Templeton that Lucien and Jeanette spent the rest of their lives, while raising seven children: Lizzie, Arthur, Mary, Lucy, Herbert, George (who was also a former Post Master for the town), and Walter. All seven children were educated in the Templeton (Brooks Village) School system before all going on to further their education. All the children, with the exception of Arthur, spent part of their adult lives in and around Templeton. Lucien, one of the owners of the Bourn-Hadley Mfg. Co. in Templeton, also became one of the major land owners in Templeton and the surrounding communities. In addition, there were three Hadleys who were Charter members of the Narragansett Historical Society.

Lucien and his family have left an extensive legacy and impact upon Templeton, a collection of which includes an office desk that was manufactured by his company and which has been designated to become part of the *Hadley Room*. In addition, there is an old foot pump organ that belonged to Lucien; a collection of Hadley pewter coffin plates; a Daguerreotype photograph of Moses Hadley, the grandfather of Lucien, who died in 1858; thousands of old Hadley photographs, mostly from the latter part of the 19th century and early 20th century. There are even a few photographs of dead Hadley children in their coffins!

Other interesting Hadley artifacts that will be housed in the *Hadley Room* include the discharge document for Norman Hadley, the father of Lucien, for his service in the War of 1812; a Hadley medicine bottle that belonged to a cousin of Lucien. (It is strongly believed this Hadley physician may well have assisted in the death of several of his five wives.)

Apart from the many old Hadley documents, mostly from the 19th century, there is data on in excess of 28,500 Hadleys and their immediate kin compiled by James R Hadley www.HadleyGenealogy.net. There will be at least a half dozen file cabinets housing the research done by a number of Hadleys, including over 70 loose leaf binders about the Hadleys and some of their immediate relatives. These files represent the dedicated life work of Kingston G. Hadley (1898-1960), Alice (Bunten) Hadley (1883-1966), Bradford H. Hadley (1952-2015), Jon P. Hadley (1947-2016), James R Hadley (1938-) to name but a few. In addition, there are files on eight Mayflower passengers who are directly related to the Hadleys, along with two Hadley relatives who in 1692, were hanged in Salem, MA for being witches. There is data on Hadleys that served in all the seven French and Indian Wars. Also, in every war in which the USA has been involved, Hadleys have seen participation, including a number of Hadley patriots who lost their lives in the service of their country.

As research continues on the Hadleys, much more relevant data and appropriate Hadley artifacts will be added to the *Hadley Room*.

We are deeply indebted to all who have contributed to the renovation and equipping of the *Hadley Room*. Our financial goal of raising \$10,000 has been reached. **HORRAY!!!**

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What effect do sexual variations have upon the Hadleys?

We suspect many of you may have an element of distress about the sexual allegations that have surfaced involving some of our churches and other institutions. Not only have churches been rocked again with actions that have been reported to be sexual immoral, but other institutions such as Michigan State University, and the Swedish Academy, to name but a few, have seen similar allegations.

Recently the *Hadley Newsletter* ran across the word sologamy. It was a new word, at least for us, and it refers to the activity where an individual can actually marry him/her self. We did not know it was even possible for an individual to enter into a self-marriage and we found that activity to be a bit silly – that is, until we pondered anew on this arrangement of yet another example of self-expression and a challenge to traditional societal norms. We suppose there are question yet to be answered with the self-marriage such as how would a divorce take place; how would alimony be addressed and how will property distribution be handled. This also brought to mind an action that is currently taking place in Canada, where a third person, in a tri-marriage, is now having their DNA injected into a developing fetus. This means the child will have both legally and biologically speaking, three parents. The *Hadley Newsletters* believe this activity potentially will be a source of major confusion for future generations and, as of yet, have read no religious positions on this activity. If you know of any such supporting position for this action, why not share that knowledge with the *Hadley Newsletter*?

We hold these institutions and the people involved in our thoughts since we see these activities as being yet examples of change within our society that we believe may have long lasting and potentially unwanted consequences. How do you feel about what you see happening in our society? How will these actions affect the Hadley genealogy record keeping? Why not send your thoughts to the *Hadley Newsletter* for inclusion in a future issue?

“I don’t make jokes. I just watch the government and report the facts.” Will Rogers

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