

# HADLEY NEWSLETTER

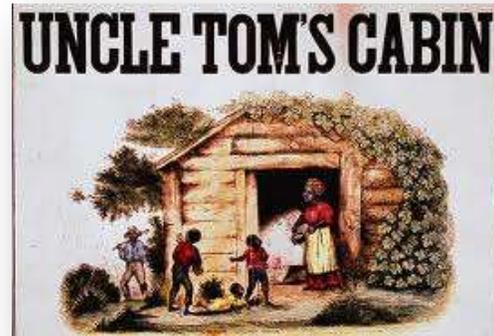
(Hadley, Headley, Hadlee, Hadly, Hadleigh, etc and their related kin)

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## Uncle Tom's Cabin:

Most know of the book *Uncle Tom's Cabin* by Harriet Beecher Stowe and yet few of today's youth have read it. In many circles the book is considered politically incorrect. The book, when it was published in 1852, created a storm of protest between the industrial north and the agricultural south. The book opens with the slave trader, Mr. Haley (Hadley) discussing how many slaves will need to be sold in order to clear up the debt of Tom's owner, Mr. Shelby.



*Uncle Tom's Cabin*, which is often described as an historical novel, uses both the spelling of Haley and Hadley for this slave trader. Some African-American citizens of today and who have the surname of Hadley pronounce their last name as Haley and Hatley. We suspect some slaves who lived at the time of the book's writing may have also pronounced the name of Hadley in similar variations.

We do know several Hadleys from the line of Joseph, (who was a son of our patriarch George), moved to the South and became farmers. We also suspect at least one of these southern farming Hadley families owned slaves.

The United States in 1850 and 1860 took a separate census of slaves and their owners. The 1850 census listed 78 Hadley (Hadly, Headley, Hadlee and Headley) slave-owners and the 1860 census listed 96 slave-owners for the same names. Some of the owners had as few as one slave and several owned over 100 slaves.

We understand some of the African-Americans of today, who have the surname of Hadley, can trace their roots back to the south and slavery. Many of these Hadleys had a slave in their ancestral line and these slaves were considered property of landowners who descended from the Simon Hadley line (ca. 1675-1756). Some of their history can be found in the **Jack Hadley Black History Museum** <http://www.jackhadleyblackhistorymuseum.com/>.

Simon Hadley was not of African ancestral roots. Simon emigrated to the American soil from Ireland in 1712. We have yet to find any connection between Simon and our patriarch George (ca. 1612- 1686) who arrived here most likely from England about 1628.

**Question.** Is there anyone interested in doing research on the southern Hadleys from our George Hadley line in an effort to determine if slaves were owned and if any of their slaves were given or assumed the name of Hadley? We have an indication that Thomas Hadley from our line, who was born about 1776 in Yonkers, Westchester Co., NY and likely died in Charlestown, South Carolina, may have owned slave(s).

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## Condolences to the Russell Family:

We have been informed that **John Russell** his wife **Patricia (Hadley) Russell** and their family have been saddened by the passing of John's mother. We wish them peace in their time of healing while recovering from their loss.

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