

# HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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## Meet Gov. Ozro Amander Hadley: (1826-1915)

Ozro <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf588.html> was born on 30 June 1826 in Cherry Creek, NY, the second of seven children to Alvah Hadley and his wife Eunice Bates. His is the 4<sup>th</sup> great grandson of our Patriarch George (ca. 1612-1686). Ozro was educated in the local school and Fredonia Academy. Poor health of his father kept Ozro at home until 1854, tending to the family farm and assisting with the raising of his siblings.



He married in 1849 at the age of 24 to a local lady, Mary Kilbourne. The following year Mary gave birth to their first daughter, who died about 2 ½ weeks after her birth. In July of 1852, the couple had their second daughter, Adelaide, who ultimately married Gen. Keyes Danforth, who became the Adjutant General for the State of Colorado.

In 1855, Ozro and his family moved to Rochester, Minnesota where, for the next 10 years, he became auditor for Olmstead County. It was in the Rochester area his third and last child Altie was born in 1857.

In 1865 he *“followed the tide of emigrations South,”* settling in Little Rock Arkansas. It was here, in Pulaski County, his love for politics began to shine. He first joined the Whig party which ultimately morphed into the Republican party.

In 1868 he was elected to the 17<sup>th</sup> General Assembly, representing Pulaski and White counties in Arkansas. He was a major supporter of Gov. Powel Clayton and served as his agent for the funding of a state bond. Ozro was a major force in support of higher education for Arkansas.

Through complex political maneuvering, and while serving as president pro tempore in the Senate for the State of Arkansas, Senator Ozro was sworn in as the State Governor on 17 March 1871 and served in that capacity until 06 January 1873. His term as governor was relatively uneventful, except for defusing what was known as the Pope County Militia War

<http://www.encyclopediaofarkansas.net/encyclopedia/entry-detail.aspx?entryID=2277> He later became embroiled in his appointment of the state geologists, who was paid in state script of \$15,000 rather than in federal currency.

In 1874 Ozro and his wife needed a break from political life and they thought a trip to Europe would be in order. Upon their return in 1875, Ozro had missed the political confusion that followed his term in office and thus was granted an appointment as registrar of the United State land office in Little Rock. He subsequently was appointed postmaster in Little rock – a position he held from June 1877 to Dec 1881. Ozro was in a position to purchase land in Arkansas and thus bought extensive acreage on the *Grand Prairie* in Lonoke County where he built a race course and started raising cattle. In 1882, he and his son-in-law, Gen. Keyes Danforth, moved to Watrous, New Mexico to continue their cattle business. Gen Danforth died in 1882 and Ozro moved, once again, to New Mexico to continue his cattle ranching business. He left New Mexico shortly after the death of his wife in 1903 and move to Los Angeles County, CA to live with/near his daughter Altie, the only remaining member of his family. William Hallett, the husband of Altie died in 1901. Ozro and his daughter Altie shared approximately the next dozen years together in California until his death on 18 July 1915.

We have been unable to determine where Ozro is buried. If you think you know of his burial location, the *Hadley Newsletter* would appreciate hearing from you.

## In 1492 Columbus Discovered America - Oh Really!

Many were taught in their early school years that Columbus discovered America. Yes, it is true he landed in the Americas, although he never landed in North America.

What we likely were not taught was there were six different voyages made by the Chinese sailor *Zheng He* (1371-1483,) who made it to the shores of America. Have you ever heard about *Earl Henry Sinclair* ((1345- 1400,) a Knight Templar, who came to the America? What about the voyage of *St Brenden the Voyager* (c 484 – 577) from Ireland, who came to the Americas as well? We have absolute proof that the Vikings were in North America before Columbus, and there is much speculation some may have made it as far West as Minnesota. In fact, it has been estimated there were about 50,000,000 individuals in the America's when Columbus made his "momentous discovery."



*Monument to Earl Henry Sinclair in  
Guysborough, Nova Scotia, Canada*

We all knows about the native American Indians, Eskimos, Central and South American inhabitants such as the Incas, Mayan and Aztec – all being here when Columbus arrived. And yes, some paleontologists estimate the earliest inhabitants on the American Continents were as early as 30,000 years ago. So much for Columbus's discovery.

As Hadleys, we are currently deeply interested in finding exactly when our Patriarch George (ca. 1612- 1686) arrived, exactly where he arrived, and the country from which he came. It is widely understood he almost assuredly came from England and that he arrived by ship.

We do know there was a **Joseph Hadley** who came to Colonial Jamestown, we believe in 1608, although nothing else is known about his time in America. However, there is a reasonable assumption this Joseph may have been an uncle to our George.

We do know our George was a skilled weaver and subsequently became a man of some moderate wealth. He lived his entire life, once he arrived in Massachusetts, married, and raised a family of seven children.

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~ Condolences ~

## Lillian "Sandy" (Hadley) Lynds: 18 Dec 1944 – 26 Jan 2019

Sandy was a delight to all who knew her. She was most interested in the Hadley genealogy and attended several of the Hadley reunions. Sandy always had a kind word and warm smile for everyone. The greater Hadley family send their deepest sympathy to her family.

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*"Life is but a short journey towards eternity"*

*Anonymous*

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