

# HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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## A Regional Macey/Hadley Family Reunion, Labor Day 2016:

“Sept. 05, the Macey (and Hadley) family will celebrate its 100<sup>th</sup> family reunion. The first reunion was held August 2, 1915 at Reuben Macey’s house. About 50 people attended. The reunion has been held every year since then with the exception of 1943 where there was a gasoline shortage due to the war effort and it was decided not to waste the precious commodity attending a reunion. The reunion was moved to Labor Day in 1945, right after the end of World War II. The greatest number of attendees was in 1972 when 105 relatives gathered for a potluck dinner. From 1973 to the present time, the reunion has been held at the Chautauqua County Fireman’s Grounds in Stockton, NY. Prior to that it was held at the home of whoever volunteered.



**Doug Hadley** has been president since 1982. He instituted the older generation “eats first” rule so they don’t have to stand in line. **Grace**

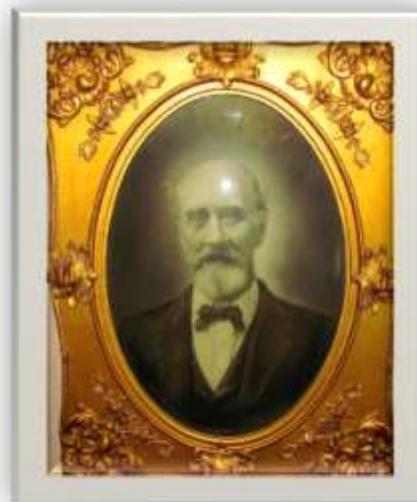
**Hadley**, George’s widow is the only member left from that generation. She is 93 years old. It was very interesting to read the minutes dating back 100 years. Even though it is titled the Macey reunion, most relatives trace their lineage back to my grandmother, **Rose Macey Hadley**. **The Hadley** family she married into came to Chautauqua County in 1817. Chautauqua County is the western most county in New York State. If you find yourself in my county on Labor Day, come look us up. If it’s not Labor Day, drop me an e-mail and maybe we can hook up. [Hadley@netsync.net](mailto:Hadley@netsync.net). **Tim Hadley**”

*(Editor’s Note: All are welcome to attend this reunion.)*

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## Meet William G. Hadley: 25 July 1839 - 17 September

1919 William G. Hadley was born in Enosburg, Franklin County, Vermont, the son of Lyman and Polly Dunavon Hadley. He was the oldest of five children. On September 29th, 1862 at the age of 23, he enlisted in the Union Army at Essex, Essex County, New York as a Private. On the 3rd of October, 1862 he mustered into Co. G NY 153rd Infantry, which was organized in Fonda, NY. Curiously, on the 18th of October, 1862 he was promoted to Sergeant! On that day, the regiment left for Washington. During most of 1863, he did garrison and guard duty about the capital. For some unknown reason, on September 4, 1863 his rank was reduced



to Private! In 1864-65, his regiment fought in battles in Louisiana and Virginia and on October 2, 1865 the unit was honorably discharged and mustered out at Savannah, GA.

In 1863, Helen May Watkins, William's wife-to-be, traveled from Essex, NY to Washington, D.C. where they were married on November 18th, 1863. After his return to Essex at the end of the war, they had seven children: Frances, Cornelia, Helen, George, Alberta, Mabel and Daniel.

William and Helen moved back and forth from NY to VT several times. He described his occupation as a farmer, but he didn't stay in one place very long while his children were growing up. Helen died in Westport, NY in 1904, and William died there in 1919 at the age of 80 years old.

William had a brother, Allen, who also fought in the Civil War. Allen enlisted at St. Albans, VT on August 27, 1861, in Co. H, 3rd Battalion, 14th U.S. Infantry. He was later transferred to Co. G, 1st Battalion, 14th Infantry. He was wounded at Snicker's Gap, Virginia on November 3, 1862 and died at Columbia Hospital in Washington D.C. on the 18th of December, 1862. He is buried in US Soldiers' and Airmen's Home National Cemetery (also known as the "Military Asylum Cemetery) in Washington.

*Note: The above article was provided by **Betty (Hadley) White** [bwhite@westelcom.com](mailto:bwhite@westelcom.com). Betty is a talented genealogist besides being deeply involved with the DAR. Her lineage is: Betty, Cecil, Daniel, **William**, Lyman, Samuel, Nehemiah, Parrott, Samuel, Samuel, and then George (our patriarch).*

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## **Passing of James Nation Hillyer:**

The greater Hadley community wish to express their deep condolences to Frederick "Jim" and Marianne Hillyer on the death of their son James Nation Hillyer, Canadian Member of Parliament for Medicine Hat-Cardston-Warner, who died on 23 March 2016.

Jim was related to the Hadley family through his grandmother Louise Hadley.

Tribute from the Prime Minister of Canada: <http://pm.gc.ca/eng/news/2016/03/23/statement-prime-minister-canada-death-mp-jim-hillyer/>

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*"The way to love anything is to realize it may be lost"*

~ Gilbert K Chesterton

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