

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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The Amazing Four Hadley Brothers & Their Father:

In 1864, Lucien ran-away from his Canaan, NH home to the seaside ship-building town of Portsmouth, NH. This was Lucien's effort to join the Union forces in the US Civil War. It was in Portsmouth where Lucien met Isaac Bourn, delivering a wagon-load of lumber. Isaac convinced young Lucien to return with him to his home in Templeton, MA and to drive a team of horses being used to pull cut logs out of the forest.

Upon Lucien's arrival in Templeton, he was housed in the home of Lucien, where he met Isaac's daughter, Jeanette. Jeanette and Isaac

were wed in Aug. 1865, and proceeded to start raising their seven children which included four boys. We see these grown (boys) men, in the above photograph, standing with their father, Lucien, pictured in the middle.

Each of the four brothers were well-educated beyond high school, and all became what was then considered men of means.

NOTE: *If you wish to see and an expanded biographical profile for each of the following men, just click on the following links associated with their names.*

Walter Norman Hadley (1882 – 1961) pictured 2nd left to right

<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf321.html> graduated with an undergraduate degree from Harvard College, as well as a graduate degree from their College of Law. Walter spent the first part of his professional life in Washington D.C., and then the second part as owner of the F. W. Lombard manufacturing Co in South Ashburnham, MA, and a director of the Athol Table Mfg. Co. Inc., Athol, MA.

Arthur Lucien Hadley (1867 – 1955) picture 1st left to right

<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf279.html> graduated from Worcester Polytech Institute with a degree in Mechanical Engineering and spent the better part of his life in Fort Wayne Indiana working for the General Electric Co., and becoming its General Manager.

Lucien Norman Hadley (1844- 1928.) pictured center

<http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf278.html> is the father of the pictured four sons. He spent his entire adult life in Templeton, MA and became owner of the Bourn Hadley Furniture Co. It was said at one time he owned about one half the property in and around Templeton, which was a vast over-statement, but will attest to his many holdings, which included over 1500 acres of land. He had wealth enough to send all



seven of his children to pursue higher education, and owned one of the nicest homes and one of the most successful companies in Templeton.

Herbert Bourn Hadley (1875-1944) pictured 4th left to right <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf297.html> , while working in a machine shop in Fort Wayne, Indiana, he played semi-professional baseball, and was on the farm team of the former St Louis Brown, usually as their pitcher. He spent the rest of his professional life as the President, (he was one of the founders), of the Athol Table Mfg. Co., Inc. He was an avid outdoorsman and raised five children.

George Howard Hadley (1879- 1960) picture 5th left to right <http://www.hadleygenealogy.net/ghtout/grpf319.html> was perhaps the wealthiest of the four brothers, having been a graduate of the Becker Business College and participating in various business ventures, with great success. His only child, Howard, died, unmarried, at the age of 22.

His great-nephew can remember his saying, *“When the stock market goes up, I earn and bit of money and when it goes down, I earn bit more.”*

The Hadley Room:

We all have every reason to feel happy and proud, having completed our fund drive to raise \$10,000 for the renovation of a vacant room at the Narragansett Historical Society, Templeton, MA. This newsletter wishes to give a **BIG THANK YOU** to all who so graciously contributed to make this room become a reality. Known as the *Hadley Room*, it boasts room enough to hold current and future research and historical documents for many years to come, all that pertain to our Hadley family. Even though our *Hadley Room* now had limited access due to the renovation and construction of the Grange Building, which is part of the Narragansett Historical Society, we look forward to seeing the remaining part of the Grange reach its goal to making it useable for other Historical Society purposes.

Future Hadley family documents will continue to be solicited that may be of interest to all Hadleys who are connected to our Patriarch **George Hadley** (ca 1612-1686).

We now have in our *Hadley Room* the major research files and documents developed by Kingston Hadley (1898 – 1960), Alice (Bunten) Hadley (1883-1966), Brad Hadley (1952-2015), Michael Hadley Kelly (1933-2012), Jon Hadley (1947-2016), along with a portion of the research done by Mary (Hadley) Grimes (1937 -), and Jim Hadley (1938 -).

We are now asking you to think about donating your Hadley research, or a copy thereof, to the *Hadley Room* by letting **Mary (Hadley) Grimes**, maryegrimes@comcst.net *Hadley Room Archivist* know of that intention. If you have a different intended destination, other than the *Hadley Room* for your Hadley research files, for the record Jim Hadley Jim@HadleyGenealogy.net would appreciate knowing about that location. *(It is sad to hear the familiar Hadley stories, where surviving Hadley family members had little interest in our genealogy and/or simply did not know what to do with the research, and chose to discard meaningful records and data.)*

“Adversity introduces a man to himself”

Thomas Fuller 1732

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