

HADLEY NEWSLETTER

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

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Hadleys as Pioneers

The following announcement is scheduled to appear in the New England Historic Genealogical Society's quarterly publication *American Ancestors*.

Hadleys as Pioneers

(1628-1775)

Hadley's and related family members will be participating in a two day reunion/conference consisting of presentation, demonstrations, workshops and discussion groups pertaining to their roots. This conference will take place in Lexington, MA and the surrounding area on July 15 and 16, 2011. The entire conference/reunion is free and open to all that have an interest in the Hadley roots. There is no cost except for meals and lodging. Contact: Jim Hadley, jags@hvc.rr.com or (845) 339-5363 for details.

Passing of a family member.

Word has been received of the death of Ellen "Sue" Leary on Feb 15, 2011. Sue is the mother of **Mary Hadley** of Marion, MA. We want Mark, Mary and Andrew to know the greater Hadley family is with them in their time of grief.

Hadley and the Big Band:

Some may know of the talents of **Kenny Hadley** and his band that plays much of the music of the "Big Band Era." He can be seen in person in Quincy, MA on Sunday afternoons. We encourage you to view one of his YouTube videos at: <http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SSm9JnOL3yE>

Please see the attachment: *Drummer, Kenny Hadley*



Canadian Roots:

Interest has been expressed that we do something special for our Canadian family members. We are asking all from Canada who think they may be at the July 15 & 16 reunion to notify **Jim Hadley** at Jags@hvc.rr.com. (This notification is not a commitment – just tentatively thinking about attending).

The Thorn

by Michael J. Leclerc

One of the most abused of all letters (and former letters) in the English language is the Thorn. In Latin, the letter was written as Þ (capital) or þ (lowercase). In English, however, the thorn looks like the modern letter “y.” The thorn is no longer used in everyday English. The Thorn was pronounced the same way as the digraph “th” in modern English. In proper usage it is NEVER pronounced as the letter “y.”

One of the most common uses was “ye,” pronounced as “the.” One can often see signs around America that use the modifier “Ye Olde,” which the average person pronounces it as “yee.” As the [Oxford English Dictionary](#) states, it was never pronounced in such a fashion.

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