Some Branches of the Hadley Family Tree
This publication is compiled from information obtained from the 1931 works of W. Irving Hadley of Toledo, Ohio, the data published by Dr. Lee A. Hadley of Syracuse, New York forty years later in 1971, and the handwritten notes that were assembled by my grandmother, Marion Champney Hadley, during her later years. The following pages track nine generations of the Hadley family starting with Benjamin Hadley.

The generations are listed in order and the direct descendency is listed at the top of each page for each individual.

Whenever there is further information available on an individual, a down-pointing arrow (▼) precedes that individual's name in the list of offspring. The information can then be found in the listing for the next generation. If no further information is available for an individual, an up-pointing arrow (▲) precedes that person's name.

While every effort has been made to maintain accuracy there may be some errors. Any information on errors or omissions should be sent to me at 5481 Kemmie Lane, Mableton, GA 30126.

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There is no doubt that we are in agreement with Dr. Lee Hadley’s statement in his compilation, “We are proud of our sturdy pioneer ancestors. Surrounded by the dangers and hardships of a young colonial nation, they worked tirelessly to clear the wilderness and played their part in helping to establish our magnificent Republic. We are grateful for the heritage left to us by these industrious, devout forefathers.”

The first meeting hall in this part of the country was built on this hill...

Irving Hadley was able to trace the Hadley lineage back to Benjamin Hadley. In his excellent report he has written, “About two miles west and about one-half mile north of the Main Street of Brattleboro, Vermont, on the top of a beautiful hill commanding a marvelous view of valleys and the Green Mountains in the distance, lies the Meeting House Hill Cemetery. The first meeting house in this part of the country was built on this hill and this cemetery was just north of the Meeting House. This was probably one of the first cemeteries to be dedicated to the burial of white settlers in this territory, which later became the State of Vermont.

Just north of the site of the first meeting house under a magnificent old pine tree that looks as if it had been there since before the first grave was made, lies the body of Benjamin Hadley. The original slate stone slab was still standing in 1930, (and in 1970 as reported by Dr. Lee Hadley) and with the inscription plainly legible. This inscription was ‘Memento Mori’ (Remember that you
must die). ‘In Memory of Mr. Benjamin Hadley who died Mch. 24th, 1776 in the 92nd year of his age.’

“At the foot of this grave is a large grey granite block, rough cut, and about as high as the original monument. There is set into the face of this block a bronze plate about nine by twelve inches in size upon which are raised letters which read ‘Benjamin Hadley Descendent of George Hadley, born in Chelmsford, Mass. 1685 Died 1776.’ This monument was erected by a group of Hadleys from Cattaragus County, New York about 1910.

By far the most information to be found about George Hadley is in the “Genealogical Record of the descendants of Moses Hadley and Rebecca Page together with some account of George Hadley of Ipswich, Massachusetts and his descendants” by Judge Samuel Page Hadley of Lowell, Massachusetts. This book was published in 1887, and Judge Hadley later published eight pages of “notes and corrections” which also adds to the knowledge of George Hadley. According to Judge Hadley, George Hadley of Ipswich, Massachusetts was a native of England and came to this country before 1639.

If Benjamin Hadley was a descendent of George Hadley he must have been his grandson. Most genealogical records only name two sons of George Hadley; one of which was John who died childless in 1711 and the other, Samuel, who had a family of twelve children. However, since his youngest son born February 24, 1704, was named Benjamin it must be concluded that he was not the father of our Benjamin.

There is an entry among the Ipswich deaths which says George Hadley Senior was buried September 30, 1686. This “Senior” would indicate that he had a son named George. George Hadley Senior’s will was admitted to probate in Suffolk County, Massachusetts
on November 4, 1686. In this will he names his sons, John, Samuel and Joseph, but no mention is made of a son George. No further record has been found of either George or Joseph but if Benjamin Hadley was a descendent of George Hadley it must be concluded that he must have been the son of either George or Joseph Hadley.

In the early records of New England there is mention of another Hadley named Dennis Hadley. Dennis Hadley was born in England in 1650 and died in Sudbury, Massachusetts January 15, 1741 or 1742. The History of Worcester County, Massachusetts says that Benjamin Hadley was the son of Dennis Hadley. This is evidently an error as by the inscription on Benjamin Hadley’s tombstone he was born between March 24, 1684 and March 24, 1685 and Dennis Hadley had a daughter Tabitha born November 2, 1684.

There is also among the early records of Middlesex County, Massachusetts the record of a deed in which Dennis Hadley referred to “John my only son” and John was born in 1690. If Dennis had any sons older than John they died before this deed was made.

A large group of Hadleys migrated from Brattleboro, Vermont between 1806 and 1812 and settled in the neighborhood of what is now Sandy Creek, Oswego County, New York. A few years later there was another large group of Hadleys with some of their neighbors that migrated from Brattleboro to Cattaraugas County, New York and settled in the neighborhood of what is now Ashford and West Valley.

Since the connection between George and Benjamin Hadley has not been conclusively proven, this record of this branch of the Hadley family will begin with the earliest known ancestor, Benjamin Hadley of Brattleboro, Vermont.
Little is known about the life history of Benjamin Hadley. He was probably born at Chelmsford or Lancaster, Massachusetts. He was 26 years old and living in Lancaster when he married Mehitable Applin of Watertown, Massachusetts. They resided in Watertown, now known as Weston, the first years of their married life as their first two children were born there. They must have moved to Groton, Massachusetts about 1714 as the rest of their children were born there. There is no record of him in Groton after 1745 when he came to Brattleboro, Vermont in his late 80s. Some of his children had preceded him to Brattleboro. He spent his last days there and died on March 24, 1776, at the ripe old age of ninety-two. His was one of the very earliest graves in the Meeting House Cemetery which had been officially established only eight years prior to his death. See “Genealogies of Watertown, Waltham, & Weston” by Henry Bond M.D.

Benjamin Hadley and his descendants were loyal to the Revolution. There are records of his sons doing civilian duty and he had no less than nine grandsons who served in the Revolutionary War. His grandson Samuel Hadley was one of the Company under Captain Parker who faced the British on Lexington Common early in the morning of April 19, 1775, and he was killed a short distance from the common. His name is inscribed on the monument there. Another grandson, Jonathan Hadley, was killed in the Battle of Bunker Hill the following June.

Benjamin Hadley was born 1684 or 1685. He was married September 27, 1711, by Mr. Samuel Augier, minister in Watertown, Massachusetts to Mehitable Applin of Watertown. Mehitable was born April 7, 1688 and was the daughter of John and Bethsheba Bartlett Applin who were married on November 23, 1671. Bethsheba Bartlett, Mehitable’s mother, was born on
April 17, 1647 and died October 8, 1692. John Applin, her father, was living in 1727 and he may not have been born in New England. John Applin was asked in April 1703 to be a school master in Groton, Massachusetts and lived for a short time at Littleton, Massachusetts. Mehitable Applin Hadley died at Groton, Massachusetts on April 13, 1745, age fifty-seven.

Benjamin and Mehitable Applin Hadley were the parents of five sons and five daughters, all born in Massachusetts. They were:

- **Thomas**—Born in Watertown August 11, 1712. Married in Lexington May 15, 1741, to Ruth Lawrence who was born in 1725. They had twelve children.

- **Sarah**—Born in Watertown November 22, 1713. Married (Published on October 7th) 1739, to Ebenezer Merriam of Concord.

- **Benjamin**—Born in Groton July 25, 1715. Married in 1746 to Sarah Adams of Lexington.

- **Mehitable**—Born in Groton February 14, 1717. Married January 4, 1737, to John (or Joshua) Wheeler.

- **John**—Born in Groton September 28, 1719. He married Eunice —?—.

- **Phebe**—Born in Groton September 25, 1721.

- **Simon**—Born in Groton March 20, 1723.

- **Hanah**—Born in Groton February 18, 1725.

- **Ebenezer**—Born in Groton on November 8, 1727, and was married June 11, 1753, to Abigail Spalding of Chelmsford, Massachusetts. She was born on August 31, 1735 and died September 6, 1813. Ebenezer died April 27, 1815.

- **Ann**—Born in Groton April 9, 1730.
The preceding information was found in “The History of Worcester County Mass.” Vol. 2 Page 325 and in Groton Vital Records and early church records of Groton as reported by Irving Hadley.

In “The History of Worcester County” Vol. 2 page 325, the fifth son of Benjamin and Mehitable Hadley is given as “Eleazer Born Nov. 8th 1727” and then at the bottom of the list is listed another son “Ebenezer” with no birth date or other information. The Ebenezer was added to this history list because he was known to have been of that family, even though the birth date could not be given. It says “Ebenezer” and not “probably Ebenezer” as it would have, had there been a doubt.

Ten children are recorded in Groton Vital Records, under various spellings of the name, with the same dates given as in the Worcester County History, but substituting Ebenezer for “Eleazer” given in the history. Ebenezer is shown as the son of Benjamin and Mehitable Hadley in all of the earliest church records of Groton. We therefore can accept the birth date of Ebenezer as November 8, 1727, as it is so given in Groton Vital Records and usually the vital records are accepted as authentic. We also have the Vermont Vital Records which say he died April 27, 1815, in his eighty-eighth year. The only reasonable conclusion is that this name “Eleazer” is a mistake growing out of the copying of the old long-hand records and Benjamin and Mehitable never had a son named Eleazer.

The Hadleys were farmers and pioneers in every sense of the word, producing most of their own food and clothing. They raised wool and flax from which the women of the family spun and wove the material for their winter and summer clothing.

The bread, free of preservatives, was baked in great domed-shaped stone or brick ovens. The structure was
thoroughly heated in advance by a fire built inside. The coals were then brushed out with an oven broom made from green twigs tied into a bundle. The loaves were deposited on the bare hot stones from a flat wooden shovel or “bread peeler.” When the oven was completely charged or loaded, the opening was tightly sealed and left undisturbed until completely cool, usually six to eight hours later. The loaves baked slowly to a crisp golden brown and had a delicious flavor like that still encountered in the rural areas of certain foreign countries where this method of baking is used.

The Indians, resentful of the encroachment upon their lands by the English, and encouraged by the French from Canada, were a constant menace to the peace and safety of the early settlers. The Connecticut River Valley was the logical north-south travel route for these forays, as well as being the frontier of the Massachusetts Colony at that time. William Dummer, an early proprietor or land owner of Northfield and Deerfield, was directed to build a fort “capable of housing forty men who would scout the River and other approach routes to discover the enemy moving toward the towns.” Fort Dummer, a blockhouse 180 feet square, completely surrounded by five or six acres of cleared plowed land, was built in 1724 on the west bank of the Connecticut River just south of what is now Brattleboro, Vermont.

In connection with land clearing it was sometimes necessary to sacrifice much fine virgin timber. However, the Royal Patents specified that no tall pine trees suitable for masts of His Majesty’s Navy ships should be cut! Nevertheless this edict is said to have been frequently violated.
Many fine logs, after removal of the bark for tanning, were burned to obtain the ashes, these were leached by allowing water to slowly trickle through. This extracted the lye or potash, rich in potassium, used in the manufacture of gun powder. Here was a salable cash product in a day when money was scarce, and payment was usually made “in kind”—that is in produce.
Thomas Hadley, the first child of Benjamin and Mehitable Applin Hadley, was born August 11, 1712. He was married on May 15, 1741, to Ruth Lawrence—who was born in 1725—of Lexington, Massachusetts and settled in that town. He was active in affairs of the community and was a member of Captain Parker’s Company of the Militia. They were the parents of twelve children. Four of his six sons were soldiers in the American Revolution. The oldest one, Samuel, was killed at the Battle of Lexington, on April 19, 1775. The children of Thomas and Ruth Lawrence Hadley were:

- ▲ Elizabeth—Born May 11, 1742. Died unmarried.
- ▲ Samuel—Born July 9, 1746. Revolutionary Soldier, killed at the Battle of Lexington on April 19, 1775.
- ▲ Ruth—Born March 12, 1749. Died in infancy.
- ▲ Ebenezer—Born May 6, 1751. Died in 1810. He was a Sergeant in Captain Parker’s Company, Edmund Munro’s Regiment, Lexington on April 19, 1775.
- ▲ Thomas—Born July 8, 1754. Died in 1784. He enlisted May 4, 1775 and became a Corporal in Captain Wood’s (5th) Company.
- ▲ Benjamin—Born July 25, 1756. Enlisted May 8, 1775 and became a Sergeant in the Revolutionary War.
- ▲ Ruth—Born June 1, 1759. In 1778 she married James Fowler. In 1785 there was a second marriage to James Blodgett.
- ▲ Simon—Born July 26, 1761. Died in 1801.
Sarah—Born November 26, 1764. Married David Fiske and they had 10 children. Sarah died in 1804.

Mary—Born March 20, 1767. Died unmarried.

John—Born August 6, 1770.

Reflecting the emotional and patriotic spirit of the moment, Ben and Tom, nineteen and twenty-one years old, enlisted in the service the month after their older brother was killed. Sources: “Vital Records of Lexington.” “Genealogies of Lexington.”
John Hadley, the fifth child (third son) of Benjamin and Mehitable Applin Hadley, was born in Groton, Massachusetts September 28, 1719. He was married to Eunice —?—. They lived in Westford, Massachusetts for a number of years as all of their children were born there. In their later years they lived in Vermont, probably Brattleboro.

Their children were:

- John—Born January 20, 1746. Married in 1774 to Ruth Kemp of Groton, Massachusetts. He was a Private in the Revolutionary War, Captain Oliver Bate's Company, Colonel James Prescott's Regiment.
- Eunice—Born January 14, 1748—( Probably died an infant).
- Unice—Born on September 26, 1750—(Name was probably Eunice). Married in 1775 to Levy Farr of Littleton.
- Peter—Born June 24, 1752.
- Jonas—Born May 26, 1756. Married to Azabah Prescott of Groton. He was a Private in the Revolutionary War, Captain John Minot's Company, Colonel Dike's Regiment.
- Lucy—Born April 8, 1758.
- Ruth—Born May 4, 1760.
- Tryphena—Born March 20, 1762.
- Joseph—Born February 26, 1764.
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BENJAMIN
JOHN (cont’d)

▲ Benjamin—Born February 2, 1766.
▲ Amos—Born October 2, 1768.

Sources: Vital Records of Westfield, Massachusetts
“History of Worcester County, Massachusetts”,
“Genealogies of Families and Descendants of the
Early Settlers of Waterton, Massachusetts” Dr.
Henry Bond.
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leadership in the community. His modest salary consisted largely of fuel, food, rent, and raiment.

There was a single church for all as separate religious denominations had not yet appeared. Sunday provided a day-long service on Meeting House Hill. They came from all directions, some on foot or horseback often riding pillion and even by ox team. There were very few if any carriages at that time. The Hadleys were always very prominent in religious activities. Cabot says that after the morning sermon there was a noon hour rest period for gossip or eating. In the winter time the women used this rest period to visit neighboring homes to replenish the hot coals in their portable footwarmers while their husbands visited the bar room of the nearby tavern which was open even Sundays. The afternoon sermon was scheduled to last two hours. The laws relative to desecration of the “Lord’s day” were very strict and the penalties severe. Those guilty of “rude, profane or clamorous discourse, shouting, hollering, screaming, running, dancing or jumping were to be fined forty shillings and whipped on the naked back not to exceed ten stripes nor less than five.” These penalties were probably seldom invoked but the fact remains that these people took their religion quite seriously.

Ebenezer Hadley was in Brattleboro by 1770 but he evidently did not take his family with him at first as his youngest child was born in Westford in 1771. He probably went over to Vermont with his brothers-in-law to establish homes in this wild country and then they moved their families later. Whether he brought all of his children when he moved to Brattleboro we are unable to say. We do know however that all of his sons lived there in later years.

The town of Dummerston, Vermont on the north boundary of Brattleboro was being divided by the own-
ers into 148 lots of 100 acres each. Every settler paid five shillings recording fee and agreed to clear and fence “4 acres, fit for plough or sythe, also erect and furnish a dwelling house thereon not less than 20 feet square.” Also the proximity of Fort Dummer offered some protection against bands of marauding Indians, although occasionally settlers like John Sargent and Frank Moore were killed and scalped while their families were carried away prisoners. There is a traditional story handed down through the generations concerning an Indian raid on a Hadley farm in Vermont back in colonial days. One of the Hadley farmers was plowing out corn, in the primitive fashion of those days—he holding the plow and a young girl riding and guiding the horse between the corn rows. Suddenly they were surprised by a band of Indians so close upon them that he had no time even to save his daughter. Jumping over a nearby stone fence to escape, he caught his foot and fell, and as he did so, Indian arrows whizzed just over his head. As he fell he heard the blow of the tomahawk on the head of the child who was killed and carried away by the savages. This gives some idea of the rugged life faced by our forefathers.

Ebenezer was reputed to be a great wrestler and athlete. Later after moving to Vermont in 1771 he served as a Sergeant in Captain Edmund Munro’s Company, 15th Massachusetts Battalion, Revolutionary War for three years from March 10, 1777, to March 10, 1780.

After 1771 Ebenezer lived in Dummerston near his sons until his death April 27, 1815. Abigail had predeceased him on September 6, 1813, in her seventeenth year. They are buried in the Locust Ridge Cemetery a short distance north of Brattleboro. The edges of their slate stone grave markers are covered with sheet lead for protection. Their son Jacob is buried beside them.
On the grave of Ebenezer is an official grave marker and flag holder for a Soldier of the American Revolution.

The inscriptions on these monuments are:

“In Memory of Ebenezer Hadley who died Apr. 27th, 1815 in the 88th year of his age.”
   “My time on earth has ceased to be
   God called me home. Remember me.”

“In Memory of Abigail Hadley wife of
Ebenezer Hadley who died Sep. 6th 1813
   in the 78th year of her age.”
   “Reader behold and drop a tear
   Think of the dust that slumbers here
   And when you read the fate of me
   Think of the glass that runs for thee.”

“In Memory of Jacob Hadley who died
May 15th 1810 in the 48th year of his age.”
   “Farewell dear friends we part in pain
   But hope to live and meet again.”
Relative to the Revolutionary Record of Ebenezer Hadley is copied below a statement that was received from the War Department at Washington.

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The Adjutant General's Office
Washington
Statement of the Military Service of
EBENEZER HADLEY

Sergeant, Captain Edmund Munro's Company,
15th Massachusetts Battalion,
 Revolutionary War.

The official records show that Ebenezer Hadley served in the Revolutionary War as private in a company designated at various times as Captain Edmund Munro's Company and Captain Phineas Bowman's Company in the 15th Battalion of Massachusetts Bay Forces commanded by Colonel Timothy Bigelow. He was appointed March 10, 1777 for three years, and was discharged March 10, 1780.

Official statement furnished to Mrs. W. Irving Hadley, April 24, 1931.
By authority of the Secretary of War.

C. H. Bridges, Major General,
The Adjutant General.
Ebenezer and Abigail Spalding Hadley were the parents of five sons and four daughters. They were all born in Westford, Massachusetts:

- Jesse—Born November 13, 1753. Married in 1778 to Abigail Wilder and lived in Brattleboro, Vermont. He died October 8, 1834.
- Ebenezer—Born October 20, 1755. Married Jemima —?— and lived in Brattleboro, Vermont.
- Abigail—Born December 14, 1757. She was married December 26, 1775, to Willard Fletcher who was born August 21, 1749. They lived in Westford, Massachusetts. He died November 30, 1825.
- Martha—Born January 29, 1760. She was married to Captain Ezra Butterfield of Dummerston who was born in 1749. They had nine children.
- Jacob—Born April 16, 1762. He was married November 27, 1788, to Molly (Polly) Rice. He died April 15, 1810.
- Susanna—Born June 13, 1764.
- Benjamin—Born September 25, 1766. Died May 21, 1767.
- Benjamin—Born March 3, 1769. Married Abigail Spaulding. He died August 17, 1833. They lived their lives as farmers in Vermont and are buried in the Wilder Cemetery.
- Sarah—Born July 17, 1771. Married James Healey in 1788.
Jesse Hadley, first child of Ebenezer and Abigail Spalding Hadley, was born in Westford, Massachusetts November 13, 1753.

Jesse took up the Covey farm in the northeast part of the Town of Brattleboro, Vermont and built a frame house thereon. In 1778 at the age of twenty-five he was married to Abigail Wilder of Petersham, Massachusetts. She was born on November 28, 1755, the daughter of Elias and Abigail Rice Wilder Sr. Elias had located in Brattleboro earlier and signed the covenant with Ebenezer Hadley and others on November 12, 1770.

Jesse and Abigail were a strongly religious couple. When the new church was built in Brattleboro, Jesse was the owner of a front pew. According to “Book of the Wilders” the wife Abigail was a first cousin of their neighbor Joshua A. Wilder and four of the Hadley children married four of the Wilders and later moved to Sandy Creek, New York. Jesse's nine children were all born on the farm in Brattleboro but eight of them subsequently migrated to New York State. About 1817 Jesse sold the Covey farm to his brother, Jacob, and moved to Sandy Creek to join his three sons and one daughter. In the beautiful Woodlawn Cemetery at Sandy Creek are the monuments of these two pioneers which state:

“Jesse Hadley died October 8th 1834
age 80 years 10 months and 24 days.”

“Abigail wife of Jesse Hadley died October 28th
age 78 years and 11 months.”

She outlived him exactly 20 days.
In the agrarian economy of that time, and subsequently, it was necessary for the boys to remain on the farm until they were twenty-one years of age. Jesse had married at twenty-five and six of his sons were between twenty-two and twenty-five when they in turn, married. It was generally accepted that the product of the labor of a minor, less his ‘keep,’ should repay the parent for his upbringing to adulthood. Girls were usually free to marry at eighteen or nineteen.

Besides church services the principal community gatherings were: The Military Muster, husking and quilting bees, house warmings, and barn raisings. It was reported that for the new church in Brattleboro, which replaced the old one on Meeting House Hill, the church raising cost for rum and sugar was half that for the “glass and nales.” These pioneers were a hardy, vigorous people who worked hard to feed and clothe themselves from the soil.

Jesse and Abigail Hadley spent a good share of their married lives in Brattleboro, Vermont. Their children were all born there. They lived the life of pioneers, met its difficulties and faced its dangers and raised a family of nine children all of whom lived to grow to maturity and be married and all but one were in their turn pioneers in various parts of Western New York State.

Three sons and a daughter of Jesse Hadley married three daughters and a son of Joshua Wilder who lived in the same neighborhood. These four couples and other neighbors and relatives all migrated to Western New York State, in the years between 1806 and 1812 and about this time (tradition says 1817) Jesse and Abigail Hadley went to Sandy Creek, New York where their three sons and one daughter lived and they also lived there for the rest of their lives.
The children of Jesse and Abigail Wilder Hadley were all born in Brattleboro, Vermont. They were:

- **Samuel**—Born September 17, 1779. He was married February 26, 1801, to Betsey Wilder who was born March 28, 1783. They moved to Sandy Creek, New York. He died August 7, 1859. She died November 28, 1825.

- **Jesse Jr.**—Born December 10, 1781. Married on May 29, 1803, to Abigail Fletcher who was born January 17, 1781. They lived all their lives in Brattleboro, Vermont. He died August 3, 1840. Abigail died in 1860.

- **Simon**—Born March 4, 1784. Married on February 16, 1808 to Nabby Wilder who was born April 14, 1787. They moved to Sandy Creek and Simon died February 25, 1844. Nabby died November 21, 1869.

- **Stephen**—Born February 7, 1786. Married on December 5, 1811, to Clarissa Wilder who was born October 14, 1789. They moved to Sandy Creek and he died December 18, 1870. She lived to be over ninety-eight years old and died October 28, 1887.

- **Abigail**—Born July 10, 1788. Married on December 3, 1807, to Joseph Bemis. They moved to Ellisbury, Jefferson County, New York and raised ten children. Abigail died in 1865 but Joseph lived to be nearly one hundred years of age.

- **Ebenezer**—Born June 18, 1790. He was married October 6, 1814, to Sibyl Bemis. He died in Ashford April 16, 1871 and she died February 17, 1864.
Elias—Born January 10, 1794. First married on June 21, 1818, to Sarah Duncan of Dummerston, daughter of a Scotch lawyer. Sarah was born March 19, 1797 and she died August 28, 1829. On January 11, 1831, Elias married a second wife, Sphedey Wilder, who was born August 24, 1807. Sphedey died August 24, 1870. Elias died August 12, 1877.

Cornelius—Born March 9, 1797. Married on January 4, 1821, to Elizabeth Briggs. She was born March 27, 1797, the daughter of Captain Seth and Hannah Merrick Briggs of Dummerston. Cornelius and Elizabeth migrated to Sandy Creek and from there to Litchfield, Hillsdale County, Michigan in 1847. Their infant son Ebenezer is buried in the Sandy Creek Cemetery. Cornelius died August 11, 1864.

Betsey—Born July 19, 1799. She was married January 3, 1820, to Lindal Wilder who was born January 14, 1793. They migrated to Sandy Creek and she died there February 23, 1830. He died December 7, 1885.
Ebenezer Hadley, second child (second son) of Ebenezer and Abigail Spalding Hadley was born October 20, 1755. He was married to Jemima —?—. They lived in Brattleboro, Vermont but it is not known if he came with his father before the Revolution or where he was married. He served in the Revolution and history says he came to Brattleboro after the Revolution but this might not have been the first time, or he might have stayed in Westford, Massachusetts when his father moved his family from there to Brattleboro. He bought a farm of Joshua Bemis in 1787. We do not know who his wife was, when she was born or died or when he died. Some of his children were:

- Ebenezer Jr.—Born in Brattleboro March 2, 1782.
- Jonathan—Born in Dummerston June 3, 1784.
- Levi—Born in Dummerston 1786.
- Benjamin—Born in Dummerston 1788.

The above information all taken from “Hemenway's Vermont Gazetter” Vol. 5 Dummerston Section page 163.
Jacob Hadley, the fifth child (third son) of Ebenezer and Abigail Spalding Hadley, was born April 16, 1762. He was married on November 27, 1788, to Polly (Molly) Rice who was born March 15, 1771, the daughter of Ephraim and Joanne Rice of Petersham, Massachusetts. They remained in Brattleboro, Vermont and lived on the Covey Farm. Jacob died May 15, 1810 and is buried in the Locust Ridge Cemetery beside his parents. Widow Polly Hadley married John Wilder December 30, 1824. Polly died September 20, 1839.

Children of Jacob and Polly were:

- **Reverend Jacob**—Born 1787. Married first Abigail Rice, his cousin, grand daughter of Ephraim Rice. Second married to Lavina Rice Hadley, widow, who was a sister of Abigail.

- **Thomas**—Born—?. Married in 1823 to Mary Sargent.

- **Polly**—Born—?. Married in 1815 to her first cousin Able Rice (grandson of Ephraim Rice) who was born in 1792. Moved to Sandy Creek, New York in 1819 and then to Ashford, New York in 1839.

- **Benjamin**—Born in 1796. Was married on August 11, 1817, to Miranda Duncan who was born in 1797. She was the daughter of Joseph and Miranda Taylor Duncan.

- **Ephraim**—Born October 23, 1797. Married March 14, 1821, to his cousin Lavina Rice (granddaughter of Ephraim) who was born January 17, 1800. Ephraim died May 4, 1834. Lavina died January 10, 1877 and is buried in the Sandy Creek Cemetery beside Ephraim.
Laura—Born 1799. Married December 15, 1819, to Calvin Sargent who was born 1796, of Dummerston, Vermont. They moved to Sandy Creek in 1827.

Luthur—Born 1804. Married in 1823 his second cousin Sophia Hadley. They moved to Sandy Creek. He died May 28, 1838. She died October 1, 1839. They are buried in the Sandy Creek Cemetery.

Sylvia—Born April 3, 1810. On April 4, 1833, married, by her brother Reverend Jacob, to her second cousin Horatio Hadley. They moved to Hillsdale County, Michigan in 1835. They had one child—Almyra. Sylvia died March 19, 1840. Horatio married second Sarah Bullard on October 26, 1842.

Alfred—Born 1825. Was married to Fanny —?— who was born in 1828.

Elijah—?—
Benjamin Hadley, the eighth child (the fifth son) of Ebenezer and Abigail Spalding Hadley, was born in Westford, Massachusetts March 3, 1769. When he was about two years old he was brought to Brattleboro, Vermont by his parents and lived in that area as a farmer all of his life. He married Abigail Spaulding of Brattleboro and bought a farm of Wilder Rice in 1791. Abigail was born in 1773 and died in 1842. They lived on this rocky farm near the Wilder Homestead all of their lives and are buried with at least seven of their immediate family in the Wilder burial plot with its surrounding wall of rough field stones. Their children were:

- Rufus—Born February 9, 1797. Married in 1824 to Joanna Bemis who was born in 1797. She was the daughter of Joseph and Jemima Stoddard Bemis. Rufus died in 1865. Joanna had died in 1840.

- Lucinda—Born April 21, 1798. Married to Daniel Attridge. Lucinda died in 1859. She is buried in Wilder Cemetery.

- Benjamin Jr.—Born March 3, 1800. Married in 1828 to Betsey Bemis. She was born in 1803 and died in 1833. She was the daughter of Joshua Bemis.


- Alvira (Elvira)—Born January 14, 1807. Married in 1828 to William B. Barrett who was born in 1806. They moved to Pennsylvania. He died in 1882. She died in 1874.

- Wilson—Born September 10, 1809. Married Olive Bryant of Dummerston who was born in 1824 and died in 1912. Wilson died of fever in 1889. They are both buried in the Wilder Cemetery.
Lewis—Born January 1816. Married Maria T. Whipple who was born in 1833 and died in 1916. He died in 1886. They remained on the parental farm and are both buried in the Wilder Cemetery.

Luthur—Born 1824. Died at fifteen years in 1839.

Edmund—Born 1829. Died as an infant at one year.

After a lifetime of working the same farm Benjamin died August 17, 1833, at sixty-four years of age. Abigail, after thirty-two years of child bearing from 1797 to 1829, died on October 22, 1842, at sixty-nine years. They are buried side by side in the Wilder Cemetery. Their eldest son Rufus moved to Ashford, New York in the 1840s.
Samuel Hadley, the first child of Jesse and Abigail Wilder Hadley, was born in Brattleboro, Vermont on September 17, 1779. He was married to Betsey Wilder of Dummerston, Vermont on February 26, 1801. She was born March 28, 1783, at Petersham, Massachusetts and was the daughter of Joshua and Lois Hawes Wilder and her family history is to be found in “The Book of the Wilders” by Rev. Moses H. Wilder. Betsey Wilder’s father, Joshua Wilder, was a soldier of the Revolution and her mother’s father, Captain Daniel Hawes, was a Captain of Worcester County, Massachusetts Militia that reinforced the Revolutionary Army before Boston.

Samuel and Betsey lived at Jamaica, Vermont until 1811 or 1812 as five of their children were born there. Late in 1811 or early in 1812 he migrated with his wife and four children from Vermont to New York and located in Oswego County what is now the Village of Sandy Creek. He came all the way through the wilderness driving oxen hitched to a wooden sled or mud boat loaded with his family and all the household goods and supplies as they had room for. There were at least two of his younger brothers who had migrated to Sandy Creek in previous years so that they had friends to receive them when they arrived.

The fact that a sled was used for this trip does not necessarily mean that it was made at a time when there was snow on the ground but only that a vehicle of this kind was better than wheels over the rough uneven ground and fallen timbers of the wilderness.

The eldest son, Jesse F., ten years old, was of considerable help to his father. He wrote later that the land was entirely covered with timber when they arrived. It was necessary to clear some land and build a log house. Practically all homes were of that type in Sandy Creek at the time. Samuel then went back to Vermont,
purchased another yoke of oxen and sled, some cattle for his family, and after making up a load of household goods and supplies again made his way on foot through the wilderness to his new home. He was both a farmer and a school teacher.

On this second load Samuel brought the old “Hadley Clock” a tall grandfather clock that had belonged to his father Jesse Hadley and either given to Samuel or purchased by him. The clock must have ticked a century of time on this same New York farm as it was owned by three generations who owned and operated the place. Irving Hadley stated that this stately old clock stood before him sedately ticking off the seconds as he was compiling his records of the Hadley genealogy.

Samuel must have been a strong, vigorous, capable individual. From this small beginning, with the loyal help of his sons, the farm was repeatedly enlarged by purchases from the Constable-Pierrepont land patents. At the time of his death in 1859 it comprised 150 acres of tilled land and 50 acres of woodland. Then and thereafter, when operated by his son Truman, that farm was the richest and most productive on the Hadley Road.

To judge the activity and number of hired men by the number of teams, the census reports of the time recorded at least two horse teams and one yoke of oxen. Wheat, corn and oats were raised, as well as apples and 150 bushels of potatoes. He raised sheep, and one year census reported 700 pounds of wool, also 900 pounds of butter. Another time 1,000 pounds of cheese as well as 500 pounds of maple sugar. At that time it was not unusual to exchange some maple sugar for some cane sugar pound for pound. They also produced some honey. The women of the family did the spinning and weaving. In 1865 they reported making the
yarn for 40 yards of cloth. Flax was spun in the spring and wool in the summer. Tow cloth from flax was worn in the summer and wool in the wintertime. Fresh woven wool was shrunk or ‘fulled’ i.e. made thicker by moistening, heating and pressing.

Like his father Jesse, Samuel was interested in church work, and was an organizer and trustee of the Methodist Church when it was incorporated December 13, 1830.

Betsey died November 28, 1825. On February 19, 1827, Samuel married a second wife, Anna Dunkler of Brattleboro, Vermont. Anna was born June 1, 1787. There were no issue from this marriage. Anna died July 24, 1857 and Samuel died August 7, 1859.

History records that practically every able bodied man in Sandy Creek assisted the cause in the War of 1812 either as an enlisted man or as a civilian soldier or as an assistant in moving troops or supplies, etc. Samuel was an organizer and a first trustee of the First Methodist Church in Sandy Creek which organization was incorporated December 13, 1830.

Samuel Hadley and his two wives all died in Sandy Creek and are all buried there. There is a marble slab erected for Samuel and another for his two wives. The inscriptions are:

“Samuel Hadley died Aug. 7th 1859
aged 79 years 10 months and 20 days.”

“Betsey died Nov. 28th 1825 aged 42 years
Anna died July 24th 1857 aged 70 years
Wives of Samuel Hadley.”
Samuel Hadley and Betsey Wilder Hadley were the parents of nine sons and three daughters. Six were born in Vermont and six in New York. They were:

- **Samuel**—Born in Dummerston, April 19, 1801. Died May 1, 1801.
- **Jesse F.**—Born in Jamaica, June 22, 1802. Married April 16, 1829, to Fannie Adams who was born in 1800. She died in 1881. He died April 9, 1882.
- **Stephen**—Born in Jamaica, October 3, 1803. Died October 5, 1803.
- **Sophia**—Born in Jamaica, March 14, 1805. Was married October 12, 1823, to her second cousin Luther Hadley who was born in 1804. They had two sons, Alfred and Samuel. Luther died in 1838. Sophia died October 1, 1839.
- **Eliza**—Born in Jamaica on September 24, 1807. Was married November 25, 1928, to William Severance and died January 14, 1878.
- **Horatio**—Born in Jamaica, July 6, 1810. Was married first on April 4, 1833, to Sylvia Hadley (his second cousin). Second marriage on October 26, 1842, to Sarah Bullard of Osseo, Michigan. He died January 27, 1893.
- **Laura**—Born in Sandy Creek, March 1, 1812. Married March 1, 1832, to Alfred Hadley. Laura died December 16, 1871.
- **John**—Born in Sandy Creek, September 25, 1813. Died September 18, 1814.
- **Lindal Wilder**—Born in Sandy Creek, March 27, 1816. Was married on September 10, 1840, to Hannah D. Weed. Lindal died February 20, 1858.
Fourth Generation

BENJAMIN
EBENEZER
JESSE
SAMUEL (cont’d)

▲ Alvin—Born in Sandy Creek, February 19, 1819. Was married on March 27, 1866, (probably a second marriage) to Sarah Duncan. There were no children. Alvin was a carpenter. Alvin died on November 20, 1880. Sarah later was married to A. E. Hunter.

▼ Truman—Born in Sandy Creek on February 17, 1821. Married June 10, 1847, to Harriet L. Upton also of Sandy Creek. She was born October 18, 1828. Truman died March 17, 1907. Harriet died February 20, 1914. They are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery in Sandy Creek with five of their sons and spouses.

▲ Zela—Born in Sandy Creek on February 10, 1823. Was married to Amy Lydia Ambler. Amy was born June 17, 1830, in the town of Grotten, Tompkins County, New York and died May 13, 1894. Zela Hadley died December 25, 1899.
Jesse Hadley Jr., the second child (second son) of Jesse and Abigail Wilder Hadley, was born in Brattleboro, Vermont on December 10, 1781 and was married May 29, 1803, to Abigail Fletcher who was born January 17, 1781. Jesse Hadley Jr. died August 3, 1840.

Their children were:

- ▼ Nelson H.—Born February 16, 1807. He was married August 30, 1841, to Catherine Thomas. He died July 6, 1867.
- ▲ Amanda—Born December 7, 1809 and died September 3, 1847.
- ▼ Hannibal—Born April 20, 1812. Married on January 24, 1837, to Mary L. Field, daughter of David and Patty Wood Field. He died in 1884.
- ▼ William F.—Born November 12, 1814. Married October 11, 1843, to Mary D. Carpenter. She was born in 1822 and died November 6, 1863. He died April 25, 1881.
- ▲ Alonzo F.—Born July 27, 1817. Married October 7, 1851, to Mary P. Perham, who was born in 1821. They were Congregationalists, moved to Ashford, New York in 1843. There were no children. Mary died May 30, 1871. Alonzo died in 1897. They are buried in the Riceville Cemetery.
- ▲ Augustus A.—Born January 27, 1830. Married and moved to California.
Simon Hadley, the third child (third son) of Jesse and Abigail Wilder Hadley, was born March 4, 1784, in Brattleboro, Vermont. At the age of twenty-two Simon went to Sandy Creek, New York with Clark Wilder, cleared some land and built a log cabin on the south side of the Creek. Two years later he returned to Brattleboro and married his neighborhood sweetheart, Nabby Wilder on February 16, 1808, bringing her back to the wilderness. She was born April 14, 1784. They were the parents of eight children. At least seven of these children reached adulthood; a remarkably good record at a time of high infant mortality because of uncontrolled childhood disease. Their children were:


▲ Orestus—Born 1813. Married Marietta —?— who was born in 1821 and died in 1895. One son, Orestus, was born in 1848 and died in 1850. Orestus died in 1891.

▲ Edmund—Born 1816.

▼ Albert—Born 1818. Married first to Elizabeth Flowers. Three children. Married second to Maria Wait. They also had three children. Albert died in 1897.

▲ Mellissa—Born 1821. Married Hiram Stevens, son of Edmund Stevens.


▲ Evalina—Born 1829. Married Emory Herriman who was born in 1830 and died in 1866. They had four sons. She died in 1927.
Simon Hadley died February 25, 1844. Nabby died 25 years later on November 21, 1869, in her eighty-second year. They are buried together in the Woodlawn Cemetery at Sandy Creek.
Stephen Hadley, fourth child (fourth son) of Jesse and Abigail Wilder Hadley was born in Brattleboro, Vermont February 7, 1786. Married on December 5, 1811, to Claressa Wilder who was born October 14, 1789. They lived all their married lives in Sandy Creek, New York and raised four children.

Business receipts, notes, etc. belonging to Stephen Hadley, and covering the period from 1807 to about 1860, are part of the local history collection of The Half-Shire Historical Society, Richland, New York. In his early twenties he came with some of his brothers from their rocky, hilly farm in Vermont and cleared for themselves more fertile level land in the woods along the valley of Sandy Creek. This area, owned by H. B. Pierrepont, one of the heirs of the William Constable patent, was just being opened up for settlement and in 1825 became the Town of Sandy Creek. When their home was ready, his sweetheart, Claressa Wilder twenty-two years old, came with her brother Lindal and his wife Betsey Hadley Wilder up the Mohawk Trail on an ox sled leading a horse and cow. Samuel and Claressa were married December 5, 1811, in Sandy Creek. Theirs was a devout family, observing daily worship and very active in establishing the Methodist Episcopal Church at Sandy Creek. This evidence of the home training by Jesse Hadley back in Vermont was reflected in the lives and activities of all the Hadley brothers who migrated to this area. Samuel was one of the three original trustees when the Church was incorporated December 13, 1830. Stephen was the Treasurer and his brother Elias was an active trustee at various times. Another brother, Truman, was a Steward when the cornerstone for the new brick church was laid in 1878. Church history states that nineteen Hadleys contributed to its cost—more than any other family. Stephen and Claressa at first lived in a log house on the Lake Road. Later after raising frame
buildings, their barn was struck by lightening and burned to the ground. Their neighbors turned out and soon rebuilt it for them in just a short time. They were the parents of four children. Stephen died on December 10, 1870 and Clairessa died seventeen years later at the age of ninety-eight years. Both are buried in the Sandy Creek Cemetery. Their children were:

▲ Sylvanius—Born 1812. Died in 1882 unmarried.

▲ Sylvia—Born 1817. Died November 1, 1876. Married Oscar F. Atridge who was born in 1809 and died in 1870. She was his second wife and they lived on a small farm near the Kent homestead in the Town of Sandy Creek. In 1847, Sylvia had spun the wool for a beautiful red and white Tyler Coverlet, which, with a sampler which Sylvia had done as a child, was owned by Marie Kent Parsons of Sandy Creek.

▼ Sherman—Born 1819. Married Ann Elizabeth Ingersoll who was born in 1821 and died in 1901. Sherman died in 1907.

▲ Daniel—Born 1821. Lived to old age in California.
Ebenezer Hadley, the sixth child (fifth son) of Jesse and Abigail Wilder Hadley, was born June 18, 1790. Married on October 6, 1814, to Sibyl Bemis, sister of Joseph Bemis, Jr. She was born on November 26, 1789, the daughter of Joseph and Jemima Stoddard Bemis.

They lived on the Jesse Hadley farm in Brattleboro, Vermont until about 1842 when they migrated to Ashford, Cattaragus County, New York, with five sons and one daughter. There they built the house later occupied by Edwin S. Hadley. Sybil died February 17, 1864. Ebenezer died April 16, 1871. Their nine children were all born in Dummerston, Vermont.

- George Lewis—Born—?—. Married first on November 26, 1839, to Sarah A. Wellman of Yorkshire.
- Adaline L.—died young.
- Oscar W. also (William O.)—Born 1818. Married in 1840 to Elvira Davenport.
- Cornelius M.—Born 1819. Married in 1846 to Jerusha Chandler. They were first cousins. Jerusha died January 29, 1868. Cornelius married second Levinia S. —?—.
- Selma—Died young
- Henry—No record
- Horace H.—Born 1829. Married to Sarah W. Thomas of Hinsdale, New Hampshire in 1862. She was born in 1830.
- Lestina S.—Born 1832. Married in 1874 to J. Andrew Studley of Yorkshire. She died in 1873. They are buried in the Riceville Cemetery.
Elias Hadley, the seventh child (sixth son) of Jesse and Abigail Wilder Hadley, was born in Brattleboro, Vermont on January 10, 1794. On June 21, 1818, he was married to Sarah Duncan of Dummerston, Vermont. She was born March 19, 1797, the daughter of Judge Jason Duncan, of Scotch ancestry. In the year following their marriage Elias and Sarah moved to Sandy Creek, New York with their first born, a daughter Martha Ann. Elias was frail from an injury sustained while logging but remained energetic and developed a farm of more than 260 acres on the Lake Road. Like his father and brothers, Elias was active in religious work and tireless in promoting construction of the new Methodist Episcopal Church.

Children of Elias and Sarah were:

- Martha Ann—Born 1818. Married in 1845 to John Davis who was born in 1816. He was a carriage builder. They both died in 1907.

- Jason Duncan Hadley—Born 1820. Married in 1846 to Eudora Woodard.


Sarah Duncan Hadley died August 28, 1829 and Elias married Sphedey Wilder on January 11, 1831. She was born in 1807. Elias and Sphedey’s children were:

- Sarah M.—Born 1833. Died in 1847 at fourteen years.

- Precilla—Born 1838. She was the second wife of Sidney Woodard. Precilla died in 1902.

- Emily—Born 1840. She married Sidney Woodard who was born in 1837. Emily died in 1873 and Sidney died in 1894.

Sphedey died August 24, 1870. Elias died August 12, 1877. All three are buried together with Sarah M. and two infants in the Woodlawn Cemetery at Sandy Creek.

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Fourth Generation

Benjamin

Ebenezer

Jesse

Elias
Reverend Jacob Hadley, the first child of Jacob and Polly (Molly) Rice Hadley, was born in 1787. Reverend Jacob Hadley was a farmer, a circuit-riding minister, and a teacher. Traveling by ox team through the wilderness with his family he reached Sandy Creek, New York before 1822. There he first built a log cabin just north of the village, later to be replaced by a frame dwelling. His “Marriage Register” is a valuable source of local historical material. Its contents have been reproduced in the files of the Sandy Creek News. The first entry is the marriage, previously noted, of Eliza Hadley to Willam Severance. The Rev. Jacob both preached and taught in the Goodenough School District. He married Abigail Rice who was born in 1790. She died February 20, 1844. Eight months later he married Abigail’s younger sister Lavina who had been widowed from his brother Ephraim ten years before. Lavina was born in 1800 and died January 10, 1877. Jacob had died November 13, 1872. Each brother now lies buried beside his first spouse in the Woodlawn Cemetery.

The children of Rev. Jacob and Abigail Rice Hadley were:

- Addison C.—Born 1815. Married Lavina (Laura) Rice of Dummerston, Vermont. She was born in 1820. One child, Andrew, died in infancy. Lavina died in 1844 and Addison died in 1886. They are all buried in Sandy Creek Cemetery.

- Arvilla—Born in 1817. Married in 1837 to Josiah W. Chapin of Richland, New York who was born in 1809.

- Mary Ann—Born 1819. Died 1830.

- Jerome—Born 1821. Married Lavina Palmer who was born in 1818. He was a cooper—operated a shingle mill in Sandy Creek. She died in 1873 and Jerome died in 1893.
Jacob Jr.—1823. Married Adaline A. Hadley his own cousin, the daughter of Ephraim Hadley.

Abigail—Born 1824. Married George Scott.

Elijah—Born 1826. Died in 1846.

William L.—Born 1830. Married Phoebe M. Herriman. He was a teacher.

Daniel—Born February 15, 1832 (twin). Died in 1853.

Abel R.—Born February 15, 1832 (twin). Married his cousin Cornelia (Caroline) Hadley the daughter of Jesse F. Hadley.
Benjamin Hadley, the fourth child (third son) of Jacob and Polly (Molly) Rice Hadley, was born in 1796. Married on August 11, 1817, to Miranda Duncan who was born in 1797, the daughter of Joseph and Miranda Taylor Duncan. They moved to Ashford, New York in 1840. Benjamin was a surveyor. They had two children:

- June—Born 1832.
- Henry—Born 1838.
Ephraim Hadley, the fifth child (fourth son) of Jacob and Polly (Molly) Rice Hadley, was born October 23, 1797. Married March 14, 1821, to his cousin Lavina Rice (granddaughter of Ephraim) who was born January 17, 1800. They then moved to Sandy Creek, New York. Their daughter:

Adaline in turn, married her own cousin Jacob Hadley, Jr. who was likewise the issue of a cousin marriage. Their third child was recorded as mentally deficient.

Ephraim died May 4, 1834 and is buried in the Sandy Creek Cemetery. Lavina on October 20, 1844, then married her brother-in-law the Reverend Jacob Hadley. She died January 10, 1877 and is buried in the Sandy Creek Cemetery beside her first husband Ephraim.
Alfred Hadley was the ninth child (sixth son) of Jacob and Polly (Molly) Rice Hadley. He was born in 1825. Married Fanny—?— who was born in 1828. They went to Sandy Creek, New York. Their children:

- Vertina—Born 1847.
- Ella—Born 1849.
- Elijah
Rufus Hadley, the first child of Benjamin and Abigail Spaulding Hadley, was born February 9, 1797, in Dummerston, Vermont. He worked on the farm and at twenty-seven years of age married Joanna Bemis who was born in 1797, the daughter of Joseph and Jemima Stoddard Bemis. Their seven children were all born in Dummerston. She died January 4, 1840 and was buried in the Wilder Cemetery before Rufus moved with some of his children to Ashford, New York. He died in 1865. Their children were:


▲ Horace W.—Born 1835. Married Sedelia M. Boleyn 1859. Horace at first a druggist, then became an inventor, developed the “feed” mechanism for sewing machines. Placed bronze tablet on grave of Benjamin Hadley about 1910. They had one daughter Lulu Maebelle. Sedelia died in 1902. Horace died in 1921.

▲ Warren J.—Born 1837. At twenty-five years of age in August 1862 he enlisted from Ashford into the 9th N. Y. Cavalry. He was taken prisoner at Gettysburg July 1, 1863 and died of starvation at Richmond, Virginia January 10, 1864, in Belle Isle Prison.

▲ Evaline J.—Born 1839. Married in 1873 to C. W. Sherman of East Ashford.
Wilson Hadley, the sixth child (third son) of Benjamin and Abigail Spaulding Hadley, was born September 10, 1810. He married Olive Bryant of Dummerston who was born in 1824. He died of fever in 1889. She died in 1912. They are both buried in the Wilder Cemetery. Their children were:

- **Clarissa**—Born 1840. Married in 1865 to George J. Bond, Searsbury, Vermont.
- **George**—Born 1851. Died in 1915.
Fifth Generation

Jesse F. Hadley, second child (second son) of Samuel and Betsey Wilder Hadley, was born June 22, 1802. He was ten years old when he came, with his father from Brattleboro, Vermont driving an ox team through the wilderness to Sandy Creek, New York. As his father’s principal helper much responsibility rested on his young shoulders while they were becoming established in this new home. He remained on the farm helping to clear and cultivate the land until he was twenty-seven years of age. On April 16, 1829, he was married to Fannie Adams, who was born in 1800, and settled on the eastern margin of the family homestead. He died in 1882. She had died the previous year (1881). They had three children:

- Admatha—Born 1833. Married Ellen M. Newton who was born in 1837.
- Cornelia (Caroline)—Born 1838. Married her cousin Abel R. Hadley. She died in 1899.
- Claret—Born 1841. Married Edward Davis.
Fifth Generation

Horatio Hadley, the sixth child (fourth son) of Samuel and Betsey Wilder Hadley, was born in Vermont July 6, 1810. He was about two years old when brought to Sandy Creek, New York by his parents. He was married, on April 4, 1833, to his second cousin Sylvia Hadley who was born in 1810 the daughter of Jacob and Molly (Polly) Rice Hadley. Rev. Jacob Hadley, brother of the bride, performed the ceremony.

Horatio took up the land of the Government in Jefferson Township. They faced the privations of the pioneer and made a home in the wilderness which was to be his home for the rest of his life. Sylvia was taken sick and died in their log cabin March 19, 1840.

Horatio and Sylvia had one child:

\[\text{Almyra—Born January 27, 1835. She was married to a Dr. Thacher and had two children. Almyra Hadley Thacher was married again late in life to Wesley Otto—no children. She died in Pittsford, Hillsdale County, Michigan October 23, 1916.}\]

Horatio was married again on October 26, 1842, to Sarah Bullard of Osseo, Hillsdale County, Michigan. She was born June 8, 1818, in the township of Barry, Orleans County, New York. She was the daughter of Simeon and Polly Baird Bullard. Simeon and Polly had a large family of children and Simeon died in the prime of life in Orleans County, New York. After the death of her husband Polly Baird Bullard migrated to Michigan with all of her children and Peter Failing, her son-in-law, who had married her oldest daughter Rebecca. Polly's daughter Sarah married Horatio Hadley soon after her family had come to Michigan.

Horatio and Sarah Bullard Hadley spent their entire married lives on their farm in Hillsdale County, Michigan and he died there January 27, 1893. Sarah died April 19, 1897.
Horatio and Sarah had six daughters and three sons all born on the farm in Hillsdale County, Michigan:

- Jesse Failing—Born June 18, 1843. Married Anna M. Johnson on September 16, 1866.
- Marcelia—Born April 17, 1845. Married to Orland Cole. She died February 6, 1918.
- Elvira—Born February 23, 1847. Married first to Caleb Hale. She was married second to Jesse Hadley (distant relative). She died October 13, 1918. No children.
- Dexter Horatio—Born December 29, 1851. Married Josephine Carpenter. No children. He was married second to Hattie Smith.
- Ella—Born March 4, 1854. Married to James M. Lamb.
- Emmagene—Born December 21, 1855. Married March 4, 1876, to Dr. Fred Boyd.
- Addah-Belle—Born March 11, 1858. Died unmarried April 23, 1889.
Lindal Wilder Hadley, the ninth child (sixth son) of Samuel and Betsey Wilder Hadley, was born March 27, 1816. He was married on September 10, 1840, to Hannah D. Weed who was born in 1816. Their children, all born in Cattaragus County, New York were:

- Matilda—Born 1841.
- Lucy A.—Born 1843.
- John F.—Born 1849.
- Adella S.—Born 1855.

“Wilder,” as he was known, died February 20, 1858 and is buried in the Riceville Cemetery at East Ashford, Cattaragus County, New York. Hannah subsequently married Lorenzo B. Wilder who was born in 1816. Hannah died in 1902.
Truman Hadley, eleventh child (seventh son) of Samuel and Betsey Wilder Hadley, was born in Sandy Creek, New York on February 17, 1821. He was married on June 10, 1847, to Harriet L. Upton also of Sandy Creek. She was born October 18, 1828. He died March 17, 1907. She died February 20, 1914. They are buried in Woodlawn Cemetery with five of their sons and spouses.

They lived their whole lives on the paternal farm which had been won from virgin forest by years of hard labor. A good manager and a successful farmer although possessing a calm unruffled disposition, he was able to present each son one thousand dollars when he reached the age of twenty-one. This was a substantial nest egg in those times. Their sons were:


- Merton F.—Born December 17, 1858. Married on November 29, 1882, to Ida Elmer who was born January 29, 1860, the daughter of Theodore and Marie Snyder Elmer. Ida died September 30, 1922. Merton died September 25, 1943.

- David Randolph—Born December 5, 1860. Married on May 10, 1888, to Julia May Stevens who was born August 19, 1865, the daughter of Henry and Caroline Streeter Stevens. Julia died June 28, 1920. David died August 20, 1943.

- Fred (twin)—Born November 20, 1865. Married on November 8, 1890, to Elizabeth Van Auken who was born March 14, 1873. She died in January of 1921.
Edward (twin)—Born November 20, 1865. Married on January 1, 1886, to Della Harding who was born August 3, 1867, the daughter of Thomas and Antoinette Stevens Harding. Della died June 4, 1934. Edward died January 29, 1961, at ninety-six years.

Gillford—Born November 27, 1868. Married on November 27, 1889, to Ella Bonner who was born February 1, 1869 and died December 27, 1949. Gillford died March 3, 1946.
Nelson H. Hadley, the second child (first son) of Jesse Jr. and Abigail Fletcher Hadley, was born February 16, 1807. On August 30, 1841, he married Catherine Thomas who was born in 1820. They moved from Brattleboro, Vermont to Ashford, New York in 1850 with their first child aged four. They were Congregationalists “esteemed” by their neighbors. Nelson died July 6, 1867. Their children:

▼ Henry H.—Born 1846 in Vermont. Married Elizabeth Weltsie who was born in 1847. They lived in Ashford. She died in 1921.

▲ Willard H.—Born 1853. Married Frances C. —?— who was born in 1857.
Hannibal Hadley, fourth child (second son) of Jesse Jr. and Abigail Fletcher Hadley, was born April 20, 1812. He was married on January 24, 1837, to Mary L. Field, daughter of David and Patty Wood Field. They remained in Brattleboro, Vermont. He was a butcher and a successful business man and was said to be a “strong man” in the Congregational Church. Hannibal died in 1884. Their two daughters were:

- Elizabeth—Married G. Sellick.
- Emily—Married F. Emerson.
William F. Hadley, fifth child (third son) of Jesse Jr. and Abigail Fletcher Hadley, was born November 12, 1814. He was married on October 11, 1843, to Mary D. Carpenter who was born in 1822. They moved to East Ashford, Cattaragus County, New York in 1843. She died November 6, 1863. He died April 25, 1881. They are buried in the Riceville Cemetery. Their children:

- Alice M.—Born 1854.
- Ellen—Born 1856.
Albert Hadley, fifth child (third son) of Simon and Nabby Wilder Hadley, was born in 1818. Married first to Elizabeth Flowers who was born in 1824. Their children:

▲ Emma J.—Born 1847. Married Albert Stevens. She died in 1924.

▲ Eva—Born 1851. Married to Andrew Sprague, carpenter who built the Stevens house and barns in 1846.

▲ Edmund C.—Died as infant.

Elizabeth died in 1857 and Albert was married second in 1859 to Maria Wait who was born in 1837. Their children:


▲ Simon J.—Born 1864.


Maria died in 1892 and Albert died in 1897.
Sherman Hadley, the third child (first son) of Stephen and Clairessa Wilder Hadley, was born in 1819. He married Ann Elizabeth Ingersoll who was born in 1821 and died in 1901. Sherman died in 1907. Their children were:

- Sarah—Born 1848.
- Ellen—Lived in Pulaski, New York.
- Blanche.
George Lewis Hadley was the first child of Ebenezer and Sibyl Bemis Hadley. Married first on November 26, 1839, to Sarah A. Wellman of Yorkshire. Their children:

- Martha A.—Married to Jeremiah Vaughn in 1853. Migrated to Iowa.
- Sarah A.—Died young.

George then married Sallie Weast in 1852. Their children were:

- Willie—Yorkshire farmer.
- Hattie—Yorkshire farmer.
Oscar W. (also William O.) Hadley, the third child (second son) of Ebenezer and Sibyl Bemis Hadley, was born in 1818. Married in 1840 to Elvira Davenport. She was born in 1823 and died in 1908. Oscar had died in 1904. Their children were:

- Fred
- Helen
- Marion—Born 1847. Married Ebenezer Sherman, had three children
Cornelius M. Hadley, the fourth child (third son) of Ebenezer and Sibyl Bemis Hadley, was born in 1819. He was married in 1846 to Jerusha Chandler, who was born in 1818. They were first cousins. According to his will, Cornelius owned “considerable property” in East Ashford, New York, at the time of his death. Jerusha was the mother of his three sons. She died on January 29, 1868. Cornelius was married second to Levinia S. —?— who was born in 1824. Cornelius had come to East Ashford in 1842 before marriage. All of his children were born there. His parents Ebenezer and Sybil lived with him in their later years. Cornelius died on June 29, 1891. Levinia died in 1899. Cornelius is buried with both wives in the Riceville Cemetery at East Ashford.

- Edwin S. (Edward)—Born 1850. Married first to Elmira Smith of East Ashford. Edwin’s second wife Ellen H.—?— and his third wife was Alice R. (Rena)—?—.
- Frank C.—Born 1855. Married to Eudora Evertts. Lived in East Ashford.
Ebenezer Bemis Hadley, the fifth child (fourth son) of Ebenezer and Sibyl Bemis Hadley, was born in Dummerston, Vermont in 1822. Moved with his parents to East Ashford, New York in 1842. He was married to Marinda Hills of Brookline, Vermont on January 2, 1848. Marinda died in 1905 at the age of 81. They are both buried in the Riceville Cemetery at East Ashford.

Their daughter:

- Luella—Born 1859. Married to M. H. Ashley of Machias in 1880.
Horace H. Hadley, the eighth child (sixth son) of Ebenezer and Sibyl Bemis Hadley, was born in 1829. Married in 1862 to Sarah W. Thomas born 1830 of Hinsdale, New Hampshire. Horace died in 1917. Their children:

- Samuel—Born 1854. Died in infancy.
Jason Duncan Hadley, the second child (first son) of Elias and Sarah Duncan Hadley, was born in 1820. Named for his grandfather. He was married in 1846 to Eudora Woodard who was born in 1821, daughter of Charles and Chloe Lashure Woodard. Eudora died in 1887 and Jason died in 1895. Their children were:

- Jettien—Born 1851. Married Edward Williams who was born in 1852.
- Carrie—Born 1861. Married in 1881 to W. G. Lindsey who was born in 1861, son of Charles Lindsey. W.G. died in 1926.
Fifth Generation

Jacob Hadley Jr., fifth child (third son) of Rev. Jacob and Abigail Rice Hadley was born in 1823. His first marriage was to his cousin Adeline Hadley, the daughter of Ephraim. Adeline was the mother of all his children. She died August 31, 1889, at sixty-four. Jacob Hadley Jr.’s second marriage in 1892 was to Elizabeth Scott who was born in 1835 and died from burns in 1910. Jacob Jr. died July 28, 1902, at eighty years, and is buried with his two wives in the Sandy Creek Cemetery. His children were:

- Everett Ernest—Born 1848.
- Andrew—Born 1849. Died as an infant.
- Daniel (David)—Born 1855. Died in 1913.
- Jennie—Born 1858. Died as an infant.
- Clara—Born 1863. Married Dr. C. H. Davis. She died in 1889.
- Arthur—Born 1861. He was married to Maryetta Christman in 1877. He died in 1928.
- Alice—Born 1873.
William L. Hadley, the eighth child (fifth son) of Rev. Jacob and Abigail Rice Hadley, was born in 1830. Married Phoebe M. Herriman who was born in 1836. He was a teacher. Phoebe died in 1904 and William died in 1915. Child:

- Ada S.—Born 1861. She married Clarence Peck, who was born in 1860, in a double wedding with Joe Cook and Frances Peck.
Abel R. Hadley, the last of Rev. Jacob and Abigail Rice Hadley’s children (along with his twin brother Daniel), was born on February 15, 1832. He married his cousin Cornelia (Caroline) Hadley who was born November 23, 1838, the daughter of Jesse F. and Fannie Adams Hadley. Cornelia died in 1899. Abel died April 26, 1914. Their children were:

- Clayton E.—Born 1860. Married Evaline McKee. Went to Cattaragus County, New York then to Peru, Nebraska.
- Frank A.—Born June 16, 1861. Died January 24, 1871.
- Jesse F.—Born in 1874. Married to Marion Champney.
- F. Reo—Born September 13, 1882. Married Eva Knollin who was born December 15, 1885 and died in 1966. F. Reo died in 1951. No issue
Charles N. Hadley, the third child (second son) of Rufus and Joanna Bemis Hadley, was born in Dummerston, Vermont in 1830. Married in 1857 to Lorancy S. Wilder of Jefferson County, New York. She was born in 1837. They lived at East Ashford, New York. Charles died in 1881. Their children were:

▲ Agnes E.—Born 1859. Died in 1884.

▼ Charles M. (Cassius M.)—Born 1860. Married Arnetta Fuller.

▲ Valentine N.—Born 1865. Died in 1884.

▲ Violet (Laura)(“Birdie”)—Born 1874. Married first to A. Erle Travers. Second to Russell Hoyt. She died in 1959.
Admatha Hadley, the first child of Jesse F. and Fannie Adams Hadley, was born in 1833. He was married to Ellen M. Newton. She was born in 1837 and died in 1912. Admatha died in 1913. Their children were:

- Pitt—Born 1866. Married Orpha M. Newcome.
Sixth Generation

Jesse Failing Hadley, the first child of Horatio and Sarah Bullard Hadley, was born June 18, 1843. He was married September 16, 1866, to Anna M. Johnson of Pittsford Township, Hillsdale County, Michigan. She was born September 17, 1841. Jesse F. died August 27, 1926, at Petoskey, Michigan and was buried at Pioneer, Ohio. Anna Johnson Hadley died in 1924 at Pioneer, Ohio and is buried there. Their children were:

- W. Irving Hadley—Born 1867.
- Jesse R.—Born 1872.
- Lucy Mae—Born 1874.
- Frederick Waldo—Born 1877.
Marshall Wilder Hadley, first child of Truman and Harriet Upton Hadley, was born January 31, 1854. He was married December 28, 1872, to Emily Wodell who was born in 1854. They migrated to Prairie View, Kansas about 1875 where they raised six children. Emily died in 1935. Marshall died January 13, 1938.

Marshall Wilder Hadley was a large powerfully built man and a pioneer like his forebears. His only daughter, Edna Mae, has recorded that he migrated by covered wagon from Sandy Creek to Kansas about 1875. There he built a partly dug out sod house of one room with two windows. It was floored and roofed with wide boards and whitewashed inside. Emily, with their two year old son Delle, joined her husband the following year. Under the Homestead Claim Act, he was granted a patent for a quarter section of 160 acres (one fourth of a square mile) in 1889. Subsequently through the Timber Claim Act to encourage the growth of timber on the prairie, he was awarded an additional 160 acres for the planting of locust, walnut, and ash trees. Later he built a comfortable three bedroom house and bought 320 additional acres, making a square mile in all.

The virgin prairie was fertile but it required the hard work of a father and five sons as well as their mother and sister. The plows were equipped with a strong sod cutter to tear apart the heavy root growth which had developed over the ages. Later of course, in the 1930s when this surface protection was gone, the Hadleys like all other inhabitants of that area were victims of the dust bowl storms.

Edna Mae Hadley has written, “It seemed like dust blew night and day for ten years. Houses were not built tight enough to keep out the fine dust. It drifted into piles on the railroad tracks and highways causing many...
accidents. Many pantries had no windows, food was kept there and people ate in them. I have seen the horizon reddish cast. Lots of times vision was zero.

“In the summer, wind storms necessitated prompt escape to the cyclone cellar, while in winter, blizzards were a hazard to man and beast. For safety at these times a guiding wire was strung from cattle shed to the house. Clarence Hadley was lost in a blizzard with temperature at five degrees below zero. When he was found the next day, his fingers and one toe had been frozen, necessitating their subsequent removal.

“In addition to the dust bowl storms, the settlers had to contend with pests of grasshoppers and chinch bugs. At times their crops were ruined by storms of giant hail stones. While they worked hard and faced many hardships these were in part lightened by human fellowship, quilting parties, and spelling bees held at the school house. This was only a one mile walk from home (no busses for these hardy youngsters) and on the last day of school each year they held the long awaited celebration with tree planting, piece speaking, and a mammoth picnic dinner. There was also an annual Jubilee held fourteen miles distant. For this the family, dressed in their very best, set out at daylight in the horse wagon filled with hay. Mother and daughter had spent all the previous day preparing food for the occasion. Arriving at the grounds, there were races of various kinds, horse-back riding, weight pulling and lifting, contests of strength and endurance, a ball game, and last of all the great balloon ascension. For this the balloon, with a basket suspended beneath, was filled with hot air while being held down with sand bags; when these were detached the balloon rose vertically into the air. When the air cooled, the balloon came down—usually at some distance. Sometimes a trapeze
artist would perform on a bar suspended beneath the basket. On one occasion a girl performer came down into a lake and was drowned.

Mae writes that the Indians living near them at this time were friendly with the settlers. One of their neighbors was an old Indian hunter named Ame Cole. “Ame had a lot of scalps on the wall.”

This is a brief glimpse of frontier life as it was lived in Kansas by the Marshall Hadley Family in the late 19th century described by one who experienced it.

The six children of Marshall and Emily Wodell Hadley were:

▲ Delle—Born August 11, 1873, in Sandy Creek. Died August 19, 1959.

▼ Truman—Born on October 20, 1879, in Kansas. Married Violet Huskey, drew a claim and moved to South Dakota. Died February 6, 1964.


▲ Clarence—Born May 16, 1887.


▲ Edna Mae—Born February 2, 1893. Teacher.
Merton F. Hadley, the second child (second son) of Truman and Harriet Upton Hadley, was born December 17, 1858. He was married on November 29, 1882, to Ida Elmer who was born January 29, 1860. She was the daughter of Theodore and Marie Snyder Elmer. Harriet died on September 30, 1922. Merton died September 25, 1943. Their son:

▲ Raymond—Born June 17, 1886. Married on November 23, 1908, to Mabel Claflin. They had one son drowned in childhood. Raymond died March 17, 1965.
David Randolph Hadley, third child of Truman and Harriet Upton Hadley, was born December 5, 1860, in the old family homestead on Hadley Road. Originally this had been established by Samuel Hadley as a log house on the south side but in the early '20s it was replaced by a frame structure on the north side of the highway. Here, surrounded by the dissentions of five active brothers, he grew to manhood on a large farm where there was plenty of work for all and firm leadership was a necessity. Dr. Lee A. Hadley reports, “Grandfather Hadley must have qualified as a leader since he was considered successful and ‘comfortable.’”

Dr. Hadley goes on to say that his father was twenty-eight years old when he married his mother, Julia May Stevens on May 10, 1888. She was born August 19, 1865 the daughter of Henry and Caroline Streeter Stevens.

David had already scouted the Western States but was not favorably impressed and chose to live in the East. He remained a resident of Sandy Creek and worked as a farmer all of his life.

Dr. Hadley further comments, “Our first home was a farm on the Ridge Road. The R. W. & O. Railroad crossed the back part separating the pasture and sugar bush from the buildings and tillable upland. The only hazard was that of driving the cows across the railroad track twice a day. We were familiar with train schedules, took great pains, and fortunately nothing serious ever happened.

“It was a one mile walk to school. We carried dinner pails. When I was about nine years old, Father purchased for me a nanny goat with a harness. She was hitched to a large wagon and drew me to school many years before busses were invented.

“Brother and I were both born on Ridge Road between
Lacona and Richland, but in 1903 Father bought the George L. Davis farm on the Orwell Road. This was much larger and entailed the use of hired help, more equipment, and the output was proportionally greater. Freeman Davis, one of the earlier settlers, had built in 1885 a large farm house with seven bedrooms. Mother lost no time in modernizing this fine old home. From the seven bedrooms she ended up with four bedrooms and a bath. Central heating was installed and other improvements added. It was a nice modern home when she had finished with it. The cousins and other relatives enjoyed visiting us. There was always a spirit of good fellowship and never a dull moment. Our black and white spotted Indian pony, Jessie, made us a lot of fun and furnished the transportation later when it became necessary for Rex and me to drive the three or four miles to Sandy Creek High School. Of course there was lots of work to do but we were all happy together. Happy, that is, until the clouds of World War I began to gather.

“Brother Rex, always popular with his associates, had graduated with his class from High School in 1915 and then worked in the office of our Grandfather Henry Stevens, a world-known pioneer breeder of Holstein-Friesian cattle. When the call came for volunteers he signed up July 20, 1917, with two other Sandy Creek boys, William Prescott and Chadwick Gerow, supposedly to ‘make the world safe for democracy.’ And what a mockery that slogan was! Wives and Mothers who stay at home, yes and Fathers of soldiers too, they are the real heroes of war time.

“We were all home together for Easter 1918. That was the last time of her life that our Mother was ever completely happy. She died June 28, 1920, before the body of her son could be returned to his homeland as she had so ardently desired. They now lie buried side by
side in the beautiful Woodlawn Cemetery at Sandy Creek where he was buried with military honors on January 10, 1921.

“Chad was also killed. William Prescott the only surviving member of the original three volunteers and a comrade in the same company has written of Rex: He ‘arrived in France May 30, 1918, with Company B, 105th U.S. Infantry, 27th Division. His sunny disposition and brave uncomplaining performance of duty was an inspiration to his comrades at the front. At the time of his death he had just returned from important and dangerous scouting duty to the supposed safety of the trench, where he was picked off by a German sniper.’ He was carried over the top in broad daylight by the friends who thought so much of him. He was evacuated to the military hospital at Esquelbec, France, but died there the following morning. He had been wounded at Kemmel Hill, Flanders in Northern France. I was on duty with the same brigade and as soon as possible went back to the hospital and talked with a member of the staff. I was assured that Rex had sustained severe damage to the brain which could only have been fatal.

“Father’s interest in farming declined after 1920. He sold the large Orwell Road farm and busied himself with lesser matters. He died quietly August 20, 1943 in his eighty-third year and lies buried in the family plot of Woodlawn Cemetery.” Julia May Hadley had died June 28, 1920.

David and Julia May Hadley’s two sons were:

- Dr. Lee A.—Born February 3, 1892.
Fred Hadley—with his twin brother Edward—were the fourth and fifth children of Truman and Harriet Upton Hadley. They were born November 20, 1865. Fred was married on November 8, 1890, to Elizabeth Van Auken who was born March 14, 1873. Fred died January 1921. Their children were:

Edward Hadley, with his twin brother Fred, were the fourth and fifth children of Truman and Harriet Upton Hadley. They were born November 20, 1865. Edward was married January 1, 1886, to Della Harding who was born August 3, 1867, the daughter of Thomas and Antoinette Stevens Harding. Della died June 4, 1934. Edward died January 29, 1961, at ninety-six years. Their children:

- **Lulu**—Born May 15, 1889. Married first to Floyd Crandall, second to Leon Nichols. Lulu died May 15, 1941. No issue.

Gillford Hadley, the sixth child of Truman and Harriet Upton Hadley, was born November 27, 1868. He was married on November 27, 1889, to Ella Bonner who was born February 1, 1869. She died December 27, 1949. Gillford had died March 3, 1946. Their children were:


Henry H. Hadley, the first child of Nelson and Catherine Thomas Hadley was born 1846 in Vermont. He married Elizabeth Weltsie who was born in 1847. They lived in Ashford, New York. Elizabeth died in 1921. Their issue:

▲ Gertrude—Born 1869.
▲ Bert N.—Born 1879.
▼ Clarence—Born 1883. Married Dora Wasson.
Frank M. Hadley, the son of Albert and Maria Wait Hadley was born in 1872 at Sandy Creek, New York. He was a butcher by trade. He married Nellie B. Baker who was born in 1873 and they had one son.

△ H. Earle—Born 1893. He was a physical education professor. He died in 1967.
Ambrose W. Hadley, the first child of Cornelius M. and Jerusha Chandler Hadley, was born in 1849. He married Emma Holden of Yorkshire. Their issue:

- Elsie
- Howard—Born 1858.
- Zelva H.
Edwin S. (Edward) Hadley, the second child (second son) of Cornelius M. and Jerusha Chandler Hadley, was born in 1850. He was married first to Elmira Smith of East Ashford, New York. She was born in 1855.

Their son was:

▲ Cornelius S. (Neil S.)—Born 1875. Married Edna M. Hughey who was born in 1879.

Edwin’s second wife was Ellen H. —?— who was born in 1854 and died in 1880. His third wife was Alice R. (Rena) —?— who was born in 1852.

Their children were:

▲ Lee—Born 1882.

▲ Ethel—Born 1887. Married Charles A. Williams who was born in 1892.
Frank C. Hadley, the third child (third son) of Cornelius M. and Jerusha Chandler Hadley, was born in 1855. He married Eudora Evertts. They lived at East Ashford, New York. Their children:

▲ Burdett—Born 1878. Married in 1906 to Rose Minnie —?— who was born in 1875. She died in 1961 and Burdett died in 1962.

▼ Merton—Born 1881. Married to Martha Bremiller.
Warren H. Hadley, the second child (second son) of Horace H. and Sarah Thomas Hadley, was born in 1862. He married Orressa M. Howe who was born in 1868. Warren died in 1920. Their children:

- Jessie—Born 1887. Married to Elmer M. Worthington.
- Kenneth W.—Born 1903. Married Ella May Gifford of Machias.
Sixth Generation

Jesse F. Hadley, third child (third son) of Abel R. and Cornelia (Caroline) Hadley Hadley, was born in 1874 in Sandy Creek, New York. He married Marion L. Champney who was born August 17, 1875, in Pulaski, New York. She was the daughter of Almon J. and Henrietta Frary Champney. They lived in Washingtonville and Chester, New York. Marion died December 11, 1956. Jesse died in 1960. Their only child:

Charles (Cassius) M. Hadley, the second child (first son) of Charles N. and Lorancy Wilder Hadley was born in 1860. Married Arnetta Fuller who was born in 1870. Charles died in 1936. Their children were:

▲ Dorothy L.—Born 1897. Married Ray Davis.
▲ Rufus—Born 1899. Married Beatrice Hunter.
▼ Clayton—Born 1902. Married Mary Ellsworth.
Pitt Hadley, second child (first son) of Admatha and Ellen Newton Hadley, was born in 1866. Married Orpha M. Newcome. Pitt died in 1936. Their children:

- Milo—Born 1896.
- Starr—Born 1900.
W. Irving Hadley, first child of Jesse F. and Anna Johnson Hadley, was born in 1867 and died in 1948. W. Irving made a thorough study of the Hadley Genealogy from Benjamin Hadley of Brattleboro down to include that of his father, Jesse Failing Hadley. He married —?— and had one son:

Robert W. who married Florence Marie Bothwell.
Seventh Generation

Truman Hadley, the second child (first son) of Marshall W. and Emily Wodell Hadley, was born October 20, 1879, in Kansas. He married Violet Huskey, drew a claim and moved to South Dakota. Their children:

▲ Albert—Born March 17, 1920.
▲ Ethel—Born June 21, 1922.
▲ John—Born February 8, 1925.
Guy Hadley, fifth child (fourth son) of Marshall W. and Emily Wodell Hadley, was born October 21, 1889. Married to Madaline Shearer in 1934. Guy died March 14, 1968. Their son:

- Marshall married Merilyn Jones.
Dr. Lee Arthur Hadley, the first child of David and Julia May Stevens Hadley, was born February 3, 1892. He was married August 18, 1915, to Lulu Amelia Pohl who was born October 31, 1891. She was the daughter of Lewis C. and Elva Arletta Keller Pohl. Her ancestor Hendrick Klock (1663–1760), a Dutch fur trader, came to America in 1704 and settled in the Mohawk Valley. His grandson, John J. Klock, a Veteran of the Revolutionary War qualified her for membership in the D. A. R. Her grandfather Keller was a veteran of the Civil War.

Dr. Hadley received his medical degree from Syracuse University, College of Medicine, June 1917 and served as a First Lieutenant in the Army Medical Corps, A. E. F. in France with the 27th New York Division and was awarded the Distinguished Service Cross for action in the Hindenberg Line, September 27, 1918.

He subsequently qualified in the specialty of Radiology, making extensive studies of the spine and writing various books and papers on the subject and retired after fifty years of practice in his chosen profession. His only son:

Robert Lewis—Born May 18, 1916. He served in World War II and on July 5, 1952, married Jane Alice Norris who was born March 14, 1923. She was the daughter of Frank and Lillian Clark Norris of Fulton, New York.
Clarence Hadley, the third child (second son) of Henry and Elizabeth Weltsie Hadley, was born in 1883. Married Dora Wasson 1883–1932. Clarence died in 1913. They had:

- Claude A.—Born 1906.
- Verna M.—Born 1908.
- Iona—Born 1913.
- Iola—Born 1913.
Merton Hadley, the second child (second son) of Frank C. and Eudora Evertts Hadley, was born in 1881. He was married to Martha Bremiller who was born in 1880. Merton died in 1954 and Martha died in 1967. Their children:

- Alice—Born 1903. Married Roy Weast.
- Arline—Born 1915. Married Alvin Falits.
Horace W. Hadley, the fourth child (first son) of Warren H. and Orressa Howe Hadley, was born in 1900. He was married to Gladys Worden of Rushford. Their children:

- Maxene—Born 1922.
- Merton L.—Born 1925.
- Virginia—Born 1926.
Clayton Hadley, fourth child (third son) of Charles M. and Arnetta Fuller Hadley, was born in 1902. He married Mary Ellsworth. Their children were:

- Warren
- David
Charles Hadley, fifth child (fourth son) of Charles M. and Arnetta Fuller Hadley, was born in 1904. Married Iva Follett. Their sons were:

- Charles Jr.—Born 1933.
- Richard—Born 1938.
Eighth Generation

Robert W. Hadley, son of W. Irving Hadley, married Florence Marie Bothwell. They were the parents of three children all born in Toledo, Ohio.

- Robert W. Jr.—Born 1920. Married Alice Suzanne Bentley, the daughter of Neil Bentley.
Marshall Hadley, son of Guy and Madaline Shearer Hadley. Married Merilyn Jones. Their children:

Robert Lewis Hadley, son of Lee and Lulu Pohl Hadley, was born May 18, 1916. He served in World War II and on July 5, 1952, married Jane Alice Norris who was born March 14, 1923, the daughter of Frank and Lillian Clark Norris of Fulton, New York. Their children:

- Ruth Louise—Born September 12, 1956.
Robert W. Hadley, Jr., first child of Robert W. Sr. and Florence Bothwell Hadley, was born in 1920. Married Alice Suzanne Bentley, daughter of Neil Bentley. Their children:

- Richard N.—Born 1944.
- Caroline E.—Born 1952.
Ninth Generation

John B. Hadley, third child of Robert W. and Florence Bothwell Hadley, was born in 1922. Married Dorothy Ruth Reynolds who was the daughter of Irving C. Reynolds, Sylvania, Ohio. Their two children:

- John Reynolds—Born February 27, 1954.
- Judith Marie—Born December 21, 1956.
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