

J.A. Hadley Was City's Mayor Twice

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Mention the name of James Alfred Hadley hereabouts and most people immediately will think of the Hadley House — the brick and granite Queen Anne mansion at 400 W. Pine St. which is a Victorian masterpiece.

But J.A. Hadley should be remembered for far more than the magnificent home that set the style locally for the era named for the dowdy Queen of England.

He was Mount Airy's 12th mayor, filling the office from Nov. 7, 1898 until May 8, 1900, and also the 14th, serving from May 18, 1903 until May 1, 1905.

As Mount Airy's chief executive, Hadley was a member of an elite group of local business, industrial, church and community pioneers. Some of those mayors carried names that are still familiar, including B.Y. Graves, Lafayette W. Ashby, E.H. Wrenn, B.F. Graves, Sam F. Gilmer, W.F. Carter and R.L. Haymore.

Born in 1853, Hadley came to Mount Airy from Chatham County. Records show that he was descended from Joshua

Hadley, who had moved to Chatham County from South Hadley, Mass.

J.A. Hadley's father, William P. Hadley, was the third generation to live at Hadley's Mill in Chatham County.

James Alfred Hadley graduated from Rutherford College in Rutherford County. He first married Sarah "Sallie" Best of Beston. They had a daughter, Elizabeth.

His wife died and Hadley married Swannanoa "Swann" Brower of Liberty. He moved west because she had suffered from malaria and typhoid fever and he wanted to move her to a cooler, drier climate in an area that also had natural sulphur springs.

The Hadley family lived on land bounded by Franklin,

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James Alfred Hadley, an early mayor of Mount Airy, built the historic Hadley House on West Pine Street.

Mrs. Hadley, 109, Dies

Friday Sept. 21-1973

Funeral Service This Afternoon

Mrs. James Alfred Hadley of West Pine Street, a member of one of Mount Airy's most prominent families, died yesterday morning at Mayfield Nursing Home in High Point.

She was 109.

Funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock in the chapel of Moody Funeral Home here, conducted by the Rev. Robert J. Ralls, pastor of Central United Methodist Church. Burial will be in Oakdale Cemetery.

Mrs. Swannanoa Brower Hadley was born May 21, 1864 in Liberty, the daughter of Washington and Eleanor Kime Brower.

Her husband, a manufacturer, died in 1916.

She attended Guilford College and was a graduate of Salem College.

Mrs. Hadley was a member of Central United Methodist Church.

Over the years, Mrs. Hadley was interested in educational, civic and church activities. Two of her chief interests were Central United Methodist Church and the Entre Nous Book Club.

When the committee was looking for land on which to build Northern Surry Hospital in the late 1950's, Mrs. Hadley settled the problem by donating the site.

Surviving are two daughters, Mrs. Milton B. Cash of Winston-Salem and Mrs. James F. Yokley of Mount Airy; eight grandchildren, James A. Had-



MRS. J. A. HADLEY

ley, Raymond A. Smith and James H. Smith, all of Mount Airy, Milton B. Cash Jr. of Jackson, Miss., James Hadley Cash of Kingsport, Tenn., L. Harstell Cash of Washington, D. C., Robert A. Cash of Winston-Salem and George B. Cash of New Haven, Conn.; 21 grandchildren and one great-great-grandchild.

The body will remain at Moody Funeral Home for the services.

ONE SET OF FOOTPRINTS

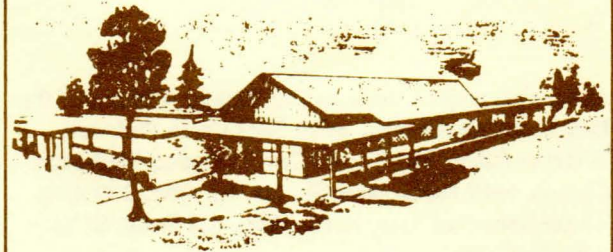
"One night, a man had a dream. He dreamed he was walking along the beach with the Lord. Across the sky flashed scenes from his life. For each scene, he noticed two sets of footprints in the sand....one belonging to him and the other to the Lord. When the last scene had flashed before him, he looked back at the footprints and noticed that many times along the path, there were only one set of footprints in the sand. He also noted that this happened during the saddest and lowest times in his life. This really bothered him and he questioned the Lord. 'Lord, You said once I decided to follow You, You would walk with me all the way, but I noticed that during the most troublesome times of my life, there was only one set of footprints, I don't understand why, when I need You most, You deserted me.' The Lord replied, 'My precious little child, I love you and would never leave you. During your times of trial and suffering when you see only one set of footprints, it was then that I carried you.'"

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SERVICES

Wednesday

June 17, 1998 2:00 PM

Memorial Service
Central United Methodist Church

CLERGY

Rev. Phillip Cole

Memorials may be made to Old Hickory Council of the Boy Scouts of America, 6600 Silas Creek Parkway, Winston-Salem, NC 27106, Central United Methodist Church, 1909 North Main St., Mt. Airy, NC 27030 or To the Salvation Army of Mt. Airy, 651 South St. Mt. Airy, NC 27030

SURVIVORS

WIFE

Mrs. Elinor Wrenn Hadley of the home

DAUGHTER

Dr. Sallie Jo Hadley New York, NY

SONS AND TWO DAUGHTERS-IN-LAW

William Wrenn and Cheryl Wilson Hadley
Charlotte, NC

James A. Hadley, Jr. Winston-Salem, NC

Alexander I. Hadley St. Louis, MO

John B. and Donna Beaver Hadley Charlotte, NC