

EDNA TRUEBLOOD HADLEY
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Edna Hadley was a member of Friends Meeting of Washington for 45 years. With her husband Clyde and daughter Katharine, she joined the meeting in 1938. The family had moved from Seattle to Washington, where Clyde Hadley was to become a Senior Hearing Officer with the Federal Trade Commission. Katharine was married to Winfield Scott Pullen in our Meetinghouse. In 1958 Clyde and Edna Hadley retired to the summer home they maintained in Green River, Vermont. Still they continued their membership in, and financial support of, this Meeting. Edna Hadley remained our member and supporter following Clyde Hadley's death in the late 1960s, when she moved to Colorado in order to live near her grandson, Hadley Pullen.

In the good tradition of her Trueblood family, Edna Hadley was interested in educational and Quaker programs and activities. As a 1910 graduate of Earlham College, she worked with Earlham's Washington alumni as a fund raiser for the College. At the headquarters of the American Association of University Women she was both a volunteer and dedicated employee. After faithfully attending this Meeting for 20 years, the Hadleys were regular attenders at a small Meeting held in their neighbor's home in Vermont. Their hostess was a member of the Wilton, Connecticut Friends Meeting. During the winter, their group on many Sundays was comprised of only the Hadleys and their hosts, the Gaftons. They looked forward to the warmer months when sane summer residents would join them in quiet Meetings for Worship. Among these visiting Friends were the Sextons of Baltimore Yearly Meeting, who have fond memories of those First Day gatherings.

Along with other longtime neighbors and friends, they remember Edna Trueblood Hadley for a variety of reasons. She was well read, possessed a clever wit, and played a great hand of Bridge. Her home was an inviting place enhanced by family heirlooms and reflecting Edna Hadley's skill as a decorator/housekeeper. Her spiritual strengths helped her to cope with widowhood, a fatal car accident that claimed the lives of her daughter and son-in-law, and an earlier family tragedy --the death of her 24-year-old son. Despite sadness and difficulty, Edna Hadley maintained her faith in God and lived on with courage, gaiety and a quiet mind.