THE NOVA SCOTIA CLAN

This large family claim "Irish" origin. For about one year the editor has been collecting records about the Hollingsworths who have been in Halifax, Colchester & Lunenburg Counties, Nova Scotia, since about 1785. At least, with this family, the documentation, which we propose to publish in this series, tells us the exact name, approximate age, origin, and approximate date of arrival, of the "Emigrant Ancestor," something many families may not boast about.

The first Hollingsworth to settle in Nova Scotia was HENRY HOL-LINSWORTH, or HOLLINGORTH. He was born evidently in County Down, Ireland, and was in the Province of Nova Scotia before 1785. In that year he received a Crown Grant of 200 acres in Guysborough County, which he probably never set foot on. He, later, with several others, made another petition for lands, these on the Musaudoboit River in Halifax County. He settled there before 1790 and received a Patent for 500 acres there in 1814. His death occured sometime shortly after 1840. His rife's name was Elizabeth, (1) (See No. 9belo) dead before 1840. Known children included: Henry, John Alexander, David, James, Thomas and a daughter Margaret who married Alexander Merson.

Henry Hollinsworth, Sr., probably was the identical Henry who was himself the son of another Henry Hollinsworth, King Hill (Kinkell) Clondoff Farish, Co Down, Ireland, who leased the 11 acres of King Hill in 1765, at the age of 34. In the lease for 3 lives, his son Henry Hollinworth, (his eldest son) was named, aged 9 years. This would mean that he was born about 1756, and was in his late seventies when he died about 1834; and nearly thirty when he went to Nova Scotia. (See Register, Volume I., No. 2, page 60, Deed of Ireland # 11.)

In this installment we publish the eleven deeds we now have from Halifax Registrar of Deeds, Halifax County. Others will hopefully include all the wills, administrations, family bible records etc., some of which we already have in our file.

- A. DEEDS, HALIFAX COUNTY, N.S. HOLLINGS ORTH FAMILY:
 - 1. B 54, pages 488-490. Oct. 1, 1831. HENRY HOLINSWORTH, Musquodobeid tewnship, Halifax County, veoman, to JCHN FIRIDING, Do., Gent., Sum: L110. Land in Middle Settlement of Musquodoboit, which had been set apart by said Henry to his son JAMES HOLINSWORTH, the entire tract being 500 acres granted 22 Dec., 1814 by the Province

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to said HENRY HOLLINS ORTH. Bounded by lands of DAVID ARCHIBALD the Fifth and MATTHEW TAYLOR ARCHIBALD. Other parts of said tract of 500 acres set off to Henry's other sons: DAVID HOLINSWORTH, THOMAS HOLINSWORTH, JOHN HOLINSWORTH & HENRY HOLINSWORTH, Junior. Map of tract appended. Witnesses: George R. Young, George Hill.

- 2. Book 55, pp. 198, 199. Dec. 12, 1831. Indenture between HENRY HOL-LINSWORTH & HENRY HOLLINSVORTH, Junior, both of Musquodoboit in the County of Halifax, of one part, & BOHN McDONALD, of same, Schoolmaster. Sum: L60. Tract in Musquodoboit (following the cources of the road to Hayes' Mill) containing 70 acres. Signed HENRY HOLLINSWORTH, HENRY X HOLLINSWORTH, Junior, (his make). Witnesses: David Archibald 5th, and James Muir.
- 3. Book 56, pp. 132, 133. Indenture, June 11, 1832, (Recorded July 11, 1832,) between HENRY HOLLINGSWORTH, Musquodoboit, farmer, & JAMES MURKEY, of same, Miller. Sum: 112.8s. Land on west side of the road leading from Hays Mill to the Musquodoboit River, 32 acres.
 - 4. Book 56, p. 176. Indenture, Feb. 12, 1832 (Recorded July 25, 1832), HENRY HOLLINSWORTH, Musquodoboit, to WILLIAM MAY. Sum: 13. A Mill site on the Little River in Musquodoboit. Wits: Robert A. Logan, Angus McLeod.
- 5. Book 56, pp. 243-245. INDENTURE, Dec. 30, 1831 (Recorded Aug. 16, 1832), between HENRY HOLLINGSWORTH, Musquodoboit, farmer, and DAVID HOLLINGSWORTH of same, Yeoman. Sum: 15. Land on west side of the road leading from Brown Bridge to Hays Mill, by lands set off for THOMAS HOLLINSWORTH, JAMES HOLLINSWORTH. JOHN HOLLINSWORTH and land granted

to JOHN SHIELDS. Containing 51 acres.

6. Book 56, p. 245. Indenture, January 13, 1832 (Recorded Aug. 16, 1832), between HENRY HOLLINSWORTH, as above described, and JOHN HOLLINSWORTH of Musquedoboit, Yaoman. Sum: 15. Land in Musquedoboit bounded by lands of JAMES HOLLINSWORTH, etc., containing 160 acres. Oath of DAVID JOHN HOLLINSWORTH made in the recording of this deed.

- 7. Book 65, page 315. Indenture, Jan. 13, 1832(Recorded Jan. 3, 1838) between HENRY HOLLINSWORTH, as above, "veoman" and THOMAS HOLLINSWORTH of Musquodobbit. Sum: 15. Lot on which the said THOMAS HOLLINSWORTH now lives, described as bounded by line of DAVID HOLLINSWORTH, JOHN FIELDING, etc., containing 130 acres and being part of a tract of land conveyed by Government to HENRY HOLLINSWORTH. Wits: Angus McLeod,
- 8. Book 70, p. 232. "We, JCHN & LATTICE HOLLINSWORTH, Musquodoboit," to DAVID HOLLINSWORTH, of same. Sum: 13. A certain tract of land formerly granted to HENRY HOLLINSWORTH and conveyed by the said HENRY to the aforesaid JOHN HOLLINSWORTH, containing 3/4 of an acre. Wits: William Scott, James Edwards. Dated May 11, 1841; Rec. July 29, 1841.
- 9. Book 109 pp. 367, 368. Conveyance, Oct. 22, 1840 (Recorded March 28, 1855), from HENRY HOLINSWORTH, THOMAS HOLINSWORTH & JENNET HOLINS-WORTH his wife, DAVID HOLINSWORTH & his wife, JOHN HOLINSWORTH & his wife, ALEXANDER MERSON & his wife, HENRY HOLINSWORTH, Junior and his wife & JAMES HOLINSWORTH, All heirs to the Estate of the late ELIZABETH HOLINSWORTH, Deceased. Sum: Five Shillings. To ALEXANDER HOLINSWORTH, Deceased. INSWORTH, also heir to the aforesaid ELIZABETH HOLINSWORTH. Land containing 200 acres, more or less, bounded by land formerly owned by HENRY HOLINSWORTH, Senior, land granted to JAMES MURKY and by land granted to the late DAVID ARCHIBALD 5th, now occupied by JAMES WHITE.

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To have and to hold the said granted and bargained premises with all the privileges thereto belonging with all the right Title Interest & claim that the (said granters) by virtue of the connection between them and the said ELIZABETH HOLINSMORTH deceased or in any other way whotever unto the said ELEXANDER HOLINSWORTH his heirs Executors Adwhatever unto the said Assigns forever.

Signed: HENRY HOLINSWORTH

MARGARET PEARSON WILLIAM SCUTT HENRY MORRIS JOHN WISLMAN

HUGH HENRY HOLINSWORTH JALES MURCHY (sie) to HENRY & ISABELLA HOLINSWORTH.

William Scott swore Nov. 11, 1840.

THOMAS HOLINSWORTH LETTICE HOLINSWORTH DAVID HOLINSWORTH HOLINSWORTH (sic) HENRY HOLINSWORTH ISABELLA HOLINSWORTH JANNETT x HOLINSWORTH MARGARET HOLINSVORTH ALEXANDER MERSON MARGARET x MERSON

10. Book 110 pp. 543, 544. Indenture, April 20, 1850 (Recorded Oct. 2, 1855), between THOMAS HOLLINSWORTH & JANNET ("x") HOLLINSWORTH his tife, Musquodoboit, farmer, and DAVID HCLLINSWORTH of 2nd part, same place. Sum: 180. Land in Musquodoboit, bounded by lands of DAVID HCL-IIMSWORTH aforesaid, containing 1312 acres. Witnesses: WILLIAM SCOTT and HUGH M. HOLLINSWORTH.

11. Book 142 pp. 552, 553. Indenture, April 16, 1852 (Recorded Oct. 27 1863), between MATTHEW J. ARCHIBALD, Musquodoboit, farmer, and JANNIT (sic) his rife, of the first part, and JOHN HCLINSWORTH of same, veoman. Sum: 150. Land described as bounded by lands Granted to HENRY HOLLINSWORTH, containing 100 acres, more or less. Signed MATTHEW J. ARCHIBALD & JERRET ARCHIBALD. Wits: DAVID A. HOLLINSWORTH, ROBERT A. L(G, N.

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- B. RECORDS OF LAND GRANTS, NOVA SCOTIA.
- 1. Old Grant Book 12, Page 18, Crown Lands Records, Halifax, N.S. Given under Seal June 2nd, 1785... A grant of 53,850 acres in all, Thereby granted unto the said several & respective Grantees in the lots, shares, Quantities & Proportions following to Wit: ... (huge list of persons, including HENRY HOLLINGSWORTH who received a parcel of 200 acres. Total of 278 persons Registered June 7, 1785. Given under the Great Seal of our Province of Nova Scotia. Witness our trusty and rell-beloved JOHN PARR, ESQUIRE, Our Cantain General and Governor in Chief in and over our said Frovince this Second day of June in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and Dighty five and in the Trenty fifty year of our reign. By His Excellency's Command. Land 53,850 zeros in Guysborough.

(NOTE: The Registrar of Doeds, Guysborough, has no record thatever of any entry of this piece of property to Henry Hollinsworth, nor of any sale aray of said land in the name of Hollingsworth (ctc.) any time!)

2. Fetition, Public Archives of Nova Scotia, cited "EDWARDS, George, and others - 1792." The humble Petition of GEORGE EDWARDS, for himself, HENRY HULLIMSWORTH and JUHN SHIELDS, Respectfully Shemeth -- That your petitioners by leave of the late Governor PARR settled on lands on the River Musquodoboit which they have made considerable improvements on & now humbly pray that your Excellency will be pleased to give them Grants for said lands and your excellency's Petitioner GEORGE EDWARDS Further

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Prays that your Excellency will be pleased to grant him one Hundred acres of land situated behind his lot without which he cannot make a Convenient or Beneficial Farm.

/s/ GEORGE EDWARDS.

"I hereby certify that the within pepitioner GEORGE EDWARDS is tell known to Me as an honest industrious Man. That he served in His Majesty's 22nd Regiment & with Others of that Corps obtained a Warrant of Survey for Lands on Petit's River in the Bason of Minns (?) which Lands were afterwards found impracticable to settle on so no Grant was ever taken out for them & I believe the Petitioner never obtained any Lands in the Province..

/s/ Mottman Tonge (?)

"EDWARDS has had one Grant of land but as he drew a had lot he may be indulged ith another if His Excellency sees fit: JOHN SHIELDS had a grant of 200 acres on Windsor road being his own choice... HOL-LINSWORTH should in conformity to his Majesty's jurisdictions make oath before your Excellency, or before a Magistrate that he has not received any location or Grant of land in His or any other of His Majesty's Governments in America."

/s/ C. Morris.

Dated July, 1792.

- 3. Crown Grant, in Grant Book E, page 48. Dec. 22, 1814. to HENRY HOLLINGSWORTH, Lot A., containing 500 acres, in the District of Middle Musquodoboit, Halifax County, etc. (We don't have copy Ed.)
- 4. Do. Grant Book 41, page 70, Grant 9149 to DAVID HOLLINGSWORTH & ROBERT McKENZIE at Greenfield, Colchester County, Nova Scotia, issued March 15, 1870. (NOTE: Colchester lies north of Halifax County.)