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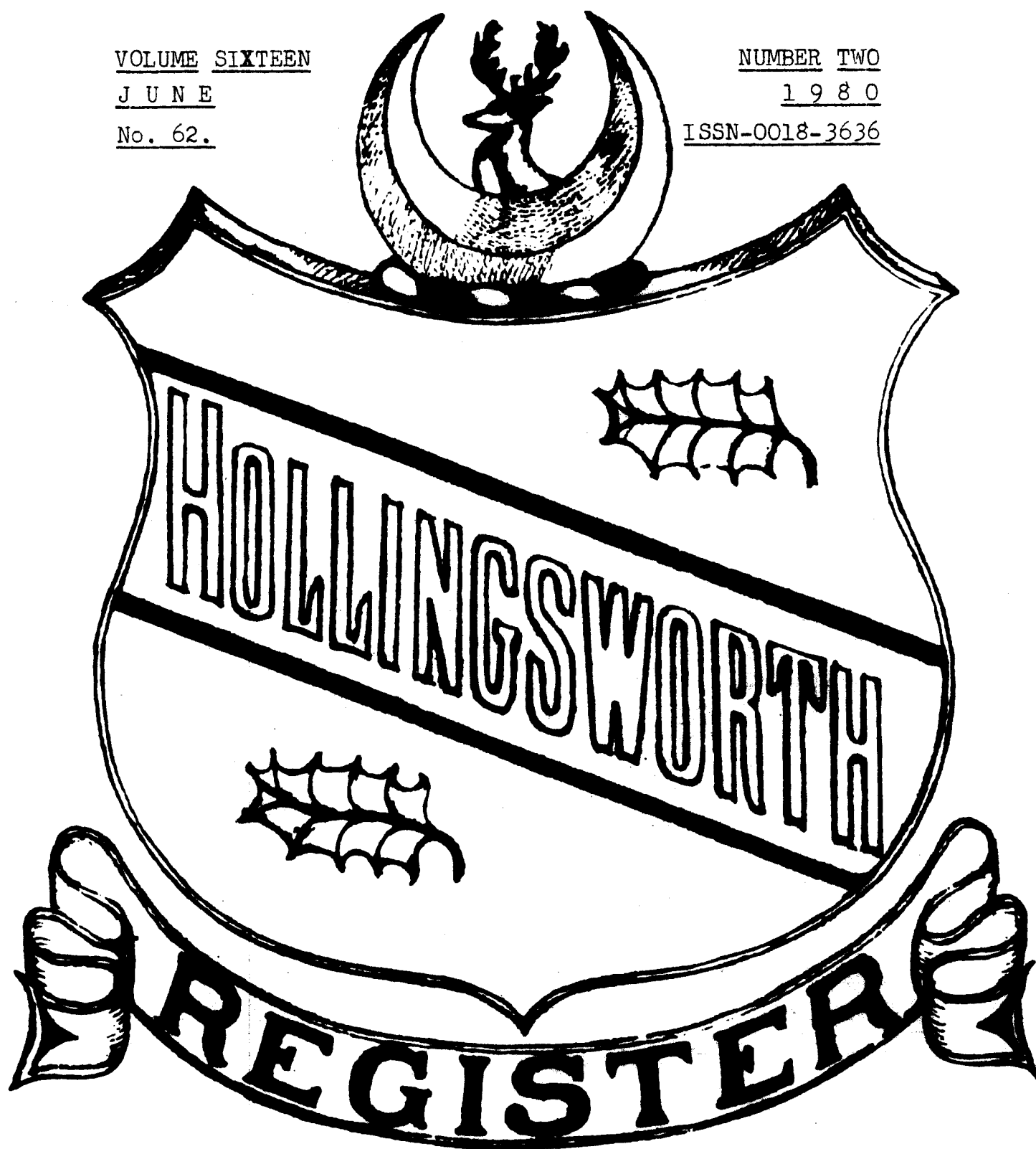
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Editor's Comments:

As for back issues, Dear Readers, we now have had all of them once again in stock and have sold two complete sets, thereby putting an additional set out of stock! This is the second editorial stencil prepared for the June, 1980 issue, only because of this situation. Within about a month, all back issues should be re-stocked. The problem is, as most of you will understand, that we are very low on many of the old numbers. A complete set, therefore, soon depletes those low in stock. We do have over twenty of the Old Granddaddy, April, 1965 and September, 1969. We are reprinting in the amount of 20 when an issue is brought up. There are sixty back issues, from April, 1965 through December, 1979, costing \$180.00. If a set is bought all at once, it will cost only \$170.00.

As inevitably it always does, "inflation," the politicians's blackmail gimmick, has infected Hollingsworth Register. In 1981, the cost of the subscription will be \$8.00 (eight dollars). Individual current issues (within year of subscription) will be raised to \$2.50 each. Back issues will remain at \$3.00 each.

We are beginning to type this June, 1980 issue, number 62, on the early morning (12:45 a.m.) of the 26th of May. Barring unforeseen delays, the issue will be delivered in June. This edition was put to bed on the morning (4 a.m.) of 3 June 1980.

By some ironic quirk of the savage-yet-keen mind of bureaucracy, our present issues weigh just enough to cost 40 cents by Third Class mail and only 41 cents by First Class! No doubt you readers have been shocked by receiving your magazines so quickly! But it won't always be thus. In 1981, Big Brother has warned, the postal rates will go upward again in their usual rack-rent fashion. Ah, but we could here launch into a tirade! What good it would do is problematical - other than the fact that HR is deposited in the Library of Congress where it might eventually form part of the protest which rises to Heaven - so we won't go into it. (If our protest letters were read aloud in the presence of those to whom we direct them, there would be a great cry against your editor and he would never be able to do another Hollingsworth Register. Bureaucrats do not like carping citizens!)

Your editor had distant cousins who were called "Loyal Irish" who first settled in upstate New York in the early 1800s. But, at the time of the War of 1812, observing the bad treatment of British soldiers by the Americans, these Irish emigrated to Canada! Few people noted this removal in the slathering of patriotism, and it is a forgotten time now. But a private letter expressed it rightly: "They just don't like the government."

The Civil War Letters of J. A. Hollingsworth

Mr. Everett Boyd Hollingsworth, P.O. Box 919, Leland, Mississippi 38756 has sent these most interesting and poignant letters. His cousin, Mr. William Bryant Hollingsworth of Route 5, Box 56, Gordo, Alabama 35466 has sent a second copy.

The collection consists of four letters, written between 14 Jan. and 2 Sep 1863. The writer died less than two months after the last letter was penned. Mr. E. B. Hollingsworth writes "The composition and spelling of the ... letters is very poor and punctuation is non-existent but the thoughts and messages are clear. The increased fatigue and worry as a soldier is obvious in the original writing..."

The letters were found among Mr. E. B. Hollingsworth's family papers where they had lain for years unnoticed. The soldier was a great-granduncle of the donor. See page 25 for editor's comments.

Numbers 1, 3 and 4 are copies typed by Mr. Everett Hollingsworth and have the grammar corrected. The same is true with Number 2, but a photocopy of the original was sent too, and your editor has reproduced it verbatim.

(1)

Alabama, Clark County  
January 14, 1863

Dear Mother:

I sit myself to write you a few lines hoping that they may reach and find you all well. This leaves us all well, only bad colds. I have nothing of importance to write, only I got a letter from James the second of this instance wrote the 17th of December. He was well then and had just gone through another hard battle unhurt. Mother, praise God for His mercies on a poor soldier boy. Give God all the praise. Sisters pray for your brother, give God all the praise that God may still guard him safely on and at last return him home again. James states in his letter that he had not seen Calvin since the battle. He could not say whether he was killed or not in the fight. Mary Ann's family are well and sends their best love to you all.

Mother, I gathered hardly nothing in the way of a crop. I have enough corn, though I must try and make it do, and no potatoes hardly. Provisions are scarce and high corn 3 dollars per bushel, pork 30 to 35 cents per pound. I hope that I can make out with what pork I have put up. Mother, if I ain't conscripted I can't come this winter and if I am I shall be sent to Notasulga to the camp of instruction and I will come and see you then. So I close.

Truly yours til death.

J. A. Hollingsworth

(2)

June 9<sup>th</sup> 1863

Camp near Shelby Ville Tenn

Dear mother I am agane through the coind murcies of god purmitted to right you a few lines hoping that they may wrech and find you all well I thank god I can Say to you I am in better helth than I halve bin in Since I halve bin in the army I hope that I Shal halve good helth the balence of the time I halve nothing to right that will interest you at this time the wheat crops are very fine in this section the corne is very small for the season this is the best cuntry to live easey in a time of peace that I ever Saw I do hope that this ware will soon close tho thare is notelling when hit will close for hit appears like the pople do guit wickeder in the place of gitting better they guit worse and worse every day. hit looks like and I well no that untill we humble our selvs we never can halve pace for this ware was brought (page 2) on us for our disobedeance to god and hit never will ceas untill we become houble before a murcifull god then he will seace this ware and I do think that the ware will go on untill we go through a grate change in the favor of a murcifull god dear mother let us all that has professed to no Christ be at work for hit is mutch needed at this time o mother to hear the cryes of mothers fathers sissters wives and children for the behalf of the soldiers his seames we as an inlitined pople shold be liftin or prears to a Sin for giving god continually when I se a letter from Elizabeth and read the prears that she puts up for me hit fills my hart with goy I thank god I halve got a praying wife at home o mother this makes a meney a tear steal down my cheaks I pray gods blessings uppon us all is my prears daley and hourley So I close hoping to hear from you soon Trewley yours as ever till death (page 3 continuing) I am oneasey I halve writen to you and cant guit no answer I recive a letter in april from you and I answerd hit and I halve not got no answer yet and I am guiting impatient I hope to hear from this soon I got a letter from home the other day they ware all well then mary Anns famley ware well allso I got a letter from Isrieal they ware all well then Americus is dead he died the 28th of last fbruary he died at or near Vixburg he had the brane feaver Isieal said that he did exspct to halve to go to the ware soon Mother I can say to you I was conscripted is the reasen I am hear I give my age in at 39 years old the 26 of next September I want you to look at my age and if I am forty I want you to right to me soon if find I am forty you must make afidavit (page 4) hit and if maby that will ~~not~~ (sic) releave me from the army pleas answer this soon and if you halve heard eney thing from James I want you to right I cant hear from him I halve writ to him and cant guit no answer I fear he is dead tell the girles haudy for me and I want them to pray for me with out seacing

So I must close leaving you all in gods care and Keeping  
Trewley yours as ever

good by for this time

J. A. Hollingsworth

(3)

In Camp near Chattanooga  
August 14, 1863

Dear Mother:

I am, through the blessings of God, spared to seat myself this morning to pen you a few lines hoping that they may come safe to hand and find you all well. I thank God that I can say that I am in very good health at the present. My health has been very good since I wrote to you last. I have not anything to write that will interest you at the present. I got a letter from home the other day. Elizabeth was well then and the children were also well then. They have got a fine crop. They are doing as well as could be expected. I thank God for His merciful blessings. Mother it seems like sometimes I can't stay away no longer from home, but I can't help myself and I shall submit myself to God's care and keeping. I well know God's will must be done on earth as it is in heaven. This war is brought on us for our disobedience to God and until we humble ourselves to our heavenly Father we have sinned against a merciful God. And we had got so proud and so selfish and had heaped up sin upon sins that we had to have this scourge sent on us to check us and that we might see plain what we have to do to recall the blessings of a merciful God. Mother, it looks like in the place of the people getting better they get worse every day. Oh that we may be all blessed with the blessings of God and that the hearts of the people may be soon changed for the better. Mother I think that I try to pray to God for a forgiveness of our sins. Mother it is now that we need the christians of our land and countrys prayers to our heavenly Father from a pure heart and have the confidence in a merciful and blessed God that always hears the prayers of the pure in heart. And we should be found praying to God daily for a deliverance of this dreadful war, that we all could have the right spirit within us. May the blessings of God be poured down upon us as we must confess that we are as the prodigal son was. We are not worthy of being called thy sons and that the blessings of God may be with us all now and forever, amen.

So I must close as ever your son until death.

J. A. Hollingsworth to a loving mother at home.

Mother please write soon as I do love to read letters from under your pen. Sisters pray for me daily that if we never meet on earth again, we may be prepared to meet in heaven.

(4)

Camp near Chattanooga, Tenn.  
September 2, 1863

Dear Mother:

I am permitted, in and through the blessings of God, to seat myself to answer to your kind letter. I received it in due time and I was truly glad to hear from you and the girls once more in life and hear that you was all yet alive, though sorry to hear that Martha was in such bad health. Though I hope that she will be spared to get well and if it is not the will of God that she should leave this troublesome, I hope that she may be prepared to meet God in face. I hope these few lines may reach and find you all well. This leaves me in very good health, only

sore and tired from marching. I can't write to you as often as I want to, we are amoving about very near all the time. Dear mother I shall write to you as often as I can. I want to see you all very bad, though I can't tell when or whether I ever shall see you again. If we do not meet on earth again, let us try to meet in heaven where there will be no mean war, nor trials, nor sorrows to enter in our peaceful breasts. Tell Martha that I am trying to get to heaven and, if I die first and be so happy to get to heaven, her to meet me there to sing God's praise forever and ever more. Tell Sarah and May that I want to meet them in heaven. Mother, if I should fall here I don't want you to grieve after me as I have a strong hope of heaven. Let us all try to meet God in peace when we come to die. May the blessing of God rest and remain with us all now and forever is my prayer, amen.

J. A. Hollingsworth

We left only initials in titling this article, even as the soldier signed only with his initials - as so many Southerners did at one time, it is said, that one of the states enacted a law requiring full given names in legal documents - for a reason! Mr. Everett B. Hollingsworth calls him James Arnold Hollingsworth, in his letter of 29 Jan 1980, while Mr. William B. Hollingsworth, in his of 17 May 1980 calls him Jesse Arnold Hollingsworth.

It seems that W. B. has, in the interim, gone to work and discovered several very good clues from what J. A. wrote almost 120 years ago.

Both correspondents believe that J.A. is a son of John and Mary Ann ( ) Hollingsworth. W. B. believes that Mary Ann remarried, after the death of John, in 1833 in Twiggs County, Georgia, a Mr. Epper-son. She lived with son James Hollingsworth as of 1860 census (HR 7:67, Tallapoosa County, Alabama). James has wife Nancy. Hence, this cannot be the writer of the letters; must be same who married Nancy Dowdy 28 Dec 1841 in Talbot County, Georgia (HR 7:156). Jesse A.-the above letter writer, therefore, is the Arnold Hollingsworth who married Elizabeth Howard on 18 March 1849 in same county (ibid)! Mr. W. B. Hollingsworth takes blame for creating one man out of two, i.e.: James Arnold and J. A. were thought to be the same man. But it is your editor who speculated such error at HR 7:156! The buck stops here! (Who said that?) I accept full responsibility. (Somebody else said that.) Nevertheless, I am not a crook! (Enough political jokes.)

These clues from a dead soldier's letters have sorted out a lot of things in this lineage, thanks to both donors. Now, you see, "sisters" have come to light - not "sister," as thought before. They all were evidently married prior to 1850 and Alabama county records have to be sought on this score for the marriages, as well as Georgia.

As to who was the father of John (and Mary Ann) Hollingsworth, the dead soldier's father - could he have been a son of Jesse and Mary (Holloway) Hollingsworth of Twiggs County (HR 14:41), Georgia? There are plenty of rough edges to iron out and we hope both gentlemen will come up with an answer. Any reader who has information should contact them.

Mr William B. Hollingsworth reports that the following was found at Grove Hill, Clark County, Alabama:

"J. A. Hollingsworth parted with his dear beloved family Feb. 19, 1863 for the defense of his Country, this day to be long remembered.

"J. A. Hollingsworth Departed this life Nov. 20, 1863 - this day to never be forgotten."

It should be noted that the editor has either made a mistake, or the census taker made a mistake in the name of this man as reported in HR 7: 63, page 727 of Clarke County, Alabama 1860 census, P.O. Grove Hill ... James A. Hollingsworth, 36, farmer, born Georgia, wife Elizabeth, 26, same, Sarah, 5, Louisa 4, Georgia and Covington County, Alabama, respectively, and William, 2, birthplace uncertain. The "James" should be "Jesse." Whereas, at HR 2:154, the 1850 reading in Talbot County, Georgia, we have Jesse Hollingsworth, 25, and wife Elizabeth, 17, both Georgia, p. 224B, lines 21-23. This entry is correct for the other known facts.

HR 8:165 reports the estate of Jonathan Hollingsworth, 19 Dec 1861, administrated in Clarke County, Alabama by Jesse Hollingsworth and others. This Jesse signs his name J. A. Hollingsworth. At that time your editor stated "Just who Jesse A. Hollingsworth was is not completely ironed out."

Under the name of Arnold J. Hollingsworth, he is listed as Private in Company E, 24th Alabama Infantry, Confederate States of America.

These marvelous old letters bring to light the darkened hours of the great rift in America's history. Too bad good men like this had to die to mend that rift.

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#### Union County, Indiana Hollingsworth Marriages

Time period covered is 1860 through 1918. Margaret Slevin compiled this work. The county was formed in 1821 and the earlier marriages to 1859 are intact and yet to be published herein.

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| 1. Ada Hollingsworth to Howard Nutty, Lic 2 Jul 1876        | Book E, p 520 |
| 2. Addie Hollingsworth to Albert Laird, 5 Dec 1878          | E, p 590      |
| 3. Allie A. Hollingsworth to Ida B. Wilson 16 Jan 1878      | E, p 565      |
| 4. Alpha Hollingsworth to David Isenom, 15 Aug 1886         | F, p 219      |
| 5. Anne E. Hollingsworth to Wesley B. Jarvis, 24 Nov 1892   | F, p 396      |
| 6. Charles Hollingsworth to Delpha Plankenhorn, 4 Jan 1899  | G, p 1        |
| 7. D. W. C. Hollingsworth to Anna F. Cane, 24 Jul 1878      | E, p 577      |
| 8. Elizabeth Hollingsworth to John C. Pearson, 21 Nov 1877  | E, p 556      |
| 9. Hattie Hollingsworth to Curtis Dougherty, 6 Jun 1883     | F, p 111      |
| 10. Helen Nora Hollingsworth to Ward E. Loper, 30 Sep 1911  | G, p 339      |
| 11. Ida May Hollingsworth to Michael Farlander, 29 Sep 1872 | E, p 389      |
| 12. Indiana Hollingsworth to Joseph W. Bennett, 6 Jan 1878  | E, p 564      |
| 13. John Hollingsworth to Ann Roach, 26 Sep 1861            | E, p 41       |
| 14. John Hollingsworth to Rebecca Campbell, 15 Jul 1866     | E, p 179      |



15. John Hollingsworth to Mary Rutherford,	29 Aug 1897	F: 540
16. Joseph Hollingsworth to Elizabeth Brown,	12 Oct 1865	E: 154
17. Katharine Hollingsworth to Robert Dawson,	19 Mar 1878	E: 569
18. Lakie Hollingsworth to Ira Rutherford,	24 Dec 1888	F: 291
19. Lanna (Lannie?) Hollingsworth to Wm. W. Taylor	4 Mar 1891	F: 345
20. Louisa Hollingsworth to John Pyle,	8 Dec 1864	E: 122
21. Luther Hollingsworth to Lucy Hutson,	1 May 1871	E: 353
22. Margaret Hollingsworth to Timothy Shelday,	14 Jan 1866	E: 164
23. Mary Jane Hollingsworth to Arthur Wilson Ellis,	5 Jun 1907	G: 236
24. Minnie Hollingsworth to Oliver Zimmerman,	6 Mar 1895	F: 469
25. Pearl Hollingsworth to Bert Teegarden,	1 Nov 1893	F: 427
26. Rose E. Hollingsworth to John A. Dungan,	24 May 1883	F: 111
27. Sue Hollingsworth to Amos Kettner,	4 Nov 1877	E: 554
28. Valina Hollingsworth to Wm. McIntosh,	21 Dec 1882	F: 107

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### The Isam Hollandsworth Family Bible

This item is contributed by our subscriber, Mr. Wayland B. Jackson, and his wife Betty Hollandsworth of 2203 West Norwich, Fresno, California 93705. This valuable keepsake is the property of Cecil Hollandsworth, Route 1, Box 246, Barnsdall, Oklahoma 74002. Mr. Jackson saw it two summers ago and has sent us typed copies of the pages. He has placed an asterisk (\*) between certain entries to denote an apparent lapse of time either from the color of the ink used, style of handwriting, or made with a different pen point. This family of Hollandsworth is from John Holling(s)worth who settled in Maryland in 1650 and is not in any known way a close relative of Valentine. The Ashe County, N.C., Clay County, Ky., and Gasconade Co., Missouri families are all in this catagory.

### Births

Jonathan Son of Isam Hollandsworth and Nancy his wife was bornd June the 14th day A.D. 1840  
 Rebecca Daughter of Isam Hollandsworth and Nancy his wife was bornd February the 19th A.D. 1842.  
 Alexander was bornd June the 19th a d, 184(?)  
 William Webster was bornd January the 14th A.D. 1845  
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 (Illegible) Marian was bornd (?) -ber the 3rd A.D. 1846  
 James Taylor was Bornd February the 14th A.D. 1848  
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 Angaline was Bornd September the 15th (sic)  
 Atison P. was Bornd April the 5th A.D. 1851  
 Lihew was Bornd Aprail the 17th A.D. 1853

### Marriages

Isam Hollandsworth and Nancy his wife was joined together February 1st 1839

Deaths

William Hollandsworth Senior Deceased this life October the 29th 1843

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Alexander son of Isam Hollandsworth and Nancy his wife deceased this  
lif January the 16th A.D. 186(?)

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Jonathan son of Isam Hollandsworth and Nancy his wife deceased this  
life August the 18th A.D. 1863

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Rhoda Hollandsworth Jr/Sr (written on top of each other) deceased  
this life September 27th 1873

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Angaline Davis deceased this life Aprail the 1st 1879

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Rebecca Hollandsworth Deceast the 9th of Aprile 1882

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Mary E. Stevens deceased this life June 18th 1896

Isam Hollandsworth deceased this life October (??), 19(??)

Nancey Hollandsworth Deceast the 29th December 190(?)

Baptisms

Nancy Jane was bornd March the 2nd A.D. 1857

Maryette was bornd May the 1rst A. d. 185(?)

Robert Fritz was bornd March the 12th A.D. 1863

Isam Hollandsworth Sr was baptized Aprail the 19th 1896

The following entries are on the back pages of the bible:

Oscar Hollandsworth Died July - 28 - 1906

George M. Hollandsworth ande Dora

Della Price Hollandsworth February 24 1888

Harrison Hollandsworth born June 16, 18(??)

James Hollandsworth born Oct. 24, 18(??)

Mary L. Hollandsworth born August 1, 1893

Osker Hollandsworth born March 20, 1895

Albert Hollandsworth born Febuary 18 - 1897

Austin Hollandsworth Born December 21, 18(??)

Clarence Hollandsworth Born December 2, 190(?)

Theodora Hollandsworth Born April 27, 1903

Ch Edwards Hollandsworth Born April 28, 190(?)

May (Lala?/Lila?) Hollandsworth Born April 1, 190(?)

Paul hurbet Hollandsworth Born July 4, 1910

12 in a Family

Mary Elizabeth Hollandsworth

Virginia Lee (?) Hollandsworth born November 29, 1917 St. Louis MO

Lola May Hollandsworth

Lola Mayble Hollandsworth born April

Edition and publication date on pages which are now lost. There is  
reference to the American Bible Society. The bible could date to 1839  
but probably no later than 1845, date of birth for William Webster.

Note: Mr. J. C. L. Hollingsworth of Franklin, Ohio, another descendant of the Clay County, Kentucky family of Hollandsworth, sent us a large collection of deed and marriage entries from Clay County, which we plan to publish soon; also, we have ready for another issue, marriages in Gasconade County, Missouri. But no entry for this Isham Hollandsworth to "Nancy his wife" was located in either of these lists. Who knows what her name was and where the marriage took place?  
SEE HR 3:141 for 1850 Census of Isham - all born in Kentucky!

Isham Hollinsworth (sic)	age 36, farmer	born Kentucky
Nancy	34	Do.
Jonathan	10	Do.
Rebecca	9	Do.
Alexander	8	Do.
William W.	6	Do.
James T.	4	Do.
Andrew	1	Do.

HR 9:53 has entry as follows, for this family in 1860:

Isom Hollinsworth	44, farmer	Kentucky
Nancy	36	Do.
Jonathan	20, farm laborer	Do.
Rebecca	18, domestic	Do.
Edward	16, farm laborer	<u>Missouri</u>
William	15	Do.
Marion	13	Do.
James	12	Do.
Angelina	9	Do.
Attison	8	Do.
Elisha (Lihew of bible?)	5	Do.
George	4	Do.
Nancy	3	Do.
Maruth (?)	2 female	Do.

#### ABNER HOLLINGSWORTH BIOGRAPHY

From History of Morrow County, Ohio, by O. L. Baskin Co., (1880), page 728

ABNER HOLLINGSWORTH, farmer; P.O. Marits; was born in Center Co., Pa., June 9, 1809; is a son of Isaiah and Jane (Morrison) Hollingsworth. Abner was the sixth of a family of ten children; his father died in Pennsylvania, in the year 1829. There being no estate to divide among the heirs, each one of the children, through the force of circumstances, were left to do for themselves. At the age of 21, Abner was married to Nancy Coleman, whose birth-place was Lycoming Co., Pa.; she was born in Feb. 1806, and is a daughter of Hugh Coleman; after their marriage he worked for four years as farm laborer, and then came to Richland Co., (Ohio - Ed) where he was engaged in tilling the soil; in 1838, he came into this settlement, and purchased eighty acres only five acres being cleared; but the timber soon disappeared before his ax, and it was not long ere he had a good farm, and well improved, consisting of 164 acres, which he has acquired himself, and has no one

to thank for substantial favors, in the way of gifts or endowment. In 1873, while Mrs. Hollingsworth was on a visit to Iowa, she passed into the spirit land, leaving as living records behind her the following children — Samantha, Jane E., Mary E., Coleman, George M., Hezron and Lafayette. In 1874, he was married to Mrs. Amanda Bending, whose maiden name was Wright; they have no children. (END)

Comments: See HR 5:113 for the 1850 reading of Abner Hollingsworth, 40, born Penna., with wife Nancy, 44, Samantha, 17, Jane E., 16, Mary A., 14, Coleman, 12 (male), George, 9, Hezen (sic) 7 and Lafayette 6. See HR 6:53 for sketch from Poweshiek Co., Iowa History (1880) p 733, of Abner's son George, born 29 Mar 1840 in Morrow County, Ohio. This George lived not very far from where the editor's Frederick Hollingsworth settled, west of Grinnell in Jasper County in 1864, while George came there twice, first in Sept., 1863 and again in June, 1865. Did these two men meet? (This is Abner<sup>6</sup> of Isaiah<sup>5</sup>, Valentine<sup>4</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Valentine<sup>2</sup>, Valentin<sup>1</sup> of Henry Hollinworth<sup>a</sup> of Stewart, p. 132.)

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#### OBITUARY:

##### (1) J. W. Hollingsworth - Oklahoma - 1908

J. W. Hollingsworth was born in Vermillion County, Ind., Feb. 2, 1842. Raised on a farm, and on the 16th day of Aug. 1861, enlisted in Company (C) 18th Regiment of Ind., to serve three years. Discharged on the 31st day of December 1863 at Indianola, Texas; received gun shot wounds; re<sup>u</sup>nlisted and served to close of war.

Was married to Annis Wishard, Jan. 9, 1868, who now survives him with one daughter and four sons; Lyda, Fred, Harry, Bert, and Otis. Came to Oklahoma in Nov. 1901, and homesteaded the farm upon which he lived until the Grim Monster, death, claimed him Aug. 19, 1908, at 2:10 a.m.

Mr. Hollingsworth has been a sufferer for many weeks from a complicated trouble from which there was no relief. Neighbor Hollingsworth was a man of strong conviction, always ready to do his share in life's battle. As a neighbor and friend he stood in the first rank.

Funeral services were conducted by Rev. J. P. Halsell, and the remains were laid to rest in the Carnegie Cemetery.

CARD OF THANKS - We desire to express our sincerest thanks to the neighbors and friends who were so kind to us during the illness of our departed husband and father. For their assistance during his days and nights of suffering, and for their sympathy in the dark hour when the death angel entered our home. We are deeply grateful, and pray the blessings of God upon them in their trials. Mrs. J. W. Hollingsworth and family. (From an Oklahoma newspaper, August, 1908, sent to Douglas Hollingsworth of Bangor, Maine, by Lester J. Hollingsworth, Acampo, California. John W.<sup>8</sup>, of Joel<sup>7</sup>, George<sup>6</sup>, Abraham<sup>5</sup>, George<sup>4</sup>, Abraham<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Valentin<sup>1</sup>, of Henry Hollinworth of Ballyvickcrannell, Seagoe Parish, Co Armagh, Ireland.)

(2) Annis Wishard Hollingsworth - Oklahoma - 1929

Funeral services for Grandma Hollingsworth were held at the home northwest of Carnegie Friday afternoon, June 21 and interment was made in the Carnegie cemetery. Rev. W. A. R. Lovell conducted the services.

Annis Wishard Hollingsworth was born in Indiana Jan. 23, 1842 and died June 20, 1929 aged 87 years, 4 months and 27 days. She became a member of the Christian church in early life. She has lived in Oklahoma since 1901. Her husband died 21 years ago. She is survived by two sons, one daughter, 22 grandchildren and 18 great grandchildren. (Same donors. See Item 1.)

(3) Harry Hollingsworth - Simpson, Colorado - 19( ).

SIMPSON - HARRY HOLLINGSWORTH DIES. Jan. 26 - It was with the deepest sorrow that the people of this community learned of the death of our friend and neighbor Harry Hollingsworth. After a lingering illness of almost two months he passed away at Brush (Colorado-Ed) where he had been taken for better medical attention. His sufferings were dreadful to witness at times but he bore them with a Christian fortitude and patience which were beautiful to see.

Harry Hollingsworth was born March 20, 1874 near Indianapolis, Ind., At an early age he removed to Kansas with his parents where he grew to manhood. On November 30, 1899 he was married to Villa Gau. In 1908 he moved to Boulder, Colo., where they lived for three years. From there he moved to Simpson where he resided until his illness.

He was a faithful husband, loving father and a good neighbor. He has a host of friends in this community who mourn his loss. Funeral services and interment were held at Fort Morgan by the Rev. Nelson pastor of the Christian church assisted by the Modern Woodmen. (Same donors. This is the son of above John W. and Annis (Wishard) Hollingsworth.)

(4) William Fay Hollingsworth, Millbrae, California - 1952.

William Fay Hollingsworth, 65, a cook of 230 Hillcrest avenue, Millbrae, died yesterday (April 24, 1952 - Ed.) at the Crystal Springs home after an illness of two years. He had lived in this area for six years and was a native of Montana. He is survived by his two sons, Ralph of Menlo Park and Raymond of San Francisco. Funeral services are pending at the White Oaks chapel of Roller, Hapgood and Lorentzen, San Carlos. (Doug Hollingsworth sent this 12 Mar 1980 - a composite of two notices, one says he died in a Belmont nursing home. From papers the day after his death but unidentified. Editor's grand aunt, Anna Elizabeth Hollingsworth Belden died in a Millbrae nursing home 19 March 1961 aged 86.)

(5) William L. Hollingsworth - Butte, Montana - 1906.

TREACHEROUS GROUND KILLS POPULAR MAN - William L. Hollingsworth, Engineer, Falls to His Death. - NO ONE NEAR TO RESCUE - He is missing

for hours before true fate is learned and body recovered from steaming shaft used only for exhaust from engine. -- (Photo) Caving ground at the mouth of an old 60-foot shaft on West Quartz street carried William L. Hollingsworth, a highly esteemed stationary engineer who had lived in Montana many years, to his death at 11 o'clock Wednesday night. He was alone when he fell and his true predicament was discovered at 7:30 o'clock yesterday morning. Miners, who worked tirelessly through the early morning hours, then discovered his lifeless body at the bottom of the hole. The shaft had to be timbered and a windlass set up.

**WELL LIKED** - The news of the tragedy spread rapidly and came as a shock to the many friends of the Hollingsworth family. Few engineers in the Butte camp were better known or liked than Hollingsworth. Quiet of disposition and upright of character, he won the respect of every man with whom he came in contact. Add to this great competency as a mechanic and he was very valuable to his employers. For the past 12 years he had worked steadily on the Butte hill. Until four weeks ago he was in charge of the engine at the Leonard mine. He left there to take a position at the Silver King mine, on the north side of West Quartz Street in the 600 block, where operations started three weeks since.

**DISAPPEARED** - Hollingsworth was just preparing to go off shift at 11 o'clock, when the accident occurred. A few minutes before he had been seen by miners coming to work. He was in the engine room. When John McKenzie, the night engineer, came to relieve him, he was missing, and his partner naturally surmised that he had gone home, which is not 25 yards distant, at 535 West Quartz Street. The shaft into which he fell is not the one being used at the Silver King now, but is only a short distance from the engine room lately constructed. It is believed that Hollingsworth stepped out to get a breath of fresh air before going off shift. Without warning of danger, he must have slipped on the soft, uncertain footing near the edge of the old shaft, now used for the steam exhaust from the engine. The slip of the soil carried him with it. The marks of his fingers clutching for a hold by which to save himself were found when a search was made later. An examination of the body at the undertaker's showed that he struck on his shoulders. Internal injuries were sufficient to cause death, but had the 60-foot fall not killed him the hot steam in the shaft would have quickly ended his life.

**THE SHOCKING TRUTH** - No one about the mine suspected that Hollingsworth had met with accident until McKenzie took Hollingsworth's watch, which was found hanging in its accustomed place in the engine room, to the latter's home. He found Mrs. Hollingsworth waiting the coming of her husband. She could not imagine where he had gone, as it was his invariable habit to come directly to the house. She immediately became anxious, but no one then suspected the true state of affairs. A hasty search brought nothing to light. An interval of waiting followed. Still no Hollingsworth, and then apprehension found a place in the mind of everybody at the mine. The steam exhaust in the old shaft was cut off. There was a dawning fear that the missing engineer might have fallen in there, as one side of it had caved only last Monday. The ground round about was rendered unsafe, due to the effect of the steam percolating through the disintegrating granite. The miners were called up from

below and timbering began in the old shaft. All through the remainder of the night the men worked. Loads of new timbers had to be ordered from the yards to make the shaft safe for one to venture to the bottom. Daylight had come before this apparatus was in place. It was not till then that the workers and watchers found their worst fears realized. It was by the greatest effort of will and the most noble courage that Mrs. Hollingsworth stood up under the shock.

FORMERLY OF PHILLIPSBURG - She told afterwards of how secure her husband had felt in his new position at the Silver King. Previously he had been working underground on the 1,400 level of the Leonard. He looked forward happily to long service at the new place and had spoken of it only the day before. On Tuesday he told Mrs. Hollingsworth of the caving ground about the old shaft. The same day he wrote for transference papers from the Flint Creek lodge of Masons of Philipsburg, where he lived for several years before coming to Butte.

Besides his wife, William Hollingsworth is survived by two children, William, 20 years old, and Zella, 18. The latter has long been suffering from heart disease, a sudden attack of which laid her very low Saturday. The effects of this last shock are greatly feared. The dead engineer was 47 years of age, and besides being a Mason he was a member of Ruby tent, Knights of Maccabees of the World, of which he was first master of the guard at the time of his death. He carried \$23(illegible - H.) insurance with the Maccabees. Definite arrangements for the funeral will not be completed until word is received from two sisters in the East, but it is expected the services will be held Sunday at the Masonic temple. The remains are at Richards' undertaking rooms now. (From a 1906 paper, Butte, Montana, courtesy Doug Hollingsworth. Who was this William? A note from Ruby tent No. 6 of Knights of Maccabees stated "the bannertent of the order in Montana, is steadily increasing its membership. At the last meeting of the tent, Sir Knight Solem was elected first master of the guards, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Sir Knight Hollingsworth" in same paper.)

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### Santa Cruz Courthouse - Part One

Your editor visited Santa Cruz, California, the week of May 25, 1980, for a client. During the three day stay, enough time was allowed to "clean out" the records of entries of our surname. There were not too many entries, actually. We searched births, marriages and deaths, and land records, in the office of the county recorder, and civil cases and probates in the county clerk's office. The county of Santa Cruz was erected in 1850 and is an original county.

(A) Special Services, Room 320, NATURALIZATIONS.

Volume 4, page 160. Douglas Hollingworth, age 31, white, complexion light, 5 feet 11 inches; 161 lbs.; brown hair; blue eyes. Birthplace: Eckington in England; Birthdate: 28 June 1885; Came from Liverpool, England on the ship "City of Berlin" and arrived in New York 19 Oct. 1889. Wife's name Ethel Hollingworth. Signed in Superior Court of Santa Cruz County on 1 Nov 1916.

Applicant lives at 11 Ocean Avenue, Santa Cruz, California. Volume 4 of Declarations of Intention, # 317, page 67, gives the additional data that he left Liverpool on the 7th and arrived on 19th Oct. 1889. Occupation, machinist. Resides at 401 Lincoln, Watsonville, California. Children: girl Ambert Ann Hollingworth, born 8 Nov. 1918 at Watsonville, California. Witnesses include Edgar Dopking.

NOTE: There were about eight books shelved helter-skelter. The naturalizations were not indexed and were not searched. The Declarations of intentions had indexes. However, for some reason, the two papers covering the period required for Douglas Hollingworth were indexed.

(B) Great Registers of Voters, Office of Registrar of Voters, 2nd Floor. We examined the 1898 volume. These are originals. Hand-written, by area, then in alphabetical order of male voter, age, birth place, and, if of foreign birth, date of naturalization and name of court and place; descriptive marks, etc. No Holling(s)worths. There were a number of volumes which might yield some further information, if one had the time to turn every page.

(C) Death records, County Recorder.

(1) Charles L. Hollingsworth. Died 23 July 1906. # 94. Residence, 22 Kennan St., Santa Cruz. 16 years in California. Male, white. Age 81 years. Occupation, farmer. Father: Louis Hollingsworth. Mother: \_\_\_\_\_. Informant, Henry D. Hollingsworth, 25 Kennan St., Santa Cruz. Burial in I.O.O.F. cemetery. Cause of death (word illegible, but looks like Anemia. Contributory cause: Bright's Disease. P. K. Waters, M.D.

(2) Nancy C. Hollingsworth, died 4 Sep. 1912. # 137. Residence 22 Kennan St. Female, white, widow. Born 9 Feb. 1827; Age 85 years, 6 months, 26 days. Occupation housewife. Birthplace: Waterford, Virginia. Father: \_\_\_\_\_ Wetherill, born in Virginia; Mother: \_\_\_\_\_ Thompson, born Virginia; 22 years in place of death and California. Died in City of Santa Cruz. Informant: H. D. Hollingsworth, 25 Kennan St. Buried 5 Sept. 1912, I.O.O.F. Cemetery, Santa Cruz. Funeral director Wessendorf & Staffler. Cause of death, Angina Preteris. Physician: Jenny M. Morgan, M.D.

(3) Samuel Hollingworth, died 15 Feb. 1927. # 4452. Male, white. Born 11 July 1856, in England. Age 70 years, 7 months, 14 days. Father: Samuel Hollingworth, born England; Mother: Ann Wilson, born England. 8 years in Amesti, California; 38 years in California. Informant: H. Hollingworth, 4903 2nd St. Burial in I.O.O. F. Cemetery; Aston and Neal, Watsonville, Undertakers. Cause of death: Apoplexy, second attack.

(4) Emma Hollingworth, died 25 Mar. 1930, widow. # 4452; 5 miles north of Watsonville. Born 23 July 1857; England. Name of husband: Samuel Hollingworth. Father: John Taylor, born England; Mother: Harriet Gregory, born in England. Age 72 years, 8 months, 1 day. 5 years in place of death; 41 years in California; Informant:



Douglas Hollingworth, 548 Main Street, Watsonville, Calif.; Husband's name: Samuel Hollingworth. Cause of death: chronic myocarditis; Burial by Aston & Neal of Watsonville, 28 March 1930.

(5) Henry D. Hollingsworth. Died 11 Aug 1934. #4401- Address: 27 Kennan Street, Santa Cruz; male, white, widowed. Wife's name: (the late) Carrie B. Hollingsworth. Decedent born 11 August (sic) 1858; age: 76; Occupation: retired builder; 44 years in occupation. Birth-place: Waterford, Virginia; Father: Charles L. Hollingsworth, birth-place Waterford, Va.; mother: Nancy Wetherill, born Waterford, Va.; 44 years in this district; 54 years in California. Informant: Lizzie Hollingsworth, 27 Kennan St. Burial 13 August 1934 in Evergreen Cemetery; C. C. Chase, funeral directors, Santa Cruz. Cause of death: chronic myocarditis, John T. Harrington, M.D.

(6) Amos Hollingworth, Died 22 April 1935. #4402 Watsonville District; 115½ Lake Avenue. Male, white, married. Wife: Bernice Hollingworth; Cause of death: general peritonitis caused by ruptured appendix; Birthdate: 17 April 1869; place: England; age: 66 years and 4 days; Parents: (all spaces written in with the words "unknown.") Occupation: auto dealer; 22 years in this district; 50 years in Calif.; Informant: Bernice Hollingworth, Watsonville; Burial in Valley Catholic Cemetery, 24 April 1935. White's Funeral Home.

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Mr. Tristram Hollingsworth's Naturalization

Tristram Hollingsworth, native of England, age 23, declared his intention to become a citizen of the United States in Rush County, Indiana on 8 Oct. 1867. He came from Liverpool, England, to New York, arriving at New York on 9 July 1865. (Naturalization Book 1, page 73, Rush County, covering the period 1857 through April, 1868, published in The Hoosier Genealogist, March, 1980, Vol. 20, No. 1.) The entire county of Rush, 1870 Census, was searched to find more out about this man with the unusual first name but he was not there. Your editor also did an unsuccessful search in the birth index for St. Catherine's House, covering all England and Wales, for the year 1844 - 4 rolls for each quarter of the year.

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Letter to the Editor:

The INDEPENDENT ORDER OF FORESTERS

590 Jarvis Street  
September 7, 1961

Head Office  
Toronto 5, Canada

Dear Mr. Hollingsworth:

In reply to your letter of August 10 I am sending the following information, which has been retained in our file on micro-film.

J. B. Hollingsworth was initiated into the Order on March 13, 1891 in Los Angeles, and certificate 34635 for \$1000 was issued for him on March 23, 1891. The date of birth given on his application was February 10, 1860, and his age when certificate was issued was 31 years. He terminated his membership in March, 1930 when he applied for and received payment of the cash surrender value of his certificate.

Mary A. Hollingsworth was initiated into the Order in Los Angeles, and certificate 365740 for \$500 was issued for her on January 6, 1903. The date of birth given on her application was March 24, 1865, and her age when certificate was issued was 37 years. She terminated her membership in March, 1935, when she applied for and received payment of the cash value of her certificate.

I hope this information will be of service to you.

Sincerely yours,

A. Stewart, Manager  
Members Service Bureau

NOTE BY EDITOR: We still have some of the buttons and other memorabilia from Granddad Hollingsworth's Forester uniforms. His birth year was evidently 1861, since he is not listed in the 1860 U.S. Census, taken as of June 1st of that year - unless - unless his parents, Edward Earl and Rachel (McFadden) Hollingsworth, who had only married in January of 1860, hid the child out! They had to declare their marriage in that year, 1859-60, you know. But Edward said his son John was nineteen in October 1880 when he made his declaration for divorce from Rachel in Waseca, Minnesota.

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Frederick Hollingsworth's Death Certificate

No, not our immigrant ancestor, but his grandson, son of Edward E. and Rachel (McFadden) Hollingsworth:

California State Board of Health, Bureau of Vital Statistics. Place of death, County of Los Angeles, City of Los Angeles, 2844 Glassel Street, 2nd Ward. Full Name Frederick Hollingsworth (sic. See comments). Date of death: July 9, 1905. The Cause of Death was Cirrhosis of liver. Coroner signed medical portion. Personal and statistical particulars. Length of residence at place of death, six years, six months. In California eighteen years. Sex Male, color White; Date of birth December 30, 1904 (sic); Age 37 years, 6 months, 9 days. Married. Birthplace, Genell, Iowa. Occupation, Paper Hanger; Name of father Edward E. Hollingsworth; birthplace Rockford, Ills; Maiden name of mother Rachell MacFadden, birthplace, Pittsburg, Pa. The above stated personal particulars are true to the best of my knowledge and belief, Informant, J. B. Hollingsworth, 315½ Winston Street. Place of burial Rosedale, Date: July 11th, 1905; Undertaker Dexter Samson Co., 1132 S. Flower St.

COMMENTS: This was the first year of deaths kept state-wise in California. But apparently this item was never forwarded to Sacramento and is

therefore the original certificate. Editor purchased a copy to insure its safety! Our granddad John Benjamin Hollingsworth, the Forester, filled this out and did a few corking errors he was famous for. He gave 1904 as birth year, when he (Fred) was actually just 37 on 30 Dec 1904, having been born 30 Dec 1867 at Grinnell, Iowa, or just west of that city, but in Jasper County, Iowa, probably in Rock Creek Township. The mother, Rachel McFadden, was born in Greenwood Township, Crawford County, Pennsylvania, daughter of William and Anne (Peterson - true surname Sutton) McFadden. He crossed out the last part of the decedent's first name. True, the man - Jack's brother - was always called Fred. But he was named after his grandfather, and always appeared in the L.A. City directories as Frederick, and named his oldest son Michael Frederick and his third son Frederick Joseph. The body was found by his wife, Lizzie (Firsich) Hollingsworth, when she returned from shopping, and there was a coroner's investigation. Your editor has not seen that file ... yet.

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#### Frederick Hollingsworth's Preemption Papers

This is the grandfather of the above man. The Pre-emption Acts were like Homestead Acts of later years. The settler claimed a farm site in Public Domain lands and settled there and improved it, and then applied for the same at the minimum of \$1.25 per acre! He therefore, in this instance, purchased his 160 acres for the sum of \$200.00. The National Archives in Washington, D.C. has these papers in Record Group Number 49. Our immigrant ancestor's actual signature appears in this file two times.

(1) State of Illinois, Winnebago County ... Personally appeared before me Abel C. Gleason a Justice of the Peace in and for the County of Winnebago and State of Illinois, Frederick Hollingsworth who is known to me to be a person of respectability and morality Who being duly sworn to tell the truth and the whole truth Testifies that he here by makes application for the benefits and priveleges of the Act of Congress approved June 22<sup>d</sup> 1838 entitled an act to grant preemption rights to Settlers and which revives with Several modifications, an Act similar (sic) entitled approved May 29<sup>th</sup> 1830 He Solemly swares that he is an actual Settler on the South east quarter of Section ten (10) In Town ship Forty three North Range two East of the third principal Meridian And here by applies for a preemption on the Same That he is a man of a family That he settled upon the said quarter Section the 28<sup>th</sup> day of May 1837 and constantly resided on the Same up to the present time. That he is a hous holder (sic) that no person or persons claim any part there of. Deponent further testifies that when he entered upon the before described quarter section which he claims that he did it in his own right and exclusively for his own use and benefit and that he has not either directly or in directly made an agreement or contract in any way or manner with any person or persons what ever by which the title which he is about to acquire from the Goverment of the United States shall inure to the use or benefit of any person except himself or to convey or transfer the said quarter section of land or the title which he may acquire to the same to any other person or persons whatever at any subsequent time. Further this deponent saith not.

Sworn to and subscribed before  
me in said County of Winnebago  
this seckond day of October  
A.D. 1839 - Abel C. Gleason J P

(Signed) Frederick Hollingsworth

(2) State of Illinois - Winnebago County. Personally appeared before me Abel C. Gleason a Justice of the peace in and for the County of Winnebago and State of Illinois Jacob Brown and Joseph P. Griggs known to me be persons of respectability and good standing who being duly sworn to tell the truth and the whole truth depose and say that they are well acquainted with the within named Federick Hollingsworth that he is a resident on the south east quater of Section ten (10) in Township Forty three North of Range two east of the third (3) principal Meridean that he is the head of a family and was at the time of the passage of the Act that he has been a house holder from the 28th of may 1837 to the present time And we believe that the statement made by him as above to be perfectly true and correct and that we have neither of us any title or claim to the above described quater section of land Further these deponents say not

Joseph P. Griggs  
Jacob Brown his x mark

Sworn to and subscribed before me)  
in said County of Winnebago this)  
Seckond day of October A D 1839  
Abel C. Gleason J P

(3) State of Illinois - Winnebago County SS. I Anson Barnum Clerk of the County Commissioners Court of said Winnebago County Do hereby certify that Abel C. Gleason Esquire whose name is subjoined to the two foregoing affidavits and before whom the same were taken was at the time of taking such affidavits an acting Justice of the Peace in and for said County Commissioned and sworn and duly authorised to take the same and that full faith and credit are due all his official acts. In testimony whereof I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my private seal (not official seal having been provided (sic)  
( SEAL) this 3<sup>d</sup> day of October 1839

Anson Barnum Clk by  
Jas M. Wight Dep Clk.

Marked Pre Empn. No. 9291

"See letter to R & R 8 April 1842 & Regr reply 28 May 1842." \*  
"Affidavit of claimant 2nd Oct 1839; entry 11 Oct 1839."

\*These items not in file - Ed.

(4) I, Frederick Hollensworth, do solemnly Swear that prior to my Entry per No. 9291 Dated Oct. 11th 1839, of the South East quarter Section No. Ten, in Township No. Forty three North Range No. Two East of the third Principal Meridian, I had made no agreement or contract in any way or manner to sell the same, nor by which the title Should Enure to the benefit of any one Except myself

Sworn to and subscribed  
before me this 3<sup>rd</sup> day  
of May A.D. 1842

Signed Frederick Hollingsworth

H. B. Potter, Justice of the Peace.

(5) No. 9291 Land Office at Galena Oct 11th, 1839. It is hereby certified, that, in pursuance of Law, Frederick Hollingsworth of Winnebago County, State of Illinois on this day purchased of the Register of this Office, the Lot or South East quarter of Section No. Ten in Township No. forty three N of Range No. Two East containing One hundred & Sixty acres, at the rate of one dollar and 25 cents per acre, amounting to Two Hundred dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents, for which the said Frederick Hollingsworth has made payment in full as required by law.

NOW therefore be it known, That, on presentation of this Certificate to the Commissioner of the General Land Office, the said Frederick Hollingsworth shall be entitled to receive a Patent for the lot above described.

Prece<sup>n</sup> /38

Saml Hackelton Register.

(6) Receipt - No. 9291 Receiver's Office at Galena October 11 1839 Received of Frederick Hollingsworth of Winnebago County Illinois the sum of Two hundred dollars and \_\_\_\_\_ cents; being in full for the South East quarter of Section No. Ten in Township No. forty three of Range No. Two East containing One hundred & Sixty acres, and \_\_\_\_\_ hundredths at \$ 1.25 per acre

John Dement Receiver.

\$200.00 Pre 38

NOTE: In Items 5 and 6, words underlined are written on printed forms. Jacob Brown was the father-in-law of Frederick Hollingsworth, and only about five years older than him; Joseph P. Griggs was the first settler at Cherry Valley, Illinois according to the history books. This farm of 160 acres is still a working farm today and was visited in July, 1978 by your editor at about evening on two consecutive days; hence, we did not get good snapshots. Present owner is Mrs. Oscar Hartwig.\* Frederick Hollingsworth sold this farm in 1856 for four thousand dollars. The property is bounded on the north by Linden Road and on the east by Perryville Road in Cherry Valley Township, southeast of the main part of Rockford, Illinois, and southwest of the village of Cherry Valley, should anyone like to visit. Later, we will give a full recital of ownership title to the present day. \*6991 Linden Road

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### The "Cheshire Domesday Roll"

Brian C. Redwood, M.A., County Archivist for Cheshire at the Record Office, The Castle, Chester, England, sent a letter dated 28 Jan 1970 explaining the great lack of records for that shire during the period 1200-1270 A.D. insofar as lists of inhabitants' names go. The singular exception is a record of enrolment known as the Cheshire Domesday Roll of which fragments survive in the Public Record Office, London as Chester 47/1 and 2. The known contents are extracted in 'Cheshire Sheaf', 3rd Series, Vol. 20 (1923) and contain only one entry of our surname:

(29.) 17 Edward the First (1288-89). The following charter was attached to a final concord of Henry de Laci, 23 Edward I.: — Grant by Roger de Bothe and Petronilla his wife to Roger de Hyde and Margery his wife of land held in Holynworth by the death (?) of William son of Rob-

ert de Holynworth. Witnesses: John de Hollynworth, Ric. de Matteleg, Henry de Godeley, Rob. de Matteley, Ralph de Woley, William son of William de Tengittwysell, Rob. de Mottrom chaplain (folio 98).

Note: This is one of the oldest records of land held in the township now known as Hollingworth, Parish of Mottram-in-Longdendale, Cheshire. The very oldest, undated by its authors, is only some 75 years older, written by internal evidence between about 1211 and 1220 or roughly in the time of Magna Carta (1215). We published a photocopy in HR 3:40A.

We here have William Holynworth, his father, Robert Holynworth, William dead by 1288-89; and John Holynworth as well. Whether Robert (de) Holynworth was also deceased is not shown. The lifetime of the "Primeval Hollynworth," Thomas, he of the earlier charter, well could overlap into these lives mentioned above. But always keep in mind, that at this period, and for a century yet to come, surnames were not fixed. In fact, in folio 99 of this above roll, Robert the Spicer and Robert the Mercer are both mentioned. Should anybody in these old times remove to another piece of land or change their occupation, their "surname" would change thereby!

Incidentally, Petronilla, wife of Roger de Bothe (Booth) may be daughter and an heiress of William Holynworth, whereby she acquired the land which her husband would then hold in right of his wife if we remember our history right.

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Prerogative Court of Canterbury Index  
To 31st December 1857

Somehow we acquired a xerox copy of the portion of this printed index dealing with registered wills of our surname. The earliest date on the page is 1853. We don't know the coverage. 31 Dec 1857 marked the end of this court to be supplanted by the Principal Registry of Probates, Somerset House.

1. Hollingsworth, Daniel, Hertford. September 1854. Reg. folio 679.
2. Hollingsworth, John, Worcester. February, 1854. Reg. folio 120.
3. Hollingsworth, John, Middlesex. March, 1854. Reg. folio 208.
4. Hollingsworth, Samuel, Suffolk. March, 1855. Reg. folio 224.
5. Hollingworth, George, Cambridge. November, 1855. Reg. folio 922.
6. Hollingworth, Jane Rebecca, Devon-July, 1854. Reg. folio 535.
7. Hollingworth, The Venerable John Banks, Doctor in Divinity,  
London. March, 1856. Reg. folio 210.
8. Hollinworth, Henry Augustus, Commander Royal Navy  
Parts (beyond seas)  
April, 1856. Reg. folio 295.

All of the above are registered wills. Administrations must be in a separate index. This appears to be from an official government calendar of wills. It is not from the Index Library, Prerogative Wills and Administrations series, which has not yet reached the mid 1700s after being a continued series since the late 1800s!