

EDWARD HOLLINGSWORTH OF BELLEVILLE, ONTARIO

Thanks again to persons, members of this family, who had collected their valuable old family records and retained written copies of their oral traditions, your editor has had his way made easy in the presentation of this article. But we hope, in later editions, to be able to tell of more progress on this line.

Edward Hollingsworth was the only child of Captain Richard Hollingsworth of Nottingham, England, by Catherine Bull, his wife. We have no record of the names of the Captain's parents. He was born before 1800, and died in the island of Ceylon, in the service. The story related by one descendant is that he arose one morning feeling fit as any military man should, but by evening he had died of the Plague! His wife, Catherine, with her small child Edward (or perhaps she was only pregnant with the child at the time of Richard's death), returned to her own people, who lived near Drogheda, Co. Louth, Ireland. Edward Hollingsworth, according to his Army Discharge papers, was born in the Parish of Drogheda in or near the town of Drogheda in the County of Louth. Another informant states he was born April 25, 1817. His Discharge also states that he enlisted in the Royal Artillery at Charlemont on the 30th of April, 1838, at the age of 18½ years. His service was for the period of five years and 104 days, at the time of the termination of his service, in August, 1843. He had come to Kingston, Ontario, Canada, with his Regiment. This old parchment certificate is now owned by a great-grandson, John Edward Hollingsworth, Silverton, Oregon.
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There is a tradition that Catherine (Bull) Hollingsworth's father was a Major Bull, Governor of Ceylon.

Edward Hollingsworth was the only child of this union. Having been born in or near the corporate town of Drogheda, he probably was raised in Ireland. There are two Episcopal Church Parishes comprising the whole of the town - St. Peter's and St. Mary's. Both their baptismal registers were recently examined for mention of Edward Hollingsworth. Since there was no record located, we believe that he actually lived outside the town. The Discharge papers indicate it was "County Louth." But Drogheda borders on the line between Counties Louth on north, and Meath on south. At a later time we plan to write to all Rectors of the Church of Ireland whose registers were in tact back to 1817, surrounding the town on all sides. A baptism will probably be found.

After his arrival as a young man in Kingston, Ontario, he met and married Annie Mundell, the daughter of John and Ann (Hipston) Mundell, natives of County Derry, Ireland, but descendants of French (Huguenot) Refugees who fled at the Edict of Nantes Revocation in 1685. (Original French name "de Mundella.") Annie was born Aug. 16, 1825 and baptized in the Parish of Ballynascreen, Co. Londonderry, Ireland. When John and Ann Mundell came out to Canada with their children, (the others being named David, John and William) they were the last to leave Ireland. They settled permanently near Belleville, in the small town of Melrose, Hastings Co., Ontario, after a brief stay in Montreal, Quebec.

Edward Hollingsworth was exceptionally good with figures, and was for some time, Clerk at Melrose. The following is the official Canada West (Ontario) of 1861, which shows the details of his family at that time: (Page 36)

Lines 16-23.	Edward Hollingsworth, shoemaker, age 40, born Ireland. Married.
HUNTINGDON	Annie Hollingsworth, 34, " " "
TOWNSHIP.	Elizabeth " 14 born Canada West. Single.
REEL C-1033	Jane " 11 " " " "
Public Arch-	Annie " 9 " " " "
ives of Can-	William " 7 " " " "
ada, Ottawa,	James " 5 " " " "
Ontario.	Edward " 1 " " " "

The same census shows that Edward and family had by that time joined the "Church of Scotland," or the Presbyterian Church. Members of the family assure us, however, that all were born in the Anglican faith. The house in which they dwelt was of frame, 1 story, and their family only lived within. The agricultural report showed that they had 36 acres surrounding the dwelling, and 2 cows, 2

pigs, with a value of \$32.00, and Shoemaker's equipment and investment of \$300.00. The lot was in Concession # 3, Lot 9, 34 acres, 20 under cultivation, of which 4 acres were under crops, (Buckwheat, Indian Corn, Potatoes, Carrots, Beans,) 16 under pasture, and 14 under wood or wild. Pork produced in barrels per year at 200 lbs. - 2 barrels. Not far away, in Concession 3, Lot 1, with 100 acres, lived Samuel Mundell, Edward Hollingsworth's brother-in-law. The census taker made a brief note that "the potatoe disease was very bad through the ward, generally," and "The wheat was a very poor crop in 1860 on account of the Midge, in this ward." (Don't we Americans eat our hearts out for a census this get filed for our ancestors: You bet we do!) Before living in Huntingdon, the family had lived in Kawdon township, whose census for 1851 is missing. The children, in all, were: Elizabeth, Sept. 6, 1847; Jane, June 13, 1850; Annie, March 2, 1852; Wm. Dec 24, 1853; James, May 6, 1856; Edward, Aug. 20, 1860; Richard, Sept. 23, 1863; John Mundell, Sept. 20, 1865; Martha Frazer, Aug. 1, 1867; and Caroline Mary, Nov. 27, 1870.

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The first five children above, up to James Hollingsworth, were born in Kawdon township, the next two in Huntingdon, at a place called Moira, and the rest at Melrose, Wyandolaga township. Melrose no longer exists. Elizabeth married (1873) Alexander James Johnston Ansell and had 8 children; Jane married James Heary Lloyd on Jan. 16, 1871, but had no family; Annie married, on July 5, 1878, Rudolph Taylor Andrews and had 5 children; James married (1880) Emily Darling, and had 5 children; John Mundell married (1897) Myrtle Knight, and had 2 sons; Martha F. married, July 4, 1887, Rev. Hector McLennan and had 2 children, and after Hector died she married, Oct. 1, 1902, Burr Morris Payne and had 2 children; Caroline Mary married, Sept. 7, 1889, William J. Swain and had 2 children. Her first husband died and she married 2nd, Alexander Gram and had one son.

We should note here that all of the brothers and sisters of Annie (Mundell) Hollingsworth were Sarah, (1807), Samuel, (1808), James, (1811), Mary, (1814), Esther, (1817), David, (1821), Eliza, (1823), Annie, (August 16, 1825), John, (1827), Martha, (1829), and William, (1831), all born near Draperstown, Co Derry.

Annie W. Hollingsworth died suddenly from a stroke on June 1, 1883 and is buried in the cemetery at Melrose. Edward Hollingsworth died Aug. 4, 1900, and is buried at Altamont, Manitoba, Canada.

- REFERENCES: 1. Letter Apr. 17, 1961, J. Lloyd Hollingsworth, Richards Landing, Ontario, Lumber Dealer.
 2. Letter Aug. 1, 1961, Joan E. Hollingsworth, Silverton, Ore., U.S.A.
 3. Letters May 4, May 26, and Aug. 8, 1965, from Frelan Edward Hollingsworth, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario.
 4. Letters May 1, 1963, May 20, August 11, 1965, from Mrs. Jessie Armitage, Altamont, Manitoba.
 5. Census of Canada West, 1861, as referred to in story vide ut supra.

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