

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 HOLLINSWORTH, or HOLLINWORTH. 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 Musquodoboit River in Halifax County. He settled there before 1790 and received a Patent for 500 acres there in 1814. His death occurred sometime shortly after 1840. His wife's name was Elizabeth, (See No. 9 below) 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) Clonduff Parish, 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. HOLLINGSWORTH FAMILY:

1. B 54, pages 488-490. Oct. 1, 1831. HENRY HOLLINSWORTH, Musquodoboit township, Halifax County, yeoman, to JOHN FIELDING, Do., Gent., Sum: £110. Land in Middle Settlement of Musquodoboit, which had been set apart by said Henry to his son JAMES HOLLINSWORTH, the entire tract being 500 acres granted 22 Dec., 1814 by the Province

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to said HENRY HOLLINSWORTH. 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 HOLLINSWORTH, THOMAS HOLLINSWORTH, JOHN HOLLINSWORTH & HENRY HOLLINSWORTH, Junior. Map of tract appended. Witnesses: George R. Young, George Hill.

2. Book 55, pp. 198, 199. Dec. 12, 1831. Indenture between HENRY HOLLINSWORTH & HENRY HOLLINSWORTH, Junior, both of Musquodoboit in the County of Halifax, of one part, & JOHN McDONALD, of same, Schoolmaster. Sum: £60. Tract in Musquodoboit (following the courses 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: £12.8s. 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: £3. 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: £5. 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 Musquodoboit, Yeoman. Sum: £5. Land in Musquodoboit 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, "yeoman" and THOMAS HOLLINSWORTH of Musquodoboit. Sum: £5. 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, Robert A. Logan.

8. Book 70, p. 232. "We, JOHN & LATTICE HOLLINSWORTH, Musquodoboit," to DAVID HOLLINSWORTH, of same. Sum: £3. 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 HOLLINSWORTH, THOMAS HOLLINSWORTH & JENNET HOLLINSWORTH his wife, DAVID HOLLINSWORTH & his wife, JOHN HOLLINSWORTH & his wife, ALEXANDER MERSON & his wife, HENRY HOLLINSWORTH, Junior and his wife & JAMES HOLLINSWORTH, All heirs to the Estate of the late ELIZABETH HOLLINSWORTH, Deceased. Sum: Five Shillings. To ALEXANDER HOLLINSWORTH, also heir to the aforesaid ELIZABETH HOLLINSWORTH. Land containing 200 acres, more or less, bounded by land formerly owned by HENRY HOLLINSWORTH, 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 grantors) by virtue of the connection between them and the said ELIZABETH HOLLINSWORTH deceased or in any other way whatever unto the said ALEXANDER HOLLINSWORTH his heirs Executors Administrators and assigns forever.

Witnesses:

- MARGARET PEARSON
- WILLIAM SCOTT
- HENRY MORRIS
- JOHN WISEMAN
- HUGH HENRY HOLLINSWORTH
- JAMES MURPHY (sic) to HENRY & ISABELLA HOLLINSWORTH.

Signed:

- HENRY HOLLINSWORTH
- THOMAS HOLLINSWORTH
- LETTICE HOLLINSWORTH
- DAVID HOLLINSWORTH
- HOLLINSWORTH (sic)
- HENRY HOLLINSWORTH
- ISABELLA HOLLINSWORTH
- JANNETT x HOLLINSWORTH
- MARGARET HOLLINSWORTH
- ALEXANDER MERSON
- MARGARET x MERSON

William Scott swore Nov. 11, 1840.

10. Book 110 pp. 543, 544. Indenture, April 20, 1850 (Recorded Oct. 2, 1855), between THOMAS HOLLINSWORTH & JANNET ("x") HOLLINSWORTH his wife, Musquodoboit, farmer, and DAVID HOLLINSWORTH of 2nd part, same place. Sum: £80. Land in Musquodoboit, bounded by lands of DAVID HOLLINSWORTH aforesaid, containing 131 1/2 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 wife, of the first part, and JOHN HOLLINSWORTH of same, yeoman. Sum: £50. Land described as bounded by lands granted to HENRY HOLLINSWORTH, containing 100 acres, more or less. Signed MATTHEW J. ARCHIBALD & JENNET ARCHIBALD. Wits: DAVID A. HOLLINSWORTH, ROBERT A. LOGAN.

To be continued.

