

The Arklow Hollingsworth Family
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Samuel⁴ Hollingsworth, believed to be the second son of John³ & (?) Hollingsworth of Cronelusk, Arklow, Co Wicklow, Ireland, was born about 1803, probably at Cronelusk or Springfield, Arklow, and died 12 Dec. 1865, in Traverse City, Grand Traverse County, Michigan, U.S.A. aged about 62. He was buried in Oakwood Cemetery in the Hollingsworth plot, where children, and his second wife Hannah are also buried, but the books of the cemetery do not show his burial; family letters indicate the second wife was buried "next to father." He was a farmer, laborer, and lumber mill man.

He married (1) 20 Feb. 1827, in Inch Parish Church, Co. Wexford, Ireland, by Consistorial Licence, Ellenor Hempenstall, daughter of George & Catherine Hempenstall of Ashwood, Inch. She was baptised at Inch Parish 29 Oct. 1807 (Editor owns film of the registers) and was last known to be living in 1871 (Census of Canada-1871) at Escott Township, Leeds County, Ontario, Canada. Issue: eleven children.

He married (2) - marriage not located - in lifetime of his first wife, signifying either a divorce or bigamy or concubinage, location unknown, Hannah Dutton, who was born about 1821, in Ireland or Canada; died Tuesday, 30 April 1889, in Traverse City, Michigan, aged 67. She is buried in the City Cemetery, called Oakwood Cemetery, in Lot 131, Flat I, purchased by her prior to 1878, according to a letter from City Clerk, Traverse City, dated 10 May 1968 to the editor. Issue of this marriage 3 children.

This sketch should be understood to be tentative until more proof can be found. The facts above, of course, are genuine, and documented, except in regard to the second marriage.

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Issue of Samuel Hollingsworth by his two wives:
(By Ellen Hempenstall)

- 1) Ellenor, b. c1828, Co. Wexford, Ire.; d. 6 Mar. 1892, Escott, Ontario, age c54; M. 7 June 1844, Ontario, Major John Neil, Esq., of Escott; Born c1797, Ireland, they lived in Escott. (HR 6:74; 7:35)
- 2) Mary, b. Jan. 1832, Co. Wexford; d. 13 May 1918, near Junetown, Ontario, aged 86 years, 5 months; buried Ballycanoe cemetery near there; M. c1850, Canada, James Warren, son of Benjamin Warren, of a Co. Wexford family, who was born 6 Aug. 1824; d. 21 May 1884 aged 59, bur. Ballycanoe. Issue: (a) James J. Warren, 1854-1912, m. Janet Nowlan, had children Ida Bell, d. 1915 ae 30; Duncan, d. c1867 ae c70; and Frank, d. at age 71; (b) Catherine Warren, b. 1860; d. 1932, m. Malcolm Hall, no issue; (c) William John Warren, 1858-June 1947, m. Hannah Ferguson, with issue Bruce, b. 28 Sep. 1904, living at Junetown, m. Irene Moore, who d. 1961; Ferne Vera, b. 25 Oct. 1906, m. Bryce Ferguson; Gerald, b. 23 June 1910, m. Jocie Ferguson and live in Ottawa.
- 3) Eliza, b. c. 1833, Co. Wexford; d. after 1861, Ontario; m. c1855, Sylvester McAvoy, b. c1833, Canada, living 1864; Issue: (a) Ellen McAvoy, b. 1856, Escott; (b) John, b. 1858, Escott; (c) James (d) Alice, born 16 Dec. 1864, Escott, d. 6 Oct. 1941, m. (1) Mr. Caldwell, (2) David John Hollingsworth, 1st cousin once removed, son of Daniel & Ellenor (Manning) Hollingsworth, b. 24 Aug. 1848, Escott, d. 8 Nov. 1907, Escott, postmaster & storekeeper, as his second wife. (Information not verified.)
- 4) Jane, b. c1835, Escott, Ontario, date of death (after 1851) unknown; resided in Leeds township, 1851, married Mr. Dickey.
- 5) Esther ("Esse"), b. c1837, Escott, m. Horace Birtch. Issue: (a) Eliza Birtch, m. Hugh Graham and had 5 children; (b) Samuel Birtch, m. Almira Ferguson, had 6 children (c) Charles Birtch, never married; (d) John Birtch, b. 24 Dec. 1875 d. 24 May 1939,

- m. (1) Liss Westlake, (2) Bertha Brown, by whom he had 5 children.
- 6) William John (a.k.a. "Western Jack," and "Gentleman John"), b. 9 Aug. 1840? (41?) Escott; d. 9 Mar. 1915, Escott; m. (1) 5 Aug. 1868, North Augusta, Grenville County, Ont., Harriet Davis, dau. of Edward & Eliza (Francis) Davis, (2) Lucy Hodge 1850-1930 Ch: (a) Alice, m. Lewis Trickey, had son Howard Trickey; (b) Harriet A., m. Richard Greene, had 4 children Boyce, Newton, and twins John & Alice Greene; (c) Henriette Eliza (Nettie), b. 1877, m. Roy Loftus Greene; (d) Edward Joseph (1873-1912)*; (e) Lucy A., b. 29 Dec. 1882, died about 1959, m. Fred Greer, had son James Greer, still alive; (f) James Charles Hollingsworth, b. 23 Sept. 1884, d. 28 July 1944, m. 30 Dec. 1919, Escott, Pearl May Edgley, living in Escott, 1963, issue 7 children, Gerald, 30 July 1920, living, a bachelor; Baby, b. 14 June 1921, d. 15 June 1921; Francis Duane, b. 9 April 1922, living Escott, bachelor; Elwood, b. 31 Dec. 1922, d. 14 Jan 1923; Baby, b & d 5 Nov. 1923; Nora, b. 24 Mar 1926, m. Paul Gray, lives in Gananoque, Ont; has sons Glenn and Darryl Gray. (Her letter, 11 Mar. 1963.) Eric James, b. 15 Mar. 1927, lives in Mallorytown, Escott, bachelor. (Until recently the sons lived with their mother in the old family homestead - Ed.) (g) Beatrice, b. 13 July 1886, Escott, m. (1) Frank Haddigan, had issue 3 daughters, and (2) Benjamin J. Plunkett, no issue. She *By first wife (e-h by second wife.)

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- died 2 August 1963, in Kingston, Ontario. (Her letters Mar. 5, 22, 1963 and daughter Mrs. Effa Beavan, Montreal, 15 Sept. 1963.) (h) Lillia Bell, b. 2 Oct. 1888, d. 18 Feb. 1961, m. Stanley Burnham, lived in the United States. (Letter of Bruce Warren, Junetown, Ont. 9 Oct. '65)
- 7) Daniel, b. c1841 (baptism says '1841') no other information except he lived and died in Ontario, had a son George Hollingsworth who lived at one time in Colborne, Ontario.
- 8) Catherine, age 19 in Census of 1861. No other information. (HR1:191)
- 9) Samuel, b. 31 July 1844, Escott; d. 12 Oct. 1879, aged 35, bur. Mallorytown Cemetery. (Stone) M. Emily Jane Dowsley, granddaughter of Joseph Lamphire Dowsley, who d. 31 Mar. 1874, ae 28 years. No further information.
- 10) James, b. c1847; date of death unknown, but after 1928, in Escott probably unmarried or divorced. He went to live in the U.S.A. at Bliss, New York, for one place, and was living there in 1901. (Nora Gray, letter of 4 June 1963) He was barely remembered by Mrs. Nora Gray, who was born in 1926. He returned after being gone for thirty-five years to find his brothers and sisters all dead.
- 11) Alice, b. c1850, Escott; d. 20 Nov. 1862 aged 12; buried in Mallorytown cemetery (stone).
(By Hannah Dutton)
- 12) Edward, b. 1857; ?Michigan; (Census 1880: "Ire.") d. 10 July 1937; Married (1) Fredericka Schilickenmeier, (2) Sarah A. (3) Justienne, names in full, or dates, not known. No issue by second and third wives. (Their names gotten from Grantor Deeds, Alpena, Michigan.) He died in Alpena, Alpena County, Michigan. By first wife, who married (2) Mr. Claus, he had one son, John H. D. Hollingsworth, born c1876, Michigan, died 22 Sept. 1952 aged 76 (Burial) Buried in Oakwood Cemetery, Traverse City, Michigan, lot 131 Blk 1, near his grandfather. He m. (1) Sophonie before 1919, and (2) Margaret, who survived him. No issue. Ed. stood 6'2" and weighed 190 lbs.
- 13) Thomas, born about 1860; alive in 1900 living at 3751 Wallace St., Chicago, Illinois, U.S.A. a licensed engineer. (He wrote to John his half brother (No. 6) in 1904 asking about an estate which was being processed in Ireland, and wondered if they were related to an Annie Gainfort, a Charlotte James, or a Lizzie Gorman. The first two are children of John Hollingsworth Cranecrowner

Apparently a notice appeared in a Chicago paper in 1904. (Letter in keeping of Nora Gray.) No other particulars, had a daughter Hazel Hollingsworth, aged 10, in 1900. His wife was Cora.

- 14) Hannah, born about 1862-3, alive in 1901. Married (1) Mr. Avery, with issue Avery, 5 children, four living 1900, (2) Delbert Hartwick, and lived at Newberry, Ince Co., Michigan (Letter of 4 April 1901) had 1 boy Emmett Hartwick, born 1899. By first marriage: Fred Avery, b. 1880; Mamie Avery, b. c1882; Della Avery, b. c1887, and Georgie Avery, born 1891, all alive 1901.

Samuel Hollingsworth, Sr., was raised in Arklow Parish. He worked, no doubt, as a common laborer and farmer, but we suspect that he worked on the Hempenstall farms at Ashwood and Scarnagh, in the par-

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ish of Inch, where he met Ellen, who was a sister in law of his older brother William Hollingsworth, who had married Eliza Hempenstall. The Hempenstalls traditionally followed not only farming, but the trade of blacksmithing. There are no baptisms of Ellen, Mary or Eliza in Ireland, in the Inch registers, which suggests they were taken to Arklow for baptism, whose registers perished in 1922.

As the Napoleonic War period ended, the economy of Britain slumped, and a wave of emigration began. The Hollingsworths, like others, had no land under lease, and were forced to seek employment, if it could be got. Or, emigrate! Therefore, Samuel Hollingsworth and his brothers Thomas and Dan, went out, as they say, about 1835, and settled where so many Protestant Irish already were, in the Johnstown District of Upper Canada. The 1851 Census returns supply ages and places of birth which establish that 1835 or 1836 was the time of the arrival. The early census rolls for Escott Township for 1841 list the family:

Samuel Hollingsworth, 2 males over 16; 2 males under; 2 females over 16; 5 females under. All members of Church of England.

This fits well. The 2 males over 16 were Samuel and his unmarried brother Daniel, who lived with him. Their first deed shows that. The two under 16 are probably the sons William John, and Daniel. The five females under 16 are the daughters Ellen, Mary, Eliza, Jane & Esther. One of the older females is Ellenor, Sam's wife. The "extra" female is unaccounted for.

Samuel and Daniel Hollingsworth bought 235 acres, 175 uncultivated and 60 under cultivation, for £548.6s, on 29 May 1843, from John Shuter of Middlesex, England. (HR 6:40, items 1 & 6.) The land is in Concession 1, Lot 15, Escott Front. Sam's brother Thomas had a farm in the same Concession and Lot. On 8 Feb. 1848, Dan sold (quit-claimed) his moiety or half to Samuel, for £270, or half the cost. He about that time married the widow Ellen Hyde, nee Manning, a Roman Catholic. We will speak of this later.

It is a great puzzle why Sam does not appear in the 1851 census. (HR 1: 189) Deeds as late as 1856 show him selling land with his wife Ellen as co-signer, part of this very lot, in fact. Again, he is absent in the 1861 enumeration. That is why we cannot fix his exact year of birth or age. He does not appear anywhere in Michigan in 1850 or 1860, according to our search of the U.S. Census, either! He may have visited the gold fields in California, leaving his wife a "California Widow," as they were called. Ellen is listed both times as "widowed." This, too, doesn't make sense. We suspect either a divorce, or a polygamous marriage. Sam was to die intestate, and his Administrator was his son William John (simply called John), in File 45, Calendar 51, Probate Court, Traverse City, Ledger p. 22, 1866. Heirs were listed as John, Edward, Thomas, and Hannah Hollingsworth, and Perry Hannah. None of the other children by the first wife except John were listed! John probably represented them. Harry Han-

nah was a wealthy pioneer, and banker, in the Grand Traverse Region. Samuel had worked for him in his lumber mills until his death. He was in debt to Mr. Hannah, apparently. Since both his wives survived him, we must assume that he either divorced Ellen, or deserted her.

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It is to be noted that Samuel was more prolific than his father John Hollingsworth. John had 9 sons and a daughter. There were no evident ill feelings between the siblings from the two marriages. Mrs. Gray extracted letters exchanged between W. J. Hollingsworth in Canada and his half-sister Hannah Hartwick, very cordial and loving.

One rather mystical note will end this treatise. There was, in Civil War days, at Plum Hollow, in Ontario, a famous soothsayer called "The Witch of Plum Hollow," and for a note about her, see Leavitt's History of Leeds & Grenville. Mrs. Gray recounted this story about her and the Hollingsworths:

"I have a story that my grandfather, John, and his brother Dan came over from Traverse City, Michigan, by horse, to Plum Hollow, to buy more horses, and stopped off at the "Witch of Plum Hollow," a fortune teller, and had their cups read. She told them of a death in their family which concerned the both of them. They returned home to Michigan where they learned that their father, Samuel, had taken ill with a hernia attack. His own good doctor couldn't be located, and so he died within three or four days."

Stranger things have happened!