

Nova Scotia Hollingsworth Deeds - Part Two

(From HR Vol. 2, p. 168)

Here's why "Part Two" is so long a-coming: We published the first part in the December, 1966, issue. We anticipated a second part in the March, 1967 number. But when your editor sent the required fee to Halifax, Nova Scotia, he was abruptly refused and the fee was returned. In the interim, a new Surrogate had taken office, who advised us that we hire a lawyer to do this work, the books are too fragile and so on ad infinitum. In reality it was just a copout, by personnel who ignore family historians and want to either shut them out altogether, or make them pay an unreasonably high tax - a 'Genealogy Tax,' our own name for it - to get any consideration at all. Not long afterward, the L.D.S. Church filmed these very deed books, and now it is possible to present the remaining portion here. From what we could see on the films, the books are in very good condition, tied loosely with cords through holes punched in them, as in notebook form. This factor alone makes a liar out of the Honourable Surrogate, who claimed that the books were 'tightly bound' and in danger of damage if subjected to Xeroxing. Cynical as he is, your editor couldn't resist writing to "Mr F. J. Healy, Registrar," at Halifax, and letting him know that his efforts to censor genealogical research or throw it to his friends, the local solicitors, had been circumvented.

This is the largest and probably the only large Hollingsworth family in Nova Scotia. It descends from one settler, Henry Hollingsworth, Sr (Seen in these records) who came probably from Kinghill, Clonduff Parish, Co Down, Ireland, to the Guysborough area of Nova Scotia in 1785. He received a grant of land there. He was of the Presbyterian faith. Sometime soon we will set out a genealogical sketch of this family.

(12) Vol. 55 of Deeds, Halifax County, N.S., page 199. Reg. 18 Jan. 1832. Indenture 13 Jan 1832 and also mentioned as "13 Dec 1818" David Archibald the 5th of Musquodoboit, Halifax County, Province of Nova Scotia, farmer, of one part; to Henry Hollingsworth, Jr., of same, of the 2nd part. Sum £ 24. Tract in Musquodoboit by the northwest corner of land granted to Henry Hollingsworth, Senior, being six acres. Witnesses, James McDonald and John McIntosh.

(13) Vol. 56, p. 176. Reg. 23 July 1832. Indenture dated 12 Feb 1832 "Know all men by these presents, that I, Henry Hollingsworth, of Musquodoboit, Halifax Co., N.S. of one part,..." to William May, of the same, of the other part. Sum £3. A Millsite on the Little River in said township. Signed Henry Hollingsworth (LS). Witnesses Robert A. Logan, and Angus McLeod.

(14) Volume 57, page 97. Reg. 8 Jan 1833. Ind. 12 Dec 1831. Henry Hollingsworth, and Henry Hollingsworth, Jr., both of Musquodoboit, farmers, of one part, and John McDonald of same place, schoolmaster, of 2nd part. £65. Money of Nova Scotia. Tract in same township bounded by "Foxes Brook" on Road to Hayes Mill, part of lands granted to said Henry Hollingsworth, Senior, containing 70 acres. Signed Henry Hollingsworth (L.S.), Henry x Hollingsworth, Jr., his mark. Witnesses Susanna Hay and William Hay, James Muir. (See HR 2:166 item 2 a duplicate)

(15) Vol. 58, p. 352. Reg. 25 Oct 1833. Ind. 15 Oct 1833. Henry Hollingsworth, Musquodoboit, yeoman, one part, to Robert A. Logan, of same, yeoman. Sum £20. All that moiety (half part) of land on northern side of Guysborough Road on boundary of my grant of land, and by lands conveyed to John Fielding, and by John Hollingsworth's land, and by John Shields's grant (*) being 51 acres. Signed Henry Hollingsworth. Witnesses Angus McLeod and James Bayer. (*See HR 2:167 item 2; the other half of this lot was conveyed to Henry's son David. Ed.)

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(16) Vol. 65, p. 335. Reg. 12 Jan. 1838. Dated 8 Jan 1838. "I, Henry Hollinsworth for the natural love and affection I have and bear for my daughter Margaret Merson...I give her all my moveable goods & effects, and also a tract of land granted by Government to me..." by the boundary line between David Hollinsworth and his brother Thomas. Signed Henry Hollinsworth. Witnessed by William Parker, William Stawell, and William Eustace Stawell. Joseph Green, J.P.

(17) Vol. 89, p. 167. Reg. 13 Aug 1847. Mortgage Indenture dated 7 July 1847. Thomas Hollinsworth, Musquodoboit township, yeoman, and Jane Hollinsworth his wife, one part, to Henry Payn, same place, Esq. other part. Sum of £40. Tract where T H now lives granted to Henry Hollinsworth by Government, by a line of said Henry's grant and by that of David Hollinsworth. Signed Thomas Hollinsworth; Jane x Hollinsworth, her mark. Samuel W. DeBlois, witness. (Liber 97 folio 260 for release, not available - Ed.)

(18) Vol. 226, p. 326. Reg. 13 Dec 1859. Ind. of Mortgage dated 16 Nov. 1859. David Hollinsworth, Musquodoboit, farmer, and Margaret his wife, of one part, to James Scott, same place. £37. lawful money of the Province of Nova Scotia. Lot of land formerly owned by Thomas Hollinsworth, s.w. angle of lands conveyed by Government to Henry Hollinsworth; by line of David Hollinsworth's land, by land conveyed to John Fielding, etc. 130 acres, part of tract conveyed by Government to Henry Hollinsworth, To Hold, provided full sume of £37. paid, etc. Signed David x Hollinsworth, William and Alexander Scott, witnesses. (See Book 144, folio 14 for Certificate of Release - not available.)

(19) Vol. 135, p. 153. Reg. 31 Dec 1861. Indenture 1 July 1861. Hon. Adams G. Archibald, of Halifax, Attorney General of the Province of Nova Scotia, and John McKay of Gay's River in Colchester County, N.S. of one part, to Hugh Hollinsworth of Gay's River, ditto. Sum of \$448. (sic) lawful money of Nova Scotia. Lots and parcels of land in Gays River, County of Halifax (sic) to the edge of the river, corner of 100 acres surveyed and laid off to Thomas Killough - 90 acres. Secondly, another lot at Gay's River, Land of James Hawthorne. 200 acres at the edge of the mill pond. Signed Adams G. Archibald, John McKay. John Armand and T. Killough, witnesses.

(20) Vol. 135, page 155. Indenture registered 31 Dec 1861. Dated 1 July 1861. Hugh Hollinsworth, Gay's River, Halifax County, yeoman, & Martha Hollinsworth, his wife, one part, to John Esson, Halifax (city) merchant. Sum of \$448 same tracts conveyed to Hugh Hollinsworth in Item 19 above. Signed by names. Witnesses Robert McDonald and Thomas Morton.

(21) Vol. 139, p. 256, item 1361. Reg. 19 Dec 1862; Dated 9 Dec 1862. Hugh H. Hollinsworth, Gay's River, Halifax County, one part, to James McKay, Gay's River, Colchester County (sic) \$100. for one good shingle machine. Signed by signatures. Witness: Thomas Martin.

(22) Volume 143, page 12. Reg. 24 Nov. 1863. Indenture dated 4 Oct. 1849. Matthew James Archibald, Musquodoboit, yeoman, and Jannett his wife, and Mary Archibald widow of Matthew T. Archibald, of one part, to Henry Morris, of the same place, of second part. £53. Land by the line of John Hollinsworth. Witnesses David A. Hollinsworth and Hugh H. Hollinsworth.

(23) Vol. 143, p. 13. Reg. 24 Nov. 1863. Dated 13 Oct 1854. John Hollinsworth, formerly of Musquodoboit, yeoman, and Latasia (Lattice? or Lettice - see HR 2:166 item 8) his wife, one part; to Henry Morris of same, yeoman, other part. £25. Land, half or moiety of land deeded to the said John Hollinsworth; by a line of land granted to the late Henry Hollinsworth, etc., 50 acres. Signed John Hollinsworth. (The wife's signature is not on the copy book - Ed.) Witnesses James Hanna and John Sheridan.

(24) Vol. 144, p. 71. Reg. 16 Dec 1863. Ind. 7 Dec 1863. David Hollinsworth. Sr.. Musquodoboit. farmer. and Margaret his wife of one

part, to David Archibald, Esq., of the same. Mortgage. \$400. To be paid before 7 Dec. Land Tract purchased from Thomas Hollinsworth in Middle Musquodoboit - 131½ acres. Signed David x Hollinsworth, Sr., his mark. Witnesses Robert A. Logan, J.P. and B. Ann McInnes. Release Book 337; page 589.

(25) Vol. 144, page 73. Reg. 16 Dec. 1863. Mortgage 8 Dec 1863. Same parties of first and second parts as in item (24) above exactly. For Mortgage of \$400. All that certain tract of land conveyed by the late Henry Hollinsworth to this said David Hollinsworth, land in Middle Musquodoboit on road leading from Brown's Bridge to Hays's Mill, by the line of lands of Thomas Hollinsworth, being 177 acres. Signed by mark of David Hollinsworth, Margaret his wife by signature. Witnesses same as item (24). Release at book 388 page 226.

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