

The Arklow Hollingsworth Family  
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GENERATION FOUR - CONTINUED

Thomas<sup>4</sup> Hollingsworth, 4th son of John<sup>3</sup> Hollingsworth of Rock Big, Arklow Parish, County Wicklow, Ireland (of Daniel<sup>2</sup>, of Samuel.) He was born about 1809/10, at Cronelusk, in that parish, and died in 1890 or early 1891, at his farm in Escott Township, Leeds County, Ontario, Canada, aged about 80 years. He is possibly buried nearby in the Mallorytown Cemetery. This information hasn't come to light.

He married, Nov. 9, 1833, at Lambs Pond, Ontario, by Rev. William H. Gunning, Anglican Missionary for the Johnstown District, Margaret Carberry, parentage unknown. (See HR 7:33) She was born about 1817 in Ireland, and died before her husband. She was living in 1871 according to the census. It is possible that the following records pertain to her parents:

"James Carberry, of Glinstown\*, Parish of Motehill\*, County Waterford, with 2 females. He has two brothers, Thomas and John Carberry, residing at Glinstown aforesaid, and he is known to Richard Wilson, Esquire, of said place." (Colonial Office records, 384, Irish Emigration to British North America, Vol. 13, page 113. Applicants, 1829. From Record Office, London, film copy (B-885) in Dominion Archives, Ottawa.) These applicants are among hundreds of others who were asking the British Government to provide a free passage for them to Canada. This surname is sufficiently unusual, in Ireland and in Canada, to warrant our presentation of this evidence here. (\*Glenstown, Mothel!)

Thomas Hollingsworth himself was a bachelor upon his arrival in Upper Canada. That must have been about 1832. We assume he came out with his two brothers, Samuel and Daniel, of whom, only Samuel was at that time married. Until we located the above marriage, we had assumed this arrival to be about 1836.

One of the nine sons of John Hollingsworth of Arklow Parish was under-gamekeeper for Lord Carysfort. It seems that the head gamekeeper was making a practice of selling off the game on the estate. The crime was uncovered, but the culprit was able to place the blame on young Hollingsworth, and he was fired immediately. He then emigrated. This sorry state of affairs was communicated to us by our cousin Mrs. Maria (Hollingsworth) Hollingsworth, Coolanearl, Red Cross, County Wicklow, in her 1964 letters to your editor. This young man could very well be our subject, Thomas Hollingsworth.

Thomas was a farmer. He held a good farm of 100 acres in the south half of Lot Number 14, Concession Number 1, of Escott Township. Several transactions were made on this land. (HR 6:40; 7:84) In 1845, he built a flatted log house on the property, according to the census schedules of 1851 and 1861. (HR 1:189, 190.)

The family belonged to the Anglican Church, the Canadian counterpart of the Church of Ireland. Several of the children were baptized on Feb. 19, 1862, at Gananoque by Rev. John Carroll (HR 2:164). This probably is because the church was served by missionaries at that time and it was difficult to arrange a ceremony. On the other hand, the

eldest child baptized at that time, was fifteen. Inexplicably, of the six children born to Thomas and Margaret, and living in their teenage, only one, the youngest, Thomas James Hollingsworth, seems to have survived. Thomas, the father, made his will April 8, 1890. It was proved by the oath of the witness, (nephew William James Hollingsworth) March 31, 1891. He gave his 100 acres in Lot 14 to his son Thomas James, as well as his personal property. He made him his executor too. Thomas signed the will marking his x. (See the full copy

in HR 4:173.) C.K.Hughes was the other witness - perhaps a relative-  
for the Hughes family was related in Arklow, Ireland, in some way.  
Maybe Thomas' mother was one.

Issue, all born in Escott Township, as far as we know:

- 1) Mary Ann<sup>5</sup>, born about 1838. Living in 1861.
- 2) John L.<sup>5</sup>, born about 1840. Ditto.
- 3) Eliza<sup>5</sup>, born about 1841/2, Ditto.
- 4) Margaret Jane<sup>5</sup>, born about 1847, bapt. Feb. 19, 1862, as described above. Married, Mar. 23, 1868, Albert Landon. (HR 2:164.)
- 5) Ellen<sup>5</sup>, born 1849. Living 1861.
- 6) Thomas James<sup>5</sup>, born May 12, 1846/7? (See HR 7:155) Died Aug. 28, 1915, Front of Yonge, Leeds County, aged '55 years.' (He was probably nearer 70. See HR 7:34 for death certificate.) He married, about 1884, Ellen Jane Stennett, born May, 1862, died May 18, 1907. They had the following children:
  - (1) John Arthur<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 1885; died June 17, 1942.
  - (2) Eliza Jane<sup>6</sup>, b. Apr. 18, (Feb?) 1887; d. June 26, 1941.
  - (3) James Edward<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. (May?) 1889, d. Dec. 14, 1972. Unm.
  - (4) Thomas Albert<sup>6</sup>, b. Nov. 27 (25?), 1891, d. Jan. 19, 1971. (HR 7:5) Unmarried.
  - (5) Sarah Margaret<sup>6</sup>, b. July 11, 1893; d. Dec. 6, 1894.
  - (6) Mary Anne<sup>6</sup>, b. Mar. 6, 1895; Living, married Lester Guild. Lives at Mallorytown, Ontario.
  - (7) Bert Henry<sup>6</sup>, b. Aug. 15, 1897; living in home for aged. Unm
  - (8) George Frederick<sup>6</sup>, b. Oct. 21, 1899; died 1918.
  - (9) Harry Nathan, born 1900, died aged 6 weeks.
  - (10) Violet May<sup>6</sup>, b. Feb. 22, 1904; Living, m. Roy Andress.
  - (11) Frederick William<sup>6</sup>, b. June 21, 1906; d. cOct. 1957.

Above sources: Mrs. Lester Guild, R.R. 2, Mallorytown, Ontario, letter of March 28, 1970 (HR 7:155) and Dec. 17, 1972. Dates in parentheses are from Synod Records, courtesy Mrs. Aileen Gage, Kingston, Ontario.