

The Arklow Hollingsworth Family
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Nicholas⁴ Hollingsworth
(Of Hollyfort)

Nicholas Hollingsworth was one of the children, possibly the 7th, of John Hollingsworth of Cronelusk, and later of Rock Big, Arklow Parish, Co. Wicklow, Ireland, grandson of Daniel² and great-grandson of Samuel Hollinsworth (sic) of Coolookbeg, Killenagh Parish, County Wexford of the first known generation in southern Ireland. Nicholas was born about 1816, probably at Cronelusk, and died 24 July 1885, at Mangan, Hollyfort, County Wexford, age 68 years. He was buried 26 July 1885 in old Kilbride Graveyard, Kilbride-Enereilly Parish, Co Wicklow.

Nicholas Hollingsworth first married, about 1838, date, location, name of first wife unknown to writer after diligent research. This wife died prior to 1850, probably in Arklow, County Wicklow. Issue about six or seven children.

He married second, 10 Feb. 1851, at Inch Parish Church (Church of Ireland: Protestant) County Wexford, Margaret Hempenstall, dau. Thomas & Mary Hempenstall of Scarnagh, Inch, farmer and blacksmith. She was baptised at Inch Church 28 April 1826, and died 11 March 1898 at Mangan House, where her husband had died, age 70 years. She is buried in old Kilbride graveyard beside her husband. (Civil & Church Burial Record.) She is supposed to have been the mother of about 16 children, according to family information of grandchildren now living in Ireland.

Issue by first wife:

1. James⁵ Hollingsworth, born in 1830s or early 1840s. Died 17 Apr. 1898, at "Kimberley," Greystones, County Wicklow, Ireland. He was a seacaptain and mariner all his life. He married, 18 Feb. 1863, Arklow Church, Mary Needham, daughter of William Needham. She survived him and administered his estate (HR 5:115). She

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was aged 60 years and up as in the sworn affidavit of administration, which was granted 29 April 1905. James originally was of Arklow but he took his family to Greystones near Bray, not far south of Dublin, and the family resided there until only the past few years.

- Issue:
- a. Frances⁶ Hollingsworth, born 15 May 1866, Tinnehask, Arklow Parish, M. 9 Jan. 1890, Arklow, George Kinch, Master mariner.
 - b. William⁶ Hollingsworth, born 3 Nov. 1869; Chapel Grounds, Arklow; died there 15 Oct. 1870 aged 11 mos. 12 days.
 - c. John⁶ Hollingsworth, born 1 Nov. 1871; living 29 April 1905, Mariner at Greystones with brother James. Ship "Velinheli."
 - d. Jane⁶ Hollingsworth, born 12 Aug. 1873; died recently. She married, prior to 1905, Henry Joseph Evans.
 - e. James⁶ Hollingsworth, born 12 Sept. 1875; living 29 April 1905. Mariner like his brother John.

2. Samuel⁵ Hollingsworth, born in early 1840s, probably at Arklow. Died at sea about 1878. Death not registered in Ireland. He was master of his own schooner or sailing vessel out of Arklow. After marriage he lived in Reilly's lane, Arklow, and was a member, like his brother James, of Arklow Parish Church. He married, 20 January 1868, at Arklow, Jane Dickenson, daughter of Joseph Dickenson of Reilly's lane. She was born 1841, died 19 March 1878 at Reilly's lane, aged 37. This left her children orphans. It is reported that they were raised by uncles and aunts, and one of these was the sister, Mary Anne⁵ Hollingsworth, wife of John Newsom. (See below) /18 July 1950.

- Issue: a. Frances^v Hollingsworth, born 10 Oct. 1869 Reilly's lane. Died
- b. Jane^o Hollingsworth, born 1 March 1872? Married Charles Gillespie. She died in 1958 near Dublin. (Info from child.)
- c. Marie Ann, or Mary Ann^o Hollingsworth, born 15 March 1874; Still living about 1972 in Dublin, aged 98. Kept her own house and was main enquirer after the so-called Spottiswoode Fortune. Married Mr. Henderson. A son, Samuel Henderson was a seaman on a tanker out of Dublin.
- d. Nicholas^o Hollingsworth, born 13 July 1876; died 15 July in same year aged 4 days.
- e. Ellen^o Hollingsworth, born 16 March 1878. No information. She was baptised 19 April 1878 at Arklow Parish Church.
3. Mary Anne⁵ Hollingsworth, born c1844, Arklow; died 12 April 1916, at 28 North Summer Street, Dublin, aged 72. Married, 18 Dec. 1867, at St. Bridget's Parish Church, Dublin, John Newsome, mariner. He died before Mary. No issue. She is said to have been a nurse, and also to have raised most of the children of her deceased brother Samuel Hollingsworth. The wedding was a double one with her sister Ellen. They both lived at that time in Golden Lane, Dublin. A photograph of Mary Ann Newsome, styled "daughter of Grandfather's brother, Dublin, Ireland," is in possession of the descendants of her father's brother, Daniel, near Brockville, Ontario, Canada. Editor owns a copy. The note on the back is one of the main clues which tied the families together. Mark ye this well!
4. Frances⁵ Hollingsworth, no dates. Supposed married Mr. Perolz.

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5. Ellen⁵ Hollingsworth, no dates; born late 1840s. Married 18 Dec. 1867, St. Bridget's Parish Church, Dublin, Joseph Perolz* of Golden Lane, Dublin, baker, supposed brother of her sister Frances's husband. No other information. (*Perolz is sometimes written "Prowlie" or is garbled into some other form. This family name is found in the 1700s in the Corporation Book of Gorey, Co. Wexford, as shown in Vol. 6 of Hore's History of the Town and County of Wexford.)
6. John⁵ Hollingsworth, (probably should appear as eldest child) born before 1840; died prior to 1864 aged about 25, probably drowned at sea. Sailor. He married, 8 Feb. 1860, Arklow Parish church, Mary Tyrrell, daughter of Edward Tyrrell of Arklow. (This is an ancient name in Ireland, though not of Irish origin. The local pronunciation is like TEER-ill.) She married as second husband, 3 Jan. 1870, William Newman, a boatmaker. No record of issue.

Issue by second wife:

7. Eliza⁵ Hollingsworth, born c1852; married one John McCaul and went out to Canada in late 1880s or 1890s after her mother wrote her will. No clue as to the place of settlement or names of children.
8. Catherine⁵ Hollingsworth, born c1854; married, 6 April 1874, at Kilnahue Parish Church, Co. Wexford, Ireland, Samuel Rothwell of 142 Church Street, Dublin, son of William Rothwell, a manager. Her sister Eliza Hollingsworth was a witness, as yet not married. (HR 1:75, item 13.) No other information. She was living at date of her mother's will 1885. Ten children.
9. ?Mary Jane⁵ Hollingsworth, born and buried in 1855, Kilbride Cemetery, or Arklow, by Rector of Castlemacadam, aged 8 months.
10. Nicholas⁵ Hollingsworth (1) born c1856, Arklow; buried 26 Sept 1857 in Kilbride or Arklow graveyard by Rector of Castlemacadam Church, aged 1 year.

11. Nicholas Hollingsworth (2) born 1800; died 17 Oct 1907 at 1472 Amsterdam Avenue, New York City, N.Y. U.S.A. aged 45. He married, 20 Oct. 1888, Kilnahue Parish Church, Co Wexford, Ireland, Mary Hester Henrietta Tompkins, daughter of Henry Tompkins, of Ballygullen, Co Wexford, farmer. She was born in 1866 at Ballygullen; died 5 March 1953 in New York City, aged 87. She and her husband rest in St. Michael's Cemetery, Astoria, (Long Island City) New York.

Issue:

- a. Evelyn⁶ Hollingsworth, born 21 Nov. 1889; died 12 Sept. 1957.
- b. Margaret⁵ Hollingsworth, born 1 July 1891, New York, and was alive as of 12 Nov. 1962 when her brother Edward wrote to your editor. We do not know if either of these women were married.
- c. Edward John⁶ Hollingsworth, born 11 June 1898, 1472 Amsterdam Avenue, New York; died 22 June 1968, Daytona Beach, Florida, age 70; buried in Forest Lawn Memorial Gardens, Pompano Beach, Florida. Married, 15 Sept. 1949, Florence Svoboda. She survived him. No issue. He was a detective on the New York City Police Department from 1923. (HR1:54)

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12. Thomas⁵ Hollingsworth (1), born 1862; died 27 Nov. 1866 ae 4.

13. John Hempenstall⁵ Hollingsworth, born 31 Oct 1864; died 24 Jan 1867, aged 2. Born, like his brother above, at Ballycumclone, Kiltennell Parish, Co Wexford, "father a dairyman."

14. Edward⁵ Hollingsworth, born 14 Sept. 1866, Mountforrest, Liskinfere, alias Clough Parish, Co Wexford; died 2 Nov. 1911, Mangan House, Hollyfort, Kilnahue Parish, Co. Wexford, aged 45. Buried Kilnahue Churchyard. "Ned." Succeeded to his father's property after his brother Nicholas went to America. Married, 1888, Maria Lawrence, who was a niece of Margaret Hempenstall Hollingsworth, her husband's mother, hence, she was Edward's first cousin. She was born about 1864 and died 21 Oct. 1908 at Hollyfort, Co Wexford; buried in Hollyfort Churchyard beside her husband.

Issue:

- a. Nicholas⁶ Hollingsworth, born 1 Oct. 1889, Hollyfort; died 13 Nov. 1968 at same house he was born in, aged 79. Buried near his father. Married (1) 7 Nov. 1917, Kilnahue Church, (St. John's, Hollyfort) Mary Elizabeth Hempenstall, a cousin, daughter of Richard Hempenstall of Anagh Cross, Hollyfort. She was born 1899; died 2 Oct 1920 at Hollyfort aged 20; buried Hollyfort. No issue. Married (2) Mary Victoria ("May") Grandy, who died 20 Feb. 1969 at Hollyfort House (also called Mangan House in the old days). No issue. Nicholas was first Hollingsworth in Ireland with whom your editor had correspondence, 14 years ago.
- b. Margaret⁶ (Maggie) Hollingsworth, born 18 April 1891, died 5 May 1969, Bray, County Wicklow, aged 78. Married Mr. Roberts. Issue: 3 children; 2 living as of 1969.
- c. Maria⁶ (Minnie) Hollingsworth, born 18 April 1893; living, Coolanearl, Redcross Parish, Co. Wicklow, in 1970 aged 77. Married her 2nd cousin, John Hollingsworth, son of Edward and Dora (Tuke) Hollingsworth of Pollaphuca, Castlemacadam Co Wicklow. He was born 13 Sep 1885, Pollaphuca; died 11 April 1947, Coolanearl, age 61. Buried Castlemacadam. Issue 3 children, William Edward, Maria and Dorothy.
- d. George⁶ Hollingsworth, born 7 July 1895; died 7 Nov. 1895, aged 4 months. Buried Hollyfort with name on family stone.
- e. Catherine⁶ (Kathleen) Hollingsworth, born 15 Sep 1896. She was living in 1970 at 70 Beneavin Rd., Glasnevin, Dublin,

aged 74. Married, 29 Sep 1915, Hollyfort Church, John Benjamin Pierce, Ballythomas, Kilpipe Parish, County Wicklow-Wexford border, son of Edward Pierce. Issue 9 children, 4 sons and 5 daughters. (The Pierce or Pyers family at Ballythomas came from St. Asaph, North Wales, about 1720 as tenants of Lord Rockingham - later Fitzwilliam.)

- f. Thomas⁶ Hollingsworth, born 13 June 1898; died 21 June 1969 at Killadoon, Celbridge, Co. Kildare, aged 71. Farmer & ploughman. Married (1) 3 Nov. 1920, Kilpipe, Alice Jean Noblett, daughter of Thomas and Mary Noblett. She was born 1901 at Wicklow Gap, died 1946, Killadoon, aged 45. Married (2) Oct. 1947, Celbridge, Doris Smyth. She was born

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16 Oct 1919, Celbridge; living in 1970 at Killadoon. Issue by first marriage only, seven children, Maria Sunderland, (deceased), Rita Guest, Edward, Iris Bailey, Thomas, Gladys Emmeline Dowling, John George.

- g. Elizabeth⁶ (Bessie) Hollingsworth, born 23 April 1900; and as of 1970 was living in Hollyfort House, a very spacious well build farmhouse, built about 1870 by her grandfather Nicholas Hollingsworth. She married, 23 April 1930, Hollyfort Church, John George Noblett, farmer, Wicklow Gap, son of Thomas and Mary Noblett, brother of the first wife of Thomas Hollingsworth, above. Issue, 3 sons, all married.
- h. Frances⁶ Hollingsworth, born 2 Feb. 1903; died 7 Jan. 1915 at Hollyfort, aged 11 years, 11 months, 5 days, of diphtheria. Buried in Hollyfort Churchyard. Her name appears on her father's Family Memorial stone.

Now to conclude the family of Nicholas⁴ Hollingsworth:

15. Thomas⁵ Hollingsworth, born 8 March 1870, Hollyfort - first child born at the farm. It is not known if the house was at that time built. He died about 1889 in New York. He was only 19 and had come out with his brother Nicholas, it is said. He took a room in a hotel, and the first night after he arrived, he blew out the gaslight instead of turning it off, absentmindedly, thinking it was like an oil lamp. He suffocated. His brother Edward came out at that time and spent a year in America with Nicholas and returned home.

Note: There were said to be 16 children issue of the 2nd marriage but there is no evidence in the Irish Birth records, which are pretty complete, both at the Registry level and the Custom House level in Dublin. Maria Hollingsworth Hollingsworth of Co. Lanes told us that Frances, or Fannie Perolz (See p. 24 No. 4) said she saw the face of 19 of the children of Nicholas, by both wives, "but some were buried in a match-box." Nicholas⁶ Hollingsworth, of Hollyfort, above, said there were 6 by the first wife and 16 by the second. We find 15 of record.

Nicholas⁴ Hollingsworth was a dairyman in Arklow at the time of his first marriage, but had a failure in business, and moved to County Wexford and regained enough money to get a lease on Hollyfort-Mangan, which he took in 1870. In the year after his death Margaret his widow was allowed to buy out the freehold, so it has been in the family 105 years. The name of his first wife has been searched for, but nobody seems to know it, and we have never found either a license or any clue to it in any record in 15 years' work. We think she may have also been a Hemenstall, but perhaps a Prestage, or even a Lawrence.

REFERENCES: Most of the dates supplied after 1863 are from Civil Records, Custom House, Dublin, births, marriages, deaths, compared with those in Rathdrum and Gorey District Registry entries and Hollyfort & Killnahue Church of Ireland registers. Those before 1864 are from the various church registers cited. Letters from Maria⁶ Hollingsworth, Olive Mackenzie, Drumcondra, Dublin, John T. Spurling, Greystones; David S. Henderson and his mother Maria Henderson: leases, wills, cemeteries.

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