

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR:

(1) From Keith Hollingsworth, 130 Bond St., London, Ontario, Canada, 24 April 1963:

Dear Sir: Your letter of April 8th was read with great interest, but I am afraid I can be of no help in filling in parts of your family tree. My grandfather Robert Hollingsworth and grandmother Hephzibah Benstead came to Canada from their homes near Lincoln City, England, in the year 1884. My grandparents settled and remained around the small village of Watford, Ontario their remaining years. They both lived to a good age and during their life had nine children. Six boys named Charles, Gordon, Russel, Roy, Clarence and William. Three daughters named Ethel, Mima and Dora. I had the privilege on a trip to England to examine the church register where my grandparents attended before coming to Canada. The church register was used to record births, deaths & marriages before government records were begun. I have met and talked with other people with our family name, but none came from Ireland.

It may be of interest to you to know that there is a family of Negroes here in London, with our family name. No doubt they took it after crossing from the States to Canada to hide their identity during the days of runaway slaves in Civil War times.

Thanks again for your interesting letter ... etc.