
Letter from Fanny Davidson, Calgary, Alberta, Canada - 1969

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Dear Sir.

My brother Ellery Hollingsworth of Toronto recently sent me the letter you wrote to him & also copies of letters my dad wrote to Annie Hollingsworth of Carlton Place, Ontario. I am the little girl Fanny that visited at Hollingsworth's in Carlton Place. Right here I'll state that Mr Hollingsworth would easily have passed for a brother of my dad's. And Annie, Marguerite and Tom (Hollingsworth-Ed) as sisters and a brother of mine. One to have seen us would have said we were

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closely related. The Duncan my dad speaks of, I understand there is a poem re he & Hollingsworth in Orange Lodge in Belfast, or some part of Northern Ireland. My brother Harry, when he was planning to come to Canada, went selling seed potatoes to pay his fare to come to Canada. At one place he got a good order but when he signed his name, the man asked him was he related to Duncan and Hollingsworth. Harry proudly said Yes. That finished the order & he was told to move on (no seed sold). Harry was killed in world War I. The Sam you wrote to in Toronto is the one who rode the horse and he is my brother. He died almost two years ago. He was one of those kids that just wouldn't be interested. I lived in Manitoba from 1914 to 1951 and we are in Senior Citizens Unit in Bow Valley. We are really in our own private house, our own furniture etc. And comfortable. Annie & Marguerite Hollingsworth are both laid to rest. Annie told me there are Hollingsworths in Winnipeg, descendants of the Wexford Hollingsworths.

It is too bad you couldn't have been in contact with my dad. He'd sure have been delighted to have helped you. I've often heard him speak of an Uncle of his who went to Australia when Dad was a boy. Dad was at his grandparent's when this Uncle came to tell them goodbye as he was leaving.

My children when going to school told me of reading re Hollingsworths sheep ranch in Australia. I'm sure they must be descendants. I am 78 years of age. My brother Ellery in Toronto is 75 & Ellen in Manitoba is 73. And that is the last of our family.

There are Hollingsworth grandchildren but they'd not know anything re ancestors. The male Hollingsworths at Rathfriland are all laid away (not true at that time-Ed). The last two males on the line never married. My aunts in Lurgan are passed away, so the correspondence ended. And I don't know anything about their descendants. And the males are passed away. I imagine the Hollingsworth sheep ranch in Australia would be in geography books.

I can't think of any thing more that would be of interest to you. I don't even know if what I've written will be of any help.

Wishing you the best of luck. God bless you.

Sincerely,

Fanny Davidson nee Hollingsworth.

NOTES: Another very newsy and (yes) very helpful letter from a member of the Rathfriland (or Rathfrivland) family. Fanny was discussing the phenomenon of the two Samuel Hollingsworths being mistaken for each

other in Canada about the turn of the century, one from the Macmillan-
land family, the other from the Wexfords. Your editor has never found
a true link or a connexion between these two groups.
