

The Hollingsworths – Wrap-up

Ok, just to wrap-up on the Hollingsworths. I have a little more information on them that I didn't share in the latest post on Valentine Hollingsworth, Sr. That post was already so long that I didn't want to torture anyone who attempts to read it!

You may ask where all of this information comes from. For the Hollingsworths, there is a lot of information. The Quakers documented everything, and tons of people have done extensive research on them. There are groups dedicated to Hollingsworth genealogy. Here are a few sources in case you are interested:

- "The Hollingsworth Register", a quarterly newsletter that came out from 1965 to 1992. There were 112 issues, all of which you can download. However, the quality of the pdfs is very poor, as there were no copy machines at this point. These were all mimeograph copies – remember mimeographs? That smell in the school administration office when they were running the mimeograph machine for tests? At any rate, the link for this newsletter is:
<https://hollingsworthregister.com/>
- There is a Facebook group dedicated to the descendants of Valentine Hollingsworth, Sr. It's a private group that you have to apply to join (I just applied, but no reply yet). It is located at: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/468433853550591> and is called "Descendants of Valentine Hollingsworth".
- If you have an Ancestry.com account, there are several books in the Card Catalog.
 - "The Name and Family of Hollingsworth", compiled by the Media Research Bureau, Washington, DC.
 - "Descendants of Valentine Hollingsworth, Sr.", J. Adger Stewart, 1925, John P. Morton & Company, Inc., Louisville, Kentucky. [John Note: There are definitely some errors in this book, which I learned about from reading several issues of the Hollingsworth Register.

You can also learn a lot from FindaGrave.com. This site is owned by Ancestry.com, but the individual memorials are created by people. I have created memorials on this site for Mary Lillis and Shirley Sharp and I manage several other memorials for different ancestors. So keep in mind that the information is only as good as the memorial creator and anyone who reviews the memorial for errors put there. I have worked with many owners of memorials for our family to make corrections to the information in their memorials. Here are some Hollingsworth memorials:

- Valentine Hollingsworth, Sr. at: <https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/14190134/valentine-hollingsworth>
- Ann Calvert (Valentine Hollingsworth, Sr.'s 2nd wife):
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/41553453/ann-hollingsworth>
- Valentine Hollingsworth, Jr. (Our direct ancestor, and son by Valentine Sr. and Ann Calvert):
<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/155081134/valentine-hollingsworth>
- There are some cemeteries in the Newark area that have many of our ancestors in them:

- Newark Union Cemetery at <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2156992/newark-union-cemetery>? If you click on this link: <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/2156992/memorial-search?orderby=b&page=1#sr-14190134> (which is a list of the 1049 memorials in the cemetery sorted from the oldest grave to the newest grave), you will see memorials for several of our ancestors:
 - Valentine Hollingsworth Sr.
 - Ann Calvert Hollingsworth (Valentine Sr.'s wife)
- Centre Monthly Meeting Cemetery at <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/1987038/centre-monthly-meeting-cemetery>. If you click on this link: <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/1987038/memorial-search?orderby=b&page=1#sr-9004082> (which is a list of the 348 memorials in the cemetery sorted from the oldest grave to the newest grave), you will see memorials for several of our ancestors:
 - George Harlan
 - Elizabeth Duck Harlan (George's wife)
 - Thomas Valentine Hollingsworth (not a direct ancestor, but was Valentine Sr.'s and his first wife's – Ann Rea – son).
 - Margaret Calvert Hollingsworth (Thomas Valentine Hollingsworth's wife and the sister of Ann Calvert – Valentine Sr.'s wife)
- Old Kennett Friends Cemetery at <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/314865/old-kennett-friends-cemetery>. If you click on this link: <https://www.findagrave.com/cemetery/314865/memorial-search?orderby=b&page=1#sr-200253112> (which is a list of the 1669 memorials in the cemetery sorted from the oldest grave to the newest grave), you will see memorials for several of our ancestors:
 - Another one for George Harlan, although this is just a “cenotaph”, not a grave marker. George and his wife Elizabeth Duck were buried in the Centre Monthly Meeting Cemetery as stated above
 - Samuel Heald
 - Mary Bancroft Heald (Samuel's wife)
 - Valentine Hollingsworth, Jr.
 - Elizabeth Heald Hollingsworth (Valentine Jr.'s wife)
 - Aaron Harlan
 - Sarah Heald Harlan (Aaron's wife)

As a final historical note, I doubt that either the Hollingsworths, Harlans, Healds, or any other of our ancestors from the Northern Ireland area originated from there. I am pretty sure they came from either England or Scotland. My reason is the way that Northern Ireland was created. There's a great Wikipedia article (see https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Plantation_of_Ulster) that you can read for in-depth information. Essentially, King James (of *King James Bible* fame) decided that England would start colonizing Ireland in the early 1600s and push the native Irish out. Essentially they

carved out a huge chunk of Northern Ireland and called it the “Plantation of Ulster”. King James needed a place that he could reward some of his followers with large tracts of land, and a place to put troublemakers to get them out of England. Most of these new settlers came from Scotland and northern England.

And that is probably where the Hollingsworths came from, most likely the area of Cheshire, England in the Liverpool and Manchester area. The Harlans are probably from the Durham, England area near Newcastle, England. So while they may have emigrated from Northern Ireland, and in some cases born in Northern Ireland, their family was originally English or Scotland just a generation or two back. I am not sure how much further I can push this back into earlier generations. I think Valentine Hollingsworth’s father is Henry Hollingsworth – possibly from Cheshire, England – and his mother was named Catherine, but I haven’t seen any mention of her maiden name.

Maybe I need a trip to England to do some genealogical work!

Take care, everyone! John