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Hollows and the Arts

Collecting and researching Hollow stories and family history I am always fascinated by the breadth of the life stories. Often there is a continuity across generations of talents and interests within a family. This article tells of two Hollows involvement in the arts world, both the products of their times but with some help from their genes. Rosalind Hollow's mother may have sparked her involvement. Emelie Anne's music and singing talent may have been passed down from her gg grandfather.



Emelie Anne Hollow

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Hollow spotting is full of life this issue, new lives and active lives. PS I am always looking for more spotting for this section. Sometimes they turn into stories of their own though like Emelie Anne's story. I love those.

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More on Hollow Authors

There is a lot of Hollow writing about, in this issue we go into two different areas of writing.

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Two stories of Hollows and the arts; Hollow authors have been often reported. These two stories take us in a new direction, the visual and acoustic arts.

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This is really an update of an article that was in the second Hollow newsletter before it became The Hollow Log. It was so long ago I am sure it will be new to most readers.

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Three Australian born brothers, three quite different lives lived. Part 2 is about the gold miner's son who turned to retailing.

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I have a couple of longer Odd Spots this issue. One relates to the Hollow/Holla/Hulla origins, the other to Cornwall and the return of a Cornish icon.

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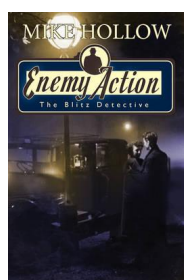
The Earliest HOLLAs

The surname HOLLOW it seems was originally HOLLA. I have pushed back the earliest record of a Holla to one John HOLLA living in Penzance in or around 1500.

For the story go to page 9.

Stop Press

Mike Hollow's latest book and the third in the series featuring DI John Jago, called *Enemy Action* is to hit the book shops in March. 2017.



The Hollow Brothers of Eldorado, part 2

The third generation of my Hollow family in Australia and the first to be born here were three brothers, Alfred Hollow (1868 1943), William Charles Hollow (1870 1936) and Joseph Henry Hollow (1872 1928).

In the last issue I included the story of the youngest brother, Joseph Henry Hollow. I continue the brothers' story this issue with Joe's brother, William Charles Hollow.

For his story go to page 7.

Hollow Spotting

There have been two new additions to my Hollow family this year. I missed getting them into the last Hollow Log but look at them now.

First to arrive on January 9th was Seth Reuben Hollow. His parents are Christopher, my son, and wife Michelle. Seth is a brother for Rose, Sian and Ryland.



Then, with an earlier than expected arrival, on January 20th was Hugo Hollow. Hugo is the son of Jay and Lisa, Jay is my nephew. So January was an exciting time for the Hollows here in Victoria.



A Sporty Hollow

One pursuit that constantly comes up in many Hollow families is sport. I find it in present day families as well as in the past. My latest find is Ben Hollow from Perth, Western Australia. Ben, just twelve at the time, travelled from Perth to take part in the South Australian State swimming championships in February this year. He qualified for 14 events, a big work load in the four day event. His take home tally was 2 gold medals, 4 silver medals and a bronze medal. These were in breast stroke, freestyle, medley and butterfly. Ben is from a big family of Hollows that moved to WA from Cornwall via New Zealand in the 1870s and 1880s.



From the Mandurah Mail (Western Australia) 12 Feb 2016

BTW The Hollow sports' involvement is not confined to the present day either. This issue's article on William Charles Hollow shows him to be a keen sports person and he was not alone.

Hollows in Business

This clipping was from The Victor Harbour Times in October 1985. Old Noarlunga is about 30 kilometres South of Adelaide, virtually a suburb of Adelaide now. Victor Harbour is about 30 kilometres further south. In 1988 the inn was destroyed by fire. I am not sure if Malcolm and Julie

were still running the inn then. Malcolm is descended from a family of Hollows from St Ives who came first to the copper mining town of Moonta in South Austral then moved to

Broken Hill in New South Wales, famous for its silver, lead and zinc mines. In 2004 Malcolm and Julie were proprietors of the Cafe Xenia in Mitcham, a suburb of Adelaide. Julie passed away in 2007. I am not sure where Malcolm is now.

Clipping from Victor Harbour Times 25 October 1985.

Obituaries

I am aware two more Hollow departures this year.

In Yorkshire, **Kath HOLLOW**, Formerly Shepherd (nee Leeming). On the 5th April aged 86, Kath wife of Vivian. Step mum, grandma, aunt and cousin. A lovely lady who will be missed by many people. Service was held at Killinghall Church, Otley Road, Killinghall at 2.15pm on Thursday 16th April.

Published in the Yorkshire Post Newspaper Ltd on 14th April 2015

In Adelaide South Australia, **Hazel HOLLOW**, Mary.15/9/1923
29/8/2016 Aged 92 years.
Wife of Allan (deceased).
Mother and mother in law of John and Annette, Kim and Maeve, James (deceased), Mark, Peter and Karen, Anne and David, Robert and Lucy.
Grandmother to 15, Great grandmother to 29.

Published in The Advertiser (Adelaide) on 31/08/2016



Inn Has History

The Old Horseshoe Historic Inn and Tavern, in Main Street, Old Noarlunga, certainly lives up to the promise of its name.

The tavern is a journey through Australian history from Horseshoe Bar, built in 1840, back to the recently re—opened stockyard open air area.

The tavern has a colorful history with a supposedly tunnel once used by smugglers to get their wares on shore, unseen by authorities.

Reported ghosts of the past hold no fears for proprietors, **Malcolm and Julie Hollow**, who are going out of their way to preserve history.

Right throughout their establishment there are items and reminders of a historic past.

The Stockyard provides a garden area, covered with shade cloth, for counter lunches and a quiet Sunday drink.

The huge Barn will seat up to 200 for meals and is ideal for wedding receptions and other functions.

The Innkeeper area is a la carte featuring a dinner dance on Friday and Saturday nights and the menu includes 40 dishes, while the Horseshoe Bar is for pre—dinner drinks and has television for those interested in news and sporting events.

HELLO THERE

I have taken Hollow Family History into the world of Facebook. What I have done is start a Facebook group called "The Hollow Family History Group". At the moment we have 38 members. This is the description I wrote for the group.

This group has been created for anyone with an interest in families with the HOLLOW surname or its variations such as HOLLA, HALLO & HALLOW. The aim is to share information about our genealogy. All are welcome even if you only have a passing interest in family history.

People can use this group to post pictures and stories, announce Hollow happenings, such as family get togethers, achievements, births, marriages, and deaths. It can be any family stories or news that you would like to share. If you have questions about your family history, ask, there may be someone in the group who can help

In doing so I hope we can help each other learn more about our family history and where our family fits into the broader family of HOLLOW.

It is a closed group. To join you first have to become a Facebook friend with me or be introduced by one of the other members if you are their Fb friend. Being my friend doesn't mean you will be inundated with my postings. Apart from the Hollow Family History Group I am not very active.

If you are on facebook and are interested in joining the group please find me and send me a friend request.

THE HOLLOW WEBSITE

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~chollow/>

The database is updated monthly. It may be worth checking your family as sometimes changes are made because of new information. The database is very much a work in progress.

ODD SPOT

Odd Spot has morphed into two spots this issue, see pages 6 and 11.

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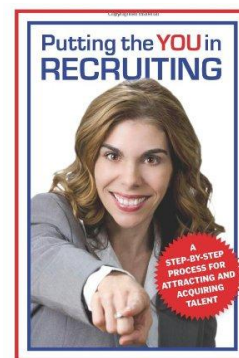
Another Hollow Author

Yoselyn Hollow

Putting the You in Recruiting 2012.

Yoselyn Hollow is broker/owner of RE/MAX Realty team in Cape Coral Florida. She lives in Cape Coral with her husband Michael and they have two children. She was brought up in Boston MA and Married into a large Hollow family that lived around Lynn, MA. In her book the Hollow family is

described as Irish which is a little confusing. I have not been able to trace back the family beyond Massachusetts. I would love to find out if they are of Irish or Cornish stock. Perhaps they are both. The book is a handbook for recruiting staff for a business.



By Yoselyn Hollow
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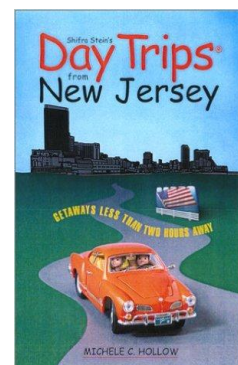
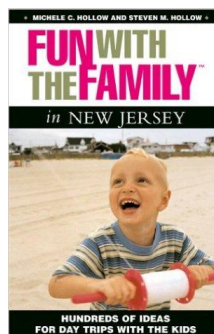
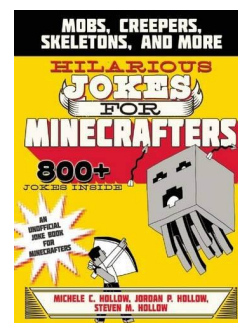
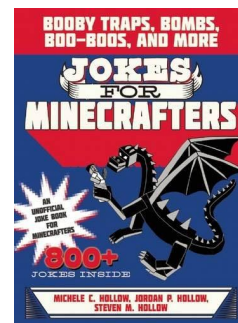
Michelle C Hollow, Jordan P Hollow and Steven M Hollow.

Michelle works as a freelance journalist, editor, and author. She writes about pets, wildlife, the environment, and health. Michelle's books on these topics were featured in Hollow Log 35. It now seems she has added to her writing breadth with two books inspired by the game Minecraft. She learned about Minecraft from her son, Jordon. As a result she, her husband Steven and her son Jordan combined to write these two books. The books have been published in the UK as well as the US and there are Spanish editions as well as the English language editions.

Michele and her husband Steven have written a couple of other books together, *Day trips in New Jersey* and *Fun with the Family in New Jersey*.

The Hollows live in New Jersey, surprise, surprise, but Steven is from Scranton Pennsylvania.

There have been Hollows in this part of Pennsylvania since the 1870s.



Hollows and the Arts

The genesis of this story is my Facebook, Hollow Family History Group. Julie Henderson let me know of her great niece Emelie Hollow who is Norwegian born and a budding singer. Another Facebook friend, Tim Morgan, has a great collection of photos of his grandmother, Rosalind Hollow, who lived in Tulsa, Oklahoma and was active in the art and dramatic life of Tulsa from the 1920s onwards.

Emelie Anne Hollow

Emelie Anne Hollow is taking part in Norway's new singing competition show *The Stream*. *The Stream* is a new take on shows like *Star Search*, *The Voice*, *X Factor*. Instead of auditions singers and musicians are invited to upload videos of their act and the 100 most streamed acts were then invited to perform, live on TV, before industry experts. From that they can be chosen

to work with a record company, Universal, Sony or Warner Music for a week. After the week of intense work each record company will choose and sign their three favourite artists.

The process seems to take a long time.

The TV show began in September 2016. 1500 acts

started in the competition, only 9 are left and they have record contracts and Emelie Anne is one of them. She is still making regular performances on Norway's TV2.

One of Emelie Anne's first public appearances was as an eleven year old. She put a clip on Utube singing one of her own songs. Click on [songs](#) to see it.

Singing success soon followed when as a thirteen year old in 2011 she won a Norwegian talent show, *Talent Hunt 2011*, on Norway's leading radio station P4. This resulted in her song, *I love you*, being released on a cd album called *Hits for Kids*. In 2014 she was asked to sing in Norwegian for the Norwegian soundtrack of the Disney movie "*Tinkerbell and Pirate Fairy*." The song was "*Who Am I*", and

can be found here on [Utube](#). Emelie Anne was 15 when she recorded the song.

There are many of Emelie Anne's performances on The Stream available on Utube too; This Link should take you to one of them. [Emelie Anne Hollow on The Stream Sept 2016](#).

Emelie Anne Hollow lives in Norway with her New Zealand born father and a Norwegian mother. She plays guitar and keyboards and writes her own songs. If Emelie Anne ever investigates her family history *Who do you think you are?* style she will find her Hollow line has a rich supply of musicians, singers, actors who sprang from a John Hollow who migrated to New Zealand from Ludgvan in Cornwall in 1874. John and his wife Mary Kessel Jenkin had sixteen children, eleven survived into adulthood and at least five of those children were involved in music and singing during their lives. Emelie

Anne's gg grandfather Richard Ellis Hollow, one of the sixteen, was very active in the music, singing and acting world of Christchurch in the 1890s. There are reports of Richard acting in plays and playing either piano or organ both as a solo performer and as the accompanist to singers. He was 18 years old when he first performed publicly.

His brother John, a singer and musician who studied singing in England and Italy, established a group of performing Hollows, mostly his own children that toured

New Zealand in the late 19th and early 20th century. John took on

the stage name of Kistle Cornwall and his children took on the name Cornwall too, some kept the name Cornwall throughout their lives. Their show involved them as musicians, singers, comedians and actors.

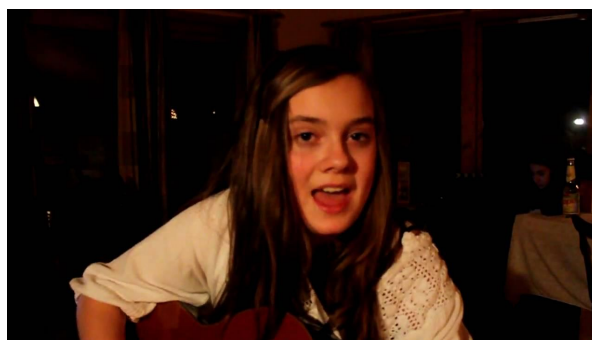
I have a feeling that the involvement in music and singing may have come into the Hollow family through Mary Kissel

Jenkin, Emelie Anne's GGG grandmother. The use of Kistle by her son John was a nod to her. One of her grandchildren was known as Miss Kissel on stage too. To me it indicates Mary Kissel Jenkin was a strong influence.

The story of Emelie Anne's ancestors can be found in Hollow Logs 35 and 36.



Emelie Anne performs at the charity concert in 2015



Emelie Hollow, aged 11, from Utube.

Rosalind Hollow Morgan

Her full name was Henrietta Rosalind Hollow but as is the want of many families of Cornish origin she was known by her middle name Rosalind. Rosalind's family story was in Hollow Log 34 but recent contact with a grandson of Rosalind, Tim Morgan, shed more light on Rosalind's life.

Rosalind was born in Cuba Missouri in 1904 but her family moved to Tulsa Oklahoma between 1910 and 1920. Tim has an extensive collection of family photos that document Rosalind's life in Tulsa. In her late teens Rosalind was an aspirant for the title of Miss Tulsa. She was the runner up.

It seems clear that Rosalind was active in Tulsa social life. In 1924 Rosalind married Dudley Digges Morgan, a petroleum company executive and their wedding was a big social event and perhaps a little controversial. Dudley was a Catholic and Rosalind a Methodist. At that time mixed marriages could



Rosalind's involvement in the artistic life of Tulsa took on a new dimension soon after her marriage. In 1926 local oil magnate, Waite Phillips and his wife, commissioned an architect to design a new home, an Italian Renaissance villa, Villa Philbrook, on 23 acres. As part of this project a Philadelphian artist, George Gibbs, was engaged to paint a giant fresco on the walls of the mansion's music room. The fresco was to depict four "tempos" (Allegro, Andante, Rondo and Scherzo) in neoclassical tableaux with young girls who look like nothing so

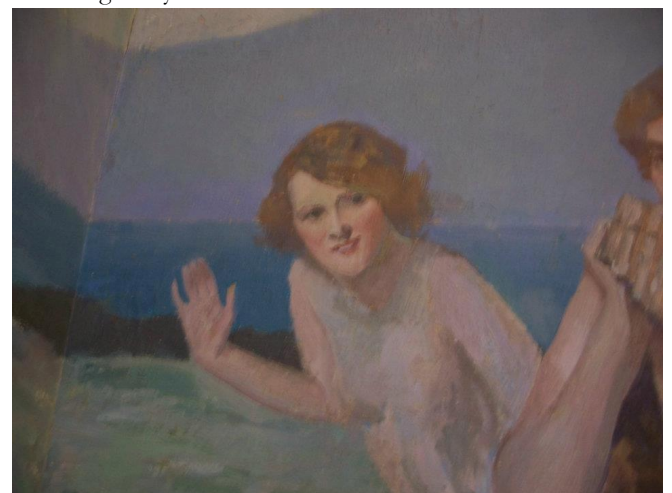


much as 1920s flappers with bobbed hair and flowing gowns.

I took that description from a newspaper article. The fresco includes about twenty or more women. Apparently the models for these figures were the friends of Waite and

Genevieve Phillips and they included Rosalind Morgan and Ruth Hurley. In 1938 The Phillips gifted Villa Philbrook to the people of Tulsa as an arts center for the city. It became the Philbrook Museum of Art. Villa Philbrook has been changed to fulfil its role but much of the mansion remains as it was including the Music Room.

Tim Morgan says "I have been in that room ever since I was



occur but the couple couldn't be married physically in the local Catholic Church. Rosalind and Dudley were married at their friends, Pat and Ruth Hurley's, house. Pat Hurley was a lawyer, American army veteran who became United States Secretary of War from 1929 to 1933. Later he became U.S. Ambassador to China. The Hurley house, Tim says, is a stunning mansion which still serves as a private residence today. As you can see the wedding party was a large one, Ruth Hurley to the right of Rosalind, was the maid of honour and her daughter is flower girl between them.

Rosalind was also a local actress and there are photographs of her in acting roles both before and after her marriage to Dudley Morgan.



little but never noticed, and my grandmother never said anything about it that I remember.” Tim took the detail photograph of her and included is another picture that gives an idea of the room and its grand fresco. Rosalind Hollow Morgan can be seen on the far right. The figure on the right of Pan beside Rosalind is her friend Ruth Hurley. Tim also has an image of a pencil sketch of his grandmother done in 1936.

Rosalind’s father was George Odo Hollow a successful businessman in Cuba, Missouri, he married Edith Robinson from Chillicothe, Ohio The local paper The Chillicothe Constitution described Edith as “one of Chillicothe’s handsomest and most popular girls” and as “a charming young woman, a gifted elocutionist and character artist”. Almost certainly she was the source of Rosalind’s interest in the arts.



Thanks to Tim Morgan and Julie Henderson for their help with this story. The Rosalind photos are from Tim’s collection. Colin Hollow

Odd Spot 1

A Family Knight?

Over the years there have been a few references to possible connections between the Hollows and the Arundell family.

The Arundell’s are one of the few Cornish families of Norman origin. They are reputed to have built up their wealth and holdings by judicious marriages to wealthy heiresses and at their peak had twenty eight manors across

Cornwall. Researcher Chris Hollow discovered a Hollow Arundell marriage connection circa 1793 (Hollow Log 41). I found an Arundell property in Cornwall in the 16th century called Holla when researching the origin of the name Holla (Hollow Log 45). George Tyler, a Hollow descendant, has a marriage in his family between an Aundell and a Hollow in 1866. The family story is that her family had some connection to Pendennis Castle near Falmouth.

I came across this reference at the Cornwall Records Office which suggests another slight connection. One of the witnesses to this pre nuptial settlement was a knight, Edward Hulla. It suggests that we Holla, Hulla, Hollow (we can be any of these) might have had an ancestor that wasn't a farmer, miner or a mariner in earlier times. It also pushes back the earliest Holla/Hulla/Hollow reference to 1451.

Maybe we can speculate that the knight Edward Holla (ok it does say Hulla) might have been in charge of or had been granted a property which he called Holla. It was about fifty years later in 1506 that the reference to the manor Holla was put into a similar legal document. Wild theories, I have a few.

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The Hollow Brothers of Eldorado; the generation born in Australia, part 2

The third generation of my Hollow family in Australia and the first to be born here were three brothers, Alfred Hollow (1868 1943), William Charles Hollow (1870 1936) and Joseph Henry Hollow (1872 1928).

William Charles Hollow (1870-1936)

William Charles Hollow, the second of the three brothers, was born in 1870 and as with his siblings it is not clear who he lived with after his mother died in 1873 and his father left El Dorado in 1875/76.

In later life he was a storeowner. He would have been too young to take notice when his father ran a store with Charles Rankin, his uncle by marriage, from 1872 to 1875 but nearly 20 years later in 1894 the local paper reported that William and Charles Rankin had been to the Western Australian goldfields, not to find gold, but to set up and operate a store together. The duo were due to go back to W.A. but probably didn't.

The local paper also tells us that William was a sportsman, he played football for the El Dorado team, getting into the best players in matches and he is

something of a runner, From 1890 William runs at sports meetings in El Dorado, Beechworth, Wangaratta and Benalla. The towns beyond El Dorado would have taken some hours travel to get to. This is in the time before the motor car. So not content with just the local sports he travels.

In 1896 he also enters his horse "Fidget" in the pony race at the El Dorado Sports meeting. Fidget runs second in its race. At the same Sports meeting he is also a runner in the Sheffield Handicap on scratch. His brother Alf is also a contestant that day running off 5 yards.



W.C. Hollow's Drapery store in Eldorado

EL DORADO.—Messrs Rankin and W. C. Hollow, who went to the "New" El Dorado in Western Australia, are back at present in the "Old" El Dorado. They did not try their fortune as miners at Coolgardie, but were very successful in commercial ventures. At one of the leading rushes they were the first storekeepers on the field. Very probably they will soon return again to the Western Colony.

By 1896 William has some sort of business in El Dorado. He applies to the local council for a hawkers licence annually. He may have had a general store it seems as some of his produce, tobacco, was stolen on at least two occasions in 1897 and 1898. Eventually William turned the store into a draper's shop.

William appears to have found love in Benalla as well as running in foot races there. On January 22 1901 he is married in Benalla to a local girl, Flora Cameron. It is described as a quiet wedding due to a recent family bereavement. Flora's father had died in 1890; the wedding was at the home of a Mr Cameron, presumably an uncle. William's brother Alfred gave the bride away which was another departure from the usual custom.

Later, in September 1901, the El Dorado news section of the local paper carries this announcement...

Another new addition has been made to our main street. Mr. Hollow, our local draper, owing to increase of business, is having erected a new and commodious shop adjoining his old

premises, which is nearing completion, and will form a splendid addition to the town ship.

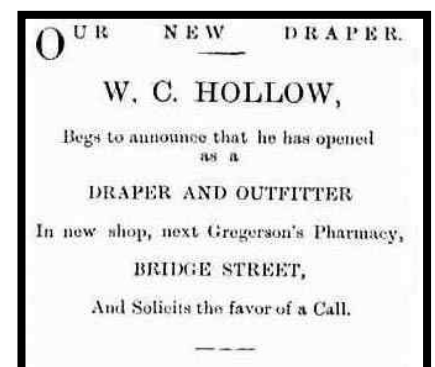
The photograph of the shop has figures in front of the shop and may indicate that this is a celebration of the completed new premises.

Business must have been booming as in June 1902 William opens a Draper and Outfitter's shop in Benalla. William advertised extensively in the local Benalla paper one advertisement includes the name

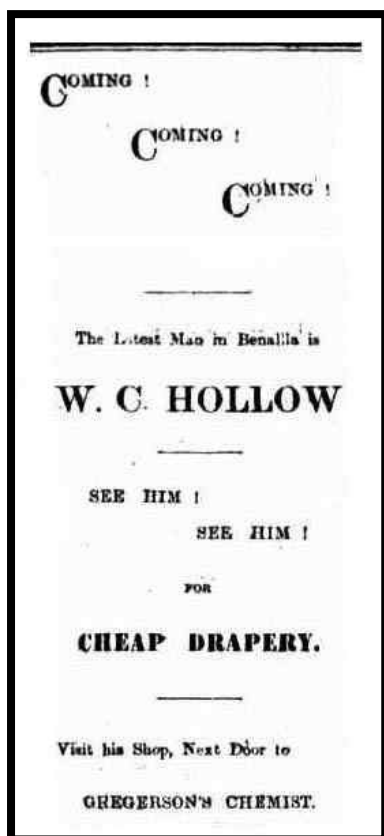
of "Mrs Hollow, Draper" so it seems Florrie, as she was known, worked in the shop. It seems that for a period William ran two shops as the El Dorado one seems to have continued.

Despite the advertising he eventually closes the Benalla shop.

In 1902 he



advertises a sale which may have been a sign of the Benalla shop's demise.



In 1908 the El Dorado football team are premiers and William and two of his boys are in the winner's photograph as supporters. William had played in the team in his earlier years. Florrie and William had three sons. It seems the Benalla shop had been closed by 1908.



William Charles Hollow and his sons, Leslie and William in 1908.

In 1910 Florrie Hollow passed away. She succumbed to consumption or as we know it TB (tuberculosis). She died in Benalla at her sister's house, she had been ill for some

months.

William continued to live in El Dorado. In 1912 he was the El Dorado Tennis Club captain and he also participates in local concerts in sketches and as a singer. In newspaper reports another participant in concerts and in tennis is a Miss Annie Dobson who William marries in 1918. Before that happy event the family suffered another loss. In 1916. William's youngest son Rupert, (Charles Rupert) dies of septic poisoning. Opinion was that dye from a new stocking (sock) entered his body through a sore on his foot. He had been in hospital a few days.

In May 1918 William married again to the local girl Annie Dobson. He and Annie had two children, Rupert and Shirley.



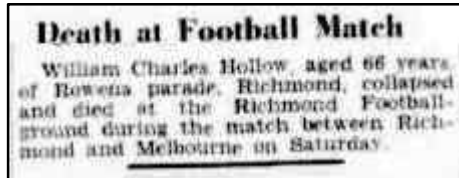
William Henry Hollow in 1919

In 1919 El Dorado are again football premiers and the team photo William jnr. is pictured, he would have been sixteen.

William Charles Hollow ran his Drapers store in Eldorado, until

1928 when the family left for Carnegie. His first two sons, Leslie and William would have been in their mid to late 20s, Rupert and Shirley about 10 and 3 respectively. Within a couple of years they moved to Richmond. In 1936 William died. His interest in sport must have continued as he died whilst a

spectator during a football match between Richmond and Melbourne at the Richmond football ground.



Late in the same year, Leslie Hollow his oldest son, died too, he would have been 35. He had married but left no children.

William Charles' wife Annie was 41 when he died; she did not remarry and died in Frankston in 1985 aged 90.

William's son William married but did not have children. Rupert had one child a son and Shirley had four children.

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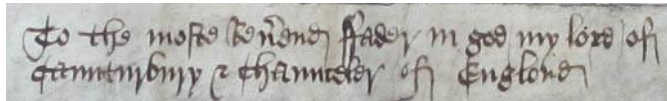
The story of this family will conclude with the story of the third brother in this family, Alfred Hollow (1868 1943). He led a different life again although he didn't move far from his roots. Like his brothers he lived his early life in El Dorado, but he then moved to Rutherglen, then back to El Dorado before retirement in Wangaratta, all within a 25 mile (40 km) radius of El Dorado. It was a life shaped by gold and the pursuit of it.

Colin Hollow

The Earliest HOLLWS

In the 1500s

I first delved into this in the second Hollow newsletter back in 1999. At that time the earliest record of a HOLLA was from 1545. I am happy to say that earliest date has been pushed back now to between 1493 and 1500 which is in the reign of Henry VII. The record is in the [British National Archives](#) and is a Court of Chancery document, the short title being: "Holla v Lowda. Plaintiffs: John Holla. Defendants: Bernard Lowda. Subject: Detention of deeds relating to a messuage and garden in Pensans. Cornwall". A message is a dwelling with an associated piece of land.



To the moſte Reverend fader in god my lord of
Canterbury r chanceler of England

There are actually two of these documents, I have obtained images of them. They are written in the secretary script used at the time and quite difficult to read. The documents are on velum and addressed to the Archbishop of Canterbury acting in his role of Chancellor of England. The image here is just of the heading, there are about ten longer lines that contain the substance of the letter. They would have been written by a scribe on behalf of the plaintiff, John Holla. If you would like to try reading these documents contact me. I still need help to decipher them completely.

The documents appear to say in each case that John HOLLA, while in possession of the messuages the defendant is refusing to pass on the deeds and the plaintiff, John Holla, is asking the Chancellor to direct the defendants to appear before the King. This is interesting on a couple of grounds apart from it being the earliest Holla record. It suggests that

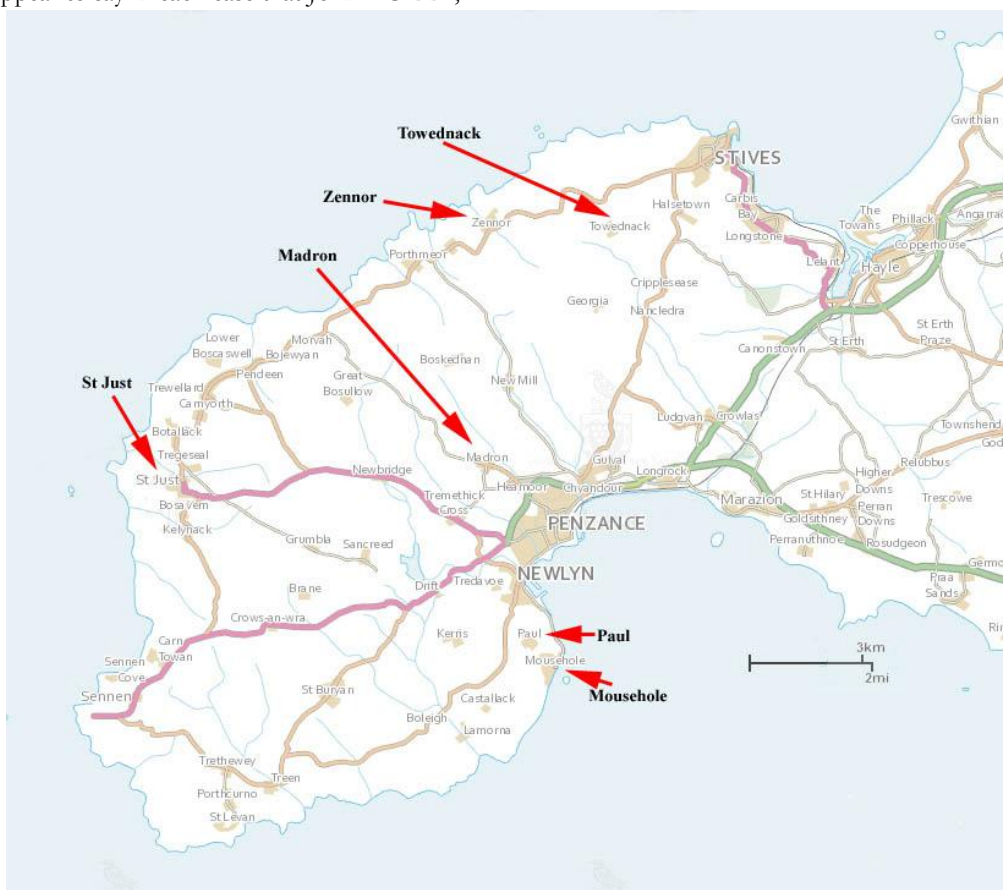
John HOLLA was a yeoman, a man holding and cultivating a small landed estate. That is, he was more than a farm labourer working on another's farm. It also places John HOLLA in Penzance (in one document written as Pensans). The second similar Court of Chancery document in the National Archives adds to this evidence, this document has a date range of 1486 1493, or 1504 1515. A wider date range but there is a possibility the record may even early than the first one I mentioned. These dates are those given by the National Archives to the documents. This second document has the short title: "Holla v Pascowe. Plaintiffs: John Holla. Defendants: John John Pascowe. Subject: Detention of deeds

relating to a message in Penzance. Cornwall".

It is another record showing ownership of a message in Penzance involving a different defendant. Because there are different defendants involved I assume the documents refer to different messuages suggesting that John HOLLA was very much a yeoman, that is, he had some wealth owning at least two properties.

Henry VIII came to power in 1509, England was at war with France, it was expensive to be at war and Henry needed more money to support the war. In 1522 although there was a hiatus in the war with France, the King's Chancellor (treasurer) Cardinal Thomas Wolsley, Archbishop of York, devised a rather underhanded method of raising funds to pay

for Henry VIII's war plans. Wolsley ordered a military survey of the country. The survey was to identify all males over the age of 16 and determine what weapons and armour each possessed. They also had to divulge their total worth in goods; household furnishings, livestock, loans, debts etc.. Landholders, were to give an account of all



land they held in each parish. This gave Wolsley the information he needed to work out who he could tax. The survey was a preliminary to a round of subsidies (taxes) that occurred in 1523/24 The survey has its failings, the use of surnames was still in its infancy and it may not have been comprehensive. Lists were established for each parish and/or town and village. It is from these that we have further evidence for the presence of the name HOLLA in Cornwall.

The military Survey of 1522 included from Penzance, Thomas HOLLA and Robert HOLLA. No John HOLLA but two new individuals. However in the 1524 Subsidy Roll there is listed in Madron, John HOLLA and Thomas HOLLA. In Penzance there are two Robert HOLLAs listed.

I need to explain the relationship between Madron and Penzance. Madron was the parish that included the town of Penzance, the parish church is 2^{1/4} miles from Penzance. Penzance had a chapel but did not become a parish in its own right until 1871.

The next Subsidy Roll we have data from is 1545 and it shows the HOLLAs seem to have spread from Madron/Penzance.

Tewynecke (Towednack) 1545

Henry HOLLA G 2

Maddron (Madron)

John HOLLA G4

Thomas HOLLA G4

Pensance (Penzance)

Robert HOLLA G5

Robert HOLLA W1

Senar (Zennor) 1545

Raw HOLLA G3

The subsidy applied to all people over the age of 16 who had an income from land (or taxable goods) of £2 per annum, or who had annual wage of £1 or more. The letters after each name signify what the persons subsidy was based on (G= goods, W= wages, L= land). The number signifies the level of the subsidy and was set on a scale of 1 to 10. The settings would seem to indicate the HOLLAs had some means, ie owned land. One of the Robert HOLLAs is a wage earner possible the son working for his father.

The next listing of people was the Cornwall Muster Roll of 1569. Muster rolls were lists of able bodied men who were called (or liable to be called) to arms. These rolls show:

Maddren Parrishe (Madron & Penzance)

John HOLLA bow sh arr (bow + sheaf of arrows)

John HOLLA bill

Powle parryshe (Paul)

Willm HOLLA bill (Bill hook),

John HOLLA bill

The final documents, dated 1598, found in archives are two in the Cornwall Records Office that name a property and mention two others and set out part of a Holla family tree. I have not seen the documents but the summaries adjacent give us some information.

Firstly, there is a property, Bosulowe Veor, in Madron Churchtown and others at Penzance and Mousehole.

Secondly, the Holla Line described is Thomas Holla son of John Holla and grandson of John Holla deceased.

From these records we can see that there is quite a population of HOLLAs building up and they although they have maintained a presence in Madron they have also moved to Paul and Mousehole, south of Madron and to Zennor and Towednack to the north of Madron.

Towards the latter half of the 1500s we begin to get parish

records for HOLLAs in Madron. The lack of HOLLA records before then is more about the lack of records than the lack of HOLLAs.

The earliest is from 1577 a William HOLLA died. In 1578 a Jane HOLLA, a widow, was married. We could assume that Jane was the widow of William. The birth death and marriage entries are too scant to build up useful family trees but when combining names from the various official lists with the names in parish registers they do give an idea of the HOLLA population.

Between all the sources it appears that there were at least ten separate Holla couples living around Madron Penzance, Paul, St Just, Zennor, and Towednack in the late 1500s early 1600s. Quite possibly all these families were descendants of John Holla, yeoman, with at least two messuages in Penzance around 1500.

Footnote: If you look at the expanded Odd Spot this edition you will see that we have an earlier Holla (actually Hulla) reference. This could make the earliest Holla reference as 1451.

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DOCUMENT IN THE CORNWALL RECORDS OFFICE

These descriptions of the documents are from the [Cornwall Record Office website](#)

Document 1

Grant. Jn. Holla of Madron, yeo., to s. Thos. H. Bosolowe Veor, Landithye, Madron churchtown property and property in Penzance and "Mowsewall". Date: , 30 Nov. 1598

Document 2

Grant. Jn. Holla of Madron, yeo., to grandson Thos. H., s. of Jn. H. decd. Bosulow Veor. Date: , 30 Nov. 1598

Odd Spot 2

The Choughs return to Cornwall.

The Cornish Chough (pronounced “chuff”) is an important Cornish symbol. It used by many Cornish organisations in their emblems logos and coats of arms.

This red legged, red billed member of the crow family earned itself the name ‘Cornish chough’ because of its close association with the Duchy going back to the 13th century. There aren’t many such close associations between a people, a place and a bird. In Wales and Scotland during the 17th Century, where choughs would also have been common, it was still known as the ‘Crow of Cornwall’. Legend has it that the soul of King Arthur departed this world in the form of a chough, its red feet and bill signifying Arthur’s violent and bloody end.

In Cornwall the bird actually disappeared from the county in February 1973 after having ceased breeding in Cornwall in 1947. For more than thirty years there were no choughs living in Cornwall. There was an occasional sighting of a visitor but no resident Cornish Choughs. Then in 2001 a three choughs arrived, a pair and another female bird, often referred to as ‘the gooseberry’, because she hung around with the pair. They took up residence around the shores of The Lizard. This was particularly remarkable because they were not



reintroduced to the area. They had arrived, from Ireland, and taken up residence without human interference. The Irish origin was later proved via DNA analysis.

The Lizard refers to the Lizard Peninsula and is the most southern most point of the British mainland. The Choughs residency was confirmed when they started breeding in 2002. In the breeding seasons until 2013 the first pair had produced 46 young and some of them have commenced breeding.

Their breeding ended in 2013 when a younger rival male killed the original male. The female disappeared and the conquering male raised the brood successfully.

The gooseberry had found a mate in 2006 amongst the offspring of the originals and also produced fledglings. Since observations on Choughs started in 2002, 137 fledglings have been produced in Cornish nests. A fledgling is chick that reaches the point of flying and leaves the nest.

The choughs have now extended their range and can be seen around the Penwith Peninsula as well as the Lizard. The choughs have even moved further along the North Coast, almost to Newquay. Choughs hadn’t bred in this area since the 1940s.

The Cornish people have welcomed the return. Volunteers monitor the birds, an extensive ringing project has commenced and the Cornish Choughs project has been established. Their website is

<http://www.cornishchoughs.org/>

A look at official coats of arms and logos highlights the significance of the Cornish chough to Cornwall.

Beginning with the Cornwall coat of arms I have included images of emblems are shown that incorporate the chough. The last one is actually the Coat of arms of Cornwall from Ontario, Canada. The people of Cornwall, Ontario must be proud of their Cornish roots. Although called the Cornish chough, the bird is not confined to Cornwall; it is also known as the Red billed Chough and found in many places in Europe but not in Canada.

Information and bird images from the Cornish Choughs project and the [National Trust's South West Blog](#)

