

A Hollow Newsletter – No 1

Hello to Hollow researchers

I have been in touch with each of you on an individual basis and we have exchanged information now I want to try and extend those contacts into a network and hopefully we can all derive some benefit and enjoyment from this.

I have commenced a Hollow One Name Study but I am simply a co-ordinator and collector of data, I want to be able share information between researchers.

To help this along I am proposing to produce a newsletter to circulate between Hollow researchers. At the very least it will let you know who else is researching Hollow and where their research is focussed.

I am aiming at producing the newsletter at least twice a year but let us call it an "occasional" newsletter.

I will need help though, and will be looking for contributions. It doesn't have to be anything big deal but the internet and email enable us to exchange information and ideas across the world almost instantaneously. (On second thoughts it could be big deal!) If we were very active and messages criss-crossed across the world frequently we could develop into a mailing list. Rootsweb sponsors hundreds of these and many are One Name lists. However let us see if where it leads to.

If each person could just send me a bit about themselves and the Hollow lines they are researching that would be a great start. I wouldn't want to wait another six months to circulate this information, I would like to do it in the next month or as quickly as I can.

Part of this first transmission is a page I have put together to explain what the One Name Study will try to achieve. As I said before I am willing to co-ordinate the study and certainly do some research but I will really need the help and support of the other Hollow researchers if it is to grow into anything more.

Hollow spotting

Recently my wife Joy and I have been to see a couple of good movies, "Little Voice" and "The Waking of Ned Devine". We enjoyed them so much we sat through the credits and lo and behold a couple of Hollows were included. Bob Hollow and Adam Hollow both having something to do with special effects. Does anyone claim them or know of them? I think I remember seeing Bob Hollow in the credits of one of the "Superman" movies years ago too.

This could be a Hollow will !!!

Made by a Zennor man

"I'll make my will while I am well. I will bestow my riches. I'll give to Elleck my eldest son, my best coat, jacket and breeches. As for my watch it is in pawn, else Elexander should have that. Neckey shall have the courage horse and Jan the little sprat. Mary shall have the milking cow and Lystria the heifer. Phillis shall have the flock of sheep, and what can I do better? Old Polly shall have the purse of gold and that will most maintain her. Sally shall have the old brass pan, the bucket and the strainer".

Signed in the presence of cousin Matthew Hollow, Uncle Philip Eddy and John Quick the schoolmaster.

Provided by Jenny O'Donnell a HOLLOW researcher from New Zealand.

The HOLLOW Homepage

I am trying to create a site that HOLLOW researchers can use to further their research. I would welcome any comment suggestions or material that could be included.

Lately I have been putting the HOLLOW records I have from the UK census records. I have records from the following towns or districts.

1841 – Illogan, Redruth, St Erth, St Ives, Towednack (Part), Uny Lelant.

1851 – Ludgvan, Marazion, Penzance, Phillack, Redruth, St Erth, St Ives, Towednack, Trevega, Uny Lelant, Zennor

1861 – Redruth, Trevega, Uny Lelant,

1871 – Should be complete for Cornwall

1881 – Should be complete for the whole of England

If anybody has any census records to add to these it would be a great help.

The homepage is at:

<http://www.ozemail.com.au/~chollow>

Research Data online

1. Over the last month or so it has been great to see a couple of Databases made available free on the net. The biggest thing in genealogy circles would have to be the LDS website The site is at:
<http://www.familysearch.org/Search/searchigi.asp>

You could spend hours here although some people have had difficulties, so I include these instructions came from someone else on the net.

"Heres how to use those "fandangled" batch numbers

Step 1. Go to the webpage at http://members.xoom.com/Phil_Ellery/

Step 2. Take a note of the "batch numbers" of your Cornish Parish/s.

Step 3. Go to <http://www.familysearch.org/>

Step 4. Choose "custom search"

Step 5. click on "International Genealogical Index"

Step 6. Change Country to "British Isles" (very important!)

Step 7. Insert batch number for the Parish you are searching.

Step 8. Write the surname you are searching in the surname box

Step 9. click on search.

Step 10 Gasp in amazement at all the names you have found.
Its easy!!"

2. Here in Australia the New South Wales Births, Death and Marriages Indexes are online free for a limited time at:

<http://www.lawlink.nsw.gov.au/bdm>

You can search ANY and ALL Births, Deaths and Marriages in NSW, Australia from 1788 to 1945 by surname. They also give the Registration Number – so if you were interested in purchasing a particular certificate that relates to your family you can save a few \$ by quoting this Reg. No.

These are not new but another three that I have found valuable are:-

3. British and Foreign Shipping to Victoria, 1852-79 Indexes

<http://home.vicnet.net.au/~provic/immindex.htm>

Searchable databases by the Public Records Office of Victoria,

- In-coming passengers to Victoria from British ports, 1852-59.
- In-coming passengers to Victoria from Foreign ports, 1852-79.

4. Commonwealth War Graves Commission

<http://yard.ccta.gov.uk/cwgc/register.html>

This Register provides personal and service details and places of commemoration for the 1.7 million members of the Commonwealth forces who died in the First or Second World Wars. (A record some 60,000 civilian casualties of the Second World War is provided without details of burial location.)

The cemeteries and memorials where these names are commemorated, in perpetuity, are located in around 150 countries This database makes it possible to identify the exact location, by cemetery plot or memorial panel, where any given name is commemorated.

5. The 1871 Cornwall Census is online at Kindred Konnections Genealogy and Family History -

<http://www.kindredkonnections.com/cgi-bin/crcensus?-1+O+English>

This is a searchable database of the 1871 Cornwall Census.

6. The next is not exactly online but you are able to download indexes of many memorial inscriptions recorded from many Cornish parish church cemeteries from West Cornwall by a very industrious family historian, Suezan James:

The cemeteries include, Barnoon* (St Ives), Camborne, Crowan (incomplete), Illogan*, Longstones* (St Ives), Phillack*, St Day Road* (Redruth), St Erth, Towednack*, Trewergie*, Tuckingmill* and Treleigh (Redruth)

*These include HOLLOW burials.

Most are able to be downloaded as a file through http://ourworld.compuserve.com/homepages/jon_rees/mastermi.htm

Note; This is the website of Jon Rees, a HOLLOW researcher.

The Hollow One Name Study

My name is Colin Hollow and I have decided to embark on a one-name study of Hollow. I live in Melbourne, Victoria, Australia and have been researching my family history off and on for the last twenty years. In that period I have collected many references, pedigrees and family trees that are not linked to mine. I have a belief however that many will be linked if I can get back far enough. I have now retired and have more time to pursue the hobby and the one name study is the result. I have registered the study with the Guild of One-Name Studies

Goals

The aim of the study is to collect references to the name Hollow and variants of it worldwide. The variants such as Hallow, Holla, Hollaw, Hollah, Hollowe. I have excluded Hollows as I don't think this name has the same Cornish origins. I based this on the following:

In 1890 Henry Brougham Guppy published his "Homes of Family Names in Great Britain", (Harrison 1890).

Guppy made a particular study of the names of farmers, whom he described as 'the most stay-at-home class of the country'. and he discovered that in each county their surnames fell into groups:

1. General - names found all over the country.
2. Common - names found in 20-29 counties
3. Regional - names found in 10-19 counties
4. District - names found in 4-9 counties
5. County - names found in 2-3 counties
6. Peculiar - names found mainly in one county only.

The surname Hollow appears in the peculiar to one county list for Cornwall.¹

I intend to use the data I collect to build up family trees and to link them together as much as possible. I also want to collect the family history of the different groups of Hollow. The study will include research into the origin of the name Hollow and its distribution across the world.

In developing the Hollow One Name Study I propose to:

- Keep a central record of Hollow data
- Provide support for Hollow researchers by, providing information from the database and putting people in touch with others who are researching the same line
- Publish the Hollow database on the Internet (The material on the Internet will not contain information about people who are living or who were born after 1920).
- Analyse the information from different sources to make links between families
- Let people know where the sources of data are
- Circulate a newsletter amongst Hollow researchers or other interested people
- Develop a directory of Hollow researchers
- Study the worldwide distribution of Hollow.
- Research the origin of the Hollow name

I hope that you will join me in pooling information in your Hollow connection and if I can help you in any way I will.

Colin Hollow

That's it – I would love to hear from you.

Colin Hollow
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¹ This information came from The Guinness Book of Names, Leslie Dunkling, Guinness Publishing Ltd. 5th Edn. 1991