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### More Welsh Hollows

There have been Hollows in Wales since at least the 1870s. Keith Hollow, in Issue 12, traced one family who migrated from Penzance. He also mentioned two brothers who migrated to Carmarthenshire from St Erth in the early 1870s. Carol Murphy is a descendant of one those brothers and gives us their story.

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### Bendigo Hollows

Bendigo was a gold mining town in Victoria, Australia. The industry survives in Bendigo today but its heyday was 1851 to the early 1900s. I have found four separate Hollow families who spent time in Bendigo, most associated with mining. Ellen Hollow writes of her family, led by Zacharias Hollow of Ludgvan, who came to Bendigo, or Sandhurst as it was then, in 1869. Zacharias was a miner and subsequently a mine manager. His daughters seemed to be into fashion. Look at the pictures, am I wrong?

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### Hollow Spotting

In this issue we have 'spottings' from Montana, Redruth, St Ives, a British film, and some BDMs from Australia and New Zealand. Let me know when you spot a Hollow.

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### A Family History Moment: Who was Minnie Constance Hollow?

Family History moments are becoming a regular feature. Those experiences in Family History that happen occasionally and lift you from the mundane to the fantastic! Minnie Constance Hollow helped provide one of those moments to Keith Hollow.

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### New Hollow Researchers

There are four new Hollow researchers this quarter but I have had to hold them over until next issue, I ran out of space.

## Miner, St Just – Farmer, Alma, N.Z.

The life of William Hollow of St Just and New Zealand was featured in Issue 12. Percy Wellington sent me this photo; I thought it was front-page material.



William Hollow 1852 - 1948

William Hollow was born in St Just in 1852, the second of seven children of William Hollow, a miner, and Jane Olds. William junior also became a miner working at the Levant mine in St Just. The Levant is one of Cornwall's most famous mines. It was largely a submarine mine, the bulk of its production being from copper lodes far out under the sea. To get to and from their place of work the miners had to climb many hundreds of feet by ladders.

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# Hollow Spotting

## A genealogist's ideal obituary

Lyndsay Dally sent this from "The Montana Standard",  
Thursday, May 23, 2002 Montana, USA

<http://www.mtstandard.com/otherobituaries/index.html>

James Hollow, 70

James "Jim" Hollow died Tuesday morning in Butte. He was born Aug. 8, 1931, in Butte to James and Stella (Barnicoat) Hollow. He received his education in Butte schools and graduated from Butte High School. Jim worked at Hennessy's Department Store before working 25 years at Newbro Drug Co. He later worked as a Teamster for Butte-Silver Bow government. Jim also served his country for 10 years in the Naval Reserve. Jim married Betty Lou Spencer on Aug. 29, 1953, in Butte's St. Lawrence Church. He was a charter member of Big Butte Fire Department and a lifetime member of the Centerville Volunteer Fire Department. He was also a member of the Silver Bow Parks Athletic Club and Butte Teamsters Union. He was an avid Green Bay Packers fan. Jim enjoyed the time he spent with his good friends at his home on Georgetown Lake. He was preceded in death by his father, James Hollow; mother, Stella Hollow Gould; mother- and father-in-law, Pat and Bruce Spencer; and infant son, William Hollow. Surviving relatives include his wife, Betty Hollow of Butte; son, James Hollow and his children James and Jodi Lynn Hollow of Oklahoma; daughters and sons-in-law, Linda and Stan Williams and their children Craig and Jeff Williams of Butte, Patty and Kevin Kramarich and their children Amanda and Matthew Brusati of Great Falls; sisters and brothers-in-law, Betty and Ray Callahan, Patsy and Gene Byrnes; brother and sister-in-law, Jack and Nancy Hollow; sisters-in-law and brothers-in-law, Marlene and Jim Smith, Patsy and Bing Cain, Helen and Terry Gavigan and Bill Spencer; numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Any help you can give to link this family into a Cornish Hollow family would be welcome.

## Looking for Bob and Adam

Lucy Hollow from South Australia sent this:

"Hi Colin, I was watching the English film Sliding Doors a few weeks ago and in the credits there was a Bob Hollow and Adam Hollow, special effects. Does anyone have any more info?"

Way back in Issue 1 this duo were spotted in the credits of "Little Voice" and "Waking Ned Devine" but no one has claimed or identified them yet.

## Found on our website!

Jim Davey a Cornishman living in Wolverhampton sent this after looking at the Hollow Website

"Hi there, I refer to the photograph on your site of the two men standing beside a van, one being Harold Trevaskis, I know Harold he still lives in Hayle and although well into his eighties is still very active, drop me a line if you are interested. Regards Jim Davey."

This photo was on the front page of Issue 6. I found that Jim writes articles and poetry for the Penwith Express, an Internet magazine.

One article recently was about Harold's grandfather. Jim was going to tell Harold about his photo in the Hollow Log. The Penwith Express is at: [www.penwithexpress.com](http://www.penwithexpress.com)

## Emigrants from Redruth

Kerry Davis sent this; it was extracted from Thomas Nicholl's Diaries by Muriel Reson (CFHS member 980) "Old Cornwall", Vol VI No. 3. Thomas Nichols recorded when St Ives townfolk travelled; here are his 'Hollow' entries.

8 Mar 1842 Mr (or Mrs) HOLLOW and daughter with others left this town this morning for America.

1 May 1843 Mrs HOLLOW and two daughters, with Mrs NANCOLAS and family left here today for America.

5 May 1848 Information was received today from America of the death of Mr John HOLLOW in that country and late a Schoolmaster and Association (Methodist) Local Preacher in this Town. He died about 26<sup>th</sup> March last.

## Cornish Telegraph, 18 October 1894

St Ives Zion Church – During the absence of the pastor, who is having a brief rest at St Columb, the pulpit on Sunday morning was occupied by Mr George Quick, and in the evening by Captain John Hollow. ....Collected at the Morrab Library by Keith Hollow.

## Recent BDMs

### Marriage

Lisa Hollow from Launching Place, Victoria married Scott on May 25<sup>th</sup> 2002

### Birth

Chris Hollow and his wife Kristie are the proud owners of the newest Hollow - Jorja Elizabeth born mid July.

### Deaths

Thelma Doreen Hollow, Melbourne, AUS, 12 Jul 2002, Thelma was the wife of Rupert Hollow 1918 – 1990.

Eunice Wellington, Dunedin NZ, 16 May 2002, see page 3

## HELLO THERE

You will find more pictures in this issue than usual and even then I had to leave some out. Thanks to all contributors, apologies if some of your pics missed out. If I make the newsletter any bigger it will create problems with both postage and email, so for the moment I will keep it at 5 pages. Sometimes five pages is hard to fill too!

As always I am looking for pictures, articles, spottings, family history moments and ideas for future issues. If you want your branch of the family featured let me know.

It looks like the 1901 census is online at last so that might keep us out of mischief for a while.

## THE HOLLOW WEBSITE

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

The database on the website has been updated a couple of times since last issue, however I am still to do the Census information. I hope to get it done before the end of September.

## ODD SPOT

Percy Hollow tells me that local horse trainer here in Victoria, John Hawkes, has a horse called 'Hollow' that runs from time to time on our race tracks. With the Spring Racing Carnival about to start I will be watching 'Hollow' with interest and will keep you posted.

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In 1857 a Man Engine was installed on the mine. This consisted of a huge rod of joined timbers, which moved alternatively up and down. A beam engine drove it; steps were attached to the rod. To ascend or descend the miner rode on the steps, stepping on or off at each level until he had reached the top or bottom. William junior was probably spared climbing to the 266 fathom (~1800 feet) level but his father would have experienced the long descents and ascents by ladder.

In 1874, aged 22, William arrived at Port Chalmers, N.Z. on the "Jessie Redmond". He settled in the Oamaru district, eventually leasing a farm at Alma where this photo was no doubt taken. William is remembered as having smoked a pipe all his life (of Dark Havelock tobacco) and lived until he was 96. His daughter Nellie also lived until she was 96.

## Eunice Wellington

William's granddaughter Eunice Wellington (nee Hollow) was one of the couples featured last edition having been married for over 60 years. Sadly Eunice passed away on May 16. Condolences to Percy and his family. Eunice had been ill for some time but passed away peacefully. She missed her 89<sup>th</sup> birthday by seven days.



**Eunice Wellington , 1913 - 2002**

# The History of the Ammanford Hollows, 1872-2002.

The story begins in St. Erth (as recorded in issue 12) when two sons of James Hollow and Mary Ann Symons decided to move to Wales. The brothers, James Henry Hollow (1831) and Francis (1847) settled in the port town of Swansea. They were both mariners, and were shipping cargoes of coal into west Cornwall and exported tin into Wales.

There is a belief within the family that James Henry and Francis were from a family of nine children, that leaves two children of James Hollow and Mary Ann Symons unaccounted for. There is no positive evidence to support the claim but the possibility cannot be dismissed as Ernest always maintained that he was named after one of his father's brothers.

In 1872 at the age of 23 Francis married Swansea born Elizabeth Beer, the wedding took place at St. John's Swansea.

Elizabeth's father James Beer witnessed the marriage along with Francis' sister Eliza Hollow. It is unclear whether Eliza also settled in Swansea. The married couple lived in Hafod St. with the Beer family.



**Francis Hollow, 1847 - 1924**

James Henry married a Swansea born widow called Mary Howes in 1876. They had one daughter, Amelia 1877. I have been unable to trace any descendants of Amelia. Francis' family was aware of James Henry but no details with regards to his life have survived within the family. They appear to have had no contact with Amelia or Mary Howes.

In spite of Francis spending a great deal of his life at sea, he and Elizabeth had fourteen children. I can account for twelve, and only assume that two died in infancy. All twelve were born in Swansea including Ernest. (my grandfather.) His birth certificate states that he was born in 1888 at Ysguborfach St, Swansea. According to the details on the certificate, Francis was a furnace-man at the time. Elizabeth Beer died at the age of forty-five supposedly giving birth to their fourteenth child. Francis returned to the sea and the older children were left to take care of the younger ones.

## The Descendants of Francis Hollow

- 1 Francis HOLLOW, 1847 - 1924
  - .. +Elizabeth BEER, 1854 - 1904, m: 1872
  - ..... 2 Polly HOLLOW
    - ..... 2 Minnie HOLLOW, 1873 -
      - ..... +George HANCOCK, m: 1900
    - ..... 2 James Francis HOLLOW, 1874 - 1944
      - ..... +Mary Hannah LLOYD, 1880 - 1955, m: 1907
    - ..... 3 Charles Francis HOLLOW, 1907 - 1966
      - ..... +Cissie Pauline HEWITSON, 1913 - 1995, m: 1934
    - ..... 3 Beatrice HOLLOW, 1911 -
      - ..... +Thomas W THOMAS, m: 1931
    - ..... 3 Eileen HOLLOW, 1911 - 1912
    - ..... 3 Mary A HOLLOW, 1913 - 1914
    - ..... 2 William HOLLOW, 1876 - 1940
      - ..... +Margaret MORGANS, 1882 - 1940, m: 1904
    - ..... 3 William Emrys HOLLOW, 1904 - 1983
      - ..... +Catherine J EVANS, 1908 - 1961, m: 1937
    - ..... 3 Elsie Elvina HOLLOW, 1909 -
      - ..... +John COLLINS, m: 1941
    - ..... 3 Margaret Elizabeth HOLLOW, 1913 -
      - ..... +John M MATTHEWS, m: 1935
    - ..... 3 Francis Vincent HOLLOW, 1917 - 1999
      - ..... +Winifred JONES, m: 1952
    - ..... 3 Gladys D HOLLOW, 1921 -
      - ..... +Kenneth F W WRIGHT, m: 1941
    - ..... 2 Annette HOLLOW, 1882 -
    - ..... 2 Charles HOLLOW, 1884 - 1962
      - ..... +Lizzie JONES, 1887 - 1963, m: 1908
    - ..... 3 Sarah Beatrice HOLLOW, 1908 - 1908
    - ..... 3 William Francis HOLLOW, 1910 - 1986
      - ..... +Rosina SMITH, 1914 - 1998, m: 1937
    - ..... 3 Elizabeth HOLLOW, 1912 -
    - ..... 3 Florence HOLLOW, 1915 -
      - ..... +William G BURTON, m: 1937
    - ..... 3 Charles HOLLOW, 1918 - 1918
    - ..... 2 Ernest HOLLOW, 1888 - 1996
      - ..... +Ceceilia JOHN, - 1986, m: 1909
    - ..... 3 Ethel Maude HOLLOW, 1907 - 1984
      - ..... +John (Jack) DANTER, m: 1930
    - ..... 3 Margaret Elizabeth HOLLOW, 1911 - 1945
    - ..... 3 Cecilia HOLLOW, 1916 -
      - ..... +William N McNAMARA, m: 1936
    - ..... 3 Alwyn Thomas HOLLOW, 1918 - 1982
      - ..... +May APPERLEY, m: 1949
    - ..... 3 Rita HOLLOW, 1920 -
      - ..... +Ronald NORMAN, m: 1943
    - ..... 3 James Henry HOLLOW, 1923 - 1993
      - ..... +Kathleen M MEIGHAN, m: 1946
    - ..... 3 Ruby HOLLOW, 1925 - 1986
      - ..... +Haydn SPENCER, - 1996, m: 1945
    - ..... 3 Kenneth HOLLOW, 1929 - 1930
    - ..... 2 Adeline Elizabeth HOLLOW, 1890 -
      - ..... + John ASHTON
    - ..... 2 Emily Jane HOLLOW, 1892 -
    - ..... 3 Violet M HOLLOW, 1916 -
      - ..... +Arthur HOPKINS, m: 1920
      - ..... +Thomas M THOMAS, m: 1934
    - ..... 2 Beatrice HOLLOW, 1895 -
    - ..... 2 Annie HOLLOW, 1897 -
    - ..... 2 George Henry HOLLOW, 1897 -



In 1904 James Francis, William, and Ernest left Swansea in search of employment. Their quest led them to Ammanford.

eventually settled in Neath. Upon his marriage to Ceceilia John, also from Pantyffynnon, Ernest and his family moved to



Note: St Erth is south-west of Camborne.

They found board and lodgings in Harold St, and were fortunate to find work at the Dynevor Tinplate works in Pantyffynnon.(a village half a mile away from Ammanford.) Within a few weeks another seven of Francis' children left Swansea to settle in Ammanford.

Neath for a short while. Returning to 8 Maes-y- Berllan , Betws, to rejoin the rest of the Hollow clan. The Ammanford Hollows were an extremely close family; they worked side by side, lived side by side, and are buried side by side.

Minnie, the eldest of Francis and Elizabeth's children remained in Swansea, as did her sister Polly. I never had the pleasure of meeting either but I can clearly recall my grandfather speaking of them. My late mother, Ruby, often spoke of being taken to Swansea on a couple of occasions to meet her aunt Minnie.

Polly on the other hand appears to be a mystical figure; she seems to have been distanced from her family. She is said to have moved to London and probably died there. All Ernest's

children were of the impression that both Minnie and Polly never married. Although Minnie was said to have had a male cousin from Cornwall sharing her home. There are no clues as to his identity.

On his retirement from the sea Francis left Swansea to join his

James Francis, Charles, and Annette lived in Pantyffynnon a few yards away from the tin-works. Ernest, William, George, Adeline, Emily Jane, Annie and Beatrice lived in Betws, a village half a mile away from both Ammanford and Pantyffynnon. The entire family worked at the Dynevor tin works, except William and Charles who later became coal miners at the Ammanford Colliery. Ernest spent his entire working life there, he was a Roller-Man.

Emily Jane married into the Hopkins family and



**Marriage of Ernest Hollow and Cecilia John, 1909.  
Ernest's brother William is on the right.**

children and grandchildren. He lived with his daughter Adeline Elizabeth and her husband John Ashton at 33 Betws Rd and spent the rest of his days there. Betws was and still is a close knit Welsh speaking community, Francis is reported to have been able to converse with his neighbours with ease, claiming that the Welsh language was almost identical to old Cornish.

Many recalled him sitting outside his home for hours on end, carving figures from wood. Only two examples of his work remain within the family. As he carved away he also entertained passers by with tales of his life at sea. A shame that no one thought to record his tales for posterity.

Francis died in 1924; he is buried in the ancient church of St. David, Betws. He had 59 grandchildren, all living in the



**Ernest Hollow and his brother Charles**

Ammanford area, (10 of these are still alive,) 133 great grandchildren most still living in the area. As for great great grandchildren and the great great great grandchildren, those figures are probably best left to the imagination. His descendants were and still are the ideal candidates for DNA testing (issue3). They all had black hair, dark brown eyes and an olive complexion. Very few reached the magical height of five foot.

It is surprising that the local authorities didn't re-name the area Hollowford or Hollowville. It seems almost incredible that from such a large family that only one remaining male carries the family name today, Terence Hollow, 62 years old and unmarried. So in spite of Francis' efforts to keep the name alive, it is now inevitable that it will disappear from this area. Incidentally, Terence Hollow lives in Old Dynevor House, Pantyffynnon, and the house where his father was born. 3 Park Terrace is now occupied by one of Francis' great grand daughters.

George Henry was the only son to inherit Francis' love of the sea. He ran away from home (Ammanford) at the age of fifteen and joined the merchant navy. He had no contact with the family for over fifty years. He was traced in the 1960's and reunited with his brothers and sisters. George was rather a deep person and revealed little regarding his fifty-year absence. He maintained that he had never settled anywhere, was never married and had no children. His explanation was accepted but the family were not truly convinced.

**Pictured right are Ernest Hollow's family, from the top, Ethel, Maggie, Cecilia, Alwyn, Rita, James and Ruby**

Words and photos: Carol Murphy

Note: Minnie Hollow's marriage to George Hancock in 1900 is taken from the GRO index.



# A Family History Moment - Who was Minnie Constance Hollow?

In July this year I received an email message from Marlene Kavanagh in Parkville, Melbourne advising that her husband had recently purchased an old photograph of a young child named Minnie Constance Hollow.

I had not corresponded with Marlene previously and it is still a mystery how she found me. Marlene's message went on to say that the child appeared to be about two years old and that the rear of the photograph, which she believed was probably taken about 1890, had written on it; "Minnie Constance Hollow, Mrs W Waters, 'Heatherlands', Porthcurno, Cornwall, England".

Marlene and her husband have an interest in old photographs and attempt to trace the families and offer the photographs back to them. Living close to Porthcurno, Marlene thought the picture might be of interest to me. This was an offer not to be missed and Marlene kindly forwarded a copy of the photograph to Colin.



## Porthcurno

Porthcurno, in the parish of St. Levan, lies in a narrow valley terminating in a beautiful beach of white sand and is situated on the south coast of West Penwith just over 3 miles from Lands End at the western end of the Cornish peninsula where the waters of the Atlantic Ocean meet the English Channel. It was because of this location that Porthcurno was selected, in about 1866, as the terminal for Transatlantic, Mediterranean and African submarine telegraph cables operated by the Eastern Telegraph Group of Companies, later to be known as Cable & Wireless Ltd., and a telegraph station was built there.

About 1 mile west of Porthcurno on a hill overlooking St. Levan Church lies the farm of Roskestal and closer to Porthcurno at the top of the hill on the road leading from the valley to St. Levan Church is 'Heatherlands', a private residence.

## Parish Records

The St. Levan parish register records the baptism of Minnie Constance on the 28<sup>th</sup> August 1909 and again on 7<sup>th</sup> November of the same year. She was the daughter of William Hollow a farmer at Roskestal Farm, St. Levan and his wife Mary Constance Hollow, formerly Harvey. It is likely that Mary Constance died in childbirth as her death was registered in the GRO during the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of 1909 at the age of 34 year. This may well be the reason for Minnie Constance being christened twice, initially at home just after her birth when

there was perhaps some doubt that she would survive and then later at church some ten weeks later when survival looked more certain.

William, her father, died aged 47 and was buried at St. Levan on 6<sup>th</sup> July 1918.

The parish register of Madron Church reveals that Minnie Constance married Henry Edgar Oatway at Madron on 2<sup>nd</sup> November 1929 and that her husband was employed at the Porthcurno Telegraph Station as a 'Cable Operator'. Henry's occupation almost certainly took them both overseas and it is

conceivable that they eventually settled in Australia. Results of locally made enquiries, suggest that the husband of Mrs. Waters was also employed by Cable & Wireless Limited and the couple apparently settled in Australia after his retirement and this is the probable reason for the photograph being found there.

## Minnie's ancestors

The great grandfather of Minnie Constance Hollow was William Hollow who was born about 1809 probably at Zennor and who died on 4<sup>th</sup> August 1901 aged 93 at Kelynack Moor, St. Just in Penwith. It is thought that William was likely to have been a son of Thomas Hollow and Elizabeth Curnow of Zennor, although no record of his baptism has yet been found to confirm this.

## The likely descendancy is therefore as follows;

----- Not confirmed

John Hollow & Chesen Thomas, married 26th March 1695, Zennor

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John Hollow & Sarah Eddy, married 30th September 1727, Zennor

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John Hollow & Catherine Osborne, married 23rd February 1757, Zennor

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Thomas Hollow & Elizabeth Curnow, married 23rd February 1799, Zennor

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----- Confirmed

William Hollow & Ann Dunstan Baragwanath, married 6th March 1839, Towednack

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William Hollow & Ann ?, married 1869 (2<sup>nd</sup> marriage to Kitty Pearce Rogers in 1866)

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William Hollow & Mary Constance Harvey, married 12th May 1906, St. Levan

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**Minnie Constance Hollow, born August 1909 Roskestal, St. Levan**

Keith Hollow



# Ludgvan to Bendigo

Zacharias Hollow was the son of Thomas Hollow and Elizabeth Leacher.

He was born in Ludgvan in 1843 and came to Australia in 1869.

Many of the Cornish made land fall in South Australia where the mining industry had developed.

When gold was discovered in Bendigo, the Cornish miners joined the rush from the South Australian copper fields. The migration to Victoria from South Australia depleted the workforce to such an extent that the established mines at Burra and Kupanda suspended operations for a time.

On their arrival at Bendigo the Cornish persistence revealed gold in the tough rocky area of White Hills. After the easy gold began to disappear, and the 'get rich quick' diggers had moved on, those that remained began to work on the hard quartz. The ability of the Cornish in Bendigo and Victoria to mine in quartz became



**Zacharias Hollow 1843 - 1901**

legendary. Bendigo became the destination for many unemployed miners leaving Cornwall. It has been estimated that in 1880, 48 % of the male adult population were miners and 80% were Cornish, areas including Long Gully became known as little Cornwall.

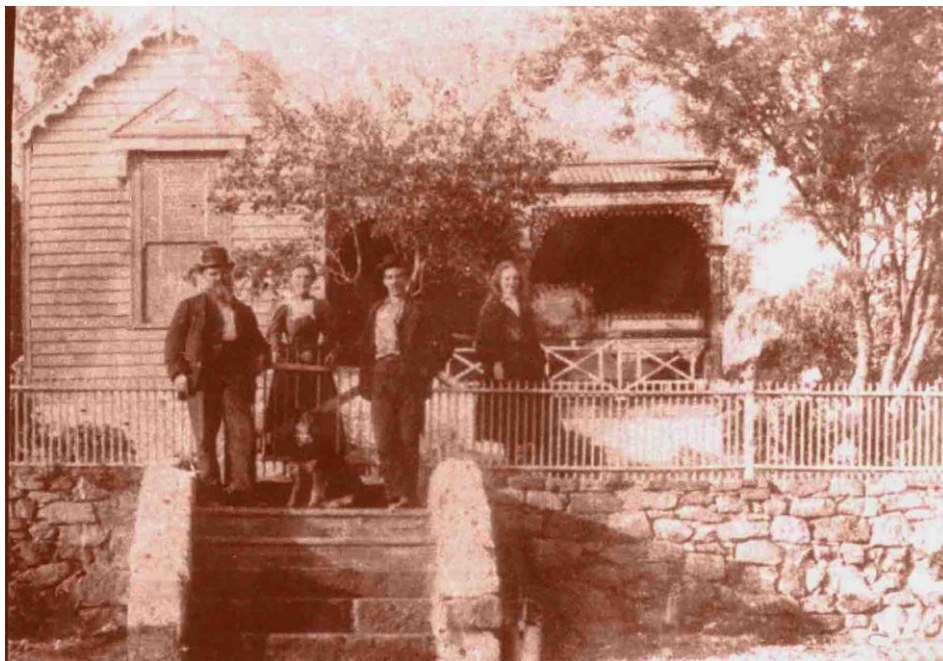
It was to Bendigo the twenty six year old Zacharias Hollow made his way, leaving Lugvan in 1869 to begin his new life in Australia, and to earn enough for his family to follow later. He had married in March 1869 and Alice his young pregnant wife remained in Towednack for almost two years, their daughter, Alice Richards Hollow, was born 3 Apr 1870. It was not until 1872 on board the ship "Queen Of Nations" the twenty five year old and daughter, now aged one year, set sail for Australia.

The reunited family moved into a timber house in Booth Street Bendigo not far from Lansell's Mine where Zacharias was employed and later became manager. The family soon expanded with the birth of twins Zachariah and Thomas Henry on 2nd January 1864, Zachariah survived until 1940 but Thomas died aged six days on 8th January 1864. The birth of James Henry 28<sup>th</sup> September 1876 added to the family but he was later to drown in the pond behind the house aged three years. A second daughter Louisa Jane was born 24<sup>th</sup> April 1872, followed by Elizabeth Mary on March 8<sup>th</sup> 1880, and Sarah 10<sup>th</sup> March 1882. Tragedy again struck the family when four days after the birth of a son, William, born 26<sup>th</sup> December 1883 Alice died. Her infant son survived just eleven days.

Her Death Certificate reads:

Deaths in the district of Sandhurst in the state of Victoria, No. 16030 / 12596. 30 December 1883 at Booth Street Sandhurst County of Bendigo. Alice Anne Hollow female aged 38 years. Miner's Wife. Diarrhoea and exhaustion 11 days. Certified by Alfred E. Walsh. M.B. daughter of James Richards miner & Alice Curnow. Born in Cornwall England. Living in Victoria 13 years. Married aged 24 Cornwall England. Issue Alice Richards 13,

Thomas Dead, Zachariah 9, James dead, Lousia Jane 5,



**Zacharias and family in front of their home at 90 Booth Street. Family members possibly Mary Ann (Zac's second wife), son Zachariah and a daughter, Alice? Louisa?, Sarah?**



Elizabeth Mary 3, Sarah 1, William 4 days. Buried 30 December 1885 Sandhurst Cemetery

Zacharias had buried three sons and a wife before his fortieth Birthday, and was only to survive himself another seventeen years. In 1887 he married a widow Margaret Catteran, there were



**Louisa Jane Hollow**

no children of the union. He later formed a liaison with Edith Russell who bore him a son in 1896.

His Death certificate reads:

Zacharias Hollow Mining Manager Male 57 years  
Gastroenteritis 11 days. Certified by Alfred E Walsh. M.B. son of  
Thomas Hollow miner and unknown. registered

18 March 1901.

Born Cornwall England living in Victoria 30 years.  
Issue: Alice Richards 30 years, Thomas



**Sarah Hollow**

Henry dead, Zacharias 27, James dead, Elizabeth Mary 20, Louisa Jane 25, Sarah 18, William dead. Married Cornwall England aged 25 years spouse Alice Anne Richards Buried 8 March 1901 Bendigo Cemetery. (No mention of his second marriage to Margaret or of Edith who bore him a son.)

## George Lansell

### Zacharias Hollow's Boss

Zacharias Hollow worked for mining magnate, George Lansell, known as the "Quartz King of Bendigo. Lansell was born in Margate in 1923 and came to South Australia in 1853. He was unsuccessful in a mining venture at Echunga, S.A. but then set up as a soap and tallow merchant with his brother, William, in Adelaide before moving to Sandhurst (Bendigo) in the mid 1850s. He joined another brother, Wooten, and set up a butchery, a soap and candle factory and a tallow chandler's.

The lure of gold got to George and he left the partnership to invest in quartz mining. After a few failed enterprises he finally bought into a successful mine, the Advance Company, which by 1865 was making good returns. This investment plus an investment in the Cinderella Mine set the foundations of Lansell's fortune. Over time he invested in almost every reef in the Sandhurst district and was a director of over thirty-four mines. He had made a study of quartz reef mining and was considered the district's most successful reefer. He was the sole owner of many mines, often buying out nervous investors. He had no qualms about pushing his mines deeper and deeper. One, the BIG 180, reached 3179 feet and was the deepest mine in the southern hemisphere at the time. He recognised the talents of the Cornish miners and was an active sponsor of Cornish migration for his mines.

George Lansell invested widely, he bought land around the old government house in the Melbourne suburb of Toorak naming the subdivision the "Vice Regal Estate" and the streets within it Lansell Road and St George's Road. Today these streets are two of the most expensive residential streets in Melbourne.

Lansell was very active during the 1870s; in 1871 he bought a residence, machinery and several mining claims from the Bellerstedt family. The purchase included the BIG 180 mine, which was only 450 feet deep at that stage. This was about the time Zachariah Hollow arrived in Sandhurst.

The residence was called "Fortuna" and under Lansell became show place of elegance and style. Zacharias Hollow's house in Booth Street was on one side of the Fortuna property, where it still stands today. Two mines were adjacent to the property, the Fortuna and the 222. It is likely that Zacharias worked at these mines.

Married for the first time in 1872 at age 49 Lansell's marriage was short lived as his wife died in 1880 after two years of illness, she was 38. At that time Lansell was also the brunt of protests about the poor conditions in his deep mines. Protesters left a coffin with his name on it at his doorstep. Lansell decided to leave Sandhurst for good and went home to England. He married again in England and had three children with his new wife.

In Sandhurst mining was beginning to languish, problems

The children of the marriage have added to this dynasty. Alice married William Wills to whom she bore five surviving children. Zachariah married



**Sarah Hollow (later photo)**

Amelia Morgan and of their nine issue, including four sets of twins, only two lived to adulthood. Louisa married Charles Roeder producing eight daughters and a son. Elizabeth married David McQuillen and had three issue, and Sarah married James Gill and bore him seven living children.

Unlike our Cornish mining forbears, there are many varied professions represented in the descendants along with many fine sports people possibly the most famous is Louisa 's great grand son Olympic rower David Cameron and husband of, winter olympian, Zali Steggall.

Ellen Hollow

Photos: Ellen Hollow and Carol Cameron

with mining at depth and the inadequacy of the current gold extraction techniques. Many thought his absence was a factor; they missed his drive and enthusiasm. The burghers of Sandhurst collected 2628 signatures on an "Illuminated Letter" imploring him to return. Lansell was deeply moved and returned in triumph in 1887. Three more sons were born back in Sandhurst, Lansell was nearly 70. Around that time Sandhurst became Bendigo and the gold fields were revitalised.

Lansell must have reveled in his larger than life status; he was seen visiting his mines in a buggy drawn by two splendid piebalds. Lansell rarely went underground, he is reputed to have only gone below in four of his mines, he relied on reports from his managers to make decisions. On special occasions he travelled in his Victorian coach pulled by two fine blacks and driven by his own coachman.

In 1906 his daughter Edith became sick, George was shattered and became sick himself with worry. His daughter recovered but George died on 18<sup>th</sup> March 1906. Bendigo was plunged into mourning. There was a huge outpouring of grief. At his funeral over three hundred of his employees marched ahead of his coffin. In honour of his service a statue of him was erected in the main thoroughfare, Pall Mall, not far from the Gold Exchange where he had been such a towering figure.

This point curiously marked the beginning of the decline in the Bendigo mines. Annual production declined culminating in the collapse of the industry during WWI.

Information on George Lansell was taken from a brochure, "Lansell's Fortuna" published in 1988.

## Wedding Gallery



**Louisa Jane Hollow and Charles Roeder**



**Zachariah Hollow and Amelia Morgan**