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Amateur Association Championship Meeting: Dead Heat for the mile between S.G. Hollow (Essendon) on the left, and H.S. Marshall (Malvern). Circa 1909.

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Hollow Spotting

This issue's Hollow Spotting is a Stephen Hollow special. Stephen is not a common Hollow name or so I thought!

From the State Library of Victoria Biographical index I found a reference to a S.G. Hollow, a runner. When I tracked down the reference, I found this dramatic photo in the Weekly Times of 9 April 1909. There was another photo in the Australasian of 25 Sep. 1909 of him winning a 440-yard handicap race. After a search through Google I found he also won the 880 yard Victorian Championship in 1911. This was Stephen Gordon Hollow son of Joseph Hollow and Naomi Thomas of Rutherglen. (See Redruth to Rutherglen, Log 11)

The search through Google brought up other Stephen Hollows, One, another athlete in Victoria running in the 1950s, I am still to track him down.

Another from the Hayle Mail of August 11 1914: From a list of movements between Cornwall and the U.S. *Stephen Hollow of Penzance to Akron, Ohio*. This does not seem to be one of the large family of Hollow that settled in Akron about the turn of the century. So any clues on this one would be welcome.

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Hollow Spotting

Another Stephen turned up in on an American website.

"Stephen Hollow is an accomplished puppeteer and actor and has toured from the west coast of Alaska to the east coast of Maine. He has been a visiting faculty for the North Carolina School of the Arts and Long Island University. Stephen graduated from Penn State University with a Bachelor of Philosophy Degree in Children's Theater. In 1989 Mr. Hollow founded the Magical Stage Theater Company, which continues to produce programs for school and family audiences. The Magical Stage combines puppetry and story theater techniques to bring its audiences programs that both enlighten and entertain."

But wait there is more.

Stephen John Hollow

Golf lover and coach driver

MORE than 400 people attended Wall Methodist Church for the funeral of Stephen John Hollow, who died at Derriford Hospital, Plymouth, aged 43.

Stephen was born in Redruth, the eldest of Rose and Ivor Hollow's four children. He was brought up at Connor Downs and attended primary school there before the family settled in Reawla.

He attended Hayle Comprehensive School then worked for Gwinear

Farmers and for Paul Eustice. He then worked for the Milk Marketing Board for 11 years. When the factory closed, he spent a year working for Curry's before moving to Unigate at St Erth.

Stephen then became a coach driver for John Runnalls, learning his driving skills from his friend Jeffery Squibbs. Due to the demands of family life, Stephen left that job and worked for J F Pool at Hayle for seven years. On his departure his colleagues said the place was too quiet

and not the same without him. He returned to Runnalls where he spent his happiest 12 months at work. His last job was with Roach Foods.

He met his wife Linda at a disco at Gwinear Church Hall when she was just 14 and he was 17. They married four years later and were married for 22 years and had three children, Gary, Paul and Lisa.

Stephen's favourite hobby was golf and he was a member of Culdrose and Tehidy golf clubs.

Anthony Hollow of Calstock found this obituary for Stephen John Hollow in his local paper. This Stephen is the son of Ivor and Rosemary Hollow of Realwa near Hayle. Rosemary has recently found the Hollow webpage on the net when researching her husband Ivor's family.

Three more Hollow arrivals in the U.S.

Lindsay Dally found these references among the Ancestry.com databases. You pay to have access to these databases, although if you are willing to give your credit card details they do have a free introductory period. The references came from 'Irish Immigrants: New York Port Arrival Records, 1846-1851'. Being referred to as Irish Immigrants merely means they may have come from an Irish port.

Hollow, John age 26 a miner from Penzance arrived on the ship "Mountaineer" on 29 May 1848 note: Staying in the U.S.

Hollow, Pat age 6 from Londonderry arrived on the ship "Enterprise" on the 27 January 1851

Hollow, Stephen age 21 a mason from Penzance arrived on the ship "Oregon" on the 17 August 1849

Stephen Hollow was almost certainly Stephen James Hollow b 1829, one of the Redruth Hollows, son of Stephen and Alice Hollow. The precise identities of John and Pat are not so easy to arrive at.

I would be interested in any information on this Stephen as he is one of my missing Redruth Hollows and one of the few who went to the U.S and not Australia. The other American Stephen, the puppeteer and actor, could be a descendant and therefore a rellie of mine.

Death of another Hollow Digger in Adelaide.

From The Adelaide Advertiser 10 April, 2004

HOLLOW, William Robert, 14/4/14 - 8/4/2004

Passed away at The Pines Nursing Home. Much loved husband of Valerie May. Loving father of Maxine and Ian and father-in-law to Kim and Cecilia. Loving Pop to Tracey and Jim, Lyndall and Kim, Emma and Lachlan, Laura and David. Great-grandpop to Cydney and Brady. We will all miss him greatly.

William Robert Hollow was a sergeant in the Australian Army in WWII. He belonged to a family of Hollow that originated in St Ives. He was the fourth William Hollow in a line of Williams that go back to John Hollow and Elizabeth Sandow who married in St Ives in 1828.

Thanks to Ann Belmont and Lindsay Dally for spotting this one for the Log.

Cornish Churches

Zennor Parish Church – The Church of St. Senara Part 2

The Parish Register

The parish registers commenced in about 1590 but the damp conditions within the church where they were kept almost completely destroyed the early years and the first legible entry is in 1618 and records the baptism of Nicholas, son of John Berryman.

In addition to the usual list of baptisms, marriages and births, the register includes the following unusual entry by Jacob Bullock, vicar of Zennor in 1762 when it appears that certain farmers wished to pay their tithes in butter and cheese rather than the traditional cows and calves, but vicar Bullock was not amused!

“Be it remembered, that on Sunday the 27th June 1762, Thomas Osborn of Trewey, Robert Michell of Tregarthen, Matthew Thomas of Treen, and Elizabeth Phillips of the Church Town, Brought Butter and Cheese into the Chancel in the Time of Divine Service, imagining, I suppose, it would be accepted instead of their Tithes for Cows and Calves; but not being taken away either by them or any other one else before it grew offensive, I ordered the Church Wardens, under Pain of being cited to the Spiritual Court, to remove the same as an Indecency and a Nuisance to the Congregation. I here insert this lest my Successor should be imposed upon by being told that I accepted of that or any other Butter and Cheese instead of Tithes of Cows and Calves, which I did not, nor of any other sort of Tithes according to the Tenor of the Terrier, dated 1727, and held in the Register of the Consistory Court of Exeter, as witness my hand this 21st day of July, 1762, Jacob Bullock, Vicar.

N.B. Samuel Michell, Brother of the said Robert, and John Baragwanath were Church Wardens, and moved the said Butter and Cheese, as a Nuisance at my command – J.B., V.”

[Note: Tithes were a tenth part of produce, income or profits, contributed for the support of the church or clergy]

Hollow Parish Register Entries

Baptisms

Date	Christian Surname	Father	Place	Mother	Name
1845 May 11	Agnes Vingoe Hollow	Matthew	Trendrine	Elizabeth	
1753 Dec 16	Allice (base)	Allice			
1840 Mar 29	Ann Thomas	Trevalgan	Ann		
1834 Nov 30	Ann Quick Hollow	(base)	Trendrine	Jane	
1761 Jul 26	Arthur Holla	John	Catharine		
1765 May 27	Arthur Holla	Arthur		Sarah	
1798 Feb 4	Arthur Hollow	William			
1730 Jul 12	Bridget Holla	William		Bridget	
1758 Feb 17	Catharine Hollow	John		Catherine	
1837 Dec 31	Catherine Hollow	John	Bosportheris	Mary	

HELLO THERE

If you read this issue in June, Joy and I should be basking in the sunshine in Southwest France or in Dublin awaiting the arrival of our first grandchild. Our daughter Joanna's child is due June 29. So I have broken all records to get this one out in time.

Zennor is the place where the two largest Hollow families originate, so the church records will be relevant to many readers. Proof of a link between the two families remains elusive though. Records lost to damp conditions (and age) don't help but we won't give up.

We continue to follow Hollow & Sons the firm, next issue's instalment will return to the family and record their progress through the 20th century.

THE HOLLOW WEBSITE

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

The database on the website continues to grow, I try to update it every couple of months.

ODD SPOT

There is to be a Hollow wedding at St Erth Church in September when Lloyd, son of Keith and Andra Hollow, will marry Sarah Hobson. Keith has calculated this will be the first Hollow to be married there since James Hollow and Mary Ann Symons on 27 September 1828. James was Lloyd's 1st cousin 6 times removed!

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Hollow and variants Holla, Hollah, Hollaw and Hollowe are registered with The Guild of One-Name Studies. Guild members who are Hollow researchers are Colin Hollow (Mem. No. 3056) and Keith Hollow (Mem. No. 3257)

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1844 Nov 10 Catherine Ann James Trendrine Nanny
1799 Jul 7 Chesson Holla William
1800 Dec 12 Chesson Holla William
1792 Dec 9 Christian Holla William
1734 Oct 18 Daniel Holla John Sarah
1756 Jan 2 Danel Holla Danel Elizabeth
1743 Dec 28 Edward Hollow William Bridget
1773 Oct 31 Edward Hollow Edward
1716 Oct 16 Elizabeth Holla Melchisedek Jane
1766 Jan 19 Elizabeth Hollow John Catherine
1794 Jan 12 Elizabeth Holla William
1795 Oct 18 Elizabeth Holla William
1799 May 19 Elizabeth Holla Thomas
1835 Oct 17 Elizabeth Hollow John Bosportheris Mary
1840 Mar 29 Elizabeth Hollow Matthew Trendrine Elizabeth
1845 Aug 17 Elizabeth Hollow Thomas Trevalgan Hannah
1788 Jul 7 Francis Hollow William
1768 Feb 7 Hannah Hollow Edward
1831 May 15 Hannah Hollow Thomas Wicca Hannah
1799 Jul 7 Isabella Holla William
1723 Nov 12 Ishmael Holla (base) Jane
1851 Nov 9 James Hollow Thomas Trevalgan Hannah
1838 Dec 23 James Quick Hollow James Trendrine Nanny
1720 Sep 11 Jane Holla Melchisedek Jane
1722 Dec 16 Jane Holla Melchisedek Jane
1729 Sep 11 Jane Holla John
1738 Jul 9 Jane Holla William Bridget
1770 Oct 14 Jane Hollow John
1812 Sep 27 Jane Hollow Thomas
1780 Jun 11 Jennifer Hollow Thomas
1780 Jul 3 Jennifer Hollow Thomas
1759 Oct 21 John Holla John Catherine
1762 Dec 27 John Holla John Catherine
1790 Aug 22 John Hollow William
1803 Feb 6 John Holla Thomas
1828 Dec 21 John Hollow John Bosportheris Mary
1833 Jan 27 John Hollow Thomas Wicca Hannah
1849 Feb 25 John Hollow Matthew Elizabeth
1791 May 22 John Quick Holla John
1789 Apr 10 Kitty Hollow John
1801 Mar 8 Kitty Holla Thomas
1729 Apr 7 Mark Holla William Bridget
1734 Jun 3 Mark Holla Mark Amy
1736 Apr 4 Mark Holla William Bridget
1770 Mar 15 Mark Hollow Edward
1742 Oct 10 Mary Holla William Bridget
1786 Mar 12 Mary Hollow William
1831 Mar 27 Mary Hollow John Bosportheris Mary
1849 Feb 8 Mary Quick Hollow James Nanny
1853 Feb 13 Matilda Vingoe Hollow Matthew Treveassa Elizabeth
1737 Jan 8 Matthew Holla John Sarah
1768 Aug 29 Matthew Hollow John
1797 Oct 1 Matthew Holla John
1798 Dec 26 Matthew Holla John
1799 Jan 27 Matthew Holla John
1802 Mar 14 Nancy Holla Matthew
1861 Feb 24 Nanny Hollow John St Ives Jane
1713 Aug 23 Samuel Hollow Melchisedek Jane
1763 Aug 23 Samuel Holla Samuel Jane
1765 Oct 15 Samuel Holla Samuel Jane
1728 May 19, Sarah Holla John Sarah
1788 Feb 24 Sarah Hollow William
1721 Mar 3 Silas Holla (base) Jane
1855 Apr 29 Susan Alma Hollow Matthew Treveassa Elizabeth
1743 Dec 11 Thomas Hollow John Sarah
1774 Nov 13 Thomas Hollow John
1805 Jan 20 Thomas Holla Thomas
1805 Mar 31 Thomas Holla Thomas
1828 Dec 28 Thomas Hollow Thomas Foage Hannah
1845 Jul 20 Thomas Hollow John Bosportheris Mary
1725 May 3 William Holla William Bridget
1764 Sep 18 William Hollow Edward Hannah
1784 Jun 27 William Hollow William
1838 Mar 4 William Thomas Trewey Hannah
1833 Mar 31 William Thomas Hollow John Bosportheris Mary
1798 May 27 Wilmot Holla Ishmael
1807 May 17 Wilmot Holla Thomas
1840 Sep 27 Wilmot Hollow John Bosportheris Mary
1855 Apr 29 Wilmot Ann Hollow Matthew Treveassa Elizabeth
1836 Mar 13 Wilmot Quick Hollow James Trendrine Nanny

Marriages

<u>Date</u>	<u>Groom</u>	<u>Occupation</u>	<u>Bride</u>
1687 Oct 9	Arthur Holla		Jane Olivey
1764 Jan 16	Arthur Holla	Husbandman	Sarah Richards of Gulval
1764 Apr 30	Edward Holla		Hannah Waters
1641 Sep 14	Danyell		Elizabeth Holla
1730 Dec 21	John Olliver	Vicar	Jane Holla, widow
1695 Mar 26	John Holla		Chesen Thomas
1727 Sep 30	John Holla		Sarah Eddy
1797 Mar 4	Matthew Holla		Anne Michel
1724 Jul 25	William Holla		Bridget Symons
1685 Jan 6	John Christopher		Elizabeth Holloe
1778 Sep 10	William Perry		Catherine Hollow, a minor
1791 Jul 23	Ishmael Hollow, of Morvah		Elizabeth Curnow
1796 Jul 30	Andrew Christopher		Jane Hollow
1757 Feb 22	John Hollow		Catherine Osborne
1810 May 12	Charles Matthews, of Morvah		Kitty Hollow
1799 Feb 23	Thomas Hollow		Elizabeth Curnow
1685 Apr 25	William Hollow		Uslea Cock
1783 Sep 19	William Hollow		Mary Chapel
1835 Jan 21	James Hollow		Nanny Quick
1828 Aug 2	Thomas Hollow		Hannah Newton
1827 Dec 24	John Hollow		Mary Thomas
1820 Feb 15	William Christopher		Ann Hollow
1815 Mar 18	Thomas Hosking		Ann Hollow
1818 Jun 8	James Rutter		Elizabeth Hollow
1821 Apr 21	James Michell		Kitty Hollow
1827 Dec 8	William Thomas		Wilmot Hollow

Burials

<u>Date</u>	<u>Name</u>
1687 Sep 21,	Elizabeth, wife of Thomas
1690 May 4,	Thomas, son of Arthur
1690 Jun 7,	Silas, son of Arthur
1700 Mar 13,	Thomas
1711 Dec 11,	Anne
1717 May 30,	Jane Holla
1720 Jun 6,	Jane Holla
1722 Aug 29,	Melchisedek
1723 May 28,	Melchisedek Holla
1733 Mar 5,	Daniel Holla
1742 Dec 13,	Mary Holla, daughter of William & Bridget
1751 Nov 25,	Jane Hollow
1751 Dec 24,	Mark Hollow
1756 Jun 22,	Christen Hola
1761 Nov 14,	Arthur Holla, son of John
1761 Nov 18,	John Holla, son of John
1763 Feb 5,	William Holla
1764 Aug 12,	Jane Hollow
1774 Jan 10,	Sarah Hollow, Age 74
1782 Jan 15,	John Hollow
1783 Feb 14,	Arthur Hollow
1786 Oct 16,	Thomas Hollow
1792 Dec 23,	Christian Holla
1794 Sep 15,	Elizabeth Holla
1797 Nov 21,	Matthew Holla
1798 Sep 16,	Arthur Holla
1800 Sep 12,	Chesson Holla
1801 Mar 2,	Chesson Holla
1802 Jan 17,	William Holla
1808 Jul 27,	William Hollow
1809 Dec 10,	John Holla, Age 80
1821 Apr 13,	Catherine Hollow, of Wicca, Age 89
1844 May 28,	John Hollow, Age 81
1848 Mar 11,	Wilmot Hollow, wife of John, Age 86
1858 Mar 22,	James Hollow, son of John & Wilmot Hollow, Age 55
1909 Jan 2,	Elizabeth Hollow, Age 63
1911 Jun 2,	Matthew Hollow, Age 95, of Halsetown
1919 Oct 26,	Elizabeth Bottrell Hollow, wife of Matthew, Age 100
1929 Jun 17,	Matthew Hollow, 88 years
1943 Oct 13,	Elizabeth Uren, Age 104 (daughter of Matthew & Elizabeth B. Hollow)
1953 Jun 9,	Mary Sarah Nankervis (nee Hollow), Age 69
1955 Aug 29,	William James Hollow, Age 81

Memorial Inscriptions

I have found seven 'Hollow' related graves in the Churchyard, a surprisingly small percentage of the burials listed above.

In loving memory of Matthew Hollow, died June 17th 1929 aged 88 years

(Matthew was the son of Matthew Hollow and Elizabeth Bottrell Chellew)

In loving memory of Matthew Hollow died June 2nd 1911 Aged 95 years. Also of Elizabeth Bottrell wife of the above who died October 26th 1919 in her 100th year. Also of Elizabeth Uren, daughter of the above died Oct. 13th 1943 in her 105th year

(Matthew Hollow was the son of Thomas Hollow and Elizabeth Curnow and the great great-grandson of John Hollow and Chesen Thomas)

In loving memory. My dear mother Anna Rodda who died Trenowin, Ludgvan October 16th 1918 aged 59 years. Also of Elizabeth Hollow, Aunt of the above who died at Halsetown Jan., 22nd 1909 aged 63 years

(Anna was the daughter of John Hollow and Jane Eddy and married Alfred Rodda in 1882. Her aunt, Elizabeth Hollow, was the daughter of Thomas Hollow and Hannah Newton and was a spinster)

In loving memory of William James Hollow, died August 29th 1955 aged 81 years. Also of William John Nicholas, nephew of the above died Dec., 12th 1950 aged 48 years

(William James Hollow was the son of John Hollow and Jane Eddy and brother of Anna above, Nicholas was probably the son of a sister)

In loving memory of Samuel Nankervis of Wicca, died July 14th 1952 aged 74 years. Also of Mary Sarah his wife, died June 9th 1953 aged 69 years and Gordon Hollow Nankervis their son died Jan., 6th 1993 aged 77 years, loving husband and father

(Mary Sarah was the daughter of Arthur Thomas Hollow and Mary Jane Butler and the sister of Isabelle Loosemore; See note below. Gordon Hollow Nankervis was the Zennor Church organist for 54 years)

In loving memory of Ernest Henry Loosemore beloved husband of Isabelle and father of John, died 9th August 1950 aged 76years R.I.P. Also of the above Isabelle Loosemore died 10th October 1967 aged 79 years



The lichen covered tombstone of John Hollow who was born in Zennor in 1762, was baptised on 27 Dec 1762 and died on 28th May 1844. He married Wilmot Quick at Towednack on 23rd June 1788. Wilmot, also born in 1762, died on 11 March 1848. Their son James who was born in 1803 died on 20th March 1858 and is buried in the same grave.

(Isabelle was the daughter of Arthur Thomas Hollow and Mary Jane Butler)

The oldest 'Hollow' tombstone in the churchyard is now totally covered with lichen and is virtually impossible to read. However, the slate slab and engraving are in good condition and the inscription could be read if the stone was scraped and cleaned. I recorded the details several years ago when the lichenous growth was not so severe; the salient details are as follows;

John Hollow died 28th May 1844 aged 81 years. Also his wife Wilmot, died 11th March 1848 aged 86 years. Also James their son died 20th March 1858 aged 55 years

(John was the son of John Hollow and Catherine Osborne. He married Wilmot Quick at Zennor on 23rd. June 1788. Their son James married Nanny Quick in 1835)

Note:

In her booklet, 'Wicca – The Story of My Farm' by Jean Nankervis (ISBN 0-9519161-1-4) she mentions that **William Hollow*** held the tenancy of Wicca when the Manor of Porthia was tendered for sale in 1930. At the time the annual rental was £132 for 100 acres of cultivated land and 100 acres of rough land. The farmhouse had four bedrooms, three rooms downstairs and a single storey dairy. The adjoining cottage consisted of four rooms. Samuel Nankervis, of Trewey in Zennor, purchased Wicca for £2400 in 1931.

Isabelle, born 1888 Lelant, married Ernest Henry Loosemoore in 1918. The Loosemoores operated a smallholding at Trevail Mill where they grew flowers and also cared for Isabelle's aunt, Elizabeth Uren who lived to 104 years. Elizabeth witnessed the building of, and eventual closure and falling into ruin, of the Bible Christian Chapel in Wicca which she collected money to help build when a child. At 100 years plus and bedridden she made patchwork quilts.

Elizabeth Catherine, born 1889 Lelant, married Robert Wood Barker and lived at Trevega before their emigration to Canada.

Jane, born 1890 Lelant, married James Leonard Berryman who farmed at Boswednack.

Margaret, born 1893 Lelant.

Tregarthen (Tregertthen)

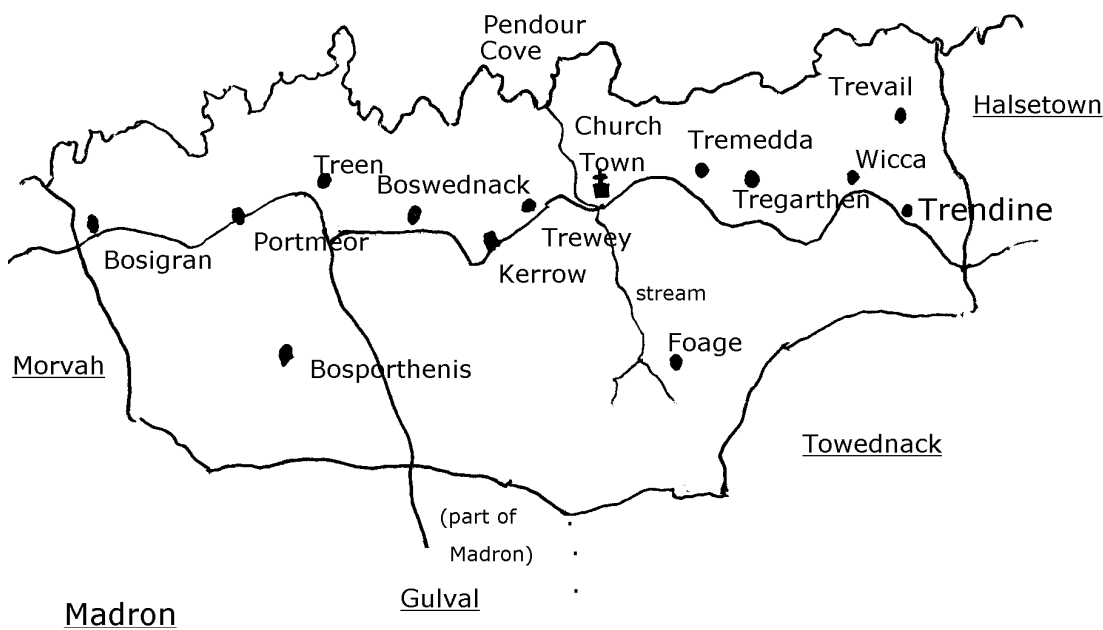
Tregarthen was farmed by William Henry Hocking and his wife Mary Quick (nee Eddy from Trendine); their daughter Catherine (Kate/Kitty) married Nicholas Wallis Hollow, a carpenter from St. Ives in 1907. Kate was widowed in 1916 and two years later married her late husband's brother John Stevens Hollow, a plumber. Kate died in 1923, and two years later John S. married Edith Pellow. Edith died in

1951 and John S. in 1959. All are buried at the Barnoon Cemetery, St. Ives.

During the First World War, one of the cottages at Tregarthen was rented by the author D.H. Lawrence and his German wife Frieda. The locals were very suspicious and thought that Lawrence and his wife were spies that signalled to German U-boats off the coast. It was more likely that Lawrence, who was asthmatic, often opened a seaward window to benefit from the breeze thus disturbing the black-out curtains and showing a light. There was eventually a police investigation and Lawrence and his wife were driven away.

The book, 'Tremedda Days – A View of Zennor, 1900 – 1944' by Alison Symons (ISBN 0-907018-83-1) provides an fascinating insight to farming life in Zennor in the first half of the 20th Century.

Zennor Parish



Parish map showing Zennor's farms and hamlets

Samuel and Sarah Nankervis moved to Wicca with their seven children, aged from 6 to 22 years, and all their farm stock on 19th November 1931. The stock was driven along the main road between the farms and consisted of 19 cows, 10 heifers, 3 yearlings, 11 calves and 1 bull. Also poultry, a goat and 31 pigs. Sarah was a sister of William Hollow the previous tenant. Gordon Hollow Nankervis inherited Wicca from his father in 1952 and worked the farm with horses until after the Second World War when the first tractor was purchased. Gordon died in 1993 and his widow Jean and two of their children continue to run the farm.

* William Hollow was the son of Arthur Thomas Hollow and Mary Jane Butler who married in 1883.

Arthur Thomas and Mary Jane lived at Trevega and had the following children;

Mary Sarah, born 1883 Lelant, married Samuel Nankervis 1908.

William, born 1884 Lelant, married Olive Mary Vivian Curnow 1913 and farmed at Treveva Wortha, Towednack.

Redruth Masons to Melbourne Builders – part 3

Hollow & Sons, Builders and Contractors

In February 1939 preparations were being made for a big purchase. Harold W Hollow lodged some treasury bonds with the bank as security for an overdraft. By April the directors were signing contracts for the purchase of 277/279 Little Lonsdale Street. This was the adjoining building to their offices at 281. The purchase must have stretched their resources as at a meeting in August it was reported that the salaries set for the year were unable to be paid. Instead a sum of £1700 was available and that was divided amongst the three directors. The annual meeting was held in October, no details of the balance sheet were given. The main item of business was an increase in salary of 5/- per week to the typist and a loan to her of £10 repayable at 5/- per week. Obviously the loss of wages of the Directors was not a major concern and the welfare of their typist was.

The 1940/41 Annual meeting described the years result as satisfactory, profit was £2211:9:10. Bonuses were given including £25 to the auditor, Mr Berggy, for extra services rendered during the year. In Jan 1942 a meeting of directors considered a new award, The Building Trades (Defence Workers) Award. As a result wages on defence projects became larger than wages on normal jobs. Hollow and Sons decided to pay an extra loading to their workers on non-defence jobs.

They made profits over the war years but they are hard to detect as most seemed to go in director's salaries rather than dividends to directors. The 1942 salaries were to be £2000 for the Hollows and £1500 for Mitchell. Bonuses of £75 and £26 were paid to the secretary and the typist. No figures are given at the 1943 annual meeting but the secretary's bonus was £156 and the typist's £52 which indicates a successful year. Then follows a period of stability. Bonuses remain at £75 for the secretary and £10 to £25 for the typist.

In 1949 and 1950 wages and bonuses increase, the company is going through a very successful period, but on March 26th 1951 Samuel Hollow dies. He was 87 and had been the chairman of Directors up until his death. He held this position for thirty-eight years.

The death of managing director Samuel Hollow created new problems for the remaining directors. There were now only two, Harold W. Hollow and Gordon Mitchell. They were keen to appoint new directors, but there seemed no obvious candidate to represent the interests of Samuel's estate. They were also keen to allocate shares to other family members. The 28th Annual Meeting in September 1951 began with an

The Hollow & Sons Business

During the war years the company worked on many defence projects but their main business was fire restoration. Harold H Hollow remembers that some sites were still smouldering when they arrived to commence a new job. Harold's father Harold W Hollow travelled all over Victoria assessing fire damaged buildings and could be called out at any time to visit a fire scene.

After Harold W Hollow died the form of the business changed and it became almost solely involved in Industrial additions and maintenance. They worked for many of the major companies, Ford, Toyota, the major banks and The Block Arcade. The Block Arcade is a Victorian era arcade built in the heart of the city and is a major Melbourne tourist attraction.

expression of regret at the passing of "Mr Sam". His widow, Frances and son-in-law William Tolson had been invited to the meeting along with Sam's son Norman. Frances Hollow and William Tolson were joint executors of Samuel's estate. The intention was to issue more shares to Gordon Mitchell and to issue shares to Gordon's son Colin and Harold W.'s son Harold H Hollow. At the suggestion of Mr Tolson the matter was deferred until probate was granted on Samuel's estate.

Profits were allocated as usual.

At the 29th Annual Meeting in November 1952 the same people were at the meeting, the same problem persisted, probate had still not been granted, so the matter was deferred again. A special meeting was to be convened as soon as probate was granted.

A notice of a meeting of shareholders for May 1953 was circulated. The meeting was to continue the discussion of new directors and shareholders that had been postponed from the previous two annual meetings. The proposals were listed as:

- Issue of shares to Harold H Hollow and C. Mitchell
- The appointment of Harold H Hollow and C. Mitchell as directors
- Issue of additional shares to G. Mitchell.

This did not meet the need for representation of Sam's estate, Norman Hollow raised objections. The meeting did not take place; instead the directors took the problem to Victor Sydney Hollow, the solicitor and family relation.

The auditor, Mr Phillips had discussions with Victor Sydney. The June 15th memo reporting the meeting with him states:

Further to my discussion with V.S. Hollow re Qualification of a Director and other matters, it was suggested that the obstacles raised by Mr N. Hollow could be overcome as follows;

- 1. Meeting to be called to appoint as a Director some one to represent the Estate of the Late Samuel Hollow.*
- 2. A further meeting be called to consider an issue of shares to Mr G. Mitchell and Mr Harold Hollow junior and Mr C. Mitchell.*
- 3. A further meeting be called to fix the qualifications of a Director.*

Mr V.S. Hollow does not wish any family break and feels should the above steps be taken trouble could be avoided.

A meeting was set for July 9th however Victor Sydney's solution did not fully satisfy Norman or his stepmother Frances. Frances wrote a letter to the company on July 1st stating:

"In a phone conversation last week my co executor Mr W Tolson indicated he would not represent the late Samuel Hollow's interests as a Director of the Company.

Mr Tolson expressed an opinion that Mr Norman D. Hollow should be a Director. However as he is not yet a shareholder, he cannot be a Director.

I am prepared and would be happy to represent my late husband "Sam" and with Mr Tolson's goodwill I offer my services to Hollow and Sons as a Director.

Yours faithfully

Frances C. Hollow

Executrix"

This would have had some impact in 1953. A female director would be a rarity. The way it was dealt with shows that the other directors were on a steep learning curve.

The qualifications of a director were an issue because looking at the fine print of the company's Articles of Association, a Director had to hold 1500 shares. At that time there was only two Directors and one of them, G. Mitchell, was ineligible according to the rule. Once again a change in the personnel of the Company had brought to light a problem in the legal papers of the Company. So it was not only Norman's objections that had to be solved, Mitchell who had been a Director from the very beginning of the company was technically ineligible to hold the position of Director.

The meeting of July 9th went ahead with Harold W. Hollow, G. Mitchell, Frances C. Hollow, William Tolson and Norman

Hollow present. The business of the meeting stalled when Tolson stated he would prefer to get further advice of his responsibilities in regard to motions, which might come up in meetings. The meeting was adjourned until July 23rd.

Before the July 23rd meeting another notice of meeting was issued this one had Norman's name added to the people to be issued shares. A separate notice for an extraordinary meeting to be held the same day was issued. The business listed for this meeting was two proposed changes to the Articles of Association. One to say that to constitute a quorum at a meeting those present had to have at least 45% of the company's shares between them and the second lowered the number of shares a director needed to be eligible to hold the post to two.

At the meeting held on the 23rd, present were Harold W. Hollow, Gordon Mitchell, Frances Hollow and Norman Hollow. Some discussion must have taken place as some business that had not been foreshadowed occurred. A motion to appoint Mrs Frances C. Hollow an "associate Director of the Company (without remuneration) to represent the interest of the Estate of the late Samuel Hollow" was put by Harold W Hollow and seconded by G. Mitchell and agreed to.

This overcame one of the problems, that of having a director to represent the interest of Samuel's estate but that is as far as they got at this meeting. In the absence of William Tolson it was decided not to proceed with further business and the meeting closed. For the same reason the extraordinary meeting was abandoned.

So they had taken one step in appointing Frances Hollow an "Associate" Director then stalemate again. What happens?..... Well almost nothing. The 30th Annual Meeting was held in October, present were Harold W. Hollow, G. Mitchell, Frances C. Hollow, Norman Hollow and Mr R.G. Colhoun as proxy for Mr W. Tolson.

The only mention of the previous two meetings was to accept the minutes and delete the word "associate" from Mrs Hollow's appointment and that she be appointed a Director. Then the normal formalities of the Annual meeting proceeded with. The year's profit was £17, 900 and it was distributed according to the usual formula, bonuses were paid, £200 to the secretary.

So the crisis petered out, Colhoun continued to act as a proxy for William Tolson for the next few years. No more shares were issued and no more directors were appointed until the next death. Mitchell's technical problem was obviously never resolved. He died still owning 425 shares in 1957. Mitchell did suggest that Harold H Hollow and Colin Mitchell be issued shares at the 1955 annual meeting because they were

taking an active part in running the company, but a decision was deferred and they were paid bonuses instead.

The 34th Annual Meeting in October 1957 was the first to be held at 18/22 O'Shannassy Street North Melbourne and it heralded another period of change. Gordon Mitchell had died and in his place was Colin his son and there was a new secretary. Frances Hollow congratulated those involved for the way the company was being run and a sum of £3469:18:2

was distributed in dividends. Bonuses and gratuities were payed including £150 to Mrs Frances Hollow for services rendered to the company. The auditor stressed the sound financial position of the company.

All changed at the next 35th Annual meeting in November 1958. The auditor reported a loss for the year because of a fall in turnover without a corresponding decrease in the labour force. Despite the loss he thought because of its reserves the company was in a sound state. A "credit squeeze" dominated the Australian economy at this time and Hollow and Sons were not immune. Losses were reported for the next three years.

A number of other changes occurred over this period. Colin Mitchell inherited his father's shares and had become a director in 1958. He was to seek to sell his shares and sever ties with the company in 1962. He had not been present at annual meetings of shareholders since 1959. In March 1959 Frances Hollow had sold the shares in Samuel Hollow's estate to Harold W Hollow and took no further part in the company. Norman Hollow died in September 1959. 3500 shares had been transferred from Harold W. Hollow to Harold H. Hollow in March 1960 and Harold junior became a director. Harold W. Hollow and his son Harold H. Hollow were running the company. It made a small profit in 1960/61 and the current year looked promising.

There was a further setback in October 1962 when Harold W Hollow died. The 39th Annual meeting of Shareholders was

held in November 1962 with Harold H. Hollow and Colin Mitchell present. A small profit was reported but was carried forward to help cover previous losses. This was Colin Mitchell's first meeting since 1959 and he announced his preference to sell his shares. This commenced a period when Harold H. Hollow was managing director and secretary and his wife Gwenneth M Hollow was his co-director.

In 1967 the property at O'Shannassy Street was purchased

from the Hollow trust and it remained the headquarters of the company until 1997 when it was sold. The company then operated from 14 Munster Terrace North Melbourne.



Hollow & Sons O'Shannassy Street factory in 2004, converted to luxury flats.

In this same year Harold H Hollow turned 65 and retirement beckoned. Negotiations to sell the company to Andrew H. Hollow, Harold's son, commenced and the sale was completed on January 31 1998. The company was then owned by Andrew Hollow and his wife Melanie and operated as A.H. & M.L. Hollow Pty. Ltd. Thus the company moved to the fifth generation of Hollow. The new company operated for a further two years before being wound up. The building firm commenced by Henry Hollow and his two sons Henry Jnr. and Samuel back in Adelaide around 1880 finally closed for business after 120 years.

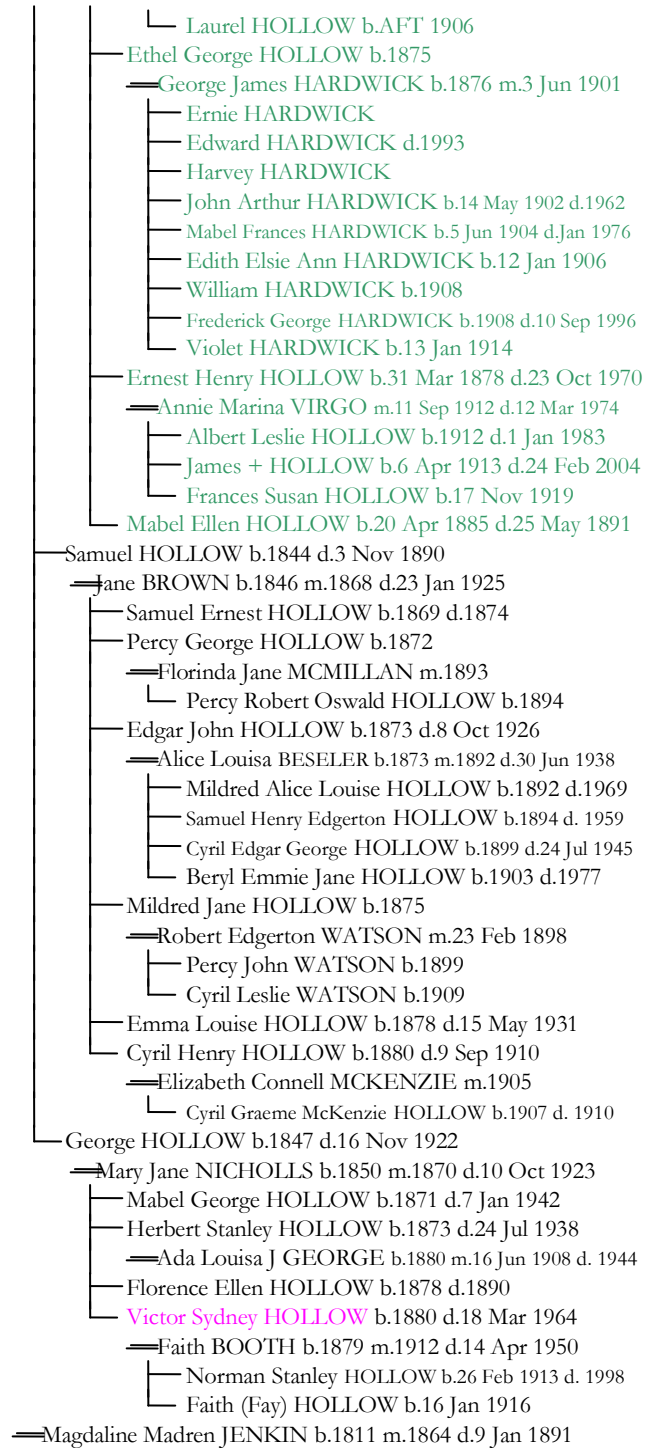
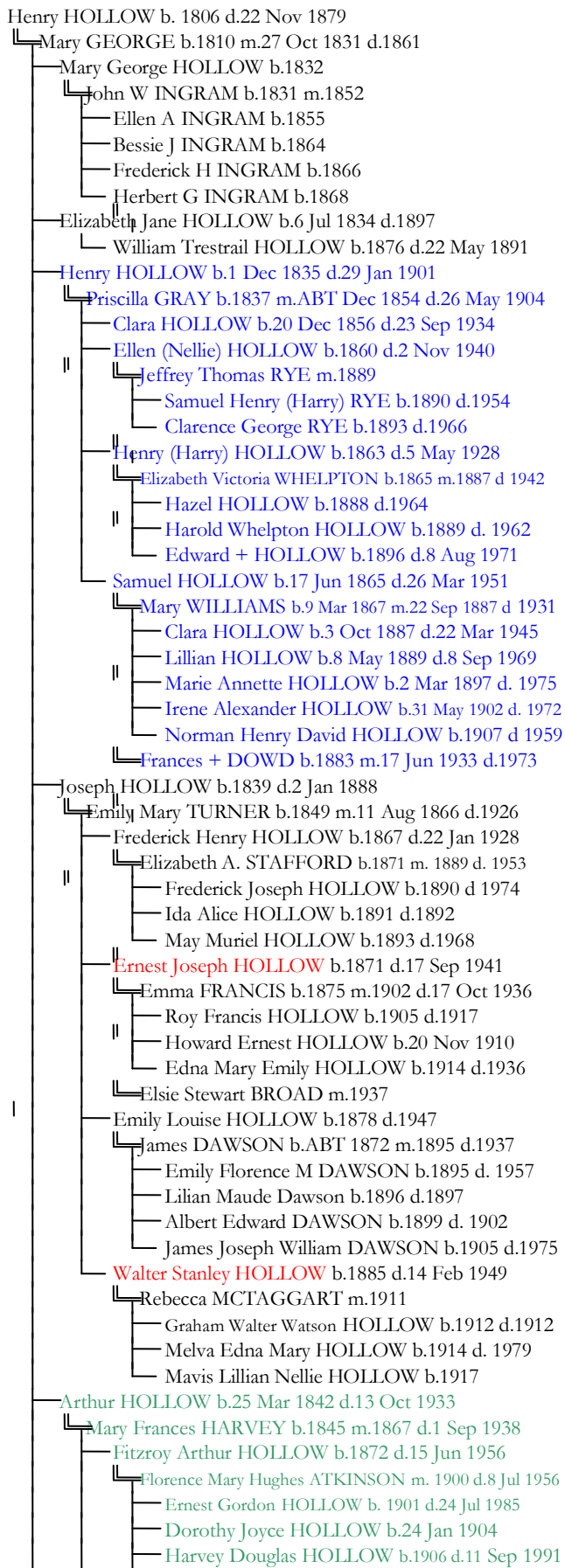
In the next Issue we will return to chronicling the families of Hollow & Sons.

I have been remiss in not including a descendant chart so that it is easier to follow the lines especially when cousins are mentioned. I hope the following chart helps.

Henry Hollow and Mary George had five sons; all of them came to Australia. Four of them were in the building industry, the last born, George, was a C of E Minister. My plan is to record all their stories, the next in line are the Adelaide Builders and Masons. I will need some help from Adelaide Hollows so look out for a pleading letter from me.

Colin

Descendants of Henry Hollow and Mary George



Colour code

- Blue – The Hollow and Sons family
- Green – The Adelaide builder/mason family
- Red – The brothers in the company Hollow Bros and Burke, Box manufacturers of Melbourne
- Violet – The cousin who was Hollow & Sons solicitor