

# A Hollow Newsletter

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Hello again

I hope the newsletter is printing out for you OK. I try to design it so that any system can cope with it. The RTF format file should enable you to open the file in any word processor program. I use Microsoft Word users of this program should be OK. If you are having problems let me know, there are always alternative ways of getting it to you.

I am always looking for photos, articles and pieces of news to put into the newsletter. If you have any material please let me know.

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## HOLLOW spotting

**Richard Hollow.** Keith Hollow did a bit of Hollow spotting in his local (Penzance) paper. There was a story and picture of a local who celebrated his centenary in 1936 but they did not know his name. It was Keith's gg-grandfather so he made contact and tracked down the owner of the photo. That person had six photographs of Richard Hollow taken on the day of his birthday celebrations and allowed Keith to scan them for his family history collection. The story of the day is the subject of this edition's "Hollow History".

### Cyril

**Hollow.** Found by Jane Merry in a book "Images of Hayle". Cyril and fellow worker Harold Trevaskis worked a delivery service for the Penzance & District Industrial Co-operative Society. The truck features the towns of Penzance, Hayle Newlyn? St Ives and St Just. I do not have a Cyril Hollow in my database, does anyone know of him?

### First World War Nominal Roll

This database of all Australian servicemen who fought in WWI is available from the Australian War Memorial site at [www.awm.gov.au](http://www.awm.gov.au)

The information contained is: Regimental number, Rank last held, Surname, First name/s, Final unit, Date of enlistment, Fate, Date of fate.

The HOLLOW/HOLLOWS on the roll are:

1745 Pte. HOLLOW Arthur 16<sup>th</sup> Bat.9/8/15, KIA 15/10/17

3822 Pte. HOLLOW Arthur Oscar 21st Bat. 14/7/15 RTA 20/12/17

2168 Pte. HOLLOW Edward Campbell 4<sup>th</sup> Bat. 30/12/14, RTA 11/1/18

12624 Dvr. HOLLOW Harold Anz. Divl. Train. 17/8/15

2351 Pte. HOLLOW Harry Hector 14<sup>th</sup> Bat. 8/7/15, RTA 5/4/19

1290 Pte. HOLLOW James 8<sup>th</sup> Fld. Amb. 12/7/15, KIA 12/10/16

5755 Pte. HOLLOW John Tun. Compys. 3/6/16, RTA 8/4/17

2382 Spr. HOLLOW Joseph Henry 1st AAH 5/2/16, RTA 20/12/17

6250 Pte. HOLLOW Percival Vincent 9<sup>th</sup> Bat. 6/12/15, RTA 11/4/18

1933 Cpl. HOLLOW Robert 27<sup>th</sup> Bat. 18/5/15, RTA 24/1/19

11022 L/Cpl. HOLLOW Samuel Henry (MM) 3<sup>rd</sup> D.Sig.Coy. 16/2/16, RTA 1/7/19

3241 L/Cpl. HOLLOW Stephen Gordon 29<sup>th</sup> Bat. 16/10/15, RTA 5/4/18

593 Sgt. HOLLOW William James 2<sup>nd</sup> A.Tun.Co. 7/7/15, RTA 6/6/18

906 Pte. HOLLOW James 5<sup>th</sup> Pioneers 17/7/15, DOW 14/7/16.

Note: KIA, - killed in action, RTA - returned to Australia, DOW - died of wounds, Blank - still overseas when roll made (Oct 1919)



Harold Trevaskis (left) & Cyril Hollow

Photo via Jane Merry

## German Connection

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Ansgar Hollah from Berlin contacted me last year curious to know if there is any record of migration between Germany and Cornwall. "Since about 1275 my

family was living near the little town of LÖNINGEN in north-western Germany. The oldest complete name I found in the records was ANNA HOLLAH, born 1595. Over the years the writing of our name differed: Hollah, Holla, Hollae, Hollahe, Hollo..."

## Analysis of Hollow and variations on the IGI

You might remember I had a brief piece in the last newsletter about HOLLOW variations found in the on-line IGI for the British Isles. In a recount I came up with these occurrences.

HALLEW (6), HALLO (34), HALLOW (246), HALO (17) HALOE (3), HOLA (6) HOLLA (278), HOLLAH (32), HOLLAS (698), HOLLAW (3), HOLLO (27), HOLLOE (3), HOLLOH (3), HOLLOW (569), HOLLOWE (10), HOLLOWES (923), HOLOW (18). HULA (2), HULAH (4), HULLA (39), HULLAH (361), HULLAW (1), HULLAWE (1), HULLOUGH (6), HULLOW (6), HULOE (2)

I have tabled the main distribution of the surnames that reached double figures.

	CON	DBY	FIF	LAN	LND	STS	WA R	YKS
HALLO (34),	24		2				3	
HALLOW (246),	40	6	107	36	10	5	2	5
HALO (17)				1	4			
HOLLA (278),	273	1			2			
HOLLAH (32),	27				2			1
HOLLAS (698),	2	9		79	7		4	573
HOLLO (27),	6				1		13	
HOLLOW (569),	497	1		16	6	2		2
HOLLOWE (10),	3	1			1			
HOLLOWES (923),		12		734		127		36
HOLOW (18).	4				12			
HULLA (39),	5			9				19
HULLAH (361)	5			3	23			318

I have not included all the counties. The names were spread over forty-eight counties across England, Scotland and Wales, although in many there might only be one record of a surname.

HOLLOWES (923), Have the largest number records for the HOLLOW variations in the IGI. Most are in Lancashire (734), Staffordshire (127) and Yorkshire (36), they are spread over only 13 counties which is a low number compared to the other main names.

HOLLAS (698), This is the second most common name and might be considered a variant of HOLLOWES but they are centred on Yorkshire (573) rather than Lancashire (79). The name is found in 17 counties.

HOLLOW (569), Third in the number count and centred on Cornwall (497), note there are 16 in Lancashire, which is "HOLLOWES" territory. The name is found in 26 counties, which is the highest spread of all the names looked at.

HULLAH (361) The 4<sup>th</sup> most common and centred in Yorkshire (318), found in only eight counties.

HOLLA (278) Next most abundant and almost exclusively found in Cornwall (273)

HALLOW (246), This is an interesting name, it is most abundant in Fife, Scotland (107) but there are also sizeable numbers in Cornwall (40), and Lancashire (36). It is a widely spread name found in 23 counties.

Of the rest HALLO (34) is found predominantly in Cornwall (24), as is HOLLAH (32), Cornwall (27). HOLLO (27) might be expected to be mainly in Cornwall (6) but more are in Warwickshire (13). HULLA (39) is found mainly in Yorkshire (19), next highest Lancashire (9).

As might be expected London has an attraction for nearly all. There are ten of the thirteen surnames to be found in London, note there were no HOLLOWES. They seem to have been a particularly stay at home lot.

We must remember the IGI is patchy, some counties or parts of counties are not well represented. The on-line IGI does have quite a few double and even triple records. I removed a few where I saw them but even knowing that, I think the trends the figures show are valid.

## Jim Thompson's Cornish Friends Site

This site is for people who have an interest in things Cornish. Each person who joins is given a page of their own and is asked to write a short biography and to supply a photo of themselves. (the photo is optional) The biography etc are e-mailed to Jim and he does the rest. Currently there are about 30 contributors from around the world and Jim is keen to add to that figure. The page is at <http://cornish-extended-family.cornwall.eu.org> I have a page on the website along with two other HOLLOW researchers at the moment. We would like a few more cousins to join us. It is a chance to see what we all look like and promote our family history interests. Details of how to join are on the page.

## Odd Spot

There is a township called "Hollow" in North Carolina, USA. Population 1611 in 1990. There is also Holloway (3 of them), Spring Hollow, Hunter's Hollow, Hollowayville, Sleepy Hollow (2), Hollow Creek, Long Hollow, Smoky Hollow, Laurel Hollow, Hollow Rock, and Oak Hollow, all in the US.

## The HOLLOW Website

<http://freepages.genealogy.rootsweb.com/~chollow/>  
I will be updating the website in the next week or so (mid June), there are about 5,400 individuals on it now (not all are HOLLOWES).



# PENZANCE CENTENARIAN

## Mr. Richard Hollow Celebrates 100<sup>th</sup>. Birthday

### WATCHED PENZANCE GROW FROM SMALL TOWN TO IMPORTANT BOROUGH

#### A REMARKABLE CITIZEN.

Mr Richard Hollow, of No. 14, St.Mary's-street, Penzance, celebrates his 100<sup>th</sup> birthday today (Friday).

Mr Hollow was born at Penzance on 11<sup>th</sup> December, 1836. He is the son of Edward and Alice Hollow, of Penzance.

The church register of St Mary's, Penzance, contains the following entry of his baptism:--

March 17<sup>th</sup>, 1837. Richard, son of Edward and Alice Hollow, Penzance. Officiating minister, M.N. Peters.

Mr Hollow is perhaps unique amongst the sons Penzance has produced. Not only has he reached the remarkable age of 100 years, but he has lived almost every day of this great period in the town which gave him birth. He is the only man of whom we have an authentic record, who, born in Penzance, has become a centenarian.



What a remarkable period Mr. Hollow has lived through!

He has seen six different Monarchs on the throne of England. When he was born, William IV. Was King of England. Queen Victoria, of gracious memory, was crowned when he was an infant; he was almost old enough to remember her marriage to the Prince consort, and the birth of Prince Albert Edward, whose accession as King Edward VII and his coronation and death came when Mr. Hollow had almost reached the allotted span of life. He remembers the birth, accession, coronation and death of King George V., has lived to see the accession of King Edward VIII., and his abdication and the succession of his brother the Duke of York.

Mr Hollow has lived through the greatest century of England's history. He has seen the empire grow and consolidate; he has seen England become the greatest manufacturing country in the world; her mercantile marine carry the greatest proportion of the earth's products; her Navy keep the ocean highways safe for commerce; and her sons become pioneers of civilisation in almost every part of the globe.

He has witnessed changes of the most far-reaching importance in the political and domestic life of the country. He has seen the country in peace and war. Among his earliest recollections in this connection were the Crimean War and the Indian Mutiny, the former being impressed on his memory by the national rejoicings at its conclusion which were shared in at Penzance: and his later years were darkened by the Great War of 1914-18.



Naturally Mr. Hollow's recollections are most intimately bound up with his native town of Penzance. He has witnessed its growth from a small township to a borough of considerable importance. He saw the flint and tinder give place to the match and the safety light; the old tallow candle replaced by the paraffin lamp; has seen the old naked gas burner succeeded by the incandescent burner; and the introduction of electricity. He has seen the streets of his town lit by oil. Gas and electricity; has witnessed the laying of the water and sewerage systems; has seen the introduction of the railway to the town; the growth of the old horse bus service and its extinction; he has seen the development of the pedal bicycle from the old bone-shaker and penny farthing, to the modern pneumatic-tyred cycle; remembers the days when tricycles were popular; and has also witnessed the revolution that the introduction of the motor has caused, and the wonders that have been worked by the steam engine, the wireless, and the flying machine.

As has been stated, when Mr. Hollow was born, Penzance was comparatively small and hardly any of its present distinguishing characteristics existed.

He says his mother told him she took him, as an infant in arms, to the laying of the foundation stone of the Market House. What a difference that has made to the appearance of the town, and what a landmark it has become. He has seen it flourish as a market and then diminish, till at present it plays a very unimportant part as a place where meat is vended. He has seen its basement used as a post-

office, when the latter was transferred from Chapel-street; has witnessed the erection of a new Post Office, the introduction of the electric telegraph and the telephone as integral departments of Post Office work. He has seen Market-Jew-street grow and alter as is grew to such an extent that it would be unrecognisable as the Market-Jew-street of his early youth.



Penzance harbour was a small affair when he was born. Mr. Hollow's faculties are unimpaired despite his age, and his memory is retentive and clear. The laying of the foundation stone of the Albert Pier which really gave to Penzance its first enclosed harbour---remains---as a vivid impression, because he was taken by his father to a dinner in the Corn Exchange to celebrate the event. He remembers Queen Victoria and Prince Albert visiting the Bay and St. Michael's Mount when Prince Albert landed a Penzance, the Albert Pier being named after him. The completion of the pier afforded protection for the Mount's Bay fishing fleet, and the mackerel fishing industry reached its Zenith. Over a hundred boats with their barked sails took part, and busy scenes were witnessed. Mr Hollow has lived to see this side of the industry decline more rapidly than it grew; to-day there is scarcely a Mount's Bay boat engaged in the mackerel fishery. He witnessed the arrival of a fleet of big East Coast sailing boats, which gave place to huge steam driven craft.

At That time also Penzance was the port of register of quite a number of sailing craft---schooners, ketches, etc---which brought coal for the mines and smelting works, and general

provisions for the local community, and also gave employment for shipwrights, sailmakers, and other allied trades, besides forming a training ground for many a future master mariner. But times have changed. Few sailing craft now visit the harbour, steam having replaced sail.

Then came the building of the floating dock and the making of the wharf-road, which have altogether transformed the appearance of the surroundings and have had an important influence on the trade of the town.

On the religious side of life of Penzance, St Mary's church had only just been built when Mr. Hollow was born; St. Paul's and St. John's churches have since been erected, as has the Roman Catholic Church. The Wesleyan chapel has been altered and enlarged and has assumed its present proportions and form; the Primitive Methodist, High-street, Parade-street and New Connexion churches have been built; General Booth founded the Salvation Army and the Army headquarters have followed.

Industries rise and wane, but Penzance has grown as she has prospered and prospered as she has grown. Mr. Hollow can remember green fields where now stand Morrab-road, Redinnick, St. James-street, High-street, Tolver-road and

Tolver-place, the Leskinnick estate, etc. He can remember the erection of the Public buildings--a most enterprising effort for the Penzance of that day---the opening of the Alexandra-road, the building of the sea wall, and the turning of the "Green" into a promenade.

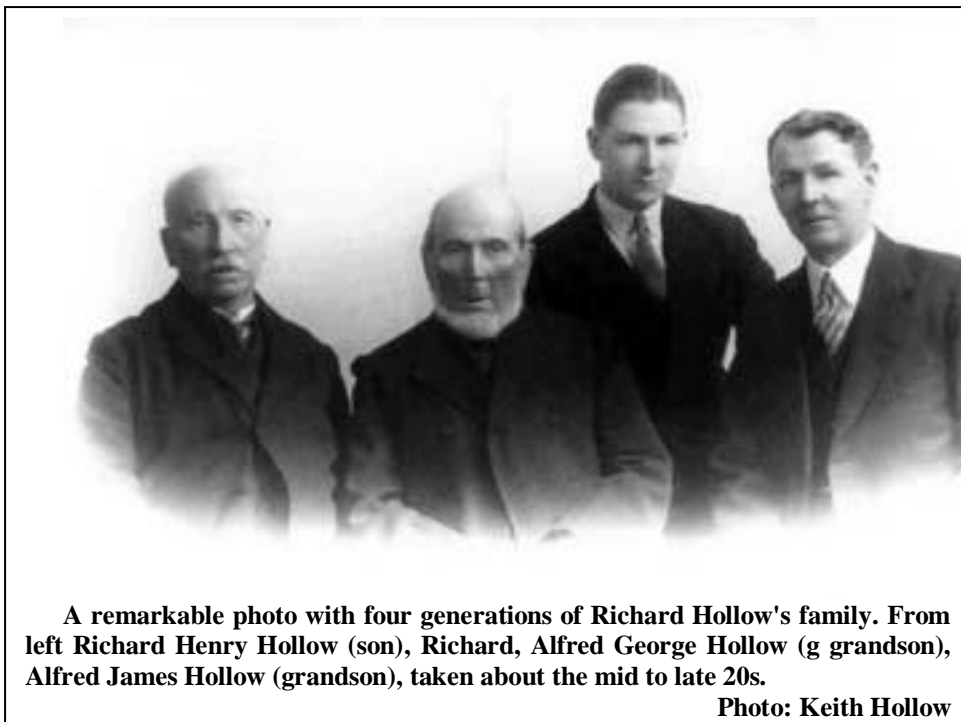
In fact Mr. Hollow has covered in his round 100 years practically the history of modern Penzance.

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Coming to the more intimate side of his life, Mr. Hollow followed his father's trade and worked with him in the gardens at Pendrea, Gulval, for Mrs. Bedford, sister of Mr. Richard Foster Bolitho, father of the late Richard Foster Bolitho, of Ponsandane. After Mrs. Bedford's death, Mr. Hollow worked for Mr. Richard Foster Bolitho sen., at Pendrea, whilst Ponsandane house was being built---he thinks in 1857.

Sad events often linger longer in memory than do glad ones, and Mr. Hollow remembers that he helped to carry three of the Bolitho family in thirteen months to their last resting place---Mrs. Bedford from Pendrea in 1855; Mr William Bolitho, grandfather of the late Mr Richard Foster

Bolitho from Ponsandane in March, 1856; and Mr. John Bedford from Pendrea in the same month. He also helped to perform this sad rite for three generations of the Bolitho family from Ponsandane--Mr. William Bolitho (before-mentioned in March, 1856); his son Mr Richard Foster Bolitho sen., and the latter's son, Mr. William Bolitho brother of the late Mr. Richard Foster Bolitho). Mr. Hollow



**A remarkable photo with four generations of Richard Hollow's family. From left Richard Henry Hollow (son), Richard, Alfred George Hollow (g grandson), Alfred James Hollow (grandson), taken about the mid to late 20s.**

**Photo: Keith Hollow**

continued to work in the Ponsandane Gardens under successive generations of the Bolitho family until he retired in 1910.

Among the happier public occasions he remembers are the public dinner to celebrate the laying of the foundation stone of the Albert Pier (already referred to); another to celebrate the opening of the railway line which was held on the old "green," now the Promenade, when beer was served out of wash trays; and others to celebrate the declaration of peace after the Crimea and the marriage of Prince Edward to Princess Alexandra---later King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra.

When he was 21, Mr. Hollow married. His wife's death took place in 1916, They were of the same age, and Mrs. Hollow's death took place just prior to the date of their diamond wedding.

Mr. Hollow's appearance does not suggest his extreme age. He has been able to indulge in his daily walk whenever the weather is favourable. He took part in the procession at Penzance last year to mark the Silver Jubilee of the late King George V.

**PLEASING CEREMONY AT PONSANDANE**

Mr. Hollow was a gardener at Ponsandane for 56 years and for 82 years has been a gardener and pensioner of the Bolitho family. This (Friday) morning, Mr. Hollow was presented at Ponsandane with a cake with 101 candles by 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Simon Edward Bolitho (1<sup>st</sup> Batt. Grenadier Guards), on behalf of his uncle, Capt. Richard John Bruce Bolitho of Jersey (lord of the manor of the Ponsandane and Lanisley Estates, Gulval).

Mr. Hollow, who had previously enjoyed a short motor drive around the town arrived at Ponsandane accompanied by Mr. W. H. Lane a former Mayor of Penzance. He was photographed with 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Bolitho and Mrs. E. H. W. Bolitho, and then with the following who were

employees at Ponsandane with him--Mrs. Furze, Miss Harris (household staff), Mr Stephens (butler), J. Norrish (head Gardener), W. Boase and F. C. Jelbert (gardeners), and J. Wilcocks (gamekeeper).

Others present were Capt. G. H. Bennett. (steward of the Ponsandane Estate) and Mrs. W. H. Lane.

Rev. C. H. Buckley (vicar of Gulval) said they were there with their young friend, Mr. Richard Hollow, who was born 100 years ago and was still hale and hearty, making some of the younger folk look even younger still. For some 56 years he was a gardener at Ponsandane and had been a pensioner for 26 years. Capt. R. J. Bolitho was unable to be present and had asked that a member of the Bolitho family should make the presentation. They were very happy to ask 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieut. Simon Bolitho, heir and only son of Col. E. H. W. Bolitho D.S.O., Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall to make the presentation. They all wished Mr. Hollow a very happy

birthday and hoped he would be spared for some years and would enjoy good health. (Applause).

Presenting Mr. Hollow with the cake and Lieut. S. E. Bolitho referred to the fact that Mr. Hollow had seen six reigns. He extended congratulations and good wishes.

Mr. Hollow thanked Lieut. Bolitho, and called for three cheers for the new King and Queen.

"He's a wonderful man for he left 27 years ago through ill-health," said Mr J. Norrish, who himself is 80 years of age.

Lieut.-Col. Bolitho comes of age on March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1937.



**Lieut. Simon Bolitho, heir and only son of Col. E. H. W. Bolitho D.S.O., Lord Lieutenant of Cornwall congratulates Richard Hollow.**  
Photo via Keith Hollow

**CONGRATULATIONS FROM THE KING**

One of the last acts of the King was to send the following telegram to Mr. Hollow:

**"The King sends hearty congratulations and good wishes on your hundredth birthday."**

He also received messages of congratulations and good wishes from Mr Walter Runciman, the Bishop of Truro, members of the Bolitho family and also from Mr. George Sellers, who is a nonagenarian. Altogether over fifty telegrams, letters, postcards, etc., arrived

during the morning including one from America.

The mayor of Penzance (Ald. R Thomas) on behalf of the borough, has congratulated Mr. Hollow on attaining this great age and expressed good wishes for his continued happiness.

**From "The Cornishman" Series of Papers.**

**Congratulations on attaining your hundredth birthday, and on being the oldest reader of our papers.**

**HERBERT THOMAS,**  
Editor

From THE CORNISH EVENING TIDINGS, FRIDAY, DECEMBER 11, 1936.

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