

STEPHEN HOLLOWAY b. 4 Feb. 1728, Tilehurst, B, England (by LDS Anc. File, 1997)

Stephen HOLLOWAY is found in Surry Co., N.C. as a taxpayer in 1772 and in Wilkes Co., N.C. Census listing of 1787 with 1 WM 21-60 (himself?), 4 WM und 21 ov 60, 3 WF all ages. I calculate these to be his wife, name unknown, 2 daus. Nancy and Mary Anne, both of whom m. into WAGONER family by family tradition. The two sons John b. 1766, m. Mary or Ellen ROSE (named in Emanuel ROSE's Will, Bk. 1, p. 482); left many tracks on taxpayer lists, land grants and sales of Emanuel's property they inherited and as a constable. He is assumed as bro. of James as they were only 2 HOLLOWAYS in that part of N.C. at that time; James says Stephen was his father; James worked for Samuel JOHNSON during Rev. War and helped Samuel's wife while Samuel was off at war. James gave his birth year as 1770. After the War he enlisted Samuel in trying to get a service record for Stephen, so evidently knew he had helped in Rev. War effort. Perhaps he only gave supplies or perhaps his record was never recorded or was lost, many were or Samuel didn't follow through?

However, Stephen did get a Land Grant for 50 a. in Surry Co. in 1772, was exempt from taxes for future being over 50 yrs. (that ties in close with age of Stephen above, but I have no proof they are the same Stephen). I think the Land Grant was in Roarin' R., Traphill area so started out in Surry Co. and that part became Wilkes Co. in 1799, when that county was formed. John and James are both in 1790 Cen. Wilkes Co. but no Stephen to be found. I first thought Stephen probably dead but then found a Stephen, Nathaniel, Chas. in Fayette Co., KY. in 1790 Cen. and Robert Holloway in Woodford Co., taken from Fayette Co. Had they moved on? This is about the time that Daniel Boone was guiding so many parties through the Cumberland Pass to KY.

I am particularly interested in finding when my Stephen came to America and into what port. Was there a tie between our Stephen and Robert Holloway in Orange Co., N.C. who had a son Stephen who was killed in Rev. War at age 23-4? That Stephen Holloway was fighting on the British side, a Tory. At the time I was compiling Trails Trod by Holloways, I thought our Stephen was Robert's son, a wrong assumption that I regret.

I love to share and hope that someone out there can add to this and let me hear from them: Orella Holloway Chadwick, 7650 Fairview Rd., Tillamook, OR. 97141; Ph. 503-842-6036 (Fax same); email orella@quixnet.net



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Robert HOLLOWAY - Possibly the Emigrant. b. ca 1730; turns up in Orange Co., NC by 1759 (See p. 1). Someone sent me a Pedigree Chart from LDS Ancestral File that shows a Stephen b. 4 Feb 1728, Tilehurst, B, Eng. to Stephen & Mary (South) Holloway; I have a researcher trying to verify when Stephen & Robert came to America and if they came together and/or with parents and might be ours.. The liklihood of their being related has to be considered since they both were in Orange Co., NC during Rev. War. Stephen, a Tory Officer was killed in Battle (Col. State Rec. Vol. 22, p. 197); I saw where Robert was fined so many pounds of tobacco because he refused to fight. There was a Robert in Lancaster Co., PA. Martha Ballard is named as Robert's 3rd wife on LDS records (a Martha Holloway is named in John Ballard's Will prov. 9 July 1787, Mecklenburg Co., VA. [Mar. of some VA. Residents by Dorothy Ford Wulfeck].) Robert's Will from Orange Co., NC Abstracts of Wills 1752-1800, Will Bk. A, p. 205 and listing of heirs follows:

In the name of God, Amen, the ninth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred Seventy Six, I Robert Holloway of the County of Orange & province of North Carolina, Planter, being at this time weak of Body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, thanks be to almighty God for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of my Body knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die; do make and ordain this and no other as my last Will and Testament, and as for such worldly Estate it has pleased God to help me with in this Life. I give and bequeath in form and Manner as followeth, principally and first of all I recommend my soul to God that gave it to me. Secondly I recommend my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian manner, at the descretion of my Executors hereafter named:

Item, I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Martha one third part of my whole Estate both real and personal and one Cow and Calf, as also the whole Estate to her and remain in her Hands till the day of her death or Marriage at her descretion.

Item, I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Elizabeth Horner five Shillings starling to be ? and paid out of my Estate together with that part she has already received to her and her heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my Eldest son Samuel the sum of five Shillings Starling to be ? and paid out of my Estate together with that part he hath already received to him and his heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Brigitt five shilling Starling to be ? and paid out of my Estate to her and her heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequesth unto my loving daughter Mary Readen five Shillings Starling, together with that part she hath already received to her Heirs & assigns forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to remainder of the children of the body of Martha my third Wife, the remainder part of my personal Estate. Item namely, Priscilla, Susannah, Ann, Stephen, Rachell, Ruth, Jane Litici.

Item, I give and bequeath to my loving son Stephen, the plantation whereon I now dwell, containing two hundred & Sixty Acres more or less after the decease of my Wife, to him and his Heirs & Assigns forever.

Item, I also constitute and appoint my dearly beloved Wife Martha whole & sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament: In Witness whereof the said Robert Holloway hath set his Hand affixt his seal the day and year first above written.



In presence Joseph, Mary, John Baker. Robert X Holloway

Orange County, November Court 1778

The Execution of the within Will was duly proved in open Court by the Oath of John Baker one of the subscribing Witnesses hereto and ordered to be Recorded.

Test, N.W. Rochester, C. C.

INVENTORY OF ROBERT'S ESTATE

A true and perfect Inventory of the Estate of Robert Holloway Deceased; Brought by order of November Court 1778 that James Thompson, Samuel Chambers & David Bradford was appointed to appraise the (said) Estate agreeable to his last will and testament which is as followeth by the Subscribers: (spelling/words theirs)

|                                  |                                              |                             |
|----------------------------------|----------------------------------------------|-----------------------------|
| one horse and sadle              | one old Cow                                  | one red cow                 |
| one black cow                    | one Bull and cow                             | one young red cow           |
| a brown cow                      | a small black cow                            | a Yearling Heffer           |
| a Red Heffer                     | a "pide" Heffer                              | a bull calf                 |
| a White Heffer                   | a "pide" Cow                                 | a yearling Calf             |
| a Bull                           | a Red Cow                                    | a Red Stear                 |
| a Cow and Calf                   | a Stear                                      | A White Back cow            |
| a Still & 19 tubs?               | 6 calves                                     | a Grind Stone               |
| 14 Small Swine                   | 18 Sheep                                     | a Gray Mare                 |
| a old Black horse                | a Brown Mare                                 | a Young Sorril horse        |
| Thos. Macrackins Mare            | Susanah Mare                                 | a hounq Gray Mare           |
| a Brown Horse                    | a Colt                                       | a Yearling horse            |
| two Mattocks?                    | a Hoe                                        | a shovel                    |
| a young Gray mare                | a ? Wheel                                    | a Big Wheel                 |
| a Chest                          | ?                                            | a table and Cradle          |
| a another Chest?                 | a Large Iron pot                             | 5 pails and Churn           |
| 2 small Iron pots                | Pewter                                       | Butter Cagg?                |
| a Washing tub                    | a frying pan                                 | a Gridle                    |
| a Broad Ax?                      | 2 Axes                                       | a hand Saw                  |
| Bed & furniture                  | a half ?                                     | 6 Sickles                   |
| a Card of tacklin?               | plough and ?                                 | Thos. Mccrackin Cow         |
| 30 lbs. of feathers              | Side Saddle                                  | John Baker Note 3-12-0      |
| Thos. Mccracking 4 plaits        | John Hitchmillar 4 Dollars 1-12-0 & ? 0-11-6 |                             |
| Thos Mccrachin, cash 1-3-4       | Sarah Hartgrove 2-0-0                        | John Hastins a Linnin wheel |
| " old proclamation money 24-19-8 |                                              | " " a feather Bed           |
| " cash 0-13-6                    |                                              | " a Bed and furniture       |
| " 22 dollars 8-16-0              |                                              | " 4 plaits                  |
| " 1 Half ? 3-4-0                 |                                              | Joseph Hastins a Cow        |
| " 1 half Guinia )-18-0           |                                              | " one Side Saddle           |
|                                  |                                              | " Linnin Wheel              |
|                                  |                                              | " pewter                    |
|                                  |                                              | " one pot                   |
|                                  |                                              | " 5 Weeder hoes?            |
|                                  |                                              | " chains & braces?          |
|                                  |                                              | " a Black Mare              |
|                                  |                                              | " 12 geese                  |
|                                  |                                              | " Side Saddle               |
|                                  |                                              | " 2 Wedges                  |
|                                  |                                              | " 2 Smoothing Irons         |
|                                  |                                              | " a Loom & ?                |
|                                  |                                              | " a pair of Small ?         |
|                                  |                                              | " a Plate mould             |

Did Thos. McCracken maybe live with Robert?



An inventory of the property of Martha Holoway decd, Sold May 14th 1816  
by me Thomas McCracken Admin.

|                               |        |                      |         |
|-------------------------------|--------|----------------------|---------|
| One coffee pot and some tea ? | \$ .25 | 1 Table and cloth    | \$ 1.60 |
| 4 plates 1 lamp               | .14    | 1 pot tub and wheal  | .65     |
| 1 looking glass               | .15    | 1 wheal              | .65     |
| 1 lot of spon and knives      | .75    | 2 bells              | .21     |
| 4 viles and bottles           | .50    | 1 pail               | .25     |
| 1 slate 1 pair of shoes       | .40    | 2 ?                  | .06 1/4 |
| 1 pair of candles?            | .60    | 2 drepers            | .10     |
| 1 coffee mill                 | 1.21   | 1 large pot          | 3.00    |
| 3 Crouks one veal             | .12    | 2 ?                  | 1.27    |
| 3 puter dishes                | 3.25   | 1 Saw ? and Seithe   | .39     |
| 1 flat iron                   | .35    | 1 Set of Spools      | .29     |
| 1 cotton wheel                | \$ .05 | 3 sheats             | \$ 4.35 |
| 1 Table                       | .11    | 1 pair of ?          | .21     |
| 1 oven pot                    | .31?   | 1 pair of stillides? | .50     |
| 1 pair of tongs               | 1.02   | 1 red or bed quilt   | 3.70    |
| 1 pot rack                    | .02    | 1 bul cow            | 12.55   |
| 2 fraim chears                | .60    | 1 cow                | 10.00   |
| 3 chears                      | .60    | 1 cow                | 10.00   |
| 1 arm chair                   | .55    | 1 heffer             | 10.11   |
| 1 tub                         | .61?   | To cash              | 17.25   |
| 1 saddle                      | .03?   | one note 1 Oct 1794  | 7.05    |
| 5 yards of cotten clouth      | 2.51   | one note 28 Nov 1796 | 13.00   |
| 1 chest                       | 2.33   | one note 27 May 1808 | 10.00   |
| 1 bead and steads             | 17.75  | one note 15 Dec 1812 | 30.70?  |
| 1 bead and steads             | 12.00  | one note 23 Apr 1816 | 10.00   |
| 1 set of curtins              | 7.00   |                      |         |

signed Thomas McCracken

Ordered that Thomas Macrackin Administrator of the Goods and Chattels rights and credits of Martha Holloway, deceased, sell at public sale all the personal prperty of the said Martha --

State of North-Carolina

To the Sheriff of Orange County, Greetings:

YOU are hereby commanded to summon Thomas McCrackin, Senr.? if to be found in your county, personally to be and appear before the Justices of our Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for the County of Orange at the Court-House in Hillsborough on the fourth Monday of November next, then and there to answer the petition of Jane Stephens, a copy of which is herewith ? in a certain matter of controversy in our said court depending, wherein Jane Stephens is plaintiff and Thomas McCrackin is defendant. And this you shall in no omit, under the penalty prescribed by law.

WITNESS John Taylor, Clerk of our said Court, at office the fourth Monday of August in the 46th year of the Independence of said State, Anno Domini 1821.

9 Nov. 1821

Jn. Taylor C C

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Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions  
August Term 1821

The Petition of Jane Stephens  
against

Thomas McCrackin, Administrator  
The estate of Martha Holloway, dec'd.

Humbly Sheweth,



That Martha Holloway late of Orange County departed this life intestate in March 1816, and Thomas McCrackin administrator on her estate and possess himself thereof amounting to the sum of five hundred Dollars or other large sums - that said Martha left the following children, to Wit; Mary intermarried with Thomas Riding, Priscilla entermarried with Thomas McCrackin, Anne intermarried with Joseph Hastings, Susannah intermarried with John Hastings, Ruth intermarried with William Ray, Rachael intermarried with Benjamin Stephens, Jane intermarried with Henry Stephens and Lettia intermarried with William Smith - that the Adm. Thomas McCrackin hath settled and paid over all the distributing shares of the said estate/there being a large surplus after Payment of Debts/draft that due to Jane Stephens - and as to this share from Petition shares, that her Husband Henry Stephens died in the lifetime of the said Martha Holloway, and that (her) right even unto in his to the said ? : As mentioned petitioner hath frequently called on the said Thomas McCrackin to settle his Accounts & pay the share which she was entitled & that he refuses to come to any Settlement or making Payment, pretending that the said Henry Stephens her Husband was entitled to the said share and that he had a large Demand against the said Henry, which he wishes to set off against the Claim of your Petitioner: which Portense? your Petitioner charges is wholly unfounded: and for as much as your Petitioner is reminded, Law only in this Court. She prays your Worshps to order an Account to be taken of the estate of the said Holloway, and that the said Thomas McCrackin be ordered to pay over to her what may be found to be due her; ? She prays for proofs against the said Thomas.

A.D. Murphy for Pet.?

To Nov: Term 1821 (Does this mean the Court concurred with Jane?)

There are numerous Abstracts of Deeds, Orange Co., NC dividing Stephen Holloway's lands, dating from March 1825 - September 1834 for anyone interested. This is obviously Robert's Stephen's property being divided among his sisters, the property Martha had until her death prior to 14 Mar 1816 when her Inventory is taken. Is this our Stephen that went to Surry Co. or is this Robert's son Stephen who had joined the Loyalist cause and is the Tory killed in battle? If there is proof, I haven't found it but Thomas, who was in Orange Co. also, does not name a Stephen; if Stephen, the Tory killed in Rev. War, had a Stephen I have found no record. (See Deed Bks. 21, 22, 24, 26 for division of Stephen's property.)

As I recorded the following, it became obvious that figures/years/dates did not bear out the possibility of Robert's Stephen being our ancestor, the father of John and James in Wilkes Co.; could he be their Uncle Robert? The courtcases I mentioned above as being listed Wilkes Co. and Orange Co. had to be that of an older Stephen, someone nearer Robert's age to have had an established family of 6 by 1787 Census of Wilkes Co. I am going to leave Robert's and Martha's info. here for those who might not have them and desire them. Please realize they aren't as complete as they might have been if I had not proven that they can't be ours.

(These records as deemed by above and following are not without records from Libraries, Courthouses, etc., with much assistance from Jean Bryan, Jason Duncan, Leeann Gaines, Robert Griffith, Gordon Smith)

- 1/ Robert Holloway b. ? ; d. 1778, Will proved Nov. Term 1778 (W. Bk. A, p.205)  
m. 3/Martha Ballard ? (assumed m. date 1752 and order of chil. in Will):
- 2/Elizabeth Holloway b. ca 1740; m. as 2nd w. George Horner, Sr.
- 3/ George
- 3/ Thos. twins
- 2/Samuel Holloway (eldest son) b., d., m., unk. (I have a lot of info. on Samuel but don't think it is this one, seems more closely related to an older Thomas & fam.)
- 2/Brigitt Holloway b. ca 1745; d. ? ; m. John Wells



- 2/Mary Holloway b. ca 1748; d. after 1848; m. Thos. Redding/Readen, Sr. Nov. 1776; chil.:  
 John Redding  
 Stephen Redding  
 Martha Redding Beever  
 Mary Redding  
 Elizabeth Redding b. ca 1788; d. aft. 1860; m. James Horn, Jr.  
 Thomas Redding, Jr.
- 2/Priscilla Holloway b. ca 1753; d. ? ; m. Thos. McCracken ca 1777 (Adm. Martha's estate)
- 2/Sussannah Holloway b. ca 1755; d. 27 Aug 1842, Bedford Co., TN.; m. 1/Joseph Hastings 1777; 2/John Whitaker 12 Sep 1791; chil.:  
 Elizabeth Hastings b. ca 1777, Orange Co., NC; d. bef. 1877; m. Thos. Latta 25 Oct 1791  
 Martha Hastings b. ca 1799; d. ca 1843, Bedford Co., TN  
 Joseph Hastings Jr. b. 18 Nov 1782; d. bef. 1882; m. Nancy Pittman 9 Apr 1800, Orange Co., NC;  
 Henry F. Hastings b. 1783, Orange Co., NC; d. bef. 1870 Bedford Co., TN.  
 Robert Hastings b. 7 Feb 1785; Orange Co., NC; d. 1835 Bedford co., TN.  
 Susannah Hastings b. 1787, Orange Co., NC; d. ? : m. Samuel Pollock  
 Stephen Hastings b. 1789, Orange Co., NC.; d. 15 Apr 1854, Marshall Co. AL.; m. Catherine Hudlow 6 Dec 1815.
- 2/Ann Holloway b. ca. 1757; d. ? ; m. John Hastings
- 2/Stephen Holloway b. ca 1759; IF THIS DATE CORRECT CAN'T BE OURS IN SURRY CO.; no further info. on him unless he is Tory killed in battle in Orange Co.
- 2/Rachel Holloway b. ca 1761; d. ? ; m. Benjamin Stevens 7 Jun 1789; chil.:  
 Rebecca Stevens b. ? : d. 4 Jun 1869  
 Ishmael Stevens b. ? ; d. ? ; went to Maury Co., TN.  
 Martha Stevens b. ? ; d. 1887  
 Mary Ann Stevens b.; d. 6 Apr. 1871
- 2/Ruth Holloway b. ca 1763; d. ? ; m. William Ray
- 2/Jane Holloway b. ca 1765; d. ? ; m. Henry Stephens 9 Aug 1789
- 2/Leticia Holloway b. ca 1767; d. ? m. William Smith; chil.:  
 Robert Atkinson Smith b. 9 Sep 1795; d. 28 Nov 1879, Henry Co., TN
- Many of Robert's and Martha's descendants seem to have ended up in various cos. of TN

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- 2/James Holloway b. 4 Apr 1770 Surry Co., NC; James & wife Ann 26-40 in 1800 Cen.; no info. on family
- 2/Nancy Holloway b. some say 1770 but prob. not same as James; d. 1835 Ashe Co., NC; m. 1792 Adam Wagoner, Sr. (b. 14 May 1768, Surry Co., NC to Phillip Wagoner & Elizabeth Frank; d. ca 1850; bur. Family Cem.)
- 2/unknown males; 1 unknown female in addition

SECOND GENERATION

- 2/John Holloway (no Will nor Estate Settlement found) b. ca 1766 (by Census); d. after 1850 Cen.); m. Mary Ellen Rose, no birth nor death record but d. before 1840 Cen.; came to Wilkes Co. early 1800's

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Stephen Holloway, Tory Officer, killed in Battle, a Capt.? (NC Colonial State Rec. Vol. 22, p. 197); a the son or a brother of Robert?

Robert HOLLOWAY - Possibly the Emigrant. b. ca 1730; turns up in Orange Co., NC by 1759 (See p. 1). Someone sent me a Pedigree Chart from LDS Ancestral File that shows a Stephen b. 4 Feb 1728, Tilehurst, B, Eng. to Stephen & Mary (South) Holloway; I have a researcher trying to verify when Stephen & Robert came to America and if they came together and/or with parents and might be ours..

The likelihood of their being related has to be considered since they both were in Orange Co., NC during Rev. War. Stephen, a Tory Officer was killed in Battle (Col. State Rec. Vol. 22, p. 197); I saw where Robert was fined so many pounds of tobacco because he refused to fight. There was a Robert in Lancaster Co., PA. Martha Ballard is named as Robert's 3rd wife on LDS records (a Martha Holloway is named in John Ballard's Will prov. 9 July 1787, Mecklenburg Co., VA. [Mar. of some VA. Residents by Dorothy Ford Wulfeck].) Robert's Will from Orange Co., NC Abstracts of Wills 1752-1800, Will Bk. A, p. 205 and listing of heirs follows:

In the name of God, Amen, the ninth day of November in the year of our Lord one thousand Seven hundred Seventy Six, I Robert Holloway of the County of Orange & province of North Carolina, Planter, being at this time weak of Body, but of sound and perfect mind and memory, thanks be to almighty God for the same, and calling to mind the mortality of my Body knowing that it is appointed for all Men once to die; do make and ordain this and no other as my last Will and Testament, and as for such worldly Estate it has pleased God to help me with in this Life. I give and bequeath in form and Manner as followeth, principally and first of all I recommend my soul to God that gave it to me. Secondly I recommend my body to the Earth to be buried in a Christian manner, at the descretion of my Executors hereafter named:

Item, I give and bequeath to my dearly beloved wife Martha one third part of my whole Estate both real and personal and one Cow and Calf, as also the whole Estate to her and remain in her Hands till the day of her death or Marriage at her descretion.

Item, I give and bequeath to my loving daughter Elizabeth Horner five Shillings starling to be ? and paid out of my Estate together with that part she has already received to her and her heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath unto my Eldest son Samuel the sum of five Shillings Starling to be ? and paid out of my Estate together with that part he hath already received to him and his heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to my daughter Brigitt five shilling Starling to be ? and paid out of my Estate to her and her heirs forever.

Item, I give and bequesth unto my loving daughter Mary Readen five Shillings Starling, together with that part she hath already received to her Heirs & assigns forever.

Item, I give and bequeath to remainder of the children of the body of Martha my third Wife, the remainder part of my personal Estate. Item namely, Priscilla, Susannah, Ann, Stephen, Rachell, Ruth, Jane Litici.

Item, I give and bequeath to my loving son Stephen, the plantation whereon I now dwell, containing two hundred & Sixty Acres more or less after the decease of my Wife, to him and his Heirs & Assigns forever.

Item, I also constitute and appoint my dearly beloved Wife Martha whole & sole Executrix of this my last Will and Testament: In Witness whereof the said Robert Holloway hath set his Hand affixt his seal the day and year first above written.



In presence Joseph, Mary, John Baker. Robert X Holloway

Orange County, November Court 1778

The Execution of the within Will was duily proved in open Court by the Oath of John Baker one of the subscribing Witnesses hereto and ordered to be Recorded.

Test, N.W. Rochester, C. C.

INVENTORY OF ROBERT'S ESTATE

A true and perfect Inventory of the Estate of Robert Holloway Deceased; Brought by order of November Court 1778 that James Thompson, Samuel Chambers & David Bradford was appointed to appraise the (said) Estate agreeable to his last will and testament which is as followeth by the Subscribers: (spelling/words theirs)

- one horse and saddle
- one black cow
- a brown cow
- a Red Heffer
- a White Heffer
- a Bull
- a Cow and Calf
- a Still & 19 tubs?
- 14 Small Swine
- a old Black horse
- Thos. Macrackins Mare
- a Brown Horse
- two Mattocks?
- a young Gray mare
- a Chest
- a another Chest?
- 2 small Iron pots
- a Washing tub
- a Broad Ax?
- Bed & furniture
- a Card of tacklin?
- 30 lbs. of feathers
- Thos. Mccracking 4 plaits
- Thos Mccrachin, cash 1-3-4
- " old proclamation money 24-19-8
- " cash 0-13-6
- " 22 dollars 8-16-0
- " 1 Half ? 3-4-0
- " 1 half Guinia (-)-18-0
- one old Cow
- one Bull and cow
- a small black cow
- a "pide" Heffer
- a "pide" Cow
- a Red Cow.
- a Stear
- 6 calves
- 18 Sheep
- a Brown Mare
- Susanah Mare
- a Colt
- a Hoe
- a ? Wheel
- ?
- a Large Iron pot
- Pewter
- a frying pan
- 2 Axes
- a half ?
- plough and ?
- Side Saddle
- John Hitchmillar 4 Dollars 1-12-0 & ? 0-11-6
- Sarah Hartgrove 2-0-0
- John Hastings a Linnin wheel
- " a feather Bed
- " a Bed and furniture
- " 4 plaits
- Joseph Hastings a Cow
- " one Side Saddle
- " Linnin Wheel
- " pewter
- " one pot
- " 5 Weeder hoes?
- " chains & braces?
- " a Black Mare
- " 12 geese
- " Side Saddle
- " 2 Wedges
- " 2 Smoothing Irons
- " a Loom & ?
- " a pair of Small ?
- " a Plate mould

Did Thos. McCracken maybe live with Robert?

Jr. Taylor C C

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions August Term 1821 The Petition of Jane Stephens against The Estate of Martha Holloway, dec'd. Administrator

Humbly sheweth,



An inventory of the property of Martha Holloway decd, Sold May 14th 1816  
by me Thomas McCracken Admin.

One coffee pot and some tea?	\$ .25	1 Table and cloth	\$ 1.60
4 plates 1 lamp	.14	1 pot tub and wheal	.65
1 looking glass	.15	1 wheal	.65
1 lot of spons and knives	.75	2 bells	.21
4 viles and bottles	.50	1 pail	.25
1 slate 1 pair of shoes	.40	2 ?	.06 1/4
1 pair of candles?	.60	2 drepers	.10
1 coffee mill	1.21	1 large pot	3.00
3 Crouks one veal	.12	2 ?	1.27
3 puter dishes	3.25	1 Saw ? and Seithe	.39
1 flat iron	.35	1 Set of Spools	.29
1 cotton wheel	\$ .05	3 sheats	\$ 4.35
1 Table	.11	1 pair of ?	.21
1 oven pot	.31	1 pair of stillides?	.50
1 pair of tongs	1.02	1 red or bed quilt	3.70
1 pot rack	.02	1 bul cow	12.55
2 fraim chears	.60	1 cow	10.00
3 chears	.60	1 cow	10.00
1 arm chair	.55	1 heffer	10.11
1 tub	.61	To cash	17.25
1 saddle	.03	one note 1 Oct 1794	7.05
5 yards of cotten clouth	2.51	one note 28 Nov 1796	13.00
1 chest	2.33	one note 27 May 1808	10.00
1 bead and steads	17.75	one note 15 Dec 1812	30.70
1 bead and steads	12.00	one note 23 Apr 1816	10.00
1 set of curtins	7.00		

signed Thomas McCracken

Ordered that Thomas Macrackin Administrator of the Goods and Chattels rights and credits of Martha Holloway, deceased, sell at public sale all the personal prperty of the said Martha

To the Sheriff of Orange County, Greetings:

YOU are hereby commanded to summon Thomas McCrackin, Senr. if to be found in your county, personally to be and appear before the Justices of our Court of Pleas and Quarter Sessions, to be held for the County of Orange at the Court-House in Hillsborough on the fourth Monday of November next, then and there to answer the petition of Jane Stephens, a copy of which is herewith ? in a certain matter of controversy in our said court depending, wherein Jane Stephens is plaintiff and Thomas McCrakin is defendant. And this you shall in no omit, under the penalty prescribed by law.

WITNESS John Taylor, Clerk of our said Court, at office the fourth Monday of August in the 46th year of the Independence of said State, Anno Domini 1821.

9 Nov. 1821

Jn. Taylor C C

State of North Carolina  
Orange County

Court of Pleas & Quarter Sessions  
August Term 1821

The Petition of Jane Stephens  
against

Thomas McCrackin, Administrator  
The estate of Martha Holloway, dec'd.

Humbly Sheweth,



That Martha Holloway late of Orange County departed this life intestate in March 1816, and Thomas McCrackin administrator on her estate and possess himself thereof amounting to the sum of five hundred Dollars or other large sums - that said Martha left the following children, to Wit; Mary intermarried with Thomas Riding, Priscilla intermarried with Thomas McCrackin, Anne intermarried with Joseph Hastings, Susannah intermarried with John Hastings, Ruth intermarried with William Ray, Rachael intermarried with Benjamin Stephens, Jane intermarried with Henry Stephens and Lettia intermarried with William Smith - that the Adm. Thomas McCrackin hath settled and paid over all the distributing shares of the said estate/there being a large surplus after Payment of Debts/draft that due to Jane Stephens - and as to this share from Petition shares, that her Husband Henry Stephens died in the lifetime of the said Martha Holloway, and that (her) right even unto in his to the said ? : As mentioned petitioner hath frequently called on the said Thomas McCrackin to settle his Accounts & pay the share which she was entitled & that he refuses to come to any Settlement or making Payment, pretending that the said Henry Stephens her Husband was entitled to the said share and that he had a large Demand against the said Henry, which he wishes to set off against the Claim of your Petitioner: which Portense? your Petitioner charges is wholly unfounded: and for as much as your Petitioner is reminded, Law only in this Court. She prays your Worshps to order an Account to be taken of the estate of the said Holloway, and that the said Thomas McCrackin be ordered to pay over to her what may be found to be due her; ? She prays for proofs against the said Thomas.

A.D. Murphy for Pet.?

To Nov: Term 1821 (Does this mean the Court concurred with Jane?)

There are numerous Abstracts of Deeds, Orange Co., NC dividing Stephen Holloway's lands, dating from March 1825 - September 1834 for anyone interested. This is obviously Robert's Stephen's property being divided among his sisters, the property Martha had until her death prior to 14 Mar 1816 when her Inventory is taken. Is this our Stephen that went to Surry Co. or is this Robert's son Stephen who had joined the Loyalist cause and is the Tory killed in battle? If there is proof, I haven't found it but Thomas, who was in Orange Co. also, does not name a Stephen; if Stephen, the Tory killed in Rev. War, had a Stephen I have found no record. (See Deed Bks. 21, 22, 24, 26 for division of Stephen's property.)

As I recorded the following, it became obvious that figures/years/dates did not bear out the possibility of Robert's Stephen being our ancestor, the father of John and James in Wilkes Co.; could he be their Uncle Robert? The courtcases I mentioned above as being listed Wilkes Co. and Orange Co. had to be that of an older Stephen, someone nearer Robert's age to have had an established family of 6 by 1787 Census of Wilkes Co. I am going to leave Robert's and Martha's info. here for those who might not have them and desire them. Please realize they aren't as complete as they might have been if I had not proven that they can't be ours.

(These records as deemed by above and following are not without records from Libraries, Courthouses, etc., with much assistance from Jean Bryan, Jason Duncan, Leeann Gaines, Robert Griffith, Gordon Smith)

1/ Robert Holloway b. ? ; d. 1778, Will proved Nov. Term 1778 (W. Bk. A, p.205)

m. 3/Martha Ballard ? (assumed m. date 1752 and order of chil. in Will):

2/Elizabeth Holloway b. ca 1740; m. as 2nd w. George Horner, Sr.

3/ George

3/ Thos. twins

2/Samuel Holloway (eldest son) b., d., m., unk. (I have a lot of info. on Samuel but don't think it is this one, seems more closely related to an older Thomas & fam.)

2/Brigitt Holloway b. ca 1745; d. ? ; m. John Wells



- 2/Mary Holloway b. ca 1748; d. after 1848; m. Thos. Redding/Readen, Sr. Nov. 1776; chil.:  
 John Redding  
 Stephen Redding  
 Martha Redding Beever  
 Mary Redding  
 Elizabeth Redding b. ca 1788; d. aft. 1860; m. James Horn, Jr.  
 Thomas Redding, Jr.
- 2/Priscilla Holloway b. ca 1753; d. ? ; m. Thos. McCracken ca 1777 (Adm. Martha's estate)
- 2/Sussannah Holloway b. ca 1755; d. 27 Aug 1842, Bedford Co., TN.; m. 1/Joseph Hastings 1777; 2/John Whitaker 12 Sep 1791; chil.:  
 Elizabeth Hastings b. ca 1777, Orange Co., NC; d. bef. 1877; m. Thos. Latta 25 Oct 1791  
 Martha Hastings b. ca 1799; d. ca 1843, Bedford Co., TN  
 Joseph Hastings Jr. b. 18 Nov 1782; d. bef. 1882; m. Nancy Pittman 9 Apr 1800, Orange Co., NC;  
 Henry F. Hastings b. 1783, Orange Co., NC; d. bef. 1870 Bedford Co., TN.  
 Robert Hastings b. 7 Feb 1785; Orange Co., NC; d. 1835 Bedford co., TN.  
 Susannah Hastings b. 1787, Orange Co., NC; d. ? : m. Samuel Pollock  
 Stephen Hastings b. 1789, Orange Co., NC.; d. 15 Apr 1854, Marshall Co. AL;  
 m. Catherine Hudlow 6 Dec 1815.
- 2/Ann Holloway b. ca. 1757; d. ? ; m. John Hastings  
 2/Stephen Holloway b. ca 1759; IF THIS DATE CORRECT CAN'T BE OURS IN SURRY CO.; no further info. on him unless he is Tory killed in battle in Orange Co.
- 2/Rachel Holloway b. ca 1761; d. ? ; m. Benjamin Stevens 7 Jun 1789; chil.:  
 Rebecca Stevens b. ? : d. 4 Jun 1869  
 Ishmael Stevens b. ? ; d. ? ; went to Maury Co., TN.  
 Martha Stevens b. ? ; d. 1887  
 Mary Ann Stevens b.; d. 6 Apr. 1871
- 2/Ruth Holloway b. ca 1763; d. ? ; m. William Ray  
 2/Jane Holloway b. ca 1765; d. ? ; m. Henry Stephens 9 Aug 1789  
 2/Leticia Holloway b. ca 1767; d. ? m. William Smith; chil.:  
 Robert Atkinson Smith b. 9 Sep 1795; d. 28 Nov 1879, Henry Co., TN

Many of Robert's and Martha's descendants seem to have ended up in various cos. of TN

FIRST KNOWN/PROVEN GENERATION

- 1/Stephen Holloway b. ca/prior 1730; d. ? ; m. ? See info. p. 1 for records found in Surry and Wilkes Co. where his known children are:
- 2/John Holloway b. ca 1766 prob. Surry Co. (that part that became Wilkes in 1777 and Ashe in 1799) NC; d. aft. 1850 Cen., Wilkes Co., NC; bur. unk.; m. Mary Rose (dau. Emanuel Rose & Mary Hampton, named in Emanuel's Will Aug 1794 as Mary Holloway) written prior to 1794.
- 2/James Holloway b. 4 Apr 1770 Surry Co., NC; James & wife Ann 26-40 in 1800 Cen.; no info. on family
- 2/Nancy Holloway b. some say 1770 but prob. not same as James; d. 1835 Ashe Co., NC; m. 1792 Adam Wagoner, Sr. (b. 14 May 1768, Surry Co., NC to Phillip Wagoner & Elizabeth Frank; d. ca 1850; bur. Family Cem.)
- 2/unknown males; 1 unknown female in addition

SECOND GENERATION

- 2/John Holloway (no Will nor Estate Settlement found) b. ca 1766 (by Census); d. after 1850 Cen.); m. Mary Ellen Rose, no birth nor death record but d. before 1840 Cen.; came to Wilkes Co. early 1800's

TO BE CONTINUED



## Life & History of Murray Isaac Holloway

(Written by Orella Holloway Chadwick on the occasion of Murray's 100th Birthday Celebration)  
June 1991

Once upon a time, long, long ago, - nearly 100 years ago, a 2nd son was born to William Eli Holloway (7) (son of Daniel (6), son of John A. (5), son of Daniel (4), son of John (3) b. 1766, son of Stephen (2), son of Robert (1) of Orange Co., reportedly from PA., proof yet to be found) and Elizabeth "Bettie" (Smith) Holloway (7), (dau. of James Madison (6), son of Bartholomeu (5), son of Catlett (4), son of William (3) b. VA, son of Stephen K. (2), Orange Co. VA, son of Charles Smith, Sr. (1)) at Whitehead, N.C. He was named Murray Isaac (8) and joined a brother James Monroe (8), already two years old. (Will for James M. Carroll Co., VA; Bartholomeu, Catlett, Wm. in Surry Co. Court Records)

Their Holloway ancestors had resided near Traphill, N.C., on Roarin' River by 1787 Census. Probably, when it became too crowded there, they came to the Pine Swamp Creek area and valley, near Whitehead. Daniel and Sarah Jane "Sarie" (Brooks) gave their sons deeds to land surrounding their farm: William Eli, Robert Nathan and James Monroe (Deed Bk., p. 26-29, 4 Aug 1894, Alleghany Co. Courthouse, N.C. Deed confusing because it sounds as though Daniel only had 100 acres but deeded 64 to each of sons?) Thus, Murray lived near his grandparents, Daniel and Sarah Jane. His gr-gr-grandpappy Daniel Holloway (4) had settled in this area considerably before the Civil War and was rumored to have had more slaves than any other person in the area (14), one of which, when they were freed assumed the name of Holloway. In the 1870 Census there is Jefferson Holloway with wife and all his kids, all with names of Holloway. Many in the South measured their wealth by the number of slaves they had; before Daniel made out his will I have copies of the documents of his giving his slaves to members of his family.

Murray came from a long line of "long-livers", but he is so far as is known, the only one to actually almost achieve 100 (b. 13 Sep 1891; d. 31 Aug 1991), though others of his ancestors achieved 98 and 99 years. (Daughter Dorothy became concerned about Uncle Murray's health and moved his 100th Birthday Celebration ahead to June and scheduled the Holloway--Ralston Family Reunion for Father's Day, rather than wait until September, which turned out to be a wise move.) Murray's ancestors occupations were as farmers, but they hunted and fished to put food on their tables. For livelihood, fun and recreation too! They raised corn, barley, all kinds of vegetables and fruits - if you had a surplus beyond what was needed for eating and preserving - did it go to waste? Of course not, you moonshined!

Emma Wagoner corresponded with me until her death and she told of her husband, who used to fish with Old Joe Holloway, telling of Joe Holloway trading wives with his neighbor - Joe thought he got the best of the deal so gave the neighbor a gallon of peach brandy to boot! He was not only fair in his dealings, as all the Holloways were, but he was smart! When the Revenuers started plaguing them and taxing their moonshine money, if he got caught in the Fall, he just "laid it out" - had a nice warm, dry place to live and the grub wasn't too bad! If you ever wondered why there weren't too many babies born between June and September, you could just bet that was why!

Another two years and Murray had his first sister Sarah Leota, b. (8)1893; William Levi (8) b. 1895; John Young "Ted" (8) b. 1897; Alice Martha Ann (8) b. 1900; and finally Grady (8) b. 1905.

On rare occasions Uncle Murray could also remember when his Dad would load up the surplus produce in a two-wheeled cart pulled by a mule or donkey and take it to Wilkesboro the nearest town to trade for supplies they could not raise. This took all day, they had to spend the night so took their bedroll and would trade for a can of sardines (cost 5c) for each of them and that entitled them to four crackers to eat with them. They slept out under the stars, no fancy motels, McDonalds or Kentucky Frys for them. They went barefoot because Uncle Murray remembers that he never had a pair of shoes until he was about 12 years old. His Uncle Joshua had gone to prison for stabbing a neighbor that tormented him intolerably, Cousin Claude said, "until he attacked and stabbed him not intending to kill him". Joshua learned to be a cobbler in prison and that was his trade when he was released 5 years later, met his wife Charlotte there; they lived in Galax, VA four daughters.

Eli's health failed; the asthma and rheumatism that plagued him all his life became increasingly worse until he could no longer farm and he sought the higher, drier climate of New Mexico. This was the end of he and Bettie's marriage. A family member said that because he couldn't work, Bettie had to get out and work like a man out in the fields because she had no training for any other occupation; Eli thought there was "hankie-pankie" going on and would never claim Grady. This same family member also said that Grady was the most like Eli of any of his kids but couldn't see it. She also felt like Bettie, because she came from another county, she guessed, was never accepted into the family and she personally felt very sorry for her.

In Southeastern New Mexico Eli filed a claim for a homestead of 160 A., started building a home of rocks and sent for his children in 1905. Jimmy and Murray being the oldest had already been there helping him build their home. Being 16 and 14, they were considered old enough to choose which parent they wanted to be with; they spent time in both areas, but seemed to enjoy the frontier best for the first few years up until they went in the service.

Jimmy had a contract to carry the mail between Bryantine and Gallegos; he used Postmaster Bryant's hack, took all day to go one way, spent the night and returned the next day.



Levi said the children left North Carolina on the train in May of 1905 in the charge of their cousin Arthur Holloway, who was 21, Leota was 12, Levi not quite 10, Ted 8, Alice 5; that was the year that Grady was born. When they arrived in Logan, the closest place to the homestead that the train stopped, it was too late to go to the homestead, they unrolled their bedrolls and slept there beside the railroad tracks. The rockhouse was progressing slowly and wasn't finished until the Fall of 1906 so they all lived in a one-room adobe house Eli rented from a Mexican. They raised watermelons, potatoes, sugar cane; anything would grow if they had a reasonable amount of moisture.

Eli couldn't actually file as a homesteader until he had built a house and was producing crops; thus he didn't file until late 1908 according to the General Land Office, Tucumcari. Jimmy and Murray went into the service in 1908; Jimmy was 19 and Murray wasn't yet 17 but lied about his age. He couldn't lie about his weight though and tells the story thus, "I only weighed 120 pounds and you had to weigh at least 125 pounds; they sent me out to eat a steak and some beans, even gave me the money. I came back and just barely tipped the scales at 125." He was sent to Missouri but doesn't remember where Jimmy had to go.

It is unknown as to how much education Jimmy and Murray had, but the rest did go to school there in Tucumcari; Levi said he went to the 3rd grade, had a one-eyed Mexican woman for a teacher and their textbooks had English on one side of the book and Spanish/Mexican on the other so they learned both languages; Levi was very conversant in Mexican.

In 1970 Virgil & Orella took Levi & Dena back to the old homestead site; Levi thought there would at least be a pile of rocks there. We found nothing and he allowed as how, he guessed the rocks wouldn't have stuck together for that many years as they only had mud to plaster them together.

Meanwhile, back at the homestead, Eli was plagued with drought and failing crops and more failing health; he was now crippled again with rheumatism. He sold the relinquishment rights to the homestead in 1908, bought a covered wagon to be pulled by their team of one horse and one mule and with all their worldly possessions started for Chama on the Colorado-New Mexico line, where others who had come with him from North Carolina in 1904 had settled. Interestingly, thirty miles up the road, Eli was in such pain that they had to camp until he could go on. A Mexican rancher gave them the use of one of his one-room adobe houses so they would have shelter; no rent. When Eli was feeling better, he had Levi and Ted take him to the river bank so he could fish with them. The bank gave away and he fell in the icy waters - the shock cured his rheumatism for another period. (This is actually what the Indians do to their own when they develop rheumatism.) Besides, the fish they caught and ate, they hunted rabbits; ammunition was scarce so they had to hit them with rocks; Ted was said to have had a deadly aim.

Those Holloways had the itchiest feet; Murray probably has no idea as to how many times he trekked back and forth across the United States. Think what travel was then - no buses, no cars or RVs, no airplanes, either a covered wagon or a rickety, rattly old train. By early 1920's though they had cars of one sort or another. Those brothers traded cars like their ancestors swapped horses....and wives!?

After the service Murray met and married Emma Thomas and from this union "Little" Murray was born. It soon ended in divorce and Murray married Myrtle Taylor; no children were born to this union but in later years they adopted Dorothy. Little Murray was born with "itchy" feet too, worked for Boeing and traveled all over the U.S and even worked in Great Britain. (Since this was first written, we found that he was already deceased ([b. 18 Feb 1916 in N.M.]13 Aug 1990 of cardiovascular disease, Des Moines, WA. He had traveled and lived in his motorhome for the last few years and no one could keep track of them, he and his wife Jacqueline Woodard.

After Murray and Myrtle married, he was more settled, came back to New Mexico and lived near the rest of the family. He was still no farmer - doubt if he knew which way was up on a seed, but he helped Levi peddle the fruit and vegetables that mostly Dena grew because more often than not, Levi would go to Cedar Hill Post Office to get the mail, stay to swap lies with anyone that would listen. He no doubt gave St. Peter a bad time when he knocked on the pearly gates (died of prostate cancer not detected soon enough 23 Sep 1979, Renton, WA.) He and Ted are probably up there still trying to outdo each other with the biggest yarn/tale.

Myrtle taught Murray to cook and they were great cooks; they went to sheep camps during the Spring shearing or to railroad cook shacks to cook for section crews and were loved for their excellent fare. They made good money for those times. Murray, Ted and Myrtle used to play the mandolin and banjo for country dances that were held in homes around Cedar Hill (N.M.). Fun times! Murray is still playing but recently also learned to play the violin - NOW, he can really "fiddle around"!

Jimmy showed up one day in probably about 1933. A big feed and dance were given for him in true "prodigal son" style. Lots of stories around about where he had been and what he had been doing, but no word about his desertion of a wife and five children, three girls of which were his, as he had married Amanda Fulp, a widow with two girls back in Surry Co., N.C. So far as is known he never went back and the family lost track of him. He was traveling with another man, name not remembered, and said they had been preaching, that he found it a good way to make a living - at the end of your sermon, you passed the hat and made enough to go on for aways, then repeat the performance. Those Holloways told so many tales though that no one knew for sure how much truth there was in any given story.

Grady showed up one day too in much the same manner; he was not much for keeping in touch either, though Levi heard from him a few times, a phone call, usually around the holidays. He seemed to keep in better touch with Alice; he gave her an address /phone number where he could be reached because he traveled out-



side the U.S. sometimes but they would always know how to get in touch with him. This wasn't so though because when Alice died 29 Sep 1965 he could not be found. Had he preceded her in death? We don't know.

When Levi and Dena left New Mexico in 1934, it seemed that gradually others left too. The 10 Aug 1937 his mother Betty died of cancer and was buried in Cedar Hill Cemetery. Murray and Myrtle were living in the area and took care of her in her last illness.

On 26 Oct 1938 Eli died; Murray and Myrtle had taken care of him too, a noble effort on their part. In 1937 they had brought Eli to Oregon to live with Levi and Dena in the hopes his asthma would be better. He didn't like Oregon, nor did his asthma get better. After a few months, Murray had to come and get him; the mode of transportation was by truck, the bed of which was covered and had a bed made on the floor for Eli. When he died, Murray and Ted made a casket in which to bury him, bought him a suit for \$12.00 from J.C. Penney and he was interred beside the wife he couldn't get along with in life - may they rest in peace.

Ted had married Myrtle's sister Ephra and had a daughter LouAnn born in 1937; they visited Levi in Oregon in 1939, just after Levi and Dena's first grandson was born, Gary Lyn Holmes 8 Jul 1939, to Everett and Orella Holloway Holmes. Then the same year they moved to Lodi, CA. and picked grapes. In 1940 Ted's daughter Jane was born and they moved to Auburn, CA. where Murray and Ted both worked in a lumber mill. They were working there in 1941 when Pearl Harbor was bombed. That same month they moved to Sacramento and worked as Auxillary Police at McClellan Air Base for the duration of the war.

Linda and John Young were born to Ted and Ephra; the 7 Dec 1949 Ted died on a construction job when the building collapsed causing multiple injuries, including a concussion and cerebral hemorrhage, this at Del Paso Heights, CA. Ephra moved her family back to Mt. Airy, N.C. where she worked in a hosiery factory to support them; she had great support from her mother in caring for them.

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## Life & History of Murray Isaac Holloway

(Written by Orella Holloway Chadwick on the occasion of Murray's 100th Birthday Celebration)  
June 1991

Once upon a time, long, long ago, - nearly 100 years ago, a 2nd son was born to William Eli Holloway (7) (son of Daniel (6), son of John A. (5), son of Daniel (4), son of John (3) b. 1766, son of Stephen (2), son of Robert (1) of Orange Co., reportedly from PA., proof yet to be found) and Elizabeth "Bettie" (Smith) Holloway (7), (dau. of James Madison (6), son of Bartholomeu (5), son of Catlett (4), son of William (3) b. VA, son of Stephen K. (2), Orange Co. VA, son of Charles Smith, Sr. (1)) at Whitehead, N.C. He was named Murray Isaac (8) and joined a brother James Monroe (8), already two years old. (Will for James M. Carroll Co., VA; Bartholomeu, Catlett, Wm. in Surry Co. Court Records)

Their Holloway ancestors had resided near Traphill, N.C., on Roarin' River by 1787 Census. Probably, when it became too crowded there, they came to the Pine Swamp Creek area and valley, near Whitehead. Daniel and Sarah Jane "Sarie" (Brooks) gave their sons deeds to land surrounding their farm: William Eli, Robert Nathan and James Monroe (Deed Bk., p. 26-29, 4 Aug 1894, Alleghany Co. Courthouse, N.C. Deed confusing because it sounds as though Daniel only had 100 acres but deeded 64 to each of sons?) Thus, Murray lived near his grandparents, Daniel and Sarah Jane. His gr-gr-grandpappy Daniel Holloway (4) had settled in this area considerably before the Civil War and was rumored to have had more slaves than any other person in the area (14), one of which, when they were freed assumed the name of Holloway. In the 1870 Census there is Jefferson Holloway with wife and all his kids, all with names of Holloway. Many in the South measured their wealth by the number of slaves they had; before Daniel made out his will I have copies of the documents of his giving his slaves to members of his family.

Murray came from a long line of "long-livers", but he is so far as is known, the only one to actually almost achieve 100 (b. 13 Sep 1891; d. 31 Aug 1991), though others of his ancestors achieved 98 and 99 years. (Daughter Dorothy became concerned about Uncle Murray's health and moved his 100th Birthday Celebration ahead to June and scheduled the Holloway--Ralston Family Reunion for Father's Day, rather than wait until September, which turned out to be a wise move.) Murray's ancestors occupations were as farmers, but they hunted and fished to put food on their tables. For livelihood, fun and recreation too! They raised corn, barley, all kinds of vegetables and fruits - if you had a surplus beyond what was needed for eating and preserving - did it go to waste? Of course not, you moonshined!

Emma Wagoner corresponded with me until her death and she told of her husband, who used to fish with Old Joe Holloway, telling of Joe Holloway trading wives with his neighbor - Joe thought he got the best of the deal so gave the neighbor a gallon of peach brandy to boot! He was not only fair in his dealings, as all the Holloways were, but he was smart! When the Revenuers started plaguing them and taxing their moonshine money, if he got caught in the Fall, he just "laid it out" - had a nice warm, dry place to live and the grub wasn't too bad! If you ever wondered why there weren't too many babies born between June and September, you could just bet that was why!

Another two years and Murray had his first sister Sarah Leota, b. (8)1893; William Levi (8) b. 1895; John Young "Ted" (8) b. 1897; Alice Martha Ann (8) b. 1900; and finally Grady (8) b. 1905.

On rare occasions Uncle Murray could also remember when his Dad would load up the surplus produce in a two-wheeled cart pulled by a mule or donkey and take it to Wilkesboro the nearest town to trade for supplies they could not raise. This took all day, they had to spend the night so took their bedroll and would trade for a can of sardines (cost 5c) for each of them and that entitled them to four crackers to eat with them. They slept out under the stars, no fancy motels, McDonalds or Kentucky Frys for them. They went barefoot because Uncle Murray remembers that he never had a pair of shoes until he was about 12 years old. His Uncle Joshua had gone to prison for stabbing a neighbor that tormented him intolerably, Cousin Claude said, "until he attacked and stabbed him not intending to kill him". Joshua learned to be a cobbler in prison and that was his trade when he was released 5 years later, met his wife Charlotte there; they lived in Galax, VA four daughters.

Eli's health failed; the asthma and rhuematism that plagued him all his life became increasingly worse until he could no longer farm and he sought the higher, drier climate of New Mexico. This was the end of he and Bettie's marriage. A family member said that because he couldn't work, Bettie had to get out and work like a man out in the fields because she had no training for any other occupation; Eli thought there was "hankie-pankie" going on and would never claim Grady. This same family member also said that Grady was the most like Eli of any of his kids but couldn't see it. She also felt like Bettie, because she came from another county, she guessed, was never accepted into the family and she personally felt very sorry for her.



In Southeastern New Mexico Eli filed a claim for a homestead of 160 A., started building a home of rocks and sent for his children in 1905. Jimmy and Murray being the oldest had already been there helping him build their home. Being 16 and 14, they were considered old enough to choose which parent they wanted to be with; they spent time in both areas, but seemed to enjoy the frontier best for the first few years up until they went in the service.

Jimmy had a contract to carry the mail between Bryantine and Gallegos; he used Postmaster Bryant's hack, took all day to go one way, spent the night and returned the next day.

Levi said the children left North Carolina on the train in May of 1905 in the charge of their cousin Arthur Holloway, who was 21, Leota was 12, Levi not quite 10, Ted 8, Alice 5; that was the year that Grady was born. When they arrived in Logan, the closest place to the homestead that the train stopped, it was too late to go to the homestead, they unrolled their bedrolls and slept there beside the railroad tracks. The rockhouse was progressing slowly and wasn't finished until the Fall of 1906 so they all lived in a one-room adobe house Eli rented from a Mexican. They raised watermelons, potatoes, sugar cane; anything would grow if they had a reasonable amount of moisture.

Eli couldn't actually file as a homesteader until he had built a house and was producing crops; thus he didn't file until late 1908 according to the General Land Office, Tucumcari. Jimmy and Murray went into the service in 1908; Jimmy was 19 and Murray wasn't yet 17 but lied about his age. He couldn't lie about his weight though and tells the story thus, "I only weighed 120 pounds and you had to weigh at least 125 pounds; they sent me out to eat a steak and some beans, even gave me the money. I came back and just barely tipped the scales at 125." He was sent to Missouri but doesn't remember where Jimmy had to go.

It is unknown as to how much education Jimmy and Murray had, but the rest did go to school there in Tucumcari; Levi said he went to the 3rd grade, had a one-eyed Mexican woman for a teacher and their textbooks had English on one side of the book and Spanish/Mexican on the other so they learned both languages; Levi was very conversant in Mexican.

In 1970 Virgil & Orella took Levi & Dena back to the old homestead site; Levi thought there would at least be a pile of rocks there. We found nothing and he allowed as how, he guessed the rocks wouldn't have stuck together for that many years as they only had mud to plaster them together.

Meanwhile, back at the homestead, Eli was plagued with drought and failing crops and more failing health; he was now crippled again with rheumatism. He sold the relinquishment rights to the homestead in 1908, bought a covered wagon to be pulled by their team of one horse and one mule and with all their worldly possessions started for Chama on the Colorado-New Mexico line, where others who had come with him from North Carolina in 1904 had settled. Interestingly, thirty miles up the road, Eli was in such pain that they had to camp until he could go on. A Mexican rancher gave them the use of one of his one-room adobe houses so they would have shelter; no rent. When Eli was feeling better, he had Levi and Ted take him to the river bank so he could fish with them. The bank gave away and he fell in the icy waters - the shock cured his rheumatism for another period. (This is actually what the Indians do to their own when they develop rheumatism.) Besides, the fish they caught and ate, they hunted rabbits; ammunition was scarce so they had to hit them with rocks; Ted was said to have had a deadly aim.

Those Holloways had the itchiest feet; Murray probably has no idea as to how many times he trekked back and forth across the United States. Think what travel was then - no buses, no cars or RVs, no airplanes, either a covered wagon or a rickety, rattly old train. By early 1920's though they had cars of one sort or another. Those brothers traded cars like their ancestors swapped horses....and wives!?

After the service Murray met and married Emma Thomas and from this union "Little" Murray was born. It soon ended in divorce and Murray married Myrtle Taylor; no children were born to this union but in later years they adopted Dorothy. Little Murray was born with "itchy" feet too, worked for Boeing and traveled all over the U.S and even worked in Great Britain. (Since this was first written, we found that he was already deceased (b. 18 Feb 1916 in N.M. 13 Aug 1990 of cardiovascular disease, Des Moines, WA. He had traveled and lived in his motorhome for the last few years and no one could keep track of them, he and his wife Jacqueline Woodard.

After Murray and Myrtle married, he was more settled, came back to New Mexico and lived near the rest of the family. He was still no farmer - doubt if he knew which way was up on a seed, but he helped Levi peddle the fruit and vegetables that mostly Dena grew because more often than not, Levi would go to Cedar Hill Post Office to get the mail, stay to swap lies with anyone that would listen. He no doubt gave St. Peter a bad time when he knocked on the pearly gates (died of prostate cancer not detected soon enough 23 Sep 1979, Renton, WA.) He and Ted are probably up there still trying to outdo each other with the biggest yarn/tale.

Myrtle taught Murray to cook and they were great cooks; they went to sheep camps during the Spring shearing or to railroad cook shacks to cook for section crews and were loved for their excellent fare. They made good money for those times. Murray, Ted and Myrtle used to play the mandolin and banjo for country dances that were held in homes around Cedar Hill (N.M.). Fun times! Murray is still playing but recently also learned to play the violin - NOW, he can really "fiddle around"!



Jimmy showed up one day in probably about 1933. A big feed and dance were given for him in true "prodigal son" style. Lots of stories around about where he had been and what he had been doing, but no word about his desertion of a wife and five children, three girls of which were his, as he had married Amanda Fulp, a widow with two girls back in Surry Co., N.C. So far as is known he never went back and the family lost track of him. He was traveling with another man, name not remembered, and said they had been preaching, that he found it a good way to make a living - at the end of your sermon, you passed the hat and made enough to go on for aways, then repeat the performance. Those Holloways told so many tales though that no one knew for sure how much truth there was in any given story.

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The number of children between the age of 5 and 15 in this district Numbers 6.

The number who can read and some can write a little is 120.

The number which is without education the most of them not going to school is 148.

We have 5 School houses in our district at this time but 2 of them employed as school houses.

Signed: T Hampton  
Total Number 268

Submitted by  
Iris Moseley Harvey  
Raleigh, NC

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**CONFEDERATE VETERAN PASSES** - Mr. John H. Freeman, 84, aged and respected citizen of route 3 and veteran of the Confederacy passed away January 29 (1932) after a short illness. The funeral was conducted from the old Hollow Church January 31 with interment in the Old Hollow cemetery. A group of Daughter of the Confederacy attended the funeral and the American Legion gave him a military burial. Five sons Coke, Early, Ed, Joe, and Charlie Freeman and two daughters survive. Mr. Freeman was an expert sash and door workman and was with the Tesh Manufacturing Co., from its organization to his retirement because of old age. (*The Mount Airy News*, February 4, 1932)



Holloway

66<sup>th</sup> HOLLOWAY/RALSTON REUNION IS ONE FOR THE BOOKS!!  
(from Orella Chadwick (SCGA member) who is 99 and has been attending all of these reunions)

The call went out from the Hosts, Becky and Dominic for the 66<sup>th</sup> HOLLOWAY/RALSTON Family Reunion July 27-29, 2018 – 64 responded, thanks to DeAnna for the Count (hope she posts the listing; it would be nice for we who attended and for those who didn't to see whom they missed having a visit with. Reunions are all about chatter and especially for us who don't do the kids' games, cribbage, poker, etc.

I particularly have so many to thank: Tilda for getting me to Portland so Virgie & Gina could take me the rest of the way and were always there to give me an arm, bring me food, get me to the motel and back, bring me to Diana's and she brought me home. There were so many willing arms or being sure I had a comfortable chair out of the sun. THANK YOU ALL SO MUCH. I couldn't have done it without you!

We ALL must thank our 3<sup>rd</sup> generation Hosts, Becky and Dominic; and, especially Dean for meeting and greeting everyone and helping them find a parking spot. I have great hope for this Family Reunion to continue forever. Becky & Dominic have a marvelous place, a beautiful home and yard for games and play and a little car that I saw so many little ones driving, a slide and trampoline (which we think survived without a tear...springs might be a little sprung, though); it was fun watching and reminded me so much of the gatherings we had so many times on the Ralston Ranch in the years of so many of us in the olden days in N.M. Of course we didn't have all these conveniences but played "Run Sheep Run", Hide & Seek, etc. We didn't have a hose to get wet and cool but had an irrigation ditch! Fond memories too.

Virgie, Gina and I stopped on the way to visit Gina's friend Allison, who has a bakery and we patronized it while visiting with her. As we arrived at Yelm and found the Reunion Spot with that old woman on Gina's phone telling Virgie where to go, where to turn and then we're there. We found many had already arrived and just kept coming. So many hugs and I keep remembering the olden days when hugs weren't appropriate or something, reserved strictly for little ones. How crazy but folks back then didn't show their love after one was about 5 yrs. old, crazy silly! There was food and visiting and then back to the Motel for the night.

We arrived for the Holloway Breakfast by Ronda and Ron (thanks you two!), plus all the other yummie breads and biscuits and gravy. Dan showed me the cribbage board he had made with year posted on back; Dean brought the signups for me to choose who played whom and the Cribbage Tournament was on, some over quickly and the last two dragging it out to the bitter end, Dean & Danny; Gary was in the semi-final match against Danny and lost. He says he still hasn't a Board. I believe this makes it Dean's third board. Danny got the consolation prize of about \$20 and a unique fish cribbage board that Dominic had picked up. Pretty cool that an avid fisherman would end up with the board. Thanks, Dominic!

Meanwhile the kid's games were being held, conducted by Tammy and I am not sure who else was helping. We all had a good laugh when several supposedly adults got in the sack race and think they were all beat by a few of the kids. The balloon toss was a great hit with the hot weather. It also drew adults! I couldn't bring ice cream bars so took food bars for all the participants. It was great to see them all having such a great time together!

Dominic brought his Mother and introduced her. How sweet, but she didn't stay so we could really visit and get acquainted. Next time?

We decided to go ahead with the Awards Ceremony while the meat was still smoking. We had an empty chair where Louise usually sat to keep me on track! It was there, and we remembered her, and I thanked her family again for the great Memorial they had for her. I thought it time to fill her seat. Years ago Helen designated me the Matriarch of the Family after our elders were all gone to their reward, meaning probably to remind me I was OLD, the eldest still alive! So I had dubbed cousin Melvin Johnson the Patriarch as the eldest but not a good attendee of the Reunions. He didn't get far from home. Then he was gone and Leroy Carmon was the eldest and he and wife, Terry, attended many after coming once and hosted a great one back in Colorado. Now, we are down to Gary Holmes, 79 yrs. so I called him forward



to sit in Louise's chair as the Family Patriarch. For once he was speechless and even though I asked for comments, he had not one! Was he struck speechless? A family announcement was made for the January (?) arrival of a new family member from Joseph and Brianne! (Joseph wants to host in 2020 in Omac. He says it's been awhile since we strayed from usual haunts.)

Anyhow, the seat was filled and the Ceremony was ready to go ahead. Deanna had the count of 64. Dan and Dean were ready to present the new Cribbage Board to the winner, meaning Dean got to keep it but it gave me a chance to give them each an aged Tillamook Cheese for carrying on this Tournament that has meant so much to so many for so many years and that their Dad Darrell started and made the Boards for all those years he was with us. The poker players then got busy, and we gals played 31; I think Rene won? If she didn't she should have because she was knocking before I even had my cards in hand!

Some who lived near enough, Donna's sister, Norene, and her daughter-in-law, Lori, and Linnea and John came just for the day; so good to get to visit with ALL.

I rang the bell to see who wanted to be Hosts for 2019 and someone was right at my left elbow, turned to present the bell and it was my granddaughter Gina and she said, "Next year Grandma will be 100 yrs. old and Mom and I will host the Reunion at Grandma's so she can sleep in her OWN bed (I had to admit that sounded good to me) and it will be during the Fair in August." (date to follow, but it should be August 7-10, 2019). So now you know when and where and I shall try to be there!

Then I had been thinking that the younger ones don't know why we have this year after year. And being a genealogist I thought it might be helpful if they knew whom they were descended from. I started with Darrell and ask that everyone descended from him wave their hands vigorously; the same with Retha; then Merle (sadly no one); Helen; Orella. Darrell won; I have 20 that WEREN'T there; how many did the rest of you lack? NOW, HERE IS THE CHALLENGE – LET'S WORK ON THE NON-ATTENDEES AND SEE IF WE CAN ALL AT LEAST BEAT DARRELL'S BUNCH NEXT YEAR. I promised that the Patriarch would have some sort of Award for the winning Group! He has a whole year to figure out something appropriate or crazy! I asked for any additional comments but not even Loren nor Daniel had anything to say; maybe they had dozed off?

Sunday and the Patriarch's (remember...now Gary's new title) Beer Pancakes with huckleberries are the last event of the reunion. Even those who had been commuting came back for those! The Patriarch and his helpers served up a fine breakfast with bacon and eggs and pancakes! Great job, fellas!! I asked one that helped how much he made. It was his first time and he said \$20; sounds good; I think I shall volunteer to help next year?

If any of you think it wasn't a great Reunion, don't hold up your hand or I'll slap it off!

Matriarch Orella

P.S. Here is the list of the 64 attendees as provided by our wonderful secretary (or should we give her a title like the Matriarch's Personal Assistant), DeAnna:

Becky/Dominic/Harlee, Dean/Cathy, Deanna/Ron, Berkeley, Shyla/Paul/Kowen/Keelan, Debra/Danny, Beth/Remi, Oz (Omen's girlfriend), Loren/Rene, Erica, Gina/Virgie, Orella, Josh/Tammy/Brody/Chloe/Memphis, Becca/Andrea/Casey/Cora/Serena (all Becky's friends), Elizabeth/Evan & Jerome (Elizabeth's boyfriend), Gary/Sharon, Ronda/Lainey/Liam/Kolton/Kinslea, Christy/Hayden/Jaxson, Joseph/Brianne (+baby due in Jan 2019 that I did not include in count), Dan, Linnea/John, Robert/Rachel/Rylan/Kyler/Bailey, Norine/Lori, Meg, Debbie, and Jimmy/Rachelle/Levi/Caleb

(Note: Orella lives in Tillamook, Oregon. Since she will be 100 in 2019, SCGA hopes that all of her relatives show up for the 67<sup>th</sup> Reunion. Does anyone know of a Family Reunion being held this many years?)