

The Hollowell Family

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There is a legend which relates that in the seventeenth century three Hallowell brothers came to America from England. Two of them settled in Pennsylvania, the other going farther south. The latter was a very loud and forceful preacher. The people insisted on writing his name *Hollowell* instead of *Hallowell*, and the descendants still spell the name with an *o* in the first syllable.

Thomas Hollowell, second of the name, son of John and Sarah Hollowell, of Norfolk County, Virginia, was born on December 4, 1739, and married Mary Peele (or Peelle), daughter of Robert and Elizabeth Peele. The ceremony took place on December 7, 1760, in Quaker meeting in Northampton County, North Carolina. Thomas came to Orange County, Indiana, in 1812, and died prior to 1830.

John Hollowell, father of the second Thomas Hollowell, died in 1751 or 1752 in Norfolk County, Virginia; his will was proved April 16, 1752 (recorded in Will Book 1f, p. 246). The will of John Hollowell, husband of Sarah Rountree, mentions a cousin Thomas, and a brother Thomas, and children (Rachel Copeland, Mary, Sarah, Rachel, John, and Thomas). In Will Book 5f of Norfolk County, Virginia, are recorded wills of two Thomas Hollowells—one of them (p. 208), dated June 16, 1693, probated September 15, 1693, mentions children (Thomas, John, William, Elizabeth, Katherine, and Luke). The other will (p. 22), dated March 15, 1686, probated May 17, 1687, mentions a wife Alice, and children: Edmond, Thomas, Henry, Joseph, Benjamin, John, Sarah, Elizabeth, Alice. Sarah, the wife of the first John Hollowell was the daughter of Moses and Sarah Rountree. Moses died in Perquimans County, North Carolina, in 1755. His will, made on July 21, 1755, mentions his wife, Sarah, and children: Sarah, Hannah, Ledy, Ann. The will of his daughter Hannah, probated in 1759, mentions sisters Sarah and Ledy, and is witnessed by Joe and Abner Hollowell.¹

Mary Peele, wife of the second Thomas Hollowell was born on February 2, 1742 (o.s.) and died on January 11, 1813. She was the daughter of Robert Peele (or Peelle) who was born on June 29, 1709, and died on July 13, 1782, in

¹ Will Book, 1755, North Carolina (Office of Secretary of State), 37.

Northampton County, North Carolina.² Robert married Elizabeth Edgerton and they moved from Nansemond County, Virginia, to Northampton County, North Carolina in 1742. Elizabeth died April 26, 1749. Robert Peele, Jr., was a son of Robert and Judith Peele. Judith's will was probated in August, 1756, in Northampton County. A Robert Peele is listed as having contributed to the cause of American liberty during the Revolutionary War.³

The marriage of Thomas Hollowell and Mary Peele is recorded as follows: "1760, 12, 7. Thomas, of Perquimans Co., s. John and Sarah Colony of Va., Co. of Norfolk, m. Mary Peele, in Rick Square NH. [Northhampton County]."

In 1931 the family Bible of Thomas Hollowell was found in an attic at Paoli, Orange County, Indiana, and is now in the possession of Joseph A. Hall, a great-great-grandson. Nothing is recorded of John and Sarah Hollowell save that they lived in Norfolk County, Virginia, and were the parents of Thomas Hollowell who lived in North Carolina. The Bible records the death of the wife of Thomas as follows: "Mary Hollowell, wife of Thomas Hollowell, late of North Carolina, but now of Indiana Territory, departed this life the 11th day of the first month, of 1813, at about 8 or 9 o'clock at night, aged 70 years and 9 months lacking 2 days."

The record of the descendants of the Hollowell family was collected by John J. Hollowell of Farmer City, Illinois. He died on October 5, 1934. Prior to his death, he sent a copy of his material to Lester D. Prewitt, Forest City, Iowa, who has compiled the following outline adding some data collected by himself.

*Children of Thomas and Mary Peele Hollowell:*⁴

Abigale (Abigail)—b. Dec. 26, 1761; m. 1784 to John Spivey; children: Elizabeth (b. 1785), Exum (b. 1787), Mariam (b. 1790), Charity (b. 1794), Becca (b. 1797), Abba (b. 1800), Ephraim (b. 1802). John Spivey, the husband of Abigale Hollowell, died on October 10, 1805.

Sarah—b. Dec. 24, 1763; m. 1785 to Ralph Fletcher; children: Mary (b. 1787), Joshua (b. 1790), Achsah (b. 1793), Betty (b. 1796), Jesse (b. 1801), John (b. 1805).

² North Carolina Will Book, No. 1, 253.

³ Stephen B. Weeks, *Southern Quakers and Slavery* (Johns Hopkins University Studies in History and Political Science, Extra Volume XV, Baltimore, 1896), 190-191.

⁴ Thomas Hollowell, who married Mary Peele, was a son of John and Sarah (Rountree) Hollowell.

John—b. Jan. 11, 1766; m. 1786, to Miriam Overman; children: Henry (b. 1787), Jesse (b. 1790), Mary (b. 1792), Sarah (b. 1794), Jonathan (b. 1796), Eli (b. 1798), Aaron (b. 1801), John (b. 1803). John Hollowell and his family moved from North Carolina to Indiana Territory, in April, 1807, and settled near the present town of Valeene, Orange County. He was probably the first white settler in that county. His brother Robert and family moved to the same vicinity a few years later.

Miriam—b. 1769; m. 1804, to John Hobson; no children listed in records.⁵

Robert—b. 1772; d. April 30, 1865; m. Oct. 23, 1794, to Elizabeth Cox, (dau. Thomas and Phebe Cox); five children.

William—b. 1775; m. 1797, to Phebe Cox; s. Robert (b. 1802; c. 1804). Phebe may have been a sister of Elizabeth Cox, since her name is the same as that of Elizabeth's mother. No further record of this line.

Thomas—b. 1777. No further record.

Joseph (Josse)⁶—b. Aug. 16, 1780; moved to Indiana in 1809; d. 1822 (about), Orange County; m. Elizabeth Woodward of North Carolina (Elizabeth—b. Jan. 16, 1778; d. July 1857; dau. Josua [Joshua] and Mary Woodward); five children. The father of Elizabeth Woodward Hollowell died in Wayne County, North Carolina, in 1789, and his will was probated in April of that year.

*Children of Robert and Elizabeth (Cox) Hollowell:*⁷

Smithson—b. 1775; m. Rachel Chenoweth. Smithson Hollowell lived on a farm near Hardinsburg, Washington County, Indiana. He was a faithful quaker, and twice each week made the seven-mile journey on horseback to the Lick Creek Quaker Meeting in Orange County. Children of Smithson and Rachel (Chenoweth) Hollowell were: Robert (m. Sarah McIntosh), John (m. Phoebe Colclasure), William (m. Emily Coulter), Thomas (m. Malinda Coulter), Maryanna (m. Martin Kinkade), Ellen (m. Harvey Walter), Martha (m. Leander Hardin).

Michal—b. 1777; m. William Lindley. Children of William

⁵ Hinshaw, *American Quaker Genealogy*, I, 308, gives the marriage date as April 15, 1804, at Contentney meetinghouse, Wayne County, North Carolina. This was a second marriage for John Hobson.

⁶ The name *Josse* is formed from *Joseph*, and should not be confused with *Jesse* as was done by J. J. Hollowell in his records.

⁷ Robert Hollowell, who married Elizabeth Cox, was a son of Thomas and Mary (Peele) Hollowell.

and Michal (Hollowell) Lindley were: Edmund (b. 1817; d. 1833); Areanna (b. 1818; d. 1833, of cholera); Uriah (b. 1820; d. 1853), Alfred (b. 1822; d. 1891; m. Martha J. Maxwell), Elizabeth (b. 1824; d. 1860; m. Samuel Lindley), Asenath (b. 1825; d. 1911; m. 1849, to Elisha Parker), Hiram (b. 1827; d. 1893; m. (1) Laura White and (2) Elizabeth Woodward), Sarah (b. 1829; d. 1907; m. 1850, to Cader Newsom), Jonathan (b. 1832; d. 1926; m. (1) 1852, to Elmira Starbuck and (2) 1858, to Ann Fisher), William (b. 1838; d. 1928; m. (1) 1865, to Harriet Shaw and (2) to Margaret Ward), Walter (b. 1840; d. 1862), Milton (b. 1841; d. 1887), Laban (b. 1843; d. 1923; m. Anna Frazier), Hannah E. (b. 1845; d. 1855).

Nathan—b. 1779; d. 1865; m. Nancy Everett. Children of Nathan and Nancy (Everett) Hollowell; James (b. 1821; d. 1895; m. (1) 1841, to Celia Thomas and (2) 1859, to Mary Amanda Trueblood Lindley, widow of Jonathan Thomas Lindley and dau. William Penn and Anna Trueblood), Elizabeth (b. 1822; d. 1863; m. 1850, to Joseph Newsome), Robert (died unmarried), Joseph A. (b. 1824; d. 1897; m. 1844, to Deborah Dixon), Nathan (no data), Nancy (b. 1838; d. 1867; m. 1854, to John A. Lindley).

Peggy—b. 1800; m. Thomas Lindley. Children of Thomas and Peggy (Hollowell) Lindley were: Eli, Robert, Elizabeth, Charles, Nathan, William, Aba, and Sarah.

William—b. 1803; m. Mary Lindley. Children of William and Mary (Lindley) Hollowell were: Michal (m. Wood Boyd), Elizabeth (m. Jesse Boyd; thirteen children,⁸ one of whom, Lindley Boyd, m. Sarah Jane Miller).

Polly (Mary)—b. 1806; m. Exum Morris; one dau. Margaret (b. 1826; d. 1912; m. John Hall, who was born in 1821 and died in 1907). Polly (Hollowell) Morris died soon after the birth of her daughter. After the death of his wife, Exum Morris moved to Parke County, Indiana, where he married a second time and reared a family. Children of John and Margaret (Morris) Hall were: Robert W. (b. 1843; d. 1863), Exum (b. 1845; d. 1929; m. Sarah J. Trotter), Mary Ellen (b. 1846; d. 1853), Richard W. (b. 1849; d. 1900; m. Margaret Gardner), Anna J. (b. and d. 1851), Catherine (b. 1852; d. 1897; m. Bayless Palmer), Nancy M.

⁸ *History of Lawrence, Orange and Washington Counties, Indiana* (Chicago, 1884), 580.

(b. 1854; d. 1858), Joseph A. (b. 1857; m. 1879, to Mary Frances Apple), Laura Decker (no data), Morton W. (b. 1864; m. Louisa Teaford), Leulla (b. 1870; m. James A. Durrett).

*Children of James and Cecelia (Thomas) Hollowell:*⁹

Robert Thomas—b. 1842; d. 1867.

Amos K.—b. 1844; d. 1921; m. (1) Adeline Parker and
(2) May I. Kramer.

Nathan—b. 1847; d. 1874.

James S.—b. 1849; m. Sara Engle.

Julda J.—b. 1853; d. 1898; m. Christian Stiefel.

Iram—b. 1856; d. 1858.

*Children of James and Mary A. (Trueblood-Lindley) Hollowell:*¹⁰

Elwood L.—b. 1860, d. 1898, m. 1890, to Hannah Esther Newby.

Edmond J.—b. 1863, d. 1888.

John J.—b. 1865; m. 1888, to Jeanette A. Gibbens.

Nancy—b. 1869; d. 1929; m. 1892 to Ora A. Morris.

*Children of Joseph and Elizabeth Hollowell Newsome:*¹¹

Mary Emma—b. 1852; d. 1932; m. 1906 Milton Hanson.

Nancy M.—b. 1854; d. 1865.

Lysias E.—b. 1858; m. Eliza J. Gaston.

*Children of Joseph A. and Deborah (Dixon) Hollowell:*¹²

Charles—b. 1846; d. 1928; m. Anna B. McCoy (d. 1931).

Silas D.—b. 1850; d. 1924; m. 1874 to Phioba Scaaf (d. 1930).

Rufus—b. 1851; d. 1909; m. Elvira Smith.

Nathan L.—b. 1853; d. 1918; m. Minnie Cooley.

Mary Elma—b. 1856; d. 1859.

Morris W.—b. 1858; d. 1932; m. 1901, to Kate Smith.

Walter—b. 1861; m. 1880, to Katherine Schaffer.

Martha E.—b. 1864; m. 1884, to Atwood H. Rowley.

Robert E.—b. 1868; m. 1892, to Ophelia Carter .

⁹ James Hollowell, who married Cecelia Thomas, was a son of Nathan and Nancy (Everett) Hollowell.

¹⁰ This is the same James Hollowell (son of Nathan Hollowell), who first married Cecelia Thomas. His second wife was Mary A. (Trueblood) Lindley, widow of Thomas Lindley.

¹¹ Elizabeth Hollowell, who married Joseph Newsome, was a daughter of Nathan Hollowell and sister of James Hollowell.

¹² Joseph A. Hollowell, who married Deborah Dixon, was a son of Nathan Hollowell, and brother of James and Elizabeth Hollowell.

*Children of John A. and Nancy (Hollowell) Lindley:*¹³

Isabel Ann—b. 1856; m. John Kelamo.

Nathan A.—b. 1857; m. 1880, to Ida Florence Apple.

Martha E.—b. 1859; m. 1879, to Worth Atkinson.

Homer—b. 1860; m. 1899, to Bessie Hanna.

*Children of Josse Woodward and Martha (Cloud) Hollowell:*¹⁴

Mary (May)—m. James W. Chritton; resides at Rocky Ford, Colorado.

Laura—b. —; d. Dec. 14, 1932, Sioux City, Iowa; m. Feb. 18, 1885, to James H. Belt (b. Jan. 27, 1855; d. June 20, 1929); children: Laurence J. (b. March 31, 1887; m. Nov. 23, 1917, to Kathryn Newland), Laura L. (b. Sept. 9, 1893; d. Dec. 24, 1834, Sioux City, Iowa; unmarried).

Children of Lawrence J. and Katherine (Newland) Belt were: James Lawrence (b. Aug. 26, 1921), Janet K. (b. Dec. 15, 1928).

Joel T.—b. 1842; d. before 1902; m. Alice Denslow.

Elizabeth—d. 1902, prior to the death of her father, James H. Belt.

Evelyn Jane—b. No. 27, 1847, Iowa City; d. July 14, 1802; buried in Hollowell lot at Koszta, Iowa; m. Dec. 2, 1866, Iowa City, to George W. Ringler (b. Aug. 15, 1845, Athens Co., Ohio; enlisted in Co. G, Thirteenth Regiment Iowa Infantry; d. Mar. 22, 1893; buried at Koszta, Iowa; son Reuben Jacob and Elizabeth Jane Black Ringler; grandson of Jesse and Catherine Boyer Ringler, and George and Fannie Carter Black). For marriage of Evelyn Jane Hollowell to George W. Ringler, see Marriage Record Book C, p. 89, Iowa City, Iowa.

*Children of George W. and Evelyn Jane (Hollowell) Ringler:*¹⁵

Nettie—b. April 15, 1868; c. May 12, 1868.

¹³ Nancy Hollowell, who married John A. Lindley, was a daughter of Nathan Hollowell, and sister of James, Elizabeth and Joseph A. Hollowell.

¹⁴ Josse Woodward Hollowell, who married Martha Cloud, was a son of Joseph and Mary (Woodward) Hollowell, and a grandson of Thomas and Mary (Peele) Hollowell. Martha Cloud was a daughter of Joel and Rebecca (Thompson) Cloud. Martha was born in Orange County, Ind., on Jan. 24, 1824, and died on Sept. 14, 1880, in Iowa County, Iowa. She was buried beside her husband in Koszta Cemetery. The mother of Martha (Cloud) Hollowell, Rebecca (Thompson) Cloud, was born on Feb. 10, 1786, in N. C., and died on November 19, 1844. Joel Cloud (father of Martha and husband of Rebecca) was born on July 4, 1787, in N. C., and died on Sept. 26, 1834. His marriage to Rebecca Thompson occurred in 1811, in Orange County, N. C. The parents of Rebecca (Thompson) Cloud were Samuel and Elizabeth (De Bow) Thompson. Elizabeth when a widow received a pension on Samuel Thompson's Revolutionary War service. Widow's Pension File, L. S. C. No. 4605, in Pension Records, Washington, D. C. Samuel's will is recorded in Book 5, p. 42, in Iowa County, Iowa.

¹⁵ Evelyn Jane Hollowell, who married George Washington Ringler, was a daughter of Josse Woodward and Martha (Cloud) Hollowell.

Charles—b. Nov. 13, 1869; d. Sept. 21, 1882.

June (Juniata)—b. Mar. 20, 1872, Iowa Co., Iowa; d. Dec. 8, 1925, Forest City, Iowa; buried in Maringo Cemetery; m. April 12, 1898, to William Roscoe Prewitt (b. July 11, 1868, Owen Co. Indiana, near Freedom; migrated to Iowa in 1876; resides at Forest City, Iowa); one son, Lester Dee (b. Aug. 24, 1899, Victor, Iowa; m. June 28, 1928, to Lela May Wolf, Iowa). For marriage record of June Ringler to William Roscoe Prewitt, see Marriage Record Book G, p. 76, Iowa City, Iowa.

Sanford—b. Jan. 20, 1876; m. Jan. 26, 1904, to Frances Brown, Kirksville, Missouri.

Wilford Peele—b. Sept. 14, 1777; d. Oct. 17, 1934; buried at Waverly, Iowa; m. Jan. 31, 1906, Bremer Co., Iowa, to Anna Donlon (dau. Michael and Anna Cummings Donlon); children: Hazelton, Edith, Donald.

Edith—b. July 29, 1880; m. Mar. 10, 1903; in Iowa Co., Iowa, to Orval G. Eben (b. Mar. 9, 1880 in Iowa Co.); one dau. Evelyn Charlotte (b. June 9, 1908, in Two Harbors, Minnesota; m. Oct. 2, 1934, to Morris B. Toreyson, at Duluth).