

## Valentine Hollingsworth



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Born: 15 Aug 1632 Ireland

Married: Ann Calvert

Died: 13 Oct 1700 Delaware, USA

Parents: Henry Hollingsworth & Catherine Cornish

Valentine Hollingsworth, Sr. immigrated to America in 1682 with his family, son-in-law, Thomas Connaway (Conoway) and an indentured servant, John Musgrave sailing in the ship "Antelope" from Belfast for the Delaware River. According to The Hollingsworth Chronicles, he arrived one month before William Penn arrived on the ship "Welcome." He knew Penn in Ireland.

He settled on a plantation of about 1,000 acres on Shelpot Creek in Brandywine Hundred New Castle County, now Delaware County about five miles northwest of the present city of Wilmington, Delaware and not far from Port Chrisain or Christiana of the Swedes.

A member of the Society of Friends, the monthly meeting was established by the Quakers in the area and usually held at Hollingsworth House. In 1687, he donated 1/2 acre of land for "ye purpose, there being already friends buried in the spot." The area soon became known as New Works or New Ark, now the city of Newark, Delaware.

He was a member of the First Assembly of the Province of Pennsylvania, shortly after William Penn's advent, that of 1682-83 and a member of the Grand Inquest empaneled October 15, 1683 to consider the case of Charles Pickering and others charged with counterfeiting. He served in several subsequent sessions of the Assembly, those of 1687, 88, 95 and 1700 from New Castle County. He was Justice of the Peace in that same county.

He was a signer of the Penn's Great Chareter and a member of PraProvincial Counsel (?). Upon his death in 1711, he was buried in the New Ark Burying Ground, previously donated by him.

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VALENTINE HOLLINGSWORTH, son of Henry Hollingsworth, of Belleniskcrannell, Parish of Segoe, County Armagh, Ireland, and Catharine, his wife, was born at Belleniskcrannell, "about the sixth month in the yeare 1632"; was married 4 Mo. 7, 1655, to Ann Ree, daughter of Nicholas Ree, of Tanderagee, County Armagh. She was born about 1628, at Tanderagee, and died 2 Mo. 1, 1671. He then was married a second time, 4 Mo. 12, 1672, to Ann Calvert, daughter of Thomas Calvert, of Dromgora, Parish of Segoe, County Armagh, and Jane his wife. The following is a copy of the marriage certificate:

"This is to certifie the truth to all people that Valentine Hollenworth 3 in ye psh of Segoe in ye county of Armagh, and Anne Calvert of the same psh having intentions of marriage according to the ordinance of God, and Gods joining, Did lay it before mens meeting before whom their marriage being propounded, then ye meeting desired them to wait some time, wch they did, so the meeting making inquiry between the times whether ye man be free from all other women, and the woman free from all other men, and so the second time they comeing before the mens meeting, all things being found clear, so they being left to their freedome. A meeting of the people of god being appointed and assembled together at the house of Marke Wright, in the psh of Shankell the twelfth day of the fourth month in ye yeare 1672 whene they tooke one another in marriage in the presence of god and of his people according to ye law of god, & we are witnesses of the same whose names are hereunto subscribed ye day and yeare aforesaid

VAL: HOLENGWORTH  
ANNE HOLENGWORTH  
1672.

ffrancis Robson Hugh Stamper Roger Webb Robert Hoop Michael Staise  
Tho. Wederall Will dixon William Williams George Hodgshon Will pearson  
Marke Wright Timo: kirk Rob Chambers Antho. Dixon Jo: Calvert Jam: Harison  
Nic: Harison John Wright James Bradshaw Tho: Calvert fergus Softly dina Kirke  
Chris: Hillery dorothy Hillery Elis: Gnus Alice Williams An. Bradshaw debora Kirk  
Alice Wright Mary Walker"

Page 85, Marriage Book of Lurgan Monthly Meeting.

The records of this family in Ireland are from the registers of Lurgan Meeting, County Armagh.

**Valentine Hollingsworth** (Quaker) was born August 6, 1632 at Ballyvickcannel, (Belleniskcrannell) Parish of (Leago) Seago, Co. Armaugh, Ireland (Birth & Death Record Book, of Lurgan Quaker Monthly Meeting) He died CA 1711 in New Castle, Delaware, and was buried at the Newark Monthly Meeting Burying Ground. He was the son of **Henry Hollingsworth & wife Kathryn \_\_\_\_\_** of Bellevickcannel, Parish of Seago, Co. Armagh, Ireland

Valentine married June 7, 1655 in Ireland to Wife #1 Ann Rea (Wray), by whom he had the following children:

Mary 1656, (M) Thomas Conway; #2 Ralph Malin;  
Henry 1658, (M) Lydia Atkinson;  
Thomas 1661, (M) Margaret Calvert;  
Catherine, 1663, (M) George Robinson.

**Valentine Hollingsworth** married his second wife **Ann Calvert**, June 12, 1672, at Drumgar, in Ireland, daughter of Thomas Calvert & Jane Glasford. Ann was born 1650 Kilwarling, Co. Down, Ireland, and died Oct 17, 1697 New Castle, Del (Newark MM)

Valentine Hollingsworth's family came to Philadelphia, in 1682 on the ship "The Antelope", (which arrived Dec. 10, 1682 on the Delaware River, Edward Cooke, master, from Belfast) settling on a 965 acre grant called New Worke, in what is now New Castle Co, Del. granted by William Penn in Brandywine Hundred on Shelpot Crk. (Warrant Oct. 10, 1681-Survey Dec. 27, 1682) He was founder of the Hollingsworth family in America. William Penn had arrived a little earlier on the ship "Welcome".

From the first page of Concord Monthly Meeting Minute book...

"At a Monthly Meeting held at Chichester ye 9th. of ye 4th month, 1684, Whereas Thomas Moore came and desired assistance of the meeting to lend him something toward the building of him a house ye meeting consider- ing his poverty hath agreed to do it and subscribe as followeth ..." Among the nine Subscribers names was Valentine Hollingsworth.

He was founder of the Newark Monthly Meeting and an elder from 1686 to 1710. In 1687 he gave a half acre for a meeting house and burial ground. He was a member of the first Pennsylvania Assembly in 1683, and signed William Penn's Great Charter. He was an Assembly member again in 1687, 1688, 1689, 1695, and 1700. Valentine was a Justice of the Peace in New Castle Co., from 1694-1688. He was also a member of the Grand Inquest empaneled Oct. 24, 1683, to consider the famous case of Charles Pickering, etal, charged with counterfeiting

Valentine Hollingsworth & wife Ann Calvert are both buried @ Newark MM, Delaware.

Children of Valentine & Ann Calvert **Hollingsworth:**

1. **Samuel** (See Above) Born March 27, 1673, Co. Armaugh, Ireland Died: Nov, 1748, Birmingham T/S, Chester Co, Pa.

(M) **Hannah Harlan** June 8, 1701 New Castle, Del

2. Enoch Born August 7, 1685, Ireland Died: 1687 Del.

3. Valentine, Jr. Born Jan 12, 1677 Ireland, Died 1757 North Carolina (Will)  
(M) Elizabeth Heald 1713 Kennett MM Chester Co, Pa

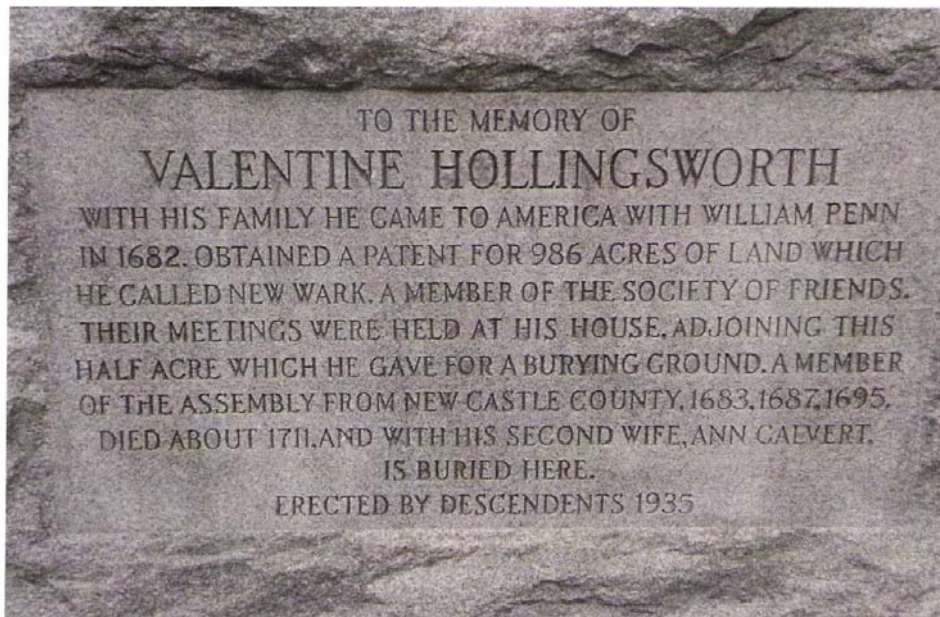
4. Ann Born 1680 Ireland Died: Oct 26, 1712  
(M) James Thompson, Sept 3, 1700 New Salem, N.J

5. John Born April 19, 1684 New Castle, Del. Died: Aug. 1722 New Castle, Del.  
(M) Catherine Tyler, Mar. 25, 1706 (after his death, she remarried, went to NC)

Information from online research at: Ancestry.com



Newark (Union) Meeting House, with Union Cemetery around it. Valentine Hollingsworth donated the first quarter acre of land for use as a cemetery. Photo courtesy of Randy Hollingsworth



**Quakers regarded grave markers as 'ostentatious' so when W. Fifth street was developed in the late 1800's, no traces of the burying ground would have been visible. Newark which had an earlier burying ground became Newark Union Methodist church, with burials and gravestones. The founder of the Newark church, Valentine Hollingsworth was memorialized by his descendents**

## Selected Extracts from Newark-Kennet Monthly Meeting, New Castle Co, Del. -Hinshaw

1687 \_\_\_ 9th mo The Monthly Meeting being held at **Valentine Hollingsworths** orders Cornelius Empson and Henry Hollingsworth to go to Whitely Creek and see what order their meeting is in. Henry Hollingsworth having laid his intention of going for Ireland before this meeting, Cornelius Empson and George Harlan is ordered to inquire of his clearness as in relation to marriage & to make their answer to ye next monthly meeting.

1687 \_\_\_ 11th mo The Monthly Meeting being held at Morgan Druets. It ordered by ffrinds at this meeting that the monthly meeting is to be held at **Valentine Hollingsworths** for ye convenience of ffrinds living on the other side of Brandywine & ye frist day following the meeting to be there likewise till farther considerations. **Valentine Hollingsworth** hath freely given into ffrinds for \_\_\_ burying place half an acre of land for ye purpose, there being some already buried in yet spot. Ffreinds have rrefured fencing of it till ye next meeting.

1687 3td day 1 mo. The Monthly Meeting being held at Valentine Hollingsworth \_\_\_ considered on about fencing in ye burying place at Valentines and was agreed upon yt is should be defered for one month longer.... The Meeting appoints William Stockdate, Valentine Hollingsworth & Cornelius Empson or any two of them to speak to Edward Gibbs **concerning his diorderly walking** & give an acctt to the next Quarterly meeting at New Castle, etc.

1689 \_\_\_ day 10th mo The monthly Meeting being held at Valentine Hollingsworth appoints a meeting to be held at New Castle ye first first day after every Quarter Sessions to be held at Edward Blakes. Cornelius Empson & Elizabeth Sanderson signifying their intentions of marriage to mens & womens meeting which being taken into serious consideration. Could in no wise be joynd with by ye meeting by reason of their **nearness of kin**, she being **his former wifes own sister. etc**

1689/10 1st day 1st mo The Monthly Meeting being held at Valentine Hollingsworths forasmuch as **Cornelius Empson** hath proceeded contrary to ye or \_\_\_ Trith & ye advice of ffrinds in marrying his **late wifes own Sister**. It is therefore ye judgment of this meeting yt he ought not be Commeted amoug us any more in our mans meeting untill he give Satisfaction for his so doing & cleareth ye truth & untill then ffrinds have with drew the meeting from his house. Morgan Druet & George Harlan are desired by ye meeting to give Cornelius Empsons to give him ye sence of ye meeting and of the proceedings s aforesaid. The Meeting desires Val Hollingsworth to speak to his sone. ...We likewise of ye womens meeting do unanimously agree to and with ye proceedings of ye mans meeting concerning ye default of Cornelius Empson & we do likewise disown having any unity with his wife in our meeting untill she clear the Truth & acknowledge her error.

1693 7th day 8th mo. The Mo Meeting held at Thomas Hollingswoth, this meeting (appoints?) **Valentine Hollingsworth** & Cornelius Empson to give their attend on ye Quarterly Meetng at Chester.

1694 \_\_\_ day 7th mo The Mo Meeting held at Thomas Hollingsworth orders Morgan Druet and **Saml Hollingsworth** to give their attendance to the Yearly Meeting at Burlington.