Descendants of Thomas Holman b1400

Generation 1
1. Thomas Holman-1. He was born Abt. 1400 [1].

1. Thomas Holman and unknown spouse. They had 1 child.

2. i. Thomas Holman [2]. He was born 1425 in Wolkested [2]. He died 1487 in Wolknestead [2].

Generation 2
2. Thomas Holman-2 (Thomas Holman-1) [2]. He was born 1425 in Wolkested [2]. He died 1487 in Wolknestead [2].

Joan [2].

Thomas Holman and Joan. They had 1 child.

3. i. Thomas Holman [2, 2]. He was born 1450 in Bidborough [3, 2]. He died 1527 [3, 2].

Generation 3
3. Thomas Holman-3 (Thomas Holman-2, Thomas Holman-1) [3, 2]. He was born 1450 in Bidborough [3, 2]. He died 1527 [3, 2].

3. Thomas Holman and unknown spouse. They had 1 child.

4. i. Richard Holman [4, 3]. He was born 1505 in Godstone, Surrey, England [4, 3]. He died 1542 [4, 3].

Generation 4
4. Richard Holman-4 (Thomas Holman-3, Thomas Holman-2, Thomas Holman-1) [4, 3]. He was born 1505 in Godstone, Surrey, England [4, 3]. He died 1542 [4, 3].

Isabell Baxter [4]. She was born 1505 in Burstow Park, Surrey, England [4].

Richard Holman and Isabell Baxter. They had 8 children.

5. i. Richard Holman [4]. He was born 1540 in Godstone, Surrey, England, United Kingdom [4]. He married Audrey Cole. They were married 1567 in Godstone, Surrey, England, United Kingdom. He died on 19 Nov 1596 in Seal [4].

ii. Catherine Holman [3].

iii. Anne Holman [3].

iv. George Holman [3]. He was born 1542 [3].

v. William Senior Holman [3].

vi. Dionis Holman [3].
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Generation 4 (con't)

vii. Dionis Holman [3].

viii. Ewen Holman [3]. He was born 1541 [3].

Generation 5

5. Richard Holman-5 (Richard Holman-4, Thomas Holman-3, Thomas Holman-2, Thomas Holman-1) [4]. He was born 1540 in Godstone, Surrey, England, United Kingdom [4]. He died on 19 Nov 1596 in Seal [4].

Audrey Cole. She was born 1540 in Godstone, Surrey, England, United Kingdom.

Richard Holman and Audrey Cole. They were married 1567 in Godstone, Surrey, England, United Kingdom. They had 9 children.

6. i. Edward Holman. He was born 1564. He married Joanne. They were married 1594.

7. ii. George Holman [4, 5]. He was born 1559 [4, 5]. He married Alice Staper. They were married on 14 Nov 1574 in Saint Mary Woolchurch Haw, London [5]. He died on 11 Aug 1619 [4, 5].

iii. Mary Holman [4]. She was born 1568 [4].

iv. Richard Holman [4]. He was born 1552 in Titsey, Surrey, England [4].

v. Henry Holman [4]. He was born 1563 [4].

vi. Anne Holman [4]. She was born 1573 [4].

vii. Arthur Holman [4]. He was born 1573 [4].

viii. Geoffrey Holman [4]. He was born 1573 [4].

ix. Anthony Holman [4]. He was born 1565 [4].

Generation 6

6. Edward Holman-6 (Richard Holman-5, Richard Holman-4, Thomas Holman-3, Thomas Holman-2, Thomas Holman-1). He was born 1564.

Joanne. She was born 1574.

Edward Holman and Joanne. They were married 1594. They had 5 children.

8. i. William Holman. He was born 1603.

ii. Robert Holman.

iii. Edward Holman.
Descendants of Thomas Holman b1400

Generation 6 (con't)

iv. George Holman.

v. Grace Holman.

7. George Holman-6 (Richard Holman-5, Richard Holman-4, Thomas Holman-3, Thomas Holman-2, Thomas Holman-1) [4, 5]. He was born 1559 [4, 5]. He died on 11 Aug 1619 [4, 5].

Alice Staper [5].

George Holman and Alice Staper. They were married on 14 Nov 1574 in Saint Mary Woolchurch Haw, London [5]. They had 5 children.

i. Audrey Holman [5]. She was born 1581 [5].

ii. Christian Holman [5]. He was born 1575 in Saint Benet Fink, London [5].

iii. Roland Holman [5]. He was born 1577 [5].

iv. Richard Holman [5]. He was born 1580 [5].

v. Edward Holman [5]. He was born 1582 [5].

Jane Young [5].

George Holman and Jane Young. They were married on 02 Jun 1583 in Saint Peter Cornhill, London [5]. They had 9 children.

i. Philip Holman [5]. He was born 1593 in Saint Benet Fink, London [6].

ii. Alexander Holman [5]. He was born 1587 in Saint Benet Fink, London [5].

iii. Jane Holman [5]. She was born 1588 in Saint Benet Fink, London [6].

iv. Gregory Holman [5]. He was born 1582 in Saint Benet Fink, London [5].

v. Sigismund Holman [5]. He was born 1586 in Saint Benet Fink, London [5].

vi. Catherine Holman [5]. She was born 1589 in Saint Benet Fink, London [5].

vii. Robert Holman [5]. He was born 1591 [5].

viii. Joseph Holman [5]. He was born 1594 [5].

ix. Elias Holman [5]. He was born 1596 [5].

Generation 7

8. William Holman-7 (Edward Holman-6, Richard Holman-5, Richard Holman-4, Thomas Holman-3, Thomas Holman-2, Thomas Holman-1). He was born 1603.
8. William Holman and unknown spouse. They had 2 children.
   i. Lingfield Holmans [6].
   ii. Cambourne Holmans.

9. Lingfield Holmans-8 (William Holman-7, Edward Holman-6, Richard Holman-5, Richard Holman-4, Thomas Holman-3, Thomas Holman-2, Thomas Holman-1) [6].

9. Lingfield Holmans and unknown spouse. They had 1 child.
   10. i. Thomas Holman [7, 6]. He was born 1717 in Godstone, Surrey, England [7, 6]. He married Mary Chauntler. They were married on 20 May 1744 in Godstone, Surrey, England, United Kingdom.

10. Thomas Holman-9 (Lingfield Holmans-8, William Holman-7, Edward Holman-6, Richard Holman-5, Richard Holman-4, Thomas Holman-3, Thomas Holman-2, Thomas Holman-1) [7, 6]. He was born 1717 in Godstone, Surrey, England [7, 6].

   Mary Chauntler [7]. She was born 1719 in Godstone, Surrey, England [7].

   Thomas Holman and Mary Chauntler. They were married on 20 May 1744 in Godstone, Surrey, England, United Kingdom. They had 5 children.

   11. i. John Holman. He was born on 23 Sep 1745 in Godstone, Surrey, England, United Kingdom [7]. He married Elizabeth Leopard. They were married on 20 May 1771 in West Hoathly, Sussex.
      ii. William Holman [6]. He was born on 16 Dec 1753 in Crowhurst, SY [6].
      iii. Anne Holman [6]. She was born on 24 May 1747 in Crowhurst [6].
      iv. Mary Holman [6]. She was born on 07 Aug 1751 in Crowhurst [6].
      v. Eliza Holman [6]. She was born on 25 May 1758 in Crowhurst [6].

11. John Holman-10 (Thomas Holman-9, Lingfield Holmans-8, William Holman-7, Edward Holman-6, Richard Holman-5, Richard Holman-4, Thomas Holman-3, Thomas Holman-2, Thomas Holman-1). He was born on 23 Sep 1745 in Godstone, Surrey, England, United Kingdom [7].

   Elizabeth Leopard is the daughter of Richard Leppard and Elizabeth Comber. Christening 01 Feb 1745/46 in West Hoathly, Sussex. She was born 01 Feb 1745/46 in Ardingly, Sussex, England.

   John Holman and Elizabeth Leopard. They were married on 20 May 1771 in West Hoathly, Sussex. They had 6 children.
Descendants of Thomas Holman b1400

Generation 10 (con't)

12. i. **John Hollman Leopard.** He was born on 16 Jul 1769. He died on 27 Jul 1841 [7, 8, 9].

   ii. **Thomas Holman** [7]. He was born on 02 Jul 1775 in Lingfield, Surrey, England [7]. He died 1841 in Dormans Land Lingfield [7].

   iii. **William Holman** [7]. He was born on 11 Apr 1784 in Lingfield, Surrey, England [7].

   iv. **Mary Holman** [7]. She was born on 24 May 1771 in Lingfield, Surrey, England [7].

   v. **Hannah Holman** [7]. She was born on 15 Jun 1788 in Lingfield, Surrey, England [7].

   vi. **Elizabeth Holman Homewood** [7]. She was born 1780 [7].

Generation 11

12. **John Hollman Leopard**-11 (John Holman-10, Thomas Holman-9, Lingfield Holmans-8, William Holman-7, Edward Holman-6, Richard Holman-5, Richard Holman-4, Thomas Holman-3, Thomas Holman-2, Thomas Holman-1). He was born on 16 Jul 1769. He died on 27 Jul 1841 [7, 8, 9].

   **Martha Skinner** [8, 9, 10]. She was born 1783. She died on 22 Feb 1857 in Ightham, Kent, England [8, 9, 10].

   John Hollman Leopard and Martha Skinner. They had 9 children.

      i. **Hannah Hollman.** She was born 1804.

      ii. **Elizabeth Hollman.** She was born 1806.

13. iii. **William Hollman.** He was born on 08 Jul 1809. He married Sarah Frances Wooldridge. They were married 1832 [10]. He died on 07 Jun 1875 in Upper Lewes Rd, Brighton [10, 11].

14. iv. **John Hollman** [8]. He was born 1812 in Lingfield, Surrey, England, United Kingdom. He married Caroline. They were married 1847 [8].

15. v. **Thomas Holman.** He was born 1814. He married Philadelphia Pointer. They were married on 27 Jan 1834 in Plaxtol Church [9].

      vi. **James Hollman.** He was born 1818.

      vii. **Martha Hollman.** She was born 1819.

      viii. **Mary Hollman.** She was born 1821.

      ix. **George Hollman.** He was born 1823.

Generation 12

**Sarah Frances Wooldridge** [10, 11]. She was born on 21 Mar 1813 in Kirdford, Sussex, England [10, 11]. She died on 06 Dec 1880 in Brighton [10, 11].

William Hollman and Sarah Frances Wooldridge. They were married 1832 [10]. They had 8 children.

i. **James Holman** [10]. He was born on 17 Feb 1840 in Brighton [10]. He died on 28 Apr 1928 in Kilburn, London [10].

16. ii. **William Holman** [10, 11]. He was born on 31 Dec 1833 in Brighton [10, 11]. He married Elizabeth Rook. They were married 1856 in Brighton, Sussex, England, United Kingdom [11]. He died on 31 Jul 1911 in Hunt St, Salida, Colorado, USA [10, 11].

iii. **George Holman** [10]. He was born on 16 Feb 1838 in Brighton, Sussex, England [10]. He died on 07 Dec 1923 in Kilburn, Ldn [10].

iv. **Mary Catherine Holman** [10]. She was born on 13 May 1853 in Brighton [10]. She died on 17 Mar 1941 in Brighton [10].

v. **Douglas Holman** [10]. He was born on 07 Jun 1844 in Brighton [10]. He died on 03 Jul 1935 in Centurian Rd, Brighton [10].

vi. **Sarah Holman** [10]. She was born on 17 Jan 1842 in Pyecombe, Sussex, England [10]. She died 1919 in Brighton [10].

vii. **Martha Holman** [10]. She was born on 17 Jul 1836 in Brighton [10].

viii. **Susan Elizabeth Holman** [10]. She was born 1847 [10].


**Caroline** [8]. She was born 1816 in Ightham [8]. She died on 08 Jan 1887 in Ightham, Kent, England [8].

John Hollman and Caroline. They were married 1847 [8]. They had 4 children.

i. **Hannah Holman** [8]. She was born on 11 Mar 1854 in Ightham [8]. She died on 30 Jun 1861 in Ightham, Kent, England [8].

ii. **Joseph Holman** [8]. He was born 1852 in Seal [8]. He died in Redwell Hamlet, Ightham [8].

iii. **Edward Holman** [8]. He was born 1850 in Ightham [8].

iv. **John Robert Holman** [8]. He was born 1848 in Ightham [8].
Anne [8]. She died 1841 [8].

John Hollman and Anne. They were married 1833 in Conjectural [8]. They had 3 children.

i. Mary Holman [8]. She was born 1837 in Ightham [8].

ii. William Holman. He was born on 01 May 1836 in Ightham, Kent, England.

17. iii. James Holman [12, 13]. He was born on 25 Feb 1834 in Ightham, Kent, England. He married Mary Banfield. They were married on 01 Dec 1866 in Ightham, Kent, England. Residence 1891 in Ightham, Kent, England [12].


Philadelphia Pointer [9]. She was born on 17 Sep 1810 in Shipsbourne [9]. She died on 28 Mar 1855 in Ightham, Kent, England [9].

Thomas Holman and Philadelphia Pointer. They were married on 27 Jan 1834 in Plaxtol Church [9]. They had 9 children.

i. William Holman [9]. He was born on 22 Aug 1841 in Ightham [9]. He died 1909 [9].

ii. James Holman [9]. He was born on 03 Feb 1851 in Ightham, Kent, England [9]. He died 1907 [9].

iii. John Holman [9]. He was born on 19 Apr 1846 in Ightham [9]. He died in George [9].

iv. George Henry Holman [9]. He was born on 19 Apr 1846 in Ightham [9]. He died in John [9].

v. Mary Holman [9]. She was born on 03 Dec 1848 in Ightham [9].

vi. Hannah Holman [9]. She was born on 24 Mar 1839 in Ightham [9].

vii. Martha Holman [9]. She was born on 02 Apr 1837 in Ightham [9].

viii. Ann Philadelphia Holman [9]. She was born on 08 Apr 1855 in Ightham [9].

ix. Thomas Holman [9]. He was born on 11 Jan 1835 in Ightham [9].

Sophia Palmer [9]. She was born 1832 in Sophia Ashby [9]. She died 1916 [9].

Thomas Holman and Sophia Palmer. They were married on 18 Mar 1867 in Ightham, Kent, England [9]. They had 3 children.

i. Ruth Holman [9]. She was born on 12 Dec 1869 in Ightham, Kent, England [9]. She died 1876 [9].

ii. Clara Holman [9]. She was born on 14 Jul 1867 in Ightham, Kent, England [9].
iii. Ada Holman\textsuperscript{[9]}. She was born on 15 Nov 1872 in Ightham\textsuperscript{[9]}.

\textbf{Generation 13}

16. \textbf{William Holman-13} (William Hollman-12, John Hollman Leopard-11, John Holman-10, Thomas Holman-9, Lingfield Holmans-8, William Holman-7, Edward Holman-6, Richard Holman-5, Richard Holman-4, Thomas Holman-3, Thomas Holman-2, Thomas Holman-1)\textsuperscript{[10, 11]}. He was born on 31 Dec 1833 in Brighton\textsuperscript{[10, 11]}. He died on 31 Jul 1911 in Hunt St, Salida, Colorado, USA\textsuperscript{[10, 11]}.

\textbf{Elizabeth Rook} is the daughter of John Rook and Mary Wooldridge\textsuperscript{[11]}. She was born on 15 Nov 1837 in Patching, Sussex, England\textsuperscript{[11]}. She died on 15 Jun 1923 in Salida, Chaffee, Colorado, USA\textsuperscript{[11]}.

Notes for Elizabeth Rook:

General Notes:

The Story of Jane Rook
(including references to supporting documents)

Jane Rook was the eldest of the three daughters of William and Sarah Rook (nee Munnery) and was born a few miles north west of the village of Henfield, in the even smaller Sussex village of West Grinstead.

Her actual birth date is unknown, but she was baptised at West Grinstead Parish Church on 28th August 1814.

Her eldest brother William and youngest sister Elizabeth died in infancy (6th April 1811 & 5th June 1820) and each had a commemorative stone placed over their graves. Although the extensive text of those stones has been well documented, the memorials themselves disappeared long ago and subsequently became the paving that provided the footpath to the church.

The texts read:

\begin{center}
William Rook  
Since God to take my child sought fit, I'll be content to part with it,  
Because I know his heavenly grace, Will fit it for a better place.
\end{center}

\begin{center}
Elizabeth Rook  
Dear friends why should you mourn for me, I am but where you soon must be.
\end{center}

Jane’s father, William Rook came from the village of Chalton on the Hampshire - Sussex border and rose to become a senior servant in a big household in the West Grinstead area. He frequently travelled with that family to their other address in the City of London and it is strongly suspected (but not proven) that his employer in West Grinstead was Sir William Burrell, who at that time was not only a great collector of art and antiquities, was also the governor of The Bank of England.

William Rook married Sarah Munnery at St Mary-le-Bone, Marylebone, London on 3rd July 1809. His new wife, Sarah was also from West Grinstead and it is highly probable that she too was in service with the same family. The two witnesses at the ceremony were Sarah’s youngest sister, Anne Munnery and a William Robinson.

In 1833, Jane, the 19 year old daughter of William & Sarah gave birth to a base born son James who was probably the son of Thomas Chart of Shipley who she later married. The marriage
ceremony took place at St. Nicholas Church in Brighton on 25th October 1834 and was witnessed by her father’s close friend, Jasper Bates and Jane’s younger sister, Mary Anne Rook.

Between them, Jane and Thomas had two more children, Elizabeth baptised in West Grinstead on 13th September 1835 and Thomas who was born circa 1837.

Jane’s husband Thomas died on 22nd January 1838 and was subsequently buried in the cemetery surrounding Shipley church. A memorial stone still marks his burial plot. A little over two years later, Jane’s mother Sarah also died in West Grinstead and was buried in the churchyard there on 29th July 1840. There is no headstone to record where Sarah now lies.

On the 1841 census, the widow Jane Rook appeared amongst an extensive and predominantly male agricultural labour force residing in a barn at Church Farm, Shoreham. The nature of employment of all the men has been well defined in the census but it carries no indication of the duties Jane was performing.

Jane’s 5 year old daughter Elizabeth also appears in the 1841 census, but she was some distance away from her mother in West Grinstead, staying with the Philpot family who are not thought to be related.

Elizabeth died whilst still quite young and her name was added to the tombstone that marked her father’s grave in Shipley cemetery. As already stated, that stone still stands.

Although widowed, by 1843 Jane produced a second illegitimate child who she called William Chart. He was placed in the care of her brother John Rook’s family and both the 1851 and the 1861 census confirm that he remained with them in Brighton until he was at least 15 years old. Like his cousins, William went on to work on the Brighton railway. Later he married Millicent Every (Brighton 1866) and the couple had 7 children. The extensive line from this side of the family leads all the way down to Denise Holder who is now in Australia. Denise has researched the life of William and his descendants and fuller details can be found in a separate document.

It is only supposition, but Jane may have had another base born child for by 1851 a William Douglas Cooper born to a ‘Jane Cooper’ is also shown living at the Rook’s Brighton address in St John’s Place. He was initially placed with his aunt Mary Rook but was brought up later by her married sister Sarah Holman. William appeared with the Holmans on the 1861 census and eventually took the name, Douglas Holman. He became a carpenter and remained unmarried until his death in Centurion Street, Brighton.

In 1851, Jane, aged 36, reappeared as one of the many house servants of Eleanor Rohder at 63, Southend, Croydon, Surrey. (HO107/1601 Folio 134 Page 53)

On 5th February 1854, Jane’s father, William Rook, died at the Red Lion in Ashington where he had been living with his youngest daughter Mary Ann, her husband Charles Shepherd and their three children. His body was then transported back to West Grinstead to be buried alongside his late wife Sarah.

By 1861, Jane’s sister May Ann had also died and Jane had stepped into her sister’s shoes taking on general duties at the Red Lion, Ashington, and caring for her widowed brother in law, Charles Shepherd and his family.

On 4th March 1868, Jane and her late sister’s husband Charles Shepherd got married, giving her brother John’s widow Mary Rook’s home at 17 Edinburgh Road as their Brighton address. The wedding took place at Brighton Registry Office with Jane’s widowed sister in law, Mary Rook and Mary’s married daughter Frances (nee Rook) Hodges appearing as witnesses. Jane and Charles then returned to the Red Lion Ashington and can be found there on the 1871 census.
By the 1881 census, Jane had once again become a widow and had taken on the licence of the Red Lion in Ashington. She shared the accommodation with her step daughters/nieces and their families. It was also noted from that census that her niece Ellen had already had 3 husbands by then, all of whom had died within a few years of their marriage. Source: FHL Film 1341262
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On both the 1891 and 1901 censuses Jane can still be found as the inn-keeper of the Red Lion. Still living with her were her step daughters/nieces and their families.

Jane died in the December ¼ of 1902.

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The Story of Elizabeth Rook
(including references to supporting documents)

Elizabeth Rook, the eldest daughter of John and Mary Rook (nee Wooldridge) was born in the small Sussex village of Patching, just west of Worthing. Her parents came from West Grinstead and Kirdford in Sussex.

According to the Salida Mail, Colorado, USA, her birth date was 15 November 1837, but this was a year out. Her birth is recorded in Worthing records in November 1838 and her baptism was in Patching Parish Church on 9th December 1838.

On the 1841 census she can be found in the Sussex village of Patching and is recorded there with her parents and siblings. That document affirms her parent’s names and informs us that she had two brothers, William born circa 1833, John born circa 1835 and a baby sister Frances born February 1841. Her father was a farm servant within that parish, although Frances’ birth certificate and subsequent children’s baptisms all have him as a gardener.

Within a few years (perhaps due to their father’s ill health) the family had moved back to Brighton where John & Mary had originally married. Their wedding had been at St Nicholas Church on Christmas day 1833.

The marriage entry in the parish register affirms that Mary’s maiden name was Wooldridge and it was noted that Mary’s brother Francis Wooldridge appeared as one of the witnesses.

On 20 February 1846, Elizabeth’s father died of Phthisis (Tuberculosis) at the family address of 20 St John’s Place, Brighton. A Sarah Lanes of the Brighton workhouse was also present at the time of death. It was at this address that two further children (Henry, born 1st April 1843 and Mary Catherine circa 1846) were recorded as having come into the family. Their joint baptisms, which took place in St. Nicholas Church on 28th June1846, were conducted alongside another youngster who also came to live with them. He was Elizabeth Rook’s cousin, William Chart, an illegitimate son of John Rook’s widowed sister Jane.

The family then fell on hard times and resorted to the parish workhouse for financial support and relief.

Although virtually all the records are mysteriously missing from that workhouse then in Dyke Road, Brighton, an 1846 document found amongst the British Parliamentary Papers does record that relief was paid to Mrs Mary Rook and her six children, the cost being jointly met by the Sussex parishes of Horsham (close to Kirdford where Mary Rook nee Wooldridge was born) and their late father John’s parish of West Grinstead.

Although Elizabeth’s youngest sister, Mary Catherine Rook, died on 29 July 1848, the 1851 census shows that the family still remained in St John’s Place, Brighton. By then they had moved to number 13. (PRO Ref HO107/1645 Folio 250) Twelve year old Elizabeth Rook, was however,
missing from the family group but was eventually found as a servant living with Joseph Petiet, a painter and decorator at 2 Grove Cottage, next to the Allen Arms in Lewes Road, Brighton.
Mistakenly, her parish of birth was recorded as being in the Sussex village of Patcham rather than Patching. (PRO Ref HO 107 / 1645 Folio 425)

On 28th of June 1856, when still only 18 and living at 13 London Street, Brighton, Elizabeth Rook married her cousin William Holman, at St. Nicholas Church Brighton. William’s parents were a former railway signalman & policeman, William Holman senior and Sarah Holman (nee Wooldridge) her mother’s younger sister. By marrying William Holman Junior, Elizabeth, who was already Sarah’s niece also became her daughter in law.

On the 1861 census William & Elizabeth Holman can be found living at 31 London Street Brighton. By then William had become an Iron Plate Worker in the local railway factory and the couple had 3 children. Amy F (recorded as Annie F) aged 3, Frank George aged 2, and Ada Mary then aged 1 month. Ada Mary died in August 1862. Also living with her Holman family at that time was Elizabeth’s mother Mary Rook, her brother John and her aunt Jane’s illegitimate son William Chart. On the same page of the 1861 census at 29 London Street, were William Holman’s parents (William & Sarah) and his younger brothers and sisters.

By the time of the 1871 census, William and Elizabeth Holman had moved to 29 Caledonian Road, Brighton. Amy, Frank and a new son, Harry/Henry William aged 7 were also with them. The accommodation was shared with Elizabeth’s younger brother Henry Rook (a railway shunter) and his family. Elizabeth’s brother John and her sister Frances Rook had married by then. John married his widowed cousin Susan(ah) Knight (nee Wooldridge) and Frances married an Edward Hodges. Two years later Elizabeth’s widowed mother, Mary Rook also remarried, her new husband was Elias Hodges, her daughter Frances’ father in law.

William Holman (who had now progressed to being a boilermaker at the local railway works) and Elizabeth’s last appearance in local records was on the 1881 census at 2 Winchester Street, then in the adjoining parish of Preston. Later, Preston was engrossed into Brighton.

In the early 1880s William and Elizabeth decided to go to the USA, and had their photographs taken by William Prudden of 19 Tidy Street, Brighton so that they could leave copies of their likenesses with relatives as family keepsakes. They then left Brighton, making their way to the USA aboard the SS Bordeaux on route from Antwerp, and arrived in New Orleans on 19th April 1884. The passenger list shows William and Elizabeth, but has Amy as a male engineer aged 25. This error leads me to suspect that Frank and Harry were also with the family but the transcriber has missed two lines and confused the name Amy with Harry.

The Holman’s final destination was supposed to be Dallas, but somehow they ended up in Salida, Chaffee County, Colorado. What drew them to that particular location is unknown, but perhaps the close proximity of a thriving railway industry had something to do with it. It was known that Pullman trains were being imported in sections from the USA and assembled in Brighton, so it could have been that it was here that William found an outlet for the expertise he gained at Brighton’s railway Works.

It was in Salida and Grand Junction USA that their children eventually married. Amy Holman to George B Robinson and Frank George to Mary Ann Davis. Nothing has yet been discovered about what happened to Henry (or Harry) W Holman. A photograph exists showing the couple and probably their daughter Amy on the porch of their house in Salida. Although a century has subjected the property to a marginal change, several contacts in the town have positively identified this as 215 Hunt Street, Salida.

An undated letter written from Pocatello by William to his brother Frank indicates that perhaps as part of a late middle age crisis or a basic wanderlust, at one stage the Holmans left their married
children behind and went off to explore the country, travelling through New Mexico, Colorado Springs, Lima in Montanna and Jackson Hole. Eventually they returned to Salida to become highly respected members of the local community. For example, it cannot just be coincidence that today one of the major arteries of Salida is Holman Avenue.

William died in Salida on 30th July 1911 and his wife Elizabeth (nee Rook) was to follow him on 15th June 1923. Both are buried in Block 13 in section G of Fairview cemetery, Salida. At the time, extensive obituaries for both of them were published in the Salida Mail (now the Mountain Mail) which recorded the family as coming from Brighton, England. In Elizabeth’s case, her origins in the more humble rural village of Patching where she was born were overlooked, presumably the paper referred to Brighton in order to give the local populous a slightly better geographical focus on the family’s origins.

Elizabeth’s rise from rural obscurity and urban poverty may never have been realised over here in the UK, save for that photograph of her home in Salida which she must have sent back to her brother John Rook in Brighton. This photograph had passed with no provenance whatsoever to John’s daughter, Emily Rook, my grandmother. It took me over 13 years to find out where and when the photo was taken and who the people in it were. The chase, was successfully completed with a lot of help from the family researches of others, the internet, The Mountain Mail and an element of initiative favourably combined with pure luck.

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William Holman and Elizabeth Rook. They were married 1856 in Brighton, Sussex, England, United Kingdom [11]. They had 3 children.


Mary Banfield [12]. She was born Abt. 1840 in Dartford, Kent, England [12]. Residence 1891 in Ightham, Kent, England [12].

James Hollman and Mary Banfield. They were married on 01 Dec 1866 in Ightham, Kent, England. They had 9 children.


Descendants of Thomas Holman b1400

Generation 13 (con’t)

iv. **Thomas Hollman** [12]. He was born Abt. 1879 in Ightham, Kent, England [12].
   Residence 1891 in Ightham, Kent, England [12].

v. 18. **Edward Hollman** [12]. He was born Abt. 1881 in Ightham, Kent, England [12].
   Residence 1891 in Ightham, Kent, England [12]. He married Ruth Pearson. They were married 1904. He died on 16 Oct 1957 in Snodland, Kent, England, United Kingdom.

vi. 19. **Mary Hollman** [12]. She was born Abt. 1883 in Ightham, Kent, England [12].
   Residence 1891 in Ightham, Kent, England [12].

vii. **Hannah Hollman** [13]. She was born Abt. 1867 in Ightham, Kent, England [13].
    Residence 1881 in Ightham, Kent, England [13]. She married William Organ. They were married 1892 in Frome, Somerset, England.

viii. **Martha Hollman** [13]. She was born Abt. 1872 in Ightham, Kent, England [13].
    Residence 1881 in Ightham, Kent, England [13].

ix. **Ann Hollman**. She was born 1865.

Generation 14


**Ruth Pearson** is the daughter of James Pearson and Ann Maria Ralph. She was born on 05 Nov 1885 in Mill Hill, Aylesford, Kent. She died on 04 Dec 1952 in Snodland, Kent, England, United Kingdom.

Notes for Ruth Pearson:
General Notes:
Link to Ralph Family:- http://relph.org/

Edward Hollman and Ruth Pearson. They were married 1904. They had 7 children.

i. **Thomas Hollman**. He was born 1907 in Snodland, Kent, England, United Kingdom.

20. ii. **Ruth Hollman**. She was born 1908 in Snodland, Kent, England, United Kingdom. She died 1993.

21. iii. **Edward Hollman**. He was born 1909 in Snodland, Kent, England, United Kingdom. He married Gladys Wells. They were married on 21 Oct 1933 in Christchurch, Snodland, Kent. He died 1977.

iv. **Mary Hollman**. She was born 1911 in Snodland, Kent, England, United Kingdom. She died 1933.
Descendants of Thomas Holman b1400

Generation 14 (con’t)


vi. Ronald Hollman. She was born 1917 in Snodland, Kent, England, United Kingdom. She died 1991.

vii. Benjamin Hollman. He was born 1918 in Snodland, Kent, England, United Kingdom.


William Organ is the son of Ephraim Orlande Organ and Lydia Louisa Frankham [14, 15]. He was born 1859 in Frome, Somerset, United Kingdom [16]. Residence 1901 in Frome, Somerset, England [14]. He died 1925.

William Organ and Hannah Hollman. They were married 1892 in Frome, Somerset, England. Marriage Certificate was Frome, Somerset 5c 752 1892 Jul/Aug/Sep Qtr. They had 5 children.


Generation 15


Frederick Wilson.

Frederick Wilson and Ruth Hollman. They had 1 child.

i. David Wilson. He was born 1937.
Generation 15 (con't)


**Gladys Wells.** She was born 1911. She died 2002.

Edward Hollman and Gladys Wells. They were married on 21 Oct 1933 in Christchurch, Snodland, Kent. They had 3 children.

i. **Peral Hollman.** She was born 1937.

ii. **Peter Hollman.** He was born 1939.

iii. **Pamela Hollman.** She was born 1943.


**Not Known Valtrod.**

Benjamin Hollman and Not Known Valtrod. They had 2 children.

23. i. **Barbara Hollman.**

24. ii. **Michael Hollman.**

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Generation 16


**Jim Daniels.**

Jim Daniels and Barbara Hollman. They had 2 children.

i. **Ursula Daniels.**

ii. **Alistair Daniels.**


**? Penny.**

Michael Hollman and ? Penny. They had 2 children.
Descendants of Thomas Holman b1400

Generation 16 (con't)

i. Josephine Hollman.

ii. James Hollman.

Sources

1 Ancestry - One World Trees, via Family Tree Maker.
16 Genesreunited, Sylvia Organ - Hollman/Organ.