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EARLY HISTORY  
OF  
THE HOLLYDAY FAMILY  
[Holliday]  
1297—1800

BY  
HENRY HOLLYDAY  
EASTON, MD.

*Nulli Virtute Secundus*

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# THE HOLLYDAY FAMILY



THE ARMS

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*Hollyday* (of London). Sa: three close helmets, arg., garnished or., within a bordure engrailed of the second.

*Hollyday* (of London and of Bromley in Middlesex). Sa: three helmets, arg., garnished or., within a bordure, two and one.

*Crest*: "A demi lion, rampant, gardant, or, supporting an anchor all proper, or, resting his paws on an anchor."

*Motto*: Used by Col. Thomas Hollyday and his descendants: "Nulli virtute secundus." Granted Sir Walter Hollydaye, by Edward IV of England, May 4, 1470. Regranted to his great-great grandson, Sir Leonard Hollyday, on September 23, 1605, when Lord Mayor of London.<sup>1</sup>

The history of the Hollyday family is one of the most noted of the Lowland families of Scotland. (Being of the "Scottish Chiefs".) For centuries prior to the year A. D. 1500, the chiefs were engaged in warfare with their Highland neighbors

<sup>1</sup> Liber L-XVI, 339, College of Arms, London E. C., also Memoranda made by Col. James Hollyday of Readbourne, prior to the American Revolution.

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and were also at war with the Saxons. This clan or tribe was known as "The Annandale Clan," and its chief, styled "Laird of Covehead," near Dumfries.

SIR THOMAS HOLLYDAY (HALLADAYE OR HOLLYDAYE), the earliest of the name, was a great patriot, and owned considerable estates in Annandale. He was succeeded by his son,

SIR THOMAS HOLLYDAY, who married the daughter of Sir Malcolm Wallace (son of the noted Sir William Wallace, Kt.), in the year 1297. His descendant, Robert Hollyday, settled in Northumberland County, England, about the year 1391. Another descendant, Thomas Hollyday, commanded two hundred archers at the battle of Agincourt in France, A. D. 1415; and his grandson Walter Hollyday, settled in Gloucester County, England.

1. SIR WALTER HOLLYDAY was the youngest son of the last "Laird of Covehead," Chieftain of Annandale, and chief of all who bore the name. Having settled at Minchin Hampton, Gloucestershire, England, he acquired vast estates, became prominent, especially during the reign of King Edward IV, who made him a Knight and granted him arms as above described, for valor and bravery, etc., at the battle of Tewkesbury (at the junction of the Severn and Avon Rivers), on May 4th, 1470. He died in the year A. D. 1500, and was succeeded by his son,

2. HENRY HOLLYDAY, of Minchin Hampton, married Miss Payne of "Payne's Court," near Frome, and had four sons, viz:

3. I. Henry, of Minchin Hampton,
- II. Edward, of Rodboro,' (of whom hereafter).
- III. William, of Stroud, and
- IV. John, of Frome Hall.

3. EDWARD HOLLYDAY (Henry,<sup>2</sup> Walter<sup>1</sup>) of Rodborough, near Gloucester, England, where he lived and built the "Hollyday Mansion" on Dowell Hill. This house was standing in the year 1700 and owned by a descendant, William Hollyday. "The Ancient and Present State of Gloucester," published about that year, says: "Mr. Hollyday has a good home and



estate. Sir Leonard Hollyday, Lord-mayor and Alderman of London, was born here." Edward Hollyday was succeeded by his son,

4. SIR WILLIAM HOLLYDAY, (Edward<sup>3</sup>, Henry<sup>2</sup>, Walter<sup>1</sup>,) who succeeded to the estates of his father, was a man of great prominence, was knighted, but died young. He married in 1548 Sarah Bridges, aunt of Lord Chandas, and they had issue, as follows:

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5. I. Sir Leonard Hollyday, of whom hereafter,
- II. Edward Hollyday, married Margaret Townsend,
- III. Henry Hollyday, died young in 1583.

5. SIR LEONARD HOLLYDAY (William<sup>4</sup>, Edward<sup>3</sup>, Henry<sup>2</sup>, Walter<sup>1</sup>,) went to London, and made great success. In July, 1594, he was elected Alderman of Portsoken, of Broad Street; of Bassishaw in 1600. On April 18th, 1610, was elected Sheriff of London. He was knighted by King James I on September 23rd, 1605; was made Lord Mayor of London in 1605, and served during the year 1606. In 1605/6 he was President of Bridewell and Bethlem Hospitals, and also a member of the Levant Court.

During his Mayoralty occurred the "Gunpowder Plot," (15, Nov. 1605) for which Sir Edward Digby and three others were executed.

When, during a visit in July, 1606, Christian IV, King of Denmark (brother of the Queen Consort) rode through London, accompanied by the King of England in great style, he was preceded by Sir Leonard Hollyday, the Lord-Mayor, bearing a golden sceptre. His pageant, performed at the cost of his company, was written up by Anthony Munday and entitled "The Triumphs of the Re-united Brittanium."<sup>3</sup>

Sir Leonard married on May 21st, 1578, Anne Wincoll, of St. Edmund, Lombard Street, London, who was the daughter

<sup>2</sup> *Burke's General Armoury, Berkes History of the Commoners*, under "Halladay—Berke's Landed Gentry. Holliday or Halladay."

<sup>3</sup> From *Lord Mayors and Sheriffs of London, 1601-1625* (by Cokayne).

of Sir William Wincoll of Langham, County Suffolk, England. He died on January 9th, 1612, and was buried February 7th, 1612, at St. Michaels, Crooked Lane, London. Funeral certificate in College of Arms, London.<sup>4</sup>

WILL OF SIR LEONARD HOLLYDAYE:

(From Prerogative Courts of Canterbury. Fenner 4.)

“The following is the Abstract of the Will of Sir Leonard Hollydaye, Knight, Alderman of London, Dated 5, January, 1612.”

“To be buried in the Church of St. Michaels, Bassishaw, in the vault where my son lies buried.”

“I give to my wife Anne, one half of all my goods and 2000 pounds.”

“To John Hollydaye, my grandchild, 1000 pounds at 21, on condition that his mother Alice Hollydaye and his other friends permit my wife to have the education and bringing up of the said John.”

“To my grandchild Elizabeth Hollydaye, a 1,000 pounds on like condition.”

“To the said Alice, 100 pounds; and I remit her of 50 Lbs., which she has already received, and which is in difference between her and me; and I give her half of all the plate that was given her and my son John on their marriage. All the rest of my goods I give to my wife, whom I make my Executrix and Robert Ducy, Citizen and merchant-tailor, John Burton, Citizen and Grocer, and my friends Sir James Lancaster and Sir Henry Lillows of London, Knights, overseers.”

By me: LEONARD HOLLYDAYE

Witnesses:

James Lancaster,	Ric. Wheeler,
Ro. Ducie,	John Burton,
Jno. Howard,	Jo. Dowse.

<sup>4</sup> Liber L-XVI, 339, Heraldic Office, London, E. C. See “Berkes Landed Gentry.”

As to the descendants of Sir Leonard Hollyday, the following is from the College of Arms, London:

“ HOLLYDAYE, HOLLIDAY, HALLIDAY

*Arms:* Granted 23 Sept, 1605 by Clarenclure, King of Arms (Camden)  
Sa. three helmets, arg. garnished or. within a bordure engrailed of the second.

Sir Leonard Holliday (Halliday or Hollyday) Lord Mayor of London 1605/6-M, 21, May, 1578, (Lic. Lond) d. 9” Jan, 1611/12) & was buried 7” Feb, 1611/12 at St. Michaels, Crooked Lane, Funeral Cert. Coll of Arms (L XVL, 339) Will dated 5th & Probated granted 11” Jan. 1611/12 & again 18” March 1615/16 (4 Fenner).

Anne, dau. of William Wincoll of Langham, Co. Suff., by dau of \_\_\_\_\_ Vaughan.

Sir Edward Montagu, Recorder of London (1603-15) afterwards Earl of Manchester.  
2nd Husband,  
2nd wife.

John Hollyday or Holliday only son b. 1580 M. Nov. 27, 1607 (lon. Lic) d. 1609/10, buried at St. Michaels, Crooked Lane.

Alice or Anne, dau. of William Ferrers, mercer of All Hallows, Lombard Street & St. Leonard’s, Bromley, Middlesex.

John Holliday (1½ yrs old in 1611) of Bromley, Co. Middlesex. Ped recorded in the Visitation of London, 1664.

Mary, dau. of Henry Rolt, of Davent Co. Kent

Elizabeth—Sir John Jacob, (3 yrs old) bart. 1st wife. (in 1611.)

John Holliday, only son living aged 23, 1664

Elizabeth, only dau. age 2-1664.

(Signed) JOHN HOLLYDAY.

HOLLYDAYS IN EARLY VIRGINIA.

The question who Colonel Thomas Hollyday, the founder of the Maryland family, was and where he came from leads us to survey the Hollydays of Virginia, whence he would be most likely to come. This is what we find:

Thomas Hollyday appears in James City County, Va., in

1651.<sup>5</sup> In 1656 he acquired 350 acres of land on James River, near Jamestown Island, in James City County, Va., said tract being called "Darcy Oatly," originally patented to a certain Samuel Matthews. In 1661 a Patent was granted for the same tract to Thomas Hollyday by Coll. Fra. Moryson, Esq., Governor. Thomas Hollyday signs his name on the Original Record "Thomas Hollyday." (note the spelling).<sup>6</sup>

There was a will at Williamsburg, dated 1660/1, in which the testator, viz: Thomas Hollyday, mentions a son Thomas Hollyday, but as the records were burned during the War between the States, this cannot be verified.<sup>7</sup>

In Hayden's *History of Virginia* it is stated that "Thomas Hollyday who went to Maryland, was the son of Thomas Hollyday of Va. 1660." This was furnished by a Mr. Holliday, of Portsmouth, Va. This statement is also verified in a letter from his daughter (Miss Holliday) to a Mrs. Bernis Brien, of Dayton, Ohio (descendant of the Virginia Holliday family). This, Mrs. Brien wrote the author under date of Sept. 5th, 1925.

George Billingsley, who owned Billingsley Point in Prince George's County, Maryland, was from James City County, Va. Also was Barnaby Kearne, afterwards of Maryland. In the will of George Billingsley (Upper Norfolk, Va.) dated Dec. 21, 1681, he devises to "Barnaby Kearne and hrs. 200 A. residue of Billingsleys Point."<sup>8</sup> William Mills, of James City Co., Va., also owned at one time Darcy Oatly, tract. He came to Maryland.

Of the Early Settlers, who came into Maryland, were:

1. April 16th, 1677, John Holliday was brought in to St. Mary's County, by Richard Taylor.<sup>9</sup>

<sup>5</sup> *Early Settlers.*

<sup>6</sup> See Patent Book No. 5, Original, page 168, Land Office at Richmond, Va.

<sup>7</sup> Letter from Miss Hattie Gilliam to author, April 26, 1907.

<sup>8</sup> Liber 4, 118, Md. Wills.

<sup>9</sup> Book No. 15, fol. 401.

This may have been the brother of Col. Thomas Hollyday, 1st. of Maryland.

2. January 27, 1675, Thomas Kempe, of Calvert County, brought into the Providence Henry Hollyday and Margery Kemp.<sup>10</sup>

3. Robert Hollyday, came in December, 1665.<sup>11</sup>

4. William Hollyday, wife, four children, and servants, came into the Province, in 1681. Col. Hollyday, had brothers "William and Robert."<sup>12</sup>

A Silver waiter, now in possession of author, said by Tiffany of New York, to be genuine, and entered about the year 1697, which waiter has been owned continuously and in the possession of the descendants of Col. Thomas Hollyday, shows the Arms, being the same as granted Sir. Leonard Hollyday, in 1605.

The Tombstone of Col. Thomas Hollyday, who died in 1703, and was buried at Billingsley's Point, bore a Coat of Arms, as did also that of his son Col. Leonard Hollyday, who died in 1742 and was buried near Nottingham in Prince George's County, Md. Col. James Hollyday, of Readbourne (of whom hereafter), died in 1747, and his Tombstone, recently removed from Readbourne to the Cemetery at Easton, Maryland, is in a perfect state of preservation, with inscription and the Hollyday Arms, the same as grant—the Lord-Mayor, Sir Leonard. Letters from James Hollyday (his son) to William Anderson, Merchant of London, in 1750 and again in 1751, in reference to procuring of said Tombstone in possession of the author, gives instruction as to engraving "His Arms" thereon, etc.

Family tradition has been that Col. Thomas Hollyday, the founder of the family in Maryland, was the son of Capt. Thos. Hollyday, of Virginia, and a descendant of Sir Leonard Hollyday, the Lord-Mayor of London, 1605. The naming of his son "Leonard" and only daughter "Margery", strongly supports

<sup>10</sup> No. 15, folio 332.

<sup>11</sup> No. 9, folio 55.

<sup>12</sup> See Vol. XXV, page 6, *Md. Arch.*, and Will of Col. Hollyday, Vol. 3, page 1, *Md. Calendar of Wills*.

the above. Dr. Christopher Johnston, one of the most distinguished of American genealogists, and George Norbury Mackenzie, editor of "Colonial Families of the United States," had the same view. In a letter under date of Sept. 2, 1913, Dr. Johnston wrote the author. "These arms were borne by the Hollydays of Wiltshire & Somersetshire, but *especially* by the Hollydays of Rodborough, Co. Gloucester, to which branch Sir Leonard Hollyday, Lord-Mayor of London in 1605, belonged. From the occurrence of the name "Leonard", I should judge that the family in Maryland considered themselves rather closely related to Sir Leonard Hollyday."

Many new facts have been discovered but none that contradict this assumption of descent from Sir Leonard. To sum up the final conclusions which this author has drawn from all the data here presented, it is the author's opinion that Colonel Thomas Hollyday, who came to Maryland in 1679 and bought Billingsleys Point in 1684, was the son of Captain Thomas Hollyday, of James City County, Va., and the later was the son of John Hollyday and Mary Roul, of Bromley Kent, England, who was the only grand-son of Sir Leonard Hollyday, Lord-Mayor of London in 1605/6.

COL. THOMAS HOLLYDAY, son of Capt. Thomas Hollyday of Virginia, settled in Calvert County, Maryland, in the year 1679/80, when he brought into the Province eighteen persons, among whom was *John Rolt* or *Roul* for which he received certain grants. In 1682, he was granted a Patent for a tract of land on the West side of the Patuxent River called "Upper Guitting".<sup>13</sup>

On August 8, 1687, he purchased from the heirs of George Billingsley (late of the Colony of Virginia), "Billingsleys Point" lying in the fork of the Patuxent (then Calvert) in Prince George's County, containing 1069 acres, which was confirmed in his son Col. James Hollyday by Act of Assembly 1724.<sup>14</sup> On this point he built the first Hollyday Mansion, still

<sup>13</sup> See Land Grants N. S. Folio 11, Land Office at Annapolis.

<sup>14</sup> *Md. Arch.*, Vol. XXXVIII, page 339.

standing in 1930. The front of the grounds around the house slopes down in several terraces. The stairways at "Readbourne" and "Ratcliffe Manor" resemble in many respects.

The house, at the time of its being built about the year 1690, was evidently one of art and the place in general of great beauty and dignity.

Col. Hollyday, married (the exact date is not certain) about the year 1690, Mary Trueman, who was related to many of the Southern Maryland Families. She was the daughter of Dr. Trueman (then deceased) and Anne, his wife, formerly Anne Storer of England. Dr. Trueman died in October 1672, and in his will dated July 29th, 1672, he mentions his wife Anne, and his three daughters Martha (afterwards the wife of Thomas Greenfield), Mary (afterwards Mary Hollyday, wife of Colonel Thomas Hollyday) and Elizabeth (afterwards the wife of — Green, of Lynn, England). He does not mention a son, but brothers Nathaniel and Thomas Trueman.<sup>15</sup>

Mrs. Anne (Storer) Trueman, afterwards married Robert Skinner, whom she also survived, and by her will, she devised certain estate and property to daughter Greenfield and daughter Elizabeth Green (her daughter Mary Hollyday, being deceased), and each grandchild, 4.<sup>16</sup> A grand daughter, — Green, married Sir William Brown, an eminent surgeon of "Queen's Square", London, who kept up quite a correspondence with his cousin Colonel James Hollyday (grandson of Colonel Thomas Hollyday) during the years 1750-67. Colonel Thomas Hollyday at once came into prominence, was influential and through relatives, closely identified with the Calverts, received numerous appointments. In 1690, he was commissioned by the Lord Proprietary, as a judge of the Calvert County Court and Captain of the Calvert Militia.<sup>17</sup>

When Prince George's County was formed in 1694, he was made, on March 3, 1694, Chief Judge of the County Court and Lieutenant Colonel. He was also one of the first Vestrymen of

<sup>15</sup> See Liber I, folio 509, Will Records at Annapolis.

<sup>16</sup> See Vol. IV, page 14, *Md. Calendar of Wills*.

<sup>17</sup> See Vol. XX, folio 78, *Md. Arch.*

Saint Paul's Parish, at Upper Mount Calvert, 1692-1703. The Court minutes at Upper Marlboro, show that he sat as Presiding Judge of the Court from 1695 to 1703 (the year of his death) with great regularity.<sup>18</sup>

Colonel Hollyday was on more than one occasion called into the Military service of the Province, both while Captain of Calvert County and later as Lieutenant Colonel of Prince George's County. And it is not improbable that he had seen military service and training in Virginia as a young man. "Colonel Washington of Virginia and Captain Thomas Trueman of Calvert County, Maryland, had orders to join their forces with those of Colonel Thomas Hollyday, of Prince George's County, Maryland, to pursue Indian Marauders, in the year 1697."<sup>19</sup>

Mrs. Mary (Trueman) Hollyday, died before her husband, and it is believed she died on the birth of her only daughter, Margery in 1699. Colonel Hollyday died in January, 1703, and was buried in the family cemetery at "Billingsley's Point".

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- I. Colonel James Hollyday, born June 18, 1696 in England, of whom hereafter.
- II. Colonel Leonard Hollyday, born May 4, 1698, and
- III. Margery Hollyday, born —————, 1699.

James was named for his maternal grandfather James Trueman; Leonard for his paternal great-great-great grandfather Sir Leonard Hollyday, and Margery for Margery Kempe or possibly Margery Hollyday who died in England in 1682 and buried in Christ Church, Newgate Street, London.

Col. James Hollyday, eldest son of Col. Thomas and Mary Trueman Hollyday, was born in England on June 18, 1696, was educated at the Middle Temple, London, and was a lawyer. He settled in Talbot County in the year 1721, and on May 3rd, 1721, married Sarah (Covington) Lloyd, widow of Major Gen'l. Edward Lloyd, Governor of Maryland 1709-13, of "Wye House", where he resided until about the year 1731, on com-

<sup>18</sup> See Council Book H. D. No. 2, folio 286, Volume XX, 79, 108, and 212, of the *Md. Arch.* Also Minutes of the Prerogative Court at Annapolis.

<sup>19</sup> Volume II, *Md. Arch.*, Proceedings of the Assembly, 475-483.



pletion of the "Readbourne" Mansion House he removed to Queen Anne's County to this beautiful home on the Chester River. The Readbourne estate contained over 2000 acres of land, acquired by various Patents from the heirs of George Read and others. He inherited a large estate in Prince George's County, by his father's will; and upon his marriage with Mrs. Lloyd, was in control of large tracts of land, consisting over 20,000 acres in Talbot County. In 1724 he purchased "Readbourne" in Queen Anne's County. He at once became prominent in State affairs, being Private Attorney to Lord Baltimore. He was elected a Member of the House of Burgesses from Talbot County in 1728.<sup>20</sup> Served until 1732. Appointed Judge of Talbot County Court and one of the Quorum. Commission dated Feb. 26, 1726, and served until 1731.<sup>21</sup> Appointed Justice of the Provincial Court of Maryland, 1732 and served until 1735, when he was nominated Colonel of Militia and Justice of Queen Anne's County Court. Named a member of Lord Baltimore's Council on July 15, 1735, and served until his death in 1747.<sup>22</sup>

In Volumes XX and XXI of the *Maryland Archives*, "Proceedings of the Assembly, Col. Hollyday's name appears on most of the Important Committees of the Upper House, i. e. "Committee to prepare Acts of Assembly"—"To examine Accounts", etc. The record also shows that he was a most regular attendant upon the meetings of the Council. He died on the 8th day of October, A. D. 1747. The *Annapolis Gazette* of October 14th 1747, gives the following account of his death:

"Last Thursday morning (8, Oct., 1747) died in Queen Anne's County, after a long and lingering indisposition, which he bore with great patience and resignation, The Honorable James Hollyday, Naval Officer of the Port of Oxford, Treasurer of the Eastern Shore, and one of his Lordships Honorable Council. He left the character of a worthy Gentleman and good christian."

<sup>20</sup> Land Commission Record of Talbot County, 1728-30.

<sup>21</sup> See Judgment Records of Talbot County, 1726-27, folio 3, etc.

<sup>22</sup> See *Upper House Journals and Archives of Maryland*.

On his Tombstone which has been recently removed from "Readbourne" to the Hollyday lot in Spring Hill Cemetery at Easton, Maryland, is the following inscription, surmounted by the family arms:

TO THE MEMORY OF  
JAMES HOLLYDAY, ESQUIRE,

Who departed this life on the 8th day of October, 1747.  
He was many years one of His Lordships Council, and  
in Public and private life, always supported the Char-  
acter of a worthy Gentlemen and good Christian.

ISSUE:

- I. Col. James Hollyday, born Nov. 30, 1722, d. s. p.<sup>23</sup>
- II. Henry Hollyday, born March 9, 1725, m. Dec. 9, 1749, Anna Maria Robins, built "Ratcliffe Manor" and from this marriage the Hollydays of Maryland descend.
- III. Sarah Covington Hollyday, born in 1727, died an infant, 2 years.

Mrs. Hollyday,<sup>24</sup> was a very beautiful woman, and dearly beloved by both her Lloyd and Hollyday children, and survived both husbands. While on a visit to her only daughter Mrs. Rebecca Harriett Anderson, wife of William Anderson, Merchant of London, in 1754-55, she died on the 9th day of April, 1755, and was buried in West Ham Churchyard, in the County of Essex, England, and tombstone bears the following inscription:

"Beneath this Stone lieth buried the body of Mrs. Sarah Hollyday, late of the Province of Maryland, in America, from whence she came to London in the year 1754, and died the Ninth day of April, MDCCLV. Though a stranger here, she was known, esteemed and respected in her native Country. She had been the wife of Edward Lloyd, formerly of the aforesaid Province, Esquire, and after his death of James Hollyday, late of same place, Gent, whom she also survived."

<sup>23</sup> Studied law at Middle Temple. I have Portrait of this eminent lawyer in his Temple Robes. Member, Council of Safety 1774-76.

<sup>24</sup> I have a Portrait of this lady over 200 years old.

COLONEL JAMES HOLLYDAY, 2nd. (Lawyer and Statesman), eldest son of Colonel James Hollyday, and Sarah (Covington) Hollyday, his wife, was born at Wye House, in Talbot Co., Md., on November 30, 1722, and died, unmarried at "Read-bourne," November 1786, in his 64th year.

He was educated at private schools in Philadelphia, and by his father. In 1754, he went to England, entered the Middle Temple, where he received a thorough education and took his degrees. He returned to Maryland, where, in addition to his great agricultural interests, he entered upon the practice of his profession, his general practice being in the Provincial Courts of the State.

From 1765 to 1777, he was either a member of the House or of the Council. In July, 1775, he was appointed one of eight persons from the Eastern Shore on the Council of Safety for the Province.

Dec. 29, 1775, chairman to prepare Instructions for the Deputies representing this Province in Congress.

Jan. 9, 1776, Chairman of Committee to prepare and report a scheme for the emission of bills of credit, etc.

Jan. 18, 1776, Col. Hollyday, together with Charles Carroll of Carrollton, and Gustavus Scott, appointed a committee to revise the Journal and Proceedings of this Convention, and direct what part shall be published.

May 24, 1776, Chairman of Committee which politely invited the last Colonial Governor, His Excellency Robert Eden, Esq., to vacate, and he was also on May 25, 1776, appointed to prepare a passport for said Governor; also to prepare a letter to the Committee of Safety of Virginia.

June 21, 1776, "A letter from the President of the Congress together with resolutions of the 1st, 3rd and 4th of June, being laid before the Convention," Ordered that the same be referred to a Committee to report their opinion thereon, and Messrs. Jas. Hollyday, S. Chase, T. Johnson, Goldsborough and Plater were elected by ballot a Committee for that purpose. *Maryland Arch., Proceedings of the Council.*

In April, 1777, he was offered the Office of Chancellor of the State of Maryland, but on April 8, 1777, he wrote declining the honor, saying: "It is my wish to spend the remainder of my days in retirement from busy life, and in the exercise of such offices of humanity as the circle of my own neighborhood may furnish occasion for, and in this wish, I am not without hopes of being indulged." He retired from the practice of law in 1779.

HENRY HOLLYDAY, of "Ratcliffe Manor" (son of Col. James Hollyday of "Readbourne"), was High Sheriff of Queen Anne's County; Treasurer of the Eastern Shore; Naval Officer of the Port of Oxford; Register of Wills for Talbot County; and member of the Maryland Assembly. By his wife Anna Maria Robins Hollyday (daughter of George Robins of Peach Blossom whose wife was Henrietta Maria Tilghman of the Hermitage), he had the following:

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- I. James Hollyday, born Nov. 1, 1758, m. 1790, Susan Steuart Tilghman, d. 1807.
- II. Henry Hollyday, born Sept. 11, 1771, m. 1798, Ann Carmichael.
- III. Henrietta Maria, m. Samuel Chamberlaine, of Bonfield.
- IV. Anna Maria, m. George Gale, of Cecil Country.
- V. Sarah, m. Harry Nicols, of Darley, d. s. p.
- VI. Margaret, m. Lyttleton Gale, of Cecil County.
- VII. Rebecca, m. Nicholas Hammond, of St. Aubin.

JAMES HOLLYDAY, of "Readbourne" (son of Henry Hollyday of "Radcliffe Manor") was a member of the Convention which ratified the Constitution of the United States, and a Judge of the Queen Anne's County Court. His wife was Susan Steuart, daughter of James Tilghman, of Melfield.

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- I. Henry Hollyday, born Jan. 15, 1798, m. April 18, 1826, Anna Maria (daughter of Henry and Ann Carmichael Hollyday, of Ratcliffe Manor), his first cousin, d. Sept. 1865.
- II. William Hollyday, born May 19, 1804, m. 1837, Louisa Lamar, dau. of Frisby Tilghman.
- III. George Steuart Hollyday, born 1799, m. Caroline R. Carville.
- IV. Richard Tilghman Hollyday, born —, m. Susan Regan, dau. of General Regan, of Washington County.
- V. Anna Maria, m. Arthur Tilghman Jones.

HENRY HOLLYDAY, of "Ratcliffe Manor" (2nd son of Henry Hollyday of said Manor), was a graduate of Princeton, lawyer, Senator from Talbot County, 1818, Judge of the Levy Court, and Paymaster in the Militia from Maryland during the

war of 1812. He married Ann Carmichael, dau. of Richard Bennett Carmichael whose wife was Catherine Murray.

ISSUE:

- I. Catherine Ann Hollyday, born Jan. 16, 1803, d. s. p. 1878.
- II. Anna Maria Hollyday, born Oct. 9, 1805, m. April 18, 1826, her first cousin, Henry Hollyday of "Readbourne," d. 1855.
- III. Richard Carmichael Hollyday, born Oct. 1, 1810, m. 1858, Marietta Fauntleroy Powell of Middleburg, Va., d. Jan 1885.
- IV. Henrietta Maria Hollyday, born Aug. 6, 1812, d. s. p. 1890.
- V. Thomas Robins Hollyday, born May 15, 1814, d. s. p. 1881.
- VI. Elizabeth Margaret Hollyday, born Dec. 11, 1815, m. 1835, Judge Richard Bennett Carmichael, d. 1885.
- VII. William Murray Hollyday, born Jan. 2, 1818, m. 1852, Louisa Powell of Middleburg, Va., d. Dec. 1880.
- VIII. Rebecca Harriett Hollyday, born, Feby. 14, 1821, d. s. p. 1907.

For descendants of above, see "Old Kent," "The Chamberlaine Family" (by John Bozman Kerr) and "Colonial Families of the United States" by Mackenzie, Vol. II, pages 333-342.

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