

## Chapter 8

### The Roller and Holland Families

#### The Roller Family

John (Johann) Roller was born in Germany about 1728-30. He first married Anna Ocher (Ocker, Acker). She died circa 1787. He married again on the 12th of January, 1788 Catherine Dosserin.

John had 11 children by his first wife Anna and 6 by his second wife Catherine. The children by Anna were as follows: 1. Jacob; 2. Casper; 3. Catherine; 4. Mary; 5. John; 6. Barbara; 7. Rachael and 8. Lea were twins; 9. Paul and 10. Andrew were twins; 11. Infant unknown. The children by Catherine were as follows: 1. George; 2. Margaretha; 3. Sarah; 4. Michael; 5 David; 6. Peter.

In a county history, "Annals of Orange County", there was an article on county court papers that listed John Roller's Last Will as such:

Paper endorsed: John Roller's Last Will, A copy. I John Roller, of the County of Shenandoah. Some of children of very tender age. All real estate to be sold by executors and proceeds divided between all the children, Viz: Jacob, Casper, Catherine Roller, Mary ?, John, Barbara, Rachael, Paul, Andrew, George, Margaret, Sarah, Michael, David, Peter. All to share alike, except my son Paul Roller, whose share is to be \$200 less than any of his brothers or sisters. This deduction I make from his share in consequence of his disobedience to me and --- of before

he come of age and taking up with a woman of profligate character. Sons to be put to learn trades. Executors: Casper Roller and Andrew Zirkle Jr. Dated 7 June, 1806. (Signed in German) Test: John Crondson, James Anderson, Jane Allen, James Allen. Proved in Rockingham County, April Court, 1816 by Anderson; and in June, 1816 by Crondson. Executors refused to execute, Widow refused to administer. Administration granted George Roller. Test: S. McWilliams, clerk. Test: H. G. Gambil, C.R.C. A copy.

John and Anna Roller's son, Jacob, was born circa 1763. In an 1850 census of Scott County, Virginia, he was listed as 87 years of age. He died circa 1860. He married Eve Zirkle, daughter of Lewis Zirkle and Mary Magdalena Rouse. She was born in 1773 in New Market, Shenandoah County, Virginia. Their children were as follows: 1. Jacob Roller Jr. married Sarah Anderson; 2. Sarah Roller married Rial V. Lawson; 3. Elias Roller married Elizabeth Payne; 4. George W. Roller married Lela Powers; 5. Mary Ruth Roller married George Carter; 6. Magdalena Maria Roller; 7. John Roller; 8. Eleanor Roller married J. Archibald Forgey; 9. Ann Roller married Andrew Forgey.

Jacob Roller Jr., son of Jacob Roller and Eve Zirkle, was born in 1799 in Lee County, Virginia. He married Sarah (Sally) Anderson in Scott County, Virginia about 1850. They had 8 children: 1. Eli Roller married Ludema Fallin; 2. Mary "Polly" Roller married Ira E. England; 3. Elias Roller married Rebecca Robinett (my ancestors); 4. Elijah Roller married Mary ? ; 5. Rochinda Roller married John H. Horton; 6. Eletha Roller married John W. Mooney; 7. Elizabeth Roller married John R. Reed; 8. Eve Roller married William R. Gray.

Elias Roller born 1826 in Scott County, Virginia married Rebecca Robinett who was born in 1831 also in Scott County, Virginia. She was the daughter of Zachariah Robinett and Elizabeth Fletcher. They had 9 children: 1. Martha Roller married Jasper N. Holland; 2. Annie R. Roller married ? Mooney; 3. William R. Roller never married; 4. Lydia Roller married ? Tillman; 5. Elizabeth Roller married ? Mooney; 6. John Wesley Roller married Mary Forgey; 7. Ellen Roller married ? Reed; 8. Eletha Roller; 9. Ira Roller.

They came to Christian County, Missouri about 1854. There was Jacob Roller Jr. and his family, plus their son Elias Roller and his wife Rebecca Robinett. My great grandmother, Martha Roller Holland was only 4

years old when they came here. There was supposedly several other families that came with them. Possibly some Bloomers, Forgeys and Paynes.

Actually, our Roller family was not the only Rollers who came to Missouri. In fact, one group came several years before our family and yet another came several years later.

In the "History of Green County Missouri, 1882", published by Western Historical Company, states the following: John Briscoe, with his son-in-laws, Jacob and Andrew Roller, arrived from Tennessee in 1831 or 1832 (Christian County was then Green County), and settled in the south part of the County. The Rollers and Briscoes left in a few years.

In the 1833 Tax list of Green County, Missouri completed 8 July, 1833, Andrew Roher (Roller) and Jacob Roher (Roller) were listed. They left Missouri sometime after 1833 and went into Arkansas. They were listed in the 1840 census of Benton County, Arkansas.

When the Civil War ended, a third group of Rollers came to Missouri from Scott County, Virginia. Phillip and William Roller, cousins of our Roller family, were grandsons of Casper Roller and Elizabeth Bowman. Casper Roller was a brother to my 4th great grandfather, Jacob Roller Sr.

Phillip and William along with their two sisters and their husbands, who were Gincy Ann Roller and her husband Ira Lawson and Emaline Roller and her husband Daniel Bloomer, came in wagons loaded down with all their household possessions. The Lawsons and Bloomer families settled in Christian County, Missouri. The Roller brothers chose to move a few miles south in search of a place more suited to their liking. They settled in an area in Taney County, Missouri about 4 miles west of Bradleyville, Missouri. It is known now as "Roller Holler", named after the two brothers, Phillip and William.

My 2nd great grandfather Elias Roller and wife Rebecca (Robinett) Roller, settled in Christian County, Missouri on land laying between Rogersville and Sparta, Missouri where the old Roller Cemetery is now located.

Elias Roller and his wife Elizabeth (Payne) Roller owned the land and farm where the old Roller Cemetery is located. This information was given to me by Mrs. George Wesley Roller of Sparta, Missouri. Her husband was a brother to my great grandmother Martha (Roller) Holland.

John Wesley Roller and Mary Forgey's children were: 1. Guy Roller; 2. Mary Roller married a Smith; 3. George W. Roller married Mabel ? of Sparta, Missouri; 4. Jamie Roller of Sparta, Missouri.

Mrs. Mabel Roller writes; They have all passed away now, except for Jamie who still lives in Sparta, and are all buried in the old Roller Cemetery north of Sparta, near Rogersville, Missouri.

Mrs. Linda (Gray) Porter of Rural Route 1, Rogersville, Missouri has also given me lots of help on researching the Roller family. She is the daughter of Mr. Noel Gray, son of Mrs. Maggie (Holland) Gray, a younger sister of my grandmother Mary Ann (Holland) Boyd.

### **1860 census of Christian County, Missouri**

Elias Roller - 32	Eli Roller - 38	Elijah Roller - 30
Rebecca " - 31	Luda " - 36	Hannah " - 30
Martha " - 10	David " - 14	Nancy " - 6
Mary " - 6	James " - 13	Manda " - 5
William " - 3	Barbara " - 11	Sarah " - 1
Lydia " - 1	Catherine " - 6	
Nancy Ann" - 4		
Sarah " - 2		

This Elias, Eli and Elijah Roller were brothers and sons of Jacob Roller Jr.

Jacob Roller Jr. - 62	Elias Roller - 50	Enock Roller - 24
Sarah " - 62	Elizabeth " - 42	Margaret " - 18
Eletha " - 24	Jacob " - 21	Lewis " -9/12
Elizabeth " - 21	Sarah " - 17	
Enne(Eve) " - 20	Henry " - 13	
Hiram " - 11		
William " - 8		
Elias " - 6		
Ibby " - 3		
Author " - 2		

This Jacob and Elias Roller were brothers. This Enock Roller was son of Elias Roller and Elizabeth (Payne) Roller.

Mrs. Mabel Harp of Wagoner, Oklahoma has given me more help than anyone on the Roller family. She is descended from Elias and Elizabeth Payne Roller (her 2nd great grandparents), and Enoch and Margaret Johnson Roller (her great grandparents). They all left Christian County and moved over into Douglas County, Missouri where they lived out their lives and are all buried there near their old home place.

From a paper sent to me by Mrs. Mabel Harp, evidently from the office of the Recorder of Deeds, states the following: From the Court House Scott County, Virginia.

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On the 28th day of September, 1872, a deed between Sarah Roller, widow of Jacob Roller Jr. dec'd who was the son of Jacob Roller Sr. dec'd of Scott County, Virginia, also Eli Roller and his wife Ludema Roller, also Elias Roller and his wife Rebecca Roller, also Elijah roller and his wife Mary Roller, also John Horton and his wife Rocsina Horton, also John W. B. Mooney and his wife Elisha Mooney, also William R. Gray and his wife Eve Gray, also John R. Reed and his wife Elizabeth Reed, also Polly England, being the widow and sons and daughters and sons-in-laws and daughters-in-law, of said Jacob Roller Jr. dec'd and his heirs at law, sell and do convey to Henry Kane all interests in all lands of which Jacob Roller Sr. dec'd the father of the said Jacob

Roller Jr. dec'd.

\$300 Rec. Dec 3rd 1872 from Henry S. Kane for 300 acres of North Fork of the Clinch.

Samuel Boyd of Christian County, Missouri witnessed the signing of the above deed for land in Scott County, Virginia (this was my great grandfather Samuel N. Boyd of Ozark, Missouri).

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Phillip Roller bought one Harrow for \$3.65 from the estate of Jacob Roller on Jan. 29, 1861, total sale was \$388.98 1/2. Purchasers of various farm, blacksmith and household items were the following; Thomas M. Bledsoe, one pot \$1.30; Calvin Bledsoe, Austin Bledsoe, John A. Forgey, Nathan Bloomer, G. W. Roller (346 lbs. salt pork for \$19.03). H. J. Roller and Bishop Bledsoe.

The following was copied from original filed in Scott County Court House by Mabel Harp on 24 June 1985:

State of Missouri }

County of Christian } Elias Roller and J. W. B. Mooney co. admr. of the estate of Jacob Roller Jr. dec. says that to the best of their knowledge and belief the names of the heirs of the said decant and their places of residence are respectively as follows:

Eli Roller Taney County, Mo.

Mary England formerly Mary Roller Scott County, Va.

Elias Roller Christian Co. Mo.

Rochindah R. Horton formerly Rocinah Roller Christian County, Mo.

Eletha Mooney formerly Eletha Roller Christian County, Mo.

Elijah Roller Christian County, Mo.

Elizabeth Roller Christian County, Mo.

Eve Gray formerly Eve Roller Christian County, Mo.

That the said Jacob Roller died without a Will, that they will make a perfect inventory of and faithfully administer all the estate of the decant and pay all the debts as fair as the assets will extend and the law direct, and account for and pay over all the assets that may come in to their hands by virtue of said admr.

s/ Elias Roller

John W. B. Mooney

Sworn to and subscribed to before me this August 8, 1866

John W. Pattyjohn - Clerk

**The Holland Family**

Green Bury Holland born February 6, 1796 in North Carolina. Died June 27, 1877 in Missouri. Married (1) Susana Key born September 1, 1795 in South Carolina. Her mother was a Grainger and her grandmother was a Jones.

I think they came from Dickson County, Tennessee. I found in the 1830 Census of Dickson County, Tennessee Green Holland with 8 children:

Males 2 under 5 Females 2 under 5

2 5-10 1 5-10

1 30-40 1 10-15

1 30-40

William Henley Holland was born January 20, 1821 in Marion County, Alabama.

James M. Holland was born February 5, 1827 in Tennessee.

William Henley Holland was married March 6, 1842 to Elizar Lovelace. They were married in Poinsetta County, Arkansas at her fathers residence by Rev. William Nutt, a Baptist

Minister. Witnessed by: G. B. and J. M. Holland. They came to Greene County, Missouri in 1856.

This information taken from the Holland Family Bible.

Green Bury Holland, Sr. married Lucy H. Lander or Landis on July 1, 1858 in Missouri.

James M. Holland married Ann Jones on July 1, 1859 in Missouri.

The following information was copied from the Linden Cemetery records.

#### **LINDEN CEMETERY**

Located SW of Linden, Missouri. Turn off 125 at Linden and go to the South to 1st road to right. It is marked "Keep Out". Go up this road to the SW to the top of the hill. It turns back to the left and goes between a house and barn. Off to the left in a grove of trees. Two large cedar trees mark the entrance.

On one tall stone the following:

HOLLAND, Ann (Jones) 5 Oct 1834 - 2 Feb 1916 }

James M. 5 Feb 1827 - 26 Sept 1906 } Married 1 July 1859

Mary E. (wife of James M.) 8 Dec 1833 - 8 Oct 1857

Melvina (daughter of J.M. & M.E.) 2 Aug 1857 - Oct 1857

James F. (son of J.M. & Ann) 1 Jun 1873 - 30 Dec 1879

Behind this tall stone and in a row:

Nannie - no other name or dates

Melvina (daughter of J.M. & M.E) b. and d. 1856

Mary E. (wife of J.M.) 1833 - 1856

Melvina - no dates

James F. - no dates

HOLLAND, G. B. 6 Feb 1796 - 27 Jun 1877 Grandfather

JONES, SARAH C. 8 Jun 1834 - 2 Jun 1896 age 62

William G. 5 Apr 1810 - 10 May 1860

Nancy M. T. 31 Jan 1810 - 19 Mar 1884

Several field stones - two mounds that might be graves.

### **The Holland Family of Linden, Missouri**

Green Berry Holland born 6 Feb 1796 in North Carolina. Died 27 Jun 1877. Married (1) Susanna Key. Children: 1. William Henley Holland born 20 Jan 1821 in Marion County, Alabama. 2. James M. Holland born 5 Feb 1827 in Tennessee. He married (2) Lucy H. born 1820.

James M. Holland born 1827 in Tennessee. Died September 25, 1906. Buried in the Old Linden Cemetery, Linden, Missouri. Married (1) Mary E. born December 8, 1833 in Ohio. Died October 8, 1857. Buried in the old Linden Cemetery, Linden, Missouri. Children: 1. Jasper Holland born 1850 in Missouri. Died 1894. Buried in the Roller Cemetery near Rogersville, Missouri. 2. Melvina Holland born 1857 in Missouri. Died October 8, 1857. James married (2) Annie Jones born 5 Oct 1834 in Tennessee. Died 2 Feb 1916 in Missouri. Children: 1. Nannie Holland born 1 Jun 1873 in Missouri. Died 30 Jun 1879. 2. William G. Holland born 19 Aug 1862 in Missouri. Married Ottie Bruton. 3. Mary Holland born in Missouri. Married James W. Cox. 4. James Holland born 6 Jun 1870. Died 18 Jun 1870 in Missouri. 5. John R. Holland born in Arkansas. 6. Lucy A. Holland born in Arkansas. Married J. W. Chaffin.

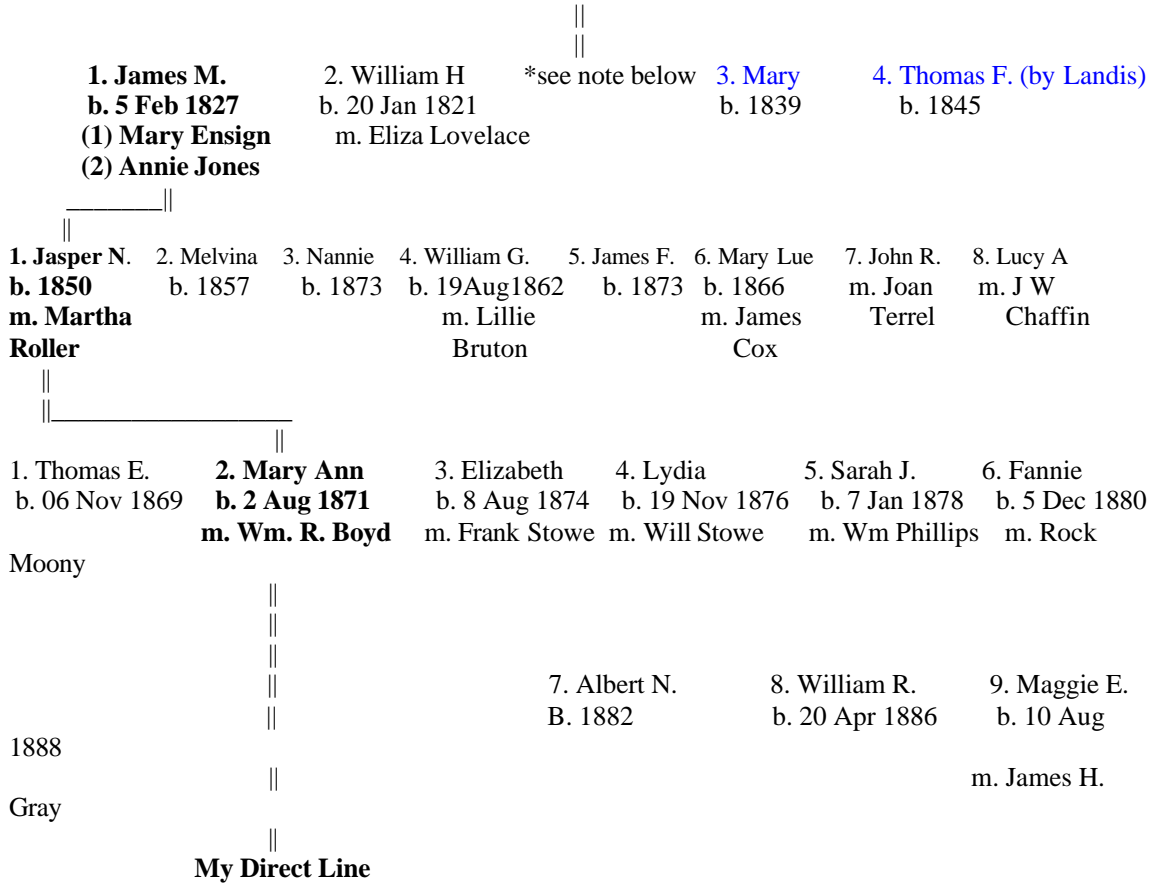
Jasper Holland born 1850 in Missouri. Died 1894. Buried in Roller Cemetery. Married Martha Roller born 1850. Died 1927. Buried in Roller Cemetery. Children: 1. Thomas E. Holland born 6 Nov 1869 in Missouri. Died 29 Apr 1903. Single. 2. Mary Ann Holland born 2 Aug 1871 in Missouri. Died 1948 in California. Married William R. Boyd. 3. Rebecca Elizabeth Holland born 8 Aug. 1874 in Missouri. Died 30 Mar 1961. Married Frank Stowe. 4. Lydia Holland born 19 Nov 1876. Died 7 Nov 1971. Married Will Stowe. 5. Sarah J. Holland born 7 Jan 1878 in Missouri. Died 22 Aug 1916. Married Bill Phillips. 6. Fanny Holland born 5 Dec 1880. Married Rock Moony. 7. Albert N. Holland born 19 Oct 1882. Died 24 Apr 1914. Single. 8. William R. Holland born 20 Apr 1886. Died 4 Jan 1954. Single. 9. Maggie E. Holland born 10 Aug 1888. Died 25 Jul 1971. Married James Gray.

**THE HOLLAND FAMILY**

**GREEN BERRY HOLLAND**

**Born 6 Feb 1796 in North Carolina. Died 27 June 1877  
Linden, Missouri. Buried in Old Linden Cemetery, Linden  
Missouri. Married (1) Susanna Key (2) Lucy H. Landis or Lander.**

CHILDREN



**The Roller Family**

**John (Johann) Roller (father believed to be Jacob Roller) born circa 1725-1730 in Germany died 1816 in Rockingham Co. Va. Married (1) Anna Ocher (Ocker-Acker), died 1707 (Issued first 11 Children) Married (2) Catherine Dosserin 12/1/1788 (Issued last 6 children)**

CHILDREN

1. **Jacob** Sr. 2. Casper 3. Catherine 4. Mary 5. John 6. Barbara 7. Anna 8. Paul 9. Rachael 10. Lea 11. George  
**b. 1766** b.1770 . 1772 b.1773 b.1779 b.1782 b. 1783 b. 1783 b.1783  
**m. Eve** m. Elizabeth  
**Zirckle** Bowman

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1. Maria M. 2. John 3. Elnor 4. Anna 5. **Jacob** 6. Sarah 7. Mary Ruth 8. Elias 9. George W.  
 b. 1791 b.1793 b.1795 b. 1797 **b. 1797** b. 1803 b. 1810 b. 1812 b.1813  
 m. J. A. m. Andrew **m. Sally** m. Rial m. George m. Elizabeth m. Lelar  
 Forgey Forgey **Anderson** Lawson Carter Payne Power

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1. Eli 2. Mary Polly 3. **Elias** 4. Elija 5. Rochinda 6. Rebecca E. 7. Elizabeth 8. Eve  
 b. 1823 b. 1825 **b. 1826** b. 1829 b. 1832 b. 1830 b. 1834 b. 1838  
 m. Ludema m. Ira **m. Rebecca** m. Mary m. John H. m. John W. m. John R. m. William R.  
 Fallin England **Robinett** ? Horton Mooney Reed Gray

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1. **Martha** 2. Annie R. 3. Matt 4. Lydia R. 5. Elizabeth 6. John W. 7. Ellen 8. Eletha 9. Ira  
**b. 1850** b. 1854 b. 1856 b. 1858 b. 1862 b. 1865 b. 1868 b. 1872 b. 1875  
**m. Jasper** m. ? Bloomer m. Tillman m. Bloomer m. Mary m. Reed  
**Holland** Forgey

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 See Holland Chart

**Names in bold indicate my direct line.**

**Note: There were possibly 8 other children produced by Susanna Key .**





From left to right: (front row) Martha (Roller) Holland; John Wesley Roller, Lydia (Roller) Tillman. (Back row): Ammie (Roller) Bloomer; Ira Roller; Ellen (Roller) Reed.