

OLIVER HOLT SR. AND MARY HARRISON HOLT OF DELAWARE COUNTY PA

OLIVER HOLT SR. was born in 1796 in Butterworth, Rochdale, Lancashire, England. He was christened in Rochdale, 26 Dec 1796 the son of Thomas and Mary Holt. He died on 22 Jan 1868 in Springfield, PA. He married Mary Harrison before 1816 in Rochdale. She was born in 1789 and died in Springfield on 12 Apr 1870. They are buried at Lawnes Free Church cemetery. Their six children were all born in England prior to their immigration in 1843. Oliver was naturalized in Philadelphia on May 24, 1845. They settled in Springfield Township in Delaware County, PA.

Their children were:

Thomas b. 19 Jul 1816, d. 07 Jul 1882, Springfield; m. before 1837 to Eliza unk (1813-1850); he remarried shortly after 1850 to Martha unk (1814-1883).

Elizabeth (1819-1892) bur. West Laurel Hill Cem. Bala Cynwyd PA.

William O. Holt (1821-aft 1894) m. Teresa Catherin Fitzpatrick

Sarah (1824-23 Feb 1855) bur. Lownes Free Church, grave #36, Springfield, PA

Oliver Jr. (1826-1908) bur. West Laurel Hill Cem. Bala Cynwyd PA; m. in 1859 to Mary Hodson (1836-1913)

Daniel (1831-bef. 1867) m. Jessica Morton

Gen. 2-1: **Thomas** and Eliza had three children: Mary b. 1837 in Royton, Lancashire England; died 27 Mar 1894 in Cardington PA, bur. In Fernwood Cem. Delaware Co. PA; m. Isaac Wrigley in Philadelphia in 1859, 6 children; Alice (1838-1893) m. Jesse Shore, 3 children; Emma (1841-) m. John Edwards, one son J. E.Jr.; Thomas and Martha had Elizabeth (1853-1919) and Thomas Jr. (1854-1875).

Gen 2-3: **William O.** married Teresa about 1845, daughter of Patrick Fitzpatrick and Theresa Elizabeth D'Arcy. She was born in Dublin Ireland, 1819 and died 1912 in Pasadena CA. Their children were Mary

b. 1846 PA, m. Michael McLynn, 2 children; Francis J. (1847-) m. Ist Margaret A. Mahoney in 1887, 2nd Joanna P. Wade, 7 children; John Paul, (1849-1931) m. Lydia Cecilia Kelly in 1873, 10 children; Oliver F. (1851-1892) m. Mary Hudson, 1 dau; Sarah (1855-) m. William Thomas Galey in 1880, 4 children; Margaret (1857-1925); Elizabeth (1859-1913) and Elenor (1864-1948). The last three girls went to Pasadena CA.

Gen 2-5: **Oliver Jr.** and Mary had Sarah Ann (1862-1947); and Mary (1872-1965) bur. West Laurel Hill Garden of Memories, Bala Cynwyd PA, m. Eugene Balliet, 1 dau.

Gen 2-6: **Daniel** married Jessica Morton, daughter of Sketchley and Elizabeth Annesley Newlin Morton. They had one son, Oliver Holt III (no dates).

The 1850 census shows Oliver and his family living in Springfield Township where he is engaged in the manufacture of woolen and cotton in which he has 12 males and 5 females employed. He has 300 spindles and 12 looms. In 1860, he has added to his household Benjamin Butterworth, a cloth finisher and George Lord a weaver, both born in England and brought to America by Oliver to assist with his cloth manufacture. Oliver's tombstone in Little Blue Churchyard in Springfield, reads, "In memory of Oliver Holt Sr. Died January 22, 1868 in the 72nd year of his age. Beyond the flight of time, Beyond the reign of death, There surely is some blessed time, Where life is not abreath." His wife, Mary Harrison Holt d. April 12, 1870 and is also buried in Little Blue Church Cemetery. Their son Thomas (1816-1882) is buried beside them. It has been noted that several of Oliver's neighbors in Springfield were also his neighbors in England in an 1841 census there.

Our member descendant is Richard Jamard Holt of Herndon VA.