

Hollinger Hullinger
- Jewish?

Our oldest know paternal ancestor is Henri Holiger of Boniswyl, Aargau, Switzerland, born in 1425. We have visited this lovely area and found relatives. The community is very attractive with a small castle located at the foot of a lake. A fast flowing stream forms a moat around the castle.



Our paternal Swiss ancestors immigrated to the United States in 1736 and settled in Pennsylvania. Their descendants gradually moved west with the frontier. Our branch of the family homesteaded in Vivian, South Dakota in the early 1900's.

As far as any of us know our oldest known paternal ancestor came from Boniswyl, Canton Aargau, Switzerland. And as far as is know we were protestant. Our name was spelled Hollinger or Holinger or Holiger in Switzerland. Some of our ancestors changed the spelling to Hullinger when they moved to the United States, while most kept Hollinger, but we are all related. Our oldest known ancestors were.

1425 1504 Henri Holiger Boniswyl, Aargu, SWZ

1446 Heini Holiger Boniswil (Holvil) Switzerland

There are now a number of reasons to think that our Hollinger ancestor may have been Jewish. The name is from south Germany and is often Jewish.

Hollinger - Last name origins & meanings:

South German and Jewish (Ashkenazic): habitational name for someone from places called Holling or Hollingen.

genealogy.familyeducation.com/surname-origin/hollinger

Our DNA “Y” Haplogroup which is passed on from father to son is J-M-172 J2a4h2. This is uncommon in Switzerland. It originates in the middle east and is extensive in Jewish, Arabic, Turkish, and Greek populations.

Hullingerdna.blogspot.com <https://j2a4h2.blogspot.com/>

There were a number of Hollinger’s who were killed in the World War II Holocaust. Most of them were from Romania or Hungary. Some of the names are shown below - you can see the full list by clicking the link below:

Name	Year of Birth	Place of Residence	Source	Fate based on this source
Holinger, Beinisch Binish	1861	Strozynetz, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Haim			List of persecuted	
Holinger, Sima	1906	Czernowitz, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Josef Yosef	1891	Banila, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered

Holinger, Reizl Reizel	1914	Czudyn, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Dvora	1935	Cernauti, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Iuda		Cernauti, Romania	List of persecuted	
Olinger, Dvora	1862	Skala, Poland	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Ides	1878	Suceava, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Bluma	1902	Czudjn, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Vili		Romania	List of persecuted	
Holinger, Leib		Suceava, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Sima	1897	Czernowitz, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Meshulam Shalom		Chernowitz, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Ancel		Vijnita, Romania	List of persecuted	

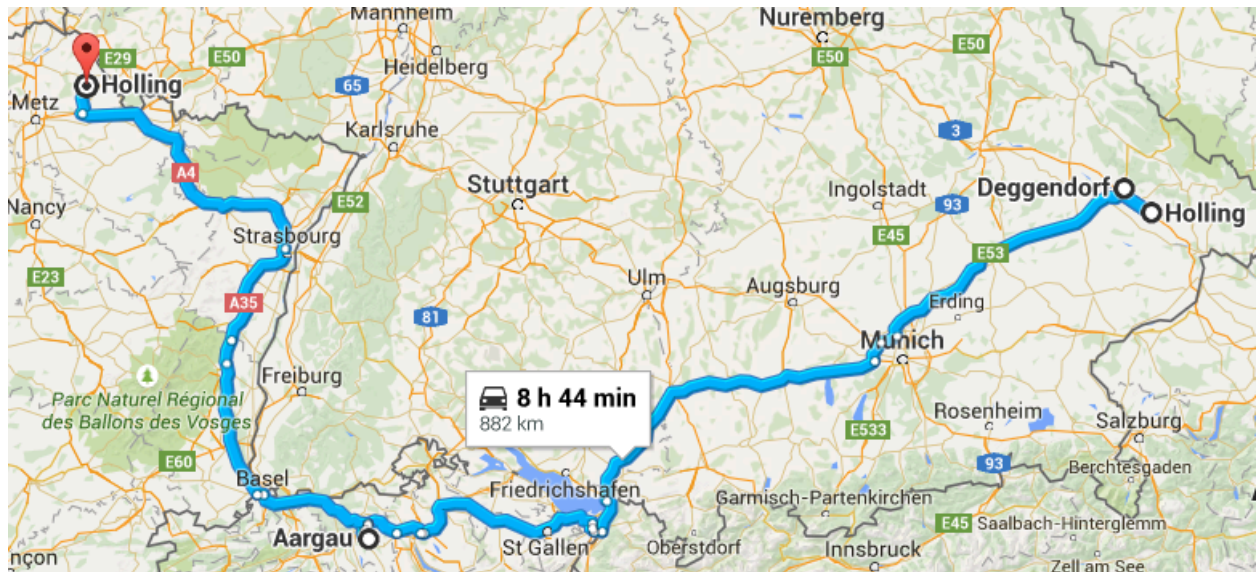
Holinger, Berale Dov	1922	Strojinetz, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Sima		Czernowitz, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Nesi	1885	Stanesti, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Reizl Reisel	1882	Storojinet, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Mendel Mendl	1880	Strozynetz, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Nesi	1885	Stanesti, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Willi		Romania	List of persecuted	
Holinger, Shalom Slom	1901	Cernauti, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Meshulam	1892	Cernauti, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Mindl	1921	Czernowitz, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Lifsha Lipsia	1882	Strozynetz, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered

Holinger, Nekha Necha	1875	Sucava, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Hollinger, Marie			List of persecuted	
Holinger, Abraham Avraham	1879	Storojinet, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Hilda		Romania	List of persecuted	Murdered
Holinger, Hilda	1908	Suceava, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Hershel		Czudjn, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger		Czudjn, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Genya	1913		Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Isidor		Romania	List of persecuted	
Holinger, Iuda		Cernauti, Romania	List of persecuted	
Hollinger, Hilda	1908	Suceava, Romania	List of murdered	Murdered

Hollinger, Jehudit Yehudit	1878	Suceava, Romania	List of murdered	Murdered
Hollinger, Hilda	1913	Suceava, Romania	List of murdered	Murdered
Hollinger, Nekha Nacha		Suceava, Romania	List of murdered	Murdered
Holinger, Debora	1888	Opole, Poland	List of persecuted	
Holinger, Fruma Frumma	1864	Strozenice, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Baruch		Kamenets Podolsk, Ukraine (USSR)	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Olinger, David Khanokh	1898	Storojinet, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered
Holinger, Feiga			List of persecuted	
Hollinger, Marie			List of persecuted	
Vinski, Marija	1911	Poland	List of murdered	Murdered
Holinger, Mendel	1871	Storojinez, Romania	Page of Testimony	Murdered

db.yadvashem.org/names/nameResults.html?language=en&applid=SAPIR12&queryId=JAGUAR31-VM_2464_079796&page=2

The map and link below show two Villages of Holling, where our ancestor may have originated. One is now in France, the other Bavaria.

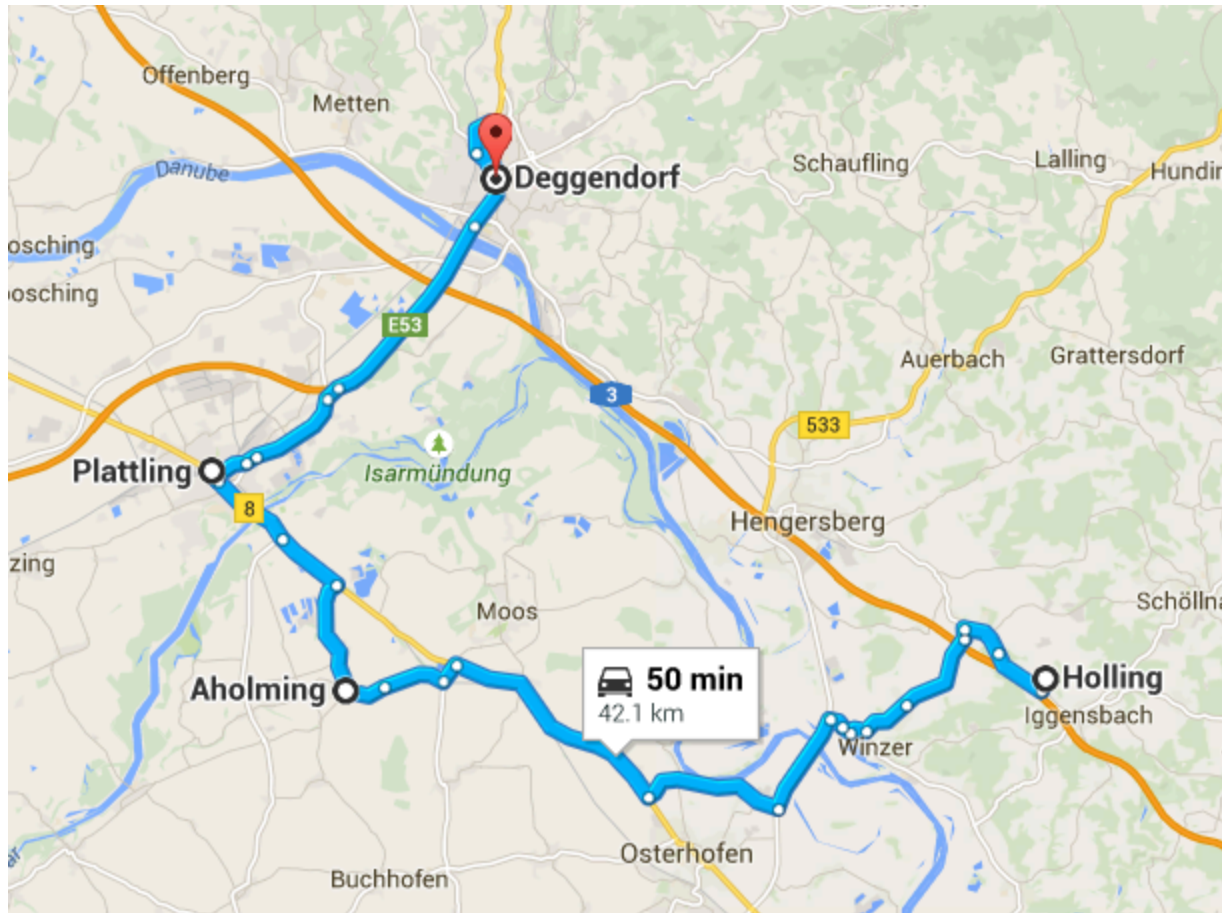


Google Map Directions

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I have been in contact with Alois Ohrhallinger from Austria, who believes our name originated in the district of Deggendorf Aholming near Plattling in Bavaria. hallinger.blogspot.com

The map and link are shown below:



Google Map Directions

<https://www.google.com/maps/dir/Holling,+Germany/Aholming,+Germany/Plattling,+Germany/Deggendorf,+Germany/@48.7815289,12.8510819,11z/data=!3m1!4b1!4m2!4m2!1m5!1m1!1s0x47750375c31a2153:0xa1d25a6760f4230!2m2!1d13.1289044!2d48.7379332!1m5!1m1!1s0x47750ea6ede51249:0x41d25a40937af50!2m2!1d12.9107841!2d48.7355743!1m5!1m1!1s0x47750dbb9cce56d9:0x3e8be490276de975!2m2!1d12.8690362!2d48.7806071!1m5!1m1!1s0x47751111be822751:0x41d25a40937afa0!2m2!1d12.9574787!2d48.8408515!3e0>

There was a massacre of Jews in Deggendorf in 1337

[wikipedia.org/wiki/Deggendorf](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deggendorf)

There are a number of Hollinger's in Israel. I have contacted a few in 2014, but they had not done a DNA test and did not know much about their ancestry.

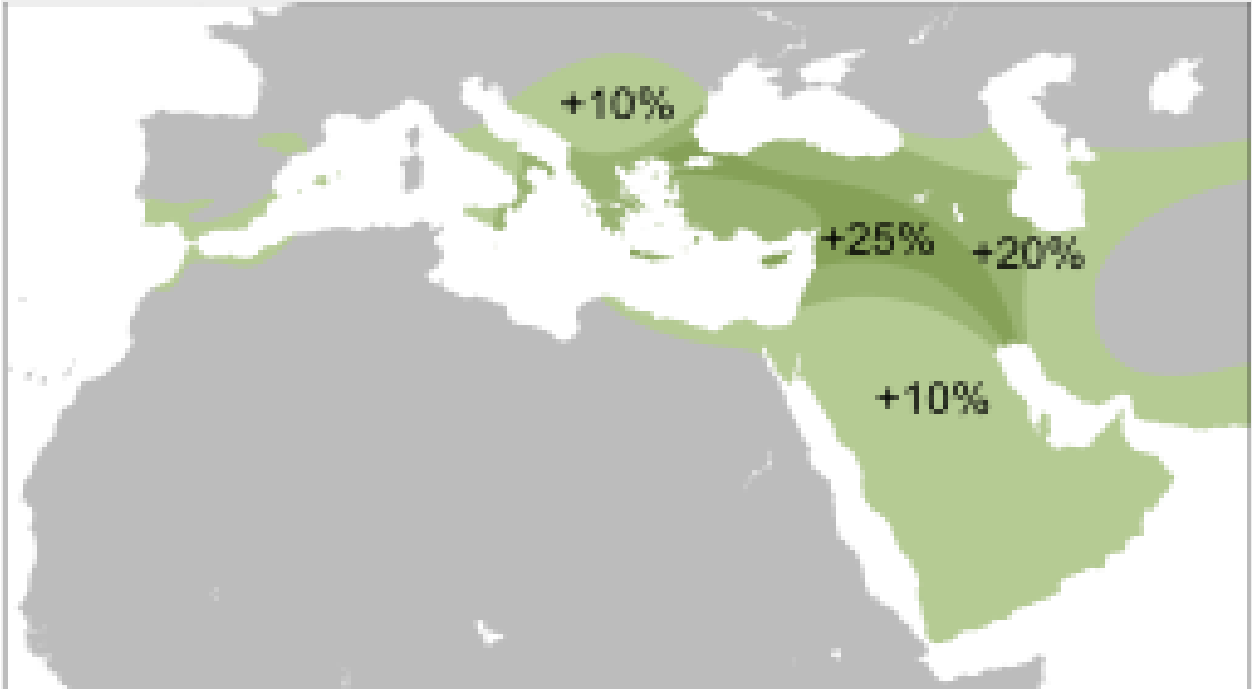
Under this scenario, our paternal ancestors were Jewish who moved into a German speaking country - Germany, Austria, or Switzerzland. Our ancestors acquired the Hollinger name - likely from the home village, and likely used when our ancestors moved from that Village. Our ancestor would have tired of being victims of pograms, and so moved and converted to protestant. The Holocaust caught up with many of the people who remained Jewish, while some of them migrated to Israel or the US, where their descendants live today.

We will likely eventually know when Hollinger's in Israel get their DNA tested. If we share the "Y" chromosome handed down from father to son, then we were related.

We conducted genetic testing to learn about our ancient history. Craig and Clif and Bret Hullinger were tested for the "Y" chromosome which is passed from father to son with very little change. Clif Hullinger was tested for mtDNA, which is passed from mother to child. The results of Clif Hullinger's test is at harlandna.blogspot.com

Our Male "Y" Haplogroup is J2A4H2. This is not a widespread Haplogroup in Switzerland. It originated in the middle east. The maps below show the origination and migration path of men with the "J" Haplogroup.

J2a4h2.blogspot.com Our kit number



[http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haplogroup_J2_\(Y-DNA\)](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Haplogroup_J2_(Y-DNA))

"Y-DNA haplogroup J2 lineages originated in the area known as the Fertile Crescent. The main spread of J2 into the Mediterranean area is thought to have coincided with the expansion of agricultural peoples during the Neolithic period. "

"J2 is related to the Ancient Etruscans, (Minoan) Greeks, southern Anatolians, Phoenicians, Assyrians and Babylonians. In Europe, J2 reaches its highest frequency in Greece (especially in Crete, Peloponese and Thrace), southern and central Italy, southern France, and southern Spain. The ancient Greeks and Phoenicians were the main driving forces behind the spread J2 around the western and southern Mediterranean."

So our Swiss ancestor came from the middle east. Other Hollinger and Hullinger's have also conducted testing. As more people conduct tests we will learn more.

Name	Paternal Ancestor Name	Country	Haplogroup	DYS393	DYS390	DYS19	DYS391	DYS385	DYS426	DYS388	DYS439	DYS389I	DYS392	DYS389II	DYS458	DYS459	DYS455
Hollinger		Austria	J2	12	23	14	10	14-17	11	15	13	14	11	30	14	8-9	11
Hollinger		Germany	J2	12	23	14	10	14-18	11	15	13	13	11	29			
Hollinger		Unknown Origin	J2	12	23	14	10	14-18	11	15	13	13	11	29			
Hollinger	Zweibrücken, Rheinland-Pfalz, Germany	Unknown Origin	J2	12	23	14	10	14-18	11	15	13	13	11	29			
Hullinger	Hullinger	Switzerland	J2	12	23	14	10	14-18	11	15	13	13	11	29	14	8-9	11
Hullinger	Hullinger	Switzerland	J2	12	23	14	10	14-18	11	15	13	13	11	29	14	8-9	11
Hollinger	Samuel H. Hollinger b. 1870 and d.1950	Switzerland	J2	12	23	14	10	14-18	11	15	13	13	11	29	14	8-9	11
Hollinger	Henri Holiger 1425 1504 Boniswyl	Switzerland	J2a4h2	12	23	14	10	14-18	11	15	13	13	11	29	14	8-9	11
Hollinger Larsen	Peder Larsen, b.1760, Copenhagen, DK	Denmark	I1	13	22	14	10	13-14	11	14	11	12	11	28			
Hollinger		Unknown Origin	I1	13	22	14	10	13-14	11	16	11	12	11	28			
Bowen	Charles Bowen b. 1799 and d. 1847	England	G	14	22	15	11	13-14	11	13	11	12	11	29	15	9-9	11
Hollinger	John Hollinger, b.c. 1805, Cumberland County, NJ	Unknown Origin	G	14	22	15	11	13-14	11	13	11	12	11	29	15	9-9	11

The test also shows the number of Swiss matches against the total number of Swiss and European "Y" Haplogroups tested. This result is quite low - only 2 Swiss cousins out of 1,618 Swiss tested. It is also rare in the rest of northern Europe. This indicates that our J2 haplogroup is a fairly recent and rare haplogroup in northern Europe.

Other DNA tests listed later in this blog show the total number of men who tested J2A4H2. Many of them are from the middle east.

We also found another interesting item. There were a large number of European Jews named Hollinger who were killed in the Holocaust. We don't know the connection. The Jewish Hollingers could have acquired their name independently of ours or they could be closely related. We will eventually find out - there are a number of Hollingers in Israel. As they get tested for their Y chromosome we will find out if we are closely related. If so our paternal ancestor was most likely Jewish. If not then the Roman soldier or slave solution becomes more likely.

Genetic testing is relatively new. We will likely find out much more about our ancient history as more people get tested and as we learn more about genetics.