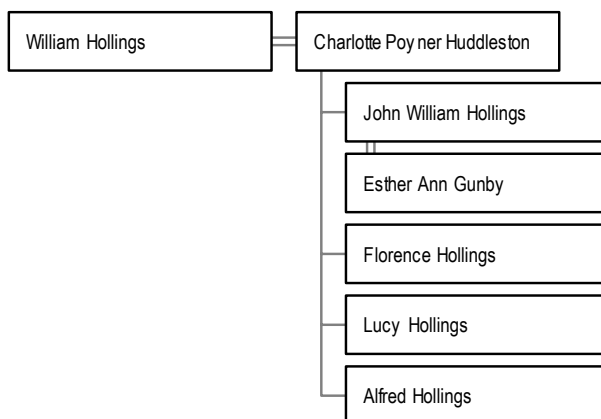


William Hollings



William Hollings J^{nr} was born some time after his sisters. The birth certificate for William shows that he was born to Eliza (née Wright) and William Hollings on 11th August, 1843 at home at Lane End, Holbeck. His father, described as a cloth dresser was the informant of the birth, which was registered two weeks later on 25th August 1843.¹ As has been noted, he was at home in Anchor Street with his parents and two of his sisters for the 1851 Census² but, as for the other Hollings family members, no record has been found in the census data for 1861 when William would have been about 17. However he is located in the 1871 census as a young married man with a family, living at 13 Palermo Street, Hunslet.³

| | | | |
|----------------------|------|----------------------|-----------|
| William Hollings | 27 | Woolen Warehouse Man | Hunslet |
| Charlotte P Hollings | 28 | Dress Maker | Leicester |
| John Wm Hollings | 4 | | Hunslet |
| Florence Hollings | 6wks | | Hunslet |

The census transcript has Charlotte's middle initial as 'R' but it should have been 'P' as William's wife was, before their marriage in 1866, Charlotte Poyner Huddleston, born around 1843 in Leicester, one of the daughters of John and Mary Huddleston, as shown by the following 1851 census record when the family were living at 127 Talbot Lane, St. Nicholas, Leicester.⁴

| | | | |
|----------------------|--------|--------------------|-------------------------|
| John Huddleston | 41 | Machinist | Stanningley, Yorkshire |
| Mary Huddleston | 39 | | Kirby Muxloe, Leicester |
| Ellen Huddleston | 16 | Fancy Worsted Work | Stanningley, Yorkshire |
| Ann Huddleston | 14 | Fancy Worsted Work | Leicester |
| Priscilla Huddleston | 12 | Scholar | Leicester |
| M.F. Huddleston | 10 | Scholar | Leicester |
| John H Huddleston | 10 | Scholar | Leicester |
| Charlotte Huddleston | 8 | | Leicester |
| Jacob Huddleston | 8 mths | | Leicester |

Ten years later she is found at a new home at 11 Church Street, Hunslet, with her now widowed mother (whose age seems to be inflated) and the youngest of her siblings.⁵ It was no doubt shortly after this that she met William.⁶

| | | | |
|--------------------------|----|-------------------------|------------------------|
| Mary Huddleston (W) | 53 | Not in Business | Kirby, Leicester |
| Ellen Matilda Huddleston | 26 | Milliner | Stanningley, Yorkshire |
| John Henry Huddleston | 20 | Mechanic Turner | Leicester |
| Charlotte Huddleston | 18 | Dressmaker's Apprentice | Leicester |
| Jacob Oliver Huddleston | 10 | Scholar | Leicester |

Back to William and Charlotte. Following the calling of Banns, they were married on 22nd September 1866 at the Parish Church Leeds. William was 23, and a Warehouseman, and Charlotte 24. Their respective fathers were William Hollings, Beltmaker and John Huddleston (who though not noted, was deceased), Engineer. William's address was given as Benson Street, and Charlotte's more generally as Hunslet. The ceremony was conducted by F.J. Wood, Clerk in Orders, and witnessed by William's brother-in-law Alexander Hutchinson and one of Charlotte's sisters, Priscilla Huddleston.⁷ Although no profession was listed for her on the marriage certificate, no doubt Charlotte's dressmaking skills helped to boost the family income. By 1881, there are two more children, Lucy and Alfred.⁸ Young John is already, at 14, learning a trade. Perhaps their new residence at 16 Artillery Terrace, North East Leeds, was a little larger than their previous home and staying with the family at this time is a boarder – again no doubt contributing to the family's income.

| | | | |
|---------------------------|----|---------------------------|-----------|
| William Hollings | 37 | Cloth Warehouseman Dealer | Leeds |
| Charlotte Poyner Hollings | 38 | | Leicester |
| John William Hollings | 14 | Letterpress Printer | Leeds |
| Lucy Hollings | 8 | Scholar | Leeds |
| Alfred Hollings | 4 | | Leeds |
| Albert Deans (Boarder) | 22 | Hairdresser | Leeds |

But there is no reference in the 1881 census to Florence who sadly had died before she reached her first birthday. Her birth had been registered in the March quarter of 1871 and her death was registered on 12th December of that year by her father William who had been present at his baby daughter's death. Florence had died the day before, at 13 Palermo Street, aged 9 months, of Scarlatina.⁹ In the pre-antibiotic 19th century, scarlet fever (often called scarlatina) was a feared disease, causing devastating pandemics with high mortality. Typically the first symptoms of scarlet fever are a sore throat and fever and a bright red ("scarlet") rash developing within a day or so. The rash starts as small spots usually on the neck and upper chest, and spreads to the rest of the body. It blanches when pressed and has a "sandpaper" feel to it. The cheeks may become flushed, although the mouth area remains pale. The tongue may become coated with a white fur with red papillae poking through (described as a "strawberry tongue") which, after a few days, becomes red with prominent papillae (a so-called "raspberry tongue"). For reasons that are not clearly understood, but which may be related to general improvements in health and living conditions of the population or a change in the organism itself, or both, scarlet fever is no longer as virulent as was once the case (but is still a notifiable disease in the United Kingdom)

1891 finds William and family yet again at a new address, 4 Grant Terrace, Central Ward, Leeds and with William employed in a new occupation, but still in the textile industry.¹⁰

| | | | |
|----------------------|----|------------------------|-----------|
| William Hollings | 47 | Woollen Pattern Cutter | Hunslet |
| Charlotte P Hollings | 48 | | Leicester |
| John W Hollings | 24 | Printer Compositor | Hunslet |
| Lucy Hollings | 18 | | Leeds |
| Alfred Hollings | 14 | Solicitors Office Boy | Leeds |

The family would have moved to Grant Terrace sometime before October 1889, as it was here that William's mother died, presumably being cared for in her final years by Charlotte.

The final census record for William and Charlotte is 1901¹¹. They are still living at 4 Grant Street but elder son John is not at home as he is by this time an independent man with a family of his own – refer to Generation 3 notes.

| | | | |
|----------------------|----|--------------------------|-----------|
| William Hollings | 57 | Pattern Cutter (Woollen) | Leeds |
| Charlotte P Hollings | 58 | | Leicester |
| Lucy Hollings | 28 | Cafe Waitress O. Inn | Leeds |
| Alfred Hollings | 25 | Insurance Clerk Off | Leeds |

William, Charlotte and Alfred will need to be followed up in the 1911 census. Lucy, however, did not make it to the next census return. Born in Leeds in the June quarter of 1873¹² Lucy would have been particularly welcomed into the family of William and Charlotte Hollings, as they had lost their daughter Florence in 1871. As recorded above, the 1881 and 1891 census returns find her living at home with her parents¹³ and she was still living at home in 1901 where, as an unmarried woman of 28, she was working as a café waitress.¹⁴ I have searched the various online references and can find no record of a marriage for Lucy. However, there is a record of a death registration in Bradford for a Lucy Hollings, aged 31¹⁵, and this was checked out with the following result. Lucy Hollings died on 22nd March 1904 at Horton, Bradford. Her occupation was given as Waitress and from the cause of death it would seem that Lucy had not been well for some time. It was noted that she had suffered from Pulmonary Phthisis for 4 years, but the direct cause of death was probably Meningitis, which she had had for 4 days before she died. The certifying doctor was Percy G. Lodge, FRCS. Lucy's father was present at her death, and he registered it the following day. His address was given as 36 St. Margaret's Road, Horton, which is the same address as that given for Lucy's place of death.

The Horton address strongly suggests that some time shortly after the 1901 census, this Hollings family moved to Bradford. William's elder sister, Ann Hutchinson, had already moved to Horton by the 1901 census, where she was living with her unmarried daughter, and William's niece Eliza.



John William Hollings



John, the first of 4 known children born to William and Charlotte Hollings, was born in Hunslet, Leeds in 1866.¹⁶ He spent his first few years at 13 Palermo Street, Hunslet, where he is found at home with his family for the 1871 census¹⁷ and was with them at their new address at 16 Artillery Street, North East Leeds, for the 1881 census. By this time John was learning the trade of letterpress printer.¹⁸ By the time of the 1891 census, John had progressed to being a printer compositor, but is still living at home with his parents at 4 Grant Terrace, Central Ward, Leeds.¹⁹ By the time of the 1901 census, however, John William Hollings had set up on his own, with his wife Esther née Gunby.

But before we look at the 1901 census details, we have some information on his wife Esther. The Civil Registration Index 1837-1983 has a record of the birth in Hunslet, Leeds of one Ann Esther Gunby for the June Quarter 1864.²⁰ It may have been that she preferred the name Esther as all subsequent records have her two names reversed to read Esther Ann. Following her childhood through the census returns has been somewhat tricky as the family's surname has been variously transcribed as Gunby, Gumby, Grenby, Ganly Gunbry and Gamby, a difficulty overcome to some degree by searching on the birthplace of her father (until this too is misspelt as Swinefleet). Esther was the daughter of William Gunby, born about 1833 in Swinefleet (just to the east of Goole) and his wife Mary Ann born about 1837 in Seacroft (on the north eastern edge of Leeds). In 1841 William made his census debut, living with his parents William S^{nr} and Ann, and an infant brother, High Street, Swinefleet.²¹

| | | |
|---------------|------|--------|
| William Gunby | 30 | Tailor |
| Ann Gunby | 20 | |
| William Gunby | 7 | |
| Thomas Gunby | 1 mo | |

By 1851, William S^{nr}, now widowed, had relocated with his children to Leeds, where they were living at 4 Cross Stamford(?) Street. By this time the Gunbys were in the provisions trade, and Sarah, a sister to William and Thomas who was not listed with the family in the previous census, now features.²²

| | | | |
|----------------------|----|-----------------------|-------------|
| William Gunby (Widr) | 43 | Game Dealer (Poultry) | ? Yorkshire |
| William Gunby | 17 | | Swinefleet |
| Sarah Gunby | 15 | | Swinefleet |
| Thomas Gunby | 9 | | Swinefleet |

By 1861, William Jnr has set up business for himself, has married and has a young family, living at 4 Cross Court, Kirkgate, which may have been the same place (with a slightly abbreviated name) as he was found with his father ten years earlier.²³

| | | | |
|-----------------|-------|-------------------|---------------------|
| William Gunby | 27 | Dealer in Poultry | Swinefleet |
| Mary Ann Gunby | 24 | | Seacroft, Yorkshire |
| Emma Gunby | 4 | | Leeds |
| Sarah Ann Gunby | 2 | | Leeds |
| Thomas Gunby | 9 mos | | Leeds |

They are still at the same address ten years later and now we have Esther listed along with her other siblings. The niece, Harriet Walker, is probably related to Mary Ann Gunby.²⁴

| | | | |
|----------------------------|----|------------------|-----------------------|
| William Gunby | 38 | Poulterer | Swinefleet, Yorkshire |
| Mary Ann Gunby | 34 | | Seacroft, Yorkshire |
| Emma Gunby | 14 | | Leeds |
| Sarah Hannah Gunby | 12 | Scholar | Leeds |
| Thomas Gunby | 10 | Scholar | Leeds |
| Esther Ann Gunby | 6 | Scholar | Leeds |
| Walter Gunby | 4 | | Leeds |
| William Gunby | 3 | | Leeds |
| Arthur Gunby | 2 | | Leeds |
| Harriet Ann Walker (Niece) | 14 | Domestic Servant | Leeds |

In 1881 (surname transcribed as Grenby) Esther is still living at home, now at 9 Grove Terrace, North West Leeds. Three more children have been born to this, even for those times, large family since 1871²⁵ Staying with the Gunbys is William's sister Sarah and a nephew William. Sarah had married John Ibbotson at St Marks, Woodhouse in 1867.²⁶

| | | | |
|----------------|----|---------------------------|-----------------------|
| William Gunby | 47 | Poulterer and Game Dealer | Swinefleet, Yorkshire |
| Mary Ann Gunby | 47 | | Seacroft, Yorkshire |

| | | | |
|---------------------------|----|-----------------|------------|
| Emma Gunby | 24 | | Leeds |
| Sarah Hannah Gunby | 22 | | Leeds |
| Thomas Gunby | 20 | None | Leeds |
| Esther Ann Gunby | 16 | | Leeds |
| Walter Gunby | 15 | Scholar | Leeds |
| William Gunby | 13 | Scholar | Leeds |
| Arthur Gunby | 11 | Scholar | Leeds |
| George Herbert Gunby | 9 | Scholar | Leeds |
| Fred Gunby | 7 | Scholar | Leeds |
| Mary Annie Gunby | 5 | Scholar | Leeds |
| Sarah Ibbotson (Visitor) | 45 | Joiner's Widow | Swinefleet |
| William Ibbotson (Nephew) | 9 | | Leeds |
| Ann Townend | 15 | General Servant | Leeds |

1891 finds Esther (transcribed as Hester) and family (surname transcribed as Gamby) still at Grove Terrace, with yet another two children added to the list of siblings – Jessie and Clifford, not to be confused with the children of the same names born to their son Walter! Some of the sons have followed their father in the poultry business.²⁷

| | | | |
|--------------------|----|---------------------|-----------------------|
| William Gunby | 57 | Game Dealer | Swinefleet, Yorkshire |
| Mary Ann Gunby | 54 | | Seacroft, Yorkshire |
| Emma Gunby | 34 | | Leeds |
| Sarah Hannah Gunby | 22 | | Leeds |
| William Gunby | 23 | Poulterer | Leeds |
| Hester Gunby | 26 | | Leeds |
| Arthur Gunby | 22 | Poulterer | Leeds |
| George Gunby | 20 | Butcher | Leeds |
| Frederick Gunby | 17 | Clothiers Assistant | Leeds |
| Mary A Gunby | 15 | | Leeds |
| Jessie Gunby | 10 | | Leeds |
| Clifford Gunby | 7 | | Leeds |
| Clara Thorp | 15 | General Servant | Castleford, Yorkshire |

Absent on census night were the two sons, Thomas and Walter who would have been respectively around 30 and 25. Thomas has been located in the 1891 Census, as a married man with wife Mary A. (28) of Leeds and 4 children, Emma (7), Douglas (6), Ernest (5) and Gladys (1), and living at 24 Albert Grove, Brunswick, Leeds. He is listed as a Poultry Dealer.²⁸ Walter has been found, living at 3 Gough Street, North East Leeds, with his Leeds-born wife Eliza A. (23) and baby son Clifford (4 months). He is listed as a Game (fish) and Poultry Dealer.²⁹

If the census enumerators had difficulties with the Gunby surname, they were not alone! The Yorkshire BMD has a somewhat confused entry for the marriage between John and Esther. There are, in fact 2 entries with the same reference – CE61/C/41 – with Esther's surname given as either Gumby or Gumbly. The couple were married on 5th September 1899, by banns, at St. Clement's Church, Sheepscar. This was the same church in which John's cousins Annie Hutchinson and William Fretwell Hollings were married, and as suggested previously was it probably well patronised by the Hollings clan. The same person, T.S. Fleming conducted the ceremony which was witnessed by Arthur and Mary Anne Gumby, brother and sister of the bride. The respective fathers listed are William Hollings, Warehouseman and William Gunby, Poulterer.

Having been sidetracked by the Gunbys, we return to the 1901 census return for John and Esther (transcribed Estha), who are found living at 44 Bayswater Road, Potternewton. With them are Esther's nephew Ernest Gunby, son of her brother Thomas and a boarder who may have worked for the same employer as John.³⁰

| | | | |
|-------------------------|----|---------------------|-------|
| John W Hollings | 34 | Printer Compositor | Leeds |
| Esther A Hollings | 35 | | Leeds |
| Ernest Gunby (Nephew) | 15 | Grocers' Assistant | Leeds |
| John H Sugden (Boarder) | 25 | Letterpress printer | Leeds |

Whether or not John and Esther had any children is not know yet. We know from the 1908 Kelly's Directory that John had moved a short distance away to 11 Berkeley Street.³¹ And it is here we leave them at this stage.

But having followed through on the Gunbys, here is their account as known at 1901. Esther's parents are alive and still living at 9 Grove Terrace and her father still shown as running his game dealer business.³²

| | | | |
|----------------|----|--------------------|-----------------------|
| William Gunby | 68 | Game Dealer (Fish) | Swinefleet, Yorkshire |
| Mary Ann Gunby | 67 | | Seacroft, Yorkshire |

| | | | |
|----------------------|----|-------------------------------|-------|
| Emma Gunby | 44 | | Leeds |
| Mary Ann Gunby | 25 | | Leeds |
| Jessie Gunby | 20 | | Leeds |
| Clifford Gunby | 17 | Game Dealers (Fish) Assistant | Leeds |
| Emma Gunby (G'dau) | 17 | | Leeds |
| Hugh D Gunby (G'son) | 16 | Game Dealers (Fish) Assistant | Leeds |
| Florence Fox | 19 | General Domestic Servant | Leeds |

Kelly's 1908 Directory has William and living at 9 Grove Terrace and daughter Mrs Mary Ann Gunby at 8 Grove Terrace, and the family business being run from Kirkgate Market (in partnership with Whitwam), with a warehouse at 8 Cross Street, Briggate.³³

Thomas and Walter have already been 'accounted' for up to the 1891 census returns in the preceding notes.

For the 1901 census no record has been found of Thomas and Mary Gunby and their daughter Gladys. By this time Mary seems to have been widowed as there is a FreeBMD Death Index for a Thomas Gunby, estimated birth year 1861 and age at death 39, registered at Leeds for the Jul-Sep quarter of 1900.³⁴ Children Emma and Douglas (Hugh D) are with their paternal grandparents and son Ernest was found living with his aunt and uncle, William and Esther Gunby. Where the rest of the family was that night is a mystery. Kelly has young Ernest as a Clerk, living at 6 Carlton View in 1908.³⁵

Walter (35) has been found, with his wife Eliza Ann (33). Clifford is now a young boy of 10 and he has 3 sisters – Jessie (6), Lilian (4) and Muriel (2). Walter is employed as a Game Dealers Assistant (Fishmonger) and he and his family were living at 1 Queens Place, Sheepscar, adjacent to Roundhay Road.³⁶ By 1908 he is recorded as being a salesman of 11 Back Enfield Road.³⁷

William J^{nr}, Arthur, George and Fred - all of whom have left home by 1901 – have also followed their father into the game dealing business. They have been located in the 1901 census (with their respective ages shown in brackets) as follows.

William Gunby J^{nr} (32) had married Eliza Ann (33), born in the City of London, and they had as a visitor Daisy Holland (25) (Sister in Law), suggesting perhaps that Eliza Ann's maiden name may have been Holland. They were living at 25 Lyndhurst Street, North East Ward, Leeds, and William was employed (in the family business?) as a poultry salesman.³⁸

Arthur Gunby (31) had married Alice A (28) of Darlington, and they had a daughter Jessie (8 months). They were living at 8 Shepherds Place, Potternewton, and Arthur was listed as a Game and Poultry Dealer (Fish) – Employer.³⁹ In 1908 he was living at 33 Brookfield Avenue.⁴⁰

George Herbert Gundy (30) and his wife Ada (30), who was a Leeds girl, were living at 3 Morphet Terrace, Leeds. They had 4 children - George Herbert J^{nr} (10), Mary Elizabeth (7), Mabel (6), and Kate (4). George is listed as an employee, working as a Poultry Salesman.⁴¹ By 1908 the family had moved to 25 Livingstone Place.⁴²

Fred Gunby (27) had married Emmie (25) of Stockton on Tees, and they had a daughter Dorothy (1). They were living at 18 Delph Mount, North West Ward, Leeds. Fred was a running a Game Dealer (Fish) business.⁴³ The Fred Gunby family were still at 18 Delph Mount in 1908, and the business was operated from 21 and 23 Headingley Lane.⁴⁴



Alfred Hollings

Alfred, as far as is known the last child of William and Charlotte Hollings, made his appearance just over three years after his sister, Lucy. He was born in the September quarter of 1876, in Leeds.⁴⁵ Like his sister, he was living at home for the three census records of 1881, 1891 and 1901. By the time he reached 15 he was out learning a profession, and graduated from being an office boy in a solicitor's office in 1891 to an insurance clerk in 1901, when he was an unmarried man of 25.

Following up on his life after 1901 may have to wait until the 1911 census becomes accessible. He is not listed in the Kelly's 1908 Directory for Leeds and it is likely that his parents (and presumably Alfred) may have relocated to Bradford after the 1901 census (refer to earlier notes for William and Charlotte Hollings, and Lucy Hollings). A search has been made on possible marriage records from the years 1901 to 1915. The Yorkshire BMD returns a possible 6 Alfreds!⁴⁶



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- ¹ Certified copy of Birth Certificate FC885075.
 - ² HO107/2318/p23.
 - ³ RG10/4510/p45.
 - ⁴ HO107/2090/p31.
 - ⁵ RG/3367/pp6-7.
 - ⁶ It may be coincidental that a family by the name Hollings lived close by at 2 Gill Terrace [see page 7 of the census form]. There is nothing known at this stage as to whether and/or how this Hollings family may have been related to William's family.
 - ⁷ Certified copy of Marriage Certificate MXD036164.
 - ⁸ RG11/4524/p11.
 - ⁹ Civil Registration Index listings; certified copy of Death Certificate DYB399573.
 - ¹⁰ RG12/3696/p27.
 - ¹¹ RG13/4226/p34.
 - ¹² FreeBMD Civil Registration Index.
 - ¹³ RG11/4524/p11; RG12/3696/p27.
 - ¹⁴ RG13/4226/p34.
 - ¹⁵ FreeBMD Death Index.
 - ¹⁶ Leeds:HUNS/54/339.
 - ¹⁷ RG10/4510/p45.
 - ¹⁸ RG11/4524/p11.
 - ¹⁹ RG12/3696/p27.
 - ²⁰ FreeBMD Birth Index. See also Leeds:HUNS/54/339.
 - ²¹ H107/1308/3/p7.
 - ²² HO107/2320/p26.
 - ²³ RG9/3372/p16.
 - ²⁴ RG10/4544/pp12-13.
 - ²⁵ RG11/4525/p8.
 - ²⁶ Leeds:CE/E/1093.
 - ²⁷ RG12/3697/p11.
 - ²⁸ RG12/3697/p16.
 - ²⁹ RG12/3693/p9.
 - ³⁰ RG13/4249/p3.
 - ³¹ 1908 Kelly's Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire, Vol 2, p601.
 - ³² RG13/4228/p8.
 - ³³ 1908 Kelly's Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire, Vol 2, p573.
 - ³⁴ FreeBMD Index.
 - ³⁵ 1908 Kelly's Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire, Vol 2, p572.
 - ³⁶ RG13/4226/p5.
 - ³⁷ 1908 Kelly's Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire, Vol 2, p572.
 - ³⁸ RG13/4222/p16.
 - ³⁹ RG13/4248/p37.
 - ⁴⁰ 1908 Kelly's Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire, Vol 2, p572.
 - ⁴¹ RG13/4229/p12.
 - ⁴² 1908 Kelly's Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire, Vol 2, p572.
 - ⁴³ RG13/4235/p15.
 - ⁴⁴ 1908 Kelly's Directory of the West Riding of Yorkshire, Vol 2, p572.
 - ⁴⁵ FreeBMD Civil Registration Index.
 - ⁴⁶ Refer to listing on file. Note the Yorkshire BMD records do not include Bradford marriages (as at Mar 2007).