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SUBJECT: William Hollingsworth of Lafayette County, Missouri

BACKGROUND

In 2020, I began work to identify the parents of William Hollingsworth (c. 1811–1851), who first appeared in Boone County, Missouri, in 1837 and died “west of Salt Lake City” in 1851. Client noted Y-DNA evidence linking William to a Hollingsworth family from Amherst and Nelson Counties, Virginia, and suspected that the connection may have come through the brothers Joseph and Lewis Hollingsworth, who moved to Davidson County, Tennessee, during the mid-1810s.

Among other findings, the 2020 installment documented William’s move to Lafayette County, Missouri, in 1838 and laid the foundation for deeper research. This installment resumes that work by seeking additional evidence of his activities there, the people with whom he associated, and clues to his origins. The time required for this task did not permit Tennessee research.

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The main findings of this installment are as follows:

- William Hollingsworth died between November 1850 and late-February 1851 – likely in Missouri.
- He first settled in Dover or its immediate environs rather than farther out in the county, as earlier evidence indicated.
- He was not landless, as preliminary research suggested. Rather, he owned three Dover lots and a share in Jefferson Donoho’s country property.

- Ann Eliza and Mary Jane Hollingsworth who “bought” Dover lots in the 1840s were **not** William’s sisters, but his underaged daughters. Consequently, William controlled those lots as well as his own property until his death.
- William was in partnership with Dover merchant Charles Ustick, for whom he appears to have provided carpentry work.
- He was considerably more active in Dover than previous evidence indicated, consistently associating with Dover town officials and prominent businessmen.
- He was a founding member of the South Methodist Episcopal Church and one of the trustees charged with building the church on the town square.
- No link was found between William and one Thomas Hollingsworth, who was briefly in Lafayette County in the 1820s.
- No evidence was found of Joseph or other Davidson County Hollingsworths in Missouri with William.
- Evidence linking William to the Hollingsworths of Amherst and Nelson Counties is now greatly strengthened.

DETAILED FINDINGS

The discussion of findings is presented in four sections:

- William Hollingsworth’s Dover Residence
- William Hollingsworth’s Death and Estate
- Thomas G. Hollingsworth
- Virginia Connections

The following seven Missouri activities, documented at the outset of this installment, provide a framework for evaluating the new findings.

26 December 1837

Boone County

Marriage of William Hollandsworth and Martha Dunuoho, solemnized by Matthew C. Patton, minister.¹

19 September 1838

Lafayette County

William and Martha Ann Hollingsworth of Lafayette County to George Knox and Washington Knox of Boone: 107 acres in Boone, being their undivided interest of the NE¹/₄ and SE¹/₄ fractional quarters of section 12, township 48, range 15.²

¹ Boone Co. Marriage Book 1821–1841: 226; imaged, “Missouri, County Marriage, Naturalization, and Court Records, 1800–1991,” *FamilySearch* (<https://www.familysearch.org>) > Boone > Marriage Records 1821–1841 > image 123.

² Boone Co., Deed Book J: 19–20; *FamilySearch* > Image Group Number (IGN) 008483737 > images 354–55.

28 January 1839

Lafayette County

William and Martha Ann Hollingsworth of Lafayette to Samuel Denham of Boone: the W½ of the N¼ of section 26, township 48, range 13, lot no. 46 in the town of Rocheport, and their claims to the estate of Jesse Donoho.³

1840

Lafayette County

Federal census⁴

William Hollinsworth	1 male 15-20	1 female 0-5	1 male slave 0-10
	1 male 20-30	1 female 15-20	1 female slaves 0-10
			1 female slave 24-36

17 June 1741

Lafayette County

The trustees for the stockholders of the addition to the town of Dover to Ann Eliza Hollinsworth of Lafayette, for \$50 cash: lot no. 154 on the south side of Mulberry Street. Recorded 24 January 1843.⁵

10 August 1844

Lafayette County

Abner A. and Prudence Evans to Mary Jane Hollinsworth, all of Lafayette, for \$75 cash: lot no. 56 in the town of Dover, parallel with Mill Street. Acknowledged 21 August 1844 before James Fitzpatrick JP.⁶

12 November 1850

Lafayette County

Federal census⁷

William Hollingsworth	34	gold hunting	b. Va.
Martha	29		b. Ky.
Ann Eliza	12		b. Mo.
Mary	10		b. Mo.
Frances	6		b. Mo.
Charles	2		b. Mo.

Let us now look at the new evidence within this framework.

William Hollingsworth's Dover Residence

The 2020 installment did not document land for William Hollingsworth in Lafayette County. His relationship with his brother-in-law Jefferson Donoho suggested he first

³ Ibid., 494-95; *FamilySearch* > IGN 008483737 > image 595.

⁴ 1840 U. S. census, Lafayette Co., Mo., population schedule, p. 163, ln. 24 (William Hollinsworth); "1840 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8057>).

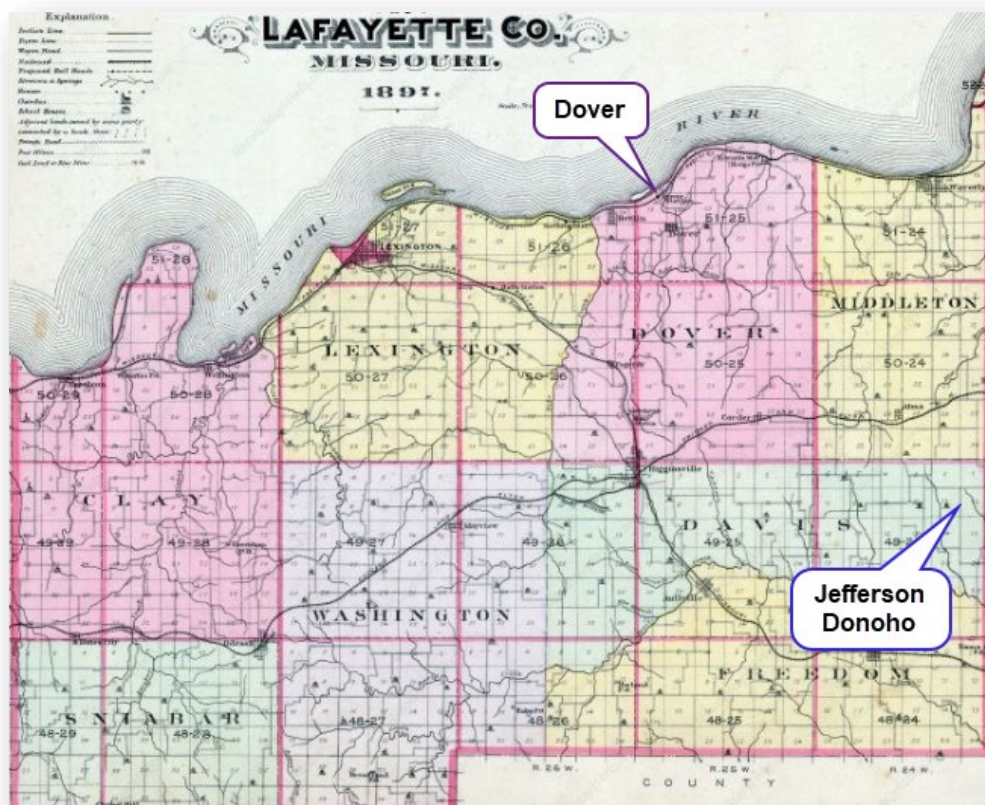
⁵ Lafayette Co., Deed Book H: 475; *FamilySearch* > IGN 008319073 > image 268.

⁶ Lafayette Co., Deed Book J: 82-83; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8319072 > image 48.

⁷ 1850 U. S. census, Lafayette Co., Mo., pop. sch., p. 191, dwelling 569, family 569 (William Hollingsworth); "1850 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054>).

lived on or near the land Jefferson patented in the mid-1840s, some twelve or thirteen miles southeast of Dover.

FIGURE 1
Jefferson Donoho Lands⁸



As noted in Report No. 1, William was in or near Dover by the 1850 census. New evidence shows he was actually there by 1840—and not in the future Donoho neighborhood. The first evidence comes from landholdings of six men appearing before William on the 1840 census. I colorize their names to correlate with the abstracts that follow.

1840 Census Sequence

Cornelius Fine
Willis Mathews
Ralph W Graves
Hubbille Foster
John M__well
Patrick E. Younsee
Alexander Gillum

Jordan Banks
Joseph Shelby
Colby Shrader
William Hollinsworth
Jefferson Campbell
[6 blanks to bottom of page]
Morgan Fine

⁸ Northwest Publishing Co., "Lafayette County Outline Map, 1897," *Historic Map Works* (<http://www.historicmapworks.com>).

1842

Willis G. Mathews lost lot no. 44 in Dover due to a court judgment against him.⁹

18 January 1837

Ralph W Graves bought from Solomon Cox lot no. 50 in Dover.¹⁰

16 April 1849

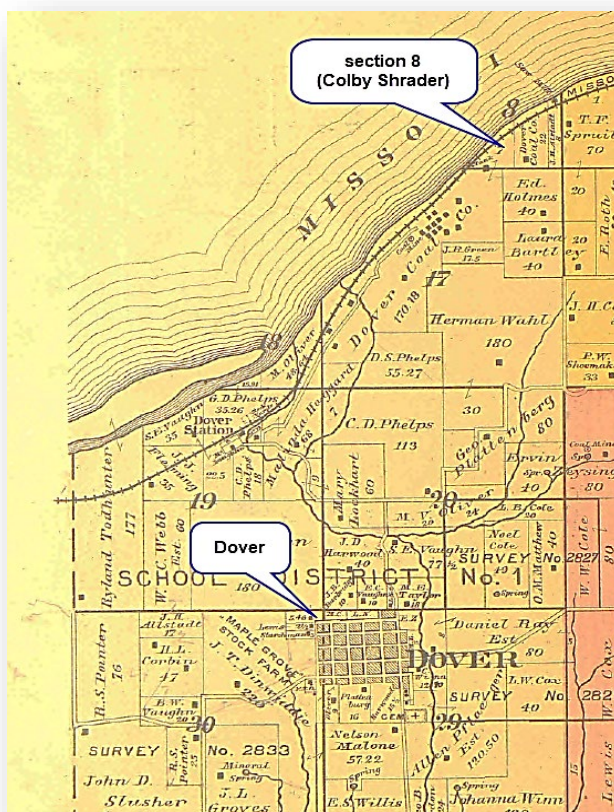
Joseph Shelby, William Hollingsworth, Charles Ustick and others bought lot no. 70 in Dover on which to build a Methodist Episcopal church.¹¹

8 May 1838

Colby Shrader bought from **Morgan Fin**, **Cornelius Fine**, and others: a tract on the river joining Craig's Steam Mill tract in section 8 township 51 range 25.¹²

These abstracts reflect a small region extending from Dover up to the Missouri River, shown in Figure 2.

FIGURE 2
William Hollingsworth 1840 Census Neighbors' Landholdings



⁹ Lafayette Co., Deed Book J: 15-16; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8319072 > images 14-15.

¹⁰ Lafayette Co., Deed Book F: 382–83; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8196674 > images 462–63.

¹¹ Lafayette Co., Deed Book O: 227; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8319070> image 123.

¹² Lafayette Co., Deed Book F: 206-7; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8196674 > images 370-71.

Putting William in the Dover community from his emergence in Lafayette County corresponds with the discovery that he owned property there.

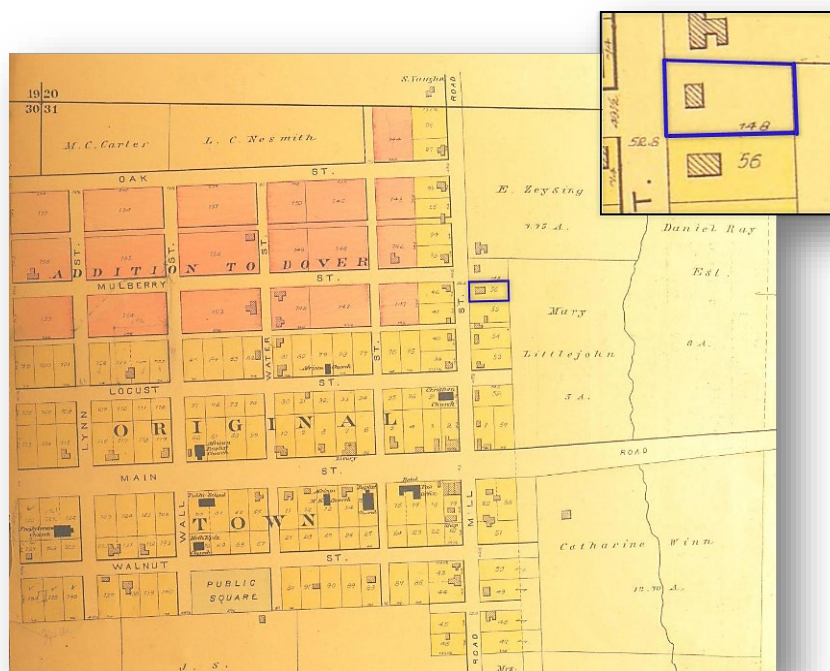
23 April 1849

Lafayette County

Solomon and Deborah Cox to **William Hollingsworth**, for \$25: one-quarter of an acre joining the north side of lot no. 56 in Dover.¹³

The 1897 map of Dover in Figure 2 shows this property joining the town limits.

FIGURE 3
William Hollingsworth's Lot joining Lot No. 56¹⁴



William had control of two other Dover properties that he did not legally own. Tracking them uncovered an atypical situation concerning his daughters. As background, recall the following abstracts I introduced in Report No. 1.

17 June 1841

Lafayette County

The trustees for the stockholders of the addition to the town of Dover to **Ann Eliza Hollinsworth**: lot no. 154 on the south side of Mulberry Street.¹⁵

¹³ Lafayette Co., Deed Book F: 1-2; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8319087 > images 7-8.

¹⁴ Northwest Publishing Co., *Plat Book of Lafayette County, Missouri* (Philadelphia, Pa.: Northwest Publishing Co., 1897), 8.

¹⁵ Lafayette Co., Deed Book H: 475; *FamilySearch* > IGN 008319073 > image 268.

10 August 1844

Lafayette County

Abner A. and Prudence Evans to **Mary Jane Hollinsworth**: lot no. 56 in Dover, running parallel with Mill Street.¹⁶

As I noted then, to have been adults by this time, Eliza Ann and Mary Jane would have been born before 1820 and 1822 respectively – making them conduits to William’s birth family as possible sisters. With that in mind, I also noted that the Tennessee household of William’s suspected father, Joseph, had two unidentified females of the proper ages. However, the additional research in this segment shows that these 1830 girls were not Eliza Ann and Mary Jane of 1841 and 1844 Dover. Rather, Ann Eliza and Mary Jane were William’s underaged daughters. The following abstracts document the situation.

Anne Eliza, lot no. 154

17 June 1841

Lafayette County

The trustees for the stockholders of the addition to the town of Dover to **Ann Eliza Hollinsworth: lot no. 154 on the south side of Mulberry Street.**¹⁷

12 November 1850

Lafayette County

William Hollingsworth ¹⁸	34	gold hunting	b. Va.
Martha	29		b. Ky.
Ann Eliza	12		b. Mo.
Mary	10		b. Mo.
Frances	6		b. No.
Charles	2		b. Mo.

1 February 1855

Lafayette County

Marriage of Mr. John Wilson and **Miss Ann Eliza Hollingsworth**, both of Lafayette County, was solemnized by E. Roth.¹⁹

1860

Lafayette County²⁰

John Wilson	30	farmer	\$4500 real	\$2000 personal	b. England
Anne E.	21				b. Mo
Wm	4				b. Mo.
Robert	2				b. Mo.
John	3/12				

¹⁶ Lafayette Co., Deed Book J: 82–83; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8319072 > image 48.

¹⁷ Lafayette Co., Deed Book H: 475; *FamilySearch* > IGN 008319073 > image 268.

¹⁸ 1850 U. S. census, Lafayette Co., Mo., pop. sch., p. 191, dwell. 569, fam. 569 (William Hollingsworth); “1850 United States Federal Census,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054>).

¹⁹ Lafayette Co., Marriage Book D: 199; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7514082 > image 474.

²⁰ 1860 U. S. Census, pop. sch., Lafayette Co., Dover township, p. 16, dwell. 119, fam. 127 (John Wilson); “1860 United States Federal Census,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/7667>).

12 August 1870
Lafayette County
John Wilson and wife **Ann E., formerly A. E. Hollingsworth**, to Dennis Clark: **lot 154 in the town of Dover** on the south side of Mulberry Street.²¹

Mary Jane, lot no. 56

10 August 1844
Lafayette County
Abner A. and Prudence Evans to **Mary Jane Hollinsworth**, all of Lafayette, for \$75 cash: **lot no. 56** in the town of Dover, parallel with Mill Street.²²

12 November 1850
Lafayette County²³

William Hollingsworth	34	gold hunting	b. Va.
Martha	29		b. Ky.
Ann Eliza	12		b. Mo.
Mary	10		b. Mo.
Frances	6		b. No.
Charles	2		b. Mo.

23 April 1757
Lafayette County
Marriage of Mr. Paul Boab and **Miss Mary Jane Hollingsworth**.²⁴

7 July 1866
Lafayette & Howard Counties
Paul Boab and his wife **Mary Jane**, formerly **Mary Jane Hollinsworth**, of Howard County, Missouri, to Herman Wahl of Lafayette County: **lot no. 56** in Dover, being the same conveyed to said Mary Jane by Abner A. Evans and wife.²⁵

1 June 1885
Pueblo County, Colorado
State census²⁶

Paul Boob	55	head	keeps saloon	b. Germany
Mary	44	wife		b. Mo.
Wm F	24	son	clothier	b. Mo.
Joe	21	son	teamster	b. Mo.

Eliza Ann and Mary Jane were only three to five years old when they “bought” these lots. Because they were not capable of doing so, their father William is the obvious person to have arranged the transactions. Fathers typically bought property for minor children as

²¹ Lafayette Co., Deed Book X: 639; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8319096 > image 683.

²² Lafayette Co., Deed Book J: 82-83; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8319072 > image 48.

²³ 1850 U. S. census, Lafayette Co., Mo., pop. sch., p. 191, dwell. 569, fam. 569 (William Hollingsworth); “1850 United States Federal Census,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/search/collections/8054>).

²⁴ Lafayette Co., Marriage Record Book D: 298; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7187064 > image 305.

²⁵ Lafayette Co., Deed Book Q: 629-30; *FamilySearch* > IGN 819092 > image 335.

²⁶ 1885 State Census, Pueblo Co., Co., p. 22, e. d. 2, dwell. 357, fam. 457 (Boob, Paul); “Colorado, U. S., State Census, 1885,” *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/6837>).

advancements on their inheritances, an investment of an inheritance received from a grandparent or other relative, or to shield property from debts or business risks. The fact that William controlled these lots could certainly explain why he did not make a purchase in his own name until 1849.

The map in Figure 4 shows the location of lots 154 and 56, the latter of which joined William's 1849 purchase.

FIGURE 4
Hollingsworth Lots in Dover



New evidence shows William also had an interest in his brothers-in-law's country land. As I have already discussed, Jefferson Donoho owned two tracts of land in the Lafayette County countryside twelve or thirteen miles southeast of Dover. Patents to both tracts were issued in Jefferson Donoho's name, without mentioning William Hollingsworth.²⁷ Yet, the following abstracts reveal that William had an interest in them.

28 September 1844

Lafayette

Whereas William Gaw, assignee of Ware & Connelly, obtained judgment against **William Hollingsworth** and Jefferson Donaho in Boone County, and whereas on

²⁷ For the patent issued 1 May 1843, see document no. 18714, accession no. MO1410__303 and for the patent issued 1 July 1845, see document no. 23128, accession no. MO1480__199, imaged in *Bureau of Land Management* (<https://glorerecords.blm.gov>).

3 May 1844 an execution was placed in the hands of Sheriff Anderson commanding him to levy of the goods and chattels and real estate of **Hollingsworth** and Donoho, Sheriff Anderson on 3 May 1844 levied upon and seized **the property of William Hollingsworth** and Jefferson Donoho, being the NW¹/₄ of the SE¹/₄ of section 12 township 49 range 24 and the NE¹/₄ of the SE¹/₄ of section 11 township 29 range 24, and exposed them to sale on 28 September 1844, with Philip Gaw [also Garr] being the highest bidder.²⁸

Where Jefferson Donoho lived after losing this land is not known—assuming he ever actually lived on it. William’s 1840 census household shows an extra adult male who was likely to have been Jefferson. Moreover, because the 1841 and 1845 lands were raw, it is certainly possible that Jefferson continued to live with Hollingsworth after acquiring them.

William Hollingsworth’s Dover Activities

The following abstracts shed considerable light into William Hollingsworth’s thirteen or so years in Dover.

5 October 1838

Lafayette

William Cynthia Culp to Fielding T. Hord: lot no. 8 in Dover. Witnesses: **W^m Hollinsworth** and James H. Hall.²⁹

May 1845

John B. Dysart and John Lovelady, administrators of the estate of Obadiah Bounds, came into court to make annual settlement of their accounts. Appearing on a list of credits were payments to M. W. Flourney, **W^m Hollingsworth with interest \$9.15**, H. C. Boteler, Claggert & Boteler, Watson & Plattenburg, John Elige, and David Grove.³⁰

November 1845

William Hollingsworth served on the jury deciding the case of Caldwell Byrnside vs. Frederick Myers.³¹

April 1846

Ustick & Hollingsworth vs. Chas. T. Ustick, administrator of Richard S. Cooper, dec’d. Judgment in favor of plaintiffs.³²

March 1846

W^m Hollingsworth vs. Charles T. Ustick, administrator of Tandy Campbell. The court found in favor of Hollingsworth in the sum of \$2.75.³³

²⁸ Lafayette Co., Deed Book M: 220–21; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8319071 > images 374–75.

²⁹ Lafayette Co., Deed Book J: 99; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8319072 > image 327.

³⁰ Lafayette Co., Probate Records Book 6: 388; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7631046 > image 370

³¹ Lafayette Co., Circuit Court Book 6: 312; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8418512 > image 583.

³² Lafayette Co., Probate Record Book 7: 61; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7631046 > image 503.

³³ *Ibid.*, 80; image 513.

September 1846

Ustick & Hollingsworth vs. Richard S. Cooper estate. Judgment in favor of plaintiffs.³⁴

February 1847

Alfred Nichols, administrator of the estate of Samuel P. Baylis[?] appeared in court to make annual settlement. The account includes payment to **Hollingsworth & Ustick, \$8.00**.³⁵

5 October 1848

John B. Vivion and **William Hollingsworth** came into court to prove the will of Anthony Haynes.³⁶

7 February 1849

Charles T. Ustick, administrator of the estate of Tandy Coleman, came into court to make final settlement of the estate. Included on the list of credits was a 7 December 1848 payment to **W^m Hollingsworth**.³⁷

16 April 1849

Solomon and Deborah Cox to David Broves, William Neal, Joseph Shelby, **William Hollingsworth**, and Charles T. Ustick, trustees for the Methodist Episcopal Church South in Dover: lot 70 in Dover for the use of said church.³⁸

23 April 1849

Solomon and Deborah Cox to **William Hollingsworth**, all of Lafayette, for \$25: one-quarter of an acre joining lot 56 of town of Dover lying on north of said lot and running parallel with Mill Street 74 feet then back 184 feet. Recorded 9 April 1859.³⁹

8 May 1850

Henry Cale, administrator of the estate of Geo. Parkerson, came into court to make a settlement. Payments made include John McReynolds, **Ustick & Hollensworth**, C. T. Ustick as appraiser.⁴⁰

8 May 1850

William Hollingsworth vs. estate of Jn^o Watson. The plaintiff and Chas. T. Ustick, administrator of Watson's estate came into court, and the court found in favor of **Hollingsworth** in the sum of \$10.71.⁴¹

Aside from documenting his Dover property, these abstracts show William engaged in a range of civic and personal activities during the 1840s. Two points are particularly important.

³⁴ Ibid., 142; image 547.

³⁵ Ibid., 227; image 590.

³⁶ Lafayette Co., Probate Record Book 8: 135; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7631047 > image 124.

³⁷ Ibid., 210; image 163.

³⁸ Lafayette Co., Deed Book O: 227; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8319070 > image 518.

³⁹ Lafayette Co., Deed Book F: 1-2; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8319087 > images 7-8.

⁴⁰ Lafayette Co., Probate Record Book 9: 186; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7631047 > image 366.

⁴¹ Ibid., 185; image 365.

The first revelation is that William was a religious leader in, and founding member of, the Methodist Episcopal Church in Dover. The map in Figure 5 shows the location of lot 70 that he and the other trustees bought in April 1849. The church no longer stands.

FIGURE 5
Lot 70 Showing Methodist Episcopal Church



William's position in the church echoes the same position that his suspected grandfather William Sr. of Virginia (father of Joseph & Lewis of Tennessee) held thirty years earlier.

26 April 1813

Nelson County

James Edmunds to **William Hollingsworth**, William Wright, Charles Worth, Elijah Mays, and Peter Campbell, trustees in trust: 1 acre beginning near the corner of Kingwood Meeting House, **on which the trustees will build and maintain a Methodist Episcopal Church.**⁴²

A second revelation concerns William's livelihood. New evidence not only shows he owned town and country property, but he was far more than a "gold hunter" as reported on the 1850 census. Charles Ustick was key to illustrating William's diversification. Eight

⁴² Nelson Co., Va., Circuit Court Deed Book 2: 122-23; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8579203 > image 84.

of William's thirteen newly discovered activities involved Ustick, a Dover merchant. Moreover, the fact that they were *financially* involved suggests they were also *commercially* involved. This brings us to the following abstracts from Carroll County, just across the Missouri River from Dover.

9 August 1847

Invoice of **C T. Ustick** and **W^m Hollingsworth** to the estate of John Killgore for 1 coffin trimmed with cord "Hirse" hire, \$12.00.⁴³

12 February 1848

Charles T. Ustick of the firm of Ustick & Hollinsworth of Dover appeared in court to swear that the estate of Ephraim Clark was indebted to the firm in the amount of \$15.00 for making a coffin "for daughter" (\$6, 19 Oct. 1847) and making coffin for "self" (\$9, dated 18 Nov. 1847).⁴⁴

20 September 1848

William Hollingsworth of the firm of Ustick & Hollingsworth appeared in court to swear that the estate of James M. Beadles was indebted to the firm in amount of \$15 for a coffin and trimmings, dated 30 March 1848.⁴⁵

23 December 1848

Receipt showing \$12 paid by Samuel Cole, administrator of John Killgore, to **W^m Hollingsworth and C. T. Ustick**.⁴⁶

1 March 1852

Receipt showing \$18.15 payment by John C Snider, administrator of the estate of James Beadles, to **Ustick & Hollingsworth**.

William Hollingsworth was a business partner of Charles Ustick. The Carroll County invoices are particularly insightful because they show the firm providing coffins and hearse services. The mortuary profession was not yet organized at this time and coffins were typically made by a local cabinet maker or purchased through a general merchant.

William Hollingsworth's Death and Estate

Other important findings of this installment concern William's death. Consider the following abstracts of his estate records.

8 March 1851

Lafayette County

John G. Ridge is appointed administrator of estate of **William Hollingsworth**, dec'd, with Charles T. Ustick and Joseph B. Shelly securities and ordered to appraise the estate.⁴⁷

⁴³ Carroll Co., Mo., Sale Bills Book A: 149; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7631076 > image 222.

⁴⁴ Carroll Co., Probate Case File "Clark, Epham 1847;" *FamilySearch* > IGN 7634012 > image 121.

⁴⁵ Carroll Co., Probate Case file "Beadles, James W. 1848;" *FamilySearch* > IGN 7633823 > image 41.

⁴⁶ *Ibid.*, 880.

⁴⁷ Lafayette Co., Probate Record Book A: 110; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7631048 > image 100. Bond, Wills and Letters Book A: 24; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7630964 > image 33.

9 April 1851

Lafayette County

Inventory of the estate of **William Hollingsworth**, deceased, was made by John G. Ridge, administrator.

List of notes and accounts due the estate include William W. Lang, H. Duty, Jacob & Jn^o McReynolds, Jn^o Burton & Cha^s Burton, Jefferson Dunho \$50.50 due 13 Apr 1850 and interest of \$3, Mr. Hughes, T. J. Yerby, account on Jefferson Donohoe for \$2, claims due **Ustick & Hollingsworth \$46.02**, account on estate of Sam^l Hickey dec'd. Witnesses: Joseph Shelley and Hiram Duly.

Inventory of personal possessions: 2 hand screens and 1 hold fast, 1 cow & 2 calves, 1 bureau, 1 toilet glass, 1 clock, 1 encyclopedia, 1 family bible, 1 Testament, 1 pair and irons, 1 hymn book, 1 dressing table, 1 picture frame, 1 cloth brush, 1 pocket map, 2 candle sticks, 6 Windsor chairs, 2 split bottom chairs, 1 safe, 1 pair spring balances, 1 set cupboard ware, 1 coffee mill, 1 hair trunk, 13 school books, 1 gallon jug, 1 cooking stone & vessels, 1 cider churn, 2 wash tubs, 1 painted bucket, 1 circular saw and anvil, 2 saw blades, 2 stand of bees[?], 1 hand ax, 1 wash board, 1 lot of tin ware, 33 yards carpet, 1 iron wedge, 1 lot scantling, 1 lot bed railing, "1 lot or parcel of Ground Known and described by Deed from Solomon Cox to Hollingsworth as a lot of land Situated in the County of Lafayette . . . adjoining lot No 56 of the Town of Dover."

6 May 1851, John G. Ridge, administrator, presented the inventory in court, excepting "the property reserved as the absolute property of the widow."⁴⁸

10 May 1852

Lafayette County

John G. Ridge, administrator of estate of **William Hollingsworth**, dec'd, came into court to file the first annual settlement. It includes the cost of the estate appraisal, **amount received of C. T. Ustick on settlement of partnership**, John Burton's note, Jacob McReynolds's note, amount of personal property delivered to the **widow**, amount paid the **widow** as per voucher, amount paid C. Patterson, and amount paid to Thomas J. Yerby.⁴⁹

4 October 1853

Lafayette County

John G. Ridge, administrator of the estate of **William Hollingworth**, came into court to file the second annual settlement. Includes cash received on J. Donoho's note of \$41.00 and by cash paid to the widow **Mrs. M. A. Hollingsworth \$56.35**.⁵⁰

Several points are worth stressing:

- William's estate contained a large number of religious and academic books, the former reflecting his position in the Methodist Episcopal Church and the latter reflecting a commitment to education.

⁴⁸ Lafayette Co., Inventories Book A: 87-88; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7630972 > images 84-85.

⁴⁹ Lafayette Co., Probate Record Book A: 357; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7631048 > image 229.

⁵⁰ *Ibid.*, 273; image 463.

- He owned trade and craft tools such as hand screws and holdfasts (woodworking tools used for clamping and securing materials), a circular saw and blades, and an anvil (used in smithing work). Those tools reflect his businesses that involved making and selling coffins and suggest he himself was a carpenter or cabinet maker who made the coffins.
- He lived on the lot adjoining the town limit and not on lots he bought for his daughters. Not only was it the only lot in the 1852 appraisal, but his heirs did not sell it until 1870.⁵¹
- The 1870 sale through which William's four children and their spouses sold that property excluded William's wife Martha, showing she had died by then.

What the estate records do not tell us, specifically, is when or where William died. But the family tradition that he was west of Salt Lake City and died in 1851 is clearly mistaken, now that we know he was dead before March 1851. Salt Lake City itself was more than 1,000 miles from Independence, Missouri, and the journey required four to five months under optimal conditions. No one would make that trip—either to or from—during the winter. **Therefore, the actual evidence suggests William died in Missouri between November 1850 and late-February 1851.**

Thomas G. Hollingsworth

This man was introduced in my earlier report via the following activities.

9 April 1822

Lilliard [later Lafayette] County

Bond of James Lillard, James Bounds and John Duston, Commissioners in trust for Lillard County, Missouri, to **Thos. G. Hollingsworth of Lillard County** in sum of \$180 to be paid to said Hollingsworth, on condition that if the above Lillard, Bounds and Duston or their successors in office do convey to said Hollingsworth by a warrantee deed for lots 45, 66[?] and 65 in the town of Lexington in said county, then this obligation is void.⁵²

27 April 1822

Lillard County

T. G. Hollingsworth assigns the 9 April bond to Alfred K. Stephens, upon his paying off the note held by the commissioners.⁵³

Lexington was also in northern Lafayette County, just ten miles from the future town of Dover. His presence there before William Hollingsworth emerged could indicate a genealogical connection. However, I found no such link, and Thomas “disappeared” shortly

⁵¹ On 14 February 1870, John and Ann E. Wilson, Paul and M. J. Boob, Julius and Fanny Coulter, and Charles Hollingsworth sold the property to Thadus Edwards. Lafayette Co., Deed Book 4: 452–53; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8319099 > image 536.

⁵² Lafayette Co., Deed Book A: 73–74; *FamilySearch* > IGN 008196673 > image 62.

⁵³ *Ibid.*, 74; *FamilySearch* > IGN 008196673 > image 62.

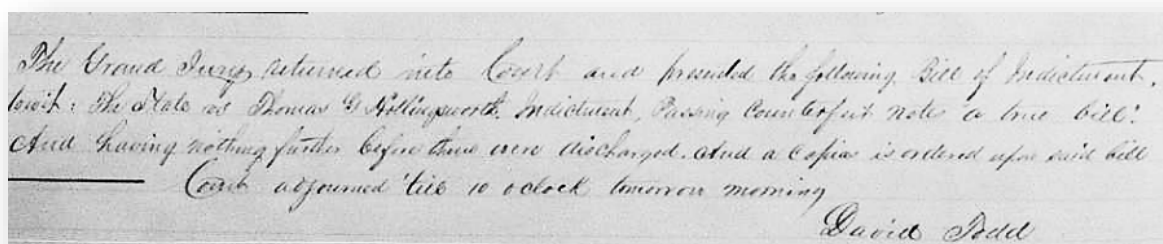
after these transactions. Let us walk through the evidence.

The April 1822 documents show Thomas beginning the process of acquiring the town lots. However, he never gained title to those lots. The Lexington commissioners had executed a bond obligating themselves to convey the lots to Hollingsworth upon satisfaction of the purchase term. Before those terms were met, he assigned his interest in the bond to Alfred K. Stephens, who agreed to pay the purchase money note held by the commissioners. There are no subsequent property transfers under Thomas's name, and I have not found him in other Lafayette records. Nevertheless, he was still in the area.

Several months after the Lexington activities, on 1 July 1822, Thomas G. was indicted in adjoining Clay County for passing counterfeit money as per Figure 5.

FIGURE 5

Thomas G. Hollingsworth Indictment⁵⁴



The Grand Jury returned into Court and presented the following Bill of Indictment, to wit: The State vs Thomas G. Hollingsworth, Indictment, Passing Counterfeit note a true bill: And having nothing further before them were discharged, and a copias is ordered upon said bill.

Court adjourned till 10 o'clock tomorrow morning

David Padd

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Joshua Adams submitted a bill to the Circuit Court that same session for five days guarding Thomas G., while Pleasant Adams was allowed payment for taking T. G. Hollingsworth into custody (presumably in July).⁵⁵ Jonathan Camron submitted an undated bill for guarding "T. J." Hollingsworth seven days "while in custody of the officer" and for traveling expenses.⁵⁶ However, at the subsequent November session, the state prosecutor declined to move forward, so Hollingsworth was released.⁵⁷

I found no further records of Thomas G. in Clay County – suggesting he was only there briefly. Indeed, he may not have even lived there. Available evidence does not provide any leads to his whereabouts before or after his few 1822 appearances.

⁵⁴ Clay Co., Circuit Court Book 1: 12; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7902894 > image 37.

⁵⁵ Clay Co., "Folder "Hollingsworth, Thomas G: Circuit Court Book 1," Circuit Court File Folders; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8573562 > image 1248 and Clay Co., Probate Record Book 1: 9; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7632324 > image 28.

⁵⁶ Clay Co., "Folder "Hollingsworth, Thomas G: Circuit Court Book 1"; image 1250.

⁵⁷ Clay Co., Circuit Court Book 1: 12; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7902894 > image 38.

Virginia Connections

Report No. 1 introduced Jefferson Campbell, who was enumerated next to William Hollingsworth on the 1840 census and owned land next to William and his brother-in-law Jefferson Donoho. I also mentioned that the Campbells reportedly came from Amherst County, Virginia, where Lewis Hollingsworth, who later moved to Davidson County, Tennessee, married Lucy Campbell. Time constraints of that installment did not permit me to follow up on those points. I have now done so.

The following abstract establishes a relationship based on more than census proximity.

24 June 1848

Agreement between **Jefferson Donnoho** and Martha C. McCarty and **Jefferson Campbell**, in consideration of the intention of Jefferson Donnoho and Martha McCarty to marry and enable Martha to retain her own property, they convey to Campbell in trust for her: 3 slaves, 1 mare, 2 cows and calves, all stock of cattle and sheep, all her household and kitchen furniture, and all property of any kind.⁵⁸

The close relationship between Client's Hollingsworth and Donoho ancestors and Jefferson Campbell provides a strong conduit to Amherst and Nelson Counties, Virginia. Although time permitted only cursory research there, the following abstracts show Hollingsworths marrying into and living among the same Campbell family that later became neighbors and associates of the Client's ancestors in Missouri.

5 October 1805

Amherst (Later Nelson) County

Marriage of **Tandy Campbell** and **Polly Wright**.⁵⁹

1807

Amherst County

Tandy Campbell, **William Hollingsworth**, and Joseph Hollingsworth lived in the same tax district.⁶⁰

May 1807

Amherst County

The marriage of **William Hollingsworth** and **Fanny Wright** appears on a list of marriages performed by William Wright in 1804 and 1805.⁶¹

c1808

Nelson County

Undated petition concerning consequences of a law passed on 25 December 1807 was signed by **William Hollingsworth**, **William Hollonsworth** [sic] **Jur.**, John Honllingworth [sic], and **Peter Campbell**.⁶²

⁵⁸ Lafayette Co., Records Book D: 10-11; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7514082 > image 380.

⁵⁹ Amherst Co., Marriage Book 1800-1825, no page number; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7644626 > image 389.

⁶⁰ Amherst Co., 1807 Personal Property Tax List A: 5 and 10; *FamilySearch* > IGN 746300 > images 136 and 139.

⁶¹ Amherst Co., Untitled Marriage Book: 11; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7578824 > image 745.

⁶² Nelson Co., Legislative Petitions 1776-1820; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8993652 > image 588.

7 December 1811

Nelson County

Will of Ambrose (x his mark) Campbell. Wife Margaret. To son **Peter Campbell**: 100 acres of the home place and half of the orchard. To daughter **Lucy Campbell**: 74 acres of the homeplace and half of the orchard. Other children: Rachel Innis, Frances Innis, Sally Mills, **Tandy Campbell**, Elizabeth Mays, and Polly Page's children. Witnesses: **William Wright**, Elijah Mays, **Austin Wright**.⁶³

26 April 1813

Nelson County

James Edmunds to **William Wright**, Charles Worth, Elijah Mays, **William Hollingsworth**, and **Peter Campbell**, trustees: 1 acre near Kingwood Meeting House, on which the trustees will build a keep a Methodist Episcopal Church.⁶⁴

22 October 1816

Nelson County

Lewis and **Lucy Hollingsworth** and Peggy Campbell to William Hawkins: land on the north branches of Tye River joining Mary Stoneham, **Peter Campbell**, and Robert Mays. Witnesses: W^m H. Digges, Elijah Mays, and John Monroe.⁶⁵

1830

Lafayette County, Missouri

Federal census⁶⁶

Tandy Campbell	2 males 0-5	1 female 5-10
	1 male 10-15	1 female 10-15
	2 males 20-30 [Jefferson]	1 female 15-20
	1 male 50-60	1 female 40-50

18 August 1836

Lafayette County

Tandy and **Mary Campbell** to **Jefferson Campbell**: the NE¹/₄ of the NE¹/₄ of section 34, township 51, range 25.⁶⁷

7 February 1849

Lafayette County

Final settlement of estate of **Tandy Campbell** filed by Charles F. Ustick, administrator. Payments received include **Jefferson Campbell** and payments made include **W^m Hollingsworth**.⁶⁸

25 April 1838

Lafayette County

Solomon and Deborah Cox to Charles Ustick as trustee for an association formed

⁶³ Nelson Co., Will Book A: 222-23; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7643962 > images 139-40.

⁶⁴ Nelson Co., Circuit Court Deed Book 2: 122-23; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8579203 > image 84.

⁶⁵ Nelson Co., Deed Book 2: 466-67; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8190611 > image 587.

⁶⁶ Lafayette Co., U. S. Census, p. 261, ln. 26 (Tandy Campbell); "1830 United States Federal Census," *Ancestry* (<https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/8058>).

⁶⁷ Lafayette Co., Deed Book E: 108-9; *FamilySearch* > IGN 8196674 > image 65.

⁶⁸ Lafayette Co., Probate Records Book 8: 210; *FamilySearch* > IGN 7631047 > image 163.

to make an **addition to the town of Dover** (including **Tandy Campbell** and **Jefferson Campbell**): 51 acres along Mill Street.⁶⁹

These direct connections between Client's Missouri ancestors and the suspected Virginia Hollingsworth progenitors are strong enough to warrant further investigation.

CONCLUSION

This installment has expanded and clarified the life of William Hollingsworth in Lafayette County, Missouri, in many ways. It has also answered several outstanding questions and corrected certain misconceptions and family traditions. The links established to the Hollingsworths of Amherst and Nelson counties, Virginia, have strengthened suspicions that William belongs to that branch. Conversely, no evidence has yet emerged of a link to Davidson County, Tennessee.

Should Client wish to proceed, I suggest next turning attention to Virginia.

Rachal Mills Lennon, CG, FASG

⁶⁹ Lafayette Co., Deed Book G: 618–19; *FamilySearch* > IGN 196674 > image 813.