

## William Holland and Emma Goodfellow

William Holland was born 28 November 1847 in Stockport, Cheshire, England. He was the son of John Holland and Sarah Ashmore.<sup>1</sup> He immigrated to America and was working as a dresstender in Fall River, Bristol, Massachusetts, in 1869.<sup>2</sup>

Emma Goodfellow was born 6 December 1850 in Dukinfield, Cheshire, England. She was the daughter of Lois Goodfellow and James Fowler<sup>3</sup>, although her parents never married. Emma and her mother were living with her grandparents in Manchester, Lancashire, England, in 1851.<sup>4</sup> Her mother married in 1859<sup>5</sup> and Emma was known by her stepfather's name, Hyam or Higham, on the 1861 census.<sup>6</sup> She immigrated in 1866<sup>7</sup>, and was living in Fall River in 1869.<sup>8</sup>

William and Emma married 17 April 1869 in Fall River.<sup>9</sup> He was 31 and she was 18; they had four children.<sup>10</sup> On the 1870 census, William was working in the iron works and living with his wife and baby daughter in Wareham, Plymouth, Massachusetts.<sup>11</sup> They moved to Providence, Providence, Rhode Island, where their second child was born in 1872.<sup>12</sup> In 1875, their third child was born in Cumberland, Providence, Rhode Island.<sup>13</sup> They waited until Emma regained her health and then crossed the plains to the Great Salt Lake Valley. They settled in Hamilton Fork, Iron, Utah Territory (about six miles from southwest of Cedar City).<sup>14</sup>

Their oldest son died in 1879 at age six and was buried in the Cedar City Cemetery. The next year, William was a miner, living with his wife and three children in Silver Reef, Washington, Utah Territory. He continued mining until his death 1 July 1889 in Cedar City, and was also buried in the Cedar City Cemetery. The cemetery sexton told some family members that the Holland plot was purchased before 1900 but was never paid for.<sup>15</sup>

Emma remained in Silver Reef and ran a boarding house until the ore ran out. Sometime between 1888 and 1890, she moved to Cedar City. She remarried in 1891<sup>16</sup>; on the 1900 census she is living with her second husband, four of his children, and two of her own.<sup>17</sup> She lived in Cedar City<sup>18</sup> until she died in 1912. She was buried in the Cedar City Cemetery.<sup>19</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> England and Wales Birth Registration Index, 1837-2008.

<sup>2</sup> Massachusetts Marriages, 1841-1915.

<sup>3</sup> Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964.

<sup>4</sup> England and Wales Census, 1851.

<sup>5</sup> England Cheshire Parish Registers, 1538-2000.

<sup>6</sup> 1861 England Census.

<sup>7</sup> United States Census, 1910.

<sup>8</sup> Massachusetts Marriages, 1841-1915.

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<sup>10</sup> *Familysearch.org*

<sup>11</sup> United States Census, 1870.

<sup>12</sup> Rhode Island Births and Christenings, 1600-1914.

<sup>13</sup> *Familysearch.org*

<sup>14</sup> To Them It Was Real: The Family History of David Dix and Nellie Macfarlane Dix, Their Ancestors and Descendants.

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<sup>16</sup> Utah Marriages, 1887-1915.

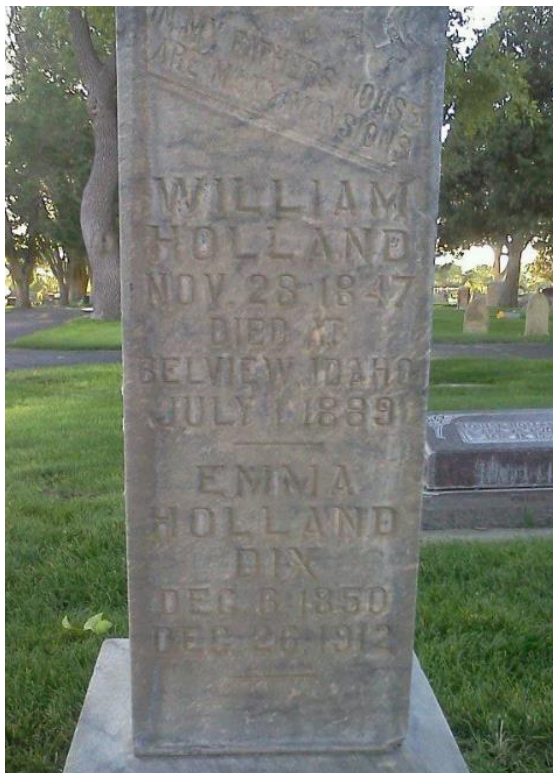
<sup>17</sup> United States Census, 1900.

<sup>18</sup> United States Census, 1910.

<sup>19</sup> Utah Death Certificates, 1904-1964; Utah Deaths and Burials, 1888-1946.



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