**Jane HOLLIMAN** was baptised at Long Crendon 27th May 1826\*. She was the daughter of James and Sarah HOLLIMAN.

Siblings of Jane HOLLIMAN also baptised at Long Crendon are as follows:

30th Jun 1822 Thomas s. of James & Sarah HOLLIMAN

18th Jul 1824 Ann

12th Jun 1829 Charles

11th Sep 1831 John

A suitable marriage for James HOLLIMAN and Sarah was not found on the Marriage Database.

James HOLLIMAN (HOLEMAN) was baptised at Long Crendon 12th January 1798. He was the son of James and Elizabeth HOLEMAN.

Brothers and sisters of James HOLLIMAN also baptised at Long Crendon are as follows:

25th Jun 1793 Ann d. of James & Elizabeth HOLLIMAN

20th Jul 1794 Charles

29th Jul 1796 Ann

6th Jan 1800 Elizabeth

29th May 1805 Nancy

A John HOLEMAN son of James and Elizabeth was buried 14th September 1804.

James HOLLIMAN married Elizabeth COOK at Long Crendon 7th November 1791\*.

Elizabeth HOLLIMAN, first wife of James, died in 1807 and was buried 20th May 1807. Elizabeth (nee COOK) was baptised at Long Crendon 1769\*. She was the daughter of Joseph & Ann COOK. Joseph COOK and **Ann BUSBY** were married at Long Crendon, 16 May 1765. \*

James HOLLIMAN remarried just six months after Elizabeth’s death He married another Elizabeth, Elizabeth WRIGHT, 20th November 1807.

James HOLLIMAN’s children by his second wife, baptised at Long Crendon, are as follows:

30th Jun 1810 John & Richard, sons of James & Elizabeth HOLIMAN

22nd Mar 1812 John

7th May 1815 William

James HOLIMAN was buried at Long Crendon, 14th September 1853, aged 90 years. The 1851 Census states James was born in Long Crendon and his age is given as 87 years. This makes his approximate year of birth c1763/4. A baptism for James HOLLIMAN could not be found in Long Crendon Register at the relevant time.

Neighbouring parishes were searched. Two baptisms were found for James HOLLIMAN in Cuddington.

15th Aprl 1764 James, son of James & Mary HOLLYMAN, baptised

25th Dec 1767 James, son of John & Sarah HOLLYMAN, baptised\*

Initially, it would seem that James, the son of James might be the correct baptism. However, looking further through Cuddington Register it seems that James HOLLYMAN, the son of James and Mary was buried in Cuddington, 14th June 1792. In addition James HOLLYMAN, senior (Yeoman farmer) died in 1808, age 76 and left a Will. This Will, reference, D/A/Wf/111/16, proved 29 March 1809 was examined. His beneficiaries were his wife Mary, his four surviving sons, John, Richard, Thomas and William and his two daughters Ann and Mary.

The Baptism Register confirms these six children were the siblings of James, therefore the James baptised in 1764 is not the correct one.

There is only on James HOLLYMAN on the Posse Comitatus of 1798 in the correct locality. This is your James HOLLIMAN, Labourer, living in Long Crendon. It seems that the James HOLLYMAN baptised in 1767 must be your James. He was the son of John HOLLYMAN and Sarah STEEL who were married at Waddesdon, 4th October 1762\*

Siblings of James HOLLYMAN noted in the Cuddington Baptism Register are as follows:

9 Dec 1764 Brightwell, son of John & Sarah HOLLIMAN

9 Dec 1769 Ben, son of John & Sarah HOLLIMAN

25 Dec 1770 Charles, son of John & Sarah HOLLIMAN

16 Jan 1774 Ann, daughter of John & Sarah HOLLIMAN

6 Sep 1778 Alice, daughter of John & Sarah HOLLIMAN.

John HOLLIMAN died in 1779 and was buried at Cuddington, 17 June 1779. John’s occupation is given as Labourer on the burial entry.

From the baptism of James’ own children, it can be seen that he named one son after his brother Charles and in the two marriages, three sons named after his father, John. The son John born in 1812 did survive to adulthood.

Regarding the baptism of James’ father John HOLLYMAN the situation is similar to that of James. There were two baptisms of John HOLLYMAN.

The first was that of John, son of Brightwell and Mary HOLLYMAN baptised 1725 (date illegible) at Cuddington\*.

The second was the son of John and Elizabeth HOLLYMAN, baptised 27 October 1736. This John was the brother of the above-mentioned Yeoman farmer James. John HOLLYMAN, Snr (Gent and Yeoman Farmer) died in 1764 (Will reference D/A/Wf/94/211) and left his estate to these two sons.

Your John HOLLYMAN named his first son Brightwell, after his father, therefore it appears the John baptised 1725 is the correct one.

John’s parents, Brightwell HOLLYMAN and Mary GIBBS were married at Hartwell, 2 April 1719\*. Siblings of John baptised at Cuddington are listed as follows:

15 Nov 1722 Brightwell, son of Brightwell & Mary HOLLIMAN

22 Jun 1727 Mary, daughter of Brightwell & Mary HOLLYMAN

15 Feb 1729 Hester, daughter of Brightwell & Mary HOLLYMAN

Father Brightwell, was the son of another Brightwell HOLLYMAN and Mary WHEELER who were married at Ickford, 1 January 1694\*

The wealthy John HOLLYMAN, Yeoman farmer, was also the son of Brightwell and Mary, senior.

The children of Brightwell HOLLYMAN, senior and Mary, baptised at Cuddington are as follows:

6 Feb 1694 Brightwell, son of Brightwell & Mary HOLIMAN (father of John)\*

27 Sep 1696 Robert, son of Brightwell & Mary HOLIMAN

27 Dec 1700 John, son of Brightwell HOLIMAN, Yeoman and his wife, Mary

Brightwell, senior, died in 1711. He left a Will, ref D/A/Wf/65/102. This Will was too fragile to photocopy but the relevant details were noted and are as follows:

Wife Mary

Sons Brightwell, Robert & John

Daughter Mary

Brothers Benjamin & Charles

Sisters Hester & Deborah

Brightwell, junior was to receive £130 when he reached the age of 21 years.

Robert, John And Mary were each to receive £100 when they reached the age of 21 years.

This is just the essence of the Will. It details further distribution of personal possessions and requests.

In addition, regarding the baptism of daughter, Mary HOLIMAN I checked the Cuddington Baptism Register twice but her baptism was not there.

Part of additional report

The search was continued for the ancestry of Brightwell HOLLYMAN of Cuddington and any connection he may have with the John HOLYMAN of Cudddington, Bishop of Bristol (1554-1558).

Cuddington Parish Register held at the Record Office begins in the year 1653. The Register was searched 1653-1680 for the baptism of Brightwell HOLLYMAN but an entry was not found. The Bishop Transcripts for Cuddington begin in the year 1600 but the following years (up to 1653) are missing:

1607, 1622, 1625, 1642 and 1649-1652.

A baptism for Brightwell HOLLYMAN (1640-1680) was not found in the Bishop Transcripts, but interestingly there was a baptism of a Charles, son of Robert HOLIMAN, 28 September 1660. Brightwell HOLLYMAN, in his Will mentions two brothers, Charles and Benjamin. In addition Brightwell’s second son is named Robert (the first being Brightwell after himself). Robert, perhaps was named after his grandfather?

The period of the Civil War and the Commonwealth (1640s and 1650s) were a turbulent time. It may be that Brightwell’s baptism was just not recorded. In light of Charles’ baptism I think it likely that Robert HOLIMAN was Brightwell’s father.

The Bishop Transcripts also revealed a Robert HOLYMAN was buried in Cuddington, 21 September 1667 and that a Robert HOLIMAN was Churchwarden in 1647.

Other HOLYMAN/HOLLIMAN entries noted from the Bishop Transcripts of Cuddington (1600-1653) are as follows:

Mary HOLLIMAN daughter of William baptised 5 March 1601

Margaret, daughter of Richard HOLLIMAN baptised (?) September 1605

Francis HOLLYMAN, son of Francis HOLLYMAN baptised 10 January 1613

John (?) son of Richard HOLLIMAN baptised (?) June 1615

Marriage of Joseph HOLLIMAN & Alice ROSE 25 July 1616

Francis, son of Richard HOLLIMAN baptised 24 November 1616

Thomas, son of Francis HOLLIMAN baptised 26 December 1616

Katherine HOLLIMAN, daughter of Francis HOLLIMAN, baptised 17 December 1620

In addition to the above, parishes surrounding Cuddington were also searched for the baptism of Brightwell HOLLYMAN.

Chearsley and Dinton are covered by the Bucks FHS Baptism database but an entry for Brightwell was not found on this database.

The remaining parishes surrounding Cuddington are listed below noted with the year the Parish Registers held at CRO begin.

Haddenham 1653, Long Crendon 1653, Waddesdon 1538, Upper Wichendon 1672 and Lower Wichendon 1562.

Where dates permitted the above Baptism Registers were searched 1640-1680 for the baptism of Brightwell HOLLIMAN but an entry was not found.

There were also some Bishop Transcripts for Haddenham post 1600 but like Cuddington many years pre-1653 were missing, namely 1601-1603, 1615, 1618, 1625, 1629, 1635, 1640-1641 and 1648-1657. Those years remaining pre-1653 were also examined but a baptism for Brightwell was not found.

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To try and discover more about the HOLYMAN/HOLLIMAN family in the relevant area of Buckinghamshire several other sources were consulted. These were:

## Dictionary of National Biography, Vol IX, publ. 1917, Ox Univ Press

There is a detailed account of what was known (as at publication 1917) of John HOLYMAN, Bishop of Bristol, native of Cuddington. A photocopy of this entry is enclosed.

## Alumni Oxienses 1500-1700

This volume (Vol I) records the members of Oxford University for the years 1500-1700.

Again, there was an entry for John HOLYMAN of Cuddington, Bishop of Bristol and a photocopy of this entry is also enclosed.

### Victoria County History fof Buckingham, publ. 1905

The entry for Cuddington has been photocopied and is enclosed. Page 269 gives some detail of the HOLYMAN family in Cuddington in the late 16th century and early 17th century. A Robert HOLYMAN, senior is mentioned. This must either Robert, father of Charles (and possibly Brightwell) or grandfather of Charles. Notes 31 and 34 refer to Feets of Fines held at the Public Record Office at Kew and relate to exchanges of land (enclosed explanation regarding the meaning of ’’Feet of Fines’). A Table of Abbreviations from *Victoria County History* is also enclosed.

#### Lipscombe’s Histories and Antiquities of the County of Buckingham, publ. 1847

The entry regarding John HOLYMAN was photocopied (Vol III, p526) and is enclosed.

There is also an entry for a Richard HOLYMAN (Vol II, p208), copy enclosed, referring to the presence of the HOLYMAN family, in Haddenham, 1376. Haddenham is a parish that neighbours Cuddington. Note 17 again refers to a Feet of Fines (exchange of land) held at the PRO, Kew.

Lipscombe also notes a Richard HOLYMAN as Member of Parliament for High Wycombe in 1386 and 1387. This is possibly the same Richard HOLYMAN mentioned 1376 (printout enclosed taken from GENUKI via the Internet)

Also enclosed from Lipscombe (Vol I, p122) is an entry regarding a part of the pedigree of the BRIGHTWELL family of Chearsley, again a parish that neighbours Cuddington. It may be that an ancestor of Brightwell HOLLIMAN married into this BRIGHTWELL family and is the possible origin of his Christian name: for as you can see in the Mediaeval and Tudor period the HOLLIMANS were a noted family in the Cuddington/Haddenham area of Buckinghamshire.

#### History and Topography of Buckinghamshire, by J.J. Sheahan, publ. 1861

P112 from the entry for Cuddington mentions a James HOLYMAN, Bishop of Bristol. In light of other evidence found Sheahan has noted the Bishop’s Christian name incorrectly, but the entry does give an indication of the location of the Holyman ‘Mansion’. His reference to a mansion is possibly exaggerated but the location of the house could be found by using Joseph Scott and the 1851 and 1861 Census as references to tie in with the Tithe and Enclosure Maps (1840 and late C18 respectively).

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John HOLYMAN, Bishop of Bristol left a Will (16 February 1559). It was possible to download a copy of this Will (cost £3.50 from the National Archive via the Internet). A copy of this Will is enclosed. Bequests in the Will are noted in the last paragraph of the *Dictionary of National Biography* entry beginning “In 1558 Holyman died…………..”

Also downloaded was a copy of the Will of Thomas HOLYMAN, Yeoman of Cuddington, 31 January 1560 in the possibility there may have been an additional mention of Robert HOLYMAN. But the beneficiaries of Thomas HOLYMAN’S Will were as follows:

Sons – Richard, Francis, Bartolome (us), Christopher, George and John

Daughters – Dorothy, Katherine, Margaret, Frances and Elizabeth

As can be seen from information found the HOLLYMAN family in the Mediaeval and Tudor period were a family of some note in Cuddington and the surrounding parishes. But, by the middle part of the 19th century the land and property (in this part of Buckinghamshire at least), were no longer retained by any member of the family bearing the surname HOLLIMAN. Enclosed is a printout of all HOLLIMANS in the Cuddington/Long Crendon area that remained in 1851. However, on the IGI there are many HOLLYMAN entries in the Oxfordshire parishes that neighbour, Long Crendon, Haddenham etc. showing the family’s interests were not confined to Buckinghamshire alone.

Looking at the a2a website and also the Personal names Index at the Record Office there are some additional references to land exchanges regarding the HOLLIMAN family. If requested these can be examined and related to the land search mentioned previously. Printouts showing these HOLLYMAN references are enclosed.