

INTRODUCTION to the NEW HULL BOOK

“Richard Hull of Londonderry-Descendents and Cousins”

Forty years ago descendents of Richard Hull of Londonderry compiled a collection of histories, photos and genealogies into a book titled: "Ancestry, Life and Travels of: Robert Rigby Hull and Grace Evelyn Bailey" written by themselves and several cousins. This book is out of print and has been for many years. About one third of the book contained histories of Robert Rigby's ancestors who left Londonderry, Ireland and traveled from there to Scotland and then to America. Since that time, many new families have been born and more histories and genealogies have come forth. We as descendents and cousins are abridging the histories from the old book and adding new material to help our families know of their heritage.

This new history will be divided into categories usually contained in various chapters. We will try to include the following:

1. The appropriate histories from the first book of Robert Rigby so that these histories can continue to be known by our families.
2. Relevant background information, photos, maps and research data that will clarify and expand the first histories and the progression of the Hull family after the time of these histories.
3. Expanded histories of our families in Ireland and Scotland that detail the communities they helped develop and the various other families with which they inter-married.
4. Our family migrated not just to America but to Australia and New Zealand. In Australia our cousins lived in the outback and many remote areas. Included in the histories will be a look at their culture and way of life.
5. The principle reason for our family coming to America was to come to the center of the Mormon Church which is located in Utah. Descendents of Richard Hull were pioneers in the 1850's. They crossed the U.S. in covered wagons to the western states focused mainly in Idaho and Utah. The Thomas Hull II family was part of the first settlement in Idaho in the town of Franklin. Thomas and some of his sons and daughters then migrated down to Hooper, Utah just east of the Great Salt Lake. Here they settled and many of them still live there.

Thomas' son William Gibson along with three sons left Hooper in the early 1900s and settled the town of Taber in Alberta, Canada. Many of William's descendents still live there.

6. The last ten years has lead to other innovations in family research namely DNA family research. Through this new tool we have identified at least 15 new family lines that are connected to us through a blood line but cannot yet be connected through paper lines.

We have a varied and colorful heritage with many great ancestors, terrific living cousins and if not cousins good friends and neighbors. Please enjoy these histories, photos and genealogies and continue to add to them with strength and enthusiasm. Pricing for the book will be available at the reunion and samples as to color/black and white and hardcover versus soft cover.