

## **Richard Hull Sr. 1750 – 1818 Londonderry, Ireland**

This is the history of Richard HULL of Londonderry or Antrim County, Ireland. We believe he was born in about 1750 in Northern Ireland. We have no direct records of his birth or even his death only that he is part of the family history of his family both in Northern Ireland and in the United States.

On September 2, 1884, Thomas Hull II, the grandson of Richard Hull submitted to the Logan Temple names to be completed their. He listed the father of Thomas Hull, Sr. who is Thomases father as Richard Hull, Sr. He put senior because Richard Hull according to the family records had several children. One of them being called Richard also we have that he had eight children six boys and two girls. If course was married and we have no record of his wife's first name or maiden name. Richard seems to be a very common name in the Hull lineage and he definitely fits in the family genealogy pattern. In 1740, We fine a Protestant house holding index and listed in the Anlow parish which is just north of where the Hull family lived in Northern Ireland is a Thomas Hull, who was living at in the townland called Ballymoney. In the same parish was the family McAtea and McMullen, whose names are the same last names of two of the men who married Richard Sr's two daughters. The parish records at the Bovevagh Presbyterian Church where Thomas II and Thomas I first attended church only go back to 1818. That is about the time that Richard passed away in Dungiven. We believe that he was a resident of the townland of Mulkeeragh, which is just to the North of the townland where the rest of the Hull family lived. Thomas Hull I was raised there and later moved to BallymaKeever when he started having family. His first few children after marrying Elizabeth Miller were born in Mulkeeragh therefore we are assuming that he probably lived with his dad Richard at that time. Several letters from Maggie Hull, who was the last resident of the Hull Hillfoot farm in Dungiven mentioned the name of Richard

and that he was the person farthest back in the Hull genealogy. She did mention that she thought that Richard had two brothers: James and John, one of whom went to America (John) and one who went to Belfast (James) to teach as a writing instructor.

The records of this early time would be available, but in the early 1900s the record house in Belfast was blown up and destroyed and therefore all we have to rely on are parish records which only go back to about 1818 which is the time that Richard passed away. There is of course speculation that Richard was the immigrant of the family and more than likely originated from the area of Lancashire in England or from the Belfast area of Northern Ireland.. At this time we have no reasonable records to give us proof of this, only speculation. Using DNA testing and other collateral records such as the 1740 Protestant householders index we can sort of reconstruct possible history..

We have quite a few families with the last name Hull, who have proven to be related to our family and who are in the United States and Australia, but cannot prove their origin or connection to us at this time. One of them is a John Hull, who lived in Pennsylvania, and later his family emigrated to Ohio and was born in about 1745. This would certainly match as someone possibly being the brother of Richard Hull and his name matches our family history, lore. At this time, however all we can do is connect through DNA and not through actual records. We therefore have the following questions:

1. Where did Richard come from? Who was his wife?
2. Who was Richard's father ? Is it Thomas Hull of Ballymore, Anglow, Londonderry or is it someone else? We assume that he is Presbyterian and therefore probably came from the South of Scotland or the north of England.
3. David Hynds a descendent of Peggy Jane Hull and who lives in Dungiven today showed us the ruins of a home owned by a Richard Hull, just below Mulkeeragh and

near the Bovevagh Church. Is this Richard Hull Senior's home or could it be Richard Hull Jr.'s home as suggested by David. Supposedly Richard Hull Junior left for America as an older teenager and therefore more than likely it is Richard Hull Senior's home. It matches where he could've lived and it also matches the approximate time frame of Richard Hull Sr. The farm house ruins are about the only potential remains of Richard Hull's life other than his children and some very brief history.



*Richard Hull's house in Dungiven, Ireland located about a quarter mile from the Bovevagh Church.*