

**Holbrook Family Land Transactions  
in Jefferson County, New York  
1823 - 1847**

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This Holbrook family comprised John and Sarah Knapp Holbrook and their children.

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*The transactions are listed by the date the documents were drawn not the date they were recorded.*

**8 Apr 1823**

Nicholas Low of New York City sold to John Holbrook of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York for \$34 part of the southern half of lot number 35 in township number 2 bounded as follows: Beginning at a stake and stones in the south line of said lot at the southeast corner of land sold to Henry Pitcher then north eleven degrees twelve minutes east eleven chains thirty five links to the center of the road, then north seventy three degrees twelve minutes east nine chains seventy two links along the center of the road, then south eleven degrees twelve minutes west fifteen chains fifty eight links to the south line of said lot to a stake and stones then north eighty one degrees west eight chains sixty links to the place of beginning containing eleven and 57/100 acres as surveyed by Robert McDowell.

Note: John Holbrook died in 1829, and the property probably passed to his wife Sarah (Sally) Knapp Holbrook. Sarah's son Solomon K. Holbrook bought this property from his siblings in two transactions described below: from Achsa and from Harriet and her husband on 15 Jun 1847 and from Mary Ann, Sarah M., Nancy and their husbands on 10 Sep 1847. These transactions probably were part of the settlement of Sally's estate.

Recorded 22 Jun 1824, Jefferson County Deeds, Book U, p.198.

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**29 Mar 1837**

Cornelius Low and Nicholas Low of New York City sold to Solomon K. Holbrook of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York for \$430 100 acres of lot 42 in township number 2 in Watertown.

Note: The northern border of this property was the northern property line of Lot 42, which also was the southern line of lot 35 according to a map of Watertown from 1864.

Recorded 15 May 1837, Jefferson County Deeds, Book A3, p. 63.

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**15 May 1837**

Solomon K. Holbrook of Watertown mortgaged to Solomon Knap of Montgomery County for \$288.82 the same premises conveyed to Holbrook by C. Low and N. Low on 29 Mar 1837 being 100 acres of lot 42 in township number 2.

Note: Solomon Knap was Solomon K. Holbrook's grandfather.

Recorded 15 May 1837, Jefferson County Mortgages, Book S, p. 478.

Mortgage discharge recorded 15 May 1846 for payment in full to Ariel Ely on 14 May 1846.

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**17 Jan 1839**

Sally Holbrook of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York sold to Solomon K. Holbrook of the same place for \$400 a lot "bounded as follows viz: North, by the public highway leading [?] from John Losee to Charles Symmons, East by land owned by Charles and George Symmons, South by land owned by the party of the second part [Solomon K. Holbrook] and west by lands owned by Daniel Losee being the farm or lot on which John Holbrook resided previous to his death.

Note: The acreage for this property was not given in this deed but was stated to be 11 acres in the deed for the sale of this

property to Charles and George Simmons by Solomon K. Holbrook on 26 Apr 1847. There was no record of the purchase of this property by either John or Sarah Holbrook in the grantee indexes for Jefferson County deeds. However, the description of this property has similarities to the parcel purchased by John Holbrook from Nicholas Low on 8 Apr 1823, as in both cases the north line was the public road, to the west was the property of the Losee family, and areas of the parcels were about 11 acres. Thus, it is possible that there was only one property with two descriptions. If so, it is unclear why Solomon and Sally did not use the original property description. On the other hand, Solomon sold this property to the Simmonses on 26 Apr 1847 and soon after bought John Holbrook's original 1823 property from his sisters in two transactions dated 15 Jun 1847 and 10 Sep 1847, suggesting that there were two different properties. If the two properties actually were the same, then perhaps Solomon bought the properties from his sisters to correct some issue arising from the handling of his mother's estate.

Recorded 17 Jan 1839, Jefferson County Deeds, Book G3, p.15.

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#### **11 Mar 1846**

Solomon K Holbrook mortgaged to the "Commissioners for loaning certain moneys of the United States" for \$500 Solomon's 100 acre parcel in lot 42 and a neighboring lot in Watertown. This mortgage was cited in the deed dated 26 Apr 1847 but did not appear in the index to the Jefferson County Mortgage books.

#### **14 Oct 1846**

Solomon K. Holbrook mortgaged to Orville Hungerford for \$600, Solomon's 100 acre parcel in lot 42 in Watertown and the parcel Solomon purchased from his mother Sarah 17 Jan 1839 and described as the property on which Solomon's father John Holbrook last resided before his death.

Recorded 15 Oct 1846, Jefferson County Mortgages, Book 34, p. 573.

Discharge recorded 20 Nov 1850.

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#### **26 Apr 1847**

Solomon K. Holbrook and Pamela his wife sold to Charles S. Simmons and George B. Simmons for \$2300 all that part of lot number 42 in Watertown, Jefferson County containing 100 acres being the same land conveyed to the said Holbrook by Cornelius Low and Nicholas Low 9 Mar 1837 [The date actually was 29 Mar 1837]. Holbrook also sold the Simmonses 11 acres of neighboring property immediately north of the 100 acres. The sale was also subject to the payment of two mortgages executed by Holbrook, the first to the Commissioners for loaning certain moneys of the United States for \$500 dated 11 Mar 1846 and the second to Orville Hungerford for \$600 dated 14 Oct 1846.

Note: See the note under the deed for the purchase of this property on 17 Jan 1839.

Deed recorded 22 Feb 1848, Jefferson County Deeds, Book 83, p. 403.

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#### **15 Jun 1847**

Achsa Holbrook of Michigan and William Tower and Harriet Tower his wife of Canada West sold to Solomon K. Holbrook of Watertown, Jefferson County, New York for \$200 that parcel of land in Solomon's actual possession in Watertown, Jefferson County, New York being part of the southerly half of lot number 35 in township number 2 containing 11 and 57/100ths acres of land being the land described in a deed from Nicholas Low to John Holbrook dated 8 Apr 1833 [The year 1833 is an error. It actually was 1823 ].

Note: Achsa signed on 23 May 1848 before Pliny Pierce and A. D. Soper in Sheboygan County, Territory of Wisconsin. Asaph D Soper was from Manitowoc County where Achsa lived. Neither William nor Harriet Tower signed. Perhaps the international border was an impediment.

Recorded 5 Jun 1848, Jefferson County Deeds, Book 87, p. 367.

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#### **10 Sep 1847**

Jonathan Miller and Mary Ann Miller his wife of St. Lawrence County, Wells Tower and Sarah M. Tower his wife of Jefferson County, and Jerome Palmer and Nancy Palmer his wife of Erie County sold to Solomon K. Holbrook of Jefferson County for \$300 part of the southern half of lot 35 in township number 2 containing 11 and 57/100 acres being the same land conveyed by Nicholas Low to the late John Holbrook by deed bearing the date of 8 Apr 1833 [actually 1823] and

recorded in Jefferson County Deeds Book W, p. 198 on 22 Jun 1834 [actually 1824]

Deed recorded 22 Feb 1848, Jefferson County Deeds, Book 85, p. 354.

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Initially confusing were several land transactions by another John Holbrook, (a publisher and businessman from Brattleboro, Vermont who did business in Jefferson County at that time and whose wife also was named Sally) which were, of course, omitted.