**Holden Communication**

What I am calling the Holden Communication is evidently a part of the correspondence the Walsh family had with “Cousin James” in England. “Cousin James” was James Holden whose mother was a first cousin to John Walsh. He and his wife Florence (Florrie) carried on an active correspondence with our grandparents John Robert and Isabel Walsh and with John’s sister Edith. I met Florence Holden and her son David when I visited them in Preston after my mission.

In particular this part of the correspondence was a large rolled up scroll that had a hand-written pedigree chart Cousin James had prepared, along with some notes and comments. The scroll had been reproduced as a negative (i.e. a mirror image) that had to be read by holding it up to a mirror or read from the other side of the paper under strong illumination. There were a few names that were hard to read, but most were legible.

From the context of the comments this was evidently sent to Edith Walsh.

Here are the notes. I have transcribed the pedigree chart into an Ancestral Quest document I called Holden Communication. Here is what the notes said:

*“You see Edith, our great grandparents were the same two people. Your father and my mother were first cousins.”*

*Then in a box it said:*

*“It appears that there is a great possibility that 2 brothers married two sisters.*

*Luke Walsh Robert Walsh*

*Helen Whittaker Ann Whittaker*

*Our great grandfather Robert Walsh must have had other brothers and sister because the marriage certificate was witnessed by Henry and Ruby Walsh, whom I presume are the brother and sister of Robert.”*