

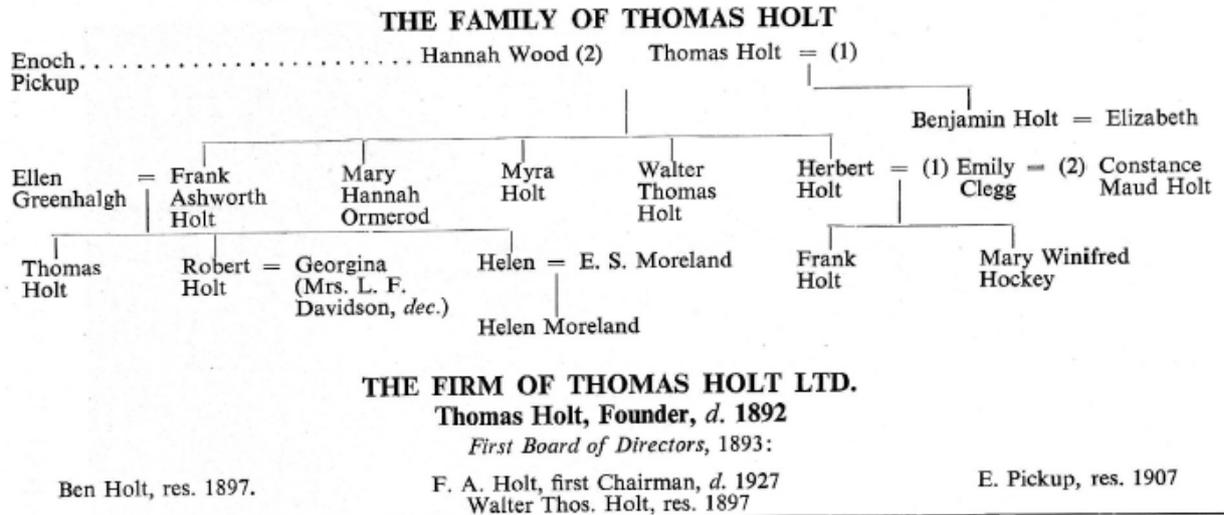
Thomas Holt

The Atlas Ironworks, (Thomas Holt Ltd. 1855-1959)

Textile Machinists

The Holt family came from West Riding of Yorkshire. Thomas Holt was the youngest of 4 Brothers. One was a parson, another a farmer in the Cherry Clough district of Saddleworth on the Lancashire border. Tom Holt was born in 1828 and came to Rochdale in the 1840s to earn his living as an engineer.

Thomas Holt & Sons, founded in 1855, operated the Atlas Iron Works on Molesworth Street (later associated with Whitworth Road) in Rochdale. The company was a major manufacturer of textile and sawmill machinery.



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