Holgates of Ainsworth Hall Farm

I am the Grandson of James Edward Holgate and his wife Margaret Ann Townson. They lived at Withins farm on Withins lane Breightmet from 1929 having moved from Grindleton near Clitheroe. James Edward and his brother Walter Norman Holgate farmed at Withins for a couple years before moving to Ainsworth Hall Farm. Walter Norman Holgate married Mary R Bolton, a Harwood girl at Christchurch Harwood in 1930. they subsequentially moved to Lower Darwen near Blackburn. I believe it was at this point my Grandfather moved to Ainsworth Hall Farm. My Grandparents farmed at Ainsworth Hall farm until 1952, they were dairy farmers and are found on the 1939 register at Ainsworth hall with their two children, Arthur, my father his sister Mary Ruth (My Aunt) . Also there is Norman Proctor who is James Edwards nephew.
In 1952 My Grandparents moved from Ainsworth Hall farm to "Westridge" on Ainsworth Hall Rd, behind the house was a Piggery , now demolished to make way for Bankfield Close and Broomfield close which were built on the land that comprised the smallholding. In 1970 my Grandfather passed away leaving my Grandmother at Westridge and the farm being run by my father Arthur and another man called John who lived in a caravan on the farm. Eventually it all became too much for my father and since I , the only son had had shown no interest in farming, my father decided to sell the land and the house. My Grandmother, Margaret Ann  in retirement moved to Bispham and subsequently passed away in 1981.

James Holgate