

TIPPERARY ATHLETES



Jim Holloway

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Jim Holloway was born on 3 February 1885 at Cappauniac, Bansha, County Tipperary. He was the fifth son of Maurice Holloway, a farmer, and Grace Holloway (née O'Neill). The seven children in the Holloway family were John 'Jack' (1878–1950), Redmond (1880–1964), Michael (1881–died in plane crash in the US), Joseph (1883–1967), James 'Jim' (1885–1961), Maurice 'Bob' (1887–1957) and Bridget 'Grace' (1888–married to Michael Kearney, Railstown, Cashel). They were educated at Tankerstown National School. Jim Holloway's eldest brother Jack won two Irish titles in the pole vault and was a competitor in the St Louis Olympics in 1904. His younger brother Bob was also a noted athlete and won many prizes at sports meetings but owing to an injury he had to retire from athletics. After moving to Dublin, Jim Holloway soon became well-known in athletic and GAA circles in the city and he later became a successful jam manufacturer. He won two Irish titles in the three standing jumps in 1911 and 1912, an event no longer contested. The GAA athletics championships those two years were held at Mallow and Fermoy, respectively. At the championships he also finished in the top three in the high jump, standing high jump and the standing long jump. Jim Holloway played Gaelic football in Dublin with the Hibernian Knights, and was a member, and later an honorary life member, of Hermitage Golf Club. In business, he was founder of the firm of Holloway and Sons, jam manufacturers, which wound up its activities on his retirement in 1952. He was a former president of the National Agricultural and Industrial Development Association, a member of the Federation of Irish Industries, and employers' advisor to the International Labour Organisation in Geneva. He was also a former president of the Tipperary Association in Dublin and in the late 1940s was involved in Muintir na Tíre projects in Bansha. He got married on 15 June 1910 at Rathgar church, Dublin to Marion Crowe, native of Gortussa, Dundrum. They had eleven children, nine boys, and two girls. Tragically, three of their children, one son, and two daughters, died of diphtheria within two days in March 1924, and their youngest son died of meningitis in 1933. Jim Holloway, of Corduke House, Sandymount Road, died on 22 September 1961 at Royal City of Dublin Hospital, aged seventy-six, and is interred in Glasnevin cemetery.

Titles Won at Senior National Championships:

Gaelic Athletic Association Championships

1911	Three Standing Jumps	9 ft 6 in.	(2.89 m)
1912	Three Standing Jumps	10 ft 4 in.	(3.15 m)