

March 6, 1979.

Mrs. Angie M. Cooper,
610 Prude Avenue, East,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 35404.

Dear Mrs. Cooper:

After re-reading the copy of letter I mailed to you a few hours ago, I believe I gave you inaccurate information on the Rushings. My information came from Dr. William Blakeney of New Boston, Texas. To correct the data, I will quote you from a letter from Dr. Blakeney, dated September 3, 1971:

"Thomas Blakeney's father, William Blakeney, died in 1807, according to Coit Redfern's records. This Coit has the original land grant from King George, III, dated 1775. William Blakeney's old rosewood sideboard, made in England, as well as the bill of sale for the sideboard which was for \$12.50 also. Coit's son has a land grant from King George II, dated 1750 to Abram Paul, who was William's grandfather of William's wife, Mary Jackson Blakeney, the daughter of Benjamin and Mary Rushing Jackson, and Mary Rushing Jackson's father was Francis Rushing that had married Temperance Paul, the daughter of Abram Paul. Coit's wife was a descendant from Capt. John's son, James Blakeney, who married Susanna Haile, etc".

I hope this is clear to you. Anyway this is exact wording in his letter.

Sincerely,

C.R. Holliman.

LINEAGE CHART 221

COMPILED BY: (name and address)

Angie Mills Cooper (Mrs. Jack Robert)
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Tuscaloosa, Alabama 35401
 Date: October 1, 1978

Grandfather of No. 1
Robert Claude Mills

Born 12 December, 1894
 Where Tuscaloosa Co., AL.
 When married 9 April, 1918
 Where " York, AL.
 Died 9 April, 1945
 Where Columbus, Mississippi

Father of No. 1
George Eldridge Mills

Born 18 December, 1925
 Where Elrod, AL.
 When married 1 May, 1948
 Where " Tuscaloosa, AL.
 Died
 Where

Grandmother of No. 1
Bernice Irene Rushing

Born 28 May, 1898
 Where Sumter Co., AL.
 Died
 Where

Martha Angelyn Mills (Cooper)

Born 6 December, 1950
 Where Tuscaloosa, AL.
 When married 13 August, 1971
 Where " Northport, AL.
 Died
 Where

Grandfather of No. 1
Henry Clay Wood, Sr.

Born 24, October, 1896
 Where Fosters, AL.
 When married 20 August, 1925
 Where " Tuscaloosa, AL.
 Died 7 October, 1973
 Where Tuscaloosa, AL.

Mother of No. 1
Martha Nell Wood

Born 26 April, 1928
 Where Tuscaloosa, AL.
 Died
 Where

Grandmother of No. 1
Idee Latham

Born 26 May, 1903
 Where Lawley, AL.
 Died
 Where

8 **Edward Francis Hamner**

Born @ 1860-61
 Where Tuscaloosa Co., AL.
 Mar. Where
 Died @ 1952
 Where Tuscaloosa Co., AL.

9 **Lou Etta Rice Mills**

Born 1869
 Where Tuscaloosa Co., AL.
 Died 1944
 Where Tuscaloosa Co., AL.

10 **Stephen Jackson Rushing**

Born 11 January, 1866
 Where Sumter Co., AL.
 Mar. @ 1890 Where
 Died 11 November, 1945
 Where Sumter Co., AL.

11 **Malissa Williams**

Born 16 August, 1867
 Where
 Died 10 February, 1944
 Where Sumter CO., AL.

12 **William Henry Wood**

Born 15 October, 1853
 Where Fosters, AL.
 Mar. 28 Mar. 1880 Where Greene Co. AL.
 Died 26 March, 1940
 Where Tuscaloosa, AL.

13 **Margaretta L. Kirksey**

Born 13 April, 1862
 Where ~~Fosters~~, AL. *Romulus*
 Died 26 August, 1942
 Where Tuscaloosa Co., AL.

14 **Alexander L. Latham**

Born 10 April, 1861
 Where Bibb Co., AL.
 Mar. Where
 Died 21 January, 1932
 Where Bibb Co., AL.

15 **Luretta Collins**

Born 19 February, 1865
 Where Bibb Co., AL.
 Died 9 April, 1921
 Where Bibb Co., AL.

16 **James M. Hamner**

b. @ 1825
 d.

17 **Mahala McGuire**

b. @ 1827
 d.

18 **Captain James M. Mills**

b. 6 April, 1829
 d. 27 April, 1908
 m. *9 June 1857*

19 **Amanda C. Smith**

b. *1839 1869*
 d. 11 December, *1904 1895*

20 **John Paul Rushing**

b. 22 October, 1808
 d. 27 June, 1892

21 **Frances Levinia Peaton**

b. 19 July, 1843
 d. 1913

22 **Dr. Abijah B.R. Williams**

b. @ 1810
 d.

23 **Anna A. Bartlett**

b. @ 1830
 d.

24 **Henry Lewis Wood**

b. 16 May, 1820
 d. 7 November 1891

25 **Martha Ann Nix**

b. 23 May, 1826 *S.C.*
 d. 30 December, 1891

26 **Jared E.F. Kirksey**

b. 10 June, 1864
 d.

27 **Rhoda Elizabeth Patterson**

b. @ 1837-38
 d. 1 February, 1865

28 **Enoch Latham, Jr.**

b. @ 1865
 d.

29 **Pheraby Smitherman**

b. @ 1837
 d.

30 **Thomas Collins**

b. d.
 d. 123

31 **Sarah Ann Rasberry**

m. *7 Aug. 1848*
 b. @ 1800 *S.* d.
 d.

32 **Turner Hammer, Jr.**

b. @ 1791 d.
 d. Martha Cooper

33 **John McGuire**

b. @ 1798 d.
 d. Nancy Rogers

34 **Absalom Morgan Mills**

b. @ 1796 d. @ 1880
 d. 8/18/1798 d. 12/24/1872

35 **Elizabeth Cotton**

b. before 1770, after 1850
 d. James R. Smith

36 **William Rushing**

b. *1805 Ga. d. 1877*
 d. *1840-45 Ga d. 1879*

37 **Mary ?**

b. d.
 d. William Peaton

38 **Millicent ?**

b. @ 1809 d.
 d. @ 1812 d.

39 **William Williams**

b. @ 1784 d.
 d. Naomi ?

40 **Anna A. Bartlett**

b. d.
 d. Henry Wood

41 **Georgia ? d.**

b. d.
 d. Frederick H. Nix

42 **Sarah Mitchell**

b. @ 1793 *S.C. d. 9/28/1871*
 d. 1790's d. 1840's

43 **Jared Kirksey**

b. @ 1794 d. 1851
 d. Mary P.M.L. Foster

44 **Robert Patterson**

b. @ 1800 d.
 d. @ 1785 d.

45 **Cecelia Holloman**

b. 8/4/1801 d. 3/20/1871
 d. Enoch Latham, Sr.

46 **Jane Hicks**

b. @ 1800 d.
 d. @ 1805 d.

47 **James Smitherman**

b. @ 1802 d.
 d. Margaret Latham

48 **Margaret Latham**

b. @ 1812 d.
 d.

49 **Greene Rasberry**

b. @ 1800 *S.* d.
 d. *Mary*

50 **Mary**

b. *1800 Ga. d.*
 d.

51 **Turner Hammer, Sr.**

b. @ 1791 d.
 d. Nancy Ann Moore

52 **James Cooper**

b. @ 1798 d.
 d. Deborah Owen

53 **Elijah McGuire**

b. @ 1787 d.
 d. Nancy Rogers

54 **James Mills**

b. 8/18/1798 d. 12/24/1872
 d. Elizabeth ?

55 **John Paul Rushing**

b. *1805 Ga. d. 1877*
 d. *1840-45 Ga d. 1879*

56 **Mary Harrell ?**

b. d.
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b. @ 1800 *S.* d.
 d. *Mary*

69 **Mary**

b. *1800 Ga. d.*
 d.

I have a Good deal on this line - The Spelling Always varies - I hope yours is the same line! Please correspond soon.

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Tuscaloosa, Al.
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FROM THE DESK OF

Angie Cooper

1 March 1979

Dear Friend:

Your name was given to me in hopes that perhaps our HOLLIMAN line would be a common one! Our local Genealogical Society has just published a Lineage Chart Book and I have heard from several people. They merely write to me that we have a common line - please send all that I have - I Do - and I never hear from them again!

I would be most interested in learning which line you are researching. If it happens that ours is a mutual one - I certainly hope that we can help each other! Please send me information as to what and who you are researching and I will reply immediately as to any help that I might lend - I'll anxiously await your letter.

Angie K. Cooper

Birmingham, Alabama,
March 6, 1979.

Mrs. Angie M. Cooper.,
610 Prude Avenue, East,
Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 35404.

Dear Mrs. Cooper:

I have your letter of March 1st, regarding problem in genealogy. In answer to same, I am glad to be of any help that I can give, and I hope that the data below will be of some assistance to you. I will preface what I have to reply, by saying that for some fifteen years since retirement I have been working at odd times on the genealogy of Samuel Taylor Walker, of Fayette County, and George W. Baker of Tuscaloosa County (1820), Thomas Blakeney of Fayette County, (1832), and James and Willis Holliman of Lancaster County, S.C. and Anson County, North Carolina (1793), and some collateral lines. Most of my work has not been completed. Cornelius Holliman, by great-great grandfather came to Fayette County, with other relatives in 1836 from Anson County, N.C. I am related to the Bakers of Tuscaloosa County. Most of them are descended from George Harvey Baker. I am descended from Francis Richard Baker, his brother. One son of Francis was W.H.H. Baker, of Northport. One of his daughters married a Hamner, who as I recall was a postal employee there.

I will first try to give you some data on the Rushing family. These people originally were from Anson County, N.C. and Chesterfield County, S.C. I have found them in early census reports in Shelby County, and Fayette County, Alabama. They were connected with the family of Captain John Blakeney, early merchant and indian trader, who lived near Dudley, in NW Chesterfield County, S.C. He was my great-great-great-great grandfather and was born in Ireland in 1732. His son William was the Father of Thomas Blakeney, of Newtonville, Fayette County, Alabama, (1832) Thomas Blakeney was my great-great grandfather. His grand-daughter Beldie Ann Blakeney, dau. of William, Civil War sol., was my Grandmother. She married George W. Baker, and lived at Newtonville.

Three sons of William Blakeney, son of Capt. John, came to Alabama prior to 1832. They were: (1) Thomas Blakeney, born 1800 in Chesterfield County, married Sarah Roberts, to Newtonville, Fayette County, with Simon Pee, who later was his brother-in-law. (2). John Blakeney, came to Linden, Marengo County, Alabama, before 1832, married Mary Lucy. (3) Hugh Blakeney, merchant, Belmont, Sumpter County, Alabama, buried at Cedar Springs just off Andrew Jackson Trail. Married Temperance Rushing. She is buried at Belmont, in Sumpter County, Alabama. At one time they resided at Pierce's Mill, 14 mi. N. of Quitman, Miss.

Hugh Blakeney, last mentioned was a brother-in-law of Stephen Rushing, also of Sumpter County. Other Rushings there were Sheppard Rushing and James M. Rushing (See 1850 Census Sumpter County). According to Dr. William Blakeney, a dentist of New Boston, Texas, 75570, who is probably the foremost authority on the genealogies of the Blakeney and Rushing families, Abram Paul received a land grant in N.C. from King George 2nd, in 1750. Benjamin Jackson married Temperance Paul, his daughter. They were parents of Mary Rushing Jackson, who married William Blakeney. (She was then my great-great-great grandmother). William Blakeney died in 1807, and his widow then married William McGee, and had other children, some of whom came to West Alabama. William B. is buried at the Blakeney Cemetery near Dudley, Chesterfield County, S.C.

Now, regarding Joseph Holloman, and wife Nancy. The spelling of the family name varies, sometimes changed by a census enumerator, often by personal choice. The name was originally Hollyman. I am working on the James Holliman and Willis Holliman lines, who were in Lancaster County, S.C. in 1830, and who originally came from Johnson and Wake Counties N.C. Tentatively connected with Jesse Holliman and John Holliman. These people came from settlers in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. Several of the Johnston and Wake County Hollimans came to Alabama and Mississippi. James Holliman was born in 1750 in Johnston, moved to Lancaster County, S.C. in 1793 and died in Mecklenburg Co. N.C. in 1836. He was Rev. War Sol. Cornelius, Charles and Warren H. came to Fayette County, in 1836. Others with them went on to Choctaw and Carroll Counties, Miss., and some of them finally landed at Hot Springs, Ark.

I have a theory as to your Holliman connection. George A. Holliman an acquaintance of mine, published a book "The Hollyman Family" in 1953. A Cousin and I gave two volumes of this book to the Southern History Section of the Birmingham Library. If you desire to, you can see the book there.

*1. Ann Mearns
Francis Rushing
Father of Mary Rushing Jackson*

However, I will give you some of the data shown:

Page 9. Shows that Christopher Hollyman died in 1691 in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. He was survived by four sons and two daughters. Son #2 was Christopher W. Hollyman, who died in 1731 in Isle of Wight County. He had several children one of whom was JOHN, who died in 1751. His wife was Elizabeth. He left a will.

Page 11. John changed spelling to Holliman, and had a son named Jesse who moved to the Johnston-Wake County area of North Carolina (Raleigh area). John married Elizabeth, and they had several children, one of whom was Jesse, who died in 1824. He was Rev. War. Sol.. Married Elizabeth Cofer, dau of Thomas Cofer. (See Cofer Family history). Jesse and wife had a large family, including son Josiah, born 12-31-1771, died 3-14-1845, left will probated in Isle of Wight County, N.C. Married Nancy Clark, dau of John Clark. She was born 4-13-1769, and died 6-23-1844. Josiah had a sister named Cecelia W. who died in Nov. 1866, probably unmarried, and left will disposing of property. Probated in Wayne County, N.C.

Page 72. Josiah and Nancy had a large family. However the reported children do not include a "Cecelia", but does include a "Polly", born 2-15-01. Polly is usually a substitute name for Mary. Is this the Cecelia who married Robert Patterson? The time seems to jibe. I think this is your line, but more searching is indicated. In the 5 volume set of Johnston County Records, in the Birmingham Library, mention is made of a Josiah Holliman and Selia Holliman. I would suggest you check Johnston and Wake County court and deed records, also North Carolina Archives at Raleigh, Raleigh is the county site of Wake County, according to my memory. It is likely that our Holliman lines come to a common ancestor in Johnston County, North Carolina.

If I can be of further assistance, please feel free to write. If you have anything on James or Willis Holliman from North or South Carolina, I would be glad to have it.

Sincerely

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Birmingham, Alabama, 35206

610 Prude Ave. E.
Tuscaloosa, Al. 35404
7 March 1979

Dear Mr. Holliman,

I was delighted to receive your correspondence - although it appears that we may have to "Study" to see how we are kin! I knew nothing of the Blakeney's! Do you believe that Stephen Rushing - brother-in-law - to your Hugh Blakeney, is My Great Grandfather? I have a Rushing History done by family members in 1970 (such as it is). I'd be glad to share it if you think it will help you.

I would appreciate you sharing that Dr. Wm. Blakeney's home or office address in New Boston, Tx. I would like to write him. Please send it if possible.

I am forwarding your letter and information to Mr. and Mrs. Herbert Newell - P.O. Box 87 - Fayette, Al. 35555 (Owners of the Golden Eagle Syrup Co.) They are interested in all of this - I am sure. I phoned Jeanie this morning to tell her of my correspondence with you. They have published many books and are such active genealogists (not to mention: Beautiful people!)

I'll enclose a "simple" Holloman chart that I have on my line - it's all I know - I have all my kins on the Patterson's and others - so I welcome any Holloman information. It's such a small branch that I haven't done study extensively on this line.

Your information and suggestions were most helpful. If you think you have anything on my Rushing line that would help - please advise me.

I would appreciate you remembering me and my research markers and inform me of any new findings. I'll do the same.

Thanks again! for your speedy reply.

W. Blakeney
Major

JOSIAH (?) HOLLOWAN = _____

BORN BEFORE 1774
PROBABLY IN N.C.

PROBABLY DIED IN 1820'S
IN MOORE COUNTY, N.C.

ELIZABETH

m. _____ THOMPSON

SARAH

m. _____ DALTON

JOHN

WILLIAM

NATHANIEL

b.
m. JEMIMA YERBY
24 MARCH 1837
d. c. 1849
TUSCALOOSA CO., AL

CECELIA

b. 4 AUG. 1801
m. ROBERT H. PATTERSON
1 JULY 1830
d. 20 MARCH 1871
TUSCALOOSA CO., AL

This is My line - as you can see on my chart.

and Robert Patterson descends from John Patterson b. in Antrim, Ireland, in 1730 and died in Elbert Co., Ga. in 1808 (This is Jeanie Patterson Newell's line).

Birmingham, Alabama,
March 10, 1979.

Mrs. Angie M. Cooper.,
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Tuscaloosa, Alabama, 35404.

Dear Mrs. Cooper:

The last correspondence I had with Dr. William W. Blakeney, D.D.S. was in the early 1970s. At that time his address was: Box 728, New Boston, Texas, Zip #75570. He was then approximately 70 years of age, and had collected a vast amount of family data on his Blakeney and Rushing family. I was hopeful that he was at the point of publishing, and left my request for a copy of his book when ready.

Regarding the Rushings of Sumpter County, the following is from my notes:

Last Will of STEPHEN RUSHING. Will dated October 1st, 1843, executed in Sumpter County, Alabama, on January 26, 1844. The will leaves his estate to his wife, Elizabeth, names his sons Stephen Rushing and James M. Rushing, and his son-in-law Hugh Blakeney, as Executors. (This data was copied from page 224, of Jones & Genard's Alabama Records, covering Sumpter County, Alabama.

From: Census of 1850 Sumpter County, Alabama:
Family #674.

Elizabeth Rushing, age 65, born: Virginia. Owns property valued at \$200.00. (She was the widow of Stephen Rushing, above).

Family #667.

Shepherd Rushing, age 44, born: N.C. Farmer.
Wife: Mahala Rushing, age 45 Born N.C.

Family #672.

James M. Rushing, age 45. Born: S.C. Farmer.
Owns land valued at \$5,000.00.
Wife: Susan, age 40, born: N.C.
Leonidis, age 22, same
Stephen, age 19, same Physician.
Christopher, age 10, born in Ala.
Temperance, age 9, same
James, age 4, same
Marshall, age 1, same

Family #709.

Hugh Blakeney, age 43, born: S.C. Farmer.
Property valued at \$12,000.00.
(No wife - she died prior to Census - Buried at Belmont).
Elizabeth, A., Age 26, born in Alabama.
Robert J., Age 14, same
Susan, Age 12, same
William, Age 10, same
(This indicates they were in Ala. in 1834)

Census of 1850 shows other Rushings in Sumpter County. My data shows that in 1844 Shepherd Rushing, J.M. Rushing, S.T. Rushing, Solomon Rushing, John T. Rushing, William W. Rushing, and Stephen Rushing were residents of the County. The wife of Hugh Blakeney was Temperance Rushing, said to be a sister of Stephen Rushing - evidently the Stephen Rushing who died in January, 1844.

Another thing of interest I note from the family record of Josiah Holloman, which you sent me. Elijah Alexander Holliman married a Jenima Yerby at Tuscaloosa, Alabama, on March 30, 1837. Elijah was the oldest son of Cornelius Holliman and wife Elizabeth Plyler Holliman, of Lancaster County, S.C. and Anson County, North Carolina. This last couple came to Fayette County, Alabama, in 1836 and settled with other relatives near Newtonville. Elijah was a brother of my great Grandfather, Uriah H. Holliman, who died in the Civil War at Camp in Miss., and whose home was near Bluff, in Fayette County. Elijah and Jenima moved to Texas, and she died there, at Powell, in Navarro County on July 30, 1895. She was born November 24th, 1817 in S.C. and was the daughter of Anon Yerby, born 1798 in N.C., died July 1861 at Millport, Lamar County. Wife was Rachel McMillan.

Evidently the Jenima Yerby who married Elijah A. Holliman, and the Jenima Yerby, who married Nathaniel Holloman, son of Josiah Holloman, were about the same age, and must have been related.

I have again checked the JOSIAH HOLLOMAN, on page 72 of the Hollyman Family. Josiah had a sister named Cecelia, who never married, and who was mentioned in the last will of John Holloman (referred to on page 11), however none of the Josiah Holloman children or grand-children were named Cecelia, and the name does not appear again in the family line. I can supply you with a copy of page 72 if you need it.

Mrs. Marguerite Tarwater Calahan, of Tuscaloosa is a friend of mine and has supplied me with much information on my family. She was reared at Fayette as was my family. I am familiar with the books by Newell, in the Birmingham Library and refer to them from time to time. For your information I have about completed a manuscript on the Walker Families of Shelby County, and am to supply a copy of same to Mrs. Evelyn Walker Robertson, at Fayette, in the near future. I have also finished a manuscript on the descendants of the three Hollimans who came to Fayette County in 1836.

If I can be of any assistance at any time, please feel free to call on me.

Sincerely,

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Lettergram

Date: 19 April 1979

To: Mr. C. R. Holliman 8212 - 6th Ave. S. Birmingham, Al. 35206

From: Mrs. Jack R. Cooper 610 Jude Ave. E. Tuscaloosa, Al. 35404

Subject: Yerby Ancestral Research CC: A. M. C.

Dearest Mr. Holliman,

I received your Yerby information for which my cousin and I are exceedingly grateful. It is so very, very seldom that you find such a warm and sharing genealogical friend as yourself. You always keep others in mind and seem to be so truly helpful at all times. I am deeply impressed.

I only wish I could be of some service to you. Please feel free to call upon me to help you in any way I can.

The Yerby information was most interesting and I always share your letters and findings with Pat McKee and the Newells. They are always most appreciative also, for your remembering our Ancestral lines and sharing your information. We just hope that we'll be able to help you in some way one day.

We look forward to the day that your Holliman Manuscript will be completed. The Newells informed me that they are well acquainted with your friend Mrs. Robertson in Fayette. Mrs. Newell was asked to be Head Librarian at Fayette, but due to full time employment and other commitments, she had to decline.

We are always so glad to hear from you anytime - Please keep in touch and let me know what you are doing for all your time and expense - and sending me Holliman - Yerby information! You are so kind.
Dorje M. Cooper