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From: Glenn Holliman <glennfromyahoo@gmail.com>  
To: Messsersmith Ed <mertoun414@aol.com>; Messersmith Daphne <daphne@pa.net>; Barb <holliman@pa.net>  
Sent: Mon, Aug 29, 2011 12:12 pm  
Subject: Fw: Box

Daphne and Ed,

This email just came in from my 66 year old cousin who grew up in Alabama, Birmingham area, when I did. Several of our emails are included, and note the one of our Uncle Euhal and his defense of white churches.   Carol now lives in Texas and has similar pains of historical guilt and remorse as I expressed (too forcefully and too often) the other evening at your house.  My cousin, Carol, could have written the book “Help”!

Glenn

**From:** [Carol Morton](mailto:pmpsa45@sbcglobal.net)

**Sent:** Sunday, August 28, 2011 9:13 PM

**To:** ['Glenn Holliman'](mailto:glennhistory@gmail.com)

**Subject:** RE: Box

Glenn,

I remember those days.  I look back on them with shame.  We were so misguided.  How could our parents and grandparents call themselves Christians and believe that racial garbage?

They imparted their racial prejudices to us lock, stock and barrel.  I did begin to question it in high school, during all the race riots.  Carl, Carla and Eric’s father, and I did a home movie about it.  We and some friends sneaked onto the Birmingham Country Club golf course, dressed up as blacks and played golf, filming it in the early morning before we could get caught.  We tried to show the film at Shades Valley, with a narration about the hypocrisy of racial discrimination.  Needless to say, we did not get very far.  We also snuck out to drive through the downtown areas of Birmingham during the major race riots when the police were using the high pressure hoses.

Now that I have some wonderful bi-racial grand kids whom I love dearly, and a California husband, who has never had any racial prejudice, I find myself being ashamed of having maids that could bathe and nurse us, but not eat with us or go to church with us.  I feel really sorry that so much of the old south stills revels in that kind of hypocrisy.

At the last reunion in Gulf Shore, I felt very uncomfortable with E.C. , Bobby’s and  Al’s outspoken racism.  I will never subject my grandkids to that kind of sick prejudice.  I know that you are uncomfortable with it also.  I love those guys, but I guess some things never change.  I know better than to ruin a reunion and distain their hospitality, but I pray that the Lord will convict them about how much harm they are doing.

Carol

**From:** Glenn Holliman [<mailto:glennhistory@gmail.com?>]   
**Sent:** Friday, August 26, 2011 3:00 PM  
**To:** Carol Morton  
**Subject:** Re: Box

How about this one of Uncle Euhal?!!

My father just called and he is mailing you an article he wrote on trips to Florida in the 1930s with the Dalys and your mother.  Look for it next week.

Mary told me last year that in 1963 when Blacks threatened to attend white churches on Sunday mornings, Uncle Euhal showed up at the Baptist Church in Irondale, armed and in uniform ready to defend white Protestantism from ‘agitators’.   Where those not terrible days?  My children cannot understand the racism of the time.

Our family was trapped in a culture, not of their/our choosing, but of history.  I maintain three things changed the south of our youth for the better:

1. Air conditioning without which the large cities and economic development of the South (especially Texas) would not exist today

2. Martin Luther King who freed the white man as much as the African-American

3. Southeastern Conference football which hastened integration as nothing else could!

**From:** [Carol Morton](mailto:pmpsa45@sbcglobal.net)

**Sent:** Friday, August 26, 2011 3:18 PM

**To:** ['Glenn Holliman'](mailto:glennhistory@gmail.com)

**Subject:** RE: Box

Billy looks just like Uncle Euhal.

**From:** Glenn Holliman [<mailto:glennhistory@gmail.com?>]   
**Sent:** Friday, August 26, 2011 1:18 PM  
**To:** Morton Carol Cornelius  
**Subject:** Box

Carol,

I mailed the box back this afternoon.   You will need to sign for it when it arrives, perhaps as early as Monday.  Attached is our 56 year old cousin, Billy Holliman, with his grown daughter, Joey.  Taken last April in Fayette, Alabama.  Euhal and Edna’s children have turned out well.  Tommie is a princess to look out after Jean, age 66, who lives with her and her family.  Jean receives SSI from Social Security for incapacity.

Take care, Glenn