

October 17, 1967.

Mrs. Morris Holleman,
310 E. Washington St.,
New Iberia, Louisiana, 70560.

Dear Mrs. Holleman:

I wish to acknowledge receipt of your letter of October 12th, 1967, regarding the Holleman Family.

Phonetic spelling has caused many changes in the name over the generations since they left the British Isles. My branch now spells it "Holliman", yet my grandfather often signed his name "John T. Holiman". All of this is understandable since education was limited in the early days, and the sound rather than the spelling was important.

I have done quite a bit of reading and study on the various names, and am of the opinion that the name originated in the town of DeHolym in Wales. Even in England, there are "E", "I", and "Y" spelling of the Holleman name.

George Anders Holleman, a Chicago singer, originally from Mississippi wrote a book after much study on the "Hollyman" family. He is now deceased. I have a copy of the book and also donated two copies to the Southern History branch of the Birmingham Library. Your Jonathan Holleman line is mentioned in the book. Since George A. Holleman is dead, I know of no place you could buy the book unless from his widow who lives at Greenville, Mississippi. I have some correspondence with her, and will see if I can find it, if you wish to communicate with her.

Your Jonathan Holleman was the great-grandson of Christopher Hollyman, of Isle of Wight County, Virginia. Christopher died in 1691. His wife Mary died about 1700. I have a copy of his will. One of the children of Christopher and his wife Mary was Christopher C. Hollyman of Isle of Wight County, Virginia. He died in 1731. His wife, Susanna died in 1755. They in turn had a son John, who married Elizabeth. I have a copy of his will. John, last mentioned changed the spelling of the name from "Y" to "E". Their son, Jonathan, born 1787, married on 3-13-1809 Nancy Caldwell. They lived on Cary Road at Raleigh, North Carolina. Jonathan was burned to death in an accident. I have the information as to his children, but it is lengthy so will not undertake to include this. I am trying to give you basic information, so that you can continue research if you wish to.

I am sure that the county records of Raleigh, N.C.

would be revealing and interesting. I strongly urge you to get a copy of George A. Holleman's book "The Hollyman Family", if you can locate one. Your branch as well as mine is written up there. However my branch has some breaks in it, which I have worked over the years to tie together.

I am descended from James Holliman, born 1750 in Johnston County, ~~North~~ N.C. His sons, and other relatives moved to Alabama from Anson County N.C. in 1836. Some of them settled in Fayette County, Alabama, where I originated. Others of the brothers and cousins, went to Choctaw and Carroll County, Mississippi, and still others went on to Arkansas and Texas, as well as Oklahoma. These Hollimans were probably descended from the original Christopher Hollyman, according to data given me by George Anders Holleman, the author. It is difficult at this late date to trace the line, so I have not yet completed my work.

I hope that this information will be helpful to you, and if I can further assist you, feel free to write me.

Yours very truly,

C.R. Holliman,
8212 6th Ave. S.
Birmingham, Alabama, 35206.

March 6, 1978.

Mr. Murray Holliman,
3512 Ashley Road.,
Birmingham, Alabama, 35209.

Dear Murray:

I am working with some of our distant relatives out in Arkansas to assemble a registry and history of our Hollimans who came to Fayette County in 1836. I have about completed the work on the Alabama end of it, and need new information on Uncle Bud's descendants. The enclosed, in duplicate is all I have at the present time. I need to know full names, dates of birth if possible, who they married, the names of children, and who they married and the names of their children. I would like to know college degrees earned and occupations, if possible. I hope you will undertake to get up this data, but if not, will you get someone in the family to work on it.

Hope you are getting along fine since retirement. Ruby and I are pretty bad to stay at home, since neither of us is in very good health. However, we did get up enough spunk to fly up to St. Louis earlier in February to the marriage of our grandson.

Our best regards to you.

Sincerely,

C.R. Holliman,
8212 6th Ave. S.
Birmingham, Alabama, 35206.

Bham News, Sunday, December 11, 1977

Whatley, Holliman

COLUMBIANA—The engagement of Miss Kareen Whatley to Willis H. Holliman, son of Mr. and Mrs. Hollis E. Benson, is announced by the bride-elect's parents, Frank D. Whatley of Birmingham and Mrs. Beulah Collins Whatley.

Miss Whatley is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. William W. Collins of

Woodstock and the late Mrs. Inez Rice Collins; Mrs. Lula Mae Whatley of West Blocton and the late Benjamin F. Whatley.

Mr. Holliman's grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Willis H. Moore; Mr. and Mrs. Ervin E. Benson of Shelby.

The wedding will be Dec. 25 at Columbiana United Methodist Church.

Hollis E. Benson, Phillips Circle (The Son)
Columbiana, Ala. 669-6191

Frank ^{D.} Whatley, ~~Hb Minnie Dr. Highway #91-1704~~
429 — Tubulo Road 853-6262
Mrs Beulah Collins Whatley, Parents of Bride —

Willis H. Moore 430 North Highway #47 Columbiana
(Grandparents of the Groom) 669-7068 —

Ervin Benson, Columbiana 669-7034

Mrs Whatley works for State of Ala
in Health Blood department
Circle 10 to receive for me the
information on this Holliman

UAM Box 1144
Monticello AR 71655
February 22, 1980

Cecil Rhodes Holliman
8212 6th Avenue, South
Birmingham, Ala. 35206

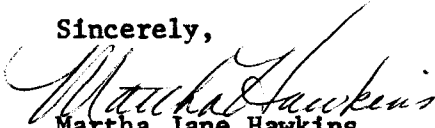
Dear Mr. Holliman:

Would your BAKER interest concern Aaron and Samuel BAKER of the Tirzah Church congregation - who married DAVIS sisters, daughters of Robert DAVIS and his wife, Margaret (GREER) Davis of Lancaster, S.C.?

Or, Jemima BAKER, 1st wife of William Nisbet (1753-1831) of Lancaster, S.C.?

If so, I'd be most pleased to hear from you.

Sincerely,


Martha Jane Hawkins
(Mrs. Ballard Hawkins)

Birmingham, Alabama.
February 27, 1980.

Mrs. Ballard Hawkins,
UAM Box 1114,
Monticello, Arkansas, 71655.

Dear Mrs. Hawkins:

In reply to your inquiry of February 22nd, regarding Aaron and Samuel Baker of the Tirzah Church congregation of Lancaster County, South Carolina, and Jemima Baker 1753-1831, I must advise that I have no data which would relate.

My relationship to the Bakers comes through George Baker and wife Mary Robertson Baker of Tuscaloosa County, Alabama, early settlers who arrived there before 1820, along with other relatives, probably John Baker and Michael Baker. George and Mary had three sons and two daughters, and were shown in the 1819 Census of Mecklinburg County, North Carolina. According to the 1850 Census of Tuscaloosa County, George Baker was then 67 years of age, born in South Carolina. He died before 1860 as did his wife. I have done considerable research on this Baker family through the local library and by reference to some very old letters, but have not been able to go to Mecklinburg County, North Carolina, and Lancaster and Chesterfield Counties, South Carolina, to finish my work, on account of family illness. My ancestor, the Blakenys, Hollimans came from this area. I think my Baker line came from Lancaster and Chester County, S.C.

I will keep your inquiry in mind, and if I run into any related data, will advise you. If I can be of any assistance, will be glad to have you contact me.

Yours very truly,

C.R. Holliman,
8212 6th Ave. S.,
Birmingham, Alabama,
35206.
Phone 836-1962.

Route 1, Box 377
Oakman, Alabama 35579
February 4, 1977

Mr. C. R. Holliman
8212 6th Avenue, South
Birmingham, Alabama 35206

Dear Mr. Holliman:

Here is all the information I can get. I hope this will help you in some way. Would it be possible for me to have a copy of the book when it becomes available?

Yours truly,



Mrs. Lillian Myers Diehl

Mary Elizabeth Laboon Davis - Born: May 10, 1872; Died: December 8, 1932
Married, but no date of marriage available; husband - John Thomas Davis -
Born: July 26, 1869; Died -September 12, 1958. Both are buried at
New Hope Church of Christ cemetery near Oakman, Alabama. There were eight
children born of this marriage. They are as follows:

Lillian ~~Davis~~ Davis, born March 2, 1891 and died August 25, 1920.
She was married to Morris Davis (no relation before marriage). School
teacher until her death. She also is buried at the New Hope cemetery.
There were no children born of this marriage.

Bessie Lou Davis-born March 30, 1894 and died April 30, 1969. She never
married, was an R.N. and worked in hospitals and clinics in both Jefferson
and Walker Counties.

Annie Amelia Davis Swindle - born October 31, 1898 and still living. Her
address in Route 2, Parrish, Alabama 35580, c/o Chalmers Laurent. She can
give you information concerning her children.

Audrey Rufus Davis: his wife lives in Memphis, Tennessee and can give you
information pertaining to their children. Her address is 3159 Estes,
Memphis, Tennessee 38118.

Thomas Franklin Davis-born March 28, 1901 and Died October 18, 1961. He
was married to Lillian Poole Davis. There were four children born of this
marriage. One daughter, Mrs. Charles (Carolyn) Caldwell lives in Mulga.
He is also buried in the New Hope cemetery.

Walker Glover Davis lives on Five Mile Road in Birmingham. You can probably
call him for further information.

John Newton Davis - born, March 18, 1905 and died July 24, 1966. He was retired from U. S. Army and is buried in Ravenal, South Carolina. His wife, Margie McClean Davis still lives in that area.

My mother, Jennie Belle Davis Myers, was born March 16, 1896 and died on October 15, 1971. She married Henry Clay Myers on December 29, 1913. He was born October 31, 1892 and died January 14, 1968. Both are buried at the New Hope cemetery. They both received 9th grade educations. There were four children born of this marriage.

Raymond Byron Myers was born June 24, 1915 and died February 26, 1966. He also is buried at New Hope. He was married to Doris Augusta Kirkpatrick on August 28, 1937. She was born on March 13, 1919 and died December 9, 1961. There were two children born to them, twins. One child was a still-born; the other lived until November 21, 1952. They were born September 3, 1939. The parents are buried at New Hope. The sons are buried at Providence near Parrish, Alabama. He worked for TCI in Fairfield until his death.

Sara Francis Myers Williams, born April 12, 1920, died September 28, 1970. She received a high school education and also took a business course. She worked for Allied Chemical. She had one son, Hugh Don Myers and he was raised by our parents.

Hugh Don was born on March 1, 1937 and is married to Margaret Key Myers. They have two children, Sandra Laverne, born February 24, 1961, and Don Alan, born August 28, 1963. Both are high school students.

Johnnie Mae Myers Thomas was born April 19, 1924 and is married to Marcel Thomas. They have two children. Loyal Jean Thomas Key married to Gerald P. Key. They have three children, Mark, Tracy and Todd. Maurice Thomas is married to Doris Ann Martin Thomas. He has no children.

I was born Lillian Geneva Myers on March 14, 1922 and married Elmer Martin Diehl on May 16, 1940. Elmer died on August 12, 1963 and worked as a Dental Technician until his death. I have a license in cosmetology and am presently working as a nurses' aide at Jasper Community Hospital. We had four children. They are as follows:

Audrey Martin Diehl, born November 25, 1942, and married to Joe Wesley Staggs. She graduated high school in 1961, attended Walker College until 1963, worked three years in Huntsville at Redstone Arsenal and is now presently employed as payroll clerk at Walker County Board of Education. Joe is station commander of U. S. Army Recruiting Station in Jasper. They have two children, Trina Marie, born December 21, 1966 and Edgar Neal, born June 21, 1972.

Lawrence Clay (Larry), born on November 29, 1944 and married to Emily Gail McClinton. He graduated high school in 1963, attended Alverson Draughn, Walker College and is now business manager of Murphy Mfg., Co., in Jasper, Alabama. They have three boys, Charles Martin, born September 8, 1964; Raymond Allen, born May 4, 1969 died May 5, 1969 and Jeffrey Bryne, born December 20, 1971.

Raymond Edwin was born January 31, 1948 and is married to Doris Akins. He graduated high school in 1966, attended Walker College, Jacksonville University and Livingston University. He has served two years in the U. S. Marines. He is now employed as assistant manager of National Mattress Co., in Jasper, Alabama. They have two children, Misty Lachelle, born August 14, 1973, and Russell Byron, born June 25, 1976.

Pamela was born March 9, 1949, and is married to Donald Ray Jones. She graduated high school in 1967 and attended Walker College. They have two children, Jeremy Don, born December 23, 1972 and Jimmy Dan born February 13, 1976. She is a housewife and her husband is employed by U. S. Steel, Fairfield.

Box 84

Russellville, Ala. 35653

May 9, 1971

Dear Mrs. Holliman:

Thank you for writing me.

Our Lucas family is on page 174 in S.C. Lucas' book, and about half a page of notes following. So we are in the same book.

I do not know enough about the Cunningham family to give much information; know the wife of R.M. Cunningham, Jr. in Birmingham; and know of Mrs. Roy Mayhall in Jasper who is related to Russell, Jr. Crawford Cunningham lives here, and I think his son has moved from New Orleans to Birmingham; don't know he there are also other Cunninghams here.

We have Lucas relatives, tho not named living in California, Miami, and New Mexico

Sincerely,

Boyce Broadus

P.S. By any chance are you related to the Bakers in Favants? Ruth Rockett went to Jeff Co. High School, and know the second Mrs. Rockett who retired at Inglewood

C. B. Holliman,
Attorney at Law,
P.O. 212 6th Ave South.

Dear Cousin:

I received your check some
time ago but have been sick
myself in the Fayette County Hospital
for few days the reason I had not sent
you a "Thank you card for which I
appreciate so much turned in to
our Church Sec Mrs Gayle Baker.
they building on Sunday School room
we also need so much more work done
Several have gave checks and money
for which am now speaking for the
entire Church ward. I cannot express
to every one that has donated to our
Church we sure in need of more
The members and non-members are doing
the building we trying to get money for
building and repairing of it. So if your
Brother Charles will send me any amount
we shall appreciate so much. Wish
some time you + wife could come down
I called talked to Fenton Walker this
After noon (over)

I think he to in bad health as he
said had black out spells with his
head swimming said his wife was
then down at the Clinic said he
was 81 years old also told him
you said would see him this summer
Am to hoping you can get all
information you need from my Aunt
Lizzies family wish could help you
more but cant I can tell you this
much if you have not received it about
our Uncle Andrew Walker family Am
speaking of his children are dead all
Thurmond Walker's wife live at
Kennedy though if you want or need
information guess she would give
what she might know. would like
to know if Ann Mitchell has wrote
you all about ^{Halliman} her and Jessie's
Brothers being dead now Grady being
the last one a few weeks ago. He said
Grady had to go to the hospital he told
me give to Ann and Jessie that letter
said he was not able to see to getting
information think he sure suffered before
he passed away. Well please remind your
Brother me in such need if he wants to say long
D.L. ... mail like you did to me I surely give to our

In reading marriage records, I
found this one, I'm sure you can fit it in.

(Mary?)
James H. Holliman Married Mary Langston
on Jan 16, 1890 by Minister N. J. Dyer

In Cemetery records, I found this:

James Holliman B. Dec. 25 1896 D. Aug. 8. 1913.
He was buried at Chapel Hill Baptist Church Cemetery.