She doesn't know them. She left the area in the early 30s when she was about 2. She and her mother lived with her grandparents and they were mostly tenant farmers after her grandfather loaned his older brother money - he didn't pay and her granddad lost everything.

For a while they lived near the Guins not far from the Shelton Chapel Church but moved to Pickens Co. before 1940. There are Blakeneys all over the area. I have an Adolph Blakeney b. 1921 married to a Sarah Eunice Sullivan but we are not kin. Their children are Billy and Barry. My dad lived in the Moores Bridge area from 1896 to 1920 except for the Navy in WW1.

My wife has two aunts and an uncle living - they are between 85-95 and I'll bet they knew your kinfolks. Ruby Stripling, a daughter of Zelma and a sister of Walter, gave us a lot of info on the Smith and Hollimam families. My wife knew Zelma and said she was a beautiful lady.

I have walked 50 cemeteries north of Highway 82 between Tuscaloosa and Reform looking for Sullivans and Wheats. I've never hunted the swamps but I've fished the Sipsey several times.

I go to our house in AL more than the wife to play golf and fish - and I went to Bama. When there I spend a lot of time travelling the back roads looking for people and places. It's good to walk where you know your ancestors walked.

The burial location of my gg grands was relocated a few years ago and we placed a nice marker where the small stones were. And I visited my dad's old home place - the house was long gone but I took one of the rocks the foundation stood on and one of the rocks from the chimney dad helped build.

You mentioned that J. W. was the second child. I looked at the 1860 census and a WIlliam was the 5th child. Was J. W. James William - the parents were correct. Usually the census uses the first name.

Adelphia was bought out by Time Warner. We recently changed to Roadrunner ISP. I expect you will be doing that shortly.

It's good to hear from someone who is almost a relative.

Hugh

-----Original Message-----
**From:** Doc Holliman [mailto:docholliman@adelphia.net]
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 10, 2007 11:33 AM
**To:** Hugh Sullivan
**Subject:** Newtonville

Dear Sullivans:

Since your wife was born in Newtonville,  I wonder if she ever knew the following:

James M. Baker and Ila Yerby Baker

Dr. Lanthus Blakeney

Adolph Blakeney

Virgil Gibson and Pearl Gibson

Vertus Yerby

Victor Gibson

Eura Carter and Mae Carter

Adolph Blakeney is still living in Northport but the remainder are resting in the Shepherd Cemetery in Newtonville.

These were my cousins and great aunts and uncles.  I've got good photos of all these folks.   I spent my youth hunting and fishing in the Sipsey River bottoms.

Warmest regards,   Doc    docholliman@adelphia.net