

George Holman
of London

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Glenn

Thank you for sending the letter regarding your great grandfather. It is very poignant. You can understand the actions of such a young soldier. How many such young men, in past ages, have been forced in to conflict without understanding the full consequences that they may be facing? The letter reminded me a little of my dear Dad. He fought in the Second World War. He came back with no physical injuries but with the mental scars of what he had seen on the battlefield. He very rarely talked about the War. I asked him some years before he died about where his medals were? He said he had given them away as he was so disgusted with what happened in the War. I am still going to get copies though, of his medals, as I think they should be preserved for future generations. Did your great grandfather eventually get his pension?

Still on the subject of American History, if you cast your mind back a few e-mails, George HOLLEMAN, HOLEMAN or HOULEMAN was mentioned as an earlier settler in Virginia. I think I have solved the puzzle of this George, at least. I have come across a publication which lists the very earliest settlers in Virginia. It is called *The Genesis of the United State 1605-1616.....* by Alexander Brown. Published in 1890 in two volumes it can be found on www.archive.org and can be downloaded to your computer in PDF format. I found George HOLMAN on several pages of Volume 1, namely pages 216, 257, 387 and 388. George HOLMAN belonged to the Grocer's Company in London and was I believe an early member of the Virginia Company. As his surname is spelt consistently as HOLMAN in these early records it seems unlikely (although you can never be certain) that he was your ancestor. There were no HOLLIMANS in the listings in Volume 1. I have yet to look through Volume 2. If you have not come across this publication before it is absolutely fascinating to read and a must for anyone interested in the very early history of America.

To the LEES. Before the LEES married in to the HAMPDEN family they were based in the parish of Dinton, more specifically in a hamlet called Moreton that was part of the parish of Dinton. There is very little left of medieval Moreton. The Manor House is long gone although I believe there is still a farm there, but no medieval buildings as such. Following are some links to the history of Moreton in Dinton which you may find useful <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=62771&strquery=Dinton> and <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.aspx?compid=121039>

I have attached some LEE family trees for you: one is in a JPEG format which you can crop as you wish. There seems to be some discrepancy as to whether the wife of William LEE was Alice or Anne. Mores sources, that I have looked at state Alice so have put Alice as William's wife. However, without looking at the monument itself in the Dinton Church I cannot be 100% sure.

I hope the information is of interest.

Enjoy your holiday

Kind Regards

Anne

From: Glenn Holliman [<mailto:glennhistory@gmail.com>]
Sent: 24 February 2013 17:42

To: Anne Holmes

Subject: Re: Holliman Blog

Anne,

I have not thanked you for the material you sent last week. I have been re-reading all you have done, thinking through how to present this wealth of information!

As to the Tree, many thanks....I have been working on the next additions but can certainly use the downloads you sent and make good use of them.

Bucks Ancestors ---- I love it and make sure I get an invitation to be a follower. Of course write up the Holymans and by all means let's provide linkages. The more the merrier...something to pass along to future generations. I can quite imagine you have many, many stories to tell.

Keep the meter running as I bug you with questions from time to time and if you stumble across more Holymans, please don't forget me.

I have two more weeks at home before my wife and I take an eighteen day cruise through the Panama Canal, our second time to do so. I will be taking your materials and doing some writing while sitting in what we hope will be a warm sun. Tis the Cunarder, the Queen Elizabeth, and we shall be surrounded by British nostalgia.

Oh, one question....the Hartwell House, today a National Trust Hotel, was build in the 1600s. Do we have any idea what the earlier home of the Lees might have looked like?

Yesterday, I found a 1925 letter my great uncle wrote to his U.S. Congressman trying to obtain a Federal pension for the Civil War service of my great grandfather, John Thomas Holliman, who surrendered to the North in February 1865 after fighting almost 3 years for the South, the Confederacy. I attach it; its a tear jerker.

The second photo is of John Thomas Holliman around 1900.

Thanks for remaining in touch; in a few days I shall be posting more on the Tudor age!

Glenn

On Sun, Feb 24, 2013 at 11:43 AM, Anne Holmes <am.holmes@btinternet.com> wrote:

Hi Glenn

I am following your Blog with great interest and I am learning more about early American history from your postings.

I note that you have put the family tree I gave to you on the Blog. There is nothing wrong with that, as such, but if you had mentioned it previously I could have provided a tree with a more user friendly format for your Blog. I have attached some examples which may fit better and give more overall information about the early HOLLIMAN family. I have reduced the sizes of the information boxes to the minimum available. One format is in a JPEG file and you can crop this, as needed, to the area of information you require. The second is a single view PDF and the third another PDF format which will print on to two A3 pages.

On a different note reading your excellent Blog has inspired me to start one of my own. I have been toying with the idea for about six months now and have decided just to do it. It will be called **Bucks Ancestors** and will contain short stories or snippets of family histories related to Buckinghamshire. I would like to include, as one of the posts, a short piece on the John HOLYMAN who died in 1533. It will be called ***Life on the farm in 1533*** If you have any objections to my writing this small piece please let me know. At the end of the piece I will mention your Blog and provide a link to it. Over the years I have collected many family histories and other stories that are just lying in files. By putting some of them on my **Bucks Ancestors** Blog other people will have the benefit of some of the research I have done. None of the pieces, if connected to a Client's research, will appear without their permission. Most will be unconnected to any Client research I have done.

I look forward to your comments on the above.

Kind Regards

Anne Holmes

Hi Glenn

Thanks you for your reply

My e-mail regarding George HOLLEMAN referred to the following, i.e. the reference to a **George HOLLEMAN** of the Virginia Company being a possible ancestor (8 February 2012 Holliman Blog):

"...Unfortunately Walt was not able to obtain original sources for much of Dr. Holliman's work. For example, information from my research in England does give a hint that Hollimans emerged from London, as early as the 1400s, but the name George Holliman is unknown to me. A Holliman as a member of the London Stock Company?! This startling statement certainly calls for more research...."

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I think the publication mentioned is where Dr. Holliman may have sourced his information about George HOLLEMAN..

Regarding **Robert HOLLYMAN** mentioned below, I think there may some confusion over this Robert. I do not think he came from Bedford but may have been **Captain of a ship called *The Bedford***. I have found a reference to him in the Calendar of State Papers Domestic c1690 (see attached). More about him can be found in these papers held at the National Archives at Kew. The Index to the State Papers can be viewed for a subscription at British History Online, see <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/statepapers.aspx>

I hope the above information helps and clarifies a few points.

Kind Regards

Anne