Two good reasons are put forward to explain the migration of pioneer settlers from the Carolinas to Alabama in the early 1800s.  I'll look up the website for you that shows the Fayette County map of land patents taken by our ancestors.  Newtonville, AL, had Carolina settlers as early as 1822 but our folks arrived between 1832 and 1836.

The two good reasons: 1st:  pioneers had worn out the land in the Carolinas and were looking for new ground and 2nd:  Andrew Jackson began moving the Creeks, Cherokees and Choctaws out of Alabama and Mississippi ["Trail of Tears"] about 1831 -32.  This opened up a vast, virtually unused, rich farmland to white settlers.  In 1822 -1826,  the settlers had to deal with the Indians but this lasted only until the Federal Govt. moved them out.  Our earliest Holliman pioneers from NC were 3 brothers,  Cornelius [our 3-great grandpa] and Charles and Warren [our 4-great uncles].  They rode horseback to the Newtonville area in the summer or fall of 1831,  camped out in the woods for the winter of 1831 - 1832, and returned to Anson County, NC, in the spring of 1832.  It took them a couple of years to get their families ready and then moved to the Newtonville area in 1836. They were probably waiting for the Indians to move out.  The old land grants map of Fayette County shows the parcels of land that they homesteaded.  There was already a bunch of white settlers in Fayette County when they arrived.  Among them was Thomas Blakeney, my 3 - great grandpa, who built a house in Newtonville in 1832.  The house has been restored: and is a beauty:  chestnut logs.  The Poes, Yerbys and Nalls were the first whites to settle in Newtonville.  Their descendants are still there.  I hunted many times with a black man:  "P. I."  Nalls, a descemdant of the Nalls family slaves.  My ancestor, Thomas Blakeney, had 27 slaves !  In fact,  he had 2 bastard mulatto children with a slave woman and I have met my distant cousins who are black !