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 * THE GENEALOGICAL RECORD OF THE HOLLYMAN FAMILY *
 * THAT IS GIVEN HERE IS REPRODUCED AS FOUND IN *
 * THE ORIGINAL BOOK WRITTEN BY GEORGE A. HOLLEMAN. *
 * WHILE RELEVANCE TO CORNELIUS HOLLIMAN'S *
 * DESCENDANTS REMAIN TO BE PROVEN, THE HOLLYMAN *
 * BOOK PROVIDES A PROBABLE CONNECTION FOR CORNELIUS *
 * HOLLIMAN AND ALL OTHER HOLLIMAN, HOLLYMAN, HOLLEMAN, *
 * AND OTHER VARIOUS SPELLINGS AND MISSPELLINGS OF THE *
 * NAME IN AMERICA. CHRISTOPHER HOLLYMAN'S LINEAGE IS *
 * REPRINTED HERE TO INCLUDE AND EMPHASIZE THE 1ST *
 * THROUGH THE 6TH GENERATIONS. IF A CONNECTION IS TO *
 * BE MADE IT IS BELIEVED, BY THIS WRITER AT LEAST, *
 * THAT CORNELIUS HOLLIMAN CONNECTION WILL BE WITHIN *
 * THE FIRST SIX GENERATIONS OF THIS BOOK. *
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 * * Ronald R. Holliman - February 28, 1991 * *
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THE
 HOLLYMAN FAMILY

A GENEALOGICAL AND HISTORICAL RECORD OF THE
 DESCENDANTS OF CHRISTOPHER HOLLYMAN OF ISLE
 OF WIGHT COUNTY, VA. 1691 AND RELATED FAMILIES.

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(Dedication of Book)



RESPECTFULLY AND LOVINGLY DEDICATED

TO MY FATHER

JOSEPH HUBBARD HOLLEMAN

(May 4, 1863 - November 22, 1946)

WHO WAS A TRUE SON OF HIS ANCESTORS

AND A PERFECT EXAMPLE OF A NOBLE

SOUTHERN CHRISTIAN GENTLEMAN



FOREWORD

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"It is with a great deal of pride that I humbly present this book to the present as well as to the future generations of the Hollyman Family. It has taken many years of hard work and much research through thousands of volumes and communications to collect the material contained herein. It is my hope that the time spent on it will be infinitesimal as compared to the life of the records.

It was not God's will to give the compiler a son to carry on the Hollyman name so it has been my ambition to leave a heritage that would be far more valuable in serving the needs of his family members for generations to come. I only hope that in the years to come someone will assume the responsibility of keeping these records up to date, and that another following will bring out future volumes for the use of unborn generations.

This book is far from complete. It can never be completed. I have tried my best to give as complete a record of each family as was possible, yet there are missing families, - some lost through marriage, others by having no descendants. Too, there are numerous descendants whose family trees are missing because there was no one in the family who was interested enough to see that records were kept. I have written hundreds of letters to persons who never acknowledged them or tried to cooperate in any way. The negligence and indifference of those persons is their misfortune only.

It was my original idea to withhold publication until I was able to connect several dozen families outlined in the latter pages of this book to the main branch of the family to which they surely belong. So many of my co-workers however, have suggested immediate publication which would tend to stimulate interest in this work and would perhaps be invaluable to these families and help them to make the connections themselves. It was suggested also, that perhaps those who were disinterested may realize the importance of submitting information and be more cooperative in helping to bring out a revised addition. I hope this will prove true. I shall always be happy to receive any information from descendants and invite all readers to communicate with me at any time and all information will be as carefully compiled as these records. If a revised volume is necessary, I shall deem it my privilege to contribute as much to it as I have to this work.

There are many published biographies of notable descendants and a great store of interesting anecdotes concerning the family. Many of my correspondents have sent me much of this material that I am now considering the publication of a second book containing these as well as photographs of a few of the prominent descendants. I would appreciate receiving all such material that readers may wish to submit. Naturally, I must reserve the right to edit all such material.

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I regret that the extent of these records forbade to much elaboration on any particular detail and that the use of abbreviations was necessary. I hope the reader will understand.

Too, I should like to explain that there are several instances where families have been connected to the main line tentatively. I have done all in my power to make positive identification but sometimes lack of information has prevented doing so. In every instance, however, the connection made has been almost certain, yet there is an element of doubt existing. An example of this is the family of Nathan Holloman, page 91, whose father and grandfather were named Samuel, the latter being in the third generation from Christopher. The only Samuel who could qualify in this position is 3D4, page 9 and we have tentatively connected this family to him. As this book goes to press, there is a feeling among the descendants of Nathan that Christopher 4B3 is their ancestor. This, and all other such instances are clearly marked in the trees and will be corrected if proven true in any future edition.

For fear of offending anyone who may be sensitive about the publication of their age we have omitted listing the birth year in many instances. Those that are noted were included because there seemed to be no objection. In view of the fact that it behooves us to pass this information on to future generations it is my hope that no one will take offense in any way. All dates omitted will be entered in all working copies for future use.

No doubt the reader will find some mistakes in his family, a name misspelled, a date wrong, or other data incorrectly given. I tried to make these records accurate, but sometimes have had difficulty in deciphering data. Too, records submitted by several persons in the same family are often different. I have chosen the data most suggested as the most accurate. At times I have had to add names to a tree after it had been set and numbered which made it necessary to use a number far different from those in the tree. This is a minor thing, however.

I should like to express my deep appreciation to the dozens of persons who have contributed so much to this work, and without whose help this book would not have been possible. All of these persons are marked in the family trees with the abbreviation AU for Authority. To all of you, my sincerest and deepest thanks. Especially are thanks due to the Librarians of Newberry Library, Chicago, for their great help and generous cooperation; to Mrs. L. L. Bristol and her daughter Clara May Warren of Dallas, Texas for their untiring collecting of material in the travels over the entire country; to Charles Holloman of Kinston, N.C. for his zeal and knack of digging up long hidden information, and the hours spent in transcribing these records for me. I should like to name many more who have contributed freely of their

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time on behalf of this book but space does not permit it. To you I can only say most earnestly, "Thanks a lot."

After over twenty years of braving the Chicago humidity and cold my wife and I have decided to return to the sunny hills of Mississippi. We have just bought a little place on a hill-top three miles from Columbus where we will be located after January 1, 1953. The mailing address will be Route 5, Columbus, Mississippi should any reader wish to communicate with us.

We hope our efforts will awaken a new interest in the minds of many and make them more appreciative of the motto that heads this book."

George A. Holleman

ABBREVIATIONS USED IN THIS BOOK

"To conserve time and space we have employed the use of the following abbreviations:

- * Tree of this person's family continued on a later page. The number noted at end of the line indicates the page from which or to which the tree is continued.
- @ Authentic record, verified by court records, Bibles, etc.
- ~ Not Authentic or proven. Consensus of opinion of authorities indicate this entry to be true but not certain. Subject to future revision. (n.p. = not proven).
- Birth and death dates placed on either side of this mark. A birth date precedes the mark and a death date follows.

Ad.	Adopted	f.	Father
Aft.	After	gf.	Grandfather
App.	Appraisal	ggf.	Greatgrandfather
AU.	Authority for tree	gm.	Grandmother, etc
Bef.	Before	I.	Items of
Bk.	Will or Deed Book		Identification
Ca.	Circa, about	inf.	Infant
Cen.	Census	m.	married
Co.	County	P.	Page
C. O.	Court Order	Pro.	Probated
d, dgt.	Daughter	Rc.	Recorded
Da.	Dated	s.	Son of
D.	Deed	und.	Under
Div.	Divorced	yng.	Young
Est.	Estate	Inv.	Inventory
Ex.	Executor	Dec.	Deceased.
		W.	Will

EXPLANATION OF NUMBERING SYSTEM

"After searching dozens of genealogical records and histories for a logical numbering system whereby a descendant could be readily identified in his proper place, the writer has developed his own. This system is very simple when understood.

Christopher Hollyman is designated as the first generation and each succeeding generation by the next higher number. This number is first. Christopher's four sons are designated by the letters A, B, C, and D. The descendants of each carry this letter in their number. The number following is the number of the particular descendant. Thus, 9A160 is the 160th descendant in the ninth generation from Christopher through Thomas.

THE HOLLYMAN NAME
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The origin of the family name - Hollyman - can be based on several suppositions, and it is our purpose in this chapter to acquaint the reader with these several bases whereon he may make his own deductions.

British Family Names by Barbour list Hollyman, Hollemann, Holloman, and Holeyman as being of Dutch and Flemish origin and adds that it is a personal name meaning "Hill Protector". (See chapter on Dutch Families.)

History of British Surnames states that the name is derived from Holy Man. In this connection we might add that John Holyman, D.D. 1495 - 1558 was the Bishop of Bristol, and a native of Coddington. He was listed as a scholar of St. Mary Winton College, Hampshire, B. A. July 1, 1514; M. A. June 1518; a Fellow of New College, Oxford University 1510 - 1526. He opposed the divorces of Henry VIII and had to flee to France to save his head. He is buried in the Chancel of Hanborough Church. That he left sons is unknown as no record of his family can be found.

It is quite possible that the name Hollyman could be from the word or name Holy Man for when surnames were chosen the occupation, the father's name, or the home town were often taken.

Patronomica Brittanica state that the name Holeman means a whole man, a man of sterling mettle. Whole was spelled without the "W" in medieval England.

The writer favors the theory that the original Hollyman in England was an inhabitant of the Village of Hollym, in Holderness, Yorkshire. The Frisian form of "Ham" in "Um". Holderness is the only part of England where this form occurs. Here we find the village names: Arg-am; News-om; Holl-ym; Arr-um; etc. Ham signifies an enclosure, that which hems in, a meaning not very different from that of "ton" or "worth". These words are expressive of the feeling of reverence for private right but "Ham" involves a notion more mystical, more holy. It expresses that feeling of the sanctity of the family bond, it is the home, the one secret and holy place.

The names of three men have been found in the records of Hollym, either of whom could be the originator of our family. A Thomas de Hollym, a mercator, Freeman of York, 1352; Willelmus (William) de Hollym, mercer, 1360; and William Hollym, a clerk of Symonndesborough, Dorset, Yorks, 1395.

Our progenitor could have been a resident of Hollym, and when surnames became essential it would have been logical

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that he, being a Hollym - man, contract that name into our own Hollyman. Too, the only record found connecting the American Hollymans to England is the administration of the estate of Mary Gray, Dec. 28, 1663, and signed by Christopher Hollyman as security "for the use of her son, Walter Gray in ye country of Dorset in England".

As our records of a thousand or more Hollyman descendants in England before 1650 does not have any person bearing the name of similar spelling prior to 1400, and as these records are of all sections of England and Scotland, it is most reasonable to assume that from Hollym the sons of these men went out to make their homes throughout the Isles. It is reasonable also that a touch of individuality prompted some of them to make slight changes in the spelling of the name as is so evident among the American families. Here, the direct descendants of Christopher are known as Holleman, Holloman, Holliman, Hollyman, Hollomon, Holoman, etc.

Marshall's Genealogists Guide list the name Holliman during the Visitation of Durham in 1615. This means there were heads of this family continuously for over 100 years. A search of several dozens of volumes of Durham marriage, birth and death records however failed to reveal any person of that name. Incidentally, the Guide specifies that there were no arms issued.

As an added thought, in Drainer Parish, Scotland, there is a cave chapel on Holyman Head, called Gerardin's Cave, said to be the abode of a hermit. This hardly has any bearing on Hollyman history, however.

George A. Holleman

CHARACTER AND CHARACTERISTICS

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Of the thousands of descendants of Christopher now living in America, the writer has unfortunately had the opportunity of meeting and knowing only a small percentage. Those he has met however all seem to bear the inherent characteristics as the others whom he has known throughout his life.

To best summarize the qualities that seem innate with all Hollymans I would like to quote from a letter written on August 9, 1942 to me by an old man, John G. Holleman of Blytheville, Arkansas. He writes, "Those (Holleman) I have known - none are wealthy, but up to now I can't remember of any being paupers. No criminals. Most of them try to be honest, and above all very friendly with all whom they meet - kind fathers and mothers, but very quick to become angry - will fight if necessary to defend whatever they term right - however quick to be in a good humor with the worst foe after having won or lost a victory - great women lovers - most of them have large families". Unfortunately when I last wrote Mr. Holleman a year ago the letter was returned to me marked "Unknown". On the last trip through Blytheville I made inquiry about him but could not find him. I assume he passed away. I regret too that I was unable to connect his family to mine.

So many of my correspondents write of their ancestors and of the fine qualities that seem to go with the blood that I wish I could write a long chapter on this one subject and quote them all. I will however quote only one line from a fine old lady in McIntyre, Georgia, who married James Edward Holliman. She wrote, "I have never seen a dishonest Holliman". That sentence alone conveys all that is commendable, for a person who is honest should never do anything that could be called a little "shady".

Since starting work on this book I have contacted and spoken to hundreds of people; checked thousands of court records, entries, and minutes; checked the records of individuals, families, etc., yet I can honestly say that I have found only a single entry noted "non compus mentes" and on investigation found that this person was an old man in his dotage. I have not read a single record of insanity, crime, dishonesty, or anything not completely creditable. Of this I am very proud. There is that entry on page 11 that William Holleman was called "Billy Cow" as he was supposed to have stolen a cow. Too, several have written me facetiously, "There are monkeys down her you wouldn't enjoy seeing hanging from your tree".

The family basically is Protestant though there are a few instances where descendants have married into the

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Catholic religion. There are quite a few Methodist and Baptist ministers throughout the lines. A large part of the male descendants are members of the Masonic Order.

It is almost impossible to pin down certain physical characteristics of any one family, particularly one as old as ours due to the intermingling of other bloods throughout the different generations. Sometimes the characteristics of the mothers are more predominant in the offspring which through the ages does make a lot of changes. I have noted in my own particular family certain traits among cousins that are identifiable in other families remotely connected to mine.

The include a stature of about five feet, nine inches, a stocky build, ruddy complexions, and either bald or inclined to be bald, and with high round foreheads.

On the other hand, there was a group of five brothers who went to California and I am told that the shortest of these was six feet five inches tall.

So, long or short; lean or fat; the name of Hollyman has great history behind it. Though it hasn't been written and only a few have attained fame in the eyes of the press, yet their fame and honor will live forever in the hearts of all those who proudly bear the name of Hollyman.

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EARLY HOLLYMAN HISTORY

The earliest known ancestor of the several thousand persons whose names are contained in this work was Christopher Hollyman. The earliest known record of Christopher was his granting power of attorney to Thomas Pittman on June 30, 1660. On January 11, 1661 he bought a tract of land from George Smith, which transaction was endorsed by Christopher and Anne, his wife. This tract was sold to Thomas Pitt on December 9, 1668 and Christopher's wife was named Mary in this transaction. In October 1677 the names Christopher C. Hollyman and Chris Holliman, Jr., appear on a petition of pardon to the King during Bacon's Rebellion. Whether the original Christopher was the son of Christopher or the several court records naming two different men were those of the first Christopher who was the father of four sons including Christopher Jr. can hardly be determined.

In searching the records of landings at Jamestown, Va., we find a Xtop Holeman (X is the abbreviation of Christ) landed on May 22, 1650 sponsored by John Cox. That same year a Judith Holloman landed, sponsored by Thos. Wilkinson. In 1653 a Christopher Hollman (Holleman) and 2 Judith Hollimans were brought to Virginia by John Sheerlock. That same year John Cox brought over Judith Holloman. In 1656 a William Hollimon was sponsored by Thomas Rolph.

An interesting entry in Surry Co., Va., Record Book 1671, p.2 states: "Att a Courte holden att Southwarke for the County Mar., ye 5th 1671 ... Upon complaint of Christo: Holiman itt manifestly apearance that the Coppahunck Indians have kild two hoggs of ye sd Holiman. itt is orderd: that Capt. Pipsicoe w'thin three Months make paymt unto ye sd Holiman of Six Buck & Six doe well drest Skins & in Case itt doe apeare here after that any Indian shall Kill any hogg or hoggs of ye English that hey shall pay for every Hog by them Kild twenty Buck skins."

Where Christopher came from or who was his father is presently unknown. A search of all the available sailing lists did not throw any light on this mystery. A check of several hundred volumes of English records; the complete records of the Virginia Company; Will Books; Deed Books; and Land Books gave no information on which to base our deductions.

As many of the early colonist came to Virginia by way of Bermuda, Barbados, and St. Christophers, it is the opinion of the writer that Christopher was born on the Island of St. Kitts (St.Christophers) and was named for the island. A similar incident occurred when the Sea Venture was wrecked on Bermuda. A boy and a girl were born on the island and named

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Bermudos and Bermudas. A search of the records at both Barbados and St. Kitts failed to reveal any record of Christopher of his father.

The search of English marriage and death records reveals a number of possible persons from who Christopher could be descended. (see p. 220) There is no mention of anyone with that name nor is there any indication that any one or more of these persons came to America. To connect Christopher to any of these Hollymans would be an almost impossible task.

The Institute of American Genealogy in Chicago is trying to raise a fund whereby all the sailing list of the European countries may be microfilmed. Perhaps when that mission is accomplished we may be able to solve this important mystery. The only other possible way would be a personal inspection of the list in each individual country which would be extremely expensive and time-taking.

Hottens Persons lists only one person, Roger Holeman sailing in the sloop True Friendship from Barbados to Antigua, Dec. 4, 1679. The New England Historical and Genealogical Register in April 1885 published a list of 766 inhabitants of Barbados in 1638 who owned ten or more acres of land. In 1636 there were 6,000 English inhabitants and 5,680 negroes were brought there in 1645 by the Dutch. No Christopher is included in either list.

One other important fact which may have a bearing is that Thomas Holeman received a land grant of 100 acres in Martin's Hundred in James Co. Va. August 24, 1635, though no mention is made of him in the records of landings.

Until it is proved differently, we may consider it safe to assume that Christopher, either the elder or the younger, came to America in 1650, then through a friend or his sponsor, either John Cox or John Sheerlock, to bring over the other Christopher and Judith in 1653. Whence they came will have to remain a mystery until someone who has the time and the money to investigate the records at the source.

EZEKIEL HOLLIMAN

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So many American Hollymans, eager to know more of their ancestors and learning of the famous history of Ekekiel Holliman and his connection with the establishment of the Baptist Church in America hastily claim descent from this noble man, but alias, Ezekiel Holliman had no sons.

William Holliman, father of Ezekiel, was born about 1550 in Tring, Hereford Co., England and died there in 1623. He married Alice who died May 26, 1590. They were the parents of William, who married Grace Neele, on July 20, 1609 and died July 25, 1623; John; Phil; Jane, who married William Harding; and Ezekiel, who was both in Tring in 1587. He was baptized January 1, 1587, which according to our present calendar was 1588. He married Susanna Oxton, daughter of John Fox, and had one daughter, Priscilla who married John Warner on June 5, 1637 at St. Albans Church, London.

In 1634 Ezekiel came to Dedham, Mass., and shortly thereafter moved to Salem where there are a number of records of his being fined for illegally felling trees and taking timber.

On March 16, 1639 with Roger Williams and eleven others who had founded the colony which was to become Providence, R.I., met and organized the Baptist Church in America. Quoting from the Historical Statement by Rev. Henry H. King, D.D., which is in a pamphlet given out by the First Baptist Church of Providence, - " In the absence of any scripturally baptized person in this new world, Ezekiel Holliman, one of their number, was deputed to baptize Roger Williams, and then in turn baptized Mr. Holliman, and some ten more".

Ezekiel the married Mrs. Mary Sweet, widow of John, (some give his name as Isaac) and suffered severe criticism from the Church, which action together with the fact that Mary had gone to Providence from Salem, an illegal act in those days, both he and Mary were kicked out of the Church he had helped to found.

Ezekiel and Mary had a daughter, Renewed, whose formal name was Meribah, who married John Gereardy, who later became a privateer.

Thus Ezekiel who left no male descendants named Holliman, could not be the ancestor of any person named Hollyman. No doubt he was originally connected with the ancestor of Christopher in England but this fact has yet to be proved.