**Dear doc,**

**How good to hear from you.  We are well here and are having a very warm winter.**

**Lorraine Truesdale (may not be spelled right) and your Father both contributed to The History of Hot Springs.  It was published in 1968.  At that time she lived in Kansas.  There were 5 people who received recognition on the Holliman Family,  Mrs. Ed Truesdall, (Cornelius);  Cecil R. Holliman, (Uriah);  Lois Wooldridge (Joshua);  Chester Bullock, (Charles); and Mrs. W.H. Byrd, (Warren)  So I would think that since they all contributed to this in 1968 that they had been in contact sometime early in the 60's but Rainie cannot remember the year.**

**She is a sharp lady and remembers your father well.**

**We had a very quiet Christmas, just the two of us and that is the way we wanted it.  It is hard for us to all go home since Mom remarried and they live in his house so a bunch of us gathered at my sisters in OK. City one week end in Dec. and had a family eat a thon.**

**I wish I had the courage to have the front part of my house completely re-done but I don't think I can live with the chaos.  Phyllis is a brave  one.  We talk about it a lot but that is all we do.**

**I hope that you find all of these people in AL. and make a collage.  I have been off of Genealogy for at least two months.  I lose interest every now and then when I meet dead ends.**

**Maxine is back in Ark. and upon her return she had a letter from NARA and they did not have REV. War records on somebody that she thought would give the name of the parents of James G.  she is so far ahead of me that I can't keep up with her.**

**I have heard nothing from anybody in a long while.**

**I hope this finds the two of you well and able to do what you want to do.**

**I would say that your Dad and Ms Truesdall were in contact in the 60's and maybe the 70's should he have kept it in Chronological order.**

**Good night and God Speed.**

**JVR**

**It was so good to hear from you.**

----- Original Message -----

**From:** Doc Holliman

**To:** Jean V Reese

**Sent:** Friday, January 05, 2007 2:54 PM

**Subject:** Ranie Truesdale

Dear Jean:

I have searched dad's letter file for correspondence with Ranie Truesdale but haven't found anything so far.  Do you know what branch of the family they were talking about ?

Dad died on 17 Feb. 1986,  so it has been a long while since Ms. Truesdale corresponded with him.  I have multiple ring bound files of dad's correspondence.  He never discarded anything.

I have made a hit on some Confederate information.    My great grandfather, Pvt. John Thomas Holliman,  Co. H, 41st Ala. Inf. Regt.,  was freezing and starving in the trenches at Petersburg (winter, 1865).  He and 2 buddies (Miles Bobo and John South)  surrendered on 15 Feb. 1865.  Later in life, some one with good handwriting recorded grandpa's memory of the occasion.  A copy of that note is attached.

I have found the graves of Sgt. Miles A. Bobo and Pvt. John A. Strong in separate cemeteries in Fayette County, AL.   I am making a search for photos of these men from descendants who still live in that area.  My niece, who is a wanta-be genealogist,  is doing the leg work for me.   She has sent me good photos of the grave markers of Bobo and Strong,  so I now have all three grave markers.   Now to find the photos.  I have a great one of John Thomas (attached).   I will make a collage of the photos if they can be found.

We had a quiet Christmas and New Years.  Phyllis is having some of the rooms re-painted in our house so confusion reigns.  Pray that this finds you well and prosperous.

Your brother in Christ,   Doc