

## Rhodes Holliman

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**From:** "Louis Moore" <lmoore@watvc.com>  
**To:** "Rhodes Holliman" <drrbh88@verizon.net>  
**Sent:** Saturday, November 17, 2007 11:41 AM  
**Subject:** Silas Holliman

Doc:

Sorry to have been so long in looking at the Silas Holliman matter. I returned to Fayette on 11/5 but with chest congestion - gook - and all that stuff (my medical terms are quiet limited as you will observe) - went to the doctor Tuesday for the usual dosage of antibiotics - cough syrup, etc. Jane went to the doctor Wednesday. We each stayed in that week and I went to the office the 13th. I talked with Eddie later this week and he began a search of the county newspapers, locating good accounts of the event and of the trial. I have been sitting here the past 2 hours, trying to scan them in and e-mailing them to you, be so far have been unsuccessful. At last resort, I will get them in the mail today.

Sam Bobo was killed 7/4/51. I had finished Law School in February and left for the army on the 12th and to Walter Reed doing legal assistance until I returned home on October 19th. Silas was convicted on October 24. I remember going into the courtroom during the trial but did not remain any length of time. I went into solo practice in November - appointed Circuit Solicitor in January, 1953 - was elected in 54 and 58 and defeated in 62 and the into partnership in 63 with C. M. Holder who died in 1995. In thinking about the Holliman case, I decided to look at the old files and found that Red and Rankin Fite of Hamilton represented Silas !!! There may have been other lawyers involved, but I have not discovered this. There was no appeal, therefore there is no transcript of the case. I don't believe that Eddie will have anything in the Clerk's file since all case records are sent to the state archives after a period of time.

Red's file is interesting - particularly his notes on final argument seeking to establish the defenses of Self - Defense and Insanity, each of which are not strong under the facts, but each of which indicate that Sam's overbearing and unreasonable attitude together with Sam's charge against Lela (Silas's wife, Lela Bynum Holliman) of stealing corn caused Silas to lose it. I will look over the material and see how much I can pass on. I have ethical considerations in disclosing lawyer-client material. While the participants are deceased, there are family members still around. The Judge, V.W. Elmore, the Solicitor, Cecil Strawbridge, Assist. Sol., W.W. Monroe, both the attorneys for the defendant, the Court Reporter, Annie Gunter, and likely all the main witnesses are deceased.

Much would depend upon what use would be made of the material - if merely for genealogical interest and use - or if for publication.

We can talk about this later. I will close - the LSU - Miss game is but to start and I don't want to miss it.

Best regards, Louis

PS: We enjoy the e-mails very much! You certainly have a wide range of interest. The latest one - catching catfish - was tremendous.

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**Doc Holliman**

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**From:** "Louis Moore" <lmoore@watvc.com>  
**To:** "Doc Holliman" <docholliman@adelphia.net>  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2006 8:43 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Fayette Map

Doc: Don't stress God too much. You need to help Him by reducing your responsibilities. I've never heard of so much happening to one family. Sorry about the knee replacement - I had one some 5 years ago - wonderful results - but it all depends on willingness to submit to therapy. I went to the gym daily for 5 or 6 weeks - I found that a stationary bike is very helpful. But, she will have all kinds of advice.

Yes, Elyton Road and Market Street are still with us - but the City, seeking to gain metropolitan status, changed names to numbers and I refuse to recognize numbers. Elyton Street runs east and west across the northern part of the town ( one of the few that does) to Temple Avenue or Aylette - marked on maps as US Highway 43 or State 17. Market Street runs north and South about the center of Elyton. Anyway, the material I am sending may help. I believe Elyton may be 12th Street, NW. By the way, it was on Elyton Road (named for the beginnings of Birmingham) that our troops marched off to war. The bridge over the Sipsey River was due East. Change the name of Elyton Road to 12th Street, N.W. - NEVER!!

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**From:** [Doc Holliman](#)  
**To:** [Louis Moore](#)  
**Sent:** Wednesday, February 22, 2006 1:23 PM  
**Subject:** Fayette Map

Dear Louis:

I have an up-to-date town map of Fayette but it doesn't show Elyton Rd. or Market Street. However, I remember that someone said something about "5-points" on Rt. 18 going out of town toward Vernon. If the names of Elyton and Market have been changed, I can locate the new designations on my map. Many thanks for your help.

Life is chaos here and I must get my care-giver priorities in order. My wife is getting a new right knee in Roanoke on 27 Feb. My only sister (sibling) is going into cardiac catheterization in Alabaster, AL, on 28 Feb. (my birthday !) Sis has 70% blockage of the carotids and descending coronary artery. My sister-in-law (grossly obese) fell out of bed last Thursday and crushed her left knee. She will require surgery (replacement) ASAP in Bristol, VA, about 125 miles from here. I just cut and removed the sutures from my latest cancer surgery on my left shoulder. I've got choir, Men's Chorus and responsibility for Communion for the month of March. We take Communion every Sunday. I'm still working in

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hospice. It is trying to snow again ! Other than that, I've got little to do !

I'll just put everything in God's hands. In Christ, Doc

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August 25, 1976.

Dear Rhodes:

I have finally gotten around to typing up that war material you wanted, and enclose herewith a copy. As you can see I still have a lot of work to do to complete the data. I am going to spend some time at the library this coming winter in research on a lot of genealogical matters that I am interested in.

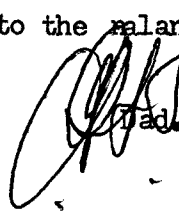
Hope that you and Mary have had a pleasant and interesting trip, and you should be getting home about the time this letter arrives.

Your mother and I are doing fairly well, and I try to go to the farm each Saturday. It has pretty well dried up down there, but we had a lot of watermelons and Rocky Ford canteloupes while the season was on. We harvested bunch beans 25 gallons at a time while they were in, and have had lots of squash and okra. We have pretty well filled our deep freeze for the coming winter.

Went to Jennifer's graduation last week at the Bessemer State Tech. College. She has gone to work for a group of dentists, starting at a salary of \$525.00 per month, which I thought was pretty good. If we can just get the balance of them to do something now, everything ought to work out well. Cecile expects to complete her degree work next March, and is working hard.

Know you have a lot of interesting photographs, and hope that we can get up that way this fall and see them.

Give our regards to the balance of the family.



C. R. Holliman