Dear Dr. Holliman,
     I was very pleased to hear from you sometime ago.  I am very sorry that I have been so late in replying.  Your letter was misplaced until today.  I am very happy to help you in any way that I can.  I realize that I may be too late.  Please e mail me as to what you need at this point.  I , of course, have pictures of my father, Leon O.  I do not have pictures of Isaiah or Bailey however.   I have photos of all the other offspring of JF Holliman. (Isaiah was not the son of Bertha Lee Powell.) I am wondering about your parents names.  I did a small genealogy project in high school (many years ago) which I still have and have added some information to it.  I have a picture of my father taken by the grave of Charles Daniel Lucas's grave.  This grave is located in the woods below Fayette-- a location that I discovered while working on my project.  I am very interested in genealogy also.  Again, my apologies.  Sincerely, Patsy Holliman Auiler

Dear Dr. Holliman,
     I don't know where to start.  I am sending pictures that I would like returned when you are finished with them.  Do you want just old pictures of my father?  I have a nice one of him as a child of 4 or 5 and then I have lots of him as an older person.
     I can send the picture of my father at the grave of Charles Daniel Lucas.  It is not such a good clear picture.  It was taken in 1961 with an inexpensive instamatic camera.  The grave is located on a hill on the Mince Hughes place and is surrounded by 6 Indian graves in Newtonville.  I would not be able to find this grave myself without help.  I found the grave by contacting a Mrs. A.L. Blakney in Newtonville who lead me to Newt Baker of Newtonville who lead my father and myself to this grave in 1961.  These people are most likely not living now.  I was in high school at the time and working on a family tree project for a history class.
     I will send copies of articles and letters that I have that I think could possibly be of use.  You will not need to send those back--only the pictures.
     My husband is retiring at the end of this month.  He has been with Ford Motor Company for 30 years-- most recently as chief engineer of the powertrain control systems.  He just returned from his final business trip to Japan and has 15 more days to work.  We have 2 unmarried daughters, Ann and Carol.  Ann is 27 and a lawyer in Manhatten with the international firm, White and Case . Carol's field is gerentology and she specializes in alzheimer patients.  She is employed at a nursing home in Ann Arbor.  I have been a music teacher for many years but work part time now and do volunteer work.  We like to travel and will be doing a lot of that this year. We are close to family in Alabama.  I have 2 sisters, Maxine and Ellon. There are 21 of us that get together every Christmas and have since 1977 which was the year my father passed away.  We also see each other 2 or 3 other times through out the year.  I don't get to Fayette as much now that my mother and Aunt Janet ( my father's sister are gone.  My sisters and I do come to Fayette and stay at the Rose House Inn the 3rd  Sunday in July ( whenever we can )so we can  go to Springhill decoration day My mother lived to be 96 and made the trip to Florida at Christmas every year with us.  In fact she voted at age 96.  My double cousin, Lynette Newman, still lives in Fayette as well as her son, Rayford Newman.  She is Cleon's daughter and her mother was my mother's sister. She has 2 brothers, Thelton and Theron that live in the Guin and Winfield areas.
     Thank you so much for your information.  It is all so very interesting.  I have become motived all over again with a new link to family history.   I would like to hear more of your experiences in Guatemala also.  I will go for now but will remain in contact.  Sincerely, Patsy

Dear Mrs. Pauiler:

Well,  like all of us "good 'ol boys"  say:     " bless yor heart, cousin"  ! !    The info in your letter of today is  **FANTASTIC ! !** We are some kind of much removed cousins,  but I think that you will get a real kick out of this letter and attachments.

When you were in Newtonville (Fayette County) in 1961,  you contacted Mrs. Arthur Lanthus Blakeney (=Velma Davis Blakeney),  the wife of Arthur Lanthus Blakeney, M.D.,  who was the only country doctor in Newtonville for 50 years !  He was the nephew of my great grandmother.  Doc Blakeney died in 1959 but his wife lived on into ripe old age.  They are buried in the Newtonville Cemetery  which was diagonally across the road (County Rt. 171)  from their home.   Velma took you to see the man who knew of the Lucas burial site,  James Muteus Baker,  my GREAT  UNCLE ! !  It was MUTE,  not Nute.  Attached is a photo of Uncle Mute's house which sat across the road from the old Mince Hughes farm.  I made this photo in 1954 when I had just been discharged from the Army and Korean mess,  and had come to visit my favorite great uncle.  Note that the road (Rt. 171)  was not paved then.

Attached are 2 photos of that grand old man who taught me everything I know worth knowing !  I spent a great deal of time growing up in that old house,  Mute died of CHF in 1965 and Aunt Ila Yerby Baker died in 1975.  That old house was moved about 3 miles south and set on a new foundation in the woods on the opposite side of the road.   It now stands just south of the Shepherd Church and Newtonville Cemetery.  Mute and Ila are buried close to Doc Blakeney and Velma.

Velma probably took you to Mute's house and you could walk to the Indian Cemetery from there.   When I was a kid,  I hunted rabbits and squirrels around that old burial ground.  I'm afraid that the site has been plowed under.  I'm going back to Newtonville in April and will try to find the site.  If so,  I'll send you photos.

**SMALL  WORLD ! !**

I retired in 1991 with partial disability.  I was a medical missionary in Guatemala and I taught pathology and laboratory technique to Mayan Indians.  In Florida and Virginia,  I taught subjects such as:  Infectious Diseases,  Human Parasitic Diseases,  Histology and Histo-Pathology.  I have 25,000 + color slides of micro-pathology,  gross pathology and epidemiology which I would give to the right person who would put them to good use.

My older son,  Jim, a trauma surgeon and chief of the Emergency Services at Penn State Univ. School of Med.,  leaves for Iraq next Wednesday as a volunteer to teach trauma surgery to Iraqi doctors.  I worries me but he is irrepressible.  Jim is 50.  Son Dan,  an Internist-Cardiologist, is working in research in human nutrition.  Dan is 48.    I will be 76 in 2 weeks.

I knew Aunt Janet.  The last of the family  true daughters of the Confederacy.  I stay in touch with Theron.  He was 87 on Jan. 3rd.  I sent him a birthday card.   He is in poor shape and I hope to visit with him and Thelton in April.  I am very close to James Franklin Holliman of Sulligent,  and his son, Brett.  I hear from them daily by email.

Your dad was Cleon  ?    I've got to get a good photo of his grave stone and that of his wife.  Brett told me they were buried in the Fayette Memorial Gardens.  I'll be there in April.  Brett has organized a Sons of Confederate Veterans Camp and I am helping him with membership and some paper work.  I am the Camp surgeon and supposed to be promoted to Major.  We are going to have a  BIG  celebration on Oct. 16-17, 2004,  of the 100th Anniversary of the Fayette County Confederate Soldiers Convention.  I knew and talked to Col. Holland M. Bell in 1939 on his 100th birthday.  I'm supposed to be the speaker at the anniversary celebration.

Thank you for all the interesting information  re. your family.  I know the Rose House well but never stayed there.  I still stay with Blakeney relatives in Newtonville and Northport.  Doc Blakeney's son,  Adolph Lanthus Blakeney and wife, Kay,  live in a beautiful home overlooking Lake Tuscaloosa near Northport.  They always want me to stay there or loan me their hunting-fishing camp at Newtonville.

I'll quit for tonight and get these attachments off to you.  I'll follow this with another attachment that I must look for on my CD family collection.   Anything that you send to me will get tender, loving care and will be returned immediately with copies.  I use the Adobe Photoshop-7 program and can copy-restore any photo or document.   I hope you will be surprised with what I will do to show my gratitude.

Your cousin in Christ,   Doc             holliman@psknet.com

Hello,
     I hope you had a happy birthday in spite of the bronchitis.  Perhaps you are feeling better now.  I hope so.
     I was disappointed that the Cold Mountain movie (the Sacred Harp Music) did not win the best music award at the academy awards.  I thought it was the best.  I remember my dad saying that was the kind of music he was brought up on. His family went to Mt. Lebanon to church but when he and my mother married they went to Spring Hill.  As a young man he left that music for gospel music.  He loved music and would follow all the all day singings.  When I was a child we went to gospel singings every week end.  He was so pleased that I played the piano at these singings.  Bethabra was the church that we attended and I also played for church there.  The 3rd Sunday in April was always the all day singing there and the 3rd  Sunday in July is the singing  and decoration at Spring Hill.
     As to the picture of Mary Polly Lucas,  it is possible that Aunt Mary, my Dad's sister, had a picture of her.  Are you in contact with her son, John Douglas Turner, of Huntsville, Alabama?  Perhaps Sarah gave you  information about him.  His address is Dr. J.D. Turner, 310 Cole Drive, Huntsville, Alabama 35802.  Also, are you aware that there is a Lucas genealogy book in the Fayette County library?   There is a good picture of Mary Polly Lucas in that book.  Uncle John had a copy of the book  also.  I do not have one and do not know how to get one.  I believe they are out of print now.  A lot of our names are in the book ( mine is as well as my sisters children.) and it goes back as far as Mary Polly Lucas and Uriah Holliman.  If John Douglas has family pictures, they are most likely in his mother's house in Fayette that he keeps as a place to come home to.  He owns a lot of land in Fayette County and is trying to buy my dad's property back.  I hope he is able to get it some day and get it back in the family.  He has lots of memories on that property and wants to have it.  It was offered to him when it was for sale but he could not get it then.   A little information on Aunt Mary-- She was my dad's youngest sister and sort of took me under her wing- sending me money when I was in college and helping me as I tried to get scholarships.  She excelled in acting and speech.  Her most famous speech student was Douglas Edwards who became a national newscaster (in the 60s I think).
     Do you know of the book, Tories of the Hills?  It is a book about Fayette and Winston county during the Civil War and is an out of print book by Wesley Thompson .from Berry(I believe.)  It is similar to Cold Mountain in that it deals with the home front and the consequences of being a tory during the Civil War-- very graphic and violent.  I have a copy of this book which Vistus May of the Kirkland community in Fayette county was able to get for me some time ago.
      I do not know anyone who has pictures of the Texas relatives.  I will ask my cousin, Alice, if she knows of anyone who might have old pictures.  Her grandfather was Bailey and her father was Oreland Holliman.  She and I were best friends in first grade and are still in touch by e mail.  She lives in Orlando, Florida.
      I do hope you are better.  What wonderful news that your wife is in remission!  Take care.  Patsy

Dear Doc,
     I forgot to mention that for some reason I was unable to download the Mary P. Lucas article.  I was disappointed about that and Jim was not able to download it either.
     I also wanted to mention that for years we took our girls to Cedar Point Amusement Park in Sandusky, Ohio.  On one of our trips I realized that we were really at Johnson Island where my grandfather was a Civil War prisoner.  I am thinking that perhaps the fact that he was a prisoner was the reason that he survived that unbelievable conflict.
    Wonderful news that your son has been nominated for the International Award in Medicine.  This must be the son that is in Iraq.  Keep me posted.
     The Academy Awards ceremony were a disappointment for the Sacred Harp Singers.  Their numbers were cut out due to time constraints.  They did perform at other places while in California ,however.  I hear that the entertainer, Sting, was quite fascinated with the Sacred Harp sound and methods.  They have Sacred Harp Singings here at a place called the Ark every 2nd Sunday.  I have gone before and discovered that some of the people there know the Alabama Sacred Harp singers.  Small world.
     I thank you for the picture of you and your wife-- a very nice picture.  I do wish you a happy birthday on Saturday.  It sounds like you now have even more to celebrate than your birthday.  My retired husband is calling me to dinner that he has prepared (This retirement is really nice.) so I had better sign off until the end of the month.  Take Care.
Patsy

Dear Doctor Holliman,
     I have been away for a few days and have just checked my e mail.  I am happy to hear that you received my package.  Take your time with the photos.  There is no hurry as far as I am concerned.  As far as the damage to the photo, these things happen and it looks like the photos are in the hands of a restoration expert.  I was impressed with the way you were able to remove the broken line in the photo. I would like a hand color print of  the photo of my mother and family.  I do not know what colors to suggest however and will just leave that to your judgment.  I will be happy to pay for any expenses related to these photos that you are making for me.  This is all quite exciting for me!
     I have told my sisters about you and they wanted me to give you their e mails.  They may be able to add to the photo collection.  My older sister is Maxine and her e mail is a work e mail.  She is a realtor in  Tallahassee.  Her e mail is maxine@mikeferrie.com.  Ellon's e mail is also  work related .  She is retired from the University of Montevallo but continues to work part time there with civic leadership programs.   Her e mail is  Corbett@montevallo.edu   Ellon has 4 daughters --all of which live in Montevallo and Birmingham.  Two are teachers, one is a principal  of an elementary school and one is a vice president at Southern Progress ( They publish Southern Living, Southern Accents, Cooking Light, Progressive Farmer, and Coastal Living magazines as well as a number of regional books.)  My sisters will be pleased to hear from you.  I have forwarded some of your e mails to them already.
    I wonder if you might be able to give me Thelton and Theron's addresses or e mails.  I will be around my computor for another 2 weeks.  Jim has 5 more work days before retirement.  We plan to take a trip to Florida the second week of March and will be gone for a couple of weeks.  Patsy

Dear Patsy:

Let's cut out the formal stuff:  Ever since I retired in 1991,   everyone calls me Doc.  I'm just:  "hey doc"  to everyone.

I mailed you a big box this morning containing all of your original photos.  I appreciate the freebies.  I have never photographed the Powell Cemetery and will do so the next time I am at Bluff which I hope will be in April.

Your incoming box contains a variety of stuff,  some poor,  some fair.  I have all your photos stored in my Photoshop-7 program and have put all on a CD.  The box contains a series of attempts to restore the photo of your mother and family.  One or two are pretty good.  I'm working on a tinted version and will try another technique on restoring facial quality.  That was a most difficult repair.  The tear went right through all the faces which are hardest to repair.

The pic of you, Jim and girls makes a pretty good  5 X 7,  But I'm having to work on the pixels for an  8 X 10.  The one of Lt. James F. Holliman came out beautifully.  Want more of him ? ?   The one of Aunt Janet came out pretty well.  I'll be working on the old pic of Bertha Lee and Janet.

Copies of everything that is not in that box will be forthcoming.    I hope that you can find some more antiques for me to work on.  I'll be writing your sisters to initiate acquaintance and see if they want "to get into the game".

I also appreciate the printouts of other sources of family history, particularly the one in Milam County, Texas.  I've got a wealth of info on our family that moved to Texas after the Civil War but no photos.  I have one photo of the Texas group:   Lt. JFH's sister,  Sarah Jane, who married an Italian immigrant,  Charles Stephen Copprelli.  They are buried at Eustace, Texas.  Wanna copy of that photo ?

I am forever in your debt, and you probably can never figure out why an old geezer like me would devote  what remains of his life to photographic genealogy.  I intend to endow my predecessor, whoever he/she might be, with our Holliman family history organized to perfection.  I'm putting everything on CD so that it cannot be lost in a computer crash.  I have two articles in press with the CIVIL  WAR  TIMES.  One is on James Franklin and it has been accepted.  I have another on Mary Polly Lucas Holliman which, I think,  is a winner and I expect to hear about its acceptance soon.

**DO  YOU  KNOW  OF  ANYONE  WHO  HAS  A  PIC  OF  MARY  POLLY  LUCAS  HOLLIMAN ? ?    OR,  ANY  OF  THE  TEXAS  HOLLIMANS ? ?**  She was my great-great grandma.  I'll send you a little summary of the biography I have written on her.  She was quite a character.

Better quit and get this out.   Tell Jim I wish him the very best in retirement and I hope that he enjoys life therein like I have.  I was lucky to be retired when my wife, Phyllis Anne,  was diagnosed with ovarian cancer last year.   I spent every moment taking care of her and, with my background,  she got professional help around the clock.  I borrowed a pump and we did the IVs at home,  shots at home:  anything that she needed.  She was declared in remission on Jan. 12th at the Cancer Center, Univ. of Virginia, praise God.

Stay in touch and give me your opinion.  You have some beautiful daughters !   Your brother in Christ,  Doc

Dear Doc,
     You really outdid yourself this time.  What a gift to receive!  Also very timely-- for this week were the birthdays of my parents.  My Dad would have been 104 and my mother 102.  I have thought of them a lot this week and  I wish that I had asked them more about themselves and the family.  I just can't stop looking at these pictures.  They are so awesome and with the enlargements you can see details that were not obvious before.  I can't thank you enough!!!   I am so pleased to have this picture of my Dad that was made in 1917 (and all the pictures of him.) .  I believe that was when he was in Oklahoma.  The picture of Mary Polly Lucas is especially good.  I always think that dates are interesting.  She died on July 5 which is my birthday.   How did you know that she delivered her 13 children.   Also I had always heard that Aunt Ann attended the University of Virginia.  I thought it was remarkable that she would have been able to go so far away in her circumstances.   Do you know anything about this? I was also very impressed with your Tower of London.  The layering was very interesting and created a rich detail.  I'll bet you are getting a lot of good feedback in your class.
      The news that Uncle Cleon found Aunt Sis dead at her home was something I did not know.  The only comment I ever heard about her was that the family was very fond of her.  My mother would show me that picture and say, "She was such a good person."  I also never heard of John Pinion.
       Well, you have made my day and I am inspired to go read my Fayette County Historical book. Do you have this book?  It is called The Heritage of Fayette County, Alabama.  Sometimes I read something in there that triggers a memory I didn't know I had.  Many, many thanks, Patsy

Hello again,
     I just realized that I had other messages from you-- and pictures.  Many that I had not seen before.  I now am thinking that you will already have the pictures that I have to offer.  How interesting-- about the Charles Daniel Lucas grave location and connection.  I am also glad to be corrected on the Mute Baker name.  My sister is going to Fayette in April also and would be interested in meeting you I am sure.  My dad was Leon (not Cleon) and my mother was Lillian.  I know James Franklin and met his son at Aunt Janet's funeral. James Franklin was always a favorite of mine as well as his sister ,Virginia Ann.  I do not have Thelton and Theron's address now  and have not seen them in a while.  It sounds like you have lead a very interesting and worthwhile life and your children are following in your footsteps.  Many thanks for your time and all the information and pictures.  Patsy