Dear Jean:

In response to your questions and photo of James Daniel Holliman and Sarah Catherine Hudson,  I've got some basic facts !!!  Keith White will be tickled with the following !!!

James Daniel was born on 8 Dec. 1877 and died on 12 Oct. 1953.  He was married to Catherine Hudson.  James Daniel was the grandson of Rebecca Drucilla Holliman, born in Fayette Co., AL, on 4  March, 1856 and died in Ardmore, OK, in August, 1957.  Rebecca was my great-great-great aunt !!  She was the 11th born of 13 siblings to my great-great grandparents,  Uriah and Mary Polly Lucas.  Uriah died of disease while in the Conf. Army at Okolona, MS, on 8 May 1862.  Mary Polly lived on until 6 July 1913.  She is buried at Springhill Baptist Cemetery,  Bluff Community, Fayette Co., AL.  I'll send you a photo of her and her grave stone.

Back to the subject at hand.  Rebecca Drucilla married a distant cousin on 24 Dec. 1874,  John Thomas Holliman, son of Warren C. Holliman and Mary Polly Blakeney.  John T. was called "Black John" or "Legs" to distinguish him from two other John T's who lived at the same time and place.  His hair was jet black.  He was born in Fayette County on 19 April 1856 in Fayette Co. and died in Ardmore, OK, on 2 May 1933.  "Black John" was a noted strong man like his father, Warren C.

They had 7 children of which James Daniel was second.  I have info on all 7 if wanted.  He and Catherine Hudson had 5 children:   in order - Minnie,  Olen,  Vertie,  Carl,  Naomi.

I don't have the trail beyond this point but I have books of information on James Daniel's parents, grandparents and great grandparents and back and back and back !!!   Uriah and Mary Polly Lucas were my great-great grandparents.  Uriah was the son of a veteran of the War of 1822 (Cornelius)  who was the son of a Revolutionary War soldier, etc.

This should brighten Keith's day.  Thanks for the photo of James Daniel.  It will be put in the ever expanding Holliman file.   Let Keith know about this and I will help him further if I can.  Tell him that he belongs to "THE FIRST FAMILIES OF VIRGINIA" !!  A rare honor.  His ancestor,  Christopher Charles Hollyman, Sr., landed at the Jamestown Colony on 22 May 1650.

Blessings !   I am getting some rest after a hard 12 months of helping a buddy die.   Your brother in Christ,  Doc