Glenn

Excellent work, having read your analysis I find your logic to be persuasive. I did find one other note on Thomas Holliman's birthdate in my files from some blogs in 2007, and the source turned out to be our Joe Parker -

Joe Parker
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Christening Records of St.Mary Parish Bedford,Bedford,ENGLAND
Thomas HOLLIMAN,s/o John HOLLIMAN
Thomas HOLMAN,cr 04,Mar.1576; Bedford,England;-m-Helena POYNARD,23 Oct 1609

Through your check of the documents, the information on Thomas Holliman above was not contained in St. Mary's christening records. The marriage to Helena Poynard was performed at St. Peter's, while the christening date Joe gave of March 4, 1576 for Thomas whose father was named John is a perfect match for the Woburn Thomas Holman you rechecked during your trip to England. As you say the Woburn Thomas Holman can not be ruled out as the same Thomas who fathered Christopher and Judith in Bedford, but I agree with your suspicion as to Holman family references and am glad that you have uncovered another potential Thomas Holliman who you verified had lived in close proximity to Bedford in the late 1500's.

Joe may have had another source for this data outside of the Woburn data, but I think it likely that some other Holliman family detective had paired the Woburn record for Thomas Holman to the St. Mary's christening records for Thomas Holliman, particularly as both records were from Bedfordshire and the time periods seemed to make sense. The Woburn source then was dropped and all information attributed to the St Mary's records as it was passed on.

Glenn, thanks for all your efforts I think your constant digging is bringing some light at the end of the tunnel.

Best Regards

Bob

From: glennhistory@gmail.com
To: robert\_holloman@hotmail.com
Subject: Re: Bob/H25
Date: Wed, 3 Aug 2011 10:44:20 -0400

Bob, my memory is coming back to me. I think this 1576 Thomas was a Holiman born in Woburn, Bedfordshire and the information is on the Mormon site, which one must take with a grain of salt (well, a tablespoon). I went to Woburn last May and have doubts this is our tree. Boy, it is hard to keep this separate. I am attaching my September future articles I will be posting soon, but it gives you a heads up to my thinking.

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**From:** Robert Holloman

**Sent:** Wednesday, August 03, 2011 9:35 AM

**To:** glennhistory@gmail.com

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Glenn

I gave you some incorrect data based on an increasingly faulty memory, I checked my notes and saw I had recorded Thomas was born in March 1576 (so he would have been 66 for the Gentlemen of the Ordnance proclamation, not 63) and my note appears to be based on a christening record that someone else had seen in Buckinghamshire. It looks like you had previously seen a similar citation because in your December 30, 2010 Holliman history blog you had stated that Christopher was the son of Thomas(b. 1576). Thanks so much for the will, I agree it is another link in the chain that connects the Christopher born in Bedford to the Christopher who lived in Virginia.

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Thank you for the nice compliments, but when I reread my message below I did notice a few typos and errors that you were kind not to point out. Feel free to use any of my thoughts  as you think best. I believe the Jesse Holloman who married Elizabeth Bridger is different than the Jesse that married Charity Cofer. My 2x great-grandfatherJesse Holloman was a farmer in Hertford County, NC he was born in 1848 and married Elizabeth Bridger in 1867.

My father and mother were born in Hertford County, NC and probably would have stayed there if not for the Korean War. Originally drafted, my father ended up being career military and so I grew up an army brat. Went into the military myself after college but after four years left. Like many of the people you met in Rye, I ended up on Wall Street and after working 25 years in banking, a couple of years ago I downscaled and just work for myself.

I'll get you the bio and further thoughts shortly

Best Regards

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From: glennhistory@gmail.com
To: robert\_holloman@hotmail.com
Subject: Re: Update
Date: Wed, 23 Feb 2011 16:50:48 -0500

Robert, are you a lawyer?  These comments are so well written.  A Ph.D. in English?  If no objection, I will use this one as article #2 in a series on this possible Royalist connection in the blog.  Article one is scheduled for March 20, and I could slate the next one on March 30.  I am pasting in pictures of the Civil War and Commonwealth era in the posting.

Jesse Holloman was an ancestor of yours.  Some in my line believe a Jesse Holliman was a grandfather of mine.  I don’t think so and below is the reason why.

*“There are some mystery great grandparents if you are descended from James Grantson and Elizabeth Bryant Holliman. Here is what we know.*

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*2. He is not, as some genealogies state, a son of Jesse and Charity Cofer Holliman. Jesse was born in 1737 and Charity in 1740. Jesse died in Isle of Wight, Virginia in 1824 and left a will. No James Grantson was mentioned. Jesse and Charity lived all their well-document lives in Isle of Wight Co. One doubts Charity had James Grantson when she was only 10 years old!”*

Bob, is the Jesse in italics your ‘Jesse”?  Not is he married a Bridger as you so state....hmmmm....

I am mulling over the Royalist connection.  You pointed out one could go to Kew to look up soldiers from that time.  I am wondering if the Bedford Archives has such.  Peter Smith of Bedford sent me today a catalogue of publications and C.D.s available through their family history program.  Must study it carefully during cocktail hour tonight.

I know of the Pittmans, but did not know the Royalist connection.  You may be on to something.  Certainly there is circumstantial evidence that arouses considerable suspicion.

About ten years ago, I did a capital campaign in Rhy at the local Episcopal Church, and was impressed by the community.  Seemed as if every other person worked on Wall Street.  I

