Good Morning Doc,

   God bless you for all the effort you have been doing helping me with my family. I really do appreciate it.

    My grandmother;Jesse, talked about how she raised Anne after

Tennie died. She was only 11-12 yrs old herself when the responsibility fell on her to raise an infant & care for the 3 brothers, as she was oldest of WP & Tennie's children. I understand that WP left the children alone during the week so he could go into town for work, & only came back home on weekends.

She probably didn't know anything much about the Johnson side-

of course that's speculation on my part.  Did you ever discover who Tennie's parents were?

  I'm sorry you are having trouble with COPD. I wish you & Phyllis both the best of health.

  The outside of the house is finished now. Just need to finish up the inside; still quite alot to do there. We're hoping for Christmas move; if not the 1st of the year.    Ruth Anne

***Doc Holliman <docholliman@adelphia.net>*** wrote:

Dear Ruth:

I've been doing some research on Tennie Johnson Holliman.   She was born in 1873 and was 43 years old when Ann was born.  Ann was 14 months old when Tennie died.  Ann is approaching her 90th birthday and I have been in contact with John T. Jones and wife, Carolyn,  who claim they are direct kin.  John and Carolyn live in Fayette.

John has told me that Tennie is buried in an unmarked grave in the Johnson Cemetery in the woods off of Rt. 159 south of Fayette.   The cemetery is abandoned and there is no access road.   This cemetery is probably in the neighborhood of William Perry's old shack.   I know that I can find Bill's old home site.  On a 1967 USGS Topo Map,  the dirt trail from Rt. 159 out to Bill's is still shown.   I hope to be able to find the cemetery  some day.  More information is coming from John Jones.   He can be reached at:

carolynjohn@centurytel.net

I have also authenticated the unmarked burial site of Sarah E. Corbett Holliman.  She died about 1874 and was buried at the "back door of Springhill Church at Bluff".  Of course that old frame church has been replaced but I know the location of graves in the northeast corner of the cemetery.  I'm still searching her family background.

Hope that you can get into your new home by Christmas.   My COPD just gets worse.  Can't get any help from pulmonologists.  Nevertheless,  I'm still singing.   My quartet has the music for the morning service tomorrow and we sing again at 3:00 PM  at another church's Christmas festival.

Stay in touch.  Your brother in Christ,    Doc