

Robert S. Holliman received a letter from -  
Cecil R. Holliman regarding Holliman Lineage.

He points to Samuel Holloman which appear to be  
the same as # 3D4 in The Hollyman History book.  
It is possible some of Samuel's children were not  
included and James Grantson Holliman may be one.

The following information is taken from a letter dated  
June 14, 1982, from Cecil R. Holliman of Birmingham, Alabama.  
In this letter Cecil gives us some insight into the results  
of his research on our ancestor Cornelius Holliman.

Cornelius Holliman came in Fayette County, Alabama  
along with his brothers Warren Holliman and Charles Holliman.  
These three Hollimans settled near Newtonville in 1836.  
Records show that Cornelius married Mary Plyler in 1813 in  
Lancaster County, S.C. He was a veteran of the War of 1812.  
Mary Plyler died at Newtonville in 1839 and is buried at  
Spring Hill Baptist Church Cemetery near Moore's bridge close  
to Newtonville. Shortly after her death Cornelius married  
Elizabeth Lucas Rainwater. She was the older sister of  
Uriah Holliman's (his son) wife, Mary Polly Lucas Holliman.  
They received bounty lands and pension in Fayette County and  
settled in North Fayette County along the Marion (later  
Lamar) County line. They had 80 acres in Fayette and 10  
acres in Marion County, in the "Blooming Grove" - and Webster  
beat. Cornelius died there in 1862, his burial place is yet  
unknown to us.

In Cecil Holliman's letter he goes on to say the  
following:

"I have been working on the theory that James Grantson  
Holliman, born 1750 in Johnston County, N.C.; moved to Wake  
County, N.C.; thence to Lancaster County, S.C. in 1793;  
Revolutionary War Soldier, died 1836 in Lancaster County;  
was our great-great-great grandfather."

"I have a lot of data and cumulative proof that  
Cornelius was the son of James Grantson Holliman, but no  
positive proof."

"I also have some proof indicating that James was the  
son of Samuel Holliman, who was the son of Richard Hollyman,  
who in turn was the son of Christopher Holliman, who arrived  
in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in 1650. Keep in mind  
that our Hollimans arrived in the new world early, and we  
are to be counted among the 1st families of Virginia. There  
were a large number of Hollimans, by various spellings who  
arrived in America around 1650 or earlier. If I had someone  
at Lancaster, S.C., or Raleigh, N.C., who would check records  
for us, I could probably prove my theories. about the two  
missing links, which I can almost but not quite prove."

At one place in his letter Cecil goes on to say "...  
The past two years however, I have been interrupted in the  
work, and have not been able to travel to solve some breaks

in the line. I need to go to Wake and Johnston Counties, North Carolina, and Lancaster County, S.C. In the Archives departments of these two states lies the answer to our puzzle."

Unfortunately, Cecil passed away before he could make that trip.