Hi Joe,

Let me try to respond with clues I have found.

I also found information suggesting Minerva Phillips married William Holleman. A few years ago I tracked down a Freddy Brown, a LDS researcher, who seemed to be the originator of that information. He wasn't sure where he found the name Minerva. The name Elizabeth could have been a middle name. It repeats multiple times. William and Elizabeth had a daughter named Elizabeth (Betsy) Holleman Kirby. There is a NC marriage bond where in Surry Co, 3 Sep 1789, William Hilliman was the bondsman for Stephen Stubblefield and Elizabeth Phillips. I wondered if this Elizabeth was a niece named after her aunt and William was the rich uncle everyone in the family wanted as the bondsman.

On census reports I found the family names Holleman and Phillips among those in Surry Co during this period. I did find a Mary Elizabeth Phillips from NC, daughter of Thomas Phillips and with brothers John, Thomas, William, Mason, James and Mark Phillips. William and Elizabeth would have sons named John, James, William and Mark??? By this time there are many Phillips in the area so I don't have a high level of confidence that this is the same Elizabeth that married William.

I have reached the same conclusion as you as regards William Holleman Sr and Jr being bondsman for other members of the family.

William Jr and Sarah Howard had two daughters, Elizabeth (repeat again) and Suzanne. Through scattered legal documents and the family letter it appears William Jr's family settled on the same land as William Sr's family. At the time the area north of Holleman Bend on the north side of the Cumberland River was in Jackson Co. Records for Jackson Co for this period are sketchy because early records were destroyed in a courthouse fire in 1872.

William Sr and Jr are in Jackson Co by 1806. I've attached a document - "Jackson Co Petition 1806" where the petitioners on page 3 include: William Sen, William, James and Thomas Holleman. William and James are sons but I don't know the relationship, if any, between William Sr and Thomas. I can't find anything that suggests Thomas is William's son. Could this Thomas be William's brother and both sons of the Thomas you mention that was on the NC tax records in 1787? The Thomas Holleman in Jackson Co in 1806 remains a mystery.

Based on the evidence you presented for Mark Phillip Holleman I would have to conclude he's not an offspring of my William Holleman or his son Mark.

Something that I find puzzling is why my Holleman ancestors settled in Jackson Co. It appears this area along the Cumberland River and west towards Nashville was settled by those from NC with land warrants for military service in the Revolutionary War. Many in my tree on both the fraternal and maternal side have this lineage. I have found no record of service for my Hollemans. I know the warrants could be resold but based on the amount of land they owned in Jackson Co I would think they would have needed a fortune to acquire it.

Sam

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For your considerations.

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Sam, I would like to share with some other people, the information you sent to me about your Mark Holleman family background.  This info consists of a letter sent to you by your (?)grandmother, about the parentage of Mark Holleman.

I have studied that info that you sent, compared my notes, and background knowledge of this particular family, and would now like to share with you what I have come up with.  What I am supplying may not be totally correct, but, I do believe that it is very close to the truth.  The information on this letter states that Elizabeth Phillips married a William Holliman in the early years, but, my information says that William Holliman married a young woman by the name of Minierva Phillips in those early years. [ could it be that her name was Minervia Elizabeth Phillips ].  The marriage date would have been before 1767 in NC. (my marriage records along about that time, are scarce, at best)  In the marriage of Mark Holliman to Nancy Glen on 23 Feb 1790 in Surry Co., NC, William Holliman, Jr. is the bondsman for Mark, Benjamin Glen was bondsman for Nancy Glen.  My understanding of this "bonds" bans, so to speak, was that a very close family member had to
sign for that ban, or bond, on a marriage.  This gives me reason to believe that William Holliman, Jr., and Mark Holliman of this marriage may have been brothers.  We note that William Holleman, Jr. married on 13 July 1795, Surry Co., NC, where William Holliman, Sr., is the bondsman for William, Jr.  Both marriage dates are recorded in Book 1, page 100 of the North Carolina marriage bonds recordings, found in the State Archives. William, Jr. married Sarah Howard, as noted in the will of Phillip Howard about his daughter.  My general records indicate that both the Hollimans removed to TN sometime around 1805/1806.  Records of TN are scarce where I have searched, so only sketchy information exists of that area.

Mark Phillip Holleman was born 6 Feb 1807 in TN.  In 1838, Mark Phillip Holleman married in Holly Springs, MS, which is about three counties south of Gibson Co., TN, but, in MS along the northern border of MS.  In 1840, Mark Holleman was living in Shelby Co., Republic of Texas.  [ President Sam Houston, of the Republic of Texas, had offered large tracts of land to settlers who would move to the Republic of Texas, and settle there.  Apparently Mark Holleman and his family accepted that offer.  Sam Houston was from the Tennessee area of Western Tennessee around where the Hollemans lived then in that State.}  In the 1850 Census of Texas, Mark Phillip Holleman was living in Leon Co., TX, where he remained for the remainder of his life.  He and his wife, Eliza, are buried on private land that was the old family homestead, about 8 miles SE of Centerville, Leon Co., TX.  There are three Holleman cemeteries in Leon County, that contain burial sites for
Holleman family members.  One cemetery contains the burial sites of Clinton Marion Holleman and his family, who are believed to be cousins of Mark Phillip Holleman.  The Clinton Marion Holleman family is of the family of Josiah John Holleman (grandson), and this family moved from TN about 1850 to Rusk Co., TX.

I cannot verify the parentage of William Holliman, Sr., but it could be that his father was one Thomas Holliman, who was known to be living in that area of NC in the tax record year of 1787.  But, there was also living in that same area, one Samuel Holliman, 79 years old.  This Samuel would have been the son of Richard Hollyman & Margaret House, this Samuel being born about 1708.  This William could also be the son of either this Samuel, or, the son of Thomas Holliman, and this Thomas would/could have been the son of Joseph Holleman, Jr. - which is my line of Hollemans.  The Samuel that moved into NC after 1735, along with his wife, Elizabeth, settled in the Johnston Co.,  NC, as per records of that area indicate.  We have determined that Samuel was the father of James Grantson Holliman, and, could most likely be the father of David Holliman, who was the administrator of the estate of Robert Bryant & family.  Samuel also had a son named Absalom,
and also most likely, Richard who married Arpey Bryant, and he died 1798 in GA.  It would be most reasonable to assume that Samuel had other children, other than those listed above, and that they would be living in that area in those times.  Not many children are positively listed as living with Thomas, other than Thomas, Jr.  There is also one other possibility, but, that one is pretty far-fetched, so I won't get into that bucket of worms.....

I will await your thoughts on this above.             joe

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