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Dear Mr. Lofland:

It was good hearing from you and learning of your interest in the Holleman Family.

Albert Holleman was the son of Jeremiah Holleman, who was the son of John Holleman, who was the son of Jessie Holleman, who was the son of John Holleman, who was the son of Christopher C. Holleman, the son of Christopher Holleman, who was one of the early settlers at Jameston or the Isle of Wight. Incidentally, Heremiah Holleman was the brother of my ancestor, Davis Holleman. Jeremiah died in 1844, and there is a record of the sale of his estate at the Wake County Court house on March 15, 1844. He married Lavina Bynum on January 14, 1808. Her estate was settled in 1856, and her children are listed as Jordan, William, Albert, Eliza Stephens, Polly Gattis, Willy Jones, & Guella Melinda Gattis. Albert Holleman married Frances Brooks or Booth of Bertis County on January 10, 1842.

I know nothing of Albert's service in the Civil War, except that a J. A. Holleman of Wake County served in Company H, 47th Regiment.

I am acquainted with the Stephens Family that moved to Texas many years ago, although I do not recall them by name at this time. They were, as you say, related to us, and some of the older members of my family know them well and have even visited them in Texas.

There seems to be no question but that the first Hollemans in this Country spelled their name Hollyman. It has since been changed many different ways, as you suggested. In this connection, the following is quoted from THE HOLLEMAN FAMILY, by Geo. A. Holleman:

"Our progenitor could have been a resident of Hollym, and when surnames became essential, it would have been logical that he, being a Hollym man, contract that name into our own Hollyman. Too, the only record found connecting the American Hollymans to England is in the administration of the estate of a Mary Gray, December 28, 1663, and signed by Christopher Hollyman as security "For the use of her son, Walter Gray in ye County of Dorset in England."

As our records of a thousand or more Hollyman descendents in England before 1650 does not have any person bearing a name of similar spelling prior to 1400, and as these records are of all sections of England and Scotland, it is most reasonable to assume that from Hollym the sons of these men went out to make their homes throughout the Isles. It is reasonable also that a touch of individuality prompted some of them to make slight changes in the spelling of the name as is so evident among the American families. Here, the direct descendents of Christopher are known as Holleman, Holloman, Holliman, Hollyman, Hollowman, Holoman, etc."

Incidentally, it might be that you could get a copy of that book from the widow of the author, Mrs. George A. Holleman, whose address is Route 5, Columbus, Mississippi. The price is probably \$5.00 per copy.

I am sorry that I missed seeing you while you were in this area. I am glad, however, that you met my nephew, Ivan. There is a Clara Warren of Dallas, Texas, whom I have met, and who has done more perhaps, than other living persons on the Holleman Family. I am sure that you would enjoy seeing her if you could ever arrange to meet her.

Should you ever be back this way, I hope you will stop by to see us, and we will try to locate the old Jeremiah Holleman homeplace. I have an idea that it was in Buckhorn Township near my home.

Carl P. Holleman

Yours very truly,