

TO THE DESCENDENTS OF ALBERT & FRANCES BOOTH HOLLIMAN

May 17, 1961

On this date, in company with my wife, Lydia Benton Lofland, and son, Dr. H. B. Lofland, Jr., we went to RALEIGH, NORTH CAROLINA, State Capitol, and searched records for the family history of the HOLLIMAN Family.

In the court house of Wake County, we easily found documentary proof of the residence of ALBERT HOLLEMAN and wife FRANCES BOOTH HOLLEMAN. On August 2nd, 1844, Albert Holleman purchased from Jeremiah Holleman (His Father) about 70 acres of land along "WHITE OAK" and adjoining the lands of "Holleman and Booth"; fully described in Volume 16, Page 277, Wake County Deed Records. These records are in handwriting, and have faded considerably, some of the words being difficult to read. Also, we found in such records that Albert Holleman and Frances Booth Holleman conveyed to James Booth about the same lands, but there shown as 67 acres, such deed dated March, 1850, and recorded in Volume 29, Page 152 of the Deed Records.

We were directed to the Archives Building, near the Capitol, for search of genealogy records. Here the oldest marriage records of Wake County are housed. Marriage Bonds Records Volume 2, Page 225, reflect the marriage of Albert Holleman and Frances Booth on January 10th, 1842, with the following Bondsmen and Witnesses: "Redding Stephens & James Parriot". The name "Stephens" reminded us of a visit of the one "Bud Stephens" of Erath County, Texas, a Cousin of my Mother, and which visit was to my parents' home in Rockwall County, Texas.

We also searched in the State Library records of marriages, which were published in the early days' newspapers. One entry found here was the marriage of Sarah H. Holleman to Calvin C. Stroud. This was found in a separate Building - State Library - where is kept early marriages copied from the Newspapers of that date. My mother was probably named for this individual, but we had no way to trace such a relationship in a limited time.

Since my mother, Sarah Holliman Lofland, was the youngest child of Albert and Frances Booth Holliman, and was born in November, 1860, in Sevier County, Arkansas, it is presumed that it was from the time of the land sale in North Carolina to the year 1860, that the family of Albert Holleman moved to that County in Arkansas. We also presume that it was from Sevier County Arkansas that Albert Holliman enlisted in the Confederate Army. We are told that he died in that County while on a sick leave from the Army. We do not have information on when the surviving wife, Mrs. Frances Booth Holliman moved to Yell County Arkansas, but we remember that my Mother frequently referred to her school days in Yell Arkansas. We hope that some of the children of the older Hollimans may have knowledge of when the family moved to Yell County.

The family of Albert and Frances Booth Holliman, as we knew of them, consisted of four sons: Ben, James, Jeff, and John, and four daughters: Nancy Holliman Wilson, Angeline Holliman Cone (Spelling is a guess); Mary Holliman Moffett, and Sarah Holliman Lofland. Since our family moved to Texas in 1895, when I was only eight years old, we are asking that some of the older Holliman descendants furnish more detailed information on the family after the move to Arkansas.

Please note that I have purposely tried to spell the name of the family here in Arkansas and Texas as we have been accustomed to doing - Holliman, instead of Holleman.

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A young Dr. Ivan Holleman, who works with my son in the Bowman-Gray School of Medicine at Winston-Salem, N.C., gave me the name of Mr. Carl P. Holleman, an attorney of Apex, N.C., a town near Raleigh. Having failed to contact him personally while we were there, I wrote him a letter. His reply gives a full account of the early family of Hollemans in North Carolina, and a copy of his letter is hereto attached.

It has been a real joy to me to secure this family information, and to pass it on to you. We hope that you can fill in information on our family, where I have failed to give more details, and that this information can be passed on to our descendents.

Sincerely yours,

HUGH B. LOPLAND
Rockwall, Texas