

## History James Granston Holliman

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THE HOLLIMAN FAMILY

### SECOND GENERATION

1. **JAMES GRANTSON<sup>2</sup> HOLLIMAN** (Samuel <?><Hollyman, Holeman>, l)<sup>2</sup>. Born. 25 May 1750. in Johnston Co., NC. Died, 8 May 1836, in Lancaster Co., SC. Census: 1784. in Johnston Co. NC. Census: 1am. in Chesterfield Co., SC. census: 1830 in Lancaster Co., SC. occupation: Planter/Soldier.

While we are reasonably certain of his ancestry, we are not certain of his father's identity. According to Dr. **CHARLES HOLLIMAN** of Raleigh, NC, perhaps the foremost authority on the Holliman Family, **JAMES** was the son of **SAMUEL** who lived on the county line between Johnston and Dobbs (now Wayne) in NC, on both sides of the Little River, some of this land being sold to **JAMES**.

Revolutionary War Pension Application of **JAMES HOLLIMAN**, Number 5-9590. states that he enlisted as a soldier in Johnston county, NC. and also lived there after the war until 1793, then lived in Lancaster Co. SC. one mile from the North Carolina line in an area once in Anson County, NC. It should be noted that some of his children said they were born in NC, and others said SC. It is known he mined land on both sides of the border. A deed in 1800 shows he is of Lancaster Co., SC and a deed for 1803 lists him living in Mecklenburg Co., NC. He may have had land in both states. Some censuses also showed that he lived in adjoining Chesterfield Co., SC.

The following Land transactions, all in Johnston Co., NC, are recorded in the Johnston Co., NC Deed and Grant Books Noted: (Remember: there were at least four James of the same generation. There is no way to sort out which one bought what in Johnston Co.).

19 Jan 1759 **ANN HOLLOMON** and **JAMES HOLLOMON** wit. will **JOSEPH GARNER** with **CHARLES WILKERSON** (Elizabeth E. Ross, Johnston County NC Will Abstracts 1746-1825, Vol. 1. n. pl., n. p., n.d., p. 282).

1769 **SAMUEL HOLLIMAN** to **JAMES HOLLIMAN** 135 acres for £10 stg. both sides of Little River adj. **SAMUEL HOLLIMAN** (TRA 1 p. 178). 1772 **JAMES HOLLIMAN** from **FREDRICK HOLLIMAN** 165 acres (H1 p. 55). **JAMES** also sold 165 acres to **JOHN Kent** (H1 p. 54) and to **JOHN CUT** 135 acres (H1 p. 50). Also in 1772 he witnessed the will of **MARY THOMAS** (WB ? p. 793) per "Johnston Wills l).

In 1774 he bought from **DAVID HOLLIMAN** 305 acres (H1 p. 171), and in 1775 he sold to **SOLOMON JOHNSON** 250 acres on p. 285). in 1775 he sold to **SAMUEL HOLLIMAN** 360 acres (H1 p. 258). On this transaction his wife **ELIZABETH** waived her dower rights.

In 1777 he sold to **JOHN GULLY** 600 acres (Deed Book I-1 p. 16).

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On 4 Dec. 1779, North Carolina Land Grant No. 432, for the sum of fifty shillings per hundred acres, granted **JAMES HOLLIMAN** 300 acres in Johnston Co., NC on the north side of Times Creek (Db M1, p. 432, Johnston Co., NC)

Dec. 25. 1780 he purchased from **JACOB WHITE** 200 acres on the North side of Great Buffalo Swamp. (The deed recites a consideration of 20,000 pounds, which indicates that the pound wasn't worth much at that time). (DB HCK p. 275).

In 1781 he sold **EDWARD MOORE** 200 acres (HCK p. 268). In 1782 there was a grant from North Carolina of 550 acres on the S. side of Buffalo Swamp (Grant Book M-1. p. 79). in 1782 he sold to **EDWARD MOORE** 200 acres (Grant Book 1. p. 270). and sold **SAMUEL COLLINS** 200 acres (TRS-2, p. 63). In 1785 he sold 300 acres to **JOSIAH TAYLOR** (DB O-1. p. 345). In 1786 he sold **JOSIAH TAYLOR** 300 acres (TRS-9. p. 291). in 1788 he sold **JOSIAH TAYLOR** 300 acres (TRS-3. p. 114). Also see Johnson Co. NC need Book 1762-1765 pp 44-91 which has additional transactions.

The 1784 Census of NC, Johnston County, p. 78 lists James Holliman with 1 male over 15, 4 males under 15 (**WILLIS, THOMAS, SAMUEL, JAMES JR.**) and 4 assorted females (his wife, **ESTHER, ELIZABETH, and SARAH**). A 1790 census record has not been found.

The following land transactions were recorded in Lancaster Co. South Carolina in need books as noted:

19 Dec. 1797 Robert Welsh of Lancaster Co., to **JAMES HOLLIMAN** of same, for £40 Sterling ... land in the fork of Polecat Creek and part of Lynches Creek. (bought by **WELSH** from General **THOMAS SUMTER** 8 Dec 1796) 1000 A ... **ROBERT WELSH** (X) (LS). Wit: **JOHN WELSH, NICHOLAS WELSH**. Prov. by **JOHN WELSH**. J. P. (Deed book C and E, pp 105-6).

20 Dec. 1797, **JAMES HOLLIMAN** of Lancaster Co., to **FREDRICK KERN** of same for 30 silver dollars, land on head branches of Wild Cat Creek, on branch of Lynches creek, part of 15,000 acres granted to **THOMAS SUMTER** 2 Apr. 1787, adj. **JACOB SHAFNER, JOHN BIBBEY, RUSH, DANIEL HUNTER**, 60 A ... **JAMES HOLLIMAN** (S). Wit: **THOMAS PULLEY, JOHN WELSH**. proved by **JOHN WELSH**. J. P. (DB B p. 325).

19 Jan. 1798, **JAMES HOLLIMAN** to **JACOB FUNDERBURK**, £10 Sterling. 600 ac. Tract, fork Wildcat Creek, part of 15,000 A. granted to **THOMAS SUMTER** (Sumer), **PETER GONRYS** line, Mud Hole Spring Branch, **READ LEEK. DAVID USHER's** from **ROBERT WELODS** (1) - **JACOB COUNSELORS** line, **JOHN BIBBES, JACOB CARNES, TITUS LANEY, DAVID USHER, ROBERT WELSH** ... **JAMES HOLLIMAN** (LS), Wit: **ARCHIBALD MCCORKLE, HENRY FUNDERBURK**. Prov. by **HENRY FUNDERBURK**, 19 May 1798, before **J. WELSH**. J. P. (DB D, p. 172-3).

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28 Apr 1798, **JAMES HOLLIMAN** of Lancaster no., to **NATHANIEL BIBBS**, for £8 Sterling, tract on both sides of fork of Wild Cat Creek, part of 15,000 A granted to Gen. **SUMTER** 2 Apr. 1787. **BIBBS** own corner ... Jacob Funderburk's corner ... **FUNDERBURK**'s line ... Jacob **SHAFFNER** ... **BIBBS** own land. 100 acres. **JAMES HOLLIMAN** (seal). Wit: **BENNET HIGHFIELD**, **ROBERT CHAPPEL** (X). Prov. by **BENNET HIGHFIELD** before **JOHN WELSH**. J. P. 19 May 1798 (DB D, p. 164-5).

14 Jan 1799 **JAMES HOLLIMAN** of Lancaster county, to **LEONARD RUSH** of same, for \$20 ... 60 A, part of 15,000 A granted to **THOMAS SUMTER**, 2 Apr. 1787. Between **RUSK**'s own line, **MARTIN SMITH**, **JACOB RUSK**, **JOHN MALOMAS**, **JAMES HOLLIMAN** ... **JAMES HOLLIMAN** (seal). Wit: Abraham Rusk (X). **JACOB RUSH**. Prov. by **ABRAHAM RUSH**, 23 Feb 1799, before **R. HUNLEY**. J. P. (DB C&E p. 110-1).

An 1800 census of this individual has not been found. There is an 1800 Rowan Co., NC census, p. 451 which shows **JAMES HOLEMAN** with 2 males under 10, 1 male 10-16, 1 male 26-45. 2 females under 10, 1 female 10-15. 1 female 26-45 and 2 slaves. This may not belong to our **JAMES**, as his Rev. War pension application made no mention of living in Rowan, and according to his Pension Application, **JAMES** moved to SC in 1793.

25 Dec. 1800 **JAMES HOLLIMAN** of Lancaster Co. for \$6 to **DRURY VINSON** of same, a certain remnant of land on SW side Pole Cat creek adj. **VINSON** and **DANIEL HUNLEY** (?), 6 acres ... 25 Dec 1800. Wit: **ABEL FUNDERBURK**, **HENRY FUNDERBURK**, **JAMES HOLLIMAN** (seal). Proved by **ABEL FUNDERBURK**, 8 July 1809 before **JOHN CROWDER**, J. P. (DB G, p. 241).

4 Oct. 1802, **HENRY ROAN** and **JAMES HOLLIMAN** to **KOONROD PLYLAR** of Lancaster Co. for \$300 ... tract on south side Great Linches Creek, 105 acres. **HENRY ROAN** (HR) (seal) **JAMES HOLLIMAN** (seal) wit: **MICHAEL OATTS**, **JOHN MEADOS**. Proved by **JOHN MEADORS**, 7 April 1809. (DB G, p. 219).

**JACOB RUSH** of Lancaster Dist. Planter, was seized of 235 acres on both sides Flat Creek adj. **JOHN GATES**, **FRIZZLE**, **JOHN BELK**, **JOHN MASTERS**, n. by vacant land, and sd, **RUSH** was indebted to **JAMES HOLLIMAN** For \$57, and suit was brought by **HOLLIMAN**; **THOMAS H. WADE**, Sheriff sells for \$51 to **JOHN STOGNER** ... 21 May 1803 ... in settlement of a claim in Common Pleas Court. **THOMAS H. WADE**, L. L. D. Wit: **SAMUEL GASSON**, **JONATHAN BLACKMAN** (X). (DB F p. 234).

**JAMES HOLLEMAN** Senr. of North Carolina & Mecklenburg (McLingburg) Co., for \$40 to **JONES HOLLEMAN** Junr., land in Lancaster Co., in the upper corner of Genl. **SUMTER**'s survey, granted 2 Apr. 1786, adj **JACOB PLYLER**, **KOONROD PLYLER**, **HENRY SHOOT**, **PAUL PLYLER**, **JOHN MAUSOM**. 30 Sep. 1803. **JAMES HOLLIMAN** (seal). Wit: **JOSHUA WALTERS**, **SUSANNAH WALTERS** (?) (x). Proved by **JOSHUA WALTERS** 31 Dec. 1803. before **JOHN CROWDER**, J. P. (DB F, p. 173-4).

4 Oct. 1802 Rec. 7 Apr. 1809 **HENRY ROAN** and **JAMES HOLLIMAN** to **KONRAD PYLER**, south side of Great Lynches Creek 105 and 15 acres. (DB G n. 219 Lancaster Co., SC)

**JOHN VOYLES** of Anson Co., NC, executor of the L. W. & T. of **JAMES HOLLIMAN** Jr. decd ... agreeable to sd. Will, I has directed to sell tract in Lancaster Co., SC. part of 15,000 acres granted to Genl. **SUMTER**, 2 Apr. 1757, 200 acres ...

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sold to **AARON ARANT** for \$39, adj. **MARTIN SMITH**, 15 June 1804, Wit. **JAMES HOLLIMAN Sr.**, **JOHN VOYLES** (seal), **WILLIAM REAVES** (X). Proved by **JAMES HOLLIMAN Sr.**, 27 Apr. 1805 (DB G, p. 20).

2 Mar. 1807 surveyed and granted 7 Mar. 1807 **JAMES HOLLIMAN** received a SC State Land Grant for 109 acres in Chesterfield Co., SC on Buffalo Creek, a branch of Lynches Creek bd E by state Line, SW by **WILLIAM REAVES** NW by **PLYLER** (SC state Land Grants v. 53 p. 384). SC Archives, Columbia)

The 1810 Federal Census of Chesterfield Co., SC. p. 290 has **JAMES HOLLIMAN** with 3 males under 10, 2 males 10-15, 1 male 16-26, 1 male over 45. One female under 10, 2 females 10-16, 1 female 26-45. The female under age 10 has not been identified, and the ages of the boys do not match the presumed birth dates of all of his sons.

The 1820 census of Chesterfield Co., SC, p. 290 lists **JAMES HOLLIMAN**, over 45, wife age 26-45, 1 male 16-25, 2 males 10-16, 3 males 0-10, 2 females 10-16, 1 female 0-10, **HARMON** and **KINDRED HOLLIMAN** live in Darlington Co. **CORNELIUS**, who may be a brother, is located in Lancaster Co., Just across the Lynches River. In his pension application, **JAMES** had stated that he lived only in Lancaster County, but he is shown in 1810 and 1820 in Chesterfield Co., and 1830 in Lancaster.

1830 census Lancaster Co., SC, p. 101. **JAMES HOLLOMAN**, 2 males 10-15, 1 male 20-30, 1 male 70-80, 1 female 5-10, 1 female 10-15, 1 female 40-50.

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REVOLUTIONARY WAR PENSION APPLICATION #S-9590 OF **JAMES HOLLIMAN** Dated Oct. 2, 1833, Anson County, North Carolina:

Personally appeared before me, **JAMES GORDON**, one of the acting Justices of the Peace for the county of Anson, **JAMES HOLLIMAN**, a soldier of the Revolution, he being very infirm and not able with convenience to travel to a court of record and being aged as years. she first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath like the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of congress passed June 7, 1832.

That he entered the service of the United States under the following named officers and served as herein stated. I turned out as a volunteer under Captain **HENRY FINCH** to serve every call of our officers to keep under the Torys and other (outliers?) in Johnson County & the adjacent area. Served two months and was dismissed by Capt. **FINCH**. The month or year not recollected, but thinks it was at the beginning of the war. Not long after I was drafted to serve a three month tour as a private in captain **HENRY FINCH**'s company again. March to Kingston on Miser River then a cross the river at Cox's ferry, then towards Trent River then on near Wilmington. After halting sometime we march through Duplane County to Drowning Creek at the Fair Bluff. Then march to Elizabethtown on Cape Fear River then back to Smithfield in, Johnson County, where we first marched from. Served three months, got discharged and went home. In about twelve months was drafted for another three months tour and mark (sic) under capt. **JOHN TRENT** under Col. **NEEDHAM BRYAN** & marched across Tar River (before?) Tarborough Town and through Green county & on near Edenton expecting to meet British and Torys, and after staying there a few weeks marched up Roanoke River to Halifax town and was stationed there about two weeks then on through Nash county in pursuit of Torys ... on into Wake County, Served three months and was discharged by Capt. **TRENT** ... the year not recollected. Some four or five months after this I was with a number of others was called on by Col. **JOHN SMITH** of Johnston County to guard a force of British prisoners about one hundred thirty in number that was sent to Smithfield to be guarded till they could be exchanged. I served as guard two months I as discharged by order of Col. Smith. He remembers being with Gen. **GREEN**'s army in his route toward Wilmington but did not remain long with Gen. **GREEN**. He also remembers being mustered by Adjutant **CHILDERS** while with Gen. **GREEN**'s army, the year not recollected.

Not long after I was discharged from guarding the British prisoners new orders came for some eighteen months men to be raised. I for one turned out a volunteer and when orders come to march I sent my Servant in my place. I was discharged.

I have no papers to prove what year but it was near the end of the war as well as recollected. Nothing I do not have any papers nor do I no of any person now living by who I could prove my services. He hereby relinquishes every claim whatever to any pension or annuity

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except the present and declare his name is not on any pension role of the agency of any state.

Sworn and subscribed before the this day and year above.

**JAMES HOLLINAN** (Signature)

**JAMES GORDON**, (Witness)

#### RESPONSES TO MANDATORY QUESTIONS IN CONNECTION WITH PENSION APPLICATION:

1. Where and in what year were you born? in Johnson County N. Carolina May 25, 1750.

2. Have you any record of your age and if so when is it kept? lies in a family Bible kept by my father of his Children's ages.

3. Where were you living when you were called into service and where have you lived since the revolutionary war and where do you live now? I lived in Johnson County N. Carolina when called into service and continued to live there until 1793. I move to Lancaster District, South Carolina & near the N. Carolina line where I have lived ever since.

4. How were you called into service. Where you drafted? Did you volunteer or were you a substitute, and if so for whom? A volunteer and drafted. I served two three month terms a drafted soldier and two two month terms a volunteer and sent my servant in the eighteen month tour.

5. State the names of some of the regular officers who were with the troops when you served. Such Continental and militia regiments as you can recollect and the general circumstances of your service. Gen. **GREEN**, Col. **NEEDHAM BRYAN**, Adjutant **CHILDERS**, Captain **HENRY FINCH**, Capt. **JOHN TRENT** and Col. **SMITH**. They were militia officers living in Johnson County at the time except Gen. **GREEN** and he was a Continental.

5. Did you receive a discharge free the service and if so by who. was it given and what became of it? I do not remember receiving a written discharge from any officers but mostly think I did but what has become of it I do not know at this time.

7. State persons to whom you are known in your present neighborhood who can testify to you reputation for veracity and their belief of your service as a soldier of the revolution? **JESSE LEWELLEN** and **JOSHUA WALTERS**.

We **JESSE LEWELLEN**, Clergyman, residing in the said county and state, and **JOSHUA WALTERS** residing in the same hereby certify that we are well acquainted with **JAMES HOLLIMAN**, the applicant, who has subscribed and sworn to the above declaration that we believe him to

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be of the age therein stated, that he is reputable and believed in the neighborhood where he resides to have been a soldier of the revolution and that we concur in that opinion.

Subscribed and Sworn the day and month aforesaid.

**JAMES GORDON** (Signature)

**JESSE LEWELLEN** (Signature)

**JOSHUA WALTERS** (Signature)

Unfortunately, the will and probate records of Lancaster County were burned during the Civil War.

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On 11 Nov 1854 **SARAH (X) HOLLIMAN** and **ELIZABETH (+) PARKER** petitioned the SC Legislature for any balance due their father **JAMES HOLLIMAN** under his state pension, stating that they are his only surviving children and that he died a May 1836. Their claims disallowed since he had never filed for a pension from SC (S. C. Audited Accounts of Revolutionary War claims #3596C, v. 72 p. 499, S. C. Archives, Columbia, S. C.\*).

He married<sup>3</sup> **ELIZABETH** Unknown Surname<sup>4</sup>, before 1775 (?), in Johnston Co., NC. Born. Circa 1752 (?), in Johnston Co., NC. Children:

- i. **ESTHER<sup>3</sup> HOLLIMAN<sup>2</sup>**  
Born, 1773 (?), in Johnston Co., NC.  
Died before 1854.
- ii. **WILLIS HOLLIMAN<sup>2</sup>**  
Born, 1775 (?), in Johnston Co., NC.  
Died, before 1854.
- iii. **THOMAS HOLLIMAN<sup>2</sup>**  
Born, circa 1777 (?), Johnston Co., NC.,  
Died, before 1854.
- iv. **SAMUEL HOLLIMAN<sup>2</sup>**  
Born, circa 1779 (?), in Johnston Co., NC.  
Died before 1854.
- v. **JAMES G. HOLLIMAN JR.<sup>5</sup>**  
Born, 1780 (?), in Johnston Co., NC.  
Died, 1804 in Anson Co., NC.
- vi. **ELIZABETH HOLLIMAN<sup>2</sup>**  
Born, circa 1782 (?), in Johnston Co., NC.  
Died after 1854.

She married Unknown **PARKER**. She and her sister **SARAH** filed a petition to the S. c. Legislature to secure any unpaid Rev. War pension benefits due their father **JAMES**, who died 8 May 1836, and that they are the only surviving children.

- vii. **SARAH HOLLIMAN<sup>2</sup>**  
Born, circa 1735 (?), in Johnston Co., NC.  
Died, after 1854, in Lancaster Co., SC.

Apparently a spinster, as **SARAH HOLLIMAN** and her sister **ELIZABETH PARKER** petitioned the SC legislature 11 Nov 1854 for any funds due their father **JAMES** under his SC Rev. War Pension. Their claim was denied since **JAMES** had never applied for a SC pension. ((S. C. Audited Accounts of Revolutionary War claims #3596C, v. 72 p. 499, S. C. Archives, Columbia, S. C.\*).



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3 viii. **CORNELIUS HOLLIMAN.**

4 ix. **CHARLES HOLLIMAN.**

x. **WARREN HOLLIMAN** <I><sup>2</sup>.

Born 1801, in Lancaster Co., SC.

Died, before 1854 (?), in Fayette Co., AL.

Little is known of this individual, and he may be the **WARREN HOLLIMAN** who had the following land grants in Fayette County, AL:

U. S. Grant 18739 4 Mar 1836 for 40.05 ac. SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 29 T17S R12W.

U. S. Grant 15463 18 Aug 1835 80.10 ac. E  $\frac{1}{2}$  SE  $\frac{1}{4}$  and 40.05 ac. SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  SE  $\frac{1}{2}$

Grant 20498 13 SEP 1836 80.10 ac. W  $\frac{1}{2}$  SW  $\frac{1}{4}$  in Sec. 29 T17S R12W.

Grant 17627 9 Jan 1836 40.174 ac. NW  $\frac{1}{4}$  NE  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 32 T17S R12W.

(Fayette Co. AL Plat Book, Fayette Co., Probate office). His sisters claimed to be the only living heirs of **JAMES G. HOLLIMAN** when they applied for any unpaid pensions of their father in 1854.

xi. **JOHN B. HOLLIMAN.**

Born, 1811 (?), in Salem Co., NC.

Died, 14 Aug 1881.

He married Susan Castle.

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