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2. James Grantson² Holliman (Samuel <?><Hollyman, Holeman>, 1)². Born, 25 May 1750, in Johnston Co., NC. Died, 8 May 1836, in Lancaster Co., SC. Census: 1784, in Johnston Co., NC. Census: 1810, 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) counties 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 S-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 N. C., and others said S. C. It is known he owned land on both sides of the border. A deed in 1800 shows he is of Lancaster Co., SC and a deed for 1803 list him living in Mecklinburg 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 County, NC, are recorded in the Johnston County North Carolina 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 1769 Ann Hollomon and James Holloman 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 lbs. 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 will of Mary Thomas (WB ? p. 793 per "Johnston Wills" 1).

In 1774 he bought from David Holliman 305 acres (H1 p.171), and in 1775 he sold to Solomon Johnson 250 ac. (H1 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).

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. 26, 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 ac (HCK p. 268). In 1782 there was a

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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 ac. (TRS2, 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 Deed 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 16, 4 males under 16 (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 County, South Carolina in Deed Books as noted:

11 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...Robt. 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 Fredk. 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, Dan'l Hunter, 60 a...James Holliman (S), Wit: Thos. Pulley, John Welsh, proved by John Welsh, J. P. (DB B p. 325).

19 Jan. 1798, James Holliman to Jacob Funderburk, L.40 Sterling, 600 ac. tract, fork Wildcat Creek, part of 15,000 A. granted to Thomas Sumer (Sumter), Peter Gonrys line, Mud Hole Spring Branch, Read Leek, David Usher's from Robert Welods (?) - Jacob Counselors line, John Bibbes, Jacob Carnes, Titus Laney, David Usher, Robert Welsh...James Holliman (LS). Wit: Arch'd McCorkle, Henry Funderburk. Prov. by Henry Funderburk, 19 May 1798, before J. Welsh, J. P. (DB D, p. 172-3).

28 Apr 1798, James Holliman of Lancaster Co., to Nathaniel Bibbe, for 8 Lbs. 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 Funderburks corner..Funderburks line..Jacob Shaffner..Bibbs own land. 100 acres. James Holliman (Seal), Wit: Bennet Highfield, Robert Chappel (X). Prov. by Bennet Highfield before Jno. 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 Rusks own line, Martin Smith, Jacob Rusk, John Malomas, James Holliman...James Holliman (Seal) Wit: Abraham Rush (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 10-16, 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).

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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: Sam'l Gasson, Jonathan Blackman (X). (DB F p. 234).

James Holleman Senr. of North Carolina & McLingburg (Mecklinburg) Co., for \$40. to James 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 Shoots, Paul Plyler, John Mausom, 30 Sept. 1803. James Holliman (Seal), Wit: Joshua Walters, Susannah Waters(?) (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 p. 219 Lancaster Co., SC)

John Voyles of Anson Co., N. C., exr. of the L. W. & T. of James Holliman Jr. decd., agreeable to sd will, I was directed to sell tract in Lancaster Co., SC, part of 15,000 acres granted to Genl. Sumter, 2 April 1787, 200 acres...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 April 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., S. C. on Buffalo Creek, a br. of Lynches Creek bd E by State Line, SW by Wm 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 10-16, 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 birthdates 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.

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 83 years, who first being duly sworn according to law doth on his oath make the following declaration in order to obtain the benefit of the act of Congress passed June 7, 1832.

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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. Serve 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 Mizer River then across the river at Cox's Ferry, then on 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. Serve 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 s(t)aying 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 with a number of others was called on by Col. John Smith of Johson (sic) County to guard a force of Brittish (sic) prisoners about one hundred thirty in number that was sent to Smithfield to be guarded till they could be exchanged. I served as gard (sic) two months I was discharged by order of Col. Smith. He remembers being with Gen. Greens army in his rout (sic) 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 Brittish prisoners new orders came for some eighteen months men to be raised. I for one turned out a volunteer and when orders came to march I sent my Servin (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. Nothin I do not have any papers nor do I no of any person now living by whom I could prove my services. He hereby relinquishess every claim whatever to any pension or annuity except the present and declare his name is not on any pension role of the agency of any state.

Sworn and subscribed before me th day and year above. James Holliman
(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 where is it kept? Yes in a family Bible kept by my father of his childrens 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. Were 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.

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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.

6. Did you receive a discharge from the service and if so by whom 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 your 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 same 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 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.

On 11 Nov 1854 Sarah (X) Holliman and Elizabeth (+) Parker petitioned the S. C. 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 8 May 1836. Their claim was disallowed since he had never filed for a pension from S. C. (S. C. Audited Accounts of Revolutionary War Claims #3696C, v. 72 p. 499 S. C. Archives, Columbia, S. C.*).

He married³ Elizabeth Unknown surname⁴, before 1775 (?), in Johnson Co., NC. Born, circa 1752 (?), in Johnston Co., NC. Children:

- i. Esther³ Holliman². Born, 1773 (?), in Johnston Co., NC. Died, before 1854.
- ii. Willis Holliman². Born, 1775 (?), in Johnston Co., NC. Died, before 1854.
- iii. Thomas Holliman². Born, circa 1777 (?), in Johnston Co., NC. Died, before 1854.
- iv. Samuel Holliman². Born, circa 1779 (?), in Johnston Co., NC. Died, before 1854.
- v. James G. Holliman Jr.⁵. Born, 1780 (?), in Johnston Co., NC. Died, 1804, in Anson Co., NC.
- vi. Elizabeth Holliman². 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 Holliman². Born, circa 1784 (?), in Johnston Co., NC. Died, after 1854, in Lancaster Co., SC. Apparently a spinster, as Sarah Holliman, she and her sister Elizabeth Parker

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petitioned the SC legislature 11 Nov. 1854 for any funds due their father James under his S. C. Rev. War Pension. Their claim was denied since James had never applied for a S. C. pension. (Audited Account of Rev. War Claims, AA 3696C, v. 72, p. 499, S. C. Archives, Columbia, SC*).

3 viii. Cornelius Holliman.

4 ix. Charles Holliman.

x. Warren Holliman <I>². 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 18736 4 Mar 1836 for 40.05 ac. SE 1/4 NE 1/4 Sec. 29 T17S R12W. U. S. Grant 15463 18 Aug 1835 80.10 ac. E 1/2 SE 1/4 and 40.05 ac. SW 1/4 SE 1/2 and Grant 20498 13 Sep 1836 80.10 ac. W 1/2 SW 1/4 in Sec. 29 T17S R12W. Grant 17627 9 Jan 1836 40.174 ac. NW 1/4 NE 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 pension of their father in 1854.

xi. John B. Holliman². Born, 1811 (?), in Salem Co., NC. Died, 14 Aug 1881. He married Susan Castle.