

George W. Hollis

Nov. 30, 1861 - Nov. 26, 1921

Born in Stroud, Chambers County, Alabama to George W. Hollis and Virginia F. Adams Morris Hollis on Nov. 30, 1861.

George was a farmer, with little education. His friends called him "Blackie" or "Nigger," due to his size and his wavy black hair and dark piercing eyes. Over 6 feet, it was said he could tote a bale of cotton a city block, he also was said to have had a good sense of humor.

On Nov. 25, 1901, he married Mary Emma White in Opelika, Alabama. She was his second wife. They had six children: Leelev, George Vivian, James Wesley, Mary Frances, Velpeau Coley, and Helma. On Thanksgiving day, November 26, 1921 he suffered a heart attack and died. He is buried in Rosemen Cemetery in Opelika, Alabama.

According to a letter received in 1986 from Blanche Stiles (widow of Raleigh Hollis) George Wesley Hollis had a first wife

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by the name of Lucinda Wheeler.  
They were married on December 19, 1889.  
Their children were: baby boy who died  
at birth, Lucinda and Raleigh William.