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**From:** "Lea L. Dowd" <leadowd@charter.net>  
**To:** <jha@mindspring.com>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 24, 2002 8:18 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Georgia Pioneers - new additions

Jeanette,

I am not sure that you really want to know all my names.. :-} However, of particular interest to me would be the CLAY family of GA, especially involving Greene Co., GA line(s). If you have any books on Greene Co., I would be interested.

Thank you so much for all that you do! Please note my new e-mail address.

Best,  
 Lea

PS... The Bonnell-Holland thing is coming together.... Obviously, it wasn't an "approved" marriage. I also found where three of the boys were fined in Atlanta for running a "bucket shop". Don't know what that was yet.

Atlanta Constitution 8 Dec 1907

Well Known Man in Dying Condition at Grady Hospital

Holland Curran a well-known young man of the city, is a patient at Grady Hospital. (abstracted). He was found in room 627 at the Kimball Hotel having attempted suicide by ingesting morphine. After an antidote was administered he was removed to the family home at 110 Rawson Street thinking he was better. At 6 o'clock he became worse and was taken to Grady Hospital. He was reported in critical condition and not expected to make it through the night. He supposedly attempted suicide due to "family problems". The family refused to discuss.

Atlanta Consitution 9 Dec 1907

Fiancee Visits Curran at the Grady Hospital  
 (abstracted)

Miss Marie Nisbet confirms reports of her engagement to young man who tried to end his life - reports marriage will occur later. Holland's brother J. C. Curran states that the family didn't know about the engagement. Miss Nesbit resides with her grandparents Mr. & Mrs. William Bonnell on Grant Street. She stated that his letter said that she was not to blame, but the attempt was a result of family problems.

Having said that, I still haven't placed the James Holland (born ca 1832-1833) that married Maria Nisbet's great aunt, Permelia Bonnell.

**From:** "Lea L. Dowd" <leadowd@charter.net>  
**To:** <jha@mindspring.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, October 18, 2002 11:09 AM  
**Subject:** RE: Holland-Bonnell

Dear Jeannette,

Well, the story is unraveling bit by bit..... Permelia Bonnell's sister "appears" to have been married and divorced from James Taylor Nisbet, the son of Judge James Taylor Nisbet of Atlanta and Macon. Their first cousin or very close relation (Hester R. Brown) also "appears" to have been married to Governor James Milton Smith.

It is amazing that as prominent as these people were, they are really hard to dig out. Permelia Bonnell's brother William A. was married to Sidney GILMER, the widow of a JOHNS. William was City Sexton for Oakland Cemetery in Atlanta and for years on the police department with my ancestor in Atlanta. The Bonnell father was from New Jersey and had a taylor shop on the square in Culloden.

I will keep passing this on. One day, we might solve this one.

My best to you.

Lea

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**From:** <jha@mindspring.com>  
**To:** "Lea L. Dowd" <leadowd@charter.net>  
**Sent:** Thursday, October 17, 2002 12:24 PM  
**Subject:** Re: Holland-Bonnell

Lea, I am going to file this information away, and if anything else turns up, will notify you. Every step helps.

Jeannette  
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----- Original Message -----

**From:** Lea L. Dowd  
**To:** Jeannette Austin  
**Sent:** Sunday, October 13, 2002 1:38 PM  
**Subject:** Holland-Bonnell

I am making a little bit of progress here....

Best,  
 Lea

### Descendants of James Holland

#### *Generation No. 1*

1. JAMES<sup>1</sup> HOLLAND He married PERMELIA M. BONNELL 6 June 1867 in Spalding Co., GA, daughter of ABRAHAM BONNELL and ADRAI TALIAFERRO. She was born ca 1843 in GA.

Notes for PERMELIA M. BONNELL:

1880 Fulton Co., GA

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William A. Bonnell 35 GA (Father- NJ) (Mother- TN) City Hall Keeper

Sidney A. 30 GA GA - GA

M. Alice 11 GA GA - GA

Addie May Holland 3 GA Niece

Children of JAMES HOLLAND and PERMELIA BONNELL are:

i. M<sup>ARY</sup> ALICE<sup>2</sup> HOLLAND, b. ca 1869.

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**From:** "Lea L. Dowd" <leadowd@charter.net>  
**To:** "Jeannette Austin" <jha@mindspring.com>  
**Sent:** Saturday, October 19, 2002 3:34 AM  
**Subject:** HOLLAND-NISBET

Dear Jeanette,

Sometimes even a blind hog finds an acorn.... Such is the case. I am still not sure whop Permelia's husband James Holland (born 1832-1833 GA) was, but....

William Bonnell's granddaughter, Marie Adele Nisbet amrried Holland CURRAN. Small world. It was only about 5 years ago that you sent mew a copy of Hettie Jane Holland's Bible. Turns out that Marie is the daughter of James Taylor Nisbet, Jr. and the granddaughter of Judge James Taylor Nisbet of Macon, GA.

Does this help any? In any case, it is extremely important that I can reach ANY descendants of this direct line ASAP. Time is of the essence.

Best,  
Lea