

ADAM

SMYTH (ENGLAND)

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Subject: New Form Entry: Contact Form
From: "adam.smyth@ell.ox.ac.uk" <no-reply@weebly.com>
Date: Mon, May 30, 2016 10:25 am
To: phil@upchurchstory.com

You've just received a new submission to your Contact Form.

Submitted Information:

Name *NEW 30 MAY*
Adam Smyth *2016*

Email *NEW 30 MAY 2016*
adam.smyth@ell.ox.ac.uk

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Subject: RE: New Form Entry: Contact Form
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Tue, May 31, 2016 3:06 pm
To: adam.smyth@ell.ox.ac.uk

Hi Adam----

Delighted you found my website www.upchurchstory.com password 2013upchurch#. I do not find you in my system. Most of my inquiries come from American sources which normally makes me think they are part of the American Upchurch family. However, your email address causes me to pause and wonder if your interests are in the Upchurches of England. They are also of interest to me but the basis for your interest has a bearing on the subjects on which we might chose to interact. In any case I will be pleased to hear from you and to learn the basis for your interest in my Upchurch records. I have much more than what one sees on the website.

Best Wishes~

Phil Upchurch

③ EARLY JUN 2016 - EMAIL appears to be missing - RP

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Subject: RE: New Form Entry: Contact Form
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Tue, Jun 14, 2016 2:41 pm
To: "Adam Smyth" <adam.smyth@ell.ox.ac.uk>
Attach: Balliol-logo-RGB-not-for-print-small[2][33].png

Hi Adam---

My 40 years of Upchurch research have included significant explorations of Michael Upchurch including his involvement with the Ferrar family including Virginia. Included has been several visit to Little Gidding where the Ferrars lived. I think I have a fulsome grasp of how Michael was involved. Over the years I had close contact with experts on the Ferrars. Given that my records run to many hundreds of dispersed pages I have difficulty grasping what I have that could be of interest to you. If you can be more forthcoming about your interests I will try to help if that is your desire.

Your mention of Oxford brings to mind that in my professional life as a plant scientist I developed a life-long friendship with Dr Keith Holly who still lives in Oxford. He was associated with the Weed Research Organization, now defunct, at Begbroke Hill.

Cheers~

Phil Upchurch

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Subject: RE: Virginia Ferrar
From: phil@upchurchstory.com
Date: Sat, Jul 02, 2016 3:44 pm
To: "David aaxRansome" <XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX@XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX>
Cc: "Joyce-OM Ransome" <XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX@XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX>
Attach: Balliol-logo-RGB-not-for-print-small[2][33].png

Hi David---

I ask your reaction to the draft of an email as proposed below to Dr Adam Smyth. I assume the thread of emails since he found my website on May 30, 2016 will give you the context. Perhaps you and or Virginia already are in touch with him. I would propose to copy you two on my email to him if you have no objection.

Trust you are enjoying England~
Phil Upchurch

Hi Adam---

I will tell you a little about our Upchurch interest in the Ferrars before suggesting an option for you.

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To your interests--- the original Group discovered that Michael had written to England in the 1650's. Actually there were four letters. They are preserved in Cambridge and I have been there and held them in my hands. Some if not all of these letters were stimulated by a questionnaire the Ferrars sent to the New World which bears upon your interest in Virginia. In about 1990 coincidences led to us finding a Ferrar authority by the name of professor David Ransome. Since that time he has served as our consultant cum dear friend and has penned a couple of dozen reports on our Upchurch heritage in England. They are not profound in the grand scheme but are treasures for our family history. Further, more to your interests, David and his wife Virginia are Ferrar published scholars. They now reside in Rhode Island but as it happens David is sojourning in England for a season. It is with his permission that I hereby share his email address with you in the event you would like to contact him. Their interests in the Ferrars, and yours, go beyond my serious interests but I remain curious about unfolding Ferrar events. My current interests center on American Upchurch events as illustrated by our second website www.alliedfamilies.com password 2014allied#.

I trust this input will be of some use to you and I will welcome additional contacts if you think I can be of assistance.
Sending All Best Wishes~
Phil Upchurch

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Subject: Virginia Ferrar
From: Adam Smyth <XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX@XXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXXX>
Date: Sat, Jul 02, 2016 2:47 am
To: "phil@upchurchstory.com" <phil@upchurchstory.com>
Attach: Balliol-logo-RGB-not-for-print-small[2][33].png

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Best wishes,

Adam

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Date: Mon, Jul 04, 2016 10:11 am
To: "phil@upchurchstory.com" <phil@upchurchstory.com>
Cc: David aaxRansome <~~amosnard33@gmail.com~~>
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Dear Phil

Many thanks for writing so generously. I will be back in touch if I have any further questions over the summer.

Very best wishes,

Adam

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MIKE GUNNILL

See his profile. He lives in the
Village of Kent, England and
emailed RPA on 29 AUG 2013

U COOPERATORS - ENGLAND

- ① see Briefing of Pam U - She emailed RPH from England 16 MAY 2012. I responded 16 MAY 2012. NO response further as of 18 MAY 2012

INDIVIDUALS OTHER THAN ANGLO-AMERICAN
UPCHURCHES INTERESTED IN THE
HERITAGE OF THE UPCHURCH FAMILY
IN HUNTINGTONSHIRE

- ✓ (1) Margaret Butler - NZ
- ✓ (2) Cynthia U - NZ (Mrs Colin Henry U)
- ✓ (3) Pam U - EL (Mrs Edward Walter U)
- ✓ (4) Janet Strickland - FL (Mrs Neil Strickland)
- ✓ (5) Malcolm Clydesdale
- ✓ (6) Raymond U - Pedley
- ✓ (7) Rev David Viles - St Ines
- ✓ (8) Margaret George

○ This letter was in a packet sent about 1980 to RPA from
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 - Cousins - born about 1911

July 14, 1958

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Yours sincerely
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