

○ This is sent to William Kendrick U, Sr by Martha
Luz (U) Tidd was in a pocket letter in the
1978-1982 period to RPA by Eda Belle Seibert

Dear Mr. Upchurch,

Can you add any thing to the enclosed.
I have written to Greene, Henry, Cherokee, Putnam,
Monroe and Fayette counties in Georgia asking for wills
birth, marriage certificates or anything that would help.
These went out only last week.

The reason for writing to Fayetteville
was to find out the name of the pastor at the church
in Bethlehem so I could write to see if there was any
information about Gay when he was a deacon there. I also
asked for the address of the Baptist Conference under
which this church would be, so I could write there. They
surely must have had some information on a man they would
appoint as Deacon.

If you have anything that is not in
the outline that I am sending to you, will you please
let me have it. Mrs. West sent me the names of two
people in Raleigh that I may be able to get to try to
ferret out to whom Charles was married, and why the Thomas
Gay has come down through the Upchurch family for so many
years. Even my father had the Gay part of it. He was
Willis Gay, a son of Jethro Wilson, and a grandson of
Gay born 1797.

Sincerely,

I have not looked up any thing in Clay Co. Alabama.

Martha A. Tidd.

Nicholas Ferrar .m.
1545 - 1620
City Merchant;
A Governor of the
Virginia Company

.m. Mary Wodenoth
daughter of Lawrence
Wodenoth of Wavington
Hall, Co. of Cheshire;
died 1624 aged 83;
Bought the Manor of
Little Gidding 1624;

John Ferrar
Went to live with
his family at
Little Gidding;
Deputy Governor of
the Virginia Co.
(90 - 28 Sept 1657)

.m. (1) Ann
Shepherd
(without
issue)

.m. Bathsheba
Owen
died 1659

Nicholas Ferrar
Founder of the Little
Gidding Community;
(22 Feb. 1592-4, Dec.
1637); Deputy Governor
of Virginia Company.

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Nicholas Ferrar
died 1640 aged 21;

John Ferrar
(1632-1719)
married
Ann Brock
who died 1702;

Virginia Ferrar
(24 Dec. 1627-
January 1657/8)

Mary Ferrar
died young;

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Mary Collet
alias Ferrar;
died 1680
unmarried;

Hester Collet
Married Francis
Kestian; their
daughter Eliza-
beth died 1715;

Anne Collet
died unm'd
1638;

Margaret
Collet
married
Benjamin
Thomas
Legatt
of Essex;

Elizabeth
Collet
married
Benjamin
Woodnoth
her cousin;

Ferrar Collet
Little
Gidding
1659-
1663;
died with-
out issue
1679;
Rector of
Hamerton
1663; (Oxon)

Dr.
May 16
(16
Foot
Lawr
1695-
her
Naple

Susannah Ferrar
1587 → (1631-1657)

.m.

John Collet
of Bourne, Cambr. Ige;
went to live at little
Gidding with his family;
(1578-Sept. 1650)
1650

Erasmus Ferrar

Joyce Ferrar

William Ferrar

Richard Ferrar

Susannah Collet
(1602-1657)

.m.

(1) Revd Joshua .m.
Mapletoft; Vicar
of Margaretting,
Essex.

(2)

James
Chedly

Joyce .m.

Edward
Wallis
of Sawtry,
Hunts;

Judith
Collet

Dr. John
Mapletoft;
1631 → (1631-1712)
Rector of St.
Lawrence, Jewry
1685 → 1685-1710
had a son John
Mapletoft;

Samuel Mapletoft

Peter Mapletoft

Mary Mapletoft

Ann Mapletoft

Miles Wallace
married
Katherine--
and had a son
Miles Wallace

Thomas Wallis

Hugh
Wallis
Susan

(u)

↓
 Ferrar

 Ferrar

 Ferrar

 Ferrar

Edward
 Ellis
 Sawtry,
 mts;

Thomas Wallis

Judith
 Collet

.m. Newl.

Solomon
 Mapletoft Temp. and
 of Linov.;

Thomas Collet
 of the middle
 Temple and
 Highgate;
 died 1675

.m.

Martha
 Sherrington
 married
 Jul. 1628

Nicholas

Collet
 London
 goldsmith
 alive 1640;

.m. Jane

Edward
 Collet

John
 Collet

Richard
 Collet

Hugh Mapletoft
 married
 Susannah----

John Collett of the
 Middle Temple;
 Will (PCC) 1713
 married Elizabeth
 and had Thomas
 William & John;

Martha Collet
 married John
 Mawhood and had
 a son Nicholas;

Mary Collet

Jane Collet

4 more daughters;

(7)

FERRAR FAMILY

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○ This letter from William Kendrick U. is under in a
packet sent about 1980-81 AD from Eda Bell
Lewter

December 9, 1965

Mrs. Ennie Ferguson Farrar
Chester, Virginia

Dear Mrs. Farrar:

I have just completed going through your two books
on the early houses in Virginia.

I note that you seem to be familiar with Nicholas
Farrar, one of the early Governors of the Virginia Company.
A cousin of mine, Mrs. Martha Tidd, whose husband head the
Children's Psychiatric Department of UCL, has been making a
study of the history of the Lechurh Family in America. She
has obtained a great deal of her information from the Library
at Oxford University, England. She has arrived at the conclu-
sion that either the first Michael Upchurch, who was in
Jamestown in May of 1652, or his son married the daughter of
either Nicholas Farrar or Nicholas Farrar, Jr. She has ob-
tained a photostatic copy of a letter from the first Michael
Upchurch to the senior Nicholas Farrar shortly after his
arrival in America.

I would like to know first whether you have the Farrar
lineage in Virginia, and if so, would it include any data of a
marriage of Michael Upchurch and one of the daughters of Nicholas
Farrar. Secondly, I have obtained some information from the
library in Williamsburg which indicates that one of the Upchurches
was involved in the Bacon Rebellion of 1676. Do you happen to
have any information in book form that I could purchase that
would give me a more complete description of the Bacon Rebellion
and the part played in it by Michael Upchurch?

I understand that your original two books on early
homes in Virginia are no longer in print, but that Bonanza
Books have some copies. I am wondering if I get one each of
these two books from you should you happen to have copies, if
you would autograph them for me.

I think that you have done a wonderful service in
writing these books.

(6)

Mrs. Emmie Ferguson Farrar
December 9, 1965
Page 2

Mrs. Tidd, referred to above, has in print already a book on the Tidd Family and hopes to have sufficient information to complete a book on the Upchurch Family.

Any thing you could give me in connection with my above questions will be appreciated.

Thanking you in advance, I am

Yours very truly,

W. K. Upchurch

FERRAR FAMILY

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REC'D
25 AUG 1999

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August 20, 1999

Dear Cousin Phil,

Thanks for all the mail. The July *Bulletin* issue looks great. I'm flattered to have been so extensively quoted. But am most thrilled to learn you are working on a book! Please put me in line for a first edition copy!

Per *UB* July 1999: On page 87 you hint of the Virginia history book I recommended--but maybe forgot to go back to list the title? The book is *Behold Virginia: The Fifth Crown*, by George F. Willison, published by Harcourt, Brace and Company, NY, in 1952. It is out of print. I found my copy in a local used book store for \$12.50. Checking on behalf of *Upchurch Bulletin* readers, I found many copies for sale via the web site www.bibliofind.com, priced by different dealers from \$3 to \$31 and most prices in between. It is also listed in the out-of-print section of www.barnesandnoble.com, but the range of prices there begins and ends higher.

I must correct, however, a mistaken impression I evidently gave you that the Ferrars are "treated in detail." On the contrary, they are mentioned just enough to tantalize my curiosity to learn more about them. Has Professor Ransome published something about them from his research? Or does he at least plan to do so? Anyway, for the time being I have copied for you personally the pages from the book that are indexed for the Ferrars. And I'm still growing my history library.

Per North Carolina to date: UNC Collections librarians found no direct references to any published article about great grandfather William George or Court Case 8709, but they did locate a book (non-circulating, unfortunately) reported to have separate chapters devoted to explaining the Confederate substitution law and then the Confederate conscription court challenges in general. (*Conscription and Conflict in the Confederacy*, by Albert Burton Moore, 1924, reprinted 1996) I found some copies of this book also at www.bibliofind.com, mostly too expensive, but one halfway reasonably priced, which I have ordered.

Thanks for looking back into files for possible further references to family lore about "Uncle Bill and Aunt Mox." If you know or have hearsay of more than has already been published in *UB*'s, please share it with me. My mother apparently had no memory of her grandmother, who lived in Jacksonville when Mother was a girl in Melbourne, Florida, and my older cousins learned nothing about her from their mothers either. She (Eleanor Marks) died before the first of my grandmother Eulah's grandchildren was born.

① See Jtr 10 JUN 1996 Janet Lee Lighthill D RPA

I. John U, IV - Head of class

A. Ambrose U

1. John Jordan U

2. Theodore Fairfax U md 30 MAR 1890

(Steeble, MO) Mary Caroline Hogan

b 23 JUN 1871 (Inchreeh, MO), dau of
James E. Hogan and Malinda Jane Todd.

Malinda md 1st Jospar Ferrar
of Washington Co, MO.

- ① "There might have been another influence which took Richard [U. Miss of France Inheresol] to Godmanchester and eventually to Little Gidding. In Bedfordshire Records an entry has been found that one John Ferrar ↑, Clerk in Holy Orders, had rented a place from Steven Upsher in 1595. This John Ferrar ↑ was probably connected with the Little Gidding family of Ferrars and could have influenced Richard to join them." (28, Pg 12)

JOHN FERRAR

① See Belle ~~West~~ West - Upchurch Book.

Re - "Little Gidding" --- Between 1625 and 1660 it was the scene of an unusual way of life adopted by Nicholas Ferrar, who had given up a brilliant career as a Member of Parliament, to dedicate his life to worship & good works. --- In addition to Nicholas Ferrar, the household consisted of his elderly mother, Mary (Woodnolt) Ferrar, and his elder brother, John, and John's wife and son, Nicholas Ferrar. His older sister Susannah and her husband, John Collett of Bourne, and their sixteen children joined the household."

A letter from Michael U to his father dated 4 MAY 1652 was sent "in care of Mr John Ferrar at Little Gidding" --- "Nicholas Ferrar died in 1637, but he had given particular instructions to his brother, John Ferrar, and John was able to carry on the affairs of Little Gidding in spite of many frustrations. John's son Nicholas Ferrar, called junior, was quite devoted to the Good Works of the household."

"John Ferrar died in 1657, just twenty years after the death of Nicholas, and the household was entirely dispersed. * Virginia Ferrar, the daughter of John Ferrar, born to John's second wife, after the beginning of the community, continued to live in a small house on the Little Gidding Estate. She had acted as her father's secretary in his correspondence with some of the Virginia colony, attempting to promote the raising of silk worms in America."

JOHN FERRAR

① Michael Upchurch's famous 4 MAY 1652 letter to his father at Little Gidding was actually addressed to Mr John Ferrar of Little Gidding. (28, Pg 14). This John Ferrar had to be the brother of Nicolas Ferrar, the original founder of Little Gidding, as Nicholas died in ~~1613~~ 1637 (28, Pg 103).

In his 4 MAY 1652 letter Michael U mentions John Ferrar

- a. "--I received the letter which Mr (John) Ferrar sent me ---"
- b. "Pray father be not unkindful to present my service to Mr Ferrar informing ~~him~~ (him) I understand he did not receive half the tokens I sent ---"
- c. "And I sent to Mr Ferrar 8 lb of principall good tobacco for his own drinking and a half a dozen of Indian Paper and a box full of tobacco seeds ---"

JOHN FERRAR

- ① "The bequest of Thomas U (of Lincolnshire) to his nephew, Michael U is a very strong clue that our Michael U of Virginia who addressed a letter, in care of Mr John Ferrar of Little Gidding Huntingdonshire on 4 MAY 1652, was the Michael who was the legatee of Thomas (of Lincs), and the son of Richard (of Huntingdon) and Francis (Oubensol) U of Godmanchester, who must have been on intimate terms with the Ferrars." (28, Pg 10)

JOHN

FERRAR

○ Names in Correspondence in 1630-1660 era between the Ferrars of Little Gidding and individuals in the Colonies.
From Ltr 28 JUN 1995 David R. Anson to RPA

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INDIVIDUALS
IN VA WHO
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&/OR HIS
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- 18) Major Abraham Wood
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THE REFORMED
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- [?] Colonel [?] William Bernard
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- 25) Mr George Lobs

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MARY. FERRAR

- ① Mary Ferrar, nee Mary Woodnott, was mother of Nicholas Ferrar who organized Little Gidding which operated 1625-1660.
(28, pg 103)

① See ltr 22 MAY 1987 Oliver Wung to U to RAL - Coy
Tallman U section.

From the State Library of Richmond, VA in 1955
The Magazine of Virginia History. The Ferrar Papers
Vol II p44. Commemorated by Michael Ferrar ↑
of Little Gidding, Ealing, England 1626-1688.
Virginia Ferrar who acted for her father
who was a deputy to the secretary. [This
document contains the 1651 letter of
Michael U, I to his father - RPA]

NICHOLAS FERRAR, JR

① Nicholas Ferrar Jr was son of John Ferrar and nephew of Nicholas Ferrar for whom he was named. They were all at Little Gidding together sometime in period 1625-1660.

"John's son Nicholas Ferrar, called junior, was quite devoted to the Good Works of the household. He composed an arrangement of the four Gospels in a single narrative for their short hourly devotions. This was profusely illustrated by ~~the~~ members of the Collett family. King Charles I heard of this Harmony and wrote Little Gidding to ask to borrow the volume of the Gospels. He admired it so much that the Colletts decided to make one for their King. Charles made a second trip to receive the volume which the Ferrars had decorated in a much handsomer manner. (28, Pg 103-104)

② Item from Ltr 16 JUN 1994 Emma Louie U to RPU
her note on this item " P.S. Nicholas Ferrar's
birthday is one of those recognized in our Episcopal
devotional book "

TUESDAY, December 1 (Nicholas Ferrar)

1 Thessalonians 2:1-12. *You know how like a father with his children, we exhorted each one of you and encouraged you and charged you to lead a life worthy of God, who calls you into his own kingdom and glory.*

We have turned the bishop St. Nicholas into the jolly Santa Claus. More in accord with the spirit of Advent, Nicholas Ferrar (1592-1637) lived a life which the ancient Greek Nicholas would have commended, as did Paul in the passage quoted. The English Nicholas, as a young man, abandoned a promising career in politics and business to purchase a dilapidated estate, Little Gidding, to which he led his widowed mother and family and others, some married and some single. Nicholas was ordained a deacon, and he and this familial community devoted themselves to constant prayer (taking shifts even through the night) and to works of charity. This year, the four hundredth anniversary of his birth, let us give thanks for this unique Anglican saint.

Lord God, make us worthy of thy perfect love; that with thy deacon Nicholas Ferrar and his household, we may rule ourselves according to thy Word, and serve thee with our whole heart. (Lesser Feasts and Fasts 81)

NICHOLAS FERRAR (2)

① Comment and Item from 1st 29 DEC 1989 Emma Samie'll to RPU

"I wonder if when you were writing Little Gidding, it came through how greatly revered Nicholas Ferrar is in the Episcopal Church. His name always appears in our devotional book on Dec 1 and it also appears in our new Prayer Book Calendar section listing birthdays of the Saints and the saintly."

THURSDAY, Dec. 1

(Nicholas Ferrar)

Luke 20:27-40. Now he is not the God of the dead, but of the living, for all live to him.

It has been a hard year in our parish; several of our long-time members have died. Bernice had been here since she was born, ninety years ago, and had worked with our Quilters' Guild since she was nine years old! Grace, instrumental in bringing grand opera to this city, had been a Twenties' suffragist, yet took time to sew things for the Christmas bazaar. Carrol and Harriet attended here for forty years; he had a fatal heart attack and three months later, she was also dead, of cancer. And this summer, Emily, a twenty-one-year-old senior music major, baptized here when she was an infant, was killed in a car crash. She had been co-directress of the children's choir, and was always the thurifer at any high solemn ceremonial Eucharist.

I shall not pull up another warm quilt without thinking, Bernice! In the second act of the Tosca, I hear Grace's soft laugh in my ear. Every time I see an aging couple, laughing, walking in the rain, I think for a moment that it's Carrol and Harriet. And when the thurible swings majestically and the incense rises in salute to God, I glance toward the aisle, wondering if Emily is there, alive.

She is. They are. God is God of the living.

① From the will of Thomas U (of Leicestershire) written 20 APR 1654, probated 20 AUG 1654.

A. To my niece Susannah U (sister of Michael U the immigrant)

B. Another clue in the will of Thomas U (of Leic) is a small bequest: "To my niece, Susannah U." one of the important persons in the Religious Household of the Ferrars and Colletts at Little Gidding was Susannah (Ferrar) Collett. It would have been natural for Richard U (of Huntingdon) to have named a daughter for her as she was his benefactor. " (28, Pg 10)

② "Another clue [as to why Richard U moved to Huntingdonshire] is that Frances Collett whom Michael U had married in ~~15~~ 1583 was probably related to the Colletts of Little Gidding. Susannah Ferrar and her husband John Collett and their sixteen children were part of the household of this Religious Retreat conducted by Nicholas Ferrar. It would have been natural for Richard U to have been influenced by Frances (Collett) U, to join the Colletts at Little Gidding. " (28, Pg 12).

SUSANNAH FERRAR

- ① Valentine Patten and Robert Hubbard both obtained land grants in Surry Co, VA in 1654. Both claimed Michael & and James Collett. James Collett, and his brother Richard Collett who came to VA in 1642, were sons of Susannah (Ferrar) Collett of Little Gidding, England.
(28, Pg 13).

SUSANNAH FERRAR

- ① Susannah Ferrar was an older sister of Nicholas Ferrar the founder of Little Gidding. She and John Collett of Bourne. They had 16 children and also lived at Little Gidding. Some of Susannah (Ferrar) Collett's children were named and spent their lives dedicated to the ideals of service. Little Gidding was ransacked by Cromwell's soldiers after the group protected King Charles I on the night of 2 MAR 1646. The family escaped and later returned. "Many of Susannah Collett's daughters had fulfilled their desires and married doctors and ministers and gone on to disperse their way of life. Richard Collett, one of the sons of Susannah, was in the Virginia Colony as early as 1642. It was during 1649-1650 when Michael II and James Collett, another son of Susannah, came to Virginia. (28, Pg 103-104)

VIRGINIA FERRAR

① Virginia Ferrar was dau of John Ferrar of Little Gidding by his 2nd wife. Virginia was a niece of ~~the~~ Michael Ferrar the founder of Little Gidding. She was secretary to her father at Little Gidding. (28, Pg 104)
In his 4 MAY 1652 ltr to his father Michael II says regarding Virginia Ferrar:

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VIRGINIA FERRAR

1) Went Upchurch Book Pg 13

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Edward Digges of VA had descendants who incl Herndon → incl Bacon → Beaver → Isham Smith II. "However the special interest of Edward Digges was the attempt to establish a silk industry by growing mulberry trees for silk worms to feed on. He was mentioned in a panegyric in poetry by John Collett, written in praise of his cousin, Miss Virginia Ferrar, daughter of John Ferrar" (Ferrar Papers, Magdalene College, Cambridge University) (28, pg 98).

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From the State Library of Richmond VA in 1955
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○ From Ltr 16 JAN 1994 Emma Lowie to DRB

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Signed in the name of the Keepers of the liberty of the Commonwealth of England by Ric. Bennett and Wm. Chalborne with their Seals.

(*Colonial Papers*, Vol. II, No. 52.)

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At Magdalene College, Cambridge.

Communicated by MICHAEL LLOYD FERRAR, Little Gidding,
Ealing, Eng.

(CONTINUED)

VIRGINIA SILK AND VIRGINIA FERRAR* (1626-1688).

Allusion has been made on p. 285 Vol. X., of this Magazine, to the silk industry of Virginia in the earlier days of the Settlement, when John Pory was Secretary, and to the later work in the same direction done by the Deputy John Ferrar's remarkable daughter Virginia. Among these Cambridge papers are a number relating to her, in print and in manuscript, which show the active part she took in the work and the very high esteem in which she was held, as well in Virginia as in London, by those interested in the New Dominion.

The writ of *Quo Warranto* issued by King James in 1624 put an end to the official connection of the Ferrars with the Settlement and in the following year they left London, with its *fumum et opus strepitumque*, for the calm retreat of Little Gidding in Huntingdonshire, where they established in the old Manor House the religious community which made such a name for itself in the reign of Charles I and excited the bigoted wrath of the Puritans of that time, resulting in the sacking by them of

*It would seem that the papers Mr. Ferrar describes are, to a considerable extent, the original material of "The Reformed Virginia Silk-Worm," reprinted in *Forces Tracts*. The verses addressed to Edward Digges are, therefore, already in print.

the Manor House and the adjacent church. But the Ferrars would not abandon their special work there, of teaching the Holy Scriptures to the young, healing the sick, compiling illustrated concordances of the Gospels, holding daily services in the church, Nicholas having been ordained a Deacon, fervent in spirit, serving the Lord. And they did not forget Virginia, in which and the Bermuda islands they had plantations, and they kept up their connection with it long after Nicholas's death in 1637 and after John's death in 1657: as is shown by these Cambridge papers and letters. In this, John's daughter Virginia actively assisted him while he lived, and she carried on the work after his death, at which time she was thirty-one years of age. She was born in 1626, on Christmas Eve and was christened on the following day, and his mother and Nicholas named her *Virginia*, "so that," John writes in his *Life of N. F.*, "speaking unto her, looking upon her, or hearing others call her by her name, he might think upon both at once. This is but by the bye; yet let me say, both grandmother and uncle loved her and liked her much the better for her name; and what further insight they had in giving her that name, let others conjecture." This last remark may allude to the fact that she was never married. [Mayor's *Two Lives of N. F.*] She lived with her brother John, who succeeded his Father, and died in 1688. The brother lived to 1719 when he died aged 89 [Mayor]. He also took a keen interest in furthering the Virginia silk industry and among the Cambridge paper is a long, four pages of foolscap, metrical address to "the most noble deserving Squire Diggs upon the arrival of his two Armenians out of Turkey into Virginia." It is signed "J. ff. Jun'." and has marginal corrections in his father's handwriting. It begins:

Where Wormes and Foode doe naturally abound
A gallant Silken Trade must there be found.
Virginia excells the World in booth.

"Envie nor Mallice can gaine say this troth."

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ending with:—

"But Noble Diggs carryes the Bell away
Whose Ten pounds Silke now made must beare the sway.
His two Armenians from Turkey sent

Are now most busy on his brave attempt:
 And all his Stock suffition for nyx yeare
 Ten thousand pound of silk would then appeare.
 Loe heere what Mistris Mary Ward hath sent
 And to her Lady Cosen she presents
 Ten rare Bottoms* took from her Appell tree
 That all England may it beeleve and see.
 Her honored kinsman Esquire Ferrar
 To conferme and make the wonder greater
 Ten more likewise hath sent her which he found
 On stately Oakes and Shrubs that kiss the ground:
 And Doctor Russell that learn'd Phisitian
 Hath with his made a fuller Addission:
 For things more slowly doe affect the mind
 Which cares doe heare than those that Eyes doe find†
 Now from Smoak Virginia shalbe raysd
 And throughout the Worlde be duly prayسد.
 And blest be God that now in his due time
 This silken Light apparently doth shine.
 Then come, oh come! with sacred Lays
 Lett us sound the Almighty's prayse.

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and underneath:—to Squire Diggs:

Courage, brave sir, syth Ayde from God is sent
 Goe on Proceed, Drive forth thy great intent.
 (signed) VF (which are Virginia Ferrar's monogram,)
 The following MS. is worth preserving in full:

To the honor'd Lady Mrs.
 Virginia Ferrar on her new
 discovery of the Silk-trade
 in those parts of the world.

How com'st thou, Lady, thus to guild thy leaves

* *I. e.*, cocoons.

† Here he literally translates Horace:
 "Segnius irritant animos demissa per dūrem
 Quam quod sunt oculis subjecta fīdibus."—*De Arte Poetica*.

With wonders from the shining silkworme's sleeves? *
 What strange contextures this? Will you link either
 The famous Ends of both the Worlds together?
 Bind an apprentice faire Virginia
 To reap Persian harvests in America?
 Europe's thy quarter, England boasts thy birth;
 How thou Ally'd to the Asiatique Earth?
 Heroic Lady this bright golden mine
 Sprung in thy Soule, this happy-high-designe
 W'ch thou wast borne for, to enrich th s land
 Plant Eden on thy deare Virginian strand.
 Wee need no more dispute what place did beare
 That blessed name, since heare thou art, 'tis there
 Thy now discovered profitable trade
 Makes the World yonge, as if it were new made.
 Thy unmeasur'd Bountyes dost so free dispence
 As at the first in tymes of Innocence
 Merchants, Mechanick-Traders, poor, rich all
 Shall thee the Foundress of there Fortunes call.
 The Muses Darlings with there silver Tongues
 Yr Fame resound in there delightful Songs.
 Let thy dear Parent, pious Patriot, sage,
 Share in thine honor, glory of his Age.
 His Education and thy Virtuuous Mind
 God's favour in this worke were all conjoined.

(S^d) MIGIPH, physitian.

There are other similar panegyrics on this remarkable young lady, but space prevents us from giving more of them here. She conducted her father's correspondence with his Virginia people while he lived, and some of the letters written to her in this time from Virginia are quaint and curious. Michall Upchurch, in his letter of 27th March, 1651, says he is sending her some curious things—a basket, skins of animals, a "flying hart's head and horns," the "rattles of a rattlesnake," a "crowne of a bird." "This is all that I could provide to send you at present—nixt yeir I hope to be of better abilitie to serve you," &c.,

*Sleeves means skeins of spun silk.

&c. P. S. "I have sent you a young live turtel in a glass bottel." We wonder how long it remained "live."

John Storing, writing to her (undated, but about 1650) thanks her for Books sent to him by her: "Some of them I sold but could get nothing for them. I have sent you a token, that is an Indian basket and three Indian Pipes and three for my mother, and I have sent you a sea tree and a oyster pearl, and there is with the rest of the things in the basket a roote for youre father as I am towld with great vertu in it," &c., &c.

~~One contemporaneously-printed tribute to her begins:~~

Come gallants, if yee w^d be brave
And yet your pins and money save
Throw off those sheepshair-clothes, be fine,
Take silk, of if't like you, Satine.

* * * * *

Had not you, sweet Cozen, made known
How Silkworms feed and spin alone.
This your deserts hath so set forth
As that to match your matchless worth
Ambition dares not aspire,
Envie must sit still and admire.

I say no more lest that the Gods should hear:
For if they should, they'll women turn, I fear.

(s^d)

JOHN COLLETT.

John Collett was son to her aunt, Susanna Ferrar, who married John Collett, and had many children, including eight daughters. Six of these married, the two unmarried ones being Mary and Anna. Mary is well known to the readers of "John Inglesant" and the various *Lives* of N. F. as having been the guiding spirit after old Mrs. Ferrar's death in 1634 of the Gidding community. She and Anna resolved when young never to marry and they adhered to their resolution, Mary dying unmarried at the age of 80. No record was kept, or exists, of Anna's death. There are many of her letters among the Cambridge papers under notice, including the one in which she declares her intention to remain unmarried. Both she and her sister became the adopted daughters of Nicholas and wrote themselves Ferrar instead of Collett.

They took no part in the Virginia business, the only woman, apparently, of the family who did this being Virginia, the subject of our sketch. She is not mentioned, beyond the above quoted record of her birth, in any of the Stories of Little Gidding.* It is fitting that the *Virginia Historical Magazine* should give her a niche in its gallery of those who did well for the young settlement in its early days.

M. LL. FERRAR, Little Gidding.

May 7th, 1903.

VIRGINIA IN 1638-39.

GOVERNOR WYATT'S COMMISSION AND INSTRUCTIONS.

(Abstracts by W. N. Sainsbury, and copies in the McDonald and De Jarnett Papers, Virginia State Library.)

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ORDER IN REGARD TO PORTS IN VIRGINIA.

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July 27, 1638.

Report of the Sub Committee for Foreign Plantations to the Lords of the Privy Council. On two petitions in the name of the Planters and Traders to Virginia. Complaining by the first that by an Order made in August last by the Governor there they are compelled to unlade all their goods at James Town only & offer reasons why the same is very inconvenient to them, the Sub Commit. conceive that no Master of a ship Should break bulk until he comes to James Town, but as the public Storehouse is gone to ruin & decay & there are few or no private

* Among the old letters is a pretty love letter addressed to her by her cousin, John Mapleton, when an undergraduate at Cambridge, dated August 26, 1650. She was then 24, he 20 years of age. It came to nothing.

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