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NOTE

Halloween heralds in the holidays and in this issue there are No Tricks, only Treats! In our goodie bag is a very special story by Mae Davenport Cox! She is the author of a great many books of the Upchurches, related families and much more, including The Upchurches of Virginia, North Carolina, Arkansas, and Indian Territory: 1624-1925. Her article in this issue relates to early times and John Ferrar and the Ferrar Papers including our emigrant ancestor Michael Upchurch. We are thrilled and look forward to hearing from her in the future.

If you have family stories or pictures to share that we may post in our newsletter, please contact us!

Cindy Hale
Editor

James Curtis Upchurch

Repsie Rochester Cotten



Repsie Rochester Cotten and James Curtis Upchurch

This photo was taken on their Wedding day, Oct 24, 1895, in Holly Springs, Wake County, NC.



The couple had 7 children. Curt and Repsie are buried at the Old City Cemetery, Tallahassee, FL. Curt's parents were Bennett (Benton) A. Up-

church and Sarah A C Lawrence. He is a Great-grandson of Moses Upchurch, Clan I. To see much more about this family, go to Ancestry.com; click the "search box"; select "Member Directory" and enter "Phil Upchurch"; Select UAFA—Upchurch Families. You will then be able see all the UAFA Trees including the UAFA Moses Upchurch Tree.



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"Done! Everyone in the family tree has been found and everything is perfectly organized including the photos" said no genealogist ... EVER.

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John Ferrar and the Ferrar Papers

by Mae Davenport Cox



During the 1650s, John Ferrar and his daughter Virginia corresponded with Michael, and the Ferrar Papers, now available online, include four of Michael Upchurch's letters.

The collection itself began in 1590. John's father Nicholas Ferrar was an early member of the Virginia Company of London. His business papers, along with old Mrs. Ferrar's personal writings to her friends and family, were collected and saved. When Nicholas died in 1620, his son John had for a year, been deputy to the Treasurer of The Virginia Company of London and thus responsible for the day-to-day administration of the company. In 1622 John's younger brother, Nicholas, succeeded him and held the post until the dissolution of the company two years later. Company meetings were held in the Ferrars' home in London and when the company was dissolved, the business papers remained with the Ferrars.

With the company's demise in 1624, the family retreated to the 600-acre manor of Little Gidding in Huntingdonshire. The Ferrars lived some five miles from the Upchurches in Brington though it's not known if they then knew the family or if their association came later in the 1650s.

Even after he left his post with the Virginia Company, John's fascination with America and the Virginia Colony never waned. He was so intrigued that when his daughter was born in 1627, he named her Virginia.

The Ferrars left their manor during England's 1642-1645 civil war, but had returned by 1646. Once again John's interest in the colony became paramount and he began encouraging migration to it.

John Ferrar's talents also ran to creating maps as shown in this hand-drawn one of Virginia in 1651.

To promote his mission, John designed a questionnaire that he sent to settlers of his acquaintance in the Americas. By 1648 he had received enough data from the colonists to write a pamphlet — A Perfect Description of Virginia — touting Virginia

and urging disillusioned Royalists to seek a better life there. It was during this era that Ferrar made contact with our Michael Upchurch as you'll see in the next several pages.

Through the years, more items were added to the collection as the Ferrars' archive passed from generation to generation. In 1769, Peter Packard inherited it from his father-in-law, Edward Ferrar, and being childless bequeathed it to Magdalene College in Cambridge, England at his death in 1797.

The collection was sorted and arranged several times for the college. Alan Maycock began the process in the 1930s; it was continued in 1979 by Noel Malcolm, and it was he who realized there were actually four letters written by Michael Upchurch. A decade later, in 1989, Dr. David R. Ransome completed cataloguing the collection, and notified the Upchurch Bulletin editor of the existence of Michael's four letters.

Today, the meticulously catalogued Ferrar Papers, consisting of over 3,000 items span-



John Ferrar's talents also ran to creating maps as shown in this hand-drawn map of Virginia in 1651. [Click on Map to Enlarge.](#)



ning the years 1590-1790, are preserved in the Old Library at Magdalene College in Cambridge, England. We are most grateful to Magdalene College who graciously gave permission to this author to reprint the Upchurch letters in the book, Michael Upchurch 1624-1681.

*1 This article about the Ferrar Papers and John Ferrar was written using materials found on Michael Upchurch of Huntingdonshire and Virginia, by Dr. David R. Ransome, in several of the **Upchurch Bulletin (UB) publications** written by Robert Phillip Upchurch, and from information off the internet. Dr. David R. Ransome graciously edited the article making several changes and additions. His time and efforts to making this article accurate is greatly appreciated.*

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