Dear Mr. Nobbs:

I am indebted to you for the kind response to my inquiries to the Chipperfield website.  I sent several questions several months ago and was worried that no one seemed to care.  Your letter is most welcome.

I'm afraid that I am unfamiliar with the 19th and 20th Century Hollimans in Hertfordshire.  My ancestry from Chipperfield starts in the 16th Century !   I am in the 12th generation of 14 generations of a Holliman patriarchy.  My 12-great grandfather was John Holliman, born in 1572 in Hertfordshire,  married a Judith  ???, and migrated to the Virginia Colonies before 1635.  He died in Southhampton, Virginia, in 1650.  One of his sons, Christopher C. Holliman, Sr.,  witnessed some documents in the Jamestown, Virginia colony in 1655.  Christopher, my 11-great grandfather,  was born either on the Caribbean Island of St. Kitts, British West Indies,  (from whence he got his name), or in Virginia in 1631.  He was married twice,  Anne ???  and  Mary Richard in 1654.  They had 6 children.  He died in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, in 1691.

I have been informed by a cousin that the Anglican Church (St. Paul's) in Chipperfield has a number of plaques on its inner walls dedicated to Hollimans.  It is very likely that my 13-great grand parents are buried in the cemetery at St. Paul's.  Do you belong to that congregation ?

I have been to England several times but did not know of the Chipperfield connection at the time.  My mother was a Burns: directly related to Bobbie Burns.  My other ancestors were Blakeneys from Ireland.  Thus, I am half Scot, a quarter English and a quarter Irish.  I am attaching several photos that I hope you can open.  One is of my 7-great uncle, Lord Baron Sir William Blakeney buried in the floor of Westminster Abbey;  his grave stone before and after digital restoration;  one of me;  and my beloved wife and me.   I am 77 years old and have 2 sons who are physicians.  One is a specialist in Internal Medicine (age 49)  and the other is a world-traveling trauma surgeon who teaches surgery in Third World countries (age 51).  I am a retired medical missionary (Central and South America) and live with my wife in a semi-rural area of Virginia.

I hope that this will generate a trans-oceanic friendship that will be rewarding for all.  I really appreciate your time and effort to open this new field of Holliman research.  I have thousands of free air-miles accumulated with U.S. Airways and hope to return to London soon.  I am lead to believe that one can take the "tube" from London to a point only 6 miles from Chipperfeld.  I would be truly blessed to visit St. Paul's and see those plaques !   I have three dominating hobbies:  digital photography, genealogy and computer restoration of antique photos and production of collages.

Your brother in Christ,   Dr. Rhodes B. Holliman (ret.),