Dear Mr. Nobbs:

I am overwhelmed with efforts that you and your family have bestowed on me.   I never dreamed that someone outside my family could get so keenly interested in Holliman genealogy.  I hope sincerely,  that the work of your wife and son will pay dividends to other Hollimans living in Hertfordshire, particularly in the vicinity of Chipperfield and King's Langley.  Considering the age of the church in King's Langley,  I would guess that our ancestral Hollimans were associated with that institution.  Your wife and son are really "wonder workers" !    Before I forget,  the vessel and date that John Hollyman (Holliman) escaped England is unknown at this time.  I have been led to believe that he and his pregnant wife (Judith)  were being persecuted by Royalty and fled England for the New World.  Two theories exist.  First, and probably correct,  she and he sailed to the Island of St. Kitts in the British West Indies.  His son, Christopher, Sr., may have been born there.  As you know,  "Kitts" is a British pen name for "Christopher." This possibility has strengthened the source of Christopher's name.  The alternative is a landing in Virginia, probably the Jamestown Colony.  Jamestown will be 398 years old this year !   I realize that this anniversary is a "blink of the eye" compared to longevity of UK settlements and monuments, but the 400th anniversary is being highly touted on auto license plates in Virginia.

I would like to know more about the royal palace at King's Langley and the Church.  Is the church still used for worship ?  The UK is my favorite place in all the world and I pray that my health will allow me to visit again.  I'm not your average American !   I hate the hostile reputation that my country has acquired by starting wars in the Middle East.  I served as a draftee in the Korean War and that was bad enough.  WW II  was the last war of "necessity" that was justifiable.  I missed the Normandy invasion by about 6 months due to age.

I would like to know a little of your family:  your age and career,  your son's age, your postal address, and a digital of your home.  I think that I told you that I was a medical missionary in Central and South America, spending most of my service in Guatemala. My second wife, at 65,  is still employed.  She is a psychiatric and academic career counselor at a nearby junior college.  I'll put a recent photo of our home and family on an attachment later.  We too live in a beautiful, rural community near a little town (Dublin). We live at 2300 feet altitude and our northerly view looks out toward mountains that are 40 air miles away.  I have

some highly detailed maps of England and have located Chipperfield and surrounding communities.

I am impressed that your family is spending a lot of time and energy, and probably money,  in my behalf.  Is there any way I can compensate you for your effort ?   I have sent your correspondence to other family members who are good genealogists and they have responded with surprise and gratitude.

I too have "Kodak Easy Share" and a new Kodak DX 6490 camera.  I'm still learning its functions.  I had great fun converting the photo images in your email to a format that I could process with Adobe Photoshop-7,  and I have loaded everything on a CD for safe keeping.  What magnificent photos !  I am blessed to know you.

More to follow within the week.  Your brother in Christ,  Doc