

THE PARISH OF ST MARY & HOLY TRINITY, BOW

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Dear Mr Lewis

First of all may I introduce myself? My name is Sheila Rawlins and I am a member of the above Church which is situated just down the road from where the next Olympic Games will be held in Stratford, East End of London.

My reason for writing is to say that we have discovered that Philip Ludwell, one time Governor of both North and South Carolina and a leading politician in Virginia, is buried in the crypt of our church! I telephoned the American Embassy in London to see if they had any information about him in their Archive and they have sent me a great deal of information some of which was sourced through you.

We will be celebrating our 700th anniversary in 2011 and as you can imagine any information about our Church is of great interest to us - especially having a person of such high status as Philip Ludwell buried here.

I am wondering whether you have any further information about him which would be of interest to us? We are particularly wondering how he came to be buried in our church and why he came back to England after having such an illustrious career in America. I also thought you would be interested to know where he is buried. Since some of the information about him was sourced through you I am wondering whether he may be an ancestor of yours?

I am enclosing some literature from our church together with a picture of our church for your information. The church looks very nice in the snow but today we are experiencing temperatures of about 30° Centigrade so it doesn't quite look like that now!

I look forward very much to hearing from you and hope that the above is of some interest to you.

With kindest regards from the Rector and congregation of the Church of St Mary and Holy Trinity, Bow

Yours very sincerely

Sheila Rawlins
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