Half a century ago, Cambridge University Press published the collected letters of Isaac Newton. In this talk, I share my favorite examples of Newton as correspondent. From his first known letter in 1661, through exchanges with Leibniz, Locke, *et. al.*, and on to items from the period when he ran the Mint in London, these writings give glimpses of Newton at his best … and his worst. I’ll end with Newton’s most-quoted line (about standing on the shoulders of giants) and about how my search for the original document led me, improbably, to a library in Philadelphia.

Note: This talk contains *no* mathematics.