



Gravestone of Venture Smith in  
First Church Cemetery  
East Haddam, Connecticut

# 21<sup>TH</sup> ANNUAL VENTURE SMITH DAY

A CONNECTICUT FREEDOM TRAIL  
CELEBRATION

1 to 4 pm

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 9, 2017

FIRST CHURCH CEMETERY  
ROUTE 151 (TOWN STREET)  
EAST HADDAM, CONNECTICUT

## Speakers

**RUSSELL SHORTO**  
best selling author and  
New York Times writer

**KARL P. STOFKO**  
East Haddam Municipal Historian

Display of African American Quilts,  
original 1798 copy of Venture's Narrative,  
& genealogy of Venture's family

Proclamation, Wreath Laying Ceremony  
and Refreshments