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As editor of this newsletter, I have the pleasure of hearing from readers from time to time who share feedback or simply want to be in touch with the family they read about in Pardon's Progeny. Marianne Fox Raftis was one of those correspondents, along with her sister, Catherine Fox Madsen. Both are now deceased. Look closely at their complicated genealogy at the end. There are many possibilities that readers may share their lineage.

Marianne's son, Michael Raftis, wrote to me after his mother's passing in May 2015. His tribute was touching and he has given me permission to share some of his writing with you.

From the obituary of **Marianne Fox Raftis:**

Mom passed away peacefully on May 29, 2015, just a month shy of her anticipated 96th birthday on July 5, with all of her loving children at her side. Affectionately known as “Heart” by her loved ones (her grandson’s response to her calling him Sweetheart), Mom was all about family. She was a 75 year member of the First Baptist Church of Owego (NY), but studied Catholic Catechism with her Aunt Mercedes so that she would have knowledge of that church’s doctrines and could speak knowledgeably with her aunt’s children.

Mom graduated from Gloversville High School at the age of 16, from Green Mountain Junior college in 1938 and Hartwick College in 1940. Despite the workplace potential of someone with her intelligence and academic preparation, she deferred starting her teaching career to stay at home and impart the proper influence on her young family. Regardless of her nearly 20-year hiatus from academia, Mom confidently entered the working-world in 1959, at the age of 40, to teach in the business department at Owego Free Academy. She would eventually earn a Master’s Degree in Education from SUNY Albany in 1964, matriculating with students nearly half her age, and soon rose to the position of Chairman of the OFA Business Department, where she became known to her colleagues as “Chief.”

Mom had an inspirational demeanor to her teaching style and, although known to be stern with the rascals, it was amazing that, in the years after her retirement in 1982, she was often approached by rascals and brown-nosers alike with beloved expressions of thanks for her efforts and influence on their development.

In later life, Mom and her sister Cay did an extensive genealogical research project that qualified them for admission into patriotic societies such as the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Daughters of American Colonists, the Daughters of Indian Wars and the Society of New England Women. At various times, Mom held state-level Regent posts and enjoyed researching and presenting interesting programs at the meetings.

Mom was an old-school patriot. At parades, she would hoist herself up out of her lawn chair and come to attention on her two arthritic knees, hand over heart, to show her respect for the passing American flag. Bridge groups and bird- or squirrel-watching rounded out her final days as she was doted upon by her watchful son.

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From Michael's cover message to me:

I lived with Mom for the past four years, easing her down the home-stretch. You can imagine that, at times, my role was difficult. I had no idea what to do, a 60-year-old man taking care of a 95-year-old woman. But her countenance and positive spirit made my function so much easier.

In regard to your Tillinghast group, after my dad and Uncle Al both died in 1989, Mom and her sister, Catherine Fox Madsen, delved into their genealogy "hobby" with devout vigor, enjoying many years of research, cemetery visits, meetings and occasional reunion (once or twice venturing to Rhode Island, as I recall).

Mom was appreciative of being able to collaborate with your well-organized associationfeeling "part of the family" ... and it was always a special mail-day when the Pardon's Progeny publication arrived.

In closing, just my sincere thanks for the fidelity of your association with Mom and for gifting her with so many pleasurable moments and memories.

Regards,

Michael Raftis

By email, I asked Todd Lawrence for Marianne's genealogy information. Here is his reply:

Well, that is a complicated question, believe it or not. Marianne (Fox) Raftis actually descends from three different children of the third generation John Tillinghast (Pardon, Pardon, John).

Lineage # 1: Pardon, Pardon, John, Charles, Pardon, Susannah (md. Benjamin Tillinghast Allen), John Tillinghast, Allen, Sarah Allen (md Albert Fox), Floyd Fox, Marianne Fox

Lineage # 2: Pardon, Pardon, John, Benjamin, Sarah (md. Joseph Allin), Benjamin Tillinghast Allen (md. Susannah Tillinghast), John Tillinghast, Allen, Sarah Allen (md Albert Fox), Floyd Fox, Marianne Fox

Lineage # 3: Pardon, Pardon, John, Anne (md. John Allin), Joseph Allin, Benjamin Tillinghast Allen, John Tillinghast, Allen, Sarah Allen (md Albert Fox), Floyd Fox, Marianne Fox

Readers, I hope you have found Michael's tribute and family information interesting. He was hopeful that this article would serve to inform family members of Marianne's passing. When I corresponded with her, I shared that we may have other connections ourselves as my father's mother was a Fox. We didn't research that, but I enjoyed imagining we might have that tie. GTT

Dear Cousins,

*The following names have previously been on our mailing list. For some reason, they have ceased receiving Pardon's Progeny. I think, for the most part, that they may have changed email addresses and failed to let us know. After several tries, I have had to drop them. If you know anyone on the list and can update their email address, please let me know. Thank you. **Greta***

Frank & Tara Tillinghast, RI; Jimmy L. Tillinghast, TX; George Tillinghast, NJ; Dawn Troisi, NY; Christine Taylor, RI; Rixford Beals, NJ; M. Tillinghast, NY; Joan Tillinghast, RI; Gladys Chase, CT; Dr. and Mrs. Gregory Prussia, WA; Gene and Amelia Schlosser, FL; Linda English, PA; Carol Tillinghast, NJ; C. Dan Tillinghast, MA; Howell Tillinghast, RI; Irving Tillinghast, MA; Jay "Scott" Tillinghast, TX; Josh Patterson, NC; Janette C. Holmes, IL; Pamela Ellis, CA.

Tillinghast Royal Lines

By Audrey R. Coming (*Pardon, Pardon, John, Charles, Pardon, Thomas, Harriet (Tillinghast) Keigwin, Henry Keigwin, Grace Keigwin, Audrey (Werner) Coming*)

All is not lost because Pardon¹ Tillinghast's royal lines were disproved (his mother was not Elizabeth Tichbone. (See "The American Genealogist" vol. 37, p. 34-38). If you have ever wondered if you have Royal Lines through your other Tillinghast ancestors here are a few hints to follow. If you are a descendant of the colonists Audrey Barlow who married William Almy or Griffith Bowen and his wife Margaret Fleming then you are on your way to being a descendant of Charlemagne and other illustrious royal figures.

Audrey Barlow's great granddaughters Anne & Phebe Greene married John³ Tillinghast; also Griffith Bowen and Margaret Fleming's 6th great granddaughter Mary Sabin Hayward married Thomas⁵ Sweet Tillinghast (his first wife).

Besides Charlemagne you will find that your royal lines include Henry I, King of England; his father William the Conqueror; Malcolm Canmore, King of the Scots; Pepin, King of Italy; Alfred the Great, King of England; Cerdic, King of the Saxons; Clovis, Frankish King of Cologne; Henry I of Germany, the Fowler; and Gruffudd ap Ifor Bach who held the Welsh lordship of Senghenydd of the Honor of Glamorgan and many others too numerous to mention.

Here are some book sources you may search to discover your royal lines:

1. "The Royal Descent of 600 Immigrants to the American Colonies or the United States" by Gary Boyd Roberts, Genealogical Publishing Co. Inc., Baltimore, 2008, pp 485, 486 for Griffith Bowen and Margaret Fleming; pp. 457, 881 for Audrey Barlow.
2. "Ancestral Roots of Sixty Colonists who came to New England between 1623 and 1650" by Frederick Louis Weis, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, 1988. Many lines of most royal ancestors.
3. "Plantagenet Ancestry of Seventeenth Century Colonists", second addition by David Faris, New England Historic Genealogical Society, Boston, 1999. A few lines.
4. "Pedigrees of Some of the Emperor Charlemagne's Descendants" compiled by J. Orton Buck and Timothy Field Beard, Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., Baltimore, 1988.
5. "The Descendants of William Sabin of Rehoboth, Massachusetts" compiled by Gordan Alan Morris and Thomas J. and Dixie Prittie, published by Philip Sabin Hibbard I, Penobscot Press, Nov. 1994.
6. "The Tillinghasts in America, the First Four Generations", by Wayne C. Tillinghast, Special Publication⁹ by Rhode Island Genealogy Society, 2006. (p. 25 for Thomas Sweet Tillinghast).

If you have any questions about this article you may get in touch with Audrey R. Coming.

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Don't we all just love thinking we might have been royalty if the circumstances had been just a bit different? Audrey R. Coming, an avid Pardon's Progeny reader, has given us a taste of royalty fever here. As with all submissions, if you have a response to this information, I encourage you to submit it. Maybe we all can dream about being king or queen for a day. GTT



Pardon's Burial Ground symbolizes the uniqueness of our Tillinghast heritage and the role the family plays in preserving early American history. Daffodils pictured here in front of Pardon Tillinghast's gravestone promise to burst in the spring just as our Tillinghast Society, Inc. 501(C)3 group promises to grow our membership and renew interest in our family line. Pardon's marker sits above many other Tillinghast graves which remain unlisted. Your newly chartered Society's Board of Directors are discussing many historical responsibilities regarding this significant plot on Benefit Street in Providence, Rhode Island. First we must repair the cemetery plot which was last refurbished in 1889. Then we consider identifying individuals who are also buried in the plot. With that information, we may install appropriate, respectful signage so that those souls will not be lost to history. In addition, we consider making the area more attractive to visitors. Maybe a bench or two could be added. Those ideas will grow with time.

We need your help. Our email list at this time includes just over 100 recipients of this newsletter. Will you please help us add to that list. Please send your editor names, contact information and email addresses for family members of the Tillinghast line. Help us to reach many more individuals who would like to be part of this family movement. We ask for addresses so we can tell where our members cluster. For example, I recently informed a new reader that several members live in the northwest near her. That was a surprise to her.

As our membership grows, we will continue to tell you about funding needs for our plot. As you know from previous articles, this historic piece belongs to the Tillinghast family, an awesome responsibility to maintain. **After the first of the year, a fundraising campaign will start in earnest.**

ONE LINE OF DESCENT FROM ELDER PARDON TILLINGHAST

By Wayne G. Tillinghast

Detailed information on the first four generations of this line from Pardon¹ is included in my book, *The Tillinghasts in America, The First Four Generations*, and not repeated here. The purpose of this article is to report details on the rest of the line from John⁵, (Thomas⁴, John³, Pardon², Pardon¹) on down.

1. **ELDER PARDON¹ TILLINGHAST**, the son of Pardon and Sarah (Browne) Tillinghast, was born in England about 1622, and died at Providence, in the Colony of Rhode Island, 29 January 1717/18.
2. **PARDON² TILLINGHAST**, Esq., (Pardon¹), son of Elder Pardon and Lydia (Taber) Tillinghast was born at Providence 16 February 1667/8, and died at East Greenwich, Rhode Island on 15 October 1743 in his seventy-seventh year.
3. **JOHN³ TILLINGHAST** (Pardon², Pardon¹), son of Pardon and Mary (Keech) Tillinghast, was born probably at Providence, but perhaps at East Greenwich, about 1691 and died at West Greenwich, Rhode Island on 21 October 1777.
4. **THOMAS⁴ TILLINGHAST**, Esq., (John³, Pardon², Pardon¹), son of John and his third wife Ann (Allin) Tillinghast, was born at East Greenwich 27 April 1732, and died at age ninety-five at West Greenwich 21 October 1827.
5. **JOHN⁵ TILLINGHAST**, (Thomas⁴, John³, Pardon², Pardon¹), son of Thomas and Mary (Thomas) Tillinghast, was born at West Greenwich 4 November 1756; and died there on 11 July 1802. He married at West Greenwich 1 Jan. 1777 his first cousin **PHEBE⁵ TILLINGHAST**, the daughter of Benjamin⁴, (John³, Pardon², Pardon¹), and Sarah (James) Tillinghast, who was born at West Greenwich 8 March 1758, and died there on 13 April 1816.

On 13 June 1777 John purchased twenty acres in West Greenwich located near the colony line. On 12 Nov. 1778 his father deeded him one hundred and fifty acres of land from the latter's home farm, twenty acres being located over the state line in Voluntown, Connecticut. On 29 March 1782 he acquired another one hundred and fifteen acres from the executor of the estate of his late brother-in-law, Thomas Hoxsie. Hoxsie's widow, John's sister Anne, who was then married to Abraham Wilcox of Exeter, quit-claimed her dower interests in the land on 9 May 1782. After the deaths of John and Phebe, the farm stayed in the family, owned first by their son Benjamin and then his son Benjamin, until 1902 when it was sold to a development corporation by the latter Benjamin's children, Dr. Francis A. Tillinghast and Agnes A. (Tillinghast) Hutchins. John built a house on the property which was still standing in 1903 when it was the subject of a newspaper article preserved in volume 10 at pages 58-60 of the Rhode Island Scrap Book series at the Rhode Island Historical Library. A photograph of the house was reproduced in Pardon's Progeny I, May 1976, 3:1:12.

John, a farmer, was proposed as a freeman in West Greenwich in April of 1777 and was accepted on 27 May 1777. On 21 April 1779 he was appointed a constable in the place of Benedict Casey, and appointed to a full term at the annual meeting on 30 May 1780. On 1 Dec. 1795 he was designated to serve as a juror at the April session of the Kent County Superior Court, and on 30 Aug. 1796 designated to serve as a grand juror at the October term. According to the West Greenwich Town Meeting records, he served as one of the overseers of highways for many years.

John was an ensign in the Third West Greenwich Company of the Rhode Island Militia in 1777, and two decades later, in 1798 and 1799, served as a Captain in the West Greenwich Company of the Kent County Senior Class Regiment. His gravestone identifies him as "Capt." most likely because of his position in the militia. A newspaper clipping dated 1934, found in the James N. Arnold Papers at the Knight Memorial Library, asserts that during the

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Revolution John served in Captain Joseph Hopkins' Alarm Company of West Greenwich. In the 1960s there was a Sons of the American Revolution flag on his grave.

When John died intestate in 1802, and Phebe appointed his administratrix, , the inventory of his personal estate was appraised at \$800.54. Phebe lived another fourteen years and never remarried. Although her father, Benjamin Tillinghast, provided in his 1810 will that she was to have the life use of specified portions of his real estate, her death in 1816 occurred one year before his, and thus the property passed under the will to her sons Benjamin, Thomas and John. Phebe drew her own will on 3 April 1816 and mentioned: her daughters, Mary Greene, wife of Gideon Greene, Sarah Sheldon, Welthan Lewis, wife of Moses Lewis, Phebe Wait, Elizabeth Tillinghast, Anna Tillinghast and Hannah Tillinghast; her sons Benjamin, Thomas and John; her daughter-in-law Eunice Tillinghast, wife of Benjamin; and her granddaughters Zannie Sheldon and Phebe Sheldon. She mentioned son Benjamin's "kindness to me in my sickness," and named him her executor. The will of daughter Hannah Tillinghast, dated 27 March 1824 and proved 6 April 1824, identifies Sarah's husband as William Sheldon and Phebe's husband as Reynolds Waite.

Children of John and Phebe (Tillinghast) **Tillinghast** all b. at West Greenwich:

- i. MARY, b. 2 Dec. 1777, d. West Greenwich, m. West Greenwich 25 Dec. 1794 GIDEON GREENE, the son of Caleb and Welthan (Ellis) Greene, b. 7 March 1777. Gideon's will was dated 17 Mar. 1857 and was proved 29 Jan 1878. Mary was alive when the will was drawn. They lived in West Greenwich. Children, surname **Greene**: 1. *Phebe* b. 13 Mar. 1795; 2. *John Tillinghast*, b. 18 Aug 1797; 3. *Welthan*, b. 8 Oct 1799; 4. *Sarah Tillinghast*, 3 Oct. 1801; 5. *Caleb*, b. 13 Aug 1803.
- ii. SARAH, b. 16 Feb. 1780, m. 5 Sep 1799 WILLIAM J. SHELDON.
- *iii. BENJAMIN, b. 9 May 1782, d. 4 Feb 1869, m. EUNICE GREENE. See below.
- iv. WELTHAN, b. 25 June 1784, m. West Greenwich 21 Apr 1811 MOSES LEWIS. Children, surname **Lewis**: 1. *Betsy M.* and 2. *Moses*.
- v. THOMAS, b. West Greenwich, R.I. 27 Jul 1786, d. Sardinia, N.Y. 18 Sep 1828; m. 10 Jul 1808 HANNAH WAITE, d. 12 May 1847. On 28 Jan 1822 Hannah's sister named Thomas one of three co-executors, but when the will was presented on 11 Sep 1823 he was "absent, he being in the Western Territory." Children surname **Tillinghast**: 1. *Gideon Waite* b. 4 Jun 1809; 2. *Phebe* b. 24 Jan 1811; 3. *Eliza Ann* b. 4 Mar 1812; 4. *Reynolds* b. 12 Apr 1815; 5. *Eunice Brown* 10 Sep 1817; 6. *Benjamin W.* b. 15 Jan 1820; 7. *Lucinda* b. 23 Feb 1822; 8. *Lois* b. 5 Apr 1824; 9. *Hannah* b. 10 Jul 1826; 10. *Thomas A.* b. 3 Sep 1828.
- vi. PHEBE, b 27 Jul 1788, d. 21 Nov 1874, m. 24 Nov 1805 REYNOLDS WAITE, d. before 1855. Reynolds was a tailor and a farmer. Children surname **Waite**: 1. *John T.* b. 27 Apr 1807; 2. *Welthan* b. 6 Jan 1810; 3. *Gideon* b. 12 Jan 1812; 4. *Lyman* b. 14 Feb 1813; 5. *George A.* 7 Dec 1815; 6. *Benjamin T.* b. 6 Sept 1817; 7. *Allen* b. 8 Nov 1819; 8. *James B.* b. 10 Mar 1822; 9. *Thomas T.* b. 12 Aug 1824; 10. *Daniel B.* 26 Jul 1826; 11. *Reynolds L.* b. 26 May 1829.
- vii. JOHN, b. 14 Aug 1792, d. 21 Oct 1836, m. 8 Mar 1812 MARY TILLINGHAST, dau. of Deacon Pardon and Mary (Sweet) Tillinghast, b. 28 Mar 1793, d. 18 Jan 1879. They lived in West Greenwich where John was first a Lieutenant and later a Captain in the 3rd West Greenwich Company. He also served as a Justice of the Peace. Children surname **Tillinghast**, all b. at West Greenwich: 1. *Phebe* b. 17 Nov 1812, m. Calvin M. Parker; 2. *Roena* b. 6 Aug 1815, d. 9 Nov 1854; 3. *Mary Ann* b. 17 Dec 1818, d. 9 Aug 1849; 4. *Benjamin Allen* b. 17 Jun 1821, d. 8 Mar 1828; 5. *Susan H.* b. 1823, m.(1) Elisha Greene, m.(2) Albert Nichols; 6. *Sarah* b. 1827, d. 9 Apr 1841; 7. *Hannah* b. 1829, m Benjamin Jones; 8. *John W.* b. 1832, d. 28 Jan 1833; 9. *Eunice* b. 12 Sep 1836, d. 8 Dec 1910.

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- viii. ELIZABETH, b. 1 Jun 1794, d. 9 Nov. 1871, m. 4 Jul 1819 CALEB HALL, 18 Mar 1782, d. 6 Jan 1869. Caleb was a farmer. They lived in the Nooseneck section of West Greenwich and are buried there. Children surname **Hall**, all b. at West Greenwich: 1. *Phebe* b. 7 May 1820, d. 18 Jan 1833; 2. *Rboda* b. 6 May 1824, d. 1909, m. 6 Jun 1869 as his fourth wife Ambrose Brown, b. 4 Jul 1806, d. 2 Feb 1897; 3. *Caleb* b. 20 Feb 1826, m.. 28 Sep 1869 Anna F. Eddy; 4. *Hannab* b. 17 Jun 1828, d. 12 Jun 1833; 5. *John* b. 23 Feb 1832, m.. 19 Jun 1853 Caroline S. Straight; 6. *Daniel* b. 21 Apr 1837, m. 31 Mar 1869 Abbie S. Capon, d. 29 Apr 1873.
- ix. ANNA, b. 19 Jul 1796, d. 16 Jul 1878 unmarried.
- x. HANNAH, 3 Feb 1799, d. 6 Apr 1824 unmarried.

6. Benjamin⁶ Tillinghast, (*John⁵, Thomas⁴, John³, Pardon², Pardon¹*), son of John and Phebe (Tillinghast) Tillinghast was born at West Greenwich 9 May 1782, and died there 4 February 1869. He married on 17 July 1803 Eunice Greene, the daughter of Caleb and Welthan (Ellis) Greene born 28 February 1784 and died at West Greenwich 17 September 1877.

Benjamin lived his entire life on the family farm. According to one source he was a “leading representative of agriculture life”. He was known for his excellent apple orchards and his successful experimentation with grafting.

He was made a freeman in West Greenwich on 31 May 1803 and appointed a constable the same day. On 25 May he was reappointed a constable and also an overseer of highways and a grand juror to the Court of Common Pleas. On 28 May 1805 he was elected a member of the Town Council as well as continuing as an overseer of highways. He was an officer in 3rd West Greenwich Company, serving as an ensign in 1806 and 1807, a lieutenant in 1808 and a captain in 1809 and 1810. In May of 1811 he was again appointed an overseer of highways and on 3 December of that year served as moderator of the Town Meeting. He served as a Justice of the Peace from 1809 to 1817, and again in 1819, 1832, and 1835. In 1830 and 1831 he served as a representative to the General Assembly. On 26 May 1835 he was appointed an overseer of the poor. He was frequently chosen to serve as a juror in the various state and federal courts.

Family members often named him to serve as executor of their estates. His maternal grandfather Benjamin Tillinghast named him and his younger brother Thomas to serve as co-executors, his mother Phebe, his sisters Hannah and Anna, and his step-paternal-grandmother Mary Tillinghast, widow of Thomas, also named him executor of their respective estates. Additionally the probate court occasionally appointed him administrator of an intestate estate.

Benjamin's own will provided that his real and personal estate would pass to his wife Eunice during her widowhood, and upon her marriage or death his two surviving sons Caleb and Benjamin Jr. were to have the real estate. His daughter Phebe was to “have a home in the house where I now live” and to be supported by his estate until her death or marriage. Phebe was also to have the three best beds, various articles of household furnishings and fifty dollars. The remaining household furniture was to be equally divided between Phebe and her sister Eunice. Benjamin's sister Ann was to have the right to occupy the north room and northwest bedroom below as long as she remained unmarried. He also provided that seventy-five dollars be equally divided among his grandchildren: William A. Gallup, Henry A. Tillinghast, John Tillinghast, Francis A. Tillinghast, Caleb B. Tillinghast, George Tillinghast, Edwin Tillinghast, Gideon Tillinghast, Betsey Tillinghast, Eunice Brown, Anna M. Brown, Emma G. Brown, Agnes A. Tillinghast, Catherine W. Tillinghast, and Angeline Fisk.

In politics he was early a Whig and later a Republican. There is a photograph of his house published in an early twentieth century newspaper article on the subject of old abandoned houses in the Eschoeag section of West Greenwich (reproduced in *Pardon's Progeny I*, May 1976, 3:1:12). One of the biographical accounts of his grandson George F. Tillinghast refers to him as “Judge Benjamin Tillinghast” and indicates he served as probate judge for many years.

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Children of Benjamin and Eunice (Greene) **Tillinghast:**

- i. JOHN⁶ R., b. at West Greenwich 1804; d. Voluntown, Conn. 10 Sept. 1846; m. ABIGAIL VAUGHN, b. about 1804, d. 4 March 1879 at Griswold, Conn. John was admitted a freeman of West Greenwich as an eldest son on 20 April 1825. They had 1. *Betsey V.* b. about 1830, d. 26 June 1875 unmarried; 2. *Daniel W.* b. 6 Sept. 1832, d. 7 May 1862; 3. *Zanny* b. about 1837, d. 6 Sept. 1840; 4. *Henry A.* a druggist who died in Illinois leaving a daughter; and 5. *John A.* b. 1843, d. 8 April 1907, m. Harriet Ingsuharm. Abigail's will dated 15 Nov. 1787, probated in Norwich (32:265) left everything to her son John A. for life and then to his children. Her inventory totaled \$2,869.72, most of it cash in banks. Abigail, Betsey, Daniel, and John R. were buried in the Pachaug Cemetery in Griswold. Zanny was buried in her paternal grandfather's plot in West Greenwich.
- ii. CALEB, b. 18 Sept 1805, d. 6 Oct 1883, m.(1) 7 Jan 1824 PHEBE TILLINGHAST, daughter of Deacon Pardon Tillinghast, b. 1806; d. 25 June 1875, m. (2) 1 Dec 1876 ABIGAIL C. (KENNEDY) SPAULDING. Caleb resided in Plainfield, Connecticut and had no children. He was a teamster before the advent of the railroad and later a farmer. He was killed when struck by a railroad engine. He was a prohibitionist. His will was admitted to probate 29 Oct. 1883.
- iii. LYDIA, b. 1807, d. 6 March 1832, m. 7 Sep 1828 Dr. Alban William Gallup of West Greenwich. They had two children: William who settled in the west; and Eunice.
- *iv. GIDEON GREENE, b. 27 March 1810, m. 6 Jan 1833 MERCY WALDO. (SEE BELOW)
- v.. PHEBE, b. 1815, d. 23 Apr 1892, m.7 Oct 1879 deacon DANIEL WEAVER of Danielson, Connecticut.
- vi. BENJAMIN, b. 29 Jun 1817, d. 27 Dec 1891, m. Nov. 1841 MARY ANN LEWIS, daughter of Eason and Phebe Docia (Hazard) Lewis, b. about 1823, d. 20 June 1892. They are both buried in the Plain Meeting House Cemetery. Their children were Francis Alvin Tillinghast M.D. b. 25 May 1843, d. 27 Dec 1914 and Agnes Tillinghast b. 12 June 1849. Benjamin for a while taught school in Voluntown, Connecticut, and lived there on land his father deeded him. He eventually took ownership of his father's farm in West Greenwich and moved back there where he farmed until his death in 1891. His son Francis practiced medicine in Norwich, Connecticut, and is buried in the Yantic cemetery there with his two wives. He never had children. Agnes married Charles E. Hutchins a hotel keeper in Danielson, Connecticut.
- vii. EUNICE, b. 27 Nov 1820, d. 29 May 1890, m. 28 Feb 1842 PARDON TILLINGHAST, the son of Charles and Mary (Spooner) Tillinghast, b. 1811, d. 6 April 1887. They lived for a while in Sterling, Connecticut and then Plainfield, and later Danielson, Connecticut. Pardon taught in the district schools and engaged in farming. They had 1. *Caleb Benjamin* b. 3 April 1843, d. 1909 (see bio sketch American Series of Popular Biographies, Massachusetts, Boston, 1981, pp 135-37); 2. *Catherine W.* b. 1861 and m. (1) Charles Thayer and (2) H. Wood and undertaker with whom she had one child.
- viii. HANNAH, b. 1823, died 2 May 1854, m. 3 Jan 1849 Ira S. Brown of Hopkinton, R. I., and had 1. *Emma Jane*, and 2. *Ann M.*

7. GIDEON⁷ GREENE TILLINGHAST, (*Benjamin⁶, John⁵, Thomas⁴, John⁴, Pardon², Pardon¹*) son of Benjamin and Eunice (Greene) Tillinghast, was born at West Greenwich 27 March 1810, and died 4 April 1844 of consumption at Griswold, Connecticut. He married 6 Jan 1833 MERCY WALDO daughter of Samuel and Margaret (Gallup) Wal-

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do, who was born at Canterbury, Connecticut, on 29 March 1804 and died at Coventry, Connecticut on 14 December 1885.

Mercy Waldo's parents separated in 1806, when she was two years old, and she and her mother Margaret went to live with her maternal grandfather, Benjamin Gallup, in Voluntown, Connecticut. Gallup in his will which was admitted to probate on 3 August 1824 (Plainfield Probate) provided that his daughter Margaret and her daughter Mercy Waldo "shall have a right to live in that part of my dwelling house that I have given my wife the improvement of so long as either remains single and unmarried." He also provided that Margaret receive \$50 and Mercy \$30. Mercy had an older sister Susannah who married Dr. Alban W. Gallup on 29 August 1822 and died in 13 July 1825. Thereafter Dr. Gallup, residing in West Greenwich, on 7 September 1828 married Gideon Tillinghast's sister Lydia. Four years later, on 27 January 1832, Gallup purchased a 200 acre farm on Stone Hill in Griswold, Connecticut, for \$3300, where he and Lydia went to live. In May of 1832 Gallup sold a one-half interest in the farm to his former mother-in-law, Margaret Waldo, at which time Margaret and Mercy left the late Benjamin Gallup's dwelling and moved to Stone Hill in Griswold.

As a young man Gideon Tillinghast went to Griswold to teach school and more likely than not boarded with his sister Lydia and her husband Alban Gallup, which is where Margaret and Mercy Waldo lived. On 1 January 1833, a few days before he married Mercy Waldo, Gideon purchased Alban Gallup's one-half interest in the 200 acre farm and thus owned it jointly with his mother-in-law.

Gideon was reared and received a "thorough education" in West Greenwich where he was a member of the Rhode Island State Militia serving as a quartermaster. As a young man he moved to Griswold where he first taught school and then engaged in farming. He was made an elector of Griswold the first Monday of April 1834. According to one source he was a "forceful man and exerted a wide influence in the community." He died from consumption at the young age of thirty-four. The records of his estate, probated in the district of Norwich, reflect that he had outstanding notes to his aunt Anna Tillinghast for \$140 dated 20 February 1836, \$37 dated 20 April 1837, \$33 dated 8 December 1838, as well as an \$80 note to his brother Caleb dated 16 February 1844. He also held notes against his brother Benjamin for \$12.33, and Ezra Heigin for \$3.22. The inventory of his estate included various articles of clothing, household appliances and furniture, cider, vinegar, pork, lard, cheese, books, tools, shingles, a horse wagon, a sleigh, an ox wagon, a sow and pigs, an ox, three cows, three yearlings, a horse, and his one-half interest in the 200 acre farm. The interest in the farm was appraised at \$2000, and the total inventory at \$2353.35.

Politically he was a Whig and in religion he and his wife were Baptists belonging to the Jewett City Baptist Church.

Children of Gideon and Mercy (Waldo) **Tillinghast:**

- i. SUSAN, b. at Griswold 6 Aug 1834, d. there 9 March 1839.
- ii. ANGELINE, b. at Griswold 30 Jan 1836, m. 2 April 1860 DAVID WARREN FISKE. They had 1. *George Waldo* b. 5 Nov 1862; 2. *Edward Everett*, b. 30 June 1865; 3. *Carrie Etta*, b. 22 Sept. 1867, d. 24 Aug 1869; 4. *Bertie Grant*, b. 3 Jan 1873. They lived in South Coventry, Connecticut, where David was engaged in farming. Angeline's mother in her latter years lived with Angeline in Coventry.
- iii. CAROLINE, b. at Griswold 16 June 1837, d. there 8 Sept 1865 unmarried.
- *iv. GEORGE FRANKLIN, b. at Griswold 31 Dec 1838, m. ROSA WILCOX. (SEE BELOW)
- v. EDWIN, b. at Griswold 3 Nov 1840, d. there 29 Sept 1866, unmarried.
- vi. BELINDA, b. at Griswold 21 Mar 1843, d. there 23 Dec 1864, unmarried.

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vii. GIDEON GILBERT, b. at Griswold 12 Aug 1844, d. at Vernon, Connecticut, in 1922. He m. 1 Sept. 1879 SARAH BERISSA GALLUP, daughter of Isaac and Olive (Parks) Gallup, b. 16 March 1844, d. at Vernon. They had 1. *Clara Berissa* b. 29 July 1880, d. unmarried; 2. *Flora Sadie* b. 5 April 1882, d. 4 Sept 1882; *Arthur Gideon* b. 2 Aug 1883; 4. *Helen Mary* b. 19 Sept 1885, d. unmarried; 5. WALDO ELLIOT, b. 9 June 1887, d. unmarried. Gideon operated as a traveling book salesman in his younger days. After his marriage he settled in Vernon, Connecticut where he was engaged as a merchant and raised fruit and poultry. Sarah was a graduate of Mount Holyoke Seminary and taught school in Danielson, Connecticut, Waterbury, Connecticut, Peru, Indiana, and St. Louis, Missouri. They were members of the Vernon Center Congregational Church. Their son Waldo was a graduate of Yale University and one of their daughters taught music at Mount Holyoke College. Waldo spent his life in Vernon he eventually took over his father's store. He and Clara and Helen, all unmarried, lived together in their latter years. Arthur's fate is not known. In 1961 I drove over to Vernon and found the family grave stone. The caretaker of the cemetery told me where Waldo and his sisters lived and also told me that Arthur had taken off long ago and no one knew where he was. I went to the house and met Waldo out in the yard. I told him I was the grandson of his cousin Andrew. He remembered as a boy when Andrew's parents would bring their family by horse and buggy to visit with his family. He told me that his brother Arthur was a lawyer and was living far away.

8. GEORGE⁸ FRANKLIN TILLINGHAST, (*Gideon⁷, Benjamin⁶, John⁵, Thomas⁴, John³, Pardon², Pardon¹*), son of Gideon and Mercy (Waldo) Tillinghast, was born at Griswold, Connecticut, 31 December 1838 and died at Norwich, Connecticut, 26 February 1935. He married 27 December 1876 ROSA WILCOX daughter of Nathaniel B. and Julia E. (Palmer) Wilcox, born at Canterbury, Connecticut, in March 1852 and died at Norwich in 1935. After their marriage they lived in Griswold for a short time and then purchased a farm in Canterbury where they resided until old age when they retired to 4 Whitaker Ave. in Norwich.

There are three published biographical sketches of George all published while he was living and presumably based substantially on information he provided. At age seventeen he went to work at a woolen mill in Hopeville and later at another in Almyville. With the outbreak of the Civil War he enlisted in Company B. of the Second Connecticut Regiment and at the expiration of his three month term re-enlisted for three years in Company D of the 11th Connecticut Volunteers. While in service he participated in the battles at Bull Run, Newbern, South Mountain, Antietam, Fredricksberg, Suffolk, Bermuda-Hundred, Swift's Creek, Drury's Bluff, Cold Harbour, and Petersburg. He received a minor wound at Antietam, but otherwise came through unharmed. He was promoted to corporal in June of 1862 and was a sergeant by September of 1862. At the bloody battle at Antietam he assumed command of his company when the officers were all killed. Throughout his time in the Army he frequently wrote letters to his mother, brothers and sisters, often sending money home.

Upon the expiration of his term he was honorably discharged on 26 November 1864. He returned to Griswold for a while and in the fall of 1865 went westward spending some time in Kansas and eventually settling in Lincoln, Nebraska, where he purchased land for eighty dollars and sold it twenty years later for six thousand dollars. He returned to Griswold in 1868 and worked as a traveling book salesman until 1876 when he took up farming on a rented farm in Griswold. In 1880 he purchased a 160 acre farm in Canterbury. A diary of his book selling activities during the year 1872 survives. The diary includes an account of his daily book sales and his expenses. He religiously wrote letters to his mother and his brother Gideon, his sisters Belinda and Caroline, and his brother Edwin having died in 1864, 1865, and 1866, respectively. In November of 1872 he came home for a spell and noted that he spent one night at Aunt Eunice's in Danielson and another at Uncle Ben's in Rhode Island. He also noted that he voted for General Grant that year.

In Canterbury he was engaged in general farming and stock raising until 1922 when he retired and purchased a house in Norwich. Originally a Republican, he joined the Prohibitionist party in 1888. He held several local offices including selectman, and ran unsuccessfully for the state legislature on the Prohibitionist ticket.

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(Fortunately the "Prohibitionist" gene did not make it to my DNA). He and Rosa were members of the Packerville Baptist Church where he served as a deacon. He was a member of the G. A. R. Sedgwick Post of Norwich, Connecticut.

His son Edwin died unmarried in April of 1918 and his son Andrew died in November of 1918 during the influenza epidemic leaving four minor children, one of whom was my father. My father, also named George E., visited often with his grandfather first in Canterbury and later in Norwich. According to my father, his grandfather claimed to have shaken hands with President Lincoln which is of course consistent with the fact that Lincoln often visited the troops on the front lines. My aunt Marion Brooks recalled that when as children they visited him they were always required to salute the flag.

Children of George Franklin and Rosa (Wilcox) **Tillinghast**:

*i. ANDREW FRANKLIN, b. at Griswold 1 Feb 1879, m. SUSAN AMANDA BROWN.

ii. EDWIN NATHANIEL, b. at Canterbury, Connecticut, in 1881, d. 23 April 1918 unmarried.

iii. ANNIE ROSA, b. at Canterbury, d. Preston, Connecticut, m. GEORGE I. WHEELER 17 Feb 1910. They lived in Preston, and had *Raymond, Mildred, Ruth, Stanley, Elsie, Doris, and Harold*.

9. ANDREW⁹ FRANKLIN TILLINGHAST, (*George⁸F., Gideon⁷G., Benjamin⁶, John⁵, Thomas⁴, John³, Pardon², Pardon¹*), son of George F. and Rosa (Wilcox) Tillinghast, was born in Griswold, Connecticut, 1 February 1879 and died at Groton, Connecticut, 26 November 1918 of influenza. He married at Canterbury on 29 November 1900 SUSAN AMANDA BROWN, daughter of Stephen Edwin and Mary G. (Green) Brown, b. at North Stonington, Connecticut, 1 February 1879, and died in 1955 while residing at Avondale, Rhode Island. Susan married second about 1934 Lyman Hall. Andrew and Susan are buried in the Second Packer Burial Ground in West Mystic, Connecticut.

Andrew grew up on his father's farm in Canterbury, Connecticut. According to the 1900 Federal Census at age 21 he was living and working at Thomas W. Avery's dairy farm in Groton, Connecticut. At that time Susan, then age 19, was also residing in Groton at the residence of her brother William E. Brown. Her mother died in 1889 when Susan was 10 years old and her father died in 1895 when she was 16. Andrew and Susan met while they were both residing in Groton.

Andrew was a motorman on the trolley operated by the Shore Line Electric Company which ran from Westerly, Rhode Island, to Groton, Connecticut. In 1910 he and Susan were residing on Godfrey St. in West Mystic (Groton). They subsequently moved to Packer Hill in West Mystic, and Susan continued to live there after Andrew's death, but by 1930 was living on Williams St. in the Stonington side of Mystic. According to his World War II draft registration Andrew was "tall" and of "medium build," with blue eyes and brown hair.

Children of Andrew F. and Susan A. (Brown) **Tillinghast**:

i. MARION LOUISE, b. at Groton, Conn., 20 Sept 1905, d. at Groton 19 Feb. 1991, m. RALPH BROOKS. They resided in Groton, Connecticut and had 1. *Francis*, 2. *Eleanor*, 3. *Ruth*, and 4. *Ralph*.

ii. HELEN LENORE, b. 20 Feb 1907, d. 21 Nov 1992, m. ORRIE PANCIERA. They resided in Stonington and had 1. *Robert K*, and 2. *Shirley J.*. In 1992 Robert was residing in Albuquerque, New Mexico, and Shirley who m. a Manning was living in West Seneca, NY.

*iii. GEORGE ELLSWORTH, 12 Jan 1909, m. ISABELLE MOORE O'CONNELL.

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iv. STUART EDISON, b. 1912, d. 7 July 1992, m. MARGARET ULBRICH, d. 1992. He was the deputy warden of the Connecticut State Prison in Whethersfield. After retirement they moved to St. Petersburg, Florida. They had 1. *Barbara Susan*, b. in 1940; and 2. Stuart Andrew b. 1946.

10. **GEORGE¹⁰ ELLSWORTH TILLINGHAST**, (*Andren⁹F., George⁸F., Gideon⁷G., Benjamin⁶, John⁵, Thomas⁴, John³, Pardon², Pardon¹*), son of Andrew F. and Susan A. (Brown) Tillinghast, was born at Groton, Connecticut (West Mystic) on 12 Jan 1909 and died at Westerly, Rhode Island, Hospital on 6 May 2006, at age 97. At the time of his death George was residing in Mystic at Academy Point an assisted living facility. He married first on 4 June 1934 ISABELLE M. O'CONNELL, the daughter of Thomas and Isabelle (Gelino) O'Connell, who was born at Norwich, Connecticut 11 November 1911 and died there on 10 May 1953. He married second on 21 October 1955 MARION (BROWN) THORNTON, widow of Everett Thornton and daughter of Thomas and Ada (Robinson) Brown, who was born 26 January 1908 and died at Norwich 26 September 1990.

George's father died during the flu epidemic of 1918 when George was nine years old. As a young man he first became engaged in painting cars and later gravitated to the textile industry where he spent most of his career as a foreman in a hand screen print factory. In his retirement he devoted some of his time to refinishing antique furniture. Upon his first marriage George moved to Norwich and he and Isabelle lived in the house at 4 Whitaker Ave. where his grandfather George F. had lived in his retirement. In the early 1940s they moved to 7 Pukallus Ave., also in Norwich. He remained there until the death of his second wife Marion.

Isabelle O'Connell grew up as the eighth of ten children in the Greenville section of Norwich. She was a 1929 graduate of the Norwich Free Academy and worked at the Metropolitan Store in downtown Norwich until the birth of her first child. She died at the young age of 42 as a result of complications resulting from her having contracted scarlet fever as a child.

Children of George E. and Isabelle (O'Connell) **Tillinghast**:

- i. WAYNE GEORGE, b. 1935, m. ROSLIND MARION RUSSELL. Had: Brian P., Karen L., Wayne G. Jr. and Susan L..
- ii. GEORGE ELLSWORTH JR., b. 1940, m. CAROLYN ANN BEARDSLEE. Had: Scott A., David G. and Stephen.
- iii. ISABELLE AUDREY, b. 1942, m. JOHN T. RAINES. Had: Geoffrey and Caroline

Readers who own a copy of Wayne's book, "The Tillinghasts in America, The First Four Generations" may want to place this article in your book as an addition. I know that I will.
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