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# NEW RESEARCH FINDS SITE TO VISIT: **THE BADGER'S TEA HOUSE** ALFRISTON, EAST SUSSEX ENGLAND

By Donna Tillinghast Casey

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Scientific research is a systematic hunt for knowledge. Family research is no different. We search or investigate exhaustively to discover and interpret data for accuracy, often revising what has previously been accepted, in light of new facts. Following is the

result of many research queries and revisions which have shed more light on the life of Pardon (b. 1599 – d. abt. 1644) the father of our Pardon the emigrant (1624 – d. 1718). This story begins and ends at a delightful place in

This story begins and ends at a delightful place in the village of Alfriston, East Sussex, England: The Badger's Tea House number 13 North Street. Few visit the picturesque village of Alfriston without stopping at The Badger's Tea House for tea and a sweet. I have often visited Alfriston on my journeys to discover more information about the Tillinghast family pre-1643, the year near which Pardon the emigrant is said to have "sailed from Alfriston" to America. I had often sat inside the wee teahouse or garden having tea and contemplating what it must have been like to live in

seventeenth century England during those perilous times of civil war and religious persecution. In July of 2008, I visited Alfriston once again and made my customary trip to The Badger's. I enjoyed the usual cup of tea and scrumptious homemade sweet.

Before I left the building, I visited the ladies' room. I do not recall I had ever done that on previous visits. On the wall at the base of the washstand, I noticed a Plexiglas cover over a large exposed area of brick and stone. A sign on the bathroom wall said,

"Below the washbasin can be seen a part of the original 16<sup>th</sup> century "sole plate," a massive oak beam that formed the foundation of this timber-framed house built c1510. Note how the floor has been dug down 9" below the beam to cope with the growth of stature of people since the 16<sup>th</sup> century."



That was interesting to me as a history buff as well as

an amateur genealogist. As I went to pay my bill, I noticed a menu sitting on the counter.





On the back of the menu, it said the "step stone" outside the front door of the teahouse had been dated to the same period as the exposed structure in the ladies room: likely there from the time of the original structure. I was *very* intrigued. I cannot ever get enough history. However, I had no idea what a treat I was in store for. I was to meet a dear friend for lunch the next day. She is a local researcher of Alfriston and its inhabitants. I told her what I had learned at the Badger's Tea Room the day before. She smiled and told me her research may well provide the necessary evidence that Badger's Tea House was a house Pardon the father and his family had

once owned and lived in between 1637 and 1644. I was stunned and excited at the same time. I was now sitting on the edge of my seat. What a great bit of news for this amateur history buff and family history writer! I could not wait to get more information.

Over the next week, I did some research in the East Sussex Records Office in Lewes, the county seat of East Sussex. I read papers and court records of the period Pardon the father lived in Alfriston. Over the next few months, I received more court documents from my friend in Lewes. With records I already possessed and further records I retrieved that week and later, I learned that the owner/tenant of the Badger's Tea House building from 1637 to 1657<sup>1</sup> had indeed been none other than Pardon Tellinghurst and his family!

*Records of support.* The reader should understand, although I have found and been given a number of records, which point to Pardon the father and his family having lived in The Badger's Tea House building between 1637 and 1657<sup>1</sup>,



it is still only reasonably certain, and not proven. It should also be noted that Pardon the emigrant therefore likely lived in the building from 1637 until he was about eighteen. Historical records support my conclusion. First, there is a fragment of a 1637 rental<sup>2</sup> with the Manor of Lullington<sup>3</sup> in Alfriston, found at the East Sussex Records Office in Lewes. It describes a Pardon Tellinghurst holding (renting) a described messuage (cottage and garden) which would go to his wife Sara to the term of her life. The cottage and garden<sup>4</sup> were situated between the properties of Robert Addams and Peter Burrowes. Documents of Addams and Burrowes identify the location of the present Badger's Tea House as the cottage Pardon and Sara lived in and rented. Further documents identify the cottage within the manor of Lullington in Alfriston.



There is a rental document found in the court records, which was annotated in 1644 to note Sara as "widow.": a further clue to confirm the death of Pardon the father well before the often-stated year of 1665.

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#### Translation:

Tillingherst

[Annotated: "Now Sara Tillingherst Widow 1644"] Pardon Tillingherst holds by copy for the term of his life remaining to Sara his wife for the term of her life remaining finally to the true heirs of said Pardon: A messuage or tenement and a garden thereto with appurtenances in the town of Alfriston between the tenements of Robert Addams and Peter Burrowes there recently Richard Parson And paying per annum12d (signed by) Pardon Tillinghast c1637.

The next link to support that Pardon the father lived in the Badger's Tea House building is found in a document that appeared at the time of the death of Sara (Browne) Tellinghurst<sup>5</sup>. The land and buildings of Alfriston within Lullington Manor left to Sara at the death of Pardon the father, were transferred to their youngest son Charles, March 20, 1654.

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### Translation:

LULLINGTON The Court of the Right Honorable Anne Countess Dowager of Pembrooke Dorset and Montgomery Lady of the said Manor there holden the three and twentieth day of March in the year of Our Lord one thousand six hundred fifty and four

By Edward Raynes, gentleman, Steward there Homage:Edward Badgent} sworn Henry Goodday}

The death of At this Court it is presented by the homage that Sara Tillingherst

**Tillingherst** widow, the relict of Pardon Tillingherst which held of the Lady of this Manor to her and her heirs assigned for and during the term of her life by Copy of Courtroll at the will of the Lady according to the custom of the said Manor: A house or cottage with a garden thereto in the Town of Alfriston lately died of such estate seized And that Charles Tillingherst youngest son of the said Pardon and Sara is according to the custom of this Manor next heir to the premises and is now of the age of eighteen years or thereabouts who present in Court prays to be thereunto admitted as to his right and inheritance To whom the Lady of the Manor by her said Steward granted thereto seisin by the rodd To have and to hold to the said Charles and his heirs and assigns forever by Copy of Courtroll at the will of the Lady according to the custom of the said Manor by the rents customs and services therefore due and of right accustomed And he is admitted tenant gives to the Lady for it

Fine 30s, fine 30 shillings And did therefore fealty.6

The next clue to confirm Pardon the father lived in the Badger's Tea House comes in the form of a document in which Charles, youngest brother of Pardon the emigrant, surrenders this parcel of land and cottage to William and Elizabeth King/e<sup>7</sup>. Mr. Kinge is also referred to in court documents as a cooper, which of course was the profession of Pardon the father and his son Pardon the emigrant<sup>8</sup>.

LULLINGTON The Court of the Right Honorable Anne Countess Dowager of Pembrooke Dorset and Montgomery Lady of the said Manor there holden the eighth day of November in the year of Our Lord one thousand six hundred fifty and seven By Edward Raynes, gentleman, Steward there

Homage: Henry Goodday Thomas French John Clerke

## Surrender of Tillingherst to Kinge

At this Court it is presented by the homage that out of Court and since the last Court that is to say 31<sup>st</sup> day of October last past Charles Tillingherst did surrender into the hands of the Lady of the Manor by the acceptance of Henry Goodday and Thomas French two copyhold tenants of this Manor present in court upon their oaths according to the custom of this Manor testifying the same A tenement or cottage and a garden thereto with the appurtenances in the Town of Alfriston late of Parsons and paying yearly 12d To the use and behoof of William Kinge and Elizabeth his wife and the heirs of the said William whereupon nothing happened for a heriot<sup>9</sup> because the said Charles had no beast And the said William and Elizabeth present in Court pray to be thereunto admitted according to the form and effect of the said surrender to whom the Lady by the said Steward granted seisin thereof by the rodd To have and to hold to the said William and Elizabeth and to the heirs of the said William forever by the rent custom and service therefore due of right accustomed

And they are admitted Fine 26s 8dTenants as aforesaid give to the Lady a fine 26s 8d And did therefore fealty<sup>10</sup>.



The final piece of evidence I provide to show the Badger's Tea House to be the house Pardon the father likely lived in, is a tax assessment. In 1665, the owner of this property was assessed for a tax on "hearths. "Every household was charged for each hearth or chimney the house contained. In Alfriston at the time, William King/e is listed on the taxpayer list (the individual to whom Charles surrendered his house). William King/e was assessed at one hearth. This means the structure had one chimney. Since it is known King/e was still owner of the same building, it is a reasonable assumption that the hearth on which he paid taxes is the same that is now the Badger's Tea House. You can still see the chimney today and sit next to it while you have your tea and sweet. I present this information as evidence that Pardon the father of our Pardon the emigrant and his family lived in and was tenant to the Lady of the Manor of Lullington from 1637 to 1657, now known as the Badger's Tea House, #13 North Street, Alfriston, East Sussex, England.

The House. Through the fifteenth century, most individuals lived in houses not expected to last more than their lifetime. Although they were small, dwellings in the sixteenth century were made of timber, mud, turf, or cob (unbaked clay and organic material) and more substantial than those of the fifteenth century. The building the Badger's Tea House is currently situated in was likely a Wealdon house or similar, in earlier centuries. It likely had an open hall in the center with an open hearth and only roof vents to allow smoke to escape. In the seventeenth century, evolutionary changes were seen in dwellings. By the early seventeenth century in Sussex, yeomen were building the high quality constructed Wealden house to emulate the plan of the manor house. In the prosperous southeast of England, even comparatively small farms provided the means to build houses of comfort and craftsmanship like the Wealden house. The Wealden house was a box-framed house that had a hall running through the center of the house from ground to roof. At either side were two stories: the upper story slightly overhanging the lower. Expansive wooden brackets supported the eaves over the hall. The outside structure was timber frame filled by using "waddle and daub" technique in which interwoven wooden rods and twigs were covered with clay. The structure was covered by a hipped and tiled roof with a well-built central chimney, a major architectural change at the time. Windows in yeoman and farmer's houses were often without glass as it was relatively expensive. The only source of heat was a wood burning fireplace in the central part of the house. This is probably the type of structure in which Pardon the father and his family lived. This is the building we now sit in, pensively enjoying our tea and a sweet.

#### Respectfully submitted by Donna Tillinghast Casey

Donna, William, Carl, Francis Marion 'Frank", Dwight Joseph, Joseph Gorton, Joseph, Charles, John, Pardon, Pardon, Pardon (1599 – abt. 1644).

I wish to thank Juliet Clarke, a generous researchist in Lewes, East Sussex, England, UK, the author of historical details of Alfriston in the early centuries, a work awaiting publication. She provided many of the documents, which help to support this article. — DTC



Donna's son in Badger Tea House

## Footnotes, The Badgers Teahouse:

- 1. The wife of Pardon the father, Sara, and his son Charles were tenants of the manor and lived there until 18 June, 1653 (Sara's death: Sussex Family History Group Tombstones and Burial Index) and to 1657 (when Charles sold the property to Wm and Elizabeth King/e) respectively.
- 2. East Sussex Record Office, Lewes, East Sussex, England: ESRO ADA 46.
- 3. At the time in England, a manor was an estate (unit of land) under the jurisdiction of a lord (in the case of Lullington it was a lady) of the manor. Originally, part of the manor, (a demesne), was held by the lord/lady for his/her own profit, while the remainder was granted to tenants in return for rent or services such as cultivating his demesne and attending the manorial court.
- 4. The property known today as "Badgers" was a copyhold held of the Manor of Lullington and was subject to the custom of that manor. The first record found to date is dated 1433 when it appears in a list of properties then owned by Battle Abbey. After The Dissolution, these Abbey lands formed a part of Lullington Manor. In 1433 and until 1612, nine acres of land in the common fields came with the property. There were then two cottages on the tenement but by Pardon's time, they had become one. The second cottage seems to have been to the west of the present building (Juliet Clarke, researcher, personal correspondence December 2008).
- 5. June 18, 1653, Sussex Family History Group Tombstones and Burial Index East Sussex Record Office (ESRO) AMS 5909/2 and ADA 4
- 6. Death of (Sara) Tillingherst, Surrender of (Charles) Tillingherst to Elizabeth King/e, and Fragment of rental of Manor of Lullington with (widow) annotation (information provided by Juliet Clarke of, Lewes, East Sussex, England, UK).
- 7. Ibid., ESRO AMS 5839
- 8. From the time of Pardon the father's occupancy in 1637, people in carpentry related trades owned the property for at least the next 100 years (Juliet Clarke personal correspondence).
- 9. NOTE BY TRANSLATOR: "Heriot" this was another of the manorial lord's fines. Whenever a tenant died it was required that his heir should hand over his "best beast" which might have been an ox or a horse or a boar. The custom has an ancient history here and the Manor had extended it to any exchange of property, not just after a death. Interestingly, in Alfriston, since it became a trading town quite early on, there were plenty of properties whose owners made their living by their craft rather than by farming, so Charles just had to say he "had no beast" and the fine was waived. He probably paid a slightly higher fine though.
- 10. "Fealty" as a tenant of a manor, you had to give an oath of faithfulness to the Lord or Lady. Another ancient relic, but all part of the ritual.

# Storied R.I. Law Firm to Close

Retirements and departures have taken a toll on Tillinghast Light, which traces its roots to the early 19th century.

By Paul Edward Parker, Journal Staff Writer, The Providence Journal Friday, May 2, 2008

PROVIDENCE – Law firm Tillinghast Licht, with roots dating to at least 1818, announced yesterday that it will wind down business in the next few months, with six key lawyers joining Adler Pollock & Sheehan on May 19.

"The Decision to close the firm stems in large part from the fact that in recent years the firm has become somewhat smaller, and the partners believe its current size could impact its ability to remain a full-service law firm," the firm said in a statement.

The firm began the year with about 20 lawyers, according to managing partner David T. Riedel, "Right now, it's probably closer to 10," down from a peak of about 50 lawyers in the mid-1980's, he said. During a brief affiliation with a Boston firm that began in 2000, that count could be considered 100, if the lawyers in the Boston office were counted, he added.

But those numbers dropped sharply in recent years.

"It's mostly people leaving for other jobs or retiring, and that's been going on for a pretty long period of time," Riedel said. "Our problem is, for whatever reason, it got to a certain point where to be full-service, it would've required a long-term plan." But with many of the senior partners in their 60's, long-term planning didn't make sense, he said.

In recent years, the firm has lacked depth, with no younger lawyers training under their more senior counterparts, Riedel said. As an example, he said, he is the only lawyer at the firm specializing in wills and estates.

Riedel is one of the six lawyers who will join Adler Pollock & Sheehan. "It's certainly one way to achieve

instant depth," he said. Others joining him include Lt. Gov. Richard A. Licht and former House Speaker Joseph DeAngelis.

Another key lawyer, former Warwick Mayor Joseph W. Walsh, will retire to concentrate on his business as a lobbyist.

Remaining lawyers plan to join other firms or strike out on their own to concentrate on their specialties.

The firm didn't handle criminal cases, so it did not have headline-grabbing cases. But, Licht said, it had its hand in several key developments in Rhode Island, including formation of the Rhode Island Airport Corporation and the construction of Providence Place mall. Licht said his firm was one of several that represented the mall's developer and handled permitting, legislative and financing issues.

The firm also represented Airport Corporation and the Licht said those clients have not after Tillinghast Licht's demise.

The firm traces it roots to Charles Foster Tillinghast, who families in Rhode Island. His Pardon Tillinghast, was the first was on of the first proprietors in

Charles Tillinghast was his parents lived for several years, schools, graduating from Brown studied law for two years under was admitted to the bar and Chepachet. The following year, he with Bridgham. Six years later,

In 1842, he partnered with

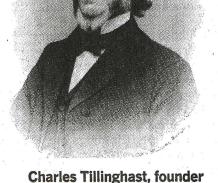
become the state's chief justice. In 1843, Tillinghast represented Providence for a single term in the General Assembly. Tillinghast & Bradley was well known in Rhode Island until the firm dissolved in 1858. At that time, Tillinghast and his son James, who had joined the firm in 1851, continued as Tillinghast & Tillinghast. That name would continue after Charles died in 1864 and James continued to practice with his sons, William Richmond and Theodore Foster Tillinghast.

"No stronger legal firm graced the Rhode Island bar and all members devoted themselves strictly to the business entrusted to them, the senior member never being led away by the lure of political life," according to The History of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, published in 1920 by the American Historical Society.

In the early 20<sup>th</sup> century, with William Tillinghast still a member of the firm, Tillinghast & Tillinghast merged with another firm to form Tillinghast & Collins. It was the first of several mergers in the last century, all that saw the Tillinghast name remain preeminent. In the 1970s, Tillinghast, Collins & Tanner joined with Graham, Reid, Ewing & Stapleton. In the 1990s, Tillinghast Collins & Graham merged with Licht & Semonoff to form Tillinghast Licht & Semonoff. The name was later shortened to Tillinghast Licht to make it easier to say, according to Riedel. In 2000, it merged with the Boston firm of Perkins Smith & Cohen and called its Rhode Island office Tillinghast Licht Perkins Smith & Cohen but the firms split several years ago, and Tillinghast Licht returned to its former name.

It's been a long history," said Riedel "and it's a shame to have that disappear."

(Thanks to Bruce Tillinghast for forwarding this article.)



several public agencies, including the Rhode Island Public Transit Authority. vet decided who will represent them

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the early 19<sup>th</sup> century and young lawyer was a scion of one of the oldest great-great grandfather, the Rev. Tillinghast in America and, in 1645, the town of Providence.

born in New York City in 1797, where but was educated in Providence University in 1814 at the age of 17. He Samuel Bridgham. In 1816, Tillinghast opened his first office, in the village of returned to Providence and partnered Tillinghast opened his own office.

Charles S. Bradley, who would later

**Editor's note:** Readers of Pardon's Progeny II have been privileged to read articles by Wayne G. Tillinghast in previous issues, including "John Tillinghast of Newport" in Volume 5, Issue 2 and "The Three Captains Joseph Tillinghast of Providence" in Volume 8, Issue 1, continued in Issue 2. Wayne was a featured speaker at the Providence family reunion in July 2003.

In 2006, Rhode Island Genealogical Society published his 775 page volume of research, "The Tillinghasts in America, The First Four Generations." In his book, Wayne credits Rose Catherine (O'Brien ) Tillinghast with her extensive early work in gathering family information. Rose expressed that she hoped her work would "inspire someone to take on this unfinished task."

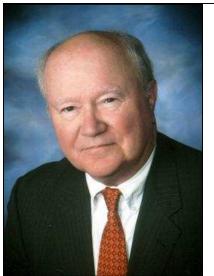
Wayne limited his published work to the first four generations and made a point of including female lines.

In his acknowledgments, Wayne gives much credit to our own genealogist, Todd Lawrence, saying that Todd "has truly fulfilled Rose's desire and has accumulated a database of over 24,000 Tillinghast descendants carrying the lines down to the present day."

Below and on the next page you will find two news articles announcing the selection of Wayne G. Tillinghast to receive the Donald Lines Jacobus Award from The American Society of Genealogists. The article below is from his home town newspaper in Norwich. The other was submitted nationally.

I know you join me in congratulating Wayne for receiving this prestigious award. I asked him if there was much preparation or fanfare involved. He said he was completely taken by surprise.

Wayne's email address is: wtillinghast01@snet.net.



# Newsmaker of the Day:

# Wayne G. Tillinghast

Norwich trial lawyer to receive award for family tree book.

By ADAM BOWLES

Norwich Bulletin

Posted Nov. 16, 2008

**In the news:** The American Society of Genealogists has voted to give its annual Donald Lines Jacobus Award to Wayne G. Tillinghast, a Norwich trial attorney at Brown Jacobson, for his book "The Tillinghasts in America, The First Four Generations." The book is available at Otis Library in Norwich.

**Classic genealogy:** Published in 2006 by the Rhode Island Genealogical Society (www.RIGenSoc.org), the book traces the descendants of Elder Pardon Tillinghast (circa. 1622-1718), who left England and settled in Providence in 1643. Despite the book's subtitle, many descendants in the fifth and sixth generations are included in the work. The society said the genealogy is "almost a Who's Who of colonial Providence" and corrects previous errors.

**Research:** Tillinghast worked on the book part time for 30 years, spending many Saturdays researching letters, church records, court records and account books. He particularly was interested in the Colonial and Revolutionary War periods.

**Background:** Tillinghast is a graduate of the University of Connecticut School of Law. He and his wife, Roslind, have four grown children and six grandchildren.

**Quotable:** "The name is a little unusual. My father knew who his grandfather was, but that was all he knew. So I got curious. ... I'm the 11th generation. I wanted to find out more about him and his children and his grandchildren and his greatgrandchildren. ... I got caught up in history." Tillinghast said his research into his ancestors balances the adversarial nature of his work, but "my wife says I'm playing with dead people."

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# Tillinghast Genealogy Wins the American Society of Genealogists' Prestigious Jacobus Award

from American Society of Genealogists

At their meeting in Annapolis, Maryland, on 1 November 2008, the American Society of Genealogists voted to give their annual Donald Lines Jacobus Award to Wayne G. Tillinghast for his book, The Tillinghasts in America, The First Four Generations.

Published in 2006 by the Rhode Island Genealogical Society (www.RIGenSoc.org), this work is a classic genealogy, tracing the descendants, both male and female, of Elder Pardon Tillinghast (ca.1622-1718), who settled atProvidence in or before 1645. Despite the subtitle of the book, many descendants in the fifth and sixth generations are treated, Intermarriages with other Rhode Island families make this genealogy almost a Who's Who of colonial Providence.

Thoroughly documented, extensive biographical detail includes much Rhode Island history and corrects previous errors. As noted in a review in The New England Historical and Genealogical Register (161 [2007]:73), "The discussion of difficult problems is impressive."

Mr. Tillinghast graduated with honors from the University of Connecticut School of Law, and practices in Norwich, Connecticut. He has authored several historical and genealogical articles for legal publications as well as for Rhode Island Roots. Mr. Tillinghast is a long-time member of the Rhode Island Historical Society and a dedicated patron of the Society's Research Library.

The Donald Lines Jacobus Award was established in 1972 to encourage sound scholarship in genealogical writing. It is presented to a model genealogical work published within the previous five years. A list of the books receiving the award in previous years appears on the American Society of Genealogists website (www.fasg.org). Anyone planning to publish their own research, especially as a compiled genealogy or family history, would do well to study the format and style of these books.

The Tillinghasts in America, The First Four Generations. by Wayne G. Tillinghast is available for research use at the Library of the Rhode Island Historical Society, home to the 2nd largest genealogical collection in New England.

#### And here is a book recommendation from Wayne:

Greta, There is a new book entitled *The Woman Who Walked Into The Sea* by Alice Wexler. Although the book is all about Huntington's disease, formerly known as St. Vitus Dance, a central character is Phebe<sup>5</sup> Tillinghast of East Hampton, Long Island, daughter of Capt. Joseph and Phebe (Mulford) Tillinghast. (Joseph <sup>4,3,2</sup>, Pardon<sup>1</sup>). Phebe married David Hedges and on 11 June 1806 committed suicide by walking into the sea. Her mother was suffering from Huntington's disease and Phebe became despondent when she started to show signs of this inherited disease. The symptoms of the disease are constant involuntary muscle spasms as well psychiatric problems. Phebe inherited the disease from her mother and some of her descendants also suffered from the disease. Phebe is #1092, and her father #324 in my book. Regards, Wayne

# The Rhode Island Nature Conservancy dedicates The Sharpe Family Preserve at Tillinghast Pond management Area

On Sunday, November 2, 2008, members of the Sharpe Family and others met at Tillinghast Pond to dedicate the new family preserve. A stone marker was put in place and served as focal point for the dedication celebration. Preserve specialists displayed birds of prey whose habitat is assured through this family legacy. The Tillinghast family was represented by Bruce Tillinghast, Providence restaurateur and owner of New Rivers Bistro and Restaurant, and Anne Tillinghast and her sister Jane T. Roberts, daughters of Charles Tillinghast, former CEO of TWA and Chancellor of Brown University.





Clint Thomas Jane T. Roberts Anne Tillinghast





Bruce Tillinghast with Peggy and other friends at Dedication

# Watch a Tillinghast centurion toss out the first ball.

http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=i4kCZjKrUxE

# Here's is a fun communication from co-editor Bud Tillinghast.

Hi Greta, We're home in Eureka. Ran across this video on You Tube and wonder whether you have seen it. This cousin throws out the first pitch at a Red Sox game.

# And a response from Todd Lawrence:

Thanks for sending the link along about Alice Tillinghast. I am not sure who she is, although she fits the bill to be the widow of Waldo Elbert Tillinghast (who died in 1979). Alice Salisbury was born about 1905 and they married in 1965 in Plainfield, CT. That puts her in the right area and at the right age, but it's just a guess at this point. I did check the Social Security death records and there is no record of an Alice Tillinghast dying since 2006 when the video was made. She should be about 105 years old now! Please join The Nature Conservancy for...

A Celebration and Dedication of The Sharpe Family Preserve at Tillinghast Pond Management Area

A conservation legacy celebration of Peggy and Henry Sharpe and their family

Sunday, November 2, 1:00 p.m.

Tillinghast Pond Management Area Plain Road, West Greenwich, Rhode Island

Bring a child with you to the woods to enjoy a *HAWK* and *OWL* demonstration, trail walk, and other family activities.



Light refreshments will be served

RSVP Sharon Paul at 401-331-7110 x10 or spaul@tnc.org

Directions: Route 95 to Exit 5B, Route 102 North. Follow Route 102 for 3 miles to Plain Meeting House Road, just past the West Greenwich Town Hall. Turn left onto Plain Meeting House Road and follow for 4 miles to Plain Road. Turn right onto Plain Road and follow to the parking area on the right. Greetings, Tillinghast cousins,

I hope you enjoy our walks this winter through the Badger Tea House and at Tillinghast Pond. I know you share with me the pleasure of seeing Wayne's worthy recognition; and we say farewell to an old firm with the family name. Once more, I am grateful to our contributors. Donna Casey continues to delve into our history in England and her findings with flair. We are grateful. Bruce Tillinghast has a keen eye for family activity from historic Rhode Island. Again, we are grateful.

I have had hearty, warm response from those who received the newsletter by email last time. I am especially pleased that we are able to share colorful pictures this way. It also reduces time and effort as well as cost. And it keeps us green...or at least greener! If you did not receive this by email and would like to be on that list, please send me a message at: gtyler@casinternet.net.

I send you warm wishes for a happy and prosperous 2009.

Sincerely,

Greta T. Tyler, Editor

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