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ANOTHER BRANCH OF THE SAME TILLINGHAST TREE?

A 16th Century Tillinghast Family found in Newport Pond¹, Essex, England.

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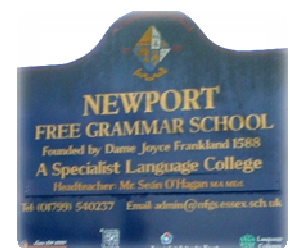
Discovering another Tillinghast is always exciting. However, sometimes it poses a dilemma. Who are they? Where are they from? Where do they "fit" in the lineage? Has anyone else ever learned about them before? ...and then the genealogical digging begins. So, here is the sketch of a man and his family recently uncovered by this author. His story, albeit brief at this time, is presented here to stimulate further research and dialogue. All information except parish record dates and references is still being confirmed. The man discovered is Robert Tyllinghast². Although his birth and death records are not confirmed, the documents uncovered place his birth about 1537³ and his death in the year of 1613 after May 1st⁴. The records of Robert place him and his family in Newport Pond, Essex County, England beginning possibly around 1500 or before.



Newport, Essex, England (facing south)

Essex, one of the "home" counties of England which surround the city of London, is located northeast of Greater London. Newport, a small linear village⁵, currently with little more than 2,000 residents, sits in the northwest of Essex County on the west bank of the River Cam. It is situated about 100 miles directly north of Streat, East Sussex, England, where Pardon the emigrant was baptized in 1625⁶.

During the time of Robert's life in Newport there were a number of serious socio-political events taking place. Two of these emerging developments influenced most all of the then 450 residents of Newport; Puritanism and witch trials. Although Essex County England was and still is a county of quaint villages and prosperity, it is also the county which became the center of, and the most bloody contributor to, a terrible witchcraft hysteria which persisted from the 1560's to the late 17th century. Of the thirty-six documented witch trials in Essex County, two took place in Newport. One trial in Newport during Robert's lifetime involved John Banckes, a local



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yeoman accused of witchcraft in 1603, who was probably hanged as a result of his conviction⁷. The other Newport trial took place in 1671.

Essex is also noted for the 423-year-old Newport Free Grammar School situated in the heart of Newport. The school was founded in 1588 and continues today. Geoffrey Nightingale⁸, a prominent citizen of Newport at the time, secured the necessary funds to establish the school from a London widow. The school's strict statutes were compiled by the masters of near-by Gonville and Caius (pronounced "keys") College, Cambridge University. At the time, the atmosphere at Gonville and Caius College was transforming from papal/Anglican religious beliefs to Puritan thinking, similar to that of most Newport inhabitants at the time.



Newport Free Grammar School

John and Robert Tillinghast, brothers of Pardon, who was father to Pardon the emigrant, attended the Newport Free Grammar School, beginning about 1612 and 1618, respectively. John matriculated into Cambridge University Gonville and Caius College on 24 March 1620/21 at the age of sixteen⁹. He earned a Master of Arts degree in theology at Gonville and Caius, and became a minister with a zealous penchant for Puritan Baptist beliefs.

Robert also attended Bishop's Stortford Grammar school in the village of Bishop's Stortford, Hertfordshire, 9 miles south of Newport, and noted for preparing boys to go on to Cambridge University. Robert was admitted sizar at the age of 14 at Christ's college, Cambridge on February 27, 1626/7. He graduated with his M. A. in 1630/1¹⁰. It is probably important to mention here that John the father of John, Robert, and the oldest Pardon, achieved his M.A. degree at Clare College, Cambridge University in 1585. John was ordained into the Anglican Church, 5 April 1590. By December 13, 1593, he started ministering at the Rectory of Streat Parish Church, serving there until his death in 1624¹¹.

What brought the Tillinghast sons of Streat, Sussex to grammar school in Newport, Essex? There were a number of grammar schools in Sussex and London at that time which would have been of an excellent quality and nearer to Streat. It could be speculated that the Newport Free Grammar School was superior to others of its kind and that the young boys, John and Robert, could be more properly supervised if they were near family.



Possible location "Stonehall"

At this time in its history, Newport Pond tax and court records describe a number of large houses in its catchment. One large property, owned by a Robert Tyllinghast, seems to have been divided and thus began diminishing during this period was called "Stonehall", and described as "in Newport Pond". Newport parish formerly included two manors including

Newport Pond Manor and Shortgrove Manor as well as a few small hamlets. To mid 16th century there was a large royal fish pond at the southern end of Newport, hence the name Newport Pond Manor. The pond has been dry since mid 17th century. Newport village proper now covers slightly more than a square mile.

Stonehall has been described as the "mysterious Stonehall" primarily because it is thought it may have been built from stone. However, stone was rarely used for houses in this area because of the distance the material had to be hauled. Only the church and ancient hospital of Newport are known to have used stone, thought to have been from a fallen medieval building. There is a further theory about why Robert's house was named "Stonehall", and should be considered when identifying the exact location of the property. That theory is related to one of the three Sarsen stones¹² located in Newport. The first stone lies

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west of the high street 100 meters to the north of the village, the second lies mid village west of high street, and the final stone lies west of high street, south of the village near the pond.

Interestingly, John Howland, owner of Stonehall in 1567 is listed in manor records as “at the stone”¹³. Seemingly that could have referred to either “Stonehall” house or its location near one of the Sarsen stones. Nonetheless, there are several documented indications that Stonehall was to the west of the high street at the southern end of town and therefore indicating the property near the pond. The mention of Stonehall in tax records as “near to Newport House”, the Georgian styled house still standing west of high street in the southern end of the village, suggests a more confirming location of Stonehall. Further confirmation of the property/building location is given in a 1760 rental agreement of the manor, as being “on the west side of South Street”¹⁴, “near Newport House”. These details provide a probable property location; however, whether the structure was made of stone is still in question. Currently, there are a number of modern two-story structures on the land thought to be that of the former Stonehall Manor. The manor property had about 200 feet frontage on the high street and extended east and west an unknown number of acres.



Newport House, Newport Essex

Stonehall house is referred to initially in 1567 in the manor court of Newport. The owner at the time, John Howland, was a substantial yeoman farmer, which may indicate the building was of importance, and according to local scholars¹⁵ may have been the former manor house. The subsequent owner is listed as a Robert Tyllinghast. The description of Stonehall in Robert’s will as “the house they now dwell in and the solar over the gatehouse adjoining to it...” refers to a house with a private room usually with a glazed window, also suggesting a substantial property of a prosperous family. Further, Geoffrey Nightingale, Robert’s executor, was an important and wealthy man in the history of Newport. This may suggest that Tyllinghast was a person of noteworthy status and known well to Nightingale.

Following is the will of Robert Tyllinghast of Newport Pond, Essex, dated May 1, 1613¹⁶. The question it begs is, are these Tyllinghast families connected to the East Sussex Tyllinghast families to which Pardon the emigrant was related, and if so, how.

“In the name of god Amen: the first day of maye in the yere of our lord god 1613 I Robert Tyllinghast of newport pond in the county of Essex Coper (cooper) do ordayne this my last wyll and testament. First I bequeath my soule into the hands of Jesus Christ my saviour and my body to be buryed in christian buryall. Item: I give and bequeath unto Judeth Tyllinghast and to her son Simon Tyllinghast [and his heyres] the howse they now dwell in and the sollar (solar) over the gatehowse adioininge to it, with the yard, garden and orchyard and use of the well and also I give unto them on(e) part of my croft from the great ashe to the up(p)er end of the same croft as it is in equall distans marked out, and yf it happen that the sayd Simon Tyllinghast dye without heyres, then my will is that

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the sayd howse and orchard and croft shall remain unto Robert Tyllinghast the youngest son of Edward Tyllinghast and to his heyres for ever. Item: I give unto Edward Tyllinghast my son [and his heyres] that howse he now dwelleth in cal(l)ed Stonehall with all the byldings yards and gardens belonging to it and also I give to him and his heyres for ever the other part of my croft lying upon the northsyde against the land of Nicholas Grave and Wylliam Sidaye, and my mind is that Lucye Tyllinghast his wyfe shall have all the premises aforsayd bequeathed unto Edward my sone during her lyff yf she kepe her self unmaryed and all the rest of my goods and c(h)attels which I have not given already I give unto my son Edward Tyllinghast whom [he discharging all my detts] I make executor of this my wyill. in wytness whereof I have set to my hand the day and yere above written

[Signatures]

Robert Tyllinghast

the mark of John Aldrige

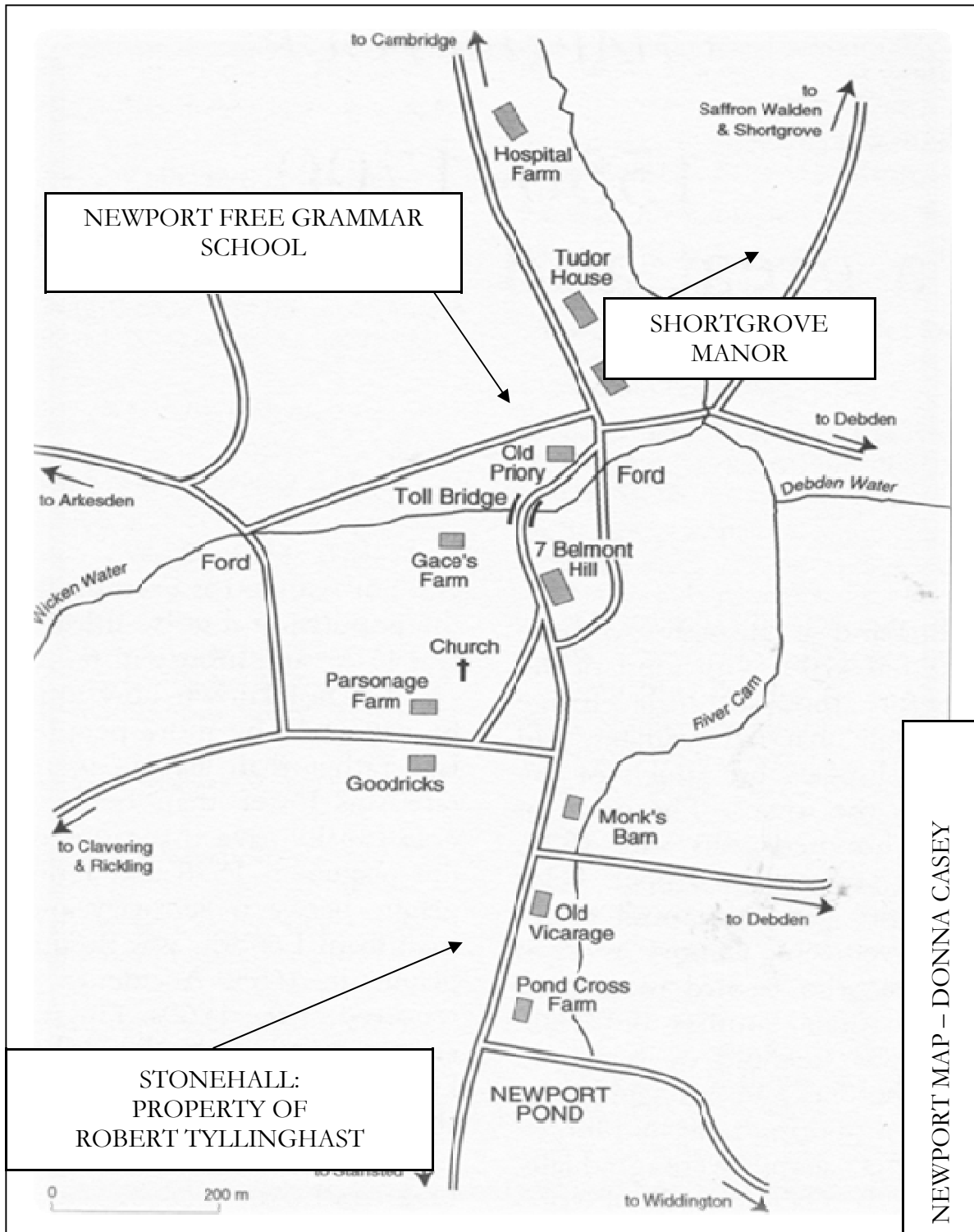
the mark of William Nightingall"

Following is what can be taken from the will and parish records at the Essex Record Office and the Recorder of Newport, Essex. Robert's birth, marriage, or death year are not recorded in the Newport, Essex parish registers. He may have been born in East Sussex but no parish record in Sussex provides a birth that would coincide with this Robert Tillinghast. The only date on the will which gives close proximity to Robert's death is the date the will was proved which is written as 12 May 1615. Later rental records indicate his death was before October 1613. His birth can be loosely assumed from a marriage record. Robert was married to Agnes (maiden unknown) (birth/baptism date unknown) – d. 12 February 1612¹⁷. There are no records of a marriage for this Robert Tyllinghast in Essex parish records.

In combination with Essex parish records, the will provides us with a possible family lineage. Other than the dates and comments provided by the parish records and the statements set forth in the will, no data has been confirmed. This information is presented as a place to begin family research on this family. The information also gives us a place to endeavor to make a connection between the Tillinghast families of East Sussex and Newport Essex.

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TILLINGHAST FAMILIES¹⁸ NEWPORT POND, ESSEX ENGLAND C1550 – 1644¹⁹

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Symon (b. unknown – d. 1559)²⁰

Robert (cooper) (b. c1537²¹ - d. c1613²²) + **Agnes** _____ (b. unknown - d. 12 Feb 1612/3),
marriage Date/Place Unknown²³

John (cooper) (b. 1 Nov 1558– d. 11 Feb 1625/6)

+ ?**Ellen/Helen**

John (b. unknown – d. 15 Feb 1630/31)

Symon²⁴ (Cooper) (b. 6 Jan 1560/61 - d. 16 Feb 1611/12)

+ **Judith/Judeth Wright** (b. unknown – d. 15 Feb 1615/6 m. 1 Dec 1593

Simon (b. 27 June 1596 – d. unknown)

Fabia (b. 20 Jul 1564 – d. 9 May 1570)

Henry (b. unknown - d. 7 June 1571)

Robert (b. unknown – d. 18 Mar 1572)

Edward (cooper) (b. 23 May 1567 – d. after 1616))

+ **Maria Wright**²⁵ (b. 2 Mar 1577 – d. 27 Mar 1593) m. 31 May 1592

+ **Lucy Harwood** (b. unknown – d. 29 Jan 1616/17) m. 28 Apr 1597

John (husbandman) (b. 12 Feb 1597/8 – d. unknown)

+ **Helen Pigge**²⁶ (b. 20 June 1591 – d. 6 Nov 1627²⁷) m. 2 Dec 1622

John (b. 29 Sept 1623 – d. unknown)

+ **Thomazin Beadle**²⁸ (b. 30 May 1596 – d. unknown) m. 27 May 1633

Mary (b. 4 May 1634 – d. unknown)

Mary²⁹ (b. 1 Nov 1635 – d. unknown)

Robert (b. 25 Nov. 1599 – d. unknown)

Maria (b. 14 Mar. 1601 – d. unknown)

St bn³⁰ (b. unknown - d. 20 Mar 1604)

Anna (b. 15 Mar 1605/6 – d. 31 May 1673) twined with

Thomasin (b. 15 Mar 1605/6 – d. 1 Apr 1606)

Henry (b. unknown – d. unknown) + **Katherine** (b. unknown – d. 9 Apr 1568) m. 17 Sept 1566

Nicholas (b. 29 Apr 1567 – d. 12 May 1568)

Thomas^{31, 32} (Cooper) (b. unknown – d. unknown) + **Ann Parmenter** (b. unknown – d. 31 May 1673)
4 Oct 1668.

Thomas Tillenus/Tillinghurst (Cooper) (b. 21 Feb 1671 – d. unknown)

Is this family ancestrally related to the Tillinghast family in Sussex, England, specifically those from Streat, East Sussex, and if so, how? There are a number of clues which might suggest they are related. First, although naming patterns do not confirm a genetic relationship, they often indicate related family clusters, especially at this time in history. Next, the occupation of cooper for so many of the men in all families, both in Newport as well as Streat, seems to suggest a family “tradition”. Finally, what would have brought the young sons of John Tillinghast rector of Streat to grammar school in Newport, Essex? The boys perhaps attended the Newport grammar school because of its superiority, but more conveniently so they could be overseen by family during their attendance.

Comparing the Sussex Tillinghast family with Robert’s family, there is one aspect of the Newport Tillinghast family that is noticeably missing in the Essex records that were examined. That is, evidence of religious activity in Robert’s family. Although it seems Robert and his family were closely associated with the Geoffrey Nightingale family who were very active in the local church, St. Mary the Virgin³³ of Newport,

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there is no evidence that Robert or his family was active in the church or had specific religious tendencies. However, it is well documented that Newport during Robert's lifetime and later was a hotbed of religious separatism³⁴.

Although the information presented provides us with some information about the Tillinghast family of Newport Pond, Essex in late 16th century, further research is necessary to confirm the connection between the Tillinghast families of Newport Pond and the Tillinghast families of Sussex.

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Footnotes:

¹Newport Pond is the name of the manor in Essex, England whose land currently sits in the southern half of the present village of Newport. The term pond is derived from the large fish pond which was on the manor property to about 1550, which is now dry.

²Although "Tyllinghast" is the variant spelling found in most of the Essex records, the spelling "Tillinghast" will generally be used in the main text of this article. This Robert Tyllinghast is not to be confused with the Robert Tillinghast of Streat, Sussex who also died in 1613.

³Based upon the birth year of what appears to be Robert's oldest child, John, November 1558.

⁴A rental agreement of October 1613 states "*The heirs of TILLINGARSTE Robert for a tenement in Stone hall and an acre with 2 roods sold from it to John TILLINGARSTE and 2 acre in buryfield all free 1s 2d*", which indicates Robert's death between the writing of the will, May 1, 1613, and October of 1613. Essex Record Office (ERO), Wharf Rd., Essex England: ERO ref D/DBY M161.

⁵In geography, a linear village, or linear settlement is a small to medium-sized settlement that is formed to either side of a transport route, such as a road, river, or canal, in this case the London Road and the River Cam.

⁶East Sussex Record Office, Lewes, East Sussex, England. Ref. 488-01-01-01.

⁷*The Witchcraft Papers*, 1974. Collected and edited by Peter Haining, London, Robert Hale & Company.

⁸Witness to the will of Robert Tyllinghast and owner of Pond Cross Farm, adjacent property to that of Robert Tyllinghast (see map).

⁹Dictionary of National Biography, 1898. Sidney Lee. Smith Elder, London. (p. 391). General Subscription Book (Lewes Archdeaconry) – ref. Ep II/I. National Archives (UK); <http://www.a2a.org.uk/>

¹⁰Venn, J. A., comp.. *Alumni Cantabrigienses*. London, England: Cambridge University Press, 1922-1954.

¹¹Sussex Family Historian, *A Tillinghast Genealogy*, Michael Burchall, Vol. 1: pp 57 – 59.

¹²These stones are post-glacial sandstone block remnants about 4 feet high and 3 feet wide. Sarsen stones are dense, hard, 20-million year old rock-caps created from sand bound by silica cement, which once covered much of southern England.

¹³Bernard Nurse, Joy Pugh, Imogen Mollet, "*A Village in Time*", 1995, a Newport News Publication. p. 47.

¹⁴Now the southern end of the high street.

¹⁵Bernard Nurse, Joy Pugh, Imogen Mollet, "*A Village in Time*", 1995, a Newport News Publication. p. 48.

¹⁶Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, Essex England. Ref: D/ABW 38/122 .

¹⁷Parish Register of Newport Essex; Deaths & Burials 1558 - 1991, Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, Essex, England, UK. The record states "Agnes Tillinghurst, wife of Robert, cooper".

¹⁸All deaths reported as Newport, Essex. Data from Essex Birth, Marriage, and Burial Parish Registers, Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, Essex, England. Relationships were assigned related to comments in parish records. Further research must be done to confirm relationships. Spellings shown as provided in parish records.

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¹⁹An assumed lineage of the Tillinghast family of Newport, Essex (1537 to 1671) based upon the will of Robert Tyllinghast and the Essex Record Office parish records 1558 to 1700.

²⁰Assumption of generation level and birth order based on death date.

²¹Assumption of birth date based on birth information of John "of Robert Tyllinghast, cooper".

²²Based upon will: ERO D-ABW-38-122, and a rental agreement of October 1613 ERO ref D/DBy M161

²³Wife of this Robert "assumed" from information "wife of Robert Tyllinghast, cooper", supplied in burial record.

²⁴Name spelling as seen on birth records. Birth record states "s. of Simon Tillinghurst, cooper".

²⁵Note on record "Father, George Wright of Newport Pond".

²⁶Note on record "Father, Nicholas of Newport Pond, tailor".

²⁷This is a recorded death date of a woman listed as "Ellen, wife of John Tillinghurst", is it Helen Pigge?

²⁸Also seen Bedle. Note on birth record "Father, Aldridge alias Bedle; farmer of Newport Pond".

²⁹First Mary in this family likely died at infancy, therefore, the next daughter was also named Mary?

³⁰Still Born.

³¹This man was a cooper and also known as Thomas Cooper; taking Cooper as a surname.

³²Neither father or mother of this Thomas Tillinghurst is known.

³³Built around 1108, until the English Reformation (1536-1541) this church would have been Catholic, subsequently it was and remains a Church of England.

³⁴At the time Puritans including Baptists and other groups and sects wanted to withdraw from the Ch. of Engl.

Tillinghast Family Reunion

The Tillinghast Society invites all people named Tillinghast and those who claim Tillinghast heritage to a family reunion in Providence, Rhode Island, on July 27, 2011.

The gathering will be centered at Brown University where a block of rooms is reserved at Saunders Inn at Brown University. You may make your reservations at The Inn by calling (401)863-7500. Cost per night is \$110 plus parking fee of \$7.00 per night (if you drive, this is highly recommended.) There are only 24 rooms. You are not required to stay at the Inn and other accommodations are listed elsewhere in this publication.

Please make separate reservations for the reunion by using the form on the last page of this issue. Notice that you may register for all or any part of the program that you care to attend. Late registration is allowed at increased cost, but be aware that late registration may not guarantee that you will be included in a meal that requires advanced planning, such as the clam bake.

You need not be a Tillinghast Society member to attend and we encourage you to register and bring your extended Tillinghast family members. Please share this invitation with others and urge them to come meet their extended family.

Additional reunion accommodations

If you do not choose to stay at Saunders Inn at Brown for the reunion, you may want to consider accommodations listed below. In the next newsletter, we will try to have additional listings at a better rate, but that is hard to find in Providence. Some may want to consider camping.

Providence Biltmore
11 Dorrance Street
401-421-0700
(Average price \$150-190)

Hampton Inn & Suites
58 Weybosset Street
401-608-3500
(Average price \$200)

Providence Marriott
1 Ornes Street
401-272-2400
(Average price \$200)

Tillinghast Society Family Reunion – Providence, RI

Agenda, July 27 through Sunday, July 31, 2011

(Agenda under development)

Thursday, July 27, 2011

2:00 PM – 6:00 PM

Registration
(Supper on your own)

7:00 PM

Snack and greet
Genealogist available
Books and display tables
Walking tours and self directed discovery discussion
- museums and research resources

Friday, July 28, 2011

10:00 AM

Breakfast on your own
Registration continues
Break room open – genealogist available

Speaker, Wayne Tillinghast,
author of *The Tillinghasts in America-The First Four Generations*, and more

Mid-day

Picnic at Tillinghast Pond at RI Nature Conservancy
Optional visit to Meeting House (newly refurbished and
cemetery near the pond)

Dinner

Pizza party

7:00 PM

Games, bonding etc

Speaker, Kent Watkins on meeting Captain Otis Tillinghast, et al

Saturday, July 30, 2011

10 AM

Breakfast on your own

Speaker, Donna Casey on *Surprises from the Old Country*

Group Picture

Later Afternoon

Clam bake at Tillinghast Farm with musical jam session or
other activity

Sunday, July 31, 2011

Morning

Church service at The First Baptist Church in America
Brunch at New Rivers, An American Bistro



The Tillinghast Society Family Reunion – Providence, RI

The Tillinghast Society Family Reunion will be held in Providence, RI, the historical home of Elder Pardon Tillinghast and descendants. We invite extended family members and all others interested to join us **July 27 – 31, 2011** to share genealogy, family stories and connections.

Please send a copy of this registration form along with your check to cover all activities you have chosen to:
 (Make check payable to) Claire Hauenstein

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 Pittsford, New York 14534

239/898-1008 or email: edith3@aol.com

Registration

I will attend The Tillinghast Society Family Reunion. Please reserve the following events for which I enclose a check.
Confirmation will be sent following receipt of payment.

Name: _____
 Second Person: _____
 Address: _____
 City/State/ZIP: _____
 Telephone: _____
 Email: _____

Reservations for Inn or Hotel must be made separately.

Where I am staying: _____

	<u>Reservation</u>	
Registration fee, paid by June 15	\$15.00	_____
Late reservation, paid by July 8	20.00	_____
Reservation paid at the door	25.00	_____
Friday Picnic lunch	14.00	_____
Friday evening pizza meal	10.00	_____
Saturday clam bake	55.00	_____
Sunday brunch	15.00	_____

Subtotal: _____

Number of people: _____

Total enclosed: _____