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Tillinghasts gathered in Providence for Third Family Reunion sponsored by Tillinghast Society, July 28-31, 2011

The term *reunion* suggests getting together again. Only a few of the Tillinghast clan who met in Providence last summer have been to all three gatherings sponsored by the Tillinghast Society. On the contrary, we continue to meet new extended family members and appreciate our heritage and those who keep it alive for us.

Pictures in this issue tell stories about our long weekend in July centered around The First Baptist Church in America which was started largely by our first Tillinghast immigrant, Elder Pardon. It was a treat to use their spacious meeting room and worship with them on Sunday morning.

With registration under way, new faces appeared and names were matched to friendly emailers, Facebookers and letter writers who have been in touch.

Book sales, CD sales, and a display table of Tillinghast memorabilia filled the back of our meeting hall. On-going genealogy discussion for individuals and clans by genealogist Todd Lawrence provided answers to seekers of lost roots.

Speakers Wayne Tillinghast, Donna T. Casey and Kent Watkins sparked interest in early American history, English roots and the role of Tillinghasts in arts and war.

A visit to Plains Meeting House and cemetery took us to a historical area dominated by Tillinghast leadership in early America. And a guided hike around Tillinghast Pond brought us up to date on preservation efforts by Rhode Island Conservancy.

Favorite activities included a walking tour lead by docents from Rhode Island Historical Society and rubbings at Pardon's gravestone. Favorite meals were the clam bake at Tillinghast Farm and brunch at Bruce Tillinghast's New Rivers Restaurant.

The ultimate weekend experience was Waterfire, Providence's unique work of art providing music, live art, fire on the water and boisterous fun for attendees on foot or seated by the river.

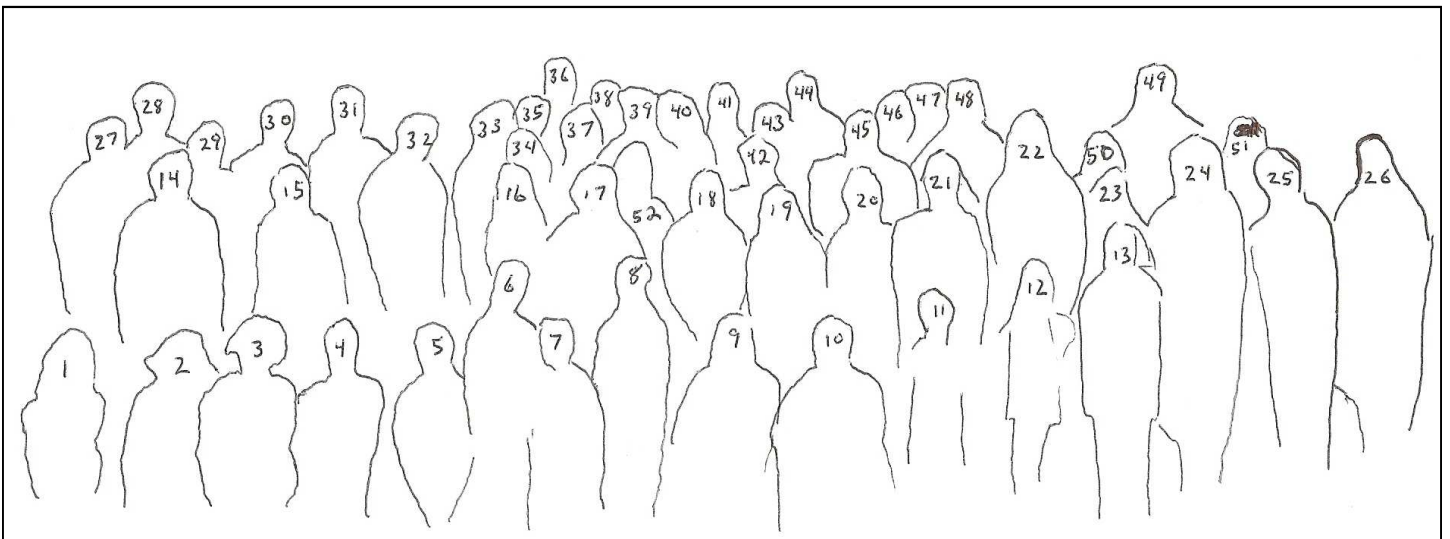
Enjoy pictures of the reunion and reminisce. Then return to England with Donna and see Kent's new publication announcement. Above all, appreciate the group picture by Paul Tillinghast. I wish all of you could have been in it.

Greta T. Tyler, editor

Tillinghast Reunion Attendees—Bloodline



Numbers relate to chart on next page.



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| 1. | 19. Susanna Kenny | 37. Leanna Mitchell |
| 2. Melody T. Brady | 20. Valerie Kenny | 38. Brian Gaston |
| 3. Mickey T. Kelley | 21. Gwenivere Tillinghast | 39. Wayne Tillinghast |
| 4. Shelly T. Walkington | 22. Andy Tillinghast | 40. Deborah Vachon |
| 5. Bruce Tillinghast | 23. Louise Tillinghast | 41. Tom Eisenbraun |
| 6. Cassandra Norman | 24. Jennie Mazzarella | 42. Linda MacDonald |
| 7. Eli Tillinghast | 25. Greta T. Tyler | 43. Lauren Fisk |
| 8. Alena Norman | 26. Marlene Shahhein | 44. Mike Tillinghast |
| 9. Beth T. Norman | 27. Mickie Murphy | 45. Kent Watkins |
| 10. Paul Tillinghast | 28. Michael Kelley | 46. Carol Tillinghast |
| 11. Lucas Tillinghast | 29. Ed Tillinghast | 47. Eric Fisk |
| 12. Victoria Tillinghast | 30. Amber T. Treinen | 48. Joe Lippincott |
| 13. Jeanine Dietz | 31. Nikki T. Lanford | 49. Todd Lawrence |
| 14. Dawn Troisi | 32. Henry Tillinghast | 50. Michael Tillinghast |
| 15. Blair Cashmon | 33. Melody T. Brady | 51. Myra Pratte |
| 16. Talia Pirri | 34. Helen Pirri | 52. Louise Mitchell |
| 17. Donna T. Casey | 35. Tim Tillinghast | |
| 18. Shaw Tillinghast | 36. Mark Tillinghast | |

We regret that all efforts to name every person in the picture failed to give us a complete list. Please help by sending the names of anyone who is incorrectly named or help us fill in the open blanks. Thank you from your editors.

Family Photo by Paul Tillinghast



Paul Tillinghast, Diane McCracken, Louise Mitchell



**Clockwise,
Todd Lawrence provided genealogy, Rachel Tillinghast with the help of Nikki T. Lanford help Georgina T. Webster get registered. Kent Watkins and Wayne Tillinghast speak on Tillinghast history. Bruce Tillinghast headed up local arrangements.**



Friday picnic lunch at West Greenwich Center



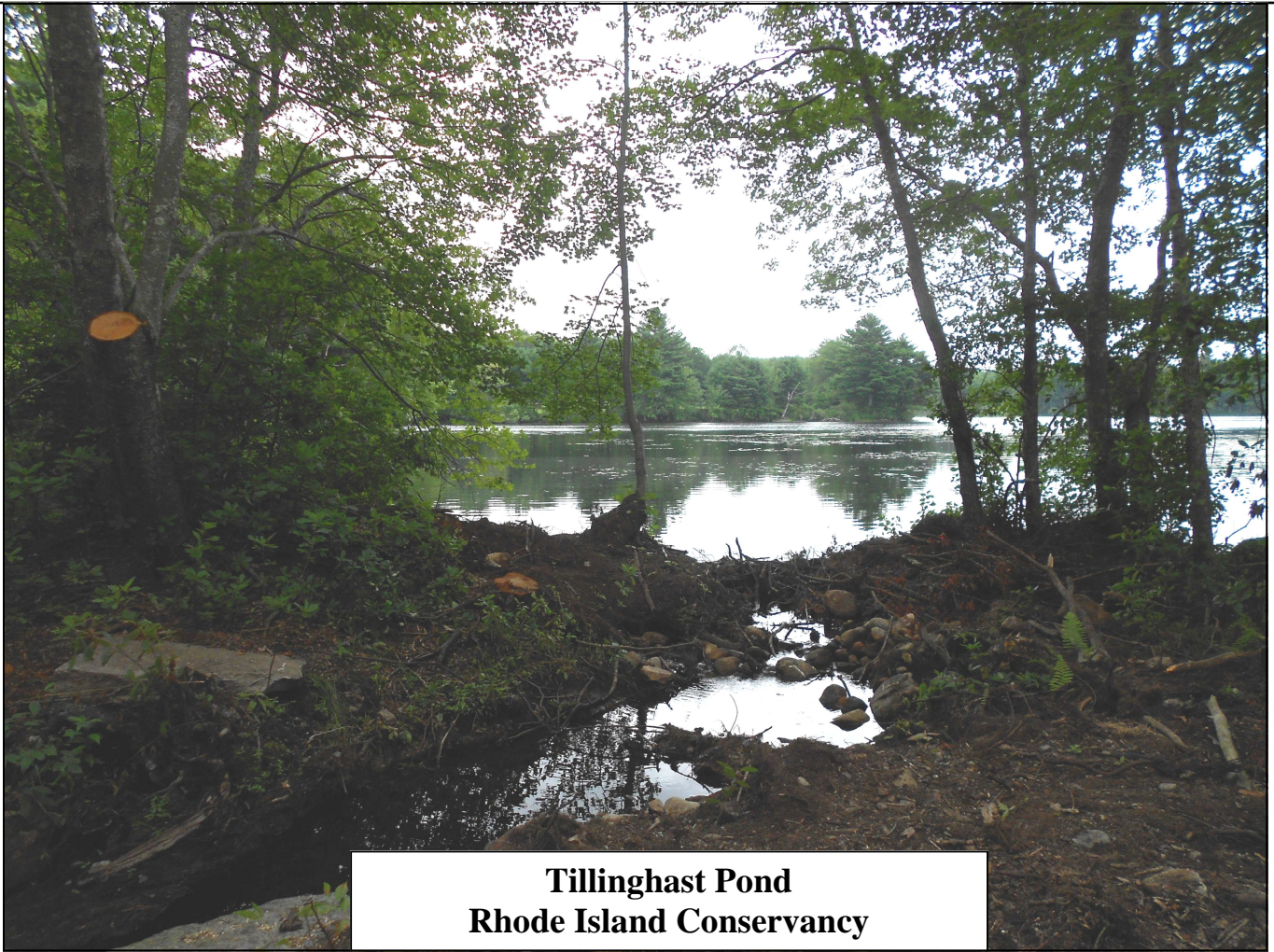
Amber T. Treinen with parents, Sharon and Edwin Tillinghast and Anne Tillinghast



Laurie Bodkin and cousins. Please help us with missing names.



Shelly T. Walkington, Nikki T. Lanford, Todd Lawrence and Jackie Brennen



**Tillinghast Pond
Rhode Island Conservancy**



**Barbara Barns of Rhode Island Historical Society leads tour of
Tillinghast sites and prepares for Waterfire at sundown**



Bruce Tillinghast and crew spruced up Pardon's Plot for a family visit, even planted fresh flowers for the event. Mickie Murphy and Brian Gaston took on the project of stone rubbing. Tom Eisenbraun joins Brian, left, capturing the bird atop the script. Below, Mickie helps Eli Tillinghast and his dad, Mark, capture their name. Below left, Alena and Cassie Norman, with their mother, Beth T. Norman, get a full script which is now framed in Beth's classroom for her students.



Funds are being accepted for upkeep of this plot by a local committee. \$1015 has been received and \$695 was spent for refurbishing, balance \$320. Donations are being accepted by editor.



**Clam Bake
at RSDI's Tillinghast Farm**



**Bruce ponders questions
by Edward and Margaret Tillinghast**



Ellen and Eric Fisk



Myra Pratte, Jennie Mazzarella, Jeannine and Bob Dietz



Michael Tillinghast and Louise Tillinghast



Michael, Elizabeth, Mickey T. and Dick Kelley



Joe and Mickie Murphy, Brian Gaston, Tom Eisenbraun, Mike and Rachel Tillinghast



Andy Tillinghast Family



Shaw Tillinghast, Bruce Tillinghast, Carol Tillinghast and Joe Lippincott



Curt Webster, Gil Brady, Melody T. Brady and Georgina T. Webster



Waterfire, July 30, 2011

What did you like most about the reunion:

The most frequent response that came from this question was “meeting so many new family members.” Below are a few answers received in email.

Beth T. Norman

I guess our favorite parts of the reunion were spending time with family, meeting people with the same unique last name, seeing RI, the picnic at the Tillinghast estate (and the girls tasting shellfish for the first time) and eating yummy lunch prepared at a Tillinghast's restaurant. Alena and Cassie said they enjoyed meeting someone their age (I think her name was Luciana).

Donna T. Casey

My comment on the reunion. The thing that stood out for me was that there were young people there who really enjoyed the history and the details of the early families when Wayne and I talked. That excited me. I love to teach and talk about history to kids....and I always feel good when I know they are engaged when I am talking....so that would have been at least one thing I walked away with that was a good fun memory.

Mickie Murphy

(Re: her picture of gravestone rubbings) I think this is my favorite from the gravestone rubbing. I did love this and ended up going to the Tillinghast stones here in Chicago. I am so grateful for having been at the reunion to hear about our rich Tillinghast history. I was especially interested in hearing about the coopers and Anglican priests. I had no idea! PS. The rubbings was a favorite of mine, too.
GT

As your editor, it was my honor to pull together the details of this reunion and set the agenda. We had a long committee list who handled various jobs, large and small. My thanks to all who helped and to all who came. Memories are made of this.

Greta



A big note of gratitude goes out to Claire Hauenstein who established our registration procedure and followed it from beginning to way past the end of the reunion. Unfortunately, she was unable to attend the reunion due to an unexpected real estate adventure that she didn't know would happen. Rachel Tillinghast, who had handled registration at the past two reunions, picked up the ball at the last minute and got things done. Any problems that anyone experienced lay totally in the hands of the post office who broke their own rules about forwarding mail. Thanks Claire and Rachel for handling this tricky job.

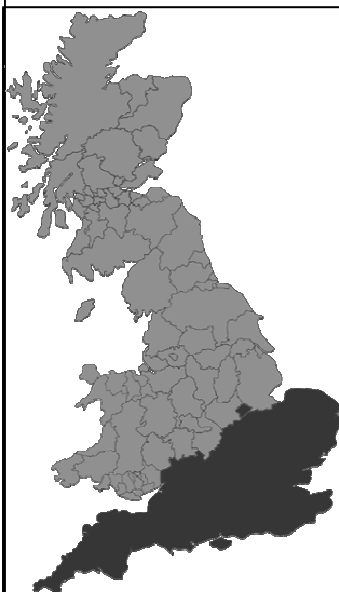
Major thanks goes to Bruce Tillinghast who did so much behind the scenes work to make the reunion a success. He took responsibility for setting up Tillinghast Pond, the lunch at West Greenwich Center, the clam bake and RISD and, of course, brunch at New Rivers. He also personally spruced up Pardon's Plot. He had help on a clean-up day from Blaire Cashmon and his sister Suzanne T. Lincoln and her husband, but Bruce continued with maintenance to the last moment and even planted those fresh petunias at the foot of the grave. That may also be his personal bench with the flowers. He was also alert to the Waterfire schedule and saw to it that we worked our reunion itinerary around it.

Thank you, Bruce, for many jobs well done.

ANOTHER BRANCH OF THE SAME TILLINGHAST TREE? (Part II)

By: Donna Tillinghast Casey (William Cloyd, Carl Frank, Francis Marion, Dwight Joseph, Joseph Gorton, Charles, John, Pardon, Pardon, Pardon, John, Robert)

ESSEX, HERTFORDSHIRE, SURREY, SUSSEX, and GREATER LONDON



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Volume 12 Issue 1 Winter Issue 2011 Pardon's Progeny contained an article about a recently discovered 17th century Tillinghast family in Newport Pond, Essex, England. This article will examine records of more 17th century Tillinghast family members thought to be connected to our Streat Tillinghast ancestors discovered in other counties of England. They were found in Ingatestone, Essex, Goring, Sussex, Ware, Hertfordshire, Godalming, Surrey, and Greater London. Recent information uncovered seems to indicate they may be connected to the Tillinghast family of Newport, Essex and Streat, Sussex.

Ingatestone, Essex. Of the Newport Pond, Essex family there was a Henry/Henricus Tyllinghurst, cooper (*refer to pedigree chart pg. 6 Vol. 12, Issue 1*). His birth/baptism date is unknown and his burial does not appear in the Newport parish records. However, his marriage was recorded in Newport parish records. He was married 17 September, 1566¹ to a Katherine (maiden name, birth/baptism, unknown) who died² 9 April 1568³.

Henry and Katherine had a son, Nicholas, born 29 April 1567 who died 12 May 1568⁴, 33 days after his mother's death. No other records for this family are found in Newport.

Fourteen months later we find a Henry Tyllinghurst, cooper, 30 miles south of Newport, in Ingatestone, Essex, marrying Annam Prinsor (no baptism date known) on 10 July, 1569⁵. The close proximity of Newport and Ingatestone and occupation of cooper, suggests this may be the same Henry of Newport. There is a death re-



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¹Baptisms, Burial, and Marriages 1558 - 1669, Newport Essex ERO Ref. D/P 15/1/1

²The word "died" or "d." usually represents a burial date in this time period.

³Ibid.

⁴Ibid.

⁵Unless otherwise noted, all Ingatestone dates are from Ingatestone register of baptisms, marriages, and burials, St. Edmund and St. Mary's Parish Church, 1558 - 1732; Essex Record Office, Chelmsford, Essex, England, Ref. D/P 31/1/1/.

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corded in the Ingatestone parish records for a Henry Tyllinghurst (cooper) on 25, December 1616. The Ingatestone parish records report Henry and Anna Tyllinghurst had issue of at least four children;

Barbara – (b. 23 April 1570, Ingatestone, Essex – d. May, 1570)
 Henricus – (b. 15 January, 1578, Ingatestone, Essex – d. unknown)
 Thomas – (b. 20 March, 1585, Ingatestone, Essex – d. unknown)
 Johes (Latin for John) – (20 July, 1589, Ingatestone, Essex – d. unknown)

Daughter Barbara died in infancy May 1570. Henry's wife Anna died almost twenty years before Henry, in September 1597.

Goring, Sussex. There are no marriages or deaths recorded in the Ingatestone parish records for any of the sons of Henry and Anna. However, a Thomas Tillinghast/Tillingat/Tillgate appears in Goring Sussex, marrying a Mary Androw in July 1611⁶ of Robert Androw. Thomas of Ingatestone would have been 26 years old in July of 1611. No other Tillinghast family appears in Goring before this Thomas. To date only one other Thomas Tillinghast is recorded during this period; that is the son of John and Alice Tillinghast of Streat, who is recorded as having died in 1611, shortly after his birth in 1609⁷. Thomas of Goring is recorded in the St. Thomas of Canterbury parish records as having five children:

Elizabeth - (b. 6 June, 1612, Goring, Sussex – d. unknown) m. Robert Tully 1639, Goring.
 Thomas - (b. 19 February, 1613, Goring Sussex – d. unknown).
 Mary - (b. 24 February, 1616, Goring, Sussex – d. 19 March, 1618⁸).
 John - (b. 5 March, 1619, Goring, Sussex - d. 24 May 1621).
 Joane - (b. 14 October, 1621, Goring, Sussex – d. unknown).

This Thomas does not fit in any other Sussex family, and as said previously, a Thomas Tillinghast/Tillinghurst does not appear in the marriage or burial records of the parish records of Ingatestone. Perhaps this is the same Thomas from Ingatestone, son of Henry and Anna Tyllinghurst. Further to identification and making a connection for this individual, there appears in the 1641/42 lists of Protestation Oath signers in Goring, Sussex, a Tillingat/Tillgate. This particular transcription list only provides surnames of signers. However, if this is the same Thomas Tillinghast/Tillingat/Tillgate, it does indicate a religious sympathy similar to Pardon the father of our emigrant Pardon, whose name appears on the Alfriston Protestation Oath signature list of 1641. It should also be noted, the sons of Thomas carry his name and the name John, his brother, the second son of Henry Tyllinghurst, thought to have been originally of Newport and latterly from Ingatestone.

Ware, Hertfordshire, England. There was also an Alice Tyllinghurst who appeared as a sister to Robert and Henry Tyllinghurst of Newport, Essex (refer to pedigree chart pg. 6 Vol. 12, Issue 1). In Ware, Hertfordshire, near Newport, there is an Alice Tyllinghurst (transcribed as Alice Killingharte) found marrying a

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⁶All Goring Parish records of children of this family are referenced through Goring Parish Register, PAR 92/2/1, except where otherwise stated.

⁷*Tillinghast Family*, Rose C. Tillinghast 1972.

⁸East Sussex Burial Records, Sussex Family History Group Burial Index.

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William Hixe 3 June, 1565⁹. There is no record of any other Tyllinghurst in any baptismal, marriage, or burial parish records of Ware for a 30-year period prior to this marriage date. There are no wills containing any Tyllinghurst in the Ware parish records. Ware is a malting village twenty miles southwest of Newport, Essex. A malting village would be in need of many barrels and possibly in need of more than a few coopers. Could Alice have met William through one of her cooper brothers? Did Willyam apprentice with one of the Tillinghast coopers of Newport?

The birth records for children of William/Willyam Hixe and Alice, and burial records of this family that follow are uncertain. The records of Ware from 1538 to 1586 were transcribed and chronologically organized in about 1600 by several individuals. Original records seem to have been discarded. The deciphering of individual names is not uniform. Therefore, it appears the surname of Hixe has been transcribed in several different ways, i.e., Hicke/s, Hide, and, Picke. However, it is thought that the following pedigree is correct for Alice and William Hix, based on birth dates related to their marriage date and the name patterns that appear.

Alice Killingharte/Tillinghaste married Willyam Hix 3, June 1565. They had at least eight children.

Elizabeth (P)¹⁰icke (bapt. 6 February, 1566 Ware, Hertfordshire¹¹ – d. unknown)
 Joan (P)icke (bapt. 14 November, 1568 Ware, Hertfordshire – d. unknown)
 Alice (P)icke (bapt. 10 March, 1570 Ware, Hertfordshire – d. unknown)
 Richard (P)icke (bapt. 7 June, 1573 Ware, Hertfordshire – d. unknown)
 Thomas (P)icke (bapt. 6 March 1574 Ware, Hertfordshire – d. unknown)
 Willyam (P)icke (bapt. 20 October 1578 Ware, Hertfordshire – d. unknown)
 Anno (P)icke (bapt 8 November, 1579 Ware, Hertfordshire – d. unknown)
 Christopher (P)icke (stillborn and buried July 1582, Ware, Hertfordshire)

In Ware parish records a Willyam Hide was buried October 12, 1582. This could have been Alice's husband or son. There is a burial for an Alice Hicke 19 November, 1596 in the same records. It is unclear whether this is the daughter Alice or the mother Alice. Based on the life expectancy for women of the period, it is likely the mother. On the same day in November, 1596 there is a burial for another Willyam Picke. It is unclear if this is the husband or the son Willyam.

The above pedigree of Alice Tillinghast/Killingharte and William/Willyam Hix is put forth as a possibility only. Much more research must be done to confirm the information. However, it assists in putting the details of the Tillinghast progeny of early England one step closer to clarification.

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⁹Hertfordshire Archives & Local Studies, Hertfordshire Records Office, Hertford, Hertfordshire, England, Ware, St. Mary Parish Register, Ref. D/P 116/1/1.

¹⁰Parish records in Ware, Hertfordshire for sixty years show no other family with surname Picke. There was no marriage of a Picke in the parish records of Ware, Hertfordshire within 20 years prior to the birth of the first "Picke" baptism. Related to dates of birth, name patterns, and likelihood of error in deciphering of surname, it is probable these children are the progeny of Alice and Willyam Hix.

¹¹All records of the children of Alice and Willyam Hix are referenced from Hertfordshire Archives & Local Studies (HALS), Hertfordshire Records Office, Hertford, Hertfordshire, England, Ware, St. Mary Parish Register, Ref. D/P 116/1/1.

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Godalming, Surrey. In a number of public genealogical databases a large number of the Tillinghurst family appear documented in Godalming, Surrey c1550 to 1640. Viewing the original records of the Godalming parish in Woking Surrey History Centre, it has been discovered that the families of Godalming transcribed in the 1960s as Tillinghurst are actually Billingham, with the exception of one female, Ann Tillinghest. An Ann Tillinghest married Richard Clerke/Clarke 22 October, 1622¹². No other individuals are found in the Godalming parish records with the name Tillinghast or variants 100 years prior to that marriage and no records of a Richard or Ann Clerke/Clarke are found up to 50 years after that marriage, in the same records. It is unclear from which Tillinghast family this Ann comes.

Greater London. In Cheshunt, a village eight miles south of Ware in Hertfordshire, there is an interesting Tillinghast discovery. A John Tillinghaste, son of Benjamin Tillinghaste was baptized 24 December 1656¹³. Although, Cheshunt is located in Hertfordshire, it has always been considered an area within Greater London. In London Guildhall apprenticeship records there appears a Benjamin Tillinghurst apprenticed to a John Browne in the "Grocer's Company"¹⁴ for 10 years, beginning 12 July 1648. The entry in the printed book reads "Tillinghurst, Benjamin son of Jordan, Aston, Sussex, cooper, to John Browne, 12 July 1648, Grocers' Company". A look at the original entry confirms this is Benjamin Tillinghurst, son of Pardon, Alfriston, Sussex, cooper, to John Browne, 12 July 1648, in the Grocers' Company¹⁵. This is Benjamin, the brother of Pardon the emigrant. He would have been 18 years old when his apprenticeship began. It is unclear what type of apprenticeship he undertook, however, the occupation of cooper fell within the Grocer's Guild. In less than 10 years Benjamin himself has two apprentices under him; a Henry Champion and a Thomas Rogers in 1655 and 1657. No marriage or burial is found for a Benjamin Tillinghast/hurst in Cheshunt, Hertfordshire, or any of the London borough parish records.

Stephen/Steven Tillinghast (b. 3 April, 1614, Streat, East Sussex¹⁶), son of John and Alice Tillinghast, and brother to Pardon the father, is also found in the London parish and Guild records. At the age of 12, in 1626, his entry in the London Apprenticeship Records reads as follows " Stephen, son of John, cleric, late of Streat, Sussex, is apprenticed to Thomas Underhill for 9 years", at which time (21 years of age) he would have become a freeman.

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¹²Godalming parish records, Godalming History Centre, Woking, Surrey. Reference GOD/1/1/1.

¹³Hertfordshire Record Office, Hertford, Hertfordshire. Reference D/P29/1/1-7 (Reel #70). In the Hertfordshire parish records no marriage for Benjamin appears, nor any other Tillinghast entries to 1858.

¹⁴This guild also contains coopers and cheesemongers among other occupations.

¹⁵Register of Apprentices 1629 – 1666, MS 11,593 1. London Guildhall.

¹⁶East Sussex Record Office Ref PAR 488 01 01.

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The following is a suggested pedigree for the immediate family of Steven/Stephen Tillinghast of Streat, son of John and Alice, found in the London baptism, marriage, and burial parish records.

Steven Tillinghast (b. 3 Apr, 1614, Streat, East Sussex – d. 22 May, 1654, St. Saviour Denmark Park, Southwark, London¹⁷) married Susan Archer (of Robert Archer) (b. 14 Nov, 1605, Southwark, London – d. unknown) 22 Nov, 1635. Steven may have had a second wife. There is an Alice Tillinghurst, buried 28 Jan, 1648 at St. Saviour, Denmark Park, Southwark, London, whose burial entry is noted with a “W”, indicating widow. Steven had about four children.

James (b. 23 Oct 1638, Southwark, London – d. unknown)

John (b. 27 Oct, 1642, Southwark, London – d. unknown) + Ann Constable Sept, 1669, + Sarah Wilcocks 11 Nov 1673.

Steven (b. 7 May, 1645, Southwark, London – d. 14 Nov 1688, St. Dunstan’s East London) + Alles (maiden name and vital details unknown).

Thomas (b. unknown – d. unknown)¹⁸

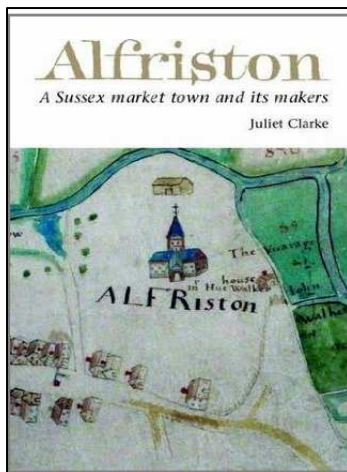
It is of interest to note that the area of Southwark (Surrey), London at the time Steven was living there with his family, was heavily populated by religious non-conformists, especially Baptists. Both Particular and General Baptists formed one of their first London congregations in Southwark. Pardon the emigrant was a General Baptist.

There is much more to learn about the Tillinghast men found in London. A further article will provide their family details to 1960; their progeny, their apprenticeships, and their occupations.

One of the most interesting things about genealogical research is that one is never done locating that last record relating to family history. There is surely much more to be found about our early Tillinghast family.

¹⁷ Unless otherwise stated, all London baptisms, marriages, and burials are from London England Baptisms, Marriages, and Burials, 1538 – 1812, London Metropolitan Archives.

¹⁸This is based upon several record entries found for children of a Thomas Tillinghast “potter of Southwark”, which appear in a time period to suggest the father, Thomas, was born about 1647. No other Thomas appears in the London or Southwark, Surrey records.



Alfriston: A Sussex Market Town and Its Makers

(J. Clarke, author). \$27USD + mailing.

A book about the village of Alfriston, Sussex, giving many details of history, life, religion, and occupations 1500 to 1700. The Tillinghast family is a part of the story in several sections.

Simplified purchasing arrangements are pending. Please let your editor know if you are interested in purchasing the book. I will contact you as soon as a system is in place. GTT

This lead in the ARTS section of January 6 *New York Times* kicks off the pre-launch of Kent Watkins' up-coming book. Following is the article run by the Times that day:

The New York Times

ARTS January 06, 2012

Antiques: 18-Centure Artisans, Tracked the Modern Way

.....researching the decorative artist Mary Tillinghast.....

AN ARTIST ILLUMINATED By Eve M. Kahn, January 6, 2012

Kent Watkins has spent more than 5,000 hours over seven years looking for traces of a distant cousin, Mary Tillinghast. From the 1880s to the early 1910s she ran a workshop in Greenwich Village and designed stained-glass windows, mosaics, tapestries, murals and tombs. An 1896 magazine profile called her “the most versatile artist we can boast of among the women in this country.”

She died in 1912, at 66, and her archives apparently vanished. “There are no papers that she left,” Mr. Watkins said during a recent visit to her former quarters at 3 Washington Square North, now occupied by New York University offices. The school has put up a plaque in one room, to record Tillinghast’s tenancy, but she is otherwise largely forgotten.

Mr. Watkins, an urban-planning consultant, is finishing a Tillinghast monograph with 72 chapters that he plans to self-publish. He has studied how his forebear attracted clients as elite as the philanthropist Margaret Olivia Sage, the inventor Alexander Graham Bell and the tobacco magnate Pierre Lorillard.

Tillinghast grew up in East Orange, N.J.; studied art for years in Paris; and then helped support her family by overseeing departments for Manhattan tastemakers: first the interior designer Candace Wheeler, and then the stained-glass specialist John La Farge. Tillinghast set up her own studio in 1884 and was best known for her windows, showing saints and literary figures against backdrops of Mediterranean hills, fluted pilasters and Gothic tracery.

Hundreds of her works are scattered from North Carolina to Maine to Illinois. Her masterpieces are in Manhattan: a flock of angels at Grace Church, and portraits of Huguenots escaping Louis XIV’s persecutions at the New-York Historical Society.

She cultivated the press, inviting its members to literary and musical salons at her opulent duplex. In one parlor “a red silk umbrella chandelier stains the gaslight to a rosy gleam,” an art magazine rhapsodized in 1893. She also wrote articles explaining how she supervised fabricators piecing together hundreds of opalescent shards for her window designs.

“Mary was very control-minded,” Mr. Watkins said, then corrected himself. “Willful is a better word.” He sees her windows for sale from time to time. Dealers have mistakenly called her a former Tiffany staff member and have also made “innuendoes,” he said, that she was the mistress of Tiffany or La Farge.

Mr. Watkins keeps tabs on restorations too. Last year Tillinghast’s 1890s chapel windows at St. Vincent’s Hospital in Manhattan were saved from demolition and are to be installed at a hospital in New Brunswick, N.J. In November the historical society unveiled her newly cleaned and reinforced Huguenot tableau, which Tillinghast signed twice in bold letters.

“She had confidence that way,” the stained-glass restoration consultant Julie L. Sloan said in a recent phone interview. Ms. Sloan added that she admired Mr. Watkins’s 72 chapters in progress. “He’s tireless,” she said.

Look for announcements of Kent’s well researched writing about this accomplished cousin.

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