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The King's School  
Canterbury, Kent  
England

Dear Sirs:

We are doing research on artifacts which have been found during archeological excavations at 17th century Dutch and English sites as well as at the 18th century estates of great landowners here in New York. Recently I noticed an item in an exhibition catalogue published in 1963 by Phillimore & Co., Ltd. I am interested in any additional information you can provide.

This catalogue was from an exhibition of family portraits and papers at Bridge Place, near Canterbury, the home of Mr. and Mrs. Malcolm Pinhorn. The catalogue notes that "the excavations in progress in the grounds are being conducted by members of the Sumner Society of King's School, Canterbury, with the assistance of Mr. Voight." Evidently, the excavations in 1962 revealed remains of an original terrace which ran the length of the house, built about 1640 and partly pulled down about 1700. In 1963 excavations in the inner courtyard uncovered other parts of the house which were demolished about 1700, and these remains were planned to become a sunken garden.

I was wondering what has become of the artifacts excavated in 1962 and 1963 by King's School and whether they were studied, identified, and described in a written report. Was an article about the excavations perhaps written and published? We would be very interested in knowing more about the types of objects from the 17th and 18th centuries that were found at Bridge Place in order to compare with artifacts from sites of that period in this country. I note that in the 18th century the house was occupied by the widow of Sir Joseph Yates Kt., who was employed by the crown against the politician John Wilkes, accused of libelling George III.

Any information about the King's School excavations at Bridge Place in 1962 and 1963 would be very much appreciated.

Sincerely,

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