

3 Tates,  
Hawkhurst,  
Kent.

20 February 1988.

Dear Mr. Williamson,

Two years ago, you gave a very interesting talk to the Kent Family History Society, at Northgate in Canterbury, about the various families who were prominent in the area in and around Bridge.

I attended that meeting - in fact, I think I chaired it - and recall your speaking about Higham House, or Highland Court. I had only recently then learned that an elderly aunt, with whom I correspond fairly regularly on the subject of family history and local history, was born at Higham House. She mentioned that she had some photos somewhere of the House taken when she lived there as a child. She offered to dig them out, then couldn't locate them, and has now finally stumbled on them!

My aunt recalled my mention of your talk, and has sent them to me in case you would like to see

them and, of course, copy them for your collection if you wish.

I should like to return them to my aunt and should therefore like to have them back in due course. In the meantime, I hope you find them interesting and can make use of them. No doubt your knowledge of the house and grounds will assist in helping you to date them, but I have also, in order to help, enclosed photocopies of her own account of them, hoping that the dates mentioned will enable you to date them even more exactly.

The small one, labelled "taken years later", by my aunt, may be possible to date from the appearance, type of camera, etc. My aunt married in 1936 & went to live in the west country where she still does. Perhaps pre-1936? But she came back to East Sussex during the war & again in 1950, so it could have been taken then.

Anyway, I hope you feel they are useful.

Yours Sincerely,

Peter Ewart.

P.S. Her father, who took the snaps, was named TIPPEN, but I have mislaid any note of his christian name at present. He was, I believe, a chauffeur, which then covered many duties, of course.