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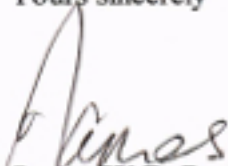
Dear George

I enclose a copy of a letter, and it's attachment, which was received recently by the Ringmore Historical Society from Michael Tagent requesting information relating to Challaborough Cottage.

As you hold the Archives and are the most knowledgeable member of the Society regarding the history of the village, we would be very grateful if you could reply to his queries.

Thank you very much.

Yours sincerely



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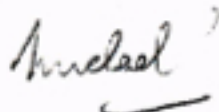
April 2, 2001

Dear James,

I enclose a copy of a letter dated March 20, which I have received from a Mr Brian Harwood, asking for information relating to Challaborough Cottage. I have no photographs or other articles, nor am I sure when the property ceased to be an Inn. Do you by any chance have any information in the archives of the Ringmore Historical Society which might enable me to answer Mr Harwood's letter?

With many thanks,

Yours sincerely,



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Dear Sirs,

I hope you do not mind me writing to you, but I retired about 5 years ago and started to get interested in Genealogy. I got as far as my great, great, grandfather, who lived in Devon, then came to a full stop. But just recently, found him in the 1861 census in London, apparently he was Innkeeper and Shoemaker named John Elliot Hooppell, and lived with his wife Ann who was a shoebinder and lived with their 9 children at The Rising Sun Ale House. I obtained a photograph of this on the Internet to see that it was now Challaborough Cottage. I wonder if you would kindly let me know some of the following. When did the Inn become a cottage, when was the Inn built? My G.G. Grand. was 50 in 1861, and died 1882, was he at the inn before 1861, did he die there, did any of the family take over from him? Were there any photographs, paintings, of family or Inn or Artifacts. Or if you have any information of any kind such as the nearest Church etc. etc. I would appreciate it very much. Thank you for any help you can give me I look forward to hearing from you.

I am
Yours Faithfully
Brian Harwood (Hooppell)

P.s. If you are interested in the 10 children that lived in your house 1861, they are as follows-----

William	22 years	Shoemaker	born Ringmore
Robert	20	Wheelwright	--
Susan	19	Dressmaker	--
Kezia	18	Housemaid	--
Sarah	13	Scholar	--
Emma	10	Scholar	--
Frederick	5	Scholar	--
Harriett	2	-----	--

Mary died aged 3 years around 1841(still trying to find out)

Brian Harwood