## THE WHISPERING HOLLOWS GAZETTE

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## ESTATE ENTERS NEW ERA AS OWNERSHIP CHANGES HANDS

## Thomas Hollowbrook's Passing Marks End of Generation's Stewardship Son James Plans New Direction for Historic Property

Following the death of Hollowbrook Thomas month at age 83, ownership of the infamous Hollowbrook House has passed to his son James, marking the first change in the property's management in over two decades. James Hollowbrook, a successful business consultant in Boston, announced plans to balance preservation with carefully controlled public access to the historic mansion.

In a significant gesture to the community, James Hollowbrook has donated an extensive collection of family papers, photographs, documents to the Whispering Hollows Historical Society. "My father spent years carefully preserving these materials," James explained. "They belong here in Whispering Hollows, where researchers and historians can access them properly."

The donation includes previously unseen photographs of the house's construction in 1934, Edgar Hollowbrook's personal correspondence from the 1930s, and detailed records of Margaret Hollowbrook's renovation work in 1980-83. "This is a landmark acquisition for our archives," said Marion Hayes, Director of the Society. "These Historical provide materials will invaluable insights into one of our town's most intriguing historical mysteries."

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Following extensive consultations with the Historical Society, a strict protocol has been established for research access. "This isn't about ghost hunting," James Hollowbrook emphasized. interested "We're documented, scientific investigation of the unusual phenomena associated with the house. My family has lived with these mysteries for generations - perhaps it's time to seek some answers."

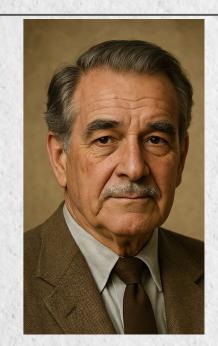
The house itself will remain unoccupied and closed to the general public. "The property's security and preservation remain our primary concerns," James Hollowbrook noted. "Any research activities will be carefully monitored and documented."

Thomas Hollowbrook, who passed away on September 23rd Massachusetts General Hospital following a brief illness, had maintained the property since Margaret Hollowbrook's disappearance in 1981. He was known for his dedication to preserving both the house and its mysteries, steadfastly refusing requests for access investigation during his tenure as caretaker.

Those closest to Thomas Hollowbrook reveal that despite his outward stoicism, he privately carried a deep burden of guilt over Margaret's fate. 'He never forgave himself for transferring the house to her,' confided longtime family friend Eleanor Thackeray. 'He would often say that if he had kept the property, she might still be here today.' According to Thackeray, Thomas made annual pilgrimages Hollowbrook House on the anniversary of Margaret's disappearance, spending hours alone in silent contemplation. personal penance continued even as his health deteriorated in recent years, with his final visit occurring before just weeks hospitalization. 'The house claimed two Hollowbrooks,' Thomas once remarked to the Historical Society's Marion Hayes. 'And I handed Margaret the key myself.'

"My father believed some mysteries were better left unexplored," James Hollowbrook reflected. "While I respect his position, I think it's time for a more open approach - albeit a carefully controlled one. Whatever happened to my great-uncle

Edgar and my cousin Margaret, the house holds clues to their fate. Perhaps with the right research, we might finally understand what occurred within those walls."



Thomas Hollowbrook, maintained stewardship of Hollowbrook House for decades after his father, Robert Hollowbrook, died. He played a big role in preserving both the property and its mysteries.



James Hollowbrook, will adopt a new and more open approach to the house's mystery following his father's death, donating family archives to the Whispering Hollows Historical Society and permitting limited scientific investigation of the property while maintaining its security and preservation.