

The house was built by Sir Timothy Tyrrell in the early eighteenth century. It stood within a walled garden. He was Master of the Buckhounds to Prince Henry the brother of King Charles I.

The story goes that Sir Timothy held a stag's head for the Prince to "dispatch it with his hunting dagger but it struggled and tossed its antlers and the Prince using his dagger carelessly, cut a nerve in Sir Timothy's arm so he never afterwards had the use of it. In reparation Sir Timothy was granted by Letters Patent the rangership of the Forest, besides the bailiwick which was hereditary to him".