

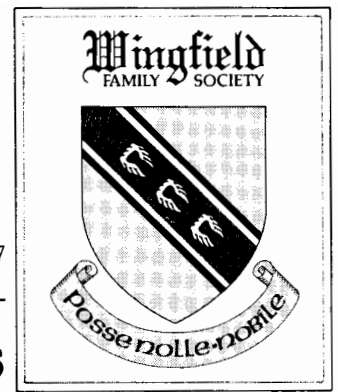
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"Wynkefeld The Saxon held honor and fee, ere William The Norman came over the sea"

... Ancient Suffolk England Rhyme

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Rare 'Muniments' book goes to press

Limited run available to members at prepublication prices

The republished, *Muniments of the Ancient Saxon Family of Wingfield* has gone to press. We expect the 250 copies to be ready for mailing to those who ordered the books at prepublication prices to be received around December 15.

The WFS voted to take on this project at the meeting in Ashland, VA in May. Since then, Susan and Terry Cavanagh have been tirelessly working with Duke University to use its copy as a master. The book was carefully unbound for photographing. It will then be rebound and placed back in the Duke University Library. WFS has agreed to give them one republished new book for their cooperation.

This elegant, large book was originally published by 7th Viscount Powerscourt (Mervyn Wingfield) in 1894. It is virtually impossible to get an 1894 copy at any price. With our limited printing of only 250, the book will still remain very rare and always be worth the price paid or more.

After the books are received, the cost will be at least \$150 per issue. By ordering now, members can still get this at prepublication prices of \$125.

What a grand Christmas present to a relative.

Send your check for \$125 to John Wingfield, 1004 Cherokee Road, Perry, GA 31069. Be sure to include your name and mailing address. **THIS WILL BE YOUR LAST REMINDER AND OPPORTUNITY TO GET THIS FABULOUS BOOK ON THE WINGFIELD FAMILY AT PRE-PUBLICATION PRICES.** Do it today so you don't forget.

Muniments sponsors

Since the printers have to be paid up front prior to printing the *Muniments of the Ancient Saxon Family of Wingfield*, we realize we just would not have enough cash from the initial prepublishing subscriptions. It was either raise the money or abandon the project. All those involved felt the project was too important to discard and it was most likely that we would never find someone like

Duke University with a copy that would let us tear apart such a rare and valuable book.

The cost for publishing 250 books is \$25,000. We hit upon a scheme that has worked and allowed the WFS to proceed and make the republishing a reality.

Ten members of the WFS have agreed to "lend" the society \$2,000 each and become sponsors. This gives us \$20,000 toward the publishing cost, and the balance will come from the individual \$125 sales. Each sponsor will be listed on a page in the beginning of book, in recognition of their support for this project. They will get their \$2,000 back when the books are sold.

Our sincere appreciation goes to these 10 sponsors: Elizabeth Caretto, Goleta, CA; Bob and Wilsie Carr, Belleair, FL; Joseph and Sarah Mathy, Fairfax, VA; Charlotte Rider and Robert L. McWhorter Jr., M.D., Concord, NC; Quimby and May Melton, Griffin, GA; Ethelyn Oots Harmon, LeBron C. and Charline Harmon Preston, Walnut Creek, CA; Raymond Ernest and Dale Wingfield Ruf, Rockville, MD; C. David and Kathleen Wingfield of Belleair Bluffs, FL; John Dyson and Dorothy Culpepper Wingfield, Perry, GA; and Louis Wingfield, Mayer, AZ.

A special note of appreciation goes to Susan and Terry Cavanagh of Durham, NC, who talked Duke University into allowing us to use its book, and made all the arrangements for publishing the "Muniments." They deserve a big thank you from every member of the WFS.



Wilsie Wingfield Carr receives first sponsor check from Louis Wingfield, Mayer, AZ



Wingfield Castle

Special tour to England

Finally arrangements have been made for our tour to England immediately after the meeting in Richmond next May 20-22, 1988. Forty lucky people will board Pan Am at nearby Dulles (Washington) Airport for a nonstop flight on May 22 for London.

Great things are planned. There will be a special ceremony at St. Benet's to present a replica banner honoring John Wingfield, York Herald. We will get a behind the scenes tour of the College of Arms.

We will stay in London, Ipswich, Stamford and Egham (near Heathrow Airport). Each conveniently located for visits to the many sites significant to the family and English history. Special arrangements have been made to open the church at Letheringham (now inactive) where the famous brass of Sir John, certainly one of the best preserved and quite large exists. Of course we will see the Wingfield Castle (arranged with the new owner) and trace the migration of the Wingfields from the hamlet of Wingfield to Orford, Tickencote, Kimbolton and Stonely Priory.

Jocelyn Wingfield has agreed to take off from his regular job to be our guide for the entire trip. Those who attended the meeting in Ashland remember Jocelyn's charm and extensive knowledge of the family. He has called upon many of his contacts to give the WFS members something special.

If you are interested, please ask for more information. Address your inquiries to Bob Carr, WFS, 301 Belleview Blvd., Belleair, FL 34616.

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WFS MEMBER PROFILE

Susan Carlton Smith Cavanagh



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Our profile this issue is an artist and professional biological illustrator from Athens, GA where she grew up. Her credits are long and impressive and we are indeed honored to profile Susan Carlton Smith Cavanagh. Anyone with four names should have a proud heritage as Susan certainly has.

Susan Carlton Smith's grandmother on her father's side was Sarah Garland Lucas, directly descended through Frances Wingfield, granddaughter of Thomas of York River, VA and daughter of Thomas Wingfield and Sarah Garland. Susan's father had his own insurance business, was county treasurer for Clarke County for many, many years and was an elder in the First Presbyterian Church. Her grandfather was the mayor of Athens. Her grandmother, Sarah Garland Lucas, grew up in the antebellum Lucas home on the campus of the University of Georgia.

Susan graduated from the University of Georgia with a bachelor of science degree in zoology and botany and a master of fine arts degree in drama. She also holds a membership in Phi Kappa Phi Honorary Society.

At one point she worked as a scientific illustrator for the Communicable Disease Center in Atlanta. Much to her chagrin, they called upon her talents to draw—with pen and ink—fleas, ticks and lice. Today she still winces at the remembrance. Looking through a microscope she noticed that by putting a dot for an eye on the first joint of a tick's leg, the result was a wonderful face. Her drawings of tick legs began to have faces. Susan found this more interesting than did her superiors who failed to be amused. After a year in Atlanta she returned to Athens to resume her studies at the University of Georgia, this time using her artistic talents in archeology. At the ancient Indian digs, her job was to piece the broken

pottery back together repainting the designs as near the original as possible. Her fascination with set designs enticed her to go into drama, a goal she reached with her master's degree. This was quite a contrast to her scientific background, but she has managed to merge the two in her books and writings.

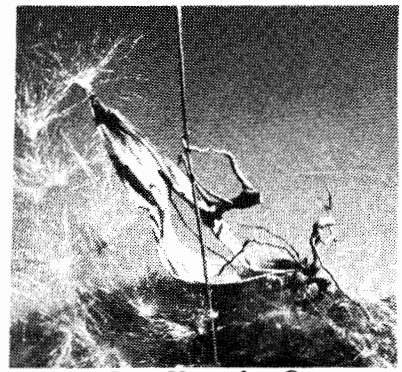
Her dream was to write a play about a town in a single drop of lake water. The characters were microscopic animals. They built the town using their individual shapes. She finally did this for her master's thesis in drama. The play was called "Lake Town in a Drop of Water." So far it has never been produced. However, the Botanical Garden in Athens wants her to come there and help produce the play. This is high on her list of things she wants to do.

After receiving her master's degree, she went to Durham, NC to visit a first cousin who was married to a doctor at Duke. Since 1966 she has been a resident of Durham, NC where she is assistant curator of the Trent Collection in the History of Medicine in the Duke University Medical Center library. Ten years ago she married her boss, Terry Cavanagh, who is curator of the History of Medicine Collection and professor of medical literature.

Today she is recognized as a distinguished botanical illustrator, and has worked on projects for the Botany Department at Duke University. Her special interest is painting watercolor "portraits" of wild flowers and fungi and insects. In addition, she is widely known for her watercolor miniatures of plants and animals and for her nature sculptures made entirely of natural materials found in woods and fields. Susan credits her love of nature to an understanding mother, father, two sisters and one brother who allowed her to go out and find things in nature that appealed to her and bring these things home. "My mother called my findings treasures. Many people would have called them trash...or debris."

She has had the honor of having her watercolors selected to appear in the second International Exhibition of Twentieth Century Botanical Art and Illustration at the Hunt Botanical Library, Carnegie-Mellon University, Pittsburgh, PA, 1968-69. Representative samples of her botanical artwork are part of the Hunt Library's renowned permanent collection. Her watercolors were also exhibited at the eleventh International Botanical Congress, Seattle, WA, August, 1969 and at the International Exhibition of Botanical Art, Johannesburg, South Africa.

Her work has been published in numerous scientific journals and texts. She illustrated the book *Plant Variations and Classifications* by C. Richie Bell and her work also appears in *Wild Flowers of North Carolina*. More recent contributions to the field of illustration and natural history have been three children's books. Her first book,



The Sea King by Susan

Ladybug, Ladybug with story by Kathleen N. Daly, was the first children's book to be published by American Heritage Press Publishing Company, Inc. Her books have won awards. Her first book won the Graphic Arts of America award and was chosen as one of the 50 best children's books of the year, and her second book won the Printer's Institute of America award. Her third book, originally published by Doubleday, is now back in print in a second edition from The Sacrum Press titled *A Book of Flowers*.

Presently she is working on five wall murals for the pediatric playroom, Duke Hospital North. Her slide talks about her nature sculptures and other art work are in great demand with all ages. She conducts nature sculpture workshops for Duke Continuing Education and for the state botanical gardens in Athens, GA. Susan is a member of the North Carolina Botanical Garden in Chapel Hill, where she is a herb volunteer and is a member of the Friends of the State Botanical Garden, University of Georgia, Athens, GA. Her collection of nature sculptures and watercolor miniatures are on permanent loan exhibition at the state botanical garden, University of Georgia.

Her favorite pastime is baking bread. "And it's always better when my husband Terry kneads it."

Susan has been to England seven times and on one of the trips stumbled onto the Wingfield Castle, church and college. "It was an exciting experience."

She and husband Terry through their connection with Duke University library have persuaded them to allow the WFS to unbind their old, valuable, *Muniments of the Ancient Saxon Family of Wingfield* and allow it to be used as the master to republish this book for us.

Susan is an Episcopalian; is a member of the Association for the History of Medicine; and for years was a member of Puppeteers of America. She has designed puppets, written and produced her plays and made the scenery. She made puppets for the Georgia State Department of Education to aid in teaching Spanish over television throughout the school systems in Georgia. A favorite project she is working on "and will work on for a very long time" is making an enamel on silver chess set using microscopic animals found in lake water as chess pieces.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Marl Ridge revisited... did Thomas sleep there?

Background: The first issue of the *WFS Newsletter* referred to Marl Ridge, the elegant and ancient house near Hanover, VA as the "First Wingfield home." It further stated that, "Thomas Wingfield owned land in the area that is now Hanover County as early as 1704."

These facts have been questioned by Richard Quarles and LeBron Preston eminent researchers and members of the WFS, who have asked that they be allowed to publish for our members their findings that contradict the article in the newsletter as well as other accepted and published data. Their letter follows as well as a response from Lois Wickham of Hanover, VA with another view.

The newsletter is your forum for presenting information of interest to WFS members.

It is not the editor's role to take sides if the information is in conflict. However, so you can have all the facts, we will allow

TO THE EDITOR:

By: Richard W. Quarles and LeBron C. Preston

Misinformation repeated, especially in print, has a way of becoming accepted fact. We do not like to see our family society become a party to this sort of action and we request that you print this letter in the next issue to make a correction of misinformation to which the society has been a party.

The society distributed a release on Marl Ridge that went, "The Rent Roll of Virginia 1704-5...shows that Thomas Wingfield owned land in New Kent, now Hanover." We were told by Jocelyn Wingfield that Thomas Wingfield lived in Hanover and built Marl Ridge and in *Echoes Down the Ages*, pages 16 and 18, he essentially repeats.

Our first newsletter states, "Thomas Wingfield owned land in the area that is now Hanover County as early as 1704," perpetuating the misstatement.

THOMAS WINGFIELD THE EMIGRANT NEVER OWNED LAND IN HANOVER COUNTY!

While the Quit Rent Rolls of 1704 show that Thomas Wingfield owned land it was land in New Kent County in that part which remained in New Kent after Hanover was formed. He continued to be shown in St. Peter's Parish, New Kent County, after 1704, and his death was recorded in New Kent County in 1720.

Thomas Wingfield never owned land in

those who have the information to present reasons and rationale thereof for your edification.

Richard Quarles and LeBron Preston are genealogists for the WFS and eminently qualified. Both devote much of their time proving that just because it seems so or is printed, does not make it fact. Skeptics. Yes, but this makes for good genealogists. They present some facts that heretofore have not been published.

Lois Wingfield Wickham is curator of the Hanover, Virginia Historical Society, coauthor of the book *Old Homes of Hanover County*, and sister of Dr. Bill Wingfield who owns and presently lives at Marl Ridge. She knows the area around Hanover like the back of her hand. She and Bill Wingfield believe Thomas (of York River) occupied Marl Ridge in the latter part of his life.



Hanover and could not have been the builder of Marl Ridge. Proof of this fact is also found in the "Vestry Book of St. Paul's Parish," 1706-1786, Hanover County, Virginia, edited by C.G. Chamberlayne, Library Board, Richmond, VA, 1940. The Burgesses of the colony decreed that each vestry divide the parish into precincts and appoint two procession masters for each. Every four years the procession masters were to peacefully procession the boundaries of each property with the owners and their neighbors. The lines were reblazed and the corner remarked to refresh memories and minimize disputes and suits over land ownership. Changes in ownership and conflicts were reported back to the vestry. The records in Hanover were especially good.

We have studied these records and have established that from the founding of the parish in 1704 through 1719 no Wingfield lands are found. The processioning of 1723 is not reported but in 1727 the first Wingfield appears, John Wingfield, with land adjoining Charles Hudson.

TO THE EDITOR:

By Lois Wickham

It is believed that Thomas Wingfield came to the north side of the Mattaponi with Styles in 1680 (Nugent) and later on to New Kent, now Hanover. As many as 15 family



Marl Ridge

names including Hudson and William Morris, that came with Styles and Story are listed in St. Paul's Vestry Book as living on Machumps Creek 1719-1727. It appears like they all left the Mattaponi at the same time. So many of the earlier settlements were deserted including Jamestown because of fever (probably carried by mosquitos) becoming desolate swampland on the Mattaponi.

Today their descendants are living within a five mile radius of Machumps. This has to be more than coincidence.

St. Peter's Vestry served this area until 1704 when there were enough settlers to build a new church, so early records would have been in St. Peter's book until then. Even afterward the records were incomplete as Capt. Charles Hudson bought land, with William Morris across from Marl Ridge on Mechumps Creek for a mill in 1721. He is mentioned as building roads and bridges after that date, but it did not show his land processioned until 1727.

The Vestry Book does not show a processioning in 1723, probably left out when they copied the book. We know some pages were lost so records could have been left out or not available.

Spottswood Wingfield named Marl Ridge in the 1830s. Prior to that it had been called, "Wingfields" (Rev. HS Johnson raised by Spottswood) in "Marl Ridge," 1926, pl; VGS Quarterly vol. 20, No. 2, Apr.—June, 1982; Johnson's "Ancestry and Kindred"—Wingfield, CA 1926, (the latter included copious trees.) Johnson wrote, "my most remote ancestor of whom I know anything was John Wingfield, my great-great-great-grandfather...It seems he was born in Hanover... He must have lived at what we call Marl Ridge. (Ancestry, P.1). Dr. Bill Wingfield of Marl Ridge possesses a deed in which his great-grandmother, Cynthia Hudson W. says, "This land (Marl Ridge) I got from my father (Thomas W.) who got it from his father, John." (Of Walnut Shade).

The coin found at Marl Ridge is dated 1718, an accepted way of dating at that time.

You can see the way Marl Ridge is built that it is older than Walnut Shade. If John and Mary Hudson Wingfield lived at Walnut Shade, then that would put Thomas at Marl Ridge.

Genealogy Queries???

One of the goals of the society is to further the study of our heritage until we can tie in as many family members as possible, as far back as possible. Throughout genealogy research there are missing links. If it seems you can go no further without a vital clue, who better to ask than a family member that may have already found that missing ancestor and is happily pursuing even more distant cousins.

How do you find these angels that can help? Use this newsletter to publish your query. Most WFS members have a passing to passionate interest in heritage research. They all read this newsletter. At the moment there is no charge for publishing a query along with your name and address, inviting a reply. We may have to charge a fee at a later time, but right now, within reason it is open to all members.

Give us the name of the individual you are seeking or the relationship to the known one. Relay as much information, but do it briefly. Send it to: Queries, Wingfield Family Society, 301 Belleview Blvd., Belleair, FL 34616.

Following are the first two queries received. Please contact the inquirer direct.

Following is from Marjorie A Hulet, Route 1, Box 50, Colville, WA 99114.

Genealogy computer ready... Will enter Wingfield data

Our genealogy committee cochaired by Richard Quarles and LeBron Preston has been hard at work to devise a form that can be sent to WFS members for them to complete and return to our computer centers for entering. This will enable Vance Wingfield of Ft. Worth, TX and Karen Belt of Sarena, CA to enter reliable data that will ultimately become a gigantic record of all family lines and show (hopefully) where they merge into one or more common lines. This will enable our members to tie into the work someone else may have done.

Several pertinent decisions were made:

1. Submitted data must have a respected source. Recognizing that our members are mostly novice genealogists anxious to hang onto every rumor or hope, it is felt that we must be extremely careful not to fictionalize our records. After all, these records are for our WFS members and faulty data will destroy accuracy, which certainly is not in anyone's best interest. The forms explain the accepted sources of information to insure correctness.

"I believe I am descended from some branch of the Wingfield family, possibly the same as Edward Maria Wingfield. My great grandfather was John Stephenson Wingfield born Iredell (Inedell) County North Carolina in 1820."

Cecil Wingfield, 3939 Bidwell Drive, No. D459, Fremont, CA 94538, would like to hear from descendants of Sarah (Sally) Wingfield, b. in TN in 1791, m. first Patrick Sanders and second, in 1824, in Claiborne Co., MS, Peter Buchanan (Buchan), and from descendants of Mary (Polly) Wingfield, b. CA 1802, who m. Malcolm Lemmon, Feb. 12, 1824, also in Claiborn Co. Mary b. in KY and Sarah are believed to be the daughters of William Wingfield, Sr. who d. before 1816 in Warren Co., KY. Both were living with their husbands and children in Yazoo Co., MS in 1850. Other children of William Wingfield, Sr. were William Wingfield, Jr., John Wingfield, James Wingfield, Jacob Wingfield, and Charles Wingfield. Most of these moved to AR. Wingfield who descends through William Wingfield, Jr., and his son, John Wesley Wingfield (b. Hempstead Co., AR) said he would appreciate any information on Sarah Wingfield Sanders Buchanan and Mary Wingfield Lemmon.

2. Only the Wingfield line will be entered. Our computer is just not large enough, nor do we have the manpower to track other lines, regardless of how prominent. The instructions also spell this out.

After reworking the forms several times, our genealogists have finally agreed on an acceptable format.

Those that obtained forms at the meeting in Ashland can use them as the basis for resubmitting data on the new forms. We are trying to notify all that sent in the old forms by returning them with the latest. Nothing has been entered yet. If you have sent your original forms and they are not returned, please contact our office in Belleair, FL for the new forms and complete instructions if you want to have your data entered.

This is a new venture and to our knowledge, no other society tracks their heritage in a sophisticated manner as we are attempting to do. Ultimately we will be able to print out an accurate pedigree chart to a distant, common ancestor.

If you brag too much you might receive



**Strange coat of arms
Sir Anthony Wingfield**

A strange coat of arms

Robert Wingfield of Northbrook, IL was at the Arizona reunion and brought a suitcase full of memorabilia. One item was a "Coat of arms first used by Sir Anthony Wingfield, Knight of the Royal garter at the time of Henry VIII." Underneath, appearing in script were the words, "The Cross represents Christianity; the Rose, descended from the house of Lancaster and the form letters and the wing on the shield, Wingfield." No one at the Arizona meeting could explain.

Since then we have researched the item and found the explanation in the *Muniments of the Ancient Saxon Family of Wingfield*. In chapter 8 the following is written: "He made his will 13th Aug. 1552, proved 15 April 1553. The jingling compliments made to Sir Anthony Wingfield, with a Device or Rebus of a wing, with the letters F.E.L.D. quarterly, and over the Wing a Cross, to show he was a Christian, and on it a Red Rose to indicate that he followed the interest of the House of Lancaster, made a very sorry design, worthy of no regard."

Echoes Down The Ages

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the ultimate put down. Perhaps you might say, "I can trace my ancestors back to Charlemagne, how far can you go?" The answer might be, "I can go back pretty far myself, but then my records were lost in the flood."

MISCELLANEOUS

THE NAME WINGFIELD

The surname of Wingfield is derived from the residence of its first bearers at a place so called in England, there being several townships and parishes so named in the counties of Kent, Suffolk and Derby. The name itself, is of several possible origins, since the person names of Wina or Winne, Winga, and Wineca were all combined in early times with the suffix feld or field to make the place named of Wingfield, Winfield, and Winkfield, all of which are used interchangeably in the early records.

There are an almost unbelievable number of variations of the spelling of the name Wingfield. One of the first spellings noted was in the rhyme displayed on the masthead of this newsletter, "Wynkefeld the Saxon, etc." The many brasses in the churches in England bear out different spellings. In the Letheringham Church, Sir John de Wyngefeld (1390) is proudly recorded on this exceptional brass, and is certainly spelled differently than we know the name today. Most, if not all, of us claim this Sir John as an ancestor.

In medieval times, literacy was limited and when the name was given verbally to recorders, it was often spelled the way it sounded. Semi-literate clerks in America never seeing the name before, spelled it the way it was spoken. Once recorded, it often

stuck, or sometimes it was deliberately changed to designate a difference in the family. Just because our family members or clerks did not spell the name your way, does not mean these are not relatives. Nor should these names be overlooked as you do your research. It is understandable that difference would evolve over the centuries.

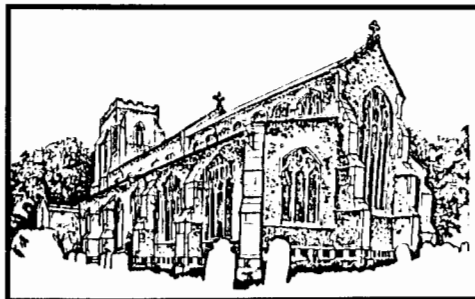
Some of the spelling are: Wynkfeld, Wynkyld, Wyngelyd, Wyngefelde, Wingfyld, Wynfield, Wyngefeld, Wyngefelde, Wyngfelde, Whinfield, Winfeld, Winfelde, Windfield, Winckfield, Winfield, Winfelde, Winkfield, Winkefelde, Whinfield, Wigfield, Wiggfield, Winnefelde, Winnefield, Winnefeld, Winnefeld, Whinnfield, Wingfeild, Wingefeld, Wingefeld, Wynefeld, Winckefelde, and of course, Wingfield.

Have we missed any?

Early seated, not only in the counties mentioned above, but also in the British counties of Norfolk, Northumberland, Salop, Huntingdon, Rutland, Worcester, Northampton and Montgomery, the families bearing this name belonged, for the most part, to the landed gentry and nobility of the British Isles.

The church at Wingfield, Suffolk

After the death in 1361 of Sir John Wingfield, the Chief Counselor ("Chef de mes Besognes") to the Black Prince (the eldest son of Edward III), St. Andrew's (Wingfield Church) was built in the place of the older St. Faith's, in accordance with Sir John's will, "at very great cost." Sir John's wife, Alianore Glanville, a direct descent of Ramulf de Glanville (a commander of two formations of archers at Hastings in 1066), and his brother, Sir Thomas Wingfield of Letheringham, as executors of his will, erected the new church over his tomb. This tomb together with a number of de la Pole tombs are visible today in the Church at Wingfield, Suffolk.



Wingfield Church

Check your fingernails

Robert Wingfield of Northbrook, IL reported that many Wingfields have a common characteristic, ridges on their fingernails. While at the reunion in Arizona, he set out to prove or disprove this theory. Strangely, most of the Wingfields there did have ridges. Check yours. How about toenails! It never came up.

Book on the first president (Jamestown, that is)

The first president of the Jamestown Colony was Captain Edward Maria Wingfield. History did not treat him kindly, and the hero in the history books emerged as John Smith. Today every school boy and girl considers John Smith synonymous with Jamestown. It is difficult, but hopefully not impossible to correct history or put it in its proper perspective. This is what we hope to do, not by distorting the facts, but by presenting them as they truly are.

Jocelyn Wingfield is writing a short book about Edward Maria Wingfield, his background, his adventures before becoming part of the Jamestown Company, the conditions at the colony and exactly what happened that caused Captain Wingfield to be removed as president.

It is an interesting and true story that the general public does not know. We want to work toward changing that.

The first draft of the book should be in the WFS hands about the time you get this newsletter. Hopefully it will be published to correspond with the meeting in Richmond in May 1988.



Next meeting in Richmond

Next May 20-22, 1988 we will have our second annual WFS meeting. It looks like it will be a great success. We will be staying at the Sheraton Park South, Richmond. The hotel is modern and the price will only be \$45 per night single or double. If you travel, you know this is an exceptional price. Hotel arrangements were made by WFS member, Bunky Wingfield of Memphis, TN.

The theme will be Jamestown where the first Wingfield set foot on American soil. We will have a tour to Jamestown on Saturday afternoon. We will have an exceptional and appropriate speaker for our final banquet. More details on the meeting will be coming later as arrangements are finalized. Dale Ruf of Rockville, MD is in charge of the meeting arrangements. She has great ideas.

Jocelyn Wingfield is planning to come again from England. Of course our members will bring Wingfield memorabilia, genealogy charts and other family information. You will meet your cousins and find the meeting a most rewarding event. Those on the tour to England will leave directly for the flight to London.

Mark your calendars.

Reunion in Arizona

August 1 marked the annual reunion of the Western Wingfields, an annual affair arranged by Elva Wingfield of Scottsdale, AZ. About 150 family members arrived at the oldest schoolhouse in Arizona at Strawberry, with their covered dishes, western attire and tall stories. Gale Wingfield (see profile first newsletter) prepared his famous barbecue that had been simmering since the night before.

When it was announced that Louis

Wingfield, a rancher from Mayer, AZ was celebrating his birthday. Wilsie Wingfield Carr reported it was also hers. Further discussions revealed that both Louis and Wilsie were not only born on the same day, but the same year and about the same time. Louis was born in Arizona, Wilsie in Georgia.

They became fast friends and Louis was the first sponsor for the republishing of the "Muniments" book.



Elva Wingfield
1989 meeting chairman

1989 meeting will be held in Arizona

Elva Wingfield will be our meeting chairman for the May, 1989 meeting that is being planned in the Phoenix, AZ area. A local reunion has been held in Arizona for many years, during the first part of August. This is usually spearheaded by Elva. The local functions have up to 200 family members in attendance. Gale Wingfield, Elva's father, is famous in all Arizona for his barbecue, and we will insist he put this on for us. Wear your western gear.

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The Arizona Wingfields went west via Iowa then to Arkansas, Oregon and finally to Arizona in the late 1800s. They settled in Camp Verde between Flagstaff and Phoenix. Wingfield children attended the oldest schoolhouse in Arizona at Strawberry on the site where the reunion was held.

★★★★★



Arizona reunion barbecue,
Judy Wood, Tuscon and
Sally Randall, Pine, AZ

Wingfields in History

**Execution of Mary Queen of Scots,
History's Eye Witness Account, 8th Feb. 1587**

by Robert Wingfield
(Edited by Jocelyn Wingfield 8 July, 1987)

For years Queen Elizabeth of England hesitated to have Mary Queen of Scots executed or assassinated. In 1569-70 and 1584-85, she was held prisoner at Wingfield Manor, near North and South Wingfield, Derbyshire (whence the Derbyshire Wingfield's take their name? Young Robert Wingfield III of Upton (near both Tickencote and Fotheringhay Castle) was held in reserve to smother Mary—and no doubt would have met the same fate, rather than being knighted as he was in 1603, but Elizabeth never gave the order. Robert was nephew of William Cecil, Lord Burghley, the Lord Treasurer—his father Robert Wingfield II had married the Lord Treasurer's sister Elizabeth. For years no one knew who the "R.W." was who wrote the 1587 report below, which was first published in 1752, and is reproduced (in part only) here.

Robert Wingfield III was the great uncle of John Wingfield, York Herald (1623-78) and great great uncle of Thomas Wingfield of York River, Virginia (1664-1720).

"It maye pleafe your good Lordship, to be advertified, that according as your Honour gave me in command, I have heer fett downe in writ-



Jocelyn Wingfield...
author, tour guide, historian

ting the trew Order and Manner of the Execution of the Lady Mary, laft Queen of Scots, the 8th of February laft, in the great Hall within the Caftle of Fetheringtray, together with relation of all such Speeches and Actions fpoken, and done by the fayde Queen, or any others, and all other Circumftances and Proceedings concerning the fame, from and after the Delivery of the faid Scottish Queen, to Thomas Andrews, Efq; high Sherife for hir Majeftyes Country of Norfolk, vnto the End of the fayde Execution, as followeth:

The Queen kneeled downe on the Cufhion

refolutely, and without any Token of Fear of Death, fayde allowde in Lattine, the Pfalme, In te domine confido: Then groaping for the block, fhee layde down hir Head, putting hir cheane over hir backe with bothe hir hands, which holding there fill, had been cut off, had they not been efpied.

Att laft while one of the Executioners held hir freightly with one of his Hands, the other gave two Stroakes with an Axe before he did cutt of hir Head, and yet left a little grifsle behinde.

She made very famll noyfe, no Part ftirred from the Place where thee laye. The Executioners lifted upp the Head, and bad God fave the Queen. Then her dreffing of Lawne fell from hir Head, which appeared as a greye as if fhe had been threefcore and ten Years old, powdered very fhorte, her Face much atered, her lips stirred upp and downe almoft a Quarter of an Hower after her Head was cutt off.

One of the Executioners plucking off her Garters, efpied her little Dogg, which had crept vner her Cloathes, which would not be gotten forth but with Force; and afterwards would not departe from the dead corps, but came and layde between hir Head and Shoulders, a Thing much noted. The Dogg, embrewed in her bloud, was carried awaye and wafhed...Signed R.W."