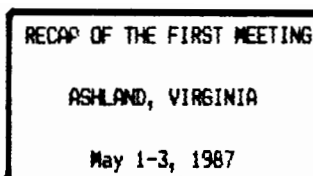


Wingfield Family Society



301 Belleview Blvd., Belleair, FL 33516

May 23, 1987

To keep all of our members informed of the activities of the Society we are sending this summary of our Organizational Meeting, including a list of those in attendance.

The first meeting of the Wingfield Family Society was held at the Hanover House Hotel in Ashland, VA, May 1-3, 1987. This was an organizational meeting, chaired by Wilsie Wingfield Carr the principal organizer.

146 Founding members were present from 18 states and England. It was decided to set up Steering Committees to handle the various activities for the coming year and not elect officers and directors until the annual meeting next year. Although cousins all, we were still strangers.

Eight committees were suggested to cover the essential activities of the society for the year. The members then divided into 8 committee groups, by major interest. Each group selected a chairman, discussed and outlined plans for its committee for the next year. The committees were as follows: Charter and Bylaws, Finance-Treasury, Membership and Records, Newsletter and Publications, Historian, Ways and Means, Genealogy and Next Meeting. Following is a list of these chairmen with addresses and phone numbers.

Arrangements have been made with Eugene McCaul, a local attorney and member of the Society, to handle the Charter and Bylaws.

Dues were set at \$25 per household (address) as a means to start the needed funds coming into the treasury. Virtually all attending members paid their dues on the spot. The membership committee will instigate a drive to increase our membership (now about 180) and get all current Wingfield Family Society members to send in their \$25. membership fee. Membership records will be kept by this committee on their computer.

All Society disbursements will be made by our Acting Treasurer, utilizing his computer for compiling reports, budgets, etc.

A quarterly newsletter will be sent to all members with items of interest, profiles, announcements, articles on genealogy, etc.

Our Historian, in addition to recording the activities of our group, plans to survey members and non-members to learn of family artifacts, keep an inventory as to where and who has, urge all to preserve and ultimately have an archive.

The Ways and Means group will find items to sell to family members for the benefit of the Society. The membership proposed and approved republishing, "Mounuments to the Ancient Saxon Family of Wingfields." This was originally published in 1894 in England and is impossible to get copies now and those that are in the hands of family members and libraries are badly deteriorated.

The Genealogy committee plans to have all heritage information, that is supplied by family members, entered into one of three computers. This will enable the Society to give it's members more information and connect missing links.

The "Next Meeting" group is planning our 1988 meeting for late April/early May in Charlottesville, VA. This is tentative as details still are to be worked out. In 1989 it is penciled in for Arizona.

Two motorcoaches were chartered to take the group over the area first settled by Thomas Wingfield of York River in the late 1600s. They visited historical churches and the Court House at Hanover, but the highlight was a stop at Marl Ridge, the charming home of Dr Bill Wingfield that was originally built by the first Thomas Wingfield in about 1704. This is unique since it is still owned by a Wingfield, 283 years after it was built.

The room was well utilized and many new connections were made and/or adjustments made to WFS member pedigree charts. There were "Wingfield" personalized articles for sale. George E. Alexander, the author of the book, "Wingfield, Edwardian Gentlemen" attended the meeting and autographed his book.

The subject, Walter Wingfield invented tennis.

Jocelyn Wingfield, from England, who has done research on all branches of the Wingfields over the past 30 years, was our special guest. He brought prepared charts on the England and most of the U. S. lines of Wingfields. "Joe" was available to help those that wanted his assistance, and many benefited from his expertise. Dr. Richard Quarles was also there with his detailed and meticulously prepared books and records on the Wingfields in America. He also can invaluable assistance.

Jocelyn Wingfield was the guest speaker at the final Banquet. His talk was spellbinding as he elaborated on reasons for Thomas coming to America and the events that led to his arrival into Hanover, Virginia in 1680. His speech and booklet, "Echoes down the Ages" was snapped up by the members at the end of the talk. We are planning a reprint of the booklet. Dr. Bill Wingfield of Hanover who introduced Jocelyn Wingfield, was given a standing ovation for his contribution toward organizing the Society.

The family members learned that the Wingfield Castle in Suffolk is for sale.

Jocelyn Wingfield suggested a tour to the important sites of historical importance in England in 1988. An itinerary was given to those that expressed interest. A show of hands indicated this would be supported, so it is planned to offer this as soon as the details can be obtained.

The enthusiasm was contagious within the WFS membership. All were excited about the prospect of more family members becoming involved and the vast amount of information that is available, already researched.

The following members gave donations for which we are extremely grateful. Mr. David E. Wingfield, \$50.; Hilman J. Dudley, \$50.; Elizabeth Caretto, \$50.; Mr & Mrs. LeBron Preston, in honor of Charline's mother, \$100.; and Mr & Mrs Joseph Mathy, \$1000.

The membership gave Wilsie and Bob Carr a vote of thanks for their role in organizing the Society and planning the first meeting.

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 Ms Mary Lee Teel Webb Charlottesville VA
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ODDS AND ENDS

All Wingfield Family Society members are urged to send to our Historian a LIST of photographs, books, paintings, newspaper clippings or any memorabilia on the Wingfields that may be of historical significance. This will be recorded in a central location and catalogued. In this way, we will know what is available, its condition and who has it. Send this to: Mrs. Christine Kaezen, 321 Broxton Rd., Baltimore, MD 21212. Do not send the actual articles.

We are looking for someone to take over the chairmanship of the Genealogy Committee. This involves coordinating the various research activities. This will not entail detailed research but more in the area of advice and recording of results of research made and compiled by others. Contact: Robert E. Carr, 301 Belleview Blvd., Belleair, FL 33516.

This is not a newsletter of the WFS. Indeed, this mailing serves a means of quick communications with the family members. Presently we are designing a quality piece that will come to you on a quarterly basis. It will be your publication and the editor will be asking for input from all members as to news, queries, local reunions, genealogy breakthroughs, humorous stories, appropriate cartoons, or anything of interest relative to the "Family." For the present, send items to the address on this publication and it will be put in the hopper for consideration. Ideas and suggestions are solicited.

At the present we have a list of about 500 names eligible for membership in our society. Of these about 150 are Founding Members (attending the first meeting), and another 30 are charter members (registered before May 1). The names on our list were supplied by you and most are relatives of members. We know there are many, many more out there that should be members of our WFS. Members can be active or just interested. But, all must help us develop our Family Society into a large, viable organization that can attain the worthy and desirable goals we have established. We need names and addresses of eligible family prospects. Send them to: Rose Mary Smith, 5937 Wilmore Dr., Mechanicsville, VA 23111. Oh yes, do it legibly and include the Zips.

Be on the lookout for the first newsletter.

WINGFIELD PRAYER

At the first meeting, it was suggested that there be a special prayer to open and close Wingfield Family Society meetings. Jocelyn Wingfield penned and submitted the following:

"Oh Lord, in these days when most of the troubles of the world stem from broken or divided families; when the problem of abandoned children is becoming the world's number one social problem, let us give thanks that we are able to meet together today as the Wingfield family.

Since the great division of the branches 500 years ago, especially in the 17th century and now the 20th century, these ties have been further strengthened. Oh Lord, may this strength of world wide family ties long continue with our Wingfield cousins and descendants.

Amen."

By Jocelyn Wingfield
May 1, 1987