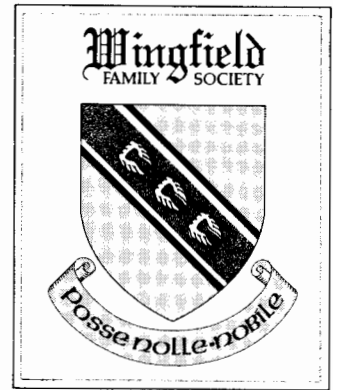


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"Wynkefeld The Saxon held honor and fee, ere William The Norman came over the sea"
... Ancient Suffolk England Rhyme

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Colorado Wingfields celebrate 100 years homestead farm still in family

A centennial is too important to ignore, even if it is two years late. Charles Wingfield moved to eastern Colorado near Vernon in 1886, homesteaded the farm that is run by great nephew, Dean Wingfield and wife Pam.

Two years later, 1888, his brother Joseph moved to Colorado and still later took over the homestead that remains in the family. The Colorado Wingfields were from Scottsville, Fluvanna County, Virginia.

Gale Wingfield Mansfield and Jolene Wingfield, grand-daughters of Joseph, reserved the town hall in Wray, Colorado for an afternoon slide show in August 6 to meet the out of town Wingfields and show slides of the England tour. After an enjoyable afternoon, all drove to the original Wingfield homestead south of Vernon, Colorado for a delicious barbecue (buffalo and beef) and dance with family, friends and neighbors.

Three of Joseph's children are still alive and were at the reunion. They are sons, R.M. (Molly), and Bob, and daughter Virginia.

Some out-of-town guests to the reunion were Bud and Opal Wingfield from Ault, Col., his son Wayne and wife Claudia of Ft. Collins, Luana Wingfield Bolt and daughter Sonja, Wilsie and Bob Carr of Florida.



GALE WINFIELD MANSFIELD
...Colorado reunion.

A SURVEY—TO FIND WINGFIELD ARTIFACTS, MEMORABILIA

Family heirlooms and possessions are usually handed down from generation to generation. This means that out in the world there are many, many items of significance to all Wingfields stored in someone's garage, attic or basement.

We are not trying to accumulate these items, only to catalog them for future reference. Hopefully sometime we will have an archive but for now, we need an inventory of materials of Wingfield family historical significance which have been preserved.

Please assist us by filling out the enclosed survey form and let us know what has been handed down. Even if you feel it is of little value, tell us about it anyway. The older, usually the more valuable. Think Civil War and before.

Someday we envision a Wingfield historical archive that will be open for family members and to the public. At a later time we may ask for donations of items to be shared and displayed for others to see.

Marvin Wingfield of Silver Springs, Md. is our historian, coordinating the survey and recording the information as it comes in. We urge you to complete the enclosed survey and mail it to the address shown. We all thank Marvin for taking on this important project.



VIRGINIA WINGFIELD
(wife of WFS V.P. Robert)...in stocks
at Wingfield Castle in England.

Family computer records expand...

NOW CAN ACCEPT HISTORICAL INFORMATION

Records for hundreds of living Wingfields and thousands of our ancestors are stored in our WFS computer in Ft. Worth, Texas. We are using the Family Roots program designed for sophisticated genealogy research. As our members send in their own data, it stores it in such a way it will complement (connect) with other information. Thus if your research lacks a link or stops at a point, we just may be able to make that connection. Ultimately we hope to have virtually all the Wingfield data in the U.S. on record. Our own ancestral file of Wingfields.

WFS member Vance Wingfield, Ft. Worth, is our dedicated computer chairman, uses his own computer and we might add, his free time, for this activity

George Wingfield, WFS member from England and brother of Jocelyn, is attempting to pursue the English line over there with another computer. All information published in the *Muniments of the Ancient Saxon Wingfield Family*, has been entered into this computer and George's goal is to supplement that and even add medieval information not on record. We expect this will connect up with the various emigrants to the USA lines. Jocelyn Wingfield has thousands of records that need to be transferred, but this will take time.

All members are encouraged to send in their family information on the new, simplified forms. Many have, but still some have not. Until everyone participates we will not have the optimum of information, and there will be missing segments. Living members should also be included, not just ancestors.

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Wingfields in history

John Wingfield, York Herald

Kinship, Marriage, Patronship and Career

by Marvin Wingfield
Silver Springs, Maryland

Careers in England after the fire of 1660 were determined by family connections and patronage relationships to key figures who held power of appointment to institutional positions. There were networks of allegiances, ties of patronage and kinship within the circles of aristocratic and gentry families.

John Wingfield's most important career choice was his marriage to Mary Owen, daughter of George Owen, a member of one of the leading families of the Welsh gentry in the country of Pembrokeshire. George Owen was a member of the College of Arms, as was his father before him. The Owen family had connections with the Vaughn family (the Earls of Carbery). The third Earl seems to be a key figure in the careers of George Owen and John Wingfield in the 1660 and 70s.

The Owens and Vaughns are linked as members of leading families of their region of Wales, in a century of prosperity, building estates, holding local offices and marriage to heiresses of aristocratic families.

The second George Owen, as a member of the College of Arms, executed a splendid parchment roll for Richard Vaughn in 1641. Both Vaughn and Owen were royalist officers at the start of the English Civil War, but later shifted their alliances to Parliament. Vaughn's estates escaped sequestration. Owen was nominated as Norroy Herald by Cromwell. Cromwell also nominated Owen's son-in-law, John Wingfield, as Richmond Herald, but this appointment was never carried out.

At the restoration of the monarchy in 1660, Richard Vaughn, George Owen and John Wingfield all received official posts.

It is easy to see that the careers of John Wingfield and that of his children were clearly tied to George Owen and the Vaughn

family. This is evident with regard to the College of Arms, the Customs Service and the military career of his sons.

On July 27, 1660, Wingfield was appointed Portcullis Pursuivant at the College of Arms. Three years later Owen surrendered his office of York Herald to Wingfield, his son-in-law, and retired. Wingfield held the post until, due to his indebtedness, he was allowed to take the unusual step of selling his office in 1694 to Robert Devenish a family connection.

Owen's kinship connections with the St. George family, important in the College of Arms was of major influence. Rebecca Owen, the mother of Mary Owen (John Wingfield's wife) was the daughter of Sir John Dayrell of Buckinghamshire. Rebecca's sister was married to Sir Henry St. George, Garter King-of-Arms. Three of Sir Henry's sons were also heralds. Mary Owen's uncle was a herald, as were three of her cousins. John Wingfield's Upton relatives also married into the St. George family. Jocelyn Wingfield of London suggests that Roger Boyle, Earl of Orrery played an influencing role in Cromwell nomination of John Wingfield to herald in 1658.

On July 23, 1664 Owen and Wingfield were together appointed Custom Collectors in Milford Haven, the chief port in southwest Wales. While not proven, it seems likely that these posts were obtained through the patronage of Richard Vaughn.

In 1660, Richard Vaughn had control of the patronage for many official posts in the Welsh counties. I suggest from the evidence it was an Vaughn's recommendation that George Owen and later, John Wingfield, were appointed as Customs Collectors. John Wingfield lost both income and his post as the control of customs patronage was in principle shifted to the treasury.

The Royal Army also operated through patronage, controlled by the Crown. Com-

missions were granted and sold. In 1673 John Wingfield purchased a commission for his son in Lord Vaughn's regiment in France. A commission required a patron usually as "rewards" for particular services or to a political faction. This patronage centered around several clusters of family ties and political allegiances. Colonels appointed their own officers and troops, often from among friends and relatives. Captains actually recruited the troops.

John Wingfield's wife Mary was George Owen's heiress. Owen died in 1665 and his wife Rebecca in 1668. Mary and John Wingfield presumably acquired substantial property, especially in Pembrokeshire. But the plague resulted in loss of customs revenue, and Custom Collectors went bankrupt. The fire of London burned the records so collections were difficult if not impossible. The several wars in the 1660 and 1670s hurt overseas trade. The government's own financial plight meant that salaries were unpaid. Treasury records contain references to John Wingfield's appeals for payment of his fees, including one appeal from his wife, Mary Owen. In November 1674, he received payment as part of his fees as York Herald, which were four years in arrears. In December, 1678 he died in the King's Bench debtors prison.

Editor's note: John Wingfield was born 1619 the 3rd son of Sir John Wingfield of Tickencote. He was educated as an attorney, Captain of Horse in Royal Army 1641-1648. On July 10, 1678 purchased commissions for his oldest sons. Thomas the youngest was 14 in 1678, the year his father died. Thomas considered the ancestor of many Wingfields in the USA, is said to have settled in York River, Va. in 1680.

Research is still in progress on this report by Marvin Wingfield and most of the conclusions, but not all, are documented.

Virginia Quarles dies

Virginia Dinwiddie Quarles, 73, of Princeton, N.J. died suddenly this past July. She was a WFS member and wife of genealogist, Richard Quarles. She is buried in Charlottesville, the place of her birth. Our condolences to Richard and family.

ARIZONA MEETING

Mark you calendars! The dates are May 5-7, 1989 in Scottsdale, Ariz. Elva Wingfield is chairman and is planning some great events for you. More on this later, but for now, keep those dates open.



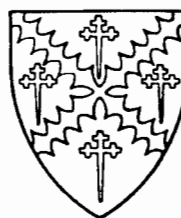
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YORK HERALDS OF THE 1600s...friends and relatives.

WFS MEMBER PROFILE

Vance Gray Wingfield



VANCY GRAY WINGFIELD

by Julia Wingfield Gatling

Family, computers, cats, photography, bicycles, and yes, his work are the ingredients which fuel Vance Wingfield's life of 47 years. Vance was born on April 29, 1941 in El Dorado, Ark., the first issue from the marriage of Harrison Alexander Wingfield II and Ruth Allie Richardson. He joined a family of four siblings; three from his father's previous marriage and one from his mothers. Sisters were Edna Gray, Wingfield, Mary Alice Wingfield, Myrna LuJean Morgan, and his older brother Harrison Alexander Wingfield, who is best know as Bud. Three years later a fourth sister, Julia Gail, was added to the family constellation. The aforementioned Wingfields spring from the Arkansas cluster of Wingfields and are descendants of the yet-unlinked William Wingfield and the Mary Messer branch.

Vance grew up in southern Arkansas and entered Harding College in the fall of 1959 in Searcy, Ark. It was there he met and mar-

ried Tommie Lou Jones on December 20, 1964. They are the parents of three children. Their first born is named Wendy Kay. She presently lives in Arlington, Texas and attends the University of Texas at Arlington where she majors in accounting and plans a career as a CPA. She is currently a semester away from graduation.

The second daughter, Holly Christine, was born on August 9, 1967 in Jackson, Miss. At the age of five, Holly was the victim of an unfortunate accidental shooting and died before arriving at the hospital. He memory continues to live in the hearts of all who loved her.

Son Mark Thomas Alexander was born on August 29, 1969 in Jackson, Miss. Mark has recently graduated from Arlington Heights High School in Fort Worth, Texas, and just returned from an extensive European tour which included stops in Amsterdam, Rome, Florence, Pisa, Venice, Athens and the Greek Island of Ios.

Vance is vice president and general manager of the Colonial Life Insurance Company of Texas. He has worked in the life insurance business for 24 years and has become a Fellow of the Life Management Institute.

Tommie, Vance's fair-natured wife of 24 years, is a librarian at the University of Texas in Arlington. She graduated from Peabody College in Nashville, Tenn. in 1974 with a Masters of Library Science Degree. She shares Vance's zeal for bicycling, photography and his philosophy of living life as an adventure. Together they took the children on their first tour of England and France in 1976. The second bicycle tour in 1978 included Germany, Austria, Switzerland and France. In 1980 they cycled through England, Wales and Scotland. Vance took a cross country tour of the U.S. in 1984. He paddled from Santa Fe, N.M. to El Dorado, Ark. in seven days. The family lived in Park City, Utah from 1982 to 1985 where Vance was general manager of the Utah Farm Bureau Life Insurance Company. In Utah snow skiing became the

adopted family sport.

A yellow cat rests inside the hollow of the hand carved wooden dough bowl which was used daily a generation ago in Vance's maternal grandparents' home. Today the bowl sits on the table in sharp contrast to the adjacent state-of-the-art personal computer used in entering thousands of names into the Wingfield family data base. This dichotomous relationship of the past and present abounds daily in the routine functions of Vance and Tommie Wingfield's household. Indeed, if the cat could speak he would probably say he finds it rather ordinary.

Photography is a hobby which Vance has pursued for many years. His customer gift to each new bride in the family is a photographic wedding album. He enjoys recording people and sites that catch his eye as he travels. In addition to photography he belongs to a Toastmaster's Club where he enjoys the competition of extemporaneous speaking. He also belongs to the Ft. Worth Genealogical Society.

Not only does he enjoy riding bicycles, but he also enjoys selling them. He is do-owner of a bicycle shop in Little Rock, Ark. where he stops in from time to time to piddle with an occasional chain, gear, wheel or brake.

Two characteristics which mark Vance's exploits are persistence and patience. Once a goal is set, he will see it through to the end and he will patiently work out whatever obstacles are encountered along the way. It is his all-out commitment to a task which eventually leads to his family's involvement. After these many years of marriage, Tommie has learned to join him in his interests in order to gain a glimpse of him in his passings. Somehow, the cat must have learned this, too. Sleeping in the dough bowl is a sure and certain way of catching Vance's eye.

Ed. Note: Author Julia Gatling is Vance's sister as you may have gathered. The Wingfield Family Society is grateful to Vance Wingfield for the many, many hours he has devoted to developing the most complete computerized genealogical records of any single family, anywhere.

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Vance Wingfield is trying to find the owner of a family history given to him at the recent meeting in Richmond. The cover says, "The Line of the Wingfield Family Descended Through Robert Wingfield."

Gale Wingfield dies

Our genial Arizona cowboy, Gale Wingfield, passed away on September 18, 1988 in Phoenix. Those who attended the founding meeting in Ashland, Va. (1987) will recall how he was the first WFS member to pay his dues. He was also our first WFS member profile in our newsletter. Gale died on September 18, 4 days before his 72nd birthday. He is survived by three daughters: Elva, Sally and Judy, all living in Arizona.

The genealogical chart starts with Robert Wingfield (d. 1769), with the name Silas Elmo and Mildred Augusta Cox on the 14th page. If this is yours contact Vance Wingfield at 2912 Owenwood Dr., Ft. Worth, TX 76109.

CHRISTMAS SUGGESTION
Perhaps it sounds early, but in another month you may be trying to think of a good Christmas gift for one of your Wingfield relatives. What better gift than the *Muniments of the Ancient Saxon Family of Wingfield*. Ordering details in this newsletter.

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Preserving family records . . . (part 2)

This a continuation of part 1 that appeared in the Summer edition of the WFS newsletter.

Photographs should be kept in a cool dark area. Never, repeat never, store them in a hot attic (or damp basement).

Changes in temperature and humidity have a harmful effect on photos because they are made up of three different layers; the support (usually paper), the binding and emulsion all react differently to atmospheric changes. The emulsion (surface) of a photograph will eventually crack, peel and become brittle under fluctuating conditions. High humidity will soften the emulsion, causing it to stick to other surfaces, especially other photographs. Molds and insects are also attracted to photographs exposed to high humidity.

It is important to keep photographs away from excessive exposure to light (including inside lighting) because of the possibility of fading or restarting chemical reactions in photographs that have been improperly processed. Damage caused by light is cumulative in that it depends upon intensity and length of exposure.

Handle photographs by the edges and avoid touching the surface. Oils on the hands and fingers will promote deterioration.

To identify photographs, use number two pencil and write lightly, in small letter, in the

upper or lower margin or the back of photograph.

Consider having a copy made of old, faded or deteriorated photographs that are of value.

Never use pressure sensitive (Scotch) tape on photographs. The tape will eventually stain and photo and is hard to remove.

Photographs should be stored flat, preferably separated by acid-free interleaving tissue. Avoid stacking more than four or five inches of photos per container. Photos may also be stored vertically in folders, kept in an upright position and not allowed to sag or bend.

Photo albums: albums filled with acid-free scrapbook pages with archival quality polyester film covers are recommended. Avoid the magnetic, self stick albums which can speed deterioration of materials stored in them. Photos will be sticky if you decide to remove them from the album. The best non-archival choice is a scrapbook filled with white or manila pages. Use corner to mount the photos or letter. Use the corners for mounting. Try to avoid using glue or tape.

Above all else, use common sense with your historical records. Handle them with care and store them properly. Don't be afraid to handle the record. A letter or photograph you are afraid to touch has little value. Enjoy your family treasures!



EDWIN (BUD) WINGFIELD

of Ault, CO with Wingfield towel.

FAMILY COMPUTER RECORDS EXPAND...

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Since our meeting in Richmond, another interesting feature has been added to our computer records. We can now store text information about any individual. So when you send in remarks that are pertinent to that record, they will be part of the record. Indeed we encourage you to do this.

What needs to be done to further our computer records?

If you have not sent in your family information, even though you think we already have it, send it in anyway. There can be sources for the data, obscure dates, an additional child that you may include that we don't have.

Births and deaths. Happily we want to show new Wingfields as soon as possible. Sadly, it is necessary that family members that pass away are also recorded. Send this information to Vance.

Historical data and stories. If multiple great-grandfather Fred Wingfield was in the Revolutionary War, tell us more about this. Where did he fight, what was his rank, was he wounded, etc. If an ancestor was an elected official, invented something or broke a record this is the kind of information we want to preserve. Should you want to give a brief historical sketch about this ancestor, that's fine, too. Send it to Vance.

What we are doing in this field of genealogy record-keeping is unprecedented for any family society. It is probably the single-most exciting facet of our multi-interest family society.

Pay your 1989 dues now

If you take *National Geographic* you know they solicit dues well in advance of the date due. They are honest about it. *National Geographic* will not drop your subscription if you fail to pay early, but they state this helps their cash flow and they appreciate the cooperation of their "members."

Likewise, we will appreciate your help in paying your fee early to help our treasury. Many have already paid at the annual meeting, now it is your chance to send yours

in now...while you are thinking about it. Thanks.

This does not apply to new members that have just joined. Their membership is good through 1989.

Enclosed with this newsletter is a renewal form. Please fill out the additional information shown so we can have more data on each member. This goes into your permanent file. Fill it out, enclose your check for \$25 and mail to the address shown.

Colorado Wingfields



ROBERT EMMETT WINGFIELD
and Virginia Wingfield...eastern
Colorado



RUSSELL (Molly) WINGFIELD
...eastern Colorado.