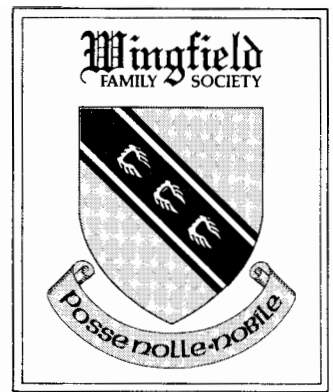


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"Wynkefeld The Saxon held honor and fee, ere William The Norman came over the sea"
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Two outstanding speakers slated for Arizona meeting

How the West was won by the Wingfields will be revealed

Dr. Elizabeth Raymond, assistant professor of history at the University of Nevada in Reno, will give us an overview of the life of illustrious George Wingfield, often called the "King of Nevada."

She attended Princeton and the University of Pennsylvania before coming to Nevada nine years ago. In addition to other duties, she is presently at full scale work on the biography of George Wingfield. She plans to write a book on his life and states there are over 150 boxes of his papers, letters and maps dated from about the turn of the century. You will learn more about this fascinating relative on May 5 at the dinner meeting at the hotel in Scottsdale.

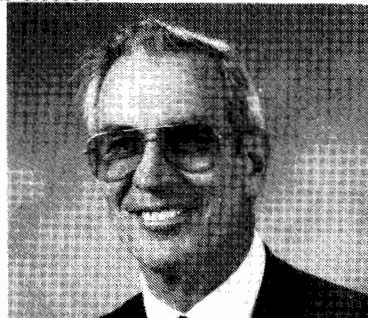
Nancy Welch is a freelance researcher currently tracing the western movement of the Wingfields from during the period of 1807-1880. Nancy Welch has her master's degree from William and Mary in Virginia and is a research analyst for Morrison Institute for Public Policy at Arizona State University. She has lived in Arizona for over 25 years.

Nancy will be our speaker after the barbecue on May 6 at the Horseshoe Ranch. There will be pictures, maps and displays to depict how it was with these pioneers in the 1800s.

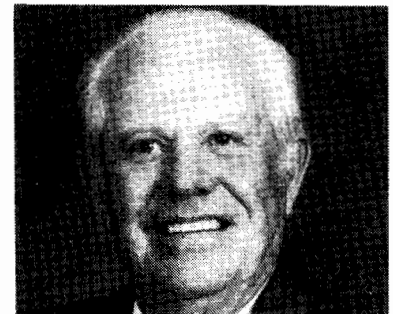
New WFS directors

FOR 3-YEAR TERMS TO BE ELECTED AT THE ARIZONA MEETING

Our by-laws call for four directors to be elected each year for a three-year term. This staggers the terms for better continuity. The following members of the WFS have been nominated for director for the years 1989/92 and have agreed to serve if elected.



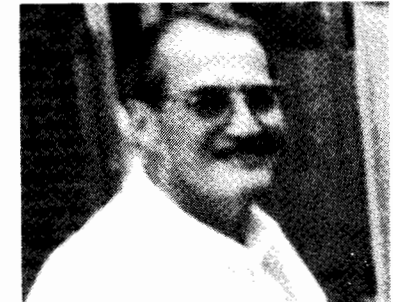
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AULT, COLORADO



DEE EPPS
JONESBORO, GEORGIA



KEN WINGFIELD
PHOENIX, ARIZONA

Committee meets in Jamestown ATTEMPTING TO CORRECT HISTORY

Maria (pronounced "Ma-rye-ah") Wingfield Butler from Richmond led her committee to Jamestown on March 10 for discussions with the key officials of the Jamestown Festiva about proper recognition of Capt. Edward Maria Wingfield in their new museum opening later this year. The planned verbal explanations to the public and other collateral material all but ignores our relative's role in the first successful English colony in America.

The following were at the meeting with director of Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation, Sandra Peterkin; Wilsie Wingfield Carr, president of the WFS from Belleair, Fla., Betty Gamache of Richmond, Keith Roberts from Henderson, N.C., Lois Wickham of Hanover, Va. and chairman Maria Butler.

The group heard plans for the new museum opening this fall and winter which will give the visitors a historical overview and picture of Jamestown's role in American history. It starts with the story in England and the reasons for the English colonization of America, the culture of the Powhatan Indians who inhabited the region in 1607, the Jamestown settlement, its government and commerce.

The committee gained some valuable insight into how we can get historians to recognize the true historical facts surrounding the event. More on page 6.



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WFS MEMBER PROFILE

Betty Wingfield Gamache



BETTY WINGFIELD GAMACHE

Our WFS member, Betty Gamache is a gal of strong convictions and active in local and world causes to make a better world. Whether you agree with this attractive lady or not, you must admire her intensity, her kindness to mankind and animals, and for taking tough stands that many of us would just as soon avoid.

Betty was born in Fredericksburg, Va. on August 30, 1941. She is the oldest of four children, three girls and a boy. Father Edward Wingfield was from Spotsylvania County and moved his family to Richmond in the early '50s to accept a job with Dupont. It was in Richmond that she attended grammar and high school.

Her vocation began as secretarial and bookkeeping with her first full-time job at the Seaboard Acceptance Loan Company to the 15 years spent with Kelly's Incorporated, a hardware and gift shop. When it went out of business, she sought and obtained a position with Reynolds Foils Credit Union in Richmond. Today she is the manager of this credit union that has over \$4,000,000 in assets and 1,150 members. For several years she operated the facility as their only employee, requiring the office to lock up even for lunch. Now she has an assistant and more freedom. Being so tied down was the reason Betty could not go on the England tour last year, which she states was a big disappointment.

In 1965 she married and 3 years later divorced. Today she and her "ex" are friends and according to Betty (jokingly) he apparently can't find anyone to come up to her standards so he is still single. Then 19 years ago, she met Richard Gamache in the army stationed at Ft. Lee near Richmond. They struck up a conversation about service in Viet Nam as Betty's brother had also been there. The next day, Richard asked her

to go steady which they did for six years before deciding to tie the knot in 1976.

Richard retired from the Army in 1976 after 23 years of service rather than be shipped to Alaska and away from Betty. Now he too works for Reynolds (Metals Company) but at a different location. They do not have any children, but two months ago Betty became a (step) grandmother.

Betty's kindness and compassion is pointedly revealed in her several activist organizations. One is "Greenpeace," another, "World Wildlife Fund" and finally, "People for Ethical Treatment of Animals." On the subject of animals, Betty feels very strongly. "They should be protected and never subjected to suffering." She supports these organizations with money, letters and other actions that can further the particular cause in any way. A lover of animals, presently she has a number of pets, namely three dogs, and a hedgehog (better known as a European Porcupine). When asked if the hedgehog was tame and could be petted, Betty replied, "very carefully and in one direction." The hedgehog is named "Tina Turner." She also has five baby squirrels that were abandoned and she plans to care for them for about four months and then return them to the wild. Squirrels are one of her favorites but they do not become pets as they must learn to care for themselves. Previously she has had an unbelievable mixture and variety of living things to care for. No migratory birds or snakes.

Betty believes that if it is necessary to use animals for scientific research, it is important they not suffer. She does not eat veal or lamb as these animals are raised in confinement without compassion or kindness.

She became interested in the American Indians several years ago, prompted by the fact her grandmother on her mother's side was one-half either Cherokee or Sioux. Betty does not feel the American Indian has been treated fairly by the government in the past or even now. She sided with AIM (American Indian Movement) and arranged a speaking engagement for Mark Banks at Randolph Macon College in Ashland, Va. Mark is the brother of Dennis Banks who is quite controversial and was even imprisoned at one time in connection with his AIM protests.

About five years ago while attempting to find her grandmother's Indian nationality, she began searching genealogical records. She located virtually nothing on the Indians, but kept finding all kinds of information on the Wingfields. More and more details on the Wingfields began to surface and eventually she tried to put it in some semblance of order. Betty did not know a pedigree chart from a loan application, but she sorted it and became more curious about her

heritage. This was the start of her interest in genealogy. It made sense to organize by starting with herself and working back. Not knowing Wingfields, her next step was the phone book and a call to John Wingfield of Goochland, Va. He suggested she contact Margaret Shelton who, as most WFS members know, has done years of excellent research on the Wingfield family.

Through Margaret Shelton, Betty contacted Richard Quarles who gave her a copy of an 1888 letter from her great-great grandfather, Joseph Fox Wingfield who had written to his niece, Mrs. S.M. Purvis, the daughter of Wesley Garland Wingfield about the death of his brother. Not going into anything half way, Betty became absorbed in genealogy, especially the Wingfield family. Her knowledge and gracious assistance to others is almost legend today as many interested researchers are being directed to Betty. Her philosophy is to help whenever she can, but to get something in return to further her own research. Descended from Thomas of York River and Robert of Louisa, she now works on different Wingfield lines as well as others of her own. Indians are difficult, if not impossible to research, Betty reveals with dismay, as she still has found nothing on her grandmother. None of her sisters or brother share her interest in genealogy, but her youngest sister feels as Betty does with regard to the American Indian.

As if the above isn't enough to keep her busy, she is a champion for women's rights, particularly as it affects equal compensation for equal work and equal opportunity.

She keeps in shape by lifting weights, a special hobby she has had for the past 3 or 4 years.

Reducing crime in the city is another of her causes and she has had five out of six letters to the editor published locally.

Ironically, last October, Betty was a crime victim. While at the Richmond post office and returning to her car, she was assaulted and when resisted, was struck a powerful blow to her mouth, before the assailant fled in a stolen van. The injury required several teeth to be pulled, four root canals, reconstructed bone, 15 hours in the dentist chair over a period of four months and a cost of over \$7,700. Now Betty is proud of her new mouth and it looks as good as new.

With some American Indian blood flowing through her veins, she has never been to an Indian reservation except the Mataponi in Virginia. She is excited about the meeting in Arizona and plans to make it a point to see one or more Indian reservations while out West.

Betty is a charter member of the Wingfield Family Society and serves as secretary and director. (See photo of hedgehog "Tina Turner" on page 3.)



BETTY GAMACHE'S DOG
watches "Tina Turner" the pet
porcupine.

BUYER BEWARE!

Surname information for sale

There are an overabundant number of official-sounding organizations that advertise the sale of family surname information. One would assume them to be a research institute, a rare book company or a person who specializes in specific family genealogy. If you send money you will get a name list and sometimes addresses. The list is compiled from city directories and phone books of major U.S. cities. It is not necessarily complete or accurate, nor is the data believed to be obtained from sources you can rely on.

While not illegal, their advertising is misleading and the information is of little value.

It would be too general to say that there could not be a worthwhile list purchased, so we suggest before investing anything, check with our genealogist who can probably advise you on whether to buy.

Mexican Anthropologist may be a Wingfield

Fernando Winfield-Capitaine, director of the Xalapa Museum of Anthropology has been located by Betty Gamache through a news article about an artifact find in a mangrove swamp on the Gulf of Mexico, near the state of Veracruz. The expedition was in connection with the National Geographic Society. A four ton stele (stone marker) was found with hieroglyphic type writing and a 19-inch clay figure of a fertility rite priest. It is an unknown language, but with some Maya figures and is thought to be 1,800 years old. To prevent pilfering, the site is being kept a secret.

Betty wrote to Fernando Winfield and the reply said his great, grand father came from England. He also expressed interest in our Arizona meeting.

CONDOLENCES

Our condolences to the family of Mildred Wingfield Rolle of Richmond, a founding member of the WFS who passed away on March 6, 1989.

New World tapestry features Jamestown

WFS GOES TO ENGLAND FOR THE CEREMONY

On February 21, 1989, WFS representative, Vance Wingfield of Ft. Worth, Texas placed the first stitch in the 1607 tapestry depicting England's establishment of the first permanent colony in the new world. The ceremony was in Bideford, Devon is for one of the eventual 23 canvas embroidery panels each 11 feet wide and four feet high.

Tom Mor, an English artist is the originator of the tapestry that visually shows the story of England's attempts to colonize Newfoundland, Bermuda and America between 1583 and 1642. The tapestry program was begun in 1976 and is being embroidered by teams of dedicated volunteers in Devon and Dorset. The final home for the complete work is as yet undecided, but completed panels can be seen in Plymouth.

When all are completed, they will be joined together and form a panorama 253 feet in length which is longer than the Bayeaux and over twice the area. The Bayeaux tapestry is an embroidery on canvas, using the Oblique Gobelin Stitch. The tapestry is designed in a strip cartoon form. According to Tom Mor, this simple format is one that children can understand most readily and relate to the history they have or will study.



VANCE WINGFIELD . . .

Vance volunteered to make the trip to England principally to represent the WFS and Wingfield name since the first president of the colony was Captain Edward Maria Wingfield. The Wingfield coat of arms is on the tapestry and this is where the first stitch was made in the midst of photographs and TV cameras. Vance made a short speech and then read a message from Wilsie Wingfield Carr, president of the Wingfield Family Society.



HUGH WINGFIELD HAYES, Vance Wingfield and Tom Mor, artist and originator of tapestries.



TAPESTRY—man on right President Wingfield. First stitch on page 6.

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Tickencote Hall...Wingfield home for 250 years

by John Parry-Wingfield
of Empingham, England

(Part two of two parts)



John Parry-Wingfield.

The final period of Tickencote Hall as a Wingfield family home commenced in 1869 when John Muxloe's eldest son, John Harry Lee Wingfield moved in. He too married into money, his wife, Elizabeth Anne Johnson, bringing more paintings and other possessions to the Hall. In 1872 a massive extension was built on the rear, garden side of the extension was in a style which may well have had some similarity to the architecture of the Hall demolished in 1700. It did not, however, blend very happily with the style of the 1706 building, although, being largely hidden at the back, it was not unduly offensive. Nevertheless the Wingfields of those prosperous mid-Victorian period now had a substantial house, with 20 bedrooms and 5 reception rooms, giving them a splendid base for the entertainment of friends and for gatherings of the numerous relations then living in the area around Tickencote. The building was enhanced by its setting at the foot of a picturesque village and beside a bend in the River Gwash.

John Henry Lee was not able to enjoy this for long, as he died in 1880, leaving the Hall to his eldest son, John Maurice Wingfield (1863-1931), author of "Some Records of the Wingfield Family." After service in the Coldstream Guards for some 18 years, John Maurice took possession of the Hall in 1904 and energetically set about modernizing it. He introduced central heating, redesigned the lighting and plumbing and created an extensive water garden (now being restored by the current owners). The Hall continued to be used for the entertainment of family and friends but John Maurice was a bachelor and thus it was no longer a family home. In 1924, to quote his own words, he was "obliged to let the house and

shooting owing to the very large increase in taxation."

The decline and eventual fall of Tickencote Hall can be related briefly. In 1931 John Maurice Wingfield died and ownership of the Hall passed to his nephew, John (Jack) Parry-Wingfield (my father), the only male grandson of John Harry Lee Wingfield. Up to World War II it was let and for part of the war it was occupied by Canadian Servicemen. When Jack returned to England in 1945 he found it in a sorry state owing to lack of maintenance and to the vandalism which ensued after the house was vacated by the Canadians.

Having neither the resources to maintain it nor the desire to live in this huge building, Jack had no alternative but to sell the Hall. But demand for such buildings in those grim post-war years was virtually non-existent and eventually, in 1947 Jack sold the Hall to the only available purchaser, a builder, who purchased it for the value of the stone and other materials and promptly demolished it. So ended the Wingfield connection with Tickencote Hall two and a half centuries after it began.

On a happier note, the name of Tickencote Hall lives on. Since the purchaser converted into a beautiful dwelling house the stable block which, as related earlier in this article, had been constructed in 1706 from the remains of the earlier Hall. This is the present Tickencote Hall, improved by subsequent owners, and latterly by Peter and Tarn Dearden, which enchanted members of the WFS who visited it in May, 1988.

And what are the contents of the Hall? I have an inventory taken at the time of John Maurice's death in 1931. It covers 59 foolscap pages and lists the 70 family portraits, 3,761 books and all the other heterogeneous items collected by 11 generations of Wingfields. The list concluded with "A black pony, aged." All these items, except for a very few retained by my father, and the pony, which had presumably died, were sold by auction in 1947. I have records of many of the prices fetched, which are of course derisory by today's standards, but no information on who made the purchases. It is said that a number of the portraits found their way to the United States.

It may be that my brother and I are the last remaining Wingfields with any knowledge of the original Hall. We spent summer holidays there in the immediate post-war years; I was 11 to 12 at the time. I recall the magnificence of the house and its setting by the river; the down at heel appearance of the interior, with furniture pil-

ed high in the main rooms and the remainder empty; and the extensive gardens and orchards still well maintained by a single gardener, where previously there had been four. In 1947 we stayed away and when we returned in 1948 the site of the house had been leveled for a lawn. Many other country houses were lost at this time and some 10 years ago they were recorded in an exhibition at the Victorian and Albert Museum entitled, "The Lost Country Houses of Britain"; the photo accompanying this article were among those included.

The irony is that now all such buildings are listed and preserved by law. For Wingfields the destruction of Tickencote Hall is especially sad, but we are fortunate that the family is well researched and recorded and Tickencote Hall can continue to live in our imagination. (See page 5.)

Our thanks to...

Two of our members have donated their professional expertise to further our society. The Wingfield Family Society is now incorporated with tax exempt status. Gifts are not tax exempt by a donor, but the money we collect from dues, the sale of items and miscellaneous other sources is exempt from U.S. income tax.

Eugene McCaul, a WFS member from Mechanicsville, Va., is an attorney. Eugene incorporated our society, drafted our by-laws and assisted in getting us declared tax exempt.

David W. Garland, CPA and WFS member from Martinsville, Va. worked with the IRS to get tax exempt status for our society.

These accomplishments may seem insignificant or routine to many until one sees the forms and details are required, plus numerous submissions, revision and filings to obtain this approval. It took hours and hours of hard work not only by these gentlemen but by their staffs as well.

Both of these men deserve a sincere vote of thanks from each and every member of the WFS. Eugene and David, we do appreciate what you did for the Wingfield Family Society. Thanks!

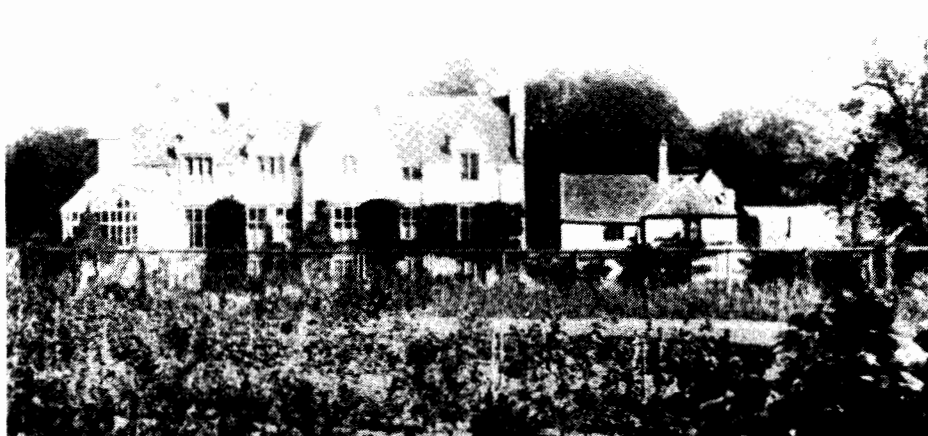
CORRECTION:

The headline of the first article on Tickencote Hall said, "Wingfield home for 25 years" — should be 250 years.

Two errors on the chart, page 4 of the winter newsletter. Lee Preston points out that WFS members should correct Joseph (Wingfield) to John (m. Elizabeth Gresham) and correct the death date for Sir John Wingfield of Tickencote from 1626 to 1631.

Tickencote Hall

EDITOR'S NOTE: The small house to the right of the manor in the photo still stands and today is elegant. Some would consider it a manor house. The photo accompanying the previous issue of the newsletter gave a better rendition. We have received word from owners Peter and Tarn Deardon that they operate this on a limited basis as a "bed and breakfast." WFS members might consider this for accommodations when visiting the area.



TICKENCOTE MANOR FROM REAR 1947.



Truly a family matter

Everyone comes from two parents, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, 16 great-great-grandparents, etc. Every generation back we go, results in twice as many lineal ancestors.

This is very much like the Persian chessboard problem. If there are, say 25 years to a generation, then 64 generations will take us back 1,600 years or to about the time of the fall of the Roman Empire. Mathematics show that each one of us alive today had in the year 400, 18.5 quintillion ancestors — or so it seems — to say nothing of collateral relatives.

This is far more than the population of the Earth, then or even now. It's more than the number of human beings who ever lived. Something is wrong with our calculations. What? We have assumed that those lineal ancestors to be different people, but

this is not the case. The same distant ancestor is related to us by many different routes. We are repeatedly connected with our relatives. Every marriage brings cousins together.

If we go back far enough, any two people anywhere on earth have a common ancestor. Whenever a new American president is elected, someone — generally in England — discovers that the new president is a distant relative of the Queen of England.

We are all cousins, all members of a vast world-girdling family.

Of course when two people derive from the same small corner of the world and their genealogies are well recorded the last common ancestor can be discovered as is the case with the Wingfields. But there are millions of side line kin folks and double back along the way.

What's going on...

In order to keep our members informed of what's happening with family members everywhere, we must rely on reports and stories from the membership. We appeal to each and every member to send information:

Here are some thought starters:

1. Genealogy queries
2. Local family reunions
3. Unusual activities of members

4. Visits by out of country members
5. Travel related to the Wingfield family
6. Hobbies
7. Achievements
8. Stories of Wingfields in the past...and now.
9. Anniversaries

If in doubt, send it and let the editors see it we can use it.

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Final notice to register for Arizona meeting

As we are about a month out from the third annual WFS meeting in Scottsdale, Arizona, we again urge those who plan to go and have not registered to do so NOW. The Embassy Suites can pull our unused room allotment on April 5 and although they will still take reservations, it will be if space is available.

To be sure, you may want to call (toll free) 1-800-528-1456 to the Embassy Suites and make reservations. Just tell them you are part of the Wingfield group and you will get the special rate.

Enclosed with this newsletter are forms for hotel reservations and meeting registration.

You will not receive any more reminders.

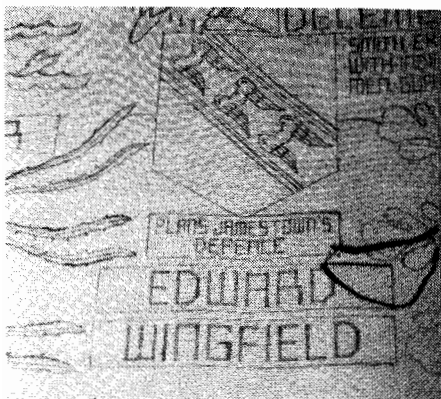
...ANOTHER REASON TO GO TO ARIZONA

Louis Wingfield picks up tab for ranch barbecue at meeting

As a gesture of generous hospitality, Louis Wingfield announced that all the WFS members who go to the Arizona meeting are invited to visit the Horseshoe Ranch and have a typical western barbecue — as his guest.

Although the registration forms asked \$15 per person for this. As the WFS felt was proper to cover our host's costs, Louis insists this not be charged. Those who have paid will receive a refund and later registration members should deduct \$15 per person from the \$55 tour price and send just \$40. Those who planned to attend only the barbecue, just show up. Refund checks for those who have already paid for this barbecue will be in the member's packet on arrival in Scottsdale.

Thanks, Louis. Can we have doggie bags?



FIRST STITCH new world tapestries placed by Vance Wingfield.

Go casual, western at Arizona meeting

MANY HAVE ASKED WHAT TO WEAR AT THE ARIZONA MEETING IN MAY

Daytime weather will be comfortable to warm, while night time can be cool. During the day dress very comfortably and this may be your chance to "go western." You know, jeans, checkered shirts, one of those string ties and perhaps a western straw hat. After all you wouldn't want to show up at the ranch looking like an eastern dude, would you? Better bring a sweater or light jacket for the full day sightseeing as it will feel good when the sun sets at the ranch. There will be a wide variance in temperatures.

Even the evening hotel dinner on May 5 is not dressy, but we suggest dresses for the women and coat and tie for the men.

English genealogy computer now in place

RECORDING LINEAGE WITHIN THE UK



GEORGE WINGFIELD and Vance Wingfield at computer in England.

George Wingfield of Somerset, brother of Jocelyn that so many of our members know, works for IBM in England. George

has agreed to enter family data in England, much as Vance Wingfield does in the U.S. While in England, Vance worked with George to coordinate and standardize the entry procedure into a dedicated computer for the English Wingfields utilizing the same program and format we use in the U.S.

Jocelyn has thousands of hand-scribbled notes and research papers accumulated over the years. By working with Jocelyn, George will be able to enter and preserve years of research that includes details and facts never before recorded. As the WFS USA entries link an ancestor to England, this can be your connection farther back into time. Certainly it will provide more details and additional family lines in England.

Every Wingfield that emigrated to the new world had family in England. It's fine to know we are here and when we came, but whence we came in England is another step in searching out our ancestors that we now may be able to provide.

Continued from page 1...

Committee meets in Jamestown

AFTER THE MEETING, THE COMMITTEE WAS GIVEN A SPECIAL TOUR THROUGH JAMESTOWN FESTIVAL PARK AND WENT ABOARD THE THREE REPLICA SHIPS THAT CARRIED THE COLONISTS IN 1607.



AT JAMESTOWN TOUR (l-r) Lois Wickham, Wilsie Carr and Sarah Patton, director Jamestown Festival Park.



AT JAMESTOWN FESTIVAL (l-r) Sarah Patton, director, Maria Butler, committee chairman and Keith Roberts, WFS member.