

newsletter

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

... Ancient Suffolk England Rhyme

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1991 meeting location... Fredricksburg instead of Charlottesville, VA

Dates May 17-19, 1991

After approving the 1991 meeting to be in Charlottesville, at our meeting in Atlanta, we had to back off as the very weekend we picked was graduation weekend at the University of Virginia. WFS meeting organizers hit a brick wall as hotel representatives explained they have been sold out for two years and there is not a room available in the city. It seems when parents enroll their children in the University of Virginia, they make hotel reservations at the same time for graduation.

Rather than change the meeting dates it was decided to select a reasonably nearby hotel that was convenient to commercial airports and still close enough to Charlottesville so the delegates could take a day excursion to important Albemarle County. In many respects this will work out better, said Wilsie Carr, the Society president, who had been concerned about the difficulty in getting to Charlottesville by air anyway. With good



**Sheraton Hotel entrance
Fredericksburg, VA**

scheduled ground transfer service into Fredricksburg, VA from either Washington or Richmond, this will make it easier for members to get to and from the meeting. Fredericksburg is 50 miles from either airport.

The charming Fredricksburg Sheraton Hotel will accommodate our meeting and we can easily motorcoach our group to Charlottesville, about an hour and fifteen

minutes away.

The Fredericksburg Sheraton is unusual indeed. It was converted and expanded from an old dairy barn and has interesting and quite appealing character. A deluxe property, the room cost for the WFS is only \$65 per night, single or twin. One large meeting room will be assigned exclusively to the WFS use for meetings and dinners. Another nearby room will hold our Wingfield Store. In effect we will be isolated from the many other meeting rooms on the opposite end of the hotel. Our group was just the right size to give us exclusive use of this section.

Adjacent to the hotel is a 18 hole par 72 PGA championship golf course that should whet the appetite of member golfers. There are also 3 tennis courts.

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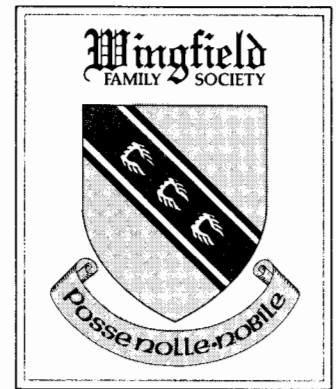
Wingfield Castle sold again

According to newspaper reports in England, the Wingfield Castle, Suffolk, was sold by Paul Ruddock for around £1.7 million (about \$3.2 Million) on July 19, 1989. It was purchased by Mr. Michael Lyndon-Stanford, Q. C. (Queen's Counsell). He plans to use this as his home in Suffolk.

Since some members may not be familiar with the Queen's Counsell appointment held by Mr. Lyndon-Stanford the new owner of the Wingfield Castle, the selection is made on recommendation of the Lord Chancellor and is from the most successful English barristers. The first Queen's Counsell was Francis Bacon.

A Queen's Counsell does not have an exact U. S. Equivalent. The nearest might be a very successful and prominent Counselor-at-law.

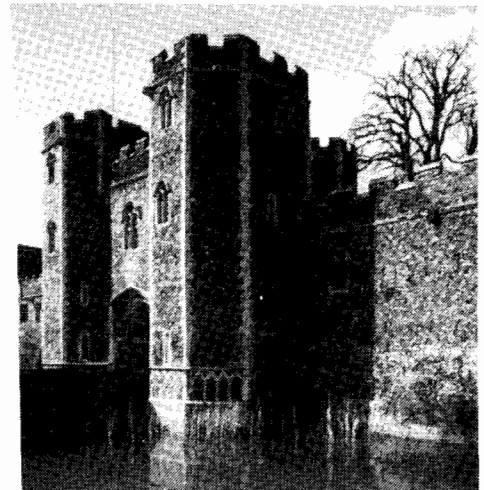
Members of the 1991 Wingfield tour have been invited into Wingfield Castle next May by the Lyndon-Stanfords. Jocelyn Wingfield was able to make the necessary arrangements with Mr. Lyndon-Stanford for our visit.



England - Ireland Tour Accepting reservations

The second WFS tour arrangements are now complete and we are accepting reservations. A block of seats are held on British Airways not only to London, but also to Dublin, Ireland.

Interest appeared to be such that two tours of 40 members each would be required to accommodate demand. The tours will operate simultaneously, but each with a slightly different itinerary. Tour 1 will visit at least 3 different sites from the previous tour. It is assumed that the tour members that went in 1988 will select this itinerary. Tour 2 will follow a similar route to the 1988 tour and we recommend this for first timers.



Wingfield Castle

Tour 1 will visit Sherborne Castle, Onslow, Otley Hall as well as the village of Wingfield, Tickencote, London before hopping off to Dublin to explore the world of Powerscourt.

Tour 2 is basically a repeat of 1988 with some differences and unusual activities. Major sites and locations of interest are: London, Kimbolton, Tickencote, Wingfield, Letheringham, Orford, then joining

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WFS members correct records for DAR

In July, Wilsie Wingfield Carr, WFS president, was doing some research at the DAR Library in Washington. Knowing that Lee Preston had been sending Wingfield ancestor corrections to the Daughters of the American Revolution headquarters in Washington, she asked to meet the Corrections Genealogists, Mrs. Hazel F. Kreinheder.

There was no doubt Mrs. Kreinheder knew who Lee Preston was or about the Wingfield Family Society. Without hesitation she opened an enormous file cabinet and removed one of Lee's familiar white oversized envelopes containing details and proofs correcting and adding records to what had formerly been accepted by the DAR with new member applications.



Shown with Mrs. Kreinheder is Wilsie Carr at one of the DAR's computers in their genealogy department.

Mrs. Kreinheder said the DAR is most appreciative of the work Lee Preston and other members of the Wingfield Family Society have done and their conscientious generosity in sharing this knowledge with the DAR.

Editor meets author George Alexander visits Florida

On a recent trip to Florida, George Alexander the author of "Wingfield, Edwardian Gentlemen" visited Wilsie and Bob Carr in Belleair, Florida.

George Alexander of Bloomington, IN published his book in 1986 about Major Walter Clopton Wingfield the inventor (1874) of Lawn Tennis. Copies are still available.

Alexander explained about the prestigious Major Wingfield Club that furthers deserved recognition to the inventor of Lawn Tennis with a limited membership of those that themselves have

OBITUARY Virginia Tierney Bakersfield, CA



Virginia Tierney

Virginia Tierney, a beloved member of the Wingfield Family Society, passed away in a Bakersfield, CA hospital on June 20, 1990. She was 76 and is interned at Greenlawn Memorial Park, Bakersfield, CA.

She was born in Winslow, AZ, March 20, 1914 and was employed by the Pacific Gas and Electric in the Bakersfield division for 45 years.

Tom Tierney, her husband of 48 years described some things about Virginia. She loved to travel, decorated their home with antiques and furniture from far away places. A large collection of early cut glass from the American Brilliant period was her pride and joy. She was a good cook and enjoyed having family and friends over often.

or had long and faithful service in tennis. While it is generally well known that a Wingfield invented tennis, few know about the Major Wingfield Club.

The Wingfield tour will stop at Onslow and visit with Charles and Maxine Wingfield descendants of Major Wingfield of the Onslow line.



George Alexander (L) shown with Bob Carr

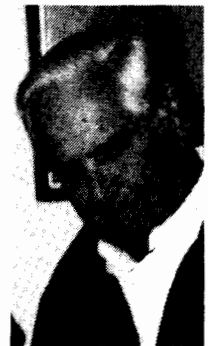
She is survived by her husband, Tom; daughter Carol Cook; granddaughter Debra Fieber and husband Randy; great-grandson, Andrew Fieber; mother, Mary Wingfield; brother William H. Wingfield all of Bakersfield, CA.

Her Wingfield line originated in Albemarle, County, Virginia.

OBITUARY William Douglas Epps Jonesboro, GA

Have you heard laughs at a funeral?

By Quimby Melton



Doug Epps

(Ed note: Quimby Melton is editor of Monroe County, Georgia Reporter. This is a reprint of Doug's obituary published shortly after he died in Jonesboro, GA on August 2, 1990. WFS charter member Dee Epps was Doug's wife.)

People laughed during Doug Epps' funeral the other day in Jonesboro, and their laughter was a tribute to him.

The final rites for the retired senior Delta Airlines Captain were different from any other I have attended. But the difference was appropriate because Captain Epps was a different sort of man. For one thing, he was a member of the exclusive and vanishing group of people who cut the chains of gravity and soared freely through the sky. For another, he possessed an equally free and buoyant spirit.

That is how the minister at the funeral described him, "He was such a buoyant man."

The preacher knew that because he and Doug grew up together in Athens, GA. He could now, the Rev. Wesley Stephens said, conduct the service in an entirely solemn manner. You see, his friend whose body lay before the altar in captain's uniform, was not a solemn person.

Then Mr Stephens lovingly told of the time in early grammar school with Doug Epps took a collection for the Mother of

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The Cavanaghs' rare, books for sale — well, some of 'em

When Terry and Susan Cavanagh moved to their new home in Athens, Georgia, upon retirement, they brought five tons of old medical books Terry had collected over the years. Most still have not been unpacked six months later. Among those on the shelves are first editions of the little book in which Auenbrugger introduced the idea of percussion of the chest after watching his father, who was a



Susan and Terry Cavanagh hold display panels from 1555 book, "Structure of the Human Body"

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Those continuing on the England-Ireland tour will depart by motorcoaches on Sunday morning May 19 for Dulles Airport for their flight to London.

Tentative plans call for a morning departure from the Sheraton Fredricksburg to Charlottesville on Saturday, May 18. It is expected the members will visit Monticello, have lunch in the nearby 18th century and historic Michie's Tavern.

In 1794 Charles Wingfield, Jr. one of the first settlers in Albemarle, County, lived in a delightful plantation home called, Bellair. He was Magistrate and sheriff. Bellair has been continuously occupied since the late 1700s and is still a private home. If it can be arranged we will visit this historic home situated on one square mile of country land just outside Charlottesville. It has its own paved drive through acres of forest and into an expanse of hill pastures.

While not in good condition, nearby "Pleasant Dale" is an older Wingfield farm residence with a private, but sadly overgrown cemetery that may or may not be on the tour.

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tour 1 on the excursion to Ireland.

Both tours will also be together at the Wingfield Castle in Wingfield and in Ireland; otherwise they are independent.

Finding enough acceptable hotel rooms in rural England is a real problem even for a seemingly small group of 40. Hotels may only have 8 to 15 rooms and to find private baths is a major dilemma. Sometimes we have to stay in nearby towns, but fortunately distances are short. Types of accommodations are limited and not all rooms have twin beds and if we have too many singles we may have to turn away members when our allotment is gone.

Jocelyn Wingfield will be the tour guide on each of the tours at one time or another. There will always be a guide with each group.

In spite of these housekeeping problems, the tours, as set up, are excellent and will allow members to visit locations and sites that figure into the history of the Wingfields and could not be visited independently.

Unfortunately the dollar is worth 20% less than in 1988 which increases the cost. Oil prices being up will undoubtedly increase airfares. The airlines are already screaming about the need to raise fares.

If you did not get a brochure on the tour, please contact:

Wingfield Family Society
301 Belleview Blvd.,
Belleair, FL 34617

The last tour was oversold. Hopefully 2 tours will accommodate our needs this year. If you want to go, we suggest you sign up right away. Maximum on each tour will be 40.



Jocelyn Wingfield explains subjects in famous Tickencote picture on 1988 tour

Wingfield Happenings

What are members of the WFS doing that may be of interest to newsletter readers?

Are you traveling, had a new baby, grandchild, entertained other family members, retired, got a promotion, etc. We urge you to send in pictures, preferably in connection with the event. Hint: group people pictures generally cannot be used. Try to hold the number to 2 or 3 persons and please identify each with resident location. Send them to attention: Editor.

Wingfields in Census Records Some are a mystery

Lee Preston has initiated a project that can become a real aid to WFS members researching their heritage as well as historians looking for information regarding early Wingfields in America.

We tend to look at the well known and easily documented Wingfield records and assume we have them all, or certainly most of them. Whereas a look at early census records reveals an array of Wingfields (variety of spellings) not seeming to fit the accepted pattern. Lee Preston once remarked that most members feel they came from one or two immigrant progenitors. He follows up questioning all the other Wingfields we know emigrated into early America and for which no one seems to claim kinship. "Indeed were all these other Wingfields sterile with no

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WFS MEMBER PROFILE**Brigadier Anthony D. R. Wingfield DSO, MC****Tony Wingfield**

Brigadier Anthony Desmond Rex Wingfield, D.S.O., M. C. was the only son of the late Major General the Honorable Maurice Anthony Wingfield C.M.G., C.V.O., D.S.O the younger son of the 7th Viscount Powerscourt.

Anthony, known as Tony was born on the 20th of February, 1908 in the Shelbourne Hotel, Dublin. Someone at Powerscourt had Scarlet Fever at the time or he would have been born there. He was soon taken by his maternal grandmother to England when his parents went to India for 2 years.

Tony was brought up in England, educated at Eton and the Royal Military College, Sandhurst. In the spring of 1928 he joined the 10th Royal Hussars (Horsed Cavalry) and went into foreign service for eight years; two in Egypt and six in India.

He met Judy Stanley, his wife to be, when she was staying with a girlfriend in Lucknow in the United Provinces of Agra and Oudh, now Uttar Pradesh, India in 1934. They were married in London in 1936 and spent that year in Lucknow. She died in Drogheda, Ireland in 1980.

His regiment returned to England in October 1936 to be mechanized and he was stationed at Tidworth in Hampshire. In 1939 the 2nd World War broke out and he was appointed intelligence officer of the Second Light Armored Brigade which formed part of the First Armored Division. They had scarcely any tanks only little death traps!..“and this was no fit way to go to war.”

But on mobilization in 1940 Tony was sent as a brigade intelligence officer to Brigade Headquarters in Tidworth and went on to defend the east coast of Britain.

During what he calls, “the phoney war”, and after taking a course at the Staff College, Camberley, still a captain, he was appointed Brigadier Major (the senior staff officer) of the 1st Light Armored Brigade in Yorkshire. They had just given up their horses.

From this job in 1940 he went to be Deputy Assistant Adjutant General at the Headquarters of the 1st Armored Division and was promoted to major, having been a captain when the war broke out.

The 1st Armored Division had a brief battle in France then back in England, but was to go to Egypt within a few months and the general commander promised that Tony would be returned to his regiment upon arrival in the Middle East.

He went in a large convoy around the South African Cape pausing in the Durban area before rejoining his regiment as they went into the western desert of Egypt, taking command of one of their squadrons. They were too late to join the battle which chased the Italian Army to beyond Benghazi. On January 19, 1942 they relieved the 7th Armored Division after travelling across the desert where he learned a good deal about desert warfare.

Germany's Rommel had arrived on the scene with his now famous Panzer Division. Rommel's forces attacked and Tony had his first taste of gun powder. The German tanks had better guns and armour than the English and outreached them in open country. He lost the whole of his squadron in half an hour. Luckily, though hit, his tank did not catch on fire. Then he was able to collect all his wounded. What was left of the division was driven back to the Tobruk area. Tony was given the M. C. (Military Cross). History knows this as the battle of Sannu.

He was promoted to Lt. Colonel in 1943 while attending as an Instructor in a Tactical School near Gaza in Palestine. Then he went back to his regiment as 2nd in command just before Montgomery's offensive battle at Alamein. At this battle Tony was slightly wounded by a mine but managed to avoid the medics and returned to his regiment. His C. O. had also been injured and the wounds turned worse so he had to leave the battle. Hence the command went to Tony for the rest of the North African campaign.

The next battle was on the Mareth Line just over the border in Tunisia. There he had a rather successful action at the “Battle of El Hamma on Monty's left hook,” going through a New Zealand Division that was holding a German Division, virtually destroying one of the Panzer Divisions. Tony was given the D.S.O for that.

Soon after that battle, the Americans joined with the British forces in Algeria and together pushed the Germans and Italians into the sea.

Sent back to Cairo to a staff job at General Headquarters, Middle East, he was furious and appealed to Monty to get back into action but was told his division would not see action again till the Allies were on the Italian mainland. Fortunately he managed to move from this staff job in the very hot summer of 1943 in Cairo, after a mere 5 months and was sent as second in command of a tank brigade in England as a full colonel.

Tony was able to have some leave with his wife and daughter, Deirdre before taking up his new appointment. This brigade was a “back up” force which arrived on the Normandy beaches nearly a month after D Day. He was involved with the Normandy battle only as far as Falaise. His next operation was to capture La Harve which was isolated by the German retreat. After the Arnhem air battle in Holland, he was given command of the 22nd Armored Brigade in the 7th Armored Division. Known as the “Desert Rats,” to his friends, two out of the four regiments in this brigade were Irish so he had a lot of fun on St Patrick's Day.

His first battle with this brigade was the capture of S'herthogenbosch near Tilburg in Holland. Then went to the Marstricht

**Early Photo Tony Wingfield**

Appendix where Holland, Belgium and German all meet. The winter of 1944 was terribly cold and the “Battle of the Bulge” took place just on their right flank but Tony's troops were not involved. At the end of the winter they closed up to the Seigfred Line near Roermond and Tony came under the command of the 9th U. S. Army and General Simpson. He had one

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tough battle in this action to capture the village of St Joust after which the Germans withdrew.

His brigade was the first to cross the pontoon bridge set up at Xanton on the left of the 9th U. S. Army and the Rhur virtually leading the 7th Armored Division all the way to the Elbe River amidst of heavy fighting. At the Elbe he waited for the surrender of Hanover and then went on to the Kiel Canal and saw the end of the war. He was surprised when he was given the Order of Leopold I and the Belgian Croix de Guene, Avec Palm.

A few months later Tony managed to get assigned to a job in the War Office, London and at last was reunited with his family. A few months later he became an instructor at the Staff College, Canbury for two years. He then decided to leave the army much to his father's disappointment, and live in Ireland in his wife's home (which she had inherited when her mother died during the war).

In 1951 he was one of the Gold Staff Officers at the coronation of Queen Elizabeth II in Westminster Abbey. His job was to look after the block of seats allotted to the wives of the Bishops and an overflow of the Queens guests.

Coolanber Manor (his wife's home) was on the border of Counties Westmeath and Longford and held a herd of thoroughbred Hereford cattle on boggy land. They wanted to breed race horses and after 8 years sold the place and moved to County Meath where Tony lives now. He had become much involved in the racing world having ridden quite a lot in steeple chase and point-to-points. He was elected in 1964 first to the Irish National Hunt Committee (Steeplechasing) and later to the Irish Turf Club (flat racing). He was the Senior Steward in 1973 and 1979 of the National Hunt Committee and was Hon. Secretary of the Meath Hunt for several years and it's president for two years.

In 1957 Tony became assistant racing and stud Manager to Queen Elizabeth II spending the summers in England. When the Stud Manager retired, the Queen knew that Tony did not want to live permanently in England so she agreed that he would not take over the full management of her stables once she found a replacement. He remained as Stud Manager for one year, in 1962. Upon leaving, he still retained connections and her filly foals, when weaned they came to his stables spending a year in Ireland together with other various horses of the Queen's or Queen Mother, but all of this

stopped about 20 years ago.

A regular contributor to the WFS newsletter, he has written several articles including "Sir John Wingfield and the Black Prince" and "Powerscourt House, Dublin."

Tony lives in County Meath, Ireland not far from Powerscourt and will meet with the WFS members on the tour to England and Ireland in May, 1991. They will, indeed meet a legend.

Lady Campbell, author part time Florida resident

Lady Shelagh Campbell lives in England but also has an apartment in Ft Myers, Florida.

A member of the WFS and granddaughter of the 7th Viscount Powerscourt recently visited with our president Wilsie Carr before returning to her home in Hampshire, England. She is a first cousin of Tony Wingfield, our profile subject this issue.

Lady Campbell has written a book, entitled, "Resident Alien" that relates her experiences as an Englishwoman in New York and Washington during the years 1939-1941.

At a time when ignorance and lack of interest about the United States were total, Shelagh, intrigued by the "American Dream" and its promise of freedom, yearned to investigate further. By chance she landed in America as a tourist — eight days before the war was declared, and stayed for 30 years.

After training briefly, she was hired to work in the Anglo-French Purchasing Board on its first day in downtown New York, and from there got a bird's eye but comprehensive view of the US/UK aid program. Transferred in 1940 to the British Embassy in Washington, she watched first hand America's gradual shift from isolationism to full participation. She witnessed the growth of the Special Relationship. Shelagh made her own contacts with the war's major personalities. Among them she observed were Jean Monnet, architect of the EEC, Lord Lothian, Lord Halifax and Lord Tweedsmuir, Governor-General of Canada.

In 1942 she married an American, Authur B. Purvis, Chairman of Burke Purchasing Commission, the final step into an American way of life.

The book was published in the United Kingdom and was written basically for their consumption since "Resident Alien" tells an inside story never revealed before to British subjects. It is not available in the United States, but can be ordered through the Book Department at Harrods, London.



Lady Campbell, shows Wilsie Carr her book, "Resident Alien" in her apartment in Ft Myers, Florida in June, 1990.

Christmas Necktie

All Wingfield descendants are proud of their heritage, and rightly so, as history shows their prominence from the 11th century to today. How can one discretely show off this Wingfield connection?

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Then dazzle him with your in depth knowledge about ties. The Wingfield tie is American made. This can be verified by observing the stripes dropping left to right (you looking at the person wearing the tie). If the slant on any tie is from right to left, it is Foreign (Probably European) manufactured. What other newsletter gives you exciting trivia like this?

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the Unknown Soldier. He gathered the money with a twinkle in his eye and everybody had a good laugh, including the contributors.

The congregation of Doug's loved ones and friends laughed aloud at the story, and several times more at additional recollections. It was the first time I have heard laughter at a funeral, but it was in the best taste and honored the man who lay there.

After that the preacher, who is associate pastor of the First United Methodist Church in Athens, described other facets of Doug Epps' character. He loved challenges and adventures. Just before he died, he had returned home from Greenland where he had participated in the expedition to reclaim aircraft which crashed there in World War Two. In between he had attended a great airshow. He and his wife, Dee talked for a long while the evening of his death. Late at night he retired. The next morning she thought he was still asleep. An hour or so later she checked and found him dead.

An adventurer? Yes, he was one — and a pioneer. Along with others of his type, he opened new frontiers in the air and converted flight from a nebulous dream into a common means of transportation. He grew up with his father, Ben Epps of Athens, and even earlier pilot. Epps Field in Athens is named for the father, and in his time you could fly over the town, which is now a city for \$5. But it took some spunk as well as money because those were the days of open cockpits. Sometimes, too, there were cracks in the floor of the plane through which you could see the ground speeding along below.

The skyways then were great unknowns and to fly through them was a great adventure. Fellow pilots were among the several hundred people at Doug's funeral in Jonesboro. Some were old men with flight insignias in the lapels of their coats. One was a massive person, old now but still erect, the eagle's look still in his eyes.

Captain Epps was one of those. They played when solid earth lay beneath their feet but calm, serious and completely attentive to their duties when empty air separated them from the ground.

In the air, the preacher said, Doug Epps always was responsible, aware of his obligations to the passengers whom he transported safely at breath-taking speed from place to place.

Yes, he was a remarkable man, this Doug Epps whose family and friends laughed so joyfully at his funeral — this pioneer who had just stepped across the

threshold of another unknown.

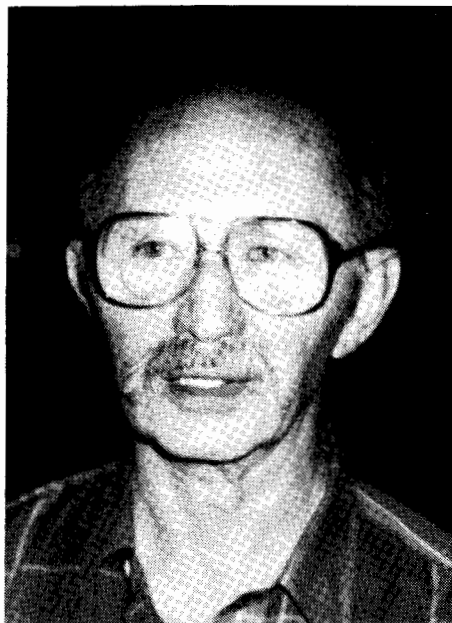
Now he is well into his greatest adventure of all, one that sooner or later everyone will share.

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descendants?" asks Lee.

A look through Lee Preston's notebook of census records, raises some interesting questions and leaves unexplained voids about some mystery Wingfields.

The name is often spelled different ways, but there is a good chance that all are of Wingfield blood. Many times recorded as Winfield or Winkfield, sometimes the names are spelled one way on one census and different on the next.



Lee Preston looks at census records

One of the earliest Wingfield noted by Preston was Henry Winfield on the 1790 New York census. Other random examples are the 1800 Kentucky census with a Henry Winkfield of Henry County, a Jonah Winfield of Nelson County and William Winkfield of Warren County. The 1830 Mississippi census lists an E. Winfield in Amite County. The Ohio census for same year shows Elizabeth Winchfield, William Winkfield and John Winkfield all of Clark County. The Ohio records for 1850 shows a Ananias Winfield in Portage County as having been born in New York about 1802. A quick look at the Louisiana survey shows an interesting listing, James Wingfield as being born in Illinois in 1812. Iowa's 1860 census lists a John Winfield as having been born in Rhode Island in 1830.

Lee Preston's accumulation obviously covers only a few states and certainly not all the dates. Many are not shown in our

computer database so are "unclaimed" by our members at this point. Lee cannot research them all. This is where WFS members can help. As you go into a particular state's census looking for family ancestors and you see a Wingfield (or a variation of spelling) jot it down with all the details and send it to:

Lee Preston
1630 Bodega Ct.,
Walnut Creek, CA 94596

Most libraries have State Census Indexes that will allow you to easily see if a family or suspected family ancestor is listed therein. It gives the exact location for sorting and finding the data on the microfilm. Then just record the date of census, state, county and all the information shown. Lee will put this information on appropriate sheets and into a file binder.

As we develop this further it can be entered into a computer for easy print out. All members can help.

Nomination for officers, 1991-94 First change of gavel

The nominating committee will present a slate of proposed officers to the members attending the Fredericksburg, VA meeting in May, 1991. Officers elected at this meeting will lead the WFS for the next three years.

Nominated are:

President: Robert Wingfield,
Northbrook, IL.

Vice President;
Dale Ruf, Rockville, MD.

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Treasurer;
Lynn Wingfield, Ashland, VA

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Wingfields in Sport Charles Wingfield Beats Gliding Records

By Jocelyn Wingfield
(London)

On July 14th, 1946 Charles Wingfield of Onslow near Shrewsbury, where his branch of the family have lived since 1778, made by far the longest British gliding flight distance record for gliders of low performance. He took to the air (launched by cable) in his 1936 Slingsby sailplane, the Kirby Kite, "Gracias" (cost £160). Starting at 11:30 a.m. atop the great hill, the Long Mynd in Shropshire, not far from Onslow, his ancestral home, still famous for its trees and shrub garden today, he set off on his notable flight in the direction of Oxford, Eton and London.

Wingfield's total flying hours until then in "Gracias" were 135, covering 300 miles. He is 6 foot 2 inches. His plane was 157 square feet in area, had a wingspan of 47 feet and a total laden weight of 4 hundred pounds. Having no power, of course, to give the best performance his plane flew at 35 to 45 m.p.h., which was at a gliding angle of 1 in 17 and a sinking speed of 2 feet 9 inches per second.

To gain height a glider pilot uses two kinds of uplift currents: the "hill lift" and the cumulus cloud - be it "woolpack" cloud or a towering thunderstorm, the latter making map-reading a nightmare. Charles Wingfield used both these methods on his famous flight, initially finding a line of black storm clouds, which wafted him upwards at 500 feet a minute in heavy rain. "This cloud flying," he said, "is sometimes an eerie business; the ground becomes hazy and finally vanishes, and one is left with a feeling of intense loneliness; one's wingtips are one's farthest horizon."

At 2:15, the air near Stourport was lifeless and he was so low that he had already picked his landing field, "when," he said, "suddenly the air was like champagne and "Gracias" shot up to 4000 feet in a few minutes. I later flew over Oxford, noting that Cambridge was more beautiful from the air than from the ground." Here he rose from 500 feet to the dizzy heights of 7500 feet above sea level. It was from the Oxford University Gliding Club that he had won his Silver Badge for long distance in 1939.

Flying over Eton College, which he had attended in the 1930's prior to going up to Cambridge (Trinity College), Wingfield's sailplane began to lose height. Could he find a place to land? He had been in tougher spots than this as a captain in the King's Own Shropshire Light Infantry in France and Belgium and East Africa

during the war.

Coaxing his plane a few more miles to Redhill, he suddenly remembered the flat meadow next to the house of his friends, the Douglas's, a short distance away. Circling their house he shouted to Mrs. Douglas that he needed to land and proceeded to make a perfect landing in the meadow. Tired, cold, aching in every limb, he was "indescribably happy." He had been in the air six hours and had covered 147 miles.

This flight was not a record but was notable for being the third longest flight made in the United Kingdom and was by far the longest ever made in a glider of such low performance.

As a direct result Charles Wingfield was chosen by Eliots of Newbury, a leading glider manufacturer, to fly one of their Olympia gliders in the U.S. National Gliding Contests at Wichita Falls, Texas in July 1947, where he gained the gold badge for gliding, was placed 8th and broke the British Distance Record of 215 miles and the Out and Return Record of 147 miles - both long since broken in their turn.

Charles's third cousin once removed was Major Walter C. Wingfield, the inventor of lawn tennis, who patented it as "sphairistike" in 1874. His country house, Rhysnant, demolished a few years ago, stood near Llandysilio, a dozen miles west of Onslow on the Welsh border.

Charles and Maxine still live today at Onslow, They have three children and became grandparents in 1986, with the arrival of Thomas Charles Wingfield. Charles is a keen salmon fisherman, a good shot, rides to hounds, is a keen dendrologist (tree and shrub expert), a tireless hill walker (in Nepal), a keen genealogist (guess which family!), an avid opera fan, and of course still a keen glider pilot. The British Isles is no longer big enough for him with his long distance gliding expertise: he had to go to Australia the other day (aged 68) to earn his long distance diamond wings, and then glided from one end of New Zealand to the other and back again.

Genealogical footnote. He has a giant illuminated Wingfield family tree, with a few cadet lines just "running out of detail." Did some of them go to the U. S. or Canada? Certainly Walter C. Wingfield, the inventor of tennis, who was actually, born in Canada, and his line, have strong Canada connections. Frank Wingfield, who was son of Charles's great uncle, Colonel Anthony Wingfield and his wife, Laura Marret emigrated to Beverly Hills, California, where he died in the 1950's. They had no children but there he had two sisters, who disappeared from kin ken.

Wingfield Coat of Arms



In the 12 century, with the introduction of armour, identification of the warriors became more difficult as much of the body and face was covered.

By necessity an emblem or insignia was required for identification in battle or tournament by the knights. The marking on the fighter's shield became known as the shield. In addition, the knight often carried another distinguishing mark on top of his helmet, known as the crest. The form did not necessarily relate to any feature on his shield of arms.

From the 14th century onwards it became fashionable for social purposes to join with the personal arms, the arms of other families connected by marriage. The personal arms alone, however appeared on a knight's defensive shield, and it is those which continued as the nominal arms of the family.

Healdry is the science of Coats of Arms. The College of Arms in London was established in 1484 and is responsible for regulating and approving Coats of Arms. A John Wingfield was Portcullis Pursuivant (York Herald) at the College of Arms from 1663-1674. He was the father of Thomas Wingfield of York River, VA, the immigrant considered the ancestor of many WFS members.

The Wingfield shield is described as Argent (silver), on a bend Gules (red) Cotised (narrow band on each side of, and parallel with) Sable (black), three sets of rings conjoined in lure Argent (silver).

The crest is the design above the shield. This can vary with family. Shown here is the high bonnet with wings situated on a torse or wreath (cord of six twists of alternate colors).

Underneath is the motto on a banner. "Posse Nolle Nobile" is latin for "To have the power without the wish is noble."

The bonnet and motto on this Coat of Arms is from the Tickencote branch. The shield is always the same for all branches, but other parts will be different.

The shield of arms accompanied by the crest, torse, motto and other supports is called an Achievement.

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wine merchant, test the level of wine by rapping on barrels. And the English book by Jenner (1798) which introduced vaccination and led to the complete disappearance of smallpox, only five years ago. There are also illustrated books on botany, mechanics, astronomy and mathematics, but medicine has been a specialty ever since Terry worked as a student at the famous Osler Library in Montreal, Canada.

He retired as Curator in the History of Medicine and Prof. of Medical Literature at Duke University, and says that he has always been interested in building bridges between the humanities and the sciences and that old books are what we have to build them with. Centuries ago educated people tried to know everything, but we live in a much more complex and specialized world. One the ways a few physicians and scientists choose to give themselves a broader outlook is to study the development of their own field and its place in society. In the process they learn humility when they realize that William Harvey solved the mystery of the circulation of the blood in 1628 without any of the aids of modern laboratory or even a microscope and was therefore smarter than they are. Some of them feel that modern medicine will seem quaint three centuries from now as Harvey's practice does to us,

The physicians of that kind, Terry mails out a small catalogue of books for sale every few months. One of the great treasures is a wonderfully preserved copy of Vesalius on the "Structure of the Human Body" (De Fabrica, 1555), which Terry bought and sold more than twelve years ago and then bought it back again recently for twice the price. It is for sale again for about the cost of a BMW. This is the second and by far the handsomest edition of the book which revolutionized the study of human anatomy, and is also one of the most beautiful products of 16th century printing, with fine typography and over 230 woodcut illustrations drawn and cut by artists from Titian's studio. The most striking are the fourteen large "muscle-men" with landscape backgrounds. Terry has evolved a theory about them which leads to the reconstruction of a "lost" design in which Titian may have had a hand. Terry has lectured about this to historians in Paris, to book collectors in San Francisco, and most recently to twenty physicians at their weekly conference in Athens, Georgia this past July.

The Cavanaghs expect to open a small antiquarian book shop in downtown Athens shortly.

Ornery ancestor known as "Blue Nancy"

The dictionary defines the word "Ornery" as having an ugly disposition, specifically stubborn and mean spirited.

This might describe Richmond WFS member Betty Gamache's great, great, great, grandmother Nancy Hazelrig Wingfield of Albemarle, County, VA who became less than affectionately known as "Blue Nancy." She put blue dye in the other women's dyeing vats to get revenge or for just pure meanness.

Betty admits it was true and the story has been handed down over the years. It seems the womenfolk in those days had dyeing days when they would all get together and each have a dyeing vat of a different color, thus all clothes could be dyed the one day. When Nancy deliberately dumped her blue dye in all the other vats it created a family incident and an image that Nancy never lived down.

We assume dyeing was done on Saturday and the clothes worn on Monday. Could that be why they call it "Blue Monday?"

Co-Chairmen for 1991 meeting, Betty Gamache and Dale Ruf

Never dodging important assignments, Wilsie Carr appointed Dale Ruf and Betty Gamache as chairmen to coordinate activities at the 1991 general meeting to be held in Fredericksburg. Both have always accepted any challenge when asked.

Dale will work with the hotel and Betty the activities, especially concerning the trip to Charlottesville.

Dale Ruf is no stranger to being chairman of the meeting as she also was chairman of our second meeting, in Richmond in 1988. Husband Ray says he plans to bring his clubs and play a little golf. Dale will probably put him to work.

Betty Gamache has family ties to Albemarle County with in depth knowledge regarding the Wingfield connections. More information about this important area significant to Wingfield history will be forthcoming in a later newsletter.

It is conceivable that this meeting will exceed our attendance in Ashland of 146 as the WFS keeps gaining momentum. Mark your calendar, don't miss it.



Correction:

In haste, your editor made an error in listing the directors of the WFS in the box of publishing information on page 3, Summer, 1990 newsletter. It showed Lennie Mills as a director which is incorrect. Lennie went off the board in April, 1990.

Ken Wingfield of Phoenix should have been shown and wasn't. His term is 1989 to 92.

My apologies to all and especially Ken and Lennie.



Maria Butler and Betty Gamache of the WFS Jamestown Committee discuss recent events.

Geni Ology Queries



1. Seeking information on the family of Sarah Nancy Wingfield who married Isaac Williams. Isaac died 1801/2 in Oglethorpe Co., GA. Isaac and Sarah Nancy had seven known children; Elizabeth b. ca 1768 m. Samuel Patrick 1802 in Oglethorpe, County, Weston, William, Sarah, Susannah, Rachel and Alse. Reply to: Sandra Benham, 803 Treeridge Parkway, Alpharetta, GA 30201.

2. Trying to connect my line to Epps. My mother was Elizabeth Martin Epps from Richmond, VA. From John Wingfield ca 1695 m. Mary Hudson (daughter of Chas and Sarah Ann Royal). Sarah Ann Royal the daughter of Capt Joseph and Mary Eppes (Royal). Reply to: Elizabeth Hannah, 44 Hubbard Road, Weston, MA 02193

WFS members are invited to submit queries asking for assistance in solving genealogy problems. We know many members have an overwhelming interest in genealogy. and most are probably stuck at one place or another in their search. Perhaps someone else has found the facts you need. Send your queries to: "Geni Ology" our mythical genealogical assistant created by Ken Wingfield of Phoenix, AZ.