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Wingfields to invade Virginia City

To take over what is theirs?

*Lord of the Manor
to lead the force.*

The Marshall of Virginia City, "Red" Barnes has been unable to secure a copy of a plan of the notorious Wingfield family that is bringing 100 relatives of George Wingfield (deceased 1935, also known as the King of Nevada) presumably to take over.

Arrival will be by bus on noon May 16, 1992. "Whatever their motive," replied the town marshal, "we'll be ready for 'em!"

Older residents of Virginia City remember the famous Nevada George Wingfield who owned most of the banks from (1912 to 1932), hotels and gambling establishments in Reno. "Perhaps the family is returning to claim what they think is still theirs," Marshall Barnes speculated.

It is perplexing to the town officials that the leader of the group has an English title "Lord of the Manor of Wingfield."

Lord Robert Wingfield and his Lady of the Manor, Virginia will be in command on the first motor coach. "I thought we won that war with the British back in 1776, but now they're coming back," replied an apprehensive Marshall.

Along with Lord Wingfield will be his advisor, a man reported to be a Major Jocelyn Wingfield from London, England.

The code name for the invaders is "Wingfield Family Society." Bob Wingfield claims to be it's president, but who can tell whether this is a diversionary tactic deliberately intended to mislead the peaceful residents of Virginia City. Wingfield lives in Northbrook, IL

*Virginia City councilman
says Wingfields are friendly*

After communicating with key members of the Wingfield Family Society, Council member Coyote Jack Daniels is satisfied the arrival of the Wingfield family will bring no threat to the banks, saloons or casinos of Virginia City, only to the shops. "The visit is nostalgic, simply to capture the life style of relative George Wingfield. Wingfield lived in Nevada in 1898 and in a spectacular rise to riches and prominence, left an impact on the state of Nevada that is still felt today."

Councilman Coyote Jack Daniels recommends the town of Virginia City not close its banks for security reasons as this is not necessary, but instead should put on extra clerks in the shops as Dale Wingfield Ruf from Rockville, MD and Wilsie Wingfield Carr of Belleair, FL will be shopping. Investigation reveals that

on previous trips the stores would open especially to accommodate these ladies. Other Wingfield wives are expected to join them.

No one can tell who the high rollers are from the Wingfields, but each of the 6 casinos should stand ready to find out. Coyote Jack tells the rumors are not to expect Dale's husband, Raymond Ruf, to be at the slots or blackjack table as he cannot afford to let his wife shop and gamble too. He will wait in the Ponderosa Saloon on Main Street with Lord Bob Wingfield.

Louis Wingfield will not be a threat either. He is a rancher from Mayer, Arizona and will look over opportunities for ranch expansion as the grass is getting scarce from a drought back home. His wife, Billie says, "That's a lot of bull, I'm not about to move." Virginia City is safe from Louis and Billie Wingfield.

Opal and Bud Wingfield, from Ault, Colorado may cash a check at the bank, but otherwise will take no money. They are fascinated with the history and the famous Comstock Lode. They will be visiting the nearby mines, and may even go to Silver City.

The Virginia & Truckee Railroad Co., has received some first class reservations round trip from Virginia City for Gail Mansfield (CO) Judy Gatling (MS), June Mueller (CA), Lois Wickham (VA) and Betsey Hughes (AL). They will be back in time to shop. All are members of the invasion group.

Councilman Coyote Jack says he has a twin brother that disappeared from the hospital as an infant and after years of futile search it is now believed this brother lives in California and is married to someone of Wingfield blood. "Maybe, just maybe he will show up on the bus."

The owner of the "Way it was Museum" asked how one could tell the Wingfield from the tourists. According to Linnie Mills, a member of the Wingfield family from Texas, they will be sporting a "Wingfield tee shirt."



Coyote Jack Daniels
Councilman
Virginia City, NV

Secret Scouting Mission to Virginia City in August, 1991

Without note or fanfare, a scouting party from the Wingfield Family Society slipped into Virginia City on August 8 to get the lay of the land. They checked out the town, spending a whole afternoon. Since they appeared peaceful the marshal only monitored their presence. The Scouts told the manager of the Delta Saloon to be prepared for up to 100 "Wingfields" for lunch on May 16. There were 6 in the scout party. They had lunch, rode the train, and visited the shops. One of the gentlemen, appearing to be the leader, was seen playing the nickel slot machines.