

newsletter

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

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Officers nominated for WFS to serve for years 1994 - 1997

Third change of officers since WFS was formed

Every three years there is a change of officers for the Wingfield Family Society. At the annual meeting in Kissimmee, Florida a

from Richmond (presently secretary) for Secretary; and Robert Wingfield of Northbrook, IL (current president), Treasurer.

All officers are eligible to succeed themselves except the president. Thus it is within the by-laws for Bob Wingfield to run for

The Thomas Wingfield of York River Dilemma ...did he father 3 sons?

Part 2

The winter issue of the newsletter examined John Herndon's article published in the April 1952 Virginia Magazine of History and Biography and his research entitled "Thomas Wingfield (1670-1720) of York River, Virginia His Ancestry and some of his Virginia and Georgia Descendants." Part 1 concluded that there is no proof one way or the other that the generally accepted progenitors, Thomas, John and Robert were sons of Thomas the immigrant (of York River).

Our genealogists continue to speculate on theories from points of known evidence. They admit this does not prove lineage, but discloses probable reasons, pro and con.

One issue is the "Owen" name. Although Mary (proven daughter of Thomas of York River) named her son "Owen," Dick Quarles has successfully shown that none of the children, grandchildren, etc., of Thomas

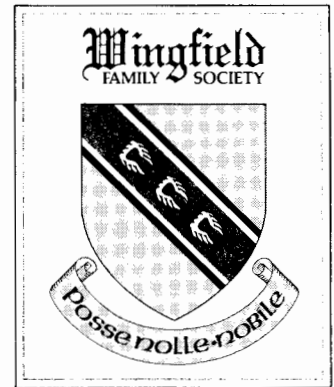
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Act now or it may be too late!

Send in your registration

Our deadline for guaranteed hotel reservations at the Ramada Resort in Kissimmee, Florida is April 15. After that date, the hotel recalls our allotments. You, of course may still get the unbelievable rate of \$45 per night, per room, but only if rooms are still available. Unfortunately many members procrastinate until it is past the deadline, and while before all have been accommodated, this year we are dealing with a heavy tourist area and once our rooms are released they are open for sale to the general public. So better be safe than sorry, send in the (separate) enclosed post card. You have up to 72 hours before your planned arrival if it is necessary to cancel with no penalty. And this can be done by phone.

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Dale Wingfield Ruf for President



Vance Wingfield for Vice Pres



Betty Wingfield For Secretary



Robert Wingfield for Treasurer

slate of proposed officers will be presented to the membership for election. Nominations can still be made in advance of the meeting by notifying our Secretary, Betty Wingfield, or additional nominations can be made from the floor. Any member nominating someone as an officer must get that persons permission and agreement that they can and will attend each annual meeting.

The officers proposed are: Dale Wingfield Ruf of Rockville, MD (currently vice president), for President; Vance Wingfield, of Ft. Worth, TX, Vice President; Betty Wingfield,

treasurer.

There is a special perk for WFS presidents. That is; they also assume the title of Lord of the Manor of Wingfield. Thus if Dale Ruf becomes president, the Lord of the Manor title presently held by Bob Wingfield will go to Dale. Sorry, Bob you will now be one of us, a generic member.

One fascinating feature of this meeting will be the Lord of the Manor ceremony. You won't want to miss this. Be sure and read an accompanying article about the Lord of the Manor title in this issue with more details.

Wingfields in Action

Sometime writer for the WFS newsletter, Brigadier A. D. R. (Tony) Wingfield celebrated



Tony Wingfield

his 86th birthday at his home in Meath, Ireland on February 21st. Tony's sister Jossie Wingfield Cobbold visited him to add to the festivities.

Troyce and "Bucky" Tullier, founding members of the WFS celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on January 15, 1994. Their children and spouses' Cheryl and Mar-



Troyce and "Bucky" Tullier

tin Young of Hot Springs Village, Arkansas and Mike and Terry Tullier were hosts for the more than 200 friends and relatives that attended the party at the home of a friend in Baton Rouge, Louisiana. The Tulliers were married in Woodville, Mississippi and received a 50 year memory book and picture bookmark.

Evelyn and Edwin B. Wingfield of Urbana, Ohio celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary on December 26. They entertained with a family dinner at the home of their 4 children, the children's spouses, 12 grandchil-

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Plans are progressing nicely concerning the program activities. Bob Wingfield has come up with a feature that should interest virtually every member. He calls this "One on One." It allows our members to query the different project chairmen on various society activities that may be of special curiosity or interest such as: Genealogy (doing basic research and solving individual problems), Wingfield History (discuss with our historian things that are of interest to you), Computer Records (using a personal computer for your genealogy records), Publications and Publishing (what's involved in publishing Wingfield books), Writing (recording family history and writing other articles for publication), Wingfield Store (suggestions for new items). Members knowledgeable in each specialty will be on hand to answer questions in small groups that will assemble for the subject or subjects of choice.

The newly elected officers will be on hand and this will be your chance to express your ideas and make suggestions for a better society.

You will not want to miss the Lord of the Manor ceremony that will be held Friday night. So far the details are secret, but rumor has it Lord Bob will call Court and his mainpersons will assist in what should (hopefully) be a friendly change of title to the newly elected president.

Other information and collateral material is being distributed with this newsletter concerning other things to do while at the meeting, especially on your optional day, Saturday, May 21.

As Confucius say, "A thousand mile journey begins with the first step." If you have not already taken that first step toward attending the 8th annual WFS meeting, do it now by sending in your registration.

See you in Florida!

Places Called Wingfield

The two farms and the Hall, 500 yards northeast, east and southeast respectively of **Wingfield College**, Suffolk, England (formerly the Wingfields' ancestral home of **Wingfield Old Hall**, until the 1360s), are called **Wingfield Abbey Farm** (which is moated), **Wingfield Priory Farm** and **Wingfield Hall**.

In England there is a **Winfield Place** in Birmingham; a **Wingfield Street** in both Gravesend, Essex and in Plymouth, Devon; a **Wingfield Chantry House** in Saxmundham, Suffolk (the chantry was founded by William de la Pole & Katherine Wingfield, Earl & Countess of Suffolk); a **Wingfield School** in Kidbrook, London; a **Wingfield Road** in Rotherham, Yorkshire near where the **Wingfield Cutlery Factory** was on

Wingfield Road in Norwich, Norfolk and in Peterborough, Cambridgeshire (as well as a **Wingfield Close**).

Near Bath and **Wingfield** (Winkfield-cum-Rollerton in 15th century) in Wiltshire, England there is a grand Lutyens-style house called **Wingfield Court**.

Near **Winkfield**, Berkshire (formerly Wenesfelle), there are three hamlets called **Winkfield Green**, **Winkfield Street** and **Winkfield Wood**. Did anyone take the name Winkfield or Wingfield from here is a big question. Winkfield itself was the home of the famous Cordon Bleu Cooking School until recently.

The **Wingfield Hospital** is the name by which the famous orthopedic hospital at Oxford, England was known from 1914 to

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Ruth Shropshire Butler dies at 102.

Ruth Shropshire Butler one of the three candidates for oldest living Wingfield, died on December 27, 1993 at age 102 according to her daughter, Helen Henderson.

We had asked for members to tell us of any Wingfield that was over 94. WFS member Hilton McKinney from Houston, TX pointed out that Ruth Shropshire Butler had been featured in the Shropshire Exchange and thus called it to our attention.

The winter issue of our newsletter mentioned Ruth Butler and two other ladies with ages hovering around the century mark. Ruth was the oldest.

Welcome - New Members

It is always a pleasure to introduce new members in the newsletter and welcome them to the Wingfield Family Society. Under the by-laws of the WFS, all family members residing at the same address are also members. When we have this additional family information, they too are listed in the "Welcome" column. If any of the following did not list on their membership application members of the family residing at the same address, that is why they are not shown. Please notify the membership chairman for this supplement to our records.

Through an oversight, we failed to list and welcome Virgil A. Coleman, Jr in our autumn newsletter. He is from Monroe, VA. Sorry, Virgil; Since the winter newsletter we recognize and welcome the following new members: Kathryn Wingfield Carwile and her husband Arthur from Bedford, VA; Jay C. Duquette and his wife, Katherine plus their daughters Jacquelyn and Julia and sons Jay and Jonathan from Honolulu, HA; Alfred Wingfield and wife Lois from Umatilla, FL; Dorothy Vazzana of Naples, FL; Clela Marlene Long of Pueblo, Co and Donald Wingfield of Running Springs, CA

An important message from your president

Soon we will be coming together again at our annual meeting with many friends and



President Bob Wingfield

cousins with whom we have so much in common. We continue to find our family history intriguing as our members explore

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new family information. One goal is that the knowledge will not be lost for future generations.

This year the meeting will be a little different, yet still retain all the features that has proven so successful for each of the past seven WFS get-togethers. The difference is mainly in the location, selected for the availability of superb entertainment and fun activities, which is really a bonus. You will still have the opportunity to meet with old friends and have time for the usual fellowship while you learn more about the Wingfield family history.

The plan is to have more "one" on "one" dialog and fewer speeches. It should be more relaxing and recreational. After all what's wrong with a little fun for the entire family.

It is important that each of you continue your generous and necessary support for the Wingfield Family Society that has grown to almost 325 families in just a few years. Thanks to Wilsie Carr for her genius in starting and furthering a successful project for all of us to enjoy and reap rewards. Now it is up to all of us to contribute to further growth and success of the Wingfield Family Society.

I ask that the members support the WFS with a record breaking attendance at the meeting in May this year. Make it a long weekend of fun, fellowship and learning for the whole family.

See you there.

Your president, Bob Wingfield.

41st Lord of the Manor of Wingfield Robert W. Wingfield to hold Court Baron at Kissimmee, Florida Will he give up title?

by the Bellman of the Manor of Wingfield

There are some 38,000 Manors in England. A Manor is a Manorhouse with its outbuildings and perhaps a few hundred acres and some tenants' houses. There used to be four Manors of Wingfield, Suffolk, England, but they appear now to be down to two: the main Manor of Wingfield and the Manor of Wingfield Frombalds. The main Wingfield Manor, (called also from 1384 the Manor of Wingfield Castle), apparently absorbed the Manor of Wingfield Old Hall (held by the Wingfields from 1330-62 and absorbed by the main Manor thereafter) and probably the Manor of Wingfield Chickering.

A Lord of the Manor today does not (and never did) have a seat in the UK's House of Lords. He or she does not necessarily own any land or rights - yet, curiously, some discover that they do have from centuries-old records - rights such as mineral rights. The Lordship is not a title per se. The Lord cannot put people in stocks or string them up or "lord it" round the village. But he can put "Lord of the Manor of Wingfield" on his

cheques and writing paper, and it is quite useful for reserving tables in restaurants that are "full."

As early members of the WFS will know, some one hundred members of the WFS funded the purchase of the Lordship of Wingfield for £8,000 (then some \$15,200) on November 8th, 1989 at an auction of 35 Lordships in an Annexe of St. Botolph's Church, Bishopsgate, London. (It was right there that the famous Robert Devereux, 2nd Earl of Essex had four centuries before, on July 19th, 1591, stood as godfather for Robert Wingfield, son of Susan, Countess of Kent and her husband, Sir John Wingfield, the future hero of Cadiz, 1596.) [Virginia's True Founder, p.87]. The WFS then arranged legally for the Lordship to be invested in the President of the Wingfield Family Society in perpetuity.

Seven Wingfields were apparently Lords of the Manor of Wingfield Old Hall between 1086 and 1384 (when the Manor passed with the marriage (or possibly betrothal, as she was only twelve) of Katherine Wingfield of Wingfield Old Hall, now called Wingfield College, to her husband (or fiance), Michael de la Pole (Earl of Suffolk from 1385). The main Wingfield Manor was then out of the Wingfield family for six centuries.

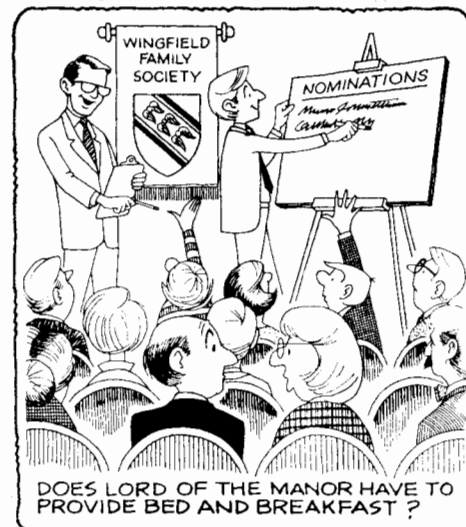
Since 1989 Lords of the Manor have been: Vance Wingfield of Fort Worth, Texas; Wilsie Wingfield Carr of Belleair, Florida; and, now, until May, Robert Wingfield of Northbrook, Illinois. Copies of centuries-old Wingfield Manorial Records, many of them from the 1300s, are held by the Lord of the Manor.

At Kissimmee, Florida, in May, the Lord of the Manor will appoint new officials as per the customs of the Manor since time

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Family Tree

By Ken Wingfield



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Richard Quarles Report: Did Thomas own land or live in Hanover County?

Richard Quarles one of our genealogists has prepared a paper that will be sent to the Virginia Genealogist for publication that he feels should first be shared with the WFS members. This detailed report is too long to publish in its entirety in the newsletter, so following is a summary of the contents.

The Quarles report briefly discusses the improbability of Thomas Wingfield of York River being the father of the 3 sons, the subject being more thoroughly addressed in the Winter newsletter and a follow up report elsewhere in this issue. Richard Quarles is troubled that many Wingfields accept John G. Herndon's (Virginia Historical Magazine, Vol. 60, p. 305, 1952) suggestion as fact that the Immigrant Thomas' abode was moved from New Kent to Hanover. "Such misconceptions once in print, often become 'accepted' and die hard," Richard writes.

The thrust of the report centers around the notion by some Wingfields, members and others, that Thomas Wingfield (immigrant) lived in what is now Hanover County and built or lived in the property known as Marl Ridge. He feels that this newsletter has furthered this misconception on several occasions, refers to a plaque in a church in Hanover County and the book "Old Homes of Hanover County published in 1983 supports this contention.

"Although Hanover County was a 'burned county,' records have been unearthed to correct some of the errors," says Quarles.

Thomas was brought to Virginia in 1680 by Joseph Style and Joshua Story. The Quit Rent Rolls of 1704 show that Thomas Wingfield (immigrant) held 150 acres in New Kent County. Thomas Wingfield's death is recorded in St. Peter's Parish Vestry as in 1720. This plus other notes in the report are listed to prove that Thomas, the immigrant lived and died in New Kent County, not Hanover County. The Quit Rent Rolls of 1704 show the only other Wingfields holding land in Virginia were Robert with 107 acres and Jarvis with 100 acres, both in Prince George County across the James River.

In 1706 the Parish of St. Peter and St. Paul was split. The land where Thomas Wingfield lived remained in the Parish of St. Peter. Thomas, the immigrant's death was recorded in St. Peter's Parish. Herndon erroneously stated that Thomas' land was in Hanover and tried to connect his (Thomas') family to the Hanover Wingfields. Had Thomas' land been in Hanover, his family records would have been in the St. Paul's parish records, and equally important, his family records would not have continued to be recorded by St. Peter's Parish, in which he no longer resided.

To minimize land boundary and title disputes the Colony of Virginia required each parish to procession the land every four years. Those appointed (usually three) to the task were from the area and were familiar with the land and people. The boundary markers were inspected and renewed. A report was made to the Vestry and recorded any disputes and changes of ownership. The records of St. Paul's Parish in Hanover are good. In the absence of formal court house records one can deduce valuable information. Thus processing records prove change of ownership or inheritance and establishes provenance of properties even in the absence of wills and deeds. The processing records from 1711 through 1727 show no Wingfield owned land in St. Paul's Parish. Mary Hudson received a dowry of land at the time of her marriage to John Wingfield and this land was processed in 1727 under John Wingfield's name. In 1711 the precinct in which John and Mary Wingfield would later live, contained several names including John Joyner and Phillip Joyner.

By 1755 the John and Phillip Joyner names were replaced with William Joyner, presumably their heir or assignee. Charles Wingfield had married Rachel Joyner, daughter of John Joyner in 1750 and the Joyners probably moved to Albemarle County.

At the 1759 processioning all the Joyner's names were absent adjoining John Wingfield (deceased) and replaced by John Starke. There seems little doubt that Starke bought the Joyner's land.

In 1771, the Walnut Shade property of John and Mary Hudson Wingfield was processed in Mary Wingfield's name. In 1782 Mary Wingfield's land was divided between two of her sons, Thomas Wingfield and John Wingfield, Jr. into 175 acres each. In 1795 Thomas Wingfield bought 80 1/4 acres from Joseph Starke. Also in 1796 John Wingfield, Jr. bought 145 1/2 acres from Starke.

Thomas Wingfield owned Walnut Shade, the John and Mary (Hudson) Wingfield homestead, and passed it on when he died in 1830 to his son Joseph Wingfield. John Wingfield, Jr. must have moved into the Joyner/Starke homestead and this was undoubtedly what is known today as Marl Ridge. The records of 1805 show John Wingfield, Jr's land was divided between his estate and his widow. In 1807 the 210 acres of John Wingfield's estate was in the hands of his son, Thomas Wingfield, Jr. This was the property which Thomas Wingfield, Jr. left to his daughter, Cynthia, when he died ca. 1825, predeceasing his Uncle Thomas Wingfield, Sr., by 5 years. This death sequence has resulted in major confusion among later Hanover County Wingfield records. She in turn deeded Marl Ridge to her husband, Spottswood Wingfield

in 1871.

Quarles sums up his report by concluding that Thomas Wingfield of York River (immigrant) did not own property or live in Hanover County and St. Paul's Parish. Thus Thomas could not have built or owned Marl Ridge. The land on which Marl Ridge stands was in the hands of the Joyner family in the 1711 to 1727 period and they probably built the original house. This eliminates that tenuous connection between the immigrant and the Wingfields of Hanover County.

Should any member want a copy of the complete, unedited Quarles paper, it will be mailed, at no cost upon request to the Editor of the Newsletter at the Florida address.

"Three Dozen Wingfield Family Anecdotes"

3rd of 4 WFS booklets-out in May

Jocelyn Wingfield's third of four genealogical and historical Wingfield Family booklets will be on sale at the Wingfield Store at the May meeting and thereafter by mail through the Wingfield Store.

Now being printed under the name of "Three Dozen Wingfield Family Anecdotes," it originally was to be called "Sagas," and had been mentioned as such in the newsletter. The book is some 63 pages long and contains 36 true Wingfield stories of note, many which have been told in the family down the ages, over 900 years.

To whet your appetite, the variety of stories range from Princess Mary refusing to accept Sir Anthony Wingfield as her controller to a tale that reports a Alfred Wingfield smuggled a message to London out of South Africa in the nose of a Zulu.

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1958. It was built in 1872 as the **Wingfield Convalescent Home** "largely at the expense of Hannah Wingfield widow of Surgeon Charles Wingfield of the Shropshire Line. The millionaire automobile magnate, William Morris, Lord Nuffield pumped money in in 1958, when it became the **Wingfield-Morris Orthopedic Hospital**. After his death it was called by the public "the Nuffield," but the nurses still call it "the Wingfield" (VCH Oxford; WFS Registrations, 21).

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Dr. Greg C. Meyer



Greg Meyer

If you have never met anyone that has pursued two technical and demanding careers in one lifetime, both requiring proficiency and expertise and each highly successful, read on and meet Greg Charles Meyer who has done this with skill and brilliance.

Greg Meyer was born in Bismarck, North Dakota August 17, 1935. His father, Oscar Meyer, was Deputy Regional Director of the Post Office for a 5 state region. Greg had one sister Gwendolyn Gay Meyer who is deceased. His mother is Agnes Meyer from Wheat Ridge, Colorado and a WFS founding member, as is Greg.

He grew up and received his early education in the Denver, Colorado area. Secondary education was at the Colorado School of Mines in Golden, Colorado from which he graduated in 1958 with a degree in professional engineering specializing in chemical engineering, and petroleum refining.

He worked as an engineer for Thiokol Chemical Co. in Brigham City, Utah 1958-61. From 1961-65 he was senior engineer on the Saturn S II project (the one that went to the moon) at the North American Aviation facility in Downey, California. His team was responsible for engineering and designing the placement of the heat shield so that recalculating gases would not damage the engines and other components of the rocket. The major effort toward interpreting the heat transfer data was done at Cornell Aeronautical Laboratories in Buffalo, NY. Greg coordinated and monitored the progress done with models in a vacuum chamber at Cornell.

From here he became design specialist for Titan-Martin in Denver from 1965-66.

There is no doubt that this was a demanding career and indeed a successful one,

but Greg was not satisfied. He wanted a career change. With an attraction for medicine, especially psychiatry, it is not surprising that in 1966 he enrolled at Marquette University in Milwaukee, Wisconsin and earned his doctorate in 1970 at age 35. He served as an intern at Weld County General Hospital in Greeley, Colorado from 1970-71.

As opportunities for a medical practice appeared excellent in Arizona and because he wanted to stay in the west, this is where he moved to become a resident in the Arizona State Hospital in Phoenix. After this residency from 1971-74 Greg went into private practice in Mesa, Arizona in 1975 where he still practices psychiatry.

From this early start, his career rapidly developed as did related activities. His resume shows he was: chairman of psychiatry of Desert Samaritan Hospital, Mesa, AZ from 1982-86; chairman of the Joint Mental Health Association, 1981-83; chief of staff of Desert Vista Hospital in 1989; chairman Psychiatry Mesa Lutheran Hospital, 1984-85; and managing partner of Desert Samaritan Medical Building II in Mesa from 1985-86.

Dr. Meyer is a member of: American Medical Association, Arizona Psychiatric Association, Arizona Medical Association, Phoenix Psychiatric Council, Maricopa County (Arizona) Medical Association, and the Christian Medical-Dental Association.

He is the co-discoverer of the Larson-Meyer transform. The Larson-Meyer transform refers to mathematics, but the discovery was in physics-psychology area. In a sense it is a formula that analyzes electrons from the sun using computers and a mathematical formula to predict almost imperceptible changes in emotional physical effects in groups of individuals. These tiny changes can at times, as the mathematical chaos theory indicates, cause significant consequences. This discovery can calculate changes in behavior of people. An example might be predicting changes in admission to a psychiatric hospital many days prior to when they occur.

Dr. Meyer has been in "Who's Who in Arizona for several years and this year is listed in Who's Who in Finance and Industry for 1994-95. Certainly an honor that he and his mother are understandably proud.

In spite of his dedication for work, Greg has found time for outside activities to channel his excess energy into needed recreation. He holds a multi-engine pilot license and has logged 400 hours. In the past he has owned private airplanes and a boat that he sailed on Lake Saguaro near Phoenix. He enjoys travel and has been to all 50 states, either for pleasure or on business. There have also been several trips to Europe and England. He enjoys reading and studying history which ties in nicely with photography and travel. Ask him a question about his progenitors and

he can immediately associate the ancestor with a specific historical event and remembers details with clarity.

One of his great great grandfathers was Oliver Pinckney Wingfield (b. 1819) who was in the Civil War assigned to the 58th Regiment of Virginia Infantry, Company D and fought under Stonewall Jackson. Oliver's son, William Wingfield was in the same regiment. They both lost their lives in this war. His family line goes back to Oliver Pinckney Wingfield's daughter, Susan Charlotte "Lottie" Wingfield who married William Conner. Another ancestor and one that fought in the Revolutionary War was John Wingfield (b. 1742, m. Robina Langford) and one most familiar to members of WFS.

A few years ago, Greg was in Hawaii, rented an airplane flying over the island snapping pictures along the route the Japanese had flown when they bombed Pearl Harbor in 1941. From this he put together a sophisticated slide presentation to show to friends and associates. Two projectors were employed that allowed the pictures to emerge and fade, all done to music. A true demonstration of his blending history, flying and photography.

Greg has an interest in genealogy, but has been spared the research as most of it has already been done on his Wingfield line.

Not surprisingly he reads a lot and modestly admits he likes mathematics and would pick up a book on this subject at almost any opportunity, certainly before a novel.

Greg enjoys dogs and has had three Alaskan malamutes named, Thor, Vidor and Baldor. Baldor is the only one still living. His love for the animals is such that he is hoping some day to be able to raise malamute puppies.

He learned about the Wingfield Family Society after a trip to England with his mother, Agnes, in 1985. In London they met Jocelyn Wingfield, now WFS historian, who told them about the planned formation of the WFS organization. Upon invitation he joined and attended the organizational meeting in Ashland, Virginia in 1987. While in England he visited many Wingfield sites, including the Wingfield Castle, Letheringham, Easton, Tickencote and Upton.

When asked what he considers his most rewarding accomplishment, he pondered a few moments and then said, "helping my patients." This one phrase probably sums up the personality of Greg Meyer better than anything else written here.

At the age of 58, Greg is retiring from medicine, selling his practice in Arizona, and moving back to Colorado. It is anticipated that he will be involved in practical applications of the Larson-Meyer transform in the future and at least for a while it will be a full time project.

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(Sarah Garland), John (Mary Hudson) or Robert (Ann___) were given the name Owen. Thus if Owen was *their* family name i. e., if they were the sons of Thomas of York River, why didn't they give the name Owen to their offspring?

But who did name their child Owen? Mary Wingfield (no husband's name shown in the Vestry Book). Lee Preston offers a suggestion that if the child was illegitimate this would encourage Mary to name her son Owen, as Thomas of York River's grandfather, George Owen was himself illegitimate.

This association of the name Owen with illegitimacy in Thomas' line might explain why neither Thomas, John or Robert would have used this name in their own families as they did not want to connect themselves with the Owen/illegitimacy memory. Interesting, but again certainly no conclusion or proof. Dick Quarles feels the absence of the use of the name "Owen" by Thomas, John or Robert is an indication they were not sons of Thomas of York River. Lee says the illegitimacy may prove exactly the opposite.

The use of given names can or cannot be significant in identifying a family. Yet it may be meaningful that Thomas and Sarah Garland Wingfield named two sons, John and Thomas. Could that be after John (York Herald) and Thomas (of York River)? John and Mary Hudson Wingfield also named two sons, John and Thomas. And ironically, Robert and Ann___ Wingfield had two sons named John and Thomas. While Matthew is usually shown as their eldest, he may have been a younger son, with John and Thomas possibly being among the older ones. Lee Preston believes this could be a point (not proof) toward their being sons of the immigrant Thomas.

The naming patterns used as a theory of parentage, according to Michael Walker does not support Thomas of York River as father any more than Robert of Prince George County. Jarvis Wingfield's sons and daughters consistently named their children John and Thomas.

None of the three sons, Thomas, John or Robert used the names William or Jarvis which were the frequent names of the Southside Virginia Wingfields. If they were of the Jarvis line as Michael Walker speculates, surely they would have honored the Southside Wingfield names of William and Jarvis, at least occasionally, according to Lee Preston.

There is a Robert mentioned in St. Peter's Vestry, 1721, in connection with the death of Stegal, and he could have been the above Robert (brother of Jarvis), according to Michael Walker, rather than the younger Robert who married Ann___ and lived in Louisa County. Also Hanover Co. is no

further away from the Southside Virginia counties where Jarvis and brother Robert were, than it is from New Kent County, making moot the distance factor.

If the three brothers(?), Thomas, John and Robert were not sons of Thomas of York River, then who were they and where did they come from? There were many Wingfields in Virginia (and elsewhere in the colonies) sufficiently established by 1698 to be transporting immigrants and patenting land. There are at least 20 immigrants and probably several more that could have been the father or ancestor of any or all of the three men in question. The following Wingfields we know about: 1636, Thomas; 1648, Nick; 1651, William; 1654, Mr.; 1657, Christopher; 1658, John; 1680, Thomas of York River; 1684, Mr. Serjeant; 1686, Hank; 1690, Augustine; 1690, Arthur (Up in Mass.); 1691, William (shore leave); 1693, Gilbert (he came with 5 children, could three of these be Thomas, John and Robert?); 1697, James (shore leave) and 1698, James. "Shore leave?" Farfetched, but not impossible.

Michael Walker who has done much work on the Jarvis Wingfield line feels strongly that Jarvis' brother, Robert was approximately the same age as Jarvis (b. 1669), which would have put him around age 30-35 at the time Thomas, John and Robert were supposedly born. This Robert of Prince George County, Michael insists could well have been the father of any or all.

Part of Michael's rationale is "that absolutely no connection appears to exist between Thomas of York River's only known family, (i.e. Owen), and the three sons in question." Speculation that the family may have shunned this nephew (or possibly brother) because of illegitimacy, Michael seems to doubt.

His elaborate detail of logical assumptions allowing him to arrive at his conclusion as to the true father is most interesting and of course supports his theory. Robert is recorded in Prince George County until 1726, so it puts him exactly in the right time frame to have fathered the three men, Thomas, John and Robert. Geographically, it appears that Thomas of York River and Robert of Prince George both lived in areas that were equidistant from Hanover Courthouse where Thomas, John and Robert first appear, an interesting observation.

Part of his scenario, which he calls a startling revelation, is that Christopher and Charles Hudson migrated to Hanover from a Prince George Plantation which was less than one mile from that of Robert Wingfield of Prince George. Michael speculates with interesting reasons that John Wingfield and Mary Hudson were related by blood before their marriage. All three genealogists seem to agree on this possibility. This early closeness both by blood and geography, Michael says

further supports his belief. Lee Preston remarks, I do not see why Thomas of York River could not have been related to the Hudsons and/or the Prince George Wingfields."

Marl Ridge has been viewed by many as the "ancestral" home of all Virginia Wingfields from that area. Both Lee Preston and Dick Quarles emphatically state this is not true except for those who are descended from John and Mary (Hudson) Wingfield, especially through their son, John Wingfield who died in Hanover in 1802. "We do not have to believe that Thomas of York River lived in Hanover Co. to believe he fathered 3 sons. Where he lived has no bearing on whether he is the father or not," Lee reiterates.

It seems there was a pattern of Wingfield cousins intermarrying. Richard Quarles reflects that the Garlands married into both Thomas (Sarah Garland) Wingfield and John (Mary Hudson) Wingfield families, but there is no known record of an intermarriage between members of the family of Thomas and Sarah (Garland) Wingfield and the family of John and Mary (Hudson) Wingfield. Why? If so would this likelihood mean Thomas and John were not related because of a failure to intermarry? Quarles then points out that the families of John and Mary Hudson Wingfield and the families of Robert and Ann___ Wingfield did intermarry, more than once. Would that mean that they were related, since Wingfield cousins frequently intermarried? Nor was there any known intermarriage between the families of Thomas and Sarah Garland Wingfield and the families of Robert and Ann___ Wingfield of Louisa County. Does that mean they are not related? Here's Lee Preston's speculation to further confuse the issue: "If Wingfield cousins "frequently" intermarried and Thomas, John and Robert are supposed to be brothers, why then did not any of Thomas' descendants ever marry any descendants of John or Robert? John and Robert's descendants married each other, so maybe Thomas was not a brother of John or Robert."

The focus of this article is not that WFS members who claim descendancy from Thomas of York River abandon their view. This is only a report of status of the lack of documented proof and pro and cons of who might be the father of Thomas, John and Robert. This explanation is for the many members that might not be aware of this misunderstanding, a fact that has troubled our genealogists for some time. It is too important an issue to let lie dormant. All WFS members should now recognize this dilemma. We have not exhausted other possibilities of documentation. There just may be latent information just waiting to be discovered.

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WFS Genealogical Corner

Commentary by:

LeBron C. Preston



Lee Preston

Discovered - New Wingfield Revolutionary War Patriot

Following the 1993 WFS Reunion at Williamsburg, Charline and I went to the Virginia State Archives in Richmond to research her Humphrey family line of Hanover and Fluvanna Counties, VA. While we still aren't sure we found what we were looking for about Humphrey, we definitely did discover some new Wingfield information. Our discovery proves that John and Mary (Hudson) Wingfield's fourth son, Joseph Wingfield (WFS RN#11), also now qualifies as a Revolutionary War Patriot for both the Daughters of American Revolution and Sons of American Revolution.

Up until this time, Joseph was the only one of John and Mary (Hudson) Wingfield's known sons for whom no Revolutionary War service had been discovered. Charles, Sr. (1728-1803, d. Albemarle Co.) and John, Jr. (d. 1802, Hanover Co.) have both been proven as DAR Patriots (NSDAR #660359 and others). Joseph's brother, Thomas (WFS RN #12, d. 1830, Hanover Co.) has previously been shown to be qualified as a Revolutionary War Patriot as a signer of the Hanover Petition of 6 Jun 1783, but to date Thomas has not yet been established as a Patriot with DAR or SAR.

Joseph Wingfield (ca. 1740-1793) who married Mary (Cocke) Jones, <Virginia Genealogist, Vol. 36, No. 4: Oct-Dec 1992, pp 256-258>, signed "The Petition of sundry of the Parishioners of the Parish of St. Paul in the Co. of Hanover" to the VA House of Delegates, dated 23 Oct 1778. We were able to view the original document and Joseph Wingfield's actual signature at the VA Archives.

As Genealogist of the Wingfield Family Society, I have furnished this information,

including a photocopy of Joseph Wingfield's signature, to the Corrections Genealogist, DAR, Washington, D. C., in my letter 23 Feb 1994. A copy of my letter was also given to the SAR, Louisville, KY.

There are many descendants of this Joseph Wingfield through his known children (a) Benjamin Wingfield <1785-1856> who married Rebecca, dau. of Thomas and Ann (Davis) Wingfield; (b.) Capt. Joseph Coleman Wingfield <b. 1787> who married (1) a dau. of Shelton Ragland, and (2) Martha Sarah (Cocke) Camp; and (c) Elizabeth who married Joseph Bingham.

His descendants are encouraged to establish Joseph Wingfield as a Revolutionary War Patriot with the DAR and SAR by submitting an application for membership to those societies. This WFS Newsletter column can be supplied as PROOF OF PATRIOTIC SERVICE for Joseph Wingfield in applications to either the DAR or SAR. If further assistance is needed, contact WFS Newsletter.

Descendants of Joseph Wingfield's brother, Thomas Wingfield (d. 1830, Hanover Co.) are encouraged to follow the same procedure to establish Thomas as a DAR or SAR Patriot. Thomas married Anne Davis and have descendants through several of their 12 children, following (Cooke, HANOVER CO. CHANCERY WILLS & NOTES, pp 171, 172): Christopher (RN #2282), Joseph (2277), Ralph (2278), John (2279), Charles (2280), Lewis (2281), Thomas (2287), Jane 2284, Elizabeth (72), Ann (2283), Rebecca (2285), and Mary (2286).

Two Updates for Revolutionary War Service descriptions, DAR & SAR

Lee Preston's research has allowed him to correct and update the following Wingfield Patriots as shown in the records of the DAR and SAR:

William Wingfield of Albemarle and Franklin Counties, VA (b. 7-18-1758, d a 2-1-1836, m. Mary Wingfield), first recognized in 1984 (DAR Magazine p 170), now is added for Militia service in Albemarle County, VA, ca. 1776-1777. Proof of his militia service in "Capt. Wingfeild's Co." is shown in The Papers of Thomas Jefferson, Vol. I, Julian P. Boyd, Editor, Princeton, NJ, 1950, p 666. Capt. Wingfeild was his father, Charles Wingfield, Sr. His service under the "PS" category was based on his being a signer of the Oath of Allegiance - Albemarle County (Papers of TJ, Vol. II, pp 128-130, Wood's History of Albemarle County, p. 366).

William Wingfield of Hanover County, (b. 1761, d. 1847, m. Elizabeth Davis) now add to his service descriptions for this DAR Patriot (listed in DAR P. I., Vol. I, p 753) "patriotic service" to already listed military

service (private). Proof of Patriotic Services is William Wingfield signed "The Petition of sundry of the Parishioners of the Parish of St. Paul in the County of Hanover" to the Virginia House of Delegates, dated 23 Oct 1778. The original petition is in the Virginia State Archives, Richmond, VA.

According to Lee Preston, this William Wingfield is the father of Rev. John Henry Wingfield and grandfather of John Henry Ducachet Wingfield of Portsmouth, VA who were featured in an article in the newsletter.

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Let's work toward discovering needed evidence and documentation and bring us out of this twilight zone. You are urged to accept this as a challenge, dig into all logical probabilities and come forth with some sound answers, in writing.

The issue is too complex to cover in any semblance of detail in two newsletter articles, much to the concern of our genealogists. As you can see, Lee Preston, Dick Quarles and Michael Walker have definite views on the possible parentage of Thomas, John and Robert, should Thomas of York River be eliminated. Not surprisingly they do not always agree and each looks at different angles of possibilities. What is lacking is a composite of theories that is available to the members, perhaps published separately as we do WALL (Wingfield Arrival Immigrant List), that would inspire additional research and point to some possible directions to look for answers. We urge our genealogists to consolidate their efforts in this direction.

One thing is sure. Clearly this calls for more research to uncover important proofs that will lead to the ultimate solution. Please keep the WFS apprised of any research you are doing and certainly feel free to contact the Editor of the newsletter on the results of any research. We will keep you informed.

Membership Roster

Last fall the 1994 membership rosters were mailed to all members. This professionally prepared booklet is something all members should be proud to have their name included.

Please check all entries for your listing for correctness and if you find any errors or changes, notify the membership chairman as soon as possible.

Should you not have received your roster, write the membership chairman for a copy.

Dee Epps, Membership
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dren (9 spouses of grandchildren), 21 great grandchildren and 2 great great grandchildren. Missing were 2 grandsons in the airforce.



Edwin & Evelyn Wingfield

One, Aaron Thomas is serving in the U. S. Embassy in India and Steven, just promoted to Lt. Colonel, neither of which could not be there. All of the family live within 50 miles of Edwin and Evelyn, except one son who lives in New Mexico. The honored couple were married in Greenville, Ohio in 1933. They are founding members of the WFS.

WFS member honored late, but still appreciated

Twenty two years after retirement for the Department of Defense at the National Security Agency, Ft. Meade, MD and forty eight years from being discharged from the

Army 849th Signal Intelligence Service, Walter L. Wingfield, WFS member who resides in Falls Church, VA received a summons. He was to report to Maj. Gen. Paul E. Menoher, Jr., the Commander of the United States Army Intelligence and Security Command on August 20, 1993 at Ft. Belvoir, VA at 8 a. m. sharp. Mrs. Wingfield (Mary) was to accompany her husband.

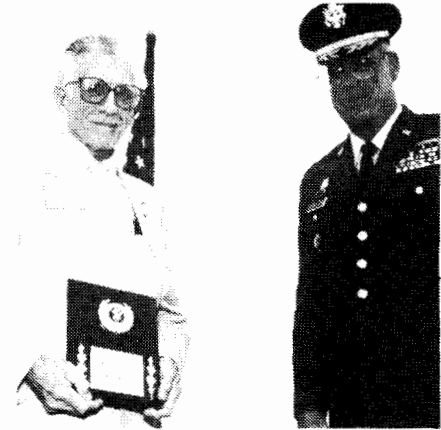
Upon arrival, Walter and Mary were given the VIP treatment from parking to a tour of the Intelligence Headquarters. Entrance was highly restricted to those with security clearance and approved guests.

Mr. Wingfield and five other former members of the 2nd Signal Service Battalion, which was a unit of the 849th Signal Intelligence Service who served in the European African-Middle Eastern Area during World War II, were escorted to center stage and honored with a standing ovation by civilians and military members of the Headquarters organization. After remarks about the accomplishments of the 2nd Signal Service Battalion during World War II in intelligence each of those honored was presented with a beautiful plaque. The plaque included the official seal of the United States Army Intelligence and Security Command, and a bronze plate. Walter Wingfield's had the following inscription engraved on it.

After the Award Ceremony the recipients of the awards, and their guests were treated to a luncheon with General Menoher.

Sometime prior to this award Walter received from the Department of the Army a

letter expressing thanks for his contribution to joint mission successfully completed through cooperation between the respective branches of American and British intelligence unites during World War II. The mission being the successful decoding and read-



Walter Wingfield receives plaque from Maj Gen. P. E. Menoher, Jr.

ing of the German Military Code in 1943.

Delay of recognition of intelligence success during World War II until the present time was due to the Top Secret classification of such material. Recently intelligence information during the period has been declassified or at least "sanitized" and made known to the general public.

Walter's reaction to these unexpected events; "old soldiers and intelligence personal just fade away until they are occasionally pleasantly surprised."

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immemorial. This will be the second Court Baron for the Manor that has been held on American soil.

The new Lord or the Manor will appoint various members of the WFS to important posts of the administration. Today, these are ceremonial and court is not routinely held, however "court" may called at any time should the Lord of the Manor be so inclined. Which of the Lord's mainpersons and officials appointments are at the descretion of the Lord of the Manor, but probably will include at least a Steward, Deputy Steward, Reeve, Bellman, Remembrancer, Chaplain, Bailiff and Customals. Other posts held in ancient England and, who knows which may also be part of the new Lord's administartion are Hangman, Ale-Taster, Pinfolder, Forester, Hayward, Beadle, and Homage.

Space prohibits the complete listing of the Glossary of the Lord's Manorial Officials and Description of Duties. Following are a some of the most notable:

STEWARD: A very powerful, educated, official. In the Middle Ages, the places to be educated in Suffolk were Wingfield College or

Mettingham College. Later they were usually legally trained at somewhere like Lincoln's Inn, where, Captain Edward-Maria Wingfield, the founder of Jamestown, Virginia, was educated in the mid-1570s. It was possible for the Lord of the Manor of Wingfield Castle, to also be Steward of the Earl of Norfolk's Manor of Framlingham Castle, with its much greater lands.

DEPUTY STEWARD: Deputy to the Steward. See Steward.

REEVE: The senior official of the Mainpersons, a "man of the people", a meritocrat, and perhaps the forerunner of the Trade Union Official. A strong character, a leader, usually elected by the tenants rather than by the Steward or Lord and usually very capable and efficient. Trusted by Lord, Steward and tenants alike. A shire-reeve gradually came to be pronounced and spelt sheriff.

BELLMAN: The equivalent of a town crier, who opens the Court or makes announcements, preceded by the cry: "Oyez! Oyez! Oyez!" From the Norman "Oiez!" - which was the old way of shouting out: "Listen in, guys!" Pronounced, not "Oi, you!", but "Oi yay!"

REMEMBRANCER: The keeper of the Court Rolls and other Manorial Records.

CHAPLAIN: "Normal" church duties.

BAILIFF: The Lord's "policeman".

CUSTOMALS: Traditions and modus operandi of a Manor.

(Ed. Note: Lord Bob Wingfield's court officers are: Dale Ruf, Steward; Herschel C. Wingfield, Reeve; Linnie Mills, Hayward; Jocelyn Wingfield, Bellman; Lois Wickham, Remembrancer; Vance Wingfield, Steward Emeritus; Dennis Murphy, Hangman; Betty Wingfield, Leader/Homage; Bud Wingfield, Beadle; Troyce Tullier Woodward, and Dee Epps, Forester.)

A way to go!

We must remember that many tombstone inscriptions have grave errors.

Beneath this stone lays Madolyn Murray O'Hare, well known atheist, all dressed up and no place to go.

One famous Missouri Death Certificate simply recorded that the deceased had "died suddenly, nothing serious."

Oral history: Don't let the family history die

There is an old saying, when an older person dies it's as if a whole library is burned down."

The point is that every person has valuable stories to tell and now thanks to the tape recorder, we can make sure these stories aren't lost. Bits of memory held in the minds of all of us are oral history, if not written down it is fragile indeed.

Perhaps we are preaching to the chorus as most of the members of the WFS know and appreciate the difficulty of recapturing what happened years ago. Children so often get interested in their family history later in life, often when it is too late. Nevertheless lethargy may have set in and you could be guilty of harboring personal family information as a secret.

If you have not written or recorded your family history, it is important to your children and their children that you do so. Even more important, if you have older family members that have not done so, they almost without question know facts that you do not. They may be like most of us as we get older, we can remember what happened 50 or 60 years ago, but tend to forget what happened last week. And they like to reminisce.

There are two ways to chronicle this information. One, sit down and write it, even if in long hand. Prod your memory by digging out your old family photos and other mementos. There is probably a story about each one. Sort your personal history into decades so events will be in perspective. Begin with the knowledge you have about your parents, grandparents and (?) grandparents. Their names birth dates, locations, special accomplishments, occupations, health history, and some stories that you remember or have heard about each. Then go on to record all the information about yourself. What you consider as insignificant, may be valuable to your children. Not everything must be spectacular to justify recording. Seemingly mun-

From the Parish of Powerscourt - an appeal

Canon R. D. Smith of the Parish of Powerscourt in Enniskerry, County Wicklow this past December 23 faxed the WFS an appeal for help in restoring the lovely Powerscourt Church that serves the community near Powerscourt.

With regard to this church there are some interesting facts, many probably unknown to most WFS members. Rev. Smith reports, "The church was a gift of the Wingfield Family and has a transept set aside for the Wingfield memorials. The church has in fact been an integral part of the Wingfield Family history, as they themselves played a

formative role in the development of Enniskerry village and community. It is for these reasons that we feel sure your society will be concerned to know that the copper spire of the church is in urgent need of attention. As you will be aware this spire, we believe one of only two copper spires in the country - is a local landmark and must be preserved at all costs.

Following some storm damage last year (1992) we were informed that the copper cladding must be replaced along with most of the timber sheeting underneath at a probable cost of IRE70,000. This sum is beyond the capabilities of a small congregation, and although we would hope to receive some grant aid from such bodies as the Irish Heritage Council, such grants are likely to be small."

On the last WFS England-Ireland tour, the participants visited this church and found it charming with appropriate references to the Wingfield family throughout.

Any member desiring to help this church, may send assistance to: Parish of Powerscourt with Kilbride, Attention" Canon Raymond Smith, Powerscourt Rectory, Enniskerry, County Wicklow, Ireland.

Stay at Tickencote Hall Special rates for members

In the Spring 1993 newsletter we reported the former Wingfield family manor, Tickencote Hall near Stamford is now an elegant bed and breakfast facility. The only remaining dwelling of Tickencote Manor is located in the quaint hamlet of Tickencote that has escaped the 20th century development. Guests are now invited to experience charming, rural England as it used to be. Tickencote Hall is a stone's throw from the interesting church that still bears so many early memorial references of the Wingfields. Many of our members have visited Tickencote on the Wingfield England tours.

You can now take a stroll through the abundant and enchanting grounds. See the Victorian water gardens where lilies lie placidly at peace with the surroundings. Even enjoy a game of tennis or swim in the heated outdoor pool. This is truly peace personified.

Members of the WFS planning to be in England are invited to stay at the Tickencote Hall bed and breakfast at a special price of £30 (about \$45) per person per night, £5 off the regular price. Breakfast is included, dinner runs about £19.50 each and afternoon tea will be compliments of Tarn Dearden and her husband Peter who own Tickencote Hall.

Make your reservations direct with Tickencote Hall, Attention: Tarn Dearden by FAX. Don't have a FAX machine? There are many places that will gladly send your fax for a modest fee. Prepare a letter clearly giving the name and address of the persons staying, plus your arrival and departure dates. The

FAX number is 0780-65155. You will receive a confirmation letter outlining deposit requirements. Or if you have time and prefer, the mailing address is: Tickencote Hall, Attention Tarn Dearden, Stamford, Lincolnshire PE9 4AE, England.

Minimizing Genealogical record losses in disasters

Within the past year or so, there are been more natural disasters than normal in the country. There was Hurricane Andrew that literally blew away an entire community, followed by the severe flooding of the mighty Mississippi and its tributaries. Then an earthquake in southern California.

It points out how susceptible we are to being victims and not only how each and every one of us can be devastated by the loss of personal belongings, but also irreplaceable genealogical records.

There are some measures one can take to minimize these potential losses. Disasters are never orchestrated - they just happen. Following are some suggestions:

1. Consolidate your information on family group sheets and pedigree charts. Cite sources of proof. Copy and share this with family members that live elsewhere. Periodically update and send copies to the same family member(s). If you have information on your computer, copy onto a disk, send to a family member for safekeeping. Those that have prepared data for the WFS computer in Ft. Worth have insurance that this part of their data is quite secure. There are several backups of the entire WFS records stored in several places in the country.

2. Protecting priceless, irreplaceable family photographs can be difficult and costly, however you can use certain preventive measures to minimize loss. One method is to make negatives and store them in a safe deposit box. In addition organize, identify and label your photographs and share copies with family members. Old photographs become more valuable each year and cannot be replaced. Treat them with care and store in the safest place possible. Regardless of cost, make copies. Future generations will appreciate this more than you can ever know.

Another way is to videotape your photographs. You might consider adding descriptive dialogue and family group sheets and pedigree charts. Again copies can be stored elsewhere and even if no one else in your family has an interest in genealogy, it will happen as some time.

Because some of your family members may want to continue your quest, be sure to leave instructions in your will detailing where your genealogical records are stored.

Organizing and sharing is your genealogical insurance and your legacy to future generations. It is not difficult, just do it.

Cecilia Wingfield sees 375 year giant ghost at Glamis Castle

By Jocelyn Wingfield

Glamis Castle, (pronounced "Glarms"), fifty miles north of Edinburgh, is where England's Queen Elizabeth, the Queen Mother, born Elizabeth Bowes-Lyon, was raised. In today's guidebooks some twelve ghosts, who are reputed to haunt the vast castle, are mentioned, but details of the giant ghost of 1486 are not included.

On September 28th 1862, the Hon. Cecilia Fitzpatrick, daughter of the 1st Baron Castletown, was staying at Glamis, where she was put in the Blue Room. She was to marry the Hon. Lewis Strange Wingfield (brother of the 7th Viscount Powerscourt, author of the Wingfield Muniments, 1894), six years later. During the night she woke up, feeling the presence of someone or something in the room. She claimed she saw a huge old man with a long flowing beard, sitting in front of the fire. He turned around and gazed at her sitting up in bed. Although his beard rose and fell as he breathed, he had the face of a dead man. Cecilia was not frightened, but she did not speak to him and

before long he faded away. She thought it would be rude to tell her hosts, Lord and Lady Strathmore, but weeks later, her mother persuaded her to tell Lady Strathmore.

Her hostess was not at all surprised - the family never scared guests by telling them about the castle's ghosts. She explained to Cecilia that the giant ghost claimed he was from 1486. The giant was next seen by a Master Monro in the Red Room the year after Cecilia Fitzpatrick married Lewis Wingfield.

[Source: Lord Halifax, *The Ghost Book*, [Geoff Bles, 1953], pp.28-31].

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In 1474 King Edward IV granted his Comptroller, Sir Robert Wingfield of East Harling a charter for a weekly market every Tuesday at his manor at East Harling and two fairs every year to last three days each, viz. one on the vigil, day and morrow of St. George the Martyr and the other on the vigil, day and morrow of St. Edward.

That same year Sir Robert and Lady Anne settled on themselves the manors of East Harling, Fawconers, Quidenham, Welham's, Reyse's in Long Stratton, Long Stratton, Barnham Broom, Bekeriston, Stanford, Gonville's Manor in Wymondham, Bittering Parva, Rothyng Hall in Brettenham; and the advowsons (right to appoint the priest) of Harling's Chantry, Harling, Quidenham, Rushforth alias Rushworth College, Attleborough College, - all in Norfolk; and, in Suffolk, the manors of Gnateshall, Corton, Newton, Lownde and Blundeston; and in Cambridgeshire, the manors of: Foxton's, Newnham Mortimer and Gonville's "with other large estates". Perhaps when you get to be Lord of one Manor, the power goes to your head, and you want more manors! (We hope the new Lord of The Manor of Wingfield, Suffolk (to be appointed at the WFS meeting in Kissimmee, Florida, has no designs on the Manors of North or South Wingfield, Derbyshire!) [F. Blomfield, *Norfolk*, 5 vols, Lynn, 1739-75, I, 215].

Captain Edward-Maria Wingfield's grandfather, Sir Richard Wingfield of Kimbolton Castle from 1522 (d. 1525), was also granted the right to hold a market and fairs - in his case by King Henry VIII. These were a Friday Market at Kimbolton (and the little town is right at the gates of the castle); and to hold a great Day Fair on the Feast of St. Mary Magdalene every July, as well as a grand "Tawdry" (probably St. Audrey's) Fair on St. Andrew's Day, which was then on December 11, not November 30. [Jocelyn R. Wingfield, *Virginia's True Founder*, WFS, 1993, p.266].

First president of Jamestown mentioned by Richmond columnist

In mid-December, Steve Clark a columnist for the Richmond Times-Dispatch wrote a piece about counting Virginia governors. It seems there is some controversy about whether the newly elected Governor George Allen is the 64 or 67th governor of the Commonwealth.

Clark suggests there are many ways of counting, should the record keepers really want to be technically correct. Where do you start, asks Steve Clark, "Do you go all the way back to 1607, when Edward Maria Wingfield was first president of the Council at Jamestown, and, thus the first chief executive of the Virginia colony?" So as not to leave you in suspense, Clark thinks Governor Allen

should be recorded as Virginia's 79 governor, that is counting from Patrick Henry.

Coincidentally in the same issue of the Times Dispatch, there is a column entitled, "Ask me Why." On that day a response was made as to who was John Smith.

At least we got in one lick about our guy.

(Ed note: Our thanks to Whitney Blair of Charlottesville, who sent a copy of Steve Clark's article)

Third Wingfield tour to England planned for 1995

In the years 1988 and 1991, the WFS sponsored tours to England (in 1991 it also included Ireland) both of which were highly successful. In May of next year (1995), we are planning a third tour to England for our members.

These tours were unique inasmuch as they visited Wingfield related areas that allowed members to see the very places the prominent Wingfield family lived and participated on the edge of history. They were by private, deluxe motor coach with Jocelyn Wingfield, WFS historian acting as narrator and guide. Only members that were on these tours can appreciate the valuable historical interpretation and critique given by Jocelyn, without which the tours would have just been good, but with him they were superb and a stunning success.

We are in the process of devising another itinerary that will focus on sites and areas of Wingfield significance. We are pleased to report, Jocelyn has agreed to again do the narration that brings the history to life.

Past tours included visits and sometimes meals in private homes and always entries into sites of historical interest to Wingfields.

It is too early to give details or prices, but it should appeal to those of the general membership that have a special interest in the family history and a curiosity about their progenitors. Tentatively the dates are to depart on May 21, 1995, being away for about a 10 days. The tour can accommodate only 40 persons and we must have 30 persons to operate. Both previous tours were sold out.

This is mentioned so that you will be aware of our plans and if interested, at least hold those dates until more details are forthcoming in the next couple of months. Hopefully an announcement will be in the Summer newsletter.

If you are interested, we would appreciate hearing from you and as soon as we have the final itinerary and prices, you will be sent complete details, even before any announcement appears in the newsletter. Address to:

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