

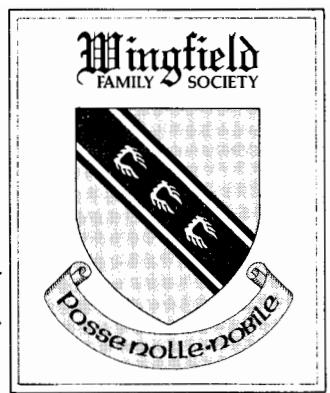
# newsletter

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

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... Ancient Suffolk England Rhyme

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## First officers nominated for society

The Wingfield Family Society is almost one year old, being formed at the first meeting in Ashland, VA in May, 1987. Founding members were from 22 states and two countries, most were strangers. It was not practical to elect officers at that time, so it was agreed that the first year would be devoted to getting started.

This we have done with acclaim! Our most notable achievement was republishing of the *Muniments of the Ancient Saxon Family of Wingfield*. Our genealogy records department has been established and scores of WFS members have sent their data to the society for entry into our dedicated computer. This newsletter has bonded the Wingfield cousins together with periodic and pertinent information, sort of the glue that holds us together.

Now it is time for formal officers. A nominating committee of four was appointed. These were Carolyn Dale Ruf of Rockville, MD, Susan Smith Cavanagh, Durham, NC, John Wingfield, Perry, GA and Bob Carr of Belleair, FL. The following were nominated and have agreed to serve if elected.

President—Wilsie Wingfield Carr  
Vice President—Robert Wingfield  
Secretary—Betty Gamache  
Treasurer—John Wingfield  
Genealogist—LeBron Preston

The election of officers will be one of the first pieces of business at the Richmond meeting May 19-22, 1988.

So that members will know something about these nominees, following is a brief resume of each.

Wilsie Wingfield Carr, nominee for president, was the inspiration behind the forming of the society, and is affectionately called the organizer. She lives in Belleair, FL and her home is considered the headquarters for the WFS. She has researched family history for years, traveled to England numerous times looking for historical sites of family historical significance.

Robert Warren Wingfield, nominee for

vice president, currently is executive vice president for Erickson Electrical Equipment Co. and lives with his wife Virginia in Northbrook, IL. Like Wilsie he has sought family information for years and in recent times this thrust has become accelerated. Bob and Virginia attended the Arizona Reunion this past August and it was here he learned about the WFS.

Betty Gamache of Midlothian, VA, nominee for secretary, is one of our founding members. Betty has proven her desire to cooperate many times. If something was needed to be done, just call Betty and it is done! Knowledgeable in genealogy, personable and is interested in all phases of the society, we believe an excellent choice for this office.

John Wingfield of Perry, GA is nominee for treasurer. John has been acting treasurer since the formation of the society. He is into computers, indeed this is the basis of his business. He watches our money, does it out cautiously and is protecting our interests at all times. You may sleep well with the society money in John's hands. Because of John we are already computerized with most of the WFS business records.

LeBron Preston of Walnut Creek, CA has been nominated to be our official genealogist. He, along with Richard Quarles, has assumed this role during the past year

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### Have you registered for the Richmond meeting yet?

Time is drawing short and this will be your absolute final notice to get your registration in. Enclosed is a registration form. Complete and put in the mail today.

We are looking forward to a bigger registration than last year to this interesting and exciting get together.

Rooms are limited and if you delay, you could be refused a room or have to stay in a nearby hotel.

Look at the Calendar, it's only a few weeks away!



**Wilsie Wingfield Carr**  
... for president



**Robert W. Wingfield**  
... for vice president

### Change of address...

If you move notify the WFS of your change of address. Several of our last newsletters were returned with no forwarding address. These paid up members are not getting mailings because we don't know where they are. Don't let it happen to you!

### Library of Congress orders muniment book

The WFS republished *Muniments of the Ancient Saxon Family of Wingfield* is now in the Library of Congress in Washington. We suspect that although they have the original 1894 version they wanted another because of its condition. Duke University

also has one of the new books. We will soon have a drive to interest libraries and universities in purchasing our republished book. Any help the WFS members can give would be appreciated. Of the 250 books printed, we have only about 100 left for sale.

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## WFS MEMBER PROFILE

### William Lynn Wingfield



**WILLIAM LYNN WINGFIELD**

by Lois Wickham (Bill's sister)

Bill Wingfield was born in Richmond, VA on October 13, 1912, the son of Henry Brown Wingfield of Hanover County and Eunice Lynn of Prince William County, Virginia. At age 7, the family moved to Marl Ridge, the old home that has been in Wingfield family from the time it was built. It became available to Bill when his father's older brother died.

Interest in family history started when Bill was in high school and accelerated as time went on.

After the death of his mother, Bill now married moved back to Marl Ridge. He loves the property and if he had any hobby (besides genealogy), it was gardening. Lots of the boxwood at Marl Ridge was planted by Bill, some when he was in high school.

His early education was in Hanover schools. His premed education was at Randolph-Macon College in Ashland, VA and his degree in medicine at the Medical College of Virginia in Richmond in 1937. After a short period of private practice, Bill volunteered for the army medical corp in 1939, serving at the hospital in Fort Monroe, VA for two years. Reassigned to the 45th Division as battalion surgeon with the rank of captain.

He participated in the allied invasion of Sicily and Salerno. During action, Bill saved the lives of several German soldiers from a burning tank on which the escape hatch was stuck. Grabbing a tire iron he forced the hatch open and pulled the men to safety. For this bravery he was recommended for the Bronze Star by his commanding officer which he received later. The war continued, the 45th Division saw further action in Italy and Bill was wounded twice. The second time when his battalion aid station was blown up near Mount Cassino. Of the 16 men attached to his medical aid unit, eight were killed in combat during the campaign.

Next he was assigned to served with the 42nd Airborne at the 84th hospital in Sardinia. This large, modern hospital was one of Mussolini's architectural marvels. He also served in Corsica and Italy, and returned home in October 1945.

Returning to Richmond, he completed a 3-year residency in internal medicine at McGuire Veterans Hospital, then into private practice of internal medicine. At this same time, he was clinical association professor of internal medicine at the Medical College of Virginia. While at McGuire, Bill met a young dietitian, Charlotte Old from Amelia County. They married in December, 1948 and have two sons, William Lynn Jr. and Spottswood Old, and 3 grandchildren.

Bill retired from private practice in 1982, but continued to serve as a consultant three days a week until 1987.

For some time he served as senior warden of St. Paul's Parish as did John Wingfield in 1776.

It was before high school that Bill became interested in family genealogy. He noticed the unmarked graves in the grave yard of the home at Marl Ridge. It had been a custom for family members to be buried either in the church cemetery or in private plots on the property. Along with his sister Lois, they listened as their father pointed out and named the family members that were buried in the first row of graves. Later the family would have a marble stone engraved with the names of the known members thereon. Sadly there are many more family members buried there, but exactly who has been lost forever.

In the fifties through correspondence with Jocelyn, who was in Burma at the time, Bill made contact with Tim Wingfield and Jack Parry-Wingfield. Tim was Jocelyn Wingfield's father who lived at the time in Elton not far from Peterborough. Jack had inherited Tickencote Manor, later selling it and a few acres after the war, but he kept the village and 3,000 acres. The manor house was dismantled in 1947 by the new owner and the 13th century house called the "Old Hall" has been retained as their home.

Bill has made several trips to England, the first in the early fifties to satisfy his curiosity and establish contact with family members in England. All in all he made four trips the last with his son Lynn.

In the early fifties Warren S. McCall, a Wingfield descendant, on a visit to Jamestown, was displeased at finding no monument to the first president of the colony, Capt. Edward Maria Wingfield. McCall contacted Dr. Bill with the suggestion something be done. After much legwork, Bill persuaded the officials at Jamestown to allow a plaque to be installed in the church. Bill arranged to have marble from Italy and hired special stonecutters and engravers to get the text just right. An artist was flown in from England to paint the colors.

Meanwhile, McCall departed for Europe

and left Bill with the project and verbal assurances that he would pay for the memorial. Assuming that McCall, a true Wingfield would be as good as his word, Bill had the plaque made and placed it in the church in 1954. The bills were paid and all visitors to Jamestown today are reminded of the first president of the colony.

The Hanover Historical called upon Bill to be their president a few years ago, during which time he was chairman of the book committee and instrumental in compiling and publishing, *The Old Homes of Hanover County, Virginia*. The book records the houses in the county before 1865 when official records were destroyed in the War between the States.

In 1986, Wilsie Carr contacted Bill Wingfield with an idea. That the Wingfields all over the world band together and form a family society. Both had a deep interest in family history and together they developed what is today the Wingfield Family Society.

The highpoint of his family interested was in May 1987, when 146 Wingfield Family Society members came to Hanover County. While at their organizational meeting in Ashland, they were the guests of Dr. Bill and Ridge. It was exciting to see the buses pull into the yard, barely able to pass between the branches of the trees. The members went through the charming and historical home and were shown Wingfield memorabilia the consequence of a lifetime of family research. In the living room, was a copy of the *Muniments of the Ancient Saxon Family of Wingfield*, a rare original 1894 edition.

Immediately after the May, 1987 meeting, Bill was hospitality and again in December with additional complications, but is finally home and regaining his strength.

### Abridged version of book *President Wingfield* available at meeting

At this writing, Jocelyn Wingfield's abridged version of his book *President Wingfield* is at the printers and will be available at the Richmond meeting for purchase. Similar in size to *Echoes Down the Ages*, only 300 will be printed, as he does not want to dilute any impact his main book will have when it comes out later.

Jocelyn took time off to complete this in time for the meeting and I have read the manuscript and everyone will want a copy

The price will depend on the printing of this limited edition.

As before, Jocelyn will autograph any copies purchased at the meeting.



# Theme of meeting . . . 'Jamestown'

The miracle of Jamestown Colony is that it survived at all. Put together by an assortment 144 men that were recruited for all the wrong reasons and with the wrong skills and interests. A semi-military expedition, there were no soldiers, only officers, gentlemen, opportunists, and understandably no women. The skills to operate a colony were severely lacking. Since there were no soldiers, they resisted orders and resented discipline.

The Virginia Colony was established for several reasons, the most obvious economics. The investors wanted a return on their investment. The Anglican Church wanted its influence extended to the new world, to counter the Catholic's bold excursions that were years ahead of England. Others wanted adventure and quick riches.

It was believed the remote land was literally paved with gold. Rumors of the millions in riches that the Spanish imported was widespread. Even if only partially true, it would be worthwhile. There was depression in England so this could counter unemployment and bring economic relief to Britain.

The Crown was anxious to approve a charter, granting the investors rights to finance the expedition with the expectation of profits.

History reveals the first Wingfield to set foot on Western Hemisphere soil was Capt. Edward Maria Wingfield in 1607 arriving with the first English colonists to settle the New World. Capt. Wingfield was named president of the colony after arrival and was the only financial investor to make the trip. Turmoil and tough times faced these colonists and the first winter was a virtual disaster.

Consider these conditions. One of the three ships that brought the colonists did not depart for the return voyage to England as planned, hoping to gather some gold and take it back. Meanwhile the limited food supplies, allotted for the colonists, was being consumed by the lagging ship's crew causing a shortage. Add to this the illness and death that plagued the new arrivals, plus the greedy, so inspired by quick riches, showing little or no interest in the mundane duties of building and standing guard. Morale disintegrated as the food became scarce and everyone blamed someone else. The bulk of the wrath fell on Capt. Wingfield who tried through stern orders and discipline to main-

tain some semblance of sanity. He became unpopular and rumors persisted that he was saving the food for himself.

Enter John Smith who arrived with the expedition in chains, sentenced to death, the result of an aborted attempt at mutiny en route to the colony. Capt. Wingfield was one of Smith's accusers, so there was no love lost between the two. Gallows for Smith's execution were prepared but never used as it was felt every man was needed and Smith was released after about a month. John Smith, an unpopular opportunist, was one of those who conspired against the elected leader and finally Capt. Wingfield was deposed as president only months after arrival. Captain John Radcliffe was the second president. Contrary to popular belief, John Smith did not replace Wingfield as council president. Capt. Wingfield sailed back to England on a provision ship that arrived Jamestown in 1608. Capt. Wingfield's reply to the charges and events was answered in his "Discourse of Virginia" written in 1608, but not published until 1860. It points out the other side of the story and certainly the impossible conditions that existed in the fledgling colony. Without the discipline enforced by Wingfield, would the colony have survived at all?

The net result is John Smith emerged as the hero of Jamestown and you will see his statue on the site and the guide will give flowery recitation as to his bravery and exploits. Nearby is a statue of Pocahontas, the Indian princess that every schoolboy knows saved John Smith's life as he was about to be executed by the Indians. Who can dispute this since only Smith and Pocahontas were there and strangely it was not reported until 1584 after Pocahontas' death in England, and then by John Smith himself. There are many who believe the entire episode was created by Smith to further his role as hero.

On the site at Jamestown, there was absolutely no evidence of Capt. Wingfield's role in establishing the colony until 1954. Dr. Bill Wingfield of Ashland, VA, along with Warren McCall, a Wingfield descendant, managed to get a large plaque installed in the church giving Capt. Edward Maria Wingfield at least some recognition for what he did.

Those attending the meeting in Richmond will have an opportunity to visit the Jamestown site on Saturday afternoon, May 21.

## WON'T BE AT THE MEETING

Two of our founding members will be absent from the Richmond meeting this year. They are Gale Wingfield of Rimrock, AZ and Dr. Bill Wingfield of Ashland, VA.

Many will remember Gale the handsome cowboy with the 10-gallon hat who went out and bought a receipt book so the members at the first meeting could sign up right then. He was our first paying member.

All of those at the first meeting will also remember Dr. Bill Wingfield. He opened his home, Marl Ridge, for all to see. For more information about him see WFS Member Profile on page 2 of this issue.

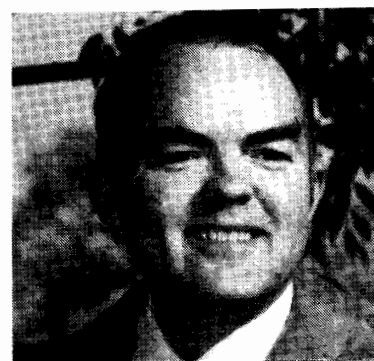
Both are ill and send their regrets for being unable to come. We wish them early recovery.

## First officers . . .

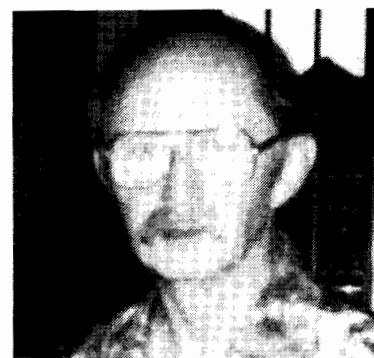
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**Betty Wingfield Gamache**  
... for secretary



**John Wingfield**  
... for treasurer



**Lebron Preston**  
... for genealogist

and helped get the forms organized for the members to complete for us to record the data into our computer. Because of our deep involvement with family heritage, it is essential that we have someone knowledgeable to guide us and advise us to insure the information being received from the members is valid so our records will be correct and accepted by other societies.

These are the nominees. Although nominated by a special committee, this does not preclude others from seeking or being elected as an officer. Nominations will be opened from the floor at the Richmond meeting and if another member is nominated (and agrees to serve), he/she will be placed on the ballot.

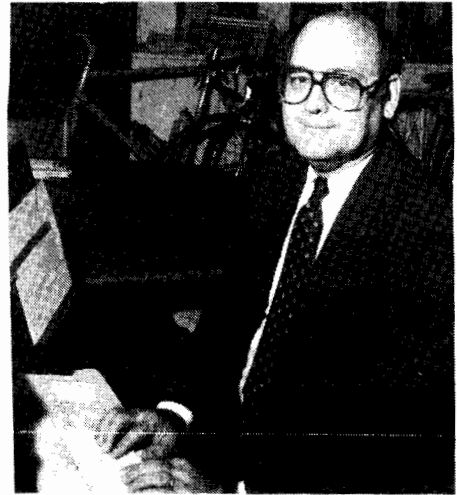
## Muniment (English) genealogy charts now in our computer

Those who have a copy of *The Muniments of the Ancient Saxon Family of Wingfield*, will recall the page after page of charts of all the Wingfields in Britain from Robert de Wingfield to 1891. Vance Wingfield has entered every record in the book from these elaborate pedigree charts. This was no small task and means that our

genealogy work has expanded tremendously. Once your family research bridges the gap to England and the appropriate connection is made there, it's zap, and your pedigree chart goes back to 1087. The muniments book is generally considered a recognized source of reference.



Vance Wingfield



## Approved genealogy abbreviations

Genealogies use many abbreviations, especially in listing children although names are never abbreviated. Listed below are the standard abbreviations for the NEXUS.

anc.	ancestors, ancestry
b.	birth, born
bp.	baptized
bro.	brother
bur.	buried
ca.	circa
ch.	child, children
co.	county
d.	death, died
dau.	daughter
desc.	descendants
d.s.p.	decessit sine prole died without issue
d.v.p.	decessit vita patris died in the lifetime of the father
d.y.	died young
fam.	family
fl.	flourished
g.s.	gravestone
info	information
m.	married, marriage
par.	parents, parentage
poss.	possible, possibly
prob.	probable, probably
res.	resided
sis.	sister
w.	wife
wid.	widow, widowed



There were five Wingfields married in Fredericks County, VA in the early 1800s. I would like to know who were the parents of these listed and the names and any details of their children:

James Wingfield married Sarah Myers August 22, 1803. John Wingfield married

## Michigan Wingfield reunion

Ruth Phillip, WFS member from Missoula, Montana reports the Michigan Wingfields will have their reunion somewhere in Michigan the third week in July, 1988. If they follow past traditions, there will be a banquet on Saturday night and after an overnight, the big whoop will be on Sunday with a

tremendous picnic, followed by an Indian pow wow, dances, costumes, etc.

The location has not been set, but if you are interested, contact: Ruth Phillip, Phillip Heritage House, 605 Benton Ave., Missoula, Montana 59801 or call (406) 543-3495 for more details.

### Daniel Hawkes, Jamestown curator, guest speaker at Richmond meeting

With the theme of our meeting being "Jamestown," we searched for an appropriate individual to be our speaker at the final banquet of the Richmond meeting. We are fortunate, indeed to have the curator at Jamestown, Daniel Hawks, agree to talk to us about this historical site, the first permanent English colony that was established in the new world in 1607. It will be especially interesting because a Wingfield was on the expedition and helped finance the venture.

### By-laws to be approved

Along with this issue of the WFS Newsletter is a copy of the proposed by-laws for the society. All members should look these over and if you have comments, please make them in advance of the meeting in Richmond. In this way we can address these concerns before the meeting and save time there. We will ask to have them approved at the meeting. If you have comments, please address them to:

WFS, 301 Belleview Blvd.  
Belleair, FL 34616

## Genealogy Queries???

Elizabeth Good on January 3, 1805. Hannah Wingfield married David Copper, December 29, 1808. Lydia Wingfield married Henry Rhodes, October, 1814. Elijah Wingfield married Sarah Good, December 22, 1814.

My great great grandfather, William

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Wingfield was born September 7, 1804 and his brother John came from Virginia when they were boys and I think from Frederick County. I am trying to establish a connection with the above listed Wingfields. Contact Edwin B. Wingfield, 5600 Buckcreek Road, Urbana, Ohio 43078.