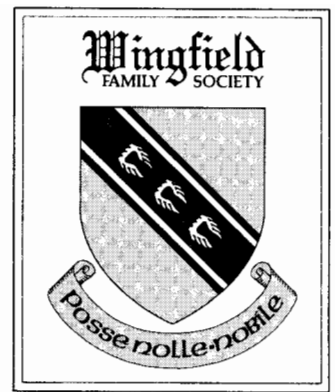


newsletter

"Wynkefeld The Saxon held honor and fee, ere William The Norman came over the sea"
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Second annual meeting another winner Officers and directors elected

The 1988 meeting in Richmond produced our first officers and directors who were elected virtually unanimously. The following were elected: (officers for 3 years)

President—Wilsie Wingfield Carr

Vice President—Robert W. Wingfield

Secretary—Betty Gamasche

Treasurer—John Wingfield

Directors, 1 year: LeBron Preston (genealogist), Walnut Creek, CA; Dale Ruf, Rockville, MD; Elva Wingfield, Scottsdale, AZ; Ken Wingfield, Phoenix, AZ. 2 years: Susan Cavanagh, Durham, NC; Lennie Mills, Corpus Christi, TX; Jocelyn Wingfield, London, England and Vance Wingfield, Ft. Worth, TX.

Dr. Bill Wingfield voted chairman emeritus

The membership unanimously elected Dr. William Lynn Wingfield of Marl Ridge, Virginia, chairman emeritus of the Wingfield Family Society. This is in recognition of his untiring efforts to further the interest in the family and assistance in starting the society. His hobby throughout his lifetime has been learning more about the Wingfield family and has talked to thousands in their quest for more family knowledge. Bill Wingfield was not able to accept the engraved silver plate personally as he is still at home recuperating from a long illness. His son, Lynn Wingfield accepted the engraved plate for his father. The presentation was made by Wilsie Carr, the society's president.



WM. LYNN WINGFIELD JR.
accepts special presentation for his
father from Wilsie Wingfield Carr,
president WFS at Richmond meeting.

The meeting...

WHAT HAPPENED — A BRIEF RECAP

WFS members from 16 states and England convened in Richmond this past May 20—22, for the second annual meeting of the society.

The election of officers and directors was the first order of business.

A report from each of the committee chairmen was heard concerning past activities and plans for next year.

One or more books are under consideration for publishing.

New genealogy forms were announced and made available to all members in attendance. Large pedigree charts were affixed to the walls of the meeting rooms, exhibiting a gigantic print out from the computer displaying details on all branches of the family represented. The actual computer was set up and operating in the room adjacent to the meeting.

The Wingfield Store was opened by Lennie Mills staffed much of the time by Lennie with the help of Gerry and Betty Dutton. The "store" products were a number of specialty items, personalized just for Wingfields, all for sale.

Friday night the guest speaker was Jocelyn Wingfield from London who revealed excerpts from his new book about Captain Edward Maria Wingfield the first president of the Jamestown Colony. An abridged version (18 page booklet) was sold to the members.

Most members went to Jamestown Saturday afternoon prior to Daniel Hawkes' (Jamestown curator) talk that evening.

The board of directors voted to have a \$10 charge for the index of all the ancestors presently in the computer, or for computer print outs of family specific information, 20 cents per page, with a minimum of \$5. These can be requested directly from Vance Wingfield at 2912 Owenwood Drive, Ft. Worth, TX, 76109.

The WFS members that continued on to England left Sunday, May 22, for the Dulles (Washington) Airport and the Wingfield tour.

Computer shows off

Vance Wingfield came to the meeting fully prepared to demonstrate the status of the WFS computer. Two laptop computers and two printers were set up in an area adjacent to the meeting room.

In the computer memory were records of every Wingfield that had sent in forms. It was exciting as WFS members watched the printers squirt out page after page of document, specially prepared for the individual, some as long as 90 pages. The boxes of paper drained like a leaking tank as the fascinated members strained over the forms to find missing links. And some found that link.

Vance presented his new simplified forms that will be distributed to all members. A common complaint was the old forms were complicated and very hard to understand. This, Vance said he felt, put a damper on completion and caused considerable follow up correspondence. Vance also commented that in spite of the vast amount of information entered, we still have barely scratched the surface. He remarked that in order to have viable and complete records, everyone should send in as much information as they can on their own family. Once this is complete, many gaps of information will be filled in for the benefit of all.



DALE RUF, Paul Ruddock (new owner
Wingfield Castle), his fiancée, Jocelyn
Wingfield, Millie Wingfield at Wingfield
Castle, England.

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Wingfield tour enjoyed by all

Forth-eight family members participated in a tour of historical importance of the Wingfields in as many locations as could be crammed in a week. Each day brought a new highlight as the participants traveled in anticipation of what was coming next.

The folder understated the impact of the activities. Jocelyn Wingfield guided the tour with indepth information that could not be recorded fast enough nor retained. The comment at the end was, "Another tour might be operated, but there will never be another like this one." For example the presentation of the replica of the banner of John Wingfield York Herald at St. Benets was conducted with a stirring ceremony that could only be done by the British, followed by tea and a visit behind the closed doors of the College

of Arms.

Members will never forget meeting with Dr. Blatchly at Letheringham Church and the indepth presentation he gave there about the Wingfields and his impromptu talk at the dinner in Ipswich.

For some the highlight was being invited into Wingfield Castle by the new owner, Paul Ruddock, who opened what is now his home, to the thundering herd of 48 family members and allowed them to inspect every aspect of the ancient monument for 3½ hours. His hospitality included providing lunch, catered from London, just for our group. Rare and special invitations brought the group into the homes of Bill and Mary Neal in Woodbridge for tea, and coffee at Tickencote Hall hosted by Mrs. Tarn

Dearden.

Tickencote was a special event for many as they visited the charming church where probably more Wingfields are buried than in any other single location. The setting for Tickencote Hall was so unbelievably beautiful no one wanted to leave.

The final night was in a 16th century hotel. Great Fosters, a former hunting lodge for nearby Windsor Castle. Whether a Wingfield slept there or not, we do not know, but if he did he probably had one of the suites that some of our members had. The final banquet ended the tour with a troubadour entertaining as the feast was in a medieval banquet hall. One of our members exclaimed, "I don't want it to end." Truly the feeling of most if not all.

Video of Richmond meeting and trip

Bob Wingfield, WFS member from Chicago, videotaped the Richmond meeting and the trip to England. He had 36 copies made for the members that were on the England tour.

If any other members would like a copy, Bob will need orders for a minimum of 20 copies to justify having these commercially copied. The total price is \$30 for two tapes of 2 hours each. Send orders to Wingfield Family Society, 1004 Cherokee Road, Perry, GA 31069-2243. Checks should be made to the Wingfield Family Society. If 20 orders are not received within 3 months, your check will be returned.

Member comments:

EDITOR:

I would be most grateful if you could convey my sincere thanks to all those WFS members on the UK tour who so very generously contributed to my gift, when I was merely carrying out a labour of love.

Yours sincerely,
Jocelyn Wingfield
(WFS guide in England)

EDITOR:

Could you relay my thanks to all the members on the England tour who helped me so very much to see everything. Everyone was so nice and offered to do things for me all the time. I love them all.

Ruth Wingfield
Jackson, MS

ED. NOTE: Ruth had a problem walking and delayed an operation so she could make the trip.

The Wingfield Family Society — a poem

*If you wish to gain variety
in your time with friends and kin
join the Wingfield Society
and your fun will soon begin.*

*From every walk of life we come
all countries, states and glens
to weld the bonds of fellowship
where every member wins.*

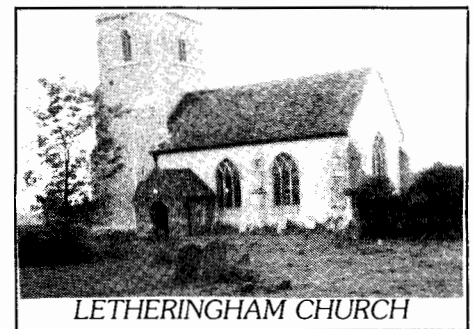
*We organized to sort our roots from Tickencote and more
out of Robert, Thomas William, John or maybe just some lore
We share our lineage proudly
recalling all that's passed before.*

*Our searching led us 'cross the sea
to ancient U.K. shore
where Wingfields lived and fought and loved
we continued to explore.*

*We've been to Wingfield Castle,
to Orford, Easton, too;
by St. Benets Church, by Letheringham and Kimbolton
before our trip was through.*

*All through our trip our resolve is firm:
to seek, resolve and share.
As long as Wingfields bear the name
our Society will care.*

*True, where we've been's important,
this search for fact and lore,
but it's family bonds and friendships
that will last forever more.*



LEATHERINGHAM CHURCH



Wingfield

**By Erwin Burwell Wingfield
— 1988 (composed while on
the Wingfield England tour)**

Wingfield Store

New and exciting items are being secured and developed for sale to our members. All are specialty products some way associated with the Wingfield family.

At the Richmond meeting Lennie Mills along with Gerald and Betty Dutton unveiled an array of interesting special creations for sale to WFS members that were so popular they were almost inhaled with vigor. All of these products can be purchased by mail to the address shown below.

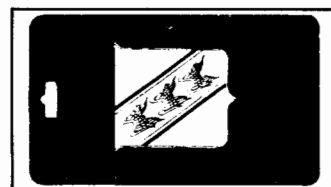
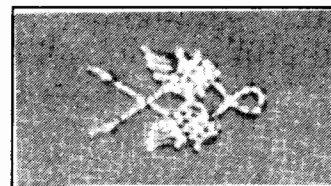
Book — Muniment of the Ancient Saxon Family of Wingfield (incl. postage)	\$155.00
Durable plastic luggage tags (black with gold shield and Wingfield name). Place for your name. Can also be used with key chain. Minimum 2. Each \$1.75.	3.50
Family coat of arms, full color ready for framing. Complete with description.	20.00
Booklet — by Jocelyn Wingfield — President Wingfield (first president of Jamestown). Abridged version.	7.50
Wingfield Family tree mailed in roller.	12.00
Coffee mugs with Wingfield shield, minimum of 2, each \$7.00 (incl. shipping)	14.00
Wingfield Badge. Beautiful piece of fine jewelry. 3 types each:	
silver rope and wings,	90.00
yellow golf rope, silver wings,	150.00
gold rope and wings, your choice yellow or white.	300.00

Clearly Specify items requested.

To order: Mail check to Wingfield Family Society, 1004 Cherokee Road, Perry, GA 31069.



LENNIE MILLS
Corpus Christi, TX
Wingfield storekeeper



Everyone get one new member

The WFS has completed a full year of exciting activities, the enthusiasm has accelerated and the members are excited with the many things we have done and the plans for the future.

We estimate there are 3,000 or more Wingfield families in the U.S. alone and for us to have a viable data base of family information we need more members participating in our programs. Our membership is about 200 families from all over the country and the United Kingdom. Member input of family information for our genealogy computer fills the missing gaps and makes our records more valuable to each of us. The specialty items that we sell are of interest to Wingfields and cannot be obtained

anywhere else. The books we publish further the family history and makes this available to more people, family and otherwise.

We need more members and what better place to get them than throughout current members. Each member probably has at least one relative that is eligible and a good prospect to become a member.

Your goal is simple. Just get one new member for the society of 1989. Enclosed with the newsletter is a membership application. Don't wait. Call one or more members of your family that would enjoy the things we do, ask them to give you a check for \$25, fill out the form and mail. Do it today!

New Mexico reunion

A Wingfield family reunion was held June 26, 1988 in Tularasa, New Mexico. Bill Wingfield of Roswell, NM was chairman. The gathering and dinner was held at the home of Mrs. Orpha Wingfield of Tularasa.

Bud and Opal Wingfield of Ault, CO, Betty and Gerald Dutton of Conroe, TX and Bill and Liz Wingfield of Roswell, NM gave a brief rundown of the WFS England trip, showing photographs and brochures.

There were 75 in attendance, lots of fun, food galore and a bunch of conversation, meaning a great time was had by all!

Preserving family records . . . (part 1)

Whether it is newspaper clippings, the family Bible, old photos, they are all subject to deterioration. Time, temperature and light are the enemies to maintaining records in peak condition. Records become more valuable with time and the better the condition the more valuable the item.

By planning ahead, you can keep your memorabilia in its best condition for your own pleasure and for your heirs.

Store records out of direct sunlight and away from windows. Flatten if possible (holes and tears start in folds).

Remove metal paper clips, staples (they will rust), rubber bands and similar materials. Plastic clips, available from office supply stores, are a much better choice than gem (metal) clips.

Never use pressure sensitive (scotch) tape on documents. Tape will eventually stain

and is hard to remove.

Remove letters from envelopes and unfold them. Note in pencil (number 2 lead, write lightly and in small letters) names, dates and addresses from the envelope on the upper margin of the first page of the letter. You can then place the envelope behind the letter or use a plastic clip to attach the letter to the envelope.

File these papers in folders, either archival acid-free folders or manila folders. Keep letters, photos, and news clippings separate

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WFS MEMBER PROFILE

Dale Wingfield Ruf



DALE WINGFIELD RUF

by Julia Wingfield Gatling

Dale Wingfield Ruf was born on May 12, 1933 in Washington D.C. Her birth was the first on both sides of her immediate family to occur outside the state of Virginia since Thomas of York River's arrival in the new world. Dale is a descendant of Charles and Polly Hudson as well as Robert of Louisa. Her parents were Charles Arthur Wingfield and Christine Dale Jackson.

A multi-talented lady, Dale was responsible for all the meeting arrangements for the Wingfield Family Society in Richmond, Virginia this past May. This responsibility included decorations for the banquet tables which utilized the family's colors of black, red and silver. Decorating comes naturally to Dale since she graduated from the University of Maryland with a BS degree in home economics and a specialty in interior design. Her expertise for interior design has been used as a gift to her friends, relations and church all her life. Her brief career before her marriage was as an airline stewardess with Pan American World Airways in what was then called the Latin American Division. She was based in New York and flew down the east coast of South America and through the West Indies. As a result, Dale speaks Spanish fluently.

Her most exciting experience as a stewardess was that of rescuing her passengers from a burning airplane in Haiti in 1956. The plane caught fire on takeoff

and luckily had not lifted off the ground when the fire was detected. The pilot aborted the takeoff at the end of the runway just short of running into some primitive native shacks. Because Haiti was the point of origin for the plane, there were few people on board. All escaped safely via chute from the ship's exit.

Dale met her future husband, Raymond Ruf, at a military wedding of mutual friends. He was a usher and she a bridesmaid. They were married in February, 1957 and now have five children. Ray is president and co-owner of DMR Assoc. Inc., which sells air conditioning equipment.

Daughter Marjorie Christine Kameen, 29, is a registered nurse who is completing a master's degree in liberal arts from Johns Hopkins. She lives in Baltimore with her husband Tony, an ophthalmologist. Through Christine, Dale is twice a grandmother. Son John David Ruf, a civil engineer, age 27, is married and lives in Kennisngton, Maryland with his wife Lisa. John is employed in the family business. Another daughter, Jane Elizabeth Ruf, 23, is an art director for an advertising agency and lives in Baltimore, Maryland. Ted Ruf, 19, is a sophomore at the University of Richmond and a dean's list scholar. He toured the United Kingdom this past May with the WFS group. Mary Carolyn, age 16 the youngest, is living at home with her parents. Her hobby is photography which she hopes to turn into a profession.

Church activities take a major portion of Dale's time as teacher of Bible classes at both a Presbyterian and Episcopal Church, however, she has been a communicant at St. James's Episcopal in Potomac for the last six years. Last year she was co-teacher of a class entitled "Healing Life's Hurts." She taught techniques for forgiveness to former alcoholics, mental patients, and others. Dale serves as a member of the Altar Guild and is involved in design and decoration at her church.

In the Presbyterian Church, Dale teaches Bible courses to older citizens.

Dr. Charles David Wingfield, Dale's brother is indirectly responsible for Dale's knowledge of the WFS. He began the family heritage search. Dr. Wingfield is an internist by specialty and is in charge of nuclear medicine at Sun Coast Hospital in Largo, Florida. David happens to be the personal physician of Wilsie Wingfield Carr, our WFS president.

paper. The copy will last much longer than the clipping.

Clean letters and books by gently wiping them with a dry lint-free cloth or a camel hair artist's brush.

Always try to keep the storage areas free of insects and away from harsh smelling chemicals.

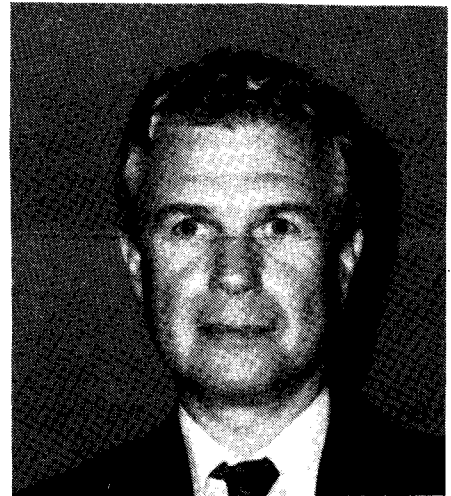
To remove mold, vacuum off carefully using a vacuum brush. Extra caution should

Jamestown's Daniel Hawks states history was 'unfair'

Daniel Hawks, curator of Jamestown was our guest speaker for the final banquet at the Richmond meeting this past May. Robert Wingfield, our newly elected vice president, did the introductions.

Hawks gave a resume of Capt. Edward Maria Wingfield that was a credit to our relative. Little reference was made to Captain Wingfields' activities in Jamestown. He avoided mentioning conflicts of history as to his role in the colony, but did say history had been unfair. He prefaced his remarks by saying, "If you think I am going to say anything derogatory about Jamestown's first president to a room full of Wingfields, you are wrong." He basically discussed the future of the Jamestown exhibit and exciting additions that will be forthcoming in a couple of years.

He remained after the meeting and had one on one discussions with WFS members.



DANIEL HAWKS of Jamestown.

Abridged book on President Wingfield

Jocelyn Wingfield gave Daniel Hawks a copy of the abridged version of his book, *President Wingfield*. Members can get a copy for \$7.50 while supplies last. See listing in Wingfield Store on page 3. This will not be reprinted and we have 30 copies on hand. The book will be published in 1989.

be taken with flaking and brittle paper. Vacuum and clean shelves where books and materials are stored. Work to improve ventilation in the room and possibly lower the temperature to prevent reappearance of mold.

Avoid storing your documents under water pipes or against outside walls that are subject to extremes in temperature. Also remember that excessive exposure to light promotes fading.

PRESERVING FAMILY RECORDS

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from each other. Chemicals used in developing photographs and in making newsprint will discolor letters and other papers. Organic materials, such as hair or pressed flowers should not be stored with paper materials because they will attract insects or stain the documents over a period of time.

To best preserve news clippings, photocopy the clipping onto regular copy

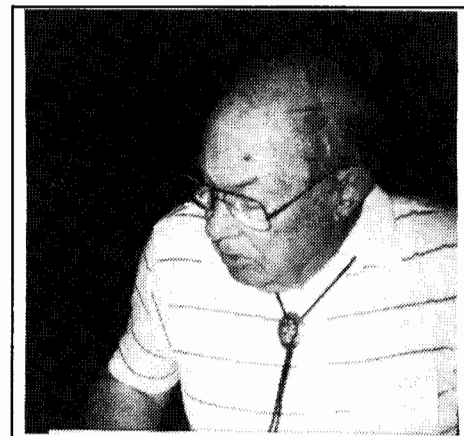
Virginia genealogical society publishes Quarles report

The May issue of the *Magazine of Virginia Genealogy* carries a 21-page article by our member, Richard Quarles which clarifies the family relationships of the Wingfields in Albemarle County, Virginia. Except for Margaret Shelton's work, every heretofore published genealogy of Wingfields in Albemarle contains errors which are now set right with references to the original data. The first two generations of the family of Charles and Rachel Joyer Wingfield and the family of Robert and Ann Wingfield are presented.

Reprints are available at a nominal fee from the Virginia Genealogical Society, Box 7469, Richmond, VA 23221.

Quarles for some years now, disturbed by the failure of researchers to delve deep enough for correct data, was determined to set the record straight, and has diligently pursued this goal and to correct these inaccuracies in a respected publication.

The history of the Wingfields in Albemarle begins with the will of Charles Hudson, signed in 1745.



RICHARD QUARLES

HANOVER WINGFIELDS 1721—1863

This will be of interest to all descendants of John Wingfield and Mary Hudson. Lee Preston is continuing his research of the Hanover County Wingfields and states there are corrections to current information shown on several charts. His report is five pages, too much to print in this newsletter. Following are some excerpts.

An interesting aspect was the property at Marl Ridge and Walnut Shade passed from John and Mary Hudson Wingfield (first recorded ownership was 1727) 175 acres each to two sons, Thomas (Walnut Shade) and John (Marl Ridge). Unresolved is the question whether the Walnut Shade dwelling and the Marl Ridge house were both located on the 350 acres. For this Lee Preston offers no conclusion, speculating that one of the houses could have been on adjoining property purchased in 1795/96 from Joseph Starke. Both John and Thomas were taxed at equal rates on their 175 acres. No assessment was made for dwellings.

After Thomas (Walnut Shade) died in 1830, his property was divided among several children, but most of it eventually came under the ownership of Joseph (probably grandson known as "Hominy Joe"). In 1862 Walnut Shade was in the ownership of a two-year-old girl, with the unlikely name of Emaella P.A.C. L Wingfield.

John (Marl Ridge) died in 1802 and the property passed to his widow Elizabeth (2nd wife) and then to his son Thomas (by his first wife). The property later passed to Thomas' daughter, Jocynthia, who married Joseph S. Wingfield, both great grandchildren of John and Mary Hudson and distant cousins. Joseph S. was a grandson of Charles and Rachel Joyner Wingfield.

Those wanting the full five page report by Lee Preston can send check for \$2.00 to WFS Genealogist, 301 Belleview Blvd., Belleair, FL 34616. The check to Wingfield Family Society is to cover copying, postage and handling.

THE WINGFIELD CURSE

A strange curse had for hundreds of years hung over the Viscounts Powerscourt, the ancient house of Wingfield. The malediction was to the effect that no chieftain of the family should live to see his successor come of age. This curse lasted for hundreds of years.

In the summer of 1901 the 8th Viscount Powerscourt gained his majority during the lifetime of his father, Sir Mervyn Edward Wingfield, 7th Viscount Powerscourt and the spell was broken.

A celebration of this event was held at Powerscourt in Ireland, and was without precedent in the history of the family.

The great grandfather of WFS member Betsy Wingfield Hughes of Birmingham, AL, Judge John Richard Wingfield, was invited to this celebration.

Prince of Wales has Wingfield ancestry

H.R.H. Prince Charles of Britain shares a common ancestry with the Tickencote, Powerscourt and other Wingfields, it was reported by Lee Preston, our official genealogist. Page 1-10 of the *Muniments of the Ancient Saxon Family of Wingfield*, compiled by Mervyn Edward, Seventh Viscount Powerscourt, republished by the WFS in 1987, reveal lineage to Sir Robert Wingfield (m. Elizabeth Goushill). His daughter, Elizabeth (m. William Brandon), produced a daughter, Catherine (m. Henry Gourmay). From their descendants is H.R.H. Prince of Wales. The record is contained in *"The Lineage and Ancestry of H.R.H. Prince Charles, Prince of Wales,"* volume two by Gerald Paget, Charles Skilton, Ltd., Edinburgh & London, on pages 401, 456 and 459.

Historian named

Marvin Wingfield of Silver Springs, MD has volunteered to be the Wingfield Family Society historian. Ultimately we hope to have an archive to store and display Wingfield memorabilia and items of historical significance. In the meantime, Marvin will survey the family members to determine what they have so the WFS will be aware of types, locations, conditions and ownership of Wingfield objects.

Along with the fall newsletter a survey sheet, prepared by Marvin, will be enclosed asking our members to tell what items they have. Marvin will catalogue these for our records, and possible future reference.

Please note that nothing is being collected, this is only a survey of what is in Wingfield hands.

Notable Wingfield Ancestors

Part II
by Josephine H. Wasson
WFS member from Birmingham

Henry VIII, grandson of our Wingfield ancestor Queen Elizabeth Woodville, consort of Edward IV, was one of England's ablest, but most tyrannical rulers.

Though he is remembered mainly for his numerous wives and for separating the Church of England from the control of Rome, Henry was very astute politically, yet altogether ruthless in his dealing with enemies or friends who fell from favor, sending hundreds of people to horrible deaths. By the end of his 37 year reign he held more absolute power, both temporal and spiritual, than any other ruler England has ever had.

The life of this remarkable man was closely involved with some of our direct ancestors. Two of his ambassadors were our cousins: Sir Robert Wingfield, Henry's ambassador to the court of Maximilian, Holy Roman Emperor; and Sir Richard Wingfield, Ambassador to France and Spain (whose wife Katherine Woodville (or Widville) was sister

to Queen Elizabeth Woodville, and therefore Henry's great aunt. She was a lady-in-waiting to Queen Anne Boleyn.

A Wingfield cousin, Sir Anthony Wingfield (great-nephew of our Henry Wingfield who married Elizabeth Rokes) was comptroller.

Henry's third minister was Thomas Cromwell, of our direct line. Cromwell began life in Putney as the son of a fuller and shearer of cloth, but his rare intellect soon raised him from obscurity. He spent some time in Italy learning banking and law, and on returning home was elected to the House of Commons; then was in service with Cardinal Wolsey, where the king noticed him, he advanced rapidly to become chief minister and was honored with the title of Earl of Essex.

Cromwell's son Gregory was created first Baron Cromwell of Oakham, and married Queen Jane Seymour's sister Elizabeth. Her brothers were Thomas Seymour, Lord Admiral, and Edward Seymour, Duke of Somerset (later to be Lord Protector of young Edward VI, their nephew). Both brothers were later executed, though not

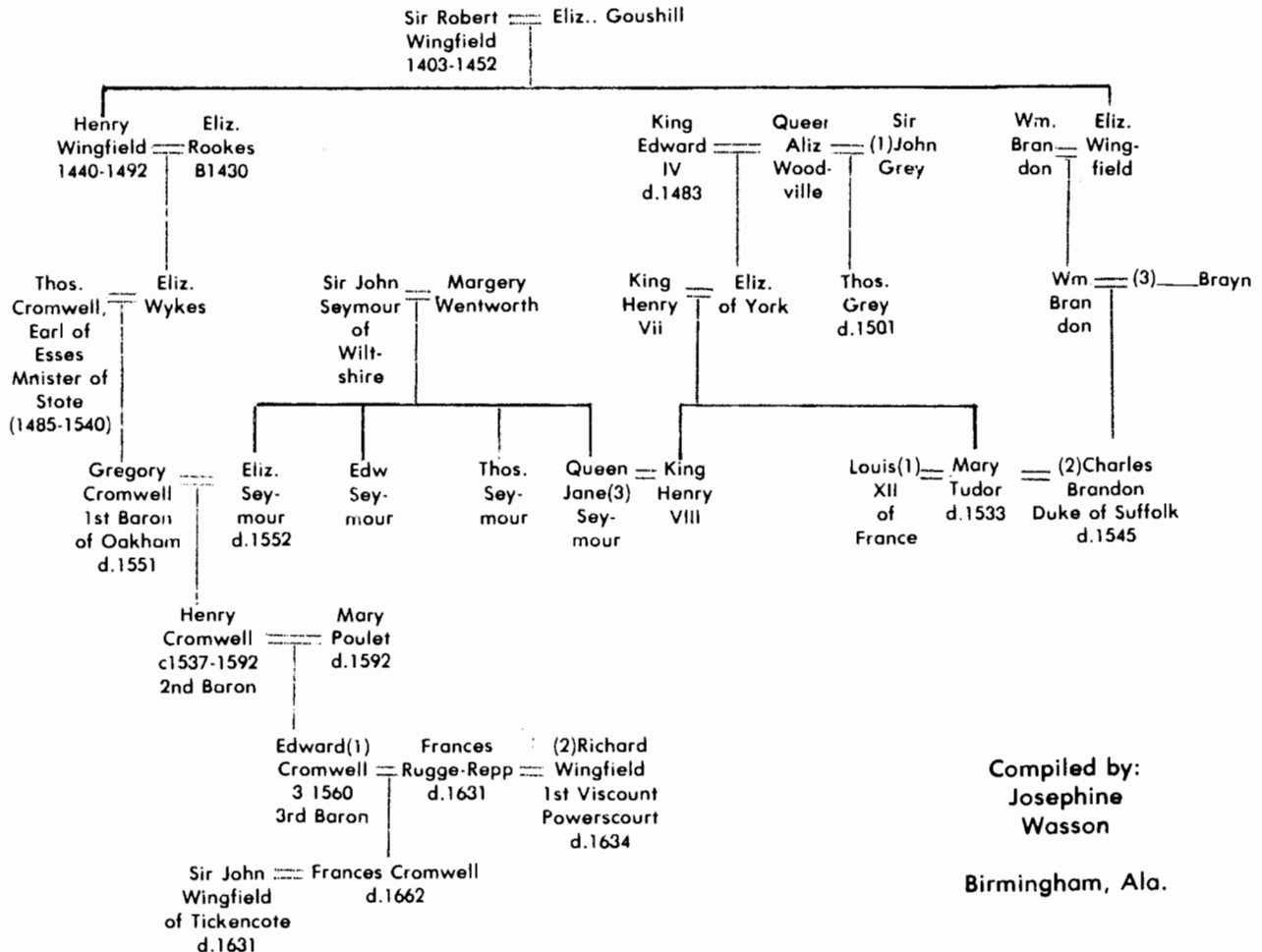
by Henry.

Thomas Cromwell, who had enjoyed great favor, titles and riches, made the fatal error of persuading the king to marry unseen his fourth wife Anne of Cleves—for political reasons. By that time Henry was so powerful he did not fear to alienate unattractive Anne's connections, and divorced her amicably. For his mistake Cromwell was executed in 1540.

Henry, whose genius for grasping power grew ever more absolute, died seven years later, grossly obese and gout-ridden. For all his efforts to secure the succession not a single direct heir of his survives today.

Notes: Queen Jane Seymour, Henry's third wife, is buried beside him at St. George's Chapel, Windsor. Also buried here is Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk, a Wingfield descendant and Henry's brother-in-law and closest friend. Brandon had married Henry's favorite sister, Mary Tudor, Queen of France, godmother to an early Wingfield. In her honor the name "Maria" was incorporated in the name of Edward Maria Wingfield, first president of the Virginia Council at Wingfield, first president of the Virginia Council at Jamestown, as well as many other Wingfields of that time.

Line of Frances Cromwell, grandmother of Thomas Wingfield of York River, VA



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