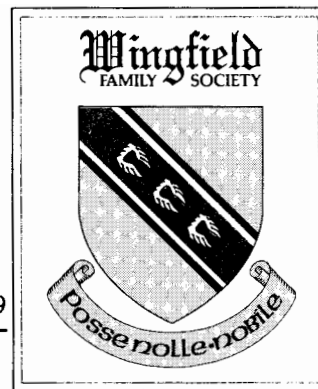


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"Wynkefeld The Saxon held honor and fee, ere William The Norman came over the sea"
... Ancient Suffolk England Rhyme

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WFS to publish USA family history

After the resounding success of republishing the English Muniments, the WFS will embark on a longterm project to record in book form and publish the history of the Wingfields in America.

This is an ambitious project, expected to take three to five years and will require the cooperation and assistance of many, many of our members all over the country. "Without the help of the WFS members the project will be incomplete or fail," said Wilsie Carr, the WFS president.

Gail Wingfield of Idalia, Colorado, working with Bob Carr, has prepared a draft of the Colorado Wingfields as a pilot manuscript for this project and it was reviewed by several members at the meeting in Arizona for comments and for further ideas as a possible format. This write-up, still not finished, even has a drawing of the sod house built in 1886 on the homestead near Vernon. There are also many old photographs that are expected to be included.

Elva Wingfield, working with the Arizona Wingfields has hired a researcher to put together the history of this branch of the family. This researcher, Nancy Welch, gave a talk on the Wingfield's trek west at the WFS meeting in Arizona this past May. The members that went to Louis Wingfield's Horseshoe Ranch heard an impressive first report on this very interesting, and unusual story of the Arizona Wingfields.

Bud and Opal Wingfield now living in Ault, Colorado, but originally from New Mexico have volunteered to get the story of his line started.

The enthusiasm is up, but this meager start is just that, meager. We must pursue information on every member of the family that lives or has lived in the Americas since Edward Maria helped establish the first permanent colony in Virginia in 1607. We need help and we expect this will come from the many family genealogists that have so diligently recorded details of their particular forefathers.

We recognized this book will never be complete or totally finished as new facts are surfacing every day. There are many disappointing gaps that may never be filled. At this point the expected size of the publication is unknown, but 380 years of family history will undoubtedly demand a larger book than the English Muniment. For one thing, we have more genealogists digging out family information and we suspect there were more Wingfields living and have lived in the USA than lived in England for the seven hundred years the English version recorded.

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Wingfields invade Arizona

One hundred and six members attended the third annual WFS meeting in Arizona and everyone proclaimed it a tremendous success. Members and guests came from 19 states and Great Britain. Not enough time was the only complaint.

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BOB WINGFIELD of Northbrook, Ill. photographs scenic Sedona area while Jocelyn Wingfield of London looks on.

OBITUARY

Dr. Wm. L. Wingfield of Marl Ridge

Jocelyn Wingfield of London, England and good friend of Bill Wingfield gave a eulogy of him at the WFS meeting in Arizona prior to dinner, as follows:

"It is my unenviable task to inform you all that my parents' great friend of over 30 years' standing...and of mine also, Dr. William Lynn Wingfield (cousin Bill) passed away peacefully last night. His unfailing support in the forming of the Wingfield Family Society will long be remembered.

Bill was past president of Hanover County (Virginia) Historical Society; he was instrumental in getting "Old Homes of Hanover County" with its many Wingfield references published.



WILLIAM LYNN WINGFIELD

It was Bill who carried out extensive research in England leading to the

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WINGFIELDS INVADE...

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Highlight of the visit was the motor-coach trip through miles of Wingfield country with spectacular and scenic sightseeing before stopping in picturesque Sedona for lunch. The afternoon saw a calvary demonstration at Camp Verde reminiscent of the post Civil War era complete with uniforms and skilled horsemanship.

Arrival at Louis and Billie's Horseshoe Ranch was probably a relief to the bus drivers who wondered if the ranch house would ever appear after a seemingly endless drive on remote roads. But appear it did, and the two motorcoaches arrived with 85 Wingfields, disgorged its anxious passengers to an awaiting group of local volunteers who were preparing a gigantic Arizona-style barbecue. All WFS members were appropriately dressed for the occasion, most looking like cowhands ready to mount their horses and go to work on Horseshoe Ranch.

There was much to do and see before dinner. Calf roping, horseshoeing, covered wagon rides, just wandering around the barn, cattle corrals, games, plenty of snacks and drinks, and helping the cooks prepare the food. Louis, our host, was head cook in his 10 gallon hat and apron proclaiming, "Wingfield Country."

Lennie Mills had the Wingfield Store set up in one of the covered wagons and the Wingfield T-shirts were snapped up quicker than a cow hand could rope a calf.

When it was time for dinner, the 160 or so guests at Horseshoe Ranch enjoyed and savored the delicious food that was piled so high on their plates that few could go back for seconds.

Dessert? You bet. Trays and trays of homemade cookies and ice cream dispenser that would frustrate a liberal calorie counter, but who cared, this was a once-in-a-lifetime experience.

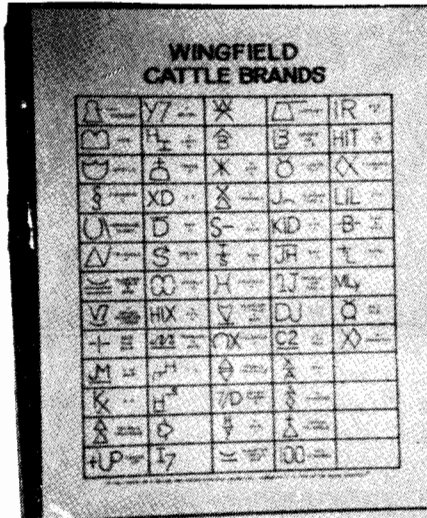
As it darkened at the ranch, the stars filled the sky like you probably remembered as a child, so bright in the clear sky, away from the urban lights.

Our speaker, Nancy Welch gave a review of the trek of the Wingfields west in the 1800s. She had charts and maps that clearly defined the zigzagged route these pioneers took before finally settling in the Verde Valley of Arizona.

Filling the 2 buses to return to Scottsdale was difficult as no one wanted to leave.



...SOME OF THE MEMBERS arrived by covered wagon.



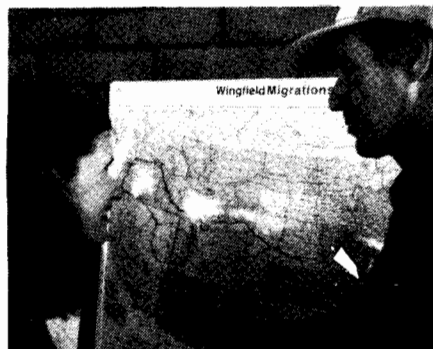
WFS MEMBERS learned the extent of the cattle ranching in Arizona by the Wingfields when they saw the scores of cattle brands that are registered to various family members.



MEETING CHAIRMAN, Elva Wingfield, of Phoenix, Ariz. sorts out the details to make sure every facet of the meeting went without a hitch. ...and everyone could tell it was properly planned and executed from start to finish.



A RANCH HAND turns the meat in preparation to feed 160 hungry people at the Horseshoe Ranch.



NANCY WELCH of Phoenix, Ariz. who is doing research on the Arizona Wingfields shows Jocelyn Wingfield of London a map of their trek west.



SCENE AT THE MEETING in Scottsdale, WFS members listen attentively as the program progresses with speakers such as Vance Wingfield and Richard Quarles.



IN APPRECIATION for hosting the entire group of Wingfields for an Arizona barbecue at his ranch, Lennie Mills of Corpus Christi, Texas helps Louis Wingfield pick a special Wingfield pin as a gift for his wife Billie.

Donate a muniments book to your library

Because of our windfall of extra muniments books, your board of directors voted to allow copies of the *Muniments of the Ancient Family of Wingfield* to be sold to Genealogy Sections of libraries at a discount. The cost is \$60 per book, shipping included and must be mailed to the library.

Some of the members who learned about this special offer have already purchased copies for libraries of their selection. We will be notifying major libraries about the availability of these books for direct sales to them at the reduced price. This is your chance to take a tax deduction and contribute one of these valuable books to your local library's genealogical section. Check with your accountant as to the amount of tax deduction.

It is felt that this book will be a useful addition to the genealogy libraries and we urge all members to let your library know about this offer. The offer is limited and will be withdrawn when the overrun is exhausted. They should be ordered from: WFS in Belleair, FL and a check should be included. That's \$60 and be sure to give us the name and address of the library for mailing. The library will be notified with copy to you so you will know it has been sent.



ELIZABETH RAYMOND of Reno, Nevada told the WFS banquet audience the story of the illustrious George Wingfield, often called the King of Nevada.



ELVA WINGFIELD, meeting chairman poses with cousin Gail Miller of Richmond, Va.



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VANCE WINGFIELD of Ft. Worth, Texas takes time out from his computer presentations to enjoy some relaxation by playing horseshoes at the Horseshoe Ranch at the Arizona meeting.

WFS TO PUBLISH...

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For those members that want to be part of this exciting project, please contact Bob Carr at the Belleair, Florida address noted on this newsletter who, at least initially, is coordinating the project. Your ideas and suggestions are solicited, but most of all we need writers to put the history into a form that is readable, interesting and, of course, factual.

This will not be a listed series of pedigree charts, although, pedigree charts will probably be included for necessary reference. The principal format should be a history of each Wingfield ancestor with as much information as can be researched. Not only when and where they were born, married, died and buried, but their occupation, if they went to college, if they fought in a war, their rank, were they in public life, what they owned, their accomplishments, any special activities, etc., etc.

Admittedly the further back one goes the less details will be available, but this is our chance to get as many family details accumulated into one gigantic history book of the Wingfields. Information can be obtained from the family bible, old newspaper clippings, books, wills, surveys and even verbal stories.

It should also include living Wingfields, for which there will be ample information.

Wingfields arriving Canada pre-1896

Compiled by Jocelyn Wingfield, May 1988

- 1815-16** Lieut. David W., R.N., Lake Huron. From Stroud, Gloucestershire, England. Cape Wingfield in Lake Huron named for him.
- 1828-36** Lieut. (later Major-General) Charles William Wingfield, Royal Horse Artillery, of Tickencote Branch.
- 1828-41** Major (later Colonel) Thomas Henry Wingfield, Duke of Cornwall's Light Infantry, of Tickencote Branch.
- 1828-46** Major Clopton Lewis Wingfield (13th Regiment then King's Dragoon Guards) of Rhysnant Branch (Onslow/tennis), of Kingston, Upper Canada died 1846 Quebec.
- Circa 1833** Jane Wingfield of Clopton Lewis Wingfield (above)
- 1836** Walter Clopton Wingfield (inventor of lawn tennis) & sister, Jane Mary Anne

Wingfield, children of Clopton Lewis and Jane Wingfield (above).

- 1847-96** Alexander Hamilton Wingfield (born 1st August, 1828 at Blantyre, Lanarkshire, Scotland) of Hamilton, Ontario. Poet. (See Dictionary of National Biog. of Canada). Not fitted into Suffolk Wingfield tree yet.

Circa 1837-62+ Rowland Wingfield (of Rhysnant, Welsh Border, baptised there 22nd July 1808, brother of Clopton L. Wingfield (above), of Amherstburg, Detroit, Michigan and of Guelph, near Toronto, (1838), then of Davenport, Iowa. Had up on trumped up charge of treason by British 1837/38 but then set free.

The WFS would like to hear from any descendants of the above Canadian Wingfields.

5-year memberships available

The board of directors approved a five-year membership in the Wingfield Society for \$100, saving \$25 over the yearly renewal fees. Since most memberships have been paid for the year of 1989, few are expected to take advantage of this savings until renewal time.

Our next membership brochure will outline this savings feature.

DR WM. L. WINGFIELD OF MARL RIDGE

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discovery that John Wingfield, York Herald was buried 1678 at St. George's Southwark — which led to my discovery that John's son Thomas was born 29 March, 1664 at St. Bent's Paul's Warf.

It was Bill, of course, who was instrumental in placing the large marble plaque in memory of President Edward Maria Wingfield at Jamestown. Bill himself will long remain alive in our memory. We extend our deepest sympathy to Lois Wingfield Wickam, his sister, and Lynn Wingfield, his son, both here tonight as Bill would have wished...and especially to Charlotte his wife at Marl Ridge and to his son, Spottswood. "What incredible timing — the weekend of the family reunion!" said Lynn.

Before you all enjoy yourselves, as Bill would have wished, I ask you all to rise for a minute's silence, to remember our society's first chairman, our very dear "cousin Bill."

Bill was born in Richmond in 1912 and lived in Marl Ridge, the historical family home, almost all his life. His practice as a medical doctor was interrupted for military service as a battalion surgeon in World War II in Italy. He is survived by Charlotte Old and two sons, William Lynn Jr. and Spottswood Old.

In the 1950s Bill made contact with Tim Wingfield (Jocelyn's father) and Jack Parry-Wingfield who inherited Tickencote, in England. Thus he embarked on his avocation of genealogy, particularly of the Wingfield family, that lasted almost 40 years.

When the organizational meeting of the Wingfield Family Society was held in Hanover, County in 1987, all founding members were treated to a visit to his historical home, Marl Ridge.

Bill was elected Chairman Emeritus of the Wingfield Family Society in May, 1988.

Burwell Wingfield weds

WFS member Erwin Burwell Wingfield from Lexington, Va. married Kathleen J. Coffey on May 21, 1989 at the Virginia Military Institute. Kathleen works in the personnel office at Washington and Lee University and is Director of Christian Education at the Lexington Presbyterian Church. With the marriage, Kathleen automatically becomes a member of the WFS.

Moved, better tell us

Like all subscriptions, if we are not notified of an address change, you very well may not get your newsletter or other important WFS mailings. We sometimes mail 3rd class, that is not forwarded.

Be sure and give your old address as well as the new, especially if your name is Wingfield and there may be others with the same first name.

UK Wingfields visit President Wilsie in Florida

Brigadier Tony Wingfield, now living in County Heath, Ireland and his sister Jocelyn Wingfield Cobbold of Suffolk, England recently visited Florida. While there they contacted Wilsie Wingfield Carr and had an afternoon discussion about the Wingfield Family Society. Both are members of the Society.

Tony agreed to submit some "Wingfield in History" articles for the newsletter. These will be appearing in future issues. The first will be on Sir John Wingfield and the Black Prince which members will find fascinating, especially the connection with Wingfields and the capture of French nobility at the Battle of Portiers in 1356.

Tony and Jocelyn's grandfather was Mervyn Wingfield, 7th Viscount Powerscourt who was the author of the Muniments of the Ancient Saxon Family

of Wingfield, that the WFS had re-published.



BOB CARR (left to right), Tony Wingfield, Wilsie Wingfield Carr President of the WFS and Jocelyn Wingfield Cobbold.

WFS MEMBER PROFILE

Sally and Sonny Mathy



SONNY AND SALLY MATHY

By Susan C. Smith Cavanagh

Many of us know and love Sally and Sonny Mathy of Fairfax, Va. Sally is my first cousin and when I was asked to write a profile of two of my favorite people, I was delighted. I remember a special day last October when Terry and I attended this couple's fiftieth wedding anniversary. They were joined by a large number of

friends and relatives for the celebration in Fairfax and Washington, D.C. It was a lovely affair beginning in their newly built home nestled in the woods near their former Williamsburg-style house which Sonny had so painstakingly made authentic by his own hand or his supervision.

Sally is a direct descendant of Thomas Wingfield of York River, Va., whose son, Thomas, married Sarah Garland. Sally, christened Sarah Garland Lynch, and named for her grandmother, Sarah Garland Lucas Smith, was born and raised in Florence, S.C.. Sally has one sister, Elizabeth, married to Hugh H. Jackson Jr., living on the Isle of Hope, Savannah, Ga. They, too, are interested members of the Wingfield Family Society and look forward to the time when they can join us at an annual meeting.

Sally met Sonny in Washington, D.C. where she was working for her congressman. The Mathys have a son, Joe, who lives in Broken Arrow, Okla., with his wife, Laura; and a daughter, Garland, who lives in Fairfax, Va. with her husband Joe and daughter Julia.

In 1965 Sally and Sonny joined their son and daughter in Europe where they visited several countries. When Garland finished her studies in France she was employed by Pan American and thereafter the family had many interesting trips to Europe, Africa and Iran.

For 30 years Sonny was associated with the Mathy Company Sheet Metal Works and other branches of the building trade. He was born and raised on a farm in Fairfax, Va., and has never lost his interest in farming. He was chairman of a small bank for 15 years and has developed an interest in real estate and building. Sally's interest include her church, her home, her friends, cooking (she collects cookbooks), gardening and music.

For the past year the Mathys have been occupied with building their new home in Fairfax and all that it entails. They enjoy spending time on Hilton Head Island, S.C. where they have a condominium.

Thoughtfulness, generosity, and a desire to share with others are qualities I choose to describe this Wingfield Family Society couple.

What happened to the Confederate gold?

On May 5, 1865, Jefferson Davis, the President of the Confederate States of America sent a shipment of gold to Washington, Georgia to protect it from being taken by the Union Forces. The gold has disappeared in a mystery still unsolved after 235 years. The empty chest, all that remains of the shipment, is in the Library of Washington, Ga. and hasn't been opened for years. When it was opened the gold was gone and the lock snapped shut and no one has been able to open it again.

Dr. J. T. Bryson, director of tourism of the town of Washington will tell the fascinating story with his theory of where the gold went to members of the Wingfield Family Society that will hold its 4th annual meeting in Georgia with a visit to Washington, Ga.

John Wingfield, Grandson of Thomas Wingfield of York River, Va. moved to Wilkes County, Georgia in 1784 in the area that is now Washington. Cotton was king and the Wingfields prospered by growing cotton and shipping it to England. During this era before the Civil War, they built plantations and palatial homes in the charming town. Today there are 42 antebellum homes that are on, or qualify

for the National Register in the town of Washington, many of which were at one time owned by Wingfields.

The WFS meeting will be on 6-8 April, 1990 specifically timed when the dogwood will be in bloom throughout the Georgia countryside. Details will be announced later, but keep these dates open.



WILSIE CARR, President of the WFS, discusses plans for the Georgia meeting with Dr. J. T. Bryson, Director of Tourism for Washington, Ga.

Get extra copies of Muniments at a discount

The Wingfield Society took advantage of an overrun of 90 *Muniments of the Ancient Saxon Family of Wingfield* books and secure them at a considerable discount. Otherwise these beautiful books would have been discarded.

At the recent meeting in Scottsdale, Ariz., it was decided that members who had already purchased one or more of the books at the regular price could buy additional copies at a discount for family members or for gifts. We have a computer record of all persons who purchased the Muniments book to keep track of those eligible for this discount opportunity.

If you have already purchased at least one book, you may purchase a second for just \$100, a third for \$90, a fourth for \$80 and fifth or more for \$70. This is a limited offer and will be withdrawn as soon as the overrun is exhausted. The WFS is absorbing the mailing costs within the U.S.

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WINGFIELDS IN HISTORY

CAPTAIN NICHOLAS WINGFIELD HANGED FOR PIRACY WITH CAPTAINS HALSEY AND HYDE: THOMAS WINGFIELD ESCAPES THE NOOSE, MARCH 1759

By Jocelyn Wingfield

(A reminder for modern readers: George II is on the throne, Great Britain and Prussia are two years into their Seven Years War with France, Austria and Russia. 1759 is to be the year of the great Anglo-Hanoverian land victory over the French at Minden and of the British capture of Quebec. The captains of British privateers — private vessels commissioned to seize and plunder the enemy's ships — were authorized to search ships of all nations.)

The so-called "Trials of all the Pirates" at the Admiralty Sessions at the Old Bailey (law courts) ended in mid-May with three of the privateer captains being sentenced to be hanged.

In the first of the two trials, when Captain Halsey was found guilty of the murder of two of his own crew and had been sentenced to death, Captain Nicholas Wingfield and Adam Hyde appeared in the dock, charged with robbery and piracy on the high seas off Kent, in that they did purloin for their own use 20 firkins — that is half a ton or 5 barrels — of butter out of a Dutch vessel. Arranged with the two captains were Thomas Wingfield and Thomas Kent, who were presumably the seconds-in-command of the two privateers.

Apparently the Dutchman was plying between Ireland and Bremen. Kinsale in Ireland, as usual, was then considered a likely enemy landing place for the French fleet. A French invasion was then thought to be imminent (and indeed was defeated at Kinsale the following year). Captains Wingfield and Hyde, somewhere off Dover led their two boarding parties aboard the Dutch vessel, having cornered her, and removed the said butter, which they kept for their own use.

The two captains were found guilty of stealing — actually ten casks of butter; presumably they took five each — and were forthwith sentenced to be hanged at Execution Dock, Wapping, downstream from the Tower. Thomas Wingfield and Thomas Kent escaped execution (but it is not recorded whether they were released or transported or imprisoned). After the death sentence was announced, the common hangman, armed, came forward to bind the hands of the

condemned men with whipcord.

In prison Wingfield, Hyde and Halsey were visited every two hours on the Sunday afternoon then twice a day until the morning of the next day before their execution. That particular afternoon was reserved for communion.

At about 8:30 the next day, "when the tide was right," they were taken by cart (through jeering crowds?) by the deputy marshal, the "proper officers" of the admiralty attending, one of them leading, bearing a raised silver oar. It was a two-mile ride to the low water mark at Wapping Dock. As they approached the scaffold at the Tree of Death from the east, a second large platform erected for spectators suddenly collapsed and many of them fell into the mud or indeed into the Thames itself, but, unlike the pirate captains, they at least, escaped with their lives. Before placing a noose around the neck of each prisoner in turn, a cap was pulled down over their eyes. Then, as the tide began to turn, at the pull of a lever, the trap door beneath their feet dropped down and Captains Nicholas Wingfield, Adam Hyde and Nicholas Halsey were left swinging in the breeze.

The rich merchant and famous pirate, Captain Kidd had also perished there at Execution Dock, just over half a century before — but he had captured and hidden (on Gardiner's Island, New York) £14,000 in gold bars, not just half a ton of butter!

(No other pirates have been recorded in the Wingfield or Adams families, but Captain Joseph Halsey had succeeded his namesake and probably kinsman, Captain John Halsey had succeeded his namesake and probably kinsman, Captain John Halsey, the famous South Sea pirate of Boston, Mass., who had died — in his bed — in 1716. It is unlikely, between sentencing and the sentence being carried out, that Captain Nicholas Wingfield was incarcerated in the Tower (where Sir Robert Wingfield had resided for a few months in the 1440s for "annoying" the "new" young Duke of Norfolk). He probably passed his last days in Newgate, the main London prison. It has not yet been determined if the two Wingfield pirates fit on the family trees, but I for one do hope we shall find that link.)

WELCOME, COUSINS — NEW MEMBERS

Welcome!

Following is a list of recent new members to the Wingfield Family Society. Only the name of the registering member is listed, however each family member residing at that address is also a member.

Gladys Bishop, Sun City, Ariz.; James Boehm, Escholzmatt, Switzerland; Helen Butler, Eagar, Ariz.; Frances Carr, Camp Verde, Ariz.; Mrs. Jocelyn Cobbold, Wodbridge, Suffolk, England; Sanda Daba, Palm Desert, Calif.; James Gardner, Wichita, Kan.; Hugh Wingfield-Hays, Chinchester, England; Paula Mortensen, Milpitas, Calif.; Dora McCarthy, Clovis, N.M.; Betty McIntosh, Mineral Springs, Ariz., Ann Rowbottom, Simcoe, Ontario,

Canada; John Ruf, Kensington, Md.; Kitty Wingfield Smith, Uniontown, Pa.; Janice Stewart, Peoria, Ariz.; Tracy Vanderford, Ingleside, Texas; Douglas Wingfield, Prescott, Ariz.; Gertrude Wingfield, Camp Verde, Ariz.; Gladys Wingfield, Milwaukie, Ore.; Greg Wingfield, Knoxville, Tenn.; Henry Wingfield, Sedona, Ariz.; Joline Wingfield, Wray, CO; Orphia Wingfield, Tularosa, N.M.; and Richard Wingfield, Kinistino, Sask, Canada.

We urge all members, old and new, to recommend at least one new member for our society. New memberships received for the rest of the year will be credited through 1990.

Annual reunion for New Mexico Wingfields

Opal and Bud Wingfield are the official Wingfield Family Society Newsletter reporters to cover the New Mexico Reunion in Tularosa, N.M. on July 1 and 2. The next newsletter will have a report on this meeting, that is being organized by Bud's brother, Bill Wingfield of Roswell, N.M., and will be held in Ophra Wingfield's home in Tularosa.

Seventy-five family members are expected from New Mexico, Colorado, Texas and California.

Please keep the WFS Newsletter editor informed of local Wingfield family reunions so we can properly publicize them, the further in advance the better.