

newsletter

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

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George Wingfield to be inducted into National Mining Hall of Fame

George Wingfield (d. 1957) will join eleven other former mining greats to be inducted into the National Mining Hall of Fame's fifth annual installation on Sunday, October 18, 1992. The select group of notable members of the hall of fame will total 102 with this years inductees. The ceremonies will take place at a special banquet at the Desert Inn in Las Vegas, Nevada. George Wingfield, like all the others will be initiated posthumously as one of the twelve legendary pioneers that achieved lasting greatness in the mining and natural resource environment.

The purpose of the hall of fame is to perpetuate the memory of leaders in the mining industry selected for honors by permanently recording their contributions to this vital element of our national existence. It is dedicated to the education of all generations by presenting true picture of the mining industry, the critical importance to everyday living and its place in the future.

The keynote speaker at the black tie

affair will be "Red Adair" who has been in the business of oil field fire fighting for 50 years. His exploits inspired the John Wayne movie, "Hellfighters." As president of the Red Adair Company, of Houston, Texas, Adair led his crew in the recent historic

George Wingfield



extinguishing of the fires in Kuwait. It seems appropriate that a risk taker such as Red Adair talk about the honorees who were certainly risk takers themselves.

George Wingfield was involved in many

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A message from our president



President Bob Wingfield

My cousins are always on my mind, either in search of my own ancestors, hearing from the WFS members, gathering information about past Wingfields or recruiting more members into our society.

This past August, Virginia and I spent some time in the Lynchburg/Amherst, Virginia area visiting cousins and searching for more information on my great grandfather and his descendants. We met several

Wingfields, some were members, some not.

Adrienne Wingfield became a member in 1988. She has keen interest in her Wingfield background but was unable to do much research. Adrienne's father was Guy Livingstone Wingfield and his father Charles Henry

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"Links" solves 50 year old mystery

Most members of the WFS know that it was through the joint efforts of Wilsie Wingfield Carr and Dr. Bill Wingfield (now deceased) that the Wingfield Family Society was formed. It was in 1986 at one of the meetings in Richmond, VA when a subject came up that strangely brought to light a coincidental incident that occurred in the 1930s.

Wilsie mentioned an event that took place when she was a small child in Athens, GA. It was during the depression and as she recalled her grandfather, William Callaway

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What makes the WFS unique?

By Bob Carr

Recently we obtained a roster of all the family societies and associations in the United States. There are about 5000 in all and the book is gigantic. Most recognizable names now have family societies.

Since inception of the Wingfield Family Society in 1987, I have mulled over several points. The first is why the Wingfield Family Society was so late in getting started on a national and international basis, and second, what is the spark of charisma that seems to fuel the enthusiasm and excitement among the members. What makes the WFS stand out from the others, and believe me it does?

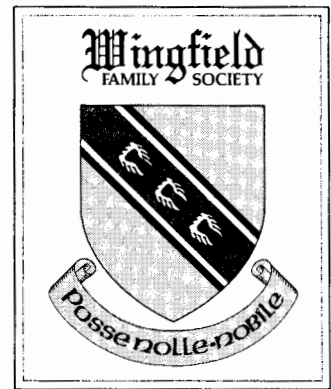
Perhaps it was luck that brought together the ideal mix of personalities and talents coming to the forefront at exactly the right time. Surely it is true and we have some really outstanding and dedicated members that give unselfishly of their time and talent to further the organization. The accomplishment of the WFS in a mere five years is astounding. I challenge any other family society to even approach the achievements of the Wingfield Family Society in such a short period of time.

But there is another ingredient that really makes us unique that I think is the real catalyst and this is family pride. It is especially refreshing when new members, some that only vaguely knew they had a some Wingfield blood, learn of their ancient and prominent heritage.

The Wingfields are descended from a outstanding, ancient family whose accomplishments read like a James Michener historical novel. The Wingfield involvement in history, particularly English history, is significant and members of the family played many important roles as events unfolded.

Between 1426 and 1899 there were 27 Wingfield knights, 2 Knights of the Garter and 4 Knights of the Bath. During the reign of Henry VIII there were 8 or 9 knights at the same time and 2 Knights of the Garter. In England and later Ireland, the Wingfields

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Wingfield had received notice from England that he had inherited some valuable property and would have to come there to claim it. The family had some knowledge of the Wingfield heritage but times were hard so nothing was done about it. Later Wilsie heard about the Wingfield Castle and speculated that this may have been the property. This played on her mind and years later she tried to find these papers, but to no avail.

As Wilsie related the story, Dr. Bill's eyes lit up as this triggered a similar memory that had independently happened to his father at about the same time. Dr. Bill remembered his father received a property "inheritance" notice from a lawyer in England. It called for going to England to claim the property. Dr. Bill's father turned it over to a local attorney in Richmond to follow-up. There was a definite interest, but not enough information to know exactly what was involved or how excited to get. As he further recalled there was overseas correspondence, then abruptly it stopped and the connection was lost. Eventually it was dismissed but not forgotten.

Dr. Bill credited this event as starting his lifelong interest in his search of his ancestors in England. Dr. Bill Wingfield died in 1989 with the mystery unsolved.

In Reno, when Wilsie purchased a copy of Jocelyn Wingfield's book "Links" she found on page 31 the following entry:

"1930s. Some male Wingfields in the USA & the UK were made aware through

solicitors or discovered that they were being "checked out," with regards to inheriting a large house with land "believed to be in Lincolnshire" belonging to a Wingfield bachelor. Comment. This is believed to have been by or on behalf of Colonel Johnny (JM) Wingfield, the last owner of Tickencote Hall, Rutland. JMW was apparently looking for "a close enough Wingfield relation with money and position." The original house was pulled down about 1950."

"A fascinating story how "Links" has solved a 50+ year old mystery."

(Ed. note: Members might want to re-read the "Tickencote Hall" story by member John Parry-Wingfield in two parts published in the Winter and Spring, 1989 issues of the WFS newsletter. John's father was the nephew of the Johnny Wingfield mentioned in Links.)

Do you have your copy of Links? Now also on disk

Forty years of accumulation of data on the Wingfield family has been compiled by our historian, Jocelyn Wingfield and published in a soft cover book entitled "Links." This is a collection of gleaning of world-wide Wingfield family records, most of the subjects being as yet unplaced, or unlinked.

There are charts and stories never published before plus hundreds of entries by area and date that just may fill in that missing link. Most of the subjects are in England but there are listings from other areas all over the world.

Just a glance through the book reveals the seemingly inexhaustible work that has gone into this publication. If you are a serious researcher or just interested in the Wingfields that have done something important enough to be recorded and waiting to be "linked," this book is for you. There are hangings, defraudings, fines and even a 1606 will of Sir

Anthony Wingfield of Goodwin (near Letheringham) that left his armour and tent to his brother. There are literally hundreds of interesting events listed in this book. It is indeed engaging.

Now also available on computer, 3 1/2 inch disk, or soft cover book either for \$20 postage paid. The disk is on Word Perfect.

Order through the Wingfield Store, c/o Gerry Dutton, 611 Oak Manor Drive., El Dorado, AR 71730. Specify disk or book.



Jocelyn Wingfield

Update on Jocelyn Wingfield's book

"Virginia's True Founder Edward-Maria Wingfield and his Times 1550-c.1614"

Excitement abounds as Jocelyn Wingfield new book nears publication. The WFS's previous major publishing projects, the Muniments... and "Some Records..." were photo offset reprints of existing books, both originally published years ago with copyrights expired. Susan and Terry Cavanagh have been responsible for all the WFS major publication and they must be complimented for the elegance and quality of the re-published books.

The current project, Jocelyn Wingfield's work on Edward-Maria Wingfield, will be the Society's first original publication and it is requiring much greater input by Ken Wingfield as artist and by Graphic Composition of Athens, Georgia, its compositors. Graphics expects to have proofs ready for dispatch to Jocelyn by September 14.

The title has been changed to: "Virginia's True Founder: Edward-Maria Wingfield and his Times 1550-c.1614" as more descriptive.

The book sets the record straight with regards to the first days of the fledgling colony of Jamestown in 1607 when Wingfield was the first president. We hope the book will receive wide distribution to scholars and libraries worldwide to give just credit to the role Edward-Maria played at Jamestown.

Exact publication date has not been set, nor have prices.

Membership Chairman's Report

Dear Cousins,

By now you should have received your 1992 Roster. If you did not receive one, please let me know and I will send one immediately. There are plans for a better one next spring which will have a permanent cover and pages will be replaced every year. We think this will make a nicer Roster and be less expensive in the long run.

Our membership is not growing at this time. Our state chairmen have been trying to find new members and I have sent many letters overseas to prospects Jocelyn sent me. But, nothing seems to be happening. We lost about 15 who we could not get to renew. We are holding around three hundred and Lord Bob wants us to have at least 350 by the next meeting. We really need everyone's help on this. You all have relatives who could join. You also may run into a Wingfield now and then. Just send names of possible members to me if you do not know who is your state chairman. Help!

Dee Epps, Membership Chairman

Family Tree By Ken Wingfield



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business ventures in Nevada from 1902 until his death in 1959. This included hotels, casinos, banks, ranch and farms, but his greatest success was in mining and specifically the Goldfield Consolidate Mines south of Reno.

Each inductee will be highlighted with slides depicting their lives as can best be reconstructed. At the appropriate time the spotlight will swing to the Wingfield table identifying the family members in attendance. Planning to attend, representing the WFS and descendants of George Wingfield, are: Melinda and Morgan Price of San Rafael, CA, their daughter Holly Price of Novato, CA, Sandra Daba of Palm Desert, CA, and Wilsie Wingfield Carr with her husband Bob of Belleair, FL. All are members of the WFS.

Engraved photographs and biographies of George Wingfield will be placed in the National Mining Hall of Fame in Leadville, Colorado.

See adjacent article on this page about a new book by Elizabeth Raymond "George Wingfield Owner and Operator of Nevada" to be out in November.

New George Wingfield Book to be out in November

Last May in Reno, we had George Wingfield's attorney, Virgil Wedge, as our guest speaker. Also in attendance were most of George Wingfield's living direct descendants seated at the head table, plus Elizabeth Raymond.

Elizabeth Raymond is Associate Professor of History at the University of Nevada and as many members will remember was one of our speakers at the Scottsdale WFS meeting in 1989. Her talk introduced most of the attendees to George Wingfield and many of his exploits in Nevada during the first half of the 1900s. At that time she had done considerable research on the background history of George Wingfield for a book she was writing. The book is now being published.

The title of the book is "George Wingfield



Author- Elizabeth Raymond

Owner and Operator of Nevada." It is cloth bound, 368 pages with 20 photographs. The biography depicts the man and his times, from his birth in Arkansas in 1876 until his death in Reno in 1959. The fact he was controversial is very much portrayed and there is no doubt he represents one of the most interesting Wingfields in recent history.

The book will be out in November. We have been granted the right to sell the book to our members at considerably below the retail price of \$31.95 plus \$2.50 postage (total \$34.45). Your cost for the first run is only \$22.45 plus \$2.50 shipping or only \$24.95. We must order a minimum of only 8 books.

The author, Elizabeth Raymond, will personally autograph each book purchased before November 15 for WFS members.

For a copy send your check for \$24.95 to Wingfield Family Society at 301 Belleview Blvd., Belleair, FL 34616, by November 15. If we fail to get at least 8 orders, all checks will be returned or applied to the regular reduced price of \$28.50 plus shipping.



GENI-LOGY QUERIES

Seeking the lineage of Elizabeth Wingfield who married Richard Hudson in Virginia. Their son, Thomas, Sr., was born in 1735. Gwen Frederick, 1810 Carson Lane, NW, Huntsville, AL 35816.

Query suggestions

Is it a compliment that WFS members seldom send newsletter queries to find genealogical information? Could it be we provide so much information with our database and excellent genealogist cooperation, queries are unnecessary? Or are our members not aware we do publish a "Query" column whenever any are received?

We encourage our members to send queries and within reason publish the data pretty much as submitted. We thought a few suggestions and guidelines may be helpful for wording the query for standardization and easy readability. After all sometimes what you are trying to say may be complex and complicated.

Save space and speed reading by abbreviating key items, for example. b=born, d=died, m=married, ca=circa (about, referring to dates), Co=County, dau=daughter, g=great (example g-g-grandfather means great great grandfather), 1=first spouse, 2=second spouse, etc., ???=unknown first or last name, ?=information is uncertain. Names of states are shown using standard postal abbreviated codes, example TX=Texas, VA=Virginia.

The name, address and sometimes phone number of the submitter is shown at the end of the query.

Be sure to double check all dates and places, and the spelling of names. It is best to indicate surnames by underlining or showing in all capitals. It is easy to mistake a married woman's maiden surname for a middle given name.

Query service for members is free and we urge you to use this service if you feel it will help.

Change of addresses

Your newsletter is now being mailed via bulk mail (except foreign which still goes airmail) so it is essential that you notify us if your address changes. The post office will not forward bulk mail pieces. If your address is changing, notify the membership chairman or the newsletter editor at 301 Belleview Blvd., Belleair, FL 34616.

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were equivalent to power brokers, their influence sometimes rivaling the monarch.

What other family can claim involvement in 16 castles, 11 in England and 5 in Ireland? And this does not count several in France.

One must rely on their imagination to picture the Wingfield's ancient Saxon ancestors paddling their long boats up the River Waverly, perhaps between the sixth and eight centuries to establish their mud and waddle strongholds on the flat and fertile land of East Anglia.

Wingfield is in the doomsdaybook 1076, indicating the family was there before William crossed the channel from Normandy with his band of conquerors landing at Hastings in 1066, killing King Harold and claiming all of England. Indeed it is recorded in "Muniments of the Ancient Saxon Family of Wingfield" that King Harold stayed with the Noble Thane of Wingfield and on his departure mounted his horse from a certain stone subsequently called Harold's stone. The town is now known as Harleston. From here he went to meet his fate at the Battle of Hastings.

In the early 1300's Sir John Wingfield, a friend of King Edward III, was appointed High Steward to his son, the Prince of Wales, later known as the Black Prince. Sir John was with the Black Prince and fought at the Battle of Poitiers at which the King of France was captured. Sir John Wingfield participated in the ransom payment to King Edward and his share was over £1666, a truly handsome sum in those days.

In 1520, King Henry VIII crossed the channel to a designated spot near Calais, France to joust with the new French King in an opulent display of medieval chivalry to an event known in history as the "Field of the Cloth of Gold." At least three Wingfield knights attended with King Henry; Sir Richard Wingfield, Knight of the Bath and Marshall of Calais, Sir Anthony Wingfield, Knight of the Garter who had been privy counsellor to King Henry VII, and then became Comptroller and vice-Chamberlain of the household of Henry VIII and Sir Robert Wingfield, Knight of the Bath who was a Knight of the Holy Sepulcher of Jerusalem.

The grandson of Elizabeth Wingfield, Charles Brandon after an intriguing interlude, was permitted by Henry VIII to marry the king's sister Mary Tudor. Mary had been Queen of France and was widowed when Louis XII of France died. There were some anxious moments before the king finally agreed to the marriage. Charles was made Duke of Suffolk.

Sir Richard Wingfield, P. C. (Privy Counsellor), later Knight of the Garter, came into possession of Kimbolton Castle when he

married Cathrine Woodville, sister of King Edward IV's Queen Elizabeth and widow of the Duke of Buckingham in 1611. His son Charles inherited the castle, but we do not know if he lived there between 1534 and 1536 when Henry VIII used it as a prison for his wife Kathrine of Argon during the time he was dallying with Anne Boleyn and seeking a divorce from Kathrine. Queen Kathrine died while interned at Kimbolton.

Sir Richard Wingfield, Marshall of Ireland was conveyed the title Viscount Powerscourt in 1618 by King James I for his considerable services. Eventually the estate and lands in Ireland contained 50,000 acres and is still recognized as one of the most spectacular gardens in Europe.

The only written account of the execution of Mary Queen of Scots was by Robert Wingfield on February 8, 1586. His writing graphically describes the gory killing of the Queen by ax, including one of her executioners lifting Mary's severed head and "bade God save the Queen."

John Wingfield was made York Herald in London in 1663. This post was only given to individuals of importance. His son Thomas was an immigrant to America in 1680 and many WFS members claim him as progenitor. Ironically John Wingfield died in debtor's prison.

History has virtually ignored Edward-Maria Wingfield, the first president of the Jamestown Colony. He was toppled after a series of unavoidable events in the early turbulent weeks in the fledgling colony. His disposal was engineered by his adversary, John Smith. Yet his contribution to the success of the colony was manifold and today the tour guides at Jamestown heap praises on Smith, without a single acknowledgment of the first president during the most critical time of the formation of England's first successful colony. See a related article in this newsletter about Jocelyn Wingfield's new book on Edward-Maria Wingfield to be published next spring.

Major Walter Copton Wingfield invented the game of tennis in 1874 and we all know what's happened to tennis. There is a Wingfield Room at Wimbledon near London. The Major Wingfield Club was formed in 1974 and membership is by invitation restricted to 50 members in effect honoring those with exceptional tennis accomplishments.

Wingfields are scattered throughout the United States and Canada. They fought in the Revolutionary War and on both sides in the Civil War.

George Wingfield of Nevada is the subject of several books. Indeed a new one coming out in November, entitled "George Wingfield Owner and Operator of Nevada." His rise to riches via mining, banks and hotels only

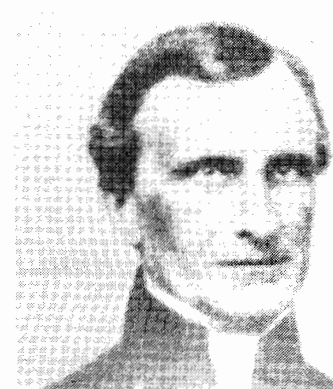
rivalled his success at politics, at one point controlling both the Republican and Democratic parties in Nevada.

In the brief space I have for this article, it is impossible to convey many other historical events that may be equally revealing, but that is the risk one takes in selecting from a smorgasbord of historical events and deciding what to choose and what to omit.

When we say there is Wingfield blood all over the globe this includes that which was spilled in countless wars plus that of the living that are engaged in every endeavor imaginable in every conceivable place from Zimbabwe to New Zealand to Hong Kong.

The days of prominence in the middle ages are gone but not forgotten. Most Wingfields, including those with different names but carrying Wingfield blood, have adapted well to the modern world.

All have a right to be proud of their heritage, it was just and honorable.



Rev. John Henry Wingfield

Who swept the streets? Now you will know

Time often confuses father and son in genealogy, especially when they have similar or nearly identical names. For example, Jocelyn Wingfield's 25 page, 1987 book "Echoes Down the Ages" states, "... our Virginian cousin (father of Bishop of California) who was forced to sweep the street of Portsmouth, Virginia etc., etc.," has a slight error. For those that have the book, take it down from the shelf, turn to page 7, scan the 1st paragraph until you come to the above sentence. Then cross out "father of" and your copy is correct. It was the son of John Henry Wingfield, John Henry Ducachet Wingfield that performed the deed as punishment, later becoming Bishop of California.

By the way John Henry Ducachet Wingfield (the son), according to a 1895 letter in possession of Dick Quarles, also swept the streets of Norfolk, Virginia.

Watch for more on this incident in "Wingfields in History" in a future issue.

WFS MEMBER PROFILE:

Billy H. Wingfield



Billy Wingfield

To describe Billy Wingfield in a few words it would be he is an intensely (13 years of specialized training) educated outdoor scientist, and considers his avocation as a qualified wildlife pathologist valid although his life profession was a doctor of veterinary medicine.

Just back from Alaska, fishing for salmon, we found Billy Wingfield a man that loves the outdoors and is so active in his retirement we had trouble slowing him down enough to delve into his personal history for this profile.

He likes to travel but mostly to wide and varied fishing spots. For example he has done bone fishing in the Bahamas and at Christmas Island, trout fishing in Idaho and Montana, and steelhead in Oregon. Admittedly his number one hobby is fishing and of this his preference is fly fishing.

Billy was born in 1925 in a hospital near Peach Creek, WV, home of his parents. His father had the honorable and historical name of George Washington Wingfield and was a railroad engineer for the C & O and was from Appomattox, VA.

His mother was Kate Watkins, originally from Dinwiddie County, VA. She died in 1930 and Billy was sent to live with his maternal grandmother and an aunt on a farm in Dinwiddie, County, Virginia. The family had 4 other children, and it was here he learned to enjoy the outdoors and animals. They grew tobacco, corn, wheat and raised hogs, cattle, mules, horses and chickens.

Grade and high school was at Midway School which was the same school his mother had once taught. Billy graduated from the high school in 1942, then attended Washington and Lee University for 1 year. With World War II just in the beginning stages, he applied for and was accepted as an aviation cadet. His service experience, entirely training, was in Miami Beach, Tampa, FL, and Big Springs TX, San Antonio and for pre-flight school and

bombardier-navigator training in Childress, TX. His last stint was to Las Vegas, NV for B-29 fire control officer training and was discharged there before completing the course in November, 1945.

Returning to Dinwiddie County, Billy re-enrolled at Washington and Lee University the following January, later transferring to Virginia Tech in Blacksburg, VA, specializing in forestry and wild life conservation. He graduated with his degree in 1949.

In the fall of 1949 he entered Utah State University graduate school and received a masters degree in 1951 in Wildlife Biology. His thesis was written on water fowl productivity. After a short period with the U. S. Fish and Wildlife Service and with the Indiana Conservation Department, as a waterfowl biologist, Billy moved to Fort Detrick, MD as a bacteriologist for the Chemical Corp., U. S. Department of the Army. This was the primary research center for biological (germ) warfare, the Chemical Biological and Radiological Research Center. He did research and productive work on 4 or 5 of the most toxic bacterial organism known, cultured and grew hundreds of gallons of these different organisms. Billy now says he must have been stupid to work in this environment, but was lucky, never become infected with these bacteria.

His chosen field as a wildlife biologist was quite specialized and offered limited employment opportunities, so he decided to continue his education and change his vocation, enrolling in the University of Georgia in Athens, GA school of Veterinary Medicine.

During the following two summers he went back to Fort Detrick, MD as an immunologist, making a vaccine from "scratch," and testing it on laboratory animals. Then displaying an unbelievable confidence in his creation he used the vaccine on himself. Obviously he didn't die, but suffered a temporary swollen arm.

Part of the next (third) summer was less exciting but interesting. He remained at the University of Georgia drawing blood from cattle. This was in connection with the brucellosis eradication program. Billy remembers it as quite an experience, some field work on mountain top farms, with creeks for roads, wild cattle and wilder people.

In 1958, Billy graduated as a Doctor of Veterinary Medicine but before going into practice worked with the U. S. Agricultural Research Service in Richmond, VA in the area of tuberculosis and brucellosis, in a testing and eradication program including the usual animal disease control and quarantine duties.

Billy got a chance to "practice" when one day while at his Aunt's house in Dinwiddie County, a neighbor brought a puppy by which was having convulsions. As Billy explains it the neighbor was accompanied by a

stunning blue eyed blonde, with great legs. She was Erma Louise Wray the new high school teacher of economics at Midway School, boarding at the neighbor's house. He neglected to say how the puppy made out, but Billy at that moment began to rethink his bachelorhood and he and Erma were married in 1961.

Meanwhile Billy was now living in Petersburg where his Veterinarian clinic had been established in 1960 with a classmate from the University of Georgia as his partner. Billy specialized in small animals.

Billy modestly remarks that nothing unusual or spectacular happened during the 24 years he practiced veterinarian medicine, until his retirement his in 1984. He confesses that marrying at 35 years of age he felt he could waste little time in getting a family started. By age 38 Billy had caught up with his peers. Billy and Erma had three children in three years and even if Billy doesn't think that was interesting, or exciting, perhaps Erma may not agree.

Their children are Leslie, a son age 30, a CPA living in Richmond; Anne their eldest daughter is 29, married and happily provided Billy and Erma with their only grandchild so far, a girl, Courtney Anne age 4. Anne is a registered nurse in a Petersburg hospital in the Intensive Care Unit. Billie Kay their youngest daughter, age 28, started as a grade school teacher in Lexington VA, later assigned as a reading specialist teacher in Prince George County VA.

Erma took nurses training in 1984 and became a R. N. in 1987 and is now working part time in the Oncology and Surgery unit at the same Petersburg Hospital as does their daughter, Anne.

Now retired, Billy can pursue the things he always wanted, all related to the outdoors. In addition to fishing, he is an avid quail hunter and during the season, November to February hunts every afternoon on friends property in Dinwiddie County. He has two dogs, pointers that accompany him in his diligent and dedicated quest for birds. He has done other hunting, such as wild turkey and deer, but his favorite hunt is for quail.

Billy has been a Free and Accepted Mason for 31 years, taught Sunday school at the Kenwood Methodist Church for 10 years and been a member of a local service club, Ruritan, for 21 years. He is currently the club treasurer. He enjoys reading about and collecting books on the War Between the States and visiting battlefields. Billy says, "we have a Civil War fort as part of our backyard - Ft Emory, a yankee fort, I might add!"

Asking him to reflect over his career, Billy states he would have preferred to work closer as a wildlife pathologist, but admits veterinary medicine was good to him.

Anyone for fishing?

Wingfields in Action

Susan Wingfield of Phoenix, AZ, is the daughter-in-law of Ken and Myra Wingfield and wife of their son Ron Wingfield. She is a teacher at Creighton Elementary School. This summer the school designed a program to boost the self-esteem of the students age 4 1/2 to 14. The program was a 30 minute show, "Hands that Heal" which was inspired by the Los Angeles riots. The children sang a medley of songs followed by the lyric: "Where oh where has my neighborhood gone?" The plays proves good triumphs over bad with the children standing up to the gangs.

Leah Camille Wingfield married Stephen Jon Clements on May 2, 1992 in Tucson, AZ. It was a garden wedding with luncheon at her parents, Ken and Myra Wingfield's home in Phoenix. Both bride and groom are recognized glass artists. They are represented only in fine arts galleries around the U.S. They work separately with each having their own studios. They design and execute original works on commission for collectors.

Gertrude Wingfield WFS member from Camp Verde, AZ is the brand new maternal great grandmother of Tess Amanda Carroll, 7 1/2 pounds, born on July 6. Report of the new edition to the Camp Verde clan was made by Audry Wingfield of Rimrock, AZ, with a clipping of the happy event.

Robert E. Wingfield is a fifth generation horse trainer from Kentucky. Presently he lives in San Mateo, CA and races horses in California. On August 1st he had "Torshel" at the Sonoma County Fair five and one half furlong race. WFS Member Melinda Price attended and reported the event and met Robert afterwards. Torshel placed fourth. Melinda did not say if she bet on Torshel.



Arthur and Julie Pizzinat

Julie Pizzinat WFS member from San Mateo, CA and her husband Arthur vacationed in England this summer. While there Jocelyn Wingfield WFS historian, showed them some family sites in London. Shown in the photo is Julie and Arthur at the home of Walter Wingfield, inventor of tennis.

Ian Wingfield Senior crown counsel in Hong Kong, was appointed crown solicitor in November, 1991. Previously he worked with the Official Solicitor to the Supreme Court in London for six years before joining the Hong Kong Government in 1982 as a crown counsel. He has held the crown counsel post since 1988. WFS president Bob Wingfield reported the promotion.

Pete Wingfield. The Spring, 1992 issue of the newsletter carried an article (Wingfields in Action) which referred to Pete Wingfield as an "English Rock Star." It also states he has been involved in music recording for 35 years. We then made him an actor saying he had a small part in the English film "Antonio and Jane."

Pete says these statements in the story are erroneous and your editor wants to correct any and all inaccuracies.

Modestly Pete says he is not a big star, claiming he is only a long established record producer, keyboard player and song writer, and certainly not for 35 years. He is just 44 years old. His biography indicates he can stretch his seniority in music involvement only to 23 years. Pete never heard of the movie "Antonio and Jane." There is a "Pete Wingfield" listed on the ending credits of the movie and it was a logical assumption it was this Pete Wingfield.

Pete enjoyed his own 15 minutes in the limelight as recording artist with a fondly remembered self-composed/produced hit, "Eighteen with a Bullet" (Island Records, '75).

After playing with the Everly Brother on their historic 1983 Albert Hall reunion concerts, he was to spend a fair portion of the years from 1984 to 1987 in the United States, touring and recording as pianist with the Everly Brothers. He was again on tour this summer in the U. S. and invited any WFS member that happened to attend one of the Everly Brothers concerts to come by afterward and say hello. I fear this newsletter may arrive after the tour concluded, but the offer was sincere. (My apologies to Pete. I still think he's a big star - Editor.)

Monte Latimer Monroe, WFS member from Lubbock, TX was selected to be an international referee for the sport of Taekwondo (Korean karate) at the recent Olympic Games in Barcelona. He was the only American to officiate for the sport. He enjoyed a similar privilege in 1988. Monte is in the final year of course work in a five year doctoral program in American 19th century history.

A Coincident

What does Louis Wingfield of Mayer, AZ and Wilsie Wingfield Carr of Belleair, FL have in common? They were born on exactly the same day (August 1) and same



Louis Wingfield and Wilsie Wingfield Carr

year as each other. If you want to know the year, ask Louis, Wilsie won't tell. Oh yes, they believe it was almost the same hour.

How did you learn about the WFS?

There are probably thousands of persons out there with Wingfield blood, who do not even know the Wingfield Family Society exists. Many would become members if they know about our society. But how does one reach them?

Following is one way the WFS became known by way of a youngster whose teacher had the same name as his, Wingfield.

A few years ago Ryan Wingfield, son of WFS member Burwell Wingfield of Lexington, VA was in Billie Kay Wingfield's (Ed. note: See our profile personality this month, page 35 on Billy Wingfield. Billie Kay was Billy's daughter) 4th grade class. Knowing she had the same last name as his, Ryan brought to school some information about the newly formed Wingfield Family Society that his father, Burwell had received. Billie Kay in turn passed this on to her father, Billy Wingfield who immediately joined.

Up until this time, Billy knew absolutely nothing about the Wingfield family or his heritage and had been only mildly curious. He has now searched his line back to the point he can claim, as do many WFS members, Thomas Wingfield of York River as his progenitor.

The moral of this story we all must keep our eyes and ears tuned to friends, relatives and even strangers that are Wingfield related. They may be potential members.

Letters to the Editor:

Editor:

Please correct an error in your article in the last newsletter, page 28, (Summer issue) that states only one chapter in my upcoming book "Virginia Founder Wingfield" is devoted to Edward Maria Wingfield's Jamestown period. Actually 51% concerns Virginia and 25% (5 chapters of 22) deals with Edward-Maria's time on the ground in Virginia.

Yours,
Jocelyn Wingfield
London, U. K.

A brain teaser-diluted genes

When you feel your heritage zooms back exclusively to an important individual, for example a famous king or personage of history, try a little arithmetic to show how many relatives are involved in getting you there. Go back to about the time of Columbus, starting now with each of your parents having two parents.

You are the product of eight great-grandparents, 16 great-great-grandparents, 32 great-great-great-grandparents, etc. Keep on multiplying each number by 2, figuring an average of 25 years per generation, you'll discover in a scant 500 years there were 1,048,576 people involved in your production.

Who is this Member?



Born Kathryn June Fortner in 1927 and was a rebellious young adult. She has a cat named Lightning and lives in California. This photo was taken in the 1940s. Who is she? Give up?

She was our "Profile Member" in the last issue (Summer, 1992) of the newsletter.

Mark your calendar

May 14 -16, 1993
7th Annual Meeting
Wingfield Family Society
Williamsburg, VA

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Wingfield, whose father was Anderson Wingfield, whose father was Rueben Wingfield and his father Charles Wingfield who married Racheael Joyner. There were six children in Guy's family and Adrienne is the only one living. She has lots of nieces and nephews. One of her nephews, Carol Clark Wingfield from Macon, GA is a WFS member. Adrienne is a fascinating lady with lots of interesting information to contribute to our society.



**Adrienne Wingfield with
Pres Bob in Lynchburg, VA**

I met non-members Carlton, Russell and Earl Wingfield as we traveled down route 29 from Lynchburg to Amherst, VA and saw a sign "Wingfield Real Estate." We stopped and introduced ourselves to Carlton the owner. He was most helpful in giving us directions and phoning his uncles saying they might give us more information. These two uncles, Earl and Russell live in the Lynchburg area. We spoke to both of these gentlemen inquiring about a Wingfield cemetery, but they could not give us a lead.

Our journey led us to the Jones Library in Lynchburg. Here we were able to get copies of census reports, maps, etc.

Then on to the Amherst County Courthouse to look up more records on births, deaths, wills, and land deeds. Our best reward was at the Amherst Historical Society finding a list of area cemeteries researched for the DAR. There was a Wingfield Cemetery listed with the names of people buried there. It included graves of my great-grandfather, some of his family and slaves. There were also directions on how to get there. So off we went in search of the cemetery. We looked and looked, but to no avail. But we did not give up! The next day it was back to the Amherst County Courthouse and asked all kinds of questions, looked up more records and called people in the area that knew the history of the

land.

Bravo! Mr. F. Scott Vail (whose name was listed on the DAR cemetery booklet as having found a lot of cemeteries in the area) was our savior. He not only knew about the cemetery but enthusiastically volunteered to drive us to the spot. We saw where the old plantation (Mt. View) was situated. Some bricks and stones were still there. We collected a few as souvenirs. The plantation was located on Buffalo Ridge near the southeastern part of Amherst County. The James River is on the eastern border of the property. The old graveyard was out in the woods, all covered with underbrush, trees and periwinkle. Mr. Vail told us lots of stories about how he hunted the woods in Virginia and became interested in cemeteries. He knew there was a cemetery if he saw a vast spread of periwinkle. The people would plant it as ground cover to protect the graves. We visited several other grave yards out in the woods as well as the one in Amherst.

We hope to get land rights to the Wingfield cemetery and put a fence around it so it will be preserved. Mr. Vail said he would get the information to us on how to get the land rights. He would need help in order to preserve the cemetery. Anyone interested, especially the descendants of Dr. Robert Wingfield, his wife Elizabeth S. Wingfield, their children Robert Elgan, Nannie D., Baron D., Rose, and Arthur E., please contact me. We will need to get started soon as the West Virginia Pulp and Paper Co., will soon destroy it as they proceed to cut timbers on the land.

The trip was "super" because of the wonderful Wingfields and the gracious Virginia people.

See you in Williamsburg next May.

Bob Wingfield, President, Wingfield
Family Society

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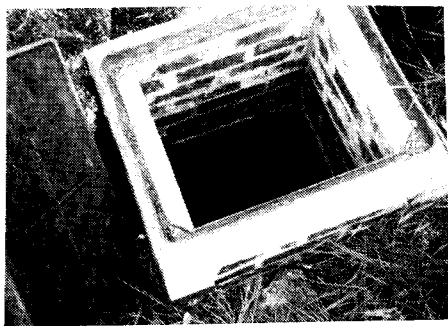
“The Tickencote Treasure” After 3.5 centuries, mystery solved

by Jocelyn R. Wingfield

William Le Queux (pronounced “Q”), “architect” of the British Secret Service, of Castor next to Upton (near Stamford), author of “The Secret Service” and “nearly 200 other thrillers, wrote in 1913 the 300-page adventure story, “The Tickencote Treasure”.

Although it was not an historical novel, the buried treasure did actually exist - not at Tickencote Manor, but at nearby Upton Manor, seat of the Upton Wingfields, the third branch of the family after Letheringham and Powerscourt, the line from which the Tickencote Wingfields sprang. Upton and Castor lie five miles south-east of Stamford and Tickencote lies three miles out of Stamford on the other side, to the northwest. (I wonder if Ian Fleming’s “Q” in the James Bond books is taken from William Le Queux).

“The Tickencote Treasure” is a title with a splendid musical ring - and so maybe Le Queux, the spy chief and author, decided that his thriller would not sell under the title of “The Upton Treasure”. His hero in “The Tickencote Treasure” was led by a 1591 map and manuscript to the gold - Spanish Armada treasure - at Tickencote Launde, some miles from Stamford Towne. All the directions given were to be followed while facing Empingham Church. Opposite the church today live John and Sue Parry-Wingfield.



Entrance as exists today at Upton

But what then was the real story of this Upton - not Tickencote Treasure? John Parry-Wingfield’s father, Jack, who was a keen genealogist and family historian, told me many years ago the story of the treasure being buried somewhere near Tickencote by his Wingfield relations during the English Civil War (1642-49). This was a story that had been handed down in his branch of the family, he supposed since the Civil War. The story was that two Wingfields, father and son, together with the butler, had buried some treasure on Wingfield land at dead of night and had then all ridden off to the war and never returned. And yet Jack Parry-Wingfield’s

forbears had never, he told me, revealed who this father and son were. Why? Nor had they ever shown or told him where the treasure was buried or shown him any of the treasure. It had always been assumed, or so he believed, that the treasure was made up of Wingfield family heirlooms.

I believed I had partly solved the mystery of the treasure in about 1975 when I visited Upton Manor, then lived in by Judith and Trevor Buxton, representing the Milton Estates (Fitzwilliam family). The Fitzwilliams, neighbors of the Upton Wingfields in Elizabethan times, had intermarried with the Wingfields back in those days. Judith Buxton, an amateur historian (guest of honor of the WFS UK Tour group in 1991 at Stamford), provided me with the missing pieces of the puzzle concerning the so-called Tickencote Treasure. She showed me the narrow entrance to a secret passage in the garden of Upton Manor (which is part of the Wingfields’ old Upton Manor), which explained that some

of the treasures of Peterborough Cathedral had been buried there at Upton, a three mile trip from the cathedral.

In the 1570s Sir Robert Wingfield II of Upton, Sutton and Ailsworth, three neighboring villages, had been M.P. for Peterborough and a successful sheep-farmer. He had married Elizabeth Cecil, sister of the great Lord Burghley. They had several sons including the eldest, Sir Robert Wingfield III, “the Puritan”, M.P. for Stamford and then Steward of Waddington, Lincs (d.1609), and the second son, Sir John Wingfield the barrister, who came into Tickencote by his marriage to Elizabeth, heiress of Paul Gresham.

In 1642 at the start of the Civil War, Sir John Wingfield’s grandson, the royalist, Sir Richard Wingfield (who was forced to join his cousin, Oliver Cromwell, in 1645), was ensconced at Tickencote Hall, while the son and

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Wingfields in History

Part III -

Catherine of Aragon dies at home of Chas. Wingfield,

by Jocelyn R. Wingfield

“although unqueen’d, yet like
a queen, and daughter of a king, inter me.
I can no more.”

[Catherine, Shakespeare, Henry VIII, Act 5, Sc.II, Kimbolton].

When Catherine of Aragon received a despatch from Ambassador Chapuys, stating that King Henry would move Princess Mary nearer to Charles Wingfield’s double-moated castle at Kimbolton, but that she might not visit her, she was distraught. She wrote back resignedly, pathetically, from Kimbolton that, even if Mary were to be moved within a mile [e.g. as close as Stonely Priory], she had not the means to visit her. She asked Ambassador Chapuys to continue urging the King to send Mary to Kimbolton. But Mary was never allowed to come closer than thirty miles.

That summer of 1535, as Thomas Cromwell’s men made inventories of the religious houses to be plundered, Sir Thomas More’s gull-pecked head atop its pike obscenely displayed on the Southwark end of London Bridge grew shrivelled. On 15th October ex-Queen Catherine wrote from Kimbolton to the new Pope, Paul III: “I and my daughter we await a remedy from God and Your Holiness. It must come speedily or the time will be past.” She also wrote to Dr. Ortiz and to her nephew, the Emperor Charles V, who had been so well served by Edward-Maria’s great uncle, Sir Robert Wingfield and by Edward-Maria’s grandfather, Sir Richard, each in turn as Henry’s ambassador.

(Chapuys’ messenger carrying these secret despatches was kidnapped in Rome by the Emperor’s ambassador there and so three of Catherine’s letters from Kimbolton were much delayed, but that is another story).

In November poor Catherine had a recurrence of nausea and had to keep to her bed. She put this down to moated houses always being damp. By the time of the noisy Tandry Fair on 11th December, which, like Kimbolton’s Friday market-days, was held in the village (well within earshot, indeed on the same side of the castle as Catherine’s room and the chapel), she had still not heard anything from the continent or Chapuys. And so she wrote again to Dr. Ortiz to say that the Bills of Attainder condemning her and Princess Mary to death were about to be put before Parliament.

Four days after a miserable Christmas Day there at Kimbolton, De La Sa summoned Chapuys to come there at once. Catherine, now dying, was asking to see both him and her daughter, Mary.

After much prevarication at Greenwich Palace, Chapuys obtained the King’s permission to ride to Kimbolton to visit “Madame,” as the King now called her. As the Duke of Suffolk issued Chapuys with a laissez-passer to show to Bedingfield, he said: “When she’s dead there will be no barrier between my King and the Emperor, your Master!”

Accompanied by Cromwell’s escort (and spy), Stephen Vaughan, and a small escort of his own, Chapuys rode north in the rain on that dank, rainy January 1st-2nd 1536, fi-

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nally squelching along past Stonely Priory up on Stonely Hill, Edward-Maria Wingfield's home ere long, to clatter over the Kimbolton Castle drawbridge. It was a miserable time and miserable weather.

England's former Queen lay pale and suffering, propped up on her pillows, her jailers (whom she had not deigned to give audience for over a year), Sir Edmund Bedingfield, her Steward and Sir Edward Chamberlain, her Chamberlain, together with her own staff, stood ranged about her bed. Visitors to Kimbolton had never been allowed to converse in Spanish. But now the ex-Queen welcomed her old friend in English, adding sotto voce in Spanish: "I can die now in your arms, not abandoned - like one of the beasts." Slowly and deliberately in Spanish Chapuys told her that the King and the whole Kingdom and the Emperor were keen for news of her recovery; adding that the King had promised finally to pay her staff their back-pay and (here he lied) had said that she could select any Manor to retire to when she was better. He stressed that the peace, the welfare and indeed the unity of all Christendom depended on her recovery.

Having released Chapuys to rest in his own room, Catherine very soon summoned him again, back to her bedside, where they conversed for a full two hours. No Englishwoman could then make a will while her husband still lived, but Catherine wanted Chapuys to persuade Henry to allow Mary to inherit her gold collar from Spain and all her old furs. She asked to be buried in a Convent of the Observant Friars, but no such convents remained. The "neglected" Priory of Stonely, had literally just been dissolved a few months before, right under (or rather above) Catherine's nose. The same applied to nearby Great Staughton. (Stonely was to lie abandoned for two more years). Catherine wanted five hundred masses to be said for her soul, agonising that England's break with Christendom would be blamed on her. Chapuys stayed three or four days, comforting her, and then on the Feast of the Epiphany, since she seemed so much better, he left.

In foul weather, the night before Chapuys' departure, Catherine's former Lady-in-Waiting, Baroness Maria de Salinas, now the Dowager Lady Willoughby de Eresby, having failed to get "any letter of licence to repair thither," drenched and mud-spattered rode up demanding entrance at the castle gatehouse (later to be named after Catherine of Aragon). Bedingfield refused to let her in. The Baroness protested that she was badly injured from a fall from her horse. Then, perhaps because she was the mother-in-law of the powerful Duke of Suffolk, Sir Edmund

relented "and since that time, they never saw her," he was to report pathetically to Cromwell. It would appear that she just dismounted and rushed to the dying Catherine.

On that evening of 6th January, Catherine seemed well enough, but just after midnight she asked for Mass as soon as it was permitted; but, would not allow the Bishop of Llandaff to bend the rules and say it before dawn, quoting various authorities as to why this was forbidden. As the first rays of morning light streamed into the castle, the pallid Spanish princess fervently received the Sacrament and then dictated to De La Sa a letter to the Emperor and one to the King, in which she pardoned him everything and asked his pardon in return. She also commended to him "our daughter, Mary," and asked him to pay her staff including their "marriage portions." "Lastly, I make this vow, that mine eyes desire you above all things."

At 10 a.m. Catherine received extreme unction, making the responses strongly. She then prayed for two hours for Princess Mary, for the souls of all the people of England and especially for King Henry. She died at 2 p.m.

When the castle chandler (the candlemaker) with one other servant in attendance opened up Catherine's body to embalm it, he found that her heart had turned black and had a large black growth upon it. Although De La Sa was sure that this was a result of poison, even though all her food was tasted first by one of her servants, it does seem likely that Catherine may have died of cancer, perhaps brought on by extreme worry.

Few or none of her last wishes were fulfilled. She would have been horrified to hear that in that very year eleven Walsingham locals were sentenced to be drawn, hanged, beheaded and quartered for speaking out against the dissolution of England's second holiest shrine. Two years later Walsingham's sub-prior was burned alive there and the images of Our Lady of Walsingham - so long revered by Henry and Catherine alike - were burnt at Chelsea on the orders of the King. (Then too was King Henry's candle finally extinguished).

De La Sa (despite being asked by Cromwell to enter the King's service), and de Soto, were to take service with Princess Mary, Mary who was to come to the throne in less than twenty years. How thrilled Catherine would have been! The other Spaniards were to return to Spain.

King Henry ordered that Catherine's funeral departure from Charles Wingfield's home was to be unobtrusive. She was buried in Peterborough Cathedral, 25 miles to the north. The Chief Mourner was the Lady Eleanor, daughter of Henry's sister Mary the French Queen (who had died the year before Catherine arrived at Kimbolton). The new Duchess of Suffolk, Catherine Willoughby,

daughter of Catherine's dear Baroness Maria de Salinas, was the second mourner. It was said that Maria was buried in Catherine's tomb some ten years later. The Duchess, her daughter, an old friend of Catherine's, was to become one of the key Protestant figures of the Reformation.

When the King, then at Greenwich, was informed of his ex-wife's death, he at once threw a ball and told the Court: "God be praised, the old harridan is dead, now there is no fear of war." She was a mere six years older than the 45-year old monarch, but his new Queen was only aged about 31 or so.

The ghost of Queen Catherine is today said to haunt Kimbolton Castle and its environs, but I have yet to see it. I always wonder when I pass the castle, who might have been watching when on that winter's day in 1536 when the horse-drawn black-draped bier set off bearing the body of the gracious God-fearing lady of Spain and England to her last resting place. Was an aunt or an uncle or even Thomas-Maria, the father-to-be of the founding father of the first permanent English colony in the Spanish-cum-Portuguese Americas, watching that great Spaniard depart?

At last the young Wingfields of Kimbolton were able to get on with their lives again. Thomas-Maria Wingfield Sr., had been Rector of Warrington, Derbyshire since the age of thirteen - purely a sinecure. But he seems to have renounced ideas of the church as a career, even though he was shortly afterwards granted the advowson (right to appoint the parson) of Walgrave, twenty miles west of Kimbolton. Now at last some happiness was to come to Kimbolton Castle again. The twin of Thomas-Maria, Charles, possibly Sir Charles, now married Johanna sister of the great Sir Francis Knollys of Rotherfield Greys, Berkshire and within three or four years there were young Wingfield boys bawling and laying where Catherine had been imprisoned. Charles was appointed Sheriff of Cambridgeshire and Huntingdonshire and was painted by Holbein, the court painter. Normality had returned to the Wingfield home.

President Edward-Maria Wingfield of nearby Stonely Priory, which looked down on the castle, was but a generation later to spend many a year fighting the might of Spain. From Jamestown, in his first report that he sent home, he wrote: "We entreat your succours with all expedition lest that all-devouring Spaniard lay his ravenous hands upon these gold showing mountains," but a year later he was to write: "I confess I always admired any noble virtue and prowess, as well in the Spaniards (as in other nations)" I like to think that he may well have learned at his father's knee to admire "noble virtue" in a Spaniard, from stories of Catherine of Aragon and her sojourn at the home of his Uncle Charles: Kimbolton Castle.

Places called Wingfield

Lake Winfield Scott is a clear 18 acre lake, high in the Georgia mountains with picnicking, camping, swimming, boating and hiking. The lake is located on Georgia Highway 180 near Suches in the Blue Ridge Mountains and popular for summer tourists. We have no specific data on why it carries this name, but presumably it was named in honor of General Winfield Scott of Wingfield blood.

Wingfield Farms about 10 miles south of Leesburg, GA owned by Norma Wingfield, widow of Jimmy Wingfield. The 370 acre farm was established in 1956, has a race-



Sign at entrance

track and trained race horses until 5 years ago when Jimmy died. Norma lives on the property and currently leases the land for a peanut farm. Jimmy moved to the farm from Rome, GA.

Wingfield River is located in St. Kitts in the Leeward Islands of the Caribbean. A three centuries old bridge spans the Wingfield River. In 1624 thirteen English settlers arrived to form the first successful English colony in the West Indies. Could it have been a Wingfield was one of these early colonists? This item supplied by WFS member Bill Stevens of Charlottesville, VA, and is from "The Caribbean Islands," by Mary Slater - 1968.

Wingfield Station House **acclaimed by all.** The (British) 1842 West Midlands Railway Guide contains the following entry under a certain station in Derbyshire: "Wingfield Station," built by Messrs. Radford of Alfreton, has been called the finest of all station houses by several writers. It's well-proportioned Booking Hall and flanking bays, attractive low-pitched roofs with projecting eaves, and simple windows created an overall symmetrical perfection. A departure from late Georgian severity is to be noticed in the

sculptured clock and fanciful chimney stacks.

It was sad to read in "Country Life" in March and April 1983 of "the pathetic dereliction of Francis Thompson's delightful station at Wingfield". By then this gem of a station had presumably been axed. Also near to (South) Wingfield station is Wingfield Mill on the River Amber.

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heir of Sir Robert Wingfield III, Sir Robert Wingfield IV (b.1593), apparently lived at either Sutton or Ailsworth, right next to Upton.

Back in 1625 Sir Robert Wingfield IV sold Upton Manor, his family seat since 1562, to Thomas Dove, Bishop of Peterborough, that severe disciplinarian of the Puritans. (Sources: VCH Northants and Bridges' Northamptonshire, 1791, II, 508). Bishop Dove died in 1630, but some of his family remained within "the cathedral establishment". His son and heir, Sir William Dove, who lived at Upton Manor, was to purchase more of the estate.

Ten years or so before the Civil War, Sir Robert Wingfield IV had apparently been up north in border country. In 1631 he held the tithes [tenths] of Heddon-in-the-Wall near Newcastle. Now, in 1642, he was suddenly commissioned as a lieutenant-colonel in Colonel (Sir William) Bampfylde's Regiment of the Parliamentary Army and his son and heir, George Wingfield, then also became a "Roundhead" by signing on as an Ensign [junior officer] in the same regiment. They were employed respectively as Company Commander and Troop Commander. [Parliamentary Army Lists]. They apparently never returned to Upton after the war; but they had not been killed in the war. The plot thickens!

I believe that these two Upton Wingfields exactly fit the story of the Tickencote Treasure, that was handed down for some dozen generations in the family. It was at the beginning of the Civil War that the treasures of Peterborough Cathedral were being hidden away until hostilities ceased. The Dean of Peterborough knew Bishop Thomas Dove's son and heir, Sir William Dove of Upton Manor. Today one can still see the secret passage leading two hundred and fifty yards uphill to Upton Church with its huge Dove monuments. Surely Sir Robert and George Wingfield actually did help bury the cathedral treasures. Perhaps they did not reveal their intentions to fight against the king at that time. We shall probably never know.

And why was there such a mystery? Well, Sir Robert Wingfield IV and his son George, did not return to Upton as they had sold the estate. In the uncertain times of the Commonwealth (1649-1660), even Roundheads needed to be circumspect. And

after the Restoration in 1660 the Royalist members of most families tended not to talk about their Roundhead kin. It is distinctly possible that the 7th Lord Powerscourt and Grace Wingfield, the two great researchers and authors of "The Muniments of the Ancient Saxon family of Wingfield" and "Our Past", did discover the Bampfylde connection, but that they kept it hidden - just as the story of the Upton Treasure lay hidden.

This was not the first Wingfield-Bampfylde connection. In the 1623 Visitation of Dorset, it is recorded that Charles Wingfield in 1543 married Jane Bampfylde, who later married John Brune of Ringmer, Hants. (A Wingfield was grandmother of Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk and a Brune was his mother). Bampfylde is the family name of the Barons Poltimore.

Gordon Vincent, the present owner, kindly allowed the WFS UK Tour group to view the entrance to the Upton Manor secret passage last May. And that evening our guest, Judith Buxton, revealed more details including the artist's impression of the Peterborough Cathedral Treasure at the end of the arched head passage, presumably under Upton Church. It is apparently possible to walk upright in the passage in both directions, but rediscovers permission to re-excavate was not granted. Judith said Upton Church vaults are two-tiered, and that she had always understood, Dove tombs lay on top and Wingfield tombs below. (No Wingfield burials there are recorded in "The Muniments," but Bridges has: "Sir William Dove built the new part of the chapel [in Upton Church]. He excluded the old chancel; in which are several monumental stones for the Wingfield, now overgrown with weeds." Were there Wingfields here who sired emigrants that went unrecorded?

Judith Buxton also said a former cleaner of Upton Manor had told them when they arrived to live at Upton Manor, that in her day there had been visible a secret passage, which apparently ran not only the two hundred and fifty yards to Upton Church, but also ran nearly a mile to Castor in the opposite direction.

Castor was where in the 1590s Richard Wingfield of the Hampshire (later Powerscourt) branch had married Christiana, sister of the Lord Deputy in Ireland (1571-75, 1588-94), Sir William Fitzwilliam. (Their son was the 1st Viscount Powerscourt). Castor, a former Wingfield manor, was also where spy master William Le Queue lived. And so I believe we have solved the family mystery at last.

The Very Reverend Dick Wingfield-Digby, formerly the Dean of Peterborough does not believe there was much treasure in Peterborough Cathedral in the 1640s.