

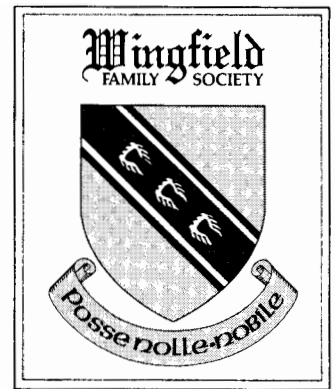
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"Wynkefeld The Saxon held honor and fee, ere William The Norman came over the sea"

... Ancient Suffolk England Rhyme

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New WFS directors to be elected at Reno for 1992-95 term

By-laws call for election

Four new directors will be chosen this year to serve a three year term. The following have been nominated and have agreed to serve if elected. If there are no nominations from the floor, their election will be by acclamation.

Retiring directors are: Gerry Dutton of Eldorado, AR (Gerry has been appointed Wingfield Store chairman, so he will remain on the board), Bud Wingfield from Ault CO, Ken Wingfield, Phoenix, AZ and Dee Epps (Dee also remains on the board, an appointed director as she is membership chairman).

Wayne Estes...

Moved to Colorado from New Mexico, now retired from the tire business, lives with his wife Evelyn in Denver, where they operate an antique business. Wayne and Evelyn have 3 children and 5 grandchildren. When not doing genealogical research, you may find Wayne skiing or on the golf course.

Anne Kendrick...

a founding member of the WFS, was born in Richmond, VA is now an associate professor at the University of North Carolina in Wilmington. She is director of the Medical Technology Curriculum and specializes in Microbiology Medical Technology. She has one daughter, Catherine a very active teenager.

Gail Wingfield Mansfield..

is from Idalia, CO and a charter member of the WFS. Active in the Colorado local Wingfield reunion held each year in nearby Wray, she is married and lives on a farm with her husband Monte. Her vocation is teaching and was recently named in "Who's who Among America's Teachers."

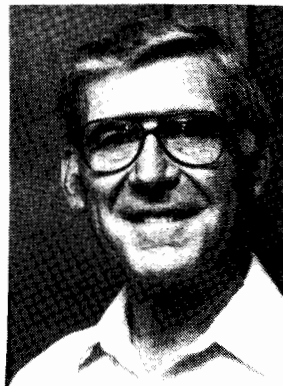
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Still time to register for Reno

Dates are May 15-17

No, its not too late if you have not signed up to go to the WFS annual meeting. But get your registration forms in right away. The Airport Plaza Hotel takes back our room allotment on April 15, however even after that date, if you can come they still may have rooms available. If so they will honor our special rate. The Airport Plaza Hotel has a toll free number, 1-800-648-3525.

Registrations are pouring in and it promises to be one of the best attended, most interesting annual meetings ever. It will be fascinating to probe back into history and look at one of the most colorful Wingfields, right where it all happened. Don't miss it!



Wayne Estes



Anne Kendrick



Gale Mansfield



Louis Wingfield

Norman Wingfields:

Part II - by Jocelyn Wingfield

I agree with Bob Carr that we should put the Saxon origins of the family under a microscope. It has worried me for some time that all the early Wingfield names, if they indeed are of our clan, are Norman French, e.g. Robert, John (Jean), Walter, Roger, Thomas (Tomas), Elizabeth (Elisabeth), Richard, Giles (Gilles), William (Guillaume). Saxons would be called something like Gundred, Godric, Leofric, Loernic, Ethred, Hermanns, etc. Richard Wingfield, "living 1342," is shown as the 6th generation with Robert de Wingfield of the 1st generation, shown as "died 1087." There are simply not enough generations. In those days men had sons well before they were 20. For decades I have answered enquirers with the fact that we can trace the family back to 1087, but, since May of this year I have been digging deeper into the records. 1279 is dead safe, but I feel quite comfortable with saying that the family's origins are "visible" (not "clear") back to about 1100.

Prior to its publication in 1894 in The Wingfield Memorials alias The Muniments, I can find no reference to:

"Wynkefelde the Saxon held Honour and Fee; Ere William the Norman came over

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This will be your last newsletter . . . if you have not paid your 1992 dues

1992 dues are past due. If you have paid, or have a 5 year membership, we thank you and please disregard this reminder and the enclosure notice. If you are delinquent please mail your check today to:

Wingfield Family Society, Attention Treasurer, Lynn Wingfield, Rt. 4, Box 1208, Ashland, VA 23005.

Wingfields in Action

WFS members are invited to send photographs and details of their activities for publication in the newsletter. This feature has been well accepted and the only way the editor can learn about activities is from the membership.

Dixie Ann Foster named "Yellow Rose of Texas"

The Honorable Ann Richards, Governor of Texas, recently commissioned WFS member a "Yellow Rose of Texas." Dixie Ann is from Kingwood, Texas.

This honor is reserved for those who have distinguished themselves as selfless,



Dixie Ann Foster

caring and committed to improving the State of Texas. State Representative Dan Shelley, in his nominating letter, sited her involvement in the Daughter of the Republic of Texas signifying that Dixie is a lineal descendant of persons residing in Texas prior to 1836. Representative Shelley also praised her volunteer activities in the Kingwood/Humble area. Congrats, Dixie, we are proud of you.

Wingfields have a Desert Storm Hero

Colonel John R. Wingfield III, was Base Commander at Scott AFB, Illinois when the deployment of troops to the Arabian desert began in 1991. He was the Commander of the 375th Combat Support Group and responsible for support activity for more than 21,000 military people, dependents, and civilian employees. He was chosen to serve as Wing Commander for the first C-130 airlift wing established in the area. He continued in that position throughout the war and beyond, returning in April, 1991.

Upon his return to the base on a char-



Col. John R. Wingfield

tered aircraft there was a welcome home ceremony whereas the husbands and wives exchanged hugs and kisses and children waived miniature American flags. Col. Wingfield addressed the group, telling them how proud he was saying, "never did your support diminish, and you set the standards few units were able to match."

Shortly after his return to the States, Col. Wingfield was reassigned to command the ROTC detachment at Auburn University in his home state of Alabama.

WFS President's son Tom weds ²³⁸² 2181

Robert (Lord of the Manor) and Virginia Wingfield's son, Thomas Alan Wingfield married Kathi Ashurst on January 11, 1992 in Cincinnati. They will be living in Cincinnati where Tom is an engineer for the 3M Company. Kathi is a physical education instructor. At the reception after the wedding, President Bob inducted Kathi into the Wingfield family by presenting her with a copy of the "Muniments of the Ancient Saxon Family of Wingfield."



Tom Wingfield, his bride Kathi, Virginia and WFS pres. Bob Wingfield

Pete Wingfield English Rock Star

Pete has long been one of Britain's hardest working and best paid session musicians. His list of hits read like a virtual Who's Who of British Pop over the past 15 years.

Soul music is his specialty with a recognizable groove that has found its way into his records for 35 years. "I really don't like to get involved in nostalgic type records," he said in an interview.

Pete is internationally known and recently toured the U. S. , but he is best known in England. His bother is WFS member Richard Wingfield of Reading, England. He had a small part in a recent movie, "Antonia and Jane." You will be hearing more about Pete Wingfield in later issues of the newsletter



Lady Campbell

Lady Loch

Two English Ladies in Florida

WFS member, Lady Campbell of Hampshire, England has an apartment in Ft Myers, FL allowing her to avoid the cold winter months. This year her guest in Florida was Lady Loch of Westbury, Wiltshire. Wilsie and Bob Carr met with them for lunch and reviewed the activities of the Wingfield Family Society.

Lady Loch is the Aunt of the Duchess of York. She saw the new WFS book, "Some Records.." and immediately purchased a copy.

The ladies are of the Powerscourt line.

More on Jenny Wingfield rising screen writer

The winter issue of the WFS newsletter asked about Jenny Wingfield, author of the motion picture "The Man in the Moon," and if anyone could tell who is Jenny Wingfield? Several members had reported they had seen the name and assumed she was a cousin hence the mention under, "Wingfields in Action."

As a result of the article two responses came from the membership, one from Patricia Wingfield in Valencia, CA who enclosed a newsclipping with details about Jenny's background and where she lives in Texas. The second came from Clifton Wingfield of Belleville, IL, who so happens to be her brother. Jenny had spent the Holidays with Clifton and he has slipped her an application for WFS membership.

According to Clifton, Jenny's full name is Virginia Catherine Wingfield. She has been a freelance writer for the last fifteen years or so, during most of which time she wrote under her married name, Jenny Harwell. Her long time goal has been to work as a screenwriter, and with "The Man in the Moon" her career is this

area is off to an excellent start. Subsequent to that project she wrote and sold another original screenplay called, "Invincible Summer," which is currently awaiting production. This project was commissioned by Bruce Evans and Roy Gideon the producers of "Stand by Me." In addition she is putting the finishing touches on a script for Disney Studios adapted from the book, "Going Blind" and will soon start on another book adaptation project for Fox called "Jewel," starring and produced by Sally Field. These are all working titles and subject to change upon production.

The movie, "The Man in the Moon" is a story based on actual events. The family portrayed in the film is hers (with a few cinematic liberties taken) and two key characters based on Jenny and her older sister Carolyn. The filming was done in Natchitoches, LA near the actual location.

Jenny prefers to maintain a high degree of privacy, preferring to live in a small Texas town far from the hustle and hype of Los Angeles. She raises her children, dogs and horses to her hearts content, while enjoying an atmosphere she finds much more amenable to writing.

Virgil H. Wedge Main Speaker WFS Meeting Reno, May 16

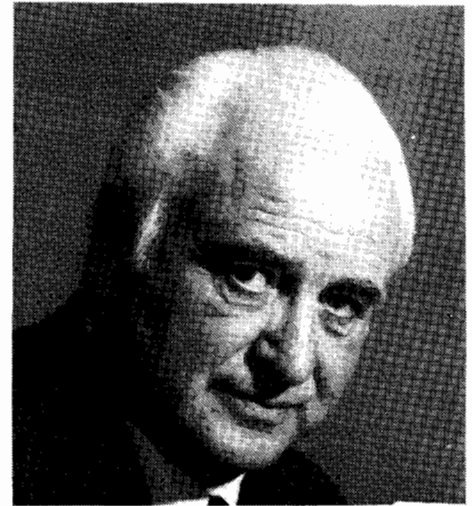
Three years ago The Honorable Bob Miller, Governor of Nevada, issued a proclamation declaring March 22, 1989 as Virgil H. Wedge Day and commended him for his outstanding services to the business community and as a visionary in economic development in Northern Nevada. Just recognition for more than a lifetime of service.

It is a privilege for the WFS to have Mr. Wedge as our guest speaker on May 16 at our 6th annual meeting in Reno.

His credentials are impressive enough to have him talk to our group irrespective of his relationship with George Wingfield, the subject of his talk. Interestingly he traveled in the same circles as George Wingfield and certainly knew the power politics of that exciting era. He was a young man during the period of George Wingfield's bold aggression and was about 47 when George died.

As a young man he served on the staff of United States Senator Pat McCarran in Washington and later as Assistant to the Sergeant at Arms of the Senate. He was a Special Agent of the FBI in the early 40s. His political background included Chairman of the Washoe Democratic Central Committee and Vice Chairman of the Nevada State Central Committee.

He was admitted to the Bar and licensed to practice law in Nevada in 1940, became a partner with U. S. Senator Pat McCarran in the firm McCarran and Wedge. Presently he is with Woodburn, Wedge and Jeppson which



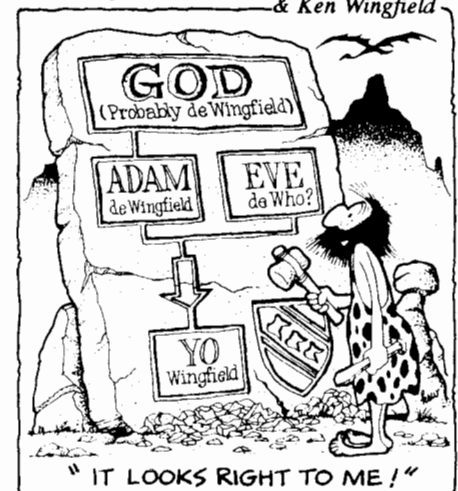
Virgil H. Wedge

evolved over the years with name and personnel changes. Mr. Wedge is the senior member and president of the professional corporation for that firm. He was president of the Washoe County Bar Association, 1968-69. He is listed in Marquis "Who's Who in America Law." As an attorney he was, and in some cases still is a member of many prestigious Law related panels and boards in Nevada and beyond.

Mr. Wedge was elected City Attorney (for Reno) from 1947 to 1951. His business activities include organizing a meat and provision company, developing a regional shopping center, and forming a Saving and Loan Association. He did not shy away from community activities serving on the board of directors of Western Industrial Nevada and was president in 1984. Mr. Wedge also organized and was a charter member of Economic Development Authority of Western Nevada and served as trustee for 6 years.

Family Tree

By Lee Preston
& Ken Wingfield



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IN MEMORIAM

Marvin Wingfield Ham

Marvin Ham passed away October 5, 1991 in Baltimore, MD after a 10 month battle with cancer.



Marvin Ham

He was born in Glen Wilton, VA, January 23, 1923. Marvin attended Virginia Tech and was among his class that was taken into the Army in 1942 during World War II. He served in the Pacific and was among the first Army units to enter Japan after the Armistice was signed. He served in the Army of Occupation for one year before returning home in 1946.

Marvin was descended from Lt. Charles Wingfield of Albemarle County, VA and his wife Rachel Joyner. Charles' great grandson Nelson Wingfield lived in Bedford Co., VA, and was Marvin's great grandfather. He is survived by his wife Esther Martin Ham, a son Timothy and daughters, Sandra, Rebecca and five grandchildren.

Marvin, Esther and daughter Sandra attended the 1991 meeting in Fredricksburg.

Velma McMillin Duncan

Velma McMillin Duncan, mother of WFS member Bobbie D. Mc Dowell died the 23 of July 1991 in Ripley, Tippah Co., Mississippi. She is buried at Tippah Memorial Gardens.

The Honourable Doreen Fitzhubert Wright

The Honourable Doreen Wright died on May 9th, 1991. She was the daughter of the 8th Viscount Powerscourt and known to all her friends as "Dar."

She was born on March 29, 1904 at Powerscourt in Ireland. She married on June 10th, 1928 and had three daughters and one son. Her third daughter, Susan - now Mrs. Hector Barrantes is the mother of Her Royal Highness the Duchess of York. Susan now lives in Argentina, but accompanied by the

Duchess, attended "Dar's" Thanksgiving service at her Parish church in Wiltshire, on May 20, 1991.

Previously she had been cremated and her ashes have been buried in the old church yard at Powerscourt. "Dar" was a charming person, loved by all who knew her.

(Ed. note: This information supplied by WFS member Jocelyn (Jossie) Cobbold who lives near Woodbridge in Suffolk, England. Jossie was a bridesmaid at Dar's wedding as was another WFS member Shelagh Cambell)

Sheila Wingfield

Sheila Wingfield died in Switzerland on January 16, 1992 at age 85. She was a poet of some renown and widow of the 9th Viscount Powerscourt. She was born as Sheila Claude Beddington on May 23, 1906, the daughter of Lt.-Col. Claude Beddington and his wife, Frances Ethel Homan-Mulack.

She married in 1932 to Mervyn Patrick Wingfield, elder and only surviving son of the 8th Viscount Powerscourt and owner of Powerscourt. Her husband succeeded to the viscounty in 1947 and the new Lady Powerscourt became a notable chatelaine.

She published her first work, *Poems* (1937), but it was *Beat Drum, Beat Heart* (1936) which made her known. A stream of volumes followed, including, *A Cloud Across the Sun* (1949), *The Leaves Darken* (1964) and *Collected Poems* (1983).

Her husband the 9th Viscount Powerscourt died in 1973. They had two sons and a daughter.

Shipping books overseas, seamail is inexpensive

If WFS members outside the U.S. are considering the purchase of either the "Muniments of the Saxon Family of Wingfield," or the newly re-published "Some Records of the Wingfield Family" but think it is too costly because of shipping, may be in for a pleasant surprise. Airmail is prohibitive, but surface (seamail) brings the shipping cost to within a dollar or two of postage costs in the U. S.

Please understand it may take 6-8 weeks to make the voyage by ship. Also, checks must be in U. S. dollars to the Wingfield Family Society. Before ordering, ask for the exact total price including shipping. Send inquires to the Florida address as shown in this newsletter.

Family Puzzlers

"Family Puzzlers" claims to be the nation's only weekly genealogical magazine. It is a 20 page weekly publication in operation since 1964 dedicated to finding missing ancestors. Questions (queries) from subscribers are printed free. Editor's Notes offer suggestions for further research. There is a large list of miscellaneous genealogical features for sale

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a cattle rancher from Mayer, AZ, has been active in the WFS since its inception in 1987. Louis and his wife, Billie hosted the entire attending delegates to the annual WFS meeting in Phoenix to his ranch for a barbecue dinner in 1989. He was appointed "Hangman" by the Lord of the Manor of Wingfield the summer of 1990.



"GENI-OLGY" QUERIES

Agnes J. Meyer of 8715 W. 38th Ave., Wheat Ridge, CO 80033 is seeking information from anyone whose ancestors came from Boones Mill, VA after the Civil War. The widow of Oliver P. Wingfield (with Virginia Infantry) and Delilah Smith Wingfield brought children Frances Marian (b.1846), John (b.1848), Nancy (b.1852), James (b.1852), Virenda (b.1855), Susan (b.1857; grandmother of Agnes Meyer), and Ann (b.1857) to Indiana after the war they lived near Hoovers Station and Mexico, Indiana.

Agnes' maternal grandmother, Susan with her 12 year old daughter, Inda moved from Indiana to North Dakota.

If you have any information or can help Agnes, please contact her direct at the address shown above

such as maps, illustrations, book reviews, indexes, books, and pamphlets.

Mary Bondurant Warren is the editor and will send a free sample copy of Family Puzzlers to any WFS member requesting one. The address is: Family Puzzlers, Heritage Papers, Danielsville, GA 30633. If you decide to subscribe, the cost is \$30 per year for 52 issues. There are volumes of information.

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WFS MEMBER PROFILE:

Jocelyn R. Wingfield



Jocelyn R. Wingfield

Jocelyn Wingfield of London describes himself as "member of that great East Anglian family that spread from the seventeenth century to Virginia (and thence all over modern day USA), to the Caribbean, Australia, Rhodesia (Zimbabwe), New Zealand, South Africa and Canada." Born in 1937, he was raised at Elton, Huntingdonshire in England, a village near Fotheringhay, half way between Stonely Priory and Kimbolton Castle to the south, and Tickencote Hall and Upton Manor near Burghley House to the north. He is descended from President & Captain Edward-Maria Wingfield's great uncle, Lewis Wingfield, the Comptroller for the Bishop of Winchester.

Jocelyn is the eldest of three brothers, Robin and George also being WFS members. By the time that he went to Britain's most prestigious public [= US private] school, Eton College (26 houses, 1150 boys), he had a consuming interest in "flying saucers," which were reported all over at that time. He had by then noticed that his parents, Tim and Pat Wingfield, appeared to be related to "nearly everyone" in some way - "a family habit," he says, "since from Tudor times the Wingfields bred like rabbits." When he was about 16, his father introduced him to "Jack" Parry-Wingfield, the last family owner of Tickencote Hall (by then demolished), father of John Parry-Wingfield. Jack produced a large Wingfield family tree and after that Jocelyn went on to become the family genealogical expert. At Eton he was the youngest ever Captain of Games in his house - earned by being good at one of those two strange Eton-only games, "the field game" - a cross between soccer and rigger. He played soccer for Eton for two years and did well at German and French.

In the holidays he played football for the village team and, in the same week that he

was conscripted for "National Service" (2 years) in the army, he was selected for a trial with the Reserve Team of Peterborough, the local city soccer team. He never kept that date, as he was by then, "during the Suez Crisis and the Hungarian Uprising," doing his "basic training" at Winchester, the Greenjackets Depot. A year later he was commissioned as a 2nd Lieutenant into the KOYLI (King's Own Yorkshire Light Infantry) and posted to Cyprus, where the Emergency involving EOKA terrorists, who were fighting for union with Greece, was still lingering on. (The Turkish minority did not want to be part of Greece).

After two months Jocelyn was given security responsibility for a hundred square miles of mountain villages, where he soon captured a key terrorist courier with vital EOKA orders. The man was posing as a bus driver. Since Jocelyn wanted to capture the bus as well, he made the courier drive the bus thru the mountains at gunpoint. When he deliberately crashed the bus, Jocelyn chased him and arrested him in a cemetery, thinking that if the terrorist had made a better job of the crash, the cemetery was probably where he might have ended up - "a sort of Boot Hill."

After that he was given local leave with two other officers. Their hire-car had a faulty petrol gauge. They therefore had to try and fill up in a village, which had apparently been under curfew for four months. They were very nearly lynched by burning by a huge mob, but escaped by pretending to be German tourists. On his return on leave, Tim, his father introduced him to a friend of his: "This is my great friend and, I believe, 16th cousin, Dr. Bill Wingfield of Marl Ridge, Ashland, Virginia" - "Cousin Bill," as we all called him, was, of course, the late President Emeritus of the WFS. Bill was seeking the birth date of Thomas Wingfield of York River (1680).

Jocelyn was then posted to the British Army of the Rhine where, within a year he was on the vast Sennelager Ranges, helping run the NATO Falling Plates (Rifleshooting Competition) Final. The General running the range called out "

"Wingfield, come over here!" Jocelyn and a colonel wearing a Royal Mechanical & Electrical Engineers hatbadge, doubled over and stood to attention. The general was nonplussed. The colonel was Jocelyn's 4th cousin, that he had never met, Robert ("Bobby") Wingfield, (husband of today's WFS Member, Mary Wingfield of Bognor Regis, U.K.).

The general and the shooting were forgotten. They both started talking genealogy. Bobby (whose beautiful illuminated Wingfield Family Scroll was presented in 1957 to the WFS) knew Bill of Marl Ridge - indeed he was the one, tasked by Bill, who later was to unearth that Thomas of York River's father,

John Wingfield, York Herald, died in a debtor's prison and was buried at St. George the Martyr, Southwark. "Wingfields!" screamed the general for the third time. Wingfield genealogy stopped. The NATO shooting resumed - but it finished five minutes after the entire fifty-odd ranges should have closed. The German range staff of perhaps two hundred had to be paid one hour's double overtime each! Bobby was a keen genealogist, and before long, between them, they had unearthed the fact that Harbottel Wingfield II had emigrated to Port Royal, Jamaica in the 1670's.

Jocelyn was posted to Malaysia - "a gorgeous place with lovely people." He adored the jungle, except for scorpions; and was twice stung by perhaps fifty bees: "very good for those with creaky backs," he says. "We never spoke in the jungle - everything was done by hand signals." He soon learned Malay. Before long he was posted to the British Army Jungle Warfare School as the Deputy Chief Instructor Jungle Warfare on the South Vietnamese Officers' Wing (with interpreters) and after a year returned to his Regiment for the Brunei Revolt and Indonesian "Confrontation." He found Borneo (Sarawak, Brunei, Sabah) the most wonderful place - primary jungle, wonderful people, especially the Ibans (he quickly taught himself Iban) and Kayans of Brunei and of Sarawak, "vast fast-flowing rivers with rapids, hornbills, crocodiles, outboard motors, longboats and of course vast longhouses." Once when having his evening swim, he nearly swam into two red "lights" in midstream. Then he realised.. and surely beat Johnny Weissmuller's record to the bank. The croc was just as surprised and made for the other bank. "But you had to wash!"

Before long he volunteered for the Malaysia Rangers, joining them in Malaya, which was to recruit and train fast, to be able to return to Borneo to fight against the incursions of Sukarno's Indonesians within a year. As a jungle-trained Iban and Malay speaker, Jocelyn was a natural to be sent to recruit 150 men up the great rivers of Sarawak and then to train them for war. There were no high street banks upriver and the new recruits of eight races had to be fed, transported and paid, so he had a money-belt made, stuffing it with thousands of pounds of banknotes in small denominations and took a bodyguard everywhere. One night he had his evening swim in his underpants and slowly began to sink - £10,000 in wet notes weighs a lot and one of the belt buckles was undone. He and his men sat with loaded weapons in a hired warehouse with a glass roof the following day, watching hundreds of banknotes dry in the sun.

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After Borneo Jocelyn was posted to Berlin, "the Divided City," where he met and became engaged to Sara ffolkes. (it really is spelt with two little ff's - just as were recorded in the Bristol city records the names of all those with names beginning with F who sailed to the Americas prior to about 1800, since capital F was then written with two vertical strokes). Whilst courting, when they had been out on the town, they used regularly to go to the Brandenburg Gate when the night clubs closed at 4 a.m., "to say goodnight to the Russians." Jocelyn's room in the KOYLI Officers' Mess Annex was 15 yards from the East German-West Berlin border. They were married at Yoxford, Suffolk in 1968 and bought a house not so far from Wingfield.

Jocelyn then did a tour in Abu Dhabi [Persian Gulf], learning Arabic for the job, which besides visiting tiny sheikhdoms by helicopter, involved running the National Parade of armyjets, navy and the camel corps and anyone who owned a truck. A tour of two and a half years at the West German Defense College followed (he is a qualified German interpreter) and then a tour at HQ Armed Forces Central Europe in Intelligence followed - about which he will tell me nothing! - after which he left the army and became a "headhunter" or executive research consultant for several years, covering the Middle East, prior to joining Save the Children, a community development agency, where he ran programmes in 22 countries with a budget of \$5 million.

Jocelyn & Sara's two daughters, Serena and Camilla, are both at university. During his career so far, Jocelyn has travelled in or lived in 56 countries, including having done lecture tours for Save the Children in Australia, Canada, New Zealand; and visits included Barbados and Jamaica - all rich sources of family history. He was one of our founding members. The WFS hopes that his biography of President Edward-Maria Wingfield, founder in 1607 of the "cradle of the Republic," will be published in 1992.

Last October Jocelyn was awarded The Save the Children Fund Award by the Princess Royal.

Biography of President Edward-Maria Wingfield

Details are still being worked out to publish Jocelyn Wingfield's biography of Capt. Edward-Maria Wingfield, the first president of the Jamestown Colony.

The book entitled, "President Wingfield" is 115,000 words with 899 notes and a bibliography of 500 books, microfiches and unpublished pedigrees. It teems with never before published stories of Edward-Maria Wingfield including his meeting with Queen

Elizabeth and his being noted by the great Lord Burghley as a "captain of success" along with his close relatives fighting in the Low Countries. It shows how he and/or his six martial Wingfield relations fought shoulder to shoulder with great names of the age: Raleigh, Sidney, Essex, Leicester, Willoughby. Other main characters in the biography include: Sir Francis Drake, Bartholomew Gosnold, Sir Ralph Lane, Colonel Sir Richard Wingfield (later Marshal and Viscount Powerscourt), Sir John Popham, Lord Burghley, Sir Ferdinando Gorges, Richard Hakluyt, Pocahontas, the Great O'Neill, Mary Queen of Scots, John Smith and Mary the French Queen (later the Duchess of Suffolk) to quickly name some that come to mind.

Edward-Maria Wingfield was so magnified in history largely due to the dozen or so books written or ghost written by the young Capt. John Smith.

More details of this book are expected to be announced at the Reno meeting in May, 1992.

Tickencote Picture displayed, Victoria & Albert Museum

Under the title, "The Art of Death" the Victoria and Albert Museum in London sponsored a showing of astonishing artifacts all related to the English death ritual between 1500 and 1800. It provides a fascinating glimpse into Christian ritual and behavior during this period. It may not have been the agony of dying that bothered the masses as much as the possibility of damnation in the hereafter.

This seemingly bizarre collection is di-

vided into several phases of death, from the Hour of Death, the Last Rites, Responses to Grief and Object of Commemoration. The display ran from January 8 to March 22, 1992.

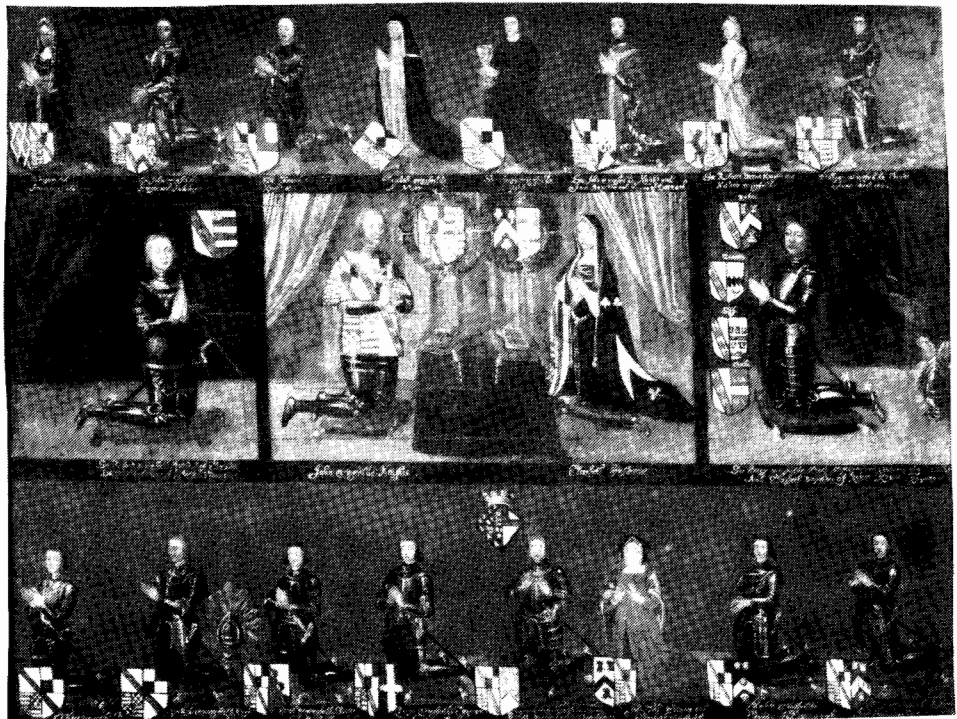
It is under this last segment that the famous Tickencote Picture was displayed. Presumably this is one way a family can record ancestors and provide an element of continuity after death. The program lists, "The Painted Pedigree of the Wingfield Family, early 17th century, unknown herald-painter. Oil on canvas. private collection."

There were literally hundreds of articles of every description on display in the museum, each some way, if only remotely, connected with death.

The Sunday London Telegraph's review of the exhibition was somewhat critical when it summed up the event "We have turned funerals into meals-on-wheels and wakes into cocktail parties."

It is the famous Tickencote picture, and the family depicted thereon that is the basis of the recently re-published book, "Some Records of the Wingfield Family" now available.

John Parry-Wingfield of Empingham, England owns the picture which normally hangs in his beautiful home. It was professionally photographed in color by arrangements of John and Sue Parry-Wingfield just for the WFS so it could be in the frontispiece of the book. The book costs \$35, and includes postage anywhere in the United States. To secure a copy, send your check to: Wingfield Family Society, c/o Lynn Wingfield, Rt. 4, Box 1208, Ashland, VA 23005.



Tickencote Picture featured in new WFS book, at V & A Museum

Old Wingfield Virginia home named Landmark

Some of those attending the 1991 annual meeting in Fredericksburg will remember visiting "Bellair" the gorgeous home that was originally build by Charles Wingfield about 1794 and is now a showplace near Charlottesville. Unfortunately one of the buses carrying WFS members did not get to Bellair last year as it was hung up in the front of "Old Edgewood" another old Wingfield home and these WFS members missed seeing Bellair.

The house has been added to the Virginia Landmarks Register by the Board of Historic Resources in Virginia, as reported to the newsletter by WFS member Jerry L. Jones who picked up the information from a Charlottesville, VA newspaper. The house is an example of Federal and Colonial Revival domestic architecture.

Powerscourt Development Effect on area questioned

Plans to restore Powerscourt into a residential and tourist development ran into a snag when Wicklow County councilmen predicted massive traffic jams, supermarkets and tourists crowds that would destroy the charm of the picturesque nearby village of Enniskerry. Members of the WFS on the England/Ireland tour will remember Enniskerry as a distinctive, quaint Irish hamlet that serves the employees of nearby Powerscourt Estate and tourists that visit there. The spectacular interior of the estate was reduced to rubble by a fire in 1974.

The Slazenger family purchased Powerscourt in 1960 and has ambitious plans to restore the burned out buildings, designing them to be function rooms for a hotel that will be nearby. Existing outbuildings would be converted into (100) hotel rooms. A second 150 room hotel and conference center is proposed at another nearby location. There is a country club and two golf courses in the development plans plus 196 private houses, 41 retirement homes and 113 Holiday units scattered on the heavily wooded estate discretely clustered behind foliage to keep the garden image intact.

According to Dr. Slazenger, the gardens can no longer be kept up from revenue of visitors and tourists to the estate. This past year (1991) the numbers fell from 140,000 to 130,000. "It is costing us £20,000 just to repair statues," he says.

The development costs are expected to be around £10 million and take 10 to 15 years for the total expansion. It will be financed by the sale of the homes.

Senator Shane Ross, a fine Gael member of Wicklow County Council said, "the restoration of Enniskerry would mean the

ruination of this picturesque village. If I had a choice of between restoring the house and retaining the special character of the village, I would stand by the village any day."

Traffic is a major consideration as the narrow winding roads can barely cope with the traffic now and an influx of 1000 more cars a day could make the situation intolerable.

In a recent survey of 175 householders in Enniskerry, 150 were opposed to the scheme. Powerscourt is about 1/2 mile from Enniskerry. Enniskerry is 13 miles from Dublin, which is an easy commute for purchasers of the homes.

Powerscourt was built in 1740 on the site of a 12th Century Norman castle and its gardens were inspired by the Villa Butera in Sicily.

1790 USA Census shows Wingfields in America

A publication of the US Government Printing Office in 1909 listed all the surnames (and variations) of families in the country as revealed in the first official census taken in 1790, cataloging more than 100 persons.

It lists 49 heads of families with the name Winfield/Wingfield. The average size of each family was 5.4 so we can assume there were about 264 Wingfields living in the newly established United States of America in 1790.

There was one in Vermont, thirteen in New York, one in Pennsylvania, twenty in Virginia and fourteen in North Carolina.

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the Sea."

I can locate no original or even secondary source that shows the 12th or 13th century marriages shown by the 7th Lord Powerscourt in 1894, as having taken place between the Wingfield Lord and Joan Fastolfe of Norwich, or Alice daughter of Sir Nicholas Weyland, or Anne daughter of Sir John Peche (alias Peachy), except in BM [British Museum] Add. MS 19155 f.304, BM Add. MS 17097 f.22, Fitch Collection MS(W) and Reyce (1618), (which disagree on some points). The first two are Wingfield family pedigrees (trees), compiled by the College of Arms in Tudor times, no doubt for Sir Anthony Wingfield, K.G., who was flourishing 1513. The College of Arms pedigree Sheffield NSC 152/2 compiled by Rouge Dragon in 1779 starts at Sir John Wingfield, died 1481. I can also find no document or Fastolfe or Peche tree or reference to prove the existence of two of the the three ladies mentioned above. Although I may have missed them, it is extremely odd that their marriages, let

alone their existence are not mentioned in either Blomfield's Norfolk or Copinger's Manors of Suffolk, despite extensive references to original documents concerning these families.

The Domesday Book [1086] entry for Wingfield village, Suffolk reads: "Wighafelda/Wineberga: Walter son of Grip, Robert de Glanville and Loernic from Robert Malet's mother; Bishop of Thetford; Abbot of Ely and Roger Bigot from him." (The settlements of Winefeld & Winnefelt in Derbyshire & Winefel in Wiltshire were not held by people called Wingfield). Gough's Sepulchral Monuments II mentions a John Wingfield as living two generations before 1087, but the use of a christian name in Saxon times [e.g. pre-1066] is very rare. Indeed in the Liber Niger of 1167 there are only two. [Morris].

From 1307 to 1314 (Battle of Bannockburn) Roger Wingfield was a very important man indeed, being King's Secretary, Clerk of the Wardrobe and Privy Seal. The Wardrobe was Ministry of War, Ministry of Munitions and Treasury. In 1311 Roger held (not "in chief") the Manor of Wingfield alias Bacon's in Westhall, Suffolk near Dunwich, some 20 miles east of Wingfield. [Parl. Rolls, Ed. II, p.2, 12d q in Copinger II, 192]. The Wingfields probably held Wingfield from just "prior to 1335," since that is when Eleanor alias Alianore de Glanville brought "Glanville's", Sternfield (20 miles SE of Wingfield) to the family, to the Black Prince's Chief of Staff (Peace), Sir John de Wingfield.

The earliest records I can find are (u/i denotes unidentified).

"About 1100" Sir Roger de Wingfield [u/i] was witness to a deed reference Needham, 3 miles from Wingfield, in the time of Henry V (1100-1135). [Norris Collections].

1150/1216. Sir John, lord of Wingfield [u/i] had a daughter (unnamed).

1199/1250. Wingfield, daughter of Sir John married Sir Hugh Hercy, of Grove, Yorkshire. [u/i]. Children: Hugh & Swaynus [u/i]. [Vis. Yorks 1584/5 & 1612].

1272. Egidius (=Giles), parson of Wingfield; patron: Giles le Ros [Rus]. [Pat. Rolls 1 Ed. I]. But is this parson Giles le Rus or even Giles de Brews de Wingfield?

1275. Alice de Weyland, daughter of Nicholas de Weyland, Lord of Westerfield near Ipswich, held Cromer and Shipdam in Norfolk "for rent of a pair of white gloves a year." [Copinger, II, 269]. She is recorded on the Tudor pedigrees as marrying Thomas de Wingfield (flourishing 1285).

1275. Sir Giles de Brews of Stradbroke next Wingfield, etc, etc (died 1310) held Wingfield Old Manor, "which eventually passed via Eleanor Wingfield nee de Glanville to Sir

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John de Wingfield". Stradbroke had been inherited from Alice Le Rus in 1301. [Blomfield, V, 488; this was pre-1350].

1279. John de Wingfield & Richard de Brews appointed attorneys of William de Brews of Fressingfield next Wingfield, as the latter had to be "beyond the seas" with Edward I. [Cal. Pat Rolls Ed.I & Copinger, III, 53]. See 1378.

1285/6. William de Wingfield & Mathilda his wife [both u/i], querants, versus William Prior of the Holy Trinity at Ipswich, deforciant for lands in Secheford, Norfolk [Setchey?] [F of F VIII-Ed.II, Rye, 131 q in Moriarty, New England H&GR, 103,412, p.287, Oct.1949, in a very interesting article].

1288. Alice de Weyland held Fakenham, Wigenfalls and Garboldisham - all in Norfolk. She (unless there were two) is still not called Alice de Wingfield.

1290/1302. Alice, widow of Walter de Wingfield, daughter of Robert de Bringhurst (Leics), sister of Ada, sold her half share of Bringhurst to William de Kirkby, lord of the adjoining manor of Holt. [VCH Leics, V, 52].

1295. The King's Escheator took Wingfield Manor in hand. [24 Ed.I Rolls q in Morris, VI, 133].

1299. Egidius [Giles] de Wingfield, cleric (priest) of Chickering - later, if not then, one of the Manors of Wingfield.

1302. Roger de Brews, Lord of the Manor of Wingfield. [Geo. Morris, VI, 133]. Roger de Brews presented Oliver de Brews at Wingfield church. [Aldwell 55].

1306-14. There are many many references in the various records to Roger de Wingfield, who held Westhall Manor, 12 miles from Wingfield. [Tout]. Note he was not called Roger de Westhall.

1308. Letitia de Wingfield in Earsham & Chickering next to Wingfield. [F of F 1189-1482 q in Rye, 1900].

1309. Alice de Craulee [Crawley?] nominated Roger de Wingfield as one of her two attorneys. [OPR 1 Ed.II].

1310. Sir Robert de Rydon & Letitia [Lettice, u/i] held Hulverton, Norfolk [u/i]. Letitia de Wingfield presented at Hulverton church, Norfolk [u/i] by grant of Hemnonia, Countess of Norfolk. [Blomfield, V, 488].

1310-13. Richard of Wingfield was Keeper of Parks & Forests of Framlingham Castls, Suffolk. [Close & Patent Rolls].

1313-14. Richard de Wyngfeld was querant and William de Bovill deforciant for the manor & advowson of Dennington near Wingfield. [Rye 129; there are several other Roger/Richard/Dennington line mentions from 1320].

1319-20. Roger, son of Robert de Wingfield, Derbyshire, grandson of William de Winfield [living 1300?] released lands in

Ashover, Derbyshire. [All u/i, BM Add. 051081 f.332 (617/ink)].

1321. Giles de Wingfield, Rector of Earsham (next to Wingfield). [Bryant's Norfolk Churches].

1323. Sir Richard de Breuse presented Joannes de Wansinges and Joannes de Attelbourg at Wingfield church.

1325. Richard & Walter de Wingfield [u/i] & John de Wingfield in France with or for Edward II. [JMW I, 12, 15].

1326. Pardon to John de Wingfield at Wingfield. [JMW III, 15].

1327. John de Wyngfelde of Wingfield in France. [Wrottesley II, 92].

1327. Giles de Wingfield, Lord of Stradbroke, next Wingfield.

1327. Ralf de Winnfeld & Margery his wife [u/i] leased 6 acres and 3 houses to John & Maud Bunttyng at Ashover Edelstowe [4 miles west of North Wingfield, Derbyshire]. "Edelstowe Hall (parish of Ashover) belonged to the ancient family of Winngfield, who I imagine resided there." [Rollestone pedigree in Vis. Derby, 1569. [In Winngfield the "g" is crossed out, & a second "n" added; & I am sure the Suffolk W. family is referred to here (is reference is post-Sir Anthony W, died 1552. The Wingfields of Derbyshire are traceable from this period, in Derbyshire and Yorkshire, to the 1780's and must not be ignord by the WFS].

1329. Sir Richard de Brews Lord of Wingfield. [Morris, VI, 133].

1333. John de Wingfield exempt from assizes for life. [JMW III, 10].

1335. John de Wingfield granted free warren at Wingfield, Syleham, Fressingfield, Sternfield, Weybread & Saxmundham; "& for good Behaviour," Blything & Wangford.

1335. John de Wingfield places his arms [coat of arms] in Brockdish church [3 miles from Wingfield]. [Bryant, Norfolk Churches, 1899].

1340. Giles & Ranulf [u/i] de Wingfield had up for poaching at Earsham next Wingfield. [Pat. Rolls].

1336. John de Wingfield granted Balne Moor, Yorks.

- From 1336 there are many Wingfield family references. The relevant de Brews - Wingfield mentions are:

1362. In the Foundation Charter of Wingfield College, Alianore de Wingfield nee de Glanville, the heiress of 2 if not 3 of the 4 Wingfield Manors to come to the family, decreed that there should be said "Mass for the dead & especially for the soul of Sir John Wyngfeld deceased, of good memory, of his father & other of his ancestors, children, kinsfolk & benefactors & all those for whose souls the said John, his parents or ancestors, were in any way bound, for Sir Richard de Brews." [Inst. Bk. Norwich V,88].

1378. Sir Thomas de Wingfield of

Letheringham, the grandson of Sir John de Wingfield, COS to the Black Prince, left 12 silver spoons & 6 pieces of plate inscribed with the coat armour [coat of arms] of Brews, on condition that these items "remain with his heirs for ever." [Copinger III, 53].

1388. Katherine. Countess of Suffolk [this is Katherine nee Wingfield - JRW] held Gorleston, 15 miles NE of Wingfield. [Copinger V, 35].

1479. Elizabeth Wingfield, President Edward-Maria Wingfield's great aunt, married Robert Brews.

One of the aims of the Wingfield Family Society is to get at the truth, to make firm genealogical connections and conclusions and to record them with sources. Clearly the Wingfields of Suffolk and of Derbyshire (who may well be intermarried), landowners all in the 14th century, around 1066 must have been: (i) Saxon thanes, or (ii) Saxon freemen, or (iii) Norman knights. Sir Robert Wingfield, P.C., flourishing 1513, was positively anti-French and pro-"German", and Sir Richard Wingfield, K.G. and Sir Anthony Wingfield, K.G., also flourishing 1513, probably shared his beliefs. They would surely have preferred to be of Saxon rather than Norman-French origin. This was when the College of Arms produced the two Wingfield pedigrees referred to above.

I must now agree with Anstis, historian of the Garter, and with Blore [Rutland, 148], that it cannot be proved that the Wingfields were lords of the Manor of Wingfield prior to about 1330 with the marriage to the Glanville heiress. Like other historians I can find no early Wingfield - de Brews match (but see the 1362 & 1378 entries). There is no inkling that our clan, who began to call themselves "Wingfield" as opposed to "de Wingfield," were originally called "de Brews," unless these two entries mean just that. It does seem very odd that a male Wingfield held de Brews silver, unless he was a de Brews; but perhaps he was a godson of a de Brews or there was a "second marriage," of which the records have not survived. I realise that some WFS members may feel a bit bruised by my research!

I have decided that I cannot accept as proven that the Wingfield clan were Saxons. But I do accept that the family held the Manor of Wingfield from about 1330 for one generation until Katherine Wingfield became Countess of Suffolk. That would make our President, Bob Wingfield of Northbrook, Illinois, the 4th Wingfield Lord of the Manor. Whether his predecessors were Normans, I leave to the reader to agonise over from the evidence above - until someone can locate some more clues, may be in the College of Arms. Just to be safe, maybe we should all add the "de" back again as part of the surname!