

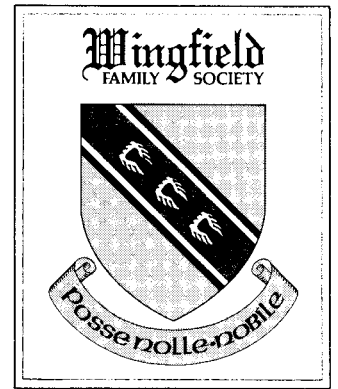
# newsletter

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

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... Ancient Suffolk England Rhyme

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## Abundance of WFS activities unveiled at Reno meeting

### A glimpse inside WFS

So many things are happening within the WFS you need a score card to keep up. Throughout this newsletter there are articles about many of the happenings and program reports from the meeting in Reno. Following is summary of activities not reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

**For the computer center** in Ft Worth, TX, the board approved the purchase of a digital scanner. In simple terms this will enable Vance Wingfield to "scan" reference documents for storing in the computer's memory. For example documents, such as birth and marriage certificates, pages of bibles, newspaper clippings, even photographs can be scanned and digitally retained in the computer memory for virtually instant retrieval and reproduction. This process alleviates the need to make photocopies and physically store papers and documents in a drawer or filing cabinet. Old photographs can be scanned for preservation, stored and later printed by way of a laser printer along with associated documents and pedigree charts with remarkable quality. A scanner is state of the art technology and



**Directors: Anne Kendrick, Louis Wingfield, Gale Mansfield & Wayne Estes**

further proof that the WFS is current and up to date.

**Over 20,000 names in WFS database.** Vance Wingfield, Ft Worth, TX, WFS computer genealogist reported a large jump in the number of entered names and data in the Wingfield database.

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### Kneeler now in London Church Honoring Edward-Maria Wingfield

By Jocelyn Wingfield

On November 22, 1991 a magnificent church kneeler with the coat of arms of President Edward-Maria Wingfield, Founding Father of Virginia at Jamestown (1607), was presented to the City of London's largest church. This is the Church of St. Sepul-



**Presenting the Kneeler, Jay Crawford, Jocelyn Wingfield and Joan Crawford**

chre near the Old Bailey that in the summer months is visited by package tours from all over, including Virginia.

Known in the 12th century at the time of the Crusades as the "Church of St. Edmund [the Martyr King of East Anglia] & the Holy Sepulchre," it was "re-edified and builded" in 1450 by Sir John Popham, namesake and kinsman of the great promoter of the colonization of Virginia, who in the period 1600-06, was often at Kimbolton Castle next to Edward-Maria Wingfield's home, Stonely Priory.

Captain John Smith, who so maligned the history of Jamestown, died at the house

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### A message from the Lord of the Manor, WFS President Bob Wingfield

Did you know that I as "President of the WFS was arrested at Delta Saloon in Virginia City, Nevada?" Verdict, Guilty, found having a good time with two bus loads of Wingfield cousins. (ED. note: The wanted posters that were scattered through the town said Bob Wingfield was wanted for conspiracy to reclaim the town in the Wingfield name. It was all tongue in cheek, so we'll let him get by saying he was just having fun!)

The excitement peaked watching Jocelyn dancing with three "can can" girls, then I later wandering the streets of the pioneer

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### Big London project falters, site of Virginia Settlers Memorial

On Friday 19th Dec. 1606, the "Susan Constant" (100 tons), the "Godspeed" (40 tons) & the "Discovery" (20 tons) sailed from Brunswick Dock on the Thames, four and a half miles downstream from the Tower of London. On board one of the ships (probably the Susan Constant), was Capt. Edward-Maria Wingfield who would, before arrival into Virginia, be named president of the newly established colony of Jamestown.

In 1928, to commemorate the expedition's departure on their epic voyage, the APVA (the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities) erected a marker there on the Dock master's House. In 1951, to allow for the construction of Europe's biggest power station, the Virginia Settlers Memorial plaque was moved a short distance and incorporated into a large granite memorial facing the river.

On 18th Oct. 1956, the Virginia 350th Anniversary Commission held a commemoration ceremony there, paying homage to President Wingfield and his colonists. Eleven years later, 361 years after the famous voyage, Brunswick Dock, was finally closed.

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## The Reno meeting, one of our best reunions

To see our president apprehended in Virginia City for conspiracy to take over the town was worth the trip. Yes, it was all in good humor but we had him worried. Fun and a good time seemed to be the theme of the Reno, 1992 meeting. Certainly, we all know Reno is a fun town designed to entice the visitors into the lush gambling halls and offer many things to do. It was also a pleasant experience to step back into time and re-live the era of George Wingfield who knew how to have a good time himself. We know of no big losers - or winners among the members in the casinos.

One hundred and eleven Wingfields at one point or another participated in some portion of the reunion. WFS members and friends came from all over the U.S. and one from England. It was heavily weighted with members from the west and mid-west, still the east was quite adequately represented.

The mayor of Reno, Hon. Peter J. Sferrazza welcomed the group. Friday evening, Jocelyn Wingfield spoke on his new 85 page book, "Links" now available in the Wingfield Store. It lists numerous unlinked family lines and possible connections, especially using the WAIL list.

On Saturday morning two motor coaches departed from the hotel for downtown Reno to see what remained of George Wingfield's presence from the early 1900s to 1957. Then the tour continued to Virginia City about 28 miles away and still reminds one of the era when George Wingfield controlled virtually all of Nevada.



**Caught!**

Wanted posters were plastered throughout the Delta Saloon, casino and restaurant of Virginia City. Who was wanted? Our president with a hefty \$50 reward for his capture. Lunch was in the Delta Saloon followed by a surprise of three can can dancers with the same feisty singing and dancing as displayed in the late 1800s. The sheriff of Virginia City, sauntered in and

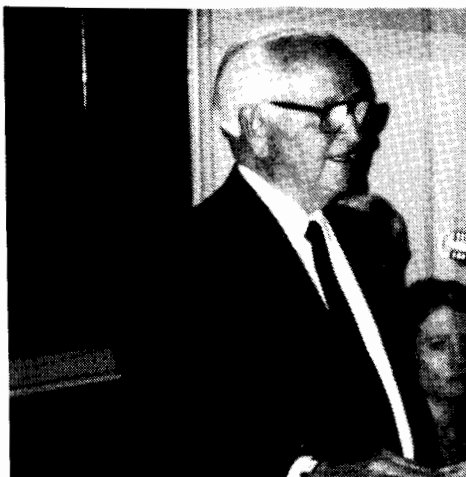
found the "Wanted" Bob Wingfield was there and promptly arrested him. . . with gun drawn. The charge, conspiracy.

The final banquet was in honor of George Wingfield. Eight direct descendants of George Wingfield were present. Grandchildren were Julia Pizzinat, Polly Kline, Miriam (Merry) Cunningham and Roberta (Cricket) Wingfield. Great grandchildren were, Matt and George Kline and Carolyn and Holly Price. In addi-



**At final banquet, Elva Wingfield, Phoenix, Julia Pizzinat, San Marino, CA, & Mrs. Geo. Wingfield, Jr. Reno**

tion Mrs. George Wingfield, Jr. widow of George Wingfield, Jr. was there. It was a hefty head table but they were all seated for this special occasion. A special guest was Elizabeth Raymond who has just finished her



**Guest speaker, Virgil Wedge**

book on George Wingfield entitled "George Wingfield, Owner and Operator of Nevada." It will be out in October. Many will remember Elizabeth as our speaker at the Scottsdale, AZ WFS meeting in 1989.

Virgil Wedge, a prominent attorney in Reno was our main speaker. He had been George Wingfield's attorney. He reminisced and told some inside stories about George Wingfield that had never been revealed before. The entire group focused their attention to every word of Mr. Wedge and there was not a whisper in the audience.

## KTVN, Channel 2 tapes WFS in Virginia City

### You can get a copy

Channel 2 in Reno was impressed that 100 family members of the Wingfield Family Society would come from all over the country to revisit George Wingfield's old stomping grounds. The reporter and photographer could not get to the meeting in Reno so they drove to nearby Virginia City to observe and interview some of the members.

Interviews were conducted with the Lord



**Jocelyn Wingfield (left) being interviewed by reporter from KTVN, Reno**

of the Manor, Bob Wingfield, Jocelyn Wingfield from London and Elva Wingfield of Phoenix, AZ. The segment was broadcast on Reno's Channel 2 news, showing interviews and random pictures of Wingfields in Virginia City.

It is about 3 minutes duration. Interested in a copy? Send your check for \$5.00. (to Wingfield Family Society) to cover postage and handling to: Robert Wingfield, 1743 Fieldwood Drive, Northbrook, IL 60062.

Bob will accept checks only until August 1. At which time he will have video copies made and mailed to those ordering.

### Membership and meeting testimonial

The following unsolicited testimonial was received by the president of the WFS attesting to the enjoyment in attending their first meeting of the WFS in Reno this past May.

"We just wanted to thank you for heading up such a great WFS reunion! Holly and I had the best time, we met so many nice people and hope to keep in contact with them. The whole event was organized so well, the speakers fascinating and we learned a lot. Halfway through we joined!"

Thank you for allowing us to participate - and I'm working toward the Virginia meeting." Signed Carolyn and Holly Price.

*Ed. Note: Carolyn and Holly are great-grand daughters of George Wingfield of Nevada. They were invited to participate in the ceremonies honoring this famous Wingfield. We welcome them as members.*



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Sometime after closure the plaque and the figurine on top were stolen; and in 1971 a new plaque was mounted on the granite base of the monument, back at or near the correct site where it had originally been placed.

In 1990 the plaque was once again removed, this time by the developers of Brunswick Wharf as part of the Docklands Development Project. It is currently stored by the Museum of London, until completion of the vast redevelopment project, at which time the plaque will again be placed on the monument sited in a central position on the "Thames-side Walkway," visible to both walkers and boatsmen alike.

Now the gigantic 71 acre complex is in deep financial trouble and work is stalled. Lenders say it will take \$900 million to get it moving again. Meanwhile the "Settlers Memorial" is resting in London.

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**The Mormons now have all the Wingfield records** in their database and it will be on "CDs" (compact disks) in the various churches very soon.

**Heritage Associations.** Lee Preston, Walnut Creek, CA, WFS genealogist, reviewed the surprisingly large number of active heritage associations and some of the requirements for membership. More often than not membership is based on proof of heritage and WFS members may qualify on lines already proven.

**Census records now on WFS database.** Lee is putting all the census records on his computer. This will enable him to print out the reports by census date, state, and county. It is part of a project of getting all the Wingfields into our database which are recorded in US censuses. Census records offer a paper trail of immigration essential proofs needed by researchers.

**First copy WAIL finished.** Jocelyn Wingfield from London, and our historian revealed the research just completed on the new WAIL 92-1 (Wingfield Arrival into Americas List). Every member will get a copy with this newsletter. It is a valuable document. This task was a joint effort by Jocelyn Wingfield and Lee Preston with input by Michael Walker and Richard Quarles.

**"Some Records of a Wingfield Family" is selling well.** Since Susan Cavanagh, Publishing Chairman (Athens, GA) could not be at the meeting, Dale Wingfield Ruf made the report. Well over half of the copies of the new book, "Some Records..." printed have been sold to date.

**1993 meeting to be in Williamsburg, VA.** Lois Wickham reported

the 1993 meeting will be May 14-16, 1993 at the Patrick Henry Inn only a half block from the restored area of Colonial Williamsburg. Special ceremonies are being arranged at Jamestown.

**The Wingfield Store** is alive and well. Gerry and Betty Dutton have taken over since the resignation of Linnie Mills. Wayne and Evelyn Estes agreed to work with the Duttons both in the store and to help secure specialty Wingfield items.

Miniature Statuettes expected to be available to WFS members, probably at the 1993 meeting. A sample was shown in Reno depicting Captain George Wingfield of the Queen Dowager's Regiment in Tangier. Each year the statuette will be different, next showing; Sir John Wingfield (of Black Prince fame) on horseback. The elegantly hand crafted statuette is 4 inches high including the base, meticulously hand painted.

**New directors elected** for three year term. Wayne Estes (Denver, CO), Anne Kendrick, (Wilmington, NC), Gale Mansfield (Idalia, CO), and Louis Wingfield, Mayer, AZ were elected as nominated.

**Membership** is at a record high, according to Dee Epps, membership chairman, with 290 (addresses) now on the roles.

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town saw George Wingfield's old bank, found Wingfields in all the casinos and saloons and finally rode the old Truckee Railroad train. We had a ball.

A special note of thanks to the entire WFS Board of Directors for the expeditious way they took care of business and unanimously supported each other in the departmental projects for the coming year. Our WFS store did very well on their sales and are planning a number of new items that will be available by the time of our meeting in Williamsburg or before. Watch for information in the newsletter. Thanks to Vance Wingfield and Lee Preston for the presentations they made during the business meeting. My thanks also to Dee Wingfield Epps for the great effort and the fabulous results she is getting on her membership drive. Our Vice president, Dale Wingfield Ruf, has helped me put together the meetings that I believe went very well. Can we say enough about Jocelyn Wingfield, our historian from London? Our meetings will never be complete with his presence and contributions.

The meeting committee and board of directors are working on details for our Williamsburg meeting. Please plan on being there to help us correct history as it is currently written that ignores Edward Maria Wingfield's part as the first president. Move over John Smith.

A site has not been chosen for the 1994

meeting. Several suggestions were made at Reno that included; Canada, Arkansas, Salt Lake City, California, a cruise to Jamaica, Ohio and Florida. Do you have any ideas?

It's common knowledge that it is the kind of people that make a party or meeting successful. For you that were in Reno. . . . I applaud you for making our sixth annual meeting a resounding success.

## Letters to the Editor:

Dear Ed.,

Reference Terry Cavanagh's story on page 2 of the Winter Newsletter subject Mr. G.J. Undreiner and his connection with Colonel Johnny Wingfield of Tickencote, author of "Records of the Wingfield Family". Mr. Undreiner, born at Brooklyn, later a priest of Columbus, Ohio, as a student, wrote in German "Robert Wingfield, erster staendiger englischen Gesandter am deutschen Hofe 1464?-1539" ("Robert Wingfield, first permanent ambassador at the German court [e.g. the Holy Roman Empire - JRW], 1464/-1539"), as a dissertation for his Ph.D. at the University of Freiburg, Switzerland; and published in 1932. A copy (well over 100 pages) is held in the British Museum's British Library under 09525 g.38. It was clear that Colonel Johnny Wingfield's book, "Records," was the primary source for Undreiner's treatise. It is not a direct translation, but I was unable to find any new material on Sir Robert, PC, the famous ambassador, who in "Records" is second only to President Edward-Maria's grandfather, Sir Richard Wingfield, KG, of Kimbolton Castle, Sir Robert's brother, who was an equally successful permanent ambassador and was also Deputy of Calais, early in the reign of King Henry VIII.

I believe Undreiner's dissertation is also to be found in the Rutland papers, ed. (and presumably translated) by William Jordan for the Camden Society (London, 1842).

Yours,  
Jocelyn Wingfield  
London, U.K.

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imprisoned," showed the sheer size - 12 turrets - and beauty of this second, hill-top Wingfield Castle with its adjoining lands. (There was no connection with the Suffolk Wingfields.)

"Wingfield Manor," as it is known, lies 5 miles west of Alfreton and one mile south of the village of South Wingfield. The area and hamlet (village without a church) to the south of Wingfield Manor is called Wingfield Park - where the famous Wingfield Park Riot took place in 1817.

As one approaches the building, from a distance it is most impressive. Once on location except for the walls it is entirely in ruins.

## WFS MEMBER PROFILE:

### June Mueller



June in Reno

Whether it's caring for her 14 year old cat Lightning, or typing queries for the Southern California Genealogical Society, June does it with intense dedication. She admits in her younger days she was stubborn to a fault, but this has mellowed somewhat in later years. She is no longer stubborn, just determined.

As a child she hated school and particularly detested history, math and bookkeeping, the very subjects that would later influence her adult life. Now, she admits she has learned how essential these interests are in her day to day living especially history in view of the fact she devotes so much time to genealogy.

Born Kathryn June Fortner (Jr.) in 1927 at Oak Park, IL an only child of Thurman A. Fortner and Kathryn June Gaynor. Her mother was born in Chicago but met her husband, Thurman in Miami when he was selling real estate. She was on vacation. They married in Chicago 6 weeks later.

June is a Wingfield through her mother's line. Her maternal grandmother was Helena May Wingfield born in Adams Co., IL. June's mother Kathryn and her two sisters were orphaned as very young girls. Her mother was raised by relatives.

In 1930, the Fortner family moved to New York City for a very short time, but the early memories life for June began on Monroe Street in Chicago while attending nearby John Marshall Grade School.

She remembers being curious even at an early age about her ancestors. This fascination later surfaced as a serious genealogical interest and became an unwavering hobby.

By the time June started kindergarten, her parents had separated, and eventually divorced. Her mother remarried and the new family moved to St. Louis when June was in

the 7th grade.

Obstinate and opinionated, June quit high school after her sophomore year. Her mother issued an ultimatum, "Go to school, or go to work!" Ironically, the very same day June surprised her mother by getting a job in the jewelry department of Kline's Department Store in St. Louis. She was just seventeen, and remained only for a very short time at Kline's before resigning.

Still not ready to go back to school she applied and was hired as a tabulator and sorter with the Missouri Pacific Railroad. This required her to stand which she did vainly in high heels. It wasn't until 5 years later that she was able to perform her work sitting down with a promotion as a key punch operator. Later she advanced to a clerks position, but continued to fill in key punching and tabulation when needed.

It was in St. Louis that June met Alvin a young man but they only dated for a couple of months when by mutual agreement broke up. Seven months later they met again at a skating rink and a latent romance bloomed. After a two year courtship June and Alvin E. Mueller married in 1950. June continued to work with the railroad until 1960 when they moved to North Hollywood, California, the very town she lives in today.

June did go back to school and received her high school diploma in 1964 from the North Hollywood High School. Ironically she had to take two terms of math to receive her diploma, the very subject she so detested as an earlier student in Missouri.

Alvin was a letter carrier for the Post Office Department and she busied herself with volunteer work serving on the election board (and still does), co-leader with a Girl Scout Troop and a post office auxiliary (until it was dissolved about 5 or 6 years ago). Alvin retired after 21 years of service with the post office. He died in 1980.

June says her greatest accomplishment in life was being married to Alvin for 30 years. Especially in an era of divorces and difficult times. Her marriage was a happy one.

She admits she did not learn to drive a car until she was 54 years old. Now she concentrates most of her energies on genealogy, volunteering considerable time to the Southern California Genealogical Society Library in Burbank. She finds computers fascinating and works with the library's computer club two Sundays a month and says she is still learning. She has a personal computer for her own genealogical research as well as data processing. "I'll never use a typewriter again," she remarked. June types queries for the society's monthly publication that goes to a mailing list of about 1500. She also does indexing at the library.

A member of the board of directors for the library and the library committee, she is

active with an annual trip for 25 to 40 genealogist members visiting the LDS library in Salt Lake City for a full week. "This is a worthwhile and fulfilling experience," June adds. Recently the Southern California Genealogical Society, sponsored a very successful Annual Jamboree and June was very much involved.

In 1978 (Alvin was still alive) is when her genealogical hobby really began to blossom at which time June started research on both her and Alvin's line. The only information she had was her parent's death date and place of burial for her grandparents. This required in-depth research, requesting marriage and death certificates, letters to cemeteries and placing queries in publications. Eventually she successfully established contact with new found cousins and traced her other lines back to 1640, 1760, 1775 and c.1795 on the Wingfield side. June has not yet proved her U. S. immigrant progenitor, only going back as far as Henry Garret Wingfield (c.1795) in North Carolina. Henry's son was John Stephenson Wingfield, c.1820 and his son, Francis S. Wingfield who was the father of Helena Wingfield, June's grandmother. June has worked closely with WFS genealogist, Lee Preston and is hopeful there will be a breakthrough providing proof back to her Wingfield immigrant. Lee has some theories about a family connection in Virginia, but it hasn't been proved.

Recently while searching census soundex record, she found a Wingfield that was born in Russia. This is strange indeed, but with no immigration proof it cannot be included on the new WFS WAIL list (Wingfield Americas Immigrant List).

She learned about the existence of the Wingfield Family Society from Judy Hatch a cousin and member. Judy's great grandfather and June's grandmother were brother and sister. She continues to exchange information with Judy and recently saw her and her husband in Reno.

Her Hobbies are sewing, knitting, crocheting, crossword and jig saw puzzles, but this has been assigned a low priority now that she spends so much time as a volunteer with the local genealogical society. June proudly states, "the SCGS is completely supported by volunteers, membership dues and donations." For years, especially when Alvin was alive, she had been able to travel back to St. Louis, usually twice a year to visit family, school and work friends. Now she keeps in touch by phone.

Another interest is her pet white and gray cat "Lightning," The feline population around June's house is exploding. Recently a dozen tiny kittens appeared. June named one of the kittens "Wingfield" (could be changed later to Wingfieldette).

Anyone want a kitten?

## Wingfields in Action Reunion in England, descendants 4th Viscount Powerscourt

On August 4, 1991, twenty two descendants of the 4th Viscount Powerscourt (d. 1809) and his second wife, Isabella Brownlow



**Powerscourt Wingfield's meet in London for reunion**

(daughter of 1st Earl of Clanwilliam), met for a picnic in Windsor Great Park near London. They were joined by WFS members Jocelyn Wingfield (second from the right, top row), and his wife Sara (fourth from the right, back row).

The picnic reunion is held periodically. This one was organized by WFS members.

## “Virginia’s Founder Wingfield”

to be published early 1993



**Jocelyn Wingfield**

It will be done! Another very important book will be published by the WFS. Authored by our historian, Jocelyn Wingfield of London, who spent several years researching what is to be a comprehensive biography of Edward-Maria Wingfield, the first president of the Jamestown Colony. The book, about 300 pages long, is well indexed and contains the fascinating story of the life and adventures of Edward-Maria up to and included his leading the settlers from England to Virginia (Jamestown) in 1607.

Inspiration for Jocelyn’s journalistic endeavor dates back to the rebuff the WFS received when our committee contacted the Jamestown attraction in an attempt to get Edward-Maria recognized for his true role in Jamestown. Jocelyn realized history must be corrected. The book covers more than just the Jamestown era, indeed only one chapter is fully devoted to that period.

The book is about the Edward-Maria Wingfield’s full life showing the reader how he evolved to be in the position of becoming the colony’s first president.

Thousands of tourists visit the Jamestown site in Virginia each year and the guides give an elaborate narration glamorizing John Smith as the leader and hero of Jamestown, ignoring Edward-Maria Wingfield.

Little has been written about Wingfield and this book is his first biography. It can also correct Jamestown history as we are confident it will open the eyes of historians and scholars that so far have accepted distorted facts as history.

The previous two books published by the WFS were for consumption of our members. “Virginia’s Founder Wingfield” will have a wider appeal and our intent is to get it placed in universities, libraries, and into the hands of scholars and historians. Certainly we know our own members will want a copy, too.

No details are available at this time, except it will be published and available for distribution prior to our 1993 meeting in Williamsburg.

## More Wingfields in Action:

WFS member **George Wingfield** of Somerset, U. K., completed a most impressive United States crop circle lecture tour in April-May, 1992. The itinerary included: the Ozark UFO Conference at Eureka Springs, Arkansas, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma, the



**George Wingfield**

Treat IV Conference in Atlanta, Georgia, the Smithsonian Institute at Washington, DC., conferences in New York, Houston, Texas, San Antonio, Texas, Dallas, Texas, Chicago, Illinois and Lincoln, Nebraska.

Discussion was on two important aspects of the mysterious phenomenon. One,

the claim that crop circles have resulted from a hoax by two British farmers, and two, recent scientific data. For example studies have yielded unusual results showing damage to the DNA of crop circles and the radiation levels in the soil surrounding the circles tested higher than other crops.

George’s huge store of crop circle colored postcards (all photos taken by him) were sold out within a few days as were many dollars’ worth of crop circle books, entitled “Crop Circles - Harbingers of World Change” and “The Crop Circle Enigma.” The books included several chapters written by George.

**WFS President Bob Wingfield** of Northbrook, IL received front page coverage about being Lord of the Manor of Wingfield in the Northbrook Star the local newspaper. The cover headlined, “Local Lord..” with story continued inside. The cover had a photograph showing Bob with the heraldic scroll. The full page inside story and pictures continued about “Northbrook’s Nobility” with more photos of Bob and related artifacts.

This publicity has brought requests for speeches at local civic clubs, the first at Northbrook’s Kiwanis Club. It’s rare to have an English lord living in Illinois.

**Terry Cavanagh**, well known within the WFS, had a heart by-pass operation at Emory Hospital in Atlanta, GA early in June. He was hospitalized for about two and a half weeks, is home now and doing fine.

Terry and his wife Susan live in Athens, GA They make up our publishing committee that was responsible for re-publishing the two quality major books for the WFS, and will coordinate the publishing of the new Jocelyn Wingfield biography “Virginia’s Founder Wingfield.”

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on Snow Hill of Sir Samuel Saltonstall. Smith, was buried at St. Sepulchre's on June 21, 1631 - and not at Jamestown, as many hundreds of thousands have been informed in the Jamestown film that was still in use at the time the WFS was founded. The exact place of John Smith's burial in the church is not known, but there is a large brass plate in the south aisle, a copy of an older one, which reads as if John Smith wrote it himself. It starts off:

"Here lyes one conquered that hath  
conquered Kings,  
Subdu'd large Territories and done  
things  
Which to the World impossible would  
seem..."

It continues in the same vein for 23 more lines. There was a tercentenary service there in 1931.

In 1968 the widow of Bradford Smith, American namesake and biographer of Captain John Smith, presented a striking memorial stained glass window (really 3 windows), showing John Smith in the center with his map of Virginia and [doubtful] coat of arms, at his feet, the Seal of the Virginia Company; flanked by Sir Samuel Saltonstall on one side; and Robert Bertie, Earl of Lindsey on the other. Depicted below them are the three little ships that sailed in 1606 from Blackwall on the Thames.

Also shown in the window are the arms of the Earl of Dover, the Earl of Pembroke and the Duchess of Richmond & Lennox (to all of whom Smith dedicated various books), the arms of Lord de La Warr; and the monograms B.G., R.H., and S.H., standing for Bartholomew Gosnold, Robert Hunt and for St. Helen's, Willoughby by Alford, the church where John Smith was baptized. Until now nothing for Edward-Maria Wingfield.

On state occasions the Lord Mayor occupies the front pew with the Great Sword being placed beside him. There are in the church some five dozen exquisite kneelers, a third of which are on the theme of the Founding of Virginia. These have a coat of arms or crest or picture embroidered on the top and names of the settlers or promoters on the long sides. The kneelers are intended to be viewed with the John Smith window and so are normally displayed on the pew seats. There have for some time been three for John Smith, two each for Bartholomew Gosnold and Pocahontas and one for Lord de la Warr, as well as one each for the Earls of Dover and of Pembroke. There are a few others, showing people of no particular note and who were not involved in the Founding of Jamestown by Captain Edward-Maria

Wingfield and his men. But until now, there has been no kneeler or other memorials to commemorate the man who stitched the whole 1606-07 Jamestown operation together. This is incredible especially since he was a founding member of both the 1606 and the later 1609 Charter, Captain Edward-Maria Wingfield; was the man without whom the entire venture would not have happened. [The WFS will publish the first biography of President Wingfield next year - to prove this very point].

The magnificently embroidered Presidential Kneeler was funded, half by the WFS and half by Mrs. H. C. Hilburn of Shreveport, LA. It was presented to the church by Mrs. Hilburn's daughter, Mrs. Joan Crawford currently of London and Yemen. They are both WFS Members. The formal presentation included "Jay" Crawford, Joan's husband and Jocelyn Wingfield, of London.

The WFS kneeler is a veritable and fitting "flagship" for St. Sepulchre's "Founding of Virginia" Kneeler Collection. The royal blue kneeler has Edward-Maria Wingfield's coat of arms (in deep red and silver on the top, with "Edward-Maria Wingfield 1550-1614" on one long side and "First President Virginia 1607" on the other, in black). The Wingfield Family Society's sincere thanks go to Joan Crawford and her mother, Mrs. Hilburn, for the very generous part they played in this WFS project. A long overdue tribute in a church that salutes the Jamestown pioneers.

## WFS Membership sub-chairmen appointed

Bob Wingfield has appointed 34 state and area chairmen to assist Dee Epps, General Membership Chairmen, in developing additional members for the WFS. These chairmen will be alert to potential new members and are expected to bring the membership up considerably above its present all time high of 290 (address locations). The following members accepting the state and area chairmanship are:

Alabama- Betsey Hughes  
Arkansas- Dorothy Shively  
Arizona- Elva Wingfield  
Australia- Gary Wingfield  
California- Hazel Spears  
Colorado- Opal Wingfield  
Connecticut- Ed. C. Wingfield  
Delaware- Dale W. Ruf  
Florida- Wingfield Hughes  
Georgia- Sam Wingfield  
Illinois- John Coussens  
Louisiana- Troyce L. Tullier  
Indiana- Ed Coussens  
Maryland- Dale W. Ruf  
Michigan- Louis Wingfield  
Minnesota- Harold Wingfield

Mississippi- Julia Gatling  
Missouri- Wesley Wingfield  
Montana- Ruth Wigfield Phillip  
New Hampshire- Dale W. Ruf  
New Jersey- Richard Quarles  
New Mexico- James Robinson  
New York- Frank Reinauer  
New Zealand- Gary Wingfield  
North Carolina- Charlotte McWhorter  
Ohio- Edwin Wingfield  
Oklahoma- Robert Garner  
Oregon- Hap (Gladys) Wingfield  
South Dakota- Dorthea Wingfield  
Tennessee- M. B. Wingfield  
Texas- Dixie Ann Foster  
Utah- Doris Wasden  
Virginia- Betty Wingfield  
Washington- John Wingfield

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## Wingfield 1708 Letheringham deed now in WFS hands

The WFS has acquired a fascinating 13-page Manuscript (each page: 12"x16") of the sale in 1708 of Letheringham and all its estates by Henry Wingfield, 4th Baronet of Letheringham & Easton & Godwins Hoo, Suffolk, England. It is called "Sir Henry Wingfield et al [and others] to Trustees. . . Attested Copy Assigment of Several Incumbrances to attend Inheritance, 21st May 1708" and is clearly a contemporary (and beautifully written) manuscript.

This is truly a unique document for the family. The Suffolk Wingfields, (from whom, amongst others, were descended Harbottle Wingfield II of Jamaica (1760's) and Thomas Wingfield of York River, Virginia (1680)), lived at Letheringham for three and a half centuries!

We have had this treasured Manuscript photocopied, with appropriate background cover sheets by our historian, Jocelyn Wingfield. We have a few copies available in the Wingfield Store.

You really will get the atmosphere of the family's great estate. In short, Sir Henry Wingfield, Jr. mortgaged the vast Wingfield estates for more and more money until he owed a Mr. Guidott the huge sum of £11896. This was a major fortune in those days. Then along comes a lady called Ann Wroth and pays off the mortgage AND pays Sir Henry Wingfield a further £11318; so the Wingfield Ancestral Estate went for a total of £23214 (the equivalent today of \$500,000). Also playing a key role in the legal transactions over the 1690's and in the period 1700-

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# Wingfields in History

## Part II:

### Ambassador Outwits King in visit to Kathrine in Kimbolton Castle, home of Chas. Wingfield

by Jocelyn R. Wingfield

In July 1534 the Spanish Ambassador at the Court of King Henry VIII, Eustache Chapuys, failed again to obtain royal permission to visit Catherine of Aragon, who was imprisoned at Kimbolton Castle, seventy miles north of London. And so he announced to all his friends that he was going on a pilgrimage to "England's Nazareth", England's second holiest site (ranking after Canterbury), to the shrine of Our Lady of Walsingham in Norfolk, over a hundred miles north of the court and capital.

Chapuys asked leading Spanish merchants to accompany him and assembled sixty horsemen, accoutred and caparisoned as if they were on a royal progress. He surely knew that Queen Catherine had been on pilgrimage to Walsingham back in 1517 and that her dread lord, King Henry had paid three visits there, 'twas said, walking the mile or two from the Chapel of St. Catherine near East Barsham Hall to Walsingham itself. One visit was to pray for his then son and heir, Prince Henry, in 1511. In the following year the King paid £23-11-4 for "the glazing of Our Lady's Chapel at Walsingham" and had initiated a standing order for "the King's candle" to be kept burning before Our Lady of Walsingham and the wages for a priest to say Mass there. This was still in force. Chapuys planned to go north for some 65 miles to St. Neots and then, instead of proceeding north-east to Walsingham, to make a 5-mile dash north-west through the hamlet of Stonely to Kimbolton. But the King was not fooled. He knew Walsingham well. Indeed his very own candle still burned there. He knew that the Pilgrim's Way lay through Newmarket, thirty miles east of St. Neots.

In the van of Chapuys' grand procession he placed all the trumpeters and drummers that he could find to hire in the capital, London's pop groups of 1534. His cortege, displaying the arms of the Ambassador of Spain & the Holy Roman Empire, unfurled banners billowing and pennants streaming proudly in the midsummer wind, wound like a giant viper down one London street and up the next, before setting off up the great road that led in the direction of the Wingfields' castle. It was hot and dusty, noisy but organised. Although those in the procession were in carnival mood, to some of the watching Londoners and those who lived on the

route there was perchance also an air of mutiny. They must have all known that Chapuys was not going to Walsingham - not with all that grandeur.

Chapuys had ridden but a quarter of the way to Kimbolton, when a messenger from the King rode up and warned him not to visit "the Princess Dowager". Chapuys and his party continued north. At St. Neots, the 65-mile mark, just as Chapuys had halted preparatory to turning off for the last five miles on the Stonely-Kimbolton road, and thereby finally showing his real intention, another messenger came cantering up. This one came from the direction of Stonely Hill. It was Francisco Felipe, sent by Catherine. Chapuys should not proceed, since her lord, the King, had forbidden him - with the emphasis on him - to visit; however, a welcome at the castle of game and wine awaited his escort.

Consequently Chapuys sent off at speed with Felipe his beautifully equipped Spanish horsemen, cantering over the Kym near the Priory of Great Staughton, past Agden Windmill, along the river flowing lazily below Stonely Priory and its little Our Lady Chapel, over the Kym again and up to the double-moated fortified home of young Charles Wingfield. Catherine and her staff surely heard the rising crescendo from downstream of Spanish songs, of cheering and huzzas, as in a great swirling riot of whirling, prancing colourful horsemen, bits and spurs jangling, Catherine's jubilant countrymen thronged outside the double-moat. She must have wept for joy.

Chapuys' jester tumbled off his horse and literally played the fool on the water's edge, as the party begged Bedingfield's guards on the drawbridge to let them in. As the jester fell into the moat amidst much laughter from within as well as without, he appeared to lose control of his jester's staff and its attached casket, which happened to fly up in a parabola over the castle wall landing near the deposed Queen or one of her staff. Chapuys had reestablished communication. Taken completely off his guard, Catherine's Steward, Sir Edmund Bedingfield allowed the Spaniards inside the castle, where they were entertained to dinner in the Great Hall. That November Queen Anne Boleyn's child, Henry, was born and died.

In early 1535 Queen Catherine's daughter, the Princess Mary, fell ill. Both parents suspected Anne Boleyn. King Henry quickly despatched to see Mary his physician, Dr. Butts, who at once called in Catherine's physician, De La Sa. Both doctors suspected deliberate poisoning, but Mary said she was getting better. Catherine however, wrote to Ambassador Chapuys from Kimbolton Castle on 12th February begging him to try and

persuade the King to send Princess Mary to join her at Charles Wingfield's place, to be nursed there by Catherine herself. This letter must have been vetted by Catherine's jailer, Bedingfield, since Chapuys read it to King Henry (who surely by then knew of its contents anyway!)

Henry refused to allow Mary to be moved there. Looking Chapuys straight between the eyes, the King said he could not risk sending Mary to such an isolated place as the home of the Wingfields there on the Kym since ill-intentioned persons, without the knowledge of the "Princess Dowager" were out to spring her out of the castle, to use her to foment rebellion and then to spirit her out of the realm. Henry then said he would however, permit Mary to move closer to Kimbolton Castle, but that Catherine would not be permitted to visit her daughter.

What did the future now hold for the poor wretched prisoner incarcerated within the late Sir Richard Wingfield's "Castelle metely strong. with new fair logyns and galleries"?

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1708 is a certain "John Wroth, Lord of the Manor of Loughton, Essex, Esquire." Out of the whole of England, Loughton is from where the ancestor of many of the Wingfields of Ontario, Canada emigrated in 1910!

Readers of the manuscript will enjoy sitting back learning about family lands called Hoggs Parke, Goose Sings, Great Emilly, Godwinns Spring, Freeze Close, etc. The Letheringham mortgage document will fascinate you as one of the key parties in the Letheringham mortgage document is young hard-drinking, arrogant, pushy, big-spend-ing, gambling, brawling Charles Mohun, 5th Baron Mohun, England's Number 1 duelist, who fought his 7th duel until both swordsmen were dead! All this is covered in gory detail in the Historian's Preface to the Manuscript.

It is clear from the Manuscript that the Wingfields owned Letheringham Old Hall, the Letheringham Water Mill and Letheringham Lodge. Letheringham Park was 270 acres. The family also owned - their second big house really, Mildenhall, Norfolk, which is where the "Warners of Mildenhall" lived - those who intermarried with the Wingfields. There were also the Warners of Framlingham etc., whose "honored son," Sir Thomas went out to found St. Christopher's alias St. Kitts in 1623 calling the main River, the Wingfield River.

If you want a copy of the Letheringham document, send \$14.00 (checks made to Wingfield Family Society) to: The Wingfield Store, Attention, Gerry or Betty Dutton, 611 Oak Manor Drive, El Dorado, AR 71730.