

newsletter

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

... Ancient Suffolk England Rhyme

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Oregon Trail is 150 years old Several Wingfields traveled the route

Ancestors of the Arizona Wingfields

The greatest voluntary human migration in North America to cross the continent started in 1843. Those seeking a better life flowed onto a rugged path of over 2170 miles in astounding numbers for a journey of almost a half a year over what became the Oregon Trail. The destination, Oregon. The goal: free land and later gold in California in a flight of emigrants that lasted over three decades. Some said it was Manifest Destiny and the will of God that America should expand from sea to sea. Most simply saw it as opportunity. The Indians viewed the affair as trespassing.

Since this is the sesquicentennial (150th year) of the opening of the Trail in 1843, it seems appropriate that we relate how members of the Wingfield family fit into this fascinating early history. First an overview of the Oregon Trail and put this remarkable event into perspective to illustrate the hardship and challenges these pioneers faced as they opened a remarkable era of American history.

Economic depression in 1837 and 1841

The search, discovery and restoration of a Wingfield Cemetery in Amherst County Virginia

In the early days of our country, our loved ones were usually not buried in the traditional way of today in a public cemetery. Instead they were laid to rest at their church, on home property or in a family cemetery.

An earlier newsletter (Winter edition, 1991) had a story on a Wingfield family cemetery near Charlottesville, VA and we know of at least one more in that same general area.

The following story reveals how WFS president, Bob Wingfield, as his genealogical appetite was whetted to learn more about his progenitors led him to discover his family's cemetery in Amherst County, Virginia. Not only did he find it, but he took it upon himself to see that it was upgraded from a tangled overgrown mass of obliterated vegetation to a fenced in neat semblance of order with as

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frustrated farmers and businessmen alike. In 1836 Marcus Whitman along with his wife and another couple headed for Oregon as missionaries. The letters sent back home publicized the opportunities and advantages of Oregon. After that a few wagon trains attempted the trip, but most failed.

It was in 1843 that Capt. J. C. Fremont and Kit Carson mapped the trail for the Army and enticed the first group of 1000 to hitch up their oxen at Independence, Missouri for travel to Oregon, an omen of the multitudes to follow.

By 1870 and the completion of the transcontinental railroad between 350,000

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Oldest living Wingfield is Sarah Lucy Meadows at 97 years young

Just one response was received to our inquiry if there was any Wingfield older than Sewell Wingfield of Sun City, Arizona who



**Sarah Lucy Meadows
Oldest living Wingfield**

was 94 years old and the subject of our WFS Member Profile for the Summer 1993 issue. The following information was reported by her daughter, WFS member Cora Lorkiewicz of Virginia Beach, VA.

Sarah Lucy Wood Meadows was already well into grade school when Sewell was just

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1086 Domesday Book lists village of Wingfield What does it prove?

by Bob Carr

Social historian David Hey, author of "The Oxford Guide to Family History" points out that only two families can trace their name further than the Domesday book. These two names are Arden and Berkeley. Many people including members of the WFS claim ancestry back to Charlamagne (fl 800 A.D.), but this is through Royal lines and ignores a single family name. These are bona fide Royal connections through King Edward III in the case of the Wingfields.

To be able to trace one's ancestry back to the Domesday book of 1086 is indeed extraordinary and questionable. Be careful when you make that claim. Our historian, Jocelyn Wingfield (see Norman Wingfields, Part II WFS Newsletter Spring, 1992) speculates that there is some question that Wingfields are traceable to 1087, but adds, "back to 1279 is dead safe."

It has been assumed the Wingfields were Saxon and living in Britain before the arrival of William the Conqueror in 1066. We do know the village of Wingfield is listed in the Domesday book as the consequence of the survey of commissioned by William I in 1085.

There is nothing like the Domesday book and historians agree. There is no comparable 900 year old inventory of a complete country, village by village, and manor by manor in the world. What is even more remarkable, the original book survives and has been on display for the general public. It was preserved for centuries at Winchester, capital of the ancient Saxon kingdom of Wessex, but is now held in the Public Record Office in London. The irony is that until recently it has remained a closed book except to a handful of medieval scholars. Probably the most obvious reason for this is that the Domesday book was not merely written in Latin, but in a highly abbreviated form of Latin. Even in translation it describes a world that is so strange to us that we need to be guided through its technicalities.

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starting the first grade so she qualifies as being older.

Sarah is 97+, was born January 21, 1896 in Norfolk, Virginia. She married in 1916 to Walter Boude Meadows of Hinton, WV. They moved to New York where Walter was a stereotyper on various newspapers in New York and New Jersey. While "up north" they had three children: Walter Boude, Jr. who resides in Honolulu, Hawaii; Clara May of Chesapeake, VA and Cora Virginia Lorkiewicz of Virginia Beach, Virginia.

In 1959 Sarah and Walter retired and returned to Norfolk where it all began. Walter died in 1978. From then until October 1992 Sarah lived with her daughter Cora Lorkiewicz, but now is in a nearby assisted living facility.

Sarah had been active in PTA and Girl Scouts and served several years as president and assistant scout leader respectively while living in New Jersey. Back in Virginia, Sarah and Walter were active in local senior citizen organizations.

Sara Lucy Wood Meadows is of the John and Mary (Hudson) Wingfield (ca. 1695) line of Hanover, VA. Thence to John, Jr and Susan () Wingfield (ca. 1740, Hanover, VA; William (b. 1761) and Eliza (Davis) Wingfield of Hanover, VA; Mary M. Wingfield (b. 1789) and Thomas D. Martin of Hertford, NC; Mary Elizabeth Martin (b. 1811) and J. S. Wood, Hertford, NC; Joseph Roulhac Wood (b. 1833) and Sarah (Jackson) of Hertford, NC; Thomas Duncan Martin Wood (b. 1865) and Cora May (Taylor) Norfolk, VA; and finally to Sarah Lucy Wood (b. 21 Jan 1896) who married Walter Boude Meadows of Norfolk, VA.

Our congratulations to Sarah Meadows for a full life of nearly a century. The Wingfield Family Society salutes a warm and loving lady.

Wingfields in Action

Powerscourt Wingfields - 1993 PIC-NIC The annual picnic for descendants of Richard Wingfield, 4th Viscount Powerscourt (d. 1809) and their kin was held in Croydon on August 22nd. Twenty two attended, including WFS members **Richard, Jocelyn and Christopher Wingfield**, age 15, whose immediate family have just emigrated from South Africa. Christopher our first South African-born member, was just in from Tokyo where his father **Mervyn Wingfield** now works. (Ed. note: sorry, we do not have the names of the other attendees.)

At a rodeo in Cody, Wyoming, the evening of August 9, 1993, the announcer congratulated **Laura Wingfield**, 8 years old of Little Rock, Arkansas stating this was her birthday.

Presumably she was on vacation and the WFS member that heard the announcement could not locate Laura.

Anyway, Happy Birthday, Laura from the WFS.



Wilsie Carr with Bob & Virginia Wingfield at meeting in St Louis

WFS President **Bob Wingfield** and his wife **Virginia**, met **Bob and Wilsie Carr** in St. Louis to attend the Federation of Genealogical Societies meeting August 3-5. They were there at the height of the flooding on the Mississippi, but none got their feet wet.

Places called Wingfield

A few miles from the Arkansas River in southern Kansas is the town of Winfield. Sally D. Wilcox who is historian for the town says that in May 1882, a Rev. Winfield Scott came as visiting speaker to dedicate a new church building. They were so impressed they named the town after him. The church is still standing and used. Rev Scott was a state missionary and pastor of a Baptist church in Leavenworth, Kansas.

Jocelyn Wingfield reports, "In Greater London there are 14 places called Wingfield" as noted below:

(1) the Wingfield Restaurant at Wimbledon, named for Walter C. Wingfield, the inventor of lawn tennis.

(2) Wingfield Way, Ruislip at Northolt Aerodrome - surely named for the late Lawrie Wingfield, DFC, MC [d. 1989, see Newsletter Vol. IV, No.1, p.2].

(3) Wingfield Road, Leytonstone.

(4) Winkfield Road, Plaistow/West Ham., possibly named for property of Anthony Wingfield, Receiver of St. Thomas's Hospital, 1775-99 [See WFS LINKS #16.1].

(5) Wingfield Road, Gravesend, believed to be named for Sir Charles Wingfield, KCSI, CB, MP for Gravesend 1868-74 (and after whom Lucknow, India's Wingfield Park is named).

The next eight may have been named after "earlier" Wingfields or their property (since Wingfields often called their house "Wingfield House" in about 1500 to 1750), but it is far more likely that they were named after Walter Wingfield, the inventor of lawn tennis.

(6) Wingfield Road in Walthamstow [whence came the name of the Wingfield

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Newsletter partially indexed, to be completed within 6 mos

Good news for those that keep copies of the WFS newsletter and have asked for an index. You are getting your wish. Enclosed with this issue of the newsletter is an index just completed for the year 1993. The indexing of the newsletter will by year and we suggest you file it behind the newsletters for the particular year. This issue completes the (1993) year so from now on you will get your year's index with each fall issue of the newsletter.

We are well on our way to indexing other past years, but these will not be sent automatically to the membership. Members that want past indexes must specifically request them. An informal survey reveals not everyone wants or will use the indexes and to blanket everyone with all past years is an additional cost to the WFS. If you want past indexes please notify the editor the years you want and you will be placed on the mail list to receive a copy at no cost as it is finished. We expect the years 1987 through 1992 will be indexed within the next year.

About 18 months ago Lee Preston suggested that we provide past copies of our newsletter to select libraries in the U. S. and place them on our mail list to receive subsequent issues. It was felt past issues should be indexed before doing this. Our newsletter in libraries will give the Wingfield Family Society excellent exposure to the public, especially those with Wingfield interests.

Our thanks to June Mueller of North Hollywood, CA for her help in indexing the year 1992.

Welcome new members

Following are the new members that have joined the Wingfield Family Society within the past few months. All family members living in the same household are also members and are listed as such should we have this information. We welcome these new members and urge them to become active.

William and Viola Baylis of Islip Terrace, NY; **Cathy and Ronald Spencer** living in Long Beach, CA; **Theresa Greene Reed** of Rockville, MD; **Hilton and Yvonne McKinney** of Houston, TX; **Virgil A. Coleman, Sr.** of Monroe, VA; and **Sarah and Joseph Terry** from Mobile, AL.

Your editor welcomes information on the activities of Wingfields worldwide. If no one tells us about what you or your family are doing, how can we report it? Think it is too routine? Send it anyway. Let us decide.

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Obituary

Edward M. Coussens

Edward M. Coussens, 93 died in Pinellas Park, FL on June 1, 1993 where he had lived after moving there 20 years ago from Des Plaines, IL. Private services were held on June 19 and he was buried at Rose Hill Cemetery in Chicago. He was born November 6, 1899 in Chicago.

Mr. Coussens was a past master and a 72 year member of the Wilmette Park, IL Masonic Lodge #931 and was a member of Trowell American Legion Post #160, Chicago. He served in the Marine Corps during World War I.

He was a retired foreman, a member of the Pioneers, and of the Craftsmen's Club of Bell and Howell Co. of Des Plaines, IL.

Survivors include his wife Dorothy (nee Urban); his sons WFS members Edward P. Coussens and John H. Coussens of Park Ridge; his sister Ada Nienaber and Eva Schutt of Woodstock, IL; four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

He was proceeded in death by his first wife Gertrude (nee Barter).

David Niven's scars caused by "Jocelyn" Wingfield

by "Jossie" Cobbold (nee Jocelyn Wingfield)

A "unisex name" can be helpful or it can cause trouble as Jocelyn Wingfield of London can tell you. I too, was Jocelyn Wingfield until I married. With that introduction I can proceed with my story.

In 1934, I think it was, I had the opportunity to make my first trip to the U.S.A. with a cousin and her parents. We were both about 20 and fancy free and very thrilled to arrive and see the skyscrapers of New York from the Aquitania in the early morning.

During our stay in New York I sent a telegram to my old friend, actor David Niven to tell him I was coming to the Huntingdon Hotel in Pasadena the following week and hoped to see him. He had already made his name in a couple of films. He had been an officer in the Highland Scottish Regiment, the Argyll & Sutherland Highlanders until a few years earlier. Anyway, I sent this tele-

gram, finishing "...bringing messages from palpitating English hearts. (Signed) Jocelyn Wingfield."

It seems his "girlfriend" of the moment was sitting in his studio dressing room waiting for him when the telegram arrived. Not knowing his private address, I'd sent it to the MGM Studio. Apparently she greeted him somewhat crossly, but he, quick as a flash said, "Oh! This is from a dear old friend from my days in the regiment - I must try to see him - and take him out to lunch."

Alas, the morning of the lunch date David rang me at the hotel to say that lunch was off and explained the situation. "Please look at Cholly Knickerbocker's Social Column in this morning's L. A. Examiner," he then said, "turn to page 10." Horrors! A large picture and headlines stating "MISS JOCELYN WINGFIELD - ENGLISH SOCIALITE - WINTERING IN CALIFORNIA!!" David said he had "claw marks" down both sides of his face and wouldn't be able to film for days. I suspect this may have been an exaggeration, but worst of all I didn't get to see him and have lunch!

132 Ways to spell "Wingfield"

"Registrations" tells this and more

Jocelyn Wingfield's new book "Registrations" is full of interesting facts and lively Wingfield trivia. For example within the introduction Jocelyn spells out the nine areas that have Wingfield settlements and manors. Seven are in England, with one each in Germany and Ireland.

The book goes into the Wingfield "tribes" and either their migration within England or association with other families such as the Shropshires and Digbys.

A revealing chart shows the traditional way of naming children after their parents, grandparents, uncles and aunts. The first son was usually named after his father's father, second son after his mother's father, 3d son after his father and the 4th son after his father's eldest brother. The 1st daughter was normally named after her mother's mother, 2nd daughter after her father's mother, 3rd daughter after her mother and 4th daughter after her mother's eldest sister. Good clues in doing research to sort out the probabilities of relationships.

Perhaps the most incredible fact elaborated in "Registrations" is the unbelievable number of ways the name Wingfield has been spelled. The better part of a full page is needed to display the numerous variations. Space in this newsletter does not allow even a representative sampling of the different spellings. In all there are 132 shown and this

is probably not all.

The above review was in the first 6 pages of the introduction which will give you an idea of the type its exciting discloses.

Registration concentrates on the period 1537 to 1737 and indeed contains a list of (one to a dozen or so for) possible identifications for each of the 35 of the American immigrants in WAIL (Wingfield Americas Immigrants List). For those not into genealogy it contains 28 pages of, mainly, 3-6 line anecdotes about nine centuries of high profile Wingfields - mostly "unplaced."

Get the book, it is absolutely fascinating and is only \$8.00. Details on how to obtain it are noted elsewhere in an enclosed flyer.

Family Tree

By Ken Wingfield



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and 400,000 hearty souls literally jammed the Oregon trail with wagon trains. The trail also took a heavy toll as almost 1 person in 10 died enroute and historians claim for every mile 10 emigrants are buried along the way.

The emigrants knew their approximate progress of the journey by the terrain and more exactly by the forts and landmarks that marked the distance traveled. Example; Ft. Laramie (mile 650), Independence Rock (mile 815), South Pass (mile 914, here they crossed the continental divide), Whitman Mission (mile 1710), etc.

Prairie schooners were a standard, 4 X 10 ft. covered wagon that had to carry all of the provisions and possessions for the family. Many emigrants walked the entire way as there was little room in the wagon. Generally the Trail followed the rivers so water was no problem. Their herds grazed and provided additional food and milk.

The starting point was Independence, Missouri, but there were other points in Kansas and Nebraska for joining. The trains dared not start too early in the year or there would not be enough grass for grazing the oxen and live stock, or leave too late and face the winter snows in the mountain passes. Discovery of gold in California in 1848 found anxious prospectors on the Oregon Trail so understandably travel peaked in the 1850s. Trail improvements, cutoffs and toll bridges would reduce the total travel time to less than 4 months.

These nineteenth century travelers measured the trip in miles per day (about 13), as they walked beside the teams of oxen over dusty ruts, muddy hills, rocks, mountains and rivers. In some places the Trail was twenty miles wide, in other places it was barely wide enough for a wagon to pass. At times the immense size of the wagon trains would create huge choking clouds of dust. The wagons moved in long columns to stir less dirt. The pioneers circled their wagons at night, not so much as protection from the Indians, but to corral livestock.

Early emigrants generally found the Indians to be cordial and helpful. Later the friendly relationships became strained. Betrayal and misunderstandings sparked a series of Indian wars and hostilities occurred often enough that after 1860 the settlers became cautious and apprehensive.

By 1870 the end of the Oregon Trail was clearly in sight with the completion of the transcontinental railroad. Interestingly some parts of the Oregon Trail were still being used as late as 1913 and even today ranchers use part of it and some of the major highways are on the Trail. Some ruts can still be seen on about 300 of the 2000 mile Trail.

The first Wingfield believed to travel the

Oregon Trail was 15 year old John Wesley Wingfield (b.1829) the son of Edward W. Wingfield (b.1807), the progenitor of the Arizona Wingfields and the son of Reuben Wingfield (c.1775-1842) and Ann Olds of Albemarle, County, Virginia.

The youthful John Wesley apparently had a disagreement with his family and independently packed off for Oregon in about 1845, and finally to California.

The second Wingfield to migrate to Oregon was Joseph T. Wingfield (b.1807) son of Christopher and Elizabeth Wingfield of Hanover, Va. and great great grandson of John and Mary (Hudson) Wingfield. He traveled the trail with his wife Hanna and 5 children leaving their home in Missouri. The date of transit was between 1843 and 1847, so it is possible he was the first Wingfield on the Trail. He died in Carus, Oregon in 1896.

In the spring of 1869, William Gilmore Wingfield (b.1843) became the leader of a wagon train destined for Oregon from Arkansas. Those that accompanied William Gilmore Wingfield and his wife Margaret, were his father, Edward W. Wingfield, now age 62, his older (half) brother David (b.1831)



Francis Thomas "Tobe" Wingfield

Photo Courtesy Gail Miller

another brother Francis Thomas "Tobe" Wingfield (b.1850), Enoch and Mary Elizabeth Wingfield Loper (daughter of William W.) and a family named Rhinehart. "Tobe" Wingfield left the wagon train for California, but came to Oregon to help drive the Wingfield cattle to Arizona in 1875.

The Wingfield wagon train terminated north of Salem, Oregon but in 1872 William Gilmore Wingfield and family were at Goose Lake in Lake County almost at the California border. Thousands of emigrants were now in Oregon and by 1869 the good land was taken or expensive to buy. The later arrivals had to move further into the territory.

Two brothers (of William Gilmore Wingfield), Thomas Yates Wingfield (b.1846) and James Henry Wingfield (1848) had married and remained in Arkansas when William

Gilmore Wingfield led his group to Oregon in 1869. One of the brothers, James Henry Wingfield, his wife Sarah and son Clinton also went by ox-cart drawn covered wagon over the Oregon Trail in 1872 and joined his brother William Gilmore Wingfield at Goose Lake in Lake County. Thomas Yates Wingfield would eventually travel to Oregon, but not until 1883.

According to Elva McKenzie, who in 1920 interviewed her grandfather (James Henry Wingfield d.1926) about his trip on the Oregon Trail, they detoured their wagon train in order to avoid the Indians many miles out of the way, via the area that is now Denver. There are no other details on this alternate routing, however if we may speculate, history does say in the latter days of the Trail, there were hostilities with the Cheyenne and other Indians along the route. Conceivably any confrontation could be avoided by following the South Platte River southwest to near what is now Denver. From there they could continue north, paralleling the mountains to Ft Laramie and rejoin the Oregon Trail route.

Along the Oregon Trail, there are thousands of names inscribed by the emigrants on the cliffs and monoliths along the way leaving a visible proof for history of those that traveled the route. Louis Wingfield of Mayer, AZ, also a grandson of James Henry Wingfield, has seen a Wingfield name inscribed on Independence Rock about 40 miles west of today's Casper, Wyoming.

The Wingfield brothers, William Gilmore, James Henry and Francis "Tobe" along with their families and father Edward W. Wingfield made another trek by wagon this time from Oregon to Arizona in 1875. Edward W Wingfield died in 1880 in Arizona at 73.

The other brother, Thomas Yates Wingfield also settled in Oregon but did not leave Arkansas until 1880 and then traveled to Redding, California (near the Oregon border) before settling in Lake County, Oregon in 1883. Ironically, but probably not by coincidence, to the same area as William Gilmore Wingfield and his family had lived, however by this time they had already left for Arizona. Whether Thomas Yates Wingfield and family went by the Oregon Trail is not known. It is possible, but more likely they went by railroad.

One of Thomas Yates Wingfield's children, George Wingfield (b.1876) ultimately became a political powerhouse in the state of Nevada.



WFS MEMBER PROFILE:

Gail Wingfield Mansfield



Gail Lee Wingfield Mansfield

Gail Lee Wingfield Mansfield was born January 14, 1947, in Denver, CO the second of four children of George Wallace Wingfield and Ethel F. Schafer. Her father was the son of Joseph Edward Wingfield who came to Colorado from Virginia about 1882.

Her father had been a teacher and later owned and operated a large farm and ranch in Yuma County, Colorado and was a partner in another farm in nearby Washington County. He served as county commissioner for 12 years and was the chairman of four committees for the State Association of County Commissioners and was vice president and president of the Northeastern Association of County Commissioners.

Gail is the middle of three sisters. Jolene, 5 years younger, is also a teacher, a WFS member and lives in nearby Wray. Mary Ellen Hoffman is older and resides in Tacoma, WA. Her younger brother, David is also a member of the WFS and farms near Idalia, CO.

It was her father that inspired Gail's interest in education, no doubt because of his teaching background before going into business for himself. Gail remarked that many Colorado Wingfields seem to be either teachers, farmers and ranchers, or all three.

Gail graduated from Idalia High School in 1965, attended Colorado Woman's College in Denver for two years, and transferred to the University of Northern Colorado in Greeley. She graduated in 1969 with a BA in communications with an emphasis in public speaking. She also received certification to teach in secondary education.

For four years Gail dated her high school sweetheart, Monte E. Mansfield and at her first year at college he presented her an engagement ring at Christmas. They were engaged for 4 years while she completed college and Monte finished his commitment with the U. S. Navy. They married in 1969 at a church on the campus of Colorado Woman's College in Denver. Then she began a student

teaching assignment in Englewood, CO. Monte's enlistment and Gail's teaching assignment ended at about the same time in late 1969, allowing them to return to the farm and get on with their marriage.

Additional university hours resulted in a K-12 certificate for teaching art (kindergarten to 12th grade). It was in high school that Gail recognized a latent talent in art. Her mother was an accomplished artist and guided her practice with oils. Her father presented Gail with her first paint set.

Currently, Gail is in her 21st year of teaching for East Yuma County School District and serves as assistant principal. In addition to teaching and being assistant principal, Gail makes time for gardening, cooking, art, and genealogy. What garden vegetables she cannot use are given away to family and friends.

Gail and Monte live on one of the farms in northeastern Colorado which had made up her father's operation. Monte raises wheat, corn, sunflowers, alfalfa and feeds cattle.

No wonder she suggested to the board of directors that the WFS publish a Wingfield Cookbook. This was immediately approved and naturally the project was assigned to Gail. Now, she is hard at work on this activity, one which she has accepted with vigor and enthusiasm. She knows from experience the joy of preparing tasty foods. However, Gail wanted to give more than family recipes; Clearly she planned it as a book to include information from each person submitting a recipe. She will also incorporate some of her own ink drawings, appropriately placed throughout. These are to be of well known Wingfield sites in England and the U.S. She has already finished several "inks" for the book and plans a number more. The Wingfield inks will add a special touch to the cookbook and make it a cherished keepsake.

Some of the ink drawings she has done recently and over the years include, the Wingfield Castle, Wingfield Manor House in Derbyshire, Tickencote Manor House, Orford Castle, Sir John Wingfield's brass, Kimbolton Castle, and of the first Wingfield homestead in Colorado.

A recent accomplishment was the completion of a (Colorado) Wingfield Family quilt. She began this in 1987, by drawing separate patterns for each 20 blocks which recorded the history of her family from England to her father's death in 1985. Her mother did all of the embroidery and her sister Jolene Wingfield and Aunt Clara Wingfield provided advice and consultation. Her role was mostly designing and the actual quilting was done professionally. Gail still has to add some final and personal touches. It is done in browns, tans and creams. The quilt was on display to the public for the very first time this past September 17-19 at a quilt show a few miles south of Wray, CO. The

next step is to write a history to explain each block.

Although she was curious about her family history, ironically, it was when her father died she realized how little she knew about her heritage and a serious interest in genealogy evolved. It wasn't until 1985 that she really started searching and keeping records. She learned about the WFS in 1987 when it first started and became a charter member. She was elected to the board of directors at the Reno meeting in 1992 to serve for three years. In addition to the Wingfield Family Society, she generously gives her time and talent to the Wray (Colorado) Art Guild. The organization was started by her mother and 5 other women about 30 years ago. The guild encourages interest in various types of art in the eastern Colorado area.

As a youngster she traveled over much of the United States and has been to Mexico and Canada. After marriage she and Monte visited Hawaii and some of the islands of the Caribbean. On her first trip to England, in 1983 with her sister Jolene, they met a young English couple on holiday. Gail kept in contact with the couple, and they later sent clippings of the Wingfield Castle and nearby Church. This prompted Gail to write to the vicars of several churches and actually did receive some answers about the Wingfield Church in Suffolk.

Before this she only understood she was of English ancestry and knew nothing about the family prominence in England. In 1988 she participated in the Wingfield tour to England and visited not only the Wingfield Castle and Church but many, many other family related sites.

An accomplishment for which she is justly proud was in 1989 when she was selected as YW-KC (Yuma, Washington and Kit Carson Counties) League Art Teacher of the Year. She was selected by her peers from this league as an outstanding art teacher. This was followed by being named to Who's Who Among America's Teachers twice, in 1990 and 1992. This particular selection was made by students of merit who believed that she had "made a difference" in their lives.

Her Wingfield family line traces back to Charles Wingfield (Rachel Joyner) and John Wingfield (Mary Hudson) in Virginia. It also connects back to Ruben Wingfield (Mary Anderson) then to John Wingfield (Robina Lankford) and Robert Wingfield (Ann —) in Virginia. If that is a bit confusing, it's because of some fancy intermarrying of cousins, Wingfield to Wingfield which occurred on three occasions in Virginia.

For someone with so much energy and enthusiasm Gail's overall goal in life is simple and genuine, "I just want to be happy, healthy and to be loved by my family."

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many of the gravestones as possible back in place.

Bob had obtained a letter written back in 1941 by his father's brother, Harold Victor Wingfield. The letter revealed his grandfather had been born and lived in Amherst County, Virginia on the Buffalo Ridge Mountain on a plantation.

In August 1992, Bob and Virginia went to Amherst County to learn more about his family and try to find his great-grandfather's (Dr. Robert Wingfield 1791-1858) old home-stead.

The Amherst County courthouse had some records and old maps showing where the Wingfields lived, but at that time (early 1800s) the roads were not marked or named as they are today. After spending hours in the

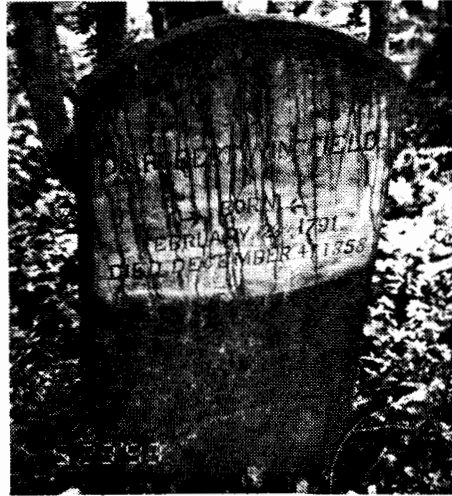


Cemetery after being fenced in by Bob and Virginia Wingfield

Amherst Historical Society Library, Bob and Virginia found a list of cemeteries that had been entered in the DAR book. There was a listing of a Wingfield Cemetery that had been compiled by a F. Scott Vail. Returning to the courthouse, they were told that Mr. Vail lived in Amherst. Bob called and Mr. Vail met Bob and Virginia and took them up the Buffalo Ridge Range to 6 miles from any house and at the end of a logging road. They were shown an area of undergrowth and told this was a cemetery. Bob asked how he could tell this was a cemetery. Mr. Vail's reply was that he looked for a vast spread of periwinkles. It seems the planting of periwinkles was usual in family cemeteries at that time period.

Further exploration at the site exposed tombstones that F. Scott Vail had found earlier. Some were broken, some half buried, others laying down. Mr. Vail said he could make repairs and put the cemetery in pretty good condition. It would have to be fenced in so the logging company would not destroy the cemetery when removing trees. Then they were shown where the family house had been up the road from the cemetery. A few remnant bricks from the old house were found under a deep thicket in the dense forest.

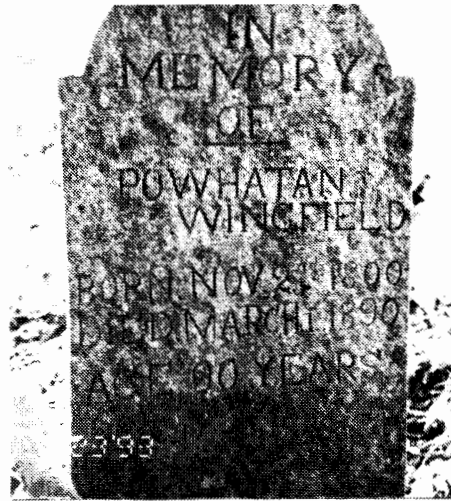
Bob learned the Westvaco Company had the rights to the timber on the cemetery property. Upon contacting them, Bob was given written permission to fence off approximately one acre of the land where most of the tombstones were found. This protects cem-



One of the several tombstones, Robert Wingfield (b. 1791)

etry property from commercial interference.

At his expense, Bob arranged with Mr. F. Scott Vail to have the cemetery fenced in, the underbrush removed and the tombstones arranged and uprighted into their former



Another tombstone - Who was Powhatan Wingfield?

positions. Altogether about 34 grave stones have been found but more new stones are still being identified as Mr. Vail works at the cemetery. Many of the small stones were slave graves.

Through a special arrangement with Bob Wingfield Mr. Vail has sprayed the poison oak and other undesirable brush in addition to repositioned the stones. Mr. Vail has assumed almost a family type interest in the cemetery and Bob keeps in touch with him.

People in Amherst know the cemetery has been renovated and there is now an occasional visitor to the cemetery. Recently a Virgil Coleman was able to find his grandfather and grandmother in the Wingfield Family Cemetery.

(Ed. Note: This commendable action by our president follows the WFS goals of locating and preserving Wingfield history and artifacts. Members are encouraged to tell us about other family cemeteries so we can in turn put this on record through the WFS newsletter.)

Get your favorite recipe into the WFS Cookbook

There's never been a cookbook like it, in fact it is not just any run of the mill cookbook that Gail Wingfield Mansfield is compiling. It is a family information book with historic facts about you and your family's favorite foods, drawings of famous and interesting Wingfield sites as well as proven recipes to gourmet success.

Some of the drawings already finished that will be strategically inserted throughout the book are: Wingfield Castle, Tickencote Manor House, Orford Castle, Kimbolton Castle and the Church at Tickencote. There are more still on the drawing board. These are being done by Gail Mansfield who is herself an accomplished artist.

Many that have sent in recipes have not given Gail the information about your family which will definitely be an interesting part to each family entry.

Another submission form is included with this newsletter. If you have not sent your information, you may do it now.

Section one asks for a suggested title for the book. Inasmuch as it is more than a cookbook, lets give it an appealing or tempting title. If yours is chosen, you will win the first book when it is published.

Section two refers to historic or family information. This is where you should list some information about your family and the recipe. Perhaps you may want to tell where you got the recipe. Was it handed down, did you develop it yourself, or did a friend give it to you? Is it a regional favorite, or a local specialty? This may be where our overseas cousins can share some of their choices. Is there a particular member of your family that especially likes the recipe? Tell Gail something about your family, and the members that make it up. If you need more room, use the back of the form.

The rest of the form refers to your particular recipe. The categories are: 1. Appetizers or beverages; 2. soups; 3. salads; 4.

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This was a world in which the bishops were earls and the earls were bishops, in which rents were paid in 'sticks' of eels or sesters of honey, in which the pig, fattened on acorns was by far the most important domestic animal. Parts of the country were devastated by William and a quarter of some counties were still in waste at the time of the survey.

For researchers the most valuable information is the names of the people that lived there at the time of the survey. Names of the English landholders usually were given a single name, while Norman names used the French 'de' for 'of,' and 'Fitz' for 'son of.'

There had been distribution of the land to the followers of the Conqueror, so presumably the names in Norman times (1066-1154) shown when 'de' precedes the (last) name are Norman. It is possible those living in the four manors of Wingfield all became 'of' Wingfield at some time, if they left (Lord's family) or were permitted to leave (serfs) before about 1400. There is a question which if any of the names shown in the Domesday book is the original Wingfield progenitor. It is doubtful that we will ever know for sure. The only name shown in Domesday that appears to be Saxon is Loernic.

The Domesday listing shows under the county of Suffolk, "Wighefelda/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 rhyme, "Wynkefeld the Saxon held honor and fee, ere William the Norman came over the sea" was from the Muniments book (dated 1894) and is the basis for Wingfields assuming a Saxon ancestry.

(Ed. Note: Our historian Jocelyn Wingfield has added to this article by contributing the following pertinent information that reveals amazing name and connection detail that every WFS member will find fascinating!)

The Robert de Glanville shown at Wingfield in 1086 was the eldest son of Ranulph de Glanville, one of the Norman archer commanders at Hastings in 1066. Sir Robert's next brother was Sir Henry de Glanville, Chamberlain to King Stephen (reigned 1135-54), commanded men of Norfolk and Suffolk at Lisbon, 1147, married Lady Matilda Bertha de Valoins of Parham, Suffolk. Their son, Sir Ranulph de Glanville, 1st Earl of Suffolk, Chief Justice of England 1180 was 4 greats grandfather of Alianor de Glanville, the heiress who brought several Wingfield manors to Sir John de Wingfield (fl. 1330-62) as dowry.

If Ranulf, father of the Robert Glanville in

the Domesday book (compiled 1085-86) survived Hastings, he surely held Wingfield prior to 1087. This would make him and the Domesday and pre-Domesday Wingfield Family link with Domesday. His line is traceable in detail back to Ivar, Jarl of the Uplanders of Norway, living in the 8th century. (See also J. Pym-Yeatman, History of the House of Arundel; the de Glanvilles between Sir Ranulph d. 1191 before Acre on 3rd Crusade & Alianore de G. Wingfield were: 2nd Earl of Suffolk, d. 1228; Gilbert, 3rd Earl, d. 1266; Gilbert, 2nd son, d. 1280; Gilbert III). This is not a direct descent since Wingfields descend from Alianore's brother in law, Sir Thomas Wingfield of Letheringham.

The Rev. Aldwell ("Wingfield, Its Church, Castle & College," 1925, pp. 26) could not locate records of the Wingfield Family holding the Wingfield Manors of Wingfield Old Hall, Wingfield cum Esham or Wingfield cum Chickering Manor before 1335, so, unless they were knights of one of the Lords of the four manors, perhaps they were Lords of the Main Manor.

THE 16 "FAMILY CASTLES"

Part 4 - The Last Four

By Jocelyn R. Wingfield

13.* Sherborne Castle, Dorset. Held by the Wingfields since 1856, when the son of William Wingfield-Baker, KC & Lady Charlotte Digby (married 1796), George Wingfield, succeeded. George Wingfield - as did his successors - added the name Digby, becoming George Wingfield-Digby. The old ruined 12th century castle of Sir Walter Raleigh lies across the river. The present castle was started by Raleigh and enlarged in about 1625 & in 1766. Gift shop, tea room.

14. Stone Castle, 3 miles east of Dartford centre, Kent 12, miles downstream from where Captain Edward-Maria Wingfield's fleet set sail for Jamestown, VA, 1606. Inherited by Edward-Maria Wingfield's grandmother, Bridget nee Wiltshire, the castle passed to her son, Charles Wingfield of Kimbolton Castle, then to his son Richard (1540-ca.'87), to his nephew James Wingfield. Stone Castle was later held by his cousin, William Carew, who died in 1625. Today there is a Victorian house on the site.

15.* Tattershall Castle, near Boston, Lincolnshire. Vast red 5-floored keep, ca.1230, 30 miles NE of Tickencote. 16 century home of Charles Brandon, Duke of Suffolk. John Wingfield, son of President Edward-Maria Wingfield's great uncle, Captain Sir Edmund Wingfield described as "of Tattershall Castle," was Comptroller for his 2nd cousin (1R), the Duke, "whose two infant sons were probably under the care of this John Wingfield."

Treasurer Lord (Ralph) Cromwell did much building work here in 1434-1446, simultaneously with his work at Wingfield Castle (later styled Wingfield Manor), Derbyshire. Tattershall Castle is where John Smith reputedly had riding lessons in about 1600. National Trust-owned. Visits must be arranged in advance.

16. Wingfield Castle, Suffolk. Near Diss, Norfolk. Permission to crenellate their house was given by King Richard II in 1384 to Michael de la Pole and his wife, Katherine nee Wingfield (34, daughter of the Black prince's Chief of Staff). In 1385 they became the Earl & Countess of Suffolk. In 1387 the Duke, then Chancellor of England, was impeached and forced to flee the country, dying two years later in Paris. Katherine (Wingfield), Countess of Suffolk would appear to have been still alive in 1388, when she held Gorleston, 25 miles to the NE. Michael & Katherine were buried at Kingston-upon-Hull.

Wingfield Castle is a private home today with a 100-yard private drive, gated at the main road. The castle can be seen, however from the common, which comes right up to the moat. It is conceivable that a private family visit may be permitted for the WFS at a future date, perhaps in May 1995, but nothing has yet been arranged.

And still more.

Besides these castles in England and Ireland, there are family links - tenuous ones - with French and other castles that the family besieged, like the vast French fortress of *Carcassone, 50 miles SE of Toulouse, (attacked by Sir John Wingfield with the Black Prince in 1355); and with two Scottish castles. These last are Duntrune Castle, Argyllshire, Scotland, a modernised baronial fortress on the shores of Loch Crinan, a day trip west of Glasgow. It was Isabella Wingfield-Stratford who married into the family of Lord Malcolm of Paltalloch (Duntrune) in 1832. And the vast great castle of *Glamis, (pronounced "Glarms"), 15 miles north of Dundee in Scotland, home of the Queen Mother (nee Bowes-Lyon), was where Cecilia Wingfield, wife of Lewis S. Wingfield (Powerscourt Branch) in 1870 or '71 apparently saw "the Giant Ghost of 1486." There are more than a dozen ghost stories connected with Glamis, that the one about Cecilia Wingfield and the Giant is not in the present guide-book; but hopefully this family ghost story will fit into some later issue of the Newsletter.

(* denotes open to the public.) Back editions of the Newsletter (with earlier parts of this Family Castle series, etc.) are available from the Editor, cost \$4. per issue. For your next trip to Europe, arm yourself with this mini Wingfield Family Castle Guide! (As appeared in the last three plus this issue.)

Wingfields in History

Wingfield link with the Crusades - Extraordinary legend about Wingfield Castle

by Jocelyn R. Wingfield

On 21st January 1953, the following extraordinary legend about Wingfield Castle was published in the East Anglian Daily Times under the heading of "History and Legend - VI; A Very Treacherous Crusader" by Arthur E. May. Connect the former articles by Bob Carr and me entitled Norman Wingfields in Newsletter Vol. 6, no. 1, pp.1 & 8; no.3, pp.1 & 21].

In 1250, during the Crusades [1096-1270 -JRW], when two step-brothers, Walter and Ernest de Brews, under the command of the French King, Louis IX, were fighting the Saracens, , Walter, who was the heir to the family estate at Wingfield, Suffolk, was severely wounded; after which Ernest found him on the battlefield. Walter begged for a drink from his brother, but Ernest, coveting the estate, hit Walter on the head with his mace and left him for dead. [The de Brews brothers must have been in the English contingent which sailed from England in August 1248, under William Earl of Salisbury for the 7th Crusade commanded by King Louis IX. As part of the Frankish force they departed from Cyprus in May 1249 for Egypt. On 8th February 1250, under the King's brother, Robert Count of Artois, they were ambushed and captured at Mansourah. Most of the Allies were ransomed for 500,000 pounds toutnois alias a million besants and some sailed home in mid-July 1250 - JRW].

According to the legend, Ernest de Brews came home and claimed the estate at Wingfield for himself and for his son William, but was unable to get it as it was due by inheritance to Winifred, a daughter of Walter. Ernest therefore resolved to bring about a marriage of the young people. William de Brews inherited all the wickedness of his father, Ernest, and was generally an unpleasant young man. Winifred de Brews, daughter and heiress of Walter, on the other hand, had inherited all the virtues of her father. When Winifred was approached about the proposed marriage, she absolutely refused to be married off to William. [Tough stuff for those days!] Ernest, however, managed to obtain total control of the Wingfield manor lands and put so much pressure on poor Winifred, that it appeared as if he was about to get his own way. And so two years after Ernest de Brews returned from the Crusades [?1252, but see later - JRW], he announced publicly that the Wingfield Manor heiress, Winifred, would marry her "first cousin," his son, William.

JUSTICE TRIUMPHS

However, one evening, just before the arranged marriage, there came into the inn of the Golden Cross at Eye, ten miles from Wingfield, a palmer (that is a pilgrim from the Holy Land). There at the inn the palmer heard much gossip about the approaching wedding, which was causing great indignation amongst the locals from the area of Wingfield, since they knew that Winifred de Brews was so totally opposed to the match. That very same evening there was another visitor to the Golden Cross Inn apparently called Peter the Packman, on whom only a short time earlier Ernest de Brews had set his dogs, causing Peter serious injury.

Incredibly and daringly Peter the Packman then announced that he had a plan to thwart Ernest de Brews's wedding plans and thereupon called for volunteers. The palmer and a neighbouring farmer called Longworth agreed to help him and so, at midnight, the three of them all rode off to Wingfield Castle - yes, Castle. Gaining entrance through Peter's friendship with the Castle servants, they discovered Ernest de Brews entertaining some of his friends at a banquet. Thereupon the palmer threw off his cloak, revealing a suit of chain mail beneath it, and announced to all present that he was Sir Walter de Brews and that he had survived his brother's attack. He then told the assembled company of Ernest de Brews' treachery, at which the guests and the palmer and Longworth seized Ernest. By threatening to report the truth to the king, Peter the Palmer forced Ernest de Brews to become a monk. At this Ernest's son, William de Brews, now fled from Wingfield Castle.

At last Winifred, daughter of Walter de

Brews of Wingfield, was free and later was able to marry the man she loved. And his name was Sir John de Wingfield, [flourishing 1362... -JRW], Chief Counsellor to the Black Prince. Sir John's daughter was to marry Michael de la Pole, thereby becoming the Countess of Suffolk. So much for the legend.

According to the various pedigrees in the British Library Manuscript Room, Sir John Wingfield's mother was called Elizabeth Honeycott (her coat of arms is given in the Visitation of Norfolk dated 1563, 1589, 1613, p.313). This Sir John Wingfield (III) was born in about 1330. If Winifred de Brews was say 15 in 1250, she would have been 95 in 1330. Louis IX did lead the 8th Crusade in 1270, e.g. twenty years later, but there was no English contingent.

I do not believe this legend should be dismissed by the Wingfields out of hand. Perhaps Winifred married the grandfather of the Sir John Wingfield III mentioned above. He was Sir John I (father of Sir John Wingfield II), and is shown in the Visitation mentioned above as having married Anne, daughter of Sir John Peachely. In 1275 a Sir Giles de Brews is recorded as Lord of Wingfield Old Manor. In 1279 a William de Brews of Fressingfield next to Wingfield appointed Sir John Wingfield and a Richard de Brews (who, at some stage held Wingfield Old Manor) as his attorneys, since he had to go overseas with King Edward I. The de Brews also held Little Wenham, 25 miles south of Wingfield, and Akenham, 18 miles south-west of Wingfield.

"Sir" William de Brews married Maud, widow of Sir John de Gifford. In 1302 Roger de Brews was Lord of Wingfield, or was Lord of at least one of the four Wingfield Manors. [Blomfield, Norfolk, V, 488; Copinger, Manors of Suffolk, II, 228; I, 32; III, 13, 53 (CPR Ed.I)].

Three Lords of the Manor are members of WFS

We challenge any other society headquartered in the U. S. to match the claim made by the Wingfield Family Society. That is we have three (3) members that hold the title, "Lord of the Manor," and one of these holds two titles.

Simon Wingfield-Digby is Lord of the Manor of Sherborne and owner of Sherborne Castle in Dorset. He also holds a second title as Lord of the Manor of Coleshill. Those on the WFS 1991 tour met Lord Simon and received a private tour and lunch at Sherborne Castle.

Another is John Parry-Wingfield who is Lord of the Manor of Tickencote. Those on the 1991 tour will remember the luscious lunch we enjoyed at his and Sue's home in Empingham. John and Sue attended the

1993 annual meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia.

And finally we have our own WFS president who is Lord of the Manor of Wingfield.



Lord Simon Wingfield-Digby meets Lord Bob Wingfield

This title is owned by the Wingfield Family Society and is conveyed to the president

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during his term in office. Interestingly should a female become president of the WFS, the

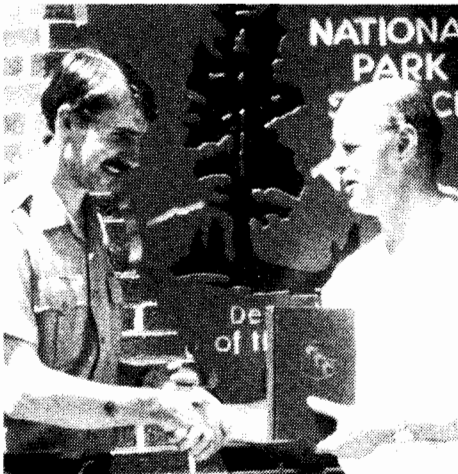


**WFS member John Parry-Wingfield
Lord of the Manor of Tickencote**

title would still be "Lord of the Manor of Wingfield" and she would not be "Lady of the Manor." There is an English title "Lady" title that is not to be confused with the Lord of the Manor title.

"Virginia's True Founder" a hot item

The WFS has made great strides in getting Jocelyn Wingfield's book "Virginia's True Founder Edward-Maria Wingfield" into historian hands, libraries and key persons that have interest in Jamestown history.



**Jamestown Park Ranger, Curt Gavel
receives book from Jocelyn Wingfield
It is a "must read" for park rangers**

Though the cooperation of our members many books have already gone to local libraries as donations. We now have some copies in bookstores for the general public.

Caroline Wright of Goochland, VA donated a copy to Virginia Senator, John Warner, then mailed a copy to the CEO of Disney so he could better understand the

improbability of Pocahontas rescuing John Smith. Disney is producing a cartoon movie on Pocahontas and we feel sure the rescue scene will be included.



**Maria Butler Gives Book
to Malcolm Jamison of
Berkeley Plantation, VA**

As of early September, Susan and Terry Cavanagh report they have only about 170 books left from the 500 we received from the



**Jay Dobkin of Largo, Florida
Library's special collection
accepts book from Wilsie Carr**

printer last May.

If you have not ordered your personal copy, or donated one to your library it is still not too late. Enclosed with this newsletter is a flyer that has a section with all information on how to do this.

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Trust [handicapped children's music charity-1954] - see WFS Registrations, p.22.

(7) Wingfield Road, Kingston (off Richmond Park).

(8) Wingfield Road, Sidcup.

(9 & 10) Wingfield Street & Wingfield Mews in Peckham and Camberwell and a Wingfield Close in both.

(11 & 12) Wingfield Close in Brentwood and Weybridge/Runnymede;

(13) Wingfield Gardens in Upminster next Hornchurch [see WFS LINKS, #9, 1670].

(14) Winkfield Road at Wood Green.

Thanks from Churches in Letheringham & Tickencote

At the recent meeting in Williamsburg, a raffle was held at the final banquet for the benefit of the Tickencote Church in the hamlet of Tickencote, England. John Wingfield of Perry, GA auctioned off a "Some Records" book and with some individual donations of \$600 a total of about \$1000 was raised. John Parry-Wingfield, from England had earlier told the WFS members of the condition of the church and the dire needs for repairs. John Parry-Wingfield's great uncle was the author of the "Some Records of the Wingfield Family" book.

The following message was received from John Parry-Wingfield, "John and Sue Parry-Wingfield would like to thank the WFS members at the Williamsburg meeting for their generosity to the Tickencote Church. The donation has been turned over to the church, who were surprised and delighted with the gift. It will help them to continue with the restoration work which they hope to complete by 1995."

Another note of appreciation has been received by WFS president Bob Wingfield from John Sellick of Tickencote (England): "On behalf of the Tickencote Parochial Church Council and I, thank you very much indeed for encouraging John Parry-Wingfield to solicit donations toward the repair and protection of the stained glass windows of this church and also permitting him to hold a raffle for the same purpose. As you know he remitted nearly 1,000 dollars which will help considerably toward meeting the cost. We hope that by the time the members of the Wingfield Family Society next visit Tickencote they will find the work completed. With many thanks, Best wishes and regards, Yours sincerely, John Sellick, Church Warden and Hon, Treasurer."

Equally well known to the WFS is the Church at Letheringham (England), which like the Church in Tickencote urgently needs money. Lois Wickham has become a one person fund raiser for this church and at the Williamsburg meeting raised \$1100 through the sale of Wingfield note paper in the Wingfield Store.

Lois has produced 4 different types of note paper with her own drawings of famous Wingfield sites. The offering of the note paper for this project at the meeting was low key, but effective. The money was sent to Mrs. Tosetti in Tickencote who Lois has kept in touch with since the last WFS visit to England.

Mrs. Tosetti has in turn sent the following thank you, "We are indeed grateful for your support and thank you with deep gratitude from St. Mary's Church in Letheringham. May God bless you all."

Do your Xmas shopping at the Wingfield Store

Along with this newsletter you will find several flyers. One that shows many of the speciality Wingfield items carried in the Wingfield store. It seemed appropriate to enclose this flyer/order sheet at this time so members could consider some of these articles as family gifts for Christmas. Members attending the annual meetings, get hands on exposure of the Wingfield Store merchandise and from the response, the store is an extremely popular feature of the society. Another idea: You might give a gift WFS membership to a family member for the year 1994.

The second flyer is an order form and information sheet listing all the books that are available for purchase. You probably heard about these from scattered articles in the newsletter, but this is the first compilation of all the current books in one listing. It points out the extraordinary activity of the publishing committee which in a way has been the society's best kept secret. Now that the word is out and we invite you to consider a gift book for Christmas to a family member.

Have you made your book donation to your library yet?

At the bottom of the book flyer is a section that makes it simple to give one or more of three books to your library. Gifts to libraries are at a big discount as you can see. The WFS subsidizes this program because of the importance of getting these books into libraries. Members also get permanent recognition for donating books in the form of a book plate on the flyleaf indicating the donor's name and address.

The board of directors approved the sale of only a few copies of the "Muniments of the Ancient Saxon Family of Wingfield" at an unbelievable price of \$60. Those that have a copy of this book know how exquisite, elegant and informative it is.

"Virginia's True Founder: Edward-Maria Wingfield" written by Jocelyn Wingfield was just published a few months ago. Four WFS members subsidized the cost of publication of this book with the understanding this would get wide distribution into libraries. Both the library price and member price is under publication cost. You are urged to not only get a copy for yourself but send one or more to your favorite libraries.

It was only recently that the "Some Records of the Wingfield" family was approved for discount to libraries. There are only a few copies of this book left from our printing in 1991. For more information on this unusual book, note the brochure enclosed with this newsletter.

Something, exciting and different? Come to Florida for the WFS 1994 meeting!

Mark your calendar for next May 20-22, 1994. These are the dates for the eighth annual meeting of the Wingfield Family Society that will be held in the Orlando, Florida area.

Members have said let's lighten up a bit and design more of the meeting around fun activities. We hear you and have done just that. Many of you have been to this area that boasts being the entertainment capital of the world. Should your visit be a repeat, there will still be many new things to do. You have not seen it all. One will have to work at being bored.

Some of the plans have not been finalized so it is premature to tell you about them, but we can say this. There will be installation of new officers for the years 1994/97 and with this the transfer of the title to a new Lord of the Manor. Those that went to the Atlanta

meeting may recall the fabulous ceremony that accompanied the changing of the Lord of the Manor title. Will they do it again?

Those on the board will meet the afternoon of Thursday May 19, but the regular membership can expect only a short business meeting on Friday afternoon for some vital business, such as the election of new officers. There will be lots of free time to do as you like and two dinners that will embody entertainment and mirth, probably Wingfield related.

Future mailings will outline some of the recommended places to go and see. There will be transportation right from the hotel so don't worry about having a car.

We know school is not out, but if the past is any prediction of the future, many will bring the kids anyway. Yes, we will be prepared for this. The Ramada Resort is a great place for children. And the daily rate per room is only

Wingfield heirloom up for sale Magnificent portrait of Sir Anthony Wingfield, K.G.

A year ago we published (Vol. VI, No. 1, p. 6) that this beautiful, great, picture was on sale at Sotheby's, London. But it did not sell, probably owing to a bulge in the varnish just above the hairline and cracked paint on part of one cheek. Because extensive restoration work will be required on these two blemishes,



**Sir Anthony Wingfield, K.G.
Portrait (ca. 1541) for sale
at Sotheby's, London**

the price has been dropped from £35,000-£50,000 (\$62,000-\$90,000) to £18,000-£24,000 (\$28,800-\$38,400).

Anthony Wingfield was knighted by Henry VIII for his conduct at Therouenne and Tournay, after which he was made Comptroller of the Household, Vice-Chamberlain of the Household, and Captain of the Guard and Knight of the Garter.

This picture of Sir Anthony Wingfield was probably made in 1541. It measures 35 by 24.5 inches, with wonderful brushstrokes and color. It appears superior to the one (presumably a copy) sold in the Powerscourt Sale of 1984 for £7,000 (\$11,900). The Powerscourt one (see "Muniments," p. 29) was by Pantoja, who was born in 1551.

The Sotheby's portrait is attributed to William Scrots, the court painter of Henry VIII and of Edward VI. According to Jocelyn Wingfield, our historian, it is undoubtedly the greatest Wingfield family heirloom in existence. The picture has only changed hands four times in four centuries.

Anyone interested should FAX Emma Gervois of Sotheby's on London 4093100. Photo "Courtesy of Sotheby's, London".

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vegetables; 5. meats, main dishes or casseroles; 6. breads or rolls; 7. muffins or scones; cakes; 9. cookies; 10. pies; 11. pastries or other deserts; 12. miscellaneous. Just follow the instructions on the form.

Remember this cookbook is for members all over the world so your recipe should be able to be made from scratch and from ingredients that are common worldwide. Please don't take recipes from magazines, cookbooks and other copyrighted material. They should have been tested by you and of a type you would be pleased to serve in your home, even to a Lord of the Manor.

Please use the form and **type** to prevent errors as Gail cannot test each recipe herself. Mail to the address shown on the form.