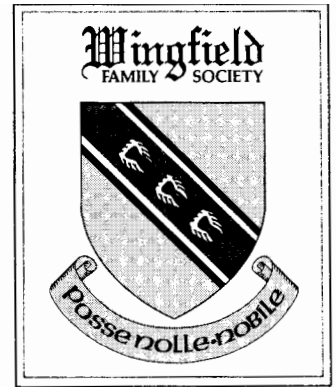


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"Wynkefeld The Saxon held honor and fee, ere William The Norman came over the sea"  
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## Wingfield treasures in Windsor Castle Fire

By Jocelyn Wingfield

On Nov. 20th/21st, 1992 a disastrous fire broke out at Windsor Castle, England, principal home of Britain's Queen Elizabeth II. A workman's blow-torch is thought to have been the cause. Millions of pounds' worth of damage was done to the framework of the walls inside the 27ft-thick walls and to one of the greatest art collections in the world. Built in the 11th century, it has been lived in by Britain's royal family since about 1100. Windsor is a symbol of British history, heritage and monarchy - all rolled in one. The castle belongs to the people, the treasures are "held in trust" for the nation by the mon-

arch. The day & night-long blaze damaged seven state rooms and their fabulous fittings, four pictures and other treasures.

Wingfield "family heritage" treasures at Windsor included: (1) in the stunning, vast St. George's Hall (1348), painted on the ceiling, the coat of arms of Sir Anthony Wingfield, K.G. (Knight of the Garter, Comptroller of the Household of Henry VIII, flourishing 1513-52), cousin of President Edward-Maria Wingfield, Virginia's Founding Father; (2) the same for Edward-Maria's grandfather, Sir Richard Wingfield, K.G., of

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## Genealogy

### But...can you prove it?

By Lou Pero

Today's genealogist is advised to document every fact on every page of the genealogy. By this is usually meant that a primary document must be cited as a source for each name, date and place. A primary document is generally taken to mean a birth record, marriage certificate or death record. By doing this he will be said to have "proven his pedigree."

These requirements can be discouraging for genealogists doing research in the South, since there are, for all practical purpose, no birth records before the 1900s, not many marriage records and no death records per se. How can we satisfy the rules of proof?

I believe every researcher whose ancestral roots are in the South should read Genealogical Evidence by Noel C. Stevenson. (Revised edition 1989, published by Aegean Park Press, P. O. Box 2837, Laguna Hills, CA 92654). Mr. Stevenson starts by pointing out that proving a biological pedigree is never entirely possible; "mixed up in the hospital" stories suggest that even a person's mother can be called into question. From there he proceeds to explain that "rules of evidence as applied in court proceedings, whether before a judge or a jury, are strained to the limit in order to seek truth and promote justice." He says, "... the wickedness of mankind makes it necessary for the laws to suppose them (the parents) better than they really are. Thus we judge that every child conceived in wedlock is legitimate, the law having confidence in the mother as if she were chastity itself." He goes on to explain types of evidence to establish identity, birth and marriage. My favorite sentence in the book is: "One of the first shocks experienced by anyone interested in genealogical research is the sad realization that records of births, marriage and deaths are not universally accurate." In his chapter on applied rules of evidence to genealogy, he advises that "ancestry may be established according to a 'preponderance or greater weight of the evidence.'" "Preponderance or

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## New WFS directors to be elected

### at Williamsburg meeting

Three directors will be retiring from the board of the Wingfield Family Society in May, 1993 and four new directors will be elected for a three year term, 1993-96.

Retiring are Maria Butler, Richmond, VA, Michael Walker, St. Louis, MO, and Jocelyn Wingfield, London, England. Dale Ruf when elected vice president two years ago was already on the board of directors and was not replaced. Thus there are four openings to be filled with an election at the annual meeting. Jocelyn will remain on the board by virtue of his appointment as historian board member.

We would appreciate hearing from any member that would like to serve on the board of directors for a 3 year term, or members can nominate another member. Any nominations must have the consent of the proposed nominee.

Board members are expected to attend the yearly meetings at which there is an annual board of directors meeting. It is at these meetings that the direction of the WFS is reviewed and the plans for the next year established. It is an important post that requires the input of interested members.

Send your personal desire to serve or nominations of another member to: Betty Wingfield, Secretary, Wingfield Family Society, 602 Holbein Pl., Richmond, VA 23225.

## "Darling Carrie" A Wingfield Love Story



**Caroline Letitia Brown Wingfield**

Caroline Letitia Brown was born at Middleborough, her family home in King George County Virginia, in 1837. She was the youngest of 14 children of Solomon James Slaughter Brown and Lucy Waller Saunders Brown. At the time of her birth, her oldest sister Maria Louise was already married with children.

Caroline's father was clerk of the court for years and when he retired his son, William Saunders Brown, carried on. During the Civil War they removed as many valuable records as they could from the courthouse and hid them in the eaves of their home. When the northern army came through they destroyed

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Kimbolton Castle, Henry VIII's friend, top ambassador and a General in the Army (1523), flourishing 1509-25); (3) Holbein's portrait of Edward-Maria Wingfield's uncle, Sheriff Charles Wingfield (marked "Charles Winfield Knight" - although no other record has him as a knight) - in a "T-shirt".

St. George's Hall, where the Queen holds state banquets for about 200 people, was gutted. The coat of arms of the Knights of the Garter on the roof including those of Sir Richard and Sir Anthony, is due to be restored. It is not yet known if Holbein's "Charles Wingfield" survived.

The fire services quickly constructed fire breaks, thereby preventing the blaze reaching the wonderful St. George's Chapel, where are displayed the banners and garter plates of all present and former Knights of the Garter, including Sir Richard and Sir Anthony Wingfield, K.G..

It was here at Windsor Castle in 1549 that Sir Anthony Wingfield, K.G., Captain of the (Royal) Guard for Edward VI, arrested the Protector, Somerset, on October 12th, imprisoned him for the night in one of the towers (and "freed" the young king). On the 13th Sir Anthony, with a vast escort of mounted guardsmen, conveyed Somerset the 40-odd miles to the Tower, passing finally through the streets of London.

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greater weight of the evidence means that in order to establish facts it is necessary to produce sufficient reliable evidence which satisfies the conscience and convinces whoever is considering the evidence that the facts are believable." The checklists Mr. Stevenson provides for judging evidence are invaluable as is the list of states which recognize common law marriages, along with other helpful suggestions.

From this book I have gained encouragement in the attempt to extend my own "dead end" southern lines. Here are four general strategies that seem to be suggested by Stevenson's book:

1. Establish as complete a picture of the family as possible. A common situation is that a grandparent's death certificate gives his date and place of birth, his parents' names and his death date. If the tombstone and obituary agree with the date of death, we can be reasonable sure it was recorded correctly. His birth information and parents, though, would have been given by the informant. This informant may have been his wife (or brother or sister) who had known him all his life and, in turn, had observed evidence to make her feel she was giving true information. Or she may have been his second wife who had

merely said, "Well, I think it was..." The researcher must know something about the qualifications of the person who gave the evidence. He must also know enough about the life of the deceased to judge whether the birth information was recorded correctly. It will then be possible to proceed from what is known of the grandparent to evaluating new information regarding the great grandparents. Do the census records show the couple named on the death certificate to be the parents? Thus we build from what is known to new material.

2. Watch for anomalies in the pattern. Does all the information seem to be consistent? Could an alternative solution be constructed from this information? If so can that solution be eliminated by additional research? People often say, "I can't go back to the next generation because I don't know which person is which in the census." Building up enough information and then deciding which people don't fit might solve this problem.

We tend to develop tunnel vision. If we can't find a record that says, "This person, who can be identified as the same person listed in some other state thirty years later, was the son of someone else," then we label it a hopeless case. A bit more study may enable us to say, "I believe he is the son of this man because although there are two men old enough to be his father, the other man's sons are shown by his will as..." On the other hand say you have two Williams of approximately the same age, and you believe one to be the son of John. It is not possible to say that a particular William is John's son simply because he named his own child John. It would be necessary to show that John had a son William's age that one of the Williams is enumerated among the same neighbors as John and, perhaps, that land and court record show a connection. There are many possible places to seek supporting evidence, but until it is found there is a flaw in the pattern and one William is as good a candidate as the other.

3. Read carefully. Stevenson didn't say this in so many words, but it is implicit in his approach to considering evidence. A researcher sent me some documents she received when she wrote for the federal land records of a certain man in Alabama. She decided this man must have bought the first land in 1859, then moved halfway across the state where he bought additional land in 1873. If she had read the record carefully, she would have noticed that the widow gave a deposition that the man who bought land in 1859 had died in the Civil War. The National Archives had sent her records of two different men with the same name both of whom had bought federal land in Alabama. Yes, often handwriting is difficult to read, but keep working at it until you can make a thorough translation. You might be surprised at what

the record really says.

4. Record the basis for your conclusion. It is legitimate to say, "I Believe that William was the son of Robert based on this evidence. His will (probated 1804) said he had a son William. There is a William enumerated next to Robert in the 1800 census whose age is 21-30. their neighbors were Richard Doe and John Coe, and in 1820 William is enumerated next to John Coe, his age given as 30-40. Our William would not be the William of the same surname shown in another part of the country in 1810, whose age was 50-60." This establishes why you decided as you did, and acknowledges that you noticed and eliminated the other William. You have made the best use of the evidence at hand to reach a conclusion. Another researcher taking up where you left off can apply the evidence he has to determine if your information fits into his accumulation of facts.

Think about it. You won't find many of those "primary sources" that everyone likes to use as "documentation" if you search in the South. You may, though be able to follow the record trail of a particular family with a considerable degree of accuracy if you approach the problem from the standpoint of establishing a "preponderance of evidence to prove your case." (*Permission granted to reprint this article from Southern Queries*)

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## Mail your 1993 Membership dues in today

Its the start of the new year and your 1993 dues are due. Please send these in right away to save the WFS the cost of additional follow-up mailings.

Many have paid for 5 years (special rate of \$100) and if you have done this it is not necessary to respond. For those renewing for 1993, mail your check for \$25. If you want to avoid annual bills, make your check for \$100 and you will be set for 5 years.

Be sure and indicate the name of the WFS member as sometimes we get checks that we cannot decipher to whose membership it applies. Checks should be made payable to: The Wingfield Family Society, mail to:

Dee Epps,  
Membership Chairman,  
2747 Emerald Dr.,  
Jonesboro, GA 30236.

Please also include the name and address of at least one person, a friend or relative that is a prospect for membership. We will contact them and ask them to join. Since this is the first of four newsletters for 1993, they will not miss any, as they will be sent a copy of this newsletter when they join.

Thank you.  
Dee Wingfield Epps,  
Membership Chairman

## From our president . . . .

The year of 1992 has come to a close, the holidays are over and we have made some new resolutions. Let us add one more. This year let us join together to build a stronger and more interesting Wingfield Family Society.

I want to take this opportunity to wish you all a joyful and healthful New Year and ask each of you to assist me and your directors in having a successful annual meeting in Williamsburg, Virginia this May. One of the ways you can help is by attending this meeting and bringing your family members.

Another way is by helping us sign-up new members which will further strengthen our society. Our membership is at an all-time high, but I am not convinced that we have contacted all our cousins that would like to be one of us.

In order to start the "ball rolling" on another phase of our membership drive, I have asked our General Membership Chairperson (Dee Wingfield Epps) to present to each of you a Drive Program which should net a membership of 350 families. The newsletter will keep you informed of our progress. Included in this plan will be the contact-

ing of all the past members since the founding of the WFS, that have become delinquent. This can be done "one-by-one" by each of you. We will give you a list of all of them. This past year we had 14 that did not renew their



**Bob Wingfield**

membership. That was just a few compared to some of the other past years. It is like taking a step backwards every year that you strive to take a few steps forward. Your renewals are important to the society and many of you, to help remedy this problem, have paid for as much as five years into the future. Thanks.

I have had phone calls from Maria Wingfield Butler and she has planned a very worthwhile and entertaining annual meeting for all of us in Williamsburg, BE THERE!

My love to each of you.  
Bob Wingfield, President,

### The Oregon Trail Project

The Idaho Genealogical Society is sponsoring an Oregon Trail project and is issuing special certificates to persons who had ancestors that traveled the Oregon Trail during a hundred year period 1811 to 1911.

We know of Edward Wingfield who traveled with his family and others on the Oregon Trail in 1869. He is the progenitor of the Arizona Wingfields.

Recognition of descendants of the Oregon Trail travelers commemorates the sesquicentennial of the peak year of travel over this wilderness trail on a westerly migration. This project is dedicated to collecting and archiving data about the Oregon Trail.

To qualify for an Oregon Trail Certificate, one must prove being a direct descendant of a person who traveled any part of the Oregon Trail during the hundred year period. For more information write:

Oregon Trail Project  
4620 Overland Road, #206  
Boise, ID 83705

## 7th Annual meeting

Williamsburg, VA

May 14-16, 1993

### IMPORTANT DEADLINE

One of the most interesting and impressive meetings ever planned for the WFS will be in Williamsburg, VA, May 14-16. Our advice, **BE THERE!**

There will be festivities at Jamestown including special ceremonies at the church, costumed militia escorts, drum and fife corps, replicas of ships, appropriate speakers, English country dancers and the first copy of Jocelyn Wingfield's new book "Virginia's True Founder Edward-Maria Wingfield" will be unveiled. Williamsburg was Virginia's Colonial capital. that will come to life during a tour of this proud and historic village

We are staying in Williamsburg at the very peak of their tourist season. This means we must release all unsold WFS hotel allotments at the meeting hotel, the Patrick Henry Inn, by April 1st, **45 days before the meeting.** All previous WFS meetings have been during the off season and the hotels held our rooms until 30 days prior the meeting and usually even later.

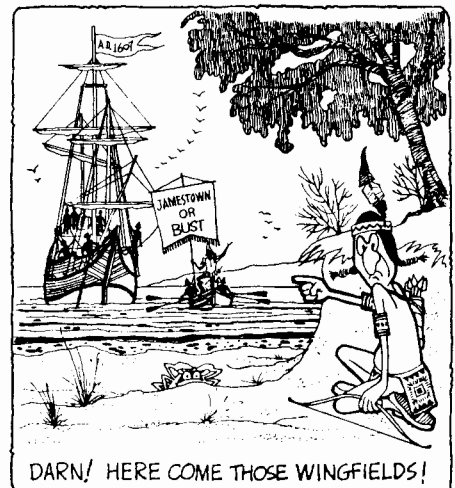
If you are even thinking of attending, make your hotel reservations as soon as you get the application (probably within the next 3 weeks). You can always cancel without any penalty up to 72 hours in advance of arrival.

For all of those that attend the meetings and wait till the last minute to make hotel reservations, you may just be lucky and get into the Patrick Henry Inn, but more likely you will be assigned to another hotel at a higher rate, or not get a reservation at all in Williamsburg.

As patriot Patrick Henry said, "Give me liberty or give me death." Translated into today's vernacular, "Make your hotel reservations early or suffer the consequences."

### Family Tree

By Ken Wingfield



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## Wingfields in Action

### English Wingfield marries

Simon, younger son of WFS members, John and Susan Parry-Wingfield of Empingham, Rutland, England was married in June, 1992 to Alison Dobbs of Hampshire, England. Simon, 25, did vacation jobs



Alison and Simon Parry-Wingfield

in Chicago in 1985 where he met WFS President Bob Wingfield before going to Cambridge studying Economics and Business. He now works for the U.S. bank, Goldman Sachs in London. Alison was also at Cambridge University where she first met Simon and now works with the Royal Bank of Canada in London.

120 guests attended the wedding ceremony and the bride and bridegroom left for



The couple leave by carriage

the reception in an antique carriage drawn by two Lipizaner horses.

### The Marlboro Man was a Win(g)field

According to an article in the New York Times, October 2, 1992, Philip Morris decided they wanted to have a real cowboy from a real ranch for their advertising campaign. They first hired a cowboy from Texas, made a few ads, after which he was dropped upon failing to sign a contract. Philip Morris' agency sought and found a new Marlboro man, a weathered Oklahoma native, who was seen working on a ranch in Wyoming. His name was Darrell Winfield. For nearly 25 years Philip Morris and their ad agency carefully constructed the Marlboro campaign around Winfield, creating an indelible image. This was undoubtedly the most successful

advertising campaign in history, the essence depicting a firm-featured dusty cowpoke into the public's collective consciousness. When someone was called "a Marlboro man" there was little doubt what that meant. Marlboros became the best selling cigarette in the world capturing almost 26% of the market.

What happened to Darrell Winfield is not known and if any member knows who and where he is, please let the editor of this newsletter know. He was replaced by an ex-odeo-cowboy and actor, Wayne McLaren in the 1980s who went to the zenith of the advertising campaign as the "Marlboro Man." McLaren died this past July, ironically of lung cancer.

### Traveling WFS members

WFS member Mrs. H. C. Hilburn of Shreveport, LA and her daughter Joan Crawford now living in London, traveled 1700 miles this past summer within England and Wales visiting ancestral areas of the Wingfields, Phillips, Winthrop and Appletons. While in London they found a rubbing of Sir John Wingfields in a shop next door to a London Museum, purchased and had it framed. They also visited Wingfield Castle and church (for the 3rd time), Picton Castle in Wales, and the ancestral castle of James Taylor, their immigrant grandfather.

Mrs. Hilburn and Joan Crawford were extremely helpful in getting the Edward-Maria Wingfield kneeler placed in the Church of the Holy Sepulcher in London a year ago.

### Powerscourt Wingfield's 1992 Picnic

The Annual UK Wingfields Picnic (July '92), once again ably organized by WFS



Pete Wingfield chats with George Wingfield at annual picnic

Members Richard & Diana Wingfield, was held at Savill Gardens in Windsor Great Park, about 3 miles south of Windsor Castle. It was attended by 30 descendants (counting their close kin) of the 4th Viscount Powerscourt, the majority from his 2nd marriage. Descendants of Lord Powerscourt's 1st marriage included WFS Members, Jocelyn and George and their wives Sara and Gloria. They failed

to get Richard's brother, Pete Wingfield, the composer and musician, who was present, to join the WFS.

### Wingfields investigate mysterious English crop circles

WFS Members George & Gloria Wingfield of Somerset, England, have completed their second US tour (Sep.17th-Nov.17th), ranging from Harvard to Hawaii, lecturing and selling books and postcard photos on the mysterious crop circles.

George is a - if not the - leading world authority on the phenomenon and has written key scientific chapters on the subject in the following books, all published by Gateway Books of Bath, besides providing several stunning photographs for them: The Crop Circle Enigma, edited by Ralph Noyes, 1990, ISBN 0-946551-66-9; Crop Circles - Harbingers of World Change, edited by Alick Bartholomew, 1991, ISBN 0-946551-77-4.; Ciphers in the Corn, edited by Beth Davis, 1992, ISBN 0-946551-93-6.

George & Gloria also edit (and design) a professional, scientific magazine, "The Circular," a quarterly 32-page journal of the well-known international CCCS (Centre for Crop Circle Studies) which society's hotline, is located in their home.

Rates for The Circular are \$5 per issue, \$20 per year (add \$8 per year for airmail) from CCCS, Hearne House N. Wootton, Shepton Mallet, BA4 4HW).

Some WFS members may have seen George in October on the "Larry King Live" television show and other TV programs in the United States.

The British press has told the public that these hundreds of perfectly-formed shapes appearing in the ripening grain are caused by hoaxers or wind. It is simply not possible that all the circles can be explained thus. Perhaps 2-10% can. Nobody knows what (most of) the crop circles are. A typical article in the Weekend Telegraph claimed that everyone "involved with" crop circles tended to be have "true to type." "The believers," wrote author, Matt Ridley, "are either be-kaftanned earth mothers or gently disheveled and rather upper-class fogies with names like Montague, Wingfield, Michell and Martineau. The skeptics are sensible (English) northerners with monosyllabic surnames." What he should have written is that the Montagues, Wingfields etc. realize they don't know what the crop circles are and that the "non-believers" arrogantly believe they do. As "fogies" are supposed to be "dull fellows with antiquated notions." Ridley (who is the son & heir of the 4th Viscount Ridley) has got it quite wrong, which - if he read "The Circular" he would discover.

It is good to know that the Wingfields are at the forefront of research and information about this intriguing phenomenon.

## WFS MEMBER PROFILE:

### Dee Wingfield Epps



**Dee Epps**

Dee Epps is a crusader of causes for which she strongly believes. Fortunately she has the energy to fight and is not deterred at overwhelming odds. Her personality runs deeper than the opinionated redhead she appears to be.

Dee Wingfield was born in 1931 in Athens, GA, the first of three daughters of Samuel Barnett Wingfield and Catherine Frances Crocker. Her father who worked for the state of Georgia in employment services saw his tenure broken by World War II when he served with the Seabees in the Pacific.

She attended grammar, junior high and high school in Athens, GA, graduating at 16. When a teenager she met Doug Epps who went to the same school. They dated off and on through high school and college. Later he would become her husband.

Dee enrolled in the University of Georgia (also in Athens) in 1948, and graduated in March 1952 with a degree in what is now called Environmental Design. There were few girls in the classes and she was the first to graduate in general design.

Upon graduation, she worked as a draftsman with an engineering firm located in Atlanta. After a short time, the company lost its military contract and Dee her job so she moved to Savannah and another engineering firm. It was here she met and married her first husband, who was in the Air Force. Shortly thereafter they moved to California and Dee became a draftsman for the United States Air Force.

The marriage did not work out and the couple divorced shortly thereafter. Dee returned to Georgia in late 1957, obtained employment with an Atlanta architect and engineering firm in their planning department. Although she loved the job an old flame formerly of Athens had learned Dee was divorced and decided they should be married. If you paid attention to the first part of this profile, you probably realize this was Doug Epps, who was a pilot with Delta Air Lines.

They married in 1958. Doug was the son of Georgia's pioneer aviation family from Athens, GA. In fact the airport in Athens is named Ben Epps Field after Doug's father.

Dee gave up drafting and designing as a vocation, but did design two homes that were actually built, one for a friend, the other for herself.

Her time was now filled with volunteer work and it was in 1964 when Goldwater was running for president that both Dee and Doug became involved in local politics.

Doug and Dee along with three others formed the first Republican party in Clayton County, Georgia. At this time the south was solid Democrat and to be a Republican was really bucking tradition. Doug was an early chairman of the local party and Dee was the president of the first Republican Women's Club. She was also the first treasurer of the Young Republican Club. Together they spent twenty five years working to build Georgia into a true two party state. The first Republican primary in Clayton County was held in the Epps' home entrance hall. Dee ran for state legislature twice, and is pleased to say, finally two Republican women were elected this past November. She is no longer active in politics, but helps individual candidates.

For about ten years, Doug and Dee, along with two other couples conducted air safety workshops for airline pilots. They set up meetings, programs and arranged for national speakers usually in the ski areas of Colorado and California.

Dee has three children, a son Larry, who is single and (a member of the WFS) employed by Delta Air Lines at the Atlanta Airport, a daughter Carolyn Epps Kent, married and lives in Charlotte, NC, and her third child, Susan Epps Ward, a professional photographer (also a WFS member) living with Dee in Jonesboro, GA, near Atlanta. Carolyn has given Dee three grandchildren, all redheads and girls. They are Jessica 9, Lauren 6, and Rebecca 3.

Jessica has cerebral palsy and Dee is president of a foundation she formed called The Jessica Foundation. It's purpose is to help children with physical handicaps. She says cerebral palsy children are not mentally handicapped and most are bright, loving and happy, but are overlooked and excluded from society, trapped in a body that does not work right. The best part of working with these kids, says Dee, is seeing the genuine happiness little things give these children. The worst part is trying to raise money as she hates to ask for donations.

Her husband Doug attended many WFS early meetings and is remembered by many members. He retired as a captain for Delta in 1989 and died in August of 1990.

Dee has several hobbies, one that is most current and prominent is collecting small

lighted ceramic buildings and statuette people from the era of the time of Dickens. She puts up her village every November and takes it down in February. Presently she has 46 buildings plus many, many people and accessories. Friends come to see the display and of course, bring their children.

She likes to travel and being married to an airline pilot provided the means to do this conveniently and inexpensively. She has been to Europe (and England) several times, the Orient, Mexico, and many states including Hawaii and Alaska.

Dee's interest in genealogy first surfaced as a teenager in Athens, GA when her aunt, Laura Mae Wingfield and mother used to discuss family history. This interest gathered momentum over the years, and now Dee has done research on all of her family lines plus Doug's. She was immersed in genealogy prior to the formation of the WFS and is one of the founders.

Fifteen years ago she acquired a computer and became utterly addicted as she explored the many fascinating tasks it would do. She found computers and genealogy go hand in glove and her hobby became more sophisticated. Lately limited time has curtailed this hobby, a situation she hopes will ease in the future.

Her latent desire is to write a novel, using her computer as a word processor and organizer. She would like to start with the Wingfield family in Tickencote, which is her line and carry it from England, the immigration of Thomas Wingfield to Virginia and finally the group that went to Wilkes County Georgia after the Revolutionary War.

Dee was an elected director in the Wingfield Family Society, and now serves as an appointed director by virtue of her assignment as WFS membership chairman. This is a tough job and requires a lot of time and follow-up to not only get new members, but to keep the dropouts to a minimum.

In addition to the Wingfield Family Society, Dee belongs to The Georgia Genealogical Society, The Clarke-Oconee Genealogical Society, The Callaway Family Association, Augustin Clayton Chapter NSDAR, Thomas Miller Chapter National Society Colonial Dames XVII Century, Magna Charta Dames, Delta Golden Wings and CATS (Citizens for an Alternative Tax System).

What does she consider her proudest accomplishment? She ponders a bit them says it has to do with her children. Whether parents should take credit for the way their children turn out is questionable, but she is pleased with all three of hers. Doug was away so much, flying all over the country and world the bulk of the burden fell on Dee. None got into trouble and all developed into good, responsible citizens. "What more can one expect," she asks?

## THE 16 "FAMILY CASTLES"

By Jocelyn R. Wingfield

Down the centuries the Wingfields have had close connections with sixteen castles, owning eight, governing six, residing at and issuing orders of the Black Prince from one, and guarding one. Four are no more, two are ruins. Twelve can be visited today, (those annotated thus: \* are open to the public). The castles are: Benburb, Cragge, Deal, Dublin, Eye, Framlingham, Fotheringhay, Kimbolton, Orford, Powerscourt, Restormel, Robertstown, Sherborne, Stone, Tattershall and Wingfield.

### Part 1 - The First Four Castles

1.\* Benburb Castle, sometimes called Wingfield's Bawn, Co. Tyrone, Northern Ireland (Bawn means fortified enclosure round a house). The old castle of the O'Neills, 200 feet above the River Blackwater, was granted in 1610 to Marshal Sir Richard Wingfield (Viscount Powerscourt, 1618), who built a new one, incorporating some of the old walling ("built by Lord Wingfield ca. 1615"). He also built the nearby Clonfeacle Church (still in use), "one of the best examples of a Plantation Period church." The new castle is now a Servite priory; the old one nearby contains an irregular quadrangular fort, with buildings and a round tower and spiral staircase. Ownership was disputed by Attorney Edward Wingfield with Richard Whaley (claim thru Richard Chappel) in the House of Lords on March 13th 1722 [BL Ad. MS 8575622], but Benburb & 2000 acres remained in the family until sold by the 7th Viscount Powerscourt in the 1880s to the Bruces. American troops used the 1880s Benburb Manorhouse, which has Wingfield's Bawn in the grounds, as a hospital in the 1940s. The Historic Monuments & Building Service of the Northern Ireland Environment Service has just restored "Wingfield's Bawn," much of which is the Wingfields' original construction. The promotional tourist literature reads: "... and there is an active Wingfield Family Society in America". Visitors are welcome.

2. Cragge Castle, near Robertstown, Co. Limerick, Ireland. (Alias Clan Machowne a Touga). Held 1614-ca.1641 by Richard Wingfield & Honora Wingfield (nee Honora O'Brien, dau. of Teige O'Brien of Inch Castle, Smithstown, Co. Clare, granddaughter of the 1st Baron Inchiquin - she died a Roman Catholic) of Smithstown & of Ballycullen near Robertstown, (Powerscourt Line). Robert Wingfield was a 2nd cousin of President Edward-Maria Wingfield of Jamestown, VA (1550-ca.1614). "Hath a castle and a fair-sized stone house." A small fort. See also 12. [Inchiquin MS; Carew, Howth II, 430; J. Begley, Diocese of Limerick, Dublin, 1927,

418-419; R. T. Dunlop, Plantation of Munster in EHR iii, 1888, 132]. Nothing to see today.

3.\* Deal Castle, Kent. A small round coastal fort, built 1540, its first Governor was Thomas Wingfield (Upton Line), the engineer who constructed the great harbour at Dover nearby and who helped build Deal castle itself. Thomas Wingfield was eldest son of Sir Henry Wingfield of Orford Castle. Deal Castle contains Thomas Wingfield's framed coat of arms (1st floor British English, 2nd floor American English).

4.\* Dublin Castle, Ireland. Jaques Wingfield was 1560-87 the Governor of Dublin Castle, which was then prison, armoury and residence of the Lord Deputy (Powder Tower). Jaques Wingfield was uncle of President Edward-Maria Wingfield, Virginia's Founding Father, 1607. Well worth a 2-hour visit, including to the state rooms. Contains the Knight of St. Patrick banner and coat of arms of Mervyn Wingfield, 7th Viscount Powerscourt (fl.1870), author of "The Muniments of the Ancient Saxon Family of Wingfield." [To be continued].

### Jamestown digs for artifacts

Historic Jamestown prepares for its 400th anniversary in 2007 with an extensive five year archaeological assessment. Strangely much is unknown about Jamestown, North America's first permanent English settlement.

The National Park Service (Virginia), the Colonial Williamsburg Foundation, the College of William and Mary and the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities (APVA) have joined together on the project.

Jamestown actually survived until the 19th century but much is unknown about the town's physical evolution and details of life there. The National Park Service owns 1517 acres of Jamestown Island and the AVPA owns the remaining 22.5 acres. A previous archaeological excavation in the 1950s unearthed more than 600,000 artifacts. This time the park service's mid-Atlantic region archaeologists will rely on computers and remote sensing devices to locate articles.

The first phase of the project will be to survey all documents relating to the island's history and make a computerized map. Ultimately, they hope to discover what the island in the James River looked like when Edward-Maria Wingfield and his settlers landed and began building their fort. The researchers will try to discover the exact location of the original fort, the town's boundaries and locations of nearby farms. They will also try to find out how the shoreline of the island has changed. In the 17th century the town declined and the center of government shifted to Williamsburg.

The WFS's 7th annual meeting will be held in Williamsburg, VA May 14-16, 1993, and include a visit to Jamestown.

## Canary Wharf London where the Jamestown settlers sailed in 1606,

London's unappealing and bankrupt high rise in the Canary Wharf area has a unique way to raise money. Create an observatory on the 50th floor and charge a £3 admission for a panoramic view of London.

Locals refer to the building as Argentina's revenge for the Falkland Island's war as it was designed by an Argentinean architect and it fails miserably to fit into the scheme of things.

This is the location from where Edward-Maria Wingfield and the settlers sailed for Jamestown and the monument commemorating this event is being stored until the whole thing gets settled so it can be returned to a place on the Thames near where the 3 ships sailed for America in 1606.

## Tickencote church in need Many WFS members visited

The picturesque and historic church of Tickencote, England is a landmark in the hamlet of Tickencote where the Wingfields lived for nearly 350 years until World War I.

For most of the time the church was maintained at the sole cost of the Wingfield family, who assumed responsibilities for major renovations in the 18th and 19th centuries. Over the door is the quaint inscription to Eliza Wingfield who:

"With the true sense of Religion and Reverence for her Maker which ever distinguished her life repaired this church in the year 1792."

No Wingfield has lived in Tickencote since 1918, but the senior descendants of the Tickencote family, the Parry-Wingfields, have remained contributors to the church and recently paid for its rewiring and the restoration of the fine Wingfield hatchment.

The prime responsibility for the upkeep of Tickencote church rests with the members of the parish, but there are only about 50 of them. Many are generous with their money and time, but others are recent arrivals with little interest in the church.

The church is now trying to raise £10,000 (about \$15,900US). This is needed for repairs to the stained glass windows, the lynch gate timbers, the churchyard walls, and for restoration of gravestones (many of them Wingfields) as well as routine costs.

Any WFS member who is willing to help support this beautiful church and a vital part of the Wingfield heritage is asked to contact John Parry-Wingfield, Lovicks Place, Empingham, Rutland LE15 8PH, England. Checks should be made payable to "Tickencote PCC."

## George Wingfield inducted into Mining Hall of Fame

It was an evening to make any Wingfield proud. 500 persons associated with mining and natural resources in a formal occasion at the Desert Inn in Las Vegas honoring twelve mining and engineering greats. The evening of formal festivities was on October 18 with 12 individuals being inducted into the Fifth National Mining Hall of Fame. One of those was George Wingfield who has been more or less affectionately called the "King of Nevada," and has had considerable press in this newsletter.

The Wingfield family was appropriately represented at the dinner in an atmosphere of elegance. There were tables for all the families of the inductees, including the Wingfields. The Wingfield table was located immediately in front of a large and impressive head table.

Representing George Wingfield's descendants were Melinda (granddaughter) and husband Morgan Price, Holly Price (greatgrand daughter) and Sandra Baba (granddaughter). Representing the WFS was immediate past president Wilsie Wingfield Carr and her husband Bob.

Before the meeting started, a William F. Berry introduced himself to the participants at the Wingfield table. Berry was the grand



### George Wingfield caricature

nephew of Clarence J. Berry another inductee into the Mining Hall of Fame. He presented the Wingfield attendees a cartoon poster that depicted George Wingfield and his duck hunting cronies with the type comments they would probably have made. On the poster were five caricatures, one of which was George Wingfield. It was signed by J. Buel, date and location unknown, but the likeness is excellent. We will have some copies at the Williamsburg meeting in May.

Wm. Berry recants a story passed down in his family about a time they had dinner at George Wingfield's house, presumably in

Reno. "George, adroitly balanced peas on his knife and they say the children's playhouse had running water and electricity."

It was ironic that the first inductee to the 1992 National Hall of Fame (Clarence Berry) and the last (George Wingfield) were friends and both were on the poster.

After dinner and the appropriate introductions, Simon D. Strauss, Chairman, Board of Governors and founder of the Mining Hall of Fame, introduced one by one this year's inductees. On a large screen on each end of the hall flashed pictures of the honorees as the greats were inducted. At the conclusion of each introduction, the families of the inductees were identified and asked to stand. A spotlight swung to the table and highlighted the families to a roaring round of applause. George Wingfield, by virtue of the alphabetically sequence of his name was last. Mr. Strauss remarked that the first and last inductees were good friends and showed the enlarged cartoon poster on the screen for all to see.

The final feature of the evening was a keynote speech by Red Adair. As all know this is the famous oil field fire fighter that is a legend. Red was sitting within smiling distance of the Wingfield table. One seemed to expect Red to be covered with oil with black grime under his fingernails. If so, someone cleaned him up for he looked like a successful business executive, which incidentally, he is. When he spoke he did not mince any words and telling it like it was and that his organization put out 300 of the 700 burning oil fields in Kuwait. His assistant made a slide presentation that was an insight into the debacle that was a spellbinding revelation to all.

Someone asked Red what he thought of Hussain of Iraqi. He replied, "I'm going to send him a gold Rolex watch," apparently thinking of the monetary windfall the famous firefighter reaped. A capitalist indeed!

The National Mining Hall of Fame is located in Leadville, Colorado. On the walls are 102 members including George Wingfield. If you are in the area, please stop in.

## Bellair estate now on register of historic places

### Built by Chas. Wingfield c1800

WFS member Elizabeth Powers Stevens Cain of Charlottesville, VA reported Bellair, a 250 acre estate in Albemarle County, was officially entered in the National Register of Historic Places this past October (1992). Many WFS members visited this elegant estate during the 1991 meeting in Fredericksburg, VA.

The home has had several owners important to the political, educational and economic history of Albemarle, and certainly deserves to be recognized nationally as a significant landmark in the county.

The Rev. Charles Wingfield built the main residence at Bellair sometime between 1783 and 1817. Many historians believe it could have been built as early as 1783, the year Charles Wingfield married but there is no proof, hence the variance of possible dates.

It has now been recognized as a notable example of Federal and Colonial Revival



### Bellair as it is today

domestic architecture.

Charles Wingfield, a magistrate and sheriff in the county, sold Bellair to Martin Dawson, a businessman, who later willed much of the estate to the University of Virginia and the State Library Fund. In 1843 the Rev. Walker Timberlake purchased the property.

Bellair is currently owned by Mr. and Mrs. Corwith Davis.



Left to Right: Holly Price, Sandra Baba, George and Melinda Price, Bob and Wilsie Carr. The lady with back to camera is not a Wingfield

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all the records that had not been removed. Today, to honor these men, portraits of them hang in the King George courthouse.

When Caroline's father died he left the family home to Louisa and her husband, Dr. Julian Ninde. Eventually because of Dr. Ninde's failing health the old home, Middleborough, was sold. The huge, old, beautiful boxwoods that lined the walk were moved to Dumbarton Oaks in the District of Columbia and to the Washington Cathedral where they are now in the Bishop's garden. To transport them, they were loaded on barges and floated up the Potomac River.

Just how and when Caroline met Henry Wyatt Wingfield is not known but their story is a romantic one. He was a Captain in the Confederate army and kept a diary which found its way to Carrie when he was taken prisoner. In this diary he records his own experiences of the war as well as some of his most personal feelings about this courtship by correspondence, as follows:

June 16, 1862. "My own loved one shares many of my thoughts. I wonder how long it will be before I shall be permitted to dwell in quiet with her to share my home."

September 17, 1863.

"Lines to C. L. B.

Tis many a day since last we met,  
But memory lingers still.

No look nor word of love then heard  
Does thee unfaithfully forget,  
Oh no, nor ever will.

Though sad the heart as it recalls  
Those hours of happiness,  
Yet mid its gloom  
I do not love thee less.

Oh no, fond one! What'er may be  
the fate that heaven may will.  
In life, in death, to my last breath  
will memory fondly turn to thee.  
I'll love thee, love thee still."

January 1, 1864. "My furlough came and I start home before day tomorrow. The prospect of seeing my "darling" soon is decidedly pleasant and my heart throbs wildly with anticipation. After two years absence it is natural that I should feel joyful at the thought of a reunion."

Captain Wingfield traveled toward King George stopping at his home, Marl Ridge, and finally reached Middleborough. The diary records that on the 23rd he obtained a marriage license.

January 27, 1864. "This has been a day of anxiety as the minister selected was not heard from until late this evening when he came much to my relief."

January 28, 1864. "This day has been

marked in the history of my life and will be forever and ever. I arose about 4 o'clock this morning and a few minutes before 5 o'clock this afternoon my existence as a single man ceased. The fond hope of years was consummated by union in marriage with my own Carrie. I could not undertake to express the proud satisfaction I felt as I looked upon my blushing bride. Alas, my joy was interrupted. At six o'clock I left my wife of one hour and was soon hastening away."

His last entry was on September 17, 1864 for Captain Wingfield was captured on the 19th. The diary found its way home to his wife, Carrie, who herself made the following entry:

April 29, 1865. "Here I am at the home of my childhood, but, ah! how many changes have taken place here. I am feeling sad and lonely; I sigh for absent loved ones. I do want to see my darling husband so so much; poor fellow how much he had endured since I last saw him. I pray God his precious life may be spared and we may soon very soon, meet. God only knows the anxiety of mind I have suffered on his account."

Evidence of Caroline's view of the war and her loyalty to the South is found in a letter written to her cousin Anne Maria Ratcliffe. The letter is difficult to read for paper was scarce and after sentences were written horizontally, then the page was turned sideways and the other messages were written vertically over what had already been penned. Some excerpts follow.

August 6, 1861. "We have every reason to be so thankful for the great and decided victories we have gained in the several battles. Wasn't that a glorious victory gained on our side at Manassas! Our dear soldiers and generals were so wonderfully preserved by the good Being...Isn't it sad, distressing and indeed heart rendering to think how many brave and noble hearts were sacrificed in battle against the old Lincolnites. I would not give one of our brave and gallant soldiers for the whole of Yankeedom. Excuse this extravagant expression but I have a perfect horror of the invaders...I am perfectly willing for every brother I have to go to defend his country in this her time of need...Where is your patriotism? You say you are not willing for Mr. Ratcliffe to leave you under any circumstances. I think you ought to consent if there is any necessity of his fighting and I think every person that can shoulder a musket and can leave home with any kind of conscience ought to take up arms now...Anne Maria, I am afraid this was is going to make us all mighty poor and see hard times. We have not felt it yet...Anne Marie, I would dearly love to see you but don't know when I will realize that pleasure unless you come to see me for I have no idea when I will come to Richmond if ever again. But if Yankees were to get possession

of it I would be willing to come down and fight for it, but I haven't the least idea they will ever get there."

While in prison Captain Wingfield contracted smallpox, but he did survive. By the time he returned to Carrie, his hair had turned white. They went to live at Marl Ridge, where they raised seven children of their own and took in a nephew, Harvey Johnson, whose mother Mary died in childbirth. Caroline thought so much of her sister Maria's husband, Dr. Julian Ninde, that one of their sons, Harvey Ninde Wingfield, was named for him.

Carrie was of a sweet, gentle, kind nature, loved and admired by all. Her generous and kind spirit was evident when she took a ninth child, a young boy named Gus Erdman, into her home to raise. He was the grandson of an itinerant tinker. When she met the boy she was concerned for his welfare, and she persuaded the old man to leave the boy with her, promising she would care for him. Gus grew up as a member of the family.

The years following the war were hard and the South was in a shambles, but Carrie carried on in her sweet, mild manner, making the best of the many privations. Travel was very difficult at that time. There were no bridges over the Rappahanock River and she was only able to return to their home at Middleborough but once after she took up residence at Marl Ridge. How she must have missed the water, the seafood, and her family and friends.

She was a wonderful Southern Lady and her descendants take pride in the memory of Captain Wingfield's "Darling Carrie."

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## WANTED

WFS members to be the eyes and ears for the newsletter. No experience required. Only the ability to read and be alert to family happenings, past, present and future.

Things to look for: Places called Wingfield, Unusual current or historical events in which Wingfields are involved, and genealogical facts that may be of interest to readers of the newsletter. Those submitting leads or articles will receive credit or a byline.

There is no way the editor can be aware of what's going on effecting family members without someone reporting it. Without the help of WFS members all over the world many events will go unreported.

This is not to say we do not get items from our members. Indeed we do as there are members already sending information, for which your editor is extremely grateful. Thanks, keep it up. Others mail to:

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