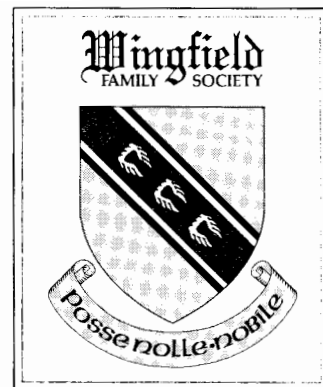


newsletter

"Wynkefeld The Saxon held honor and fee, ere William The Norman came over the sea"
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New officers elected - Dale Wingfield Ruf becomes President and Lady of the Manor

with dignity and light humor
at Florida meeting

Bob Wingfield, retiring president of the WFS, gallantly released his cherished title as Lord of the Manor of Wingfield to the newly elected president, Dale Wingfield Ruf at the general meeting in Kissimmee, Florida this past month. "It was one of our best meetings, well rounded with lots of family activities as well as other interesting things to do. I did not hear one negative comment," remarked Bob Wingfield.

All four officers were elected as nominated at the meeting on May 20 as follows: Dale Wingfield Ruf, of Rockville, MD, president; Vance Wingfield from Ft. Worth, TX,



Bellman Jocelyn Wingfield,
"Oyez, Oyez, Oyez, prepare
for a new Lord of the Manor"

vice president; Betty Wingfield, Richmond, VA, secretary; and Robert Wingfield from Northbrook, IL, (retiring president), Treasurer. John Wingfield from Perry, Georgia officiated at the election process and the four were elected by acclamation.

The installation took place at the banquet Friday evening and was a dual ceremony of installation of the officers and a very special ritual of re-assigning the title of Lord of the

Manor of Wingfield to the new president. Words of praise were eloquently exclaimed by Bob Wingfield for the performance of his officers, directors and chairmen during his three year tenure. Gifts of appreciation went to the these individuals as they stood behind the head table, groomed in special attire for the title ceremonies. Wilsie Wingfield Carr, past president and former Lord of the Manor presented Bob a beautiful engraved silver tray as a token of appreciation, recognizing his service on behalf of the entire membership.

The entire ceremony, conducted by the inimitable John Wingfield, was light, moving and entertaining. Dale Ruf varied the traditional appointment of the medieval "mainpersons" somewhat from the colorful titles such as Pinfolder, Ale Taster and Bailiff.

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Actual location of Jamestown Fort may have been found.

For years archeologists have believed the 1607 fort at Jamestown had sunken over time and was now under the river. The actual fort, covering one acre, burned in 1606 and its location has eluded scientists for centuries. For forty years, archeologists have believed the fort is under water and lost to research.

A new dig that was begun April 5 on Jamestown Island points to exciting hints that the true Jamestown fort is indeed on land actually near the church where the Wingfields held their ceremonies honoring Edward-Maria in 1993. This dig has already uncovered a trove of Elizabethan artifacts.

Surprisingly this land has never been excavated before as opposed to other places on the island. An 8 foot square survey has already yielded 17th century artifacts, such as armor, buttons, glass and parts of a knife and sword.

The archeologists were hired by the National Park service and headed by Bill Kelso, director of archaeology for the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities. Kelso plans to open a 100 foot square by the end of the summer to search for the layout of the fort.

Estate fraud can distort your pedigree and drain your bank account

By Bob Carr

Confidence artists masquerading as attorneys, genealogists and distant family members have been preying on unsuspecting people with common surnames for over a hundred years. It seems these scams surface about every 25 years.

Wingfield is not that common a surname and we are unaware of scams directed to our folk. But many WFS members have other, more common surnames acquired through marriage. Regardless of whether your name could be a potential target, you will find this scam report interesting and enlightening to know the formula and how easy it can be to become involved. Forewarned is forearmed. Here is how it usually works.

An advertisement usually in a big city newspaper announces that someone, (generally with a common surname) has died leaving a large estate. An address and phone number is listed inviting inquiries. A well known surname gets more responses.

The response confirms that a large piece of property, perhaps in a downtown metropolitan city is owned by a recently deceased family member without identifiable heirs. A response to the advertisement brings a booklet with suggested ways of finding the rightful heirs. It implies there could be legal fees and searches to make a claim but the rewards are high for the little effort and cost required. The potential heirs are encouraged to form local, dues-paying associations to raise funds to hire attorneys and plan detailed strategies for claiming "the estate." The estate value is always immense. Even split hundreds of ways there is still lots of money involved per claimant.

A good example is the Edwards family. A Robert Edwards owned a large section of Manhattan according to the advertisement and died intestate. Many members of Baker family are possible heirs to 1500 acres in the

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MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT



Dale Wingfield Ruf
Lady of the Manor

It is a very real honor to be the new president of our family society. I will do my best to see that we continue to thrive in the next three years.

On behalf of our entire membership, I want to thank our past presidents, Wilsie Carr and Bob Wingfield for doing such a tremendous job, and for their continued devotion to us. We are extremely grateful to them and to all those loyal people who served under them.

It was wonderful being together again in Florida. We had such a happy reunion. Bob Carr deserves three cheers for planing a great time. We really missed all of you who couldn't be there this year. Each of you has a special place in this family which no one else can fill.

I want to repeat a warm "Welcome Home" to this year's new faces. We are excited to have found you. We all belong to each other in a special way that only family can bring, and in this day and age we are greatly blessed to have each other.

Love,
Dale,

President and Lord of the Manor of Wingfield

Wingfields in Action

WFS member Ruth Wigfield Phillip celebrates her 75th birthday on June 25, 1994 in Missoula, Montana arranged secretly by her family in conjunction with the annual Wigfield Reunion. It is billed as the "Mysterious" Wigfield Reunion and Ruth in her unique style says, "I think my grandchildren are up to something, and I'm not supposed to know just what. We'll all find out." The meeting adjourns promptly after a free buffet lunch (WFS meeting coordinator, please note, "free buffet lunch") and we suspect the birthday proceedings begin. On the second day, attendees have the option of three guided tours, one to a buffalo range, a boat trip on Lake Flathead or a journey to Glacier Park.

Last August 21, Elizabeth Quarles was married to Brian Boehmcke in Charlottesville,

VA. Elizabeth is the granddaughter of Dr. Richard Quarles of Princeton, NJ and charter member of the WFS.

Horseshoe Ranch owned by Louis and Billie Wingfield near Mayer Arizona has been sold. They have moved to nearby Dewey, AZ and are looking at buying some property. Those attending the Arizona meeting in 1989

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POST CARD ENCLOSED

Inserted with this newsletter is a return post card. Bob Wingfield (he has a new address, it is noted on the card) is our new membership chairman. John Coussens of Park Ridge, IL will be assisting with this vital activity which includes developing new memberships and retaining the present ones. It also includes keeping essential records on each member. They feel the WFS should know more about each member, their vocation, special interests, hobbies, etc. After all our members are more than just names for a label list.

Our society can serve each member better if we know more about them. Please complete the reverse side and mail at your earliest convenience. Thanks.

From Ex-Lord Bob Wingfield

To the entire membership:

Thank you so much for the beautiful silver tray - a gift to remind me of the three



Ex-President Bob Wingfield,
now Treasurer

years that I was privileged to serve you - a gift I will display in my office for all to see.

Your assistance to me and the Wingfield Family Society was invaluable and appreciated beyond words. Now help us to continue our growth by your continual support by helping enlist new members and the continual renewal of the past members.

Thanks again for everything.

Ex-Lord Bob Wingfield

Your Treasurer and Membership Chairman

Places called Wingfield

Located on the edge of Regency Park in London is "Winfield" House now the United States Embassy. It was given to the U.S. Government by Barbara Hutton of the Woolworth Family. She called it Winfield House after her grandfather Frank Winfield Woolworth. Ms. Hutton lived there off and on for several years. It has been the London residence of the American Ambassador since 1954.

It is a mansion of real grandeur, it strikes a suitably ambassadorial note. Only fifty years old, Winfield House has acquired a quality that usually takes centuries to produce.

This brings up some interesting questions. Is there a Win(g)field in the Woolworth line? Why did her grandfather have the middle name of "Winfield?" What is the story behind this and is it more than coincidence?

Does any member have any knowledge or information? (*Editors Note: This was called to our attention by two WFS members, Hershel O. Wingfield of Rio Vista, CA and Greg Meyer, from Wheat Ridge, Colorado.*)

In Bristol, England there is a Wingfield Dance Studio and some Wingfield Coffee Rooms (which occupy a former The-dansant venue). Both are run by a Melvyn Wingfield.

Welcome - New Members

The following new members have been accepted into the Wingfield Family Society since the last newsletter in the spring.

Under the by-laws of the WFS, all family members residing at the same address are also members. They are so noted if they were listed on the membership application. If these family members are not listed below, please notify the membership chairman who will update the records. The new membership chairman is the just elected treasurer Bob Wingfield (ex-president).

The new members are: **Cathy Heatwole** and her husband **Virgil** of Apple Valley, NM; **Jean Leser** and **James** from Lubbock, TX; **Barbara Lynn Morrow** and husband **Tom** from Nashville, TN; **Alfred Coleman** and wife **Rebecca** of Madison Heights, Virginia; **Oscar Wingfield** of Spencer, WV and his wife **Mary Jo** and daughter, **Sarah Ann**; **Sally A. Jayes** of Orlando, FL; **Arnold Peninger** of Carrollton, TX; **Charles "Billy" Wingfield** and wife **Martha** from Goodwater, AL; **Melvyn Thomas Wingfield** and his son, **Elliott** of Bristol, England and **Jamie Wingfield Stratford** of Birmingham England.

Welcome all, lets get personally acquainted and learn more about each other. The Wingfield Family Society belongs to it's members, it's ultimate success depends on the involment of each and every one of us.

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as were appointed in olden times and had been followed by Bob Wingfield. Dale included the appointment of WFS committee chairmen as her "mainpersons." She did not, however, rule out the appointment of a hangman, and threatened to do this to those participating in the ceremony during rehearsal to bring about order. Perhaps this is a sign of things to come in the Ruf regime.

Jocelyn Wingfield, did maintain the ancient title of "bellman" and began the transfer ceremonies with the traditional "Oyez, Oyez" as an opening. All slated for appointment were lined up behind the head table. There was a ceremonial signing with a quilled pen by Bob Wingfield, relinquishing the title to Dale Ruf. This was witnessed by two WFS members from the audience. Dale demonstrated in a humorous way the challenge that faced her. She held up her shoe together with one of Bob's for comparison, making the comment that she had big shoes to fill. She will be known as "Lady" of the Manor of Wingfield.

It was indeed a clever ceremony with

each chairman and director accepting a ledger as a tangible symbol of their privilege to serve the Lady of the Manor of Wingfield in the capacity of a particular (chairmanship) office.

The Lady's mainpersons were appointed



New Lady of Manor, Dale Ruf holds up shoes, her's and Bob Wingfield's saying, "Will be hard to fill."

or re-appointed as follows: Storekeepers, Gerry and Betty Dutton and Wayne and Evelyn Estes; Chaplain, Dr. Floyd Wingfield; Newsletter, Bob Carr; Genealogist, Lee Preston; Publishing, Susan and Terry Cavanagh; Bellman and Historian, Jocelyn Wingfield; Computer, (also vice president) Vance Wingfield; Remembrance (keeper of the official photo albums), Dorothy Wingfield; Membership, (also treasurer) Bob Wingfield. Wilsie Carr accepted for the Cavanaghs who were not there and Ed Coussens for Bob Wingfield for membership since he was relinquishing the title, could not physically participate in both actions. Anne Kendrick accepted for Betty Wingfield as Scrivenor who was also re-elected WFS secretary and could not be there.

John Wingfield fills triple role at meeting

Somehow his dry wit, knowledge of parliamentary procedures and ability to think on his feet has prompted both the retiring president of the WFS and the incoming one to call upon John Wingfield to utilize these abilities at three of the meeting sessions.

First he conducted the election of new officers at the general meeting on Friday. Then he installed the officers that evening after the dinner. John continued to officiate at the change of title ceremonies until the title was officially transferred. At that point the new Lord (Lady) of the Manor of Wingfield took over and we thought John could relax for the rest of the evening. But for the rest of the show John was the star. In a similar light and



Gail Mansfield prepares drawings used to illustrate cook book to be offered at auction

humorous vein of his past auctions of Wingfield artifacts, this one again caused constant laughter from the audience. Whether it was the

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Mark your calendar: 1995 meeting to be in Virginia May 19-21

Arrangements have been initiated for the 9th annual meeting of the Wingfield Family Society to be held in Virginia not far from Arlington and Washington, DC.

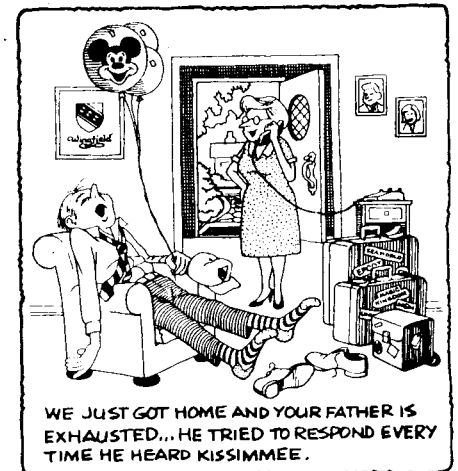
The hotel selected is the McLean Hilton at Tyson's Corner. The members will be pleased with the hotel. It is deluxe and we have an excellent price. It is convenient to the Washington area where some interesting sightseeing is being arranged and to Dulles Airport for those continuing on the England tour. We think you will find the area and hotel a good choice.

President Dale Ruf is making the local arrangements. There will be more details on this later.

For the present, mark your calendar, and plan to attend. Our meetings keep getting better and better. New members come, get acquainted!

Family Tree

By Ken Wingfield



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WFS member, Gail Mansfield honors father with special quilt

Gail Wingfield Mansfield with the help of her mother, Ethel F. Wingfield decided in 1987 to record the history of the Colorado Wingfields depicting their immigration from England to Virginia and finally to Colorado visually, and in a unique way, with a quilt.



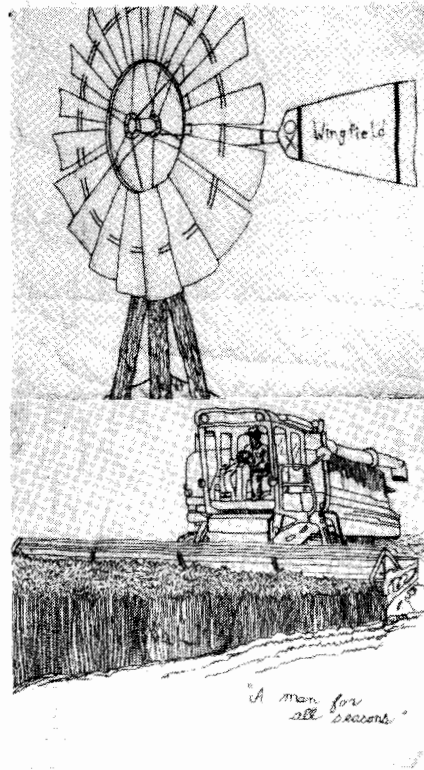
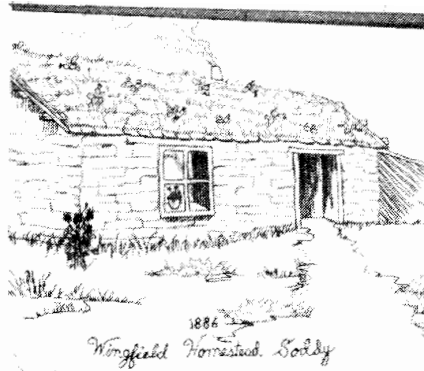
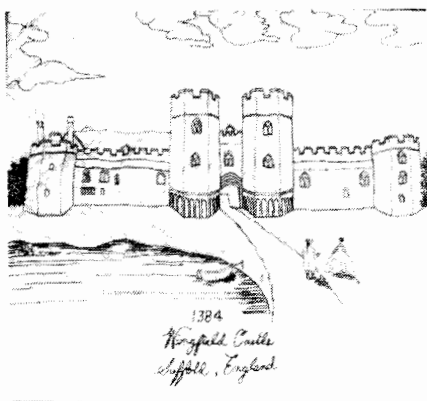
Gail Mansfield's mother, Edith F. Wingfield displays quilt

Perhaps this medium is better known from an era of early and rural America. If so it could not be more appropriate.

Gail considers the quilt as a special tribute the memory of her father, George W. Wingfield (b. 1909 d. 1985). Each block represents some phase of Gail's family's history.

All in all there are 20 blocks and each block shows a particular phase in the progression from England to Colorado with many scenes of farm life that chronicles that phase of history. For example there is an embroidered scene of the Wingfield coat of arms, the Wingfield Castle in Suffolk. One block represents the first arrival of a Wingfield in America in 1607, her great grandfather's life in

Sample 4 of 20 blocks



Fluvanna County, Virginia the arrival of Charles Wingfield as a homesteader into Colorado over 100 years ago. The sod house in which they first lived, farm scenes on the homestead, the later farmhouse. Many of the scenes visually describe her father's life. One block shows his tie to the Democratic Party, another the school house where he taught school for 6 years, and even his venture into trucking. There is one block that is especially touching. It shows Gail's father's last harvest, with the notation "A man for all seasons" that appropriately is also on the headstone of his grave.

It is a most profound and unusual tribute that will be appreciated by all Wingfields everywhere as it is representative of the courage it took to leave the comfort of a particular way of life to venture into an unknown, perhaps hostile world and a new life.

Gail, a school teacher, is also an accomplished artist and drew all of the pictures. Her mother, Ethel F. Wingfield did the embroidery. Consultation and advice was received

from her Aunt Clara (Mrs. Ernest Wingfield). Her sister, Jolene gave help with design, patterns and block placement. So it was a family team effort that certainly paid off.

The quilt is done all in browns and tan. The quilting design itself is "Sun and Wind" since Colorado is known for both. The quilt went on display in September 17-19, 1993 near Wray Colorado.

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will remember the fabulous barbecue hosted by Louis and Billie at the Horseshoe Ranch.

Caroline Wingfield WFS a 17 year old member and daughter of Richard Wingfield of Reading, England is due to go for two months to work at Camp Leakey a Orangutan rehab project 40 miles upriver in Indonesian Borneo. In order to take part in the project later this year she needs to raise \$980 toward a target of \$2000. She has asked if any member wants to help they may contact her at Children House, Hardwick Road, Whitchurch-on-Thames, Reading RG8 7HW, England.

Jocelyn Wingfield, WFS historian and author of "Virginia's True Founder" returned to England from the annual meeting in Kissimmee, Florida via Richmond, Virginia. The purpose was to make a series of presentations about his book to libraries, historians and other organizations that are interested in Jamestown history. During the week he was accompanied by WFS member, Maria Butler to speak with: Virginia State Archives, Richmond; Hanover APVA (Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities); Richmond Library; Henricus College Foundation at Jamestown; the outdoor drama director of Berkeley Plantation; Virginia historian and writer, Park Rouse and Jack Glover who is writing a musical about Jamestown.

Parts of film 'Scarlett' to be shot at Powerscourt

Ironically exactly 50 years ago the film Henry V was shot at Powerscourt. See related article on page 26 revealing a copy of a letter by "Murf" the 8th Viscount Powerscourt, reporting some of the activities about that filming.

Now, Rev. Canon Raymond D. Smith of Powerscourt Rectory in Enniskerry, Ireland has told this newsletter that scenes from the movie "Scarlett" will be filmed at Powerscourt Church in May and June of this year. We have no other details at this time. Rev. Canon promises to keep us informed.

When the film finally comes out, those members that visited Powerscourt will recognize the Powerscourt Church and the graveyard.

WFS MEMBER PROFILE:

Dorothy L. Vazzana



Dottie Vazzana

Our subject for this newsletter is a member possessing a burning passion to achieve with a touch of impatience. This mixed with ambition, energy and ideas sometimes places her accomplishment out of the usual sequence. She got married at 17, raised a family of six children before seeking employment, then attended college after which she started her career. This may seem backwards from the way of most people do it, but it worked for her.

Dottie was born in Roanoke, Virginia in 1933, the daughter of William Wingfield Lovell who was struggling as a painting contractor during the great depression. Her grandmother was a Wingfield, hence her father's middle name.

She was the youngest of 4 children, 2 boys and 2 girls. When she was only 13 months old, the family moved to Woodstown, New Jersey where her mother and grandmother lived. Dottie attended local elementary and high schools in Woodstown. Her father worked for the electric utility company.

At 17 years of age she married into a Ukrainian (Murdak) family that had immigrated to the U. S. after World War II. For the next fourteen years she devoted almost full time to raising her family of 6 children, five boys and a girl. There was little opportunity for this energetic young lady with only a high school education to pursue a serious career as she was emersed with family duties so this was put on hold. Dottie realized she would need to get an education to get a meaningful job. Here was a woman at 30 years of age, with 6 children, all below teenage, thinking about going to college and starting a new career. By 1964 the children were old enough that they could be left with Dottie's mother during the day. But she needed money for college tuition and expenses so she took temporary employment to build funds, sometimes holding two jobs at a time. For example she worked for the Snelling and Snelling Employment agency

and was a dance instructor for Arthur Murray Studios. Her most notable temporary job was when she was Lolly the clown on a ship called the Lolipop that sailed from downtown Philadelphia. The ship attracted kids of all ages, from toddlers to teenagers and sailed on a series of one hour cruises daily. Dottie, dressed as a clown would entertain and amuse the youngsters. It was a grueling schedule, 6 cruises a day, 6 days a week. This continued for a period of 2 years as she accumulated funds for college expenses. One time she had her young son, Bryan aboard and told him not to tell anyone that Lolly the clown was his mother. Later in the cruise, he whispered in her ear, "They think you're a clown huh! They don't know you'e just a Mommie." Another time they taped a segment for the Pix Anne TV show that aired locally in Philadelphia. Proudly, Dottie reports she became a temporary celebrity of sorts as letters began coming in addressed to Lolly the clown from the television viewers after this taping was telecast.

In 1964, at 31 years of age Dottie enrolled in the Glassboro State College in Glassco, NJ. She majored in General Elementary Education to acquire the skills needed to qualify as teacher. She graduated in 1968 and taught 4th and 7th grade for 2 years in Penns Grove, NJ.

Separated from her husband, she moved to Florida's west coast to the town of Naples in Collier County in 1970. Here she taught at Naples Middle School. While there she coached the drama club for 9 years and was a Union Representative.

While attending a social club in Naples she met Tony Vazzana who had been single for 16 years. Both Dottie and Tony were dating someone else at the time. A whirlwind romance followed as chemistry developed between them. It was on Sadie Hawkins Day that Tony remarked to Dottie that she lighted up his life and this was the day for her to propose if she wanted to get married. Without much hesitation she replied, "lets get married." They were wed exactly seven weeks and one day after meeting the first time. Dottie can also make quick, important decisions.

Tony sold insurance and was a contractor for general carpentry and remodeling. In 1987 Dottie and Tony opened an artist shop called the Happy Palette. They sold artist supplies, Dottie taught oil painting and Tony did picture framing. Dottie had always been interested in art and it was here her talent surfaced. She learned oil painting from Lynn Pittard, who mastered a system often seen on TV where the entire picture is composed and painted in minutes by using the paint brush and other instruments in unique ways. Dottie became Lynn's first certified teacher. They

maintained the shop for four years. When the Artist outlet was closed, Dottie went back to teaching, but part time which she still does. Tony presently does cabinet work and builds custom furniture.

For the past 4 years Dottie has been teaching English at Vocational Technical School (VOTEC) four nights a week. She has many foreign students in her classes as Florida is a melting pot of immigrants. Regardless of their native tongue, they must speak only English in her classes. They come from such diverse Latin countries as Brazil, Chile, Mexico, Cuba, Haiti, Honduras as well as Poland, Germany, Belgium, Hungarian and Albania.

She is proud of her children, Jon, Robert, Rebecca, Stephen, Bryan and Phillip. All have good jobs They are scattered from Colorado to New Jersey to Florida. Rebecca and Bryan are married and there are 5 grandchildren, 3 boys and 2 girls, the ages ranging from 3 to 21. Tony has two sons and 2 grandchildren.

She became curious about her family history when she was in her 30s. This was partially inspired by family photo albums that included pictures from the Civil War. Later she visited Franklin County in Virginia and found the location of her great grandparent's farm and the family cemetery of the Lovells and Wingfields.

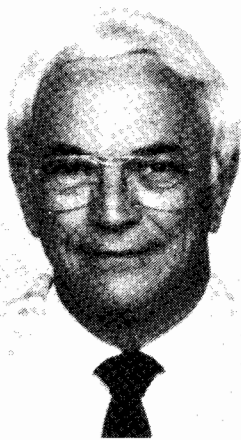
In 1989, Dottie's mother became very ill and she and Tony cared for her until her death in 1993. While caring for her ailing mother, there was a renewed interest in her family history. This prompted her to start research. Until then she knew virtually nothing about the Wingfield side of her family as her searches brought forth only sketchy information. In 1993 Dottie and Tony purchased five acres of land in Virginia, part of the Lovell's old family farm property. About 150 yards from their parcel is a grave yard where her great grandparents John Pinkard Lovell and Sarah J. Wingfield Lovell are buried. They plan to build a second home there in 1995, after returning from the WFS trip to England next spring.

How did she learn about the WFS? Dottie came across Southern Queries, a genealogical publication in the Naples library, that announced an upcoming Wingfield Family Society annual meeting. From the enclosed address she got in touch with the society and shortly thereafter Dottie and Tony joined. This was just this past December. Another quick decision, and we know a good one. Since then she bought a copy of the Muniments of the Ancient Saxon family of Wingfield, Virginia's True Founder and all back issues of the newsletter. Dottie along with Tony attended the 8th annual meeting in Kissimmee, Florida this past May.

Her enthusiasm continues to prevail.

Obituaries

Dr. Robert Ligon McWhorter



Bob McWhorter

A man that made a difference in all the lives he touched is a description made of WFS member Bob McWhorter. He was 70 and lived in Concord, NC with his wife Charlotte.

Bob passed away on April 7, 1994 at Duke University Medical Center in Durham, NC. He had been hospitalized for several months. A memorial service was held in his church in Concord on April 9.

A native of Athens, Georgia, he received his undergraduate degree from the University of Georgia and his medical training at Duke University.

He teamed with Dr. Ladd Hamrick in 1954 to form H & M Medical Clinic. Before it closed 3 years ago the clinic had grown to include 14 doctors, 75 nurses, clerks and other employees. It was the county's largest and oldest medical clinic. He was past chief of staff at Cabarrus Memorial Hospital in Concord, NC and president of the Cabarrus County Medical Society. He was chief organizer and former chairman of the board of Cabarrus Academy. Besides his professional work he took on many extra activities. He was active with the local chamber of commerce and a past president

He crusaded to get everyone to install seat belts, before this was mandatory.

Dr. Hamrick, his former partner and friend said, "Bob was a great guy. If he had any enemies, I didn't know them. He was very strong in his opinions and very subtle in the way he did things. When he tackled it, it got done." Dr. McWhorter forged good relationships with his patients. This was accomplished with quick bits of humor and straightforward medical advice. Medicine was Dr. McWhorter's life and he practiced until the day he was hospitalized.

Survivors are his wife, Charlotte; daughter Pamela Libby of Charlotte, NC; and a sister, Betty Tate Scott of Athens, GA.

J. D. (John Dyson) Wingfield

"J. D." Wingfield of Umatilla, Florida died on December 12, 1993 while a patient at a



"J. D." Wingfield

nursing home in Montezuma, GA. He was born in Washington, Wilkes County Georgia on October 1, 1900. He was known to his friends as "J. D." and is erroneously shown as John Dixon in the WFS roster.

He is the grandson of Captain (CSA) John Thomas Wingfield, of Wilkes County, GA and was the first born of John Burwell Wingfield of Washington, GA and the last of the four brothers to die. All are buried within 100 yards from each other in the Memorial Gardens between Umatilla and Eustis, FL.

He attended Georgia Tech, learned to fly in 1946 which he continued until after he was 65. He moved to central Florida in the 1920s. During the war he was a welder building Liberty ships in Jacksonville. After the war he returned to his service station in Umatilla until his retirement in the mid -1970s.

He is the father of John Wingfield of Perry, GA and grandfather of John's daughters, Julie Anne and Beverly Jane. His wife Julie Friedel Wingfield also survives him and lives in Umatilla, Florida.

Letter from Powerscourt during 1944 filming of Henry V

Lady (Shelagh) Campbell of Hampshire, England generously shares with the WFS a 50 year old letter from her personal archives, written by her uncle Mervyn, 8th Viscount Powerscourt to his brother The Honorable Maurice Wingfield. Maurice Wingfield was Tony Wingfield's father. For some unknown reason, they called each other "Murf." Shelagh does not know why.

Both Shelagh and Tony are Wingfield Family Society members. She lives in Hampshire, England and he in Meath, Ireland near Powerscourt.

Powerscourt, Enniskerry
June 4, 1944

Poor old Murf:

I am afraid you must be having a very dull time of it in the Home, but nothing matters as long as they can make a complete cure of you, which they certainly can, as I know full well.

I am having a very hectic time with this film business, and doing very nicely financially, as apart from the rent which is considerable, I am selling them practically everything they require. 20 tons of firewood per week at 55/- a ton, endless poles at 3d a foot. Tons of gravel and concrete, and several fields at £15 a week each.

Water contract at £25, and various other little side issues as well. The village is booming and every unemployed soul on the estate both male and female, have all got jobs at the

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Looking for a logical explanation: We know what's below the gravestone, but what's that above?

In May of 1993 Charline and Lee Preston of Walnut Creek, CA were visiting the cemetery where Charline's Great-Great-Great Grandmother Elizabeth Marquert Peltz was buried in 1816 at Rock Creek Park Cemetery in Washington DC.

This was her first visit to this site and husband Lee wanted to record the visit on film. It was a blustery day, the conditions were cloudy with a few drops of rain with occa-



Charline Preston with unexplained "appearance" on finished film

sional flash of lightning. The large gravestone was broken and Charline stood aside for the picture. A usual procedure that had happened many times before.

But look at the photograph. The picture is not retouched and there big as life (no pun intended) is a white blob immediately to Charline's left, over the grave.

The image appears on the negative and nothing seemed amiss to Lee when he pressed the shutter. What is it? Could it have been an electrical charge, faulty film or processing?

Genealogy Update Record Keeping

Lee Preston, WFS's precise genealogist has been troubled for some time that the Wingfield Family Society records are frequently released or quoted as fact when often they are not. This applies to articles in the newsletter that publishes information on family genealogy and is often based on hearsay supplied by those other than accurate researchers. Perhaps even more detrimental are the records stored in the WFS computer database that has over 35,000 names listed, received from many, many sources. We desire, but do not require proof from our members when they supply information. Certainly we encourage proof and note the source when it is provided. Nevertheless many of our entries are simply hearsay, assumptions and educated guesses.

Today it seems everybody in the world is working on their family lineage. If the WFS records do not include the correct parents and spouse for those in the family tree, our records are not going to be given any credibility. They will eventually butt head on with the accurate relationships and the WFS will certainly be discredited by outsiders.

Most members and many others receiving WFS computer data believe if it is in the Wingfield computer is must be proven data. "Not so," emphasizes Lee, and Vance agrees.

Obviously, Lee observes, we cannot avoid or reject every piece of genealogical evidence submitted that is not accompanied by an acceptable source reference. Too many of our important records just do not have this proof and have a good chance of being true. Certainly the information may be useful in following leads that can tie together loose ends and at some time we may be able to confirm with certified proof. On the other hand many records may never be proven and information handed down from generation to generation might be the best we will get.

The solution is to somehow code certain computer entries when and as proved. Non proven entries will continue to have no code. Someone viewing an entry would have to understand that entries with no codes are not proven.

Very shortly, the WFS will be coding proof for parents (Father, Mother) and spouse (Husband, wife) but not every entry. The code will be entered only when valid sources of proof are supplied to Vance along with data supplying genealogical details. If this source is supplied and acceptable, the entry will be coded as proven. Photo copies are acceptable and they will be filed or scanned into the computer.

Obviously this new tact will be additional work for all concerned, but in turn the information obtained will be more accurate and

valuable and will retain our credibility. You will be advised by the newsletter when this new procedure is in effect with specific details including where the code will appear and what it will be.

Computer Help Wanted

Do you want to get in on the WFS action? For too many years Vance Wingfield has gone it alone. From the start of the society in 1987, Vance has entered over 35,000 family names of Wingfields into his computer. This phenomenal record was done virtually without help.

Now as Vice President, Vance will have even less time to devote to the WFS database. So he needs help.

The plan is to separate several of the family lines into "sub" databases within the main computer program. It can be broken into 3, 4 or maybe even 5 lines. Each volunteer will be given a particular line and all data received regarding that line will be assigned to that person. Vance will still coordinate the overall effort and assist those that want to help in getting started. Under this arrangement the individual workload will be modest and the effort might be likened to a club within a club for these specialists. Each one learning and helping the other.

Do you have a personal (IBM compatible) computer, a few hours of free time a week, like to work with genealogy and want to help a great organization become greater, then contact Vance Wingfield for more information as to exactly what the duty would entail. His address and phone is in the WFS directory.

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heart of Philadelphia. The Springers could claim 800 acres of Wilmington, Delaware. There is the Hyde and Booth family with estates supposedly awaiting claim. The list goes on and on. They are all similar and all phony.

The organizing "heirs" do all the work, holding meetings, raising funds, launching letter-writing campaigns to distant cousins. Relatives are encouraged to join and become a part of the effort and most importantly make contributions toward "legal" fees.

Part of the plan is to place human interest stories with the media to sort out "qualified" relatives. The "heirs" step up research to connect their line to the deceased estate owner. In the case of Robert Edwards who (supposedly) immigrated from Wales, was entirely non-existence, but somehow, fraudulently became legitimate in the records. Thus the searching heir could find this ancestor and this spurred them on to expected successes.

In the Edwards case the New York Times

even ran a story lending legitimacy to what each "heir" wanted to believe. Now everyone knows if it is in the New York Times it is true! Another newspaper said, "The century and a half Old Ghost of Robert Edwards may be parceling out Manhattan real estate to his Welch heirs, if they can make an \$800,000,000 claim stick." We're now talking big money.

The scam artists meanwhile are receiving legal and other fees from the many local organizations necessary to clear up any problems so the estate can be divided among the "true" heirs. It is not unusual to have local organizations in all states, plus many foreign countries.

Of course the confidence men feed progress reports to the local "heirs." This reaches the media and stories headlined might appear such as "The Edwards Estate: An important paper discovered by the alleged Virginia Heirs." Or, "A New Orleans lawyer tells how he found a title deed."

Who wouldn't send in a few bucks? The reward could be spectacular. That must have been the mentality as in some cases millions of dollars flowed to the scam artists.

Eventually the "heirs" run out of money, some lost interest, while others never stopped believing but could not carry on alone as the local organizations faded away when the scam artists took their loot and vanished.

Ironically the very same non-existent estate can be revived every decade or so and the identical modus operandi will be used again to scam the gullible public, especially those wanting to believe. Their children will be ripe for the next repeat round a decade or so later. The scams seem to appear during periods of recessions or hard times, just when people badly need money and have so little.

The U. S. Postal Service and the Department of Justice has had little success in putting an end to these swindles. In rare instances the perpetrators have been caught and prosecuted. The artists try to stay on the edge of the law. The victims, of course are the individuals that will stop at virtually nothing to gain a share of an estate they believe could be rightfully theirs. An overwhelming desire for a share of a large bounty has enticed some individuals to modify their family pedigrees and even forge family documents. After all, this might improve chances of those individuals who alter their records into a stronger position for a share of the estate. Fraud, begets fraud!

We are not aware of any of these scams presently operating. Therefore the time just might be ripe for another round with the current generation.

This is not to say there could never be a large family estate for which you might make a successful claim. But, don't bet the milk money on it.

14 MONUMENTAL WINGFIELD BRASSES DATED 1389-1671

by Jocelyn R. Wingfield
Part 1 (1389-1569)

[This is the only Wingfield Brasses List in existence. It has been produced, in two parts, for the WFS from many sources by Jocelyn Wingfield. We challenge any other Family Society to better this fascinating heritage record. - Editor].

Fourteen Wingfield Family monumental brasses still exist, nine of them in Suffolk. Seven of the "subject brasses" were born Wingfields, four were Wingfields by marriage and three are sons or husbands of Wingfield ladies. Twelve are in churches including two at Letheringham and two at Easton, Suffolk, (easy to see if you can locate the church key and at churches like Easton, look under the east end of the carpet), one is in a museum and one is in a library. Few families can locate even one brass with their surname. Except for "families" with myriad spellings of their name, where it is unlikely that they are of the same tribe, such as: Booth, Brooke, Brown, Butler, Clark, Grey, Green, Hunt/LeHunt, Lee/Leigh, Martin, Read, Roberts and Smith, only four families appear to be able to challenge the Wingfield's brass count. They are: Carew, Cobham, Drury, and Giffard/Gifford, followed by Fettiplace. Three of those families were connected with the Wingfields of Kimbolton and Stonely (and Jamestown). According to my records, only the Gifford Family Society of Orem, Utah, can nearly match the Wingfield Family brass count.

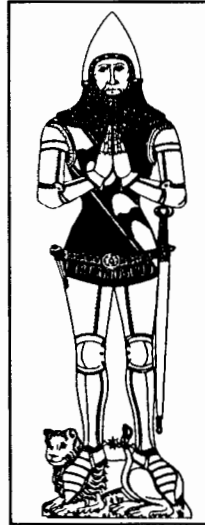
Brasses are actually made from latten, an alloy of copper and zinc. Although they began in England in about 1114, they were usually life-size in the period 1272-1327, the period of excellence was 1327-1461 (or 1485). They became very rare after 1625, the youngest one to survive being dated 1773. Today only three or four thousand survive of the ten times that number that were produced. [H.W.Macklin, *Monumental Brasses*, London & NY, 1892]. Despite the fact that some ten to twenty Wingfield family brasses were destroyed or removed from the family church at Letheringham, Suffolk, in 1643(?) and 1758-89 (see Dr. John Blatchly's intriguing "The Lost and Mutilated Memorials of the Bovile & Wingfield Memorials at Letheringham" (SIANH, 1974, 200 pages), available from the Wingfield Store for \$5), a family having more than a dozen family brasses still in existence today - or indeed ever having had that number - is very rare.

Brasses are a splendid tangible link with the past. If you ever make a brassrubbing yourself in England, you can purchase the necessary equipment at Westminster Abbey or in Trafalgar Square at St. Martin's-in-the-Fields, and you then have to arrange to pay

a fee to the relevant church. The brassrubbing is copyright and may not be sold commercially. A proper brassrubbing, cut out, stuck on say red or blue cartridge paper and then framed in a thick gold frame behind glass, can look superb.

Monumental brasses with facial and figure likenesses together with inscriptions, those treasures commemorating some of the most fascinating Wingfields of yesteryear, survive as follows (they are listed chronologically). Unless stated otherwise the brasses are located at the church at the place listed after the subject's (or their spouse's) name. The first two and the last two have links with Virginia. Reproductions of those seven family brasses annotated with an asterisk exist in print as shown.

(1). 1389: Sir John de Wingfield [Wyngefeld] of Letheringham, nephew of Sir John Wingfield, Chief Counsellor to the Black Prince, 4-greats grandfather of President Edward-Maria Wingfield, founder of Jamestown, Virginia, and 7-greats grandfather of Thomas Wingfield of York River, Virginia (1680), a 62-inch-long effigy. This is a very early, special brass. [MC, 36; TMF1, fig. 3 & p. 34; TMF2, fig. 31 & p. 97; *cover of WFS Membership Roster 1992; & WM, opposite p. 46, where he is incorrectly described as "Sir Anthony Wingfield, killed at Flodden, 1513"; A. Mee, Suffolk, *p. 187]. 1379-80:



Sir John de
Wyngefeld

Lord of the Manor of Lee, Coddington, Cheshire; 1383: Lord of Stanford, Norfolk. 1384-5 & 1389: M.P. for Suffolk. Quit-claim in Frostenden, Suffolk; 1381: Held Cleverand Manor, near Framlingham Castle, for 1/4 plus 1/6 knight's fee; 1389: Presented to Stradbroke Church, near Wingfield. He married Mary daughter of the famous Sir Hugh Hastings of the stunningly wonderful old moated house, Elsing Manor, Norfolk, 20 miles north of Wingfield (house still extant but not open to the public). Sir John's & Lady Wingfield's effigies were formerly in Saxefelde Church, Suffolk.

(2). 1471: Sir Thomas Wingfield, Letheringham, 4th son of Sir Robert Wingfield, Lord of the Manor of Letheringham (the central knight in the Tickencote Knights Picture & see (4)); also great uncle of President Edward-Maria Wingfield of Jamestown and 5-greats grandfather of Thomas Wingfield of York River, Virginia (1680). Around his

neck, outside his armour, he appears to be wearing the Wingfield Family fretty badge, a ribbon of a black (or red) zigzag on white, worn outside his armour - a "badge" that should surely be re-introduced in the family. Shoulder-length hair; 3-foot-long effigy. This was one of three, but his brothers, Richard and William have sadly vanished. [TMF1, *fig. 17 & p. 63; *WFS Membership Roster 1994, p. 26]. Sir Thomas was also described as "of Stoke Albany, Northamptonshire". Married: (1) Mary, daughter of Sir Robert Clifford - who was beheaded by King Richard III; (2) Philippa, sister of the Earl of Worcester; daughter of Lord Tiptoft; widow of Lord Roos. 1460: knighted at Wakefield (the same year as his brother, Sir Henry Wingfield, Governor of Orford Castle, and his nephew, Sir Thomas, who married the queen's sister, Anne Woodville, Countess of Kent, were also both knighted); 1469: a Member of the Royal Household of Edward IV. Mentioned in several of the famous Paston Letters as "being about the King". Tilted (jousting) before the King; 1470: at Walsingham, Norfolk with King Edward IV; 1470: Lord of the Manors of Adderby and Spurley in Shropshire; 1471: fought for Edward IV at the Battle of Tewkesbury; 1475: died.

(3). C. 1490: "William" Wingfield [Wyngefeld], Bodleian Library, Oxford, from Letheringham, Suffolk. [MC, p. 43]. Clearly the William Wingfield who was "sewer" [server] to King Henry VII; and who married Elizabeth, daughter of Sir Thomas Waldegrave dying without issue Dec. 4, 1491. Elizabeth's brass has vanished. [Blore, Rutland, 1811 q. in JMW, 37]. Rymer has William as a knight, as does Lord Powerscourt, [XII, 45; WM, 3]. William Wingfield ["Esquier"] is the top right hand figure in the Tickencote & Boughton Wingfield Knights Pictures.

(4). C. 1500: — Wingfield impaling Wentworth, Stowlangtoft, Suffolk, twelve miles northwest of Crowfield. [MC, 148]. This must be Margaret, daughter of — Wentworth, conceivably Thomas, Baron Wentworth (whose daughter Cecily married Sir Robert Wingfield of Letheringham (1523-97 - see (2)), MP for Suffolk). [MC, 148]. Margaret, widow of John Ashfield, married Edmund Wingfield, tenth son of Sir John Wingfield & Lady Wingfield nee Elizabeth Fitzlewis, who "in right of her dower was presented to the church of Stowlangtoft 1506-15; living 1530." See below (13). (And see LINKS #3.2). Edmund Wingfield was interpreter for the Bastard of Bourbon in the year that Columbus discovered America, Ambassador to Margaret of Angouleme in 1506, Comptroller for the Duke of Suffolk [CSP I, 1600], who married Margaret ("Ada" in

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some records) Wentworth, and who died in 1526. He is the second figure from the right in the bottom row in the Tickencote & Boughton Wingfield Knights Picture. [Will proved 1530: WM, 4].

(5). 1514: Son of Katherine Brewse nee Wingfield & her husband Robert Brewse: Thomas Brewse, Esq. (with his wife, Jane Scrope). 28 inches long, Wingfield arms. His father was in 1513 Lord of all three Manors of Little Wenham, Suffolk (between Ipswich & Brantham - 4 miles from each). Grandson of Sheriff of Norfolk-&Suffolk Sir John Wingfield, Knight Banneret, & Lady Elizabeth nee Fitzlewis, of Letheringham, the central figures in the Tickencote (and Boughton) knights pictures. Katherine Brewse nee Wingfield is second from the right in the top row of the same pictures. Thomas's homes were Topcroft Hall (9 miles north of Wingfield) and then the beautiful castle-like Little Wenham Hall (13C), the oldest house standing in Suffolk [Mee, Suffolk, 270]; England's oldest brick-built house. [D. Wilson, A Short History of Suffolk, 1977, 66; TMF1, *fig.23 & p.75; Copinger, Manors of Suffolk, VI, 115]. In 1516, Edward-Maria Wingfield's grandfather, Sir Richard Wingfield, K.G. had the custody of Thomas Brewse's lands. [JMW, 221-222]. Thomas Brewse had three sons and three daughters. Anne, daughter of Sir John Brewse of Little Wenham was to marry Humphrey Wingfield III of Brantham,

Suffolk, Anne Wingfield Newton's great nephew. (See No.7).

(6). 1531: Father of Catherine Blennerhasset Wingfield: Sir Thomas Blenerhaysette [Blennerhasset]. Catherine, 5th daughter, married Anthony Wingfield, Gentleman Usher to Queen Elizabeth, as his first wife, and was buried at Yoxford, Suffolk in 1558. Of their three daughters, Ursula Wingfield married Edward Honing, Receiver to King James I. [MC,144; WM,5].

(7). 1569: Husband of Anne Wingfield Newton: Alexander Newton, Esq., of Braiseworth (10 miles northwest of Letheringham). Anne Newton was the second daughter of Sir Humphrey Wingfield of Brantham, Suffolk, Speaker of the House of Commons (1553-56) and his wife, Anne daughter of Gregory Adgore alias Edgar (a family that figures prominently in "Ad Blazoniam" by John Gibbon, Bluemantle. Gibbon was imported into Virginia by Colonel Richard Lee I (but returned) and like William Wingfield [Mary Messer line] was imported by Richard Leell. Thirty inch effigy; Wingfield arms on the grave slab. The brass was due to be moved to Ipswich Museum. In 1569 Anne was re-married, to Robert Warner of Besthorpe (near East Harling) & of Norwich, but died that same year. [A.Mee, Suffolk, *187; TMF1,*fig.39, & p.107, amended by Records, 22,72, 40]. See also (5) & (11) reference her great nephew, & the Warners].

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English rate of wages.

There are 200 horsemen, collected from all over Ireland, all receiving £7 per week, plus their keep, and 500 infantry at £3-10-0 ditto. All the corner boys of Bray, Dalkey, Kingstown and some from Dublin. Fortunately this army is under military discipline, and the Camp Commandant is quite a good "Tough," and keeps them all in order.

They have taken all the fences up on both sides of the road up to McCabes Lodge, as far as you can see, on both sides of the road, and it really is a most wonderful sight to see all these men in armour practicing the "Charge" and defence with their pennons fluttering in the wind, and all the horses dressed up as well, with long skirts on them with Riders Amorial Bearings. The Wingfield of the period is there with our wings on a red ground, they insisted on producing this out of complement to me, but I have no idea whether there was a Wingfield really there although it is more than probable.

How I wish you could come over and see it. It is the first big film ever to be done in

Ireland, and the whole country is very excited about it. If we can only get through without any strikes or other troubles, I think it will open the way to really big business in this country, and bring much prosperity with it,

I am watching the situation very closely about this, and on the first sign of trouble am prepared with an oration for the infantry, which I hope will make them think again! I managed to stop what looked like a strike brewing amongst the Cavalry, as some fool elected to keep all the horses up a Toomeys farm, a mile away, whilst the men had to live and sleep down here in the camp. This necessitated them having to do six journeys per day on foot sometimes carrying their saddles with them, for watering and feeding their horses. As you know, equestrians cannot walk, and so I smelt trouble and brought the whole lot down here at once where they picketed in lines in the Ladies Meadow, and they process down Tinnehinch to be watered in the Dargle. This all works very well, and there is peace in that department, but everyday some fresh problem springs up which I really enjoy solving.

Most marvelous scenery and queer tents

WHAT A COINCIDENCE!

By Jocelyn R. Wingfield

In 1989 a colleague at work, Robert Haywood, dashed into my office in London, saying: "I've just got a cheap ticket to Zimbabwe. I'm flying out this afternoon. You said you'd give me the address of your cousin you've never met, the only contact you have in Zimbabwe, if I ever went there." So I scribbled down WFS member, Patrick Wingfield's address near Goromonzi on the back of an envelope. Robert stuffed it in his breast pocket and dashed out again.

Unbeknown to me Robert Haywood had a sister. I learned later that after leaving me he had dropped by at her house and hurriedly asked her for the address of her great friend from school, who was the only contact she had in Zimbabwe. His sister thereupon scribbled down - once again on the back of an envelope - the name, "Margaret —," with her address, but without the surname, as her friend had got married since they last met and Robert's sister couldn't remember her friend's new surname. And Robert had also stuffed this name and address in his breast pocket.

Once airborne from London, Robert got out a map of Zimbabwe and the two envelopes with their addresses on from his breast pocket. Not only were the addresses the same, but - you've guessed it? - so were the surnames! Wingfield! His two future contacts had married each other: Margaret had married Patrick Wingfield. The population of Zimbabwe is around ten million. What are the odds, I wonder, against the two contacts being two Wingfields. A look in your roster under Goromonzi, Zimbabwe will show as members, Patrick and Margaret Wingfield.

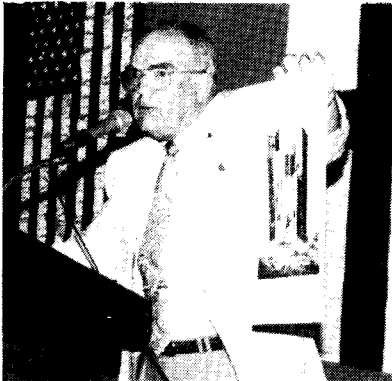
are being manufactured on the spot by 50 "Technicians" which they brought over with them, and you never saw such a collection of arms and armour in your life. They combed the whole of England for it.

Perhaps you might think of sending this letter on to one of the sisters, as I have not had time to write such a full account to anybody else, and as if this was not enough we have a visit from the Chief Scout for the Whit Week End, and a great gathering of 800 scouts from all over Ireland in camps here in the Demesne for that weekend. And if I don't get a worse heart attack than you, at the end of it, it will be a ruddy miracle, as I am working hard all day long pitching tents and other work, as I have no one to help me except at weekends. Thank the Lord I have frightened my ulcer away for the time being, but I darent even look at a drop of alcohol of any sort and only eat mince and milk puddings.

Murf

From Page 23 - Kissimmee Meet pronouncement of a name or forgetting some essential details, it was hilarious entertainment.

The last Wingfield Castle brochure was also sold. This offering has been a tradition for about the past 4 or 5 years. Gail Wingfield Mansfield had tinted and signed 3 of her ink drawings to be auctioned off and were sold.



John Wingfield auctions off Ink drawing of Orford Castle

These, as well as others will be represented in her Wingfield cookbook to be released next year. The ones sold were of Tickencote Church, Orford and Kimbolton Castle.

It is doubtful that John Wingfield ever takes his wife, Dorothy to a public auction. Perhaps in an attempt to get the group in a bidding mood, she would raise the bids until the price got higher and higher. So enthusiastic did she become that if no one raised her bid, she would raise it herself.

It was all in good fun and \$295 was collected.

Other happenings in Kissimmee at the 9th Annual Meeting

The election and final meeting dominated the annual meeting, but there was



Ginny and Dot Wingfield staff the registration desk

much more. Here is a thumbnail recap of some of the other highlights.

During the regular meeting on Friday the members had noted on their program an appearance by General Robert E. Lee.

The Confederate general did indeed make a surprise appearance. He was introduced followed by strains of Dixie and The Battle Hymn of the Republic, appropriately setting the stage. The members turned to the back of the room to see the uniformed General Lee casually walking toward the front of the room, gesturing to the crowd.

For approximately 30 minutes Lee moved from side to side in front of the podium talking about his life and how and why history took the turns it did. As he talked, he moved about, gestured, and sometimes sat in a nearby chair. It was as though he was talking to his officers prior to a battle. Finally he answered questions until time forced this to a conclusion.

Of course he was a talented impersonator, a Mr. Harold McIntosh, who has researched every facet of General Robert E. Lee's life and can speak for hours without



Just elected Dale Ruf and ex-pres Bob Wingfield meet General Lee

notes. He has captured Lee's gestures and characteristics until the observers feel they are experiencing history.

The rationale of having General Lee at our meeting was two fold. First, the 1995 meeting will be in Virginia and it is expected the members will visit Arlington Cemetery that was the Lee home before the Civil War. Secondly, the Lee family in England married into the Wingfields of Tickencote so there is common ancestry. The members that go on the Wingfield tour will be able to see the Lee bible, one of the few items that is left from the Lee library when Tickencote Manor was dismantled in 1947.

The final night was a "crowning" success. The membership arrived at the Medieval Times and Tournament Castle. Appropriately the Wingfield family dates from the time the famous medieval tournaments and games. Several Wingfields attended King Henry VIII's Field of Cloth of Gold in 1520.

But none expected what happened. It

was a night to remember and at least one young lady will never forget it.

Each of our members were given a yellow and red crown to designate a special reserved area. The WFS group was ushered to excellent tables mid section of the tournament area. Tiered tables are on both sides of the very large arena where the performances and tournaments are held.

The horses were many and absolutely magnificent. While the "wenches" and waiters were serving, there were skillful demonstrations, such as falconry and explanations that assured the onlookers they were part of an ancient medieval ritual.

There were none of the modern implements of dining. The attendees were back in the middle ages. Eating was with hands and fingers. The soup was easy, pick up the bowl and drink. Then a full chicken was placed on a plate. Soon everyone was digging in and from then on it seemed easy. A potato was sliced for convenience picking in up and of course the barbecue ribs were not a problem. All the time there was action in the arena. Special people were introduced from the royal box, with a very special greeting for the Lady of the Manor of Wingfield, Dale Wingfield Ruf and her Wingfield associates in attendance.

After desert and coffee, the tournament began. There were six knights designated by colors and assigned areas for cheering. Ours was a handsome young man, obviously skilled in the ways of tournament games. Finally it became a contest between our knight and one other.

The two knights now dismounted, clashing swords with sparks flying made one wonder, should they miss someone would really get hurt. At one point it appeared our man was in



Granddaughter of Audry Wingfield, Melanie Moon with winning knight

trouble, but somehow he prevailed and his opponent had to be carried off. Our knight walked over to his cheering section, vaulted the 6 foot wall and up the several tiers to select the "Queen" for the tournament. One would expect him to pick a beautiful fair maiden, which he did, and it was 16 year old Melanie Moon, granddaughter of Audrey Wingfield from Rimrock, AZ. He escorted her to the royal box for her to sit the remaining time with the Royalty. It was truly a memorable evening.