

newsletter

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

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Wingfields arrive Georgia 1783 in preparation for family migration

Seeking fresh land and a new life after the Revolutionary War

By Bob Carr

Part I: Georgia history and the migration route traveled.

The English colony of Georgia encouraged settlement of their land even before the Revolutionary war, but the timing was not right.

Known as the "New Purchase of 1773," Indian land was ceded to Georgia in exchange for debts owed by the Creeks and Cherokees. This opened 2,000,000 acres for settlement and did bring a few pioneering farmers from as far north as Maryland to upper Georgia to grow mostly tobacco. Georgia's Governor Wright issued a proclamation that the lands would be parceled out in tracts from 100 to 1000 acres for those willing to settle. The lands were stated to be good for wheat, indigo, tobacco, hemp, flax, etc. This early migration was a disappointment.

With the outbreak of the war, migration stopped. The small population actually declined as the British assumed control over northern Georgia

At the end of the Revolutionary war, Washington, Georgia in Wilkes County was the first town or city in the country to be named after George Washington. It was laid out in 1783 just 8 miles north of where the British suffered a crushing defeat at the Battle of Kettle Creek. Historians say this was a crucial victory that changed British strategy and the course of the war.



The Wingfield Migration Route is indicated by a straight line. There were veerings that cannot be verified as the roads have disappeared. The remarkably direct route is essentially correct as shown.

Georgia, now a state in a new nation, was open again for settlement. Two new laws passed in 1783 were more liberal than the earlier 1773 terms. The first of new laws allowed the head of the family to receive 200 acres just for paying surveying and office fees with ascending prices for additional acres beginning at 1 shilling per acre for up to a total of 1000 acres. Starting in February the limit was still 1000

The Field of the Cloth of Gold Seven Wingfields Were There

by Jocelyn Wingfield, WFS Historian

The Field of the Cloth of Gold took place in 1520, near Guisnes on the border between France and the English enclave on the continent, Calais. The jousting and feasting, the color and glitter, the tents and trappings dazzled all Europe. It was described as a display of medieval chivalry at which King Henry VIII of England crossed the Channel to joust with the new French king, Francis I.

Henry attempted to outdo Francis both by the splendor of this equipment, the cunning of his diplomacy and even his physical strength.

Attendance included an array of noblemen and a large accompaniment of followers from both countries. Sir Richard Wingfield was English ambassador to France at the time and made all the preliminary arrangements with King Francis. He even advised Henry to send only the best-looking women as that was what Francis was going to do to try and upstage the English.

Members of the Wingfield family had been living in Calais, and King Henry had seven attending him and Queen Catherine at the Cloth of Gold. They were the three brothers: Sir Richard Wingfield, (three years later to be Knight of the Garter and to be awarded Kimbolton Castle), and his wife Elizabeth nee de Vere, Sir Robert Wingfield (Knight Banneret & Privy Counselor) and either his first wife, Eleanor nee Ramsberrie or his second wife, Lady Jane nee Clinton - (it is not clear which), and Walter Wingfield; together with their nephew, Sir Anthony Wingfield, (much later to be K.G.), and his wife

A WFS Meeting Coordinator Important, Necessary & Open We urgently need help!

Our long time meeting coordinator can no longer handle the Wingfield meetings after the one in 1999, so we are looking for someone to take over this slot.

All activities can be accomplished easily by one person. For most of the year there is little or no activity and even the active 3 months before the meeting, while busy it is still easy to do. We would also welcome a volunteer assistant that could work with the chairman, for example taking over some or all of the computer details in effect making it even easier.

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From Page 31-Coordinator

This is an opportunity for a member to get involved in the inner workings of the WFS and contribute to its further success. One active WFS chairman mentions his greatest pleasure as being on the inside of the many exciting developments that make the Wingfield Family Society so very successful. Plus working with the select group of other chairmen is in itself a gratifying experience of friendship, fellowship and co-operation.

Sure there is work, but it is also fun and the meeting coordinator will contribute to an essential activity we provide our members.

We hope you and/or one of your associates will accept this challenge.

More information: contact Bob Carr (727) 461- 4187, or e-mail bobcarr1@compuserve.com. He will give all the details including a timetable of what happens and when, from initial planning to execution.

All organizations like ours use member volunteers to plan and execute their meetings, so calling upon members for support is routine and certainly not technically difficult. And there will always be experienced consultation when and if needed.

It would indeed be a tragedy if the Wingfield Family Society had to abandon its annual meetings because no member comes forward to accept this challenge.

☆Wingfields in Action☆

Save your Confederate money, the South will rise again! So says **Caron Withers Snyder**, WFS member from Bedford, TX. She was just elected president of the United Daughters of the Confederacy, Julia Jackson Chapter #141, Ft Worth, TX for a two year term.

After nine months of classes in Judaism and Hebrew, **Betty Wingfield** (WFS Secretary) from Richmond, VA has converted and guess what happened? On June 23 she married Philip L. Goldfarb in Chapel, Temple Beth El in Richmond, VA. Betty gets a husband and the WFS gets a new member. Phil, you got a great gal.

James G. Robertson of Mabank, TX has just been elected Correspond-

ing Secretary for the Texas Society of Sons of the American Revolution. Congratulations, Jim.

It was time to start his own business, put his wife to work and move into a more exciting city. That is exactly what **Steve** and **Barbara Preston**, WFS members, did this past June. They moved from Lake Elsinore, CA to Las Vegas, NV. It's from here that he continues in the same line of work that he has done for the past 25 years, as a service technician in the food industry. His new company's name is PresCo and Associates and Steve, as owner does the slave work while Barbara who he calls the Queen Bee, will help with the administrative duties. This was their chance to move away from California's State income tax and into the more favorable Nevada tax environment. Good luck in your entrepreneurship, Steve just don't spend those tax savings in the casinos.

Just learned that **Tom Wingfield** of Morningside, MD has been appointed Chairman of the ABA's Committee on International criminal Law. As some may remember, Tom recently retired from the Navy, and is now in the Naval Reserve with a promotion to Lieutenant Commander.

Noah and Sara Garrett celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary on June 3. What did they do that was exciting? First they attended the WFS annual meeting in San Antonio. Then they drove to the Grand Canyon.

When asked about their courtship, Noah revealed Sara was the only girl he ever dated.

We are happy to report that **Helen L. Moore** of Tacoma, WA is recovering nicely from several health problems including 4 heart operations including a bypass since September of last year. Complications put her in a nursing home for 30 days but she was allowed to come home the first of February and she seems to be doing fine now.

One down and many more to go. **Larry** and **Sheila Epps** celebrated one year of wedded bliss on August 9, simultaneously moving into a new home in Stockbridge, (near Atlanta) GA.

Headline: Macon Telegraph, Local and State Section. Wingfield named to Ocmulgee bench. Milledgeville, GA, Gov. Zell Miller on July 2nd appointed

Hugh V. Wingfield III, a Milledgeville attorney as the fifth Superior Court Judge. Wingfield, 47, fills a seat created in the 1998 legislative session which included seven counties. (Thanks to John Wingfield of Perry, GA for clipping.)

In the business section of the Richmond Times-Dispatch dated August 25, 1998, the headline reads "As enticer, he's got game - Wingfield's mission is attracting business to Richmond area." The story is about WFS member **Gregory H. Wingfield**, president of the Greater Richmond Partnership, Inc. and is charged with drawing new business to the area. He has exceeded a 4 year goal of creating 42,000 new jobs by bringing new industry into the area. (Both Dr. Mervyn W. Wingfield & Grace Muller-Thym of Richmond called this to our attention. Thanks.)

WFS ENGLAND TOUR SELLING BRISKLY

The tour brochure for the Wingfield Family Society 1999 England tour is out. Members that asked for an early copy were sent one as it came from the printer. If you did not get your brochure or want another one, please contact Bob Carr immediately.

We still have accommodations left so if you want to go, please send in your deposit right away as we are limited to a total of 40 spaces.

Our historian, Jocelyn Wingfield will be our narrator on the motorcoach. He has an encyclopedic knowledge of everything concerning the Wingfields and Wingfield locations. Virtually all of the sites visited on the tour have Wingfield interest and historical significance. If you have not been on a WFS tour before, you will learn how important the Wingfields were in England's history. And Jocelyn makes it all come to life. Special arrangements were necessary for us to visit many of the sites.

WFS tours are special tours designed just for the Wingfield family members. First timers to England, may want to consider extending their visit to see some of the more traditional tourist locations. Our arrangement with British Airways allows a later return for a small supplement if done early. More details are in the brochure.

Next Meeting Set for Virginia

The 13th annual meeting dates are May 14-16, 1999 at the Hyatt Dulles Hotel in Herndon, VA which is convenient to the (Dulles) Airport for those members flying in. Complimentary airport transfers are provided to and from the hotel. So plan on making your air reservations to the Dulles Airport.

This works out well for the WFS tour members that will be attending the meeting prior to departure for England on Sunday May 16 out of Dulles.

The Hyatt is an excellent property and we have obtained a special rate of only \$75 per night, single or double.

At this time, the program agenda is still under consideration. As in the past on Saturday, (May 15) there will be optional WFS arranged sightseeing. For those preferring to "do it on their

own," complimentary round trip van service will be provided by the hotel to



and from the Metro station about 15 minutes away. There is also a nearby shopping area. More on this with the next newsletter that will include the registration materials.

Mark the dates on your calendar.

shop in the Wingfield store for personalized items for appropriate relatives. They will be surprised and pleased that you cared and were thoughtful enough to send a family personalized gift. Allow 4 weeks for delivery, especially as we near the busy season.

Overseas members may not be able to take advantage of this suggestion as the shipping costs oftentimes exceed the cost of the item.

Another idea for all and that includes our overseas members: Give or renew a membership in the society for your relatives or give a new WFS membership to your children or close family members. Membership is a gift that keeps on giving all year long.

Now isn't that simple?

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members who recently joined the WFS. All persons living at the listed address are also members and are so noted if this information was indicated on the membership application.

New members should verify their listing and notify the WFS newsletter editor if there are errors or omissions.

John W. Wingfield, Jr. APO, AP; **Margaret and Richard Griffin** of Semi Valley, CA; **Marilyn Wingfield** from Capitola, CA; **Jill and Charles Shinn** of Sedro Wooley, WA; **Patricia K. Sharf** living in Washington, DC; **Ruth Y. and Carroll J. Wilson** of Dayton, O; **Col Stephen R. and Margaret Wingfield** of Universal City, TX; **Eva & Robert Garfat** of El Sobrante, CA; **Margaret B. Newman** living in Missoula, MT; **Nancy A. and William Jones** of Lake Elsinore, CA; **Sam Batsell** of Arlington, VA and **Earl and Dena Wingfield** and son **Kendall** of Ozark, AR and **Judith and Terry Lynch** of Erie PA.

This Xmas give a personalized gift, from the Wingfield Store

If you think we are jumping the gun, think again! This newsletter is the last one you will receive before the new year comes around. Your winter newsletter will be delivered early in January.

Use this is a double whammy. First to get some of your shopping out of the way early and second as a reminder to

It happend in San Antonio A REAL TEXAS WELCOME!

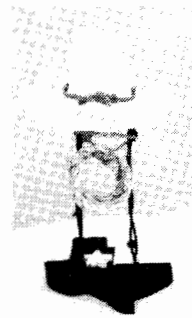
When the WFS members filed into the Alamo for dinner at the meeting last May, there was placed at each sitting an unusual fixture. It was a nine inch wooden cut out of the state of Texas including a white hat. On the hat was the word "Howdy." This was all done by hand and there was even a small lasso to add to the flavor.

A hundred of these were prepared by two of our Texas members in secret, thinking this would be an anonymous surprise.

A surprise it was, but the anonymous part didn't work as Bob Carr walked into the room early to check on the setup finding two members placing the favors at each table. Of course there was a blabbermouth who revealed the secret to Vance Wingfield, our president who made an announcement with thanks.

The favors were all hand made and certainly took many, many hours. They were taken home as a memento.

Oh yes, who are the culprits? Betty and Gerry Dutton of Conroe, TX. A big Texas thanks from the Wingfield Family Society for the ingenuity, generosity and lastly their modesty.



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IN MEMORIAM

Sara Lucy Woods Meadows passed away on April 15th in Virginia Beach, Virginia. Sara celebrated her 102nd birthday on January 21. Her husband, Walter died in 1978 and is buried at the Forest Lawn Cemetery in Norfolk, VA. She is buried next to him. Survivors are; a son, Walter Meadows, Jr.; daughters Clara Osborne and Cora Lorkiewicz WFS member from Portsmouth, VA; 5 grandchildren, 8 great grandchildren, 2 step grandchildren, 6 step great grandchildren and 4 step great great grandchildren. She was declared the oldest living Wingfield in the Autumn, 1993 newsletter at 97 years of age.



Sara Meadows

Patricia ("Pat") Wingfield, of Elton near Tickencote, mother of Jocelyn, Robin & George Wingfield, died on July 16 aged 91. She led a full life. The only child of Cleonice & Captain (later the much-decorated General Sir James) Cooke-Collis, much of her early family life was spoiled by her father serving in "unaccompanied" stations, including in the 1st World War, but at the age of 15, and again as a fully-fledged debutante aged 18 (without her mother), she was able to visit her father in India, in 1925-26, acting as his hostess when he had to entertain. Her great loves were foxhunting (or jackal hunting), English Literature (she had a book of poems published when she was about 20), English History (she acted as guide at Elton Hall and at Burghley House), broadcasting (she did 40 broadcasts: on England's great "stately homes" as well as some short stories and interviewing of historians), and not least her family (family life was of course again interrupted - by the 2nd World War). She



Patricia Wingfield

leaves 3 sons & 6 grandchildren.

Thomas Aloysius Rowan, a lifetime resident of the State of Maryland, died on May 6, 1998, at the age of 60 in Severna park, MD and after an illness of four years. During his lifetime he served his country in World War II and in the Korean conflict as a United States Marine. He was a stained glass artist and instructor, taught and enjoyed scuba diving and loved fishing. He is survived by his wife of 35 years, Martha Payne Rowan, their three daughters; Barbara Rowan Cannon, Deborah Ann Rowan and Victoria Lynn Rowan; two grandsons, Paul Thomas Nitkowski and Michael Thomas Rowan; two sisters, Verna H. Rowan Marley and Patricia J. Rowan Ross. He was predeceased by his only son, Thomas Christopher Rowan.

Joseph "Bucky" Tullier WFS Founding member from Baton Rouge, LA passed away on March 22nd 1998. He was 76. Bucky was retired from the Ethyl Corporation. He was a board member of Baton Rouge Kids Baseball Clinic and a 1939 graduate of Batrou Rouge High School. He is survived by his wife of 54 years, Troyce, a daughter and son-in-law Cheryl Leigh and Martin Young, Jr; a son and daughter-in-law, Mike and Terry Tullier; two granddaughters; four grandsons; three nieces and a great grandchild.



"Bucky" Tullier

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Elizabeth Vere. The Wingfields were descendants of Sir John Wingfield of Letheringham and his wife Elizabeth, daughter of Sir John Lewis of Essex. Sir Richard Wingfield, K. G. had earlier been married to Catherine, youngest daughter of Richard, Earl of Rivers, and sister of Queen Elizabeth, wife of King Edward IV making Henry VIII, by marriage, a nephew of Sir Richard Wingfield. Sir Richard had been made Deputy of Calais (and even had his own Herald - unique!), and his brother Sir Robert was later Mayor of Calais and was to own

"Wingfield's Marsh" there near Peeplingue. At the Field of the Cloth of Gold, Henry suddenly challenged Francis to a wrestling match. Francis seized Henry in a lightning grip and threw him to the ground. Henry went white with embarrassment, but held back his temper. The ceremonies continued, but Henry could not forgive such a personal humiliation. Any chance for cooperative friendship dissipated with the incident. Indeed, Henry had already begun negotiations with Francis' enemy (Holy Roman) Emperor Charles V. Within a month, Charles declared war on France, thus forfeiting any French goodwill. Not only was the Field of Cloth of Gold ruinously expensive, but Henry further squandered money on an expedition to Boulogne and on subsidies to mercenary contingents serving the Emperor. *But those three Lady Wingfields must have really been good-lookers, to be allowed to attend the Field of the Cloth of Gold!*

Was there Royalty in the U. S. ? Some called George Wingfield "The King of Nevada"

"George Wingfield: Owner and Operator of Nevada," a book published by the University of Nevada Press in 1992 is available to WFS members at half price for a limited time.

This intriguing book well researched by its author, C. Elizabeth Raymond, who is a friend of the WFS and was the speaker at one of our annual meetings. Now, you can meet George Wingfield a unique and fascinating character

George Wingfield had been a major figure in Nevada history since 1912 and at one time even turned down an appointment to the U. S. Senate. A political and economic titan, he made a fortune in the gold field of central Nevada and promptly bought a chain of banks and several hotels. In the 1920s he controlled both the Republican and Democratic Parties in Nevada. His legacy to the state has been controversial. Some revered him as Nevada's benevolent "friend." Others condemned him as a "sagebrush Caesar." George supported horse racing, liberalized di-

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WFS MEMBER PROFILE:

Sara Elizabeth Weathers Garrett



It seems today young people get tattooed or have their tongues pierced as a demonstration of rebellion. When Sarah Elizabeth Weathers was in Junior High, she may have dropped the "h" in Sarah to assert her independence. At least that's what happened. Legally she is Sarah, but to everyone else she is Sara.

In 1929 she was born in Anniston, Alabama to Howard Weathers and Inus Nichols and was the youngest of their 3 children. Her older sister is Virginia followed by a brother, Howard. Her father and uncle were owners of a soil pipe company. Sara was only 4 years old when her mother died of pneumonia. The three siblings were raised by their paternal grandparents. Her father lived nearby and saw the children frequently and they remained very close. He later remarried and in 1946 had another son, Bill. Sara became almost Bill's second mother.

Sara, as a youngster constantly asked her grandmother questions about the family and listened intently, but is now sorry she did not write down the many things she was told. Her grandmother's mother was Virginia "Jennie" Wingfield who was born in Charlottesville, Virginia.

At Anniston High School Sara took all the classes to prepare her to be a secretary. In high school she belonged to several school clubs and was on the National Honor Society. She graduated in 1947 and went to work for her father and remained there as his office secretary until her first child was born in 1953.

While at a football game, when

Sara was in the 9th grade she met Noah Earl Garrett, Jr. who was also a student at Anniston High, but a year ahead. Noah enlisted in the Navy for a year but was discharged in time to finish his final year of high school and graduate with Sara. They were married in 1948.

Noah was also born in Anniston and they continued to live there for the first 18 years of their married life. Then they moved to Andalusia, Alabama for two years and finally to Florida.

They have four children, two daughters, Melanie (45) and Sally (43), and two sons, Ben (39) and Bob (37). Sara and Noah are grandparents several times over as Melanie has three sons; Sally one daughter, Ben and Bob each have two daughters. Today all their children except Melanie, who lives in Wisconsin, reside in Florida near Sara and Noah.

After all the children were in school, Sara entered the medical field as a transcriptionist, working for a radiology group and then with an internal medicine group in Panama City, Florida. She had to quit full time employment when her father became ill requiring frequent trips back to Anniston, but she continued working part time filling in at various offices when they needed someone to cover for sickness and vacations. Sara and Noah moved to Lynn Haven, Florida in 1968. She returned to full time work in 1978 with a cardiology group in Panama City, Florida. Her father died in 1981, followed by her younger brother, Bill in 1996.

Sara was later appointed office manager and is proud to say the office grew from a work force of 5 persons to 44 by 1994 when she retired again from full time. As a retirement gift they gave her the computer she had worked with in the office since 1983. However after a few months of "retirement" she was eager to return to work part time and was welcomed back. She also got to keep the gift computer. Today she still works for the same cardiology group two days a week doing mostly accounting duties. Sara is a Certified Medical Assistant and belonged to the American Association of Medical Assistants, Inc. Noah is retired from the construction industry.

On June 3 of this year, Sara and

Noah celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary by attending the WFS meeting in San Antonio and then driving on to the Grand Canyon. Sara likes to swim in their pool, to read and work with her computer. She does a monthly newsletter for her Sunday school. Noah enjoys working in the yard and has a rather large garden.

At the San Antonio meeting, Sara was appointed chairman of the WFS computer department, and almost simultaneously was elected as a director by the membership as she had been nominated in advance. A major chairmanship automatically carries the title of director. So with this appointment she holds dual directorships in the society. However, she only gets one vote at the directors meetings.

Virginia Jones, Sara's sister, has agreed to help with the WFS computer section and together they will be working to keep the genealogical database up to date, accurate and available to all WFS members. A daunting and challenging task but one these two volunteers will do with acclaim.

Sara and Noah have traveled to all the states except Hawaii and have visited most of the famous landmarks such as Yellowstone, Grand Canyon, Mount Rushmore, and Yosemite among many others. They drove to Alaska and saw Anchorage, Fairbanks and Mt. McKinley. One of their most unique experiences was being served ice cream above the Arctic Circle. Now that was really cool! They cruised by ferry down the Inside Passage to Vancouver with their motor home. Coming up in 1999 they will travel with their Sunday school class on an exciting trip to the Holy Land. Noah does not like to fly but is gathering his courage since he recognizes the difficulty of driving there.

Her sister, Virginia, was the first in the family to get interested in genealogy and was doing the family research when she learned about the 1990 WFS meeting in Atlanta. After attending she joined and encouraged Sara to join too. Since then Sara has attended 5 annual meeting and went on one of the England tours.

Looking back to what she is most proud, she immediately states it is her

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Wingfield Genealogical Exchange

by Lee Preston

WINGFIELD WINGS Upside-Down

Item#12-4-1

A book by Violet Ann Ballew Walton, 1971, printed by Robert Torkelson, Woods Cross, Utah, entitled "William Ballew, His Ancestors and Descendants," contains a **WINGFIELD** coat of arms and the motto "*Fidelite est de Dieu.*" Two problems are immediately evident: First, the **Wingfield** wings are **UPSIDE DOWN**. Second, this Goochland Co., VA, branch of the **Wingfield** family is regarded as descending from the Tickencote **Wingfield** line, whose motto is "*Posse Nolle Nobile.*"



WINGFIELD

WIVES OF DAR PATRIOTS

Item#12-4-2

DAR Patriot Index, Vol. III, p807, 1986, lists the following **Wingfield** women who married American Patriots of the Revolutionary War: (Further info can be found under the name of the husband in current DAR Patriot Ancestor records.)

Winfield:

Catherine m. Samuel Miller
Elizabeth m. Gray Jones
Nellie m. Stephen Truesdale

Wingfield:

Agnes m. Edward Bullock
Anne m. James Garland
Delila m. Charles Wesley Bickley
Elizabeth m. Edward Butler
Elizabeth m. Charles Cosby, Sr.
Elizabeth m. John Grimes
Elizabeth m. David Meredith
Elizabeth m. Thomas Scott
Frances m. David Meriwether

Frances m. William Terrell
Martha m. John Harden Foster
Mary m. Richard Worsham
Mary m. Peter Terrell
Rebecca m. James Bullock
Sarah m. Leonard Ballou
Sarah m. Antoine Poullain
Susanna m. John Cosby
Virginia Jermina m. Samuel Barksdale
DAR records since 1986 have added:
Mary **Wingfield** m. William **Wingfield**
MARYLAND-Calvert-1680s/1700s
Item#12-4-3

Thos. L. Hollowak's *MARYLAND GENEALOGIES, Vol. II*, Gen. Publ. Co., 1980, pp26-28, contains the following **Wingfield** connections:

Elisha Hall (1663-1716) represented Calvert Co., MD, in the Provincial Assembly from 1698-1704. Elisha married 28Sep1688, Sarah (Hooper) **Wingfield**, widow of Jonas **Wingfield**. Sarah was Admx. of Jonas **Wingfield's** estate 21Jul1688. On 6Oct1688 Sarah's Admx. Bond of "4000 lb. tobacco" was filed by her sureties Elisha Hall and John Holloway. In Sarah's will proved 26Oct1739, she named, among others, her grandsons John (**Winfield**) and Jonah **Winfield**.

NO. CAROLINA-Wayne-1780s

Item#12-4-4

Jos. W. Watson's *Abstracts of the Early Deeds of Wayne Co., NC, 1780-93*, Shows:

p90, 1785—#548, DB3, p.261, State of NC Grant No.84 to Joseph **WINKFIELD**, 30 Sep1785, for a tract of 200 acres on the south side of Neuse River adjoining his own line.

p149, 1788—#938, DB4, p.292, Tho. Gray bill of sale to Michael Herring, executor of Edmund **WINFIELD**, dec., 19Apr1788 for 60 pds. specie one negro girl slave name Milly, about six years of age, for the use and benefit of Joseph **WINFIELD**, orphan of said Edmund **WINFIELD**. Wit. Edm'd Blackman,

NO. CAROLINA-Wayne-1796

Item#12-4-5

Jos. W. Watson's *Kinfolks of Wayne Co., NC, 1793-1832*, lists:

p18, 1796, DB 5-E, p391, Joseph **WINFIELD** of Duplin Co., NC, sold land situated in Duplin and Wayne Counties, 7Oct1796.

p20, 1796, DB 5-E, p427 (2nd deed on page), Jos. **WINFIELD** of Duplin Co., NC, bill of sale to Ezekiel Slocumb,

witnessed by Jesse Slocumb, 19Nov1796.

NO. CAROLINA-Wayne-1790's Item#12-4-6

Wm. L. Murphy's *State of NC Entries of Claims for Lands within the County of Wayne, 1780-1795*, records: p32, 1791—#455, 3Oct1791, Charles Holmes, 300 acres, joining Micajah Casey, Wm. Whitfield, Wm. Herring & Joseph **Winkfield**.

p32, 1791—#456, 3Oct1791, Charles Holmes, 300 acres, joining Wm. Whitfield, Joseph **Winkfield** & Rice Bass.

p37, 1792—#528, 17Dec1792, Thomas Tanner, 100 acres, on south side of Indian Springs, joining John Dixon, Joseph **Winkfield**, Wiley Carter, George Korgega and his own lines.

p40, 1793—#558, 14Feb1793, Wm. Herring, 300 acres, on south side of Neuse River, joining Wm. Whitfield, Micajah Casey & Joseph **Winkfield**. Entry withdrawn.

p43, 1793—#604(605), 11Nov1793, Wm. Whitfield, 100 acres, lying on south side of Neuse River joining Wm. Herring & Joseph **Winkfield**.

VIRGINIA-Albemarle-1762

Item#12-4-7

Deed Book 3 (Albemarle), p157 (FHL Film# 0030225), transfers 270 acres of land to Charles **Wingfield**, the first **Wingfield** resident in Albemarle County, from his mother, Mary **Wingfield**, in Hanover County. Mystery: Mary states she owned 540 acres, inherited from her father, Charles Hudson. No record has ever been found of what happened to the remaining 270 acres. Can anyone solve this mystery for us?

"To all persons to whom these presents shall come, I Mary **Wingfield** of St. Paul's Parish in Hanover County in Virginia send greeting in our Son & God Everlasting, now know ye, that I the said Mary **Wingfield**, for divers good causes and considerations me hereunto moving but more especially for the good will and motherly love, do give, grant, enfee and confirm unto my loving Son Charles **Wingfield**, his heirs and assigns forever, Two hundred and seventy acres of land with the plantation whereon he now lives in St. Ann's Parish in Albemarle County, being part

of a Tract of Land given to me by my father, Charles Hudson, which contains by Estimation Five hundred and forty acres, which is known and called by the name of Prospect. To have and to hold the said Two hundred and seventy acres of Land be joining and most convenient to the plantation whereon he now lives with regard to the other part. To him the said Charles **Wingfield** his Heirs and Assigns forever, with all Houses, edifices, buildings & tenements, all gardens, orchards, woods (?), ways, water-courses whatsoever therein and thereunto belonging or any ways appertaining firmly by these presents I bind myself, etc., to save and defend the said Charles **Wingfield** his Heirs and Assigns in every part and parcel of the said Two hundred and seventy acres of Land from the Lawful claim or title of any person whatsoever, the said Charles **Wingfield** paying what Quitrents shall come due for the said Land Two hundred & seventy acres of Land, to our Sovereign Lord the King his Heirs and Successors from time to time and at all time hereafter. In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal this third Day of May in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and Sixtytwo. Mary **Wingfield** (SS)

"Signed Sealed and delivered in the presence of us, Wm. Cock, Thos (X) Fortune, Wm. (X) Hitchcock, Jun. At a court held for Albemarle County the XIII Day of May 1762."

It happened in San Antonio
WFS members related
to hero of the Alamo



The elusive connection to the Alamo was found at the San Antonio meeting, but not a minute too soon. May Yoss right in photo was already a

member, but her twin sister, Reba Fay Thompson, was not, but she joined on the spot. Both live in nearby Leakey, TX.

They are related to Jessie McCoy who died at the Battle of the Alamo in 1836. The sisters were introduced at the final dinner inside the Alamo.

**At the WFS Auction -
Is Dorothy a shill?**

Sometimes the bidding stalls as the auctioneer tries to wring a few extra bucks out of the members at the WFS meetings. After all the proceeds go for good causes. John Wingfield of Perry, GA is the perennial auctioneer that spices his spiel with humor and exag-

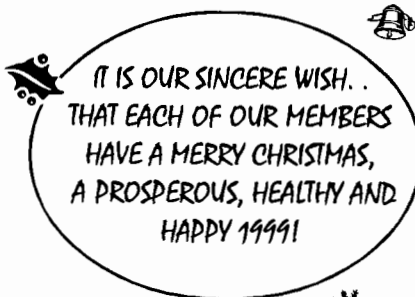


Dorothy Places a bid

gerations, presenting a performance enjoyed by all. His wife, Dorothy a supporter of good causes hates to see husband John perplexed when the bidding falters, especially if it is her bid.

So just before John lowers the gavel to announce "Sold," Dorothy lifts her finger and ups the (her) bid.

If John and Dot would bring all the auction merchandise purchased over the last few years to one of the meetings there would be enough items to stock the entire next auction. And Dorothy could bid on it all over again.



**WINGFIELD FACES
FROM THE PAST**

**Charles Wesley and
Rosa Yount Wingfield**



Charles Wesley, (born in 1862) was one of 9 children born to Charles Lewis and Annie Elizabeth Wingfield. He was the first of the family to pull up stakes and leave Fluvanna County, Virginia, for the frontier in what is known today as Yuma County in eastern Colorado. Charles Wesley staked a homestead claim near Vernon, Colorado, and put up a two-room sod house in 1886 on a quarter of a section of land. This was at



*Charles Wingfield's sod house
from a painting by Gail Mansfield*

the height of the migration west for settlers seeking a bounty of land.

Charles married Rosa Yount from a family he knew in Virginia that also migrated to Colorado, but via Iowa and staked a homestead claim close to the Wingfield land. They were married in 1889 and also had 9 children.

Rosa died in 1962 or 63 and Charles in 1940.

The homestead property is still in Wingfield hands. It is owned by Robert and Pam Wingfield who are members of the WFS. They still live on the homestead property and Robert is the grandson of Charles Wesley.

Wingfield Coat of Arms



In the 12 century, with the introduction of armor, identification of the warriors become more difficult as much of the body and face was covered.

By necessity, an emblem or insignia was required for identification in battle or tournament by the knights. The marking on the fighter's shield became known as the shield. In addition, the knight often carried another distinguish-

ing mark on top of his helmet, known as the crest, the form did not relate to any feature on his shield of arms.

From the 14th century onwards it became fashionable for social purposes to join with the personal arms, the arms of other families connected by marriage. The personal arms alone, however appeared on a knight's defensive shield, and it is those which continued as the nominal arms of the family.

Heraldry is the science of Coats of Arms. The College of Arms in London was established in 1484 and is responsible for regulating and approving Coats of Arms. John Wingfield was at the College of Arms as York Herald from 1633-1674.

The Wingfield shield is described as Argent (silver), on bend Gules (red), Cotised (narrow band on each side of, and parallel with) Sable (black), and three sets of wings conjoined in lure

Argent (silver).

The crest is the design above the shield. This can vary with family. Shown here is the high bonnet with wings situated on a torse or wreath (cord of six twists of alternate colors).

There is no record of explanation for the drops of blood on the bonnet and wing of the crest. It is assumed that the blood drops are in honor of Wingfield family members that died in service to their king.

Underneath is the motto on a banner "Posse Nolle Nobile" which is in Latin for "To have the power without the wish is noble."

The bonnet and motto on this Coat of Arms is from the Tickencote branch. The shield is always the same for other branches.

The shield of arms accompanied by the crest, torse, motto and other supports is called an Achievement.

Napoleon's Prisoner; Valuable Letters in a Wingfield's possession

From 1803 to 1815 Great Britain and France were in an almost continuous state of hostilities. Newly created Emperor, Napoleon Bonaparte, was the dominant power in Continental Europe, but his plans to invade Britain were brought to an end when his navy was destroyed by the British under Nelson at the Battle of Trafalgar in 1805.

In 1803, Napoleon ordered all adult British nationals in France to be arrested and held as prisoners ("detenus"). Among those imprisoned was Rev. Charles Lancelot Lee, second cousin of Harriet Lee of Coton. Harriet married John Muxloe Wingfield of Tickencote in 1819.

A fascinating record of Rev. Charles's detention is contained in a collection of 27 letters to Harriet's father, Harry Lancelot Lee of Coton. These letters are now in the possession of John Parry-Wingfield, Harriet Lee Wingfield's great-great grandson. They are dated from 1804 and it appears that Charles was detained for 11 years until Napoleon was defeated and banished to Elba. All of the Lee heirlooms and artifacts came to Tickencote in about

1820 when Coton was sold.

This is an intriguing insight into this little known corner of English history and John Parry-Wingfield wrote a recap of some of the highlights contained in the letters.

These letters depict Charles's frustration and periods of depression, and his yearning to return to England. On the other hand, his detention was not particularly restrictive. One of the later letters makes a naughty comment on Napoleon's Empress, the Princess Marie Louise of Austria. In it he comments, "The Empress is much changed since her marriage. I saw her a few nights since at the opera. She appeared to me much emaciated. The embonpoint which she brought with her from Austria has totally gone. The Emperor on the contrary becomes lustier every day."

Since the Wingfield connection in this instance is remote we debated whether to mention it in our newsletter. But since these letters are historically important and intriguing and are in the hands of one of our members, certainly it deserves mention.

Should anyone wanting to know more about the letters, may contact the editor for a two-page summary that space limitations prevented from including in this article.

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long and successful marriage and her four children and what they have achieved in life. She is proud of her work ethics and what she has been able to accomplish.

It happened in San Antonio Will the real Martha Wingfield stand up?



At the recent meeting in San Antonio, someone noticed from the meeting list that there seemed to be an awful lot of Martha Wingfields in attendance. At the dinner in the Alamo, we asked them all to stand and be counted. They are listed in the above photograph, left to right; **Martha** of Goldwater, AL, **Martha** of Ashland, VA, **Martha** (Ellen) of Ashland, VA, **Martha** of Newport News, VA and **Martha** of Maumelle, AR.

Jamestown Skeleton Moves to Richmond

The skeleton, code named JR102C excavated in Jamestown will now be on display in Richmond, VA from November 13 until February 13, 1999.

Speculation by the excavators is that JR102C is likely Stephen Calthrop who died of a wound. Jocelyn Wingfield, historian for the WFS feels that the evidence leans toward this skeleton being of another settler, Ensign Jerome Alicock.

As you may recall this is the display that was in the National Geographic Society Explorers Hall in Washington earlier this year. The exhibit text implies political infighting caused this death and further indicates Edward Maria Wingfield may have been involved. "It may be that the Wingfield camp could remain in power only if opposition was removed," the exhibit says. The WFS strongly disputes the conspiracy theory which is believed was conceived to heighten public interest in the archaeology dig at Jamestown.

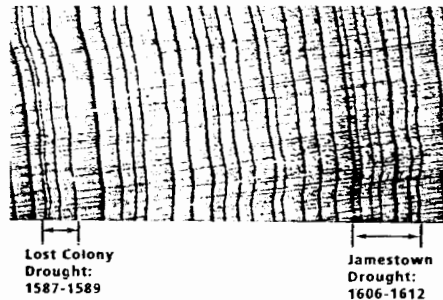
According to WFS member Lois Wickham, Ashland, VA, the display will be at the Virginia Historical Society's building at Battle Abby and the Boulevard, Richmond and be open 10-5 daily and 1-5 on Sunday.

New Research Adds Severe Drought to Wingfield's Woes at 1607 Jamestown

A new study reveals both Roanoke (failed) and Jamestown colonies suffered a terrible drought that would have devastated even well supplied pioneers. The settlers, particularly at Jamestown, apparently had little water for crops, drinking and fishing, according to the scientists. This conclusion was sparked by a study of samples of ancient trees taken from the Tidewater region of Virginia and North Carolina. The trunk rings document tree growth, which correspond to the amount of rain and temperatures. "If the English had tried to find a worse time to launch their settlements in the New World, they could not have done so," said Dennis Blanton, director of the William and Mary Center for Archaeological Re-

search and reported in the Richmond Times Dispatch on April 24, 1998. "The tree-ring reconstruction indicates that the settlers of Jamestown Colony had the monumental bad luck to arrive in April, 1607, during the driest 7 year period in 770 years," the study reported. "The Roanoke and Jamestown colonies have both been criticized for poor planning, poor support, and for startling indifference to their own subsistence," the researchers wrote. "But the tree-ring reconstruction indicates that even the best planned and supported colony would have been supremely challenged by the climatic conditions of 1587-1589 and 1606-1612."

Historians know less about Roanoke since all physical evidence has disap-



Growth rings in area cypress tree shows severe 1607 drought

peared, but it is well documented that the early Jamestown period was called "the starving time" and by the time the first season was over 60 men were dead out of the 104 that came to the site. All historians agree that the Jamestown settlers suffered from malnutrition, famine, disease and tense relations with the local Indians.

The settlers were dying in droves under terrible conditions at the time. It was necessary that Wingfield ration the limited food supplies, which was not a popular mandate. The president was deposed by his adversaries on the council taking advantage of the desperation of the time to gain power by shifting the blame on Wingfield for their plight. The dying did not stop, nor did more food miraculously appear. In reality it got worse. Jamestown's first president became an undeserving scapegoat.

Add severe drought as one more fact to our stable of reasons to vindicate Edward Maria Wingfield from history's distortion.

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voiced and open gambling. When he died in 1959, he had the satisfaction of knowing his dedication to legalized gambling and divorce related tourism had come to pass. He had been a major influence behind the state of Nevada legalizing gambling.

The book currently sells for \$31.95, but until November 30th, the University of Nevada Press will sell it to WFS members for \$16.98 plus mailing. To secure a copy, send your check payable to: the Board of Regents, for \$21.48 (\$16.98 + shipping \$4.50) and mail to University of Nevada Press, MS 166, Reno, NV 89557-0076.

More than 80 Virginia Governors so far, if counting starts with Wingfield as No. 1

Newspapers reporting on the recent swearing in of Governor James S. Gilmore III of Virginia admitted there is disagreement as to how many governors preceded him. At the ceremony it was thought to be 67. But this all depends where one starts counting explained the Richmond Times Dispatch in an article published earlier in the year. The number varies from 60 plus to more than 80.

The tally starts by most in 1776 and counts governors that were elected by the people. But how about the 11 acting governors and at least one military appointee plus a provisional governor. This still ignores the early colonial governors that were appointed by the Virginia Company of London, the Crown, some of these elected and even governors that never set foot in America.

The Times Dispatch acknowledged Edward-Maria Wingfield as the very first, if one starts counting with colonial governors. All WFS members know EMW was elected the first president (governor) of the Jamestown council. This acknowledgement is a welcome relief from the past when Wingfield was completely ignored or John Smith somehow slipped in instead. (Our thanks to Billy Wingfield of Petersburg, VA who sent a clipping of the news article to the newsletter)

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acres but the price was raised to 3 shillings per acre. With the multiplicity of rules and regulations, it was possible to get free land in Georgia under certain conditions.

Soil exhaustion in the old Virginia tobacco areas had been gradually taking place for decades; the tribulations of war, the fresh and inexpensive lands in Georgia became a magnet for people to move and resettle that was hard to ignore. Also there was bounty land.

After peace was signed, settlers that came in trickles before the war now poured in. The Georgia migration was a forerunner to the Oklahoma land rush and the Oregon Trail where entire families moved together to settle new lands. This Georgia migration was so successful that by 1790 Wilkes County would contribute in whole or parts of six counties and contribute almost half of the people in the state.

Written history of the actual Wingfield migration is virtually non-existent. What there is, is sketchy and non-encompassing references. Fortunately there are enough records in libraries and courthouses that we can piece the puzzle together and with reasonable assumptions compile the particulars of this early and historical Wingfield re-settlement. This group of forefathers created a new family line, now known as the Georgia Wingfields.

The decision to migrate as a group was a special challenge. There were many grown family members with spouses and their own established lifestyles. The younger ones would leave friends and a comfortable environment. It took a special kinship to pull up stakes and forge southward to resettle and build a new life. Certainly the perception of continuing the family relationships was a factor in the decision.

The migrating families were the children of Thomas Wingfield (b. 1693 d. prior 1782) and Sarah Garland (d. 1782). They were John Wingfield (m. Frances Oliver Buck), Thomas Wingfield (m. Elizabeth Terrell) and Frances Wingfield (m. William Terrell) and included many of their children, grandchildren and other related families including numerous Terrells. Some of the grandchildren were old enough and were heads of families themselves.

First let's go back to the Battle of Kettle Creek. William Terrell, a lieutenant in the Revolutionary army and the husband of Frances Wingfield, of Hanover, Virginia fought at the Battle of Kettle Creek¹ in Wilkes County, Georgia in 1779. It had to be William Terrell that brought back word first hand to the Wingfields, Terrells and probably other families in Virginia. No doubt this included glowing descriptions of new open lands that was being made available to those willing to resettle. There is no record in the archives of a Wingfield fighting at the battle of Kettle Creek.

Terrell must have done some advance planning, setting up contacts with appropriate officials in Wilkes County and coordination with heads of the Wingfield families, even acting as their agent. These family heads were John, Thomas, John Grimes (his son-in-law), John, Jr., and William Terrell.² John Wingfield, Sr and William Terrell were in Wilkes County probably in July, 1783 to apply for headright land and arrange a bill of sale of property to Thomas Wingfield, Sr., John Grimes and John Wingfield, Jr. Whether the latter three were there in July is not known. However all five of these gentlemen were living in Wilkes County prior to the end of the year (1783) to prepare for the arrival of their families that would migrate in 1784.

Edward Butler, the husband of Elizabeth Wingfield and son-in-law of John Wingfield, traveled to Wilkes County, Georgia in early 1784. He kept a day by day diary of the entire trip. Once in Wilkes County he went to visit his father-in-law John Wingfield (m. Frances Oliver Buck) and surveyed the area as to whether he should re-settle the Butler family there. This diary confirms the travel route, distances, travel times and also verifies the names of the family members that were already in Wilkes County³ that he visited while on the trip. The migration of the families occurred later in the year.

Most Georgia Wingfield members are aware their Virginia ancestors resettled in Wilkes County Georgia in the early 1780's, but few know the details of the trek and virtually no one knows the over land route that was used. With today's map one can plot the route of

the migration by connecting the present day counties from Virginia to Wilkes County, Georgia over an established wagon road⁴.

The distance from Hanover was a little over 500 miles as the horse walks. Today it is a 10-hour drive by auto, or if one could fly by jet, less than an hour as the crow flies. But in 1784 it would take at least two weeks. Then entire families – parents, children and grandchildren, in-laws and friends – took all their possessions, food, furnishings, tools, seed and even slaves. It was practical, indeed essential for the families to travel together in a sort of procession or caravan. They used the established wagon roads, that evolved from Indian trails and for which individual travelers could spend the night at places called ordinaries and in private homes. But for a group traveling together these facilities or accommodations were inadequate and unavailable. After torturous travel, for a break the trekkers would have to park the wagons, tie up the horses, prepare the food and camp.

The wagon route from Virginia was surprisingly direct, transiting Powhatan, Amelia, Prince Edward, Charlotte and Halifax counties in Virginia, crossed the Dan River at Boyd's Ferry and entered Caswell County, North Carolina, Caswell County through Guilford, Rowan, Mecklenburg, and Lincoln Counties, crossed over into present day York County, South Carolina. Then continuing in a straight line they passed through Union, Laurens, and Abbeville counties, crossed the Savannah River at Basdel's Ferry, which was only 25 miles from Washington, Wilkes, County Georgia.

¹ The Story of Wilkes County, Georgia by Eliza A. Bowen in Washington, Ga. Library

² Early Records of Georgia, Vol. I, Wilkes County, Ga, compiled by Grace Davidson, published 1932 in Vadaia, Ga. and The Story of Wilkes County, Ga. by Eliza Bowen in Washington, Ga. Library.

³ The Diary of Edward Butler, 1784-1786 published in the documentary section of Georgia Historical Society Quarterly, Vol. LII, June 1968

⁴ Samuel Edward Butler Goes to Georgia, 1784, pages 120, 121, Georgia Historical Society Quarterly, Vol. LII, June 1968 in Library of Augusta, GA.

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