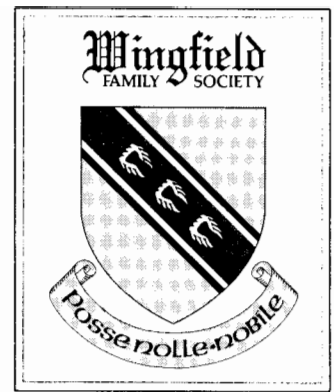


# newsletter



"Wynkefeld The Saxon held honor and fee, ere William The Norman came over the sea"  
... Ancient Suffolk England Rhyme

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## Report on the Toronto Meeting - NEXT MEETING IS DENVER IN 2001

### It happened in Canada at the annual WFS meeting

It was our first meeting out of the United States! WFS attendees flocked from all over the U. S., several from England and, of course Canada for the society's 14<sup>th</sup> annual meeting in Toronto, Canada.

The convenient Valahalla Inn was charming, delightful and an excellent choice for the meeting for which we thank meeting coordinator, Bill Wingfield. We also want to recognize and thank Virginia Jones from Atlanta who did all of the administrative arrangements for the meeting including the registration packets and handling the registration desk at the meeting.

We had a traditional gathering, greeting and meeting spot reserved at the hotel in advance of the meeting where old acquaintances were renewed and new ones initiated. Sara Garrett was there with her computer and the WFS genealogical database. Vance Wingfield brought his computer for finalizing meeting details. Yes, even Bob Wingfield our treasurer brought his laptop with all the information about membership and members attending. Truly the WFS is in the cyberworld. The just released Thomas Wingfield of York River video was viewing for all to see.

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### Wayne Estes says - "Denver Meeting will be best ever!"

Time to start planning for next year: Wayne Estes, WFS member from Denver, Colorado has agreed to coordinate the on site meeting arrangements to be held in Denver in May, 2001. He will be assisted by Virginia Jones from Atlanta who will do the administrative duties as she did with the Toronto meeting.



Wayne Estes, Meeting Coordinator

Wayne is already talking about some interesting activities for our members in scenic and colorful Colorado.

There will be more details and exact dates in the fall newsletter, but it is expected to be the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> weekend in May.

Denver was selected as the meeting location for several reasons. First it is a good location in the country with excellent air transportation from everywhere. Second it butts up to the spectacular scenery of the Rocky Mountains. Third, it has excellent hotel and resort facilities. Fourth, Denver and it's area has a fascinating history that will encourage many to come early to the meeting or stay over to take advantage of so many things to see. Fifth, there are many descendants of pioneer Wingfields that still live in the state.

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### 23-Year Old Wingfield Pirate Part 1- Captured by Spanish Inquisition (1593)

By: Jocelyn Wingfield, WFS Historian

[Preface: *The medieval Inquisition was a court of the Catholic church, which used torture to inquire into having unorthodox religious beliefs; the Spanish Inquisition was a separate body established by the Spanish monarchy as a political instrument. Foreign ship names have been anglicised.*]

In 1568 Hugh Wingfield alias Wynkffelde nicknamed "Huit" (?or Hewitt) was born, the son of laborer Robert Wingfield and his wife Ana (or Ann) Wingfield, Protestants, of Rotherham, Yorkshire in the north of England. Rotherham lies 20 and 25 miles north of, respectively, North Wingfield and South Wingfield (Derbyshire). When he was 17 Huit was sent by his father south to London to be page to a Henry Baker. After four years Huit went with a relative to the Isle of Wight, off the south coast - where eighteen days later he was press-ganged and put aboard one of Her Majesty's ships, to sail for 5 months of the winter in the Channel, to keep watch on ships sailing in and out of the English Channel. Huit Wingfield then returned to Rotherham for a year - before being press-ganged a second time - now 23 and not yet married - as a soldier and taken a Royal Navy ship, called the *Gabriel* (25 guns), berthed at Chatham in Kent.

After putting in to Plymouth for a week - "to take on the necessary complement of crew and soldiers," the *Gabriel* set sail to take "Master Harbes," the English Ambassador to Barbary (or North Africa), to be put ashore at Santa

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## WFS elects new officers For the years 2000-2003

The election of new officers for the next three years was conducted at the annual meeting of the Wingfield Family Society in Toronto. A unanimous vote elected the following:

President, **Bob Carr**, Belleair, FL., a founding member and editor of the newsletter; Vice President **Charline Preston** of Walnut Creek, CA. Charline is also a founding member and has been active in society affairs. Re-elected Treasurer, **Bob Wingfield** of Buffalo Grove, IL. Bob is a past WFS president and former Lord of the Manor of Wingfield; Secretary, **Virginia Coley** of Roanoke, VA has been a member since 1995.

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## From Page 22 - Canada Meeting

President Vance Wingfield handled the annual meeting in a light hearted and pleasant manner. Most of the members took advantage to view Niagara Falls from the Canadian side with a ride on the "Maid of the Mist."

At the final banquet, Wilsie Wingfield Carr, our president emeritus called retiring president Vance Wingfield to the podium and after a resume of accomplishments and thanks, presented him and his wife, Tommie, an silver engraved dish as a memorial and recognition of his presidency.

Seven Canadian members, four of

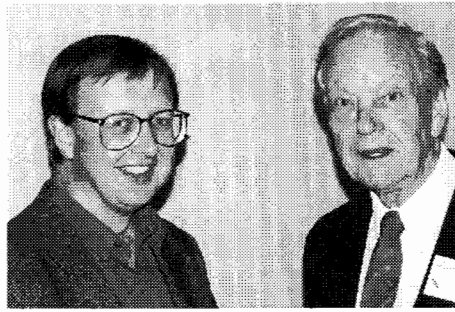


*Retiring President Vance Wingfield shows engraved dish*

which had newly joined, plus a number of their guests, were in attendance.

The guest speaker this Saturday evening was Dan Needles, playwright of the successful series of one-man plays based on a character named Walt Wingfield, a stockbroker turned farmer.

Dan began his talk explaining how he happened to pick the name Wingfield for the series that has played all over Canada and the U. S. in over 2500



*Guest speaker, Dan Needles (left) with meeting coordinator and his introducer, Bill Wingfield*

performances. Dan's speech was outstanding! He captivated our members with his witty and entertaining manner. It concluded with a standing ovation.

Dale Ruf arranged for a non-denominational prayer meeting attended by those still at the hotel Sunday morning.

Look for other pertinent details of the meeting activities reported elsewhere in this newsletter.

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## **NEW APPOINTMENTS MADE: Jocelyn Wingfield named International Vice Pres.**

Our English cousin, WFS historian and all around dynamo, was appointed International Vice President at the Toronto board meeting. A member since inception of the society in 1987, Jocelyn has loyally attended every meeting and has represented the WFS overseas on all society affairs.

He will continue in his role as the society historian as his in depth knowledge of Wingfield history is legendary within our organization and beyond. He has also agreed to continue to host the Wingfield England tours that operate every 3 or 4 years.

All of us congratulate Jocelyn on this appointment.

## **Vance Wingfield appointed Webmaster Chairman**

The board of directors voted to add a new classification of chairmanship for the society. It was unanimous that Vance Wingfield, our retiring president and former Lord of the Manor of Wingfield continue to use his vast computer knowledge and Internet specialty for the WFS.

Vance was also appointed director of the WFS with the new title

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## From Page 21 - Denver Meeting

It will be exciting to observe how Wayne fills the full day of activities on Saturday. There is so much to see. But whatever is selected, it will be exciting.

Pencil in your May 2001 calendar for the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Wingfield Family Society meeting. Let's make it the biggest and finest reunion ever!

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"Webmaster." He personally handles all details and coordination for the Wingfield home page on the Internet.

The site is actually handled from his home in Ft. Worth, TX. We also expect to call upon Vance's technical abilities on all phases of our computer departments if and when the need arises.

Our appreciation and congratulations, Vance.

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## NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members to the WFS who recently joined. All persons living at the same address are also members and this should be noted below. New members are asked to verify and notify the newsletter editor if there are any inaccuracies or omissions in these listings.

**Donna and Don Williams** plus son **Michael** and daughter **Kelly Garraway** of Madera, CA; **Phyllis Cotterill** and husband **Harold** of Caledonia, Ontario; **Martha and Patrick Henrich** plus daughter, **Carrie** from Madison Heights, MI; **Martha Garrity** and **David Guess** of Bowling Green, KY; **Kevin and Connie Dickson** and daughters **Elizabeth, Rebecca & Erin** of Medina, O; **Darris and Lora Eccles** of Port Townsend, WA; **William & Darlene Wingfield**, mother **Madeline Wingfield** and daughter **Anne** of Marrero, LA; **Ruth Ann & Andrew Gardner** of Houston, TX; **Fred B. Law** and his wife Mitzi of Wilmington, DE; **Raymond and Carole Wingfield** of Brantford, Ontario, Canada; **Hugh Wingfield-Hayes** of Chinchester, England; **Brian and Elizabeth Wingfield**, their daughter **Andria** and son **Timothy** from Georgetown, Ontario, Canada; **Patricia and Stephen Brennan** of Lyndhurst, NJ; **Winifred Hall** and husband **Frank** of Austin, TX.

## The Lord of the Manor of Wingfield title is transferred

It has become a tradition since the Wingfield Family Society obtained the Lord of the Manor of Wingfield title in 1989 that it would be assigned to each elected president for use during his term.

On Friday May 19<sup>th</sup> there was a special ceremony formally recognizing Bob Carr as the newly elected president of the Wingfield Family Society and conveying to him the title of Lord of the Manor of Wingfield.

It was a colorful 45 minute ceremony involving many members in special costumes. The retiring president, Vance Wingfield relinquished his Lordship and expressed thanks to the many that assisted him while president.

According to tradition, Jocelyn

Wingfield was Bellman, leading the precession of reassignment. Dale Ruf; the Deputy Steward to the Lord of the



*New Lord of the Manor Bob Carr gives bowing Steve Preston certificate as "Ale Taster." Left is "Bellman" Jocelyn Wingfield*

Manor of Wingfield officiated, administering the oath of office to Bob Carr and receiving his acceptance of the title as the 44<sup>th</sup> Lord of the Manor of Wingfield.

Following ancient custom the new Lord of the Manor appointed several members to serve in his court and each received a certificate designating them as a "Mainperson." Some of the titles were: Steward, Bellman, Bailiff, Beadle, Hayward, Ale Taster, and of course Hangman.

### Kez Wingfield on several U. S. TV shows in March

Trevor Rees-Jones and Kez Wingfield were on 60 minutes Sunday March 12 interviewed by Mike Wallace. Then on March 22 they were on the Rivera Live Show and probably several others. A few days earlier London's Daily Sunday Telegraph ran a series of articles about the Princess Di tragedy.

Both of these men were bodyguards for Dodi Fayed and Princess Diana the fateful night, August 31, 1997 when their car crashed in Paris killing the Princess and Dodi. Kez Wingfield was not in the car, but waiting for them in a nearby residence. Trevor, in the fatal car was badly injured and mangled, but has recovered and with the help of an excellent surgeon has remarkably reconstructed his face. Both ex-bodyguards had conversations with Dodi's father Mohamed Al Fayed who they feel tried to intimidate them to admit they saw evidence to confirm the deaths were part of a conspiracy. They refused. Furthermore, both emphati-

cally stated Dodi did not purchase the engagement ring as the father said, at least at the time stated. This leaves the question whether or not the couple was serious enough to get married.

Trevor Rees-Jones has written a book with all the details as he recalls them. It is called "The Bodyguard's Story."

Kez Wingfield, a 32-year-old Yorkshoremans, had been a bodyguard for about a year before the crash. In an earlier article the newsletter stated Kez was Princess Diana's personal bodyguard. News articles indicated Kez Wingfield, like Trevor worked for Mohamed Fayed. (Our thanks to Jocelyn Wingfield for detailed newspaper clippings on the controversy).

### REQUEST FOR UPDATE Special Email Member List

Not all members have given us their email address. The ones we have are listed in the new roster. But there is no single-up-to date list of member email addresses.

It is our desire to be able to communicate with all our "cybermembers from time to time via email. This can be a benefit for you, but to do so we must have your email address. This list will be confidential and not used outside the WFS.

If your email is correctly listed in the roster, do nothing. If it is not, send a simple message with your correct email address to: [leepreston@aol.com](mailto:leepreston@aol.com) who is compiling the list.

But, please do it today.

### Haining Wins the Wingfields again by: Jocelyn Wingfield

On March 9<sup>th</sup> the Amateur Rowing Championship of the Thames alias the Wingfield Sculls, 5.5 miles at half-flood, was won by Peter Haining - after a gap of 2 years - in a time of 22 minutes 27 seconds, beating Monnickendam by 17 seconds. The Wingfields was founded by 25 year old Henry Cosell Wingfield of Westminster, "to be rowed forever on his birthday, August 10<sup>th</sup>" (not March 9<sup>th</sup>). The only members of the public permitted to travel in the boats of the Umpires (all past winners) is the Press and Wingfield Family members. This year no British Wingfield could make the date.

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Samuel Barnett Wingfield** age 60, of Martinez, GA died April 4, 2000 at Doctor's Hospital in Augusta, GA. He was born in Lake Wales, FL but moved with his parents to Georgia at an early age. He graduated from Augusta College with a degree in business and was employed at the Georgia Railroad Bank in Augusta. He retired from the Medical College of Georgia as assistant comptroller in 1980.



Sam is survived by his wife, Frances, his mother Mrs. Pearl Wingfield and sister, Mrs. Joanne Miller, his mother-in-law Mrs. Helen Lawrence and a number of nieces and nephews. Graveside services were held at Madison Memorial Park Cemetery, Madison, GA.

### Wingfields in Actions

**Troyce Tullier** of Baton Rouge, LA announced her granddaughter, Laura Leigh Young was getting married on August 10<sup>th</sup>. The groom is Kevin Gottsponer of Russellville, AR. For the record, WFS member **Cheryl Young** (Troyce's daughter) from Hot Springs, AR is Laura Leigh's mother so we want to give her appropriate credit too.

Time Magazine, February 20, 2000 has an article "Speak, Memory," that goes into the loss of memory as we age. Therein it mentions ideas and suggestions by Professor **Arthur Wingfield**, director of Brandeis University's Memory and Cognition Laboratory with his suggestions. (Ed Note: I can't remember who sent this to me, but I think it was WFS member **Allen Wingfield** of Las Vegas. Thanks, Allen.)

After 18 years of courtship **Ralph Wingfield** of Nogales, AZ and **Marjel DeLauer** were married on August 23, 1999. It was announced at Ralph's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday party, but word has just now seeped to the WFS. He sold his ranch and they live in Green Valley, AZ.

Congratulations Ralph and Marjel. Incidentally, Marjel is a published author.

After the Toronto meeting several members continued on for visits elsewhere before returning home. Those of which we know are **Vance** and **Tommie Wingfield** of Ft. Worth, TX who motored on to several places in Canada then to Virginia before returning to Ft. Worth. **Boots** and **Bernie Coley**, of Roanoke, VA visited the little towns on the north edge of Lake Ontario then to Montreal. **Bob** and **Virginia Wingfield**, Buffalo Grove, IL popped down to Alabama, Virginia's old stomping ground. **John** and **Sue Parry-Wingfield**, Empingham, Leics England drove from the meeting to Calgary, then Jasper and finally took the train to Vancouver where they visited a nephew.

### Edward-Maria Wingfield is subject of Jocelyn Wingfield's Jamestowne Society speech

By: William Gann (WFS member, Raytown, MO)

At the May luncheon meeting of the Jamestowne Society, Edward-Maria Wingfield enjoyed the spotlight, getting long deserved attention focused on his role as the true founder of Jamestowne.

Jocelyn Wingfield spoke to over 250 members of the Society assembled for their semi-annual meeting in Williamsburg, VA. Jocelyn's carefully prepared, detailed presentation utilized colored slides for the introductory segment, highlighting Edward-Maria Wingfield's ancestry and familial ties.



(l-r) Jocelyn Wingfield, Jamestowne Society Governor DeEtte Nesbitt & Wm Gann, Governor of Kansas-Missouri Company at a dinner party given in honor of Jocelyn.

The talk then centered upon Edward-Maria Wingfield's role as the true founder of Jamestowne. With an explanation of Capt. John Smith's actual activities, comments explored why Smith has usurped the credit, which actually belongs to Wingfield. A visual display

area was also set up by Jocelyn to supplement his remarks.

Jocelyn's presentation was very well received with comments overheard afterwards about "enlightening," and "one of the best speakers we have ever had." Generous applause from the entire audience demonstrated that these comments were typical of the feelings of the audience at large.

### Tazewell Wingfield Reunion In Virginia - August 5, 2000

On August 5, there will be a reunion of the descendants of Tazewell Tarleton Wingfield in Franklin County, Virginia. It will be at the Figsboro Ruritan Club Building in Penhook, Virginia. That is about 14 miles north of Martinsville, VA. The meeting starts at 12:30 noon with a sit down lunch followed by cousins meeting and greeting.

The reunion is primarily for the Wingfields who are directly related to Tazewell Wingfield.

### Governor Geo W. Bush Has Wingfield Lineage

The following article was published in the summer 1990 issue of the newsletter. It was applicable to former President Bush, so it is applicable to candidate George W. Bush.

Evelyn Claypoole Bracken 80 of Indiana, PA author of a "Claypool Family of America," noticed a news article that carried the family tree of President George Bush tracing common bloodlines to hers, going back to Lady Elizabeth Goushill who was married to Sir Robert Wingfield (d. 1483). By Evelyn's analysis, she is about the 12<sup>th</sup> cousin of the president. Both are descendants of Edward I, King of England and Malcolm III, King of Scotland.

Mrs. Bracken states all the Claypools in America have Wingfield ancestry and has written a book "The Claypool Family of America" (five volumes) that traces this lineage to names familiar to Wingfield researchers, such as Lady Elizabeth Goushill (m. Sir John Wingfield of Letheringham), their son, Sir Henry Wingfield of Orford, brother of Elizabeth Wingfield who married William Brandon was the ancestor of President Bush. The grandson of Sir Henry Wingfield of Orford, Sir Robert  
**See Page 27- Bush Connection**

## WFS MEMBER PROFILE:

### Virginia Dare Wingfield Coley



By: "Boots "Coley."

*(This profile will serve as an introduction to WFS's membership of our newly elected secretary).*

I was fortunate to be born of loving parents, Alonzo W. Wingfield and Laura Cordell DeLancey Wingfield, at home, in Martinsville, Virginia, December 10, 1931. I was seventh in a large family of eight children, three boys and five girls who "looked out" for one another. There was little sibling rivalry and we learned early to share our possessions in common.

Father, a barber by profession, was never a wealthy man but always had a nickel to buy me an ice cream cone. Of course Mother could not work because of her full time duties raising a family while doing a remarkable job of handling the meager finances with Father's take home pay. Mom was from North Carolina and the daughter of a hard shell Baptist.

Once, when I was very small, Dad came home for lunch and asked me why I wasn't eating. Mother's usual fare was on the table, consisting of corn bread, beans, and garden vegetables, which I didn't like. He asked me, "aren't you hungry"? I replied, "I'm so hungry I could eat a horse, I want a hot dog". He took me to a small cafe near home, sat me on a stool at the counter, and bought me a hot dog. After eating it he asked if I wanted another, to which I replied, "I'm full"! His reply was, "mighty little horse"! I was teased about this later.

People ask where I acquired the

nickname, "Boots." I was called by that name from my earliest recollection and was told that it came about in this manner. My elder sister took me, when I was around three and a half, to see a Shirley Temple movie in which she wore little white boots. She bought me a pair of white boots, which I loved, and did not want to remove—even for bed. If I put them on unaided, they would often be on the wrong feet. From that time forward all I wanted for foot ware was boots.

After completing high school I attended a business school for a short time and was employed by the local telephone company as an operator. Later I worked in the office as a secretary for a trucking firm before moving to Roanoke, Virginia, where I was employed by Westinghouse Electric for a year, and later General Motors Acceptance Corporation for approximately two and one half years, until we started our family. Other work experience was twelve years as a school bus aide, for the handicapped, brought about by our son's disability.

I was married to Bernice P. Coley on June 11, 1951 after a year's courtship. We met when my boyfriend, with Bernie, came by the school on my lunch break and introduced us. Bernie was a blue eyed blonde -- just my type! We will celebrate our 50th anniversary next year. Bernie was employed as a communications supervisor with the regional power company, until his retirement in 1990. He had almost forty-one years of service.

We were blessed with three beautiful daughters and a handsome son. The oldest daughter is Cindy, now 45, and has a daughter 19 and a son 16. Our next daughter, Laurie is 36 and has 7 month old twins, a boy and girl. Our youngest daughter Jill is 33 and has a daughter 5 and a son 3. Next to Laurie, I am the second "Mom," to the twins, while she works. At my age they are two handfuls, but I love them "to death." Our son Brian 39 has been handicapped since birth by PKU. He resides with us and is a great joy. Everyone loves Brian! His principal interests are fishing, music and bowling. Bernie and

I are fortunate all of our children live in the Roanoke area.

Outside of our family our main interest has been travel. We made two trips to Hawaii, numerous trips to the Bahamas, two trips to Mexico, six cruises and extensive cross-country motor trips. We like history and visiting the national parks. In 1995 I was able to go on the Wingfield tour to England with my sister Barbara Dedrick (a WFS member) which we enjoyed immensely. While our children were small we did a great deal of camping, progressing from a tent to a large travel trailer. We gave this up after my retirement, replacing it with a double-wide winter home in Flagler Beach, Florida, which we sold to friends so we could return home full time, for the important activity of helping Laurie with her new babies. We do miss it, even though the twins are more than ample compensation.

We have lived in Roanoke all our married life and in the present home for twenty-six years. It is on 8 1/2 acres in a country setting that overlooks the Blue Ridge Parkway. Bernie had always enjoyed a garden but in the last few years the wildlife: deer, rabbits, wild turkeys and squirrels began feasted on the fruit and vegetables, so he gave it up. You can't fight Mother Nature! It's still a beautiful setting but residential development has started to invade our turf.

I love to read, but don't have much time anymore. Bernie and I like classic and semi-classical music and whenever possible attends concerts or shows.

We've always been interested in genealogy, but my sister Barbara Dedrick, started the ball rolling doing research for membership into the DAR. She became a WFS member and introduced us to the Society in 1995, which we greatly appreciate. We had fun going through records in libraries, courthouses and cemeteries. We are indebted to Lee Preston for his help in tracing our ancestry back to Thomas of York River.

I have no claim to fame or special talents. My greatest goal and accomplishment has been rearing a happy family.

# **Wingfield**

## **Genealogical Exchange**

by Lee Preston

### **CANADA-1881**

#### **Item 14-3-1**

James **Wingfield**, age 35, arrived at the Port of Halifax aboard the "Moravian." (National Archives of Canada, Micro# C-4511, page 2, as listed on Ancestry.com.)

### **CALIFORNIA-San Francisco-1906**

#### **Item 14-3-2**

The obituary of the father of the famous George **Wingfield** of Nevada is in the *San Francisco Chronicle*, 13 Nov 1906, p13, col.7, and also in the *San Francisco Examiner*, 13 Nov 1906, p6, col.6:

"**WINGFIELD**, Thomas, Nov 12, husband of Mrs. M. M. **Wingfield**, father of Mrs. C. E. Campbell, George, Morris and Sam **Wingfield**, age 60. (Oregon papers please copy.)

"Funeral Nov 14, Chapel of N. Gray, 2196 Geary Street at Divisadero (sic). Interment - Cypress Lawn Cemetery."

### **OREGON-Lake-1907**

#### **Item 14-3-3**

The following is from *The San Francisco Call*, 25 Oct 1907, p5, col.5:

#### **"WINGFIELD'S BROTHER'S BODY FOUND IN SLOUGH"**

"Lakeview, Oregon 24 Oct 1907. By wire to San Francisco.

"The body of Charles Morris **Wingfield**, brother of George **Wingfield**, the Nevada mining man and capitalist, was found today floating on a deep slough in decomposed condition.

"**Wingfield** went out after some cattle Oct 2, and his horse came back to the ranch riderless. It showed signs of having been in deep water and the belief then formed, that **Wingfield** had endeavored to ford a slough and had been drowned, was substantiated by the finding of the body."

### **NEVADA-1900s**

#### **Item 14-3-4**

There are probably hundreds of book & magazine articles about George **Wingfield** (1876-1959), a descendant of Robert & Ann — **Wingfield** of Louisa/VA, describing him in words

such as, "...the most powerful political and financial figure in the State of Nevada from 1908 until the late 1930's."

Three such, taken at random are: "*Nevada, the Silver State*," Vol. II, pp844-846, published by Western States Hist. Publ., Carson City, NV, 1970, from which the preceding quote is taken, and which also contains George's photograph.

Also, two articles by author and artist Boyd Moore — "*Nevadans and Nevada*," 1950, and "*Persons in the Foreground - Nevada*," undated. Both of Moore's articles include full-page sketches of George **Wingfield**.

### **TENNESSEE-Shelby-1860s**

#### **Item 14-3-5**

During the U.S. "War between the States," the bodyguard of Jefferson Davis, President of the Confederate States of America, was Henry **Wingfield**. His Tennessee Confederate Pension Application No. C282 lists him as African-American. From TN State Library & Archives — <[www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/pubsvs/pen057.htm#pt57](http://www.state.tn.us/sos/statelib/pubsvs/pen057.htm#pt57)>.

### **TEXAS-Tarrant-1933**

#### **Item 14-3-6**

Ancestry.com's database *Montgomery County, Missouri, Obituaries, 1889-1935*, lists the following death: Surname — Purvis, a dau. of Ed **Wingfield**, age about 88, died Feb. 1933 in Texas.

Matching the deceased with our WFS database was easy — She was Sarah M. "Sally" (**Wingfield**) Purvis (WFS# 14471), dau. of Edward W. & Mary Jane Pope Lail **Wingfield**; granddau. of Edward & Nancy Hazelrig **Wingfield**; gt.granddau. of John & Robina Langford **Wingfield**; gt.gt.granddau. of Robert & Ann — **Wingfield** of Louisa/VA.

### **VIRGINIA-1822**

#### **Item 14-3-7**

Ancestry.com's database, *Richmond, Virginia Newspaper Obituaries, 1804-38*, lists the following obit:

**Wingfield**, Henry L.

Location - Cartersville

Newspaper - Enquirer, page 3

Date - 16 Jul 1822

If anyone can identify Henry, or has a full copy of his obit, please contact GenEx.

### **VIRGINIA-Albemarle-1771**

### **Item 14-3-8**

*Bulletin of the Virginia State Library*, Vol. XIV, 2&3 (1921), "Justices of the Peace of Colonial Virginia, 1757-1775," pp109,110 (original page 71) lists Charles **Wingfield**, JP for Albemarle County, 12 Jun 1771. (Thanks to WFS member Josephine Wasson.)

### **VIRGINIA-Amherst-1916**

#### **Item 14-3-9**

The following abstract with some corrections is from *Sons of Confederate Veterans Ancestor Album*, Heritage Publ., 1986, ISBN 0-939379-00-7, p221, which also includes a photo:

"Pvt. THOMAS HENRY **WINGFIELD** was born in Amherst/VA in 1836 to Josiah Lorenzo Dow **Wingfield** and his wife Mary Ann McFall. He enlisted at Richmond, VA on 11 Sep 1861, where he joined Co. A, Amherst Artillery, Kirkpatrick's Co., Nelson's Batt'n. He fought at Seven Days Battle, Shepherdstown Ford, Fredericksburg, Second Winchester, Gettysburg, Raccoon Ford, Bristoe Station, Mine Run, Wilderness, Spotsylvania, Cold Harbor, Monocacy River, Early's Washington Raid, Stephen's Depot, Kernstown, Third Winchester, Fisher's Hill, Cedar Creek, Waynesboro, where he was captured on 2 Mar 1865 and imprisoned at Ft. Delaware. We was released on 21 Jun 1865. After the war he farmed in Virginia where he died at Big Island in Sep 1916. Malcolm L. Padgett, Jr. (GGS)"

Thomas H. **W.** was married to Martha Frances Moore **Wingfield**, a 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin. She was the dau. of Thomas W. & Sophie J. (Reynolds) **Wingfield**. Thomas H. & Martha **W.** were the parents of eight children shown in the WFS database: Willie S., Hester M., Laura J., Henriann, Ada Euell, Thomas A., Mary G., Ida M.

### **VIRGINIA-Mecklenburg-1813/14**

#### **Item 14-3-10**

C. M. Leonard's *The General Assembly of Virginia, etc.*, published by VA State Library, 1978, p274, lists as a member of the Virginia House of Delegates (Mecklenburg Co.) 1813-14, Thomas Taylor & Charles L. **Wingfield**. (Thanks to WFS member Josephine Wasson.)

**From Page 24- Bush Connection**

Wingfield of Upton married Elizabeth Cecil (daughter of Richard Cecil and sister of William Cecil). William Cecil was First Lord Burleigh, Treasure for Queen Elizabeth I, 1555-1587. Their daughter Dorothy Wingfield married Adam Claypool and their son was Sir John Claypool, Member of Parliament.

Mrs. Bracken reports volume I gives the ancestry back to Heli, King of the Britons (d. 62 B.C.), volume II of her book shows ancestry to English King Egbert the Great, 802-839.

Although the Wingfield connection is given, the books list mainly the descendants of James and Helen Mercer Claypool who came to Philadelphia, PA in 1683."

**George Wingfield's First Rival  
Reno Hotel demolished**

Many will recall the famous George Wingfield sometimes called the King of Nevada or as the title of Elizabeth Raymond's book designates "George Wingfield: Owner and Operator of Nevada." He controlled the banks and hotels in Reno. His Riverside Hotel was one of Wingfield's major properties with gambling, so strong that even the Smith family with Harold's Club and William F. Harrah who also pioneered middle class gambling were slow to build hotels to support their casinos.

In 1947 the Mape family completed the 12 story Mapes Hotel with a casino located across the Truckee River from Wingfield's Riverside Hotel. This was the first break in Wingfield's control of the hotels and gambling. In 1949 Wingfield leased the casino in the Riverside and sold the property in 1955.

To add a footnote to history, on January 31, 2000 the Mapes Hotel was leveled in downtown Reno. The Riverside Hotel still stands a monument to George Wingfield's presence there.

**Certainly not a Wingfield knight**

A knight and his men return to their castle after a long hard day of fighting. "How are we faring?" asks the king. "Sire," replies the knight, "we have been robbing and pillaging on your behalf all day, burning the towns of your enemies in the west." "What!?" shrieks the king. "I don't have any enemies to the west!"

"You do now," says the knight.

**Update: Anne L. Crowe**

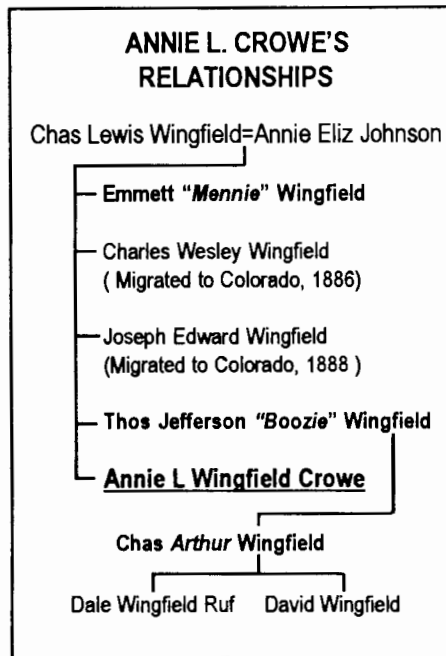
**"Faces from the Past"**

**Spring issue 2000**

We appreciate when alert members find they have additional information than disclosed in a newsletter write up. That is the case when Dale Wingfield Ruf of Rockville, MD recognized Anne Crowe as one of her close relatives in *Wingfield Faces from the Past*. In fact she has the same photograph that was displayed in the newsletter.

The simplest way to relay these these relationships is with a simple chart noted below. There were three names mentioned in the spring newsletter taken from an old 1925 letter by Gail Mansfield of Idalia, CO. Here, as on the chart we can now actually identify them and can ignore the speculation.

The names mentioned were "Mennie" Emmett Wingfield, who is



Annie's oldest brother, Dale's uncle and the grandfather of WFS member David Garland of Martinsville, VA. "Boozie" (a corruption of beautiful and boozieful) Thomas Jefferson Johnson Wingfield was Annie's 4<sup>th</sup> brother and Dale's grandfather.. The third, Charles Arthur Wingfield was Annie's nephew and Dale's and WFS member David Wingfield's of Belleair Bluffs, FL, father. The given reference names or nicknames noted in the article and shown here and italics on the chart.

Dale does not believe Annie had any children.

**WINGFIELD FACES  
FROM THE PAST**

**Elizabeth Mathews &  
Penrhyn Wingfield Coussens**



The photo is a section of a group wedding picture taken at St Leonard's-by-the-sea (an upscale suburb near Hastings in England) on July 1, 1898. Shown is the bride Elizabeth Mathews and groom Penrhyn Wingfield Coussens. The dog was always around and considered part of the family.

Penrhyn, b.1873 was the son of Maria Wingfield and Elias Coussens. Penrhyn moved from England to the U. S. in 1895. The family agrees that the reason he came to America was to get away from his overbearing and dominating mother. He returned to England just to marry Elizabeth Mathews after which the couple went to Chicago's south side to live. Penrhyn and Elizabeth had known each other from childhood. At this time he was Chicago bookseller McClug & Co's chief reviewer and in charge of the children's department. Penrhyn stayed with the company (several mergers and positions) until he died in 1944.

Penrhyn and Elizabeth Coussens had 3 children, Ada Beatrice Wingfield, Eva Coddington and Mervyn Edward Wingfield (b 1899). Mervyn was the father of WFS members John and Ed Coussens

It is interesting to note that Elizabeth was spoiled as a child after being brought up in luxury. She disliked doing housework, cleaning, caring for little children and was a terrible cook, according to her grandson, John

**See Page 30 - Faces**

## WFS's Bob Carr receives special Wingfield tie for talk at Maj Wingfield Club annual meeting

The Major Wingfield Club learned more about the Wingfield Family Society when WFS's Bob Carr was their guest speaker at their meeting in Marco Island, Florida this past March. As is customary, as speaker Bob the was given the representative Major Wingfield Club necktie by the club's president. Wilsie Wingfield Carr, WFS's founder and president emeritus attended with Bob and was given the Maj Wingfield scarf.

In May of 1999, Stan Malless, founder and president of the Major Wingfield Club, and retriever of the long lost Wingfield lawn tennis patent (see *WFS spring, 1999 newsletter*) was the major speaker at the WFS's annual meeting in Virginia. At that time, Bob agreed to speak to the Major Wingfield Club when it met in Florida the following year to give Stan's group some background and details about the WFS.



*Stan Malless presents tie to Bob Carr*

*Photo by Russ Adams*

Stan Malless formed the Major Wingfield Club in 1975 (12 years before the WFS was organized) and it is comprised of 45 devotees to tennis with long and faithful service that gives them the opportunity to retain a connection with tennis and provide counsel and guidance to the younger administrators. Many members are past presidents of the United States Tennis Association. Membership is by invitation only and is held to about 45 members. Stan is very active in tennis and a past three-year president of the United States Tennis Association (1973-75). The Major Wingfield Club meets coincident with the annual meeting of the

United States Tennis Association and is a select group among the very active, larger group from all over the country. Bob's talk gave some verbal sketches of a half dozen Wingfields from 1300 to the early 1900s who were prominent in history followed by when and how the WFS was formed.

was three-greats grandfather of WFS Member, Sarah, Duchess of York.

Lord Powerscourt's widow, Lady Elizabeth, who used to wear the stunning Londonderry tiara, was so beautiful that crowds used to stand in line in London outside her town house just to get a glimpse of her getting into or out of her carriage. "A Sparkling Stream in a Valley of Green Hills - lines on Ross's Portrait of the Viscountess Powerscourt" - written by English Prime Minister Benjamin Disraeli (flourishing in the 1870s), were an ode to her. The Lady Elizabeth died in 1884.

### Places Called Wingfield

Member George Wingfield of Somerset, England on a recent trip to the U. S. visited a restaurant in Eminence, MO called "Winfields." According to George, no one at the restaurant knew of a Winfield (Wingfield) connection. Eminence is quite small with a population of 582, about 120 east of Springfield. There is also a town of Winfield, 35 miles northwest of St. Louis with a population of 872.

## Tickencote Hall now back In Wingfield hands

As reported in the winter, 2000 issue of the newsletter, Tickencote Hall near Stamford, Rutland in England was for sale and we can now report it has been sold. Happily the property is now back in the Tickencote Wingfield hands.

The purchaser is Simon Parry-Wingfield the son of WFS members John and Sue Parry-Wingfield of Empingham, Leics., England.

Simon works in London and does not plan to live on the property for the next four or so years. During this interim Simon plans to lease the property. Depending on the tenant will determine if the WFS members on future England tours can visit the property. That is unless, as John-Parry Wingfield suggests some member of the society leases the property.

## THOMAS OF YORK RIVER VIDEO A fascinating look back in history-now in the Wingfield Store

A picture is worth a thousand words. Over the years Jocelyn and Lee Preston have been researching Thomas Wingfield the progenitor of so many WFS Wingfields and much has been reported. Yet there is so much more that has never been told and to have it organized for visual viewing is a stunning achievement. It is 2 hours in length, entitled "Life of Thomas Wingfield of York River, VA 1664-1720."

The video gives background on Thomas' father John, the York Herald, a glimpse of London of Thomas' day, those he came into contact with, the garrisons where his 4 elder brothers served, battles they fought, officers they fought under in France, Tangier and Ireland. Then it switches to the 1600s and the Wingfields in the Americas - mainly King & Queen County, Virginia and around the Caribbean. There are outstanding pictures of the 1670s to 1720s and some wonderful views of the locations where those early settlers lived.

For the videotape Jocelyn Wingfield, WFS Historian, compiled the pictures and documentation for this amazing videotape that gives an insight to this progenitor that is comprehensive and enlightening. During the past year John Wingfield of Perry, GA was

## Stunning Wingfield Tiara on display In Boston

By Jocelyn Wingfield,

In March to June of this year the very popular Tiara Exhibition in Boston, "the most stunning tiara of them all" on display, was the Londonderry Tiara made for the 4<sup>th</sup> Marquess of Londonderry in 1854 by Garrard of London. It holds pearls and 1,141 brilliant-cut Brazilian diamonds weighing 482 carats. The diamonds alone are worth over \$1.6 million. The 4<sup>th</sup> Lord Londonderry, the owner, married in 1846 Lady Elizabeth Jocelyn, the eldest daughter of the 3<sup>rd</sup> Earl of Roden and the widow of Richard Wingfield, the 6<sup>th</sup> Viscount Powerscourt (who had died two years previously).

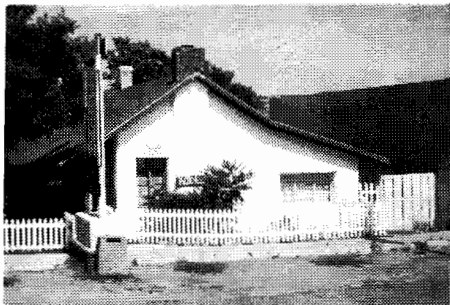
Lord Powerscourt had fought a duel with a Mr. Roebuck when contesting the Parliamentary seat for Bath (England) and had in 1842 or 1843 with Lord Chesterfield, founded the Chesterfield hunt (foxhounds) in Rome. He was father of Mervyn Wingfield, the author of "Muniments of the Ancient Saxon Family of Wingfield" (1894), and

recruited to help Jocelyn complete the presentation format and it was John who coordinated the production with a professional company that did the final editing and duplication of the tapes. It is a fantastic production and every Wingfield should have a copy. The video is now available in the Wingfield Store. Cost is \$30 and includes mailing anywhere in the U. S. Somewhat higher for international shipping.

## Arizona House with Wingfield history

By Louis Wingfield – Dewey, AZ

This house is located just across the street from the old Wingfield Commercial General Store in Camp Verde, AZ. It has been a home for many Wingfields (some for only a short period).



It was also a “stage stop” and boarding house in the days before 1900. It was often the only spot in Camp Verde where a person could buy a meal and spend the night.

My Dad, Frank Wingfield first met my mother here (Minnie Martin) about 1896. Mother was working there for my Dad’s mother when they had the robbery and shooting of Clint Wingfield and Mack Rogers just across the street at the store. She heard the shots. It was the third of July 1899.

## The Singing judge is kinfolk

By: Wink Harris

Ed note: *WFS member Virgil W. “Wink” Harris writes a weekly column for the Winder (GA) News. This one appeared in the Feb 6, 2000 issue.*

My mother’s father, Sidney Terrell Wingfield died when I was 4 years old. Even though I was young, I remember him well. I would meet him coming home from work and he would swing

me through his legs and sing “ding-dong-bell!” I was never intimidated by him although he intimidated many . . . I think unknowingly. He was the original E. F. Hutton spokesman, that is when he spoke, they listened!

When I was a youngster, he was Judge of the Putnam County Superior Court. His brother Walter Wingfield, known as Uncle Walt, preceded him as judge. They were smart and distinguished men, learned in Latin and Greek, and learned law by reading it. He went one year to West Point but resigned when he needed to come home and help his mother upon the death of his father.

I never heard anyone say anything derogatory about him but I heard someone say one time that the Wingfields were dreamers. I still am not sure what was meant.

He and our family were staunch members of the Eatonton (GA) Presbyterian Church. His wife’s mother played the piano for many years and was trained at Wesleyan Conservatory in Macon. Her father, Philip Guttenberger taught music there for years. He was blind and a member of a musical family. She was followed by my Aunt Nina Julia Wingfield and my mother followed her,

To have such a musical family, no musical talent came to me. I never claimed to have any, but my grandfather Wingfield sang in the church choir, and thought that he could sing. I never found out who told him he had a good voice. My wife says, “one only needs to have a joyful voice, not a good voice.”

My grandfather Wingfield used to sing that Gilbert and Sullivan classic from the Mikado, “Willow, Tit Willow, Tit Willow.” It was a sad song by a little bird called a Tom-Tit and Judge Wingfield would bellow the lyrics out to no identifiable tune known to man or woman. Grandfather Wingfield would hold forth in front of a roaring fire, as the family stood transfixed, daring not to move or say anything as he held



Wink Harris

center stage. He would stay until my little old grandmother, small and tiny, not ever weighing more than 90 pounds . . . known to all as “Miss Nina,” would state, “Now Terrell! I think that’s quite enough,” and that would end the singing until he got wound up again a week later with another Gilbert and Sullivan ditty maybe something from the H. M. S. pinafore. But, Miss Nina was always the power behind the throne.

All of the grandchildren knew him as Papa Terrell. As I said he was a learned man and a very good and highly ethical lawyer. On a trip to Greensboro, GA, with his son-in-law Robert Jenkins, he had enjoyed a very good and tasty lunch. When he returned home that evening he was saying, “Robert and I had a delightful meal today. We had beans, tomatoes, corn and apple cobbler in one of the finest restrooms you can imagine.” He went on and on mentioning “this wonderful restroom.” Finally after saying “restroom” about a dozen times, his daughter Frances, whom I knew as Aunt Pank, got up the nerve to interrupt and asked, “Papa, don’t you mean tearoom?” Quick as a flash he replied, “Restroom, dammit, restroom!” No one tried to correct him again, but all decided not to go with him to “that restroom.”

But the one that carries the interest in the Wingfield name is “Ginger,” the daughter of Sidney and Virginia. Her mother still resides in Eatonton, a dear and very spry lady in her eighties. Ginger, now married and back in Georgia recently returned from a trip to England sponsored by the Wingfield Society. She saw places from where we were descended.

James Allen Smith recently called me from Kennesaw. He is married to Ann Hill Jackson (Smith), formerly of Winder (GA). He is descended from the Wingfields and sent me some researched information. He mentioned that a Capt. Thomas Dixon married a Judith Wingfield. Their son’s daughter married Joseph Turner and they moved to Putnam County and established Turnwold Plantation where Joel Chandler Harris worked as a “printer’s devil,” on Turner’s newspaper, “The Countryman.” Harris got many of his stories about Uncle Remus while there.

Good to hear from kinsmen.

## **Wingfield Immigrant Register**

### **Replaces WAIL—Now on the Internet**

The results of years of research by Jocelyn Wingfield and Lee Preston have produced an extremely valuable list of Wingfield immigrants into America from 1607 to 1912.

The first report was published in 1993 entitled Wingfield Americas Immigration List or "WAIL." It was updated in 1994 and since then Jocelyn and Lee have been accumulating additional information for further update and expansion. Now called Wingfield Immigrant Register, the 2000 edition has all the latest corrections and updates.

This fall, it will become worldwide and the register will be divided into two sections; (1. The Americas: North, Central & South America and the West Indies/Caribbean (2. The Rest of the World: including Australia, New Zealand & South Africa.

In April the WIR 2000 was placed onto the Wingfield Family Society's home page on the Internet and is currently available to not only members but the public as well. Just log onto <http://www.wingfield.org> when the home page opens click "Internal Pages" from the upper left red box and move to "Immigrants" and click again. The Wingfield Immigrants Register will appear and you can scroll down and see all the pages of Wingfields that have come to America during the past 393 years. It gives known details such as dates immigrated, born, died, if married, site first recorded in America and much more with valuable source references. Where appropriate there are footnotes with even more detailed historical information.

For members without a computer and Internet access, who are interested in receiving this register in printed form, we have a few copies available. These will **not** be sent automatically, you must write and request it. There is no charge for members. WIR has become so large future issues will only be available on the Internet.

Send requests to: Wingfield Family Society, 301 Belleview Blvd., Belleair, FL 33756.

### **From Page 27 - Faces**

Coussens. To quote John, "She boiled chicken until it was dead white or burned beef until black. She could, however brew a fine cup of tea, but who can live on tea alone?"

Penrhyn had a fine bass voice and sang in male choirs all of his life, the longest with St. Paul's Church-by-the-Lake, Chicago 1909 to 1944. Elizabeth died about 1955.

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### **From Page 21 - Pirate**

Cruz (on Teneriffe) in the Canaries.

Off Lisbon (Portugal), she chased a Flemish ship, the *Red Stag*, and launched the longboat to take and search their prize. The boarding-party brought back 8 muskets, 4-5 pikes and four crew members as prisoners: three Flemings and a sailor from Hamburg. As a soldier Huit was almost certainly one of the boarding-party. Later one of these Flemings was to testify that Huit and his shipmates used to kneel bare-headed on deck for prayers and psalms twice a day: "once in the morning before dinner and once before nightfall."

The *Gabriel* now sailed on to Santa Cruz de Teneriffe and delivered the ambassador, as planned. This small strategic port was the capital of the Spanish Canary Islands – two Spanish provinces which lay 200 miles off the coast of Morocco, northwest Africa – seven islands were inhabited.

After twelve days the *Gabriel* sailed 100 miles west to Gomera Island, where the captain sighted a Flemish ship, the *Three Kings*, loading "axe-trees" for carrying to Spain. So he gave chase and then sent across a boarding-party armed to the teeth and no doubt including Wingfield. These English soldiers alias "pirates" seized most of the Three Kings' provisions: "half a cow", a catch of fish, a tun of Canary wine, a little dog, "the ship's artillery" and 34 sailors. While Huit Wingfield and six others were ferrying the last of the loot in the longboat back to the *Gabriel*, their captain again sighted another possible prize and sailed off in pursuit. And then a strong wind got up and the English ship and her longboat were separated – for good. Thus Huit Wingfield and five other English and a couple of Fleming prisoners, all Protestants – acting like

pirates - were marooned in a ship's boat in a province of the world's only "super-power" - a Catholic country still smarting from the defeat of their great Armada by the English four years previously. They were 2,000 miles from home and 100 miles from the pirate-infested African coast (where captured Europeans rowed as slaves in Moorish galleys for life).

The five young English pirates with Huit were summed: Percy (pushing 26, from near London), Sebastian (also a Yorkshireman, 22), Lewis (20), Strachey (just 16), and Colling – who had at least been a pirate before.

First Wingfield & Company came upon a local fishing-boat, so they attacked and captured that with its catch, leaving its crew their old longboat. But after a few days sailing along the coast of Teneriffe they were starving, so they put ashore and surrendered. As non-Catholic foreigners and pirates to boot, they were thrown straight into the "secret cells" of the royal prison.

On September 12 & 18, 1592, various witnesses against the English "pirates" were questioned and then on September 25 and again on October 7 Huit was brought from the cells and, through an interpreter was interrogated (without torture) by the Visiting Inquisitor, Dr. Claudio de la Cuenca. Questioned on his religion Huit explained that he was not Moorish or Jewish, that he had been baptized "in the English way" (which he had to explain), that he had been confirmed by his Archbishop, but that he had never heard Mass, ("as it is not said"), that he only attended the Service used by the Protestants of England and that that was "the religion instituted by Calvin". Nor, said the 23-year-old Huit, had he ever been to Confession (as it was "not used" in England"). He was then questioned about Holy Communion and replied that he had been to Communion once a year, making therefore six times in total.

De la Cuenca then began to interrogate Huit about the Church of England and Roman Catholicism. Huit had to recite the Ten Commandments – which he got correct, but in the wrong order. Would he now be tortured and burnt at the stake?

[To be Concluded in next issue.]