

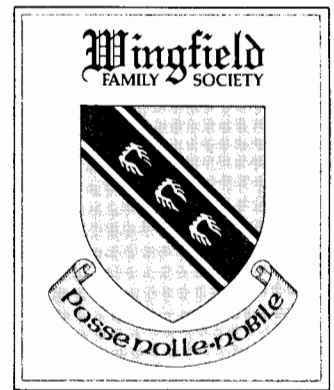
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"Wynkefeld The Saxon held honor and fee, ere William The Norman came over the sea"

... Ancient Suffolk England Rhyme

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FAMOUS WORLD LEADERS - PAST & PRESENT Share Wingfield Ancestors

Line goes back to Robt. Wingfield and Eliz Goushill of Letheringham

By: Lee Preston, WFS Genealogist

U.S. President George W. BUSH among Wingfield Descendants and several famous world leaders have Wingfield blood coursing through their veins.

Robert Wingfield (1403-1451) and his wife, Elizabeth Goushill, of Letheringham, Suffolk, England, were the direct ancestors of all the following world figures:

Through their daughter, Elizabeth Wingfield and William Brandon:

President George Walker Bush, and his father, President George Herbert Walker Bush, President Franklin Delano Roosevelt, Lady Jane Grey (Queen Jane I), Queen of England for 9 days, Queen Elizabeth

II of England, and her son, Prince Charles of England, and his wife, Princess Diana (she carried 2 shares of Wingfield blood), and their son, Prince William of England (he carries 3 shares of Wingfield blood).



President George Walker Bush

Through their son, John Wingfield and his wife, Elizabeth FitzLewis:

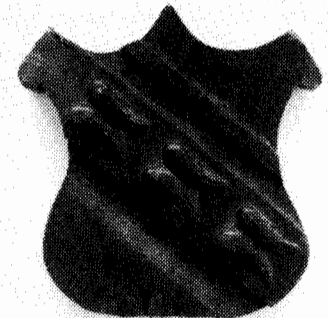
Edward-Maria Wingfield, First President elected in America (Jamestown), Sarah Ferguson, Duchess of York, U. S. Presidents Bush and Roosevelt follow the identical line of descent from Robert and Elizabeth Goushill Wingfield for 6 generations to Richard Palgrave. From that point,

President Roosevelt descends from Richard Palgrave's daughter, Sara, and the Presidents Bush descends from his daughter, Mary.

International Tennis Hall of Fame gets Walter Clopton Wingfield's Oak Coat of Arms

The daughter and heir of Clopton Prhys was tennis inventor Walter Clopton Wingfield's grandmother Margaret Wingfield. She married the Rev Rowland Wingfield in 1799 and in 1800 they inherited Rhysnant Hall, Four Crosses, near Welshpool on the England-Wales border. Walter's grandfather built a new Rhysnant Hall and transferred much including some old carvings from the old Hall.

The new Hall was famous for its oak carvings, especially on a fine carved oak staircase. These carvings included a number of coats of arms of the Penrhyn, Clopton and Wingfield families, along with one, the basic Wingfield coat of arms.



The Denver Meeting IT'S ALMOST HERE! Haven't registered?

Necessary forms are enclosed

When you receive this newsletter the annual meeting in Denver will be just a little over a month away. Please, if you haven't registered and made your hotel reservations do so now using the enclosed forms.

If you are debating whether to go or not, let us outline some reasons why you should participate in the annual reunion. Renewing acquaintances with your cousins and meeting new ones is probably the most rewarding experience connected with our meetings. You will learn of the many exciting projects that are moving forward in the genealogical field that can effect you, especially with family photographs becoming a part of the Wingfield records.

Plans are proceeding for the future and the 2007 Jamestown celebration. Walter Clopton Wingfield is still getting recognition in the tennis museums, visit the Wingfield store for the only place you can purchase a assortment of Wingfield personalized items. A meeting in Colorado would not be complete without

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In the mid-1860s Major Walter Clopton Wingfield, who was to patent the game of sphairistike, that became lawn tennis in 1874, lived briefly at the new Rhysnant Hall.

On September 28 and 29, 1900 Walter sold much of the contents of Rhysnant Hall using Alfred Mansell, auctioneers of Shrewsbury.

Walter and Alice Wingfield's three children died young (and tragically) before Walter died in 1912. Rhysnant Hall went to his sister Jane Wingfield who

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It is our desire to extend the hand of family friendship to Wingfields everywhere whether members or not. Many do not join a family society as they are not interested in genealogy, family history, travel or think they cannot afford it. That is their choice and we respect it.

Yet, most non-member Wingfields are drawn to family social interchange, certainly one of the hallmarks of the WFS as well. This is by way of local family get-togethers of 20 or more Wingfields. Some have as many as 100 or more in attendance. There local reunions going on every year, all over the world, many of which include some of our members.

If we can learn of a local Wingfield reunion early enough, we can make mention of it in our newsletter which would help publicize their event should it be desirable. Then after the reunion, the newsletter again could report some details of the meeting and even publish pictures of some of the attendees and/or activities. Please note on page 59 in this newsletter an article reporting two local reunions, one in Arkansas and another in Georgia.

This is my appeal to each of you. We can only do this with the help of our members. If you know of any local reunions tell me (as editor) and I will follow-up. All I need is the name of someone to contact.

While on the subject of reunions, as you know the WFS is having its 15th annual meeting in Denver in May and you are urged to attend. We hope for a good turnout, however we always have to guess the numbers and make arrangements accordingly. Unused hotel room allotments will be released on April 18th and reservations after then will depend on room availability. The closer it gets to the date, the harder it may be to get a room. If something comes up and you cannot go, there is no room penalty if canceled at least 24 hours before planned arrival.

Thanks so much, and I hope to see you in Denver.

Bob Carr

ELECTION OF DIRECTORS FOR YEARS 2001-04

The bylaws of the WFS call for an election each year of either officers or directors. Traditionally the elections are part of the annual meetings.

This year the Wingfield Family Society will elect directors for the ensuing three years at the annual meeting in Denver. The proposed slate is Bernie



Bernie Coley



Polly Horne



Zella Morrow



James Wingfield

Coley of Roanoke, VA, Polly Horne of Tampa, FL, Zella Morrow of Orem, UT and James Reuben Wingfield III of Crystal Lake, IL. Appointed directors have chairmanships and their term in ongoing as long as they remain active. Retiring directors are Ed Coussins of Des Plaines, IL; Sara Garrett (Sara remains as an appointed director), Charles "Billy" Wingfield of Goldwater, AL and William Wingfield of Toronto, Canada. We are all grateful for their service and dedication to the WFS.

Nominations can be made from the floor at the meeting. Any person nominated must agree to attend the board meetings for the next three years.

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some local Wingfield history. There are a number of Wingfields living in the area some coming to Colorado as early as 1886 when Charles Wesley Wingfield staked a homestead claim in Yuma County in eastern Colorado. That homestead is still owned and operated by one of Charles' descendants, Robert (Dean) Wingfield of Vernon, CO. Dean

will be our speaker on Friday night with the story of the migration of one branch of the Colorado Wingfields. You will even see a picture of the first house on the homestead, a sod house.

It's springtime in the Rockies and what better place to travel than up to nearby Georgetown that was once a mining camp. In 1859 it was the magic of gold and silver that attracted settlement. Now it is the history and the setting in a picturesque town in the Rocky Mountains. You will experience a ride on the narrow gauge loop railway to Silver Plume reminiscent of the silver mining days.

There are a couple of special inserts with this newsletter that give more details on certain phases of the meeting. One answers some of the questions you may have regarding making hotel reservations, special limousine rates to and from the hotel and directions within the Denver airport. Another entitled "Keep this notice with your meeting material" suggests how and when your family photos can easily be scanned at the meeting for your genealogical records. There is article elsewhere in this newsletter with more information how this will be done, where and the times. Take the opportunity to get this done, easily and conveniently while you are at the meeting.

See you in Denver.

For Non-Technical Members - An easy way to get your family photos into WFS records:

As you probably know by now we want to include photographs of all our members and their blood ancestors into the Wingfield genealogy database and if agreed onto the WFS (Internet) home page. To accomplish this requires the prints be computer scanned.

Even if you are not technically inclined and unable get these photos scanned yourself, we have a simple answer. Forget all that computer and scanner rhetoric and just bring your family photos to the Denver meeting. Bernie Coley will have a scanner and can scan them in minutes while you wait and hand them back to you. This will be done Friday morning, May 25 at the same location as the Wingfield store computer demos. The people repre-

sented in the photos must be identified and the print be of a reasonably good quality. If there are group photos we will use just the head section for image record.

We need all your Wingfield ancestors for which you have photographs and are recorded in the WFS genealogical records. The scanned photos become part of the records and will be included on the printouts along with the printed data. Even if you are not represented in the WFS genealogical records we still want your individual photo and expect to have someone at the meeting to snap your photograph. Or if you want the WFS to store your family birth certificates, death certificates, etc. you may bring these for scanning.

With your permission the same photographs will be posted on the

Wingfield home page and can be viewed and/or copied by anyone with Internet access. So if you have valuable photographs and never had them duplicated you can now share them with your relatives and friends via the Wingfield home page.

Just put your family photo prints in an envelope and bring with you to Denver.

Chaplain named for Denver Meeting

Charles A. Smith, BA, MDiv will be WFS Chaplain for the annual meeting in Denver. Charlie, a Lutheran minister, is Director of the Chaplains at the Department of Veterans Affairs Medical Center in Hampton, Virginia. He has served as a chaplain to our veterans since 1984 at DVA Medical Centers in Tampa, Richmond, Dublin, GA, Cincinnati and now Hampton, VA. He also serves as Wing Chaplain in the Virginia Air National Guard's Richmond unit, holding the rank of Lt. Colonel.

Charlie and his wife, Carolyn have been members of the WFS for the past three years.



Rev. Chas Smith

NEW MEMBERS

Please welcome the following new members to the WFS who have recently joined. All persons living at the same household 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.

Simon and Alison Parry-Wingfield and son **Oscar Charles** of London, U.K.; **Cynthia Jane (Cindy) Wochner** of Wollaston, MA; **Joan Beard** of West Chester, OH; **Rev. Arthur W. Wingfield** and his wife **Willie Marie** of Roanoke, VA; **Bob and Jane Wingfield** of Norfolk, VA; **Robert and Elaine Wingfield** of Madison, TN; **Wingfield Scott Moody** from Addison, TX; **Eric Edward Laskowski** of Bakersfield, CA; **Peggy**

Wingfield from Prescott Valley, AZ; **Pat Hastings** of San Antonio, TX; **Paula and Alan Shryock** and daus. **Jennifer and Stephanie** of Stillwater, OK; **Neil Smith** and his wife **Brenda Kay** of Porterville, CA; **Melissa and John Prohs** of Gold River, CA; **William Spencer and Angela Wingfield** plus son **William II** of Jefferson, LA; **Vicki Lynn Wingfield Martinez** and husband **Robert** of Austin, TX; **Constance L. Strombeck** of Lakewood, CO; **Dana Faye Behr** living in Glendale, AZ and **George Alan Morledge** and wife **Anne** of Williamsburg, VA.

Wingfields in Action

Lance Wingfield of Rockaway, NJ reports news from South Africa (via Thurle) is that **Ruby Wingfield**, wife of the late **Anthony Wingfield**, and now sharing a farmhouse with her sister **Helga Lindsay** in Umkomaas, Kwa-Zulu Natal, was viciously attacked by four locals a week ago. Their home is unfortunately rather remote, rural and set well away from other homes in the valley. It is in a large sugar-cane producing area. Ruby decided to confront the group and was pushed and man-handled. She was able to converse fluently with the attackers in their mother tongue (Zulu) prior to being tied up and locked in a cupboard (along with one of the farm/house workers), and escaped being murdered...which is a fate most people in a similar situation fear in South Africa today. Ruby apparently managed to kick a hole in the locked cupboard door and was able to escape...but not before the four attackers had taken off with some of her

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NOTICE

IF YOU HAVEN'T PAID YOUR 2001 DUES THIS IS YOUR LAST NEWSLETTER. Not sure? Look at the label of this newsletter and if the date beside your name is 2000, **we show your membership as delinquent.** We urge you to send your check for \$25 to the WFS treasurer today for reinstatement. Thank you.

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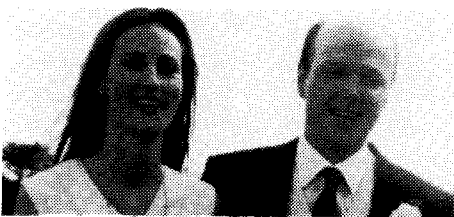
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belongings. She is fine, apart from a couple of bruises. Very lucky indeed!

Karen and Ed Belt of Durango, CO along with their granddaughter visited Cousin **Gail** and **Bob** Miller of Richmond, VA this past March. They did some sightseeing, making a stop at Jamestown to get a first hand look at what's going on at the famous site.

Steve Preston was on business along with **Barbara** in Seattle with the earthquake hit. Steve reports 6,000 stainless tanks were swaying 6" from side to side. No injuries but had some difficulties getting out of Seattle.

"**Milla**" **Wingfield**, younger daughter of **Jocelyn & Sara Wingfield** of Morston, Norfolk, England, married



Phil Burton at Morston on September 9, 2000. They live in New York, where Phil works for a finance house. Milla's sister, **Serena**, was married last July and now lives with her husband, Dr. Hugo Poncia in Australia.

Evelyn Estes of Denver, CO is Regent of her DAR chapter and was one of the hostesses of the State Convention in Denver this past March.

Wingfield Hughes, of Lithia, FL WFS director and chairman in charge of the Wingfield Store has been appointed to the board of directors of the Bank of Tampa, Brandon Division.

Esther and Vincent Benitez of Bowling Green, Ohio are going to Ireland and plan to visit Powerscourt later this year. Vincent is giving a lecture at a music conference in Limerick.

What a wonderful Christmas present for **Iva Mae Swinford** member from Lubbock, TX. He is Brady Alexander Wilkins born Dec. 23 at Sequin, TX is her FIRST great grandchild.

They still have itchy feet. **Doris and Dennis Murphy** have settled into their new beachfront home in Vero Beach, FL called *Beau Trésor* but could not resist traveling to Russia this past year that included a leisurely riverboat between St. Petersburg and Moscow.

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had married her 2nd cousin once removed, Col. Charles Wingfield of nearby Onslow Hall. Jane died in 1923 leaving Rhysnant Hall to her grandson, Owen P. Wingfield, then aged 5. In 1976 Owen Wingfield put Rhysnant Hall and its contents up for sale using the auctioneer mentioned above, who obtained the beautifully carved Wingfield coat of arms. He in turn gave it to his son, Nigel Mansell who in 1977 as a Captain in the 5th Battalion Light Infantry, gave it to his superior officer, Major Jocelyn J. R. Wingfield "because of his name."

In May 1987 when the Wingfield Family Society was formed at Ashland, VA, Major Jocelyn Wingfield presented it to the society who in turn in November 2000 presented the coat of arms to the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, RI.

The coat of arms is expected go on display in the museum within a few months. (Main source: George Alexander author *Wingfield Country Gentleman*, Portsmouth, NH 1986, pp. 65-67, 164-165.)

Turning back the clock on Tennis 100 Years

In England with the help of a grant from the lottery and prompted by ancient pictures the Hadleigh Tennis Club near Ipswich, Suffolk organized a rerun of an Edwardian tennis tournament. It was held almost 100 years earlier after the Hadleigh Cricket Club was established.

Players from local clubs competed on the modern tennis courts, but with a twist, they had to wear Edwardian dress. Visitors were able to try out two special courts laid out in the original hourglass shape that was designated in the Walter Clopton Wingfield tennis patent. Wingfield's court was later changed to a rectangular shape, which rules of the game remain in effect today.

Alongside the tournament was an exhibition of historical sports equipment and memorabilia including an exact copy of the Wimbledon tennis plate awarded to the ladies singles champion each year. (From an article in the *East Anglian Times*, August 17 submitted by Jocelyn Wingfield.)

Unusual Wingfield in Sport (1666)

The Calendar of State Papers (Ireland) for May 18, 1666, reported, "lastweek [in] the great horserace at Lambegg [5 miles southwest of Belfast, Ireland], Major Richardson's "Wingfield" .. won versus the Earl of Dougal's "Barb"... Lord Massarene did not enter "Tangier". The same record [dated March 17, 1668, p.584] reported that "Wingfield" was "not running at Belfast next week."

(The above submitted by Jocelyn Wingfield with the following comments, "These three nags must have been quite something to receive a mention in the Calendar of State Papers. Or maybe, back in that time of the Great Plague, when France had just declared war on England, Englishmen such as John Wingfield, York Herald, needed cheering up with apolitical news".)

The Wingfield Pigsty Ghost & the Silver Treasure (1836)

Hoxne (pronounced Hoxen) is the next village to the west of Wingfield, in Suffolk in England. The Roman treasure ("the Hoxne Treasure"), found there a few years ago, is one of the highlights of the British Museum – gold and silver coins (from about ten Emperors' reigns) and exquisite tableware and ornaments belonging to a Christian in around 400 A.D. This was, however, not the first treasure hoard found in the Wingfield area.

In 1836 a poor woman in Wingfield was startled by the rustling of silk and looked up to see a silk-clad lady moving towards the pigsty – who then suddenly disappeared into thin air! She saw this grand lady on several more occasions, until one day she persuaded her husband to dig in their pigsty where the ghost always vanished. She was convinced that he would find treasure, she later told Miss Heyman, sister of Sir Henry Heyman, the vicar of Fressingfield, the next village east of Wingfield. And he did find a rich hoard of Roman silver coins, plates and ornaments.

As the news spread "two gentlemen" arrived to view the Wingfield

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WFS MEMBER PROFILE:

Samuel Curtis Batsell III



Samuel Curtis Batsell III was born on January 24, 1954 in Highland Park, Illinois. His parents are Samuel Curtis Batsell, Jr., a mechanical engineer, and the late Marie Theresa Wieger, a housewife. His parents met while in the Navy during the Korean War. Sam is unmarried as are his two brothers: Stephen Gordon and David Blair Batsell. Stephen is an electrical engineer and David is the owner of an army surplus store.

Sam grew up in Lake County, Illinois (Chicago suburbs) and Springfield, Illinois. His mother died in 1993. His father is now retired and now lives in Junction City, Kansas where he grew up.

Sam was student body president of Loyola University in Chicago, Illinois graduating in the Honors Program and in the top 1% of his class. Sam then graduated from the University of Chicago Law School and the School of Public Policy with a joint degree in 1980. In 1979 as part of his public policy training, he was selected to be one of three students nationally to attend and graduate from the Federal Executive Institute which is the federal government's training center for its top executives.

In 1984 after practicing law in Chicago for Isham, Lincoln & Beale where his chief client was a nuclear power plant that had sunk 13 feet into a swamp (and was still sinking), he decided to follow his brother Stephen out to California and enter the then booming field of bankruptcy.¹ After first teaching legal writing at Boalt Hall (University of California Law School) in Berkeley, California primarily in order

to have time to pass the California Bar and to survey the job market, he clerked for Chief Bankruptcy Judge James Meyers (an extremely respected judge) in San Diego, California from 1985-87. Sam then practiced bankruptcy law in San Diego representing primarily debtors and some secured creditors from September, 1987 to December, 1990. His mentor was California State Bar President, Colin Wied. During this period he published an article on bankruptcy professionals conflicts of interest.

In January, 1991, seeking to handle large national reorganizations, Sam moved to Washington, D. C. to work as a bankruptcy attorney for the federal government, Pension Benefit Guaranty Corporation ("PBGC"). There he protects PBGC from pension plan sponsors who file bankruptcy and are unable to pay the billions of dollars that they owe to federally insured pension plans. Before 1996, such "mega-bankruptcies" tended to involve endless litigation in a sort of war room setting. Now they are resolved by sophisticated negotiation. Sam handled the pension fraud investigation of Robert Maxwell and has handled several key bankruptcies including Singer Sewing Company, Maxwell Macmillan, Macmillan Publishing, El Paso Electric, the New York Daily News, San Diego Symphony, and International Shoe. Twice Sam has discovered billion dollar bankruptcies whose existence was deliberately concealed from the PBGC. Sam has won 7 special service awards for his work at the PBGC. Since the practice is nationwide, there has been a fair amount of travel. For 13 years Sam has been active in the American Bankruptcy Institute, the trade association for bankruptcy professionals, and was given an award for his work in fee applications.

Sam lives in an apartment in Arlington. Sam has always been interested in politics. At school he was president of the College Republican Club. In 1976 when still a student, he ran Illinois Governor James Thompson's 5th ward election campaign in Chicago and carried the ward. He was also active in the President Ronald Reagan's primary challenge to President Gerald Ford that year. Sam recently become active again in Republican party politics.² He is on the Arlington County Republican

Committee and was a delegate to the Virginia State Republican Convention in 2000. During the last election as a Deputy Coordinator, he ran eight precincts for the Republican Party. On Inauguration Day he worked as a volunteer at one of the inaugural balls for President George W. Bush's Inauguration Committee.

Another interest is genealogy which began in 1997 when Sam acquired a computer and began surfing on the world wide web on a regular basis. He discovered that, although "Batsell" is a rare name, there were numerous Batsells (whom Sam had never heard of) listed in various web sites. The challenge of tying these people together was what got him interested in genealogy. His genealogy work has since tied all of the Batsell descents together. Eventually, his genealogy work led him to trace a line of ancestors through the family Claypool back to Dorothy Wingfield, daughter of Elizabeth Cecil and Sir Robert Wingfield of Upton Manor. In pursuing research about the Wingfields, Sam discovered the Wingfield Family Society in a book about family societies and joined in 1998. The numerous libraries in Washington, D. C. have allowed Sam to do much research into family Wingfield using secondary resources. He attended the 1999 Wingfield Family Society annual meeting. His sole trip to London was in 1997, before he learned of his Wingfield ancestors so no Wingfield sites were visited.

His other interests are history, especially England between 1300 and 1603, jazz, cigars and computer games. Sam has never been married, a status that he is working on changing.

¹ This Consumers Power nuclear plant in Michigan never opened because it could not obtain the required federal safety certificate and was the subject of a "60 Minutes" expose several years after Sam had moved to California. The Isham, Lincoln & Beale firm, founded by President Abraham Lincoln's son Robert, has since dissolved.

² Due to recent changes in the law, PBGC is no longer governed by the Hatch Act which restricts federal employees' political activities.

Wingfield

Genealogical Exchange

by Lee Preston

WINGFIELDS on Internet

Item 15-2-1

Genealogical information on the internet increases daily. Valuable websites "begin and end" with <www.cyndislist.com> which is a list of 88,700 genealogical sites no researcher should be without. If you haven't checked it, you should do so!

One such site — <www.ancestry.com> charges a fee for most records, and adds new sources weekly which can be searched for specific names. In recent weeks, they have added GEORGIA DEATHS 1919-98. A quick search gives a total of 655 names, which includes persons with a **Wingfield** surname or given name of all races (W/white, C/colored, later B/black). The list gives Date of Death, Age, County of Residence, County of Death, Certificate No.:

Wingfield — 397

Winfield — 150

Windfield — 24

Winkfield — 84

Also online at ancestry.com are ALABAMA DEATHS 1909-59, providing Date of Death & Certificate No., totaling 257, for the following names, given or surname:

Wingfield — 41

Winfield — 186

Windfield — 13

Winkfield — 17

Death Certificates can be ordered from Georgia or Alabama.

NEW YORK-Oswego-1850

Item 15-2-2

New immigrants to USA shown in 1850 Census, Oswego/NY (WilliamSPORT), Page 209, HH 27, from FHL Film #444294:

Winfield:

William 53 Shoemaker b.England

Maria 46 b.England

William BALL 17 b.New York

NEW YORK-NYCity-1860

Item 15-2-3

New immigrants to USA 1851-55 shown in the 1860 Census, New York City, 20th Ward, District 1, Page 741/

also 303, Family #2311, from FHL Film #803817:

Wingfield:

George 31 Dye Sinker b.England

Sara 28 b.England

Alfred 9 b.England

Mary 5 b.New York

Ida 4 b.NY

George 2 b.NY

VIRGINIA-PrinceWilliam-1773

Item 15-2-4

Wingfield, Samuel — *Transported from Great Britain to Virginia* in June 1773, with approximately 40 other men and women, by Alexander Campbell. [Abstracted from Pr.Wm./VA documents at Huntington Library, San Marino, California, and submitted by Gwen Hurst. Taken from USGenWeb.com, courtesy of RootsWeb.com.]

ENGLAND-1500s

Wingfield - Cheney connection!

Item 15-2-5

Sir Robert **Wingfield** (ca.1519-97) of Letheringham, Suffolk, Knight and Member of Parliament for Suffolk during the reign of Queen Elizabeth I, who held the Manor of Scales Hoo, Norfolk, was married to Cecily, dau. of Thomas Wentworth.

Jane Wentworth, a sister of Cecily, married Sir Henry **Cheney** of Toddington, Baron, who was knighted by Queen Elizabeth I in 1563. But, they had no male descendants to carry on the Cheney name in this **Wingfield** connection; only one dau., Frances Cheney, who married Nicholas Crispe.

[*Muniments*, p.4, and *Misc. Genealogica et Heraldica, New Series, Vol. IV, p.340* — Chart of "Pedigree of Wentworth of Toddington," Bedfordshire.]

ENGLAND—ca.1560-1626

Item 15-2-6

John **Wingfield** (d.1626) of Tickencote, Knight, & Elizabeth Gresham (1564-1602) were the ancestors of the Tickencote branch of the **Wingfield** family, which includes John **Wingfield**, York Herald of England, and Thomas **Wingfield** of New Kent County & York River, Virginia.

Elizabeth's Gresham ancestral chart is shown in *Misc. Genealogica et Heraldica, New Series, Vol. IV, p.262* — "Pedigree of Gresham" (of

Walsingham Parva, Norfolk), cont'd from p.256 & p.254; also *Muniments*, p.11.

ENGLAND-London-1672

Item 15-2-7

Abstracts from the Will of Nathaniel Goodred, "Chyurgeon," London, 14 Oct 1672 "... to dau. Joyce Goodred, she to have rent of same from now till 21 for her bringing up; if she dec. before 21 same to son **Wingfield** Goodred; if he dec. before 21 to John **Wingfield**, son of sister Ann **Wingfield**. Sister Anne **Wingfield** ..to be sole executrix."

Fifty-six years later, 28 Sep 1728, administration was granted to Joice Lamden, a widow, "... dau. of Nathaniel Goodred, late of p'ish of St. Dunstan's, Stepney, co.Mdsx., who died on a voyage to Jamaica." (P.C.C.,265, Brook.) [*Misc. Genealogica et Heraldica, 4th Series Vol. IV, p.89.*]

ENGLAND-Bucks.-1680s

Item 15-2-8

The Will of Joan Borlase of Gt. Harlow, Buckinghamshire, 1687, proved 26 Jul 1688, left "Residue to daughters Mary Borlase, Anne **Wingfield**, Alicia Wallop." (PCC 89 Exton)

Further identification of Anne is given in the Will of Sir John Borlase of Beckmore, Bucks., Kt. & Bt. (PCC 148 Ent), who was a nephew of the above Joan Borlase, 1683/4, proved 8 Nov 1689, in which he leaves 100 Pounds to "Aunt, Joan Borlase ... her daughter Anne, now wife of Thomas **Wingfield** ... cousin Thomas **Wingfield**."

Muniments, p.2, identifies Thomas as of the Shrewsbury line, son of Samuel **Wingfield**, etc. [*Misc. Wills, Buckinghamshire.*]

ENGLAND-London-1726

Item 15-2-9

Witnesses to the Will 6 Jan 1726 of Frances Stonard "of the parish of St. Botolph without Bishopgate, citizen and distiller of London, weak in body," were: Will. **Wingfield**, Will. Scarrow, Humy. Hetherington. (P.C.C.,23, Farrant.) [*Misc. Genealogica et Heraldica, 3rd Series, Vol. IV, p107.*]

ENGLAND-Norfolk-1588

Item 15-2-10

Richard Warden m. Alice **Wynkfeild** 19 Sep 1588. [*Attleborough Parish Register - Marriages, p163.*]

WINGFIELD FACES FROM THE PAST

Joseph Edward Wingfield

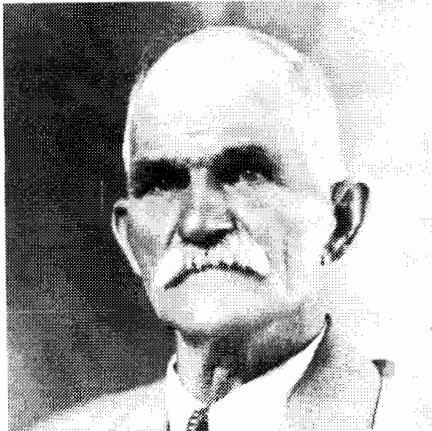
Born 1864 died 1944, one of 9 children of Charles Lewis Wingfield and Anne Johnson of Fluvanna, County, Virginia. During his youth he was employed by the railroad working his way west building bridges and depots. He ended up coming to Colorado in



Joseph at age 14

1888 to visit his brother Charles in Yuma County who had staked a homestead claim for land near Vernon, built and was living in a sod house.

During the 1890s Joe moved on to the silver and gold fields around Silverton and Ouray deep in the Rocky Mountains west of Denver as a timber carpenter in the mines. In 1898 he married Areadne Allison who he had met earlier when she was keeping house for her brother at the homestead in Yuma County. They lived in Silverton and their first child, Joseph Allison was born



Joseph Edward Wingfield at age 80 taken in spring of 1944

in 1899. In 1901 Joe and Areadne returned to the Vernon area and purchased his brother's homestead.

It was in the sod house that five more children were born, Lindsey, Chester, Ernest, Russell and Virginia

Mae. In 1909 Joseph and his brother Charles built a two story "T" shaped frame house and the family moved in. Here they had three more children, George, Stephen and Robert.

This house stands today on the site of the original homestead and is presently owned by Joseph's grandson; Robert Dean Wingfield who continues to farm the homestead and other land later acquired.

From Page 54 - Pigsty Ghost

Pigsty Treasure and offered to take the plates and ornaments and have them valued by a silversmith. The Wingfield couple were never to see the two men or the plates and ornaments again.

Not to be caught out twice, the finders of the Pigsty Treasure immediately sold the silver coins - for a "considerable sum", and, with the proceeds, purchased the premises and built a new cottage, "in which they lived for many years". [Source: *Muniments*, p.48].

The Wingfield Castle Pond Ghost (1890s); Beside the 200-yard private drive from the main road up to the magnificent twin-towered entrance to moated Wingfield Castle, there is a pond, beloved by the local swans, lined with bushes. Back in the 1890s local tradition had it that sometime seen on moonlight nights, was a white-robed female figure that appeared from below the bushes. [Other family ghost stories can be found at *Newsletters V,3,20 (Peregrina Wingfield, 1675) & VIII,2,20 (Cecilia FitzPatrick, later Wingfield, sees 375-year-old giant at Glamis Castle, 1862)*.

Places Called Wingfield Another Wingfield Manor in Kent, England

Two British HM Stationery publications list a "Manor" (e.g. "considerable property usually including a house with farm outbuildings") called "Wingfield in Stalisfield" (meaning that there is at least one other Manor in Stalisfield), in the Hundred of Faversham in the County of Kent. Alternative spellings listed are: "Windefeld, Windfeld' or Wynfeld". In 1346 this manor was held by Sarra de Derby and the heirs of Thomas Frankelyn. [Feudal Aids, 1284-1431, III, 1904, p.36; Book of Fees @ the

Testa de Nevill, 1931, pp.682-683]. Today there is a village called Stalisfield Green, six miles south west of the town of Faversham. (This Wingfield @ Windfield should not be confused with Wingfield Bank @ Windfield Bank, Kent, at Newsletter vol.X, no.3, p.65).

Faith, Technology meet at Winkfield Church Tower

When the vicar of St. Mary's church in the village of Winkfield, England parks his bicycle in front, he has less money to worry about than a couple of years ago.

Winkfield is just a few miles southwest of Windsor on the edge of Bracknell Forest. It has one pub, one auto repair shop and an overgrown cricket field. The church is in the village center and is its pride a joy. The list of vicars mounted on the church wall goes back to 1298. Its ringing tower bells are the very heartbeat of English country life. It seems a likely model for all 16,000 Church of England parishes across Britain.

The country has gone crazy for cell phones, which means they urgently need base stations and antennas. But just mention mobile-phone masts in a traditional hamlet and everyone gets terrified. "They are so ugly they ruin the whole look of your town."

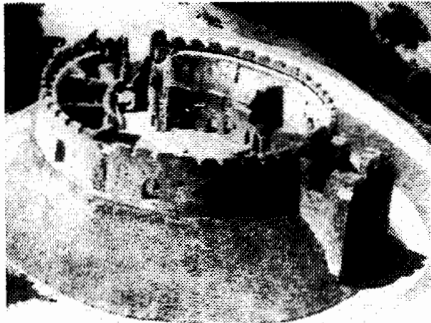
Then it happened. About a year ago a team from one of Europe's largest cell-phone operators saw a solution right before his eyes in Winkfield and it's church tower. With innovation and creative imagination the wires and technical aspects were placed so hidden its tough to spot either from the air or ground. The result is a marriage of theology and technology and has become a Christmas present for all Britain.

St Mary's is clearly the vanguard of the movement in Britain. The energetic church vicar arranged a contract to bring 7,000 quid (\$11,000) a year in rent or about 10% of all St. Mary's income. It is estimated the Church of England could take in \$8 million in "steeple fees."

And it all started in the village of Winkfield. (Our thanks to member Chris Wingfield of Newport News, VA who provided a clipping of an article in the *Newport News Daily Press*.)

CASTLE CONNECTION Wingfield Link with Restormel Castle and the Black Prince

Restormel Castle stands on a spur overlooking the River Fowey (pronounced "Foy") just north of Lostwithiel in Cornwall in England's southwest, five miles inland from the south coast in tin-mining country. With a 60ft-wide moat and an inner courtyard alias bailey or ward 42 yards across, the 3-storey castle was originally built in about 1100 and was then partly rebuilt – including



the 8ft-thick curtain walls of the keep – in about 1200. From 1299 the castle belonged to the Earldom (later Duchy) of Cornwall – which provides income for the heir to the throne. The rectangular chapel (right) was not there in the Black Prince's day – the chapel was then inside the bailey, together with the Great Hall (on the 2nd story), offices, various "chambers" and the kitchen. The castle then stood in "a wide deer park."

The Black Prince (probably so called from the color of his armor rather than from the color of his moods), son of Edward III and father of Richard II, was heir to the throne from his birth in 1330 to 1376 when he died (the year before his father). From the age of 20 (in 1350) the Black Prince had Sir John de Wingfield (who had fought at Crecy under the Prince's father four years before, and who was attorney for both Robert de Ufford, the Earl of Suffolk and also for Guy de Bryenne) as "Steward of his Lands." Two or three years later Wingfield was appointed Attorney to the powerful Countess of Warrene and "Military Assistant" on Prince Edward's Council, and then his Steward. It was now that Sir John ordered the Sheriff of Cornwall, Sir John Dabemon, to transfer the center of

England's tin trading from Bodmin (3 miles north of Restormel) to Lostwithiel (a mile south of Restormel).

It was in 1353 that Sir John applied to Pope Innocent VI in the then Papal Seat of Avignon, for an Indulgence "through the Black Prince" to have a portable altar" (presumably mainly for the battlefield). He also applied to the Pope for an Indulgence for him and his rich and well-connected wife Alianore alias Eleanor nee de Glanville, "to be granted plenary remission at the time of death." This was the same year that Sir John's brother Sir Thomas Wingfield and his wife Margaret nee Bovile, the Letheringham heiress, were granted an Indulgence by the Pope "to choose their own Confessor". Expensive stuff! But military operations in France were fast approaching again – and on some far off battlefield Sir John might not get a priest to read the last rites in time.

That October Sir John and the Black Prince were down in the southwest at Exeter, and then in August 1354 they moved to Launceston Castle before, in September continuing a further twenty miles southwest to this beautiful castle of Restormel. Sir John Wingfield then lived here while he was sitting as one of three King's Justices at nearby Lostwithiel.

Even though eight years earlier, owing to "his good service in foreign parts", Sir John had actually been exempted from further military service, in 1356 he fought heroically with the Black Prince at the Battle of Poitiers in France (his cousin William Wingfield acting as the Prince's Attorney in his absence). Sir John captured Sire d'Aubigny, but before he could ransom him, Edward III bought the prisoner off him "since mere knights should not ransom such important prisoners" - for the vast sum of "£1,666-13-4. Two years later the Black Prince appointed Sir John Wingfield (by now also Chief of the Council of the Countess of Warrene) "Gouverneur de noz Busoignes" (Governor of my Affairs) i.e. Chief of Staff and paid him the enormous salary of ten shillings (120d or half a pound) a day, the highest wage of any of his ministers.

Sadly after his 1354 visit here, Sir John was not to see Restormel again. The Black Prince though was back again at Restormel Castle in 1365 – but

that was three years after he had paid for Sir John's grand funeral at Wingfield, costing the princely sum of £57-13-4. Sir John had succumbed to the plague.

Wingfield: Captain of the Guard at Funeral of Henry VIII (1547)

Sir Anthony Wingfield was appointed Vice-Chamberlain of Henry VIII's Household in September 1539 under William Lord Sandys (which post he continued after 1547 under Sir John Gage) and Captain of the King's Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard on March 9 in the same year, a post he held until April 8, 1551. He was installed as a Knight of the Garter at Windsor Castle on April 23 (St. George's Day) 1541, together with the Earl of Surrey and the Earl of Somerset, both of whom he had later to arrest after Henry VIII's death - the Lord Protector Somerset actually in Windsor Castle. Sir Anthony Wingfield "was Captain [of the Bodyguard of the Yeoman of the Guard] at Henry VIII's funeral."

Held in the Garter Chapel (St. George's Chapel) at Windsor Castle, Henry VIII's funeral was performed with much pomp:

"16 strong Yeoman of the Guard took the coffin and with four strong linen towels, which they had for their fees, let it into the vault near unto the body of Queen Jane Seymour, his third wife [just west of the altar]. Then the Lord Chamberlain [Henry Fitzalan, Earl of Arundel], the Lord Great Master [& President of the council, William Lord St. John], Mr. Treasurer [presumably Sir William Petre - since the Lord Treasurer, Thomas Howard, 3rd Duke of Norfolk, was in the Tower], Mr. Comptroller [Sir John Gage] and the Sergeant Porter, breaking their white staves upon their heads in three parts, as did likewise all the Gentlemen Ushers, threw them into the grave. Thus the funeral ended, the trumpets sounded in the Rood loft, and the company dispersed."

[Sources: R. Hennell, *The History of the Bodyguard of the Yeman of the Guard*, 1904, p.269; D.M. Gladish, *The Tudor Privy Council*, Retford, 1915, pp.141-142; H.W. Blackmore, *The Romance of St. George's Chapel, Windsor Castle*, 1933, p.38].

FILL IN THE BLANKS

The solution to the winter issue's "Fill in the Blanks" puzzle is:

BLACK PRINCE

Five members submitted the correct answer before the deadline of February 1st. The two winners were selected in a random drawing. They are **Esther Benitez** of Bowling Green, OH and **Marvin Wingfield** of Silver Springs, MD. They can choose to extend their membership one year or receive a copy of the new video, "The life of Thomas Wingfield of York River".

Three others with correct responses were John Parry-Wingfield of Empingham, England, Charline Preston from Walnut Creek, CA and David Wingfield of Idalia, CO.

"Wingfield on Ice"

A new play by Dan Needles

A new one-man play that originates in Canada opens in Stratford near Toronto August 12 at the Avon Theatre, entitled Wingfield on Ice.

Each play starring Rod Beattie as Walt Wingfield casts him as a stockbroker-turned farmer now is about to become a father. His vision of earthly paradise is clouded by feuds that simmer on the back roads of Persephone Township. His attempt to mediate makes "ancient grudge break to new mutiny."

The author, Dan Needles was WFS guest speaker at the 2000 meeting in Toronto. Normally the plays start their run in Stratford, Ontario before continuing elsewhere in Canada and often on to the U. S.

LOCAL REUNIONS Arkansas

The annual Wingfield /Clark family reunion will be held on June 10th this year at the Center Ridge Methodist Church. The church is located just off state highway 53 about 3 miles from South Fork (Gurdon) exit of interstate I-30 in Clark County Arkansas. The program starts at 10:30 a.m. followed by picnic style dinner on the ground (potluck). Entertainment provided by family members after lunch inside the church

building. All Wingfields are invited.

For more information contact: Vance Wingfield, 2912 Owenwood Drive, Fort Worth, TX 76109-1613, (817) 926-2459, vance@wingfield.org.

Georgia

On April 28, the descendants of Junius Wingfield (1814-1872) will meet in Eatonton, Georgia for a local reunion. Headquarters will be at the home of Virginia Wingfield Adams, his granddaughter-in-law. They will tour the charming town and see the old Wingfield home called Slade Hall and have a picnic lunch in a park. They expect about 30 to attend. Other Wingfields are invited. For more information call Ginger McCall at (770) 831-6316 or gingwing23@mindspring.com.

PLEASE NOTE:

Please notify the editor of the newsletter of any local reunions that are planned to be held anywhere in the world. This information will be included in the newsletter. We need the location, dates and person coordinating. We will also do a follow up story.

Lady Jane Grey: we have a photo!

In the winter (1999) newsletter we published a photo at one time was thought to be that of Lady Jane Grey, the 9 days queen and descendant of a Wingfield. That photo was not Lady Jane Grey, but Queen Jane (Seymour). In the meantime we have located a



photograph of Lady Jane and it is shown here.

The portrait of Lady Jane Grey c.

**NEW
WINGFIELD
STORE
ITEM**

Wingfield Gold Seals

A new item for sale in the Wingfield Store. A delightful embossed gold seal (sample enclosed) that can be used by Wingfield family members in many ways. Great to seal the back of envelopes, make distinctive stationary by placing it on the top of a sheet of paper or on holiday cards. Use your imagination for all sorts of uses.

To get a supply simply mail your check payable to the Wingfield Family Society c/o Bob Wingfield, 90 Woodstone Drive, Buffalo Grove, IL 60089. Costs less than half that of a first class postage stamp, just 15 cents each, minimum order 10 seals. If you don't have an order blank, place a note with your name and address along with your check so we can mail the seals to you.

1550 (anonymous) is in the Bodleian Library at Oxford. It states she was known for her beauty, and intelligence. Tutored by John Aylmer (later bishop of London) she was proficient at languages of which she could read five, including Greek and Hebrew.

She was declared queen on 19 July 1553 and nine days later was replaced by Mary who had the stronger support of the people.

Lady Jane Grey was beheaded on Tower Green at seventeen years of age. (See winter, 1999 newsletter pg. 9 for Lady Jane Grey's Wingfield lineage and more details.)

Jamestown Rediscovery Programs on TV this summer

The year 2000 brought a great deal of national and international media attention about discoveries at Jamestown. It shows no signs of slowing down and this summer, the Discovery Channel and PBS with both air documentaries featuring the Jamestown Rediscovery project according to the APVA (Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities).

Be on the lookout for these programs.

Cape Henry First Landfall For Virginia Colonists

As the three ships, the Susan Constant, Godspeed and Discovery upon the southern side of Chesapeake



in America carrying 105 settlers it was their first landfall. It was April 26, 1607 when they anchored and several went ashore. Those first touching American soil were likely Captain Newport, Wingfield, Gosnold, Percy and Archer plus a

dozen others. The location was named Cape Henry after King James' young son and heir. (*Virginia's True Founder* by Jocelyn Wingfield, page 182.)

The site was inspected but not chosen for the first settlement so they sailed on a bit further until the location that became Jamestown was selected.

Recently Bob and Gail Miller WFS members from Richmond, VA visited Cape Henry and noted a monument with a marker that had been placed there by the National Society Daughters of the American Colonists on April 26, 1935, the 328th anniversary of the first landing.

The inscription "HERE AT CAPE HENRY FIRST LANDED IN AMERICA, UPON 26 APRIL 1607, THOSE ENGLISH COLONISTS WHO, UPON MAY 1607 ESTABLISHED AT JAMESTOWN, VIRGINIA THE FIRST PERMANENT ENGLISH SETTLEMENT IN AMERICA." (*Thanks to Bob and Gail Miller for the picture.*)

Virginia's Quadricentennial Celebration U. S. Quarter Dollar

One of the United States' special U. S. quarter dollars, this one celebrating 1607-2007 or the 400 years anniversary of Jamestown was issued 2000. On the reverse of the coin, it depicts the 3 ships, the Susan Constant, Discovery and God Speed that brought the colonists to America. Minted at the Denver mint it came out in 2000 and is difficult to find outside Virginia.

With our meeting this year in Denver where the coin was minted and

since the WFS has such a special interest in Jamestown with a Wingfield being it's first president, it seems only appropriate that we make note of this additional subtle way of advertising the quadricentennial.



New paperback derides Wingfield, praises Smith says Gosnold Jamestown's founder

Another claimant as the founder of Jamestown is revealed in a new book just out entitled *Gosnold's Hope The Story of Bartholomew Gosnold* by Harold C. Wilson. It is a small 122-page paperback.

At the onset, let us say Gosnold was indeed a prime mover of the 1606 Jamestown expedition and certainly influential in its founding. Jocelyn Wingfield, author of *Virginia's True Founder*, says without Wingfield and Gosnold, Jamestown would likely never have been founded. Unfortunately the book denigrates Wingfield while praising John Smith, and offers no specific sources to back up its various assertions.

The book is a history of Bartholomew Gosnold's life including his first 1602 voyage to America with landings at Cape Cod, Martha's Vineyard and the Elizabeth Islands. It forecasts a growing interest in England's colonization of the New World. The book claims Gosnold's recruitment of John Smith to be one of his "most significant moves." When the charter was obtained, it says "Gosnold's solicited some of his friends including Edward Maria Wingfield who was one of the key men in obtaining the charter of 1606." The charter came after Gosnold grabbed EMW, and the book states this correctly. Gosnold solicited many of his friends including Wingfield (his cousin). It is suggested that over 50% of the colonists were recruited by Gosnold, whereas by fact Gosnold WITH

Wingfield recruited almost 40% and Gosnold's wife's cousin, Smythe (no relation to John Smith), recruited 15%.

On the 1606 voyage to America, Gosnold commanded the Susan Constant. The book mentions the stop in the West Indies islands but ignores the attempted mutiny by Smith. It tells about the arrival off Virginia and the opening of the sealed strong box revealing the list of those designated to govern. It was headed by Gosnold followed by John Smith and Edward Maria Wingfield. The author suggests that Wingfield was selected the first president because he was an original signer of the charter followed by the remark, "it turned out to be a very great mistake."

Several entries in the book depict Wingfield as being stubborn and determined in connection with the site selections, fortification of the settlement and being incapable of dealing with the natives as well as the settlers. Gosnold warned Wingfield he would be overthrown if he did not change his ways. Wingfield had refused Smith a place on the council (he had of course been put under arrest by Newport) but discontent and dissatisfaction allowed Smith to be appointed "to his deserved place on the council." The book states that after Gosnold's death and Capt., John Smith moved into the position of leadership, he kept the colony together during very trying times. In fact Ratcliff, not John Smith succeeded Wingfield when he was deposed and the hardship continued.

The author gives no specific sources of references for his many criticisms, only a list of books assumed to be general references. It is obvious the author's writings are his views, assumptions, unsubstantiated statements and seemingly deliberate omissions.

We do not believe many will consider the book a valid historic reference, nevertheless anything published can have damaging effect on the truth.

A more thorough and interesting analysis of the Gosnold book has been prepared by WFS member Francesca Roberts of Fairfax, VA. She gives frank commentary refuting many of the erroneous assertions made by the author. This review is available and will be mailed to those with a special interest by request to the newsletter editor.