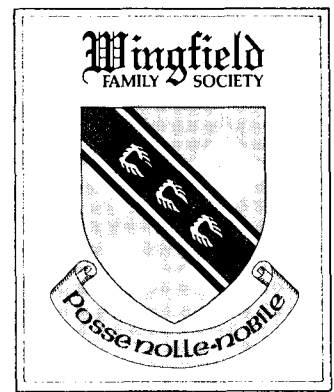


# newsletter

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

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## WFS 2003 England Tour Cancelled, Meeting Rescheduled for Salt Lake City

### Bookings did not materialize New Meeting now Setup

Sadly, as the deadline for notifying our ground operator in London approached we lacked the necessary number of bookings to justify operating the tour. By mid-November only 15 members had sent in deposits and we needed 30 persons to cover the basic costs. Upon cancellation we quickly made arrangements for our 2003 meeting to be rescheduled in Salt Lake City, Utah. The dates May 23-25, are basically the same as our abbreviated meeting in London that had been tied in with the tour.

We can only presume it failed because of the terrorism threat and the sagging economy. Another tour to England will be planned, but it is too early to speculate as to when.

Salt Lake City had been a desired meeting destination for some time. Now we can take advantage of the past Olympic Games that gave the area a wide choice of good accommodations in a spectacular setting with interesting things to do. And we might add impressive prices. For genealogists, the Church of Latter Day Saints is world renowned for family records.

We apologize to the members who supported the tour and suffered the disappointment of cancellation.

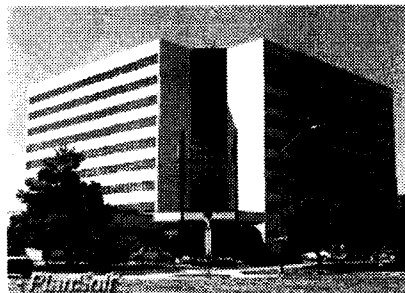
### The Salt Lake City Meeting May 23-25 - Basic Details:

Enclosed with this newsletter are the meeting registration forms, an agenda and hotel reservations instruction sheet. Most of the general information that you need to know, is in the following few paragraphs.

Salt Lake City is still in the midst of

an Olympic-fueled renaissance carried over from the winter 2002 games. But snow sports aren't the only game in town. Thousands flock to national acclaimed symphony, opera, theater and dance performances. There is vibrant night life, with scores of world-class attractions, including historic Temple Square, the world's largest dinosaur museum and gallery strolls to Salt Lake's best art spots. It is scenically positioned on the western slope of the Rocky Mountains.

We had a wide choice of hotels and selected the Embassy Suites in downtown Salt Lake City. Here we received an impressive nightly rate of only \$79 for a suite. Repeat, for a suite. This rate applies to one or two persons occupying a room. Children under 18 are free. For extra adults the per day cost is only \$15, maximum per room is 4 persons.



Embassy Suites Hotel

Members call a toll free 800 number to make their reservations. Ask for the special Wingfield rate. It is suggested that members first complete the hotel reservations sheet (enclosed) as a reminder of every detail the hotel employee needs, before placing the call. The booking should be guaranteed with a credit card. The Wingfield group rate applies 2 days before the meeting and 2 days after, but these dates are on an "if available" basis as it is outside our

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### Wingfields fought at Battle of Crecy in 1346, where Longbow Made England a Great Power

Of the weapons that made a serious impact on the effectiveness of war,



Longbow

one cannot discount the major role the longbow played in changing history from the time it made its appearance in 1120. This is when Welsh archers ambushed King Henry II's, men at Powys. Nearly 900 years later, many still argue this was the one most deadliest killing weapons ever taken into the field of battle - so much so that the word "longbow" lives on in the name given to

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Since the last newsletter there has been a change in the president nominee for the years 2003-06. As most probably know, Charline Preston, Lee's wife had been nominated for President, but passed away in September.

Lee, her husband has agreed, if elected to serve as president as a gesture that Charline would have surely wanted. Lee is a charter member, our genealogist and now also DNA coordinator. He is eminently well qualified. It's often been said, "If you want a job done, give it to a busy man." That is the case with Lee. The balance of the slate is a reported before.

The ballots will be enclosed with the spring newsletter so all members (one ballot per household) will have an opportunity to vote. The nominees now are: **Lee Preston** of Walnut Grove,



Lee Preston Lance Wingfield



Bob Wingfield Polly Horne

CA for President; **Lance Wingfield**, Rockaway, NJ for Vice President; **Robert Wingfield** current Treasurer nominated for reelection; and **Polly Horne** of Tampa, FL for Secretary.

There is still time for additional nominations for any of the offices from the membership. A member can nominate another member or him/herself for a particular office. This nomination must be received, however by February

15<sup>th</sup>. The member nominated must be current in their dues, agree to serve and attend the 3 annual board meetings. Your nominee will be placed on the ballot along with the above already nominated. Send them to our secretary, Boots Coley, 6520 Shingle Ridge Road, Roanoke, VA 24018.

We are sorry it was necessary to cancel our England tour for 2003. Rest assured there will be another one as soon as conditions are more favorable. You will be kept up to date with plenty of advance notice.

Bob Carr, President

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room allotment. The Embassy Suites Hotel will hold our room allotment until April 22. However, even after the allotment is recalled the rate will be honored as long as the rooms are available. Don't be one of those that procrastinates, especially since there is no penalty as long as the cancellation is called in before 6 pm on the planned day of arrival. Members are urged to reserve as soon as they can as it helps with planning and assures the lowest price.

Attendees arriving by air will receive complimentary transfers from and to the airport. There is free hotel parking, complimentary cooked to order breakfasts in the garden atrium each morning. With advance arrangements, the hotel shuttle will take guests to nearby malls or other nearby sites.

You can call in your hotel reservations now. The hotel is set up and ready to accept your calls. Then mail in our meeting registration form.

See you in Salt Lake City!

### DNA - what new information can it provide WFS members?

One of the first questions a WFS member might ask is, "Why should I have a DNA test and what will I learn?" To answer that question, one must review the parameters for genetic genealogy. The name "Wingfield" as used in this article applies to all the various spelling such as Wingfield/Winfield/Winkfield, etc.

First, only the male can be used for

the current Y-chromosome DNA tests. The person must be of the male bloodline but could conceivably have a different name than the Wingfield or other surnames, even Smith for various reasons and still carry the male Wingfield genes. All can be tested.

Second, tests can only define a particular Wingfield surname line (not a specific relationship).

Third, there are many different Wingfield surname lines each with different genetics.

A later article will give more insight into how the multiple Wingfield surnames evolved in early England by Jocelyn Wingfield.

In 1999 we began a genetic testing project where DNA became the key factor in solving the Thomas of York River dilemma as to whether or not he was the father of the three sons. From this we started our database of Wingfield DNA test results for comparisons. This database is now available to all our members.

So what can DNA tell us? The answer to that question is simply, *DNA can verify or prove a particular Wingfield surname line.*

Too often the traditional genealogical research goes back only a limited number of generations because no more records can be found. These members conceivably do not know to which Wingfield surname line they belong. Still others might assume they are of a particular line, but are not sure. DNA can solve both of these dilemmas. It does require a male providing a cheek swab sample for lab analysis for testing for a report and potential genetic comparisons. The more test results posted, the better the chance of a match.

The WFS current database of DNA test results has been successful in several surname matches.

To be effective we must now focus on further increasing our database of the DNA Wingfield surname test results. We are still in the early stages and the records are available for all to see by accessing the [www.wingfield.org](http://www.wingfield.org) and then to the WFS DNA page. This will show the several specific tests done so far and the comparisons. To the layman, it may appear technical, but it

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## Can We Get a U. S. Postage Stamp Featuring Jamestown's First President?

By: Bob Carr

The answer is yes, if enough members to request it.

The 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Jamestown will occur in 2007. To the WFS this is an important event as Edward Maria Wingfield was the first president and the founder of the colony. It is also important to the citizens of the United States, as this was the first successful English colony that ultimately developed into the United States of America.

The U. S. Postal Service issues special stamps that portray historical events and can feature individuals that

have some significance to the country. To do this they have set up *The Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee* that seeks out ideas and suggestions from the public. From these ideas and recommendations they make the selections. If an idea fits their criteria, the total number of recommendations received carry the most weight.

On July 12<sup>th</sup> there was an article in a Richmond, VA newspaper (*clipping sent by Betty Wingfield of Richmond*) headlined "Groups Lobbying for Jamestown Stamp." It stated that there were several organizations openly encouraging specific members of the Jamestown-Yorktown Foundation and others (not named) to recommend a special Jamestown founding stamp to be issued in 2007. The College of William and Mary is also working toward a commemorative stamp to be issued in Britain, where the 3 ships sailed with the colonist in 1606.

About 3 years ago, the WFS embarked on a project to ask selected members to write to the Advisory Committee requesting Edward Maria Wingfield be featured on a special postage stamp in connection with the Jamestown 2007 celebration. These letters were timed so as not to appear to have been conspired, a factor we now know was unnecessary. A few of our members did write letters which are on file with the committee recommending EMW, but not enough to make a dent toward being effective, especially now that organizations are openly lobbying for their particular objective. It has become obvious to be included in the special stamp program we must revise our plan. On the positive side, we view the others not as competition, but as allies with their own agenda. There is no reason, they cannot issue several commemorative stamps and EMW should be one. But we will be overlooked if the number of requests is not impressive.

To be successful we must step up the pace so the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee receives an impressive volume of requests recommending EMW to be honored on a postage stamp in 2007. The answer is of course, YOU.

We will no longer care if the letter comes from a Wingfield or someone with either another name or the date it

is mailed. We need letters, lots of them. It may take 20 minutes and a 37 cent stamp. That's all. Your letter does not have to be either typed nor formal. Following is all you need to know and do.

Address your letter to: Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee, c/o Stamp Management, U. S. Postal Service, 457 L'Enfant Plaza SW., Room 4474E, Washington, DC 20260-2437. In the text recommend that Edward Maria Wingfield, be honored on a commemorative postage stamp in 2007, the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the founding of Jamestown. You might mention that he was the first president of the colony, helped plan the operation, was the major financial backer, selected the site in Virginia, and built the fort. We need lots of letters to make the required impression. Ask your neighbors and friends to do likewise and all members of your family at different addresses.

Either send me a copy of your letter or confirmation that it has been sent so I can monitor the progress. Or email robertcarr1@cs.com stating that it has been mailed. I plan to have a section in the newsletter each issue listing the names and city of those that have requested the stamp.

We can do it. But it is up to you.

## EMW 2007 Jamestown Commemorative Postage Stamp Writers

The following is a partial list of those who have sent letters to the Citizen's Stamp Advisory Committee requesting a commemorative stamp be issued in 2007 for Edward Maria Wingfield. This is in connection with Jamestown's Celebration 2007.

**Zella Morrow**, Orem, UT; **Camilla P. Burton**, New York; **Sara folks**, London, England; **Serena Poncia**, Victoria, Australia; **Charline Preston**, Walnut Creek, CA; **David W. Garland**, Martinsville, VA; **Elizabeth Kujawski**, Indian Rocks Beach, FL; **Gail Miller**, Richmond, VA; **Brenda Jackson**, Garland, TX; **Ratcliffe Harris**, Richmond, VA and **Robert Carr**, Belleair, FL.

Remember, send a copy of your letter to the editor and your name will be published in the newsletter.

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## IN MEMORIAM

**Charline Oots Harmon Preston** died September 16, 2002 in John Muir Hospital, Walnut Creek, CA, at the age of 73. She was a resident of Walnut Creek for 40 years, having also lived in Washington, D.C., Maryland, Oregon, British Columbia & Missouri. She was a native of Kansas City, MO, the only child of Guy L. & Ethelyn (Oots) Harmon.



She is survived by her husband of 53 years, LeBron 'Lee' Preston, her daughter, Janis Newsome, and grandson, Todd Newsome, of Huntington Beach, CA, grandson, Scott Newsome, Tigard, OR, and her son and daughter-in-law, Steven and Barbara Preston, Las Vegas, NV. Charline attended high school in Klamath Falls, OR. She was a graduate of the University of Oregon (1949), where she was a member of Sigma Kappa Sorority. She was Assistant Reference Librarian at the University of British Columbia in 1949-50, and taught Social Studies at Junior High Schools in Maryland and California. She did graduate work at the University of Maryland, San Jose State College, University of Santa Clara, Hayward State College, and others.

She traveled extensively in Europe, and always loved to return to England. Charline belonged to many organizations and held offices in most of them. She was Past Regent of her Daughters of the American Revolution-Acalanes Chapter, Daughters of 1812, United Daughters of the Confederacy, Daughters of the American Colonists, Colonial Dames of the Seventeenth Century, Magna Charta Dames, American Association of University Women, California Retired Teachers, and the Walnut Creek Presbyterian Church. She did volunteer work from 1990-99 at the Martinez veterans hospital and volunteered at the Contra Costa County library's genealogy section. Charline most recently had been Vice President of the Wingfield Family Society, of which

she was a founding member. She had been nominated to become President in May 2003 at the annual meeting of the WFS

Charline's special Wingfield Family Society nametag showing her as vice president was pinned to the far side of the casket lining. It was prominently visible to all during the viewing ceremony at the church, above her left arm. Other than earrings and white beads the nametag was the only thing added.

She was buried at Oakmont Cemetery, Lafayette, CA.

**Martha Herrington Wingfield** of Goodwater, Alabama died September 8, 2002. She was born in Birmingham, Alabama on October 7, 1928.



Martha was a talented artist. She spent most of her life as a homemaker but moved into the workforce as the children matured, teaching art for a few years and working as an engraver in the family business from which she retired a few years ago. Martha and husband Billy were looking forward to their 50<sup>th</sup> Wedding anniversary next June.

She is survived by her husband Charles W. (Billy) Wingfield of Goodwater, Alabama, daughters Jane W. Gilliland and Bonnie W. Riggins of Sylacauga, Alabama and son Charles A. Wingfield of Huntsville, Alabama, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Daughter Bonnie wrote a few words about how she remembered her mother, some are as follows, "All through my life mother would teach me of our God and personal Savior. As a child there was no doubt what we would do on Sunday mornings. A Sunday rule, if we were ever too sick to go to church, we were too sick to do anything else. Growing up, she always made sure we were involved; all three of us were scouts. All three of us had piano lessons. We were all taught to swim at very early ages. We all went to scout and church camp. We took wonderful vacations together. I miss her, but I know she is not suffering anymore, she is rejoicing with my grandparents, and all our loved ones that have passed."

## Wingfields in Action

WFS member **Wafa Hameed Wingfield**, and wife of **Burwell Wingfield**, spoke to the Kiwanis Club of Lexington, KY this past October 2. She was invited to speak on the Iraqi situation because she is from there, her family having left years ago. She states Saddam is terrible, but does not believe a war is the answer. (See Fall newsletter 2002 Profile of Burwell for more information on Wafa)

**Doris and Dennis Murphy** of Vero Beach, FL spent a month in Donegal Ireland last summer and rented a 200 year old stone cottage in the town. One day they drove over to Powerscourt that has been completely restored from their last visit. They looked for the tree President Bob Wingfield planted in WFS's name in 1995 but could not find it. There were only two commemorative trees; one for Jackie Kennedy and the other for the Slazenger's (owners) for their 40th wedding anniversary. Neither of the markers was in good condition.

**Burwell Wingfield**, founding member of the WFS from Lexington, VA was honored on October 17 for his 20 years of service to the Natural Bridge Soil and Water Conservation District with an unexpected engraved silver framed photo. As a chairman he is spokesperson to the State of Virginia representing local concerns and reports back to local District's important legislative issue and statewide issue of concern.

An article in the London Times of September 2002, reports a **Rachel Joanna Wingfield** as inventing a "divet teasmades," that not only keeps one warm at night, it also wakes you up at a specified time. We do not know who Rachel Joanna Wingfield is, but research by our International Vice President, reveals that a divet is a quilt or bed-cover (from the French word for "down"), a term for this type of quilt used throughout Europe since about the 1950s. Along with the divet is a "teasmades" that finishes the scheme. "Teasmades" is type of alarm clock that goes off and has a cup of tea waiting to be drunk. In the U. S. we have a better system, it's called a wife.

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and Bob have been members since 1989.

Fate deals each of us a hand to play out in life. Bob Barchenger did not choose to do the things he did, but quietly, patriotically and honorably he accepted the challenges. We are all proud of you, Bob Barchenger.

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demonstrates the procedure and each will come away with a better understanding of the process.

There is always a chance your DNA results will match those already listed. If not, you will still be doing the WFS and your own line, as well as yourself a big favor by helping expand our DNA data base as it puts your test on record awaiting other tests that match yours and ultimately identify (or prove) your Wingfield surname line.

To arrange a sample cheek swab test, contact Lee Preston, our genealogist and DNA coordinator. He will advise you of the costs.

### STARTING TO GET RESULTS: Lines now being identified by DNA

So many members know they are Wingfields, but do not know to which line they belong. DNA can now often solve this problem.

Good example, **June Mueller** of North Hollywood, CA, knew she was descended from Henry Garrett Wingfield (ca 1794-1833 of North Carolina and Indiana). DNA test of June's cousin, **John G. Wingfield** of Laguna Woods, CA, showed him matching Dr. **Billy Hillman Wingfield** of Petersburg, VA, **Mervyn Waller Wingfield** of Richmond, VA, and **Louis Henry Wingfield** of Dewey, AZ, the last 3 all known descendants of Robert and Ann \_\_\_ Wingfield of Louisa County. All 4 men tested are WFS members. Although June (a female), cannot participate in the Y-chromosome tests, by virtue of her genealogically proven relationship to Henry Garrett Wingfield, now knows she is of the Letheringham Wingfield line, which also includes Tickencote, Powerscourt and Thomas of York River.

### WINGFIELD FACES FROM THE PAST

**June Wingfield (2nd from right)  
with children: Betty, Tim & Sue**



This delightful family photo was probably taken in Torquay, England about 1922. It shows Giana ("June") Wingfield nee Markham, 2<sup>nd</sup> from right wife of Major "Willie" Wingfield, 19<sup>th</sup>

Hussars (1873-1942), and her children: Elizabeth (17), William Thomas Rhys Wingfield ("Tim", 13, father of members Jocelyn & George Wingfield, died 1976) and Susan (6). Betty married her 2<sup>nd</sup> cousin, Major Andrew Wingfield, 13<sup>th</sup> Hussars, and Sue married John A. Sabini, U.S. consul in Jerusalem, later to be an "Arabist" author and Public Relations Officer for Aramco in Lebanon and then in Saudi Arabia. When the photo was taken, the children's father, Major Willie Wingfield, had been abroad including operations for two years in France, Mesopotamia (including in Basrah - where he was Second-in-Command of the 7<sup>th</sup> Hussars - in Baghdad and Asmara, and was even then sailing home by troopship.

The following is a letter from member **Dorothy Lee Smith** of Virginia Beach, VA: "Thanks to the WFS, Lee Preston and DNA, we have finalized the link which has been a mystery to me since 1988. This is when I began my search for my father's ancestors. The DNA report for my first cousin, Robert Morgan Wingfield, is a "match." (I now matched loci 22 out of 24). Lee Preston says that my Dad is definitely of the Letheringham line which includes Tickencote, and other branches as well as Thomas of York River.

I also am so grateful for the interest and help through the WFS. Now, I know that I am truly a proven cousin." Signed Dorothy Lee Smith of Virginia Beach, VA. (Ed. Note: *Dorothy's father was Francis Ribble Wingfield and she is a descendant of John and Mary (Hudson) Wingfield through their son Thomas of Walnut Shade.*)

### Family History/Articles in Newsletter Back Issues

Members who have joined recently may know that all but a few of back issues of the Newsletter are now available from the Editor at \$3.00 a copy. If you don't want to launch straight into ordering all available back issues back to 1987, here is a cross section to whet your appetite (to save space IV/3 denotes Volume IV, no. 3 and numbers in [ ] denotes total number of issues where in sequence):

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a version of the legendary U. S. Apache AH64D attack Helicopter, proof that the weapon still commands immense respect from even today's armed forces.

The longbow was as tall as the archer. The extra length gave it greater strength and range. Indeed, one arrow-tipped arrow from a longbow is said by a writer in the Middle Ages to have pierced a wooden door nearly four inches thick. In another tale, an arrow reportedly passed through a horseman's mailed shirt, his mailed breeches, his thigh and the wood of his saddle piercing the flank of his horse. The Welsh archers were impressive fighters. They sustained a firing rate of six arrows a minute with extraordinary accuracy over distances up to 200 yards. It was a lesson the English were quick to learn.

By 1250 the longbow had become standard equipment for the English infantry. King Edward I was quick to accept the idea and realized knights on foot could thwart a mounted charge if supported by sufficient numbers of archers. Before long the best archers were loosing off as many as a dozen arrows a minute supported by a loader who drew the string of one bow while the archer fired the other.

But the first real test of the English bowmen came at Crecy on 26 August in 1346 about a 100 miles north of Paris. King Edward III, heading for Flanders, turned to accept battle between Wadicourt and Crecy, with a force of 9,000 English and Welshmen, including 5,500 archers. The French Army consisting of 30,000 men including some Genoese cross-bowmen so heavily outnumbered by Edward III.

From 6:00 to 10:30 p.m. the French attacked northwards 12-15 times. Each attack was repulsed. The French were decimated by the English archers firing from the flanks – archers whose longbows out-ranged the French, being effective at 200-250 yards. The English-Welsh lost but 100 men, whereas the French had an estimated 10,000 casualties. This victory gave England the standing of a great military power “which can be attributed to the longbow.”

At Crecy, Sir John Wingfield fought on the right flank in the division of the young Black Prince and his military

tutor, Bartholomew Burghersh, Sr., and his brother, Sir Thomas Wingfield of Letheringham, fought in the division of the Earls of Northampton and Arundel on the left flank. Sir Thomas was 8-greats grandfather of Thomas Wingfield of York River, Virginia (1680). (From 1346 until 1351/2 Sir John Wingfield was to serve William Montague, Earl of Salisbury (born 1328) “during his minority”). [Source: *36 Anecdotes, WFS, 1994, #6*].

## Jamestown's New Identity for Celebration 2007

For years the public has been confused. There are two Jamestowns; one is the historic Jamestown on Jamestown Island, the actual site that was selected by Capt. Edward Maria Wingfield in 1607. The other is just a mile away, a state run living museum called Jamestown Settlement. At the Jamestown Settlement visitors will see a completely reconstructed fortress staffed with persons in 15<sup>th</sup> century attire performing early Jamestown tasks.

To eliminate confusion, the APVA (The Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities) and the National Park Service has renamed the original site Historic Jamestowne (note “e”) and added the words “Discover America's Birthplace” in a distinctive logo.

Historic Jamestowne and Jamestown Settlement are working together both in planning the 2007 celebration event and the execution of the many activities.

Historic Jamestowne will have new buildings and exhibits that will complement but not intrude on the landscape for the visitors that will be coming to what is termed as “America's birthplace” in 2007.

This is no small endeavor. The APVA expects the total cost for the conceptual design package, which includes the continuation of the research, endowment and marketing costs to be about \$60 million. This is being raised through a mix of public and private sources – government, corporations, individuals and foundations.

The Wingfield Family Society has been in contact with both organizations

with ideas and suggestions of how we can participate in this event recognizing the first president of the Jamestowne

## Wingfield's pre-1535 Church Organ Makes History

Four years ago the original “soundboard” of Wetheringsett church's organ from Tudor times (1485-1603) was found in a house in the village. Wetheringsett lies 10 miles southwest of Wingfield (Suffolk) in England. At the end of this period the parson



here was Richard Hakluyt, the famous planner, adviser and promoter of Edward-Maria Wingfield's & Bartholomew Gosnold's 1606 voyage

to establish Jamestown, Virginia.

Also about four years ago a similar Tudor church organ “soundboard” – that of the village of Wingfield (originally reported as found in a pigsty) – was found at Wingfield church stacked amongst coffins. They are the only two known remnants of pre-1535 working instruments, and from them, using clues from the written music of that time in the Royal Collection (of music) at Windsor Castle, the two original Tudor organs of Wingfield and Wetheringsett have, in a 4-year \$160,000 project, been recreated. No one has heard the music they produce for nearly 500 years. The 1530's had seated the Wingfield family at Letheringham for some one and a half centuries, but the Wingfield soundboard was probably at Wingfield when Katherine Wingfield was Countess of Suffolk at Wingfield in the 1380s.

The two organs (the stunning Wingfield one has alternate panels and organ piped painted coral pink and green) been painted having been used in a concert and have been on display at the church of St. Peter Mancroft in Norwich, Norfolk (where Stephen Calthorpe, the mutineer on Captain Wingfield's 1606 expedition, was chris-

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tened in 1585) started in June 2002 on a world tour, beginning in Ireland - at Christchurch, Dublin. [See *Newsletters XII, 2 & 3, XIV, 4*]. (Photo courtesy of the East Anglian Press).

## Kimbolton Castle, the Montagues and Dukes of Manchester

Before the Norman Conquest, Kimbolton Castle belonged to King Harold. It then passed through several ownerships including the Dukes of Buckingham. In 1521 the 3<sup>rd</sup> Duke of Buckingham was executed on a trumped up charge and the manor and castle of Kimbolton was granted to Sir Richard Wingfield.

Sir Richard was a person of much consequence and culture, a soldier and well-traveled diplomat. When he died in 1525 he had largely rebuilt the castle.

The most famous event in Kimbolton's history took place at the time of his son, Charles Wingfield's ownership, when Katherine of Aragon, King Henry VIII's divorced first wife was brought to Kimbolton, and this remained her residence until her death in 1536.

The next three generations of Wingfields, Thomas, Edward and Sir James inherited Kimbolton in 1603 and the estate was deeply in debt.

Sir Edward Montague, the founder of the fortunes of the Montague family had languished briefly in 1553 as Chief Justice of the King's Bench, who drafted the passages in the will of King Edward VI (King Henry VIII's son) which settled the crown on Lady Jane Gray. When Mary came to the throne, she made him pay for it, though he was able to buy his way out after a couple of months.

In 1615 Sir James Wingfield sold Kimbolton Castle to Sir Henry Montagu, the 3<sup>rd</sup> son of Sir Edward Montague. The Montagues were later conferred the title of Duke of Manchester.

In 1950 the 10<sup>th</sup> Duke of Manchester sold the family seat, Kimbolton Castle and immigrated to Kenya. He died in 1977 having dissipated most of his inheritance.

The 11th Duke of Manchester's adventures read like a con man in a Mafia story. Starting from being charged in England for obtaining loans on forged U. S. savings bonds and promises to bail

out the debt ridden Tampa (Florida) Bay Lightning Ice Hockey team. It is interesting to note he did not provide any funds for the team. The disgusted members of the hockey team consortium were left to rue the waste of many thousands of dollars spent on entertaining the duke in the style they assumed him to be accustomed. Then matters went from bad to worse. The FBI and Scotland Yard pursued a 3-year confidence trick. In 1995 federal indictments were issued against the duke. He was extradited to the United States and chose to remain silent. The jury found him guilty on four counts of fraud. He spent 2 1/2 years in a Virginia jail. He was released in November 1998, flew home to England and his wife promptly divorced him. (Kimbolton Castle is now a boy's school.)

## WFS's first Project - Republishing a rare book, *The Muniments*

By: Bob Carr

At the time the WFS was formed in 1987, few of the members were aware of the "*Muniments of the Ancient Saxon Family of Wingfield*," an elegant book on the Wingfields privately published in 1894. Fourteen years of meticulous research by the 7<sup>th</sup> Viscount Powerscourt went into this most respected and quoted reference of the prominent Wingfield family from 1087 to 1894. It has 212 pages, 77 illustrations, most are full page, and 2 are in color. The book is 15 3/4" by 12 1/4," with the Wingfield Coat of Arms and title embossed in gold on red linen cloth finish, elegantly bound. It is indexed. The detail of the pedigree is probably unequaled anywhere as each branch is precisely labeled from Robert de Wingfield, who is listed in the Doomsday book of 1087 and goes forward showing many Wingfields including Edward-Maria Wingfield the first president of Jamestown and even Thomas the immigrant to Virginia in 1680.

When I tried to get a copy for my wife, Wilsie, I offered to pay up to \$800. There were none available at any cost. Several of the founding members had seen a copy in England.

Only a few libraries throughout the world had the book. There was one in the Library of Congress, Duke University, British Museum, Dublin Library and the Church of Latter Day Saints, that we could locate. All were deteriorating, as they had not been printed on

acid free paper.

The first project of the fledgling new Wingfield Family Society was to republish and make available copies to the membership and some libraries.

But the society had no money to finance it. WFS co-founder Wilsie Carr came up with a scheme. She had just met Louis Wingfield a rancher in Arizona and asked how he felt about republishing the Muniment book. We needed \$20,000 and ten members to put up the cash in advance. Louis responded, "sign me up, I'll do it." He wrote his check there and then. That enthusiasm was the start and within a few weeks 9 more charter members had also pledged their support. Each would have their name(s) on a page with this recognition in each book and they would get a copy of the book after all publishing expenses had been paid, plus they would get their \$2000 back.

The next step was to find a copy that could be dismantled, photocopied and then republished. For this we contacted WFS members, Terry and Susan Cavanaugh. Terry was with Duke and had experience printing medical books for the University. The couple took on the project and arranged for Duke to lend us their copy as a master for dismantling and then the printer identically reproduced each page on acid free paper. Since Duke's original book was in good shape it was perfect for the project. It would be painstakingly rebound and the University would also get a republished book.

Our intent was to not only make this unique book available at cost to select libraries mostly in the U. S., but to sell the balance to our members. We

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**John and Sue Parry-Wingfield** spent 10 days this past April in Japan, visiting their son who teaches English there. (Ed note: When John reported this, I asked he had ever been to Hong Kong? He replied, "Yes, I was born there.")

**Rupert Wingfield-Hayes**, was in Beijing, China in mid-March when on the BBC telecast shown in the U. S. his name appeared on the screen as a voice over reporting the top Chinese leaders were at a conference designating the new leader. Rupert is the son of WFS member **Hugh Wingfield-Hayes** of Chichester, England.

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printed 280 copies. After the book was received in 1988, the price was, and still is \$155.

This is such a valuable book that each member should have a copy. We have only 38 books left, available to members only through the Wingfield Store. After they are gone, they will not be reprinted again. That means they will become rare and should bring a better price that paid for on the used book market for books in good condition. But who would want to sell them?

For those that might not have noticed, all the books published by the WFS since the Muniments also have red covers.

## Otley Hall for Sale - The facts wrong in article

Otley Hall, a stop on the Wingfield England tours is for sale near Ipswich, Suffolk. It is a beautiful piece of property and is on the market for £2.5 million (about \$3.8 million) as was reported in the East Anglian Daily Times on September 17. The WFS's interest in seeing the property is Bartholomew Gosnold is believed to have done planning at Otley Hall for the 1607 voyage to Jamestown. Bartholomew Gosnold and Edward Maria Wingfield were related.

The news article claims its strong transatlantic interest because "the moated hall was once owned by one of Suffolk's most famous sons, Bartholomew Gosnold." The ten-page color sales brochure, however does not mention Gosnold saying only that it is of considerable and historical importance. The real estate agent is quoted as saying, "We have had an overwhelming response with calls from all over the country and America."

This ownership claim mentioned in the article was challenged by a E. W. Brawn of Langham, Suffolk in the same newspaper on October 4 edition with the comment, "Bartholomew Gosnold did not own Otley Hall - it was owned by one of his relatives." Then it goes on to say, "...the Virginia Plantation was organized and financed by the London Virginia Company."

The current owner is Nicholas Haggard, who in the past has tried to gain credibility for Bartholomew Gosnold as being the founder of

Jamestown. Could it be Haggard who supplied the erroneous information, to make the sale more appealing? (*News clippings provided by Jocelyn Wingfield, Norfolk, England*)

## Wingfield: Captain of the Guard at Funeral of Henry VIII

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 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 Arundell, the Lord Great Master [& President of the council, William Lord St. John], Mr. Treasurer [presumably Sir William Petre - since the Lord Treasurer, Thomas Howard, 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 Gentlemen Ushers, threw them into the grave. Thus the funeral ended, the trumpets sounded in the Rood the loft, and the company dispersed."

[Sources: R. Hennell, *The History of the Bodyguard of the Yemen 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*].

## -- Wingfields' Sculls -- Champion Holds His Title

George Wingfield of Somerset, England and cousin Dominick Harrod represented the WFS at the Wingfield Sculls (affectionately known in rowing circles as "the Wingfields") on November 7th, occupying the two free seats allocated to the Wingfield Family on the umpire's boat. The 159th Wingfield Sculls crown (it was not raced in 1915-1919 and 1939-1946) in the four and a quarter miles Putney to Mortlake (both in London) course, rowed with the Thames at half flood, went to British international oarsman Ian Lawson. He successfully defended his title against four others in the final, but with a disappointing time of 26 minutes 13 seconds (partly caused by a flood barrage being closed) - the slowest time since 1890. The record time is 19.58 (P. Haining, 1994). The last time a Wingfields winner won the Philadelphia Gold Cup Diamonds was in 1924.



George Wingfield & Dominick Harrod holding flag after the race.

This was the legendary Jack Beresford, who won the Wingfields every year from 1920 to 1926. In 1924 he also won a gold in the Olympics and won the Philadelphia.

Besides umpires (who are former Wingfields winners), the Press and scullers' coaches, no other members of the public are permitted to follow the Wingfield Sculls competitors by boat, except members of the Wingfield family - who get two free seats. If any WFS members are due to be in London in late October any year, they should contact the WFS international VP to be allocated these seats.