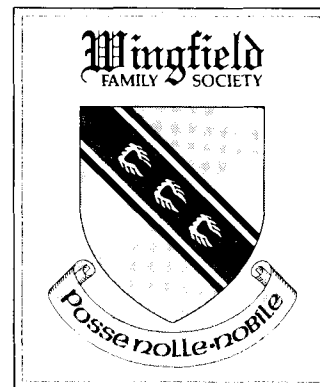


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"Wynkefeld The Saxon held honor and fee, ere William The Norman came over the sea"
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Long missing Wingfield patent recovered, now in tennis hall of fame

Disappeared 54 years ago - How it was retrieved

By Bob Carr

As one enters the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, RI, and ascends to the museum at the top of the stairs, the eye converges on a 2-ft by 3-ft large framed object. It is the Royal patent that Walter Wingfield received in (England) 1874 for "A Portable Court for Playing Tennis." This patent is invaluable as it is the only patent issued for a major sport that is still in existence. Appropriately nearby is Major Wingfield's uniform as a gentleman in the Royal Body Guard.

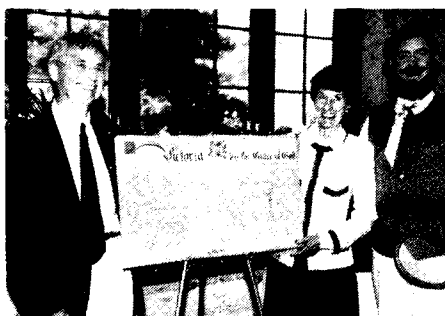
This is not a tale of the "Major" which in itself is another captivating story that has been well covered by George Alexander in his biography on Walter Clopton Wingfield entitled "Wingfield Edwardian Gentleman." Instead this is a fascinating summary of an attempt by one man tenaciously dedicated in obtaining the coveted patent that disappeared 50 years earlier.

When Major Wingfield died in 1912 his cousin, Constant Delicia Combe, inherited a number of his belongings including the lawn tennis patent with the Great Seal, his gold watch, uniform, saber, two sculptured busts and several portraits. They were taken to the Combe estate at Earnshill in Somerset, England.

Constant Combe died in 1929 and all her belongings including the inherited Wingfield artifacts went to her brother, the Lord of the Manor of Earnshill. These objects were treated with little security and openly displayed in the manor. During World War II the estate became a school with military troops bivouacked for training nearby. Lord Combe himself was away, serving with the British forces. He was wounded

at the battle of Dunkirk and died shortly after returning home.

The lawn tennis patent and other Wingfield items vanished from the manor sometime during this period, so it seems likely it was "removed" by



Stan Malleus with patent donated to the INT'L Tennis Hall of Fame. Also in photo is Peggy Woodward of the Hall of Fame and an impersonator of Major Walter Wingfield

servicemen stationed near Earnshill. One of the two busts also missing was found in a nearby junkpile and is now in the Tennis Museum in Wimbledon.

Now meet Stanley Malleus, a businessman from Indianapolis, a devoted tennis supporter and three year president (1974-76) of the United States Tennis Association. He will play the major role in this fascinating story.

In 1975, Stanley Malleus, organized an exclusive and elite tennis club called the *Major Wingfield Club* and was its first president. George

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14th Century Golden Grasshopper Rings

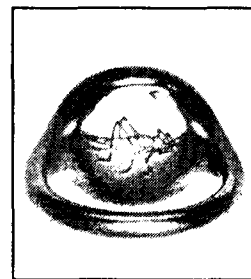
Who owned them and why?

by Jocelyn R. Wingfield

Part 1:

[Heraldic Note: Argent = silver; bend = a diagonal; cottised = sidelined; gules = red; martlet = an heraldic bird; mullet = a star; or = gold. And bezel = the part of a ring in which the stone is fixed].

On 19th December 1977 I was intrigued to read in the Daily Telegraph of the sale at Christie's, London, for £7,500 of "the Wingfield Grasshopper Ring of gold with plain hoop, the bezel set with a crystal seal engraved with the Wingfield coat of arms with eglomise foil background, the reverse engraved with a grasshopper showing traces of enamelling, English, circa 1570". It was bought by S.J.Philipps, also auctioneers, on behalf of an unnamed client. The Christie's Catalogue entitled *Sauterelle* (French for Grasshopper) showed the Wingfield



Wingfield Grasshopper Ring

Ring both as the Frontispiece, in color, and also in Plate 1, which comprised three enlarged photographs. Back in 1932 (July 7), the ring had been purchased at Sotheby's, London [Lot 65] from T. Whitcombe Green, Esquire by Sir John Noble, Baronet.

This started me off on an investigation. Here are the facts that I unearthed

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ABOUT THE VIRGINIA MEETING

LAST CALL

For meeting registration

Enclosed with this newsletter is another set of registration forms and a schedule of activities for the annual meeting being held in Virginia in May. We urge you to attend and to mail in the required forms right away.

For those that have not sent in their meeting registration form and reserved the hotel, time is truly running out. On the 13th of April our room allotment at the Hyatt in Herndon, VA will be recalled and you may not be able to get accommodations, or it may be more expensive. Our rate of \$75 per night single or twin is an *exceptional* price. After the allotment is gone, rooms will be confirmed as available plus the *price could be higher*. Please, we ask your cooperation. You will do yourself, the WFS and the hotel a favor by booking before April 13. Make your hotel reservations NOW as there is **no penalty if you cancel at least 48 hours before scheduled arrival**.

For those living in nearby areas and not requiring overnight accommodations, we still need your meeting registration forms so we can include you in the number count of activities.

We look forward to another interesting and fulfilling reunion. Be there!

Touring and transfers in the Washington Area:

A full day motorcoach tour has been arranged for Saturday May 15 departing right from our hotel. The planned itinerary includes Arlington National Cemetery with a visit into the Custis Mansion (Robert E. Lee's wife's property and their home for 30 years), FDR Memorial, Women In Military Service for America Memorial, Library of Congress, National Archives, the Capitol and the Kennedy Center.

The hotel is providing a complimentary round trip shuttle bus from the hotel Saturday morning to the West Falls Church subway stop. This is ideal for those wanting to visit specific sites in Washington on their own. It will also pickup for the return trip at a specified time. The first 20 to sign up at the WFS registration desk will receive this transportation.

As a reminder, there is also complimentary round trip transfer service between Dulles Airport and the Hyatt Hotel. If you are flying to the the meeting you may want to utilize this convenience and enjoy savings.

Order your free Fuchsia now for delivery at the meeting

These lovely plants have been growing and producing flowers almost since they arrived in May 1997, when Jocelyn Wingfield brought clippings from England to the Virginia meeting (*See 1997 summer and autumn newsletters*). They were given to Lois Wickham to develop more plants so clippings could be given to WFS members at a future meeting. That time has come.

The Edward Maria Wingfield Fuchsia species is named for the founding father of Jamestown, on behalf of the Wingfield Family Society. Charles Welch of Norfolk, England developed it and other Fuchsias from a jungle plant. The stunning plant with many blooms



Lois Wickham

of red and Royal Purple can grow quite large. According to Lois they also make gorgeous hanging plants.

Members attending this year meeting in Virginia can get an Edward Maria Wingfield clipping at no cost if arranged in advance. Lois will have these clippings properly readied for a few days travel home. She will be at the Wingfield Store Friday evening May 14, to make deliveries. Sorry those going on the England trip will have to pass, as the plants cannot travel for that length of time.

HERE'S HOW TO GET YOURS: Enclosed with this newsletter is a return post card. Fill out the card and mail to Lois as soon as possible. She must have all orders by May 5. Yes, let us repeat they are free to WFS members attend-

ing the meeting and it is believed there will be enough for one per person or possibly more depending upon the available supply.

Caution, those returning to California and Florida should register as they enter these states as they have strict laws regarding importation of plants.

Other Agenda Items:

Attendees will gather in an area set aside for the Wingfield Store and computer demonstrations. Sara Garrett our new chairperson for the computer section will be there with her computer. Our records are now all stored in a more sophisticated program called The Master Genealogist. This entire database will soon be on the Internet and our members will be able to access these records right from their home. A sampling of the various Wingfield records will be on display. Enjoy one of the John Wingfield famous auctions.

Stan Malless will be speaker at WFS annual meeting

What could be more appropriate that having as our guest speaker the very individual who retrieved the lost Maj. Walter Clopton Wingfield Tennis patent, Stan Malless. He is the focus of the headline article in this issue of the newsletter.

His involvement in tennis is legendary. He has been president of both the U. S. Tennis Association and the Western Tennis Association, a permanent board member of the International Tennis Hall of Fame, started the Major Wingfield Club and sponsors the Stanley Malless Award given annually by the Western Tennis Association.

He will speak Saturday evening at the Hyatt Hotel May 15th at the final banquet for the WFS.

Nominees for WFS Directors For years 1999-2002

According to our by-laws, each year at the annual meeting we elect new officers or directors for the ensuing 3 years. At the meeting in Dulles, VA, 4 new directors will be elected during the business meeting on May 14th.

The following 4 members have accepted the nomination as WFS director. They are:

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**OPEN SPACE ON THE WFS TOUR
BUT YOU MUST ACT NOW!**

If you even considered joining the family on the May 16th tour to England, it still may not be too late to go if you sign up immediately. The tour can still accommodate at least 3 more couples but we must release our hotel allotment in England on April 14th. Our British Airways WFS seats from Dulles (Washington) airport has been returned, but we will get the best available air transportation possible from whatever origin and return point you desire. You may be in luck, there are probably seats available on the British Airways flight and the fare has gone down.

Normally we operate these tours every 3 years, so it will be some time before there will be another one. Take advantage of our historian, Jocelyn who will again be on the tour as narrator and bring to life the Wingfield

history at each site.

Our tours to England are truly



Windsor Castle - See two Wingfield Garter Plates in St. George's Chapel

unique. For 1999 we have continued the pattern originated with the first tour in 1991 to show the participants areas and sites of Wingfield significance. You will return with a new appreciation for English history and the part the Wingfields played in making it happen.

Call or e-mail Bob Carr who is the tour coordinator and he will explain or arrange your reservations. (727) 461-4187 or <bobcarr1@compuser.com>

ther, **Vance Wingfield** (WFS president) had to stay home in Ft. Worth, Texas savoring his promotion and continuing studies in computer technology.

Russell Wingfield, the son of WFS members **Clinton (Lee) Wingfield** and wife **Ruth** of Shreveport, LA, while on a camping trip in northwest New Mexico came upon an interesting carving. It was on the north canyon wall of the Supra Nova Trail (near 4 corners) of the Chaco Cultural National Historic Park and thereon was inscribed "K. E. Wingfield DE 26, 1910." The ranger suggests Wingfield might have been on a surveying mission prior to the New Mexico being admitted as a state in 1912.

We have just learned that **David, Christiane** and daughter **Comelia Moore** who live in Denver, CO spent



Comelia Moore, in 1997 photo, sometimes spends summers with her grandmother Lady Shelagh Campbell in England

Wingfields in Action

Karen and **Ed Belt** of Newport Beach, CA are building a house in Durango, CO and plan to move there when finished.

New grandson for WFS members **Dorothy** and **Oscar Smith** of Virginia Beach, VA. He is **Jackson Wingfield Smith**, born March 25, 1998.

Where has the year 1998 gone? That's the question **Wayne** and **Evelyn Estes** (he's WFS V.P.) ask. Wayne is chairman of the board of trustees for their Grace United Methodist Church in Denver and both Wayne and Evelyn work with the Interfaith Hospitality Network to assist temporarily homeless people get back on their feet.

Members **Tommie** and son **Mark Wingfield** sailed with their cousins as guests on their yacht from Grand Cayman to Cozumel. They sailed over 340 miles of open sea in early December taking advantage of a British couple who were qualified sailing instructors on board. Tommie received all the training she wanted, but Mark took full advantage and even enjoyed standing watch at night. Mark is also learning photography. Poor husband and fa-

most of the month of August in England last year. David is the son of Shelagh (Lady) Campbell of Fleet Hampshire, England. Christiane has taken a new position as Executive Director at the Colorado Center for the Book in Denver.

Tom Wingfield, WFS member from Morningside, MD, Chairman of the ABA's Committee on International Criminal Law, and Maryland Law has published a law review article Targeting Regime Elites: Assassination, Tyrannicide, and the Clancy Doctrine in it's Journal of International Law and Trade.

Accolades flowed like fine wine at a recent meeting of the Thomas Jefferson Chapter, California Society of Sons of the American Revolutions for our own (WFS genealogist) **Lee Preston** who is their registrar. It seems Lee has be quite effective in bringing in new members for SAR. At a meeting on November 21st, Lee co-hosted a membership ceremony to honor two new

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IN MEMORIAM

Richard I. Luht, Jr. was killed in an automobile accident on January 31, 1999 in Fairbanks Alaska where he and his wife Dorothy-Ann lived. He was about 49 years old. The family had been WFS members since 1997. He was a criminal investigator on his way home from the office. Because he worked for the Federal Government his death is classified as "in the line of duty." We were notified of this by e-mail from Richard's son, Richard III.

Clarice Padgett from Richmond, VA, a member since 1991 passed away last fall. She was retired. We have no other information.

Richard Wilsey died on the 20th of August, 1998 in Marysville, CA from cancer. He was about 78 and is survived by his wife, Katheen a charter member of the WFS. She is considering selling her home and moving to a new environment, now that she is all alone.

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compatriots. State President Bud Marquette from Folsom, Calif., was the guest speaker and stated he wished there were registrars all over California as aggressive as Lee Preston was. President Marquette had previously given Lee Preston a second oak leaf cluster in his Liberty Medal for 30 new members he sponsored. *(The editor wishes to thank Lee Preston for his dedication, hard work and research in proving his qualifications into SAR. Bob Carr is now a member of Lee's California chapter.)*

Lancelot Wingfield of Rockaway NJ returned in January from a visit to his and Colleen's former home in Durban, South Africa. Colleen stayed on finishing up some business and returned back to the States in March. They are cricket fans and attended matches while there and hope cricket will ultimately become more popular in the U. S.

During 1998 WFS member **Diana Wingfield** of Canandaigua, NY married in August and is now Mrs. Dane Sherry. They plan a belated honeymoon in Athens and the Greek Islands. Her daughter Katherine also married

about the same time;

Zella Morrow of Orem, UT traveled with her sisters this past February to Istanbul then via cruise ship into the Aegean and Mediterranean. It gives her a month and a half to rest up before embarking on the WFS to England with another group of family members.

Alexander Wingfield, Princess Di's bodyguard settles suit with Al Fayed

Alexander Wingfield, bodyguard of Princess Diana has sued Mohamed Al Fayed for an unspecified amount and won. Al Fayed is the billionaire father of Dodi Fayed who was killed along with Princess Di.

Wingfield testified that Al Fayed wanted him to help advance the theory that Diana and Dodi were murdered. As a result of his reluctance, Wingfield said he felt pressured to resign. He then sued one of Al Fayed's companies, Hyde Park Residence for breach of contract. The settlement was announced on the second day of the hearing. *(Ed Note: Clipping from the Richmond Times supplied by Mervyn Wingfield of Richmond, VA.)*

Edwin and Evelyn Wingfield Celebrate their 65th Wedding Anniversary

On December 26, 1933, Edwin B. Wingfield and Evelyn Faulkner were married in Greenville, Ohio. This was



The happy couple, Edwin & Evelyn

during the depths of the depression and they were strapped for money. Edwin gave the minister just one dollar for performing the ceremony. Sixty five years later the couple celebrated their sixty five years of marriage at their large home near Urbana Ohio on their anni-

versary of their marriage. In attendance were 48 family members that included their four children and spouses; Eddie L. and Bobbie Wingfield of Datil, NM, Jeannie and Bill Smith, Becky and Dwight Pullins and Shirley and Rod Pullins of the Urbana, Ohio area plus most of their grandchildren and great grandchildren. Edwin and Evelyn are founding members of the Wingfield Family Society. Edwin is 89 and Evelyn nearing 82.

Our congratulations on this very, very special anniversary.

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Wally Goodman of Arlington, TX. Wally is married to Ruth and together they have two grown children. For the past 18 ½ years he has been employed as an Avionics Engineer responsible for engineering and check out of cockpit and cabin systems in business jets.

Ratcliffe Harris is a native of Richmond. Cliff is married to Elizabeth and has two daughters, Tucker and Mary-Clay both living at home. For 13 years he has been a mechanical engineer for Mauni Richmond, Inc. that makes tobacco related equipment.

Virginia Jones from Atlanta, GA formerly of Anniston, AL. Virginia left the employ of a bank to become a homemaker when her first daughter was born in 1951 followed by a son and another daughter. They are all now in their forties. She was widowed in 1994 when her husband Frank, passed away.

Lancelot Wingfield arrived from South Africa 3 years ago and now lives with his wife Colleen in Rockaway, NJ. He works with a specialist staffing company that does credit/collection work similar to that of his own company in Durban. He is an account executive responsible for generating business.

Get yourself a copy of George Alexander's book "Wingfield: Edwardian Gentleman"

An impressive biography of Walter Clopton Wingfield was published in 1986. Only a few copies are available.

Mail check to George E. Alexander for \$25 to: 700 Eastside Drive, Bloomington, IN 47401-5259. Price includes postage within the USA.

WFS MEMBER PROFILE:



Monte Latimer Monroe was born in Houston, Harris County, Texas on 28 July 1954, to Fred Junior Monroe and Laura Belle Meriwether. He and his younger brother Tim attended school in Houston until 1964 when their family moved to Orange, Texas.

There Monte was raised in a large red barn-shaped house built of lumber cut from family property and constructed by his grandfather, Clifford Hobson Meriwether, and great-uncle, Charles Nimitz (cousin to Fleet Admiral Chester Nimitz).

In high school Monte was the FFA Outstanding Livestock Farmer Award winner and High Scoring Individual, Livestock Judging Champion, for 2 consecutive years for Area 9 in Texas, and a member of the Bronze medal State Golf Team.

After graduating from Little-Cypress Mauriceville High School in 1972, Monte attended Stephen F. Austin State University, in Nacogdoches, Texas, where he received his Bachelor of Arts in English literature and history. There Monte was initiated into Alpha Tau Omega Fraternity in 1975 and held six offices, including President.

During a college camping trip in 1974 he met Laura Jane Pitcher, who he married on his birthday in 1979. After their honeymoon Laura continued her education at Texas Tech University School of Law in Lubbock, Texas. She graduated with a Doctor of Jurisprudence in May 1982. They have now made Lubbock their home.

Monte, also, furthered his education in Real Estate securing his Texas Real Estate License in 1986. He pursued graduate studies in Higher Educa-

tion at Texas Tech University in 1988 and entered the history program in January 1989 receiving his Master of Arts in 1991. He plans to graduate with his doctorate in U. S. history in August 1999. His dissertation is an environmental legislative biography of the late Ralph W. Yarborough, U. S. Senator of Texas. One of his five fields of study is English history.

Since moving to Lubbock in 1979, Monte has been employed at Texas Tech University in administrative positions or as a history instructor. He is currently a Visiting Assistant Professor of Texas history. Monte is a member of Phi Alpha Theta History Honorary fraternity and Phi Kappa Phi National Honorary fraternity. He has presented papers at national and state history conferences on environmental topics. In 1996 the faculty named him the Outstanding Graduate Student for the year.

Aside from academic pursuits Monte has practiced the martial art/sport of Korean Taekwondo for over 26 years. While an undergraduate he trained under and taught for Master Jon (Kyo Song) Chu. From 1983 to 1989 Monte was president, owner, and International Master Instructor of American Taekwondo Centers, Inc., based in Lubbock, Texas. He is a World Taekwondo Federation (WTF) 6th Degree Black Belt and, until 1989, was one of fewer than 10 native born WTF International Referees in the U.S.

In 1990 he completed a two-year term as Secretary General of the Pan American Taekwondo Union (PATU, encompassing 32 member nations in the Western Hemisphere). From 1986 to 1988 he was Assistant Secretary General and interim Secretary General of PATU. He served as a member of the PATU Technical Committee and as Editor-in-Chief of the PATU Official Newsletter. In 1987 the WTF appointed Monte to be an Assistant Technical Coordinator for the 10th Pan American Games in Indianapolis. In that capacity he served as a member of the Pan Am Games Special Mission Group to the 7th World Taekwondo Championships in Korea.

Monte also served as the National Chairman of the United States Taekwondo Union (USTU, a Group A member of the United States Olympic

Committee) Publications Committee and as a member of the USTU Eligibility Committee. He was a select member of the USTU Presidential Investigation Committee. Monte is a former President of the New Mexico AAU Taekwondo Association, former member of the National AAU Taekwondo Union Board of Governors, member of the Texas USTU Board of Governors, and former Texas State Referee Chairman.

As an International Referee Monte has officiated at national and international events, including: the 10th Pan American Games, the 8th World Taekwondo Championships, as well as the 1st and 2nd USTU Olympic Team Trials.

In 1988 Monte was chosen by the WTF as one of 27 referees in the world, and the only native born referee from the U.S., to officiate in the debut Taekwondo event of the 1988 Summer Olympic Games in Seoul, Korea.

Despite a four-year absence from the international scene, Monte was again selected by the WTF, to officiate in the Taekwondo event of the 1992 Summer Olympic Games in Barcelona, Spain. Taekwondo afforded Monte the opportunity to travel extensively throughout the United States, Latin America, Europe, and parts of Asia.

He produced several state and national junior Taekwondo champions and numerous Black Belt students. Indeed, to his amazement in 1995 Monte discovered that one of his former junior Black Belts was a Wingfield cousin, namely Edmund "Ned" Leser, the son of Jean Wingfield and Dr. James F. Leser of Lubbock. What a small world!

Since 1992 Monte has devoted himself to graduate studies, teaching, and starting a young family. He and Laura are the proud parents of "Alex"ander Meriwether Monroe and Sarah Pitcher Monroe, born in 1990 and 1993 respectively. His wife Laura is an executive board member of her statewide law firm and has practiced for many years in the areas of ad valorem tax and bankruptcy law. She recently served as president of the Lubbock County Bar Association and is also a night court magistrate.

In his limited free time Monte follows his passion, genealogy. A descen-

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Wingfield

Genealogical Exchange

by Lee Preston

In London -

WHICH "Wingfield" Street ?

In preparation for the 1999 WFS England tour, we consulted a London map to become familiar with where "Wingfield" Street might be, just in case we wanted to go there. Imagine our surprise when we came up with not just one - but nine - separate streets in the London area with the name **Wingfield** or similar spellings. The following are from the Geographers' A-Z Map Company's "**PREMIER STREET MAP of LONDON**," 4th Edition, from Barnes & Noble, which covers approximately 6 miles around Charing Cross.

The "A-Z" map identifies each location by both a Postal identity and a "Square" reference. For example, E17-3Ra is in London's East 17 Postal District, in the square where "3" intersects with "Ra."

The order of street locations is from north to south, and from west to east.

Item#13-2-1

Wingfield Road [E17 - 3Ra]

This road is in Waltham Forest, northeast of London. It is 1/4 mile east of Hoe Street (Road A112) and north-west of Bridge Road (A104). It is about 1/3 mile east and slightly south of the "Walthamstow Central" Underground station on the Victoria Line.

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Item#13-2-2

Wingfield Road [E15 - 9Ua]

This road is in Newham, just south of the line below Waltham Forest, at Leytonstone Road (A11), north of Chobham Road. It is about 1/2 mile Southeast of the "Leyton" underground station on the Central Line.

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Item#13-2-3

Winkfield Road [E13 - 14Xa]

This road is also in Newham. It runs westward from Greengate Street (A112) and intersects with Balaam Street (B166) about 1/3 mile SE of the

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"Plaistow" Underground station on the District, Hammersmith and City Lines.

Item#13-2-4

Wingfield Road [SE15 - 29Ja]

This road is in Southwark, 1/4 mile west of Rye Lane (A2215) and north of East Dulwich Road (A2214). It is about 1/4 mile south of the "Peckham Rye" Rail station.

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Item#13-2-5

Winchfield House [SW15 - 32H]

This location is in Wandsworth, and is a "structure" near Greenwich University. It is 1/4 mile west of Roehampton Lane (A306) and south of Clarence Lane.

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Item#13-2-6

Windfield Close [SE26 - 37Ma]

This street is in Lewisham, north of Sydenham Road (A212) at the intersection with Newlands Park (A213). It is a few blocks north of the "Sydenham" Rail station.

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Item#13-2-7

Whinfell Close [SW16 - 38Z]

This street is in Lambeth, just north of Mitcham Lane (A216) and 1/4 mile south of Tooting Common. It is 1/4 mile northwest of the "Streatham" Rail station.

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Item#13-2-8

Winchfield Road [SE26 - 38Na]

This road is in Lewisham, south of Sydenham Road (A212), about 1/4 mile west of "Lower Sydenham" Rail station.

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Item#13-2-9

Wingfield Road [King T - 39B]

This road is in The Royal Borough of Kingston upon Thames. It is located near the southwest tip of Richmond Park, just west of King's Clump and Gallows Pond.

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Item#13-2-10

Any other Wingfield streets out there?

Charline and I will be celebrating our 50th anniversary in June '99, part of which will include searching for other "**Wingfieldiana**" in England, with our two grandsons, Scott & Todd Newsome.

USA - NEW JERSEY-1600s

Item#13-2-11

1679/80Feb7. Deed. Vincent Runyon ... to Nicholas Munday, 3 acres of meadow in Piscataway Town, bounded on the South by Wm. Sutton, on the east by Richard Smith & George **Wingfield**. (NJ Col. Docs., XXI,p69 [East Jersey Deeds, Liber A/236].)

1685/86Feb17. Patent to Wm. Sutton of Piscataway, several parcels ... 19a of upland bounded on West: Thomas ffamesworth; East: George **Wingfield**. (*Ibid.*,p75 [E.Jersey Deeds, Liber A/285].)

1695Jun6. Deed of trust. Nicholas Mundie of Piscataway, who is about to marry Elizabeth Doutey ... to Mark Dusasway (Dusochoy) ... for all his real property ... to wit (several): 3 1/2 a. of meadow, bo't of Vincent Runyon, bounded on the West: Nicolas Mundie; South: Wm. Sutton; East: Richard Smith & George **Wimblefield**. (*Ibid.*,p233 [E. Jersey Deeds, Liber A/359].)

(Also see GenEx Item#12-3-5 re the same George **Wingfield** of Piscataway, 1673.)

NEW JERSEY-1712

Item#13-2-12

30 May. Petition by Richard **Winfield**, et al., praying patents for their land in Ulster, NJ, granted to Capt. J.N.Evans. (Quoted in Jocelyn **Wingfield's** Registrations, p14 (WFS 1993), from Monette's *First Settlers of ye Plantations of Piscataway, etc., Part VI*, p1122.)

NEW JERSEY-Sussex-1778

Item#13-2-13

29 Aug. John Ward of Wantage, Sussex Co., laborer willed to "Friend, Richard **Windfield**, all my bonds, money and effects."

Executors - said Richard **Windfield** and Jacob Dewitt. Inv. 18 Nov 1778, £101.5.3 made by Jacob Dewitt & Richard **Windfield** (*New Jersey Col. Docs.*, XX XIV, p 566 [Lib.20,p321].)

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dent of Frances Wingfield and her husband, General David Meriwether of Virginia and Georgia, Monte has written a booklet entitled "Looking Back," which focuses on this couple and the ancestors of Frances through Edward III, King of England, to Charlemagne.

Until 1992 he served as the Secretary-Treasurer of the National Society Sons of the American Revolution, Texas Tech Chapter. To date he has identified over 13 Revolutionary ancestors. He is currently a board member of the Meriwether Society, Inc. (whose president, Capt. Gordon Meriwether, Ph.D., is also a Wingfield through the Frances-David line) and a member of that society's English research group.

After securing his Ph.D. this year, Monte plans to focus more of his research on specific Wingfields, hopefully assisting the solid work of Society genealogist, Lee Preston, and historian, Jocelyn Wingfield. Monte also intends to become actively involved with the Wingfield Society and get to know its members better.

NEW WFS MEMBERS

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

New members should verify their listing and notify the WFS newsletter editor if there are any errors or omissions. **James Baker** of San Antonio, TX; **Holly and Harold Toomey** and children, **David, Jonathan & Andrew** of Lindon, UT; **Sharon and Warren Wood** and children, **Aubrey, Ryne and Tylen** who live in Provo, UT; **Ginger Elizabeth and Derrick Wade**, plus their children, **Mitchel, Sara Elizabeth**, and **Joshua** of Washington, UT; **Larry Todd Wingfield** and wife **Kimberly Sue** and sons **Conner and Joshua** of Urbana, OH; **Charles and Debra Wingfield** of Aurora, CO; **Stanley Ford Ralph** of Calgary, Alberta, Canada; **James M Risher** of Newport News, VA; **Roger Huson** of Shalimar, FL; **Virginia W. Goodwin** of Elisabethton, TN; **Steven and Deborah Wingfield** and sons, **Woody and Robert** of Springfield, VA;

Brenda S. & D. Lee Jackson and son Nathan of Garland, TX and finally **Yvonne and Dane Lacey** of Dennison, TX.

A WFS Milestone

Brenda Jackson and family are the 400th to join

Since 1987, the membership of the WFS has steadily grown each year and on February 1st hit the 400 Mark. Our memberships are per family at the same address. There are probably at least a total of 900 WFS members counting spouses and children.

Bob Wingfield, membership chairman noted Brenda Jackson's application as the 400th for the WFS.

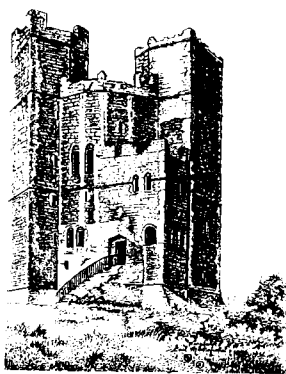
Brenda lives with her husband, Lee and son Nathan, age 12 in Garland, TX. Just a little over a year ago, she discovered her Wingfield connec-



Lee, Nathan & Brenda Jackson mark WFS 400th family member

tion. She is the 4th great-granddaughter of Owen Wingfield and Sarah Whiteside. She maintains a database of 2000+ descendants and produces a newsletter for the descendants of Caleb Wallace. Both of Owen Wingfield's daughters were married to Caleb Wallace.

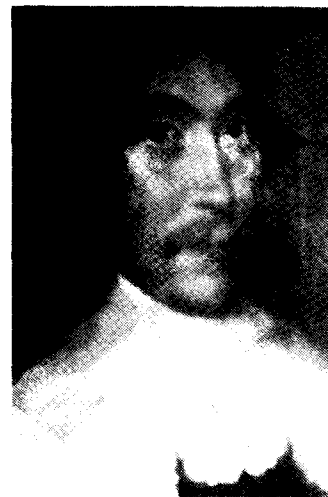
Brenda is a Taxpayer Advocate Analyst with the Internal Revenue Service. Lee is music and sound director for Apogee Software Realms Entertainment.



Orford Castle. See story on page 19

Drawing by Gail Mansfield

WINGFIELD FACES FROM THE PAST



Samuel Wingfield, Esquire

(ca 1654 age 38) of Preston Brockhurst, north of Shrewsbury & of the White Hall, Shrewsbury, Enland. Son and heir of Thomas Wingfield II, Gent (1638), Mayor of Shrewsbury (1640). (When King Charles I visited Shrewsbury in 1642, Thomas Wingfield was recorded as "disaffected by the King's person"). Samuel Wingfield went to Oxford & Gray's Inn Law School. He was a Member of the Drapers' Company (where he is described as "of Derbyshire"), a Parliamentarian, who purchaed Preston Hall from royalist Sir Vincent Corbet (who had to sell to pay a fine of £1,588-13 shillings - 4 pence) and built the present Preston Brockhurst Hall. He married Elizabeth, daughter of Sheriff Sir Richard Prynce and they had 14 children, including Peregrina (33 when her fiancée was killed in 1657 in a duel in the garden visible below her, so she hanged herself.

See Ghost Story in Newsletter V, 3, p20) and Walter, who was probably the Ensign Walter Wingfield in the Duke of Buckingham's Regiment in 1683. Samuel died in 1672. (This picture is of a painting courtesy of the late Charles Wingfield, Samuel's descendant. The photo was difficult to take, and we apologize for the quality).

Should any member have a good quality photo of a Wingfield ancestor that might qualify as a "Face from the Past," please notify the editor...

From Page 11- Tennis Patent

Alexander, the author of Major Wingfield's biography, *Edwardian Gentleman Walter Clopton Wingfield* was historian. George is well known within the WFS because of his book.

Membership in the *Major Wingfield Club* is by invitation only. It was Malless' dream to honor those who have given long and faithful service to tennis and utilize their counsel for the benefit of the new and younger emerging devotees. The select membership was to be held to about 45 persons.

Stanley Malless understood the importance of Walter Clopton Wingfield's contribution to tennis. He desperately wanted to acquire some of Wingfield's tennis related belongings, especially his tennis patent. It was common knowledge that the patent and other Wingfield items had disappeared from the Combe estate and were still missing. There were rumors that military servicemen had snatched the patent from the walls of the Earnshill estate and if so its presence would probably surface. It did, indeed.

George Alexander now the president of the *Major Wingfield Club* in 1984, received a telephone call from a man identifying himself as Delbert Parkinson. According to the caller, he represented the owner of the missing tennis patent and quoted a purchase price of one million dollars to the *Major Wingfield Club*. Stan Malless returned the call very much aware the patent had been stolen. It was a breakthrough that Stan viewed with mixed emotions. There was a glimmer of hope the patent could be obtained for its historical significance, yet the price was ridiculously high and he did not want to deal in stolen goods.

The call back to Parkinson was the first of at least 30, probably many more, that were made or received by Stan over the next 19 years in his determination to somehow obtain possession of the patent. During these calls Stan was never sure if he was talking to the thief, a subsequent buyer or a dealer. The calls from Parkinson originated from various sections of the country and from the conversation he seemed very sophisticated in the specialty of art.

At one time Parkinson had indicated the owner was Chinese and had purchased the patent at an antique shop in Berlin. He told Stan that he had made an earlier effort to sell the patent to the Wimbledon Tennis Museum for a million dollars. This fell through when he was informed the famous tennis facility definitely wanted it, but only as a donation. It is understandable the prospects to buy this valuable and rare artifact known to be stolen property, were extremely limited. In retrospect Stanley Malless was probably the best prospect around.

In July 1991 Stan contacted Richard Tristram Combe a descendant of Lord Combe of the 1940s and had a thorough search made of the wills in England to make sure of the legal ownership of the missing patent and other Wingfield articles. This scrutiny confirmed he was dealing with the legitimate heir and owner of the artifacts. Stan then made a critical purchase that included the Major's uniform, saber, several other items and for the *patent* whenever it was found. This meant Stanley now owned the missing patent.

As the calls continued with Parkinson, Stan made it very clear that this was an illegally obtained item to which he had title and he would be within his rights to sue for possession. He cited a recent similar case where the real owner prevailed and obtained the artifact that had been obtained illegally. At that point Parkinson replied he would burn it first. Stan indicated he might consider paying a reasonable finders fee and that was the basis of continuing the talks. The negotiations went on and on, and finally in 1994 they were close to an agreement.

At this point Parkinson was in Oregon, the location Stan believed was his home. Stan wanted to make sure he really had the genuine patent and wanted to see it. For a good faith payment of \$7,000 Parkinson agreed to personally bring the patent to La Quinta, CA where the U. S. Tennis Association was having it's annual meeting. When Parkinson, along with his wife arrived, it was exciting for Stan to actually see the framed patent and it was indeed authentic. The suspense and waiting had gone on long enough. The next morning Stan presented Parkinson with

a cashier's check. Stan now possessed the cherished Major Wingfield Lawn Tennis Patent.

Parkinson was invited to speak to the membership of the Major Wingfield Club at their meeting. He was introduced by Stan Malless. There was suspense as Delbert Parkinson cautiously brought his audience up to date and at a critical moment unveiled the tennis patent that had been covered with a cloth for all to see.

Stan declines to say how much he paid to get the lost patent. Rather than a purchase of his own property, Stan considers the payment a finder's fee. The patent's worth is priceless and cannot be expressed in dollars because of its historical significance within the tennis world.

There was never any doubt as to where the patent would go once it was obtained. In March 1996 Stanley Malless presented the patent with the Great Seal attached, the Major Walter Wingfield's uniform, the saber and large color (copy) portrait of Wingfield to the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, Rhode Island. They are now on display and are on permanent loan.

A few months later as though on cue, it was announced that Walter Clopton Wingfield had been selected to be enshrined in the summer of 1997 into the prestigious International Tennis Hall of Fame as one of the world's greats of tennis. This was long overdue. (See fall, 1997 issue of the newsletter.)

Walter Clopton Wingfield was enshrined into the hall of fame in two ceremonies, one at the Queens Club in London on June 29, 1997 followed by the other at the International Tennis Hall of Fame in Newport, RI on July 13. There could be no more appropriate location for Major Wingfield's patent to be on permanent display, than at this prestigious location.

On behalf of the Wingfield Family Society, we thank Stanley Malless for his determination in obtaining these rare and historical Major Wingfield items and his generosity in making them available for tennis advocates to see in the International Tennis Hall of Fame museum. This is certainly the ultimate honor for Major Wingfield, the father of tennis.

Update - The tale still wags EMW's conspiracy lives on

A year ago the newsletter published a detailed report concerning the AVPA (Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities) and their archaeologist's suggestion the 1607 skeleton found at Jamestown to likely be that of Stephen Calthrop. Dr. William Kelso, chief archaeologist strongly bases this presumption on an involved conspiracy theory that Edward Maria Wingfield ordered Calthrop assassinated. Kelso does admit this cannot be proved, but it is strange that Calthrop fits best of the possible candidates into the perceived scenario. It is disappointing to find this myth has not diminished over time, but instead is still being actively promoted in Jamestown and the Richmond area. We know of at least two recent speeches. Plus there is a 75-page book in Jamestown's gift shop (*Jamestown IV Rediscovery*) that relates the conspiracy theory. Not surprisingly, Wm Kelso is one of the authors and it was published by the AVPA.

At an October (1998) meeting at the Westminster Canterbury in Richmond, Kelso spoke to a group. Part of his talk did cover the Jamestown rediscovery activity, but it quickly digressed to focus on historical events that would have likely motivated a political assassination plot. He speculates Calthrop had severed his alliance with Wingfield to support John Smith and in turn Wingfield had Calthrop killed. Kelso acknowledged during this talk that the Wingfield Family Society disagrees, but declares in his opinion there is a strong probability this could have occurred based on the known facts and conditions at the time. After disclosing his rationale to the audience that included fictional conversations with Wingfield, Kelso invited the audience to: "You be the judge?"

The WFS had previously countered the perceptions put forth by Kelso and the AVPA. Jocelyn Wingfield, WFS historian is especially concerned that the Jamestown group has zeroed in on Calthrop as the strongest and presumed candidate to further their assassination theory. Jocelyn feels Ensign Jerome Alicock is at least an equal or better candidate as Jamestown records shows he "died from a wound." Jocelyn how-

ever does not pick one over another, but strongly rebuffs the conspiracy theory as pure fiction. (*See WFS summer, 1998 newsletter.*)

Kelso also spoke to the Virginia Historical Society in mid-January to a standing room only audience. It was disappointing in that he again not only expounded his theory, but also displayed a sign promoting the Wingfield conspiracy and the involvement in an assassination. The sign is believed to be the one used by the National Geographic exhibit last in Washington when they exhibited the recovered skeleton.

The WFS has the highest praise for Dr. Kelso and his accomplishments at Jamestown, but opposes his strong stand on the conspiracy assumption as it has absolutely no historical basis. The sad reality is a conjecture repeated enough times soon becomes accepted as fact. (*Ed. Note: WFS members Gale and Bob Miller of Richmond provided a recording of Kelso's speech and other relevant details for this article.*)

Jamestown's first President? Don't ask this test's author

The authors of Virginia's new Standards of Learning tests (SOL) flunked their own test when they put down John Smith as the first president of the Jamestown Colony.

The erroneous answer came to light in November according to the Richmond Times Dispatch when they published a list of sample questions. One question: The first president of the Jamestown colony's council was: A) John Rolfe; B) John Smith; C) Thomas Gates; D) George Wythe. The correct choice, of course is Edward Maria Wingfield and he was not even listed. They assumed it to be John Smith.

How did these answers, all wrong, get printed? "I wish I knew, and I don't," said Cameron Harris, Assistant Superintendent of Assessment and Reporting with the State Department of Education. Rick Lockhart a sixth grade social studies and science teacher at Northumberland Middle School in Northumberland County said he asked every teacher in his school if they had ever heard of the Jamestown Colony's Council and none had. At least they did

not think it was Pocahontas.

Fortunately none of the tests were actually given in the SOL test and were samples for review, but it goes to point out the widespread ignorance of this part of history in our schools that is so deeply ingrained that even the teachers do not know. (*Ed Note: Clipping of this news article provided by Grace Muller-Thym of Richmond, VA*)

After Sir Henry Wingfield, Orford area played role in other wars, WWI and WW2

by: Jocelyn Wingfield

When the WFS tour stops this year to see the 1173 Orford Castle they will be at the site of even more, later history relating to World War 1 and World War 2. Sir Henry was the 4 greats grandfather of Thomas Wingfield of York River and governor of Orford in the 1470s.

In 1916 an airfield was built on the 11-mile long spit called Orford Ness that juts south from Aldeburgh, just across the River Alde from the castle. The Ness was used for testing 20 lb bombs - that were timed with stop-watches. From 1935 the military set up shop here in the "Ionosphere Station," with the result that when World War II broke out, only Britain had a reliable Radar air defense system. Without it, Britain could never have won the Battle of Britain against the Luftwaffe in 1940.

Next, Orford Ness was used for bombing tests for Barnes Wallis's famous 22,000 "earthquake" bombs (used by the famous "Dam Busters" and others), and later five massive sinister-looking, pagoda-like concrete laboratories were built on Orford Ness - to test the high explosives used to trigger atomic bombs. In 1973, at the height of the Cold War, the £55 million "Cobra Mist Project" spread its aluminum mesh over miles of shingle in its search for a radar that "peered round the curvature of the earth". The radio waves were so powerful that passing fisherman found that the metal masts and cables of their boats sparked at night.

It was in the 1970s that Soviet "tourists" used to climb to the top of the Wingfields' old castle to photograph the secret sites, just visible. Now these sites are open to the public.

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and my conclusion. The reader is invited to propose an alternative solution to this Wingfield Family mystery.

It transpired that there are six known golden grasshopper rings. All the grasshoppers are made in the same green enamel. The Wingfield and Lee rings, which display a complete achievement (e.g. arms complete with crest and motto), are superior to the others and those two and the Fleetwood Ring are very similar. Although in the Wingfield and Lee Rings the grasshoppers are strongly contrasted, the bezels appear to have been cut by the same craftsman. Both have the colors at the back applied by means of tinsel.

What interested me was what the six owners could have had in common. Were they members of a secret society? What was the Wingfield-Lee connection? All six rings bear the coat of arms of the original owner on the bezel, and the crest of Sir Thomas Gresham (1517-1579), a golden grasshopper on the reverse of the bezel. Sir Thomas was a financial wizard, the founder of the Royal Exchange in London, and the man who did more to make London replace Antwerp as the financial center of Europe in Elizabethan times (as it still so is). The Royal Exchange (rebuilt in 1669 after the Great Fire of 1666 and again after a fire in 1838) stands at the east end of Cheapside, where it becomes Cornhill. Containing today the London International Foreign Futures Exchange, the Royal Exchange still displays a huge golden grasshopper, the crest of Sir Thomas Gresham. And back in the 16th century golden grasshoppers were also then prominent among the decorations of the original Royal Exchange.

1. The Wingfield Ring. The arms are of Wingfield (Argent, on a bend gules, cottised sable three pairs of wings of the field, a sun in splendour supra, with a mullet for difference [=third son]) quartering: 2, Bovile [of Letheringham]; 3, Goushill & FitzAlan; 4, Warren; 5, Wiltshire; and 6, Legrand, with a Wingfield crest of an eagle's head or, beaked gules, between silver wings looking at the sun in its splendour. From the achievement (arms, crest, etc) on the stall plate of Sir Richard Wingfield,

K.G. of Kimbolton Castle (died 1525), in St. George's Chapel - the Garter Chapel - at Windsor Castle, we know that the arms on the Wingfield Ring are those of Jaques Wingfield, his third son. Sir Richard's wife was Lady Wingfield nee Bridget Wiltshire of Stone Castle near Gravesend, Kent. They were both formerly of Calais. Jaques Wingfield of Wickham Skeith, Suffolk, and of (unidentified) Mettingham Castle in Ireland, (an uncle of Edward-Maria Wingfield, founding father of Virginia in 1607), was Master of the Ordnance in Ireland (1559-1587) & died in 1587.

The grasshopper is safely presumed to be the crest of his friend, Sir Thomas Gresham, founder of the Royal Exchange. Sir Thomas was King's Agent at Antwerp from 1552 (as his father had been). He was knighted in 1559 (and had a grasshopper as his crest) and returned finally to London in 1574 (1567).

2. The Lee Ring. The original owner was the distinguished military engineer, Sir Richard Lee of Sopwell Abbey near St. Alban's, Hertfordshire, (died 1575). In that line of business he must surely have known Jaques Wingfield. His arms, granted in 1554, were "Per chevron or and gules in chief two lions combatant sable, armed and langued of the second", quartering Chute and Newbury; the crest being "a dexter arm embowed in armour proper, gamished or, the gauntlet grasping a broken sword argent, hilt and pommel of the second, the blade inflamed gold and gules" and the motto inscribed is FLAME ET FAME - although Stowe Manuscript 692 gives Sir Richard's motto as FERRO [Ferro] ET FLAMMA [Iron or Sword and Flames] - alluding to the fact that Lee was knighted for his military service at Boulogne. These Lee arms are not like (a) any of the various Lee arms shown in Manuscript Wingfield (1602) of Stowe Manuscript 670 [WFS Letters & Diaries, 1997, #1], (b) nor those of Lee of Woodford, Essex; of Leicestershire & of Lawshall, Suffolk, near Crowfield (Elizabeth Lee, daughter of Lord Mayor Sir Henry Lee of Woodford (1590-1591) married Sir Richard Wingfield of Tickencote in about 1640); (c) nor those of Lee of Coton Hall, Salop (where the eventual heiress, Harriet Lee, married

John Wingfield VIII of Tickencote in 1819; and where General Robert E. Lee was from a cadet line). But they are those of Lee of Hertfordshire (& Lee of Ireland & Lee of Liverpool).

Sir Richard Lee the engineer, left two daughters as his co-heiresses. His beautiful gold ring is now in the Victoria & Albert Museum, London.

3. The Fleetwood Ring. In 1571 Sir William Fleetwood, Recorder [senior judge] of London (died 1594) registered his arms as: "Per pale nebulee or and azure, six martlets three and three counterchanged". Thomas Fleetwood of the Vache, near Chalfont St. Giles, Buckinghamshire (a house apparently inherited by Sheriff Tim Wingfield in 1711 - see LINKS #3.1) and of Munster, Ireland, was on the Irish Privy Council in 1587, and clearly knew his fellow Councillor, Jaques Wingfield, who died that year. Thomas Fleetwood's widow married Sir Robert Wingfield of Letheringham, heir of Sir Anthony, K.G. But I have failed to find the relationship, if any, between Sir William Fleetwood and Thomas Fleetwood. [LINKS, #3.2; VTF, p.398, n.16]. The Fleetwood Ring was in the British Museum in 1977.

4. The Goodman Ring. Dr. Gabriel Goodman of Ruthin near Denbigh in the county of Clwyd in Wales (1529-1600), chaplain to Sir William Cecil (later Lord Burghley); Prebend of St. Paul's Cathedral, London, and Dean of Westminster [Abbey] from 1561 to his death; Doctor of Divinity (D.D.) from 1564. His arms of: "Partie per pale ermine and sable, an Eagle with two neckes, displayde, golde, on a Canton azure, a martlet goulde, with a crescent" (denoting a second son), were granted in November 1573.

Gabriel Goodman, D.D. was an Englishman who settled in the Vale of Clwyd in Wales (whence came the Hakluyt family). His ring passed to his nephew, Gabriel Goodman, who left it to his own daughter, who left it to her first cousin, Meredydd Wynn of Plas Llanefydd just northwest of Denbigh, Wales, 25 miles west of Chester, the departure port for men and supplies for Ireland. By 1925 the Gabriel Ring had descended to Mrs. Lawrence Broderick, widow of General Wynne of Coed Coch near Denbigh.

Part II: Conclusion, next issue