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# WINSLOW HERITAGE SOCIETY



## *SURNAME WINSLOW*



In searching the origins of surnames on the internet, Winslow brings up the following results:

*“This interesting name, with variant spelling Winslow in Buckinghamshire. Recorded as Wineshlauu in the Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, dated 849, and as Weneslai in the Domesday Book of 1086, the place was so called from the genitive case of the Old English pre 7<sup>th</sup> Century personal name Wine meaning “friend”, plus the Old English ‘hlaw’ a barrow or burial mound; thence “ ‘Wine’s burial mound’. The surname was first recorded in the early part of the 14<sup>th</sup> Century. Other early recordings include William Wynselawe or Wynselow, witness, noted in the 1370-1371, ‘Fine Court Rolls of Essex’, and Robert Wynslowe (1525), ‘The Subsidy Rolls of Sussex’....The first recorded spelling of the family name is shown to be that of William de Wynselowe, which was dated 1332, ‘The Subsidy Rolls of Warwickshire’, during the reign of King Edward III, ‘The Father of the Navy’, 1327-1377. Surnames became necessary when governments introduced personal taxation. In England this was known as the Poll Tax.”<sup>1</sup>*

Thanks to WHS Charter Member, Gordon Winslow, there is a record of the research conducted by D. Kenelm Winslow, author of *Mayflower Heritage* and a descendant of a branch of the John Winslow family that returned to England. The following, taken from D. Kenelm’s research, is a hypothesis of the evolution of our surname:

*“In 586 A.D. the Lombards were known to be an offshoot of a great German tribe called the ‘Winiles’, who were grouped somewhere in the region of the Elbe estuary. The name “Winiles’ signified ‘battle-loving’, just as ‘Lombard’ was a corruption of ‘Langobard’ meaning ‘People of the Long Axe’. The Winiles and their offshoot tribe were clearly a truculent lot!”*

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<sup>1</sup> <http://www.surnamedb.com/Surname/Winslow>

*Before the Romans left Britain in 410 A.D. the Winiles and other Saxon tribes had for long been making piratical raids on the coasts of our island, and in 477 A.D. the Saxons followed the example of the Jutes and invaded.*

*Thus the Winiles came to Britain and so it is that the root syllable 'Wini' has come to be compounded in many old Saxon place and personal names.*

*The next stage in the evolution of the family name is the adaption of a name which was tribal and not individual to a place.*

*The Saxons existed in small, self-governing communities consisting of about a hundred families of the same tribe. For that reason, at some time after the Saxon invasion, the regions under Saxon control came to be divided into 'Hundreds' and these hundreds were often given the tribal name of those who occupied the area. Near modern Biggleswade, in Bedfordshire, is a 'half-hundred' known as 'Wineslai', which is the ancient Saxon spelling of 'Winslow' .....*

*In 787 A.D. Danish pirates followed the example of their piratical Saxon predecessors and harried the coasts of Britain. It seems likely that they drove at least some of the Winiles settlers from their old half-hundred in Bedfordshire, which came entirely under Danish control, and further to the West, into what is now Buckinghamshire. We first hear of a Wineslai in Buckinghamshire in 792 A.D. when Offa, a Saxon King of Mercia, had a royal palace and manor there. Wineslai in Buckinghamshire was just inside the frontier between Danish and Saxon England and remained under Saxon rule .....*

*Here are a few of the known varieties of ancient spellings of Winslow: Wineslai, Wennesli, Weneslai, Winneslowe, Wyneslowe, Winslawe, Winslay, Wynslowe, Wyncelowe, and there are many others.....*

*Saxon inhabitants of England followed the practice of their Norman conquerors and took surnames.....In the Victoria County History of Bedfordshire there is mention of a Henry de Wennesli (Wineslai) holding land in Ardesly in the early Thirteenth Century. In the similar history for Buckingham we find a William de Winslow living at Weldes Manor in Swanbourne, just outside the old Royal Mercian town of Winslow, in 1264.... ”*

**Editor's Note: An internet search of Winnili Tribe (versus spelling, Winiles) states the Lombards were once part of that early tribe.**



Winslow Heritage Society Annual Meeting will be held by teleconference on Saturday, October 29, at 2:00 p.m. Instructions for participating and/or proxy voting will be found elsewhere in this newsletter.

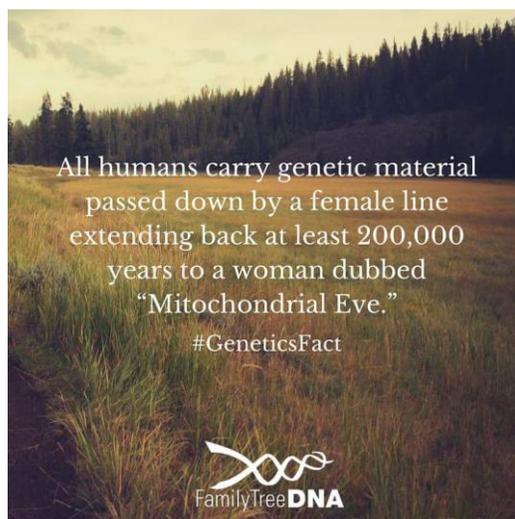


Hempstead Heath, home of early Winslows. This is the parish church of St. Andrews. It is said that it contained arms of Winslow, Crochman and Huntington over the entrance. On a tour of the town in 1995 when this photo was taken there was no evidence of the coat of arms. (Photo by John Myers)

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## THE DEPUTY GOVERNOR'S CORNER

By Judy Quinn



**Although** I can trace portions of my family tree back to the days of Charlemagne in the 700's and to the Magna Carta of the 1200's (considering if what I have documented is all correct) I regret to say that I can only trace my actual maternal line back to my 3 x's great mother Margaret Weaver Frank who was born in 1797 in Frankfort, Herkimer County, New York. Because of where she was born and because of the nationality of her husband Jacob Frank, my assumption is – or was – that she was of German descent. However, we all know what happens when a person assumes something .... I am no longer sure or assuming anything! What I am sure of is that genetic genealogy can take you on a journey you never expected.

**When** I was comparing my Family Tree mtDNA test results to Kathy's Myers' Family Tree mtDNA test results (because we are both in the Winslow DNA Project), to my amazement, I was surprised to learn that Kathy and I have 14 mtDNA segment matches! Her maternal line is from Ireland and mine, so I thought, was from Germany. I do want to inject here that we did not match nor were we notified that we match from Family Tree DNA. I only found this match because I was analyzing her HVR1 and HVR2 test results compared to mine. Family Tree DNA test results do NOT typically show matches past maybe five generations. When I discovered these segment matches (much earlier in my genetic genealogy education) I didn't really understand why it was showing these matches. We do not have the same mtDNA haplogroup, although we are both H's. Since the time of my discovery my knowledge base has expanded regarding molecular evolution. A haplogroup is a group of similar haplotypes that share a common ancestor having the same single nucleotide polymorphism (SNP) mutation in all haplotypes.

**Mitochondrial** haplogroups are divided into 3 main groups, which are designated by the 3 sequential letters L, M, and N.

**The West Eurasian** haplogroups including H, T, U, V, X, K, I, and J are derived from macro-haplogroup N.

I printed out our matches and took them with me to a genetic conference I attended in Carlsbad, CA. and in consultation with CC Moore, an expert in genetic genealogy, this is her explanation to me as to why Kathy and I have these matches. The HVR1 mutations match somewhere up to 700 years or 28 generations. The HVR2 mutations match somewhere up to 1300 years or 52 generations!!

So, although we will probably never match our Winslow DNA (unless somehow they come up with newer, more sophisticated testing to go from male to female and back again) we DO match our mtDNA somewhere back hundreds and hundreds of years ... This is so mind boggling to me!!

So, the gist of this story is that Kathy and I can both trace our paper trail to the Winslow's of the Mayflower and back AND we can trace our mtDNA to a common female ancestor hundreds of year's even further back into history. That makes us related twice!

If any of you are still contemplating joining the craze of genetic testing ... I would strongly urge you to do so. You just never know who those long lost relatives will turn out to be!

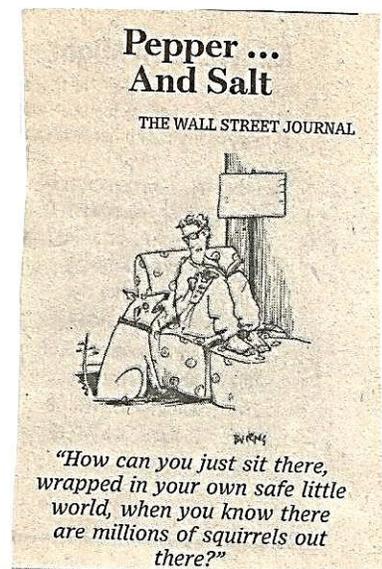
At the suggestion of CC Moore, I have tested with Ancestry, 23&me and Family Tree DNA. They all offer different information and different ways to look at your results but if you're looking for comprehensive, really useful data which will be stored free of charge for at least 25 years and has many more matches and options for results, then I would suggest Family Tree DNA. I am so excited to say that in November I will be attending Family Tree DNA's 12th International Conference on Genetic Genealogy in Houston, TX. and I will have an opportunity to tour the lab where all the testing occurs. I look forward to writing to you about my experiences.

Judy Quinn, Co-Administrator, Winslow DNA Project

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(CARTOONS FROM THE WALL STREET JOURNAL)



**PROXY AUTHORIZATION FOR ANNUAL MEETING**



**WINSLOW HERITAGE SOCIETY**

**PROXY AUTHORIZATION FOR THE THIRD ANNUAL MEETING OF THE WINSLOW HERITAGE SOCIETY TO BE HELD VIA TELECONFERENCE ON SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016, AT 2:00 P.M., EST.**

I, \_\_\_\_\_, a member of the Winslow  
Heritage Society, whose address is \_\_\_\_\_,  
(print name)

hereby authorize Bruce Fensley, Secretary of the Winslow Heritage Society, to vote yes on my behalf at the above referenced meeting for all general business and specifically for the following reports/proposed amendment to the by-laws:

Approval of Minutes of Meeting of October 23, 2015, as printed in this newsletter: \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No  
Approval of the Treasurer’s Report, September, 2016, as printed in this newsletter: \_\_\_Yes \_\_\_No

Date: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
(signature)

*Print this page, complete the requested information, and send the form to Bruce Fensley, Secretary, by e-mail [b0408fensley@gmail.com](mailto:b0408fensley@gmail.com) or by mail: 103 Belmont Ct., Southern Pines, NC 28387. **PROXY MUST BE RECEIVED BY OCTOBER 19, TO BE COUNTED.***

Officers serving terms from 2014-2017  
Governor, Kathy Myers;  
Deputy Governor General, Judy Quinn;  
Bruce Fensley, Secretary;  
Alice Zimmerman, Treasurer;  
Betty Mapes, Chaplain;  
Kathy Myers and Judy Quinn, Acting Historians

Committees appointed by Governor:  
By-Laws, Judy Quinn;  
Education/Research, Vacant;  
Finance, Vacant;  
Junior Membership, Vacant;  
Newsletter, Kathy Myers;  
Nominations, Bruce Fensley;  
Webmaster, Vacant

Anyone wishing to volunteer to chair one of the vacant committees should contact Bruce Fensley, [b0408fensley@gmail.com](mailto:b0408fensley@gmail.com) or via phone: (910) 692-6054

**Minutes**  
**Winslow Heritage Society**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Annual Meeting Minutes**  
**Remote Phone-In Meeting**  
**October 24, 2015**  
**2:00 pm - 3:18 pm EST**

**Present:** Judith Brister, Bruce Fensley Kathy Myers, John Myers, Judy Quinn, Jane Schleinzer, and Alice Zimmerman.

Proxy votes received and submitted: Prarie Counce, Judith Elfring, Meg Wilber.

**I. Call to order**

The meeting was called to order by Governor, Kathy Myers at 2:00 pm EST.

**II. Invocation**

Submitted by Betty Mapes, Read by Kathy Myers – Psalm 104, verse 31 – 34.

**III. Minutes Of the Meeting from September 8, 2014**

The September 8, 2014 meeting minutes were provided to all members in the September 2015 Newsletter, Vol.2, No.3.

A motion to approve the 2014 meeting minutes was made by Judy Quinn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Fensley. The 2014 Meeting minutes were approved by all present and those who voted by proxy.

**IV. New Business**

- a. Bruce Fensley agreed to work on the Nominating Committee to help fill open officer positions. We currently have open positions in; Finance, Junior Membership and Webmaster. Bruce suggested that we document a position description (with responsibilities) for all officer positions. This would help members consider their existing skills and time commitments to fill various positions.
- b. Bruce Fensley submitted his name for the open position for Secretary. A motion was made by Judy Quinn to approve and 2<sup>nd</sup> by John Myers. This motion was approved by a vote.
- c. Kathy Myers & Judy Quinn submitted their names to share the open position of Historian/Genealogist. A motion was made by Bruce Fensley to approve and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Alice Zimmerman. This motion was approved by a vote.
- d. WHS Member, Gordon Winslow submitted a proposed amendment to the by-laws which would add wording to include a category for those who “can prove lineage to the ancient lines of Winslows”. Similar wording is already included in **Article II, Objectives, section2** and **Article II, Section 6**. This amendment would require additional wording to **Article III, Membership, Sections 1 and 3, and Section 7**. After some discussion by the floor, Bruce Fensley made a motion to approve and 2<sup>nd</sup> John Myers. This motion was approved by a vote of all present and those who voted by proxy.

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e. Kathy Myers read a letter that she received from Mr. Roger Lethem, the current owner of the Kenelm Winslow House in Kerswell Green, Kempsey, UK, about a proposal he was offering to the Winslow Family descendants to purchase shares in a restoration project to correct/update the deteriorating condition of the building and improve the surrounding grounds. After much discussion, it was agreed that we should table our decision to share this proposal until we could continue further investigations and obtain more details about the project. Kathy will send a response to Mr. Lethem regarding our decision about the proposal.

#### **V. Treasurer's Report**

Treasurer Alice Zimmerman, provided the complete detailed 2015 Treasurer's Report in the September 2015 Newsletter, Vol. 2, No.3 to all members. The current balance was \$2,902.03. A motion was made to approve the Treasurer's Report by Judy Quinn and 2<sup>nd</sup> by Bruce Fensley. This motion was approved by all present and those who voted by proxy.

#### **VI. Secretary's Report**

Bruce Fensley agreed to fill the Secretary's position left vacant by Mr. John White. John was unable to continue his role with this position due to his work commitments. We would all like to thank John for all his hard work and organizational contributions.

In the 2014 Secretary's Report, Mr. White requested that everyone provide him with their contact information (email & phone numbers) along with a list of their Winslow forefathers. While information is currently on file with the Historian, there are members with multiple Winslow lines. I would like to continue his request for this information from all WHS members who may wish to provide additional lineage information to the Society. I will be preparing a spreadsheet of what is compiled. In this way, the Secretary can provide a member link with contact information to another member with matching forefathers to assist those members who have hit a lineage roadblock with their family research and who would like to reach out to other WHS members for genealogy assistance. This information shall only be provided to WHS members. Please send your information Bruce Fensley – b0408fensley@gmail.com

#### **VII. Historian/Genealogist Report**

Kathy Myers and Judy Quinn have agreed to jointly fill this position.

We currently have **37 Members**, **5 Junior Members**, and **3 Friends** of the WHS

WHS Winslow Ancestor Lineage

- 26 members to Kenelm Winslow, including Junior Members
- 10 members to John Winslow, including Junior Members
- 4 members to Josiah Winslow, including one supplemental membership
- 1 member to John Howland
- 2 members to William White

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There are three Junior Membership applications pending. Two requests came through the WHS Facebook Page and one member from the Pilgrim William White Society

We currently have a WHS Facebook page and membership information on the Mayflower Society Website.

Bruce Fensley recently saw membership invitations in the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) Magazine and suggested that we investigate the possibility of placing membership invitations in the SAR, DAR, Mayflower Society newsletters or magazines and other genealogical organizations. There was discussion about investigating the cost for membership invitations. Bruce Fensley said he would take an action to contact the SAR about the cost of a similar invitation.

We would also ask all WHS members to share WHS organization and membership information with any local genealogy societies that they may belong.

Jane Schleinzer mentioned that both the US Senate and House had existing bills in Congress to have the US mint create a Mayflower Commemorative Coin (gold & silver) in the year 2020 for the 400<sup>th</sup> year anniversary of the Mayflower Landing in 1620. It is a goal to have a two thirds vote in favor of these bills. Jane asked if all WHS members could write or contact their senators and Congressional representatives to support these bills. There will be 50,000, \$5 gold coins and 100,000, \$1 silver coins. The bill is named the Mayflower Commemorative Coin.

**The Senate bill - S.1715, Sponsor: Senator John Hoeven R-ND**

**The House bill – HR.2980, Sponsor: Representative Bill Foster, D-IL**

#### **VIII. Old Business**

No old business

#### **IX. Adjournment**

A motion was made to adjourn the meeting by Bruce Fensley and 2<sup>nd</sup> Judy Quinn. This motion was approved by a vote.

Governor Kathy Myers adjourned the meeting at 3:18 pm EST.

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**INSTRUCTIONS FOR ANNUAL MEETING TELECONFERENCE,  
SATURDAY, OCTOBER 29, 2016, AT 2:00 EST**

**TO CALL IN TO THE FREE TELECONFERENCE MEETING,**

**DIAL (641) 715-3580**

**ACCESS CODE: 343902**

**ON-LINE MEETING ID: b0408fensley**

(If anyone has a problem connecting, Customer Service telephone number is: (844) 844-1322)

Reserving a space by October 19 is not mandatory; however, advance notice of your intention to participate in the teleconference will assist Secretary Bruce Fensley organize for the meeting.

**Treasurer's Report, 9/2015-9/2016**

**By Alice Zimmerman**

Beginning Balance, 9/2015:	\$2,902.30
Deposits from Memberships:	<u>425.00</u>
Total:	\$3,327.30
Less refund, overpayment, Membership:	<u>15.00</u>
Balance, 9/2016:	\$3,312.30



**Update** on Kerswell Green Farm. Shortly after the annual meeting last year, Kathy Myers contacted the authorities in the area of Kerswell Green Farm regarding the condition of the house which is a registered historic property. The local authorities assured her they were looking into the matter and that the owners might very well be in violation of the preservation laws. An officer actually visited the site, but found no one available to speak with. Since then, no additional information has been forthcoming and outreach has been ignored. D. Kenelm Winslow's grandson, who lives in England, made contact with WHS through our Facebook page. He has tried on our behalf, on two different occasions, to get information from the local authorities in the Malvern District office, but so far, no response. This topic will be on the agenda for the annual meeting.

