

FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY ASSOCIATION BEGINS

For several years Fulghams and Fulghums have dreamed of a Family Association to plan reunions, publish a newsletter, and further the organized research of the ancestors and the descendents of Captain Anthony Foljambe, the first (and perhaps the only) Fulgham family to arrive in America. Now, nearly 350 years after Captain Anthony's arrival in the new world, The FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY ASSOCIATION (FFFA) is being organized. The major force behind the new organization is Dr. James E. Fulghum of Jacksonville, Florida. Cooperating in the development of the non-profit historical and genealogical society are many Fulghams, Fulghums and others interested in the family. Mr. James E. Fulghum of Wilson, N C, is the person who "made it all happen" by organizing the first reunion which was held in Rock Ridge, N C in May of 1985. Mr. O. Tommy Fulghum of Wadley, Georgia continued the interest and organized the second reunion held on Memorial Day 1987 weekend at Coleman Lake, Georgia. Robert S. Fulghum of Greenville, N C (son of James Hooks Fulghum of Roanoke, Virginia who for many years in the 1940's - 1960's compiled data on the Fulgham-Fulghum family) is the Editor of this newsletter. These and many others have contributed to the idea of a family association and have helped to organize it. Further organization and elections to the offices of the association are planned for the 1988 reunion in Nashville, Tennessee now being planned by Mr. E. Sam Fulghum. A Constitution and Bylaws were presented and adopted at the Second reunion held at Coleman Lake, Georgia in May 1987. A slate of officers for 1988-1989 will be presented and elections will be held at the Nashville, TN reunion in May 1988.

The business of the Fulgham-Fulghum Family Association will be managed by an Executive Committee consisting of the President, the President-elect, the Secretary-Treasurer, the Archivist, and the Editor of the Newsletter. In future years, the Immediate Past President will also be a member of the Executive Committee. Persons may be elected to the offices of Secretary-Treasurer, Archivist and Editor for multiple terms in office. The President and President elect will have terms of one or two years depending upon the frequency of reunions. Thus, elections will be held at reunion meetings. Although our Constitution has been adopted, there are mechanisms for changing it to meet the changing needs of the FFFA. We welcome your views regarding all aspects of the management of our family association.

This first number of the Newsletter is the realization of the dream of those of us who believe that a newsletter will be instrumental in furthering family unity and kindling in our American family the pride of an ancient and honorable family name which has been in existence in this country since 1643 and in Europe and England since the 900's.

JOIN THE FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY ASSOCIATION TODAY! WE NEED YOU AND YOU NEED US

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1988 REUNION OF THE FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY ASSOCIATION

The Third reunion of the FFFA will be held Memorial Day weekend in Nashville, Tennessee. Mr. E. Sam Fulghum of Nashville is the organizer and host for 1988. Several catered meals are planned as are meetings and church services. The meeting provides an opportunity for attending the Grand Ole Opry and visiting The hermitage, home of Andrew Jackson. There are a number of hotels, motels and camp grounds in the vicinity. Reservations must be made early. Further details on this meeting will be available in our next newsletter, which will be published early. We urge you to plan now to attend by placing this on your 1988 calendar. You will receive information on costs, motel rates, Grand Ole Opry ticket cost, and how to register from Sam. Sam may be contacted at 2846 Surrey Road, Nashville, TN 37214.

SUPPORT THE FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY ASSOCIATION BY JOINING

The Fulgham-Fulghum Family Association (FFFA) needs your support. The FFFA is being developed as a non-profit historical and genealogical society. Membership is open to all persons interested in the ancestors and the descendents of Captain Anthony Foljambe, founder of the American branch of the family. Membership dues will be used to continue the publication of this newsletter, pay the very modest expenses involved in maintaining the FFA, and, hopefully, provide a few dollars for research into the genealogy of the family. All time spent on the activities of the FFFA will be donated by those serving the FFFA (in other words, dues will NOT be spent for salaries). For 1988, the dues are \$10 per member. Heads of households may include their immediate family so families can join as a family unit for the same amount.

The newsletter, FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY FACTS, will be sent to all dues paying members of the FFFA. The newsletter will announce meetings and reunions, and report news of the family, especially that pertaining to genealogy and history. We plan to publish the newsletter twice annually. each new member will receive a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the FFFA.

WE NEED YOU and we believe that you will find the FFFA fills a need for you. Please fill out the APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP attached to this newsletter and mail it to: Mrs. Peggy Fulghum Wood, 4572 Ortega Forest Drive, Jacksonville, Florida 32210. Peggy is the Secretary-Treasurer of our FFFA.

HELP!! Do you know of any Fulgham or Fulghum Family or interested person who did not receive this newsletter who might be interested in joining? If so, please have this page duplicated and pass it on to them with encouragement that they join the FFFA. (Or send their name and address to: Dr. Robert S. Fulghum, 2013 Fern Drive, Greenville, N C 27858 -- and Bob will send a copy of the newsletter to them).

OUR MAILING LIST HAS BEEN LOST

Our master mailing list of nearly 1,000 Fulgham-Fulghum families and interested individuals has been misplaced. If you know of its whereabouts, we would appreciate knowing. Also, we are appealing to all who receive this newsletter to assist us by providing names of any person interested in the Fulgham-Fulghum Family Association who did not receive this newsletter. Please see the membership application page. OR BETTER, please duplicate the membership application and mail it to those who did not receive a copy.

JOHN LANDERS

Anyone knowing the current address of Mr. John P. Landers of Texas is requested to send Prof. Landers' address to Dr. Robert S. Fulghum, 2013 Fern Drive, Greenville, N C 27858. Prof. Landers is related to the Fulghums through his mother's family. He has done research on the Family and had in his possession several antiques that are thought to have come from the early Fulgham homesteads in Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

OUR CONSTITUTION AND BYLAWS

The proposed Fulgham-Fulghum Family Association (FFFA) will operate under a constitution and bylaws that will enable the FFFA to become a tax exempt educational organization. The objectives of the FFFA are to further the advancement of the genealogy and history of the English family, Foljambe, and the ancestors and descendants of Captain Anthony Fulgham. The FFFA also plans to promote communications between branches and members of this and related families. Reunions and meetings will be organized by the group to promote these objectives. All persons interested are eligible and are invited to join the FFFA. All dues paying members will receive a copy of the Constitution and Bylaws of the Fulgham-Fulghum Family Association as well as the newsletter.

PRELIMINARY PLANS FOR THE FOURTH REUNION OF THE FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY

We are beginning to plan a reunion to be held in the summer of 1989 or 1990 in the Smithfield-Jamestown-Williamsburg, Virginia area. We are interested in your suggestions. During the reunion, we hope to have church services in the old brick church, St. Luke's, where our ancestors worshipped. We would like to have one or more of our cousins who are members of the clergy to hold the service. This should be a "high point" for those attending. It is quite inspiring to visit that beautiful church and to be in a building that Captain Anthony and his family frequented nearly 350 years ago. We wish to hear from persons willing to help with the FOURTH REUNION. Please contact the Editor if you can help.

THE FAMILY NAME

There have been many variations of the spelling of our name. In Normandy it is deFoleschamp. Later, in England it was spelled Foliambe (there was no "J" in the alphabet then) and still later Foljambe. In England, the name is still spelled Foljambe. It is pronounced much as we now pronounce the name in America -- Fol'jam -- the "be" is silent and the "j" as a soft j or "zhj". Captain Anthony Foljambe changed the spelling to Fulgham and the name was changed to Fulghum by those of the family that migrated to North Carolina.

The English name of Foljambe came from France with William, The Conqueror, who brought Godfrey Foljambe with him. Godfrey and his men fought at the side of William at the Battle of Hastings. After the conquest of England, the Foljambes acquired estates in Darbyshire and Yorkshire, establishing the name in England. The name denotes "someone with agility and alertness" and has been in use since 1066.

The Fulghams and the Fulghums are the same family. Why is there a variation in spelling? Those who could write often spelled names as they sounded, thus creating the variations that are found in census takers reports, wills, and other official documents. Careful studies of genealogical lines always lead Fulghums back to the Fulgham ancestors in Virginia. We are one family and most of us in A m e r i c a are decended from Captain Anthony Fulgham.

"WALKING IN THE FOOTSTEPS"

A Report on a Visit to the Smithfield, Virginia Area
by James E. Fulghum, M.D., Jacksonville, Florida

"It is always an exciting adventure for me to walk in the footsteps of my ancestors. On the weekend of September 19, 1987 Tommy Fulghum of Wadley, Georgia and I went to Rocky Mount, N.C. and met with Robert S. Fulghum of Greenville, N.C. This was the first Executive Committee meeting of the Fulgham-Fulghum Family Association and plans were laid for the first number of volume 1 of our newsletter."

"The following morning Tommy and I departed Rocky Mount for Isle of Wight County and Smithfield, Virginia. We met with Charles Ellis who is an avid researcher of Fulgham-Fulghum history. We located and viewed some of the land grants held by Captain Anthony Fulgham. We visited the old courthouse in Smithfield where Captain Anthony was a justice in the county court of what was to become Isle of Wight County, Virginia, and where his son, Anthony, an attorney, must have practiced. We visited the local museum where many items used by our ancestors and their neighbors are being collected."

"No trip to the Isle of Wight County and Smithfield, Virginia is complete without a visit to St. Luke's Church, lovingly known as 'Old Brick'. This historic shrine was established in 1632 just a few years prior to the arrival of Captain Anthony Fulgham to the area. St. Luke's is the nation's only Gothic church and is the oldest existing church of English foundation in America. 'Old Brick' has been spared by the hands of time and the ravages of man, and stands well preserved. Its walls are 30 inches thick! This is where our ancestors worshiped. Michael Fulgham, the third son of Captain Anthony, gave an acre of land to the church (deeded September 16, 1683). It is said that Michael is buried in an unmarked brick tomb near the roadway through the church grounds and we visited this resting place. (Continued on page 5.)

JOIN THE FFFA TODAY!

All Fulghams and Fulghums should visit this historic shrine and sit in the pews where our ancestors sat more than 300 years ago."

"We visited the Isle of Wight County Courthouse and looked up many old records of the Family. Most of these records are in excellent state of preservation. As an example we saw the deed of land from Michael and his wife, Ann, to St. Luke's Church in 1683. We saw and copied Michael's will probated in February 1690." (Editor's Note: There are many interesting records in excellent condition, having been preserved by the ladies of a local historical society. Even Captain Anthony's will, written in Elizabethan English, is still on record. These records are still on active file in the courthouse and may be viewed by the public.)

"We visited Fort Boykin near Smithfield which has been a part of American History since 1623. The fort was constructed on the south bank of the James River as a fortification against the Spaniards by river and the Indians by land."

"All good things must end and we returned to our respective abodes of Georgia and Florida."

HERCULES FOLJAMBE

Hercules Foljambe was the second son of one of the Sixteenth Century Godfrey Foljambes. He was to later inherit many estates due to the death of his older brother. He was married to Sara of Hardwick. Hercules sold many of the estates that he held, some of them to Bess of Hardwick, a Sixteenth Century person noted for her good purchases of real estate. One estate sold to Bess brought Hercules 1,500 pounds, the equivalent of \$300,000 in today's currency. We believe that Hercules used the funds for exploration and military expeditions for Queen Elizabeth I.

Boddie, author of "Seventeenth Century Isle of Wight County, Virginia" thought Hercules Foljambe to be the father of Captain Anthony Foljambe. He gave no references to support his theory other than indicating that certain English baptismal records showed that Hercules had several children. Nathaniel Johnson in his writings indicated that Hercules died without issue. In either case, it is doubtful that Anthony was Hercules' son. Despite this, Hercules is a colorful character and, as a relative, is of interest to us.

Hercules Foljambe was a military person employed by the Crown (Elizabeth I) and was frequently in London on government matters. He was engaged in military activities in Holland during the time that the Spanish were threatening England by land through Europe. Queen Elizabeth did not want to engage in open war with Spain for numerous reasons and used many means to keep the Spanish from invading England. It is presumed that Hercules was one of the leading "military advisors" sent to the Netherlands by the Queen. After the defeat of the Spanish Armada in 1588, Hercules turned his attention to expeditions to the West Indies. He reportedly explored the island of Barbados in preparation for its colonization. He also assisted the Duke of Cumberland to raise a force to attack and overthrow Puerto Rico, the Spaniard's West Indian stronghold. During this expedition the British held San Juan for five months. Expeditions such as these were often financed by the organizers rather than the Crown with promises in some ventures of reimbursement by the Crown

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PLEASE MAIL YOUR MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION AND DUES TO PEGGY FULGHUM WOOD

after the expedition was successful. Unfortunately for Hercules, after having spent 10,000 pounds (the equivalent of \$2,000,000 in today's currency) on various expeditions, he returned home only to find that Queen Elizabeth had died. King James was not willing to make good the promises of his predecessor. Hercules decided to petition the King. The petition reads:

"That for 40 years he had been employed in the Netherlands in field and at sea, and in the West Indies in the time of George, Earl of Cumberland, at the surprising of Puerto Rico, where he was Sergeant Major General of the Army, and by the providence of God, preserved the Earl from drowning, and had gracious promises from Her Majesty of reward and preferment, having consumed above 10,000 pounds in these employments; but the Queen presently died, whereby he was prevented of Her Majesty's gracious promises, to his utter disabling and impoverishing his whole estate, and he being exceedingly aged petitions for 100 oaks out of Bell and Birksland, in the forest of Sherwood"

Hercules must not have expected much of King James (or hoped King James would take pity on him) since the petition asked for only 100 oaks.

The military nature of Hercules' temper is shown by an incident that occurred following his return in October 1598 from the attack on Puerto Rico. Recorded in the parish register in Chesterfield is the statement: "1598, December 15, Sepultus Robertus Eyre generosus, per violentiam Hercules Foljambe" meaning that Hercules killed Robert Eyre.

Hercules died in 1632 and was buried at Rotherham on November 27 of that year.

If Hercules Foljambe was not the father of our Anthony, who was Anthony's father and from where in the main line of heirs of the Foljambe inheritance did Anthony's parentage arise? Evidentially, Anthony was well educated, so must have come from an affluent branch of the Foljambes. Perhaps future research such as that being carried out by Grant Fulghum will reveal the parentage of Captain Anthony Fulgham and possibly the connection to the main line of heirs of the family Foljambe.

CONTEST

We need a masthead for our newsletter. Submit your design to the Executive Committee, c/o Robert S. Fulghum, 2013 Fern drive, Greenville, N C. All entries will become the property of the Fulgham-Fulghum Family Association and will not be returned. The designer of the winning entry will receive a prize and will be featured in a future newsletter. Please include information regarding yourself and your interests with your entry. Entries will be judged on the basis of artistic appeal, novel design, appropriateness to the name and objectives of the association and adaptability to reproduction by photooffset.

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Do not allow your name to be dropped from our active mailing list by procrastinating. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT to continue the Newsletter and the FFFA.

To: Mrs. Peggy Fulghum Wood, Secretary-Treasurer
Fulgham-Fulghum Family Association
4572 Ortega Forest Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32210

Yes, I (We) wish to join the FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY ASSOCIATION. I (We) enclose our check or money order for \$10.00 for 1988 dues. I understand that I will be placed on the mailing list to receive future issues of FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY FACTS and information on REUNIONS and other meetings.

NAME(please type or print) _____

ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

I received _____ copies of this newsletter (This datum will help us find duplicate, etc. names on our mailing list).

I am planning to attend the THIRD FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY REUNION to be held on Memorial Day weekend in Nashville, Tennessee YES _____ No _____
If I attend, there will be _____ persons in my party.

I want to consider attending the FOURTH FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY REUNION tentatively planned for the summer of 1989 or 1990 to be held near Smithfield, Virginia and the Old Brick Church (St. Luke's) in which our early ancestors worshipped YES _____ No _____.

In order to build the genealogy of the Fulgham-Fulghum family, we request that you provide the following information regarding your Fulgham-Fulghum ancestors: beginning with your father or mother or other ancestor with Fulgham or Fulghum surname, please provide the Name, Date of Birth, Place of Birth and place of death or burial and date of death of your Fulgham or Fulghum ancestors for as far back as you have information (Note: if Dr. James E. Fulghum, Jacksonville, Florida, already has this information on your branch of the family, it is not necessary to repeat it here).

Your Father or Mother(name) _____

Date/place birth _____ Date/place death _____

Grandparent (name) _____

Date/place birth _____ Date/place death _____

ETC. (please continue on the back of this page.)

To: Mrs. Peggy Fulghum Wood, Secretary / Treasurer
 Fulgham-Fulghum Family National Association
 2970 St. Johns Ave., # 12G
 Jacksonville, Florida 32205-8729

Please enroll my family (household) in the *Fulgham/Fulghum Family National Association*. I (we) enclose our check or money order for \$25.00 for Annual Dues. We understand that we will be placed on the mailing list to receive future issues of *Fulgham/Fulghum Family Facts* newsletter and information on reunions and other events.

This is a New Renewal membership. (Please check one)

Name (print) _____

Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____ - _____ (+4)

Phone # _____

E-mail address _____

Please add names and addresses of other FULGH*M families for the address list.

You should also provide updated family connection information, (names & dates) with this application and/or send it to the Family Archivist, *J. Grant Fulghum* @ 2551 Corte Tela, Camarillo, CA 93010-2219

Our family's "New World" beginning was in Isle of Wight County, Virginia - circa 1640. But now we gather everywhere.

1985 Rock Ridge, North Carolina,	1991 Rock Ridge, North Carolina,	1996 Smithfield, Virginia	2001 Jacksonville, Florida
1987 Wadley, Georgia,	1992 Palestine, Texas,	1997 Rock Ridge, North Carolina,	2002 Sacramento, California
1988 Nashville, Tennessee,	1993 Starkville, Mississippi,	1998 Charleston, South Carolina,	2003 New Iberia, Louisiana
1989 Smithfield, Virginia,	1994 Augusta, Georgia,	1999 Seattle, Washington,	
1990 St. Augustine, Florida,	1995 Memphis, Tennessee,	2000 Jackson , Mississippi	

Association Goals:

- ☞ ...to foster and encourage Family education & fellowship.
- ☞ ...to assist, in every possible way, the preservation and communication of the Family heritage.
- ☞ ...to continue researching & recording the history of the Family, its branches and related historical events.
- ☞ ...to collect artifacts, lore and documentation for the Family archives.
- ☞ ...to sustain a program whose purpose is to put concerned Family members in touch with one another and interested groups.
- ☞ ...to serve as a means of communication between all who care about the preservation of the Family heritage and historical event stories.
- ☞ ...to continue publication of the *Fulgham-Fulghum Family Facts*, a wholly unique periodical publication dedicated solely to interesting historical aspects of the Family, also to detail current happenings and, in general, to inform, educate and entertain concerned members.
- ☞ ...to maintain and constantly update a comprehensive research library with books, family data sheets, photographs, video tapes & documentation archives containing material relating to the Family.
- ☞ ...to raise funds for approved worthy causes, such as, educational foundations, research and Family associated events & materials, and for the proposed *FFFNA Museum-Archives*-building.

All of you are important to the family Association as we hang together in history. Communication through the newsletter is how we effectively hang together. That communication is very expensive. Your contributions over and above dues will help us continue with a quarterly newsletter for everyone. We should cling to every known Fulgham-Fulghum, and continue the effort to search for more



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