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EXCITING REUNION PLANNED JUNE 24-26, 1994 !!!



REUNION PLANS

By Tommy Fulghum
Vice President

A very enthusiastic group of Fulghums met at my home in Augusta on Saturday, January 29, 1994, to discuss our upcoming reunion in June (24-26). Our Florida cousins Peggy Wood, Dr. Jim and Jacqueline were present and helped assist in the planning.

The Georgia group wants to make this reunion an unforgettable one. We have set up working groups that will assure that you will have good housing, hotel and motel accommodation, food and entertainment, transportation, and a well planned program.

On Friday evening, June 24, 1994, I am inviting all of the family to my home for dinner. My dining room is not large enough to accommodate all of "ya'll", so we will dine in the garage and backyard. We are thinking about having a "Pig Picking" and "Low Country Boil" combination.

Augusta is an old, small city. It has many old historical houses and buildings, and it also borders the Savannah River. We have tentative plans to charter a river boat, large enough to carry the entire family, on Saturday night June 25. The plans are to have dinner while we cruise down the river.

Dr. Jim and Judson will be here to help you with family research. Please come and get to know your cousins.

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Shelby Carey Fulghum

Spring is finally here! Hope everyone had a great Easter.

The reunion is upon us and it seems that Tommy is planning some great times for us. I am putting the dates on my calendar right now and hope you are doing the same. More information will be forthcoming.

As always, Dr. Jim has an interesting article. As I have mentioned in previous newsletters, Dr. Jim is very involved in many things, only one of which is The Sons of Confederate Veterans. In a letter from him recently, he indicated that he and Jacqueline were getting set for the Confederate Ball and Dr. Jim is to carry the NC flag in the Parade of Flags at the Ball.

Robert Fulghum, favorite cousin of us all, will not be able to attend the reunion this year. Regrets were received from Robert's "Chief of Stuff", Barbara Witt. His schedule is very full with his 22 cities, 22 causes, One Good Reason tour.

This issue contains an interesting article from Grant Fulgham. We need more articles like this one. I know that each of you have a wealth of knowledge about your immediate family. I need your help in making this newsletter as informative as possible.

See all of you in Augusta!

Shelby



Join the Fulgham-Fulghum Family Association Today! We Need You and You Need Us.

FROM MY NOTEBOOK

By James E. Fulghum, M.D.
Historian

Accolades to our Editor of The Family Facts, Shelby Fulghum, for her excellent work in the production of the most recent edition of The Family Facts. Shelby welcomes the articles from the officers of the Association and for that matter from any member of this illustrious national family association. Good newsletters are nourished by good input.

We are looking forward to a visit from our family cousins Jim and Vera Fulghum of New Iberia, LA. I hope they bring a bottle of tabasco from the land of the internationally known (hot) peppers.

Recently I had a nice letter from our family cousin, Leonard C. Fulghum of Mount Pleasant, SC. Leonard had done some timely research on the military activities of our family cousin Edwin H. (Pete) Fulghum as a pilot in the South Pacific with the 13th Air Force. He was the recipient of the Asiatic Pacific Service Medal and the Medal for Merituous Service with 3 battle stars for participation in combat operations in the Northern Solomons and New Guinea with the Japanese.

The September 1993 edition of the Airforce Magazine had a most interesting cover sheet and an exciting article about "The Jacket That Lives Forever" and whose name is on that flight jacket? None other than our family cousin Pete Fulghum.

We are appreciative to cousin Leonard Fulghum and to Jim Simpson of the Air Force Association who provided me with a copy of the September 1993 Air Force Association Magazine.

Pete was separated from the Airforce October 31, 1945. At the separation center at Fort George G. Heade, MD. His last address was given as 5511 Gary Street, Richmond, Virginia. If you know, dear reader, of more about Edwin (Pete) Fulghum please get in touch with me.

I had an exciting letter from Edward E. (Ted) Crossland of 207 Lakewood Circle, Yorktown, Virginia 23692-3034. Ted is interested in researching the activities of our illustrious ancestor, Captain Anthony Fulgham of the Isle of Wight. I am encouraging Ted in his endeavor and will support his work in every way I can. I have sent Ted much information about Captain Anthony known to me and will continue to do so. Ted is in a position to be able to look into the maritime activities of yesteryear. If you have information about Captain Anthony please share it with Ted at his Yorktown, Virginia address. We will keep you informed as this exciting research develops. Our motto - "HELP TED".

In a recent letter from our family cousin John D. Fulgham of Cloverdale BC, he enclosed, for the archives, some valuable genealogical data about our family and several of its branches. We are appreciative of the good work that cousin David is doing for the family. Let's keep in touch with our Canadian cousins.

Today I had a letter from my dear family cousin, Grey Fulghum McDonald. She enclosed, for me, a copy of a deed of land sale dated 20th day of March, one thousand eight hundred and twenty nine from Jacob Fulghum to Jesse Fulghum and Anthony Fulghum. Witnesses on the deed were listed as Raiford Fulghum and Anthony Fulghum.

Saturday, January 29, 1994, it was my privilege to share in preparation for the Georgia reunion with vice president Tommy Fulghum and seven Georgia Fulghums. Tommy will be providing the details to Editor Shelby. Let me assure you the plans are exciting! This will be the 12th family reunion. Put the dates on your calendar, June 24-26, Augusta, GA. It is going to be one of the best. Your Georgia cousins are working hard.

I have been in contact with Jim Bolles. Mr. Bolles is the president of "The Family Society Tours" of Norwalk, CT. He will present his plans for a Fulghum-Fulgham trip to England either July or August, 1995.

Remember to tell your children and grandchildren about your ancient and honorable ancestors who were fighting indians in the colony of Virginia 150 years before the Declaration of Independence was written.

We will see you in Augusta, June 25th, 1994.

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IN MEMORIAM

Adell Carey, father of our Newsletter Editor Shelby Carey Fulghum, passed away on December 23, 1993 of a heart attack. He was born and lived most of his life in the Madison County Georgia area. Shelby was his only child.

Alton Eugene Fulghum of Lavonia, Georgia passed away on February 8, 1994. Alton had been in declining health for several years. He was the son of Robert Verner Fulghum and Leonia Smith Fulghum, grandson of Miles Henry Fulghum and older brother of board member Coy Fulghum of South Carolina. He is survived by three children.

GEORGE FRANKLIN FULGHUM

By J. Grant Fulgham

Cousin Frank's "reflections" in the December 1993 Family Facts concerning his GG-Grandfather Robert Cummings Fulgham and his brother Edmund Brantley Fulghum motivated me to retrieve research that I had done on early California Fulghams several years ago and put it to paper. It turned out that most of my research focused on George Franklin Fulgham brother to both Robert Cummings and Edmund Brantley. I found George Franklin's history fascinating and since he left numerous progeny in California I had hoped that, by now, descendants would be showing up at the family reunions. The following snapshot of George Franklin's life, then, is offered not only as an interesting view of Fulghams moving west but as a call to his descendants to come forward.

George Franklin was born in Georgia in 1812, the ninth child of Baptist minister Micajah and Rachael (Taylor) Fulgham. The family moved to Laurence County, Mississippi in 1820 and tragedy struck in 1821 when Micajah died leaving seven minor children and their widowed mother. George grew to manhood helping his widowed mother and siblings manage the family property and in circa 1831 he married Eleanor Calhoun, said to be a niece of John C. Calhoun, the statesman. At some point, George Franklin began to be called by his middle name, Frank, because an oral historian in California remembered him as "Frank". Frank and Eleanor began raising a family. Ezekial was born there in 1832, John Jesse in 1833, and Benjamin in 1839. About 1840 the family moved to Louisiana where Henry was born in 1841. Prior to 1847, Frank moved his family to the Plum Creek (now Lockhart) area of Caldwell County, Texas. It was at this time that the Comanche Indians in that area of Texas attacked the settlers in what came to be known as the "Plum Creek Massacre". In the 1850 census Frank was a prosperous hotel and livery owner in Lockhart. From 1847 until he left Texas in 1852, Frank speculated in real estate, ran his hotel and livery and served as county assessor and tax collector for Caldwell County. On April 10, 1851, Frank sold properties in Lockhart to B.V. Teel. His wife at the time was documented as Miriam, thus his first wife, Eleanor had passed away prior to 1851. In that same year, George S. was born, his last son, and most likely Miriam was the mother.

By 1852, the magnet of the California gold rush had proven irresistible and Frank decided to sell out and move his family to California. Galveston was a convenient port to ship from in those days and so the family probably took a steamer from Galveston to Chagres, then packhorses across the isthmus to Panama. In the 1852 California State Census, George Franklin Fulgham is listed as a resident of San Luis Obispo.

By 1853, the family had moved to San Juan Bautista where Frank and his sons set about raising horses and beef cattle, draying, teamsterning, and possibly renting relief teams to the stagecoaches on scheduled routes through San Juan, a busy way station on the feeder routes to and from Embarcadero de Santa Clara. It was no accident that Frank decided to settle in San Juan because he had been preceded there by fellow Texans, probably acquaintances. The following quote is from the Centennial Booklet of Texas Lodge No. 46, F. & A. M.:

"...in the year 1853, part of a group of 42 Texans who had come from their native state shortly after the Mexican question was settled in this area, decided to form a Masonic lodge in the thriving community of San Juan...In selecting a suitable name for the lodge, it was only natural that the title "Texas" be chosen...CHARTER MEMBERS WERE: William Abbe, D.R. Ashley, J.T. Cox, G.H. Fulgham (sic)," and thirteen others.

In 1855, John Jesse set out on his own and settled in Tulare County near what is now Visalia. In 1860 he married Amanda Caldwell who had been born in Indiana and in 1890 they had four surviving children: Eleanor (Fulgham) March, William Jasper, Lulu May, and Lottie Irene. John Jesse was a respected member of Tulare County and was featured in the "History of Central California."

In about 1860, Frank Fulgham bought the National Hotel from John Geaster. It served as the original meeting place for the Texas Lodge F. & A.M. Frank Fulgham was deeply involved in a freight business between the New Idria Quicksilver Mines and Alviso (Embarcadero de Santa Clara) providing draft animals and drayage out of the National Hotel livery stables

The Frank Fulgham family was no longer in San Juan Bautista in the 1870 census and I can find no George Franklin Fulgham, head of household, in California for that census. He may have died by that date. George S., his son born in 1851, was farming about 320 acres on the border between Tulare and Fresno Counties near Kingsburg in 1890. Henry W. owned a lot next to the racetrack in Visalia in 1890 (his former lot is now the campus of Grace Lutheran School). John Jesse was a successful farmer in the Visalia area. Ezekiel and Benjamin had died prior to 1890 according to John Jesse's biography in the History of Central California. Today there are no Fulghams in the San Juan Bautista area and only one is in the Visalia area. Chances are good, however, that there are a number of descendants of George Franklin alive today. If any of you are out there, I would like to see a follow-up to this article. Your ancestor has a very interesting story to tell.



A NOTE FROM OUR SECRETARY/TREASURER

By Peggy Fulghum Wood

Hope everyone had a happy Easter! It is that time of year to be thinking about the reunion in June. I do hope that you are planning to be there. I had the opportunity to be in a planning session with the Georgia clan and the preliminary plans seem to indicate that this will be another great reunion for all of us.

A note about the Family History Books. I now have all the remaining copies from the publisher. If you have not bought your copy, mail your check for \$45 to me and I will return your copy immediately.

It's time again for FFFA dues. If you have not already done so, please send your check for \$10 to me.

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