



FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY FACTS

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The Eleventh (11th) Annual
**Fulgham/Fulghum Family
National Association Reunion**
Friday, Saturday & Sunday - June 14, 15 & 16

Father's Day Weekend in
Smithfield, Isle of Wight County, Virginia



Militia Captain Anthony Fulgham sailed into the tidewaters of the Chesapeake many times. With Martha, he established the pioneer family homestead near the Pagan River tributary, south of the mighty James River at Warrosquoyacke (Isle of Wight County, Virginia) in 1642. They raised four sons: John, Anthony, Michael, & Nicholas. Descendants and friends are gathering together at that same location in 1996 to meet cousins, learn of the "New World" beginnings and family enterprises, and experience their heritage while sailing into family history.

All Fulghams/Fulghums, in-laws, and friends are invited. Come and meet your cousins and hear about your family history, while also visiting sites of original pioneer family connection. Sail into family history with the family aboard *Harbortown Lady* from Newport News, through the Hampton Roads Harbor and up the mighty James River to Pagan River inlet just like Captain Anthony Fulgham must have sailed 355 years earlier.

Help dedicate a new memorial stone to the sacred memory of Michael Fulgham, and worship as the original family must have at St. Luke's on Sunday, June 16, 1996.

For additional information, contact Ted or Libby (Fulghum) Crossland at (804) 898-6114 or write them at 207 Lakewood Circle, Yorktown, Virginia 23692-3034. They are acting as our local host/hostess and helping with the planning and execution of this reunion.

Please fill out the enclosed registration as early as possible and send it to our Secretary/Treasurer - Peggy (Fulghum) Wood, 4572 Ortega Forest Dr., Jacksonville, Florida 32210. Be advised that other events going on in the Tidewater area this same weekend could interfere with lodging availability. Additionally, the dinner-cruise event for Saturday evening requires exacting and early advance planning. Also, Sunday service(s) space may need to be adjusted to accommodate the expected volume of attendees. This newsletter serves as your only registration form and information - please hold on to it! Help us by registering early!

Remember to use the separate hotel registration form (Holiday Inn, Hampton-Coliseum Hotel & Conference Center) to make your own lodging reservations, or if you use the phone, to get the contracted rate for hotel rooms (\$72/\$79 night) be sure to mention that you are part of the Fulgham/Fulghum Reunion party. The hotel phone number is 1-800-842-9370.

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Reunion Highlights

Linger Longer

An exciting and important Father's Day weekend event is planned for family and friends of the Fulgham-Fulghum Family Association in June, 1996. However, as an observer of value and a student of history, I must appeal to all out-of-town participants to consider a longer, combination stay in this cradle of history at the **Historical Triangle of Tidewater Virginia**. To get only the short taste of **Captain Anthony and Michael Fulgham** family history and to not also see the **Jamestown Settlement** and observe how they actually lived, is like having dinner without dessert. Additionally, if you were to miss **Colonial Williamsburg** and **Yorktown** while in the Tidewater area, it would almost be a sin.

I am a family transplant from upstate New York, married into the Fulghum heritage and fascinated by its mysteries, merits, and maritime connections. Any student of history, as I am, would find Virginia living absolute perfection, especially if he had the time to devote completely to its rich colonial study. After having married Libby and traveling all over the world with her while we were in the Navy, we decided to return to this homesite for the next transition. I have taken my shoes off and ground the piedmont between my toes. We travel all over the area in search of new and old information, not only about the family, but about all of the strong pioneers who gave birth and such richness of life to this nation.

At risk of sounding like a Chamber of Commerce or Board of Tourism employee (which I'm not), I'm going to try to entice you to become a tourist of keen interest and spend some additional time exploring all of your family heritage while here in Virginia. One short weekend is not enough to do any of it justice. You will want to see **Bacon's Castle** and **Smith's Fort** where Fulgham family members made history. You should see the maritime magnificence of the **Mariner's Museum**, **Nauticus** and the **Navy Base** to learn more about **Anthony's**,

by. E.E. (Ted) Crossland

John's, Michael's, Nacelles Charles' ship faring adventures. Perhaps you may want to see the family papers/ records in the Isle of Wight County Courthouse, or even the Richmond, VA. Land-Grant archives.

Organ Restoration

St. Luke's Church holds many important artifacts and historical treasures. Among them is the famous "Father" Smith Organ, c1665, a rare example of seventeenth century English origin signed by the famous maker, the eminent "Father" Smith (Schmidt) who with Charles and Rene Harris led the revival in organ building in Post-Restoration England. The organ has recently sparked national and international attention and is now slated for a restoration project of its own. Alas, the hands of time have left their mark and the hope is to return it to its original state, or as close as possible. Curator Dick Austin and the Board of Governors are investigating proposals from firms interested in performing this delicate restoration project. Your help is appreciated.

Michael's Stone

Michael Fulgham's new stone marker is 500 pounds of domestic Berkely Blue Granite cut by Jack Conti of the Columbia Gardens Memorials in Arlington, Virginia. It measures 2'-6" x 0'-10" x 1'-6" with a polished slant-face, serpentine top, and rock-pitch top, sides and front. It simply states:

In Memory of
† Michael Fulgham †
ca 1640-1690

Presented by the Family Association
June 16, 1996

and has two deeply cut crosses. The design and font selected is in keeping with the surroundings and spirit of the times. It will be placed at St. Luke's cemetery in early 1996 by Ted and Jack awaiting family presentation and dedication on Father's Day.

Michael's Will

A copy of Michael Fulgham's Last Will and Testament has been obtained from the court records and translated / transcribed by an amateur cryptographer who needs help correcting some of the interpretation. It has some interesting provisions which I am sure will intrigue some of his descendants as they view it at the reunion. It mentions his wife, Anne, Sones - Anthony & Michael; daughters - Sarah, Martha, Mary Ann, Susanna, and Ruth, along with his brothers - John and Nicholas. Additionally, a copy of the court ordered appraisal of the estate has been obtained and is in the process of being translated. Perhaps you could help interpret it at the workshop on June 15, 1996. It lists pottery, livestock, bedding, clothing, and all other manner of possessions important to the times and it provides a window into the history of the family lifestyle. Come help open the window.

Harbor Cruise

A casual sunset buffet dinner harbor cruise is planned for the reunion. We hope to feast on all of the colonial Virginia favorites in typical "groaning-board" fashion. We might even have peanut soup, featured along with that famous Smithfield, Virginia Ham and biscuits. For three hours the flotilla of ships will retrace the 355 year old marine track of Captain Anthony Fulgham as we hug the banks of the mighty James River on our way up to the Pagan River inlet where he and Martha established the pioneer homesite by 1642. Boat loads of Fulghums will therefore Sail Into Family History by retracing the original advenurers' path. At the same time, we will see today's industry at Newport News Shipbuilding, James River Bridge, and the Middle Ground location of the famous Civil War ironclad ship battle site, and other points of interest in the busseling Hampton Roads Harbor.

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A NOTE FROM THE SECRETARY/TREASURER

A New Year is beginning and hopefully all of you are well and looking forward to a great year. I must remind all of you who have not paid yearly dues that now is the time! Look at your mailing label and if '96 appears by your name, you have paid. If not, please send your check for \$10.00 to me because with these funds we will be able to continue mailing newsletters to all on our mailing list. The cost of printing, supplies, and mailing seems to increase every year. So, if you have failed to join in the past years, please do so now.

I would like to encourage as many as possible to make plans now for the June reunion in Virginia. Ted Crossland and his committee have done a super job in making plans for our weekend event. Also, I want everyone who plans to go to the reunion to make reservations as soon as you get this newsletter, which includes the registration form. Prior registration is really necessary for an accurate count of boats and bus tour reservations. Look forward to seeing you in Virginia.

Please send your check for FFFA dues and reunion registration to:
Peggy F. Wood
4572 Ortega Forest Drive
Jacksonville, Florida 32210

NOTES FROM THE EDITOR

Carolyn Fulghum

A warm wish that all had a special Christmas with family and friends and a happy New Year that began with your first New Year's resolution being to attend the family reunion. Our thoughts and prayers have been with our family members who have been affected by the severe winter storms.

Ted, Libby, and their committee have planned a great celebration for the family along the paths of our beginning. Included in this newsletter is registration and reservation information that you should respond to as quickly as possible. Also, please keep this newsletter for information on the reunion.

The next newsletter will go out around mid-April. Please submit your items of interest by April 1 (No Fooling).

Looking forward to seeing everyone at the reunion June 14, 15, and 16.



<i>1996 Reunion</i>	<i>Registration/Reservation Form</i>	<i>1996 Reunion</i>
Association Membership dues (application ___ renewal ___)	.....\$10.00 per household	x ___ \$ ___
Reunion registration (Basic)	.....\$5.00 per person	x ___ \$ ___
President's Reception (Friday evening - Optional)	.....\$5.00 per person	x ___ \$ ___
Bus Tour Tickets (Saturday - Optional)	.....\$3.00 per person	x ___ \$ ___
Riverboat / Dinner Cruise Tickets (Saturday - Optional)	.....\$25.00 per person	x ___ \$ ___
Enclosed payable to Fulgham Family '96 Reunion for the following registration & reservations:		GRAND TOTAL \$ _____
Use this form to list names for all persons registering:		
Name:.....	Address:.....	
Name:.....	Address:.....	
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On an additional piece of paper, please communicate any special needs.		Mail to Peggy Now!
@ Secretary/Treasurer, Peggy Fulghum Wood, 4572 Ortega Forest Dr., Jacksonville, FL 32210		

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WHAT'S IN A NAME?

by Desmond Holden

submitted by Peggy F. Wood

Are you called FOLJAMBE? During this week (5th-9th June), a party of visiting Americans, all sharing the name FOLJAMBE will be in the area to explore their roots. The key places are Bakewell, Chesterfield, Tideswell, and Wormhill. The "Peacock Players" have offered to entertain them one evening and have also approached the "Peak Advertiser" with a request that the name "Foljambe" be discussed. "It would be," as their Spokesman submitted, "a nice gesture." It is certainly a Derbyshire name. All the earliest references centre on Derby, then spread out towards Sheffield and York. There is a Foljambe Road in Rotherham (Sheffield) and two Roads and an Avenue in Chesterfield.

It belongs to that class of surnames which began life as a nickname. It is made up of two units: "Fol-" and "-jambe." Both are French and, directly translated, come out as "Foolish Leg." At once it must be emphasised that the allusion to "direct translation" is very significant because the unit "Fol" and the word "foolish" have undergone some subtle changes in meaning since the Middle Ages.

The French took the word directly from the Latin expression "follis" which meant "a purse" or "leather bag." Later the "bag" was adapted to create a sort of primitive bellows. From thence the notions of "wind" and "emptiness" associated with the action of bellows were transferred to take in the idea of insignificance and ended-up as "empty-headed" or "wind-bag" - i.e. a fool.

But it was not invariably a derogatory word. Today, just as "nice" has lost its precise meaning and is now a convenient and general means of expressing approval or appraisal. So also "fool" and "foolish" were once extensively used where not only the idea of diminution or impairment arose. Indeed, it may come as a surprise, but in Tudor Times, "fool" was used as a term of endearment. A famous Elizabethan Courtier referred to his Lady Love as a "Heavenly Fool" - and the Lady was delighted! In Old French the word

"fol" was something akin to the modern expression "Down Market" - for example, cheap flour made from Mill Dust was called "farine folle." Shakespeare also reveals how the meaning of the word has altered. He understood it to signify "slightly below average" or "nothing special." In "Romeo & Juliet" a Host describes as evening's entertainment as a "trifling foolish Banquet."

The second unit "-jambe" is easily recognised as being the French for "leg" but its passage into that language is rather involved. The Classical Latin for "legs" is "cruces" but for some obscure reason the Later Latin "camba" was taken-up instead. This originally signified "hoof" and, by extension, came to mean the entire length of the leg of any animal, then that of a human being. The characteristic bend of the hind-legs of beasts, especially dogs and horses, was the influencing factor because "camba" literally means "a bend." e.g. ("camber"). This word curiously enough can be traced both to an Ancient British form "cam" which meant "beant" or "crooked" and also to the Greek "kambe" of similar meanings. Sometimes the "c" in "cambe" changed to "g-" (gamba), hence words such as "gambol." So combining the two units, the name clumsily converts to "foolish leg" and this confirms that it must have been first bestowed as a nickname. One of the few, in fact, which has come down to us through Norman French.

Even if allowance is made for the inevitable compression of ideas incorporated into nick-names, "foolish-leg" does not make perfect sense. It is willingly conceded that nick-names were a common form of identification among our ancestors and that many have persisted and prevail as modern surnames. Nick-names often reveal rough humour and keen observation and at times are outrageously offensive. But an examination of some of the Records suggests that many uncomplimentary titles were probably confirmed with good reason. No doubt "Pinchpenny" and "Doolittle" merited the disap-

proval implied in their names! Otherwise it can be accepted that our predecessors, like ourselves, acknowledged that people were not physically afflicted for their own amusement. And, while the habits of the time led to the community picking-on deformities as a means of identification, it was not necessarily meant unkindly. A disability was a fact and it could not be ignored. So in the case of a man who was lame or who had a withered leg, if he lived among French-speaking people, he attracted the name "Foljambe" and if he were surrounded by English-speaking neighbours, he would have been identified under an Anglo-Saxon counterpart: Crookshank. So, bearing this in mind that the word "foolish" (fol) did not invariably carry the sense of criticism and disapproval as it does today, the name "Foljambe" might be better rendered simply as "the man with the damaged limb."

This runs counter to the suggestion often made that the name was given out of spite and mockery. But this does not seem to have been the case - at least not among ordinary folk. Kings, on the other hand, certainly attracted rude names such as "Crookback" (Richard III) and "Lackland" (John) but even then, such titles partake more of the nature of a sobriquet used by Chroniclers, rather than current nicknames.

The earliest reference appears to be for a "William Folejambe of Derby" in 1172 and the family seems to have been of some consequence because records make mention of "Sir Thomas Foljambe, who was Bailiff of High Peak in the County of Derby" exactly 100 years later (1272).

There are numerous variations in the spelling but these are better followed up by bearers of them.

In spite of its undisputed antiquity, the name has not been borne by any outstanding personalities. It is the family name of the Earls of Liverpool, but even that is a later creation (1905) since the original title had earlier become extinct.

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In The Beginning

by James E. Fulghum

It must have been a welcome sight for Captain Anthony Foljambe as a crew watch sighted the land at the point of Cape Henry that day in 1641 and the crew and passengers on his small ship were excited as the craft traversed the waters of Hampton Roads and into the mouth of the James River.

Up river they crawled as the English captain watched for Pagan Point and his destination as he sought a small settlement that was to become Isle of Wight County, Virginia in later days. After all, there were only a few people already there and Captain Anthony was eager to off load his passengers and collect his 100 acres for each head of family he had aboard.

It was an interesting time for all of them as they worked to set up homes in the new land in Colonial Virginia. It had scarcely been 30 years before when the first ship loads had arrived to establish the colony at Jamestown just across the river.

Captain Anthony staked his claim next to John Boddie and close to that of Dr. Richard Williamson and John Marshall, and he and his wife, Martha, continued with the rearing of their family. Sons John and Anthony had accompanied them on the trip. Michael was soon to be born.

As he began to move about, Captain Anthony discovered a flat landscape abundant with streams and marches. There were native Indians still about but their numbers were diminishing. It would be only a few years before the guidelines for forming the county were to be drawn up and even more years before Edward Boykin would provide the

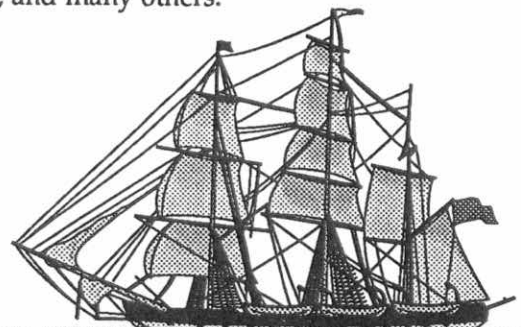
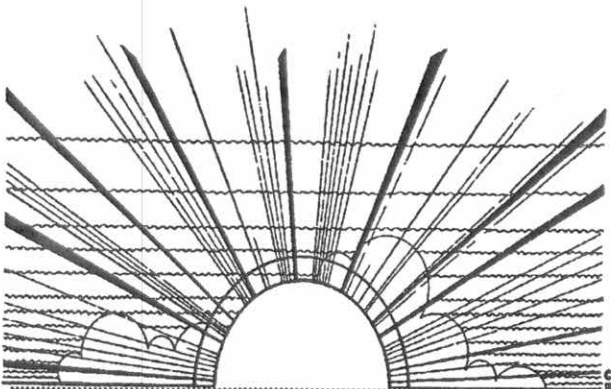
land for a courthouse which, til this very day, stands out in the rural area of the county—making it one of the distinctive courthouses in America.

It will be to this county that members of the Fulgham/Fulghum Family will flock in June of 1996 to take part in their annual National Family Reunion.

Some will arrive by air either at the airports of Norfolk or Williamsburg and drive rental cars to Smithfield in Isle of Wight County. Others will arrive by Interstate Highway 64 and U.S. Highway 258. No matter how they come, they will discover the flatlands of the county, in the area called Tidewater, dotted both with dairy farms and many new homes from which pour forth every morning thousands of Virginians off to work in the cities of Tidewater - Norfolk, Portsmouth, Newport News, Chesapeake, Virginia Beach, and Suffolk - that constitute the eighth largest population mass in the country.

Meanwhile, hundreds will stream into tiny Smithfield, itself, to work in the packing plants from which come thousands of those famous Virginia Hams and other pork products - packing plants developed over the years by the Gwaltneys and the Luters.

Members of the Fulgham/Fulghum Family who will stream from 25 or more states for the family reunion will be visiting on soil that was part of the first settled in America. And, they will discover there the names of many families in which they also have roots—families like the Barnes, the Smiths, the Godwins, the Williamsons, the Boykins, the Boyettes, the Hooks, the Powells, the Marshalls, the Boddies, and many others.



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Smithfield, VA 23430
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Smithfield Station
Waterfront Inn
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Smithfield, VA 23430
(804) 357-7700

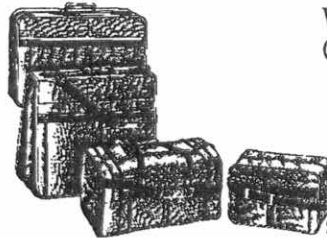
Four Square Plantation (B&B)
13357 Four Square Rd.
Smithfield, VA 23410
(804) 365-0749

Sykes Inn & Tavern (B&B)
112 Main Street
Smithfield, VA 23430
(804) 357-0244

Best Western
Highway 58 East of Franklin
Franklin, VA 23851
(804) 562-4100

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13564 Jefferson Ave.
Newport News, VA 23603
(804) 888-3333



Jamestown Beach Campsites
P.O. Box CB Jamestown Rd.
Williamsburg, VA 23187
(804) 229-7609

For further information: Isle of Wight Tourism Bureau
P.O. Box 37
Smithfield, Virginia 23431
1-800-365-9339 or (804) 357-5182

Good News!

Dr. Jim reports that he is getting along quite well these days. He hopes to continue "From My Notebook" for the newsletter soon.



He and Jacolyn are planning to be with us in June.

-Reminder-

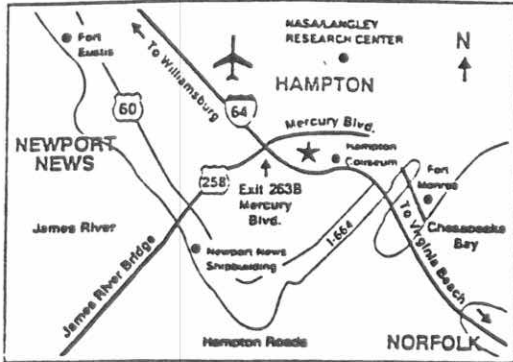
Please share with us noteworthy information on your family for the April edition. Deadline is April 1 (No Fooling).

This will be the last newsletter prior to the reunion.

Carolyn



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RATES:	\$72+10%	SINGLE	GROUP NAME:	Fulgham Family Reunion
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		SUITES	DATES:	June 14-16, 1996

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Or please submit a check in the amount of \$79.20 Single or \$86.90 Double as deposit on the first night's stay. All reservations will be held until 6:00 p.m. unless guaranteed for late arrival.

*The above rates are inclusive of the 10% tax which applies for each night of your stay.

SPECIAL REQUESTS: _____

All reservations must be received at the Holiday Inn Hampton-Coliseum Hotel and Conference Center by 5/14/96. Reservations received after this date are subject to space availability.

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 Holiday Inn Hampton-Coliseum
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 ATTN: Reservations

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1996 Family Reunion

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