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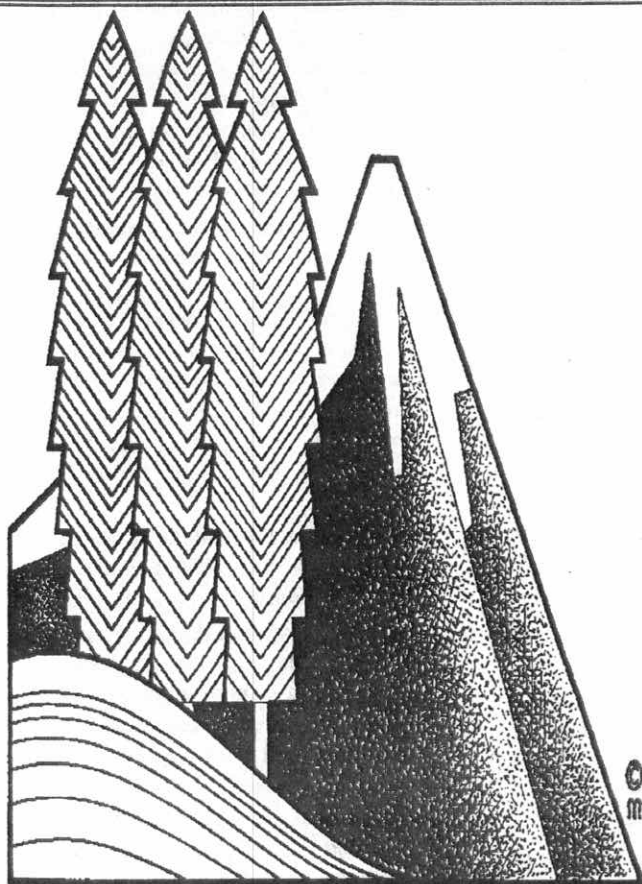
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## A Bright New Year is here!

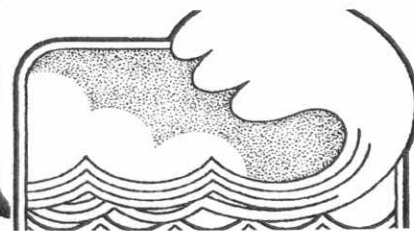
*Happy New Year!* We hope that 1996 was a good year for you and your family, and we would like to extend our wishes that 1997 brings you only the best. We appreciate you, our valued membership, and the support you have given us in the past. We look forward to the new year and providing you and all of our new members with all of your heritage information desires. This new year we will find new cousins, & fellowship with family and friends as we plan the year's Family gathering in North Carolina. This 21<sup>st</sup> issue welcomes the new year and the new members who joined the Association during this past Fall/Winter. It contains some new **discovery** of family lineage and promises additional **discovery**. Please join us as we venture into Family heritage. Warm yourself this winter with family fellowship and newly discovered heritage information.

## North Carolina

is divided into ten regional areas that encompass some of the most beautiful of God's creation in this country. From the mountains through the piedmont, to the coastal plain, diversity is available for any interest. This year your cousins from the "Northern Heartland" area of North Carolina invite you to visit and fellowship with them at the 12<sup>th</sup> annual *Fulgham-Fulghum Family National Association* Reunion and then linger awhile and enjoy the sights where Cotton is King again in Wayne County and where Wilson County is still known as the Bright Leaf Tobacco Market of the World. Where you are only 100 miles from the beautiful Crystal Coast and the Graveyard of the Atlantic. Your wonderful **FULGHUM** heritage has its roots in this dynamic area.



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

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If you are interested in participating in any part of FFFF please contact Ted Crossland at (757) 898-6114. Comments and questions concerning FFFF should be addressed to Editor, FFFF, 207 Lakewood Circle, Yorktown, VA 23692-3034. Or on the internet at <tedlibby@erols.com>, our e-mail box is always open.

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President's Notebook  
Libby (Fulghum) Crossland

Important items will be available at the 1997 reunion in North Carolina. These documents, artifacts and other informational pieces will help you clarify your lineage, show you some of your wonderful heritage, and bring you up to date on the family archives. Cousin Charles B. Ellis promises not only family and spiritual root building nourishment, but some good old home-cooking nourishment as well. Fifteen cousins are hard at work on the committees formulating our activities for the weekend which most surely is going to include some of that delicious Eastern North Carolina Barbecue. Stay tuned for details



Cousin Judy Morrison from 26285 23rd. St., Highland California, 92346, whom I had the pleasure of meeting at the '96 Smithfield reunion, has a great idea and reports information gained about an "Association of One-Name Studies". This Association has a super Newsletter (she sent a copy) and is ready to "help new name genealogists learn how to do it and not make the same mistakes we all made", among other things. Judy learned about it at the *National Genealogical Society* Conference in Nashville last May. She suggests we consider becoming affiliated with this group. It may be a way for us to get some more exposure - and hopefully, new members. She is a member of the *NGS* and plans to attend the 1997 conference in Valley Forge, PA this May 7-10.

The *AONS* association can be reached at:  
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Or @ (<http://www.mediasoft.net/ScottC/aons.htm>) on the NET.  
Their Newsletter is published quarterly and is chocked full of family studies, hints, and other good food for thought.

Fulghu/am family history is additionally documented in a local Wilson County, North Carolina book. The details of this book, "*History of Wilson County and Its Families*" was originally compiled by the late local genealogists, Hugh B. Johnston, Jr. and Marshall Daniel, and was later included in the book at the counties 130th Anniversary Committee book project. This rare out-of-print book is widely known as the *Wilson County Heritage Book*. A supplemental edition was later published which includes more families. Most copies are in private hands, with one copy available for reference at the Wilson County Public Library. It would be a great service for a local group or public-spirited individual to sponsor the reissue of these books in a combined form with a badly-needed index.

Dr. Jim has provided me with file copies of the FFF Association's *Constitution, By-laws and Family Education Trust* documents for information and file. He indicates that he has much family data in more than 40 notebooks along with other library items. He further discusses the large amount of documentation that Peggy has in her possession and the comprehensive file of statistical & family data that Judson retains. Ted & I have accumulated a rather large document and artifact file now and I'm sure that previous Editors and Officers have also. The cousin Coland's three volume set of *Fulgham/Fulghum/Foljambe* books, purchased by the Association, are located somewhere(???please bring it to N.C.). It is evident to all of us that we need a *central library* with access capability for family members. Some items should travel to each reunion but, most others should be in a central place for access throughout the year.

What do y'all think about space for a *FAMILY LIBRARY* in Tommy's New Headquarters building in Augusta, GA? Tommy has mentioned this idea to Dr. Jim as a possibility and it might very well serve as the Family's (*Presidential-Like*) Library for reference and knowledge accumulation in a central place. Your Association Directors will be looking into this issue but, would like to hear your comments, suggestions and ideas. Please write and let me know.

*Discovery!*

## The Pilgrim Father's Trail

by Grant Fulgham

This is the second article in a four part series covering the July 1994 trip that my wife and I took to England in pursuit of **Foljambe** family history. The previous article, entitled "Mary Queen of Scots", (Issue No.16 6/95) which recounted our visits to the various sites in the East Midlands where Mary was held captive, ended with the promise to continue the story of the **Foljambe** family through their role in the emergence of the political power of certain Puritan Divines in the late 16<sup>th</sup> and early 17<sup>th</sup> centuries. Every schoolboy and girl is familiar with the story of the Pilgrims and Puritans and their involvement in the settlement of the American Colonies. As I studied East Midland history in

preparation for the trip to England, I was shocked by the dominance of the East Midlands as the source of the Puritan Divines and then, with further study, learned that the **Foljambe** family (and their in-laws) served as patrons and benefactors to many of the Divines. The stage was set for a very interesting tour of the home of the Pilgrim Fathers, a roughly 30 mile square area encompassing North Nottinghamshire, South Yorkshire, and East Lincolnshire.

Why were the **Foljambes** involved with the Puritan Divines and how does that relate to **Fulghum/Fulghum Family** history? In the late 16<sup>th</sup> century, England continued to be dominated by the political system termed Feudalism. Feudalism was characterized by the triad of King, Church and Aristocracy perched precariously on the backs of the Peasantry. The Peasantry were attached to the land, the land was the source of all wealth, and land was held from its Lord with the promise of military service...or a fee. The clarion call of Feudalism was "No Kingdom without a King! No Church without a Bishop! No Land without a Lord!". Unwittingly, Henry VIII exacerbated the rapid weakening of Feudalism in England when he split the English Church from the Catholic Church. With one leg of the triad weakened, Englishmen began to question the mystical concept of the divine right of kings and the legitimacy of church governance only by

bishops. During the Tudor Dynasty, a new breed was allowed to enter the aristocracy - A "New Rich" who received much of their wealth, not from land (although they certainly bought land), but from merchantilism, trade, and manufacture. The new rich had little allegiance to the Feudalistic Triad and tended to be less tolerant of the Crown and inclined

more toward the Presbyterian form of church governance than the old aristocracy. In the late 16<sup>th</sup> century many new rich families became activist for change in the Church of England and began to support promising young scholars in divinity at Cambridge and Oxford. One such family was that of Sir Christopher Wray, the Lord Chief Justice of the Queen's Bench, of Glentworth in Lincolnshire. Two of Sir Christopher's daughters, **Isabel**

who married **Sir Godfrey Foljambe** of Walton Derbyshire and Frances, who married Sir George St. Paul, were especially active throughout their lives in using their family fortunes to support Puritan scholars and Divines. Not surprisingly, the list of Puritan Divines who benefitted from **Lady Isabel** and Frances' aid and encouragement reads like a "Who's Who" of ministers who most influenced the establishment of North American Plantations in the early 17<sup>th</sup> Century. These were the Pilgrim Fathers of the English East Midlands. The church that they fled to in Amsterdam in 1608 served as the nursery for their subsequent churches and congregations that emigrated to Plymouth Plantation in New England as well as the Lawne Creek and Bennett Plantations in Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

History records an event that took place in 1606 which clearly connects the **Foljambe** Family with the Pilgrim Fathers. In that year, **Godfrey Foljambe's** widow, **Isabel**, arranged a meeting at her house of the leading Puritan Divines to discuss what action should be taken in response to the increased persecution that they were then facing. Among the attendees at that meeting were Richard Bernard, Thomas Helwys, John Smyth, John Dod,

Arthur Hildersham and others. John Smyth emerged as a radical thinker and proposed that there was no choice but to separate from the Church of England. Decisions made at this meeting subsequently resulted in the covert formation of separatist congregations in the East Midlands and later emigration of those congregations to Holland. The Ancient Church of England separatist had been in Amsterdam since 1593, with Francis Johnson as pastor, and welcomed the newcomers with open arms. One of the ruling elders of the Ancient church was Edward Bennett who subsequently established Bennett's Plantation in Isle of Wight County, Virginia. The involvement of the Foljambe family with the East Midland separatists, the cross fertilization of the East Midland congregations with the Ancient church and the subsequent establishment of plantations in Plymouth, Massachusetts and Isle of Wight County by these people make them legitimate subjects for **Fulgham** Family history research. Donna and I dedicated this portion of our trip to seeking out the parish churches and meeting houses of the separatist ministers who had any connection with the **Foljambe/Wrays** and who indirectly influenced the settlement of Plymouth, Massachusetts and Isle of Wight County.

Our first stop in this segment of our trip was Worksop Priory Nottinghamshire, the home parish of Richard Bernard. Frances Wray had paid Bernard's way through Cambridge and he subsequently was known as a "very zealous Puritan minister". Bernard was a prolific writer and some sources suggest that Bunyan got the idea for "Pilgrim's Progress" from Bernard's "Isle of Man". He dedicated his English translation of the "Comedies of Terence" to "...The vertuous and religious ladies the **Lady (Isabel Foljambe) Bowes** and the Lady Sanctpoll, his very bountiful patroness...". Bernard attended **Lady Isabel's** 1606 Separatist conference and he was an early prominent member of the Separatist Movement but he later recanted. Notwithstanding Bernard's latterday return to the Anglican fold, there is no doubt that he had a substantial influence on the thinking of the Pilgrim Fathers. Worksop Priory makes an excellent

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first stop on the Pilgrim Fathers's Trail - the church is an imposing and interesting edifice and the nearby public library has an extensive display and information resources on the Pilgrim Father's theme.

**N**ext we visited St. Wilfred's Church, Scrooby, Nottinghamshire, the home of William Brewster, the ruling elder of the Plymouth congregation. Brewster had entered Cambridge in 1508 and attended there while Francis Johnson was there, apparently acquiring his separatist ideals due, at least partly, to Johnson's influence. He served a brief internship with Sir William Davison, Elizabeth's Secretary of State, and was with Davison at the time of the Queen of Scots execution (see FFFF #16 of 6/95). Subsequently, Brewster was appointed Bailiff to the Archbishop's estate at Scrooby and lived in the manor house. It was here in 1606, following **Lady Isabel's** Separatist Conference, that Brewster began holding meetings of the Scrooby separatist congregation. Brewster set up Richard Clyfton as pastor and John Robinson as teacher of the congregation, both having been deprived of their pulpits at their previous churches due to their separatist views. Scrooby is a most interesting place to visit for the **Foljambe** historian, offering the church which dates from the 12<sup>th</sup> century, Brewster's Manor House, the old Vicarage and a number of 18<sup>th</sup> century sites.

**A** very short distance from Scrooby lies Austerfield, South Yorkshire, the home of William Bradford, the Governor of Plymouth Plantation. As a boy of about 12 Years, Bradford had often skipped services at St. Helena's Church in Austerfield and walked the several miles to Babworth All Saints Church to hear Richard Clyfton, the inspiring pastor there. At Babworth he met William Brewster who became his lifelong mentor and friend. Following **Lady Isabel (Foljambe) Bowes'** Separatist Conference of 1606 and the covert organization of separatist congregations at Scrooby and Gainsborough, Bradford joined Brewster in his congregation at Scrooby. Periodically, the Scrooby congregation appears to have joined with the congregation of John Smith in Gainsborough Lincolnshire for worship.

**F**rom Austerfield we drove across North Nottinghamshire to Gainsborough, Lincolnshire and visited "Gainsborough Old Hall", possibly the most important landmark for colonial American history in England. The old hall had been the manor house of the Lords Burgh from medieval times until Sir William Hickman

purchased it in 1596. The Hickman family were staunch Puritans, and Sir William offered his manor as a meeting place for John Smyth's congregation. Local members included Thomas Helwys, John Murton, Hugh and Ann Bromhead, and Richard Clyfton. Frequently, the Scrooby contingent would attend, including Brewster, Bradford, John Robinson, Richard Jackson, Richard Rochester, Francis and Frances Jessop and George Morton. In 1608 John Smyth would lead his flock to Amsterdam and join with his former Cambridge tutor, Francis Johnson, in the Ancient Church of England Separatists. Smyth's thinking was too radical, however, for the Ancient church and he led his flock to join the Anabaptists (or Mennonites) before his death in August 1612. Smyth's close associate Thomas Helwys, had a disagreement with Smyth prior to 1612 and took a handful of followers back to London. This group met covertly in the area known as Spitalfields and formed the First General Baptist Church in England and by 1644 there were forty-seven such churches in England. Possibly as a separatist branch from Helwys original church, the first particular Baptist Church in England was formed at Southwark in 1616 by Henry Jacob, a cohort of the original Scrooby contingent. Jacob moved to Virginia in 1624 and his successor in Southwark was a man named John Lathrop. Lathrop's descendents emigrated to New England...one hundred and forty years later, Lathrop's great-great-grandson, Isaac, would serve as guardian to young **Charles Fulgham** in Plymouth Massachusetts following the death of his father, **Captain Joseph**. Both Smyth and Helwys dedicated written works to **Godfrey Foljambes** widow, **Isabel**, with Helwys writing his dedication of "*The faithful reverend loving respect I bear to you and that, from your own worthy deserts in the best things and in all good unto me*". Helwys died about 1616 and the leadership of the Spitalfields Church fell to John Murton. The ideologies and relationships forged at the old hall in Gainsborough, matured in the intellectual freedom of Holland, and reintroduced into England provided the foundation for most Baptist and congregational denominations and political concepts of religious freedom and toleration.

**M**oving on a few miles from Gainsborough, we stopped next at Sturton-Le-Steeple, the birthplace of John Robinson, the pastor of the Pilgrim Church in Leyden. Those of the readers who attended the Bolles ancestral tour in June 1995 will recall that **Michael Foljambe** is presently the lay rector of Sturton-Le-Steeple Church. Finally we completed our Pilgrim

fathers tour with a stop in Babworth, the home of Richard Clyfton. Clyfton became rector at Babworth All Saints church in 1586 and quickly gained a reputation as a powerful Puritan minister. Both Brewster and Bradford would make the trek to Babworth on the Sabbath and received counselling from Clyfton in the rectory. Later, Brewster brought Clyfton into the Scrooby congregation as pastor and he was also counted among the John Smyth congregation at Gainsborough Old hall before the emigration to Holland. Clyfton joined the Ancient church in Amsterdam as "Teacher", while Francis Johnson was pastor and Edward Bennett was ruling elder. By about 1620, as Holland was preparing for peace with Spain, many of the English Separatist congregations in Holland emigrated to America - Edward Bennett taking a remnant of the ancient church to Isle of Wight County, Christopher Lawne and his followers to Isle of Wight County, Brewster taking a remnant of the Old Scrooby congregation to "Plymouth Plantation" in New England, and subsequently, many covert separatists still in England emigrated to these plantations.

**I**n this one day circuit on the Pilgrim Fathers Trail, Donna and I were able to visit the home parishes of those Puritan Divines who had a lot to do with the establishment of plantations in North America. Many of those Divines received support and encouragement from the **Foljambe** Family. These same Divines were in close proximity in the Ancient church & to Edward Bennett, who spearheaded the settlement of much of Isle of Wight County, either through his own efforts or through the efforts of his many kinsmen whom he brought over. There is evidence in "*Cavaliers and Pioneers*" that Sylvester Thacker (partner of **Captain Anthony**) was a headright of a Bennett in 1638. Some of those Divines returned to England and formed the original Baptist Churches there, branches of which later sponsored the original Baptist Church in Virginia at Burleigh in Isle of Wight County. Is it a coincidence that in 1764 the great-great-grandson of the pastor of the original particular Baptist Church in England would be guardian to **Charles Fulgham** in Plymouth? Or had the **Fulgham** Family been involved with the separatist Puritan Divines and had they maintained a relationship throughout the years with their successors?

**I**n the next segment, I will explore the **Foljambe** family in Lincolnshire.

*Discovery!*

**Historian Notebook**  
**James E. Fulghum, M. D.**

**O**n Nov. 16, 1996 I celebrated my 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday with the excellent help of Jacolyn and all of my Children and most of my Grandchildren. I want to take this opportunity to thank many of my family cousins who sent me birthday messages, presents and cards. What a wonderful celebration!!! It pays to be 90 years of age.

**A**fter the birthday I went to see my doctor. I had learned that the main artery in my left leg was much too old. So to the vascular surgeon for his expert opinion. Then to the hospital for an Arteriogram. We confirmed that the old artery was finished functioning. No problem. The vascular surgeon found one of my very healthy veins. He took it out, turned it around and made it into an artery which now functions very nicely in furnishing blood to my foot. I am now doing quite well. thank you. Enough about

**I** had a long letter from Dr. Robert and Ester **Fulghum** of Greenville, N.C. Robert has retired from his professorship at the Medical School, ECTC, Greenville, N.C. One of the outstanding events was the marriage of son Joseph to Donna-Maree Morrissey of Auckland, New Zealand. Now Joseph Christopher has changed his name from **FULGHUM** to **de-FOLESCHAMPE** (Normandy) and so it reads on the Marriage Announcement. The wedding was in Auckland the 28<sup>th</sup> of September, 1996 and was attended by Joseph's father and mother.

**S**aralyn E. Bruggemann, daughter of Fred & Linda (**Fulghum**) Bruggemann III, & granddaughter of R. Lin & Sara **Fulghum** was one of two *Summa Cum Laude* 1996 graduates of the College of Business Administration of Georgia Southern University. This bright young lady, who is a **Freeman Scholar**, has brought honor to herself, along with joy and happiness to her family while continuing the fine achievement traditions of the **Fulghum** family. *Congratulations!*

**R**ecently, I had a letter from Michael **Foljambe** of the estate office, Osberton in Worksop, England. He tells of giving eleven thousand acres of his Scottish estate to the many crofters (renters) who lived on the property. Then Michael says that "after giving the crofters

their estate it suddenly became obvious that I should take the opportunity to give the remaining estate (2,100 acres) to some first cousins twice removed," and so he did. And he says "...now I do not own one square inch of the Northern Kingdom". (Ed; Dr. Jim also provided a copy of the *Daily Telegraph's* news article of this "...**Englishman's Act of Hope and Charity...**")

**A**nd from my daily News is the following article:

*"Warden Suspended: A deputy warden at Valdosta (Ga.) State Prison has been suspended with pay while the state investigates the circumstances of an inmate's death.*

*Deputy Warden Kevin Roberts was suspended after Thomas Fulgham, 45, died this month.*

*Roberts is suspended because "he was in charge of the whole event." Department of Corrections spokesman Mike Light said.*

*Fulghum, serving life for murder, died Dec. 5 in the South Georgia Medical Center in Valdosta, one day after being subdued when Light said he "became irrational, saying the demons were after him."*

*Light said Fulghum was handcuffed and carried to the prison infirmary, where he continued to fight. Light said he did not know if officers used batons to subdue Fulgham."*

**I** am well pleased with the development of the Newsletter under the expert direction of Editor - Ted Crossland. Well done, Ted.

**A**nd I want to take this opportunity to wish for each family cousin all over the world the best 1997 New Year ever.

**A**nd so don't forget to tell your children and grandchildren about your ancestors of many generations ago and about their good name. They were very special and so are you.

*Poyes Ferme*

**Hope to see you at the reunion!**



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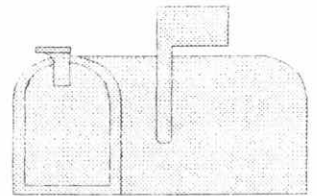
*Secretary-Treasurer's Notebook*  
*Beggy Fulghum Wood*

**I** do hope all had a great holiday season and that you are back in the swing of things for 1997. I am back on my feet after having a little mishap when I fell and sprained my right ankle and cracked a bone in the left one. But, I'm doing well as of today, even if still limping a little.

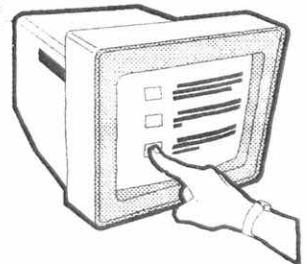
**I**t is that time of year in which I remind all to send in your dues. We have 74 members paid as of 2/4/97 and I want to thank all who send contributions to keep the Newsletters going. Ted is doing a great job if only he could get some better help from me. But, I am back at the computer now and will see if I can keep up with him.

**P**lease check your mailing lable for the '97 after your name. Which will show if your dues are paid. Send check for \$10.00 to me at the address shown on the coupon at page 8.

*I'm waiting to hear from you!*



**H**ave you seen all the **Fulghams** and **Fulghums** listed and found through the locator features on the INTERNET? There must be thousands! It's amazing how the world is shrinking and we are becoming closer to one another in many different ways. Each one of the listed "cousins" in your state, and the country for that matter, should know about this Association. Why not share your copy of the FFFF Newsletter with them? Check out the address listings available to you. Zerxing is authorized.



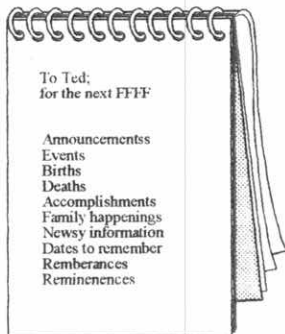
**Editor Notes**

E.E. (Ted) Crossland

Many thanks to all who provided information for inclusion here. I especially want to express my appreciation to **Grant** and **Charles** for their scholarly articles. I'm sure that y'all will enjoy their nature and thoughtful family connection information. However, I'm some-what mystified by the lack of Cousin's Corner notebook type of information. Do you mean to tell me that there is so little activity of note going on in this family. Has there not been any growth or accomplishment or noteworthy events that should be shared with your cousins? Please send information for the next issue.

The **Michael** in Charles' *Molly Bunn* article is interpreted by me to be the 4<sup>th</sup> generation descendent of Captain Anthony as follows: second son of Anthony & Nancy (Raiford) Fulgham, grand-son of Anthony & Sarah (Raiford) Fulgham, great-grand-son of Michael & Anne (Izard) Fulgham, and great-great-grand-son of Captain Anthony and Martha Fulgham of Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

**Cousin's Corner Notes**



The new *Family History Book* is still in its infancy stage. Your help and suggestions are appreciated. Please get in touch with **Jimmy Fulghum** at 3004-B Buckingham Road Wilson, North Carolina 27896-1193 (919) 243-3803

Happy (belated) 90<sup>th</sup> Birthday to Dr. Jim, 16 November 1996.

*The Family is gathering...*  
in  
*North Carolina*  
@ Rock Ridge on  
**June 20, 21 & 22**  
**1997**  
for the **12<sup>th</sup>**  
**Annual Reunion**

**Friday** - (evening) - Marsh Swamp FWB Church @ Rock Ridge. N.C. - registration, reception, social & fellowship.

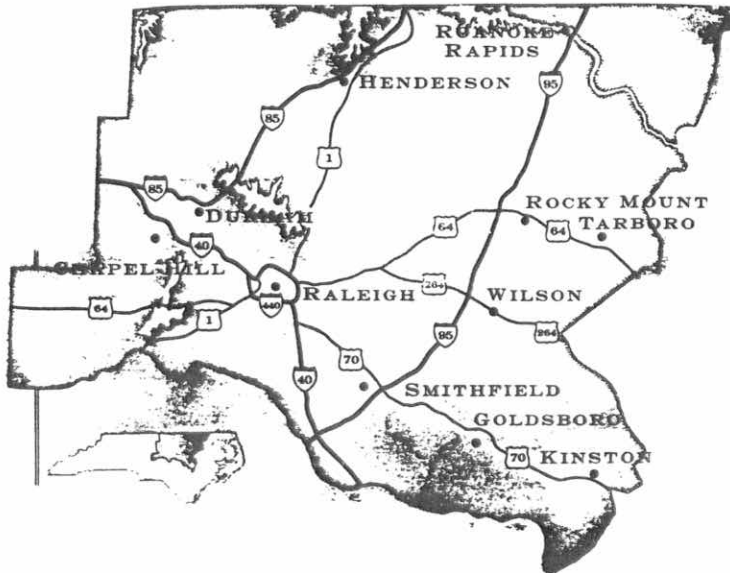
**Saturday** - Marsh Swamp FWB Church @ Rock Ridge - Registration, "Family Roots- Genealogy" Information Center, Fulghum's In North Carolina Workshop, Fulghum's In America Workshop, Copy Machine available, Possible Golf Play, Organized Tours of key Fulghum sites in the Counties, & Antique Shops Tour. Dinner/Banquet - @ Wilson County Agricultural Center, Wilson, N.C.

**Sunday** - Contentnea Primitive Baptist Church - 2 Family Worship Services, Family Business Session (between services) & Southern Traditional Brunch on the grounds after second service with fellowship. Food provided by those living within driving distance of Rock Ridge, N.C.

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**Come and Meet Your Cousins:**



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# Molly Bunn

by Charles B. Ellis

**W**ho was **Molly Bunn**? The question has been asked time and time again. Apparently nobody had the answer. The descendants of **Michael (Mikal) and Molly (Bunn) FULGHUM** who have spread out over Indiana and beyond have had no clue. There is nothing in the Fulghum genealogy to suggest or even hint of her lineage. But, there is a BUNN genealogy to search, and "they" say, "we have searched but we have not found a clue." However, the BUNN family has been around long before surnames appeared in England.

**T**he name, as imported from Germany, was probably in the form of Von Bonn meaning from Bonn. The English quickly changed that to Bunne, just as Bohn became Bunn elsewhere. The family Bunne was found chiefly in the southeastern counties of England-Norfolk, Suffolk, Middlesex, Essex and Kent. For instance, Richard Bunn, the elder, appears as a tenant of Cliffware Manor, County Suffolk, 28 January 1274. Richard Bunn, the younger, was in Burrstall, County Suffolk, granting land to someone, with the grant dated Sunday after Epiphany (January 1318), 11th year of Edward II. Mention of John Bunne of Alamaine, Germany, "Long since came into England, and has faithfully exercised the trade of saddler in the city of London", and under the protection of the Crown, is dated at Westminster 8 Jan'y 1378. These records were made in the period when it was the fashion to add a final "e" to any word which would receive it.

**M**any names in common use in America today have undergone modifications and variations in comparatively recent years in England and America. There could not be a family in America today, who is anymore aware of this fact than the *de FOLESCHAMP, FOLJAMBE, FULGHAM or FULGHUM* family. I could have included *John FULGUM*, but you get the picture. Nothing is static with names. Many of our ancestors could neither read nor write so when the census taker came around and the family said their name was BUNN, it could have written in the census record as BOURNE, BURN, BUNN, or some other variation. Such was probably the case in Molly BUNN's family. It is very simple to come up with BOURNE or BURN if you have a heavy English accent when pronouncing BUNN.

**W**e do not know the total ancestry of **Molly Bunn's** family, but I believe she descends from Dr. Thomas BUNN; Physician and

"Chorurgaine" (which is Surgeon in today's language). Dr. BUNN appears to have been an immigrant in 1621 or 1622, settling in either James City, or at Jamestown, Virginia. Dr. BUNN's wife was named Bridget. Their grandson John was born about 1650--60, and lived in Nansemond County, Virginia where his Will was probated 20 January 1727. It is evident that John's father, Thomas Jr. had other descendants in Nansemond County since there is record that Joel RICKS married about 1765, in Nansemond County, Mary BUNN. We have not found the direct lineage but believe it is from this family of Dr. BUNN's that we next find that James made out a Deed of Gift to his three sons (William, Jesse, and Frederick) on 7 August 1778. Recorded November Court 1783. James died in the Spring of 1794 in Wayne County. The name of his wife has not been preserved. However, the names of his daughters were listed in the petition for division of Estate for Frederick, the last of the sons to die. Frederick had married Zilphia ALTMAN. Since they had no children, the petition named his siblings, nieces and nephews. By the time his estate was settled, all of his brothers and sisters had died and the estate was left to the nieces and nephews, all of whom were named in the Petition. Frederick's brothers and sisters were: William, Jesse married Zilpha HERRING; Priscilla who apparently married a BUNN since her children were named Tobias BUNN and Pharoah BUNN; Rachael who married a WORRELL; Caty who married a SCOTT; Susan who married a WIGGS; and last but not least was **MARY BUNN who married Michael FULGHUM!**

**A**s I mentioned in the beginning names have a way of becoming misspelled for whatever reason. In the case of the family James Burn, the name is very plainly spelled BUNN on most deeds, wills, and other legal papers but is very plainly spelled BUNN on most all of the papers after James. This may be the one reason most people researching **Molly BUNN** have not had success. The one record we have all seen for **Molly** is the Hinshaw's *QUAKER RECORD* where she married **Michael FULGHUM**. I hope that this scant bit of information about the family of one **Mary (Molly) Bunn** will inspire some of you descendants to research further and determine that she is in fact descended from Dr. Thomas BUNN. Proof of this will ensure membership in the *Jamestowne Society* for those of you who might be interested.

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