

# FULGHAM - FULGHUM FAMILY FACTS

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## Iberia Parish: Site of Reunion 2003

Vice President, James T. Fulgham, along with wife, Vera, and daughter, Linda LeBleu, have scheduled the 2003 reunion. The dates are June 20 - 22, 2003. It will be held at the Holiday Inn in New Iberia, Louisiana. The mailing address of this Holiday Inn is 2915 Highway 14, New Iberia, LA 70560.

New Iberia and Iberia Parish (County) were named for the Spanish Iberian Peninsula. Iberia Parish is referred to as the sweetest, saltiest, spiciest place on earth. It is a land of swamps, bayous, alligators, and antebellum homes. Iberia Parish has a long and interesting history. Iberia Parish was established in 1868 and New Iberia was appointed as the county seat. Originally occupied by Indians, Spanish settlers arrived in 1779 and founded a town on Bayou Teche called *Nuevo Iberia* (New Iberia) which today is the only remaining town in Louisiana to have been founded by the Spaniards. They were joined by French and Acadian settlers as well as Afro-Caribbean slaves and *gens de couleur libre* (Free blacks). Following the Louisiana Purchase in 1803, Anglo-American settlers joined the earlier inhabitants. Hotly contested by Union and Confederate forces during the Civil War, battle lines moved back and forth through the area. New Iberia was twice looted by Union troops, who seized the Weeks family mansion for a command post.

Sugar became the principal crop in the early 1800's and sugar remains as the main agricultural product. New Iberia celebrates the harvest and ginning season in September with the Sugar Cane Festival. In 1868 a local resident, Edmund McIlhenny, grew a crop of Tabasco peppers. The following year he marketed TABASCO® brand pepper sauce. This condiment is still manufactured in Iberia Parish. Rice has been an important agricultural product. Rock salt was first mined on Avery Island in 1862. In 1901, oil was discovered in Louisiana. Numerous petroleum based business were soon operating in Iberia Parish. Offshore drilling rigs and platforms are fabricated in the Port of Iberia. Today, Iberia Parish thrives as an oil, sugar, and salt production center.

Jim, Vera, and Linda are looking forward to sharing much more of this very interesting community with FFFNA members during the 2003 reunion. So please begin to make your plans to attend now by placing the 2003 reunion dates on your calendar today. Additional details will be sent to all later. See many of your Fulgh\*m cousins there!

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## MY EULOGY

From the Book, *TUESDAYS WITH MORRIE*, by Mitch Albom, Random House, Inc.

"As long as we can love each other, and remember the feeling of love we had, we can die without really going away. All the love you created is still there. All the memories are still there. You live on -- in the hearts of everyone you have touched and nurtured while you were here.

**"Death ends a life,  
not a relationship."**

For Mitch Albom, Morrie Schwartz, his college professor from nearly twenty years earlier, was the person who understood Mitch when he was young and searching. Morrie gave Mitch advice, and helped him see the world as a more profound place.

After college, Mitch lost track of his mentor and the insights faded.

Mitch Albom, who writes for the *Detroit Free Press*, had a second opportunity. He rediscovered Morrie in the last months of the old man's life. Mitch knew Morrie was dying. So Mitch visited Morrie in his study every Tuesday, just as he used to do while he was in college. Their rekindled relationship turned into one final class -- lessons in how to live.

Tuesdays with Morrie is a magical chronicle of their time together.

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## In Memoriam

**Eldon Charles Fulgham, 63,** Born 10 Jan 1939 in Windsor, Isle of Wight County, Virginia. Died 22 Sept 2002 near McKinney, Texas from injuries sustained in a recreational cycling accident. After graduating from Emory and Henry College, Eldon moved to Dallas, Texas. He served in the U.S. Army.

Eldon enjoyed an interesting and exciting business career. He began in the securities industry. He was active in the management and a member of the Board of Directors of Paris Packaging, Inc. at the time of his death. He also was the sole owner of F&F Packaging. Eldon was an outgoing, cheerful, generous, positive, and patriotic person as well as a person of deep Christian faith. He had a special interest in mentoring and coaching young persons, who clearly admired by them and he was greatly appreciated by their parents.

Eldon is survived by his wife, Sharon Summers Fulgham; daughters, Gypsie Fulgham Winslade of Atlanta, GA, Leigh Fulgham of Dallas, Anne Fulgham, student at the University of Georgia; sons, Daniel Fulgham of New York City, and Patrick Rawles Fulgham of Dallas. He was preceded in death by his son, Eldon Charles Fulgham, Jr. He is survived by his sister, Ann Fulgham Wilroy of Ahsokie, NC, brothers, Rawles Fulgham of Dallas, TX and Dr. William C. Fulgham of Suffolk, VA.

Memorial Services were held at Highland Park Presbyterian Church presided over by the Rev. Ron Scates.

Memorials may be made to the Chuck Fulgham Scholarship Fund, c/o The Dallas Foundation, 900 Jackson St., Suite 150, Dallas, Texas 75202.

## SPORTS NOTE:

**Dre Fulgham** is a wide receiver for the *Alabama Crimson Tide*. He has had a good season this year. Dre is from Montevallo, Alabama. Reported by David J. Fulghum

## TREASURES

Among the many items that my Mother, **Frances Schmidt Fulghum**, treasured was a \$1 gold coin that once belonged to **Walt Whitman**, the author. The coin was reportedly given to my Great grandfather, John R. Witcraft, Jr. by Walt Whitman when my grandmother, Frances Witcraft Schmidt was born in 1888. It was passed on to the Schmidt's when my Mother was born in 1909. My sister, Frances Fulghum Barton, passed it on to me when we distributed our Mother's personal items.

I received a large box of pictures and letters that my Mother had saved. Most of these are letters from and about me as are the pictures. What a treasure of family history! Also, I received a metal box that belonged to my Grandfather, **Alphons Robert Schmidt**, that contains a number of items regarding his history, his emigration from Germany about 1866, and his life in America. My Grandmother was A. Robert's second wife. He was about age 63 and she about 19 when they married. The box contained many letters from him to her, including love letters. He was genuinely fascinated by and deeply in love with my Grandmother. They had four daughters. My Mother was the oldest of the four Robert S. Fulghum

When that sad time comes to have to clear out and distribute the belongings of your Parents or Grandparents, be very careful to save items of family history. You may not have time to deal with them at the time but later you will be glad you saved the items. Write an account of their life, including the artifacts, for posterity. Articles based on such family artifacts are very valuable to historians for historical research.

## RESEARCH IN PROGRESS

**Paul Barnard** of Germantown, TN is researching and straightening out the relationships of two Edmond Fulghams from the Bibb County, AL and Oktibbeha County MS area. He plans to write an article tentatively entitled "*A Tale of Two Edmonds, Four Sarahs and Two John Fulghams.*" We look forward to receiving it for the newsletter. Paul has done an outstanding piece of research that all of us should emulate in our genealogical research. He has gathered many primary sources of information that substantiate his thesis regarding these two family groups.

**Cecile Rhodes** of Asheville, NC has given us information, along with some information found by **Lorrie Williams Fulghum Moon** that may allow us to connect the wonderful family of **Miles Henry Fulghum** to the mainstream lineage back to Captain Anthony. More research is needed on possible connections.

We are hoping that Cecile will someday write for the newsletter some of the wonderful, heartwarming stories she was told by her Grandmother and relatives that have come down to her via oral history stories about this family group. They would be an important and valuable resource for historians interested in the day-to-day life of families in this era.

The progeny of **Miles Henry Fulghum** hold an **annual reunion**. Cecile Rhodes invites all of them to attend the annual reunion for this family group in **Toccoa, Georgia** on the **third Sunday in September** at the **Georgia Baptist Assembly**.

## On reunions

by **Richard M. Weaver**.

"This practice of annually recalling, in a family meeting, those who can no longer be present, is neither sentimentality nor luxury. It is a part of seeing life steadily and seeing it whole, of keeping fresh the memory of things, without which civil society does not exist."

Weaver agreed with Edmund Burke "that society is a mysterious incorporating which includes the past, the present and the future generations in one whole **recollection** of the example of those who have departed this life but influence our daily action just as certainly as do our present concerns and our speculations about the future. Only a fool tells himself that the past is dead."

From a review of *IN DEFENSE OF TRADITION: Collected shorter writings of Richard M. Weaver 1929-1963*, Edited by Ted J. Smith. Liberty Fund. \$25. Reviewed by James Person.

## UPDATED INFORMATION ON THE FFFNA TOUR TO ENGLAND

Laurie Ann at **ANCESTRAL TOURS TO GREAT BRITAIN** has furnished a revised itinerary and new information on the 2003 tour. She states that all accommodations will be in at least three star hotels, which are comparable to hotels in the U.S. The tour buses are very comfortable coaches and the tour guides are very knowledgeable regarding the sites we are to visit. See Page 5.

## 2003 DUES SOLICITATION

The dues solicitation materials will be mailed out separately this November. We urge everyone who possibly can to renew their membership or join as a new member. We very much **need** your support to **keep FFFNA alive** and to continue publishing the newsletter quarterly.



## MEET MY FAMILY GROUP, Part 1

by Robert S. Fulghum, Newsletter Editor

The lineage of our family group, **James Hooks and Frances Schmidt Fulghum**, was reported incorrectly in the 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> issues of the newsletter. Judson Fulghum since straightened out this lineage before his death. The lineage is now thought to be as follows: Captain Anthony Fulgham → Michael → Anthony → Anthony → John → Matthew → James → Charles Mallory → James Hooks, Sr. → Robert Schmidt Fulghum.

This makes me a 9<sup>th</sup> generation progeny of Captain Anthony. My siblings in birth order following me are: **James Hooks, Jr. (Attorney)**, **Peter Clopper (Episcopal Priest)**, and **Frances Matilda (Homemaker and Church volunteer)**. This first episode relates much of what we know about Captain Anthony. Other episodes for this family group will follow in later editions of *Fulgham-Fulghum Family Facts*. The next episode will feature Michael, the third son of Captain Anthony. Where pictures are available, they will accompany these episodes.

### CAPTAIN ANTHONY FULGHAM, ca 1600-1669

We do not know when **Captain Anthony Fulliamb** emigrated from England to the Virginia colony. It must have been before his first land patent of 1643. Land grants were generally issued about five to seven years after the arrival of the grantees. We do not know whether his wife **Martha** accompanied him on the first trip or came later after Captain Anthony had established a home in Virginia. In those days, many settlers came and established themselves prior to sending for their wives and families. In fact, we do not know much about who Martha was.

Although the spelling of the name varies in different documents, it is evident that Captain Anthony was related in some manner to the **Foljambe** family of England. This is an old and highly respected family in England. The family has origins in the Danish Vikings who were given the northwest of France in an attempt to reduce the Viking raids on Paris and central France. These people, known as North men, became the Norman French. The family name in Normandy was **deFoleschampe**. The family was established in England after the conquest of England by William, The Conqueror in 1066 and the name became Foljambe. The family since 1066 had influence in English history and politics through the Seventeenth Century. As cadet branches of the family developed, the spelling of the name took many variations such as **Fulgham, Fuljames, Fulham, etc.**

Because of links to people in Barbados, it has been speculated that Captain Anthony came to the Virginia colony by way of **Barbados**. However, there is no record of him in the Barbados archives. Captain Anthony acted as attorney for persons in Barbados (by attorney, I believe he was acting as an agent or business contact rather than as a lawyer). **Hercules Foljambe** is reported to have explored Barbados before its colonization by the English. Since **John Bennett Boddie** in *Historical Southern Families, v III*, Genealogical Publishing Company, Baltimore 1967, pp 86-92 linked the Foljambes of England to Captain Anthony via Hercules Foljambe, the Barbados connection seemed plausible. However, Boddie had received his information on the Fulgh\*ms from John Poindexter Landers who had received information from the Foljambe Family in England during a visit to England in the late 1950's. The information connecting Captain Anthony with the Foljambes was speculative and Prof. Landers indicated this. However, when Boddie published the material, the speculative nature of this possible connection was not emphasized and people began to accept it as fact. Indeed, Boddie published the information without giving Prof. Landers any credit for developing and submitting it.

We do not know what the title "Captain" meant. Was Captain Anthony a sea captain, a Captain in the Militia, or both? While some think Captain Anthony was a member of the Church of England, other evidence seems to indicate he may have been a Quaker, a Puritan, -- or a sympathizer of reform for the Church of England. Captain Anthony may have been escaping the results of the Civil War in England which resulted in a migration of "Cavaliers" to the new world after 1640. However, since Captain Anthony's first land grant was issued in the fall of 1643 (no one would start a farm in the fall!) and since land grants were usually recorded five to seven years after taking up residence on them, Captain Anthony most likely arrived between 1636 and 1638.

Tobacco was the staple cash crop in the Virginia colony (indeed, it was also the cash currency used in the Colony), and since the Fulghams developed warehouses and shipping points for tobacco export, it is assumed that Captain Anthony became a land owner, tobacco grower, and plantation owner/manager. From documents in the Isle of Wight Courthouse, it is evident that he took a part in the political and civic affairs of Warrosquoyacke, on the south side of the James River at Pagan River, later to become Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

Captain Anthony and Martha had five children of whom we know. They are **John Fulgham (~1650-1705)**, **Anthony Fulgham (1652-1678)**, **Michael Fulgham (~1654-1691)**, **Nicholas (~1656-1719)**, and **Mary (dates unknown)**.

Note: Judson D. Fulghum (1929-1999) developed a Fulgh\*m family database that included what he called the "Year File". The Year File is a narrative description of documented events in Isle of Wight County Virginia and, later, other areas, pertaining to the Fulgham family. It is a list of events, deed abstracts, will abstracts, some census material, etc. arranged in chronological order beginning on 22 October 1643. It opens with the first record of Captain Anthony Fulliamb, his patent of land on Red Point on the Pagan River, now a residential section of Smithfield, Virginia. This patent was recorded on 22 October 1643 in Patent Book 1, page 937, Isle of Wight County, Virginia. The Year File ends in 1847. The Year File is not a complete record of the Fulgh\*m family history but represents selected material uncovered by Fulgh\*m family researchers.

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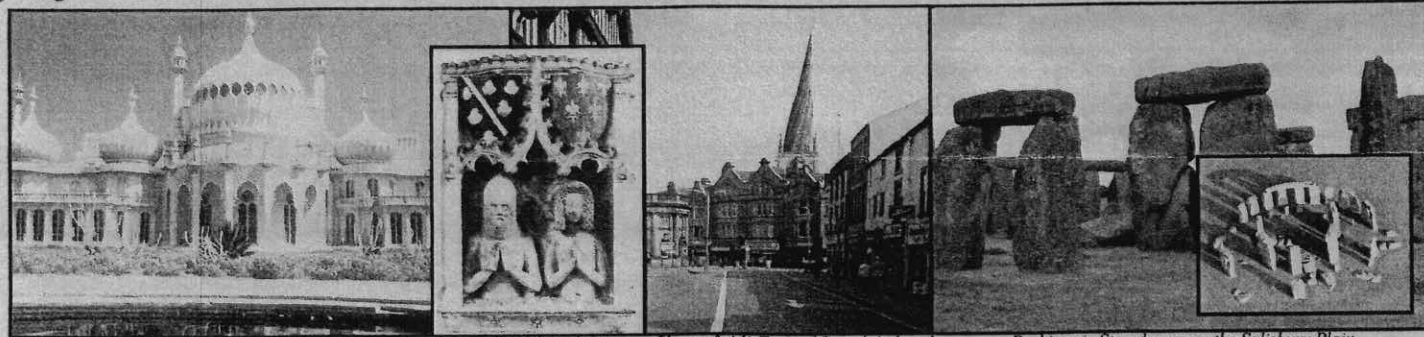
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1987 Wadley, Georgia,	1992 Palestine, Texas,	1997 Rock Ridge, North Carolina,	2002 Sacramento, California
1988 Nashville, Tennessee,	1993 Starkville, Mississippi,	1998 Charleston, South Carolina,	2003 New Iberia, Louisiana
1989 Smithfield, Virginia,	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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