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Fulgham-Fulghum Family National Association Achieves IRS Tax-exempt Status

In a ruling dated March 25, 2004, the U.S. IRS conferred 501 (c) (7) tax exempt status to the FFFNA. The ruling states, "Based on information supplied, and assuming your operations will be as stated in your application for recognition, we have determined you are exempt from Federal income tax under section 501 (a) of the Internal Revenue Code as an organization described in the section indicated above" [(501 (c) (7) Social Club]. This means that FFFNA is exempt from paying Federal income taxes; however, it is the Editor's understanding that dues and donations to a 501 (c) (7) organization are not deductible by it's members. For this reason, efforts are being made to set up separate foundations for the proposed FFFNA Museum/Library and the FFFNA Scholarship fund with the objective of obtaining 501 (c) (3) status for them so that donations to the Museum/Library and the Scholarship fund will be deductible by donors. We will keep you informed as to the progress of these efforts.

2004 FFFNA REUNION IN SAVANNAH, GEORGIA

The reunion will be held on Friday through Sunday, July 16 - 18, 2004 at The Radisson Hotel, 411 West Bay Street in Savannah, Georgia. If you have not already made reservations for reunion accommodations, now is the time to make reservations while rooms are still available. Accommodations are in great demand and short supply in Savannah. Reservations may be made by telephoning The Radisson at (912) 790-7000. **THE DEADLINE FOR RESERVATIONS AT THE RADISSON IN MAY 15.** The reunion hotel room price is \$109.00 plus tax per night at the Radisson. Parking is available at the hotel for a nightly fee.

A block of rooms will be available at the Days Inn, about two blocks east at 201 West Bay Street at a special price of \$99 plus tax to Reunion attendees. **Reservations at the Days Inn must be made by June 15.** Telephone toll free at 877-842-7666 or directly to the Days Inn in Savannah at 912-236-4440. It is suggested that you make reservations soon before this block of rooms is taken.

When you call for reservations, **be sure** to tell them you are attending the Fulgham-Fulgham Family National Reunion so they will give you the reunion room rate. Also, please tell them your City and State of residence because of so many duplicate names.

For those wishing to travel in Recreation Vehicles, there are three recreation vehicle parks near Savannah. See Page 4 for further information on RV parks. Several highlights of the reunion have been announced. See Page 4 of this issue for more information.

MAKE PLANS AND RESERVATIONS TO ATTEND THE 2004 FFFNA REUNION NOW !

Fulham-Fulghum Family National Association

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Foljambe Arms

Sometimes You Win

A Story behind the 1999 Kentucky Derby.

In May 1999, Elizabeth Mitchell and her boy-friend, Chuck Fulgham, rented a car and drove on a whim from New York City to Louisville for the Kentucky Derby. They knew nothing about horse racing, but they were ripe for good fortune: Fulgham, who'd been a Peace Corps volunteer near Chernobyl, had acute myelogenous leukemia and was just beginning to taste health again after his second month of chemotherapy. The night before the race, Mitchell dreamed about an art exhibition at Brown, where a man kept asking her if the paintings had "charisma." The next morning she learned that a chestnut colt named Charismatic was running for the Roses. Charismatic won the race. Mitchell and Fulgham had placed a whimsical bet on Charismatic, who started the race at 31 to 1 odds, based on the dream Ms. Mitchell had. The couple then followed the colt's storybook Triple Crown push, their hopes for the horse and Mr. Fulgham's recovery intertwined.

Mitchell's love affair turned out tragically, as Chuck Fulgham died of cancer. She spent the next several years exploring the world of jockeys and breeders and race fans.

The English Department of the University of Mississippi has designated their Oxford Campus Campaign contributions toward the establishment of a memorial fund - the **Chuck Fulgham Memorial Fund for Student Excellence**. Chuck Fulgham was a graduate student there for only one semester, but during that brief time, he changed many, many lives. He was diagnosed with leukemia at the end of the 1998 fall semester and though he fought it hard, he died on October 19, 1999.

Everyone who was lucky enough to know him will always remember his courage, his intelligence, and his moral and spiritual radiance. Chuck, who had already served in the Peace Corps in the Ukraine before entering graduate school did so much to help others the English Department was honored to set up this fund for student excellence in his memory.

In Memoriam

Myrtle Fulgham Neal, 89, died in Baton Rouge, LA General Hospital September 13, 2003. Funeral services were held in Winona, MS. Interment was in Mars Hill Methodist Cemetery, Duck Hill, MS, where five generations of Neals are buried.

She was the youngest daughter and last surviving child of Anthony Rayford Fulgham and Nellie Thompson Fulgham. Myrtle was born in Maben, MS on March 28, 1914 and she grew up in West Point, MS. Orphaned at age four, Myrtle was raised by her siblings. She was predeceased by her older sister, Myrtis Erlene, and eight brothers, George Wesley, Curtis Floyd, Doyle O'Pillion, Clayton Young, Clinton Edward, James Alvero, Willie Pinkney, and Grady Leroy (Bud). Two other brothers, John Robert and Melvin Agustus, died in early childhood. Myrtle and her husband, R.E. Neal, were married upon his graduation from Mississippi State College in 1932. For many years they lived in West Point, MS before moving to Lake Providence, LA in the 1950's. They were active in the community and the Methodist Church. She also was predeceased by her husband, R.E. Neal and a son, Gene Edris Neal.

Myrtle is survived by one son, Robert E. Neal, and three daughters, Beth Falls, Kathryn Lee, and Julia Severy as well as by eleven grandchildren and nineteen great grand children and one great-great granddaughter. She is also survived by sister-in-law, Mrs. Clint Fulgham.

Myrtle was a person of 'young at heart' spirit. In her mid-seventy's, she was found up in a tree, hammer and nails in hand, helping a couple of her grandchildren build a tree house. She and her beloved "R.E." always enjoyed sports, especially SEC and Mississippi State football. Later in life, they also became Boston Celtic basketball fans.

Mrs Neal had a great love for people and people gravitated toward her as she had such a sweet, ready smile and always enjoyed a good laugh.

Myrtle was talented and well-known for her gardening, sewing, and cooking skills. After her husband, R.E., died in 1987, she spent time with each of her daughters over the remaining years, and when someone invariably asked which was her favorite daughter, she quickly responded with, "*the one I am with*".

John Fulgham Inducted

John Fulgham of Montgomery was inducted into the Tuskegee Institute Athletic Hall of Fame in November 1979. John, now age 82, was a T.U. powerhouse on the field and on the diamond, 1946-1949. The state set John to be inducted into the Alabama High School Sports Hall of Fame in March. Fulgham coached most of his 35 years in education, including football, baseball, basketball, and track and field. He retired from Montgomery Public Schools after three decades, 1951-1984, and having served as athletic Director and Head Football Coach. John received many honors and awards during his career.

Dan Fulghum

Smithfield, Va. Times Article

At the suggestion of your newsletter editor, The Smithfield Times published an article on April 21, 2004 about the FFFNA 2007 reunion plans in Virginia and the relation of the FFFNA to St. Luke's Church and the Jamestowne 2007 Commemoration.

The Smithfield Times
P.O. Box 366
Smithfield, VA 23431

Endangered Insects

For the first time, bugs have been added to Virginia's list of endangered and threatened species. **Frank Fulgham**, Program Manager with the Virginia Agriculture Department's Office of Plant and Pest Services said, "Virginia is one of the last states to add insects to its list of endangered species."

The Virginia Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services have designated four insects as endangered, Mitchell's Satyr Butterfly, Holsinger's Cave Beetle, Buffalo Mountain Mealybug and the Virginia Piedmont Water Boatman. Added to the threatened species list was the Northeastern Beach Tiger Beetle and the Appalachian Grizzled skipper, a small butterfly.

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Sam Fulghum – A committed FFFNA Member

The death last year of E. Sam Fulghum, Jr. at age 84, brought to an end one of the authors of the Fulgham/Fulghum Family heritage. Sam was from Hermitage, Tennessee.

Sam and his wife attended most of the 19 national reunions that have been conducted by the family. They were in attendance in Wadley, GA in 1987 when reunion host, Tommy Fulghum, asked who would be interested in hosting the 1988 reunion. Sam raised his hand and issued an invitation for the family to come to Tennessee to hold that reunion in Nashville.

As it turned out, the Nashville reunion had landmark proportions. It was there that the Family members in attendance voted to form a Fulgham/Fulghum Family National Association and to elect officers for the first time.

Sam was an Army veteran of World War II, and retired from the Army with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel. He will stand out, also, as a Fulgham/Fulghum Family National Association veteran who was unusually committed to working for the success of the Family nationwide

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKS NEAR SAVANNAH

There are three RV Parks near Savannah:

ALMAR MOBILE HOME PARK, 35 Main Street, Garden City, Georgia. Phone 912-964-9917. Almar has RV lots with full hookups. It is probably the closest RV park to downtown Savannah. It is located at Georgia Highway 25 and Smith Avenue, Garden City. The center of Garden City is about five miles from downtown Savannah.

KOA SAVANNAH SOUTH, telephone 800-562-8741, is located on Highway 17 (I-95 at exit 14) near Richmond Hill, GA
RIVERS END CAMPGROUND is located at Tybee Island. Telephone 912-786-5518.

REUNION HIGHLIGHTS

Friday will feature Registration for the FFFNA Reunion. It will be held in the Radisson Hotel. Meet relatives and make friends there!

On Friday Night, the President's Reception will be held.

On Saturday morning there will be a session on how to surf the Internet to find the FFFNA homepage and to access the FFFNA Database of genealogical information on the Internet.

Also on Saturday, the FFFNA Reunion 2007 in the Isle of Wight County, Virginia will be discussed. Plans will be made for this important event that coincides with the national Jamestowne 2007 Commemoration.

Another highlight of the 2004 FFFNA Reunion will be the Saturday evening dinner at Olde Fort Jackson with Low Country Cuisine and entertainment. Old Fort Jackson is a National Historic Landmark. We will tour the cannon and Civil War artifacts display. A musical program with entertainers in period costume is part of the entertainment. This is a really special feature for this year's reunion.

More Reunion Information DIRECTIONS

For most travelers not familiar with southeastern Georgia, Savannah is best reached via Interstate 95 and I-16. Exit I-95 at the exchange with I-16. Continue to the terminus of I-16 in Savannah. Follow Montgomery Street north to West Bay Street. The Radisson is near the intersection of Montgomery and Bay Streets (114 West Bay Street). The Days Inn (201 West Bay St.) is about two blocks to the east on West Bay Street. It is fairly easy to find things in Savannah.

One finds many things to do and see in historic Savannah.

MEET MY FAMILY GROUP; Part 7

by Robert S. Fulghum, Newsletter Editor

JAMES HOOKS FULGHUM, SR. 1905-1982

James Hooks Fulghum, Sr. was an avid Fulgham-Fulghum genealogist. His efforts in the 1940's and 1950's provided much of the basis for current Fulgham-Fulghum Family Genealogy. During World War II, gasoline rationing made it difficult for those traveling to make numerous short trips. Thus long trips, often with long layovers, were necessary to conduct business on the road. This environment enabled Jim to begin his genealogical studies as he traveled the South. Jim used a numerical system to track each Fulghum. He recorded the sibling birth order number of each person. One's number was preceded by those of his/her father, grandfather, etc. Captain Anthony's sons are the first number in this numerical sequence.

James Hooks Fulghum, Sr. was the son of Charles Mallary Fulghum and Matilda Slade, and was the seventh sibling in birth order, was born 18 September 1905 in Macon, Georgia. He was the grandson of James Fulghum and Jane Harrison Fulghum of Washington County, Georgia. Jim was the Great Grandson of Matthew Fulghum of Wayne County, North Carolina.

He was a member of Vineville Baptist Church in Macon. He was educated in the public schools of Macon. He graduated from Mercer University in 1926 and attended Law School at George Washington University in Washington, DC. While in law school, he was a clerk in the Washington, DC law library of Dean G. Acheson who later became U. S. Secretary of State. Jim's study of Law was interrupted by the Great Depression of 1929 and he was never able to return to his Law studies..

While a student at Mercer U., Jim did summer research with the U.S.D.A. on Japanese Beetles that had invaded the northeastern U.S. During that summer employment, he met and became engaged to Frances Witcraft Schmidt of Riverton, N. J. They eloped during the senior class trip of Miss Schmidt's High School class to Washington, D.C. where Jim was at that time a law student. The wedding was held on 5 April 1928 in St. John's Church in Washington, DC.

Jim Fulghum worked for Southern Dairies in the Washington, DC area and, later, in Roanoke, Virginia where the family relocated in 1935 after Jim was appointed manager of the Southern Dairies plant in Roanoke. In 1939-1940, he was in the dairy and frozen food business in Greensboro, NC. In 1940, he accepted the offer of an old friend, Joseph Logan, to become a traveling representative for Martha Washington Candies of Roanoke, VA. While working in this position, he found the opportunity to begin his genealogical study of our family. Later, he was self-employed in property management of properties he acquired. The family moved to Salem, VA in 1940 and then back to Roanoke in 1944.

Jim died 16 December of 1982. He was interred in Evergreen Cemetery in Roanoke, Virginia.

Jim and Fran had four children. Robert Schmidt, born in 1929, Professor Emeritus of Microbiology, Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University, Greenville, NC; James Hooks, Jr., born in 1933, Attorney in Roanoke, VA.; Peter Clopper, born in 1934, Episcopal Priest in Maryland; and Frances Matilda (Tanza), born in 1938, homemaker, church worker, and wife of Walter S. Barton, M.D. in Wytheville, VA.



Left : Photograph of James Hooks Fulghum, Sr. taken about 1940 at age 35.

Jim was a 6th generation Grandson of Captain Anthony Fulghum *



James Hooks and Frances Schmidt Fulghum circa 1975-8

* See Issue No. 44 for the complete lineage

To: Mrs. Peggy Fulghum Wood, Secretary / Treasurer
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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) _____

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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 Fulgham @ 2551 Corte Tela, Camarillo, CA 93010-2219*

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

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,	2004 Savannah, Georgia
1990 St. Augustine, Florida,	1995 Memphis, Tennessee,	2000 Jackson, Mississippi	



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