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.....2009 Reunion, Smith Mountain Lake, VA

The 2009 Reunion was held at the Wm. Skelton 4-H Conference center on Smith Mountain Lake, Wirtz Virginia, in the surrounding foothills of the Blue Ridge Mountains. Although the attendance was only about 35 members, a good time was had by all. We were housed rooms with private bath in a new guest room facility with class/conference rooms as well as the comfortable sleeping rooms. Our meetings were in a classroom and the lounge in the facility served as our hospitality room. The Internet session on how to access the Fulgh*m database on-line via our homepage was held in another building which serves at the education building for the Conference Center. Meals were in the dining Hall in the main building and the food was very good.

Registration was on Friday afternoon followed by supper. The Speaker at the dinner was Jeff Fulgham, a member of the staff of the D-Day Memorial. Because everyone who wanted to attend the Internet session also wanted to go on the tour to the U.S. D-Day Memorial near Bedford, Virginia, the Internet session was held after supper. The actual work on the Internet was preceded by an overhead slide presentation on "How to..." Twelve persons participated and most found things for which they were looking.

On Saturday morning after breakfast, the meetings of the Boards of Directors were held and were well attended.

Just about everyone joined the motorcade to Bedford Saturday after lunch. The D-Day memorial is most impressive! The Allied forces success that occurred on that beach on D-Day was almost a miracle. Many things went wrong and other things went better than expected on that fateful day. The Memorial grounds and exhibits are a most suitable dedication to those who fought and died that day. It is as large and as well planned a memorial as any in Washington, DC. The tour Guide and docent made very knowledgeable presentations at key points of the Memorial. That made the experience of visiting this memorial all the better.

Following supper Saturday evening, the General Meeting of the family was held. The items presented at the Board of Directors meetings were summarized. Since there was little new business to discuss, and since almost all attended both the Board of Directors and the General meetings, there was no voting held; however, there were no negative comments from the attendees. Although not yet fully decided, the 2010 reunion may be in Little Rock, Arkansas. There was some discussion at the 2009 reunion of holding reunions every other year instead of annually; however, no decision was made on this issue.

Sorry, Not many good reunion pictures in this issue due to technical problems.

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Planning for the 25th Annual Reunion of the Fulgham-Fulghum Family National Association is in a very preliminary stage at this writing and no decisions have been made at this time.

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Sunday morning after breakfast, we all returned to our classroom for a family worship service. Melvin Williams, husband of President Pamela F. Williams, held the service and preached the sermon on the choices that King David made in II Samuel regarding Bathsheba, the wife of Uriah. At a number of points, David could have made better choices; however, he made the wrong choice each time resulting in his committing adultery, and murder. Following the worship service, checkout and departures began with the last leaving about 10:45 AM. All told, this was a very successful reunion. There will be some changes and new business not taken up at this reunion; however, socially it was a great reunion as it was easy to get to know our cousins who did attend since the crowd was small. For those who did not attend, we missed you but hope to see you at the next reunion.

Business Meeting News on page 4 of the Foundation News

CORRECTION

FFFF, No 64, page 2. In the Obituary for Matilda "Tillie" Daeke the names of her two sisters were incorrect. Mary Frances F. Musser should have read Helon Frances and Constance "Connie" F. Atkinson should have read Cornelia Cathern. Sorry about this.

Birth

Linda Bruggeman announced the arrival of **Sara Jane Bloodworth** on 7 August 2009 at 1:42 p.m. Sara Jane weighed 7 pounds, 4 ounces.

Wedding

Elizabeth Dixon Fulghum and Jeffrey Regan Suiter were married 21 March 2009 in Ortega United Methodist Church in Jacksonville, Florida. Elizabeth is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Paul Thomas Fulghum of Jacksonville, and granddaughter of the late Dr. James Elijah Fulghum.

Air Force Academy Graduate

Chad Walter Fulghum of Maben, Mississippi graduated from the U. S. Air Force Academy on 27 May 2009 with a B. S. degree in Civil Engineering. Chad, the Fulgham-Fulghum family sends our congratulations on your graduation and our best wishes for you in your career. We are proud of Chad and all of our family who have served or are now serving our country. Chad's first duty assignment is at Little Rock Air Force base in Arkansas. His proud parents are "Booter" and Zelma Fulghum of Maben. Chad has a sister, Emily.

Cab Driver Transports Fulghum Kin

David J. Fulghum, a Taxicab driver in Asheville, NC, sometimes finds his fares are Fulgh*ms or related to the Fulghums. He has transported Gov. Hunt and others who are relatives. Recently, he drove for some Fulghum relatives from the Smithfield, NC area. One of the ladies said she was a cousin of Peggy Wood. Unfortunately, David did not get her name.

Death Notice:

Ted Fulgham of Antlers, Oklahoma died 25 March 2008.

In Memoriam**Charles H. Fulghum, 77.**

Charles Howard Fulghum, 77, of Raleigh died Saturday, 11 May 2009 after a brief illness. Chuck was born 18 August 1932 to the late Ernest Lee and Etta Bryant Fulghum in Knightdale, NC.

Surviving him are his wife, Dorothy Sue "Dot" Fulghum; daughters, Mary "Snooks" and husband, Ronnie Denton, Etta Jean and husband, David Ball, Donna Calhoun, Cathy and husband, Frankie Brewer; grandchildren, April Honeycutt, Sandi Creech, Summer Vanriper, Matthew Denton, Derek Ball, Carla Wooldridge, Stacey and Dillon Calhoun, Amanda Standley, Caitlyn and Joseph Brewer; and great-grandchildren, Racheal Pearce, Mikala, Xavier, and Skylar Vanriper, Brayden, Haley, and Kristen Ball, Kiyanna and Damian Wooldridge, Lila Standley, as well as his sisters, Janie Dennis, Peggy Wood, Betsy Williams and Judy Gay; and brothers, Ernest "Pee Wee" and Larry Fulghum, and beloved family friend, Terrence E. McEnally and family. He was preceded in death by brothers, T.W. and Bill Fulghum

Chuck's roots were both humble and noble. At the age of 17 he enlisted in the U.S. Army 11th Cavalry regiment and proudly served his country in both Korea and Vietnam, later taking peacetime posts in Alaska and Germany. After 22 years, having reached the rank of Master Sergeant and having been several times decorated, Chuck retired from active service in September 1970, though he remained involved in the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post #10225 in Garner, NC where his counsel was valued by all who knew him. In his later years Chuck held a variety of positions in the private sector, ranging from Gas Station proprietor, construction company owner, to school bus driver. To each he brought a work ethic and sense of

integrity and individual dignity that will forever be the standards toward which we all should strive. A devoted and loving husband, heroic and loving daddy, brave soldier, kind neighbor, a humble country boy, Chuck always exemplified that modest strength of character so seldom seen nowadays. For your advice, your opinion, your love, we will miss you!

From The News & Observer, Raleigh.

In Memoriam**Robert Daniel Fulghum,**

71, of Stevensville, Maryland died on Saturday, 6 December 2008. Bob was born 29 October 1937 in Fayetteville, North Carolina to the late Robert Ernest Fulghum and Alene Potter Fulghum. He attended the University of North Carolina and was a graduate of the University of Maryland. He served in the United States Air Force in Germany and married Diana Jackson in Bern, Switzerland in 1962. In 1963, they moved to the Washington, DC area, where he began his career in real estate and mortgage banking. After retiring, Bob and Diana moved to Stevensville on Maryland's Eastern Shore. Mr. Fulghum is survived by his beloved wife Diana Fulghum; a son, Christopher G. Fulghum and his wife Talley of Alexandria, VA; and a daughter, Kimberly F. Kratovil and her husband Frank of Stevensville, MD. He is also survived by his two brothers Gerald Fulghum and Charles Fulghum both of North Carolina and five grandchildren; Frankie, Jackson, Parker, Robert Cole and Nathaniel.

A memorial service was held Saturday December 13, 2008 at Christ Church Parish, Kent Island in Stevensville, MD.

LIFETIME DUES PROPOSAL

The LIFETIME DUES PROPOSAL in a recent issue of **FFFF** brought no response. Thus, the proposal failed and the Association will have only an annual dues arrangement as in the past.

We urge newsletter recipients to join (the dues remain at \$40 annually). If you cannot join, perhaps you could send a smaller donation. We need your support. **Many thanks to our readers who have made extra donations!**

Don't Let A Scammer Like Madoff **MAKE OFF With YOUR Money!**

By Barbara Bennett,
NC Department of the Secretary of State, Securities Division

Thieves are getting more sophisticated in their strategy to steal your money. Even with all the recent publicity about the many scams worldwide, investors are still at risk.

Our sense of safety allows these swindlers to commit "**affinity fraud**," a crime that targets entire groups of people at once.

Scammers may pose as a member of the targeted group to get their foot in the door. They may enlist the unwitting help of group leaders to win members' trust and get them excited about a supposedly "safe" investment. They rely on the expectation that their victims will be too embarrassed to report this type of fraud to the authorities. Such silence allows these crooks to repeat their frauds on additional unsuspecting people. Right here in NC, a con man tricked members of his own church out of \$1.6 million.

Just about every state in the U.S. has a Securities Division similar to the one in North Carolina that can be contacted for investment and securities information. Such information may help prevent you from becoming a victim of fraud.

CHECK BEFORE YOU WRITE A CHECK !

While all investments carry risk, the North Carolina Secretary of State Securities Division recommends the following to minimize the threat of falling victim to a scam:

1. Call 919-733-3924 or 1-800-688-4507 to verify that both the person selling the securities investment (brokers and dealers) or anyone charging a fee for investment advice, **and** the security itself are registered.
2. Do not invest simply because another member of your group invests.
3. Make sure the promises made by the promoter are in writing.
4. Do not believe claims that the investment is risk-free or "guaranteed." If it sounds too good to be true, it most likely is.
5. Do not be pressured for an immediate decision. No legitimate opportunity requires a snap decision.
6. Remember that use of insider information is illegal, so any deal cloaked in secrecy is suspicious.
7. Pressure tactics, whether to induce fears, greed or a sense of confusion, are aimed at getting you to sign a check before you realize you have been duped.
8. Don't let anxiety about asking "too many" or "dumb" questions, stop you from performing your own due diligence. **It's your money!**

The Securities Division is responsible for administering and enforcing the state's securities laws. NC investors may call the Division at the numbers above. For more information, please visit the Securities Division's Web site at www.sosnc.com.
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Proof ?

We have little primary proof for many of the Fulgh*m lineages we have worked out but have ample evidence supported by U.S. Census records and other records. However, we do have some **genetic proof** for several of the lineages. Using the 12 marker Y-DNA test, ten Fulghums or Fulghams have been tested and made the results available⁽¹⁾. All ten of these individuals have identical marker profiles. Following the lineages back to the sons of Captain Anthony, we find that five of the tested individuals descended from Captain John Fulgham, the eldest son of Captain Anthony Fulgham while the other five trace back to Michael Fulgham⁽²⁾. Thus, we have genetic evidence that Captain Anthony Fulgham is the common ancestor of almost all Americans with the name, Fulghum, Fulgham, or Fulgum. One of Captain Anthony's sons, Anthony, Jr., died without issue and the youngest son, Nicholas', lineage failed and his remaining descendants died during a Yellow Fever epidemic.

Captain Anthony Fulgham presumably emigrated to the Virginia Colony from England. At the present, we have been unable to find Captain Anthony's roots in England despite much research. The English Fulghams were a cadet branch of the prestigious Foljambe family of England. While there are still Foljambes in England, the lineage failed several times since the 1600's and the current Foljambe aristocracy are not genetic Foljambes. We have not been successful in finding other persons in England with known lineages back to genetic Foljambes who are willing to undergo Y-DNA testing.

The Foljambes (The Norman version of the name was DeFoleschamp) are known to have fought with William at the Battle of Hastings and to have helped establish William's authority as the King of England. These people were of Norman descent and the old chronicles tell us that they were of Viking descent. That the old chronicles were true in this respect is shown by an individual in New Zealand who matches the American Fulgh*ms at the 12 marker Y-DNA test. Inquiring the origin of this gentleman, we found that his family descended from a group of Vikings who were ship-wrecked in the Shetland Islands⁽³⁾. Thus, we must have with him a common Viking ancestor. Another person from Finland contacted us as he also matched the Y-DNA of the American Fulgh*ms⁽⁴⁾. He concluded that we most probably had with him a common ancestor from Norway, the origin of his family. There are some others that match us; however, we have had no communication with these individuals. Using the rationale used by the Genographic project⁽⁵⁾, we can trace the migration of our family from northern Europe from the dawn of written history to the present – a journey of at least 1,500 years.

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Officers for 2009-2010

OFFICERS of the Fulgham/Fulghum National Family Foundation for 2009-10 were affirmed at the Reunion Business meeting at Smith Mountain Lake, Wirtz, Virginia on June 27, 2009. With the exception of the Chairman of the Board position, vacated by the death of Tommy Fulghum, the current officers are continued for another year of service.

There are many talented people in our organization. We thank them for their service. Officers are listed on Page 2. They may serve only three terms in office. Committee Chairpersons serve at the pleasure of the Officers and Board.

ANNUAL MEETING

In the absence of the President, **James F. Mills**, Vice President **Peter C. Fulghum**, called the meeting to order.

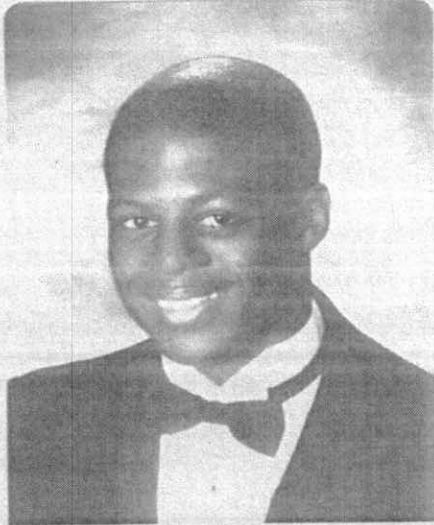
Peggy F. Wood gave the Treasurer's Report. The Treasury has a total of \$84,660.57. Of this \$79,380.82 came from donations to the Library Fund while \$3,121.43 is in the Scholarship Fund and the remaining amount of \$2,158.32 are working funds. There are still a few pledges due to be collected for the Library Fund.

Peter C. Fulghum reported on the activities of the Scholarship Committee. The Scholarship was increased to \$1,000 beginning in 2009. Applications for the Scholarship were narrowed down to three. After discussion, it was decided to award the Scholarship for 2009-10 to **Timothy White** of Columbia, SC.

Robert S. Fulghum discussed the progress of the proposed Library. This report included the history of the progress from the early thoughts to the present status.

Robert S. Fulghum gave a report on the acquisition of materials for the Library.

Campaigns for funding the construction of the Library and for purchasing books for the Library are continuing. Please contact **Peggy F. Wood** regarding donations. The Library will be something very useful for not only the family but also for the Isle of Wight County, Southside Virginia and the Southern US. When the Library is complete, the Fulgham Family will be leaving a permanent legacy of which every one of us should be very proud.



Scholarship Winner for 2009-2010

The Foundation Scholarship Committee named **Timothy Isaiah White** as recipient of the 2009-2010 scholarship.

Timothy is the son of Cleveland White of Mullins, SC and Delilah White of Columbia, SC. Timothy has three siblings. Timothy is a 2009 graduate of the Honor curriculum of Dreher High School in Columbia, South Carolina. He made the Duke Scholars program, the Honor Society and was selected to be in the Who's Who for High School Seniors.

Timothy has played the cello for eight years and was in the orchestra. He was a member of the Underground Music Project and he was on the Honor's Orchestra for his school and school district for eight years. He has played the cello for Kennedy Center and Europe for Mozart's 100th birthday celebration.

Timothy has been active in a number of community service programs through his 4-H Earthwalker's club and his church for 11 years. He was an officer, and ambassador as well as a 4-H member in many local and state competitions. He represented South Carolina at the 4-H Nationals in Maryland this year. He was selected to serve on the first teen advisory board for the Ronald McDonald House Charities. He has done volunteer work for a number of programs including the Salvation Army and Harvest Hope.

Timothy plans to begin his pursuit of a degree in education at the University of South Carolina's Bridge program at Midland Technical College in Columbia, SC.

We wish Timothy success in his education.



Roy and Jill Harwood in the Garden at the D – Day Memorial during the 2009 Reunion



Herman Fulghum and Roy Harwood at the 2009 Reunion at Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia

FULGHAM COOKBOOK PUBLISHED

Dalaine Fulgham of Southern Shores, NC, announced the publication of the Fulgham Family Cookbook, Vol II. Dee's daughters, Christine and Erin Moore collaborated in the publishing effort. The book was published by Lulu (Lulu.com). The book has many Fulgham contributors from Virginia and North Carolina. It contains not only recipes but also pictures and comments from family members. The book also has many cooking tips from some really good cooks who love to eat. Interested persons can access the book at Amazon.com. Proceed to the books section and search for "Fulgham."

Dee has donated a copy for the Fulgh*m Library. We very much appreciate this addition to our Library.

The Fulgh*m Family Association and Foundation are facing another problem:

By Sue Fulgham Libby

Back in 1985 in Rock Ridge, North Carolina several Fulgh*ms gathered for a backyard barbeque – giving rise to the first reunion (over 300 attended) and eventually the national association and annual Fulgh*m Family reunions. Are you aware there are Fulgh*ms from almost every continent on earth and all nationalities and we are all related?

In 1999 when we attended our first Fulgh*m reunion we flew to Seattle not knowing anyone. Three days later we knew everyone and loved the family history we learned. Since that time we have missed maybe three reunions and each time missed those friends we met in Seattle.

Each year some of the original founding members work very hard putting the reunion together, creating and mailing out the newsletter, tending to association business, responding to our genealogy questions, plus working on the web site. As in any organization, those who always volunteer become overworked. I have heard “many hands make light work”. I feel the Fulgh*m Family Association is facing a problem: some of our hard-working officers who have gathered us together since 1985 have asked for help and would welcome an “understudy” to learn their responsibilities. Many hours have been put into not only family genealogy work and reunions but also a scholarship fund and library foundation. Not having this work passed on to future generations is a sad thought.

We are interested in hearing from you, our family members, whether you have attended a reunion or not. If you have been to a reunion, is there anything you would change? What would you like to see? We have had yearly reunions and there has been a suggestion for a change to biennial reunions. What would make you want to come and meet YOUR family and learn about YOUR family's history? Is there something you would like to see in the newsletter? Are you willing to send in a story about your Fulgh*m family's history? There are over 20,000 names in our family database, and I'm sure there are many stories each one of us would enjoy reading.

But that is not enough. We need your help. Are you willing to join in and help with the work? This isn't work. It is a labor of love, love of family, love of history, and of each other's heritage and wanting to see it endure and be preserved. Maybe take an office for 2 or 3 years. This is not full time; you can keep your day job. If we can get others to be involved for a few years and pass it on, we will be able to keep supporting our association that gave rise to this rich family history.

Remember if you are reading this newsletter you must be a FULGH*M, and you have a long and wonderful family history. We are all related to one another.

Sue Fulgham Libby

If you would like more information on how you can help, or make some suggestions, please email them to: Sue Fulgham Libby blibby@snowcrest.net, Woodford Brown brown_wr@bellsouth.net, or Robert S. Fulghum. r7efulghum@suddenlink.net

Business Meetings

(continued from *FFFF*, page 1)

The Annual Business Meeting

June 27, 2009

Larry Fulghum, President, of Raleigh, NC called the meeting to order.

Peggy Fulghum Wood gave the **Treasurer's Report**. There are 179 paid members for 2009. Peggy thanked those loyal members who were generous and sent more than dues to help with expenses. The Treasury as of June 16, 2009 had a balance of \$18,083.50. Expenses for 2008-9 were \$16,305.77 which included payments on the 2007, 2008, and 2009 reunions made to date.

Robert S. Fulghum gave the **Editor's Report**. He reported no problems with the newsletters. He spoke to the importance of Obituaries as genealogical documents and urged the members to send in Obituaries for inclusion in the newsletter. He also gave reports on the **Library and Library materials**. Essentially these were the same as the reports for 2008 except that the Bennis Grant proposal has received approval by Isle of Wight County Board of Supervisors (See Foundation Newsletter, No. 4, p 3, Summer 2008). It was noted that there would be changes in the Library Planning Committee membership and the Curator of the Library Chairman in the future.

The Nomination Report was given by Peggy Wood. The only change for the Board of Directors is that Woodford R. Brown of Savannah, Georgia has agreed to replace Tommy Fulghum (deceased) as the Georgia State Director.

Golf Prodigy

Ty Fulghum, age 2, is a golf prodigy. From the time he was 5 months old, he was fascinated by golf on TV. At age 2, Ty regularly plays 9 holes of golf with his father – on the Ayden, NC Golf and Country Club course. Ty taught himself how to play golf by watching golf being played on the Golf Channel. He tees from 100 yards out and usually takes 4 to 7 strokes to sink the ball. He recently sank a 45-foot putt. When his father, **Chris Fulghum**, comes home at 4 p.m. every day and asks Ty what he wants to do, the response is always that he wants to play golf. Ty went to his doctor for his two year checkup and the doctor said Ty had hand-eye coordination way above average for his age.