



Fulgham - Fulghum Family Facts

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Fate of the FFFNA and the FFNFF: Unless paid membership increases and interested members are willing to serve as officers, the FFFNA will have to curtail it's activities -- and perhaps to disband. The FFNFF will continue as long as the Scholarship funds are available to provide the Fulgh*m Family Scholarship. Other funds held by FFNFF may have to be reallocated to different FFNFF projects.

Functioning of FFFNA and FFNFF: Since there have been no reunions since 2009 and the Sustainability Committee has yet to report, the few remaining functioning FFFNA officers have had to make some decisions outside the rules of the Constitution and By-laws of the FFFNA in order to continue it's work. The FFNFF has continued it's work without the input of most of it's officers.

Dues for 2012: A new dues structure has been developed to help meet the financial needs of the FFFNA and the FFFNA members in this time of extended depressed economy. To accomplish this, the distribution modes of the Newsletter will change beginning with the next issue. Members will have a choice of the method of delivery of the newsletter. Please see page 7 for the 2012 dues categories/delivery modes and dues amounts. We hope the reduction in dues and accompanying newsletter delivery modes will strongly encourage increased numbers of paid memberships. We also hope that those who can will join the *Captain Anthony Society* to provide additional support of the finances of the FFFNA. Dues to join the *Captain Anthony Society* annually will include FFFNA dues.

National Family Reunions: Due to the weak economy, we have decided to postpone further reunions until 2014. We call for suggestions of where to hold a family reunion in the summer of 2014 and for volunteers to make the arrangements. Please send suggestions to Peggy F. Wood, Sec'y-Treas.

Family Association Sustainability Committee: Please send your suggestions and/or your offer to serve on the committee to Christian M. M. Fulghum via e-mail at Fulghums@comcast.net. Rather than travel to meetings, the committee will communicate via E-mail and telephone conferences, etc.

We also need suggestions regarding how to interest younger (than us 80 and 90 year olds) in working with the FFFNA and the FFNFF. While not tremendously time consuming, most of the jobs and officer duties are interesting and a lot of fun as well as vital to our Fulgh*m Family and associated families. Most of the work can be done right at home. You will find fulfillment by working with us in your retirement (every retiree needs something to retire TO in order to have a fulfilling retirement).

Along this line, your editor is very pleased with the work of Linda F. Bruggemenn on the FFFF Newsletter. Linda will be a fine Editor when the time comes for the current Editor to turn over the editorship to someone younger. In the meantime, Linda is considering accepting the post of Assistant Editor. More about Linda in another issue.

Fulgham-Fulghum Family Facts, a newsletter, is a publication of the Fulgham-Fulghum Family National Association. (FFFNA) The FFFNA is a private, non-profit educational, historical and genealogical research society with a mission to preserve and interpret family history and the achievements of the family through the ages. The FFFNA promotes family interaction, stimulates interest in family historical events and genealogy through publications and instructive interaction at reunions with socials, exhibits, workshops lectures, and programs.

Please address articles, obituaries, comments and questions concerning FFFF to the Newsletter Editor.

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IN MEMORIAM

George Sidney Fulgham,



George Sidney Fulgham, COL. (retired) USAF,

was born in Crockett, Texas on June 9, 1932. He died on December 19, 2011 in Austin, Texas at the age of 79. He was born to George (Joe) and Elizabeth Fulgham from Crockett, Texas.

He graduated from Texas A&M in 1954.

He leaves behind a wife of 57 years, Jan Baker Fulgham from Austin, Texas, three daughters and their husbands, Debra and Robert Otto from Fairfax, Virginia, Pamela Fulgham and Bobby Frye from Leesburg, Virginia, and Kimberly and Jesse Delos Santos from Brehnam, Texas, and five grandchildren, Elise, Ariane, and Juliette Chretien, from Leesburg, Virginia, and Colton and Clinton Delos Santos from Brehnam, Texas.

Sid joined the Active Duty Air Force in April of 1955. He immediately went into pilot training. He really loved flying.

Sid served in many different states. His tours of duty included the Pentagon twice, Germany, the Philippines, Thule, Greenland and Vietnam twice. Sid's distinguished career merited several medals, citations and decorations including the Distinguished Flying Cross with 6 Oak Leaf Clusters.

After retirement from the Air Force Sid sold real estate and managed property in Bastrop, Texas.

In February of 2010 Sid participated in the Fulgham family DNA project. Test results indicated he matched the Y-DNA 12 marker test in the Anthony Foljambe line of descendants.

Visitation and Funeral Services were held on December 22, 2011 in Bastrop, Texas, while graveside service with Military Honors was held on December 23, 2011 in Crockett, Texas.

Thomas Alan "T.J". Mercier, Jr. (Great-grandson of **Jesse Fulghum & Helen Evans Fulghum Joy**) graduated from Old Dominion University, Norfolk, VA on 17 December 2011.

T.J. received double degrees (Bachelor of Science - Electrical Engineering & Bachelor of Science-Computer Engineering) with high distinction - Magna Cum Laude GPA.

T.J. starts the next chapter of his life with an engineering position at the U.S. Navy's NAVSEA-NSWC Research Laboratory at Dahlgren, Virginia in 2012.

From: Ted & Libby F. Crossland

. HARE IINDUCTED INTO SPACE CAMP HALL OF FAME

By Linda F. Bruggemann



Lieutenant Colonel William Burke Hare III USAF, is Chief of Operations, Flight Test Execution Directorate, Missile Defense Agency, Redstone Arsenal, Alabama. In his current position, Lt Col Hare leads 100+ personnel in the day to day operations of a Joint Service Test Management and Execution Directorate. His Directorate is responsible for the system level flight testing of the US Ballistic Missile Defense System. A US Air Force Space and Missile Operations Officer, Lt Col Hare has operations experience with the Global Positioning System (GPS) and the Minuteman III Intercontinental Ballistic Missile (ICBM) weapon system. Lt Col Hare has additional Operations, Maintenance and Staff Experience at Unit, Major Command and Joint Service

levels. Lt Col Hare attended Space Camp in the 1980's and worked at Aviation Challenge and Space Camp as a young adult. He left Aviation Challenge upon being called to active duty in the Air Force where he continues to make his contributions to our country. He was inducted in the U.S. Space Camp Hall of Fame in 2011 joining a distinguished group of 24 inductees including Dr. Werner von Braun, who is considered the father of manned space flight, as well as Dr. Georg von Tiesenhausen and Oscar Holderer, two original members of the von Braun rocket team.

Lieutenant Colonel William Burke Hare III is a native of Vinings, Georgia, an Atlanta suburb, where he graduated from Lovett High School. Burke received his undergraduate degree from Auburn University and was commissioned in the U.S. Air Force where he has served for 19 years. He also received a Master's degree in space studies from the University of North Dakota.

Burke and his wife, Mary, are the proud parents of two girls, Lexie, age 9, and Catherine, age 7. .Burke's Fulghum lineage is through his mother, Alice Chambers Hare, his grandmother, Edith Fulghum Chambers, his great grandfather, Jesse Fowler Fulghum, and his great great grandfather, Jacob Alonza Fulghum.

FFFNA and FFNFF VOLUNTEERS NEEDED !

VOLUNTEER: Sustainability Committee. Contact Christian M.M. Fulghum at fulghums@comcast.net.

VOLUNTEER: Vice President. Plan and carry out the work necessary for a reunion in the summer of 2014. Contact Peggy F. Wood, Sec'y.-Treas. (Addresses on page 2).

VOLUNTEER: Board of Directors for your State. Contact Peggy F. Wood

VOLUNTEER: for a position in the Fulgham-Fulghum National Family Foundation.

Positions open include: Chair of the Board, Board of Directors members, Property and Finance, Nomination and Membership, Curator of the Library.

Most of the currently active Officers, Directors & Board Members are being carried forward until we can have a national reunion and elections.

Jacob Alonza Fulghum, 1849-1928

By Linda F. Bruggemann



The son of John Glen and Elizabeth Duggan Harrison Fulghum, Jacob Alonza Fulghum, a red-haired twin of George Washington Fulghum, was born on November 8, 1849.

During the Civil War, Jacob and his parents were living near Warthen in Washington Co, GA. When General Sherman came through Jacob and his brothers took the family's livestock into nearby Chalker's Swamp to hide them until Sherman passed. Family members brought food and other necessities. As an adult, Jacob was an industrious, multi-talented man who once even made himself a suit of clothes. Those who knew him recall, "He could do anything to which he set his mind." Overseer and farmer, engineer, horse trainer, merchant, botanist— Jacob Alonza moved to Warren County to help run the vast Rev. James S. Fowler estate some eight months after Rev. Fowler died on April 10, 1872. Rev. Fowler had acquired over 2000 acres of land in Warren County mostly from his father, Zephaniah (1770-1843). Rev. Fowler was a noted Baptist minister especially in Warren and western Washington counties. It was reported that his daughters were the most beautiful women in Warren County! Jacob married Atlanta Fowler, daughter of Rev. Fowler and Sarah Brinkley Fowler on December 19, 1872. Jacob and Atlanta had ten children (one of which died at birth) Lela, John Leon, John Bunyan, James Fowler, Marion, Jesse Fowler, Atlanta Pauline, Amanda Ophelia, and Paul.

The following story of the Fulghum Oats is taken from the *Yearbook of Agriculture*, 1936, U.S.G.P.O., Washington, D. C., p 353-367 and

was printed in the *Fulgham-Fulghum Family Facts*, No. 2, November 1988:.

"Jacob A. Fulghum was a pioneer farmer-breeder of Warrenton, Georgia who selected and developed Fulghum, a distinctly American variety of rust-resistant oats. Mr. Fulghum noticed one Sunday morning while walking through his field of red rustproof oats, a plant that was taller and maturing earlier than those plants surround it. He harvested this plant individually and grew the seeds to develop the strain. This gave rise to all of the Fulghum oats grown in the United States. In 1935, Fulghum oats and all its strains, were the most important varietal type of oats grown in the U. S., due to its earlier maturity, more vigorous plant development, fewer awns and high quality of grain. Alabama Fulghum No. 321, Kanota, Franklin, Frazier, and the Coker and Murette Fulghum oats constituted the group of improved strains of Fulghum oats grown commercially in the mid-1930s." In 1931 5,000,000 acres of Fulghum Oats were grown.

Jacob was also recognized as a leader in church affairs, serving as a deacon at the Long Creek Baptist Church for over thirty-five years before moving and serving for twenty-two years in the same capacity at First Baptist Church of Warrenton. A deeply religious man, Jacob would often gather his children around the piano and lead the family in singing while he played the piano.

He was also a breeder and trainer of fine horses, one of which was Lucy, a brown mare. Lucy was hitched to the buggy to take the children to school in the morning and sent to bring them home in the afternoon. No driver was needed; Lucy knew what to do! In 1907 a French coach horse, Cinna, valued at \$5,000, was sent from Europe for Jacob to train and hold at stud.

Jacob Alonzo was sharpening a saw one day when part of it broke off and went into his right eye. He lost the sight of this eye and it disfigured his face around the right eye. All pictures of him after this happened will show only the left profile. After the death of Atlanta Fowler Fulghum of respiratory problems, in 1897 Jacob married Mary Della Courson, the daughter of Nathan and Temperance Courson. From this marriage was the birth of four children Ellie Wree, R. L. (passed away at age 3), R Lin, and Lillian. In 1906 after the death of daughter Marion, Jacob divided up the Fowler/Fulghum farm in equal amounts and distributed it to Atlanta's children. Jacob and Della moved into the town of Warrenton with their three children. With his sister Melissa Jane Fulghum running the old homestead, Jacob would travel out from town daily to check on his business. Jacob Alonza had several strokes and was ill for some time prior to his death August 10, 1928 at his home on Academy Street in Warrenton, Georgia. He is buried with his first wife, Atlanta Fowler, in the family cemetery on Mitchell Road (County Road 166) near Beall Springs near State Road 16 in Warren County, GA.

2012 Dues Notice

FFFNA dues per family unit for the year 2012 are now due. Due to current financial constraints, this is the only dues notice you will receive this year. It will help if you will respond promptly to this dues notice.

Please Join Your Family Association. We need you !

We encourage any family members who are receiving the newsletter to contribute to the cost of the continuing the FFFNA and the newsletter. Fortunately there is a group of **loyal members** who have been supporting the FFFNA with their dues every year. They carry the burden of the expenses of the FFFNA and it is inequitable for them to have to pay all of the costs of the association. We hope our new Dues structure will encourage a much larger number of paid members for 2012.

Communication through the newsletter is how we effectively reach all known Fulgh*ms. Your membership dues will help us continue the quarterly newsletter for everyone. We continue the effort to search for more Fulgh*ms and Fulgh*m data. Please provide or update your family connection information, (names & dates). Updated family data on your branch of the Fulgham-Fulghum Family are best sent to the Family Archivist: J. Grant Fulgham at 2551 Corte Tela, Camarillo, CA 93010-2219 or preferably by E-mail. Jgful1@verizon.net or- telephone (805) 482-6698

Our Constitution directs that: No part of the income of FFFNA will inure to the benefit of, or be distributed to, its elected officers or other private persons, except that reasonable compensation may be paid to Officers for Specified Out-of-Pocket expenditures for the FFFNA, and to employees or contractors for services rendered in furtherance of the organization's purposes.

Thus, please rest assured that all of your dues and other contributions are spent for the work of the FFFNA and that NO FFFNA Dues money goes to the Officers for their time and effort.

Please print

2012 DUES FORM

_____ I wish to receive the FFFF Newsletter only by E-mail. I enclose \$30 for FFFNA 2012 dues.

_____ I wish to receive the FFFF Newsletter only as paper copy by US Postal Service. I enclose \$35 for FFFNA 2012 dues

_____ I need both an E-mail copy and a paper copy. I enclose \$40 for FFFNA 2012 dues.

_____ I wish to join the **Captain Anthony Society** and receive both an E-mail copy and a paper copy; and I enclose \$50 or more for 2012 dues.

Please make the check out to: **Fulgham/Fulghum Family National. Assn.**

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Interested in Colonial Virginia History and Archeological Exploration in Jamestowne ? Yes ?
Then Dig This !

Colonial Williamsburg Foundation has joined *Preservation Virginia* (formerly the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities) to showcase the connected histories of Jamestown and Williamsburg. The history of Jamestowne has taken on a new life since 1994 when Dr. William M. Kelso began further excavations that had the purpose of finding the 1607 fort at Jamestown. The archeologists struck pay dirt the first day of excavations and by 2006 much of the lost fort was found. To date over 1.5 million artifacts have been uncovered at the James Fort digs from graves of early colonists, to foundations of early buildings, to garbage pits containing much information.

Dr. Kelso states that further excavations will reveal many more items and much historical information regarding the early history of Jamestowne and the 1607 James Fort.

Those wishing to make a contribution to this important historical project should contact:

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 Historic Jamestown Fund,
 c/o Colonial Williamsburg Foundation
 Post Office Box 1776
 Williamsburg, VA 23187-1776

Telephone: 757-220-7466 or 866-400-1707
 E-mail: azellers@cwf.org

See www.colonialwilliamsburg.org/summer11/Jamestown.cfm for an enhanced version of the Jamestowne Recovery Project article.

How your Dues to FFFNA and your Donations to the Foundation are spent

Family Foundation Expenses 2007-2008

Balance forward	\$ 59,068
Income	26,802
Expenditures	
Florida Annual Report	\$ 61.25
Supplies	11.73
Bank Charges	4.00
Postage	41.00
Campaign Fees: to	
Fund Raising Contractor	2,667.00
<u>2007-2008 Scholarship Award</u>	<u>500.00</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 3,284.98

Editor's Note: These figures were lifted from the Annual Financial Reports for 2007-8 and 2011 of the Secretary-Treasurer. They illustrate the expense burden on the finances of the Association (FFFNA) for two different years with different expenses.

For 2011 we had approximately 130 paid memberships at \$40 each – not enough incoming dues to cover the usual annual expenses and 4 issues of the Newsletter.

We cannot use Foundation funds for FFFNA expenses as doing that may remove our eligibility for IRS tax exempt status for the Foundation.

Robert S. Fulghum, Editor

Family Association Expenses 2007-2008

Balance Forward	14,180
From dues and Reunion Fees	15,262
Expenditures	
Florida Annual Report	61.25
Supplies	258.57
Bank charges	17.67
CPA- for IRS Filing	75.00
2008 Reunion expenses	3,100.00
<u>NEWSLETTERS, four issues</u>	<u>4,318.95</u>
Total Expenditures	\$ 7,831.44

Family Association Expenses 2011

Deposits (Dues)	\$5,504.59
Expenditures	
Bank Charges	38.03
CPA	75.00
<u>Newsletters (two issues)</u>	<u>2,280.22</u>
Total Expenditures	2,393.25

Essex at the Murder Hole

A Youthful escapade of The Rev. Peter C. Fulghum, 13007 Still Meadow Road, Smithsburg, Md. 21783

It was the summer of 1951 I believe. My two older brothers, Robert and James had talked about this wonderful place called, Murder Hole. I was a sophomore at Jefferson High, Jim a rising senior. Bob had left and was



attending VPI [now Virginia Tech] in the Corps of Cadets. Bob had been to Murder Hole with his friend, Fuller Robinson. They had put together a lot of equipment including ropes, rope ladder and several carbide lamps. Brother Jim and I had purchased our first car for \$20. It was a 1929 Essex Super Six with rumble seat. My best friends, John and Sam, would soon be

persuaded to take a day to explore Murder Hole. We went to the drug store to find out where you could buy carbide for the lamps. The next morning the little car was full with the three of us, plus the equipment in the rear. We left early for the trip over the mountain from Roanoke. About halfway up the old twisting Catawba Mountain road, the car stopped dead. We checked the gas, oil and water. All seemed okay. Then we noticed gas under the car. Upon investigation we found one spray jet had fallen out of the updraft carburetor, perhaps miles back. We were not to be undone. Murder Hole was not far. We removed the carburetor [2 bolts] and found a twig from a small tree, cut it to length and pushed a long hat pin found in the car through the stick to make a temporary jet. Soon the Essex roared over the mountain. We arrived at Murder Hole and walked the distance to the entrance carrying the equipment. Soon we found what's called the small "screw hole," lit our lamps and went inside. The bats were not happy with the heat and flames from the lights but we made our way down the wet slope to the "tobacco shed." After exploring this area we descended down to the next level with ropes and explored the lower cavern. Finally I had heard from my brothers that there was an underground river that few had ever reached. We couldn't resist, I wanted to be first. I grabbed the homemade rope ladder [about 50 feet in length] ran ahead and soon found the hole to the third lowest level, tied the rope ends to a stalagmite and down the swinging rope I went. Suddenly the rope gave way. It let down two or three feet and stopped. The jolt flipped the carbide lamp off my headband. It tumbled through the air giving me a last view before plunging into the river below and extinguishing in the dark water disappearing in a tunnel of mist. I was in total darkness suspended forty feet below the stalagmite and about thirty feet above the river. I dared not move hoping the ladder would hold. The only sound was the water below. What seemed like hours, was probably minutes before flickering lamps from the ceiling and voices called to me and I to them. They secured the ladder and I climbed up quickly feeling like I had escaped the jaws of death and a watery grave. We slithered through "fat man's squeeze." I am sure we lost half the equipment on the way. Looking up from the bottom of "daylight cave," the afternoon streaming sun burned my eyes but I was not complaining. I had learned at least one lesson that day. Life is fragile and precious. It doesn't take much to mess it up. How grateful I was to be alive and tell the story.

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- ☞ ...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 Fulgh*ms and Fulgh*m kin about the family.
- ☞ ...to raise funds through the **Fulgham-Fulghum Family Foundation** for it's worthy causes, including the **Foundation Scholarship Fund**, the **FFNF Museum-Archives**-building (in which we will maintain and constantly update a comprehensive research library with books, family data sheets, photographs, video tapes & documentation archives), as well as the Foundation research projects and other Foundation associated events & materials.

The North American beginning of our family was in ISLE of WIGHT County, VIRGINIA in ca. 1640. Now we have reunions in many states. Of the 24 national reunions the FFFNA held the first in 1985 in Rock Ridge, NC. The last five have been held: 2005 in Annapolis, MD; 2006 in Nacogdoches, Texas; 2007 in Williamsburg, VA; 2008 in Raleigh, NC; 2009 at Smith Mountain Lake (Wirtz, Virginia).

Fulgham-Fulghum Family National Association on the INTERNET:

Our homepage URL is: **<http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~fulghum/web-text-html.htm>**

One can find links to the FFFNA database in GenCircles and in Rootsweb near the center left of the

first page. Click on one of these links to access data and information on your ancestors and lineage.

It is easier to search for the names of deceased ancestors since most of the data on living persons are blocked for their privacy.

For additional help in searching for Fulgh*m ancestors, please contact the Newsletter Editor or the Family Archivist (addresses are listed on page 2).

