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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

By Woodford Brown

2013 Family Reunion

After three years of not having a family gathering, the FFFNA had a wonderful reunion this year on May 31 through June 2 at beautiful St. Simons Island, Georgia. Accommodations, staff assistance, and meals were superb at Sea Palms Resort. Imagine seeing a sunrise or sunset over the panorama of marsh grass that inspired Georgia poet, Sidney Lanier, to write "The Marshes of Glynn". With perfect weather on Saturday, we had a great time on a trolley tour of the island. St. Simons is known for its beach with luxury hotels, fine homes, and a crowded shopping and restaurant district, which was the place to be. Then, just a short distance inland are the myriad ancient live oaks flowing with Spanish moss. Our tour took us by First African Baptist Church, built in 1869 by former slaves of the nearby plantations, and Christ Episcopal Church, Frederica, one of the oldest churches in Georgia. We viewed the grounds where John and Charles Wesley preached. On the route was the site where the territorial conflict became known as the Battle of Bloody Marsh. We drove by Fort Frederica, which was once a town and defense installation built under the supervision of General James Oglethorpe.

On Sunday morning the family gathered to conduct business and to discuss some ideas for future reunions. Betsy Williams came prepared with a very thoughtful and inspiring devotional. Betsy made note cards for everyone with her watercolor artwork on the front of each card. We wrote prayer requests inside and exchanged the cards, agreeing to pray for the person and the request for a month. What a great idea!

The closeness of family in this reunion is what made it special. Although the attendance was smaller than some reunions in the past, we truly had a good time getting to know one another and sharing all kinds of things from family stories to recipes. I am looking forward to helping with the planning for next year.

Woodford Brown.

Editorial comments.

1) The Editor hopes that the readers will enjoy the new newsletter formatting. We tried to keep it like the old format but with more space and less boxes. Our reason for change is that the Editor's old computers began to fail and he obtained a new iMac Apple computer that has a different operating system and different programs. The Editor has had to learn the Apple "how to" in order to produce the newsletter. Please direct comments or suggestions to the Editor (address on Page 2).

2) Woody Brown was elected President of the FFFNA at the 2013 Reunion on St. Simonds Island.

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More Fulgh*m genetic matches

The latest information from Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) shows that the Fulgh*ms have 58 matches at the 12 marker level. Most of these were from persons who are not Fulgh*ms, indicating that we may have distant common ancestors with these persons. Most probably these common ancestors were men who lived back in time before recorded history as we saw with two of the earlier 12 marker matches from which we have enough family history to make a judgment. Recently, another person with the Fulghum surname was found not to be a genetic Fulghum. Currently, FTDNA has tested 14 Fulgh*ms that match at the 12 marker test level. The lineages of these Fulgh*ms go back to Captain Anthony Fulgham who is, then, the common ancestor of all Fulgh*ms in North America.

Library Building Fund

It has been proposed that the funds donated for the building of a Fulgh*m Library building be divided with about one-half going to the Library of Virginia which is now providing building space for our Fulgh*m collection. The remaining half should be added to the FFNFF Scholarship Fund as an endowment to provide investments, the interest from which will provide more scholarships.

If you have comments, suggestions, etc. regarding how the building funds should be used, please send them to our Secretary-Treasurer for consideration at the next business meeting.

YOUR INPUT IS DESIRED

FFFNA Historian and Archivist Report

J. Grant Fulgham has sent the following information regarding his search for the origins of Captain Anthony Fulgham.

"I'm working daily on the Somersetshire Fulgh*m origination theory. I am cautiously optimistic that Capt Anthony was reared in Pitminster, Somersetshire, married there, and had children there before emigrating to Virginia. I think that enough documentation is available that we can cautiously pivot our family origin narrative from its Moorhall, Derbyshire focus to a Taunton Deane, Somersetshire focus. I realize that many in our family will be disappointed that Hercules is not likely to have been our patriarch, but we must go where the documentation leads us and, candidly, precious little points us to Moorhall. On the other hand, many genealogical indicators point us to Somersetshire."

More later as Grant develops this line of research.

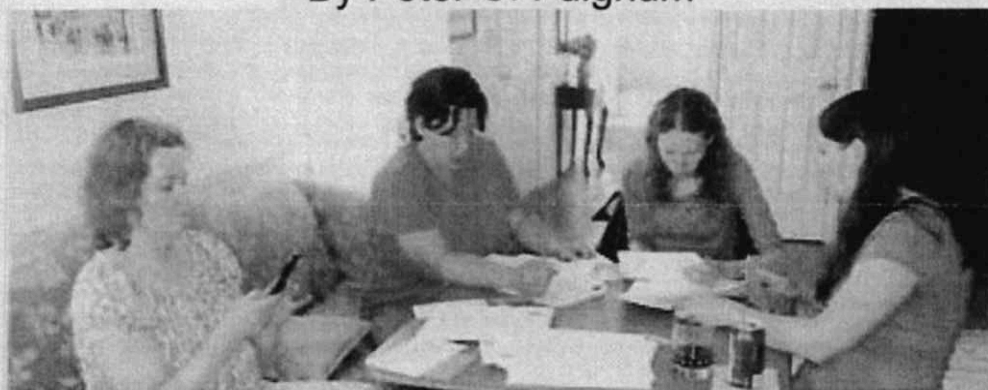
FOUNDATION SCHOLARSHIP NEWS

My name is **Hannah Almeida** and I am tremendously grateful to be the recipient of the Fulgham – Fulghum Family National Scholarship. My goals and future pursuits are intrinsically grounded in my amazing family. My interest in a teaching career has, no doubt, been shaped by the countless stories that are told around our dinner table. Mom is a high-school teacher that loves literature and teenagers, while dad is a deputy sheriff with a huge heart and calling to public service. Each shares tales of lives that have been touched – even transformed – by the time and energy given through their jobs. A career in elementary education will allow me to have a voice in the early years of children. I hope to speak into young lives words of encouragement and empowerment, while creating a structured environment that is academically stimulating and fosters respect. Ultimately, your generous scholarship allows me to pursue my dreams and begin gathering stories of my own. I am very excited to be attending California Polytechnic, San Luis Obispo this fall and my family and I give you all our thanks!



SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE AT WORK

By Peter C. Fulghum



THE FULGHAM-FULGHUM NATIONAL FAMILY FOUNDATION Scholarship Committee processed the 2013-2014 scholarship applications received from 23 States in June. Each application requires specific information on finances, grades, personal essay, school, community, activities, and Public Service.

The committee, pictured above at work selecting the 2013-4 awardee includes (left to right) Carolyn Fulghum Schmersahl, Tina Roles, Julie Fulghum, and Holly Fulghum. Missing from the picture is the photographer and Chairman of the Scholarship Committee, The Rev. Peter Fulghum. Also not pictured is Dr. Cordell Hatch, a Professor at Pennsylvania State University at State College, PA. Carolyn Schmersahl is a former FFFNA President and current Citicorp Mortgage operations analyst. Tina Roles is a Professor at Wilson College, Chambersburg, PA. Julie Fulghum is a Veterinarian Technician at a Frederick County, MD clinic. Holly Fulghum is a second grade elementary teacher in Frederick County, MD.

The Scholarship Committee Reviews every application before awarding the scholarship grant. This year it was very difficult because there were so many excellent candidates. The Committee also expressed the hope that more commitment to the program by all Fulgh*ms might lead to an endowment that will either increase the amount of the scholarship grant each year or to offer several scholarship grants to additional worthy students.

This year's scholarship grant of \$1,000 was awarded to Hannah Almeida of Corona, California. She plans to attend California Polytechnic State University at San Luis Obispo. Hannah feels called to teaching and she plans to teach in elementary education.

Business Meeting and Committee Reports at the 2013 Reunion

Museum/Library Report:

After much work and travel, it has become clear that the FFFNA would be unable financially to build and maintain a building for the proposed Museum/Library. Staffing such a library would have to be taken over by a regional Virginia library. Special requirements for maintaining collections that include old documents, etc. would be costly on an annual basis. This committee report suggests using the Library of Virginia to accession FFFNA library materials, books, papers, etc. In Issue # 73 of the newsletter, we invited Fulgh*ms to comment on this proposal. Not a single response reached this committee. Thus there seemed to be no objection to using the Library of Virginia to hold our library materials.

It has been proposed to use the funds donated for the FFFNA Library building to be divided with about one-half going to The Library of Virginia since they will be maintaining our collection of library materials and providing library building space for them. The Other half should be transferred to the Scholarship funds. This money should be invested in order that Scholarships could be funded from the interest earned in the future.

Newsletter Editor Report:

Since our last reunion in 2009, eight issues of the newsletter have been published. The main reasons for only eight in four years was due to declining paid memberships and not as many articles, obituaries and news items were submitted for the newsletter.

Grant Fulgham has written a most important article on the Foljambes of Moorhall that shows little evidence of the origin of our common ancestor, Captain Anthony Fulgham. Grant is now looking at another branch of the Foljambes for Captain Anthony's origin.

Linda F. Bruggemann has come on board as Assistant to the Editor.

Plans for putting the newsletter on the Internet and to send it to members via e-mail are still being worked out. Paper copies could be mailed to those not having computers or Internet access. Brent Fulgham is working on this. Brent has moved to Apple Computer and we wish him the best in his new job.

A new dues structure needs to be developed for FFFNA as sending the newsletter via Internet and e-mail will reduce our need for operating funds and hopefully make membership more affordable to all interested persons.

Treasurer's Report, FFFNA:

The Association, despite declining membership, has managed to remain in a positive balance. The newsletter is the biggest expense with reunion expenses being the next most of the expenses.

Treasurer's Report FFNFF:

The Foundation has at the present the Scholarship awards as the largest expenditure. Donations accounted for most of the income with interest income as the next largest source of income.

Annual Business Meeting Report:

The Treasurer's Reports were distributed and discussed.

All attendees voted to donate the Library materials to the Library of Virginia to be added to the Fulgh*m collection already there. Peggy F. Wood should be reimbursed for out of pocket expenses incurred during the time she had maintained the collection in storage.

The Scholarship Committee works to annually provide a FFFNA Scholarship to a worthy student.

Editor's Comment. Peggy Wood has done an outstanding job as Secretary-Treasurer for the FFFNA and the FFNFF. We owe Peggy a great deal of praise and thanks.

THE FOLJAMBES OF MOORHALL

Part 2: Hercules Foljambe

by James Grant Fulgham

Much has been written of the 1598 Puerto Rico Campaign¹⁰ of the second son, Sergeant Major General Hercules Foljambe (1543 – 1632), but little has been written of his life's story. The first documentary appearance of Hercules has come to us in the form of teenage doodling, including his original signature, on the frontispiece of an antique book titled "The Works of Geoffrey Chaucer ... " dated 1561. Also on the frontispiece appears the signature of one that appears to be a young gentlewoman named Anne Abdy. There are no clues that might indicate if Hercules and Anne were sharing the book in an academic environment or what their relationship may have been. However, it brings to life the heretofore caricature of Hercules and we are able to see him in a new light. This frontispiece can be viewed at the following web link: <http://faculty.goucher.edu/eng330/Brass%201561%20Chaucer%20Cod%20Desc.htm> . In 1561, Hercules would have been 18 years old, already drilling with the Derbyshire Train Bands. By 1566, he had deployed as a member of Col. Henry Cavendish's Regiment for action in the Netherlands to fight Queen Elizabeth's war with Spain. Henry Cavendish was James Hardwick's nephew, the son of Elizabeth Shrewsbury (Bess of Hardwick.) Thus, Hercules was under the command of his step 1st cousin. Hercules was rapidly made a company commander and was titled "Captain Foljambe." In-depth research of Cavendish's Regiment and Hercules's company awaits further work. However, it is noted that by 1586, before and after the execution of Mary, Queen of Scots, certain Derbyshire catholic aristocrats, among them Godfrey Foljambe of Barlborough, 2nd cousin of Hercules, were implicated in the Babington Plot and fled to the continent to avoid arrest for treason. During this period Godfrey Foljambe of Barlborough applied to the King of Spain for a pension, and was pensioned on the condition of military service. He, too, was titled "Captain Foljambe", was fighting in the Netherlands, albeit on the side of Spain, and can easily be confused with Hercules in the records. During this period, we find that Hercules succeeded to the Moorhall estates in November 1591 upon the death of his older brother, Godfrey. He appears to have immediately stored his movable property at Walton, arranged to lease out his estates and moved to London.

It is unclear how Hercules found the time to have a personal life while he was deployed to the Netherlands and the West Indies from 1566 through the decades of the 70's, 80's and 90's but he found the time for courtship, marriage and divorce three times in that period, followed by a fourth marriage and divorce at the turn of the 17th century. Based on Foster's Pedigree of Foljambe², he married first, Sarah, daughter of John Hardwick of Hardwick, in about 1580. According to Hercules' testimony in a Star Chamber proceeding ca. 1602, he received a written sentence of divorce " ... *under the hand of Mister Doctor Cosens [Dean of the Arches] ...*"¹¹ for this marriage probably before 1590. The Mister Doctor Cosens is likely Dr. Richard Cosin, appointed by Archbishop Whitgift in 1583 to the judgeship of the court of Audience, dean of the Arches, and vicar-general of the province of Canterbury. No indication of legitimate children resulting from this marriage has been found. Hercules married, as his second wife, it is believed before 1591, one Anne Hardwicke of Horsley, Derbyshire as documented in the sentence of divorce handed down by the Consistory Court of Lichfield "... *between Hercules Fowliambe, esq., and Anne Hardwicke alias Fowliambe, his wife, of Horsley (Derbs.) for adultery*" in 1601. Although the divorce was not handed down until 1601, the couple had clearly been separated since before 1595 based on Hercules' subsequent marriage that year. As with the first marriage, No indication of legitimate children resulting from this second marriage has been found. Hercules' third marriage was to Elizabeth Barker on 25 Feb 1595 and is recorded in the church registers for St. Bride's Fleet Street, London. In 1596, Hercules and Elizabeth were involved in a suit with Ralph Reresby and others regarding the manor of Thrybergh in Yorkshire, as follows:

Yorkshire Fines: 1596 Ralph Reresbye and George Chaworth, esq. D Hercules Foliambe, esq., and Elizabeth his wife Messuage with lands in Thribar als. Thribarghe, Rauensfeild, and Dalton. A warrant against the heirs of Godfrey Foliambe, late of Walton, co. Derby, esq., deceased, and against Godfrey Foliambe als. Brownlowe de Croxton, co. Stafford, esq., and Edward Bellingham, esq., and Trotha his wife, and their heirs.¹³

Subsequently, Hercules arranged the christening of their only child, Odelia, on 18 Feb 1597 at St. James, Clerkenwell, Middlesex. Elizabeth was not shown as being present and may have deceased prior to the christening. Hercules represented himself as a widower with two former living ex-wives in a Star Chamber hearing ca. 1602.¹¹ Hercules' fourth marriage, believed to have taken place before February 1602, was to Sarah, daughter of Edward Rye of Aston, Yorks., Esq., and widow of George Poge (or Poage) of Misterton, Nottinghamshire. Shortly after the marriage, Edward Rye filed a suit in Star Chamber claiming that Hercules had married his daughter and obtained a 40-year lease on the Rectory of Misterton while he had one wife, if not two, still living. The object of Mr. Rye's suit was to regain possession of the estate on the ground that the marriage to Sarah Rye was bad and the lease fraudulent. In Hercules' answer to the suit, he provided evidence of the sentences of divorce from his living ex-wives handed down by the ecclesiastical authorities and

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gave testimony that he had relied upon the opinion of the ecclesiastical authorities that he could marry again. This case proved to be a watershed case involving both ecclesiastical courts and the Star Chamber and its adjudication was not complete for many years.¹¹ Ultimately, it appears that Hercules prevailed, however, not until near the end of his life. Regarding his marriage to Sarah Rye, although there is no indication that the couple divorced, no indication of legitimate children, or adoptions, resulting from this fourth marriage have been found.

In a petition to King James for relief from his creditors of not later than 1625, Hercules noted that he had consumed in excess of 10,000 pounds in military service in the Netherlands and in the surprising of Puerto Rico as a Sergeant Major General under Cumberland. In his attempts to generate that amount of capital (over \$10 million in today's U.S. currency), Hercules found himself taking great risks. After succeeding to the estates of Moorhall in 1591, and leasing them out, he moved to London and began negotiating among the merchants and privateers involved in the war with Spain. Sir Godfrey Foljambe, Lord of Walton's will was drawn up in February 1595, bearing in mind that he would die without an heir. It was unsuccessfully contested by Hercules Foljambe, and subsequently proved on 23 July 1596. The following paraphrased excerpt from a letter written on a ship, which Cumberland sent to Sir Robert Cecil on July 26th, 1596, entreating a favor for a person whom he styles "**the Baron of Walton**" but whom it is not easy to identify under this style. He had, Cumberland said, been arrested upon an action and committed to the Counter (Debtors Compter) in Wood Street. Lord Cumberland was importuned by his friends to apply for the favor of Sir Robert Cecil as the man in question could be freed—he was informed—by a letter from any member of Her Majesty's Privy Council.¹² [ed. Note: *Francis Foljambe, Esq., d. before 27 Sep 1600, succeeded to the representation of the senior branch of the Foljambe family upon the death of his nephew, Sir Godfrey Foljambe, who died before 14 June 1595. In contesting Sir Godfrey's will, Hercules Foljambe no doubt assumed that he had a stronger claim to the lordship of Walton than Francis. Upon the successful probate of Sir Godfrey's will on 23 July 1596, H.F.'s claim to the lordship of Walton dissolved. In the interim, he had apparently been unable to pay his creditors and had been committed to the Wood Street Compter, a debtors prison. H.F.'s case in chancery of July 1612 states that he spent 5-1/2 years in prison up to 1612. We know that he was in the Wood Street Compter in 1596, say one year, however, he was busy with marriages, military campaigns, and litigation between 1597 and 1605 and it is difficult to see how he could have served prison time in that period. It is speculated that he spent 4-1/2 years in prison between early 1606 and mid-1610 in addition to his time in 1596. Ironically, Sir Godfrey's will was generous to Hercules, as we see from the following bestowal "... and after the death of Isabell, my wife, the said messuages in Kirksandall and Longsandall shall remain to my good cousin Hercules Foljambe, esquire*⁹]

The record is silent on the degree of success Cumberland's letter to Sir Robert Cecil had regarding the release of Hercules from the Wood Street Compter in 1596, however, history shows that Hercules was recruited for the Puerto Rico Campaign of 1598¹⁰. He apparently mortgaged all of his estates with none other than his step-aunt, Elizabeth Shrewsbury (his deceased step-father's sister), with the idea that he would retire all of the mortgages with his share of the plunder from the Puerto Rico Campaign upon his return. Ultimately, the total value of the plunder amounted to less than half of the cost of the campaign. By 1600, the then-remaining estates of the Foljambes of Moorhall had been forfeited to the Countess of Shrewsbury. The record is silent on how Hercules and little Odelia lived over the ensuing decades. The following ambiguous quasi-document from 1621, if legitimate, may provide evidence that they were still living as a family at that time and that Hercules was attempting get her set up with worthy lodging:

DD/FJ/10/7/39 ; 1621; Contents: Assignment of lease.

Hercules & Omphale? (sic) Damaged by mice.

e) Thurgoland (sic) (Yorks.).¹⁴ (NOTE: This document was badly damaged and mis-filed. Assuming that it is valid, the originator seems to be assembling a whimsical mix of Greek and Saxon mythology with dry legal documentation. "Omphale" is arguably a misinterpretation of Hercules' daughter, Odelia's, name. And "Thurgoland" is arguably a misinterpretation of the message with lands in Thrybergh claimed by Hercules and Odelia's mother, Elizabeth, in 1596. The date of this transaction is 1621 and would place Odelia in her 24th year.

Hercules continued his litigation with Edward Rye regarding Misterton Rectory until 1625 or later. He died 27 Nov 1632, the last Foljambe of Moorhall, and was buried at the church in Rotherham, Yorkshire West Riding. No marriage or death record has been found for Odelia.

Editor's Note: The references for THE FOLJAMBES of MOORHALL were included in issue 73 with Part 1 of this article. The references will be repeated at the end of Part 3 of the article in the next issue of **FFFF**.

Children of the Matthew Fulghum Family

by Robert S. Fulghum

Upon scanning the Wayne County, NC estate records for the period circa 1827, it was discovered that the heirs to the estate of Matthew Fulghum (FFFNA DB ID # 295), who died intestate, were the children of Matthew. This is followed by their names: Edna (Edney), John Glenn, Matthew, Jacob D., James William, and Betsy (Elizabeth). Thus, there were only 6 living children of Matthew recognized by the Courts as the heirs of the Matthew Fulghum Estate ⁽¹⁾. The heirs were called to court numerous times as discovery of the debts of Matthew had to be acknowledged and evidence shown that the estate was sufficient to pay the debts, thus the names of the heirs to the Matthew Fulghum Estate appear several times in the Wayne County Court records. A genealogist hired by Charles Ellis, a Fulghum relative, also lists the above named as children of Matthew and heirs to Matthew's estate. ⁽²⁾ No mention in these court documents is made of William Washington Fulghum, William Fulghum, or Spencer Fulghum. Thus we need to do further research. At this point, I speculate that William Washington, Spencer, and William were persons who were related to the Matthew Fulghum family in some way but probably were not children of Matthew. Without birth records (not documented in the early 1800's) and with census records that do not name and show relationship to the head of household, it is almost impossible to learn with any certainty the names of the children of an individual from Census records. Also, there are stories about social problems in Matthew's family (possibly incest) that could clear up the genealogy of this branch of the family if the details were known⁽²⁾. People who know have, up to now, refused to discuss this issue. However, it is important to know even if not pleasant.

Most of the children of Matthew (Sr.) ; Elizabeth, John Glenn, Matthew (Jr), Jacob and James moved to Georgia after the estate was settled and their mother, Sarah, had died. William, while not listed as an heir to Matthew's estate went to Georgia according to family data, as he married in Georgia..

U.S. Census data show John Fulghum, father of Matthew, was head of the household up until he willed the farm to Matthew in 1825. Matthew was not listed as the head of the household until the 1810 census.

1800 Census: John, Sr. was listed but the listing of the number of persons in his household was damaged and is not readable.

1810 Census: Matthew's family consisted of 5 individuals, including one female age in the range 0-10 years old; and one in the range 16-26. These females would be Edney and her Mother, Sarah D. There were 3 males; one 0-10 (?); one 10-16 (?), and one 26-45, Matthew (sr) .

1820 Census: Matthew's family consisted of 7 individuals; 3 males in the age range of 0-10 years; John Glen, Matthew (jr) , and (??) and one male in the range 26-45; Matthew (sr). Females in this household included one in the range 0-10; Elizabeth, one in 10-16; Edney, and one over age 45; (Sarah D. was age 35.)

1830 Census: Sarah is now the head of the household that included 9 individuals; 2 males age 10-16, two males age 16-18, one male 18-26 and one 26-45. There were 3 females, one 10-16 (Elizabeth) and one 16-26 (Edney), with Sarah as the third, over age 45. Since Matthew had died before 1830, three new individuals must have joined the Fulghum family. Who are they (William Washington b ca. 1815, William b ca 1816, and Spencer b 1820) and who are their parents ?

REFERENCES

1. Wayne County, North Carolina Estate Records. Matthew Fulghum 1827, CR 103.501. and CR.103.508.61.
2. Charles Ellis. Personal Communication (Charles is now deceased)

Editors comment: Anyone who will share information on the Matthew Fulghum Family is urged to contact the author

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The North America beginning of our family was in ISLE OF WIGHT County, Virginia in ca. 1640. Now we have reunions in many states. Of the 25 national reunions, the FFFNA held the first in 1985 in Rock Ridge, NC. The last five reunions have been held 2006 in Nacogdoches, Texas; 2007 in Williamsburg, VA; 2008 in Raleigh, NC; 2009 at Smith Mountain Lake (Wirtz, VA); and 2013 on St. Simon's Island, GA. The next reunion will be announced in a later edition of this newsletter.

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One can find links to the FFFNA database in GenCircles and in Rootsweb. Open our homepage and look for the links to GenCircles or Rootsweb in the left panel about the center of the first page. Click on one of these links to access data and information on your ancestors and lineage.

Since much of the data on living persons are blocked for their privacy, it is easier to search for the names of a deceased ancestor.

For additional help in searching for Fulgh*m ancestors, please contact the Newsletter Editor, the family Historians or the Family Archivist. It is strongly urged that searchers for Fulgh*m information try to obtain as much information as possible from the Internet sources before contacting the Family Archivists.