

# **Fulgham-Fulghum Family Facts**

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# What a wonderful Greenville, NC reunion!

For those of you who were unable to come to our reunion, you missed a fun and very informative weekend! Many, many thanks to Peggy Fulghum Wood who played a major part in taking care of reunion details and making it happen! Also thanks to former Association President Peggy Fulghum Matthews who presided at our opening meeting. In her remarks Peggy thanked the family members who attended as well as those not present who have kept the Association going. We need support from all of our family! Of course, the highlights of the meeting were the recognition of Dr. Robert S. Fulghum for his work on the newsletter and the presentation and assistance in family research by Grant Fulgham, our Historian/Archivist. For more of what we did, see the minutes on following pages.



Members present for the 2017 Annual Fulgham-Fulgham Family Reunion

1st row: Betsy Williams, Janie Dennis, Peggy Wood, Jane Hall, Esther Fulghum, Robert Fulghum, Charles Fulghum, Peter Fulghum

2nd row: Donna Fulgham, Peggy Matthews, Ruth Olive, Ann Fulghum, Frances Barton, Mary Susan Fulghum, Judy Gay, David Fulghum, Roe Fulgham, Jan Bowden, Joan Fulghum

3rd row: Grant Fulgham, Alice Hare, Hasadore Hall, Linda Bruggemann, Walter Barton, Nash Allwine, Carolyn Allwine, Paulette Fulgham, Kelly Fulghum, Jim Fulghum, Jack Fulgham, Beverly Showalter

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#### Fulgham-Fulghum Foundation Scholarship Award

The Foundation is happy to announce that our 2017-18 Scholarship has been awarded to Bailey Elizabeth Sudduth of Shelbyville, TN who will be a Freshman at the University of Tennessee at Chattanooga in the Fall of 2017. At Cascade High School in Shelbyville, Bailey graduated as Valedictorian of her class while also participating in dual enrollment at Motlow State Community College. Her high school academic achievements are many as



well as Horatio Alger State Scholar, Elks National Foundation Most Valuable Student Tennessee State Finalist and National Semi-Finalist, Coca-Cola Semi Finalist, Presidential Scholar for the State of Tennessee, Wendy's Heisman Tennessee State Finalist, Hugh O'Brian Youth Leadership Award, Junior and Senior Class President, National Honor Society, English and Spanish National Honor Societies, President of Interact Club, and active in both Key Club and Fellowship of Christian Athletes. She has played varsity softball, soccer, basketball, and is a cross-country runner. She has logged many community service hours including church and missions work at First Baptist Shelbyville and Youth Leadership Bedford (County). Her post-high school plans include a BS in Mathematics with a minor in Secondary Education. She hopes to teach mathematics and coach at the high school level eventually, after obtaining advanced degrees, becoming an administrator.

#### **Mildred Kelley Timmerman**

Entered into rest Sunday, May 28, 2017, Mrs. Mildred Kelley Timmerman, 92, loving wife of the late Ransom Pierce Timmerman, daughter of Wesley and Pauline Fulghum Kelley, granddaughter of Jacob Alonza Fulghum. Mildred was a native Warren County, GA and lived in Augusta, GA most of her life. was devoted member of First Baptist August since 1943, a member of the Anna Bannister Sunday School class, the



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Sanctuary Choir, the Senior Adult Choir, and Women's Missionary Union. Mildred was retired from the Richmond County Board of Education, where she was the Executive Secretary to the Superintendent of Schools. Mildred loved people and greeted everyone with a big smile and a hug! Family members in addition to her late husband include, children: David Timmerman (Cathy), Kelley Timmerman, Suzanne Sombar (Mike); grandchildren: Kristan Osbon (Michael), Lauren Sigmon (Stephen), Lacey Sombar, Shannon Sombar, Ginny Johnson (David), Dorsey Timmerman; three greatgrandchildren, and her sister, Martha Kelley Lawson Young. Mildred was so proud of her family and attended several reunions as well as helped to plan the Augusta reunion.

# **Highlights of the 2017 Reunion**

## Dr. Bob Fulghum receives plaque from Peggy Fulghum Wood

Upon his retirement as editor of Peggy presents a plaque to Bob Fulghum appreciation of the family association newsletter. This means he has newsletters! We are deeply indebted to Bob was born in Washington, DC, the (1909-2002) and James Hooks Fulghum are the proud parents of three sons: Jim, Jr, Peter, and sister Frances Barton accomplishments are many and include with a M.S. and Ph.D. degrees in



Fulgham-Fulghum Family Facts, as a token of deep for 30 years as Editor of our family published approximately 62 him for many hours of faithful service! first son of Frances Witcraft Schmidt (1905-1982). Bob and his wife Esther Robert, David, and Joseph. Brothers also attended the reunion. His a B.S. in Biology from Roanoke College Bacteriology from Virginia Polytechnic

Institute. In 1972 the newly organized School of Medicine at East Carolina recruited Bob for the position of Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology. In his own words Bob says his best work was as a teacher and advisor to students! In retirement, Bob has been a volunteer at the Brody School of Medicine, the Pitt County Memorial Hospital, and has been active in the Kiwanis Club of Golden K in Greenville, NC. As a former resident of Greenville recently commented "Oh, that name is well known across the city!" We thank you, Bob, for **so many things!** You have served our name well!



Esther and Bob Fulghum, Charles Fulghum, and Peter Fulghum

#### **Grant Fulgham receives plaque from Peggy Fulghum Wood**

In recognition and deep appreciation of Fulgham/Fulghum Family roots, Peggy Historian/Archivist James Grant 2016 include (1) information on our biographies (our Foljambe connection 44,000 in our family database! Grant up on a cotton farm near Drew, MS. they have two sons, Brent and Brian. received his B.S. in Civil Engineering a retired professional civil engineer and amateur historian" and has been years! He is descended through John extraordinary treat to have Grant



his investigation of our presents a plaque to our Fulgham. His accomplishments for ancestral migrations, (2) three is important), and (3) that we now have was born in Greenwood, MS. and grew He is married to Donna Walker and (Brent manages the database!) Grant from Mississippi State University and is naval officer. His is also an "active working on our family history for 30 Fulgham of Blackwater. It was an present to us just a part of his research

into our roots PRIOR to Captain Anthony Fulgham! More of this research will appear in future newsletters. This information was presented during our meeting on Saturday morning. After lunch, we were honored to have Grant (and other knowledgeable family members) work with individuals to learn how to research their own personal genealogical tree! What a treat that was! Your know-how and findings have amazed us, Grant!

# FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FAMILY ASSOCIATION MEETING GREENVILLE, NC

Saturday, August 5, 2017

Peggy Matthews, President, led us in prayer and called the meeting to order.

Peggy Wood distributed copies of the 2016 meeting and they were approved.

Peggy Wood presented the 2016 Treasurer's Report and it was approved. Copy is attached.

Robert Fulghum, Newsletter Editor, presented the Newsletter Report. There were two newsletters published since the 2016 reunion. Robert added that he has been the editor of 62 of the 86 Association newsletters and he wished to resign from this position. He introduced Assistant Editor Linda Bruggemann as the new Editor.

Grant Fulgham, Historian, presented the Historian & Archivist Report. He has continued research into our family's connection with England and will give a detailed presentation on his findings this afternoon. There are now over 44,000 names in the Fulgham/Fulghum database at rootsweb.com.

Old Business None at this time.

#### **New Business**

Peggy Wood brought a proposal from the Board suggesting combining The Fulgham-Fulghum Family National Association and The Fulgham-Fulghum National Family Foundation under the Foundation name. Benefits are: Since we have difficulty finding people to serve as officers, we will have only one

set of officers for our registration in the state of Florida. Funds will be added into one account under the Foundation name. This will protect our 501(c)(3) status under the IRS code.

Discussion was held on this matter. It was decided to table a vote on this matter pending more discussion at the Foundation meeting.

Peggy Wood presented a plaque to Peggy Matthews as the outgoing Association President. The meeting was adjourned. Submitted by Carolyn Fulghum Allwine, Secretary

# **FULGHAM-FULGHUM NATIONAL FAMILY ASSOCIATION, INC.** 2016-2017 TREASURER'S REPORT

BALANCE 7/31/16	12,332.74
Deposit 8/1/16-7/31/17	5,219.15
TOTAL	17,551.89

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EXPENSES		
Newsletters	2,791.11	
2016 Reunion	1,660.75	
2017 Reunion	450.00	
Trophies	506.95	
Printing	337.59	
FLA Annual Report	61.25	
Bank charges	116.28	<u>5,923.93</u>
BALANCE 7/31/17		11,627.96

Submitted by Peggy Fulghum Wood, Treasurer

# **FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY FOUNDATION MEETING GREENVILLE, NC** Saturday, August 5, 2017

Peter Fulghum, President, called the meeting to order.

Peggy Wood distributed copies of the 2016 meeting and they were approved.

Peggy Wood presented the 2016 Treasurer's Report and it was approved with one typographical correction to the total. Corrected total amount is \$63,316.10. Corrected copy is attached.

2017 officers were presented:

President: Peter Fulghum Secretary: Carolyn Fulghum Allwine Vice President: Woody Brown Treasurer: Peggy Fulghum Wood

Peter gave a report on the scholarship program, which grants a \$1,000 scholarship each year to a graduating high school senior to study teaching or nursing at an accredited college or university.

Peter discussed the idea that the Foundation will be basically self-perpetuating if we can reach \$100,000 in our account and encouraged every member to send a one-time gift or include the Foundation in his or her estate planning. Discussion followed about the history of the Foundation which is presented later in this newsletter.

**New Business:** Discussion was continued from the Family Association meeting about combining the Family Association and the Family Foundation.

- All Family Foundation members will be notified of the place and time for each yearly meeting and will be encouraged to attend.
- This will be the Family reunion for the year.
- Each person will be responsible for securing his/her own lodging for the meeting/reunion. This will
  reduce the burden on Peggy Wood and her sisters who have graciously researched and planned many
  reunions in the past.

These items were voted on during a special time before dinner on Saturday, August 5, 2017 and were passed unanimously.

Submitted by Carolyn Fulghum Allwine, Secretary

# FULGHAM-FULGHUM NATIONAL FAMILY FOUNDATION, INC 2016-2017 Treasurer's Report

Balance 7/31/16		63,093.85
Deposit 8/1/16-7/31/17		
Donations	1,240.00	
Interest	43.50	1,283.50
TOTAL		64,377.35
EXPENSES		
Scholarship	1,000.00	
FLA Annual Report	61.25	<u>1,061.25</u>
BALANCE 7/31/17		63,316.10
		Submitted by Peggy Fulghum Wood, Treasurer

#### FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY FOUNDATION MOVES FORWARD IN HISTORY

The F/F National Association began before its first family reunion in Rock Ridge, NC in 1985. We believe by 1988, at the Charleston, SC reunion, that plans to give a scholarship would be an excellent outreach project for the association. The grant was voted as a \$500 gift for Fulgham/Fulghum children each year. A scholarship committee was selected: O. Thomas Fulghum of Augusta, GA, Peter Fulghum of Smithsburg, MD., Carolyn Fulghum of Greenville, NC, and Dr. Cordell Hatch of State College, PA. Peter was selected as chairman and agreed to handle the applications and develop a selection process. The details were listed on the Family web page. In 1999 the first winner was Camille Seabrook of Memphis, Tennessee, the granddaughter of Mary Magdalene Fulghum Seabrook, who attended Louisiana State University. It became evident at subsequent reunions that not all committee members would be present to make the selection and sharing all the

applications over four states ahead of the annual meeting was impractical as well as expensive. No awards came out of the 2001-2004 reunions for two reasons. First, few or no Fulgham/Fulghums applied, and, second, the committee didn't have enough members present to vote. By 2005, at the Annapolis reunion it was decided that a make-shift committee get together with the chairman. They selected Carolyn Jones for the award. Carolyn was the daughter of a former Fulghum from Memphis, TN. Over time O. Thomas Fulghum died and Carolyn Fulghum resigned due to health problems. The committee was down to two; each lived in a different state. The award was dormant as the association officers were aggressively trying to apply for status under the non-profit 501(C)(3) program. If the Association could get a foundation classification, it could raise tax-free money for its work. The donors could give tax deductible funds and the work of the scholarship committee would be sustained. The stated objectives to receive this classification were: 1. to establish a scholarship program to encourage students to attend and complete college and 2. the establishment and operation of a museum/library of artifacts and documents of the descendants of Captain Anthony Fulgham. One stipulation of the Internal Revenue Service was that the national foundation funds used for scholarships must be open to any applicant but not as a support to Fulgham/Fulghums only. On June 21, 2004, the government granted the 501(C)(3) to the new Fulgham/Fulghum Foundation to raise tax deductible funds from donors. The officers of the Association and the new officers of the Foundation urged family members to give to the museum and scholarship work. At the 2005-2008 reunions, the funds and pledges began to come in. For the 2004-2005 scholarship year, the applications went online to scholarship.com LLC of Highland Park, IL. By June, Peter received 604 requests for an application from every state including APO and FPO Military Post Offices. By April 15, 2005, completed, returned forms numbered 154. Peter, with a viable committee, asked the Foundation officers to make changes to Scholarships.com as well as the web page to reduce the number of applications by certain restrictions other than simply being high school graduates. Limitations to nursing or teaching were imposed, subject to change at any annual reunion as indicated. Still with great anticipation, the scholarship committee at the 2009 reunion at Smith Mountain Lake, VA, including Dr. Hatch, asked the Foundation to raise the award to \$1000 per year as funds were increasing. Over the past years the application requests have averaged 50 and completed returns about 25. Each form must have a financial picture, high school grades, a 150-word essay, a college acceptance form, and a personal achievements as well as community service summary. Today the committee meets at Peter and Joan's house and is made up of college graduates, a teacher, and two college professors. Since its inception the scholarship committee has granted five \$500 and nine \$1,000 scholarships. We are pleased to have given \$11,500 to date and are proud of those generous Fulgham/Fulghums who support the program. Sometime around 2014 it became apparent to the Foundation, after years of planning and donations, that the goal of a family library/museum at an original estimate of \$500,000 was not to be met. Less than \$100,000 for both museum and scholarship materialized. Over the past 3 years the Association and Foundation officers decided to return the pledges for the library or shift them to the scholarship fund as requested by the donors. In the end, the scholarship committee now has a balance of 63,316.10. This means that without further tax-deductible gifts, grants wills, or other giving, the scholarship fund will be depleted. At Bank rates, the current interest can only produce a fragment of the award each year. The scholarship committee would like to request family funding in an amount to produce \$1000 interest or more each year to achieve a perpetual grant or possibly increase it over time. We are so appreciative of those who do support it each year. Remember all Fulgham/Fulghums are asked to give something and all Fulgham/Fulghums or extended family seniors are urged to apply. Where else can you get a 25-1 odds of \$1000 to attend the college of your choice? Submitted by Peter Fulghum, President

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# Reunions

The North America beginning of our family was in ISLE OF WIGHT County, Virginia in ca. 1640. We have had reunions in many states. Of the 25 national reunions, the FFFNA held the first in 1985 in Rock Ridge, NC. The last six reunions have been held 2006 in Nacogdoches, Texas; 2007 in Williamsburg, VA; 2008 in Raleigh, NC; 2009 at Smith Mountain Lake (Wirtz, VA); 2013 on St. Simon's Island, GA.; 2014 in Callaway Gardens; 2015 in Asheville, NC; 2016 in Winston-Salem, NC and the 2017 reunion in Greenville, North Carolina.

# **Fulgham-Fulghum Family National Association on the INTERNET**

Our homepage URL is: <a href="http://homepages.rootswebcom/~fulghum/web-text-html.htm">http://homepages.rootswebcom/~fulghum/web-text-html.htm</a>

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

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

For additional help in searching for Fulgh\*m ancestors, please use the steps outlined in FFFF No 82, page 4. Or contact the family Historian or the Family Archivist, Grant Fulgham. It is strongly urged that searchers for Fulgham-Fulghum information try to obtain as much information as possible from the Internet sources before contacting the Family Archivists.