

# **FULGHAM FULGHUM FAMILY FACTS**

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## **Robert Schmidt Fulghum**

It is with great sadness that we announce the passing of our former newsletter editor—faithful for many years!

Robert Schmidt Fulghum, Ph.D., 88, of Greenville, NC, passed away peacefully Saturday, November 25, 2017. A memorial service was conducted Saturday at 1 PM in St. James United Methodist Church.

Bob was born in Washington, DC on March 3, 1929, the first son of Frances Witcraft Schmidt and James Hooks Fulghum. He graduated from Jefferson Senior High School, Roanoke, Virginia in June 1947. He attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute, Blacksburg, VA as an undergraduate student and was in the Virginia Tech Corps of Cadets from 1947 to 1950. He transferred to Roanoke College in 1950, graduating with a B.S. in Biology in 1954. From 1954 through 1956, he was a part-time graduate student at Trinity University in San Antonio, Texas, while in active duty with the U. S. Air Force. Following discharge from active duty, he enrolled as a graduate student in Bacteriology at Virginia Polytechnic Institute where he earned a M.S. degree in 1959 and a Ph.D. degree in. 1965.

Fulghum's military duty in the U.S. Air Force included service during the <u>Korean War</u> and the beginning of the <u>Vietnam War</u> (1952-1956). He was a member of the joint staffing of the Brook Army Medical Center at Ft. Sam Houston as Instructor of Preventive Medicine. He received an Honorable Discharge from

Air Force Reserve 30 December 1959.

The professional career of Dr. Fulghum included Graduate Assistant at Virginia Tech (1956-1960); Instructor of Biology, later Assistant Professor at Susquehanna University, Selinsgrove, Pennsylvania (1960-1964); Assistant Professor of Bacteriology at North Dakota State University in Fargo (1964-1968); Assistant Professor of Oral Biology in the University of Kentucky College of Dentistry (1968-1971); and Director of Anaerobic Products at Robbin Laboratory Division of Scott Laboratories in Carrboro, North Carolina (1971-1972).

The newly organizing School of Medicine at East Carolina University recruited Bob to the position of Associate Professor of Microbiology and Immunology in 1972. Bob was the 18th professor hired. He was promoted to Professor in 1990 and he remained in this position until his retirement at age 67 with Professor Emeritus status in 1996. He had served as Assistant Chairman of the Department of Microbiology and Immunology, Brody School of Medicine at East Carolina University. He was active in professional societies such as the American Society for Microbiology (ASM), the North Carolina Branch of ASM, and the International Association for Dental Research.

In retirement, Bob was a volunteer at the Brody School of Medicine and Pitt County Memorial Hospital, and was a member of the Golden K Kiwanis Club of Greenville. He was a longtime member of St. James United Methodist Church, where served in various capacities in his earlier years.

In addition to his parents, Dr. Fulghum was preceded in death by a daughter, Deborah Jo (1955-1957). He is survived by his wife of 64 years, Esther Slagle Fulghum; three sons, Robert Slagle, David James, and Joseph Christopher; granddaughters, Emily and Olivia; brothers, James Hooks Fulghum, Jr. and wife, Kelly, and Peter C. Fulghum and wife, Joan; sister, Frances F. Barton and husband, Dr. Walter Barton; and numerous nieces and nephews.

The wife and family of Dr. Fulghum would like to express their deepest appreciation to the Vidant Medical Center doctors and nurses for their caring, compassion, and their professional manner, while taking care of Dr. Fulghum in the hospital.

In lieu of flowers memorials may be made to St. James United Methodist Church for the Backpack Program, 2000 E. 6th St., Greenville, NC 27858 or to the Cypress Glen Benevolence Care Fund, 100 Hickory Street, Greenville, NC 27858. Arrangements are by Wilkerson Funeral Home & Crematory.

Online condolences at www.wilkersonfuneralhome.com—As published in The Daily Reflector, Greenville, NC

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#### **Corrections from Newsletter Issue 87**

#### These corrections have been made to the Newsletter to be posted on the website.

Many thanks to Jane Fulghum Johnsen who now lives in Bradford, ND who pointed out that the first FFFNA scholarship winner in 1999 was her grand niece Camille Kraft Seabrook (now Goodin). Camille now has a Masters in Landscape Architecture. She is married, has 3 daughters, lives in Winter Park, Florida, and works for the State of Florida in landscaping. Jane also emphasized that the Fulgham-Fulghum scholarship is a great incentive to college students!

Also many thanks also to Frances Fulghum Barton for correcting the identifications in the picture for the Greenville reunion. Seated below are Esther Slagle Fulghum, Robert S. Fulghum, Charles Fulghum, and Peter Fulghum. Charles is a cousin, not a brother of Robert.



**Peggy Fulghum Wood** 

Also sad to report that our faithful Peggy fell on Christmas Day. A week later she realized it was not any better and, at some point, heard a pop! She went to doctor on January 2 and had hip replacement on Wednesday January 3. She is doing well and plans to go to a rehab facility when released from the hospital. Sadly her sister, Janie, broke her left hip on Oct. 30 and then broke her right hip on Dec. 23. She has had both hips replaced. Physically she is also doing well.

## Grant Fulgham adds to database!

Owen Arthur Fulgham was born in good health at Los Robles Hospital, Thousand Oaks, CA on January 4, 2018 to Robert Brian Fulgham and Carly Ott Fulgham. The proud grandparents are Grant and Donna Fulgham, our Historian/Archivist!

## Joan Farmer Fulghum



Joan Farmer Fulghum passed away on December 6th, 2017 at Meritus Hospital in Hagars - town, MD. She was born May 16th, 1935 in Atlanta, GA, the daughter of the late Allen Meador Farmer and Dorothy James Farmer. She was preceded in death by her brother James. Joan received a Bachelors of Arts degree in education from Roanoke College in Virginia and a Master of Education degree from Shippensburg University in Kentucky. She was an elementary teacher for nearly thirty years, teaching in Virginia, Kentucky, and Maryland. She retired from teaching at Pangborn Elementary in 1997. She also taught in Old Forge Elementary and Paramount Elementary in Washington County. Joan was an Episcopalian and a member of the Literacy Council of Washington County where in

retirement she taught adults to read. She participated in the physical fitness classes in Hagerstown Community College. She is survived by her husband of 61 years, the Reverend Peter C. Fulghum, one daughter Carolyn E. Schmersahl and her husband Frank of Myersville, MD, three sons, Peter S. Fulghum of Waynesboro, PA, Michael J. Fulghum and his wife Deborah of Alpharetta, GA, Andrew P. Fulghum and his wife Britt of Hardeeville, SC, two granddaughters Julie A. Fulghum and Holly B. Fulghum Young, three grandsons, Alexander J. Fulghum, Mitchell D. Fulghum, and Thomas C. Kunich. Memorial services were held on Saturday, December 16th, 2017 at St. Anne's Episcopal Church, Smithsburg, MD and on January 6th, 2018 in Roanoke, VA. Memorial donations can be made to the Literacy Council of Washington County, 15 Randolph Ave., Hagerstown, MD 21740 or to The Fulghum Family Scholarship, 4775 S. Harbor Dr. #204, Vero Beach, FL 32967.

#### Martha Raye Fulghum



Martha Raye Fulghum passed at her home on December 8, 2017, at the age of 92. She was born September 20, 1925 in Goldsboro, NC to Samuel and Mary Ann Carraway Fulghum. Martha was the youngest of four girls, all who preceded her in death—Ila Gray Smith, Hilda Marie Burton, and Edna Grace Haymore. She is survived by loving nieces and nephews. Her life was truly a miracle having been born weighing less than two pounds. She slept on a pillow in a shoebox in the oven, was fed by an eye dropper, and wore baby doll clothes in the early days of her life. Martha was always in excellent health her whole life until the last two years. She was very self-sufficient, smart, and loved working with her hands, always doing her own repairs, building, and lawn care. She could fix anything, and her life was of service to oth-

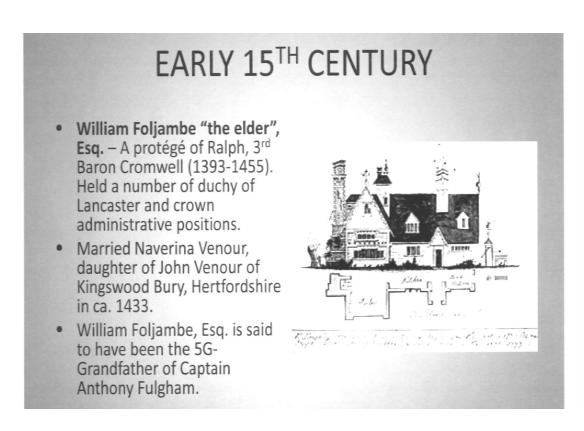
ers who needed her skills. Her humor and love of family made her a favorite aunt. Martha's love of finding anything on sale was a wonder to behold. The first half of her life was spent in her beloved North Carolina. Her family was a large part of the early beginnings of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints In the Goldsboro and High Point areas. In 1960, Martha Raye left North Carolina with a little southern drawl, a taste for southern food, love of church and family, and moved to Salt Lake City. She worked at the University of Utah in the Pharmacology Department for 17 years, a job she enjoyed very much. She retired from the Salt Lake County Clerk's Office in 1989, and loved every day of her retirement! Services were held on December 11 at the Holbrook Mortuary. Interment was at Wasatch Lawn Memorial Park. Messages and tributes may be posted at www.HolbrookMortuary.com.

# WILLIAM FOLJAMBE "THE ELDER" (ca. 1410-ca. 1483)

By James Grant Fulgham, FFFNA Historian

**INTRODUCTION** - This article explores the life of our ancestor William Foljambe "The Elder" (1410-1483)<sup>1</sup>, the 5g grandfather of Capt. Anthony Fulgham. William "The Elder" lived during the reigns of kings Henry IV (1399-1413), Henry V (1413-22), Henry VI (1422-61), Edward IV (1461-70), again Henry VI (1470-71), again Edward IV (1471-83), and Edward V (1483). His early life was during the last half of the Hundred Years' War (1337-1453), a war between the English house of Plantagenet and the French house of Valois that was fought over the succession to the French throne. His later life encompassed all phases of the dynastic struggles between the English houses of York and Lancaster called collectively the Wars of the Roses. When William had reached adulthood during the reign of Henry VI the Foljambe family had been involved in military action and administration for the earldom or duchy of Lancaster for seven generations or more, going as far back as Edmund "Crouchback" Plantagenet, the 1<sup>st</sup> earl of Lancaster (1245-96). Following the footsteps of his ancestors, William would fill a number of important Lancastrian governmental positions during his working life<sup>2</sup> and this study will review some of them. Over the many generations that William's Foljambe family line had been involved in Lancastrian administration, the family had developed ties of friendship, politics, economics and marriage with other similarly involved Lancastrian families. Some history scholars have named the cohort of Lancastrian retainers of John "of Gaunt" Plantagenet (1340-99), Duke of Lancaster, "The Lancastrian Affinity." A review of Simon Walker's The Lancastrian Affinity 1361-1399 identifies William "the elder's" great grandfather, Sir Godfrey Foljambe and William's great uncle, Thomas Foljambe, Esq., as influential members of the affinity. When Henry "Duke of Lancaster" succeeded to the throne as Henry IV in 1399, he brought the duchy of Lancaster to the crown and the Lancastrian affinity was permanently integrated into the royal affinity. Affinity families that were influential in William's life included Benstedes, Bowetts, Chaworths, Cokefields, Cromwells, Hatfields, Loudhams, Rempstones, Sturgeons, Thornburys, Venours, Vernons, Villiers, Willoughbys, Zouches, and others. During our exploration of William Foljambe "the elder's" life, we will discuss the specific impact of many of these Affinity families upon William, as well as the involvement of the Affinity families, including the Foljambe family, in the Hundred Years' War and in the lead-up to, and engagement in, the power struggles that resulted in the Wars of the Roses.

**BIRTH & EARLY LIFE** – William Foljambe, "the Elder," (ca. 1410-83) was born at Ockbrook Manor & Parish, Derbyshire, the sonof William Foljambe "the feoffee, i.e., trustee" (b. ca. 1376) and his wife Catherine Benstede (b. ca. 1373). William Foljambe "the feoffee" is identified as a querent (i.e., plaintiff) in a Foot of Fines abstract dated 20 Jan 1418 documenting the purchase of two manors by his uncle Thomas Foljambe, esq. and from this an approximate year of William the elder's birth was estimated.



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ed. No birth record for William the elder has yet been found and his mother's name is speculative, however, the following circumstantial evidence forms the basis for the inference that her surname was Benstede. Catherine Benstede was the daughter of Sir Edward Benstede (1353-1432) of Bennington, Hertfordshire who married in 1402 his second wife, Joan Thornbury (1382-1449), the daughter of Sir John Thornbury of Little Munden, Hertfordshire and his Italian wife Naverina (Italian surname un-

known.) Thornbury witnessed a number of deeds in the 1380's with sir Edward Benstede and it is speculated that the two families were allied long before Benstede became Thornbury's son-in-law. The record is clear, however, that following the marriage and until his death in 1432 Benstede was closely allied with Sir Philip Thornbury, son and heir of Sir John. It is through this alliance, the involvement of these allied families in property transactions, and the possibility that William Foljambe's mother was

Catherine Benstede that property transactions related to Bygrave manor and parish, Hertfordshire take on significant importance in this biography. Sir John and Lady Thornbury owned Bygrave manor near their original home in Little Munden. Late in his life, Sir John made extensive improvements to Bygrave manor and he and Naverina moved there prior to his death in 1396. Sir Philip Thornbury, their eldest son, succeeded to the Thornbury estates (with the exception of the "widow's thirds" to be held by Lady Naverina until her death) upon Sir John's death. Naverina, styled "Naverina Thornbury of Bygrave," continued to live at Bygrave until her death some time before 1427 <sup>17,4</sup>. Subsequently, Sir Philip moved into the Bygrave manor house and continued living there until his death in 1457. The Thornburys and Bygrave manor shall be discussed further later in this work.

Following the 1376 death of Sir Godfrey Foljambe close upon the 1375 death of his eldest son, Godfrey, jr., his second son, Thomas Foljambe, Esq., became the senior representative of the Foljambe family and rapidly rose in Lancastrian administration. He ardently supported Henry Plantagenet (heir apparent of the duchy of Lancaster) in Henry's role with the Lords Appellant in 1388, and joined Henry with armed men at Ravenspur, Yorkshire in 1399 in support of Henry's *coup d'état* for the English crown. Following the triumphant *coup d'état*, Henry Plantagenet, subsequently Henry IV of England, expanded the already extensive Lancastrian patronage system to accommodate increased rewards and incentives to supporters of the House of Lancaster. The Foljambe family, under the leadership of Thomas Foljambe, Esq., flourished during the reigns of Henry IV, V & VI by solidifying alliances with other Lancastrian families through marriages and acquiring related landed interests throughout the English midlands as well as receiving appointments to duchy administrative positions. William Foljambe's (b. ca. 1410) childhood home until about 1417 was Ockbrook Manor, Derbyshire, an estate bequeathed by his g-grandfather Sir Godfrey Foljambe to his grandfather, Richard Foljambe, and his heirs upon Godfrey's death in 1376. It appears that Richard held

# **OUR ENGLISH ANCESTRAL HOMES**

- 1. Elton, Derbyshire (aft. 1069-1443)
- 2. Willoughby, Nottinghamshire (1443-56)
- 3. Reepham & Hemswell, Lincolnshire (bef. 1456-83)
- 4. Inge's Manor, Hertfordshire (1464-1534)
- Westonzoyland, Somersetshire (ca. 1534-72)
- 6. Pitminster, Somersetshire (1572-1665)



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Ockbrook and other manors from his father for one life only for when Richard died in ca. 1417 the above-mentioned manors were conveyed to Godfrey's g-granddaughter, Alice (Foljambe) Plumpton, the sole heir of the senior line from Sir Godfrey. The, at age seven, William moved with his parents and siblings to Gratton Manor, Youlgreave Parish, Derbyshire, near Elton, an ancient Foljambe estate. It is speculated that William grew to adulthood at Gratton, living there for the period 1417-1443.

During William the elder's formative years at Gratton, the Hundred Years' War raged without letup. Prior to his 21<sup>st</sup> birthday, a major battle was fought almost every year by Englishmen against Frenchmen in France, and in some years, more often. In the iconic Battle of Agincourt in 1415, memorialized in Shakespeare's "Henry V", at least four close kinsmen of William the elder took part in Henry V's Agincourt campaign as follows:

NAME	RELATIONSHIP TO WIL-	POSITION IN AGIN-
Edmund Benstede, Esq.	Maternal Uncle	Esquire under Sir Thom- as Strickland <sup>5</sup> , Standard
Richard Foljambe, Gent., of Gratton	Brother	Lance under Richard, 4 <sup>TH</sup>
Sir Philip Thornbury	Maternal Step-Uncle	Lance under Thomas Beaufort, Earl of Dorset. In the Harfleur Garri- son. <sup>5</sup>
Sir Edward Foljambe, Knt., of Tideswell	3 <sup>rd</sup> Cousin	Lance under Richard, 4 <sup>th</sup> Baron Grey of Codnor <sup>7</sup>

For more on the Battle of Agincourt see upcoming newsletter issues!

(Any questions concerning this article should be directed to Grant Fulgham, our Historian/Archivist.)

#### Jimmy Gay

Jimmy Frederick Gay, 74, passed away unexpectedly Sunday, December 10, 2017 at his home in Rolesville. He was born May 3, 1943 in Wake County to the late James Coolidge Gay and Miriam Underhill Gay. He retired after 32 years as a Life Insurance Agent. Jimmy was a Charter Member of the Rolesville Jaycees and a former Rolesville Volunteer Fireman. He and his wife, Judy worked at the State Fair operating J & J's Hot Dogs for 32 years. Jimmy enjoyed Nascar Racing, going to the mountains and Lake Gaston, and keeping his cars clean and shiny. He loved his family and spending time with his greatgrandsons.

A service to celebrate his life was held 11:45 am, Wednesday, December 13, 2017 at Rolesville Baptist Church, 203 E. Young Street, Rolesville, 27571.

The family will receive relatives and friends from 10:00 am to 11:30 am, prior to the service in the Fellowship Hall.

Surviving: wife of 55 years, Judy Fulghum Gay; daughter, Leigh Ann Gay Jones (Kenny) of Wake Forest; granddaughter, Shelby Jones Brown (Christopher) of Youngsville; great-grandsons: Kenlee and Kasen Brown, sister, Janette Gay Pearce of Wake Forest; brother, Tommy A. Gay of Wake Forest; nephew, Randy Pearce (Melissa); sisters-in-law: Janie F. Dennis, Peggy F. Wood, Betsy F. Williams; brothers-in-law: Earnest "PeeWee" Fulghum, Jr., Larry B. Fulghum, Ronald E. Pearce; and many special nieces and nephews.

Condolences to the family may be sent to poolefuneral.com under Obituaries.

# **2018 Dues Notice**

The Fulgham-Fulghum Foundation dues of \$35 per family are due in January 2018. It will help if you respond promptly to the dues notice. We encourage all families who are receiving the newsletter to contribute to the costs of maintaining the business and paying the costs of the Foundation by paying the annual dues. Because the Foundation is designated a non-profit organization, dues are tax deductible.

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# Reunions

The North America beginning of our family was in ISLE OF WIGHT County, Virginia in ca. 1640. Now we have had reunions in many states. Of the many national reunions, the FFFNA held the first in 1985 in Rock Ridge, NC. The last nine 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 2017 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>. Unfortunately, the Rootsweb is down for maintenance for the next few months!

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 Fulgham-Fulghum 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.