



FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY FACTS

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Issue 109 Front page

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See minutes below for more information.

Annual Meeting Minutes September 16, 2024

The Fulgham-Fulghum National Family Foundation met via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. on Monday, September 16, 2024. Attending were: Robert C. Fulgham, Jr., President; Andrea Fulgham Copeland, Vice President; Carolyn Fulghum Allwine, Secretary; Tom Fulghum, Treasurer; Grant Fulgham, Historian; Peter Fulghum, Scholarship Committee Chairman; Linda Fulghum Bruggemann, Newsletter Editor; Carolyn Fulghum Schmersahl, Scholarship Committee Member; Tricia Bryan, member; Jack Copeland, member. President Robert Fulgham called the meeting to order and welcomed all attendees.

Carolyn Allwine presented the Secretary's Report



Work continued on the FFNFF database during the year. Currently, there are 872 active names on the list. Secretary and Treasurer edited and corrected the shared Excel spreadsheet on Microsoft OneDrive after each Newsletter mailing with changes from USPS and email. Tom handled the mailings sent through USPS and I sent out the email newsletters from my personal computer.

For the most recent Issue 108, Summer 2024, 674 newsletters were mailed via the USPS (with 11 returned as undeliverable so far) and 210 were sent via email (with 6 returned as undeliverable.)

I responded to several letters and emails from Fulgh*m cousins during the year.

Tom Fulghum presented the Treasurer's Report Operating Account



We received dues of \$2,260 in the last twelve months. Printing & Postage expenses were \$3,582. Operating Account total balance is \$6,406. (Editor's Note: If you would like a copy of our Balance Statement or Profit & Loss Statement, please email Tom Fulghum at tom@tomfulghumlaw.com.)

He reported we are losing approximately \$1,500 per year from the Operating Account. Since going to non-profit bulk mailing, the mailing costs for the Newsletter are lower, but printing costs are higher. We can no longer sustain this level of mailing to non-dues-paying Fulgh*m cousins. 606 members have not paid dues since 2021. Tom presented six options to consider. Everyone agreed that Option 5 was the best to implement – mail only to dues-paying members who request mailed Newsletters. Everyone

agreed by acclamation. Discussion followed and agreement was reached to publish an announcement of this policy on the front page of Issue 109 of the Newsletter. Instructions will also be given to contact the Secretary if you have a hardship and arrangements will be made. (continued on page 2)

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Treasurer's report (continued from page 1)

Discussion followed about moving money from the Scholarship Fund to cover Operation Account expenses. No – that can't be done. Tom will find out if we can add a QR code to the dues payment page for ease of paying dues.

Scholarship Fund

Scholarship Fund is doing well – income plus donations exceeded the scholarship amount by \$445. Total market value of the scholarship fund at this time is \$72,130. We received \$892 in scholarship donations. Income in the scholarship fund was \$2,190.84 (\$3.14 interest and \$2,187.70 dividends & capital gains) The investment management fee is \$638. Average annual return on the scholarship fund will be approximately 6%

Scholarship paid out \$2,000 to Bloomberg Commonwealth University on behalf of recipient Miranda N. Stoner.

Discussion followed regarding raising the scholarship to \$2,500 or \$3,000 - agreement was reached at \$3,000.

Carolyn Schmersahl agreed to change the Fulgham-Fulghum web page to the reflect the new amount.

Peter Fulghum presented the Scholarship Report



Miranda N. Stoner was the 2024 recipient of the \$2000 FFNFF Scholarship. She is now attending Bloomberg Commonwealth University. Her application was outstanding and her acceptance/thank you letter was gracious. There we 30 requests for applications, from 24 states. 22 completed requests were returned, with four times as many girls as boys responding. The Scholarship is restricted to those entering the teaching and nursing fields. Close family members of FFNFF officers may not apply; it is open to everyone else; it is not restricted to Fulgham-Fulghum family members.

Current members of the Scholarship Committee are: Peter Fulghum, Chairman, Carolyn Fulghum Schmersahl, Julie Fulghum, Holly Young, and Tina Rolles, Professor at Wilson College.

Peter announced that he is willing to continue as Scholarship Chairman for the 2025 year, but is retiring after that. He is willing to help develop the new committee, but has served for 25 years and feels the time has come to retire. Peter, we appreciate all your years of service to the FFNFF.

Grant Fulgham presented the Historian's Report



The FFNFF Historian has provided FFNFF Newsletter articles on our family's first immigrant to America (Issues #76 & #78). Additionally, articles have been provided which step us backward in time, generation to generation from the first Foljambe/Fulgham immigrant to his 8 G-Grandfather, Sir Godfrey Foljambe (1316-76), Chief Justice of the King's Bench in Ireland. His biography was published in the family newsletter Issues #103, 104, 105, 106 & 107. The FFNFF Historian recently completed preparation of an article for a future Newsletter issue on the 10G-Grandfather, Sir Thomas Foljambe IV, Knight of the Shire and Member of Parliament for County Derbyshire 1330-31.

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Historian's Report (continued from page 2)

The year 2024 saw continuing research on our connection with the Somersetshire Fuljames family. However, due to the research requirements related to completing the nine remaining biographies of the ancestors on our English journey, your humble Historian must cut back on time used on the Fuljames connection ... for now. After those nine biographies are completed and archived in Newsletters, the Historian's plan is to focus on the line of Anthony Fulgham/Fuljames' father, John. We have found that the Sir John Cotton, Knt., of Silverton, Devons. who m. Sarah Fuljames (Anthony's sister) descends from the Cotton family of Hamstall Ridware, Staffordshire. In 1428 a William of this line was born in Conington, Huntingdonshire and m. in 1441 to a Mary Folville, granddaughter of Agnes de Brus, a direct descendant of the Brus (Bruce) Scot lords of Conington, Huntingdonshire.

He also maintains the FAMILY DATABASE of *OVER 47,314 PERSON RECORDS*. Research into the English origins of our family continues.

Linda Bruggemann presented the Newsletter Report

In the past twelve months we have published newsletters Issues 106-108. Articles have included minutes and reports from our Annual Foundation meeting, family history and genealogy research from our historian/archivist Grant Fulgham, the announcement of and information on access to our new family website fulgham-fulghum.org, articles on St. Luke's Church in Smithfield, Virginia, the announcement of our 2024 Family scholarship recipient, as well as an article on Fulgh*ms who served in Colonial times, the Revolutionary War, and the war of 1812. We continue to urge family members to send family stories and articles of interest including information on awards to or recognition of family members as well as family obituaries.

Miscellaneous Updates

No one has expressed any interest in taking over the Secretary position. Carolyn Allwine agreed to stay until someone is found.

Linda Bruggemann introduced Tricia Bryan and explained that Tricia has expressed interest in becoming the Newsletter Editor. She has agreed to be the Assistant Editor this coming year and will take over as Editor the next year. Everyone agreed.

Old Business

Tom Fulghum presented the revised bylaws that we must vote on tonight. He summarized the changes, which include:

- Correcting the name of the Foundation to match the SOS documents
- Reducing the size of the Board of Directors from 15 to 5
- Clarifying that only dues-paying members may vote or serve on the Board
- Clarifying the composition of the Scholarship Committee
- Prohibiting awarding of the scholarship to close family members of the Board or Scholarship Committee

The revised bylaws were voted on and accepted. A copy is attached to these minutes.

St. Luke's Historic Church, the oldest Anglican Church in the U.S., has produced a documentary on the Church focusing on the Fulgh*m connection through Captain Anthony Fuljames/Fulgham and his family in England. Captain Anthony's son, Michael, donated the land where the church was built. Todd Balance and John Ericson were instrumental in producing this documentary and have been in contact with members of the FFNFF Board.

NEW BUSINESS**Nomination of 2024-2025 Officers**

Robert Fulgham resigned as President thereby declining to serve another term.

Andrea Fulgham Copeland was nominated as President and accepted the nomination. See picture to left.

Jack Copeland was nominated as Vice President and accepted the nomination.

Carolyn Fulghum Allwine was asked to continue serving as Secretary and accepted with the understanding that we are searching for a new Secretary.

Thomas E. Fulghum was asked to continue to serve as Treasurer and accepted the nomination.

Tricia Bryan was nominated to serve as dues-paying member (according to new bylaws) and accepted the nomination.

These officers were voted on and accepted.

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Closing

Jack Copeland, VP, discussed his position as a Finance Major at The College of William & Mary, Philanthropy Chairman of his fraternity, Sigma Chi, and VP of the Fraternity Council. He has several fund-raising ideas for the FFNFF utilizing his networking possibilities. Andrea announced that there will be a Board Meeting in October or November via Zoom to discuss business moving forward into the new year. She will contact the Board members by email in the next week. She is looking forward to having a meeting in person during the next year – perhaps in Virginia.

Meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

SIR THOMAS FOLJAMBE IV, b. ca. 1284-d. ca. 1331 (continued from Issue 108)

CAREER AND MILITARY SERVICE – The Foljambe family patriarch and father of Thomas IV - Sir Thomas Foljambe III - passed away on 17 Ed. 2 (ca. 1325) and on 1 Ed. 3 (1327) Sir Thomas Foljambe IV succeeded to the lordships of Tideswell and Wormhill. Concomitantly, Thomas IV assumed the role of Foljambe family patriarch. According to Joseph Foster's Pedigree of Foljambe¹, Thomas IV was elected Knight of the Shire for County Derby on 3 Ed. 3 (1330). Sir Thomas Foljambe IV, having been duly elected one of Derbyshire's two Shire Knights, was then responsible and authorized to take his seat in any future session of the Commons in Parliament until he was relieved of duty. Unfortunately, Thomas IV passed away before 1332 and he had precious little time to prove his performance in the duties of his position.

Sir Thomas Foljambe IV Lord of Tideswell & Wormhill 1327-31			
Major Duties	Year Started	Sir Thomas's Death	Probable Timespan
Lord of Tideswell & Wormhill	1327	1331	5 Years
Foljambe Family Patriarch	1327	1331	5 Years
Knight Service to the Earl of Lancaster	1330	1331	2 Years
Commons in Parliament Sessions	1330	1331	2 Years

The exact date of Sir Thomas IV's election as a Shire Knight in 1330-31 and his dates of eligibility for a seat in the numbered sessions of Parliament for those two years is unclear. He completed his knighthood training requirements in 1305, however, he was unable to fulfill the minimum knighthood landed estate requirement of 1000-5000 acres until his father died in 1323 and Thomas IV inherited the Tideswell and Wormhill lordships. After 1305 Thomas IV was an esquire for 25 years. Between 1305 and 1322 he would have "waited upon" his liege lord Thomas, 2nd Earl of Lancaster at his preferred residence, Kenilworth Castle, Warwickshire, until Earl Thomas's execution for treason in 1322. The 2nd Earl had no children, and his younger brother was his sole heir. After 1322, and until his death in 1331, Thomas IV (Sir Thomas after 1326) waited upon his new liege lord, Henry, 3rd Earl of Lancaster at his new residence at Kenilworth Castle, Warwickshire. For the purposes of this family history article, in the absence of information to the contrary, the date of Thomas IV's election to Shire Knight is estimated to be 1 Jan 1330 and the date of his death is estimated to be 31 Dec 1331.

Sir Thomas Foljambe IV Derbyshire Shire Knight – Service in Parliament 1 Jan 1330-31 Dec 1331				
Parliaments of Edward III ¹⁰	Assembled	Dissolved	Speaker	<u>NOTE</u>
6th	11 MAR 1330	21 MAR 1330	UNK	Met at York
7th	26 NOV 1330	9 DEC 1330	UNK	Met at Salisbury
8th	30 SEP 1331	9 OCT 1331	UNK	Met at Westminster.*

*Quarrel between Lords Zouche and Grey. Zouche was wounded... Grey was pardoned by the magnates.¹⁰

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SIR THOMAS FOLJAMBE IV, b. ca. 1284-d. ca. 1331 (continued from page 4)

SUMMARY – Segment one of this article introduced the reader to Sir Thomas Foljambe IV, his father, Thomas III and Alice Furnival - his mother - and her family, the Furnivals Lords of Hallamshire and Sheffield, Yorkshire West Riding, as well as the Morvilles of Burgh-by-Sands, Co. Cumberland, and the Gernons of Bakewell.

Segment two discussed the medieval path to knighthood and the involvement of the Foljambe Family's liege lords, the Earls of Lancaster, in the process for Foljambe knighthood candidates.

Segment three discussed the two wives of Sir Thomas Foljambe IV and their children. Thomas IV's probable heir, John, his eldest son, was discussed with a review of the major roles that he would inherit as the patriarch of the Foljambe family.

Segment four discussed Thomas IV's career, knight service to his liege lord, the Earl of Lancaster, and his service in Parliament as a Knight of the Shire for Derbyshire.

Segment five summarized the previous four segments.

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Executive Director of Mental Health America of Aiken County Recognized for Effort

(Taken from <https://www.scott.senate.gov/media-center/sweet-tea> publication, July 1, 2022)



Bonnie Fulghum [wife of Warren Fulghum], the executive director of Mental Health American of Aiken County, was recently recognized by MHA of South Carolina. She was named the Affiliate of the Year for the state.

Fulghum joined MHA of Aiken County as executive director three years ago after spending 10 years at the Tri-Development Center.

During her time with MHA of Aiken County, she has made improvements to the organization's programs, especially Nurture Home which helps women with mental illness find their footing.

During the month of May – which was Mental Health Awareness Month – MHA again ran Rocks of Hope in an effort to shine a light on mental health. As part of the program, rocks painted with uplifting messages were left around downtown, Hopelands Gardens and the H. Odell Weeks Activities Center. This program has gone statewide because of its success. It was a simple feel-good event that made people smile and raise awareness about mental health illness.

Read more at the [Post and Courier](#).



Rev. Jesse Mercer Fulgham

(The following article was provided by Linda Bryan Jackson, great granddaughter of Jacob Alonza Fulghum. Jesse Mercer Fulgham is the oldest son of John Glen Fulghum of Washington County, GA. It is taken from the Mount Vernon Baptist Association book stored at the Washington County, GA Genealogy Center. It is the understanding of family descendants that his father, John Glen Fulghum, was close friends with Rev. Jesse Mercer, for whom Mercer University is named. He is buried at the Mt. Olivet Cemetery, McKenzie, TN. His children were Guy Fulgham and Clement Walton Fulgham. Photo of gravesite was located by in the [U.S., Find a Grave® Index, 1600s-Current](#))

Rev. Jesse M. Fulghum (Editor's note that he changed the spelling of his name back to the original Fulgham), the son of John Glen and Elizabeth Fulghum, was born in Washington County, August 1, 1837. He was educated at Bethlehem Academy, after which he took a theological course at Crozer Seminary, Pennsylvania. He was ordained to the ministry in 1865, and married Miss Mary A. F. Dortch, who departed this life in 1868. His second marriage was to Mrs. Thornton, who is still living (at the time the article was written). He was honored as principal of the Mount Vernon Institution in 1866-67, preaching in the auditorium of the Institute building once a month. He did a great deal of preaching in different sections of the State. He taught vocal music schools in a number of places; was pastor of the Thomasville Baptist Church one year, but later moved to Tennessee, in which state he has done most of his ministerial work. (At the time of the article) His home is now in McKenzie, TN. Brother Fulghum was a soldier in the Confederate army in the late War between the States from May 1862 to the close, 1865. No man has come nearer employing his time to profit for himself and advantage to his country than he has.

James Frederick Cunningham Obituary

Mar 16, 1920 - Sep 19, 2022



(James F. Cunningham of Petersburg, VA, died in 2022 at the age of 102. James was descended from Captain Anthony's great-great-great-great granddaughter, Mary Polly Fulgham (b. 1760) who married John Cunningham (b.1758.) She came through Captain Anthony's son, Nicholas.)

In 1937, James, on a dare by a friend, enlisted in the Marines at age 17. He had to wait until he was 18 to begin serving so in January 1938 he reported for duty. After almost two years he had 6 weeks to go on his enlistment when on December 7th, 1942, Pearl Harbor was bombed, and the reserves were called to service. In total he served from January 1938 to September 1945. He joined Company B of the 1st Marine Combat Engineer Battalion and was in the first wave to storm ashore on Guadalcanal, August 7, 1942. This was America's very first offensive of World War 2, and so it grabbed a lot of press as the Marines turned back every assault. On December 11, the malaria-riddled 1st Marine Division was evacuated to the healthier climate

of Australia's Mornington Peninsula, near Melbourne, to recuperate and absorb replacements. Uncle James was next called upon to dispense deadly force against the Evil Empire at Cape Gloucester. He recalled that the seasonal monsoons and bottomless mud were worse enemies than the Japanese. It was not until I researched it that I discovered that Cape Gloucester was actually a bitter fought affair. The rain and bottomless mud just made everything a lot harder. From Cape Gloucester, "MacArthur's Marines" were shipped to a lousy tropical island known as Pavuvu, to prepare for their next mission. It was here that God began answering his mother's prayers for her four sons' safety. He was boiling water for washing clothes over a 50-gallon drum. They would put sand in the drum and pour kerosene over that. The sand would act as a wick like a kerosene lantern. The flame appeared to go out, so he poured more kerosene on the hot sand which caused it to flame up, burning his arm. He recalled how they wrapped it so tight that it throbbed. They gave him ample morphine though. He said he thought that when his arm got better, he might burn his other arm to get more morphine. He eventually recovered, but spent the next two brutal battles, Peleliu and Okinawa, safe and sound in the base hospital. Company B, with its Alexandria contingent, was wiped out to a man on Peleliu! Had Uncle James been with his unit, it's likely that his story would have ended in September of 1944. After the War, Uncle James moved back to Alexandria, got a job with the Post Office, married Aunt Diane, raised three sons—Tommy, Fred, and Jimmy—and racked up 102 years sojourning as a Christian in this topsy-turvy world. In a marvelous twist of fate, I walked in Uncle Jame's 1943 footsteps in 2002, as Robin and I taught and performed Swing music throughout Mornington Shire, where he had been billeted. (Obituary provided by Cunningham Turch Funeral Home website)

As recalled by Jame's nephew, T. G., along with James' sons Tom and Fred

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We continue the effort to search for more Fulgh*ms and Fulgh*m data.

Please send any address corrections or edits for the Fulgh*m Foundation database to the Secretary, Carolyn Fulghum Allwine at cfallwine@gmail.com or 1051 Twin Pines Circle, Greensboro, GA 30642 or (706) 347-0321.

Please provide or update your family connection information, (names, birth, marriage, and death dates and locations) by sending to the Family Archivist: J. Grant Fulgham 2551 Corte Tela, Camarillo, CA 93010-2219 or preferably by *email* to jgfulgham1@gmail.com or telephone (805) 444-9839.

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Reunions

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Fulgham-Fulghum National Family Foundation on the INTERNET

Our new homepage URL: fulgham-fulghum.org

Many thanks to Carolyn Fulghum Schmersahl for her time and expertise in creating our new internet home!