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Note: Our Foundation Annual Meeting will occur soon. We will notify members of the date and time.

SIR THOMAS FOLJAMBE III, b. ca. 1256-d. ca. 1325

The 10G GRANDFATHER OF CAPTAIN ANTHONY FULGHAM

By James Grant Fulgham, FFNFF Historian

INTRODUCTION - This article explores the life of our ancestor Sir Thomas Foljambe III, (1256-1325), Lord of Tideswell and Wormhill (1301-1323), Knight of the Shire for County Derby (1302-1325), sometime MP for Derbyshire and the recognized Foljambe family patriarch (1301-1323). He is given the numeral III because he is the third generation Sir Thomas Foljambe family patriarch since the first Sir Thomas b. ca. 1207.¹ Sir Thomas III's father, Sir Thomas II, lived 1230-98 and flourished during the reigns of Henry III, Edward I & Edward II. Sir Thomas III's mother was Catherine le Eyre, of the Eyre Foresters of the King's Peak Forest "de Campana" in County Derby, et. al. Catherine was the daughter of William le Eyre, the King's master forester in the Peak, then living at Hope, Derbyshire. When Sir Thomas II and Lady Catherine were married in ca. 1254 in St. Peter's Church, Hope they brought with them the long history of their ancestors who served as hereditary officers in the management of the King's Peak Forest.²

Thomas III's wife, Alice de Furnival 1262-95, the lady that he chose to marry in her home parish church at Munden, Hertfordshire in 1283, descended from ancestors originally of an ancient Norman Furnival family domiciled in Hallamshire and Sheffield, Yorkshire West Riding, a lineage that included several crusader knights. At the time of her marriage to Thomas III, her immediate Furnival ancestors were of the Great Munden or Munden Furnival, Hertfordshire and Wardon Barony, Rutland Furnivals. Thomas III and Alice produced one child, a boy whom they named Thomas Foljambe IV, at Tideswell Manor, Derbyshire in 1284.³ As you read this, dear reader, you perhaps have already read the biography of Thomas Foljambe IV written in July 2023, so if you will forgive this author's presumptuousness, I will proceed immediately with the biography of Thomas Foljambe III, his father.



Figure 1: Duffield Castle, Derbyshire

EARLY LIFE – Sir Thomas Foljambe III was born ca.1256 in Tideswell, Derbyshire, the only child of Sir Thomas Foljambe II 1230-98 and Catherine le Eyre 1236-56². His ancestors had been involved in county administration in both Normandy and post-1066 England, for over two centuries, including such careers as Foresters, Sheriffs, knights of the shires, Members of Parliaments (MP), Justices, etc., and he would be immersed in getting ready now (say in 1264) for his potential future role in any of these professions. At about age 8, in 1264, he would have expected to accompany his parents to the residence of their liege lord, Robert, 6th Earl of Derby (1239-1279) to begin his training as a page in Earl Robert's household. Unfortunately, in 1264 Earl Robert had joined forces with Simon de Montfort 1208-65, 6th Earl of Leicester and several other English barons in their rebellion against King Henry III called the Second Barons' War (1264-67). It is,

at present, unclear which of the many Ferrers castles was the 6th Earl of Derby's primary residence, however, Derbyshire's Duffield Castle⁴ (Figure 1) was as well-fortified as Dover Castle and because of its strength it was likely to have been Earl Robert's preferred residence. Castle historian Paul Remfry identifies Duffield Castle as the Caput of Ferrers' Derbyshire estates and likely the caput for his overall English lands.⁴ Note: Figure 1 is an artist's rendering of the likely exterior appearance of The Duffield Castle Keep before its demolition ca. 1269.

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James Fulghum Mills

James (Jimmy) Fulghum Mills

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Entered into rest on Wednesday, December 25, 2024, Mr. James F. Mills, 78.

James was born in Birmingham, Alabama, he was raised in Wadley, Georgia. James was a member of Hill Baptist Church, and was an Army veteran. He was a graduate of the University of Georgia class of 1969. He worked many years as a bank executive in the Augusta area, In his spare time James loved antiquing.

A Graveside service will be Saturday, January 18, 2025 at 3:00 P.M. at Bethany Cemetery, 208 East Smith Street, Wadley, GA.

Editor's notes: I considered Jimmy to be my good friend! He was elected FFNFA Vice President in August 2003 and served as President the following year. He was very active in our organization for many years and actively did research on

Fugh*ms. See Fulgham-Fulghum Family Facts Issue 51 for an article on Matthew Fulgham, Issue 52 for an article on John Glen Fulghum, Issue 53 for an article on Joseph Harrison Fulghum, and Issue 54 for an article on William Enoch Fulghum. He was a well known, respected official in the Banking system of the State of Georgia and lived in Savannah for 24 years (see Issue 44, August 2003). He organized our well-attended national reunion in Savannah in 2004. Upon his retirement he moved back to Augusta and cared for his mother, Mary Emma Fulghum Mills, who passed at age 92 in 2003.

**Fulgham Meets Fulghum
at the Tractor Tavern**

SEATTLE, Washington: On a Saturday night in January, Tony Fulgham drew a packed crowd to the Tractor Tavern, a "diesel music" venue in the heart of Seattle's old Ballard neighborhood.

The reason? The long-awaited record release of Fulgham's first solo album, "Everything and Nothing," nearly ten years after fans of North Twin and Jackrabbit, his first bands, last heard from him.

Tony Fulgham, who is also an award-winning filmmaker, is known as a soulful lyricist of rock-in-roll twang that makes you want to two-step or

just boogie in place like the night's audience did. Alums of his two early bands backed Fulgham's electric guitar on a set that gave longtime-fans some old and some new material. Kimberly Fulghum, of Seattle, WA, is a honky-tonk music lover herself and, now, a brand new Tony Fulgham fan. She came out to see her fellow Fulgh*m on stage and had fun meeting other Fulgh*m cousins for the first time.

"Hugging a Fulgh*m makes the world seem a little smaller," said Kimberly, who took home a copy of "Everything and Nothing" on CD.

Learn more about Tony Fulgham at Tony Fulgham. (tonyfulgham.com)

Editor's note: Many thanks to Kimberly Fulghum for submitting this article! We would love to hear from other cousins with current events.

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At 99 ft. tall, the keep is said by Remfry to have been among the largest in England.⁴ Although it is unclear if the Foljambes had a feudal duty to proceed with Thomas III's knightly education post haste during the period of rebellion, it is clear that a two-way feudal obligation between vassal and lord existed for providing mutual protection. Thus, if Earl Robert's family and household staff remained in Duffield Castle for the duration of the war, Earl Robert could expect that his vassals would assist in its defense. Accordingly, it is reasonable to infer that Sir Thomas Foljambe II would have reported to Duffield Castle for knight's service in 1264, his feudal duty, and to have brought 8-year-old Thomas Foljambe III with him to begin his training as a page in Earl Robert's household. By the summer of 1267 King Henry III and his forces had defeated the Barons' rebellion and Earl Robert had lain down his arms and accepted the sovereign's conditions.⁵



Kenilworth Castle, Kenilworth,

So, in 1267 the Duffield Frith land mass, having been in the hands of the Ferrers Earls of Derby since King William I had awarded it to them soon after 1066, was given to King Henry III's second eldest son, Edmund "Crouchback" Plantagenet 1245-96, 1st Earl of Lancaster, 1st creation.^{5,6} Since the majority of the Foljambes' estates were located within the bounds of Duffield Frith, the family's feudal liege lord shifted from Robert de Ferrers to Edmund 1st Earl of Lancaster. At about the time that Henry III awarded Earl Edmund the forfeited titles and estates of Robert Earl of Derby, the king also awarded Earl Edmund **Kenilworth Castle, Kenilworth, Warwickshire**⁷ for his courage and loyalty during the then-recent war. It was general knowledge among the English peerage that Kenilworth was a gem among castles and so it is no surprise that the earl

decided to make Kenilworth his, and his future wife, Aveline de Forz's¹⁹ (they married in April 1269), preferred residence.⁷ Now that the liege lord's preferred residence had been determined, sometime after the summer of 1267 Sir Thomas Foljambe II made arrangements to meet with Earl Edmund (or his designee) at Kenilworth Castle for Thomas II to do homage and make his oath of fealty to Earl Edmund, his prospective new liege lord.⁸ We know from Foster's Pedigree of Foljambe¹ that Thomas Foljambe III succeeded to the lordships of Tideswell, Wormhill, et. al. 29 Ed. 1(ca. 1301), therefore we know that Thomas Foljambe II completed his act of homage and oath of fealty to Earl Edmund for Thomas II's lordships which, after his death, passed by primogeniture to his son, Thomas III.

Although by late 1267 Thomas II had confirmed that Earl Edmund of Lancaster was now his liege lord and Thomas II was accepted by the earl as his vassal, there remained several significant feudal loose ends pertaining to Tideswell-Foljambe candidates for knighthood, including the completion of the final steps from Esquire to Knight. In 1267, 37-year-old Thomas II remained an Esquire and continued as an Esquire until he achieved Knighthood in 1296 at the old age of 66. Similarly, Thomas II's father, Thomas I succeeded to the grade of Esquire in 1221 when he was 14 years of age, but he remained an Esquire until he became a Knight in 1272 at the age of 65. The question arises, "Why did the 13th century Tideswell Foljambe candidates for knighthood spend so much time in grade as Esquires?" There could be more than one answer to this question. First, following a candidate's successful completion of the knighthood's training requirements, there remained chivalric requirements: (a) be of a noble family, (b) own 1000-5000 acres of land, and (c) be publicly "dubbed" a knight by one's liege lord, or above. Perhaps the candidate is delayed in claiming nobility until his father achieves knighthood. Second, assuming the candidate's father or grandfather is a knight, the candidate must own several knight's fees of land to demonstrate that his estate is robust enough to support the number of able-bodied males that a knight is expected to bring, as soldiers, to fight in the king's battles. Thomas III was born in 1256 and was expected to complete his Esquire training in 1277. His grandfather, Thomas I, was raised to knighthood in 1272 and Thomas III's father was ultimately raised to knighthood in 1296. Thomas III can use his grandfather's knighthood to support his claim of nobility in his 1277 candidacy. Thomas III's next hurdle was to document his ownership of 1000 acres of exceptionally productive land, or alternatively, up to 5000 acres of t̄poor land. As Thomas II's heir via primogeniture, Thomas III would gain lordship of Tideswell, Wormhill, et al through inheritance from Thomas II. However, his father's legal death would be a requirement. We know from the writings of Joseph Foster that Thomas II died in 1298¹, removing the final hurdle from Thomas III's journey to knighthood.⁸

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**Figure 3: Pickering Castle**

Thomas III was raised to knighthood in 1302 at the age of 46 years. In 1302 the liege lord for the Foljambes of Tideswell was Thomas, 2nd Earl of Lancaster. His and his wife Alice de Lacy's preferred residence in 1302 was **Pickering Castle**⁹, Yorkshire North Riding. Therefore, it is reasonable to infer that Thomas Foljambe III was raised to knighthood by Thomas, 2nd Earl of Lancaster at Pickering Castle, Yorkshire in 1302.⁹

Figure 3 gives an artist's depiction of what the Castle may have looked like at the time Thomas III visited for his "dubbing" to the rank of Knight by Thomas, Earl of Lancaster. One will note at the center of Pickering is the stone round keep on top of an impressively steep motte attached to both the inner and the outer stone bailey walls. At the bottom of the picture, we note the stone gatehouse penetrating the outer bailey wall.

Behind the gatehouse some distance we see the stone barbican penetrating the inner bailey wall. Pickering is an example of the change in architecture of castles from motte and bailey to stone in the 12th-13th centuries.

MARRIAGES & CHILDREN - Sir Thomas III (1256-1325) married in ca. 1283 to Alice de Furnival (1262-95), daughter and co-heiress of Gerard de Furnival (1236-1302) and co-heiress with two older sisters and one younger sister to the Munden Furnival estate in Hertfordshire. Alice was pre-deceased by an older brother that also pre-deceased his father, Gerard de Furnival. With Alice, Thomas III sired one son, Thomas IV (1284-1331), destined to become the Foljambe family patriarch upon Thomas III's death in 1323/5. Alice de Furnival was the great-great granddaughter of her original emigrant ancestor Gerard Furnival (ca 1146-1200) originally of Fourneville, Honfleur, Normandy; said to have been with Richard I at Acre. Alice was the great granddaughter of Gerard Furnival (1175-1219), Crusader Knight in 3rd and 5th Crusades; merged Furnival and Lovetot by marriage and brought Hallamshire to the Furnivals; Gerard died in the siege of Damietta, Egypt in 1219. Her great uncle Thomas Furnival had license from King Henry III to castellate his manor at Sheffield ca. 1216. Thomas was killed in the holy land in 1238 while on a crusade. His castellated manor ultimately grew into **Sheffield Castle shown in Figure 4**.¹¹ Alice was the granddaughter of Gerard Furnival (1202-42), lord of Caldecote Manor, Hertfordshire; Gerard married Christian Ledet ca. 1235 and brought Sheffield, Yorkshire and Chipping Wardon, Northamptonshire, to the Furnivals. Alice was the daughter of Gerard Furnival (1236-1302), Lord of Munden-Furnival, Hertfordshire.³ Gerard married Joan de Morville ca. 1252 and may have brought a part-moiety of Burgh-by-Sands, Cumbria Barony to the Furnivals.

CAREER AND MILITARY SERVICE – The Foljambe family patriarch and father of Thomas III, Sir Thomas Foljambe II, passed away on 25 Ed. I (ca. 1298) and on 29 Ed. I (1301) Sir Thomas Foljambe III succeeded to the lordships of Tideswell and Wormhill. Concomitantly, Thomas III assumed the role of Foljambe family patriarch. According to Joseph Foster's Pedigree of Foljambe,¹ Thomas III was elected Knight of the Shire for County Derby on 30 Ed. I (1302). Sir Thomas Foljambe III, 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 relieved of duty. Thomas III passed away before 17 Ed. II (1325) leaving a potential parliamentary record of about 23 years between 1302 and 1325.

Sir Thomas Foljambe III			
Knight of Tideswell, Wormhill, Elton et. al. 1301-25 ^{1,13}			
Major Duties	Year Started	Sir Thomas's Death	Probable Timespan
Knight of Tideswell, Wormhill, Elton	1301	1325	24 Years
Foljambe Family Patriarch	1301	1325	24 Years
Knight Service to the Earl of Lancaster	1302	1325	23 Years
Member of Commons in Parliament Ses-	1302	1325	23 Years

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The exact date of Sir Thomas III's election as a Shire Knight in 30 Ed. I (1302) and his dates of eligibility for a seat in the numbered sessions of Parliament within his twenty-three-year probable timespan are unclear. For the purposes of this family history article, in the absence of information to the contrary, the date of Thomas III's election to Shire Knight is estimated to be 1 Jan 1302 and the date of his death is estimated to be 31 Dec 1325.

Sir Thomas Foljambe III Derbyshire Shire Knight – Service in Parliament 1302-25¹³

Parliaments of Edward I & II	Assembled	Dis-solved	Speaker	NOTE
50 th of Ed. I	29 SEP 1302	21 OCT 1302	UNK	Met in London. On 7 November the King's writ demanded feudal aid uncollected from 1290
52 nd of Ed. I	28 FEB 1305	20 MAR 1305	UNK	Parliament was held at York House, now Whitehall . Edward demanded taxation for his war in Scotland.
55 th of Ed. I	20 JAN 1307	31 MAR 1307	UNK	Parliament met in Carlisle . On 20 March the Statute of Carlisle was sealed. Edward I died in July at Burgh by Sands while campaigning against the Scots.
1 st of Ed. II	13 OCT 1307	16 OCT 1307	UNK	Met at Northampton. Statute of Winchester sent to Ireland.
2 nd of Ed. II	3 MAR 1308	PROB 28 APR 1308	UNK	On 25 February 1308 Edw 2 unlawfully was crowned
5 th of Ed. II	27 APR 1309	13 MAY 1309	UNK	"The Community of the Realm" met at Westminster.
8 th of Ed. II	8 AUG 1311	18 DEC 1311	UNK	Met in London. Lords Ordainers successfully got passed "Ordinances of 1311" restricting the power of Edw. II. Thomas 2 nd Earl of Lancaster (Foljambe family's liege lord) was an Ordainer.
9 th of Ed. II	20 AUG 1312	16 DEC 1312	UNK	Met at Westminster. Edw. II objected to Ordinances based on legal precedents in the Mise of Amiens (1264).
10 th of Ed. II	18 MAR 1313	9 MAY 1313	UNK	King feigned illness at Windsor. Magnates failed to appear in person.
15 th of Ed. II	27 JAN 1316	20 FEB 1316	UNK	The Parliament of 1316 met in Lincoln after appearance of Tho. 2 nd E. of Lancaster. On 12 Feb. 1316. Lancaster Was interrogated and pardoned.
19 th of Ed. II	20 OCT 1318	9 DEC 1318	UNK	Met at York. Parl. Aimed to implement the Treaty of Leake and that resulted in the Statute of York which reversed the Ordinances of 1311. ¹³

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SUMMARY

Segment one of this article introduced the reader to Sir Thomas Foljambe III, his father Thomas II and Catherine le Eyre - his mother - and her family, the Eyres, Foresters and related officials of the king's royal forest of the high peak, de Campana, Derbyshire, as well as the Morvilles of Burgh-by-Sands, Co. Cumberland, and the Gernons of Bakewell, Co. Derby².

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 candidates⁸.

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Segment three discussed the wife of Sir Thomas Foljambe III, Alice de Furnival, and their children. Thomas III's probable heir, Thomas IV, his eldest son, was discussed with a review of the major roles that he would inherit as the patriarch of the Foljambe family¹¹.

Segment four discussed Thomas III's career, knight service to his liege lord, the 2nd Earl of Lancaster 1296-1322, and Thomas III's eleven episodes of service in the Parliaments of Ed. I & II as a Knight of the Shire for Derbyshire¹³.

Segment five summarized the previous four segments.

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