



FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY FACTS

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**Reunion Chairperson Brenda Fulgham
Invites all Fulgh*ms to
Smithfield, Virginia to renew family ties and learn
about our beginnings in the Williamsburg area and
connections to The Historic St. Lukes Church.**

Fulgham-Fulghum Family Foundation Reunion

Saturday, April 18th

Williamsburg, VA

St. Luke's Church & Bacon's Castle

RSVP by March 15th to Andrea Copeland (andreacopeland92@yahoo.com)

We are hoping many of you will be able to come meet with Fulgh*m cousins from far and near. Everyone will be responsible for their own accommodations - you can stay and vacation or just come for the day. There are so many places to see in this area of Virginia - Captain Anthony would certainly be amazed at how it has changed since he settled here way back in the 1600s!

A Brief Itinerary for the Day

9 am Gather in Williamsburg. You are on your own to make hotel reservations.

9:30 Meet at the Jamestown Ferry taking us across the James River to Surry, VA (we plan to have transportation available for trip to Bacon's Castle).

10:30 Arrive at Bacon's Castle where Fulgh*ms participated in Bacon's Rebellion (1676-1677), an armed uprising led by Nathaniel Bacon against Governor William Berkeley. Fulgham-Fulghum Family Facts Issue 5 tells us that Capt. Anthony Fulgham was an active participant in the rebellion.

Noon Lunch in Smithfield/A Taste of Smithfield

2 pm Arrive at Historic St. Luke's Church and Museum in Smithfield (1685-1687).

Hear about the Fulgham/Fulghum connection to the church.

View a recent documentary filmed in England and learn more about our family.

Return to Ferry and Williamsburg.



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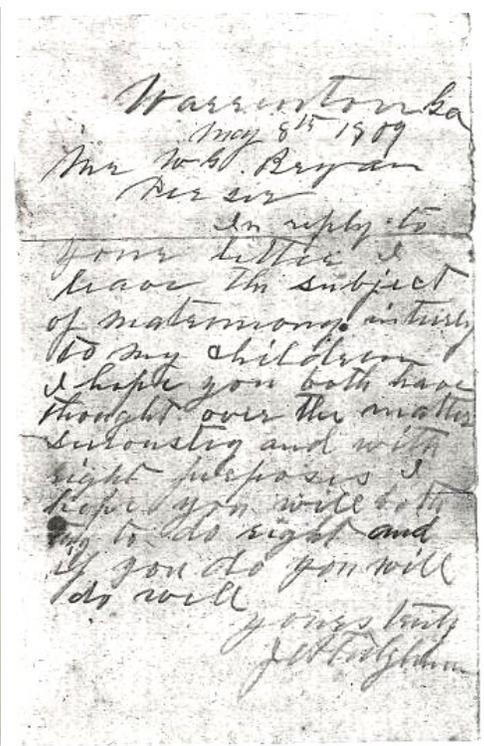
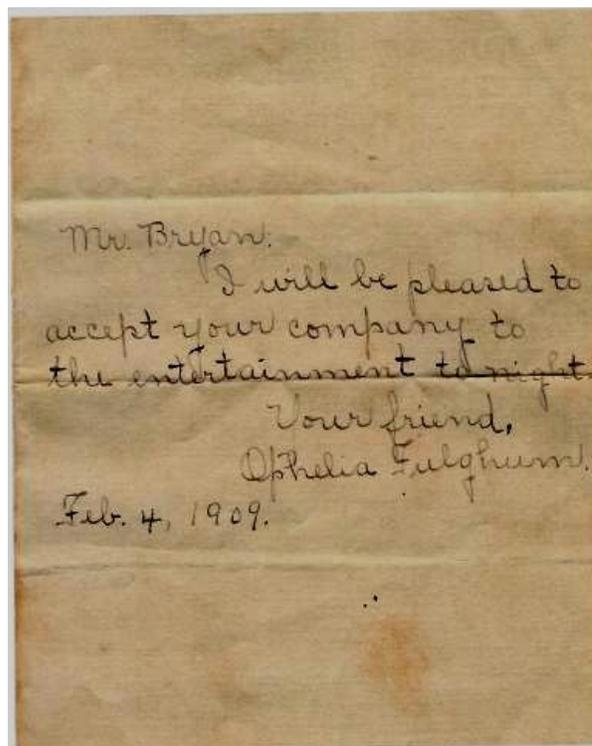
William Gainer and Ophelia Fulghum Bryan ca. 1916

Front: Jacob 12-2-16, William, Jr. 8-6-14, Hattie Ruth 5-14-1911

Back: Ophelia Fulghum (mother) 3-6-1890, Janie Bryan 3-29-1913, W. G. 2-20-1879 (father)

Later children: Pauline 9-28-18, George Leon 11-17-21, Albert Lee 8-10-29

Ophelia was daughter of Jacob Alonza Fulghum and granddaughter of John Glen Fulghum.



On left Reply from Ophelia Fulghum to W. G. Bryan "I will be pleased to accept your company to the entertainment tonight. Your friend, Ophelia Fulghum. Feb 4, 1909"

On right it the reply from Ophelia's father Jacob Alonza Fulghum to W. G. Bryan upon his request to marry Ophelia: "In reply to your letter I leave the subject of matrimony entirely to my children. I hope you both have thought over the matter seriously and with right purposes. I hope you will both try to do right and if you do you will do well." Yours truly, JA Fulghum

(Many thanks to Joe May, husband of Pauline Bryan May, for copies of these letters and picture.)

FFNFF Holds 2025 Annual Meeting

November 8, 2025

Members attending:

Andrea Fulgham, President

Carolyn Allwine, Secretary

Tom Fulghum, Treasurer

Tricia Bryan, Board Member-at-Large

Grant Fulgham, Historian

Peter Fulghum, Scholarship Chairman

Linda Bruggemann, Newsletter Editor

Brenda Fulgham, member

Kimberly Fulghum, member

Robert Fulgham, Past President

Carolyn Schmersahl, Scholarship committee

Meeting was conducted via Zoom and began at 7:00 pm.
Andrea Fulgham Copeland, President, called the meeting to order.

Carolyn Allwine presented the Secretary's Report



Work continues on the FFNFF database, which contains approximately 970 names. Tom Fulghum, Treasurer, and I maintain this shared database on Microsoft OneDrive, with updates from member responses, from USPS through returned newsletters and from dues payments through PayPal and US mail.

Beginning with Newsletter Issue 110, we mailed via USPS to only dues-paying members. For Newsletter 111, we mailed 70 newsletters via USPS, with none returned, and emailed 220 newsletters from my computer with only one returned.

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

I received an email from Kimberly Fulghum in Seattle expressing interest in assisting with the Secretary position.

We have corresponded about the duties of the position. She is in attendance tonight at this meeting.

I would still like to retire from the Secretary position, but will continue to serve until a replacement is found.

Tom Fulghum presented the Treasurer's Report



Operating fund

We have received dues totaling \$1,930 in the last 12 months. We had printing and postage expenses of \$1,589.33, PayPal fees of \$16.77, and our yearly business registration fee of \$61.25. Our operating account has \$6,906.50.

For a second time we mailed the newsletter only to dues-paying members. Our costs went from \$833.23 for Issue 109 to \$373.67 for Issue 110, to 382.43 for Issue 111.

Scholarship fund

We received \$700 in scholarship donations. We had income in the scholarship fund of interest, dividends and capital gains of \$3,705.66 (note that of this, only \$2.64 was interest.) We incurred investment management fees of \$732.91. I paid the \$3,000 scholarship to Emily Williams.

The scholarship fund currently has an unrealized investment gain of \$11,054.44 (increase in the market value of assets that we hold and have not sold). The total market value of the scholarship fund is \$75,356.92 and the cost basis (initial investment plus interest, dividends and capital gains, but not including market increase) is \$64,302.48. In short the realized investment gain on the scholarship minus investment management fees was \$18 less than amount of the scholarship. We do continue to have growing unrealized gains in market value, which will increase the earned income of the fund over time.

I'd suggest we keep the scholarship at \$3,000 for now.

Discussion followed - Dues are down this year, however we usually receive some at the end of the year. The scholarship fund increased by approximately \$3000, so it will be sustainable if we keep the scholarship at \$3000.

Our money has grown since we moved it to a professionally managed account, so everyone agreed that it is worth the 1% fee they charge.



Peter Fulghum presented the Scholarship Report

The 2025 FFNFF Scholarship winner is Emily Williams of Mountain, ND. She is already working as a compassionate nursing assistant. Healthcare and her personal cancer were pivotal in choosing this career path. Emily became a Certified Nursing Assistant in high school! Now she is eagerly ready to study critical nursing via oncology and geriatrics at the University of North Dakota. The committee felt she was way ahead of other applicants and seriously dedicated to her career.

There were 59 requests for scholarship applications as over against 30 last year (29 more). The increase may or may not be in relation to our grant which was tripled to \$3000. this year. The Scholarship Committee spent considerably more time to carefully examine all of the 45 completed applications. Last year 22 completed applications were reviewed.

The field of application requests came from 24 states as follows: WA – 2 NC – 2 GA - 2 NY – 3 AL – 4 MN - 1 PA – 4 ND – 1 KS - 4 IN – 4 IA – 2 CT - 2 MA – 2 NH – 2 RI - 1 WI – 3 TN - 1 OK- 1 IL – 4 MD - 1 OR – 2 OH - 6 CA – 3 TX – 2

Of the 38 female and 7 male applicants, more chose nursing than in years before. Applicants are seeking degrees as follows: 23-nursing 13-teaching 2-social work 1-dance 1-art 1-healthcare 1-music 1-rehabilitation/human services 1-psychology 1-athletics

Discussion followed - The Scholarship Committee has sent out six or seven applications for the 2026 scholarship so far, but expect more before the April 15, 2026 deadline. They did add a space for the applicant's email address to the 2026 application to make it easier to reach them.

Discussion followed about the scholarship process, but it was decided to keep it the way it is now so we don't overwhelm the committee members. It is advertised on scholarships.com. The Board extended appreciation to Carolyn Schmersahl, committee member, for maintaining the FFNFF website with the scholarship information and for monitoring our listing on scholarships.com.

Andrea asked if the committee needs anything from the Board. Peter reported that Michael and Andrew, his sons, were retiring in the near future and were considering assisting the committee.

The current members of the Scholarship Committee are:

Peter Fulghum, Chairman

Carolyn Schmersahl, member

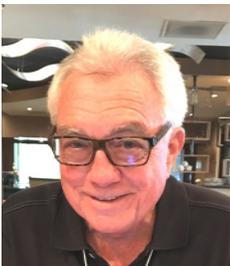
Tina Rolles, member

Holly Young, member

Julie Fulghum, member

They were unanimously approved by the Board to continue serving.

Grant Fulgham presented the Historian's Report



OUR ANCESTRAL MIGRATIONS –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 12G-Grandfather, Sir Thomas Foljambe I, Knight & vassal for William Ferrers, 4th Earl of Derby 1168-1247. Sir Thomas I sat in the 1st , 2nd , 5th , 8th and 16th sessions of the parliaments of Edward I.

THE FULJAMES CONNECTION – The year 2025/6 saw continuing research on our connection with the Somersetshire Fuljames family. However, due to the research requirements related to completing the six 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 six 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.

MAINTAINING THE FAMILY DATABASE:

OVER 47,953 PERSON RECORDS – Research into the English origins of our family.

Discussion followed. Newsletter #111 presented an article on Sir Thomas Foljambe II, 11th GGrandfather of Capt. Anthony Fulgham, the first Fulgham in America. The next newsletter will feature Sir Thomas Foljambe I; then we will go back to John Foljambe; then Henry Foljambe the “Crusader Knight” and our first Foljambe. Grant will go back three more generations, to Godfrey de Foleschampe, but after 1040, the records of our history become questionable.

Grant shared that a lot of his information comes from a book by Joseph Foster on the Fulgh*m pedigree published in the 1800s (Foster, Joseph; Pedigree of Foljambe, of Aldwarke Hall; Pedigrees of the County Families of Yorkshire, Vol. 1)

Grant reported that the book The Fulghum (Foljambe, Fulgham) and Kindred (Dean, Lea, Sledge, Stokes, Wheless) Families by James E. Fulghum, M.D. has been digitized and can be found on the internet. Carolyn Allwine and Linda Bruggemann mentioned that they have copies of this book.

He also suggested a book on 17th century Isle of Wight County, VA, written by Boddie (Boddie, John B.; 17th Century Isle of Wight County) and Hugh Grigsby’s book on the Virginia Convention of 1776 (Grigsby, Hugh B.; The Virginia Convention of 1776.)

Linda Bruggemann presented the FFNFF Newsletter Editor Report



In the past twelve months we published Issues 109, 110, and 111. These issues included the annual reports from Carolyn Allwine, our Secretary, Tom Fulghum, our Treasurer, Rev. Peter Fulghum, our Scholarship Chairman, Grant Fulgham, our Historian, and Linda Bruggemann, our Newsletter editor. We included the announcement of our 2025 scholarship recipient, Old Business (revision of By-Laws), and New Business (nomination of 2025 officers).

Thanks to our historian we have published articles on Sir Thomas Foljambe IV (ca. 1284-ca. 1331), Sir Thomas Foljambe III (ca. 1256-ca. 1325), and Sir Thomas Foljambe II (ca 1232-ca 1298). We also included articles on Bonnie Fulghum, a Mental Health America Director in Aiken, SC, Tony Fulgham, a current lyricist of rock-in-roll in California, and Rev. Jesse Mercer Fulgham of McKenzie, TN (1837-1915), Baptist minister and Civil War soldier.

We shared obituaries of Jimmy Fulghum Mills, a former National Association president, James Frederick Cunningham, a World War II “MacArthur Marine”, and Charles Edgar Fulghum, a witness to the attack on Pearl Harbor, who later served in the U.S. Navy and U. S. Air Force. We introduced ‘Continuing the Tree”, an opportunity for family members to announce significant family events such as marriages, births, graduations, promotions, achievements, and publications. A request for a chairperson for an in-person FFNFF reunion in the Spring of 2026 has been published. Family members continue to be encouraged to submit articles.

Discussion followed about how to get members to send information for the Newsletter. It was suggested that Carolyn Allwine send email addresses from the database in groups of ten to Tricia to send individual appeals.

Upcoming 2026 Reunion



Brenda Fulgham presented a report on her work to plan an in-person reunion in Spring, 2026 near St. Luke’s Historic Church in Smithfield, VA. St. Lukes is the oldest church in VA, completed in 1685 on land donated by Michael Fulgham, son of Captain Anthony. Brenda and her husband, Robert, made a visit to St. Lukes’s and met with John Ericson, the Executive Director and Site Historian. The church would like to participate in our reunion. Mr. Ericson would like to welcome our family to the church, which seats about 80 people, give us a tour and show the documentary they recently filmed about the history of their church. He reported that they have moved Michael Fulgham’s headstone to a more prominent place in their cemetery. Nearby is Bacon’s Castle, a site which was involved in Bacon’s Rebellion in 1676. One of our Fulgh*m ancestors participated in the Rebellion.

Brenda has contacted various places of lodging in the area, including The Lodge in Williamsburg and reports that the cost would be approximately \$299 per night at the Lodge and \$209 per night if we reserve a tavern in town. The tavern has 9-11 rooms and we would need to pay for all the rooms whether we use them or not. The decision was reached that members would secure their own lodging in the area once the date was published.

Discussion followed about the date and it was decided that either April 18 or April 25 would be the best date. The date will be decided after the dates of Grant's vacation to New England are confirmed. Everyone agreed that Grant should be at the reunion to share more of our family history with attendees. When the dates are confirmed, "Save the Date" cards will be sent to members via USPS and those we have email addresses for via email.

The last item of business was election of officers for 2026. The following slate of officers was presented and elected unanimously.

President – Andrea Copeland
 Vice President – Jack Copeland
 Secretary – Carolyn Allwine
 Treasurer – Tom Fulghum
 Scholarship Chairman – Peter Fulghum
 Dues-paying member at large – Tricia Bryan

Respectfully submitted, Carolyn Fulghum Allwine
 Secretary, Fulgham-Fulghum National Family Foundation

Continuing the Tree



*Welcome to Continuing the Tree – your best option for announcing marriages, births of children, grandchildren, graduations, promotions, achievements, and publications. We would love to present your newest Fulgh*ms to the family and share the joy of accomplishments in our family! We would love to share pictures when there is space! Please send information to plbryan1951@charter.net and we will blow the trumpet for you!*

Carolyn Fulghum Allwine & her husband, Nash, learned over Christmas that their grandson, Adam Allwine, has completed two college degrees - one from Texas A&M and one from Life University. They are very proud of him!

Linda Fulghum Bruggemann proudly announces the graduation of granddaughter Anna Katelyn (Katie) McDonnell from Union University, Jackson, TN. Katie graduated with a Bachelors of Music in Worship Leadership. She was chosen by the Music Department staff to receive a Medal of Academic Excellence to go along with her designated Magna Cum Laude!

From Grant: Looking forward: SIR THOMAS FOLJAMBE I, b. ca. 1207-d. ca. 1283

INTRODUCTION - This article explores the life of our ancestor Sir Thomas Foljambe I, (1207-83), Knight of Tideswell, Elton, Wormhill, et.al. (1249-83) and the recognized Foljambe family patriarch (1249-83), Knight of the Shire for County Derby (1272-83) and sometime MP (Member of Parliament) for Derbyshire. He is given the numeral I because he is the first-generation Sir Thomas Foljambe family patriarch since before the Foljambe surname became established under Sir Henry Foljambe (ca. 1170-aft. 1199).¹ Sir Thomas I's father, Sir John Foljambe, lived ca. 1185-aft.1249 and flourished during the reigns of kings Rich. I, John & Henry III. Sir Thomas I's mother was Margaret Luttrell (1190-1278), whose father, Sir Geoffrey 1158-1218, was a courtier and minister in the court of King John. Thomas I's wife, Margaret Gernon 1208-67, was the daughter of Ralph de Gernon, Jr.1152-1224, the Marshal of King John's household and sheriff of Dorset.¹ Margaret's mother was Isabella de Bassett (1152-1224) of Headington, Oxford who was the daughter of Adiliza de Dunstanville 1130-86 whose ancestors were courtiers in the court of Henry I and reaped great rewards. When Sir Thomas I and Lady Margaret de Gernon were married in ca. 1226 in Bakewell Church, Bakewell Parish, Derbyshire, Margaret's branch of the Gernon family, led by her father, Ralph, Jr., was commonly identified as "of Stansted Montfichet" in Essex. About 1216, King John had gifted Bakewell and attached lands to Ralph de Gernon, Jr. for his life and the heirs of his body lawfully begotten forever. Subsequently, Ralph Jr.'s Gernon descendants began to appear in Bakewell identified as "of Bakewell" as likely de Gernon members of Lady Margaret's wedding party of 1226 identified themselves. The following major events took place in England between 1249, the year of death of Sir John Foljambe the then-sitting patriarch of the Foljambe family, and 1283, the year of death of Sir Thomas I, the traditional then-next patriarch of the Foljambe family: The Provisions of Oxford (1258), The Second Barons' War (1263-1267), The Statute of Marlborough (1267), and the Conquest of Wales by Edward I (1277-1283).

(see Issue 113 for more on Sir Thomas I and citations)

ALERT: ONLY DUES-PAYING MEMBERS ARE NOW RECEIVING NEWSLETTERS BY MAIL

Newsletters will still be emailed free of charge.

2026 annual dues are \$40.00 per household.

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You can pay dues by clicking this [link](#). You may also donate to our scholarship fund by clicking this [link](#).

Or you can mail a check for dues or the scholarship fund to our Treasurer **using the form below**.

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

The North American beginning of our family was in ISLE OF WIGHT County, Virginia in ca. 1640. Now we have reunions in many states. Of the 30 national reunions, the Association held the first in 1985 in Rock Ridge, NC. The last ten gatherings 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. In 2017 the National Association voted to combine with the Foundation. The official name is the Fulgham-Fulghum National Family Foundation. The Foundation met in August 2018 in Richmond, VA .and in August 2019 in Raleigh, NC. Due to Covid 19 constraints, the Foundation met via Zoom in 2020, 2021, 2022, 2023, 2024, and 2025.

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!