



FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY FACTS

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From the editor's desk-

Let me introduce myself. I am your cousin, Debra FULGHUM Bruce, who lives in Jacksonville, Florida. I am the daughter of Roy Eugene & Jewel Fulghum, Temple Terrace, Florida; the granddaughter of Dorras & Mary Esther Robinson Fulghum of Ridge Springs, South Carolina; the great granddaughter of Henry Ruffin and Eliza Melinda Padgett Fulghum of Smithfield, North Carolina (Johnson County); and more! I am married to Rev. Robert G. Bruce, Jr. and we are the parents of three children, Robert, III, 16, Brittneye Holden, 14, and Ashley Elizabeth, 11. When I am not volunteering to edit family newsletters, I am a professional writer. I have published quite frequently in many national magazines, some of which you may have read, and have co-authored three books entitled OSTEOPOROSIS: PREVENTION, MANAGEMENT, TREATMENT; THE 50+ WELLNESS PROGRAM, and a new one to be released in spring of 91 entitled WINNING WITH ARTHRITIS. All of these books were published by John Wiley & Sons, Inc., New York and are available at major bookstores around the country. The 50+ WELLNESS PROGRAM was the most rewarding book to write because all of the coauthors are related to the FULGHUM FAMILY! (My father, R.E. Fulghum; sister, Lori F. Steinmeyer, M.S. R.D.; brother-in-law, Harris H. McIlwain, M.D.; & husband, Rev. Robert G. Bruce, Jr. were all coauthors with me!)

It is my pleasure to work with this great FULGHAM-FULGHUM team in producing this newsletter. I ask that you write to ME with ideas/questions/requests and more in how this Association can best serve your family's needs.

A special thanks to Barbara & Ray Foster for providing the family with the new CLEAN MASTHEAD. Also, Dr. Jim (James E.) reports that he received a letter from Michael Foljambe of Osberton who states, "...am very busy, still single."

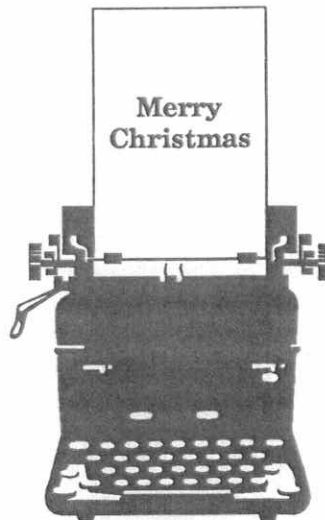
I must share that my nephew, Michael Fulghum McIlwain 14, of Temple Terrace, Florida has been corresponding with cousin Michael of Osberton. Young Michael has been a guest soccer player in England for the past two summers on a TAMWORTH SOCCER TEAM. He wrote Michael before his trip to Europe and spoke to him while in England where he stayed at Keele University this past August. That must have been a pretty historic moment from one enthusiastic MICHAEL FULGHUM to another!

Sharing family history with our young is so important. Just as young Michael feels a strong sense of pride with his European heritage now, all of our children need to experience this. Use this newsletter as a means of talking about "family" with your children, grandchildren, nephews, and nieces. Tell what family pride means to you. Talk about your roots, your homestead, your parents and grandparents. Document these facts on tape or on paper, and give your family a real legacy.

Our family is searching diligently for more information on a RUFUS FULGHUM. This is the father of Henry Ruffin (Johnston County, NC) If ANYONE can assist us, please write to me. Also, if you need help in finding answers to your genealogy questions, write to me & I will print this.

I welcome your comments-

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MATHEW, MATTHEW- WHEREFORE ART THOU? By Judson Davis Fulghum, Associate Historian Tulsa, OK

One of the great mysteries of the Fulgham-Fulghum clan is why there is not more information on some of our ancestors, namely those with the name of Mathew or Matthew.

Here are some known facts about Mathew's: The well-known Hezekiah (ca. 1730-8/27/1786) left a will which was recorded in Isle of Wight County, VA 12/7/1786. In this will Mathew is listed first among the children, which probably means he was the eldest at the time of Hezekiah's death. In 1782, Hezekiah is listed in Heads of Virginia Families in Isle of Wight with 7 whites and 3 blacks. There are seven children mentioned in the will: Mathew, Sally, Mills, Willis, Stephen, James, and Nancy. If this is true, then Mathew was born ca. 1760 in Isle of Wight County, VA.

In North Carolina, at about the same time as Hezekiah, lived the first of the North Carolina FULGHUM'S named Anthony who was married to Nancy Raiford who was born in Isle of Wight in 1724. Anthony and Nancy were married ca. 1740 and had 5 sons- Raiford, Michael, John, James, and Mathew. Raiford was born in 1743 and Michael before 1745. Mathew was born before March 3, 1768 when Anthony

died, probably around 1760.

In Georgia, the Deed Book B lists Stephen Fulgham in Elbert County in 1790-92. In the 1790-95 Headrights and Bounty Grants of Wilkes County lists both Stephen and Matthew Fulgham. On July 27, 1791, Stephen Fulgham applies for letters of Administration, Matthew Fulgham deceased in Elbert County.

Back in Virginia, Matthew Fulgham married Rebecca Westray on May 5, 1793. Mills and Matthew Fulgham witnessed the will of John Powell on 7/28/1793. In the Census of 1800 in North Carolina, Northhampton County, there is a Matthew along with Michael and his son, Elias.

On January 1, 1809, John Fulghum deeded a gift of land to his son, Matthew, witnessed by Anna Fulghum, his daughter. Wayne County, North Carolina, Deed Book 13, page 44B.

In the 1810 Census, Isle of Wight County, VA, reel 3, page 137, is a Matthew Fulgham, age 26-45, with wife 26-45, son 16-26, daughter 10-16, another son 0-10, and another daughter 0-10. This could be the Matthew that married Rebecca Westray in 1793.

Watch for "More on Matthew" in the spring newsletter.



NEWS YOU CAN USE By Dr. James E. Fulghum

A while back I received a nice letter from Evelyn Fulgham Crow, the sister of Dr. Gwin Fulgham of Texas.

I was pleased to hear that Evelyn, Dr. Gwin, Frank Fulgham, and the other good Texas cousins were already underway planning for the seventh Fulgham-Fulghum National Reunion, 1992, in Palastine, Texas.

We want to thank Dr. Robert Fulghum of Greenville, North Carolina for his excellent work and dedication as the editor of the Fulgham/Fulghum Family Facts. During the period of 1987-1990, Dr. Fulghum also had the responsibility for preparing the constitution and the by-laws for the Association. These were approved and adopted during the business meeting of the second national family reunion at Coleman Lake, Georgia in May, 1987. We are certainly proud of Dr. Robert in his position of Professor of Medicine at East Carolina University in Greenville, North Carolina. May the professor have brilliant medical students to share his knowledge with!

I have asked our cousin James Grant Fulgham of Camarillo, CA, to communicate with Christine Ducroy of London. Grant has had tremendous experience in working with researchers and has developed considerable genealogical data as to Captain Anthony's ancestors in England and will be able to share this data with

Christine. Christine Ducroy is our researcher whose services were authorized by the Executive Committee of the Association at the annual meeting in Smithfield, VA, May, 1989 to research Captain Anthony and ancestors.

The last Fulgham/Fulghum Family Facts was sent to about 950 Fulgham, Fulghum, and Foljambe families all over the world. Did you know that there were that many cousins?

The transfer of the family genealogical data from the archives of the historian to our associate historian, Judson Fulghum of Tulsa, OK, has been going smoothly. Judson is a serious Fulghum genealogical researcher who is transmitting the mass of data from the mass of data from the archives to the computer. Judson provides the historian with the copies of his work. This is a wise step as now our valuable records can be safeguarded from loss, etc., and occasionally honest mistakes can be brought to our attention and corrected. Our thanks to Judson, and I look forward to continued work with him.

The transfer of funds from the Association to Colin Foljambe in New Zealand for the Foljambe Books took place on July 31, 1990. The books arrived here on September 1st in excellent shape. The four volume set is beautifully bound and has a total of 2570 pages. Colin Foljambe has done a masterful work in assembling this

SIXTH FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY REUNION PLANNED

JUNE 28, 29, 30, 1991

Check your road map, mark your calendar, and make your plans NOW to attend the Sixth Fulgham-Fulghum Reunion scheduled for the Rock Ridge Community in Wilson County, North Carolina on June 28, 29, 30, 1991.

Cousin Carolyn Fulghum, Chairperson of the Reunion Committee, reports that plans and arrangements are already underway with the Wilson County Fulghums for a full schedule of activities for this festive weekend.

The reunion will be held at Marsh Swamp Free Will Baptist Church on Saturday and at Healthy Plains Primitive Baptist Church (1872) on Sunday. The activities will include family visitation, tours entertainment, and meals together, including a closing family picnic on Sunday.

Most important, this Fulgham-Fulghum Family Reunion will give us all an opportunity to renew our

family ties, meet new cousins, and share memories. Since many of us Fulghums have strong roots in Wilson County, we can take a step back in time this weekend and be a living part of the same land that time nurtured our forefathers.

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR TODAY- JUNE 28, 29, 30,
1991
ROCK RIDGE, NORTH CAROLINA**

Registration information will be coming out in the next newsletter- Spring, 1991, or you can contact

**Carolyn Fulghum at 206 Club Pines Drive,
Greenville, North Carolina (919- 355-4796).**

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amount of genealogical data and all Foljambes, Fulghums, and Fulghams should be very grateful.

On a recent trip to the beautiful national parks of the west, it was my great pleasure to visit with cousin James Paul Fulghum of Salt Lake City, Utah. James Paul is brother of Judson, our associate historian.

At this special time of year, we are thankful that we are Americans and that we are Fulghams/Fulghums. Teach your children and your grandchildren the saga of the family. Let them know that our ances-

tors were here in this beautiful country 130 years before the Declaration of Independence was written. Our Fulgham/Fulghum Family is an ancient and honorable one dating back to the nine hundreds. Let us be thankful for all of our many blessings!

HAPPY HOLIDAYS

THE MEMBERSHIP DRIVE FOR 1990-91 CONTINUES!

Are you a member of the FFFA? If not, NOW is the perfect time to join. We need your support to continue the FFFA and its activities including this newsletter and the annual Fulgham-Fulghum Family Reunions. Join today by filling out the membership application form and sending this to our Secretary-Treasurer. JOIN TODAY! Cut off the Membership Application/Renewal form below and mail this with your check or money order for \$10.00 Make out to FFFA and send to:

**PEGGY FULGHUM WOOD, Sec'y-Treas. FFFA,
4572 Ortega Forest Drive
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MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/RENEWAL FORM
I want to join/ renew my membership with the Fulgham/ Fulghum Family Association. Enclosed is a

check or money order for \$10 for the 1991 membership for me and my family.

NAME _____

MAILING ADDRESS _____

CITY _____ STATE _____ ZIP CODE _____

Please take a look NOW at your mailing label. If you have a 90 on the label, this means that you HAVE NOT paid for the new 1991 membership and need to send in this form today. If you have a 91 on the label, you have already paid. Give a membership to a loved one for Christmas and pass on Fulgham/Fulghum traditions & family heritage!

MAILING LIST MUSINGS



At last! After several unsuccessful attempts to get a couple of computers on speaking terms, Robert Fulghum (your former Editor) and I finally made the grade and now have an up-to-

date mailing list. It contains 922 address updated by the Postal Service in those cases where address corrections were required. Since many Newsletters came back with "UNDELIVERABLE" stamped on them, we have had to delete a good many names from the list. Since the Postal Service is not infallible, if you know of someone who has been getting the Newsletter, but did not get one this time, please let Editor Debbie know. She will pass the info to Peggy Wood or me, and we'll be back in business.

Our latest list has folks from 39 States plus DC on it. And of the 922 addresses, 172 are



Seasons Greetings!

**Bill Fulghum, President
Fulgham/Fulghum Family Association**



FFFA members for '90 or '90-91. North Carolina wins the numbers game with 189 addresses and 36 memberships. Mississippi is next with 108 addresses and 9 memberships. Others are GA 85/26, FL 73/22, TN 70/11, AL 60/6, VA 44/10, TX 41/12, CA 37/8, KS 21/2, OH 20/1, MD 19/5, IL 17/0, SC 16/6, NY 14/2, LA 13/1, MA 12/3, AR 7/0, AZ 8/1, MI 7/0, MD 6/1, OK 5/1, PA 5/0, CO 4/0, IN 4/0, MN 4/1, NM 4/0, DC 3/1, IA 3/2, WA 3/1, UT 3/1, CT 2/1, DE 2/1, ID 2/0, NJ 2/1, NH 2/0, OR 2/0, WI 2/0, KY 1/0, WV 1/0, and WY 1/0. (The number over the slash = addresses; below the slash = memberships.)

The mailing list provides a wealth of interesting information like which towns have the most members or addresses, which names are the most popular, etc. Space permitting, we will look at these next time. Do you know of a service man or woman who is a part of operation Desert Shield? We could put them on the list to receive the Newsletter. Let us know.

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