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MERRY CHRISTMAS !!!



FROM MY NOTEBOOK

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Accolades to Past President Frank T. Fulghum and President Charles Fulghum and his Mississippi entourage who put on one of our best reunions. There were +/- 225 cousins from twenty-five states. One of the high priorities of the cousins was to learn as much as they could about their ancient and honorable ancestors, the Fulghams, the Fulghum and the Foljambes. There were many new faces and we were delighted to see so many small children. In fifty years these children will be the leaders of our illustrious National Family Association.

Chairman Tommy Fulghum from Augusta, GA and his committee are still studying the Fulgham/Fulghum Family Educational Trust. The Executive Committee enthusiastically approved of continuing work on establishing the Trust. The Association needs a goal and here we have one - providing higher education for worthy family children. We were urged by Chairman Tommy to continue to contribute to the Trust. Write your checks to The Fulgham/Fulghum Family Educational Trust and mail to Peggy Fulghum Wood, our Secretary-Treasurer. Her address is 4572 Ortega Forest Drive, Jacksonville, FL 32210.

Shelby Carey Fulghum, our Editor of the family newsletter, was praised by President Frank and he authorized gift of Marla's chart to Shelby for the fine work that she is doing for the family. We agree that the newsletter is an important part of what the Association can produce for its members. The members of the Executive Committee were urged to support Editor Shelby by submitting timely articles for the Fulgham/Fulghum Family Facts. A communicate with Editor Shelby revealed that a recent accident had left her with a foot injury and would prohibit her travel to the reunion. She and Coy are very busy with the building of a new home. They are looking at several more months before moving into their new house.

Accolades to our Mississippi cousins who used the profits from the sale of t-shirts to give to the Fulgham/Fulghum Educational Trust, \$250 and also \$50 to the Trust to perpetuate the memory of our beloved Dorothy Fulghum.

The 1994 reunion will be in Augusta, GA under the supervision of Vice President Tommy Fulghum and President Charles Fulghum. More news will be coming from the planners. The date is established as June 24-26, 1994. Knowing Tommy and his capabilities I'm sure this reunion will be a great one. Memphis, TN has invited the reunion in 1995; and we would like to go back to the Isle of Wight, VA the cradle of the Fulghams in America, in 1996.

THE FOLJAMBE CREST - At the reunion there were many questions ask of me as to the Foljambe Family Crest. So let's review the historical facts. Sir Godfrey Foljambe, the son of Sir Thomas, was born in 1318. He was knighted and given the Foljambe Crest by King Edward III for his bravery in battle in an exemplification for the Abbey of Whallen against Frustan de Penkull. Circa 1345, Godfrey, age 27, was styled "Secundarius Baro Scaecaril".

The Foljambe Coat of Arms is described as follows: Sable, a bend (gold) between six escallopes, or; the crest is an armed jambe (leg) couped at the thigh with spur, quarterly, or, and sable. The motto is "Soyes Ferme," or "Be Firm."

The escallopes, when used in heraldry, are the insignia or symbol of Saint James the Greater, who was the patron saint of travel, and therefore was the badge of the pilgrim crusaders.¹ Thus, the escallopes were a symbol of travel denoting that one or more ancestors went to the crusades²; perhaps led by Peter the Hermit (Circa 1096, first crusade) or by Richard Coeur de Lion (1157-99) in the third crusade (1189).

The escallopes are seen often as religious symbols. Michaelangelo, in the painting of the Baptism of Jesus, shows John the Baptist holding water in an escallope shell.



1. The Common Charge, p. 215.
2. Joseph Tilley, The High Peak Hundred, Vol. 1.

From the Wall Street Journal July 6, 1993: Robert Fulghum wants to promote more than his next book, "Maybe (Maybe Not)", on 22-city tour in September. In each city, tickets will be sold to see him tell stories and perform, with the proceeds going to local charities.

"Time to Sacrifice the Queen" is published in August 1993 Reader's Digest, page 136 and "Do Not As I Do" is in the August-September issue of Modern Maturity, page 86. Both articles are from cousin Robert's "Maybe (Maybe Not) and are recommended for your reading pleasure.

All the Fulghums, Fulghams and Foljambes, worldwide, wish you, our dear family cousin, continued success in the sale of your new book. This book will surely be another best seller. Any free samples?

An informative letter was received from cousin Judson Fulghum who tells us that he now has 6900 names in the database and that 200 were gained as a result of the 1993 reunion. We continue to be thankful to Judson for all the excellent work that he continues to do for the family.

At the reunion one of my dear family cousins brought me a 1900 uncirculated silver dollar. Now wasn't that a thoughtful thing to do? Thank you again, Dr. Gwin, you set a good example. May your tribe increase.

I had a nice letter from our cousin Grey Fulghum McDonald who says she looks forward to the Fulghum/Fulgham Family Facts. She is a true North Carolina Fulghum who lives in St. Petersburg but looks forward to the day that she can go back to the old north state and get tar on her heels. We are devoting \$15 to the Fulgham/Fulghum Family Educational Trust in Grey Fulghum McDonalds honor.

GOOD NEWS - Please be advised that our book "The Fulghum (Fulgham, Foljambe) and Kindred Families" has been microfilmed by the Family History Library of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Salt Lake City, Utah. This microfilm of the book can be obtained, on a rental basis, by requesting your local Film and History Center, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints to obtain it for you. The film is NO. 1711455-item 2. There is a small rental fee for the use of these films.

We were very sorry to learn of the recent illness of Coy Fulghum of Pendleton, South Carolina. We wish you a very early recovery.

I have been in contact with Mr. James Bolles of Norwalk, CT. Jim is the director of The Family Society Tours who proposes to plan a visit for our family members to visit the villages of our English ancestors during July or August 1995. More information will be forth coming on this proposal as it is developed. Mr. Bolles is very knowledgeable of the Foljambes of England.

Jacelyn and I attended the 50th anniversary of the USS Casablanca, CVE55, an aircraft carrier which was commissioned July 8, 1943. I was the Senior Medical Officer and Flight Surgeon on this ship and served from July 8, 1943 to November, 1944. I enjoyed seeing my shipmates in Corpus Christ, Texas, September 25-October 2, after 50 years.

My best wishes to all Foljambes and Fulghams and Fulghums all over the world. Don't forget to teach your children and grandchildren the historical background of our ancient and honorable family and good name. Our ancestors were on the colony of Virginia 150 years before The Declaration of Independence was written.

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FAMILY FACTS

William L. Fulghum, Sr.

After having attended every reunion since our first at Rock Ridge School Grounds, Wilson, NC, in May 1985, it was quite a disappointment to miss the Palestine, Texas reunion in 1992. Of course, the "Family Facts" did a good job of filling us in on what it was that we missed. But as Hazel and I read Frank's "President's Message" and the "Notes" from Peggy and Shelby, our minds were made up. We just couldn't miss Mississippi! And, thanks be to the Good Lord, we made it!

The barbecue and catfish along with some truly entertaining activities like dancing (or watching others dance) and the folksy humor of a most talented after dinner speaker were all part of the reward for visiting with our cousins from almost everywhere (especially Mississippi!). But a big bonus came for us as we met and got to visit with cousin Jim Mills from Wadley, GA.

One day last March there was this really big official looking envelope in our mail. It was from a James F. Mills, CFE, Senior Financial Examiner, State of Georgia. OHMYGOSH! It might as well have said James F. Mills, IRS-FBI-CIA! Anything that official further blurs my vision nowadays. But dismay became delight as I read "Dear Bill", and as Jimmy went on to introduce himself as the son of my Dad's first cousin, Mary Fulghum Mills. Further, the contents poured out detail after detail on cousins and uncles whose names I'd only heard as a kid listening to my Uncle Bob tell mossy stories about our kindred in the Swainsboro-Wadley section of Georgia and more specifically, Coleman Lake...stories that would get a kid's attention right off as they would eventually lead to a great yarn about fishing in THE SWAMP. And this would mean a visit to the book case for THE definitive reference book - his 1926 edition of "History of Okfenokee Swamp".

Of course Jimmy had Uncle George's line mapped out and that really turned over the bucket. Back to Uncle Bob. When he really got going he would always mention his Uncle George (Tommy's Grandfather). Now, Uncle George must have been a fetching fellow indeed as Aunt Hilda and Mama would never miss the opportunity to say, "He's surely the most handsome Fulghum over there." And then they would just as surely say, "You know he sure has a way with money." and "You should see Carlos, he has the mane of a bear." (You can imagine what such as that conjured up in a head already full of imagery associated with THE SWAMP.) Sure, I have a copy of that picture of all of Joseph Harrison's boys and sure, Uncle Carlos did have an outstanding brush at the time that picture was struck. But Mother and Hilda just laid it on too thick. 'Come to think of it though, in that picture Uncle George did look the part. Grandpa John didn't. No one looking at that mild mannered countenance would imagine him snatching the New

Deal's emancipating REA electric service lines from the side of his house and warning the installing interlopers not to come back. Kerosene lamps, well buckets, wood stoves, fireplaces, wash pots, ice boxes and "outdoor plumbing" served his needs just fine, thank you. He didn't see electricity as an enhancement to his fiddle playing and it certainly wouldn't do anything for the lyrics to "Froggy Went A-Courtin" and other marvels with which he enchanted his grandchildren. A Sunday lazy front porch swing with room for him, the fiddle and a couple of pairs of dangling legs, not quite long enough to reach the unpainted heart-pine floor, was more than enough. Grandpa John...how many times did he recite "Little Robert Reed"? Enough so that I well understood that Grandpa was a sober man and that somewhere there was a little fella named Robert Reed who did not smoke or drink and thought tobacco a "Filthy weed". And this one enough so that I remember it almost to the word.

Do you scarcely 'spect one of my age
to speak in public on the stage?

If I should chance to fall below
Demosthenes or Cicero

Don't view me with a critic's eye,
But pass my imperfections by.

For thundering streams from little fountains flow,
Tall oaks from little acorns grow.

Great men from little boys come.
Why not I be one of those!

Well, bless his heart, Grandpa John tried to point us all in the
right direction.

Obviously, Shelby has got to put a stop to this before we run
out of space, but let me mention how much Jimmy's work
means to me. He has carefully aligned all those sons of Joseph
Harrison. . . John, Enoch, Jim, Carlos, Jesse, George, Oscar,
Ethan and little Toby (there were no girls) and their progeny.
Not only that, he included a parallel to Dr. Jim's and Judson's
work on John Glenn and Mathew. (Jimmy stopped short of
tracing beyond Mathew as things got murky there I understand.)

One last name. I know that within our Family lies a world of
memory of little things that should be shared and preserved.
But only you can give voice to your yesterdays. Don't be shy.
We're family! And it had better concern us all that without Dr.
Jim's selfless work in contributing item after item to this
Newsletter it just might not "go to press" one of these days.

IN MEMORIAM

In memory of Haywood Fulghum of Wadley, Georgia, age 60, who died October 30, 1993. Haywood was the brother of our Tommy Fulghum of Augusta, Georgia and whose father was Oscar Thomas Fulghum of Wadley, Georgia.

In loving memory of Annie Sue Jones, the Mother of our own Shelby Fulghum, who died October 13, 1993 in Anderson, South Carolina. Shelby, we share your grief in your Mothers passing. Please accept our deep sympathy.

REFLECTIONS AND IMPRESSIONS OF THE FULGH'M FAMILY

Frank Fulghum

A few years ago, my Dad was eighty at the time, it dawned on me how little I knew about my own family and ancestry.

With that in mind, I sat out to get as much information on the family as I could. My expectations were not great, for in all my life it was seldom that the Fulgh'm name was encountered outside of my immediate family.

My Dad, as it turned out, knew very little about his family past his father. He had seen his grandfather only once in his life, which was not uncommon for the early nineteen hundreds. His Mother had told him the name of his great grandfather and that was about all he knew.

Fortunately for me, my grandmother was one of those wonderful people who loved the family and kept every scrap of information about any of the family no matter how remote. Her family Bible was full of the information I wanted. When my wife and I were getting information on my great-great grandfather we found that his father's name was Micajah. I remembered my grandmother had told me, at some time, how the name was pronounced.

When I had gotten back as far as Micajah, someone had already done the genealogy on the family all the way back to Captain Anthony. Along this time, one of my California cousins told me there was a national Fulgh'm family association. I could scarcely believe it, based on my previous experience.

My first national reunion was at Isle of Wight, Virginia. Robert Lee was there and I wondered at the time how Fulgham got changed to Fulghum. I may have resented it a little then, but was soon confronted with the fact, if it were not for the Hums we probably would not have a Fulgh'm association.

There are many benefits in The Family Association for someone like myself. When we decide to have the reunion on Texas, Dr. Jim gave me names of people who could help with that venture. As it turned out Gwin and Frances Fulgham, Gwin's sister Evelyn Fulgham Crow and Gwin's sister-in-law Swan Fulgham all lived about thirty miles north of us and had lived there all their lives. We have become fast friends and visit often. Gwin and I found that he and I are related through Micajah's sons. Micajah had twelve children. His seventh child was Edmund Brantley, Gwin's great-great grandfather. My great-great grandfather was Robert Cummings, Edmund Brantley's brother and Micajah's eleventh child.

The Bible is filled with accounts of genealogy and it appears to be very important, not only to the families who recorded their ancestry, but to those who come after. I think Robert Lee Fulghum may have put his finger on the pulse of what I'm trying to say. In his sermon at the Virginia reunion, he suggested that we write our great-great grandchildren a letter now, and let them know who we are and what we want them to know about us and our hopes for them. After all we are mortal beings and when we die, what is left of us except our memory and memoirs. We can make sure our grandchildren have a part of who we are and something they will surely treasure. It seems wherever you go you hear stories about your family and relatives. This seems to create tremendous interest within the family and it is told and retold till it becomes a part of family folklore.

This Family Association has indeed many opportunities for anyone who wishes to participate. This Association is much like any family. It requires an effort from everyone if it is to function as a whole. The benefits are rich with fellowship and a sense of belonging filled with love for one another. There is nothing so wonderful as being a part of family.



**A NOTE FROM OUR
SECRETARY/TREASURER**

By Peggy Fulghum Wood

What a great reunion! Mississippi folks really know how to have a good time and show great hospitality to their guests. Every year I think the reunions are getting better, perhaps because it really is getting together with "family".

If you missed this year, remember we are having another one in June 1994 in Augusta, Georgia. We hope to see a large group at the 1994 reunion.

There were at least 225 family member and friends at the '93 reunion from Friday night through Sunday services. A lot of new names were added to our mailing list. If you have family members not on our mail list, let me hear and we will add their names so they can be included with the family.

We now have 181 paid members for 1993 to the association. If your dues have not been paid, send \$10 check to me. Check your mailing label for the '93 if you have paid.

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We have had a great response to our Family History Book. We sold several at the reunion. If you have not purchased one for your family, they are still available at \$45 a copy. Once all of these books are sold, they will not be available. Send check made out to Family History Book to me and I will see that you receive your copy.



FROM THE EDITOR
Shelby Carey Fulghum

Dear Family:

This newsletter has been in development for quite a few months. I planned it for August or September at the latest. Due to uncontrollable elements, it just didn't happen. But it is an exceptional issue and has a magnitude of wonderful family information. Be sure to read it front to back. Please remember, as you read, that without your contributions of articles there is no newsletter.

This has been an eventful year for me. It has been filled with much sadness due to the death of my precious Mother. I miss her every day and night. There has been a void left that I know will never leave me. With the Lord's help and a wonderful husband and family I will continue on.

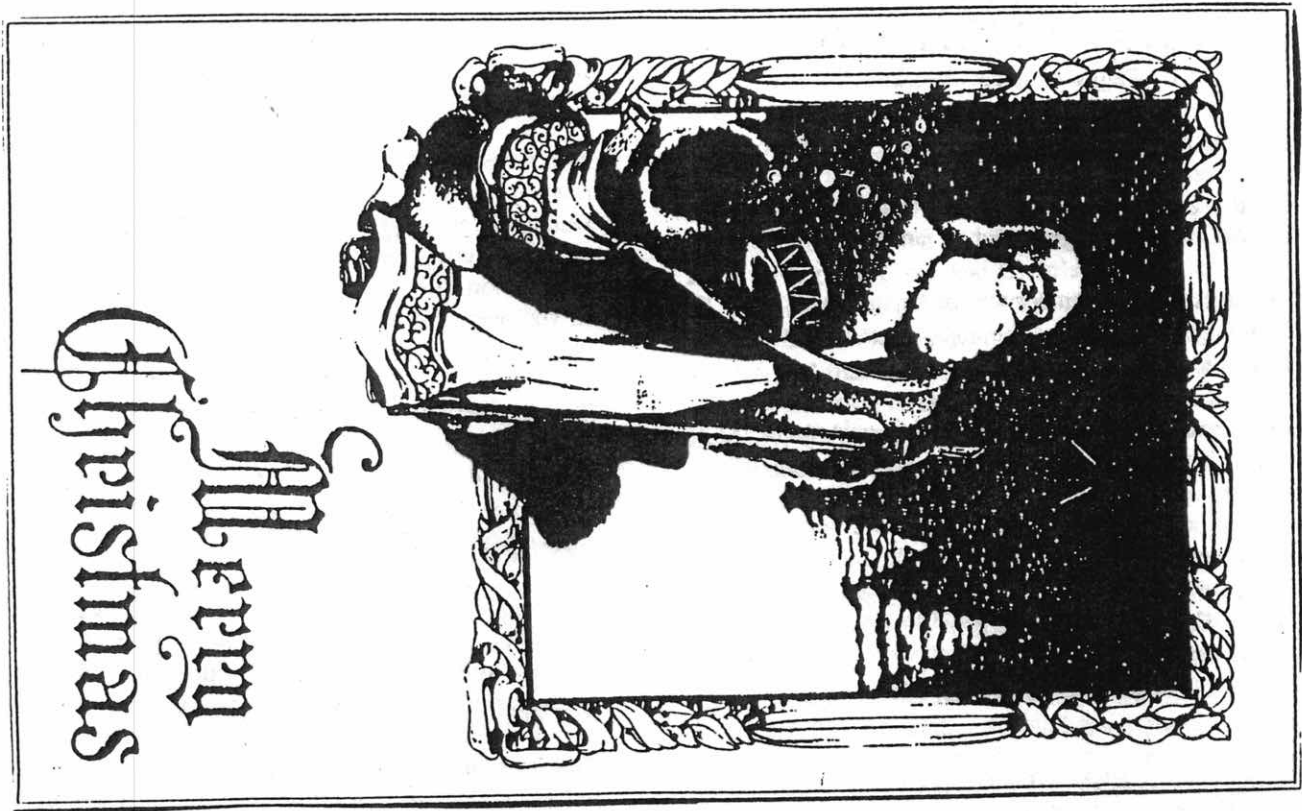
The magic of Christmas is all around us as we behold the beauty of this wonderful season of the year. Candles glow on window sills, trees are adorned with lights and family treasures, packages are brightly wrapped and excitement fills the air.

But let us not forget what Christmas is all about. The real magic of Christmas lies in the word itself-CHRIST. As we celebrate the joys of this holiday season, let us celebrate the joy of Christ and His influence upon our lives and the blessings we receive from Him. Let us be thankful to God for the birth of His Son, Jesus Christ.

May God bless each of you with a Christmas filled with the love of family and friends.

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