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2002 REUNION NEWS

The **California Fulgh*ms**, are hosting the 2002 reunion for FFFNA under the direction of **Marlin V. Ogden**, FFFNA Vice President for 2001-2002. They plan to hold the reunion at the **Radisson Hotel Sacramento** on Father's Day weekend, **June 14-15, 2002**. The Radisson Hotel furnished a much better contract than downtown hotels, including a room price of only \$89. per night (\$30 less than downtown). All 364 rooms are on ground or second floor. This Hotel is unique. It has the tropical flavor of an Island getaway. It was built on a 16 acre lake, has a conference center, two restaurants, swimming pool, paddleboats on the lake, bike rentals for the American River Bike trails, and many other amenities. Parking is free. There is a regular shuttle to Arden Fair Mall (Sacramento's most upscale shopping). The Radisson Hotel Sacramento will be an excellent setting for a **family style** reunion. Reservation deadline is May 14, 2002. . We will publish more details in future issues of FFFF. Make your plans **NOW** to attend the 2002 reunion!

Peter C. Fulghum reports that at an October meeting at St. Luke's, Smithfield, Virginia action was taken to apply for a feasibility study grant from the DuPont Fund for a new **Museum and Genealogy Room for St. Luke's Shrine**.

Visit the **Fulgh*m homepage** on the Internet at <http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~fulghum/web-text-html.htm>. There are links to our 11,000+ name database or you may go to: <http://gencircles.com/users/bfulgham/1> or to <http://worldconnect.rootsweb.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?db=bfulgham>. Be sure to send any additions or corrections that you find are needed to our Archivist and Historian, **J. Grant Fulgham** (address on page 2).

The 2002 Dues notice and address change form is enclosed. Please reply to **Peggy Fulghum Wood** using the enclosed envelope. **YOUR SUPPORT IS VERY MUCH NEEDED**. Please join FFFNA for the year 2002 or help by making the newsletter donation. Increasing our in 2002 membership is critical.

Please note the address change for the Newsletter Editor on page 2. New P.O. Box is 20664. zip 27858.

**SHARE THE NEWSLETTER AND DISCUSS THE REUNION AND MEMBERSHIP IN FFFNA
WITH YOUR FAMILY DURING THE THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY !**

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Gilbert Fulghum Bell
Waycross, Georgia
December 2000

Lavalette Fulghum Nunnally
Emerald Isle, N. C.
March 10, 2001

Corine Walker Fulgham
Newport News, Virginia
July 13, 2001

James Spencer Fulghum, Jr.
Raleigh, North Carolina
October 15, 2001

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our Fulgham/Fulghum Family Reunion of 2001 had the smallest attendance of any I remember. The small attendance did not distract from the enjoyment of and personal contact with our cousins. Of particular importance was the number of young people attending the banquet and reception. This is the group that will be carrying forth our family association in the years to come.

Our hospitality room was a gathering place, both early and late thanks to Jacolyn and Dr. Jim for preparing the many and delicious snacks that were available during the entire reunion. Peggy Wood Fulghum was her usual efficient self, and kept the activities moving.

Dr. Robert S. manned the computer full time, and supplied a copy of their ancestry to everyone who requested their genealogy. We are fortunate to have his expertise available to assist in establishing our lineage.

The weather was perfect for our boat trip up the St. Johns River in *The Jacksonville Princess*. The river taxis, shopping at the Landing, and our Skyway Express were also enjoyed. We were additionally treated to a show by a pod of porpoise that

were visible from our Hospitality Room and on the Riverwalk.

At the business meeting, discussion concerning our proposed museum and the availability of the Library of Virginia to preserve any original documents and have them available for inspection was discussed. Also discussed was the need of the museum to preserve family artifacts for display, and the provenance for such articles. This is a very ambitious endeavor, and will take much planning and cooperation as well as donations of material and money. Cousin Peter C. Fulghum has volunteered to guide us in the project.

Now is the time to begin planning to attend the 2002 Reunion in Sacramento, CA. We really need to see more sons, daughters, nieces and nephews becoming interested in our Fulgham/Fulghum Family reunions. There are so many beautiful vacation sites near Sacramento, consideration should be given to taking an additional week or so to see Napa Valley, Big Sur, San Francisco, and Yosemite National Park-

Again, thanks to our Florida committee, Dr. Jim and Jacolyn, Jane Simpson, Peggy Fulghum Wood, and my wife, Louise, for their help in organizing this year's reunion. Thanks to Charles Fulgham of Yazoo City, MS for guiding our organization during the past year. He will be a tough act to follow.

Cousin Gene
Jacksonville, Florida

Newsletter Editor's Comments

Your annual dues notification is enclosed in this mailing. The FFFNA is dependent on dues to continue its operations. We sincerely hope that you will support FFFNA by joining. *We very much need new members* in order that we can continue to provide the newsletter to all Fulgh*ms and continue our work on the family history and genealogy. If you cannot join, we ask that you help pay for your newsletter by making a \$4 donation.

Please see the dues notice for more information.



Fulgham Arms

MIGRATIONS OF THE FULGHAM-FULGHUM FAMILY IN AMERICA

James Edward Fulghum, Wilson, NC, Assistant Historian

Members of the Fulgham-Fulghum Family reside in 48 of the 50 states. Only in the Dakotas, North and South, is the family missing.¹ How the family migrated across this nation after arriving in the early 1600's in the form of Captain Anthony Fulgham and his family is an interesting study in human migration. (1)

Three generations after arriving in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, circa 1635, the family, like others, discovered free land was available and the soil for growing things was much better in other areas than it was in Southside Virginia². That is why young Anthony Fulgham, Great Grandson of Captain Anthony, and his bride, Nancy Raiford, headed for eastern North Carolina. They settled along Nahunta Swamp in what was then Dobbs County, now Wayne County, North Carolina. Already a cousin, Michael Fulgham, had settled with his family in Halifax County, North Carolina. (2)

The children of Anthony and Nancy were to provide a large number of migratory Fulghums to thrust the family South, West, and to the Midwest. Their eldest son, Raiford, saw two of his children leave in 1797, along with sons and daughters of the Williamson Family, en route to Tennessee where they established Williamson County just southwest of what is now the City of Nashville. Brothers Theophilus and Arthur Fulghum rapidly produced an impressive group of Fulghums in central Tennessee. Later, Arthur migrated on to Texas to help with some members of the family from Virginia and Mississippi to establish both spellings of the family name in the great state of Texas. (3)

Meanwhile, Michael Fulghum, son of Nancy and Anthony, died in North Carolina. This led some of his children and their Mother, Molly Bunn, to depart from Wayne County, North Carolina along with a group of Quakers en route to Tennessee and Indiana. In Indiana, they established the Fulghum family name, helped build a Quaker meeting house, and formed Wayne County, Indiana. One of the children married into the Parker family in North Carolina and some of the Parkers joined the group in settling in Indiana where the Fulghums and the Parkers established a firm family base. (4)

In the years between the end of the Revolutionary War and into the first half of the 19th century, other Fulghum children left Wayne County, North Carolina. They entered South Carolina and went on to Washington County, Georgia where they established a Family base. They were joined in both South Carolina and Georgia by Fulghams migrating down from Virginia. (5)

Shortly thereafter, a branch of Fulghams departed from South Carolina en route to Alabama where they settled in Bibb County. They were joined there by more Fulghams coming from Virginia. Later offspring left Bibb County in Alabama to settle in central Mississippi. At the same time, William Fulghum, grandson of Raiford Fulghum in North Carolina, left to join his relatives in Tennessee. He took his aging father, Benjamin Franklin Fulghum, along with him. This was about 1844. Just a short time later, William moved his family on to northern Mississippi to establish the Fulghums in the upper part of the state while the Fulghams were getting established in the center of the state. (2). The Mississippi Fulghams helped settle western Arkansas especially Sebastian County and Washington County(6)

These early bases, then, provided the family power to spread to the remaining states of the nation. The Virginia Fulghams and the North Carolina Fulghams propelled Family members into the states of the Northeast. The Indiana Fulghams did a good job of distributing Fulghums to the states of the Midwest with some help from the Fulghams in Mississippi.

The Tennessee and Mississippi Fulghams and Fulghums did a good job of settling the Southwest along with Fulghams from Virginia. The Texas base, with help from Mississippi, then provided most of the family migration to the Far West although there is a mixture of many members of the family from all over the country in California, Oregon, and Washington.

The military services, in large part, have been responsible for members of the Family settling in Alaska and Hawaii, but it is apparent that the Fulgh*m family has possessed an innate wanderlust which has helped it spread its representatives and its influence across the nation. Some of us still have that wanderlust.

REFERENCES:

- (1) Boddie's Colonial Families of Virginia
- (2) Fulgham-Fulghum Archival database
- (3) Robert Crowder papers
- (4) Newmarket Meeting House Records
- (5) James Hooks Fulghum papers
- (6) J. Grant Fulgham data. See also http://home.satx.rr.com/shendricks/sebastian_county.htm

Editor's notes:

¹ Your Newsletter Editor lived in Fargo, North Dakota 1964-1968 and taught agricultural microbiology at North Dakota State University, thus, the Family has been there but returned to warmer climates in North Carolina via Kentucky. North Dakota has only three seasons: July, August, and WINTER. The first year we lived there the first killing frost was in the last week of August.

² Many Quakers left Virginia for North Carolina due to taxes assessed by the Church of England in Virginia.

DOCUMENTATION

Following and Preserving the Paper Trail that Proves our Relationships

Robert S. Fulghum

In the panel discussion at the 2001 reunion, I discussed the importance of collecting and preserving family data (1) while Charles H. Fulghum discussed artifacts (This includes photographs and portraits). The collection of these items of proof of our relationships is *more important* than our computer electronic database. The information in our database must be verified by finding the documentary evidence for the data in the computer. If we cannot prove a lineage, it, then, is not necessarily true. As one genealogist has said it: "*Genealogy without Documentation is Mythology*".

What is "Documentation"?

It is the collection of copies of birth, death, and other official records regarding each person in a lineage that shows their relationship to others. There are different types of documentary evidence:

PRIMARY - personal testimony of an eyewitness or a record created shortly after the event by a person with personal knowledge of the facts. These original sources of information include Family Records such as Family Bibles, vital records, correspondence, memoirs diaries, unrecorded deeds and wills, diplomas, certificates, testimonials, etc. Primary Public Records include censuses, government records military records, pensions, land bounty records, passport applications, passenger lists, original grants, naturalization or immigration records, records of entry, state, province and local records, including court records, birth, marriage and death records, etc.

SECONDARY - evidence that was copied or compiled from other sources or that was written from memory long after the event

occurred. Secondary materials include manuscripts and printed materials such as family histories, collected genealogies, DATABASES, source materials (abstracts and transcripts of records) local histories, other printed materials such as newspapers, reference works, and directories (city, telephone, trade, and professional), web sites, mailing lists, and E-mail messages. Secondary materials may be thought of as second-hand information.

WHY IS DOCUMENTATION SO IMPORTANT?

It provides the proof that we need to know for sure that a person fits into the lineage under study. However, proof is not just documentation, it is a process that is done by the intellect via weighing all of the Primary and Secondary evidence and comparing it to all other evidence available before coming to a conclusion.

SOURCE NOTES Record the specific location of each piece of data you find (e.g. Isle of Wight County Courthouse, Isle of Wight, Virginia, Will Book No XXX, page xx.). The example used above also could be used as a citation as well.

CITATION. Citation is the process of recording where primary and secondary evidence is found. It gives other family members or genealogists who follow a way to find and weigh documentary sources on their own. Citation saves much work in future studies. It is very important to properly cite your sources of documentation. There are several ways to concisely cite references, which can be found elsewhere (2,3). Citations are often numbered both in the text and in a reference section at the end of a written document.

PRESERVATION OF YOUR DOCUMENTATION.

First, one should make an index of all documents, etc. in their possession. Second, one should keep an index of all their source notes.

Next, one should decide to whom or to what organization the documentation they have accumulated is to be given in event of one's "retirement" from genealogical work or death. This is best done by writing it into one's will or as a codicil (attachment) to one's will. Then one should inform family members, etc. of this decision and, if possible give directions on how to transmit their materials to the chosen person or organization. This is of critical importance if one wishes one's genealogical work to outlive oneself.

PLEASE DO NOT ALLOW YOUR TREASURED ARTIFACTS AND HARD-TO-REPLACE, COSTLY GENEALOGICAL WORK BECOME LOST. MAKE ARRANGEMENTS TO PASS THEM ON TO OTHER INTERESTED PERSONS OR TO AN ORGANIZATION SUCH AS FFFNA OR AN ARCHIVAL LIBRARY.*

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- 1 The Panel Discussion & Decisions Made at the Reunion, *Fulgham-Fulghum Family Facts*, No. 36, page 3, August 2001.
- 2 RootsWeb's Guide to Tracing Family Trees: Lesson 12, *Creating Worthwhile Genealogies for our Families.* <http://www.rootsweb.com/~rwguide/lesson12.htm>.
- 3 National Genealogical Society. NGS Education: Online Course. <http://www.bizinfonet.com/ngsgenealogy.org/education>.

*Editor's Note: FFFNA has already lost at least one very important collection and could lose others. Leave your genealogical collection to the FFFNA, the Library of Virginia, or to a trusted and interested family member. PLEASE WRITE A CODICIL TO YOUR WILL TODAY specifying to whom your collection of genealogical materials and family artifacts are to be left.