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Betty Wiggins Accepts FFFNA Vice-Presidential Nomination for 2006-7.

At the FFFNA 2007 Planning Committee meeting on April 19, 2006 in Williamsburg, VA, Betty Wiggins accepted the nomination for Vice-President of FFFNA. Betty has done most of the work in planning and securing accommodations for the 2007 FFFNA Reunion. Betty, is a FFFNA member and retired Colonial Williamsburg executive, Her Great Grandmother was Elizabeth Fulghum from Wayne County, NC who married Stephen Henry Price. Elizabeth "Lizzie" Fulghum was the daughter of William Washington Fulghum of Wayne County, NC.

Reunion 2006 in Nacogdoches, Texas a Success

Although a smaller than usual gathering of Fulgh*ms, the 2006 reunion was a very good reunion. It was easier to meet people due to the smaller group. Forty-four registered and 4 others dropped by as they could not be there for the entire program. Everyone had a Great time ! One feature of the program was a talk on DNA testing for genealogical purposes by Bennett Greenspan, President of Family Tree DNA – Genealogy by Genetics, Ltd., the company that handles the DNA testing project for the Fulgham-Fulghum Family. Dr. C.T. "Pete" McGuire and wife, Betty Fortune McGuire, attended the church service Sunday Morning. Rev. McGuire is the pastor of Old North Baptist Church and he officiated at the service. Coleen Murdoch, Secretary of Old North Baptist Church, gave a talk on the early Fulghums who attended the church in the 1839 to 1845 time frame.

Dan Fulghum, FFFNA President

REUNION 2007 to be held in Williamsburg, Virginia

May 11, 12, 13, 2007

2007 Reservations should have been made by June 15, 2006.

Having our 2007 reunion at the same time of the Jamestowne 2007 Commemoration, made having room reservations in advance imperative. Betty Wiggins was able to obtain 111 rooms at Colonial Williamsburg for the FFFNA reunion. Considering that millions of people will be visiting Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown during 2007, FFFNA was lucky to secure these accommodations. Outside of the entourages of featured speakers, others on programs, and entertainers, FFFNA was to be the only group to have accommodations at Colonial Williamsburg hotels during the May 10-13, 2007 Signature Weekend; however, this may change due to the release of other accommodations to the public. Thus, if you missed the deadline for rooms, there is a slight chance that you could still make a reservation. Colonial Williamsburg will be handling reservations for all Williamsburg area hotels and motels for the Signature Weekend. Special postcard announcement were mailed by FFFNA regarding hotel and ticket reservations and sales.

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**We need Fulgh*ms in other states
to volunteer to serve**

ANOTHER FAMILY WINNER

Kim Hardan, Granddaughter of Ron and Carrie Fulgham of Shoreline, WA won first place in the State of Washington Livestock judging contest for High School students on May 17th. Her team won first place as well. They will compete in the National contest in Indiana in October.

Kim raises sheep. She was in 4-H for 9 years and has won many competitions. Kansas State University is recruiting Kim to be a student there. Kim is Great Granddaughter of Leo Edward and is of the Thomas Albert → Elias Wester Fulghum lineage.

PROMOTED

Charles H. Fulghum has been promoted to the rank of Colonel in the U.S. Air Force.

Fulghum, an Air War College student, is assigned to the Air University, Maxwell A.F.B., Gunter Annex, Montgomery, Alabama. He is the son of Kenneth and Nancy Fulghum of Goldsboro, NC.

His wife, Cheryl, is the daughter of Joyce Brown of Lompoc CA.

In 1980, Colonel Fulghum graduated from Goldsboro High School, and in 1984, received a bachelor's degree from the Citadel Military College of South Carolina, Charleston.

Submitted by Charles B. Ellis (from Goldsboro News-Argus).

MEMBERSHIP CAMPAIGN

This year we are mounting a campaign to build the membership of the Fulgham-Fulghum Family National Association. We mail to 1,400 Fulgh*ms and kin. We need to double the number of paid memberships in order to be able to carry on and extend the work of the FFFNA and the new FFFN Foundation.

The future of the work of FFFNA depends on increasing the membership.

IN MEMORIAM

Ems, Betty Harriette, age

84, of Meridan, MS died May 8, 2004. She was the daughter of Arthur W. Crouch and Amy B. Fulghum. She was born January 20, 1920 in Glenwood Springs, CO. She married Loen Ems on January 16, 1943. A member of many organizations including the DAR, She retired in 1983 as a data entry operator from the State Universities Retirement System in Champaign, IL. She was preceded in death by her husband, a son, two brothers and a granddaughter

Survivors include her daughters Barbara Lee of Meridian, and Irene Dean of Mesa, AZ; brothers, George Crouch and Fred Crouch both of Hubert Springs, AR; sisters, Bertha Osborne of Phoenix and Charlotte Allen of Snowflake AZ; a nephew, Elvin Dilley of St. Joseph, five grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Interment will be in Patterson Cemetery in St. Joseph, IL.

IN MEMORIAM

Niedermaier, Mary

Louise Pullen,

Age 99 of Dallas, TX.

Died January 24, 2006

She was active in many Genealogical Societies in the U. S.

Submitting Pictures for the Newsletter

- 1. Please IDENTIFY all individuals in photos showing small groups or showing only one individual**
- 2. Please IDENTIFY all pictures by activity.**

Until further notice, please send only glossy film prints for inclusion in the newsletter.

This notice will be revised when the editorial office is able to provide better computer facilities that can properly handle digital pictures over the Internet for printing in the newsletter.



Pictures from the 2006 reunion in Nacogdoches, Texas



Y-DNA MATCH UPDATE

The 12 marker Y-DNA test for Evans Palmer Fulghum was identical to the previous six Fulgh*ms who have been tested. This indicates that all seven Fulgh*ms tested have a common ancestor. This common ancestor is none other than Captain Anthony Fulgham who established the only viable Fulgham family in North America in the early 1600's.

Evans' lineage is: Captain Anthony (961) → Michael (965) → Anthony (974) → Anthony (533) → John (524) → Matthew (295) → John Glenn (207) → Joseph Harrison (212) → Ethan Marion (240) → Walter Harrison (293) → Glenn Smith (2874) → Evans Palmer (7423).

Godspeed Tours East Coast For Jamestown Commemoration

The new replica of the ship, Godspeed, that carried Jamestown's founders, toured six East Coast ports in July. The Godspeed departed its home berth at the Jamestown Settlement for Alexandria, Baltimore, Philadelphia, New York, Boston and Newport, R.I. Each port had a "landing party Festival" that included historical and cultural displays about Jamestown.

The Godspeed sail was the launch event for America's 400th Anniversary and is the first of the 10 Signature Jamestown anniversary events. The premier signature event will be "America's Anniversary Weekend" on May 11-13, 2007 and will be the major national observance of Jamestown's founding in 1607.

America's Anniversary Weekend in Jamestown coincides with the 2007 Fulgham-Fulghum Family National Reunion in Williamsburg, Virginia, May 10-13, 2007.

Your Newsletter Editor is Moving !

What ? AGAIN ?!

Yes, the Robert S. Fulghums have decided to return to Greenville, NC where they had lived from 1972 to 2003. They miss the excellence of the medical care available in Greenville and the Church they attended there. As retirees from East Carolina University, there are many opportunities at E.C.U. that they miss. They look forward to renewing friendships with their former colleagues and friends in Greenville.

They are having a patio home built in Yorkshire Village, a community populated mainly by retirees and some older people who are still working. They will move after Labor Day Holiday. The mailing address will be:

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Please Join today!
WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!
See page 7 for more information

Newsletter Editor's Column

Editor is seeking stories, etc.

The Newsletter editor is seeking stories about Fulgh*ms that would be interesting in showing the significant events in the lives of members of the family. If you have any stories that you would like to submit, please send them to the Editor in care of:

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The Editor also would like to continue the "Meet My Family Group" articles. Please look at this article and see if you would like to do such a series on your family group. Generally, the article should focus on your immediate family, showing the ancestors of your lineage. The articles can be either mostly genealogical or can be mostly descriptions of or stories about the family group and their ancestors. Or they can be a combination of both. Pictures are welcome and can be returned after publication.

Lost Money ?

Any Due to You ?

Any of you who missed the NBC Dateline TV show on Sunday March 26 will be interested to know that there is over 22 Billion Dollars in unclaimed property and money. I checked the Website and found 126 Fulghums on the list. (Didn't check for Fulghams).

The best of the sites I found at
www.unclaimed.org and
[www.missingmoney.com/
main/search.cfm](http://www.missingmoney.com/main/search.cfm)

I found the names of two of my nieces in the Fulghum listing. Their money was being held by the Commonwealth of Virginia.



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Officers are elected annually. They may serve only three terms in office. Committee Chairpersons serve at the pleasure of the Officers and Board

Scholarship Committee Announces Revised Rules

At the 2006 annual meeting of the Scholarship Committee on 15 June 2006 in Danville, Virginia, the committee members present adopted the following rules and announcement of the FFFNF Scholarship:

The Fulgham-Fulghum Family National Foundation Scholarship

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The Fulgham-Fulghum Family National Foundation (FFFNF) offers one \$500.00 scholarship annually on a competitive basis to High School Seniors accepted by a college or University. Applications must be made on an official Fulgham-Fulghum Family Scholarship Application form. Applicants must request a FFFNF form by U.S. Postal Service mail from the Rev. Peter C. Fulghum (address above) postmarked between the dates 1 September through 31 December. Applicants MUST Include a self-addressed envelope bearing first class postage with their request for an application form.

The deadline for submitting completed applications is **April 15th** each year.

Priority will be given to High School Seniors entering a post-secondary program leading to a career in the teaching profession. Eligibility is limited to high school seniors.

The completed application must contain the following:

1. The completed official FFFNF application form;
2. Acceptance information from an accredited college or university;
3. A summary of all academic achievement to date, including official transcripts;
4. A list of the applicant's outside the classroom achievements and volunteer work;
5. A 150 word essay

Applications are reviewed by the Scholarship Committee and the award is made each year to the applicant deemed most deserving based on the complete application. The scholarship recipient will be notified by the end of June.

Only the successful applicant will be notified.

The Committee members decided to limit the scholarship to high school seniors entering a program leading to a degree in teaching. Applicants must strictly follow the above rules in order to have their applications considered by the committee.

Scholarship Fund Statistics for 2006-7 applications:

Application requests received, 5 November 2005 through 14 June 2006.....	906
Application forms mailed, 5 November 2005 through 1 April 2006.....	604
Late Application requests received after 1 April 2006.....	302
Application forms submitted.....	203
Application forms received by 15 April.....	199
Late Application forms received after 15 April 2006 deadline.....	4
Incomplete Application forms received.....	46
Complete Application forms received and considered for the award.....	153
Application form requests were received from 48 states (none from Alaska or Wyoming), Washington, DC, Japan, Guam, the Virgin Islands, APO and FPO addresses.	

RECIPIENT OF THE FFFNF SCHOLARSHIP FOR 2006-7



Stephanie J. Wilson of Pomona, Kansas

The recipient of the Fulgham-Fulghum Family National Foundation Scholarship for 2006-7 is Ms. **Stephanie J. Wilson** of Pomona, Kansas. Stephanie plans to pursue a major in elementary education. She aspires to be a kindergarten teacher.

Stephanie is a graduate of Pomona High School and was on the honor roll every single semester of high school where she achieved an overall GPA of 3.61. In school, Stephanie has been involved in FCCLA and Renaissance Club.

Stephanie has been accepted to two colleges, and plans to attend one of them, **Bethany College in Lindsborg, Kansas**. Stephanie and her twin sister will be the first generation of both sides of their family to go to college.

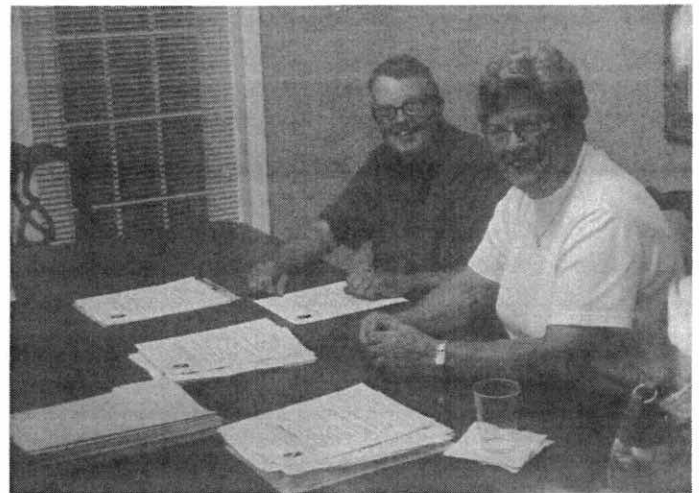
Her volunteer work in a local kindergarten class one hour each day is helping toward her career goals. Stephanie also does baby sitting jobs for neighbors and friends. At church, she volunteers to help in the nursery and has been a Vacation Bible School leader every summer.

Stephanie is involved in 4-H activities and is Treasurer of the 4-H club in which she is a member. She has worked as a superintendent and project leader for both local and county 4-H fairs. In addition, she does service projects through 4-H. Stephanie made and donated baby blankets to Life-Care as well as other 4-H activities. Stephanie has also done fund raisers for the local animal shelter and she has been a bell ringer for the Salvation Army each year,,

Stephanie lives with her parents and twin sister on their family farm. The family members are very involved in the school, church, and community.

In High School Stephanie's sports activities included volleyball, cross country, basketball, track and weightlifting. At Bethany College, she will be part of the cross country and track team.

The Foundation and the Family Association join in congratulating Stephanie and wishing her all the best during her first year in college.



The Scholarship Committee members present at the selection of our 2006-7 FFFNF Scholarship at the meeting at Stratford House in Danville, Virginia June 15, 2006. Right is Carolyn Ann Fulghum of Greenville, NC while left is the Rev. Peter C. Fulghum of Smithsburg, Maryland..

MUSEUM/LIBRARY NEWS

Materials Committee – Curator Report:

The committee has collected 76 items, including books, papers, Family Bibles, and research notes as well as a picture and the desk used by James Hooks Fulghum, Sr. during the years he worked on the Fulgham-Fulghum Family genealogy. We also have copies of all of his genealogy writings, papers, and notes as well as his notebook binders. A recent, highly significant contribution is the Family Bible, circa 1814, belonging to Jesse and Phoebe Fulghum, one of the families who migrated from Wayne County, North Carolina to Arba, Wayne County, Indiana during the Quaker migration from North Carolina. Jeanne Roberts of Germantown, Ohio found and donated this Bible to the Museum/Library. The family is grateful for her diligence in locating us and her generosity in donating the bible.



Robert, Peter and Carolyn Ann Fulghum examining the family bible, circa 1814, of Jesse and Phoebe Fulghum

Museum/Library Funding Campaign:

Three years ago, at the Louisiana Reunion, a decision was made to attempt to establish a Fulgham/Fulghum Family Library-Museum in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, where Captain Anthony settled our English family in 1640, just 33 years after the Virginia Colonists settled across the James River at Jamestown in 1607.

The purpose of the proposed library-museum was to serve as a repository for the family's many books and artifacts. The hope was that adequate funding could be developed from family members across the nation to be used to create the library-museum and it was envisioned that the funding could be developed over a three year period in time for a grand-breaking in 2007 at the Family's annual Reunion which was scheduled for Virginia.

The first step to be taken was to attempt to get a tax exemption for the Fulgham/Fulghum Family National Association so that all gifts to the Association could be tax exempt for the givers.

In preliminary examination with some attorneys, it was found that the Internal Revenue Service was very unlikely to give tax exemption to a family association. However Eugene Fulgham and Peggy Fulghum Wood, both of Jacksonville, Florida, agreed to take on the task of trying to obtain tax exemption. In working with the IRS, it turned out that the agency was loath to give tax exemption to a family group. However, a very empathetic IRS agent, suggested to Peggy Fulghum Wood that a tax exemption possibly could be obtained for a family foundation. Therefore, the Fulgham/Fulghum Family Foundation was formed to conduct some fundraising efforts such as scholarships and other worthy projects such as libraries and museums. Application was made to the IRS and the Foundation's application was approved.

As a result of this extended effort to get IRS approval, the library-museum project experienced a two year delay and it was not until January 1, of this year that a fundraising effort was launched to raise \$500,000.00 for the library-museum.

Since that date, 256 telephone calls have been placed to members of the family across the country. Of that number, 108 of the calls made contact so that campaign efforts were successful in discussing the campaign with families. As a result, 47 signed pledges have now been received and 61 additional pledge forms have been mailed out to these contacts. They are urged to returned the signed pledges as soon as possible so that a competent result on the effort this far can be ascertained.

Of the 47 pledges received thus far they represent gifts to the project totaling \$86,636.00. The two largest pledges thus far are \$25,000.00 each. One has been paid in full and the other will start paying at the end of this year in December.

The three year pledges thus far show an interesting picture. Below the \$25,000.00 pledges, the gifts fall into some interesting categories. Some of the pledges are for \$5,000.00. Some are for \$3,000.00. Another group is for \$1,500.00. Several are for \$1,000.00. Another group stands at \$500.00. A popular group is for \$300.00. Campaign leaders say that for the campaign to succeed, practically every family unit on the 1,500 family mailing list is going to have to do something.

In Search of ... Captain Anthony

The *In Search of ... Captain Anthony* series of three articles is designed to update the reader on our findings and opinions regarding Anthony's origins in each of the three 17th-century English emigration-to-Virginia areas that included the east midlands, West Country, and greater London. Each of the three areas represents a dominant cultural theme at work in the early 17th century that drove emigration to "Virginia." The dominant cultural theme of the east midlands was religious separatism, non-conformity and clerical activism, of the West Country was the emerging tobacco culture, and of greater London was the mercantilism that created the Virginia tobacco economy. Fulgham-Fulghum Family Facts No. 55 presented the case for east midland/Lincolnshire origins for Captain Anthony. At about the time Jamestown was settled - if, indeed, Anthony was an east midlands man - a significant few of Anthony's fellow citizens of Lincoln, Nottingham and Yorkshire were emigrating to Amsterdam and other areas of the Netherlands to temporarily join the so-called Ancient Brethren, a non-conformist English church that had been meeting in Amsterdam for perhaps a decade. One high profile charter member of the Ancient Brethren was a wealthy merchant-mariner Edward Bennett of Wivelscombe, Somersetshire. Edward Bennett and his fellow Ancient Brethren encouraged the Pilgrims from Scrooby, Nottingham and the east midlands and provided them support while they attempted to establish themselves in the Netherlands. Ultimately, Bennett would come to play a major part in the establishment of plantations and settlement of Southside Virginia and, interestingly, is the unifying thread, at least in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, among the east midland pilgrim separatists, the West Country tobacco growers, and greater London mercantilists. Although FFF Facts #55 presented the east midlands case, let us now explore how Anthony Fulgham might have originated in England's west country and emigrated to Virginia through the auspices of the Somersetshire Bennetts.

THE WEST COUNTRY AND NORTH AMERICAN INTERESTS OF THE SOMERSETSHIRE BENNETTS

Understanding the push to populate Isle of Wight County Virginia in the 17th century requires an understanding of the history of the commercialization of tobacco. It is a little known fact that, long before the Virginia Colony was established in 1607 and Orinoco tobacco cultivation was introduced by Rolfe in 1612, tobacco had been a popular commercial commodity in England for decades and was successfully grown and marketed, primarily in the English West Country. Sir Walter Raleigh introduced pipe tobacco smoking to the Elizabethan Court in 1587. Smoking immediately became stylish among the courtiers and spread throughout England. For obscure reasons, the cultivation of tobacco quickly became specialized to the West Country counties and London became its primary market. West country farmers quickly adopted tobacco as a cash crop using ad hoc marketing systems to sell their somewhat boutique product. The fact was that tobacco growing was lucrative. In the early days, the price of tobacco by weight exceeded that of gold. Following the introduction of South American tobacco strains into Virginia by John Rolfe in 1612, however, due partly to the efforts of English Merchant Adventurers, including Edward Bennett, by 1624 the Stewart Court introduced laws giving a monopoly to Virginia for the exportation of tobacco to England and prohibiting Virginia's export of tobacco to any ports other than English ports. The Court further introduced laws prohibiting the growth of contraband tobacco within England.¹ As these laws became more tightly enforced in the West Country, the English tobacco growers lost a lucrative source of income. Luckily, the farmers faced underemployment at the same time that the Merchant Adventurers began the development of the tobacco economy in Virginia and enterprising growers were needed to take up the land and begin growing tobacco. It is not by accident that we can identify the majority of the 17th Century Isle of Wight County planters as originating from the western counties of England.

Five classes of players were involved in the tobacco economy: the servants, the planters, the mariners, the merchants and the Crown, and County Clerks were meticulous about identifying one by his place in the system ... Richard Death, Servant; Anthony Fulgham, Planter; John Moore, Mariner; William Bressie, Merchant, and so on. The Virginia tobacco economy involved a several thousand-mile long supply channel and, of necessity, required warehousing depots at each end of the channel. In Virginia, the planters whose plantations were conveniently located at deep-water landings built warehouses and provided warehousing services for the planters in their area. The Fulgham family built a warehouse on the Pagan River near Smithfield, or what later became Smithfield, and it was called in the records, "Fulgham's".² A local planter would leave a cask of tobacco, say 900 Lbs. weight, at Fulgham's and would be issued a Fulgham's Warehouse receipt for 900 Lbs. of tobacco. Due to a severe shortage of English currency and coinage in Virginia, warehouse receipts were used as a medium of exchange in Virginia and literally became money. The use of warehouse receipts as money provided an organic basis, both literally and figuratively, for the term "tobacco economy."

Prior to about 1650, the major destination at the England, or eastern, end of the supply channel was the Stepney waterfront at the east end of London. In those days Stepney had not yet become the blighted urban area that it is commonly identified as today. The records indicate several Isle of Wight County merchants and mariners originated from the village of Ratcliffe near Wapping Wall in Stepney. Between 1650 and about 1750, the major east-end destination became Bristol on the Bristol Channel at the border between Somersetshire and Gloucestershire. After the mid-1700's, most North American commodities flowed through Liverpool. When Anthony Fulgham came over in 1640 the east end of the supply channel was the Stepney district but before he died in 1669 the eastern termination had become Bristol. The reasons for the shift to Bristol are obscure but perhaps one of the reasons was the appointment of Sir William Berkeley, of Bruton parish in Somersetshire, as Governor of Virginia in 1642.

It is not too over-reaching to state that Berkeley had more influence on the development of the tobacco culture and Virginia's identity than any single person in Virginia's history ... and he was a west-countryman. Berkeley was Governor of Virginia for over 35 years and, except for the period of the English Civil War, he ruled Virginia with an iron hand, passed out key colonial appointments to his favorites,

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and encouraged the development of a Royalist-centered upper class in Virginia. One needs look no further than the rosters of the two sides of Bacon's Rebellion schism in order to gather which families were Berkeley's favorites. It is clear that those who were not his favorites included those families that were of Puritan leanings or, after 1673, Quaker.³ The Bennetts and many of the families associated with the Bennetts fell into that group. Since Anthony Fulgham, Jr. sided with the anti-Berkeley forces in Bacon's Rebellion, there is good reason to believe that the Fulgham family was of the same political leaning as the Bennetts of Somersetshire. Accordingly, the Fulgham's would have family affinities to other families having similar leanings, especially in the anti-puritan environment of Berkeley's Virginia, and perhaps having close ties with those families from England.⁴ It is instructive to identify the English roots of the families connected to the Fulghams by marriage (and in a few cases, by adoption) for two generations after Captain Anthony.

WEST COUNTRY GENESIS ^{5,6}		
West Country Origins	Fulgham Marriage	Progenitors
Devonshire	Sarah Raiford to Anthony F. in 1695. William Raiford to Sarah F. in 1719.	Philip Wreyford b. Crediton, Devon in 1623.
Devonshire	Mathew Tomlin, Jr. to Mary Watson (Lived with Martha F., widow of Capt. Anthony F.) in 1686.	Mathew Tomlin, Sr. b. Marwood, Devon 1610.
Hampshire	Sarah Davis to Nicholas F. in 1673.	Capt. Thomas Green b. Southampton in 1607. Captain John Moore b. Hampshire in 1601. John Davis b. 1633 prob. Bristol.
Somersetshire & Bristol	Anne Parnell to John F. in 1670.	William Parnell b. Somerset 1595. Richard Drake b. Somerset 1520. William Brewer b. Somerset 1520.
Somersetshire & Bristol	Patience Pitt to Michael F. in 1705. Martha Pitt to Michael F. in 1687.	Capt. Henry Pitt b. Bristol 1613.
Oxfordshire	Ann Izard to Michael F. in 1675.	Robert Bracewell b. London 1612, educated Oxford 1631. He was Ann Izard's Stepmother's first husband.

The listed Fulgham marriages are of Captain Anthony and Martha's children and grandchildren through John, Michael, and Nicholas (Anthony, Jr. did not marry). Additionally, the author has included Mary Watson, granddaughter of Capt. John Bond, who came to live with Mrs. Martha Fulgham after Captain Anthony's death in 1669. All were marriages into westcountry families. Captain Anthony's eldest son, John, married Anne Parnell whose family probably originated in Norton Fitzwarren Somerset. Anglican Bishop's Transcripts show that Anthony Fulliames married Elizabeth Hilling in Norton Fitzwarren Somerset in 1607.⁵

Through a consideration of all of these disparate facts – the common interests of late 16th century west country families involved in tobacco growing, the pulling together of the three impetuses to emigration (religious non-conformity, Virginia tobacco, and London Mercantilism) by the Somersetshire Bennett family, Fulghams banding together with other Southside families against Berkeley, Fulgham marriages to west country descendents, and the presence of the Fulliames family in Norton Fitzwarren Somerset contemporary with the Parnell family – a west country affinity is in view. Each of these facts, if considered separately, is merely interesting. However, if considered together, a case for west country origins for the Fulgham family begins to emerge. That being said, what would have drawn one or more Fulgham families from the Foljambe ancestral home in Derbyshire to Somersetshire during or before the 16th century ... what factors do Derbyshire and Somersetshire have in common?

Prior to the mid 16th century, the Derbyshire Peak District was the major source of lead in England involving many local families in its production. Much of the lead was used in tiling the roofs of the grand old monasteries of England. The Foljambe family was a major supplier. In the early days, the smelting process was rather archaic and depended on the natural air currents for furnace operation. The process was called "Bole" smelting. During the late 15th century, Somersetshiremen began mining lead in the Mendip hills of Somerset. Some Derbyshire Peak District workers, skilled in the Bole process, made their way to the Mendip Hills of Somerset at this time. It is feasible that one or more Foljambes made the move to Somersetshire. Mendip lead production was profitable and stable for many decades until King Henry VIII dissolved the monasteries in the early 16th century. King Henry did more than merely dissolve the monasteries, however, he granted the former monastery properties and related buildings to his favorites. The grantees immediately began the process of salvaging marketable building materials from the buildings, including the lead roofing tiles. Overnight, the market value of lead dropped precipitously due to the sudden market glut. Mendip lead production fell into a slump that lasted for several decades. Those Foljambes caught in this slump, after having established themselves in Somersetshire for several decades, perhaps took up new occupations there and were permanently established when recruitment began for the establishment of plantations in Virginia.⁷ Due to the west country affinities previously discussed and the presence of one or more Anthony "Fulliames" in Somersetshire contemporary with the known west country emigrants to Isle of Wight County, a Somersetshire origin is suggested for Anthony Fulgham, perhaps in the area of Norton Fitzwarren.

The next article will explore the linkages between the Isle of Wight County tobacco economy and greater London mercantilism. A number of greater London merchant adventurers were involved in the development of the Virginia Tobacco Economy, including our old

friend, Edward Bennett, as well as the progenitor of the prolific Harris family of Essex, and they (or their retainers) aggressively recruited promising planters for the new Virginia Colony. There is credible evidence that Anthony Fulgham originated in the greater London area.

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