



# Fulgham - Fulghum Family Facts

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## The 2007 Reunion in Williamsburg, Virginia was an Outstanding Success !

The 126 attendees plus the children attending the 2007 reunion had a wonderful time. Twenty states were represented. While we missed seeing **Queen Elizabeth** and the Royal Family (they came a week earlier than originally planned) and missed attending the 50<sup>th</sup> Pilgrimage to St. Luke's Church (which was held a week later near Smithfield, VA), other events at the **reunion** and at the **Heritage Weekend at Jamestown's 400 Anniversary commemoration** kept everyone very busy. Both the luncheon on Friday and the banquet on Saturday were excellent and delicious, albeit expensive. The dinner on Saturday was served in separate courses by wait staff in Colonial costume. It started with a soup course featuring peanut soup. This was followed by a series of courses including salad, fish, red meat, and dessert, each course being served separately from the preceding course.

After dinner the Fulgham-Fulghum Family National Association held its annual business meeting in the Banquet Hall of the Woodlands Conference Center in Colonial Williamsburg. One of the items was the acknowledgment of the twenty years of dedicated service **Peggy Fulghum Wood** has provided the Association as Secretary-Treasurer by **O. Thomas Fulghum** of Augusta, GA followed by the presentation of a plaque commemorating her service. Committee reports and other business matters, having been discussed and voted upon at the Saturday morning meeting of the Executive Committees and Boards of Directors of both the Association and the Foundation, were presented at the business meeting.

Events at Jamestown commemorating the 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the first permanent, settlement by Englishmen in North America, thereby beginning in 1607 what was to become our Nation, were attended by most of the Reunion Attendees. There were too many events going on for one to attend them all as well as visiting the archeological sites, museums and other displays at Jamestown Island and the Jamestown Settlement re-creation of "Jamestowne Cittie."

One important event that involved the Fulgham-Fulghum Family National Association was our status as one of the "Official Communities" of the Jamestown 2007 Commemoration. On Saturday afternoon on Jamestown Island our family was represented at a ceremony by the Association for the Preservation of Virginia Antiquities by **Carolyn A. Fulghum** of Greenville, NC. The ceremony recognized Official Communities and groups. There were many speeches and recognition of various other groups there including the present day family of the first African American family in Virginia and newly recognized American Indian tribes from the region.

All of the attendees and the Association send our thoughts of deepest gratitude to President **Betty Wiggins** for all of her work in organizing the 2007 Reunion. Without her work and connections in Colonial Williamsburg and to regional politicians, the FFFNA planning committee would not have been able to achieve the level of success that was achieved in organizing and conducting this eventful reunion. It was too bad that Betty's involvement with security for the Jamestown 2007 events kept her so busy during the reunion, causing her to be unable to attend many reunion events. We missed her but are grateful for her efforts for the Reunion as well for the secure setting for the Jamestown 2007 events. Well done, Ms. President !

### PLEASE NOTE

The Email address for James Grant Fulgham, FFFNA Historian and Archivist, has been changed to: [jgful@roadrunner.com](mailto:jgful@roadrunner.com).

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**In Memoriam**

**Pauline Bryan May**, age 88, died July 14, 2007 at her home in Evans, GA. She was born in Washington County, Georgia on September 28, 1918 to Ophelia Fulghum and William Gainer Bryan. Pauline married Joe Coleman May on September 13, 1941. Pauline worked in the County Agricultural office in Sandersville, GA, and as draft board clerk for Jenkins, Jackson, and Banks Counties in Georgia. Later, when living in Atlanta, her greatest interest was her church, Westminster Presbyterian. During World War II, Mrs. May joined her husband through a number of stateside military assignments. After the war, the couple resided in the Georgia cities of Millen, Elberton, and Jefferson. In 1957 the Mays moved to Wilmington, NC and in 1968 to Atlanta. In 2001, they left Atlanta for Brandon Wilde retirement community in Evans, Georgia.

Edited from the Atlanta Chronicle



Foljambe Arms

the property to the church Vestrymen. Undoubtedly Rebecca was a strong influence on Michael and Ann regarding matters pertaining to the Church

And why had not this land been deeded to the Vestry and Church Wardens before 1683? It was known that the land was the site of church(s) for over 50 years prior to 1683.<sup>(2)</sup>

St. Luke's Church, also known as the Old Brick Church, was built in Isle of Wight County, Virginia, according to legend, in 1632. It is the only surviving original gothic Seventeenth Century building in North America. The building has gothic buttresses, stepped gables, brick traceried windows and a medieval trussed roof structure. Inside, the building is finished in a Jacobean interior.

Since many church architects believe the building we are now in was not built until the 1680's, we theorize that the start of or the completion of a new church building was one of the reasons the Fulghams sold the acre of land "whereon the Churchhouse standeth." in 1683.<sup>(3,4)</sup>

But what about the three bricks with the date 1632 that were found during the 1887 restoration? Our speculation comes from the description of these bricks<sup>(5)</sup>. In June of 1887, the Rev David Barr, minister of Christ Episcopal Church in Smithfield, noticed the roof of the old brick church had collapsed after a violent storm and that the east wall of the sanctuary was collapsing in places. He determined to save the Old Brick Church, began raising

funds to restore the church, and hired a Mr. Mainard from Surry to oversee the repairs. Mr. Mainard found several bricks that were (as described in the article written by R. S. Thomas<sup>(5)</sup>) "Curious" and further described as "peculiar in their character and shape." These bricks or the parts thereof, were inscribed with the date, "1632"<sup>(5)</sup>.

Since only two or three of these bricks were found (one quite broken up)<sup>(5)</sup> and such bricks apparently are not seen as a part of the exterior of the wall of the church, it stands to reason that they were not a part of the lot of bricks made for the present church building. They were most probably bricks from an earlier church on the site that were used to fill in inside the wall. The old church at Jamestown may serve as an example of the re-building of larger churches over the foundations of older churches. There in the current replica church building, one can see through a strip of glass in the floor of the present church the foundations of earlier churches on the site. Most likely, St. Luke's went through such a series of metamorphosis with the current building completed in the 1680's.

Whether the Old Brick Church was built in 1632 or in the 1680's, it is the only surviving original gothic 17<sup>th</sup> Century building in America and is, therefore, one of the most important buildings in America<sup>(4)</sup>. This Church building is one of the most precious and revered buildings in America.<sup>(3)</sup>

Those of us who work in

science further the understanding of our physical and biological world by making observations and developing theories that attempt to explain the observations we have made. Then we devise ways, including more detailed observations and tests (experiments) to disprove or prove our theories. Similarly, one must take the historical facts available and develop the history revealed by the historical facts. We must test our developed history (and the speculation that fills in the presumed areas not previously known or understood fully) with further facts, information, and observations as they become available to us. Thus, most history will almost always be in a constant flux of re-writing. History, then, is always open to reinterpretation based upon the discovery of new information.

And so now you know the rest of the story – or at least the part we know of it – regarding the close relationship of the early Fulghams to the Old Brick Church.

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Picture: Left to Right: Esther & Robert Fulghum with Robert & Brenda Fulghum of Richmond, VA at St. Luke's Church.

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- ☛ ...to serve as a means of communication between all who care about the preservation of the Family heritage and historical event stories.
- ☛ ...to continue publication of the *Fulgham-Fulghum Family Facts*, a wholly unique periodical publication dedicated solely to interesting historical aspects of the Family; also to detail current happenings and, in general, to inform, educate and entertain Fulgh\*ms and Fulgh\*m kin about the family.
- ☛ ...to raise funds through the Fulgham-Fulghum Family Foundation for it's worthy causes, including the Foundation Scholarship Fund, the FFFNA *Museum-Archives*-building (in which we will maintain and constantly update a comprehensive research library with books, family data sheets, photographs, video tapes & documentation archives), as well as the Foundation research projects and other Foundation associated events & materials.

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 22 national reunions the FFFNA has held (the first in 1985 in Rock Ridge, NC) the last five have been held: 2003 in New Iberia, LA; 2004 in Savannah, GA; 2005 in Annapolis, MD; 2006 in Nacogdoches, Texas and 2007 in Williamsburg, VA

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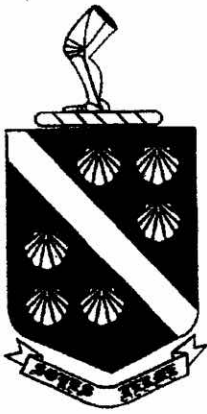
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## New Officers for 2007-2008

**NEW OFFICERS** were elected to the Fulgham/Fulghum Family National Foundation at the Reunion Business meeting in Williamsburg, VA on May 12, 2007. There are many talented people in our organization. We thank them for their service. Current Officers are:

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## MEETING OF FFFNF WITH LIBRARY OF VIRGINIA OFFICIALS

Dr. Robert S. Fulghum of Greenville, North Carolina, Associate Archivist and Newsletter Editor, and James E. Fulghum of Wilson, North Carolina, Coordinator of the Library Campaign, traveled to Richmond, Virginia on Wednesday, June 20, 2007 to confer with officials of the Library of Virginia (LVA) regarding the proposed library project to be located in Isle of Wight County, Virginia.

Officials of the Library of Virginia (LVA) meeting with them were Conley L. Edwards, State Archivist and Elizabeth M. Lewis, Director of Library Development and Networking Division.

It was communicated to the LVA officials that the feeling is that a Southside Virginia Historical Library is needed. Such a library has been proposed to be located in Isle of Wight County and the Fulgham Family has started to raise funds so that the Family can have a part of the proposed facility. It was further pointed out that the entire southern half of the country and part of the Midwest were heavily populated by migrations that began in four of the Southside Virginia counties. The migration was first into North Carolina, then into Georgia and Tennessee, then into Alabama, Mississippi and Texas, then into Indiana and California with minor migrations filling in Arkansas, Louisiana, Kentucky and other states. Further, it was pointed out that residents from all these areas return to Southside Virginia searching for their roots and while the LVA has a very good holding of genealogical data, those persons searching prefer to go to where their ancestors lived, worked, and died, particularly to locate local records and to visit cemeteries, etc..

The LVA officials then were asked to outline the relationship of the LVA with regional and local libraries. It was pointed out there is no strong official link or control over the regional and local libraries but that the LVA tries to help the regionals and the locals in any way it can when called upon to do so. The state legislators provide some funds which are sent on by the LVA to regionals and locals to buy books and materials. It was pointed out all funds for construction are raised at local and regional levels.

It was then explained that the Isle of Wight County Commission seemed willing to provide a site for the new library. The LVA officials deemed this as a good point. It was then explained that a FFFNA session is planned with the following officials: the Isle of Wight County Commission Chairman, the Isle of Wight County Economic Development Director, and the President of the Isle of Wight County Historical Society. After that it is hoped that the leaders in the Southside counties will get involved along with legislators from Southside.

In closing it was suggested by the LVA officials that a session with the Director of the Blackwater Regional Library also might prove to be helpful.

James E. Fulghum

**For information on donating to the Museum/Library Building Fund, please phone James E. Fulghum at (252) 243-3808.**

**For donations to the Scholarship Fund, please make out checks to the Fulgham-Fulghum Family National Foundation, Inc. and write in Scholarship fund in the "for" space on your check. Mail to: Peggy Fulghum Wood,**

\* Address on page 1

## Angelica Grace Kelley Awarded the FFFNF Scholarship for 2007-8

Angelica Grace Kelley of Green City, Missouri wrote the winning application for the 2007-8 FFFNF Scholarship. She has been accepted at EVANGEL UNIVERSITY in Springfield, Missouri where she plans to major in Elementary Education and Spanish. Her High School record showed she had made mostly A's in High School (GPA 3.8). Included among her many honors and volunteer work is her work as a cadet teacher in first and fourth grades with children who had fallen behind and in translating the work in English to Spanish. Through her service to the community, she earned the honor of being a Community Betterment State Youth Delegate.

Having attended both rural, suburban, and inner city schools, and seeing the needs of inner-city school children, she plans to become an elementary teacher in an inner-city school.

We wish Angelica success in her studies and career.

## Scholarship Committee Report\*

The committee received 155 requests for applications for the 2007-8 scholarship. Of these, 30 completed forms were returned by the deadline and were considered.

The New Rules for the Scholarship that were revised last year continue to work well.

We are proud of our scholarship that you support. However, only \$347 was contributed this year and we are concerned regarding the future of the scholarship if giving does not increase. Remember that donations to the FFFNF scholarship fund are tax deductible. Please consider giving to the scholarship fund.

Peter C. Fulghum, Chmn.

\*Edited and shortened version

## In Memoriam

**Hazel Coleman Fulghum, 80, of Vidalia, GA** died October 11, 2006. She was a native of Toombs County. Mrs. Fulghum is survived by her husband, William Lee Fulghum; daughter, Camille Fulghum Durden; two sons, William Lee Fulghum, Jr and Charles Owen Fulghum; one sister Nell Hopkins; five grandchildren, several nieces and nephews.

## Letter of Thanks from Stephanie Wilson, 2006 Scholarship recipient

Stephanie appreciated the FFFNF scholarship. She reported that she had a successful year both in academics and in collegiate sports (track). Next year she will be a resident hall Assistant and President of the Bethany Student Education Association as she continues to work toward a degree as an Elementary Education (Special Education) major.

## FIRE ANTS INVADE COAST

**Frank Fulgham**, Program Manager of the Office of Plant and Pest Services in Virginia, reports that fire ants have invaded areas south of the James River in costal Virginia. Of 318 cases of infestation, 64 percent have been in the South Hampton Roads Area. The fire ants are spreading and have been reported in some areas north of the James River. Fire ants are dangerous and can kill.

## Highlights of the 2007 FFFNA and FFFNF Business Meetings in Williamsburg, Virginia

**Peggy Wood** reported that there were 225 paid members for 2006. This is not enough to support the Association at the current dues level. Thus, a motion was made and passed to raise the FFFNA dues to \$40 per family for 2008. The suggestion was made that State Directors should try to increase memberships from their state. Peggy will furnish mailing lists for the states to State Directors.

**J. Grant Fulgham**, Archivist and Historian, reported the FFFNA Database now has over 17,000 names. Grant is actively working on several leads in England to the origin and parentage of Captain Anthony Fulgham. Grant is reviewing Chapman work, *Wills and Administrations* ... and has found many errors in early entries in the FFFNA database. He will report on this in a later newsletter. Newsletter Editor, **Robert S. Fulghum**, reported that he needs stories and features. Please send to him via Email in MS Word.

**James E. Fulghum** gave the nomination committee report. Please see page 2 & 3 for the new officers and State Directors.

## Pictures from the 2007 FFFNA Reunion in Williamsburg



Carolyn Ann Fulghum stands to receive recognition for the FFFNA as a Jamestown 2007 Community



Kelly Wiggins, Esther Fulghum, Robert Fulghum, and FFFNA President Betty Wiggins



Foreground: Donna Fulghum and Esther Fulghum  
Back: J. Grant Fulgham, James Nelson & Louise Fulgham



J. Grant Fulgham and his cousin James Nelson Fulgham at Jamestown with ?? is that Captain John Smith ??

## The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Pilgrimage to the Old Brick Church (St. Luke's Church)

By J. Grant Fulgham and Robert S.  
Fulghum

The Annual Pilgrimage commemorating the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the restoration of the church was held on Sunday afternoon, May 20, 2007 at 2 PM.

St. Luke's Church requested the Fulgham-Fulghum Family National Association provide a family member to speak at the service. Robert S. Fulghum, made the address to the congregation. The address was jointly authored by J. Grant Fulgham and Robert S. Fulghum.

Although the address was to recall Fulgh<sup>m</sup> family history from the 1640's as well as to comment on the relation of the family to this church, we are here presenting the last part of the talk, the relation of the family to the church in the 1600's.

### What was the Fulgh<sup>m</sup> Family's 17<sup>th</sup> century association with the Old Brick Church?

Specifically, It is known that Michael Fulgham, third son of the pioneer family head, Captain Anthony Fulgham, and Michael's wife, Ann Izard, relict of John Feneryear, sold in 1683 to the church Vestry men the acre of land that was the original church ground. This land was not, as far as we know, a part of any Fulgham headright patent holdings.

The recording of the sale is found in the Isle of Wight Courthouse<sup>(1)</sup>. Professor David Sanders of the English Department at East Carolina University has "translated" the deed from the original Elizabethan handwriting into modern English type. Professor Sanders was quite impressed with the strong wording of the deed indicating that the church Vestrymen wanted an iron-clad deed that could not be challenged at some later date. Or perhaps this was just the language the clerk of Court in 1683 preferred in deeds.

The deed reads as follows:

*To all Christian people to whome these presents shall come Know you that I Michall Fulgeham, by the Lower Parish of the Isle of Wight County doe acknowledge to have reced of the Churchwardens and Vestrymen of the said Lower Parish of the Isle of Wight County a full and valluable consideration for one Acre of Land situate lying and being in the Forest Parrish whereon the Churchhouse now standeth by the Deep Swampe Wherefore I the said Michall Fulgeham doe with the consent of Anne, my wife doe give grant a lien sell and confirme for ever unto the said Vestry men for the use of the parish the said One Acre of Land—before named, warranting the sale thereof to be good and authentick from the Clayme molestation and trouble of me my heires and Executors for Ever, with the Ould Roads thereto belonging In Witness whereof Wee have hereto sett our hands and Seales the Sixth of Septr 1683.*

*Signed, sealed and delivered*

*Michall*

*Fulgeham—seal*

*Anne Fulgeham*

*her marke seal*

### This brings up additional questions:

- 1) How did Michael Fulgham acquire the land on which the church was built?
- 2) Why was this land not deeded to the church earlier if the church was already built before 1683?
- 3) Why did Michael and wife, Ann, deed the land to the church Vestrymen at this time? (13 years after Michael acquired the land !)

Most probably, we will never have complete answers to all our questions but we do know how Michael came into possession of the land. And the questions posed have

some answers we can deduce from a look at the relatives of Ann and some facts from the 1887 restoration of the Church.

People in pioneer communities had close ties with both their extended families and their friends. It was a matter of survival in those days. The young ladies married early (by our standards today) and people lived relatively short lives. Widows and widowers usually remarried after the loss of a spouse. And this is what happened in Ann's family.

Ann Izard, Daughter of Richard Izard, had married John Feneryear (probably in 1669). Tragically, John died in the same year as their marriage. John Feneryear left his land holdings to his wife Ann. Ann Izard Feneryear, relict of John Feneryear, married Michael Fulgham in 1670 and that is how the land on which the church was built came into the possession of Michael Fulgham as in 1670 Michael obtained a land patent for 100 acres of escheated land "in right of his wife."

The Reverend Robert Bracewell was an early, if not the first, rector of the Old Brick Church. He wrote his will in 1667 and it was probated in May of 1668. His widow was named Rebecca. Anne Izard's father, Richard Izard, was named in Robert Bracewell's will to be guardian of Robert Bracewell's sons, Robert, Jr. and Richard. Not only did Richard Izard become guardian of the Bracewell boys but also he became their Stepfather as he married Robert Bracewell's widow, Rebecca Bracewell, after Robert's death. And by the marriage of Rebecca to Richard Izard, Rebecca became the Stepmother of Ann Izard Feneryear. This marriage was a second marriage for both Rebecca and Richard. (possible third for Richard Izard).

Because of the fact that Rebecca Bracewell Izard was now Ann's Stepmother, we deduce that these family relationships were at least part of the impetus for deeding