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Family Foundation schedules virtual meeting

As a result of the COVID pandemic, it is necessary for the Foundation to meet virtually on Saturday, August 29th at 12:00 pm (noon) Eastern time. We will use the Zoom platform.

The meeting ID is 775 2736 3032.

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You can access Zoom any of these ways...

1. by downloading the app from the App Store
2. by going to the website www.zoom.com
3. by typing zoom.us/join into the address bar of your internet browser

Letter from our Secretary Carolyn Fulghum Allwine

Hi to all Fulgham-Fulghum cousins!

The Fulgham-Fulghum Family Facts Newsletter acts as a connection with all our Fulgh*m cousins worldwide. We want to reach out and connect with as many of you as possible, but we want to be good stewards of our funds, too. Postage is a large cost related to the newsletter since we mail out over 900 copies at least three times a year. The Board at last year's meeting discussed money-saving options regarding the newsletter and directed me to contact as many of you as possible regarding receiving it via email.

As a response to their direction, I sent an email regarding this on July 17, 2020 to everyone whose email address we have – 211 cousins – asking for their preference. As expected in a mass mailing, I received 40+ undeliverable notices. I have also received several responses from individual members, some saying their preference is email and others saying they would rather receive a paper copy.

IF you did not receive an email from me on July 17, 2020 and would like to receive the newsletter via email, please email me at cfallwine@gmail.com to let me know.

IF you received an email copy of the newsletter but would rather receive a paper copy, please email me at cfallwine@gmail.com or call me at 706-347-0321 to let me know. I will put your name back on the regular mailing list.

Thank you for your response to this request. We want to do our best to connect with ALL our Fulgh*m cousins!

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Please note new address for Peggy Fulghum Wood! **And new email for Carolyn F. Allwine, our Secretary!**

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Meet Your Officers

I am Linda Louise Fulghum Bruggemann, your newsletter editor. I was born on March 9, 1947 in Milledgeville, GA. I had an idyllic childhood growing up in small town of Warrenton, GA where my father (R Lin) owned the local drug store and my mother (Sara) was a school teacher. My Fulghum grandparents were Jacob Alonza and Della Courson Fulghum. A bicycle's ride across the small town were my two Aunts, Ellie Wree Fulghum and Lillian Fulghum Jackson, who provided me many hours of loving care, which included keeping my horse and transporting me to Athens, GA for private clarinet lessons (to later be a part of the UGA Redcoat Band). I graduated from the University of Georgia with a B. S. with a major in Chemistry and then from the Medical College of Georgia with a B. S. in Medical Technology, now known as Clinical Laboratory Science. I worked in the Clinical Chemistry Lab at MCG, now known as Augusta University Health), and then moved to Clinical Immunology where I worked part-time after our children were born. When our youngest daughter went to college, I began work at Doctor's Hospital and then at Fort Gordon's Eisenhower Army Medical Center in Clinical Hematology. Fred and I were married at First Baptist Church in Warrenton and just celebrated our 49th anniversary. We are the proud parents of two daughters, Saralyn and Catherine. Saralyn is a part time CPA but, fills her time with homeschooling and parenting 10 children. Her husband, Brian, is the Chief Operating Officer of Wears Valley Ranch, an independent Christian children's home near Sevierville, TN. Catherine is a veterinarian and practices two days a week but spends most of her time parenting their 3 children. Her husband, Paul, a former school teacher and assistant principal, works for the Central Savannah River Area Regional Educational Service Agency. They live in Appling, GA near Evans and Augusta. Our time is filled with maintaining our 5.5 acres, once home to four wonderful horses, doing work for our Baptist church, and enjoying our 13 grandchildren who range in age from 15 months to age 20!. A retired CPA, Fred's hobby is HAM radio. I enjoy helping with Mother's Day Out, participating in Sunday School, choir, other groups at church, and being Editor of our **FFNFF** newsletter. I thoroughly enjoy genealogy and love getting to know extended members of my Fulgham-Fulghum family!

WILLIAM FOLJAMBE : “THE FEOFFEE” (ca 1377-ca.1444)**The 6G GRANDFATHER OF CAPTAIN ANTHONY FULGHAM**

By James Grant Fulgham, FFNFF Historian

INTRODUCTION—This article explores the life of our ancestor William Foljambe “The Feoffee” (1377-1444)¹, the 6g grandfather of Capt. Anthony Fulgham. It is important to note that the subject of this article is the first of our FFNFF family line to appear in an early (19th century) professional antiquarian-published Foljambe Pedigree. Our ancestor appears in *Joseph Foster’s Pedigree of Foljambe of Aldwarke Hall* as William, the eldest son of Richard, who was the third son of Sir Godfrey Foljambe (d. 1376) who was the fourth son of Thomas Foljambe (1284-1333). The pedigree shows also that William was the nephew of Thomas Foljambe, Esq. (1345-1433), the second son of Sir Godfrey, and that Thomas succeeded to the leadership of the Foljambe family upon the death of Sir Godfrey in 1376¹. Another Sir Godfrey, the heir apparent and first son of Sir Godfrey, had died in 1375 leaving only under-age children². Thomas, already a trained lawyer, immediately stepped into his father’s very large shoes and established himself as a valuable administrator in the duchy of Lancaster and member of the Lancastrian Affinity, almost certainly opening patronage opportunities to his Foljambe kin³.

We have named the subject of this article, William “The Feoffee”, because the majority of the official records in which he appears related to feoffment. So, what is, or was, a feoffee? The following definition is provided by Wikipedia:

Under the feudal system in England, a **feoffee** was a trustee who holds a fief (or “fee”), that is to say an estate in land, for the use of a beneficial owner. The term is more fully stated as a **feoffee to uses** of the beneficial owner. The use of such trustees developed towards the end of the era of feudalism in the Middle Ages and became obsolete with the formal ending of that social and economic system in 1660. Indeed the development of feoffees to uses may have hastened the end of the feudal system, since their operation circumvented vital feudal fiscal mechanisms.⁴

During the historical period that feoffees were employed, property owners that needed a feoffee generally chose a politically connected friend or attorney who was trusted to competently manage their estate(s) and related transactions with the crown. This may raise the question in the reader’s mind, how did William acquire the legal and administrative training required of a competent feoffee when, unfortunately, his father, who one might expect to be his tutor and mentor, died when William was no more than 12 years old in 1389. Let us digress briefly here and discuss William’s close kin having the skill sets and sense of duty to train him in a profession. In ca. 1376, William’s uncle Thomas, an attorney, a frequent feoffee and the leader of the Foljambe family was also heir to Gratton Manor from his father, Sir Godfrey. Little is known about Gratton Manor after the death in 1339 of its original Foljambe owner, Sir William Foljambe, de Gratton¹⁶, and the departure of his heirs shortly after that date to the family estates in Nottinghamshire. A source on the history of the early days in Gratton states that the Gratton Chapel was no longer maintained after 1339. It is reasonable to infer from this that the Gratton Manor house was not inhabited during this period because gentry sponsored chapels and the family’s manor house(s) operated, one might say, hand in hand.⁵ It is speculated

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that in the year 1339, following the early and, presumably unexpected death of Richard Foljambe, Esq., his wife Johanna Frecheville and her children gathered their belongings at Darley Old Hall and acted on an opportunity to move to the vacant Gratton Manor near Elton. (See Derby in the map.) The Foljambe family had held Gratton manor since it was acquired by Sir William Foljambe (b. 1267-c. 1339) de Gratton, the king's attorney in 1315. One source states that the manor consisted of a messuage, i.e., a manor house with stables, barn, outbuildings and gardens, 120 acres of arable land and six customary tenants. It is speculated that Thomas gifted Gratton manor to his nephew, 12-year old William, for his life and that Thomas tutored and mentored young William while William grew up at Gratton^{5,16}.



Birth & Early Life—William Foljambe, the “the Feoffee”, was born at Darley Old Hall Manor, Darley Dale, Derbyshire, and perhaps christened at St. Helen's Church, pictured at left, the son of Richard Foljambe, Esq. “the 3rd Son” (b. ca. 1347) and his presumed wife Johanna Frecheville (b. ca. 1358). This William Foljambe along with his uncle Thomas (the leader of the Foljambe family), are identified as querents (i.e., plaintiffs) in a Foot of Fines abstract dated 20 Jan 1418, the earliest official document that we have found referenced that shows William to be a feoffee, or trustee.^{6,7} the appearance of William and Thomas together as co-feoffees adds some credence to the previously stated notion that Thomas tutored and mentored William following his father's death in 1389. William's presumed mother, Johanna Frecheville, had married in ca. 1376, her first husband, John Foljambe of Elton, a half-first cousin of Richard Foljambe's and a ward of John of Gaunt during the period between John Foljambe's father's death in 1360 and John's coming of age in 1368. Unfortunately, John of Elton died ca. 1377 before any issue had been produced from his and Johanna's union, leaving Johanna a childless widow at age 19. This left Johanna and the Foljambe's Elton estate in a precarious situation because of the potential for its escheatment by the crown. (Editor's note: Wikipedia says Escheatment is the process of returning lost or unclaimed property to the government of a State, for safekeeping until the owner(s) is identified.) It is believed that Thomas Foljambe, Esq., the head of the Foljambe family as of 1376, immediately began negotiations in 1377 to have Johanna marry Thomas' brother and then bachelor, Richard, a half first cousin of John Foljambe, the deceased. Indeed, although no record of the marriage has been found, it is believed to have taken place before 1378. Richard and Johanna produced at least two sons that lived, William “the feoffee” b. ca 1377, and James, first a soldier and later a cleric (Rector of Fenny Bentley in 1432) b ca. 1386⁹. (Note: James will be discussed later in this article under Military Service.) The family perhaps lived happily at Darley Old Hall until 1389 when Richard's death

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ended his family's claim to the Darley Old Hall portion of Darley. (Note; The second portion of Darley was commonly called the "Darley Nether Hall Moiety" and belonged to the Columbello family.) Upon Richard's death, Darley Old hall and Ockbrook Hall reconveyed to the so-called "right heirs " of Sir Godfrey Foljambe, i.e., the descendants of Sir Godfrey's eldest son. No documents have been found that indicate that Richard, as Godfrey's third son, held any more than a life interest in land and the extent of his other property bequests is unclear.¹⁶ Suffice it to say that as of 1389, 12-year old William, along with his 3-year old brother, James, and his mother Johanna, began their adjustment to life in Gratton Manor under the helpful attention of William's uncle Thomas.

Marriage & Children - From the days of the Conqueror in the late 11th century until the late 14th century, the center of Foljambe influence had been the peak District of Derbyshire (refer to map on previous page). The influence of the Foljambes grew in the late 14th and early 15th centuries as a result of a series of successful marriages arranged by Thomas Foljambe, Esq., the leader of the Foljambe family after 1376, and influential member of the Lancastrian Affinity (Editor's note: perhaps related to or closely associated with the English royal house that produced three kings of England: Henry IV, Henry V, and Henry VI.) Thomas' efforts brought to them further estates and extended their reach beyond the north English midlands³. Although no marriage record for William the feoffee has yet been found, inferential clues to a probable marriage of the feoffee to a Hertfordshire lady may be deduced from the feoffee's professional and family activities. Previous issues of the FFFNA Newsletter discussed in-depth the feoffee's son "the elder's marriage to Naverina Venour⁷ and her connection with the Thornburys and the Benstedes in northeast Hertfordshire, as well as her possession of the Kingswood Bury estate in Clothall Parish abutting Bygrave Parish, Hertfordshire. Due to the Feoffee's close association with Thomas Foljambe, Esq., Lancastrian affinity³, it is reasonable to infer that Thomas's Lancastrian-Hertfordshire contacts that had eligible daughters would be amenable to discussing



Sir Edward Benstede and Joan Thornbury 1432
St. Peter, Benington, Hertfordshire

marriage of the feoffee and their daughters. One such eligible daughter, Margaret Benstede (1373-?) was the daughter of Sir Edward Benstede (1353-132) of Bennington, Hertfordshire. Sir Edward married in 1402 his second wife, Joan Thornbury (1382-1449), the daughter of Sir John Thornbury of Little Munden, Hertfordshire and his Italian wife Naverina (Italian surname unknown). Thornbury witnessed a number of deeds in the 1380's with Sir Edward Benstede and it is speculated that the two families were allied long before Benstede became Thornbury's son-in-law. The record is clear, however, that following the marriage and until his death in 1432 Benstede was closely allied with Sir Philip Thornbury, son

and heir of Sir John.¹² It is through this alliance, the involvement of these allied families in property transactions, and the possible availability of Margaret Benstede in the Lancastrian "marriage market" (for the lack of a better phrase), that property transactions related to Bygrave manor and parish, Hertfordshire take on significant importance in this biography.

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The following excerpt shows the Thornbury Involvement at Bygrave between 1396-1457:

Late in his life, Sir John made extensive improvements to Bygrave manor and he and Naverina moved there prior to his death in 1396. Sir Philip Thornbury, their eldest son, succeeded to the Thornbury estates (with the exception of the "widow's thirds" to be held by Lady Naverina until her death) upon Sir John's death. Naverina, styled "Naverina Thornbury of Bygrave," continued to live at Bygrave until her death some time before 1427. Subsequently, Sir Philip moved into the Bygrave manor house and continued living there until his death in 1457.^{10, 11}

After 1396 Bygrave manor had become a center of Thornbury's operations. The nearby Kingswood Bury manor and lands had been acquired by the Venours, influential merchants from the St. Martin Vintry ward in London, in the mid-14th century.¹³ By 1415, a daughter, to be named Naverina at her christening, was born to John and Joan Venour, nee Hampton and she grew up to marry William Foljambe "the elder" in 1433 (see Newsletter issues 88 thru 90.) Because the Venour manor of Kingswood Bury was in a parish contiguous with Bygrave, and the Venours, Thornburys, Benstedes, and Foljambes were all in the Lancastrian Affinity, it is speculated that Joan Hampton Venour asked Naverina Thornbury to be godmother to her female child. At 17 years of age in 1432, Naverina Venour married her first husband, Robert Scott of Abbotsley, Huntingdonshire.¹² He died an early death the following year leaving her a childless widow. Perhaps within less than a year, in 1433, William Foljambe the elder married his first and only wife, the widow and heiress Naverina Venour.

With the 1433 marriage of William Foljambe "the elder" to Naverina Venour, a second Lancastrian-Gratton-Foljambe marriage with a leading family in northeastern Hertfordshire came to fruition, the first having been the feoffee's marriage to Margaret Benstede of Bennington, Hertfordshire in 1393. Arguably Thomas Foljambe, Esq., coordinated with Naverina Thornbury for her linkages of kinship and influence to the other members, to wit: Margaret Benstede – her step-granddaughter; Naverina Venour – her probable goddaughter. Her husband, Sir John Thornbury, was a retainer of John of Gaunt and member of the Lancastrian Affinity.³ It is probable that Lady Thornbury was influential in arranging the marriage of William "the feoffee" and Margaret Benstede, her step-granddaughter, as well as, 40 years later, the marriage of William "the elder" and Naverina Venour, her presumed goddaughter.

William "the feoffee" and Margaret Foljambe, nee Benstede, had two children that lived, both males. Richard "the Agincourt Vet"¹⁴ b. ca. 1394 d. aft 1434 and William "the elder" b. ca. 1410 d. aft 1483 (See Newsletter Issues 88 through 90 for an in-depth biography of William "the elder".) The two sons were born and reared at Gratton Manor, Derbyshire. Richard is discussed in the following section on Military Service.

Citations will be included at the conclusion of the article.

(Editor's Note: In Issue 96 we will cover William the Feoffee's Military Service and Career.)

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**Fulgham-Fulghum National Family Foundation
Announces 2020 Scholarship Recipient
Matthew Wilkison**



A native of Preston, Maryland, Matthew Wilkison recently graduated from Colonel Richardson High School in Federalsburg, Maryland with high honors and as a Maryland scholar. Matthew was a member of the National Honor Society and National Spanish Honor Society. He was also a varsity cheerleader his junior and senior years. In addition to extra curricular activities, Matthew is dedicated to serving his community as a long-time volunteer for a children's grief camp hosted by the local hospice organization. He says "My decision to become a nursing major was a result of life events and my work as a grief volunteer and I love to help people. Three years ago my aunt had to move in with my family and she had uncontrolled diabetes. There were many times I was home alone with her, so my parents taught me what to do in an emergency. For the past three summers, I have volunteered as a Peer as Leader (PAL) at a grief camp for children who have lost a loved one. Volunteering at Camp New Dawn, the grief camp, has been such a meaningful experience every year and I love being a part of a program that allows me to give back to my community."

Matthew lists his extra curricular activities as Competitive Cheer, National Honor Society, National Spanish Honor Society, Spirit Club, Orchestra (cello), and Spanish Club. His awards and honors include Scholar Athlete Award, Second Place Winner at Art Exhibit for Charcoal and Conte Drawing, Artwork chosen for First Lady's Student Artwork Exhibition, Board of Education Holiday Card Design Winner, Artwork chosen for display at Caroline County Board of Education, All Shore Orchestra, and State Solo and Ensemble. Matthew was accepted at three universities, but will be attending Salisbury University in the fall where he will study nursing. He chose Salisbury because he wants a school that is affordable and states that he is trying to earn scholarships, so he can focus on schoolwork and not have too many student loans! After he obtains his degree and license as a registered nurse, Matthew plans to pursue his graduate degree and work with underserved populations as a community nurse practitioner.

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The North America beginning of our family was in ISLE OF WIGHT County, Virginia in ca. 1640. Now we have reunions in many states. Of the 30 national reunions, the Association held the first in 1985 in Rock Ridge, NC. The last ten gatherings have been held 2006 in Nacogdoches, Texas; 2007 in Williamsburg, VA; 2008 in Raleigh, NC; 2009 at Smith Mountain Lake (Wirtz, VA); 2013 on St. Simon's Island, GA.; 2014 in Callaway Gardens; 2015 in Asheville, , NC, 2016 in Winston-Salem, NC. , and 2017 in Greenville, North Carolina. In 2017 the National Association voted to combine with the Foundation. The official name is the Fulgham-Fulghum National Family Foundation. The Foundation met in August 2018 in Richmond, VA .and in August 2019 in Raleigh, NC.

Fulgham-Fulghum National Family Association on the INTERNET

Our homepage URL is: <https://sites.rootsweb.com/~fulghum/>

One can find links to the FFNFF database in Rootsweb. Using the Rootsweb links from the family website takes you to the database. If you go to Rootsweb.com directly you will need to enter tree ID 110024 to locate names in the family database. Apparently Rootsweb separates family site trees from the tree database.

Since much of the data on living persons are blocked for their privacy, it is easier to start the search using the names of a deceased ancestor.

For additional help in searching for Fulgham-Fulghum ancestors, please use the steps outlined in our newsletter No 82, page 4. Or contact the family Historian or the Family Archivist, GRANT FULGHAM. It is strongly urged that searchers for Fulgham-Fulghum information try to obtain as much information as possible from the Internet sources before contacting the Family Archivists.