

HISTORY

The search by descendants for the home place of George and Catherine (Low) Fogleman began in 2000 while on an ancestral tour during a Fogleman Reunion. Although the location was unknown at the time, descendants stopped first by a place near Beaver Creek in what is now known as Alamance County that formed from Orange in 1849. While standing in a field near that creek, Dr. Aaron Fogleman, Jerry Whittle, Jim Hawkins, and Ken Perdue reviewed the legal description and determined that George and Catherine had lived near the waters of Stinking Quarters Creek.

Facts about the location first appeared in his Last Will and Testament, Orange County (NC) Registrar of Deeds, Will Book 'A', pages 323-215, dated 18 March 1785, when George wrote "First of all I give and bequeath unto Catherine, my dearly beloved wife...the old plantation to live thereon, and enjoy the whole benefits thereon, and all the improvements, wood, and everything thereunto belonging, until my son Henry comes of age...and unto my son Henry I give and bequeath a certain tract of land containing two hundred and eight acres of land it being the old Plantation whereon I now live with all its improvements and privileges thereunto belonging forever providing he paying to each and every of his brothers and sisters tow pounds or their heirs, to wit two pounds every year until he hath paid them..." On 24 May 1760, the first year of the reign of our Sovereign Lord George the third, by the grace of God, Great Britain, France and Ireland, defender of the faith and ce between Henry McCulloch, Esq. of Turnham Green in the County of Middlesex and Mr. Joshua Willocks Merchant in Bristol both in the Kingdom of England on the one part and George Fogleman of the other part...sold and confirmed to the said George Fogleman, his heirs and assigns forever all that piece and parcel of land lying in the County of Orange and Province of North Carolina in America...at the creek called Stinking Quarter...containing in the whole two-hundred and eight acres of land." The search began and no one could foresee that it would take eight (8) years, and untold hours of research. When one learns about the obstacles that appeared on the road to a successful end, Fogleman descendants will be reminded of the trials and tribulations of their ancestors when they first reached this new land that became their home place.

Distance hindered Judie Lewis who resided in Florida from pulling the vast volume of deeds that was needed to determine the home place located but a number of people assisted in retrieving the material for her. An article about an early plat referenced "this deed main 1771 the blue lines to old George Fogleman" land that had appeared in a *Fogleman Newsletter*. All the deeds relating to Foglemans that were on file in the Orange County Register of Deeds (NC) were pulled yet only a few connected to the "Stinking Quarters Creek" area. The illustrious creek pulled another boner for researchers when it was learned that there was a North Prong and a South Prong to the creek. Thus, the Fogleman descendants believed that they were meeting on the George Fogleman property on Barnhardt Lane. Although the land did not belong to George, it had been owned by Michael Shoffner I and his wife, Anna Margaretha Fogleman, the sister of George. A central Florida man, William L. Miller, PLS, who was a branch manager for a surveying and mapping company, converted the units and measures from the Orange County (NC) property records pulled by Betty Mayes of Hillsborough (NC and narrowed the location to a general area. The older deeds made references to a persimmon tree or a red oak and

things of that nature which made it difficult to narrow the mark. Burlington (NC) map maker William "Bill" Moran's name had appeared on the horizon by this time, and with the collection of deeds in hand, Brenda Garrett met with Mr. Moran who agreed to use the legal description of a few of the deeds and plat the location. Moran drew the plat but The alignment appeared off. The answer to the misalignment came at a later date. Also, he was working on another larger project and could not spend more time on our project.

Data (date/grantee/grantor/deed book/page/legal description) from the deeds were placed in a data processing table format. Progress from the 1785 will of George Fogleman had reached the magical year of 1883. Then, it appeared as if everything had stopped. Inquiries were made of anyone who had lived in the Stinking Quarters Creek(s) area. Kyle Stewart, a member of Low's Lutheran Church, had spoken about property owned by L. C. McLendon and Augusta Meyland. Trudie McPherson and Lewis drove to the area and the dirt lane was impassable for an automobile so they take the first lane to the left and met Mrs. Boyce Garner who suggested that they visit a next door neighbor, Wade Euliss, who might have some answers to our query. Euliss had never met McPherson or Lewis prior to that long ago visit. Once he had learned that part of his property sat on the home place of George Fogleman, Euliss stepped out of the room and returned with a packet of deeds, dating between 1887 to the present date, that related to his property. What a treasure find!

Additional visits were made to the Alamance County Register of Deeds in an effort to pull the missing deeds between the 1883-1887 time period. It seems that a brick wall was blocking the closure of this gap. A local business in Graham (NC) was contracted about resolving this issue but it proved futile. A packet of the deeds and a plea was made once again to Moran who finally accepted the challenge to plat the home place of George and Catherine Fogleman. It was no easy feat. It soon became clear that the magnetic north compass had shifted the property lines.

Moran's brother, Nolan, wrote that William was more like a 'Grant Map maker'...interpreting the grant(s) descriptions and then locating them on a current tax map...something that is almost impossible by the average person. He was capable of finding a "small oak sapling as an original corner and then run 125 chains or so many degree's South to a corner of so and so's corner...and, time and again, older residents have verified those locations. Darryl Clapp, also of Burlington (NC), became an apprentice of the map maker and later aided William on our project.

Fogleman descendants, through Moran's tenacity, can visualize where their ancestors cleared and worked their land. George was a farmer and a weaver. At the time of his death in 1785, the Inventory of the Estate of George Fogleman lists, among numerous items, three heads of horses, 13 heads of cattle, 13 head of sheep and eight lambs, 17 head of hogs, and seven geese. There was one weaving loom, six pair of gears and a quill wheel and some spools. There were three pairs of cards and one pair of wool combs. Those listed here relate to the ability for independence of George and his family. By using the content of the deeds, William Moran determined that the Plantation home stood near a spring, diagrammed on Map 11 of the George & Catherine Fogleman Historical Marker Application material that had been submitted to the Alamance County (NC) Historical Properties Commission. A portion of the land inherited by son, Henry, is currently owned by Wade C. Euliss⁸ (Jesse

Columbus Euliss⁷, Rankin Columbus Euliss⁶, Emily Eliza Jane Shoffner⁵, William (and Jemima Minerva) Shoffner⁴, Michael (and Sarah Fogleman) Shoffner³, Peter M. (and Anna Margaretha) Fogleman², and Hans George Fogleman¹) is the great-great-great-great-great-great-grandson of George Fogleman. Euliss has given his approval for the historical marker to be placed at the corner of his property near the right-of-way.

The Alamance County (NC) Historic Properties Commission denied our request to approve the home tract property that George Fogleman purchased on 24 May 1761 as a historic property. The Commission did indicate in mid-November 2008 that the George & Catherine Fogleman Historical Marker Committee could proceed with our own effort of a historical marker. The Committee immediately began a fund raiser, and the marker was transported in February 2009 from Sewah Studios, Inc. in Marietta, Ohio to Trudie Fogleman McPherson of Snow Camp (NC). The unveiling of the marker will be held at the property adjoining 4021-C Clapp Mill Road, Burlington, Saturday, October 24, 2009, 10 AM.

Nearly 250 years have passed since George Fogleman purchased the home tract. King George III reigned from 1760-1820. Living during a pre-Revolutionary time period and isolated to some degree, this family lived in an area settled by German settlers. Although the home tract is important to Fogleman descendants, George and his sons owned approximately 1,000 acres in this area. The road by the family homestead passed the properties of Peter Shoffner and Austin Coble on the north, the Shatterly's to the east toward Spanish Oak Hill, and to the west was Euliss Road. Low's Lutheran Church, the burial place of George and Catherine (Low) Fogleman, is only a couple of miles away!