

# THE STEPHEN FUQUA HOMEPLACE

From

The Routons of Paris and Henry County, Tennessee

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On March 2, 2001, a beautiful spring day, I journeyed with my friend, Fran Abernathy, to Logan County, Kentucky. It was where the Routon and Fuqua families had migrated from Buckingham County, Virginia, about 1818. We went to the Russellville Library and found a book on the county cemeteries that included a Fuqua Cemetery, about four miles from the town square. The early buttercups were blooming and the sky was so blue as we turned up a long farm lane that wound around and made a turn with a family cemetery on the right. We drove up to the house and the nicest gentleman introduced himself as Rayford Scales.

I asked if the cemetery was the Fuqua cemetery and said it was, and that "This is the Stephen Fuqua House built before 1820."

I had never dreamed that the house Stephen Fuqua had built for his family still stood. It was here in 1819 that Mary Fuqua left to marry Philip Routon. The oldest part of the house was the two back log rooms, and sometime later the front part was added, along with clapboard to cover the logs and the gingerbread trim.

Mr. Scales and his son had restored the house. We talked about thirty minutes and he showed us around inside as well as outside. The rolling countryside, the split rail fences and the early spring day were more beautiful than I can describe. It made my heart swell with pride and deep gratitude for people like the Scales who had restored the house and are caretakers of the family cemetery.

The old cemetery was covered with oak and cedar trees 200 years old, and the periwinkle was the lushest I have ever seen.

Resting under the shade was the grave of Stephen Fuqua, 1769-1843.

Alone in the cemetery I stood by the grave of Stephen Fuqua and told him I was the great-great granddaughter of his daughter, Mary, who had married Philip Routon there in Logan County in 1819, that she had a son, Stephen, who had a son Stephen who had been a Tennessee senator and he had a son named Stephen who was an officer in the Navy in World War II, and that my name was Stephanie.

I looked back and my friend was crying.

I wonder if anyone will look for my grave after 160 years.

As we left the place I stopped to look back and thought of Mary Fuqua as a young wife and mother leaving Logan County for her new home in Henry County, Tennessee, in 1824, leaving her family there, and whether she ever saw her father again. I don't know if she thought of Logan County as her home as she only lived here 9 years.

She lived until 1874. My father lived in Henry County on the family farm she bought over 150 years ago.

Showing kinship to Henry L. Fuqua, Governor of Louisiana, 1924-1926.

Henry L. Fuqua was a native son of Louisiana where he rose to the highest position within the gift of the people. He was one of its most representative citizens. He was born in Baton Rouge, LA, November 8, 1865, and came from one of the old and honored families of the South.

- from a book on Louisiana governors -

Guilliaume Fouquet, born 1667 France, died 1698 Henry County, Virginia, married Jane Eyre, daughter of Joseph Eyre, born 1638 Henry County, Virginia and Margaret Humphreys, born 1642.

#### FUQUA DESCENDANTS

(to Henry Luce Fuqua, Governor of Louisiana)

William Fuqua - Married Elizabeth

William Fuqua – Married Mary Ford

Joseph Fuqua – Married Mary Burge

Drury B. Fuqua – Married Harried Gosby

James O. Fuqua – Married Jeannette Foules

Henry Luce Fuqua – 1865 –  
1926 married Marie Laura Matta  
Governor of Louisiana, died in  
office  
(to children of Stephen James Routon, Sr.)

Joseph Fuqua – Married Anna Sampson

William Fuqua - \_\_\_\_\_

Stephen Fuqua – Married Susannah Garrett

Mary Fuqua – Married Philip  
Routon

Stephen Palmer Routon – Married Mary Catherine Haymes

Stephen James Routon, Sr. – Married Pearl Sanders Routon

Their children:

Mary C. Routon Burton

S. J. Routon, Jr., WW II

Wm. Sanders Routon, WW

II

Joseph Routon, WW II