



Ogling for Ogles

Letter from the President



James F. Engler, Sr.
President O/OFA

It's hard to believe that nearly three years have passed since our last convention, but they have! In this issue of *Ogling for Ogles*, you will read a number of articles providing you with all the information you need to get yourself ready for Ft. Wayne. Planning is going on now to make sure this convention follows in our Association's tradition of providing our members with the best mix of interesting sessions and the flavor of the locale.

Our convention director, Shirley Willard, has assembled a package of activities before and during the convention that will be sure to give our members a good feel for the Midwestern Ogle experience. Prior to the convention, there will be a bus trip available to the Ogle Collection in Ful-

ton County, Indiana. During the convention, a tour of Ft. Wayne will provide those interested a feel for the history of this town of the Old Northwest. Shirley has done a good job of making these arrangements, as well as taking care of the lodgings, meeting rooms and banquet.

Let's not forget the Allen County-Fort Wayne Library and its genealogical collection, the second largest in the country. Just the thought of it gets the researcher in me salivating!

I now am making the final adjustments to the convention program itself. In addition to overviews of the library collections (both the Allen County-Fort Wayne Library and the Ogle Collection at the Fulton County Museum), we will have presentations on the progress on the Ogle Book, Ogle history in America, the Ogle DNA Project and a presentation on the Ogle Northumberland Reunion of 2005. Of course, what Ogle convention would be complete without the sharing and panel sessions that have been a hit with past attendees.

I urge all of you to mark your calendars for the first week in October and register today. See you in Ft. Wayne!

-James F. Engler, Sr.

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CORRECTION

I made a mistake in numbering the last few OFO newsletters and want to take this opportunity to make the correction.

The **Fall 2004 OFO** newsletter with the Ogle Reunion News supplement was numbered: Vol 18, Issue 2—The correct numbering should be: Vol 17, Issue 2.

The **January 2005 Special Ogle Reunion Edition of OFO** was numbered: Vol 19, Issue 1—The correct numbering should be: Vol 18, Issue 1.

The **Summer 2005 OFO** newsletter was numbered: Vol 19, Issue 2—The correct numbering should be: Vol 18, Issue 2.

Please make the corrections on your copies if you save them. -Harlan Ogle, Editor

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Ogle Convention in Fort Wayne Indiana 2006

By Shirley Ogle Willard

The 2006 Ogle Convention will be held in the luxurious Hilton Hotel in the Grand Wayne Center, Fort Wayne, Indiana, Oct. 5-6-7. Centrally located in downtown Fort Wayne, the Hilton is seven miles from the Fort Wayne International Airport and a free shuttle is provided. The Fort Wayne Hilton Hotel is located at 1020 South Calhoun Street, Fort Wayne IN 46802, phone 260-422-4002. Christine Liort is the Sales Manager, and it is largely because of her helpfulness and attention to detail that we chose this hotel.

A block of 40 rooms has been reserved for the Ogle/Ogles Family Assn. Thursday through Saturday the first weekend of October. You can get the same special group rate the three days prior and the three days after the convention. So if you want to take advantage of the bus trip Oct. 4, and/or do research in the library, reserve additional days when you reserve your rooms and be sure to tell them that you are part of the Ogle Convention. You are welcome to visit us Willards at our 20-acre farm three miles south of Rochester – we will take you for a ride on our golf cart down the hill, around the pond, over the little wooden bridge Bill made, through the woods and the tunnel of trees. Bill might even fire up the old 1950 Model B John Deere tractor and take you for a spin on that. You can expect to see deer jump up and run on these rides as we have our land in Wildlife Conservation.

The Hilton's banquet room has been reserved for meetings and for the banquet Saturday evening. The banquet meal will be a Western Buffet for a minimum of 50 guests. The menu is mixed green salad, potato salad, cole slaw, BBQ ribs, country fried chicken, baked beans, corn on the cob, Lyonnaise potatoes, cornbread with honey butter, hot fruit cobbler, coffee, tea, decaf, milk. Makes your mouth water, doesn't it? Indiana is well known for its cheap, plentiful and delicious food. This is where we raise cattle, chickens, corn, beans, etc. so it doesn't have to be shipped a long ways. Many O/OFA members live in Indiana and neighboring states and many of them grew up on farms.

Cost of the rooms will be \$89 for single/double occupancy, or \$99 for triple/quad occupancy. The hotel has wireless internet in all the guest rooms and the public area for free. They also have bridges for those who do not have wireless and also the old dial-up connections.

The Allen County – Fort Wayne Library has one of the biggest genealogy collections in the world, second only to Salt Lake City's. The library is right across the street from the Hilton. For the past two years the library has been closed for renovation but the collection is available to researchers in temporary quarters in the Lincoln Museum. This is two blocks from the Hilton. Sorry but the library will not be moved into the new building until December 2006. However, Bill and I went to see the temporary quarters and they are very good. In fact, some researchers like it better because you can go into the stacks and look at all the books, something you could not do in the regular library. The library is open Monday – Thursday 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. On Friday and Saturday the hours are 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday hours are 1 to 6 p.m. So you can do genealogy research after our meetings if you wish. I like the Fort Wayne Library better than Salt Lake City because it has more items pertaining to the Midwest.

I could go into detail describing the library but you can look at it yourself at its web page: www.acpl.lib.in.us.

The Hilton Fort Wayne is in the Grand Wayne Center, a luxurious place in downtown Fort Wayne. It has indoor pool, fitness center with whirlpool, complimentary wireless high speed internet access in all the guestrooms and meeting rooms. The parking garage has a second-story covered walk-way from the hotel. The Embassy Theater is across the street and so is the Fort Wayne Convention Center.

The Hilton has Desoto's Restaurant serving breakfast and supper, Lombard's piano bar and lounge, room service, but no restaurant serving lunch. So we will have to walk a bit to eat at noon. A number of fast food restaurants are a block or so from the Hilton, including Arby's, McDonald's and Taco Bell. Cindy's Diner is a local favorite.

To sum up, the Fort Wayne Hilton will be a great place for the 2006 Ogle Convention. Send your program ideas and suggestions to your president Jim Engler, Sr. at j_f_engler_sr@att.net or your convention coordinators Bill and Shirley Willard at wwillard@rtcol.com.

Pre-Convention Bus Trip to Ogle Library

While you are in Indiana, you may want to take advantage of a special bus tour offer to visit the Fulton County Museum and its Ogle Library at Rochester. While there you can also see the museum's 17 rooms of exhibits and the Living History Village called Loyal, Indiana. See their web page at www.icss.net/~fchs for pictures and descriptions.

The bus tour will cost \$12 per person for a six hour tour. It will be Wednesday Oct. 4, 2006. The bus will leave the Hilton Hotel at 12:30 p.m., returning about 5:30 p.m. Bill and Shirley Willard will serve refreshments reminiscent of the tea and biscuits (cookies) we had in England last year, minus the fancy tea cups. We will show a 10 minute video about the museum and its Trail of Courage Living History Festival.

You will be able to peruse the books in the Ogle Collection or Ogle Library. This collection has been installed on new shelving in Shirley's office, thanks to Melinda Clinger, Museum Director. O/OFA paid for a new file cabinet and the shelving. Shirley was president of Fulton County Historical Society for 30 years, 1971-2001. Melinda began working at the museum at age 14 and has been there 25 years.

The Fulton County Museum was built in 1987 with donations from the community and a fund drive reaching out to all former residents. It cost only \$120,000 because they paid a contractor to build the exterior, and the interior was done by volunteers. Bill Willard worked nearly every evening after he got off work at 5 p.m. Senior citizens worked most afternoons from 1 to 5 p.m. Saturdays a crew of volunteers worked installing insulation, dry wall, paneling, etc. Local clubs, like the Lions, came to install ceiling tiles. A lot of fun was had by all as they shared food and worked together. It was a real community effort. The Indiana Historical Society uses this museum as an example of what can be accomplished by a small county (population 20,000) with very little money. When Shirley retired at age 65 in 2001, she was given several awards, including one from Indiana Historical Society for innovation in the field of history, and Sagamore of the Wabash from the Indiana Governor.

Shirley Willard has made a name for herself as a historian and writer. She is known in many states for her books and newspaper articles, her efforts to commemorate the Potawatomi Trail of Death from Indiana to Kansas – there are more than 76 historical markers all paid for by donations, and her efforts to save round barns. She gives many speeches every year to groups interested in historic preservation, including the Michigan Barn Preservation Council, the Midwest Conference on History in Kansas, etc. Her writings have been published and can be found in libraries in California and New York, as well as Salt Lake City and Fort Wayne genealogical libraries.

The Ogle Library was started with a donation of about 150 books from the estate of Alice Ogle in 1990. Many O/OFA members have donated books to it since then. You will be pleasantly surprised at the museum and its collections.

If fewer than 30 people sign up for the tour, it will be cancelled. So if you want to go, be sure to sign up on the Registration form and mail it in today.

O/OFA Membership Application or Membership Renewal

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Please accept my membership in the O/OFA for the calendar year(s) indicated:	Description	Annual Dues	Amount Tendered
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WELCOME NEW AND RETURNING MEMBERS 8/16/2005-2/10/2006					
Bailey, Paul	Greenback	TN	Ogle, David	Buckeye	AZ
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Crawford, Larry	Minneapolis	MN	Price, Richard	Salt Lake City	UT
Howell, Cindy	Orient	OH	Ogle, Ansel	Fayetteville	AR

Historic Tour of Fort Wayne Offered

Compiled By Shirley Ogle Willard

A historic tour of Fort Wayne, Indiana, will be offered on Friday evening Oct. 6 of the Ogle Convention. The trolley holds 26 people and the cost is \$12 per person. The trolley will leave the Hilton Hotel at 6:30 p.m. for a two hour tour. (Does this remind you of Gilligan's Island?) Interesting sites will include the Wabash and Erie Canal, Johnny Appleseed's grave, three river site of the original Fort Wayne built in 1795, Lindenwood Cemetery, Chief Richardville house, and other historic buildings.

Fort Wayne history begins with the Miami Indians and French fur traders in the 17th century. When George Washington was President, he declared war on the Miamis, and Fort Wayne was the focal point of several bloody battles. The Indians won most of the battles until Washington sent General "Mad" Anthony Wayne. He defeated the Indians. In 1794 Captain John Hamtramck had a new fort erected and called it Fort Wayne in honor of the victorious general. It was located approximately at the corner of what is now Berry and Clay streets.

The frontier Fort Wayne suffered through the Siege of 1812 (during the war of the same name) and felt the wrath of Tecumseh. Fort Wayne at this time was considered a barbaric and wild and woolly frontier town. Murder, mayhem and lawlessness were the order of the day. When Samuel Hanna arrived in 1819 he was one harbinger of a town's beginning. Isaac McCoy started the first school with 25 students --10 spoke English, 6 spoke French, 5 used their Indian dialect and 1 was a Negro and probably also spoke English - a microcosm of Fort Wayne of the time...a place that some soldiers and travelers considered Babel-like in its language makeup. The Wabash and Erie canal construction opened up the waterways. Saloons and churches vied for souls while the advent of the Civil War vied for men's bodies. Even though Stephen A. Douglas carried the county over Abraham Lincoln and southern sentiment was quite prevalent, Allen County sent 6,000 men to fight in the war between the states. Fort Wayne prospered and grew, gamblers publicly reformed, civilization took hold, and the present Allen County Public Library had its beginning in the 1890s.

The city was inundated when all three rivers flooded in 1913. The city with a predominately German heritage had its problems during World War I, as it did later in World War II. The crash of 1929 hit the town hard, but did not stop the groundbreaking for the then tallest building in Indiana, the Lincoln Tower.

The 1930s brought hard times that were eventually alleviated in the wartime economy of the 1940s. Theater, vaudeville, radio and television shrank the world and Fort Wayne became known for its diversified industry. The downtown's magic with Wolf and Dessauer Department Store (famed for its huge Christmas decorations) lost out to the state's largest mall and the industrial base changed its format. Fort Wayne's park system includes a world class children's zoo, a botanical garden and a showplace park that is the direct result of planning after the devastating flood of 1982.

The Three Rivers Festival and the Johnny Appleseed Festival annually celebrate the history of the city, its people, its arts, and its environs. The annual Germanfest, Greek Festival, Highland Days, Irish Fest and Black Expo as well as American Indian Powwows and gatherings celebrate the ethnic heritage.

Sounds exciting, doesn't it! If fewer than 26 people sign up for the trolley tour, it will be cancelled. So if you want to go, be sure to sign up for this trolley tour when you register. **Yes, you can take both tours.**

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**IMPORTANT
CONVENTION NEWS**

You will find a very important insert with this issue of OFO. The insert has the registration forms for the 2006 Convention that must be completed and mailed to the appropriate address.

Registrations for the Fort Wayne Hilton must be completed and mailed to the Hilton address in Fort Wayne. Mailing them to any other address will only result in a delay of your lodging confirmation.

Registrations for the Convention must be completed and mailed to Peggy Higham in Washington. Remember, only MEMBERS with dues paid for 2006 can attend the convention sessions, except a member may include his or her non-member spouse as a guest by registering as a couple. Non-members may attend the banquet on Saturday night, 7 October 2006. So if you haven't already done so, complete your 2006 membership renewal form (in this issue) and return it with your dues check!

Please give careful attention to this matter since we want your Convention experience to be the very best it can be!

If you have any questions, please contact Convention Coordinator, Shirley Willard or James Engler, President of the Ogle/Ogles Family Association.

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**YOUR ASSISTANCE
IS NEEDED**

Anyone who has ever had the responsibility of keeping up a mailing list knows that it is a constant battle to keep it current. That's because we are a people on the move and addresses are constantly changing.

Our Membership Coordinator, Peggy Higham, does a great job in keeping accurate records. She does, however, need your help in the matter of current e-mail addresses for our members.

E-mail addresses change even more than our residential addresses, making that list difficult to keep current.

If your e-mail address has changed recently or if you just want to be sure Peggy has your current e-mail address, please e-mail her and provide her with that information.

You can e-mail Peggy at: peggy@higham.com

THAT'S OUR WAYNE!

To know Wayne Ogle, our illustrious President Emeritus, is to love him, admire him, sometimes envy him, and to respect him. How could it be any other way!

Without a great deal of fanfare, Wayne recently completed a feat that none of us would ever imagine. In August of 2005, at 82 years young; and as "the high noon sun beat down on the blacktop" in Goliad County, Texas; Wayne Ogle achieved the goal of visiting all 3,111 counties in the United States of America! The journey involved traveling approximately 1,200,000 miles and 24 or 25 cars!

For the occasion, Wayne was surrounded by eight of his children and more than a dozen grandchildren. When Wayne stepped over the 3,111th county line; "His family burst into applause; a child yelled, 'Go Grandpa!'"

Wayne, you are an inspiration to all of us. You carry the Ogle banner high and you make us proud. Congratulations.

P.S.-Wayne has visited all seven continents and 75 countries. His goal is to someday visit 100 countries. No doubt he'll "git r done."