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The Ninth Triennial Ogle/Ogles Family Association Convention was held at the Motel 6 in Frederick, Maryland, 23-26 September 2009. While the venue did not change from the time it was chosen, it did change motel chains, starting as a Holiday Inn, becoming a Quality Inn, and changing to a Motel 6 just after the last issue of *Ogling for Ogles* went to print. Total attendance was down from prior years, which was not totally unexpected by the planners due to the current state of the economy. Those who did come, however, found informative discussions and entertaining events.

Wednesday was an all day pre-convention tour. The morning was spent traveling around Frederick County itself, seeing Ogle-related sites. The first stop was Graceham Moravian Church's cemetery, where several Ogles are buried (Graceham was financially supported by MAJ Joseph Ogle, 1707-1756). Next stop was just down the road at Loy's Station, where one of the few covered bridges left in Maryland stands and is still used (and stands on MAJ Joseph Ogle's land named "Peace," patented in 1737); this was also the site of an encampment in 1863 as the Union XI Corps headed north toward Gettysburg. We next traveled up what was once called Ogle's Wagon Road and headed toward Emmitsburg for our third stop, the Elder Family Cemetery, in which were buried several Ogles, though only one Ogle headstone is currently visible (MAJ Joseph's daughter Eleanor married Guy Elder). From there, after a stop at a local farmer's market for refreshment, we traveled over the lands of "William's Project," bought by MAJ Joseph's half-brother Alexander Ogle in 1753; Alexander built flour mills on the property (no longer visible) which supplied the American Army during the Revolution.

The final stop of the morning was at Mt. Olivet Cemetery in Frederick, burial site of Francis Scott Key, Barbara Fritchie, and over 20 Ogles. After a lunch break, some three dozen Ogles headed down to Bowie, Maryland, where they experienced a private tour of Belair Mansion, home of colonial Maryland Governor Samuel Ogle and his son, state Governor Benjamin Ogle. Now owned by the city of Bowie, the mansion has been restored to show off the two centuries of habitation by the Ogle family and their successors. We were even joined on the tour by descendants of Samuel Ogle who had heard we were touring the estate (and have since joined our association).

Thursday, the first day of the convention, consisted of introductions of attendees and presentations of the 30 years of history of the association, given by President Engler, and on research resources at the Frederick Historical Society, given by its librarian. In the afternoon, about a dozen Ogles toured historic downtown Frederick, including churches that would have been known to earlier generations of Ogles. *Continued on page 2*



Convention Attendees at Belair Mansion



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE JAMES F. ENGLER SR.

The 2009 Convention in Frederick is now one for the history books and, with it, a new president has been elected. Following in the tradition of George Ogles, I have served two consecutive terms, and now it is time to turn the reins over to someone else. It seems hard to believe the six years have flown by so fast, but they have and thus this is the last *Ogling for Ogles* message you will read from me as the seventh (and youngest to date) president of our association.

I want to thank everyone in this association for giving me this opportunity to lead our group. I do mean every one those who had questions I needed to answer; those who raised issues I needed to resolve; those who shouldered the challenges I gave out and served in the many roles that keep our association going strong. I feel that I have learned much from the experience and can do many things I never would have imagined before. Without you all, that would not have been possible.

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Friday consisted of presentations on the early Ogles of Frederick County, a brief one on the state of the Ogle Web site (www.ogles.org), as well as presentations on the Ogle Family DNA project, the Ogle Daughter DNA project and the Ogle Digital Collection. A number of sharing sessions were also held. Wayne Ogle presented a discussion on the theories of the origins of John Ogle and a description of the first three generations from John Ogle of Delaware to his grandchildren. Perhaps the highlight of the day was Wayne's presentation of the status of the Ogle Family Book: Volume 1, consisting of historical and genealogical information, which is expected to come out before the end of this year. The entertainment of the evening was at the nearby Way Off Broadway dinner theater, where was running Mel Brook's musical, *The Producers*.

In spite of challenges, I think the association is as strong as it was when I took office. Our membership has been fairly stable over the period. We have very capable people working in positions on the board and on our staff.

Procedures we never had before – and that were instituted in my administration – have helped to streamline the services performed for our members, reducing turn-around time and the amount of effort required to process orders. This isn't to say we can't do even better, but that part of our mission – to provide the best service possible to our members – is going in the right direction.

The newly-instituted projects are further improving the other major part of our mission – to be the pre-eminent research source for all things Ogle. At our Frederick Convention, the presentations on DNA raised a lot of interest in this tool to help us with the brick walls we have, both of John Ogle of Delaware and in later generations; here's to hoping that the Ogle DNA Family Project will snowball, and that large numbers of Ogle men, in America and around the world, will get tested to help us figure out how they all relate. The Ogle Daughter

DNA project and the Ogle Digital Collection are in their infancy, and can be helped along significantly if you and all members volunteer to help.

We have strong leadership for the immediate future. We have a person of energy and experience to succeed me in Harlan Ogle; between him and our new vice president Jim Ogle, there will be a lot of new ideas which I hope we will all welcome as they guide our association in these next years. I'm not going away entirely, and I hope to be working on a number of the projects started in my administration, but I do look forward to see what Harlan and Jim will do for us all.

It has been a great ride, and it isn't over yet!

Jim Engler



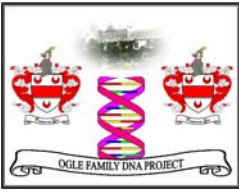
Loy's Station Covered Bridge

Saturday saw presentations on the 2008 Northumberland trip, the status of the St. Maurice (Eglingham, England) Ogle Chapel Reordering Scheme. The Ogle Chapel has now been refurbished as part of the overall restoration efforts at St. Maurice, and was dedicated this past Easter. There were more sharing and discussion sessions, including the formation of small groups to explore specific regional Ogle research questions.

On Saturday afternoon the association held its business meeting, at which the following were elected: Harlan Ogle, president; James Ogle, vice president; Kim Jackson, treasurer; Jan Fendley, secretary; Peggy Higham, membership coordinator; Elinor Stroup, member-at-large; retiring President James Engler will assume the post of immediate past president. The new officers begin their terms 1 Jan 2010.

Saturday evening's banquet saw a large crowd, who witnessed the cutting of a 30th anniversary cake by three former presidents and the president-elect. The speaker, Harlan Ogle, gave a rousing speech on why we all should be proud to be Ogles. President Engler made final announcements of new staff appointments, and closed with the report that the next convention is tentatively set for Texas in 2012.

Ogle Daughter DNA Project Status



President Engler presented the status of the Ogle Daughter DNA Project at the Frederick Convention. The Ogle Daughter DNA Project seeks descendants from two Ogle women whose parentage have been puzzles: is Elizabeth Ogle (m. James Andrews, d. 1787) the daughter of CAPT Joseph Ogle (nephew of MAJ Joseph Ogle mentioned on page 1) and his first wife, Prudence Drusilla Biggs, or of his brother Jacob Ogle and Jacob's wife Mary Wilson/White? Is Drusilla Ogle the daughter of CAPT Joseph Ogle his child by his first wife Prudence Drusilla Biggs, or by his second wife, Jemima Meigs? By tracking down living descendants who can trace an unbroken line of females back to these two women (or to other, documented daughters for these unions), and gaining consent to test their mitochondrial DNA (passed down by every mother to every one of her children, but passed to her grandchildren only through her daughters), we hope to answer these questions. Criteria for selection of candidates were provided in the Spring 2009 issue of *Ogling for Ogles*.

President Engler reported that to date he is the only researcher on the project, but is in need of additional researchers to help bring the project to a successful completion by the time of the 2012 convention. He reported that in a short three-month period, using only Internet-based resources (focusing on contacting other researchers for names, then following up with seeking out original records or transcripts of original records), he has been able to identify several potential candidates for the Elizabeth Ogle line, but has not yet contacted the candidates. In the process, he has expanded the number of known persons in this line from about a dozen to well over 200 individuals. However, without additional research-

the process will take at least a year to expand all the necessary lines.

If you are a descendant of one of these lines who might be a candidate, or know of someone who might be, or are interested in helping do the research, please contact Jim Engler.

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30th Anniversary Pin Selected

We received only a few designs for the pin contest that was announced in the last few issues of *Ogling for Ogles*. However, the president submitted these to a panel of judges who chose the winning design. All the submittals were interesting; one of these, in fact serves now as the basis for the new symbol for the Ogle Family DNA Project (shown in Ogle Daughter's Project article). In the end, a version of the unofficial seal of the association was chosen for the final design (see figure). The final product measures 1.5 inches and uses a double pin back to hold it on.

The pin was presented to each registrant of the Frederick Convention as part of their welcome package. However, you, too, can get your own copy of the pin! These beautiful cast metal pins are not screen printed, but enameled on stamped metal. We ordered only 100, and less than half remain available. They will soon be on our Web site, selling for \$10.00 each.



Ogle Digital Collection Status

President Engler presented the status of the Ogle Digital Collection at the Frederick Convention. The intention of the project is to provide a single online location of original source documents dealing with the Ogle family. The current plan is that this would be a password-restricted collection which would contain scanned images of the documents, in files that had been checked for viruses before they were made available for general access.

President Engler reported that a small set of files, consisting of all Ogle land grants in Maryland, documentation of multiple generations of Ogle

descendants used in one Sons of the American Revolution application, and similar documents supplied by a potential candidate to the Ogle Daughters DNA project, serve as the first installment of available data. He described a concept for how the collection might operate, but indicated that much work is still required to identify all the necessary requirements, which will drive the technical implementation of the collection and its access.

We need your help to make the collection a reality. If you have original documents or copies of original documents (church and civil records, family

Bible records, military and land records, etc.), you can scan these and have them added to the collection. If you are willing to seek out original records and scan and provide them (e.g., John Ogle of Delaware's petitions and legal documents), your help would be greatly desired. If you have expertise in technology, we could make use of your services to determine the detailed requirements of what the first implementation of the online collection needs to do. Contact Jim Engler with any questions or to volunteer.



Important Association News

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Appointments

President Engler announced at the 2009 Convention the following appointments: Joyce Steincamp as assistant membership coordinator and Tim Gallagher as Director of product development. Joyce will work with Peggy Higham the membership coordinator, serving as her backup for membership activities. Tim will report directly to the president, developing concepts and proposals for Ogle related products; the proposals will then be considered by the board to determine which should be executed.

Departures

Due to health concerns, Jeanette Kenney has resigned as assistant treasurer.

Volunteers Still Needed

Volunteers are still needed by the association in a number of staff positions: assistant treasurer, assistant librarian, and assistant distribution manager. Volunteers are also sought to assist in: (1) developing the technical requirements and implementation of Ogle Digital Collection; (2) researching candidates and contacting them for the Ogle Daughters DNA Project. Contact Jim Engler if interested or if you have any questions.

Photo Feature Cake Cutting Ceremony



Front to back Harlan Ogle President -Elect, Wayne Ogle President Emeritus, George Wiley Ogles Immediate Past President, Jim Engler President

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