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## The Ogle Family Book by James Engler Immediate Past President

The Ogle Family Book is still moving forward. In spite of the tragic setback caused by the death of our President Emeritus and Editor-In-Chief of the Ogle Family Book Project, Wayne Ogle, his assistant editors have picked up the project from where it stood when Wayne last touched it a year ago. The Assistant Editor staff (James Engler, Myrna Menke, Oren Ogle and George Ogles) has been able with the help of Wayne's family, to recover all of the files that were planned for use in the book, as well as the Ogle family database, from which the pedigrees are generated. The files have been compiled, tables of contents and indices developed and the review process is under way.

The book, formally entitled *Looking Back at the Ogles*,

consists of a historical section, followed by a genealogical section. The historical section covers topics of the history of the Ogle family in England and America, the history of research into the Ogle family, the history of the Ogle/Ogles Family Association, and an overview of the two reunion trips taken to Northumberland to date. The genealogical section consists of a chapter on the first five generations of descendants of John Ogle of Delaware, and two pedigrees of branches of that fifth generation of descent: Thomas "T.O." Ogle (1751-1818/30) and his wife Isabella "Iby"/"Eby" Wilson; John Ogle (1753-Poss.1808) and his wife Sarah Dennis. Due to the current page count of over 900 pages, the editorial board will be considering whether to split the current

materials, originally envisioned by Wayne as one volume, into two: the historical chapters and the first five generations would be in volume I, while the two pedigrees, representing thousands of Ogle descendants would comprise volume 2.

Edits to the historical chapters are almost complete, with final work on one chapter remaining. Genealogical sections are still being reviewed and edits will be performed to the text and databases simultaneously. Our current target is to complete the text edits by 31 Dec 2010.

## Photos Needed for Ogle Book

Are you a descendant of Thomas "T.O." Ogle (1751-1818/30) or John Ogle (1753-Poss.1808)? The Ogle Family Book Project is in immediate need of photographs of the earliest generations of the family, to be included in the pedigree chapters of *Looking Back at the Ogles*. We are seeking images of paintings or photographs of individuals of these branches, with the focus being on images no later than 1910 (see photo as

an example) Please send your images as soon as possible to oofa.odc@gmail.com. Images can also be sent by regular mail for scanning to Jim Engler, 2038 Red River Rd., Sykesville, MD 21784 (please include postage if you want the images returned to you). Images will also be posted to the Ogle Digital Collection.



Home of David Wesley Ogle (1891-1979), father of Harlan Ogle, who lived with his parents in this house located at the Stone Fort in Manchester, Tennessee. Harlan has been told that one of the little children standing in the photograph is his father,

## A Letter From the President by Jim Ogle



Jim Ogle

To date 15 members of the Association have requested and been approved for access to the site [www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ogleoglesfa/](http://www.groups.yahoo.com/group/ogleoglesfa/). To join, contact us at: [fa.odc@gmail.com](mailto:fa.odc@gmail.com).

Greetings to all O/OFA members. Due to the resignation of Harlan Ogle, I am privileged to assume (9 Nov 2010) the duties of your Association President. Harlan will remain, as he always has, a vital part of the Association. I look forward to following in the line of distinguished O/OFA Presidents who have left their mark.

I became interested in genealogy in 1988. While living in St. Charles, Missouri, I read a news article about an Ogle Symposium to be held at the Ben Franklin Motel in St. Louis County. My aunt and I met Wayne Ogle and Shirley Willard, long time members, at the event. As I knew little about my ancestry as my grandparents were deceased, Wayne took me all the way back to Thomas "T. O." Ogle, Jr. From there I dug into probate records at the local college in Jefferson County. I was hooked-similar to way we catch catfish in Missouri, pull him along nice and easy then, wham, set the hook!

Born in Missouri, the oldest of nine children, I retired from the Norfolk Southern Railroad after 40 years of service. I have been married 40 years and have 2 children and one grandchild.

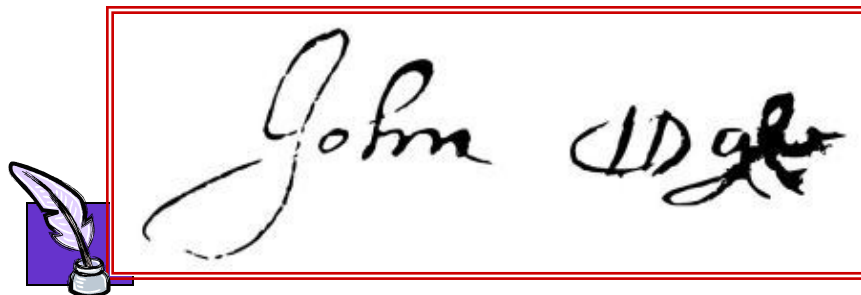
Going forward, I would like to see three things develop during my tenure:

- 1- Increase membership/enthusiasm
- 2- Find a way for members to interact sharing information on lines they are searching
- 3- Settle on a location and date for the next Ogle/Ogles convention.

Little did I know in 1988 that I would be given this opportunity as well as serve as Northumberland Reunion Coordinator 2008 and elected in 2010 as Vice President. I recognize that every new President has much to learn. I am willing and able to do so. James Engler, president from 2004-2009, has graciously offered to guide me, and I know I can count on many others in our organization for help, support and wise counsel. I welcome and encourage all of you to contact me. [jimogre@gmail.com](mailto:jimogre@gmail.com)

### Ogle Digital Collection: Status

The Ogle Digital Collection pilot site is up and running. To date, some but not all images of Maryland patents related to the Ogle family have been added to the site. We have also started adding photos of Ogle descendants (photos/paintings at least 100 years old). Perhaps our most important acquisition (see below) comes from Jim Gilbert: TIF-formatted images of the signed pages on which John Ogle stated his age in 1680 (there is a limit of 10 Mbytes on an image size and the files must be in JPEG, GIF, BMP, or PNG format; we are still working to get these uploaded to the collection in the right format and size while limiting the loss in resolution). A backlog of images of documents and photographs still exists. The current site has 100 Gigabytes of storage for our images, and may work for some time to come.



*EDITOR'S NOTE: With George W. Ogles' (O/OFA President 1 Jan 1998 through 31 Dec 2003) permission, a letter he penned to O/OFA friend Rev. Dr. Rob Kelsey is reprinted here. For information about the Reordering Scheme, see past issues of newsletter: Summer 2007, Fall 2007, Winter/Spring 2008 at [www.ogles.org](http://www.ogles.org).*

Dear Rev. Rob:

Congratulations on your new assignment as Vicar of Norham (near the Tweed River on the northern border with Scotland) beginning in September, 2010! We will miss you very much and wish you and your wonderful family well in your service for our Lord in Norham. I speak for all O/OFA members who visited with you in St. Maurice Church, the village of Eglingham, the hike outside the village, and other enjoyable social outings during our reunion visits to Northumberland in 2005 and 2008. Also I send "best wishes" from many O/OFA members who have participated in The Ogle Chapel Re-ordering Scheme, but have never had the pleasure of meeting and knowing you personally.

Thanks for your 23 July 2010 letter updating the progress of The Ogle Chapel Re-ordering Scheme. Your letter arrived in time for most of its contents to be included in Volume I of Looking Back At The Ogle Family A Comprehensive History and Genealogy of the Ogle and Ogles Families in America, 1664-2010. This is the gargantuan project that Wayne Ogle, godfather of O/OFA, birthed some 15 years ago. We are saddened by the death of Wayne a few months ago. He was able to get the first volume in draft form which will be published sometime later in 2010.

This first volume, contains 900+ pages of text, photos, maps, references, and genealogical listings of several generations of Ogles, the majority descended from the young, teen-age soldier John Ogle who came from Northumberland in 1664 with other English soldiers to reclaim New York (which the Dutch had renamed New Amsterdam). The English were successful without firing a shot. Most of the English soldiers were given a few hundred acres of land in Delaware and remained as Colonists.

As you know, we Ogle descendants have never been able to accurately identify young John's father in Northumberland. The vast majority of the Ogles in America are convinced (but have been unable to prove by records and documents) that this John Ogle, was the son of Captain John Ogle, and of Eleanor Pringle, the son who was born in Berwick-upon-Tweed in 1649 while his parents were in Berwick when Captain John was captain of the English troops in the city. Capt. John's father was Henry Ogle who entertained Oliver Cromwell at Eglingham Hall. Captain John's wife was Eleanor Pringle, daughter of Robert Pringle of Stichell, Scotland. She is the probable mother of our young immigrant John Ogle. Stichell, Scotland, is only about 5 kilometers north of the Tweed River and Kelso. "As the crow flies," Stichell is some 20-25 kilometers from Norham, your new home! You do not seem able to get away from the Ogle clan, do you? Fortunately, the Pringle clan and the Ogle clan were "reiver" allies for generations, so you do not have to look for a battle-house or worry about being waylaid by any of the Pringle clan from Stichell!

Until we next meet again, blessings on you Rob!

George Wiley Ogles



Showing Off Their Wellies\*

Rev. Dr. Rob Kelsey (far left) with parishioners during his tenure at parishes of Eglingham and Old Berwick, Newcastle diocese.

*\*Wellingtons or Wellies (common British term for rain boots) are a style of pull-on boots, usually made of rubber and worn in rainy or muddy weather.*



THE CHURCH OF ENGLAND

**Rev. Rob's  
Appointment in Detail**

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in charge of Carham,  
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**“Prenez en Gre”**

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**Ogle Castle for Sale**

Ogle Castle, Ogle, Northumberland, is currently for sale. Asking price is £1,900,000. This includes the castle itself and five acres of gardens. Owl cottage, built at the entrance gate of the castle, can be negotiated separately. The castle, ancient home of the Ogle family up to the start of the 19th century, is a nine bedroom home used as a bed and breakfast, its gardens rented for garden parties and other fetes. Amenities include reception room, library/family room, kitchen/dining room area (with four oven Aga) in the rear of the house, pantries, store rooms, storage/boiler room, cloak room, barn/outbuilding and several bathrooms. More details can be found at: [www.sanersonyoung.co.uk/buy/view.aspx?pr=10639](http://www.sanersonyoung.co.uk/buy/view.aspx?pr=10639)

Contact: Sanderson Young, Real Estate Agents, The Old Bank, 30 High Street, Gosforth, Newcastle upon Tyne, NE3 1IX; Tel: 0191 233 3500, Fax: 0191 223 3505.



Ogle Castle



Important Association News  
**O/OFA Noteworthy**

***Volunteer Positions Available.....***

- assistants for Treasurer, Librarian, Distribution Manager, Electronic Publications Director,
- as well as volunteers for developing the technical requirements and implementation of Ogle Digital Project and researching candidates and contacting them for the Ogle Daughters DNA Project

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