



# Ogling for Ogles

## Smoky Mountain Memories

### **T**ime To Make Reservations for Convention 2000 in Gatlinburg!!

We are less than one year away from our 6th O/OFA Convention, Sept. 21-23, 2000, in Gatlinburg, Tennessee!

Time to make your reservation at our Convention hotel, the Gatlinburg Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort. The SunSpree Resort will begin accepting reservations October 1, 1999. Contact the hotel direct at 423-436-9201 and tell them you are part of the Ogle/Ogles Family Convention. DO NOT go through the central Holiday Inn 800 Reservation number (800 Holiday).

Kathy Ogle, our Convention Director, has reserved a block of 80 sleeping rooms in the Towers section of the hotel where our sessions will take place. It is very important that our members stay at the SunSpree Resort and use our committed rooms rather than staying at some other motel/hotel in Gatlinburg. Members may reserve additional nights (before or after the Convention) at the discounted rate, if rooms are avail-

able and if you make your reservation soon after Oct. 1, 1999.

Discounted room rate Sunday-Thursday night @ \$65 + 11.5% hotel tax; Friday-Saturday night @ \$75 + \$11.5% hotel tax.

Formal sessions of the Convention will begin on Thursday morning, September 21 and conclude Saturday afternoon, September 23, followed by a great banquet Saturday evening. Sunday morning will be an optional time for visiting, making copies of genealogy records, exchanging family data and meeting with new and former officers.

Unfortunately, because we changed convention dates, we will not be in Gatlinburg on Sunday, September 17, to participate in a joint picnic with members of the Smoky Mountain Historical Society and local Ogle Family Reunion.

Saturday, September 23, 2000, our outstanding morning agenda will be devoted entirely to the history, people and culture of The Great Smoky Mountains, with special emphasis on Ogle families of Sevier County, Tennessee. Leaders from sev-

eral key organizations in the area will present special programs of special interest to our members.

Kathy is working on a two-hour, optional bus tour of Ogle family locations and scenic historical sites in the Gatlinburg area for Saturday morning. Cost of the tour will be announced later. Also, we will be telling you more about the Convention program in the next issues of Ogling for Ogles and The Ogle Genealogist next spring and summer, respectively.

Call the Holiday Inn SunSpree Resort in Gatlinburg ASAP after October 1!

**Note:** Everyone is reminded that as of November 1, 1999, the area code for the Gatlinburg area will change to 865.



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#### O/OFA Officers & Directors

- *President*—George W. Ogles
- *Vice President*—Paul W. Ogle
- *Secretary*—Kathy Ogle
- *Treasurer*—Jean Godwin
- *Publications*—Paul W. Ogle
- *Immediate Past President*—Wayne Ogle
- *Board Member at Large*—James Engler

## Letter from the President

October 5, 1999, is the twentieth anniversary of the Ogle/Ogles Family Association. Twenty-three Ogle descendants from across the U.S. convened the first Ogle Family Symposium, Oct. 2-5, 1979, in Indianapolis, Indiana.

Fifteen months later at the end of 1980, the Association had forty-one charter members and ninety-nine regular members located in thirty states. Sixteen charter members have passed on. Nine have dropped their membership. Sixteen charter members remain in O/OFA. Our entire membership of approximately 300 members applaud each of you original members who has "stayed the course."

Current charter members who have filled vital leadership and staff roles are: Oren Ogle, Arabelle Ogles Casida, Mary Casida McKamey, Verna Cordray, Danny Fluhart, Shirley Willard, Gwenalyn Decker, Wayne Ogle and George W. Ogles.

Each of the sixteen charter members has contributed to the success of O/OFA. But none of us can even begin to imagine the quantity and quality of work and dedicated leadership that a certain unique member has provided since before our beginning, and continues to provide—Wayne Ogle.



Without Wayne Ogle, O/OFA would not have been conceived, established or managed. Without Wayne's talent, dedication and perseverance there would have been no national conventions, no The Ogle Genealogist, no Ogling for Ogles. There would be no fountain of corporate Ogle knowledge, no central repository of genealogical records on more than 80,000 Ogle de-

scendants in America, and no one to research and answer the hundreds of inquiries about Ogle lines.

Not only is Wayne the "Godfather" of O/OFA, he is the Association's heart and soul. During the past two decades Wayne was our vice president for six years and president twice for a total of nine years. He genuinely loves the Association to which he has dedicated a large segment of his life. The mystery and depth of his passionate service is unfathomable for most of us! Unquestionably, without his endless quality contributions, wise counsel, and selfless devotion, O/OFA would be a far lesser organization, if it existed at all.

Wayne is the youngest, most vital 77-year-old around. May he continue to have good health and live longer than the 100 years his father did and the current 99 years of his mother. He is immensely deserving of our heartfelt gratitude. We cannot praise him too much or too often!

## Medieval Village of Ogle Millennium Booklet

Member John H. H. Peile of Ogle, England, recently invited O/OFA to submit a testimonial letter for inclusion in a millennium booklet entitled "The Medieval Village of Ogle - Past and Present" being prepared by the Ogle Millennium Group of Ogle village inhabitants. O/OFA president George W. Ogles forwarded a letter of tribute in August for the Y2K booklet.

John advises that the booklet will be a special recognition of Ogle village "which recently was formally and legally 'scheduled as an ancient monument' and now comes under the general supervision of English Heritage, which operates under the auspices of the English Secretary of State for the Environment. This 'scheduling' prevents unauthorized development and alteration to the fabric and character of the village and surrounding land."

Medieval Ogle village, built in support of and including historic Ogle Castle, currently consists of some forty dwelling

houses and portions of the adjacent farmland. Ogle Castle and Ogle village have a special place in the heart of Ogle descendants everywhere.

*"We are always delighted to see any members of the Ogle Family and descendants should they visit Ogle."*

- John Peile, former resident of Ogle Castle in Northumberland, UK

John Peile, who retired from the English Army as a major in 1989, lives at Cockpit Lodge just across the road from the Castle. His sister Mary lives next door at Middle Holding. "Our father, Colonel Henry Haswell Peile, was given the Castle by his mother in 1948, she having purchased it the previous year," said John. "Father sold the Castle in 1976, prior to his death in 1979, and moved to Middle Holding (a former farm house) as the Castle is too large a house for

just a couple to live in. Both Mary and I spent our childhood years living at Ogle Castle, and I was technically resident there until 1976 although away for most of the time on military duty."

The number of pages and cost of the small booklet are unknown at this time. However, as a show of support and genuine interest, O/OFA has ordered twenty-five booklets that may be purchased by O/OFA members so long as copies are available. We will tell you more later..



# O/OFA To Fund Beautification of the Thomas Ogle Gravesite (1771)

Your Association is contributing \$1,500 from the treasury to help beautify the gravesite of Thomas Ogle (1705 -1771) in Ogletown, Delaware. Thomas, married four times and with five known children, was the wealthy grandson of the immigrant John Ogle (1648/49 - 1684). The small town, located at the junction of three important roads, was named for Thomas Ogle before 1762.

The O/OFA grant will be used to purchase trees, shrubbery, annual flowers, topsoil, walkway gravel, etc., to beautify Thomas' burial site. Also we will install a permanent bronze marker acknowledging that "...O/OFA helped beautify the gravesite and honor the memory of a Colonial ancestor--Thomas Ogle."

The original gravesite was reconstructed last year by the Delaware Department of Transportation (DelDOT) while expanding a busy intersection very near the gravesite. DelDOT purchased a new 600-pound granite capstone to replace the weathered and badly cracked original capstone. Sixteen pieces are being preserved at the University of Delaware's Center for Archaeological Research. DelDOT also built new concrete footings on which a new brick mausoleum/base 20" high was constructed for the capstone. The inscription on the new capstone artfully matches the original design details, old fashioned engraving font, and wording (insofar as DelDOT and the Center

for Archeological Research were able to determine).

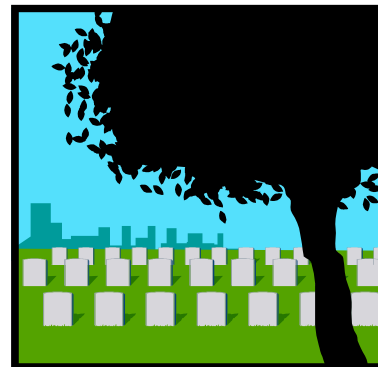
Up until last year, DelDOT worked closely with Allen Mitchell, gr-gr-gr-grandson of Thomas Ogle and the proper Ogle descendant to make decisions regarding the gravesite restoration. For most of his life Allan lived on land that was once part of Thomas Ogle's farm. Unfortunately, his battle with cancer the past year prevented him from continuing to be involved in the gravesite project. Allan, 76, lost the battle on June 4, 1999. O/OFA extends condolences to his longtime companion and friend Marie J. Cloud, who informed us of Allan's passing, and to his niece Karen Ottinger.

Some months ago our member Charles L. Ogle in Landisville, PA volunteered to serve as O/OFA's representative to work with DelDOT regarding our project to beautify the gravesite. Thanks Charles.

The Wilmington News Journal said, "Thomas Ogle's grave is the last vestige of a town that was founded before the American Revolution and has been virtually under siege ever since." Office buildings, developments and streets abound.

Any of our members may make a personal contribution to the Gravesite Beautification Project by sending a check to our treasurer. Make the check

out to The Ogle/Ogles Family Association, Inc. At the bottom of the check list Thomas Ogle Gravesite Beautification Project. At this time we do not know if you can receive a tax deduction from this contribution.



*Here lies the Body of  
THOMAS OGLE  
Who departed this Life  
The 23rd of December 1771  
Aged 66 Years  
  
Glass is run my Work is done  
Dead I lie under Ground  
Entombed in Clay until the Day  
I hear the Trumpet sound*

## Housekeeping Items

### E-mail Addresses Needed

We are continually updating the e-mail addresses of our members. Send your e-mail address to Kathy Ogle, our Secretary, at bobkatrae@juno.com

Have you changed, dropped, or recently acquired your e-mail address? Even though you think Kathy already has your address on file, send it to her again as a safeguard.

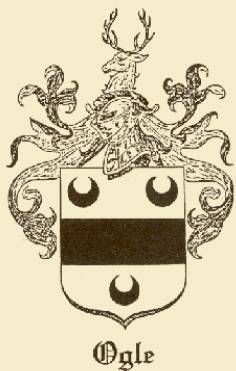


### Check Your Mailing Label

Have you paid your membership dues for 1999? If not, you will not receive any further issues of The Ogle Genealogist and Ogling for Ogles.

Check the mailing label on the back side of this issue. Next to your name is the expiration date of your membership. You may use the renewal application in this issue to submit back dues or pay your 2000 membership dues

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*"Accept in Gratitude"*

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**www.ogles.org**

## O/OFA Web Site Update — [www.ogles.org](http://www.ogles.org)

The O/OFA web site was first launched in February, 1999. Since that time, visitors to the site have steadily increased, with a current monthly average of almost 400 visitors as of July.

January	67
February	271
March	276
April	208
May	334
June	343
July	398

Visitors to [www.ogles.org](http://www.ogles.org) by Month

Concurrent with the launch of the site, the Association began offering improved access to a variety of publications and other research materials. This has, in part, led to a significant increase in publication sales.

Another facet of the web site's launch has been a substantial increase in visibility and corresponding increase in membership for the Association as a result of better awareness among the genealogy community about the O/OFA.

As of mid-August, nearly 2200 visitors had come to our site, more than 1300 of which were unique individuals (those that had not visited the site previously). During this same period, the Association has experienced a dramatic increase in membership growth, with nearly a 300% rate of increase in new members, the majority of whom joined electronically through the web site.

The O/OFA site contains links to a number of useful and interesting web sites for the Ogle/Ogles researcher. In turn, the web site is linked to a number of other Genealogy sites on the web.

If you haven't already done so, come to the site and check out the information available. Drop us a note at our email

address [info@ogles.org](mailto:info@ogles.org) and let us know what you think. We're always looking for new information and additional links.

While you're at the site, fill out a membership form and join the "e-generation".

During the next few months, look for a number of changes in the web site, as we add additional material and services for the membership.—Paul Ogle

