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Reunion Excitement Builds

Changes Announced

by Jim Ogle

With several changes to the original plan, preparations for the 2008 Ogles/Ogle Family Reunion are moving ahead. Your tour committee and I believe these changes are for the best and will enhance our reunion experience.

The timeline for the trip has changed from July 13-19, 2008, to **July 20-26, 2008**. In addition, lodging will be available at only *one* location, Longhirst Hall, and tour arrangements will be handled by the tour committee and me rather than Kirkley Hall as indicated in the last newsletter.

Longhirst Hall, actually the first choice when planning began, is a beautiful hall located in the Morpeth area with wonderful rooms, restaurants and walking trails. There is a golf course and driving range for those who wish to bring clubs. For a glimpse of the excellent accommodations that await reunion goers, access Longhirst on the Web at www.longhirst.co.uk.

The tour itinerary will remain basically the same as detailed in the summer newsletter with the possibility of the addition of surprise sites. The cost of the tour bus which can accommodate up to 55 persons is £370 per day. Bus pick-up is at 9 a.m. daily with a return at 5 p.m. Cost per person is approximately £7 per day and charged to the room cost. If the bus is not filled, the cost

will increase. For example, if there are 40 on the bus, the cost rises to £9 per day. The cost of incidentals incurred at tour sites will be collected by members of the tour committee each day when necessary. These costs will be minimal. Therefore, cost for the tour program, minus incidentals, will be approximately £56 per day per person equaling approximately \$112 per day for the Monday through Friday stay. Based on approximate figures, total cost for lodging and coach is approximately \$660 per person.



Morpeth

Please inform me of your intent to attend the reunion *and* make reservations with Longhirst by **January 15, 2008**. A special Ogle group rate of £49 (approximately \$100) a day per person is available. This includes a full English breakfast, lodging and dinner. Reservations are made by contacting Andrea Mackay or Ian Paterson if Andrea is not available. Remember to make contact in the morning because of the time difference. See insert for reservation information.

To make your trip even more enjoyable, I encourage you stay a few extra days and travel on your own through the beautiful countryside by bus or train. Having spent some time at Longhirst Hall, I believe you will have a great time and will share memories for years to come.

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A Letter From the President *by James Engler, Sr.*

One of the missions of the Ogle/Ogles Family Association Board of Directors and Staff is to keep you, the member, informed about the latest and ongoing activities of our organization. In this issue you'll be reading about updates to the Northumberland 2008 Reunion and the latest on the Ogle Chapel refurbishment project to which the Association and some individual members have financially contributed. You will also see another announcement about deadlines for contributions to *The Ogle Genealogist*.

The above mentioned provides me a segue into my biggest concern at the moment, which involves one of the most prominent – if not the most prominent – feature of our Association and its desperate need to find a successor editor.

The last issue of *Ogling for Ogles* put out the call for a volunteer to assume the mantle of Editor of *The Ogle Genealogist*. This is a perfect time for a volunteer, who would be able to work with the current editor, to learn the ropes on the next issue. **To date, there have been no volunteers.** The need is becoming very urgent now.

Most of the sections write themselves – reports from various Board members (President, Treasurer, Membership Coordinator), member charts, obituaries, membership lists – and the articles need to come from members like you. A board of editors reviews the entire publication, cover to cover, making all the necessary corrections. The editor compiles all the incoming materials, formats appropriately, coordinates the editing, the actual printing and the shipping of the final product.

Our current editor knows all the aspects that bring you our annual red-covered journal, and she's ready to pass that knowledge on. I believe there is at least one among our members who could do this job. **Now is the time to step forward.** The editor needs to be in place before the holidays. Starting in January, the production process begins in earnest. By the end of January, most of the materials will already be submitted and the compilation and editing phase started.

If you have had previous experience even publishing a newsletter, that is knowledge that puts you in good stead for this position. Please do more than consider the position, offer your service to O/OFA. Please contact me at j_f_engler_sr@att.net or call me in the evening at (410)781-6622.

Ogle Chapel Needs Your Financial Assistance FUND APPROACHES \$31,000

By George Ogles, Immediate Past President

The centerpiece of the village of Eglingham (Eg' lin gim) in Northumberland, England, is the ancient, picturesque Parish Church of St. Maurice of Eglingham. Nothing remains of the original church built in the 12th century except possibly the chancel arch. For the Ogle descendants in America who have visited or learned about St. Maurice Church, the most endearing section of the church is Ogle Chapel, on the north side of the church. Ogle Chapel was financed in the early 1600s by the Ogle family branch that lived in the area for many generations and owned most of the adjacent farms. Between the 17th and 19th centuries, this branch of the Ogle family owned Eglingham Hall, located a short walk from the church.

The Ogles of Eglingham Hall may have worshiped in Ogle Chapel for several years before teenage John Ogle sailed as a soldier to the colonies of North America in 1664. Following a successful military mission of recapturing New Amsterdam from the Dutch and restoring the former name of New York, young John and most of the English soldiers became immigrants in the British colonies and farmers on land grants near New Castle, Delaware. Subsequently, this John Ogle, believed by Ogle researchers to have come from the Eglingham Hall Ogle line (unproven thus far), became the ancestor of thousands of Ogle descendants in America!

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“The leaders of the Ogle Chapel fund drive are hopeful of obtaining a grant from English Heritage for maintaining the fabric of the church.” Rev. Dr. Rob Kelsey

Ogle Chapel continued

Since the 12th century the Parish Church has been the focal point for religious, cultural, educational and community activities. During the Middle Ages, the Eglington Church and its strong, stone tower was a ready refuge for locals during the Scottish raids and border wars.

The infrastructure of the church and Ogle Chapel, in particular have slowly been deteriorating! For several years once proud Ogle Chapel has rarely been used for worship services, according to the Rev. Dr. Rob Kelsey, Team Vicar of the Eglington Vicar of the Eglington Vicarage and St. Maurice Church of Eglington. Instead, Ogle Chapel has been used as storage space and a dumping ground, “a room without a purpose.” During an unforgettable visit to St. Maurice Church in July 2005, seventy-five Ogle descendants from the U.S. saw first hand the deterioration of Ogle Chapel.

On September 24, 2005, the church and community leadership launched a fund drive, aptly named “The Ogle Chapel Re-ordering Scheme.” (The word “scheme” in British usage means “plan.”) Goals of the fund drive are (1) renovate Ogle Chapel in order to accommodate children and young people in the life and worship of the church (2) provide space for use by the local community, as required and (3) encourage persons to visit and experience the church and surrounding community.

Many critical renovations are planned for both the inside and outside of the church. Renovation of Ogle Chapel alone is estimated at £40,000 or about \$82,000 (exchange rate late October 2007). The anticipated cost of all renovations to St. Maurice Church is about £90,000 or about \$184,000. After a little more than a year, Vicar Kelsey advises the fund drive is approaching £15,000 or approximately \$31,000 in donations and pledges. Also he reports, “The leaders of the Ogle Chapel fund drive are hopeful of obtaining a grant from English Heritage for maintaining the fabric of the church.”

The Ogle/Ogles Family Association voted at the Association’s National Convention to donate \$1,052 to the Ogle Chapel fund drive based on \$4 for each of the 253 members at the time. The donation was gratefully acknowledged by Vicar Kelsey. Additionally, several individual members of O/OFA also have sent personal donations.

Please consider making a donation—a generous one if you are able—to this worthwhile fund drive to renovate the chapel of our esteemed Ogle ancestors! Help other Ogle descendants in the U.S. make a sizeable impact on the fund drive! As you make your donation, consider the exchange rate of the U.S. dollar is worth a little less than 50 cents against the English pound.

- Write a check in U.S. dollars, payable to “Ogle Chapel Re-ordering Scheme,” but realize that the English bank where the check is deposited will deduct about \$10-\$12 for a processing fee.
- Include on a separate piece of paper your full name, complete mailing address (city, state, U.S. and ZIP code), your e-mail address (if you wish) and if you are member of O/OFA. The fund officials want to keep an accurate record of donations.
- Send your check along with your information to: Team Vicar, The Revd Dr Rob Kelsey, Eglington Vicarage, Alnwick, Northumberland, NE66 2TX., England. (Leave a space between NE66 and 2TX). You may contact Vicar Kelsey by e-mail Robert@josephkelsey.fsnet.co.uk.



**A Presentation of Ogle Chapel Donations Is Planned for the 2008 Reunion
St. Maurice Church of Eglington
Ogle Chapel, Left Extension**



Critical Deadlines.....Authors who wish to submit articles to *The Ogle Genealogist* must have them in no later than January 1, 2008. In addition, officers who compile regular materials for publication must have their reports in no later than March 1, 2008. If material is received late, inclusion in the publication cannot be guaranteed by the editor.

Now Is the Time...A replacement for the outgoing editor of *The Ogle Genealogist* is needed now. If you have some background in editing and are willing to learn, contact President Jim Engler. Current editor Donna Brooks is waiting to share her expertise and experience with you.

Correction.....The name of Jeanette Ogle Kenney was misspelled in the Summer 2007 issue of *Ogling for Ogles* article "Meet the Assistants." Jeanette was also referred to incorrectly as "Jan" in the same article. The editor regrets these errors.



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