

Eighth Annual O/OFA Convention

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Ogling for Ogles

The Ogle/Ogles Family Association's (O/OFA) Eighth National Convention was held in downtown Fort Wayne, Ind., October 5-7, 2006. Attended in part or in full by a total of 57 persons, the program and the opportunity to meet with fellow Ogles was enjoyed by all. Shirley Ogle Willard and husband Bill Willard, organizers of the convention, centered the general theme around Allen County Public Library's genealogical collection located just a few blocks from convention headquarters. Willard organized tours which enriched the convention experience, one to the repository of the Ogle Library, the Fulton County Museum in nearby Rochester, and another involving historic sites of Fort Wayne.

The convention program involved a pleasant mix of past, present and future. President James Engler outlined the history of the association and also gave a presentation on the Nicholls Expedition, that military incursion which brought our common ancestor, John Ogle, to North America. Other bits of our past were vividly brought to life by Harlan Ogle in his "full regalia" representation of his great-grandfather Iverson Ogle and by Charles Ogles' presentation of vintage farm equipment. Both programs were well-received. President Emeritus Wayne Ogle updated members on the long-planned *Ogle Family Genealogy Book*, which is nearing publication. He made available a genealogical chart of the first several generations of Ogles in North America. A representative of the Allen County Public Library gave a presentation on its historical and genealogical resources. Time was made available in the convention schedule to utilize the library's collection for research.

The 2005 trip to Northumberland, under the leadership of J.W. Elder, was outlined, an illustrated summary of which was made available by Harlan Ogle. Discussions were held regarding a repeat of this popular itinerary and a committee formed to head up those plans. James Ogle of Snellville, Ga., was named as Chairman, J.W. Elder to be available as consultant.

Convention highlights were, as always, that of meeting cousins, "sharing" by attendees, and the opportunity to meet, chat with and exchange family data with one another. A general meeting of the association updated members on interim work of board members and association finances. Board elections were held and results are noted in this newsletter issue.

The convention closed with a banquet on Saturday evening, a reading of "The Thread In Our Lives" by Elinor Stroup, bagpipes played by Mark Gropp — reminding us of both our Scottish and English ancestry — and group singing of "God Be With You Till We Meet Again" which closed this successful eighth Convention until we Ogles and Ogleses meet again at our 2009 convention.

Ninth National Convention ..On 7 October 2006 at the Eighth National Convention in Fort Wayne, Ind., President James Engler announced Frederick, Frederick Co., Md., as the site for the 2009 Ninth National Convention. The location is in keeping with the association's policy of moving the convention in a sequence of Midwest, East Coast and West Coast sites. Engler asks for volunteers interested in helping with the planning and execution of the convention to contact him. Planning committee members and information about the Frederick Co., Md., area will appear in the next issue of *Ogling for Ogles*.

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Northumberland 2008



At the Ogle/Ogles National Convention in Ft. Wayne, Ind., in October 2006 many members who visited in 2005 and those who could not attend expressed a desire to return to Northumberland. J.W. Elder coordinated that trip of a lifetime and asked for volunteers to explore the possibility of a return during the week of 13 through 19 July 2008.

O/OFA members Jim Ogle (jimogre@aol.com), Joyce Steinkamp (Jstein2197@aol.com), Judy Ogle Edwards (JudyinPittsburgh@aol.com), Sim Ogle Seckbach (Sseckbach@aol.com) and Betty Hale (bhale101@comcast.net) agreed to form a committee. J.W. Elder agreed to act as an advisor to the committee. The tour group can expect to visit many Ogle related areas and other points of interest. Elder and Jim Ogle will travel to Northumberland in 2007 to explore lodging and tour costs. Sites not visited during the 2005 reunion will be examined in an attempt to keep the tour interesting and the cost of trip as reasonable as possible. More information will be available in the Summer 2007 newsletter.

Association Leaders Elected

Elected at the 2006 Fort Wayne Convention to serve on the Association's Board of Directors are:

- President:** James F. Engler, Sr. (Maryland), incumbent
- Vice President:** Paul W. Ogle, Sr. (North Carolina), to replace Harlan Ogle
- Secretary:** Myrna Menke (California), incumbent
- Treasurer:** Kimberly G. Jackson (Illinois), incumbent, appointed 29 July 2006
- Membership Coordinator,** Peggy Ogle Higham (Washington), incumbent
- Member-at-Large,** Elinor Stroup (Kansas), to replace Paul Ogle
- Immediate Past President:** George Wiley Ogles (Georgia), incumbent

All terms commence 1 Jan 2007.

Patricia "Pat" Adams has been appointed Editor of *Ogling for Ogles*, this being her first issue. She replaces Harlan Ogle who has decided to step down after many years of service. We wish Harlan the best of luck with his other endeavors.

A Letter From the President by James Engler, Sr.



Our Eighth National Convention is now history. The convention was a learning experience for me since it was the first convention in which I served in a role other than a presenter. The impression I have is that attendees enjoyed themselves and at the same time increased their knowledge on many different topics. This Convention has brought up a number of items, a few of which are being highlighted in this issue.

First, there is our association leadership. There are only slight changes in the current set of officers and staff for the upcoming term which is described elsewhere in this newsletter. Also, we are starting to staff assistant positions for several staff and board posts which will keep operations flowing when unforeseen events occur that could cause a hiccup in processes. We have recently found volunteers to serve as assistants for some positions – also reported in this newsletter – but we still have openings, so please consider volunteering and contact me if you are interested.

Second, since the 2005 Northumberland Ogle Reunion was such a success, we are planning an encore for 2008. A planning committee was mentioned in the last *Ogling for Ogles*, and there is a follow-up article in this issue. Our intention is to keep you informed on the planning progress in each newsletter issue. Again, we are always looking

for volunteers who are willing to help with the planning and execution of this reunion.

Third, our 2009 convention is slated for Frederick County, Md. The county, through which so many Ogles moved in their migrations in the early days of this country, looks to be a great choice for our next association gathering. I have volunteered to act as the chairman for this event, but experience has shown that a committee is necessary to keep the stress level low in planning and execution. Over the next few months, I will be working to form a committee to help me get this event moving.

Fourth, 2009 marks our thirtieth anniversary as an association. That is something to celebrate! I welcome *your* ideas for how we should mark this significant milestone. Finally, one of the really interesting items to come up at the recent convention was the use of DNA in genealogy. I encourage male Ogle and Ogles descendants who still bear the name to take part in an exploration of our genetic backgrounds. Over the next few months we will be determining the most efficient way to carry out this new project – stay tuned for an announcement in the next issue of *Ogling for Ogles*.

Iverson Ogle Comes To Life by Pat Adams

“I greet you my dear friends and consider it a privilege to be gathered here with so many distinguished members of the proud and honorable Ogle family.”

So began Harlan Ogle’s portrait of his great grandfather, Iverson H. Ogle (1834-1863) of Manchester, Coffee Co. Tenn. Dressed in costume suited for the time, Harlan took 2006 O/OFA Conference attendees on a poignant journey of his great grandfather’s life from his birth, childhood, marriage and children to his unfortunate death at the hands of Union Cavalry soldiers.

Like most country boys, Iverson and his brothers hunted, fished and explored the hills that surrounded their home. At nineteen, Iverson married Nancy Catherine Minerva Bradshaw and began a family. With hard work and help from family, Iverson and

Nancy Catherine established a good life for themselves. But the storm clouds of the Civil War were about to change things for the young Ogle family and the entire nation. The war brought meager times. Crops were destroyed. Cattle and horses were captured by both Union and Confederate soldiers and eaten. Often the Ogle family went to bed hungry.

To feed his family, Iverson and a neighbor went turkey hunting that fateful day. Union Cavalry soldiers were patrolling that same area with the mission of protecting the populace from bushwhackers who scoured the countryside stealing and killing. The soldiers mistook Iverson for a bushwhacker. Two days later

Iverson’s father found his son’s body and took it home to his wife Nancy Catherine and the four children (a son and three daughters) who carried on as best they could. The only son, John Wesley, went on to have a family of his own. His son, David Wesley Ogle, had a son, James Harlan Ogle.

“Me and Pa had to be careful talking ‘bout the war because we thought a divided nation was not the way America ought to be.”

Conference attendees were privileged to learn of the imprint left by the Ogle family in the Coffee and Warren County areas of Middle Tennessee. As Iverson would say of the Ogle family, “We’re a proud and honorable people who have survived hardship and troubles since our ancestors walked the green fields of Northumberland.”

Donations Needed for Ogle Chapel Renovation by George Ogles, Immediate Past President

One of the most inspiring of several churches visited by some 70 Ogle descendants from the U.S. during the Ogle Family Reunion in Northumberland, England, in July, 2005, was the Parish Church of St. Maurice in the quaint village of Eglingham (Eg’-lin-jim). Once we were inside and seated in the nave, the narrow central hall of the church’s cruciform layout, our talented Vice President Rev. Harlan Ogle led us from the pulpit as we prayed and sang hymns praising God. However, it was “Ogle Chapel,” a small extension to the nave across from the pulpit, that endeared us to this special place of worship. Although Ogle Chapel was somewhat dark, uninviting and obviously in need of repairs, we had a brief devotional in the chapel, grateful that our Ogle ancestors in the Eglingham area had built the chapel and had worshiped in it for centuries.

Ogle Chapel extends on the north side of Eglingham Church. It is so called because of its links with the Ogle family branch who lived in the Eglingham area for several hundred years and owned most of the farms in the area. Between the 17th and 19th centuries, this Ogle branch owned Eglingham Hall, located just a short walk from the church. Unfortunately, for some time, Ogle Chapel rarely has been used for worship services, except for some weddings and funerals. Instead, it has been used as storage space and treated as something of a dumping ground, according to Vicar Kelsey. *continued page 3 Renovation*

O/OFA Membership Application or Membership Renewal

Name	Spouse	Email Address	
Address	Phone		
City	State	ZIP	
Please accept my membership in the O/OFA for the Calendar year (s) indicated:	Description	Annual Dues	Amount Tendered
___2007 ___2008 ___2009	1 Year Individual Membership	\$17	
___2007 ___2008 ___2009	1 Year Husband/Wife Membership	\$30	
___2007 ___2008 ___2009	1 Year Upgrade to Husband/Wife	\$13	

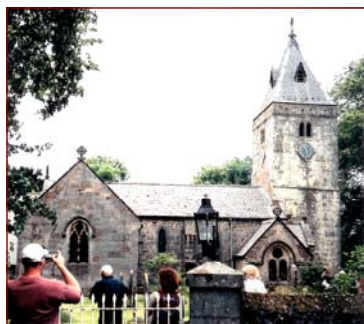
SEND MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION/MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL TO:
Peggy J. Higham, Membership Coordinator, P.O. Box 93, Benton City, WA 99320

Welcome New Members 4/2/06-12/7/06

Kathleen Carlson, West Olive, Mich.; Ann Clark, Huntsville, Tenn.; Linda Darlene Mathis, Humboldt, Tenn.; Beverly Naslund, Bushnell, Ill.; Dana Ogle, Broken Arrow, Okla.; David Ogle, Great Falls, Mont.; Fred Ogle, San Jose, Calif.; Mark Ogle, Cambridge, Oh.; Michael J. Ogle, New Hyde Park, N.Y.; Mike Ogle, Albia, Ia.; Shane Ogle, Stanton, Ala.; Kathy & David Ogles, Fountaintown, Ind.; Keith Prieto, Auburn, Ind.; Nancy Russom, Tullahoma, Tenn.; Teresa Speight, Southern Shores, N.C.; Richie S. Tompkins, Medford, Ore.; Mary K. Walker, Kittery, Me.; Patricia Williams, Antioch, Tenn.

Renovation continued....

During the worship experiences in the nave and especially Ogle Chapel many Ogle descendants decided to contribute to the fund drive created by Vicar The Rev. Dr. Rob Kelsey, church leaders and members to renovate Ogle Chapel and other portions of St. Maurice Church. The fund drive, already under way during our visit, is aptly named "The Ogle Chapel Re-ordering Scheme" and is designed "to breathe new life into Ogle Chapel by making it a room with a purpose, to the glory of God." A five-member church Steering Group and a Parochial Church Council have designed an ambitious plan "to renovate Ogle Chapel in order to accommodate children and young people in the life and worship of the church; to provide space which could be used by the local community, as required; and to encourage people to visit the church and find out about the church and the surrounding area." Currently neither the church nor the village of Eglingham has a public toilet. Renovation of the church includes installation of a toilet near Ogle Chapel and adjacent to the church boiler room. There are many additional, critical renovations planned within and without the church that cannot be listed in this article. The anticipated cost of the renovations to Ogle Chapel alone is \$65,000 to \$75,000.



Ogle Chapel (left portion of church) extends outward on the north side of St. Maurice Church of Eglingham

At the business meeting of The Ogle/Ogles Family Association's (O/OFA) National Convention in Ft. Wayne, Indiana, 5-7 Oct. 2006, members voted to donate from the O/OFA general fund a total of \$1,052 to "The Ogle Chapel Re-ordering Scheme," based on \$4 for each of the 263 current members at the time. The check was forwarded to Vicar Kelsey in November.

Individual donations to The Ogle Chapel Re-ordering Scheme from O/OFA members (or any Ogle descendant) are greatly appreciated by Vicar Rob Kelsey. Donors will automatically be counted as "Friends of Eglingham Church" and will receive an annual newsletter keeping them informed of recent developments in the life of the church. Also, the Church Steering Group is considering displaying in Ogle Chapel a plaque listing the names of O/OFA members and their friends who contribute to the Ogle Chapel Re-ordering Scheme. To donate to the Ogle Chapel renovation:

- (1) Purchase an international money order in English pounds payable to: "Ogle Chapel Re-ordering Scheme." Or, write a check on your bank in U.S. dollars, payable to: "Ogle Chapel Re-ordering Scheme." Realize that it costs the church possibly \$10-\$12 to cash your check!
- (2.) Include on a separate piece of paper your: full name; complete mailing address (city, state, ZIP); email address (if you wish); and, if you are a member of O/OFA, state that fact on the paper.
- (3.) Send your check or money order and your piece of paper with your information, to: Team Vicar, The Revd Dr Rob Kelsey, Eglingham Vicarage, Alnwick, Northumberland, NE66 2TX., England. For more information contact Vicar Kelsey at email Robert@josephkelsey.fsnet.co.uk

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Family Returns to Northumbrian Roots"



**Member-at-Large
Elected ...**

Elinor Stroup is a sixth generation Kansan and grew up near Winchester, KS, within six miles of where her great, great grandparents Henry and Nancy Courtney Ogle homesteaded

in 1855, six years before Kansas became a state. She has lived in six other states due to the Naval career of her husband Scottie. They have been married 51 years and have two children and five grandchildren.

During the many moves, Elinor worked for accounting offices of the railroad, Naval Supply Center, IRS, State Treasurer and was a part time secretary. She also helped her husband operate a marina and campground business on the Tennessee River.

Since retirement, she has cared for family members, traveled, spent winters in a RV in Florida and Arizona and researched family lines to the fifth generation and many beyond. Elinor has written a book, "Depression Romance" using the letters written by her mother in 1931-32 to her father before their marriage. Hobbies include reading and volunteering as librarian for their RV park in Florida. Elinor looks forward to her duties and welcomes input from fellow O/OFA members.

**New Editor of News-
letter ...**

Since childhood, Pat Adams' interest in family roots has been strong. A favorite childhood memory is attending family reunions and listening to family tales.

Pat's family lines converge in the East Tennessee area, especially Sevier County. Family surnames include Fox, Emert, McCarter, Shults and Ogle all who have been cited by the Sevier Co. Heritage Museum as among the founding families of Sevier Co. Pat traces her Ogle connection to Thomas 1721—1802/03 and Elizabeth (Robeson) Ogle.

A graduate of Carson-Newman College, Jefferson City, Tenn., with a BS in Education/Psychology, Pat worked in the fields of training and human resources. Pat enjoys retirement with her husband, Richard C. Adams, also a genealogy researcher. They have three children and six grandchildren.

Pat has enjoyed editing the Winter/Spring 2007 newsletter and comments, "Harlan Ogle created a high standard I hope to follow as newsletter editor."



Expansion of Staff Positions

In an effort to improve association operations, President Engler announces the creation of assistant positions to several key board and staff posts. Assistants will be fully apprised of the duties of the lead person so that when necessary they can step in and provide uninterrupted service to members.

Based on the recommendation of Immediate Past President George Wiley Ogles, President Engler announces the appointment of two of the positions. Margaret "Jan" Fendley is appointed to the position of Assistant Secretary in support of Secretary Menke. Jeanette Kenney is appointed to the position of Assistant Treasurer in support of Treasurer Jackson. President Engler also announces the appointment of Tracy Brooks Hunn to the position of Assistant Editor of *The Ogle Genealogist* in support of Editor Donna Brooks.

Those interested in filling positions of Assistants to the Distribution Manager, Web Master, Librarian and the editor of *Ogling for Ogles* are encouraged to contact President Engler.