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Status of Ogle Chapel Fundraising

by George Ogles, Immediate Past President

The ancient, picturesque Parish Church of St. Maurice in Eglingham, Northumberland County, England, continues its vital campaign to raise funds to renovate Ogle Chapel and the aging church that is the focal point of the small community near the border of Scotland.

To date, the campaign that began in the fall of 2006 has made significant progress, **aided by a \$1,052 contribution by the Ogle/Ogles Family Association (O/OFA) and by several individual contributions from members, including a \$1,020 gift from one couple and \$500 donation from another O/OFA member.**

In late 2007, the goals of the Ogle Chapel Re-ordering [Renovation] Scheme [Project] were divided into two parts and the costs were reassessed. Vicar Rob Kelsey of St. Maurice Parish Church emphasizes that although the two parts can proceed independently of each other, they belong together. The new cost analysis is listed below. The currency conversion rate of March 13, 2008, was used in converting the British pounds (£s) into U.S. dollars:

A. Re-ordering inside the church: Renovate Ogle Chapel, £23,000 (\$46,850); build tower screen & toilet, £26,000 (\$53,000); upgrade heating system, £5,000 (\$10,200); Sub-total £54,000 (**\$110,000**).

B. Re-ordering outside the church: Re-slate roof, £35,000 (\$71,300); re-point church tower, £16,000 (\$32,600); Sub-total: £51,000 (**\$104,000**); **GRAND TOTAL: £105,000 (\$214,000)**.

Rev. Kelsey reported that in the fall of 2007, the Ogle Chapel Re-ordering Scheme entered the third phase of fundraising, as designed in its 2006 business plan. The first two phases involved fundraising from within the church and the wider community

As of March 2008, some seventeen months into the fund drive, upwards of £12,000 (\$24,400) have been given or pledged, **of which about £1,400 (\$2,850) have come from descendants of Ogle families in the U.S., mostly members of O/OFA.**



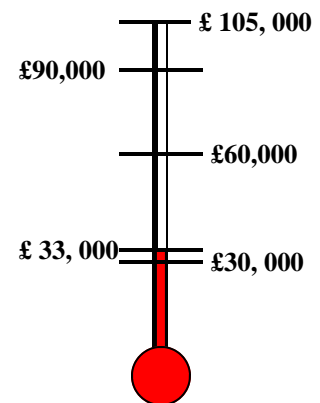
Fund Receives English Heritage Grant

The third phase involves applying to several grant-making bodies outside the parish. Rev. Kelsey wants Ogle descendants to know and share the excitement of a recent announcement that English Heritage has offered a grant of £21,000 (\$42,750) toward repairing major deficiencies of external portions of St. Maurice Church, such as re-slating the leaky room and solving the problem of dampness invading the inner church.

Unfortunately, no grants have been offered yet towards renovating part of the Scheme inside the church, which includes Ogle Chapel. Rev. Kelsey said that some money already has been paid from the Ogle Chapel account as part of a significant sum that has been paid to the Church architect

for work on the preliminary design for Part A, inside the church, and in producing a detailed report on Part B, outside the church, as required for the English Heritage application, which resulted in a grant award.

Therefore, £12,000 (\$24,400) were collected during the first seventeen months and first two phases of the drive. Donations came from individuals and activities within the church and from the wider local community, including donations by Ogle descendants in the U.S. Add the £21,000 (\$42,750) grant from English Heritage and the total funds raised thus far total £33,000 (\$67,100) of the revised goal of £105,000 (\$213,700)! **Fundraising for the Ogle Chapel Re-ordering Scheme is about one-third of the way to the goal of £105,000.**



Be a part of the Ogle Chapel renovation. You will be blessed by your contribution as we Ogle descendants in America help renovate this wonderful little church in Northumberland where scores of distant Ogle "cousins" worshipped for centuries.

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A Letter From the President by James Engler, Sr.



As you can see by the contents of this newsletter, we have a new Editor-in-Chief for our annual periodical, *The Ogle Genealogist*, Kathy Ogles, who will assume her duties with the issue that covers 2008. The

2007 issue is currently going through its review cycle under our current Editor, Donna Brooks. At present, Kathy is learning the ropes from Donna, which makes the transition all the easier for our Association. I want to thank Kathy for coming forward to be our next chief Editor and Gladys Diffie for volunteering to be our next Assistant Editor. Filling both positions in enough time to permit the passing of information on the periodical's publication process has been one of my key efforts since the last newsletter came out.

As you may recall, the last newsletter had an appeal for a new Editor to step forward, but there was not one response. So, in January, armed with a recent roster from our Membership Coordinator, I sent out an appeal again to every member of our Association on whom we had a listed e-mail address. I felt that this was a reasonable approach to take, in that the ability to contact the Editor and pass files electronically would benefit the Association by helping to further streamline the periodical's production process: having an existing e-mail account was an indication of someone more comfortable with electronic media and thus a part of a likely candidate pool for the position. The electronic search for the next Editor resulted in some interesting statistics that I'd like to share with you.

- Of 347 memberships recorded in December 2007 (singles and couples memberships each counted as one membership), 303 had a recorded e-mail address. *That works out to 87.32% of the membership who could be contacted electronically.* That's a fantastic number! I'd like to see that percentage move up closer to 100%, so I urge those of you who have no address to get an account (there are plenty of free services) so that

we can contact you in the event that there is something that needs more immediate attention by all of our Association Members. If you have an e-mail address but haven't shared it with the Association yet, I urge you to send your information to our Membership Coordinator, to update our records. We do not share our e-mail list with any organizations outside of our Association, so you shouldn't fret about the Association becoming a source of junk e-mail.

- Of the 303 addresses to which my message went, 48 messages were bounced back to me for a number of reasons. *That represents 15.84 % of those sent (13.83% of all memberships).* While not statistically significant (20 % is the number often quoted for that), the number is still too high for my liking. An analysis of the 48 indicated that at least 10 of these were due to typographical errors in the data entry process. We are currently working to develop a procedure to test our address list and confirm that they are all correct. Our Membership Coordinator has recently been contacting our members to get these incorrect addresses resolved. In some cases, she has had to leave a message, but gotten no response. If you have received one of Peggy's calls, either call her back, or e-mail her (dhigham1@msn.com) a test message with your address, and please copy me as well (j_f_engler_sr@att.net) Likewise, if you change your address, let us both know as well. The Internet can only help the Association get in touch with you if we have your correct address.

- Of the 303 messages sent, there were 20 respondents. *That works out to a 6.6 % response rate (5.76% of all memberships).* That is in spite of my request that I receive a response, even if the responses were negative. If you get an e-mail from this Association that asks for a response, please do so. I understand the concern of spam (I get a lot of it myself), but if you are not sure if it is legitimate, please check your most recent issue of *The Ogle Genealogist* where you will find all of the Board's e-mail addresses in the directory section.

- Of the 20 responses, 3 were favorable. *That works out to a 15% positive response.* Not all our responses were in the affirmative, but we expected that.

In the end, we found two candidates who were chosen to serve as Editor and Assistant Editor. To all of you who responded, I send you my heartfelt thanks for your responses, whether or not you could serve.

The exercise was illuminating, and I've learned lessons which will help me in my goal of improving the services we provide our members. By sending our Membership Coordinator your e-mail address, either as a first time report or when it is changed, you help those of us you've chosen at our Conventions carry out the mission of providing you the best source of all things Ogle/Ogles.

Ogle Chapel

How To Make a Donation

You are urged to make a donation of at least \$100, if possible. Why? Because the devalued U.S. dollar is worth a little less than fifty cents when converted to English pounds. In addition, when your check in dollars is received and placed in the fund account, the English bank deducts another fee of \$10 to \$12 just for handling the conversion. Therefore, your donation of \$100 results in about \$40 actually going into the fund.

Write a check on your bank in U.S. dollars, payable to "Ogle Chapel Re-ordering Scheme." England does not accept money orders. Include on separate paper your full name, complete mailing address (city, state, U.S., and ZIP code), e-mail address and if you are a member of O/OFA. Scheme officials keep an accurate record of Ogle descendants in the U.S. who make a donation. Mail your check and information to: **Team Vicar, The Revd Dr Rob Kelsey, Eglington Vicarage, Alnwick, Northumberland, NE66 2TX., England.** (Note space between NE66 and 2TX.) Vicar Kelsey can be contacted by email at Robert@josephkelsey.fsnet.co.uk.

Meet the Volunteers New Editor & Assistant of *The Ogle Genealogist*



Editor

Kathy Ogles caught the genealogy bug from her

Great Uncle Dearinger who started by taking names and dates at the Dearinger family reunions. Kathy says, "My tree information started from his and has blossomed. I have over 30,000 names in my current tree. It grows constantly."

Kathy and David Alan Ogles met in the 8th grade at New Palestine High School and have been married for 32 years. They have three children and call Fountaintown, Ind., home. There are no grandchildren as yet but hopes are high.

Genealogy, camping, crocheting and photography keep Kathy busy. She is also the primary caretaker of her grandmother who has Alzheimer's disease.

Using a new camper purchased this year, Kathy and David plan to visit campgrounds in Indiana and surrounding states. They hope to spend time at McCroskey State Park in Idaho. This park originated from the ancestors of Kathy's maternal grandmother.

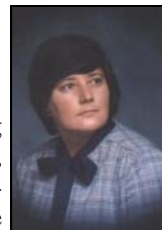
In addition to McCroskey, other names Kathy researches are Daugherty and Cordell, her father's family, Dearinger, her mother's family, and Swindle and Roark, her mother-in-law's family.

Assistant

Editor

Since retiring in 2005, Gladys Thomas Diffie has spent her time feeding squirrels and birds and creating a yard in her little stretch of land in Bradley County, Tenn. Of course, she also spends time in genealogy research. Gladys is married to Richard D. Diffie, a retired federal police officer and has two stepdaughters.

She holds a BA in history with minors in political science and computer programming. "I thought I wanted to be a teacher until I did the student teaching part," says



Gladys. For 32 years she worked for Virginia Beach General Hospital/Tidewater Health Care in Information Services, a timeframe from punch cards to wireless.

A native of Dalton, Ga., Gladys is a descendant of William Ogle and Martha Huskey of Sevier County, Tenn. Gladys' venture into genealogy can be found at <http://www.angelfire.com/va/mountainwinds/mygen.html>. Her story is humorous and rings true to all family researchers. Her story begins, "In 1996, I decided to do a genealogy project for my mother's birthday. I allowed myself plenty of time by starting in January ... to have it ready for her birthday in February."

You Find Ogles in Unusual Places by James Engler, Sr.

It might come as a surprise to some, but there are other hobbies than genealogy! One such is called gaming or wargaming. If you're not familiar with these games, they typically include a map of land and/or sea areas, covered by a grid of hexagons or hexes in the hobby's parlance (instead of squares most of us are used to for maps), over which you move cardboard squares (typically the counters are about 5/8 of an inch on a side) printed with information to represent various units and commanders and their fighting abilities. Each game comes with dice to provide some randomness to action outcomes and a set of rules and tables on how to set up, reinforce, move and fight these units, how long each game is, and how victory is determined.

Often, these games come with multiple scenarios with additional special rules. Games can last from an hour in real time to days; games are played face-to-face or by mail. The hobby has individual players, game clubs and regular tournaments.

These games can represent historical, futuristic or fictional events and places on scales from an open field to continents and let the players try their hands at being an armchair general to see if they can better real commanders. Two examples have surfaced showing that even in that hobby the Ogle family is to be found.

One example is the game *Blackbeard*TM (© 1991) by the now-defunct Avalon Hill Company (which was located in Hunt Valley, Maryland), now owned by Hasbro. The game shows the world of the sixteenth through eighteenth centuries, and as a pirate you try to capture ships and increase your wealth without a mutiny, having your ship sink from under you, or being captured by one of His Highness' Royal Commissioners (described in the game as "glorified sea-going bounty hunters"); alternately, you can be one of the pirate-hunting English



Royal Commissioners. You can choose to be any of the fictional or historical pirates that come with the game, or be one of the historical Royal Commissioners included. One of the latter is Chaloner Ogle (his counter shows the flag of England, not the United Kingdom).

Another example is *Otterburn, 1388*, part of a game on European battles of the Middle Ages called *Au fil de l'épée* (translates as *By the Edge of the Sword*), by Frédéric Bey of France; the Otterburn scenario appeared in the French wargaming magazine, *Vae Victis* issue 78 (January 2008). The Ogles strike again! In this case, the piece is Sir Robert Ogle (which inexplicably shows the name "Sir M. Redman" on the counter, but the right name in the rules and the right coat of arms). He appears to start with four units (shown here in the following order): knights, men-at-arms, archers, and pikemen, all but the archers fatigued at the start of the game.

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The translation relates the following special rule for Sir Robert:

“Sir Robert Ogle: The English units under the banner of Sir Robert must immediately attempt to occupy the Scottish fortified camp. At such time as they have succeeded in occupying all these hexes they must be rallied by Sir Robert as if they were disrupted before they can rejoin the rest of the English units in the main battle. Until this rally attempt succeeds the units must remain in place. This requirement is lifted if these units are attacked by Scottish units.” [Scenario rules by Francois Criscuolo, translated from the French by Roger Deal]

Ogles turn up where you least expect them! If anyone finds any additional examples, let the author know at j_f_engler_sr@att.net.

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Competition Announced.....Get your thinking caps on and your creative juices flowing! A commemorative pin will be struck to mark our Thirtieth Anniversary as an Association, and *YOU* could be its designer. The pin, suitable for wearing on hats and clothing, will be enameled metal, and around an inch or so in size. Rules and more information on how to submit your entries will be included in the Summer edition of *Ogling for Ogles*.

Reminder.....We're still looking for your ideas on how we can make our Thirtieth Anniversary truly memorable. Send your thoughts, ideas and concepts to Association President Jim Engler.

Northumberland Reunion.....Hard to believe but the Ogle/Ogles Reunion is just around the corner. We have 54 members signed up for the trip. Final plans are in the works and the excitement is building. For information about the trip refer to the 2007 fall and summer editions of *Ogling for Ogles*.

— Jim Ogle, jimogre@aol.com

New TOG Editor & Assistant....Association President Jim Engler announces the appointment of Kathy Ogles as Editor of TOG beginning with the 2008 issue. Assisting her will be Gladys Diffie. The Association appreciates the commitment of Kathy and Gladys to our organization.

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Peggy J. Higham, Membership Coordinator, P.O. Box 93, Benton City, WA 99320

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Would you like to write an article, suggest a topic, submit a photo or make a suggestion for *Ogling for Ogles*? You are encouraged to contact your newsletter editor with your input.

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(Accept in Gratitude)

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