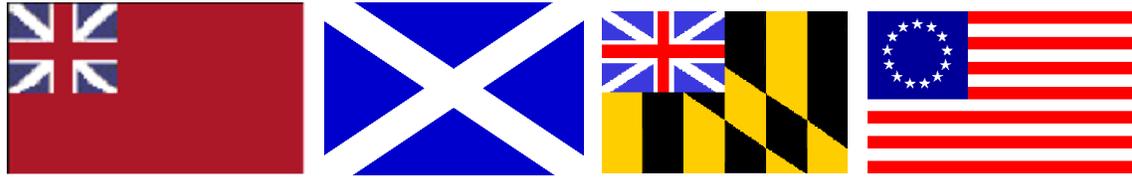


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2011 Elder Reunion in Emmitsburg, Maryland

by Ann Denson, Vice President

**Calling ALL Descendants of:
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On Friday Jul 22 at St Anthony's Shrine Parish hall in Emmitsburg cousins from all over the United States met, many for the very first time, to honor the memory of our grandparents, William/Ann/Jacoba Elder.

Even sweltering 100 degree weather couldn't dampen the fun. The people might have been dampened but not the fun. The early morning was spent meeting one another and figuring out to what branch of the family we belonged.



St Anthony's Shire Hall site of the 2011 Elder Reunion

Later Dale A. Valentine the Commander, Francis X. Elder American Legion Post, #121 spoke about the legion's purpose and presented a certificate of appreciation, for the sacrifice of their name sake, and an American Flag to the Elder Association. Francis X. Elder, our cousin, was the first soldier from Frederick County to die in World War I. The flag and certificate will be framed together and placed; (We Hope) near the Elder library collection in the Emmitsburg Public Library. A copy of the certificate is now available to any association member that would like one. A copy is located on the Box.net site and on the family tree at Ancestry.com



Elder Reunion display created by Steve and Tim Gallagher. Photos by Stephen F. Gallagher

Dr. Robert Dahlem, DVM, an Elder cousin, explained about an archeological dig that he had participated in at Flint Island, KY, an area near where Elder descendants had settled.

A reunion picture was taken by Bev Spalding, publisher of the Catoctin Banner who is the wife of and mother to Elder descendants.

After lunch Carolyn Brannan Kirsch, an Elder cousin and a living historian of the French and Indian and Revolutionary Wars, showed clothing and other items that our ancestors would have worn and use.



Carolyn Brannan Kirsch and friends

She was assisted by Connie Elder Leaders, an Elder cousin, who modeled the clothing. On Friday evening we had dinner at the Ott House owned by Elder cousin Bob Ott and his family.



Ott House 5 W. Main Street Emmitsburg, MD 21727

Speakers at the Ott House were Fr. Michael J. Roach, Instructor of Church History Mount St Mary's University and Scott Fullerton, researcher from the National Museum of Civil War Medicine, both spoke about events in history and the role played by our ancestor Archbishop William Henry Elder.

Throughout James W. "J W" Elder, organizer of past Elder reunions was on hand to provide us all with invaluable Elder Family information.

On Saturday morning following a visit to the Grotto, we again meet at St Anthony's for a picnic lunch followed by more discussions of Elder ancestors. Saturday afternoon was free time. Saturday evening we meet at the motel to elect officers.

Sunday morning we attended Mass at St. Anthony's Shrine, one of the many house of worship associated with the Elders of Maryland.



St. Anthony's Shrine

Later that afternoon we all meet at the Elder Cemetery where the Sons of the American Revolution (SAR) honored the Elder's with



Color Guard of the Maryland Society Sons of the American Revolution

Finally Brother Mark Elder, C. M., another cousin, lead us in a Sunday service similar to one conducted in Colonial times when no priest was available to say Mass.



Headstones of Ann, William and Jacoba Elder

With that we all piled into our cars to return to our respective homes, some going as far as California, Arizona, Nebraska, Kentucky, Illinois, North Carolina, Wisconsin and Florida as well as others as near as Maryland, Virginia, Delaware, and Pennsylvania. Over the course of the weekend 48 Elder descendants made an appearance at one or more of our functions. The came from 12 states.

Thanks to Tim and Steve Gallagher for a job well done!

Looking forward to meeting more cousins at the 2014 Elder reunion in Fancy Farm, Kentucky!!!!

Maryland Adopt-A-Highway Program



The association has the paperwork for joining the Maryland Adopt-A-Highway program and now we need Elder descendants to agree to attend at least ONE of four highway cleanups each year. The road we will be cleaning is a 1.3-mile section of Motter Station Road. This is located in front of the Elder Cemetery in Emmitsburg, MD.

We plan on meeting early on a Saturday or Sunday four times a year and then have brunch or lunch as a group. We need a person/s to chair this activity. If we have other cemeteries, in other states with a preponderance of Elder descendants/kin we could do a similar project. It is a way of giving back to the community, helps advertise the Elder association and is a great excuse for us to get together on a local level in between national reunions. **We need a volunteer to chair this effort.**

2014 Reunion of the Descendants of William Elder of Maryland

The 2014 Reunion of the Descendants of William Elder, Ann Wheeler Elder and Jacoba Livers Elder will be held in Fancy Farm, Ky. The reunion is set for **July 31st through Aug 3rd**.



Among the events we will be attending are the Annual Picnic at Fancy Farm and the KOC fish fry.



The Annual FF picnic is an all-day affair on Saturday and we will have, if possible a central tent pavilion area for everybody to center their attendance around. We will also

be having a meet and greet, church services on Sunday, farewell dinner, and a host of other events. Suggestions, especially from locals are MOST welcome.



The hotel we are working with is the Days Inn located in Mayfield. The address is 1101 W. Housman Street Mayfield, Kentucky 42066 Phone 270-247-3700

They will have rooms available, both smoking and nonsmoking, double bed and single bed, for the given time period. We have a reunion rate of \$54.99 + tax per room, per night

We are looking for a local Elder descendant to coordinate the event locally. If you can help please drop a note to Tim at wmelder1707@hotmail.com

Check out these Web sites:

- <http://www.williamelderofmaryland.com>
- <http://box.com/>
- <http://www.ancestry.com/>
- <http://www.ancquest.com/viewer.htm>.
- <http://www.genealogywise.com/>

It's a Hobby; it's a Passion Reenacting!!!

By Carolyn Brannan Kirsch



Living Historian, Re-enactor, Educator, Keeper of Odd Knowledge, those are some of the titles that I answer to and many more in the world of 18th century living history.

It started out as doing a favor for a friend. My friend, Emilie McGinnis was interested in attending a local craft/trade fair with an 18th century theme. She enlisted my help as a clothing model to attend the event.

Since, I do not sew, Emilie outfitted myself, our children and herself in stylish 18th century clothing. Our clothing was not outlandish, just simple everyday clothes of the time. We attended the event, and a few others that were held locally. By the end of the year I was hooked.

Then the real work began, research, research, research! Each event was at a different location, which meant dusting off the reference shelves and the books contained thereon. Hours and hours of reading, of who fought whom and why, ensued. Where a particular event was held, brought it's own history to explore and learn.

Not all history is contained in 'history' books. Personal diaries, newspaper articles, obituaries and wills, all contain stories of lives that can no longer be told.



Carolyn Brannan Kirsch and friends

That is where I come in as the Living Historian. It is a distinct honor to engage the public at an event. Sure there are the usual questions such as: "Is that a real fire?" Yes, people do really ask that question. Are you going to eat THAT?! Most of the time the answer is "Yes, what you see here is our dinner (breakfast, lunch)." It may be something as simple as corncakes on an open fire or a fresh plucked (wild) turkey strung up over a slow burning fire with yams packed in mud then buried in the ground.

Others ask if we stay "there". Meaning, do we really sleep in those canvas tents when it is 98 degrees, humidity similar to the Amazon rain forest and the real possibility of a thunderstorm coming in during the night. The answer is "Yes". Gail force winds have toppled many a wedge tent and scattered belonging to and fro at more than one event.

When presenting a clothing demonstration, it is fun to personally engage those attending. By that I mean, pick a person or two to help with the demo. Dressing a person in the 'day to day' wear while doing a running commentary on that particular piece of clothing is, at times, a challenge.

But, when you begin with a ladies under garment known as a 'shift' (if English) or a chemise (if French) and moving on to stockings, garters, pockets, petticoat, stays (think 19th century corset), short gown, kerchief, cap, apron and finally shoes!

The entire process can be quite humorous as well as educational. All that clothing without benefit of air conditioning and regular bathing, for that matter.....makes one grateful for both!

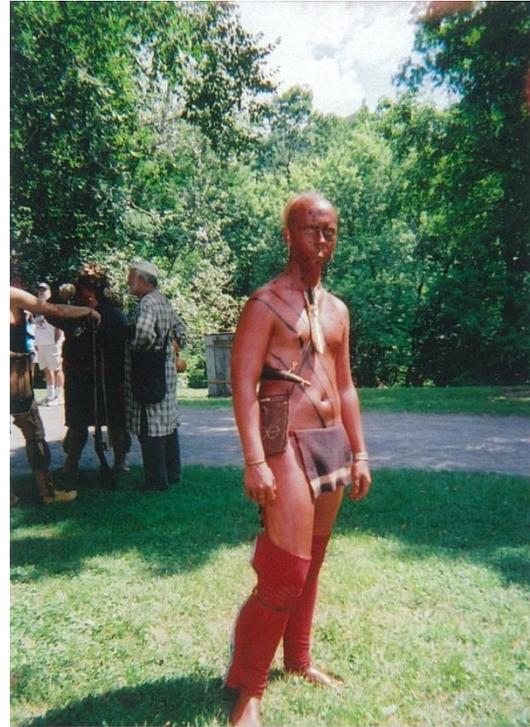
I have been fortunate to be part of a clothing demonstration that was conceptualized by my aforementioned friend Emilie. She has scrutinized my demonstrations on 18th century clothing as well as Native American living.

My family has been a great support of my Passion/Hobby by becoming involved also. My husband, who is a musician, is attached to the French Marines as a tambour (drummer) who acts as a signal/messenger during battle. He is the most well dressed member of our family unit!



Terry and Carolyn Brannan Kirsch

Our youngest son portrays Native American of the Seneca nation. He has done exhaustive research to ensure that his portrayal is factual as well as authentic as possible.



Jacob Kirsch portrays a Native American of the Seneca nation

Clothing, living history, re-enacting, educating, research, all come together to create for me a hobby as well as a passion that I hope to continue for many more years!

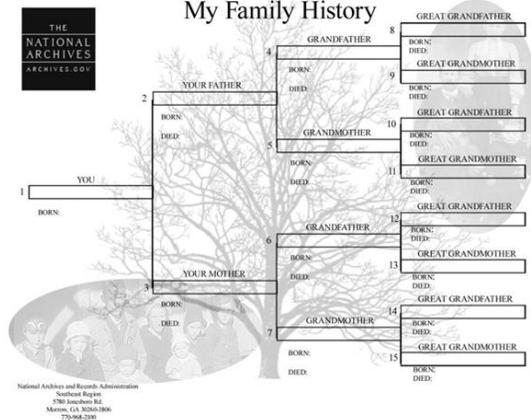
***"Like leaves on trees the race of man is found,
now green in youth, now withering on the
ground.***

***Another race the following spring supplies;
They fall successive; and successive rise;***

***So generations in their course decay,
So flourish these, when those are parsed away."***

Pope's Homer, II. 6, 180.

"Descendants of William Elder Research Group by Selena Du Lac, Chairman



At the Elder Reunion in MD this past summer I volunteered to be the chairman of the "Descendants of William Elder" research group and now that summer has ended and the Holidays are over I am ready to pursue this.

We hope to publish our own book on the descendants of William Elder and have it available by our next family reunion in approximately 2 years. (2014 KY)

You're invited to join our research group which is working together on the Descendants of William Elder.

To coordinate this work, we created a shared genealogy database that can be accessed by any of us, at any time, through the Internet. All of us can easily view this database, print professional reports, etc., using new genealogy software that supports "collaboration."

It also has a built-in research manager we use to organize and document our research so we don't duplicate our efforts.

Here's how you access our group database:

- 1) Download Ancestral Quest free at <http://www.ancestry.com/viewer.htm>.
- 2) When AQ is installed, go to the Collaborate menu and choose Sign Up to get a free collaboration account.
- 3) E-mail me your collaboration User ID and e-mail address from step 2. I don't need to know your password. Our file is private and secure, so I have to authorize anyone new. That's why I need your info in step 3. I also have full control over who is allowed to edit the file. We want to make sure that changes are carefully researched and documented.

Once you've installed AQ, go to the Collaborate menu and choose the Open Published File option to open our file.

Browse through it, and then check out our current tasks in the Research Manager. Let me know which tasks you think are missing, or which are most interested in. Also, please tell me if you see anything missing or incorrect.

Until Ancestral Quest is registered, it runs in "viewer mode," which lets you view latest database, preview reports, etc. If you decide to help edit the database or print reports, you might need to register AQ so you'll have the full functionality. For this reason, I'm asking Incline Software to offer you a discount, which you will see at the bottom of this message.

Feel free to send me the names of other Elder descendants who might want to join this project. I hope to work together with you in this group effort! Should you prefer another method of submitting your information you may e-mail me at sdulac@unedspeed.net or call me at 928-453-1824 and we will discuss other methods. Thanks, Selena Du Lac

WHAT IS IN A SURNAME?

By J.W. Elder, President Emeritus



What is in a surname a little or a great deal? It all depends on one's perspective. I am of the persuasion that I do not accept at face value everything that is written, said or some seen. Our surname "Elder" falls with that category. There are many variations:

"The origin of the Elder name is as Victor Elder's webpage explains the connection as follows:

"In 1160, Malcolm IV called upon the Clan Macduff to help him withstand an attempt on his throne. Duncan Macduff, Chief of the Macduff Clan, sent his son Shaw. At the end of the war, Shaw was rewarded with his own noble rank and lands and was known as Macintosh. This much we know – supposedly, Shaw Macduff Macintosh had several sons, the oldest of whom was known as 'The Eldar' (original spelling) and his descendants adopted this as their surname, to distinguish their line from the rest of the clan. The Elder name is very common in Scotland and has always been associated with the Clan Macintosh (MacKintosh) so the tale certainly seems plausible ... MacKintosh or McIntosh means "son of the chief or important person" and Elder is simply the Anglicized or English form of the Gaelic name."



J.W. Elder and Edwin Grieve standing at the Scottish border with England." (photo by Michael Grieve))

The Border region of England and Scotland produced some of the most illustrious family names the world has ever known, names such as Armstrong, Nixon, Graham, Bell, Carson, Elder, Hume, Irving, Ogle, Rutherford, and so on and included in this group is the surname Elder.

Professional analysts have researched the history of lowland Scotland and northern England, including many private collections of genealogical records, the Inquisition, the Exchequer Rolls of Scotland, the Ragman Rolls, The Hearth Rolls, the Doomsday Book, parish cartularies, baptismal, and tax rolls and revealed that the first record of the name Elder was found in Edinburghshire where they were seated from very ancient times, some say well before the Norman Conquest and the arrival of Duke William at Hastings in 1066 A.D.

Different spellings of the name were found in the archives, each alternate linked to the root source of the surname. Your name, Elder, occurred in many references, from time to time the surname was spelled Elder, Elders, Eldar, MacNoravalch, and these changes in spelling frequently occurred, even between father and son.

Scribes and church officials recorded the name from its sound, sometimes changing the spelling on each occasion of the same person's birth, death or marriage.



Those of us that descend from William Elder, 1707-1776 of Maryland, or familiar with Mary Louise Donnelly's book and Mount Saint Mary's archives, reports a quote from William Elder where he says his father came from Lancaster County, England. I have been to Lancaster and Lancaster County and find little or no evidence that there was or is an "Elder" presence there.

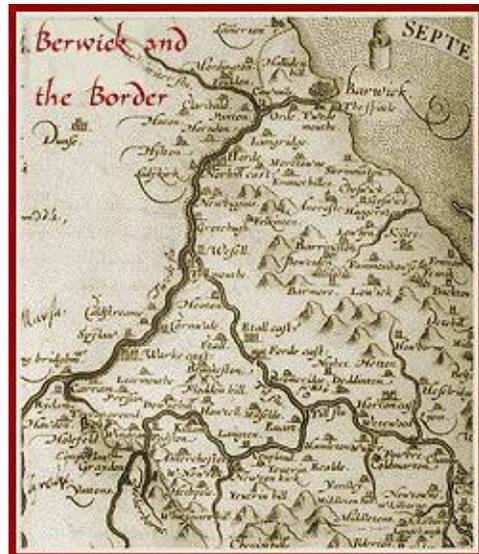
During one of my business trips in the early 1990's, at Lloyds of London, London, England, I decided to take a week and travel to Northumberland England, which is at the Scottish border to look for my Elder/Ogle connections. One of my contacts at Lloyds quickly said "Elder" you will not find him in England, for "Elder" is a Scottish name.



I used as home base "Elder Cottage" in Morpeth England, which is south or Berwick. The proprietor of Elder Cottage, Margaret Cook, looked through the "William Elder Ancestors and Descendants" book and she said the Elders are Scottish. She went on to tell me the photos of my dad and others in the book looked just like the Elders she knew in Berwick.



They were her neighbors and they were agri-business people. Both she and her husband were sure that the original Elder sailed from the common port near Lancaster County but originally the origin of the sailing occurred in Edinburgh or Berwick. Berwick has been controlled by Scotland more years than by England.



As I was heading north from London as I checked the phone book in various towns, I saw practically no “Elders” but when I got to Morpeth I found some and in Berwick quite a lot. In Edinburgh, there were numerous pages, and at Inverness, mostly Elder. The introduction states that MacIntosh/Elder came from the area just south of Inverness. They certainly are there still.

I recall the first trip to Scotland where I stayed one night in Edinburgh. The next morning when I walked the streets, I was amazed how much the people looked like my family. There were buildings named after a John Elder, Elder Circle, Elder Lane, Eldersville, etc.

In the large churches, numerous Elder surnames on plaques of people who died in various wars.

During my second trip to Northumberland Scotland in 1994, I met Edwin Grieve who turned out to be not only a great help in locating various Elder sites, but turned out to be a great friend and traveling companion.

The following year, when we met, he had located a photo of attendees at a meeting of Engineers at Berwick 1963 and he said that this was the first time in history that an Elder, Ogle, and a Grieve were in the same picture. I covered the names up quickly and I was able to identify the Elder and Ogle on the first try. I send this photo to other Elder/Ogle cousins and they were able to do the same.

Everything that I have read and seen tells me that the original Elder was a Scottish Highlander from the area south of Inverness and our line moved south in time and were present in the Edinburgh Scotland area in 1603.

I have heard my family say in pride, “Well, who does he think he is, he is no Elder.” Or she is no “real Elder” only an Elder by marriage. When we get too prideful, never forget the Roman Wall was built to keep our people out. We were the barbarians. The Roman Wall crosses the far south end of Northumberland.

On a tour in Northumberland once, I was talking with the driver, and I said, “If you ask a Scotsman why the Wall was built and he will say to separate Scotland from England.

Ask an Englishman and he will say to keep the Scots out.” The driver said he had another

theory and I asked, “How so.” The driver said to keep the Elders out from raping our women and stealing our cattle.

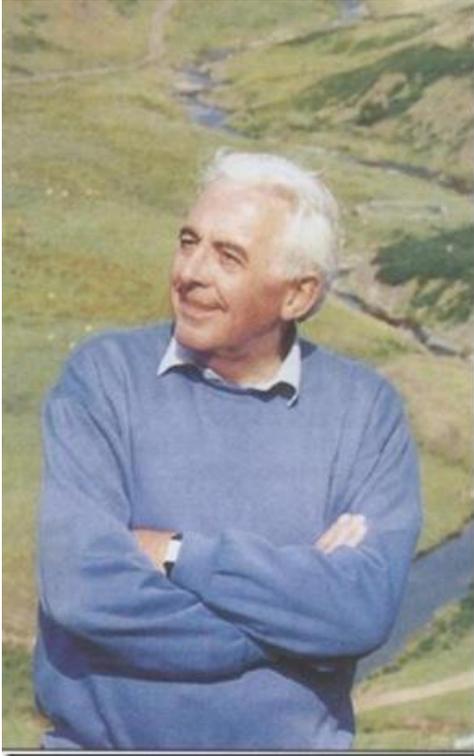


Northumberland

EDWIN GRIEVE April 29, 1930 February 25 2010

I Remember My Friend

By J. W. Elder Greensboro, NC



Former Headmaster, teacher, writer, historian, producer and writer of best-selling four-part “Edwin’s Kingdom” videos, major writer and contributor to the NORTHUMBRIAN Magazine, Ambassador of Northumberland. He is survived by son, Michael; daughter-in-law Marie; brother, Joseph; and granddaughter, Devon Rose.

Edwin Grieve, my friend, passed away from this earthly world over two years ago. It is hard to believe that it has been that long. Edwin Grieve was the most remarkable person I have ever met. I do not say that lightly. After having served four years in the U. S. Navy, and over 45 years in the insurance claims business, traveling over most of the world, I met some very interesting people.

I met Edwin Grieve in 1993. I had been to Northumberland England once previously trying to trace my ancestors with some luck but knew I could do better. I had asked a guide to find me an historian and someone who knew something about the Ogles and Elders. So at an appointed time and day, I met Edwin Grieve. We picked him up at High Church Street in Morpeth England. He took us directly to one of the main churches where the Ogles worshiped, lived, and are buried. We went to many other important locations. Even though I had studied my family line for years, it was clear that he knew more than I did. Not only that, but he knew private details, folklore, and sayings that are not readily recorded.

I was invited back and Opal and I returned the following year. We spent five days traveling throughout Northumberland. He made arrangements for us to be entertained by the Mayor of Morpeth, entertained at Ogle and Bothal Castles, which were family home castles, visit many manor houses, churches, various homes, etc. We were introduced to many fine and friendly people. I commented to Opal that southern hospitality must have begun in Northumberland.

It became apparent that Edwin loved to teach not only the history of Northumberland but more about the people who as he called “really lived”. He and/or his students had produced papers about Ogles over the years and my desires were “right down his alley”. He was most generous with his time and money. He seemed to be the happiest when he could share or help someone whether he knew them or not without praise or reward. He always introduced me to his friends as if I were a prince come home. He introduced me to many Elder- Ogle surnamed people and also that I was made aware of every place, street, burn, circle, building, etc. with those names which he were pointed out. I remember once we were walking the streets of Morpeth and I was carrying an umbrella. We stopped to talk to one of his friends and the friend asked “Do you think it is going to rain?” I said, “No, I carry the umbrella to beat the women off of Edwin.” He said, “Quite right they love him, they even worship him.”

Edwin was not very religious, even though he did not attend church regularly; he had goodness about him that I have seen in few people on this earth.

I made about twelve trips to Northumberland England and even though Edwin and I visited sights more than once, he had a way about him that you saw something new or different.

In the spirit of teaching and sharing, he would ask “when are you going to bring the Ogles and Elders over here to see all these things.” So as they say the rest is history. He made arrangements to meet with his contacts at Kirkley Hall. We had various meetings to work out the details of our sights to visit, lodging, meals, cost, etc. Edwin was always in attendance giving his advice and support. All of this led to a 2005 Ogle Reunion in Northumberland England. Seventy-five of our cousins arrived from all over the U.S. and also from Canada and New Zealand for a week of unbelievable and unforgettable experiences.



Ogle Castle (picture from Wikipedia)

The group ranged from one year to 82 years of age. Edwin was always in the lead, pointing out special or not readily apparent points of interest. Ever since I had known Edwin, it seems as though something special or unusual would happen. Our group had just left Eglingham Hall and we were walking onto the church grounds of Saint Maurice. A young couple was leaving the church and the lady asked “Who are all these people” and Edwin proudly said “They are the Ogles from America.” She exclaimed “I’m an Ogle, too.” The couple had come from Dallas TX. They had not known of our group or gathering. Everyone was elated and we continued with our newly found cousins worshipping in the church while sitting in the Ogle pews.

Without Edwin Grieve, there would have been no reunion in 2005 and also a follow-up in 2008. During our daily tours, Edwin was constantly giving his commentary as we rode or walked an area. He wanted us to experience everything to the fullest which included sitting on the latrine at the Roman fort or walking on top of the Roman Wall.

One of the comments made by our cousins at the Reunion in Northumberland 2005 was

“The Reunion has reminded me of the importance of family and the meaning of connecting with others. How sad it would be not to know who you are or where you came from. But with each new discovery of the Ogle history, it has built for me a firm foundation for not only my life, but for my children and grandchildren and the generations to follow. The tremendous work that others have put into discovering the hidden treasures of the Ogle history has been a real blessing to me. I pray that we all come away with a sense of awe and humility for the experience and privilege.”

After a very satisfying and successful week, on banquet night, I had the privilege of presenting a plaque to Edwin that read as follows:

EDWIN GRIEVE

Writer –Historian – Ogle Family Advocate

**With heartfelt gratitude for your invaluable assistance in the
Planning and scheduling of the Ogle family Reunion originating
At Kirkley Hall during July 10-16, 2005, which included in-depth
Tours of and personal briefings by the gracious owners of
Numerous Ogle-related castles, estates and landmarks
Throughout Northumberland, England
Your selfless contributions to the great success of the Ogle
Family Reunion are especially appreciated by the seventy-five
Americans, plus a few individuals from other countries, who
participated in the Reunion and are proud descendants of
The ancient and honored Ogle lineage of Northumberland.**

J. W. Elder

Ogle Family Reunion Coordinator

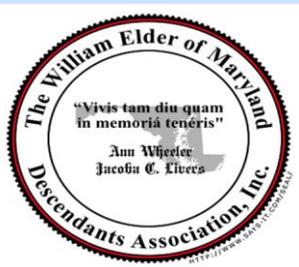
Dues are Due!

By Tim Gallagher

Dues for the year 2012 are now due. Unless you paid for more than one year, at the reunion and a few did, Please remit your 2012 dues as soon as possible. Regular dues are \$25.00 per year. The Charter dues of \$50.00 was a onetime fee for 2010 and 2011. All members now pay just the \$25.00 annual dues but charter members remain charter members. If you have never joined the association this is you opportunity to do so. If you would like to double check on your dues status please call Tim at 301-831-3994

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