

**James Ogilvie and Margaret Wilson Family  
Dundee, Angus, Scotland  
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Some descendants of John Ogilvie (1751-1856) have placed him in the family of James and Margaret Wilson Ogilvie of Dundee who are found in the Old Parochial Registers of the Church of Scotland. They assume John Ogilvie of St. George Parish, Georgia and Meaghers Grant, Nova Scotia, is the same John Ogilvie born to this Dundee couple. They have added John's known siblings, Peter, Ann and William who are not in the church register, and, regretfully, this information has been passed along by family members. Eventually this fabricated family became part of the old International Genealogical Index and Ancestral File and now appear on familysearch.org, and familytree.org. The following is to clarify this error and make available the resources.

James and Margaret Wilson Ogilvie do indeed have a son John born in 1751 in the Dundee parish. They also have five other children born between 1747 and 1757 none of whom are named Peter, Ann or William. Further reading of the parish registers shows their son John married Susana Duncan in 1777 in Dundee. This couple named their first son James. The 1780 registration of the infant's baptism gives the witnesses as "James Ogilvie, g father, James Duncan uncle. . . ." Their 1782 baptism of a daughter, who was named Margaret, gives the single witness as "Margt. Wilson, grandmother." These parish records and those following indicate that James and Margaret Wilson Ogilvie of Dundee did not reside in the colony of Georgia nor did their son John.

Further, to insert Peter, Ann and William into this Dundee family of six children, knowing Peter was born in 1749 and John in 1751 (ages are given on their headstones) with Ann and William following, would be an unrealistic feat for this mother. It is probably not impossible, but certainly highly unlikely that a woman would have nine single births within ten years.

It is known through land transactions and cattle brand registrations that a James Ogilvie is the father of Peter, John, Ann and William Ogilvie who all lived in the St. George Parish in the colony of Georgia in the late 1700's. There may be another son, James, as well. The mother's name is not known. It is known that Peter and John resettled in Nova Scotia in 1783 at the end of the Revolutionary War. Nothing more is known for certain of the other children. The name Oglesby appears on early records of Burke County (formerly St. George Parish) and bordering Screven County so it is reasonable to assume some family continued living in the area. Few records have survived from this time period.

After studying the parish transcriptions below, it is hoped Ogilvie descendants would **delete the Dundee Ogilvie family from their records** for Peter and John Ogilvie. Continued research is encouraged.

Transcriptions from Church of Scotland, Parish Church of Dundee, Forfarshire now Angus

Christenings/births were read for 27 years from 1740 to 1767. The Ogilvie entries are listed below. The records are from the Family History Library microfilm # 933,422 (1723 -1752) and # 933,423 (1753 - 1771). The Ogilvie marriage records are inserted in chronological order and are from FHL film # 993,400. Burials for the parish begin in 1772. No relationships are given in the burials so they were not copied. The parent's names are given on all christenings with the mother's maiden name always used. Frequently the father's occupation is included. James Ogilvie always has "mrt" following his name – an abbreviation for merchant. The handwriting is quite clear. Entries with only Ogilvie mothers were not transcribed. The -vie spelling of Ogilvie is constant until the handwriting changes and the apparent new person making entries consistently uses the spelling Ogilvy.

FILM #993,422

30 Sep 1742	James	f. Alex. Ogilvie witness: James Ogilvie, Earl of Findlater etc.	m. Jean Burns
20 Mar 1743	Eliz.	f. Alex. Ogilvie witness: Eliz. Demster	m. Marjory Demster
6 Dec 1744	Alex.	f. Alex. Ogilvie, clerk to customs witness: no Ogilvies	m. Eliz. Stephen
<b>9 Dec 1746</b>	<b>(marriage)</b>	<b>James Ogilvie, mrt, &amp; Margt. Wilson</b>	
26 May 1747	(marriage)	David Ogilvie & Jean Ross	
<b>8 Oct 1747</b>	<b>Isobel</b>	<b>f. James Ogilvie, mrt</b> <b>witness: Isobel Henderson, grandmother</b> <b>Isobel Crichton</b>	<b>m. Margt. Wilson</b>
28 Jul 1748	David	f. David Ogilvie, mrt, witness: David Ogilvie, etc.	m. Jean Ross
1749	No Ogilvie entries		
<b>23 Jan 1750</b>	<b>Barbara</b>	<b>f. James Ogilvie, mrt</b> <b>witness: Barba. Wilson spouse to Mr. Laurence Smith,</b> <b>schoolmaster, etc.</b>	<b>m. Margt. Wilson</b>

19 Mar 1750	(marriage)	Thomas Ogilvie & Eliz. Onan	
12 Oct 1750	John	f. David Ogilvie witness: John Kenny, John Bridges, John Ogilvie	m. Jean Ross
10 Sep 1751	(marriage)	James Ogilvie & Alison Gray	
22 Sep 1751	Eliz.	f. David Ogilvie witness: Eliz. Miller, aunt	m. Isabel Miller
<b>8 Oct 1751</b>	<b>John</b>	<b>f. James Ogilvie</b> <b>witness: In commemoration of John Ogilvie, grandfather, etc.</b>	<b>m. Margt. Wilson</b>
21 Jan 1752	(marriage)	James Ogilvie & Jean Roberson	
8 Jun 1752	James	f. James Ogilvie, tailor witness: no Ogilvies	m. Alison Gray
21 Jun 1752	James	f. David Ogilvie, mrt witness: James Ross, shoemaker, uncle James Ogilvie	m. Jean Ross
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<b>17 May 1753</b>	<b>Margt.</b>	<b>f. James Ogilvie</b> <b>witness: Margt. Ogilvie, aunt</b>	<b>m. Margt. Wilson</b>
6 Oct 1753	(marriage)	Alexander Ogilvie & Janet Martin	
31 Mar 1754	Thomas	f. James Ogilvie, tailor witness: no Ogilvies	m. Alison Gray
19 May 1754	Eliz.	f. David Ogilvie witness: Eliz. Ross, aunt, etc.	m. Eliz. Ross
17 Sep 1754	Alxr.	f. Alxr. Ogilvie, weaver witness: no Ogilvies	m. Janet Martin
<b>20 Mar 1755</b>	<b>Laurence</b>	<b>f. James Ogilvie, mrt</b> <b>witness: Mr. Laurence Smith, schoolmaster</b>	<b>m. Margt. Wilson</b>
23 Sep 1755	Thomas	f. Alxr. Ogilvie, mrt witness: Thomas Ogilvie, Thomas Brown, vintner in Dundee, Thomas Ogilvie son to Henry Ogilvie, vintner	m. Eliz. Stephen
7 Mar 1756	Jean	f. David Ogilvie, mrt witness: Jean Ogilvie, aunt	m. Jean Ross
8 Apr 1756	William	f. James Ogilvie, tailor witness: Wm. Blair, brother-in-law, William Mitchell, mrt	m. Alison Gray
<b>20 Jun 1757</b>	<b>Charles</b>	<b>f. James Ogilvie, mrt</b> <b>witness: Charles Johnson, mrt, Charles Gibson</b>	<b>m. Margt. Wilson</b>
7 Apr 1757	Robert	f. David Ogilvie, mrt witness: no Ogilvies	m. Jean Ross
20 Sep 1757	Janet	f. Samuel Ogilvie witness: Janet Couper	m. Agnes Driscoll
25 Dec 1757	Jean	f. David Ogilvie witness: no Ogilvies	m. Eliz. Cook
1758	No Ogilvie entries		
5 April 1759	David	f. Charles Ogilvie witness: no Ogilvies	m. Jean Easton
16 Sep 1759	Andrew	f. Alxr. Ogilvie, maltman	m. Ann Wilson

(illegitimate) witness: Andr. Grey, Andrew Ogilvie.

1760 No Ogilvie entries

27 Apr 1761 Charles f. Charles Ogilvie m. Jean Easton  
witness: Charles Stewart, baker

23 May 1761 William f. William Ogilvy m. Janet Tate  
witness: Wm. Ogilvy

28 Jul 1761 Dempster f. James Ogilvy, tailor m. Alison Gray  
witness: no Ogilvies

5 Dec 1762 David f. Geo. Ogilvy, pastor m. Eliz. More  
witness: David More, uncle, Alex. Ogilvy, grandfather,  
Alex. Ogilvy, uncle

12 Nov 1763 Marg. f. John Ogilvy, tailor m. Marg. Doig  
witness: no Ogilvies

24 Feb 1765 Charlotte f. John Ogilvy, tailor m. Marg. Doig  
witness: Charlotte Ogilvy

1766, 1767 no Ogilvie entries

MARRIAGE - FHL film #993,400

11 Sep 1777 (marriage) **John Ogilvie**, writer, in Dundee  
Susana Duncan, in Perth  
Married at Perth

CHILDREN - FHL film #993,423

10 Aug 1778 Christian f. **John Ogilvie, writer** m. Susana Duncan  
witnesses: Christian Burgh, grandmother by mother's side  
Christian Duncan, aunt

2 Nov 1780 James f. **John Ogilvie, writer** m. Susana Duncan  
witnesses: **James Ogilvie g. father**, James Duncan, uncle in  
commemoration of James Duncan, g. father

23 May 1782 Margaret f. **John Ogilvie, writer** m. Susana Duncan  
witness: **Margt. Wilson, grandmother**

Additional children of John and Susan Duncan Ogilvie: George (Jan 1784), Hannah (Aug 1785), John (Apr 1787), Duncan (Dec 1788), Eliz. (May 1790), Peter (May 1791), Andrew (Jul 1792), Susana (Oct 1793), Walter (Oct 1795).

**ATTACHMENT TWO**

An error often included in familytree.org is the death date of James Ogilvie of St. George Parish or Burke County, Georgia. He was NOT the same James who died in Savannah 1790.

In a 1786 Georgia newspaper notice and a 1787 petition the estate of the "deceased" James Ogilvie is mentioned. Notices are copied below:

14 Aug 1786 "A return of the land that was not given in & returned by the Receiver, & has not been paid for: 100 acres of the third quality, the property of **PETER OGELVE**. 300 acres of the second quality, in two tracts, belonging to the estate of **JAMES OGELVE, SEN., DECEASED.**"  
("Augusta Chronicle")

12 Jan 1787 "Petition of **DILL SAPP**, praying to be allowed a Tract of Land belonging to the Estate of James Ogilvie, whose Orphan Child he hath maintained & educated." Petition was not granted. (Journal of General Assembly of GA 1787-  
1788, 1939, p. 35)