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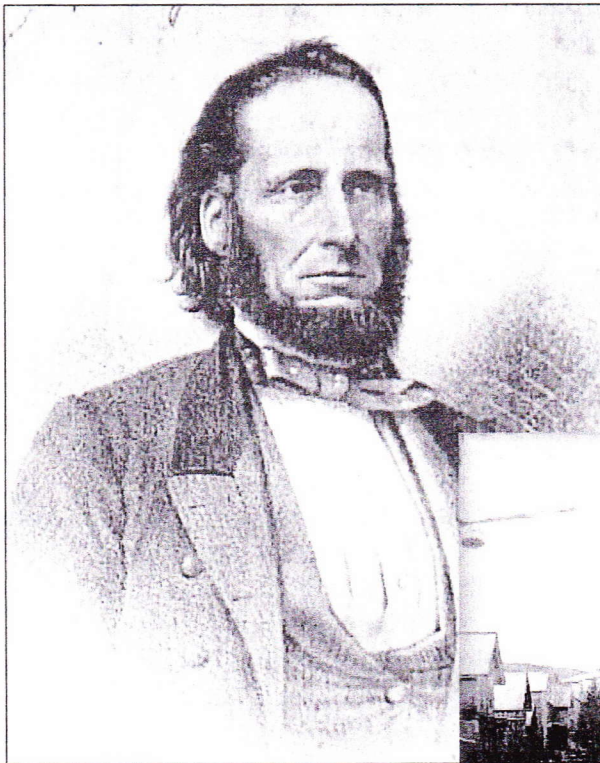
## *Rev. Bela Cogswell and His Ancestors*

The Cogswell family was among the earliest settlers of Tuscarora Pa., and has always been prominent in the history of their section. Edward Cogswell was quite a prominent character in the early settlement and development of Tuscarora; born March 24<sup>th</sup>, 1767, at New Milford, Conn., he married Bertha Beeman February 10<sup>th</sup>, 1770. Nine years later, in company with two brothers, he settled in what was then the "Far West," in Frenchtown, Bradford county, and being a miller by occupation, it is presumed that he found employment in the early mills of that section. He had the charge of the most important mills on the river, among which was the Ingham mill at Sugar Run. About the year 1800, he removed to the valley of Tuscarora Creek, near the present site of the village of Silvara, purchased a farm on the Tuscarora Creek and established a permanent home. Edward traveled 20 miles, on foot, to attend Methodist Camp meetings.

Edward's second son, Elisha (the father of Bela), was born in Bradford County April 4<sup>th</sup>, 1792, married January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1816, to Hannah Ford, (a daughter of Bela Ford, who lived on "Ford Street" in Pike Township), and died June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1873. Elisha was a farmer by occupation and owned the farm in what has been known as East Spring Hill, a part of his father's farm, later occupied by Bela; he also followed lumbering and shingle making to a considerable extent; was a soldier of 1812 and served his country faithfully through that brief but bitter struggle; was an ardent lover of the chase, and his faithful rifle furnished provender for his family during the period when food was so scarce that

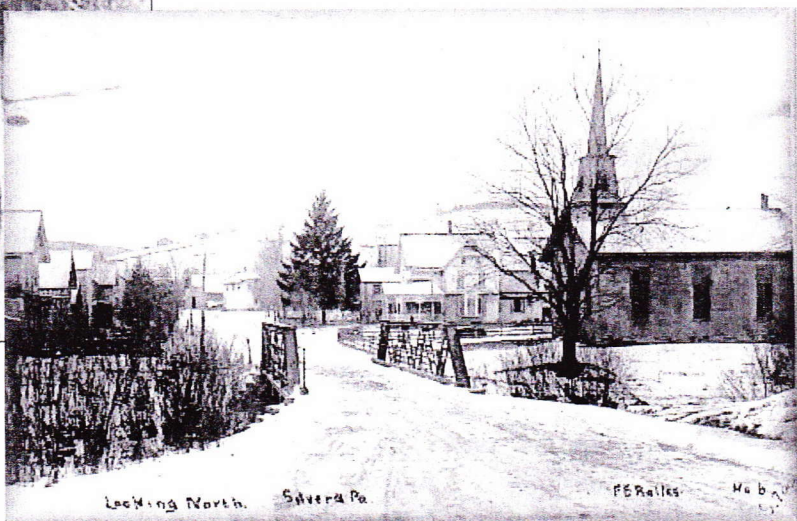
they otherwise would have suffered. He purchased a yoke of oxen to be paid for in venison, giving a ton thereof for the cattle; he secured this amount by the agreed time, all killed with his old flintlock rifle. He was a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church. He was a man of unquestionable integrity and sincere piety and held an official position in the church for more than sixty years, over fifty years steward and trustee.

Bela Cogswell was born in Tuscarora Township, Bradford County, January 10<sup>th</sup>,



**Bela Cogswell**

**Freewill Baptist Church in  
Silvara - Building no longer  
exists**





1817. He married October 19<sup>th</sup>, 1837, married, May 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1870, Eunice Prentice and after her death in 1870, for his second wife, Mrs. Lydia Fuller, widow of Rev. Stillman Fuller, who had died in South Carolina, where he and his wife had been employed by the United States Freedman's Bureau in teaching the emancipated blacks. Bela was reared on a farm and had only the educational advantages afforded by the common schools of that day, but he improved on this to the best advantage, studying and reading as much as he could. At the age of sixteen he began teaching, which he followed about three years, and then turned his attention to farming. At the age of sixteen he was licensed to preach in the Methodist Episcopal Church and remained with that denomination until November 24<sup>th</sup>, 1856, when he cast his lot with the Free Will Baptist Church. He was one of the original members of the Free Will Baptist Church on the



Tuscarora, and was mainly instrumental in its organization and in erecting the pleasant church edifice, which is used by the congregation. He was the only pastor that church had for over fifty years and always for the love of the cause, as he had to make his living by other means. This church had a marble pulpit of unique construction, and on the marble tablets surrounding it are the names of the members, pastors, contributors, etc., a constant reminder to the worshipers of those who are affiliated with them in the ties of the spiritual brotherhood.

***Site where the church used to stand***

In addition to his duties as pastor, he frequently had to perform the official duties of a citizen, having been, besides other township offices, Justice of the Peace fifteen years from 1845 until 1860. He was a Republican in politics.

There were seven children born to Bela and his first wife: Abel B. (who died March 7<sup>th</sup>, 1839), Sophronia M., Emma R., Mary A., Stella A., Osmer E. (a young man of great promise and flattering prospects for success and usefulness, who was accidentally killed Nov. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1876, leaving a young widow), and Ward B.

On May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1871, a deed was registered by which he gave a tract of land for the purpose of a cemetery for burying the sacred dead, to be known by the name of Cogswell Cemetery.

"Know all men be there present. That I, Bela Cogswell of Tuscarora in the County of Bradford and State of Pennsylvania Minister of the Gospel in consideration of Seventy-Five dollars paid to me by John Tillinghast of Clinton in the County of Wyoming and State of Pennsylvania a Farmer the receipt where of in hereby acknowledged the Corporation known as The First Free Baptist Church of Tuscarora and their successors and assigns former a certain track or parcel of land and all the privileges and appurtenances to the some belonging scituate in Tuscarora in said County and State as foresaid for the purpose of a Cemetery for burying the sacred dead, to be known by the name of Cogswell Cemetery."

Just paths are mowed through the cemetery now. The brush is growing up around most of the headstones making it difficult to find them, let alone to read and record the data. Many are flat on the ground and sinking in, or just being covered over with moss. Acid rain is taking its toll. Many are eroded beyond the point of legibility.





Among those buried in the cemetery are:

Abel B. Cogswell, son of Bela and Eunice Cogswell, died Jan. 28<sup>th</sup>, 1857, age 17, years 10 months, 10 days.

(Rev) Bela Cogswell, born January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1817, and died December 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1900, age 82 years. 9 months (The tall stone belongs to him.)

Eunice (Prentice) Cogswell, died January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1870; age 53 years, 6 months, 15 days. Eunice was born June 10<sup>th</sup>, 1817, 1st wife of Rev Bela Cogswell.

### ***The Cogswell Family Stones***

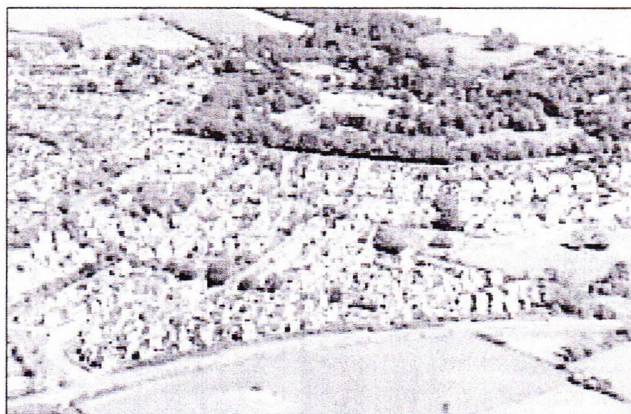
December 17<sup>th</sup>, 1891 age 72 years, Lydia was the 2nd wife of Rev Bela Cogswell.

Joseph Atkins and his wife, the former Emma Cogswell, a daughter of Reverend Bela Cogswell, rest in the first graves you encounter when entering the cemetery after the long climb to the top.

In the 1880 Census for Pennsylvania, Bela Cogswell, aged 63, is shown as a clergyman, his wife, Lydia, aged 60, as a milliner, and his son, Ward B. Cogswell, aged 22, as a farmer.

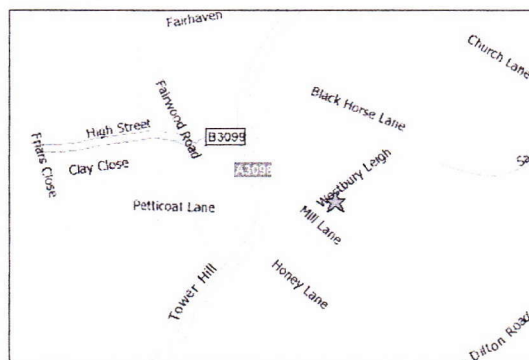
Lydia Cogswell, died

### *Where we came from:*



**Westbury Leigh development from the air**  
New housing developments at Westbury Leigh are attracting businesses to the area and initiatives like free parking mean more people now visit the town. The red star marks the house built by Edward Cogswell, father of the Immigrant John Cogswell.

**115 Westbury Leigh** (John Cogswell's house is number 145.)





## *The Channel Islands Gourd Society*

CFA members Ray and Elsie Cogswell are active in the Channel Islands Gourd Society. In fact, a meeting on March 24<sup>th</sup> this year - *Horses on a Gourd* – was held at Elsie and Ray's home, and Elsie is in charge of the October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting. Your editor asked Elsie about the society. Here's what she wrote:

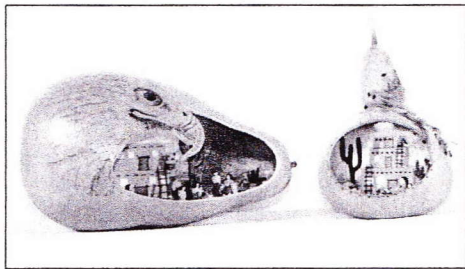
By Elsie Cogswell

The Channel Islands Gourd Society was formed in 1996. We are one of 25 chapters in California under the umbrella of the California Gourd Society. Many states have their own gourd society and these are all part of the American Gourd Society headquartered in Indiana.

We are located in Southern California, midway between Los Angeles and Santa Barbara, in Ventura County. I was President for the past two years but am now Vice-President and Ray has been Treasurer for the last 6 years. He is also the official photographer for our group of about 50 artists. Some people grow their own gourds and others buy them from several gourd farms in the state.



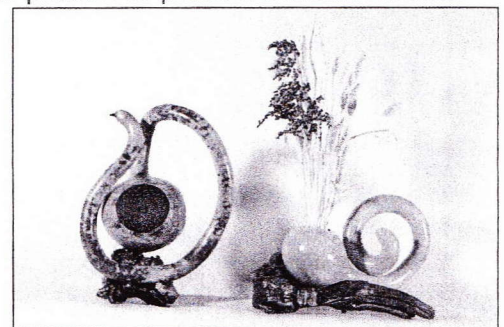
We have been growing gourds since we moved to this area in 1993. Gourds and pumpkins are of the same family, except that gourds will dry and become very hard. This process of drying can take from three months to over a year, depending on the size of the gourd. Gourd vines can grow as long as twenty feet so a lot of space is needed. We have several arbors and the gourds hang down on the inside. Some of the long-necked variety can grow to three or four feet long. Gourds can also be grown on the ground, which results in some weird and unusual shapes. They come in all shapes and sizes, the smallest being an inch long. These are used to make earrings and necklaces. The largest round gourds can be almost two feet across.



Once the outside of the gourd is cleaned, it is ready for decorating. Some of the mediums I use are leather dyes, acrylic and other types of paints, wood burning, beading, pine needles and weaving materials. Gourds can be cut open; the insides cleaned out and made into bowls or vases. Some of my gourds have openings in the front where I can do weaving similar to a dream catcher pattern or place a diorama inside.

Decorated gourds are becoming more and more

popular. Our group has an annual gourd festival and sale in May. We also participate in fall festivals, street fairs and boutiques and our sales are usually very good. Each year, we have a booth at the Ventura County Fair, where members demonstrate their artistic talents. We also enter gourds in the arts and crafts competition and last year won over 80 ribbons.



**Pictures show:** Elsie Cogswell holding a penguin – her very first attempt at gourd artistry; another early project – two gourds modeled after Ray and Elsie Cogswell; gourds with several kinds of work (wood burning [the eagle], clay models inside and a light in each); two long-necked dippers, usually grown hanging down which gives them a long straight neck, but these grew on the ground and are set on varnished pieces of driftwood.



## HAS 60 YEARS OF TEACHING BIBLE

### Retired Cambridge High Instructor Gives Rare Devotion to Sunday School Work

(Copied from the Boston Post - January 28, 1947)



After 60 years of teaching Sunday School, including a year in Japan, Miss Bertha L. Cogswell (*DJC* 3380) of 4 Crawford St., Cambridge, known affectionately among her more than two generations of former pupils as the "queen of teachers," firmly believes that adults need religious schooling just as much as children.

A soft-spoken, gray-haired woman, Miss Cogswell is an expert on the Scriptures. She stated that never before in the history of this chaotic world is religious training more necessary than in this atomic age, and sorrowfully points out that there is a "falling away" from Sunday Schools throughout the nation.

Miss Cogswell, who taught physics and algebra at the Cambridge High School for 40 years before retiring, thinks nothing of her long record of teaching at the First Baptist Church in Central Square, Cambridge. She stated that the Christian home is the foundation of all things that are good. "Teaching Sunday School all these years is really nothing," Miss Cogswell, with charming modesty, declared. "I merely followed in the footsteps of my father and mother. My father, the late Francis Cogswell (*DJC* 1783), was Superintendent of Cambridge schools for 21 years and he taught Sunday school until he was 80 years old. I taught all my life since I was a girl at Cambridge High School. All those years were spent at First Baptist Church, except for the year I spent in Japan. From 1915 to 1916 I visited friends in Yokohama and taught in the Union Church in that foreign city.

"Sunday school teachers should stress the memorizing of the Scriptures for they will stand by man and woman throughout life. Sunday School methods have not changed very much, for the Bible is the foundation of all such teachings.

"There seems to be an unfortunate trend of the times which is resulting in a falling away from Sunday Schools throughout the nation. This is tragic, because religious teaching is the most important phase of life. Perhaps this is due to the war and distractions, such as Sunday movies and other interests which did not prevail in other years. However, religious training rests with the parents fundamentally, for it is up to them to send youngsters to church. Parents also need Sunday School lessons or some form of religious training. In the home department of our school, of which I am Superintendent, we do our best to contact mothers who are tied down with little children and shut-ins. It is very evident that the Christian home is very important in the training of children and parents should realize their responsibilities in this sphere. The home is the foundation of the church," Miss Cogswell pointed out.

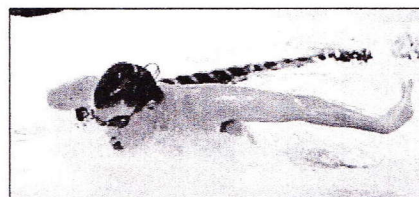
Working under the supervision of the minister of the First Baptist Church in Cambridge, the Rev. H. Campbell Eatough, Miss Cogswell has served in many supervisory positions in church work. She believes that a person is never too old to study the Bible and that it is a constant source of inspiration and courage. "Sunday School teaching is very rewarding work, although it does not appear so on the surface," she asserted. "Seeds sown among small children are sure to grow and religious teaching is all-important. I was especially gratified to learn from service men and women during the last war how great their Sunday School lessons stood by them during times of stress and danger."

Miss Cogswell declared that the study of the Bible is most fascinating, and that if ever the world should turn to the Scriptures, now is the time, as the quest for lasting peace continues throughout the world. Her pupils have gone forth in all walks of life, but they always remember her teachings. Not only does the veteran religious teacher still conduct classes in the Sunday School, but she directs the visits to parents who are unable to get to church. She also makes certain that busy mothers and shut-ins get the home publication of the American Baptist Publishing Society, which features home religious studies and articles. Miss Cogswell looks forward to many more years of teaching Sunday School, to which she has dedicated her life unselfishly.



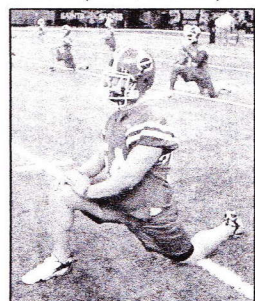
## Cogswells in Sports

SHENANDOAH JUNCTION, W.V., Oct. 20<sup>th</sup>, 2006: **Sarah Cogswell** (number 14) couldn't break down any of her goals on Thursday night, had no capacity for a play-by-play, wouldn't have even been able to draw them up on a napkin afterward. Three goals, one hat trick – all a blur for the Jefferson freshman. "When you're playing, you're just in the game," Cogswell said. "You don't really think about what you're doing. It just all comes down to instinct, what you've been taught. So I guess it was just a reaction." Cogswell's final reaction netted the game-winning goal for Jefferson in a back-and-forth 4-3 victory over visiting Hedgesville in the Region II, Section 4 championship game. Just to jog Cogswell's memory a bit, her final score came with 11:16 to play in a game knotted up at 3-all. Receiving the ball inside the penalty area on the left side, Cogswell used a quick feint to shake off her defender just enough for a shot on goal from near the center. Her rising blast from about 18 yards out curled neatly into the upper left corner of the net, giving Cogswell her first ever hat trick and providing the game-clinching goal for Jefferson (18-1). Cogswell's goal gave Jefferson an early lead it would never relinquish in a 2-0 victory over Bridgeport in Thursday's Region II tournament championship at Buckhannon-Upshur High School's Ted Crites Alumni Field October 26<sup>th</sup>. Although Jefferson freshman forward Sarah Cogswell came close to putting the Cougars up 1-0 when she fired a shot around Parkersburg's keeper Kelsey Graham on Jefferson's first shot on goal, Jefferson fell 3-0 to Parkersburg in the state semifinals Friday night, Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>.

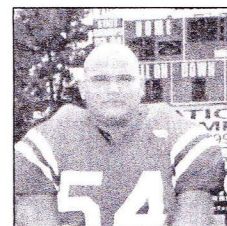


**Joe Cogswell competes in the butterfly stroke leg of the 200 medley relay. Photo by Wendy Thoms/The LaPorte Herald-Argus**

NEW CARLISLE, LaPorte County, Ind.: Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2005: With a number of skilled returners, New Prairie coach Kerry Moore has high expectations for this season's boys swimming team and is holding nothing back. Sophomore **Joe Cogswell** is one of six team members who are returning. Dec. 1<sup>st</sup>: Michael Wisthoff, Simon Jongkind and **Joe Cogswell** won the 200 medley relay in one minute, 56.56 seconds, at Michigan City High School. The school's team of Simon Jongkind, **Joseph Cogswell**, Brian Vedo and Eric Daniel won the 400-meter freestyle relay in 3:36.99 against New Prairie on Dec. 15<sup>th</sup>, 2005. Feb. 14<sup>th</sup>, 2006: Nick Pabon teamed up with Eric Daniel, **Joseph Cogswell** and Simon Jongkind to break the Michigan City (school) 200 yard freestyle relay record in 1:34.48, good for a fourth place finish in the sectional preliminaries at LaPorte. They knocked more than 0.3 off the old record. 400 yard freestyle relay team of **Joseph Cogswell**, Simon Jongkind, Brian Vedo and Eric Daniel also moved to the "A" final with a fourth place finish in 3:34.37. **Joseph Cogswell** made it into the "B" final in the 50 yard freestyle and in the 100 yard freestyle. Nov. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2006, Indiana: Michigan City's junior Joe Cogswell notched first in the 100 backstroke, (1:04.37), at a meet at LaPorte. Dec. 6<sup>th</sup>: **Joe Cogswell** won the backstroke (1:04.82) with relative ease. The next finisher posted 1:06.17. Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2006: Joe Cogswell won two events: the 100 yard freestyle (55.27) and the 100 backstroke (1:06.36). He also joined Dustin Jesko, Aaron Trunk and Matt Frye in winning the 200 medley relay (2:01.80) against East Chicago. Michigan City's **Joe Cogswell** won the 50 freestyle at Hobart, Dec. 19<sup>th</sup>. In January, 2007, **Joe Cogswell** also won two individual events. He won the 50 freestyle (24.30) and the 100 backstroke (1:04.06). Feb. 13<sup>th</sup>, 2007: LaPorte boys swimming sectional for Saturday's finals was better than expected for Michigan City. The team of Pabon, Wisthoff, Kyle Dierdorf and Joe Cogswell were seeded fifth going into the prelims, but moved all the way up to second with a four-second time drop (1:45.14). In the 50 freestyle, Joe Cogswell made the finals (fifth, 23.63). Saturday Feb. 17<sup>th</sup>: Both Joe and the team finished in the same place.



SHREVEPORT, La. Evangel Christian Academy's six foot two, 260 pound **Blake Cogswell** (number 54) stretches (left) with his team Friday during practice at the Superdome in New Orleans. (Picture: Val Horvath/The Times) Evangel played St. John for the Class 1A title game December 9<sup>th</sup>, 2006, at 1 p.m. in the State Farm Superdome Classic. The two-day, five-game event has returned to the Dome after a year away following Hurricane Katrina damage. Cogswell is really big and strong and has come a long way this year. He's better at using his hands and understanding how to read blocks. Cogswell is expected to start on both sides of the



ball in that game. In 2004, the Legislature of Louisiana bestowed a commendation on the Evangel Christian Academy football team, the Eagles, as a tribute to their extraordinary season, which concluded in winning the Class 5A Louisiana State Football Championship, of which Blake was a member. (Dec. 9<sup>th</sup>: Evangel won its third consecutive state championship by defeating previously unbeaten St. John 24-7.)



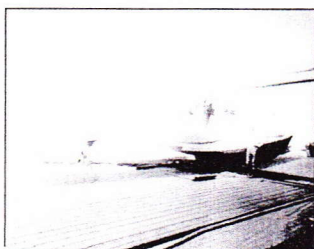
## *Does Anyone Know About These Cogswells?*

**Actress:** Anna Cogswell was a San Francisco actress of the 1850's. She appeared in the "Corsican Brothers," which premiered at New York City's Bowery Theatre on April 21<sup>st</sup>, 1852, and in "New York by Gaslight." (There are also notices of her acting in the Midwest in 1872.) Anna Cogswell wanted a seamstress to make her a theatrical wardrobe and hired Victoria Woodhull. She told Victoria she could make more money on the stage. Victoria California (Claflin) Woodhull was nominated for the U.S. Presidency in 1872 by the Equal Rights Party, the first female Presidential candidate, along with the first black man, Frederick Douglass, for Vice President.



**Flight Instructor:** Stewart W. (Andrew) Cogswell (1891-1956)

(three pictures) learned to fly at Hammondsport, N. Y. in 1912. He was a test pilot for the Curtiss Aeroplane & Motor Corp. at Hammondsport from 1911 to 1914. He was a flight instructor at the Curtiss School in 1914 and the Canadian Curtiss Co., Toronto, from 1914 to 1915. During World War I, he was chief flying instructor for the U. S. Army Air Corps. From 1919 to 1921, he was test pilot for the Curtiss Engineering Corp. at Garden City, L. I., and from 1921 to 1936, he was private pilot for Harold S. Vanderbilt, for whom he and two others designed the first all metal flying boat. Later, he was President and General Manager of the Aero Service Company until retirement. He died of cancer at his home in Daytona Beach, Florida, August 21, 1956, following a five-month illness. He was buried at Yarmouth, Nova



**all metal flying boat**

Scotia. (Identified; see page 8)



**World War 1 Hero:** Theodore L. Cogswell (August 4<sup>th</sup>, 1893 - March 1982) First Lieutenant, U.S. Army, was honored for extraordinary heroism in action at Landres-et-St. Georges, France, on November 1, 1918. In the advance of that day, Lieutenant Cogswell's company was halted by intense machine-gun fire while passing through barbed-wire entanglements. In the face of this fire, Lieutenant Cogswell voluntarily crawled down a slope in front of the enemy's position and, in full view thereof, discovered a sunken road at the foot of the slope, crawled back to his company and led them to the advanced position. Immediately upon reaching the new position, he again voluntarily sought a favorable forward position, crawling a distance of 75 yards toward the enemy, when he was severely wounded. The outstanding bravery and devotion to duty displayed by Lieutenant Cogswell served to incite the men of his company to heroic endeavors, enabling them to assist in the capture of the town of Landres-et-St. Georges together with 209 prisoners, 9 field pieces and 15 machine guns. For this, he received the Distinguished Service Cross. His home town was Washington, D.C., where he was appointed Register of Wills in 1927.

**Writer:** William Raymond Cogswell All I can find

about him is on book sale web-sites: *Letters to My Sister*, Vantage Press, 1968: A story of the early 1900's and a boy genius; by William Raymond Cogswell. I also found his autograph.

*William Raymond Cogswell*

*More information on any of the above Cogswells would be much appreciated by your editor.  
None are in Descendants of John Cogswell*



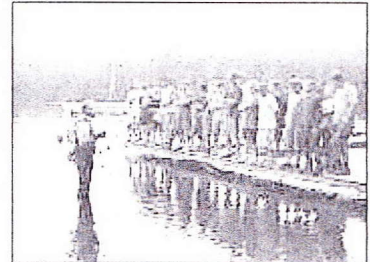
## *Stewart Cogswell*



**Fishery Biologist, U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service**  
Stewart Cogswell works out of the Green Bay Fish and Wildlife Resource Office in Wisconsin.

The job includes a number of duties, among them is partnering with the Marinette County Land and Water Division and a private landowner to stabilize an eroding bank along the Menominee River in Marinette County. More than 130 feet of shoreline and bank were stabilized to prevent several tons of sand and sediment from entering the river. Rock was assembled on the top of the bank and then pushed down a metal chute with a skidster. A special excavator was used to place the rock along the shore. After the rock was in place, top soil was placed and seeded with native species.

In 2006, he was one of the staff which assisted with the Sand Lake Conservation Camp. More than 30 kids and adults participated in the week-long event. Campers enjoyed various sessions, including wildlife management, orienteering, forestry, canoeing, aquatic insect studies, invasive species, fisheries management and bird habitat biology. The fish session included a brief overview of basic fish biology, displays of gear used for assessments, a short discussion on typical biologist duties, and closed the week with an electroshocking and fyke netting demonstration.



Stewart also took part in a stand-alone Open Water Module (OWM) motorboat course in Sturgeon Bay, Wisconsin, June 27<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>, 2006. By offering the OWM as a stand-alone course, instructors are able to focus on open water situations and provide additional attention to those topics. The OWM covers many skills needed to operate safely in open water areas with a combination of lecture, open water and pool sessions while utilizing a hands-on approach. Coastal navigation was a large component to the course and students learned how to determine location using various techniques, including speed/time/distance, running fix, dead reckoning and a three-point fix. Safety was another large component. Students practiced survival procedures in a pool and were then required to use them in a real life scenario on Lake Michigan, which included a life raft deployment, safety formations, asset assessment, visual distress signals, rations, first aid, and psychological effects of survival.

He also worked with the Oneida Tribe of Indians of Wisconsin and two private landowners to complete a restoration project on Trout Creek, adding woody structures to over 300 miles of stream. Numerous other restoration projects have improved the available habitat in the watershed. Land acquisitions by the Tribe have also aided with protection and enhancement efforts throughout the Trout Creek watershed. Native brook trout were historically present in Trout Creek but have not been sampled for several decades. When all major disturbances have been addressed, the Tribe is interested in working on restoration of brook trout to Trout Creek. Stewart provides technical assistance to five Native American tribes in Northeast Wisconsin.

Your editor contacted Stewart, and he replied that he is not related to the members of the CFA. In 1910, Indian agents found his grandfather's name (Kawkeshequeon) too difficult to write or pronounce and substituted the closest English name – Cogswell.

## *Another Stewart Cogswell*

(See page 7) Stewart Wellesley Cogswell was born Jan. 1<sup>st</sup> (or 2<sup>nd</sup>), 1891, (census record) or 1892 (draft registration record) in Halifax, Nova Scotia, son of Arthur W. Cogswell M.D. [DJC 7008] and Helen M. (Lithgow). He became a U. S. citizen on June 9<sup>th</sup>, 1928, at the Supreme Court, Mineola Co. (Long Island?). He had an uncle, James Crichton Lithgow, who served in the Canadian army in World War I. (Stewart's mother, Lithgow's sister, was listed as next of kin.) We would still like to know whether or not he was married, and, if so, did he have any children and who were they? (From boarder crossing records he was single in 1935, but in December, 1936, Mary Cogswell was with him.)



## *Theodore Rose Cogswell Identified*

Karen Struve of Spokane identified the science fiction writer featured in the last Courier. She found a June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1938, New Castle, Pa., newspaper article:

"E. E. Rose, former New Castle man... was visiting a number of his relatives... As a young man of 18, Mr. Rose left New Castle 54 years ago. For many years, he has been a resident of Cleveland, Ohio. His ancestors were Revolutionary soldiers and his grandson Theodore Rose Cogswell of Cleveland, is at present driving an ambulance for the Loyalist forces in Spain."

In the 1910 census, Elmer Rose and his wife, Gila, have four children; the oldest of them being Margaret, age 19. One of the other children has Espy as a middle name, and there is an adult, Charles Espy, in the household.

In the 1920 census, Margaret R. is married to Dewitt R. Cogswell (DJC 4549). They have one son, Espy R. Cogswell, aged one year, nine months.

*Descendants of John Cogswell* lists Espy Rose Cogswell (DJC 6377) as son of Dewitt Russell and Marguerite Espy (Rose) Cogswell, her parents being Elmer Ellsworth and Guila (Espy) Rose. Why Espy changed his name to Theodore, we do not know. Karen guesses that "Theodore" took this name rather than his birth name of Espy for publishing purposes. Apparently, the change was before he was age twenty, when he was driving for Spanish Loyalist forces.

### *About two weeks later, this letter arrived:*

You can imagine my surprise and delight when I opened the latest COGSWELL COURIER and saw the article about my father Theodore R. Cogswell! Dad was Theodore R. Cogswell – and had that name from the day he was born March 10, 1918, until his death!! It was wonderful – thank you so much.

Here's the information you asked for: his parents: Dewitt Cogswell and Marguerite Rose Cogswell; his daughters: Megan Mills Cogswell and Cathleen Bradford Cogswell. My mother, Marjorie Mills Cogswell, was a remarkable woman who died May 22, 1988 at the age of 65. She was born and raised in New York City. She went to college at John Marshall in Huntington, West Virginia. Her parents were actors and they had a studio in Carnegie Hall. Originally, she wanted to be an actress – but it didn't work out. She taught high school drama and English until she died. When she and my father were together, they were both active in our local civic theatres. Also, Dad had four wives, not three. Mom was number two. His first marriage was very brief. He and a woman were dating – he was going off to WWII (Air Force) – so they got married. When he returned, they both realized it had been a mistake and were divorced – so it really didn't count!! I was very close to my stepmother, George Rae Cogswell. She died in 1997.

Along with being a writer, Dad was an English and Creative Writing Professor – among the places he taught: The University of Minnesota (Minneapolis), The University of Kentucky (Lexington) and Ball State (Muncie, Indiana).

He also loved Mexico and was in and out of his beloved second home from the late 1940's until his health no longer permitted him to travel great distances. He died on February 3, 1987, in Scranton, Pa.

My sister and I were raised in the Midwest. Cathleen went to Macalester College in St. Paul, Minnesota (graduated 1974), and I attended Beloit College in Beloit, Wisconsin (graduated 1972). I have lived in New York City since 1975. I am a television producer, director and writer. I started my career at PBS, but have been freelancing since 1983 and have worked with a lot of different news organizations, including: CNBC, NBC, HBO, CBC, DISCOVERY, etc. I am currently working at COURT TV. I won an Emmy award in 2004 for INSIDE THE PENTAGON on NOW: With Bill Moyers. (There was an announcement in the COGSWELL COURIER).

I share my father's love of Mexico. I bought a house in Merida, Yucatan, in 2005!

My grandfather was always interested in our family's history. When he retired as an accountant at GOODYEAR TIRE in the 1950's (Akron, Ohio) he became a genealogist. He was hired by people to do their family trees and of course he did ours! MEGAN M. COGSWELL



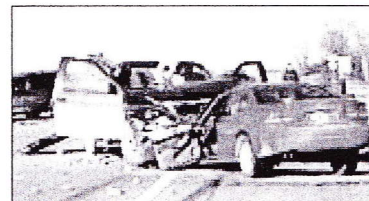
## *Cogswells in the News*



Gordon Simons (left), husband of CFA member, Peg Simons, and an Iwo Jima survivor, received a CT Armed Services Award with other Vets in December, 2006.

Will Cogswell is one of Asheville (N.C.) High's team members who won a regional competition sponsored by the World Affairs Council of Western North Carolina on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, at UNC Asheville to earn a spot in the national competition. Academic WorldQuest tests team members' knowledge of global history, culture, geography and current events. They are heading to Washington March 23<sup>rd</sup> to match wits over world affairs issues with students from across the country.

March 21<sup>st</sup>: A blue Ford F-150 pickup truck driven by Michael Cogswell of Lakeview, Michigan, was stopped and waiting to turn northbound onto Hillman Road at about 7:30 a.m. A maroon Dodge Durango eastbound on M-46 and headed into the sun struck it in the rear, forcing Cogswell's vehicle into the opposite lane where it then collided with a red Oldsmobile Alero. Cogswell was transported to the Spectrum Health United Memorial Kelsey Campus in Lakeview where he was treated and released.



Each term the President of Cogswell Polytechnical College in Sunnyvale, California, recognizes the most outstanding scholar in a class he taught the previous term by naming one of its seminar rooms after that student. The top student in the Spring 2007 American Government class taught by President Chet Haskell was Joshua M. Cogswell of Loveland, Colorado. A plaque outside the room acknowledges this honor and reads, "The Joshua M. Cogswell Seminar Room, In recognition of outstanding Academic Achievement, Spring 2007." Josh is a Digital Art and Animation major at Cogswell.

March 30<sup>th</sup>: CFA member Roger Bohn is taking early retirement from Rochester Gas & Electric. They gave him the opportunity to move into Energy East or take a buyout. He is grabbing the buyout before they can change their mind.

May 10<sup>th</sup>: A proposal put forth by Lenox athletic director Brian Cogswell for high school varsity and sub-varsity basketball games to play four eight-minute quarters instead of 16-minute halves was approved by members of the Massachusetts Interscholastic Athletic Council, who voted unanimously (16-0, with two absent) to support the change. May 29<sup>th</sup>: Brian Cogswell of Lenox High School is the radio station WBEC Coach of the Year from a boys' sport (Western Massachusetts and Connecticut). Cogswell just finished his seventh season at the helm in Lenox, leading the Millionaires (basketball team) to one of their best seasons in recent memory. In 2006-07, he led the Millionaires to the South title and a 16-7 record and earned a berth in the Western Mass. Division III semi-finals for the first time in 11 seasons. That record included two tournament wins.

Kurt Cogswell, professor and head of South Dakota State University's Department of Mathematics and Statistics, oversees a program that places computational science and statistics students with companies. They are developing statistical and mathematical models that will help drive the direction of the company's development over the next three to five years, and carry out original research that they need in order to earn advanced degrees. At least, so far, it looks as though the program will be a good fit with the region's financial industry and is a significant investment in SDSU's graduate students. The program also paves the way for SDSU graduates to enter high-end jobs for companies in the region that need statisticians to help interpret the data they collect in the course of doing business.



Artist James A. Cogswell, Jr., had a showing, "O Reader," May 19 – July 1, at the New Harmony (Indiana) Gallery of Contemporary Art. It was a mixed media installation that includes paintings, ceramic tiles, vinyl signs and other materials. Mr. Cogswell is an art professor at the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor.



May 30<sup>th</sup>: Christina Cogswell of St. Charles, Ill., was one of five students from the National Technical Institute for the Deaf, a college of Rochester (N.Y.) Institute of Technology, to receive Student Recognition Awards from the American Chemical Society for their performance in the chemical technology field. All students were selected for their outstanding lab and classroom performance, communication skills, integrity and reliability.

June 7<sup>th</sup>: Stamford, Conn.: Brigitte Payne-Cogswell, 46, a seasoned facilitator of diversity training seminars, will bring a fresh and objective approach to a part-time affirmative action and equal employment opportunity consultant job. She will be responsible for mediating disputes that involve race or gender, coordinating diversity training and promoting compliance with anti-discrimination laws. She will have office hours at Town Hall Tuesdays and monitor a complaint hotline on weekdays and will come in for emergencies on other days. She also works in a similar capacity for the town of Hamden.



## This and That

### Mason Cogswell's Wagonyard



A plaque in Toronto, Ontario, tells us: "Mason Cogswell (1818-1893) operated a wagonyard at the Northwest corner of Yonge St. and Centre St. in Lions' Parkette, Thornhill, Ontario c.1850. Wagon and barrel making were two main industries associated with a milling-agricultural village. It was not uncommon to see wagons lined up past this point until after dark, waiting their turn at Thorne's Mill in the valley to the north. Mason Cogswell is buried in the Thornhill Cemetery with his wife, Ellen (Goulding), whom he had married at St. James Anglican Church, Toronto, on July 17<sup>th</sup>, 1862, and

six children, two of whom died before their second birthday and four who died between the ages of twenty and twenty-four, likely victims of the epidemics of cholera and small pox that swept through the village, the worst being in the winter of 1874." The 1881 Census shows Mason (DJC 3747) living with his Scottish wife (20 years his junior) and 6 children: Jesse (age 21, also a carriage maker); Willie (age 14); Harry (age 12); Elizabeth (age 10); Medson (age 7); John (age 5) and Eva (age 3 months, born January 1881).

### Cogswell at Last Spike Ceremony



Milton Cogswell (DJC 5845) (1825-1882) was present at Promontory Point, Utah, for the Golden Spike ceremony uniting the Transcontinental Railroad on May 10<sup>th</sup>, 1869. In his book *Nothing Like It in the World*, author Stephen E. Ambrose states that a battalion of soldiers from the Twenty-First Infantry under Major Cogswell attended the festivities. The battalion had come by train on its way to the Presidio of



Col. Milton Cogswell

*The joining of the rails at Promontory Point, May 10, 1869.* San Francisco. He speculated that this traveling order must make the Twenty-First the first army unit to cross the continent by train. There were actually two gold spikes and two silver ones, and a laurel wood tie used in the ceremony, but after the ceremony all were removed and replaced with a pine tie and iron spikes. To see a picture where you can pick out Col. Cogswell at the event, go on the Internet to <http://cprr.org/Museum/Engravings/Last Spike+Key to Portraits.html>

### Janice and John Cogswell Returned to Chili – see August 2005 Courier



(From Daniel Contreras' blog, except last line from a letter.) "After arriving in Iquique, Chili, and making sure the youth from Bolivia leave without any problems, I went to Robert Johnson High School in Alto Hospicio. I made sure every facility and mattress was in the best shape to return everything as agreed. There was a group of Volunteers in Mission working at the elementary school. They were building furniture for a boarding school in a town called Pachica, located two hours from Iquique, in the High Plateau. I had worked with Janice and John Cogswell before, building pews for the Second Methodist Church in Iquique. It was great working with them again. There were people I had met before and some others I met just now. Anyway, I had a blast working with them and sharing laughs, sweat, hugs and the grace of our Lord. Thanks to the Lord for this wonderful opportunity and I pray that it is not the last one... Give my best to Janice and John. Blessings, Daniel Contreras; February 16<sup>th</sup>, 2007." This May, Daniel visited the United States, where he met John and Janice Cogswell, who asked him to be the official translator for the group that will go this summer to Iquique to construct banks for the new church.



## Westbury Leigh News

Ellen Scudamore (right), 39, of Eden Vale Road, Westbury, received a High Sheriff's Award from the High Sheriff of Wiltshire, Geraldine Wimble (left), at a ceremony in Westbury's Grassacres Hall recently. Miss Scudamore said: "When I was ill, a lot of people helped me, so volunteering is my way of giving something back to the community. By accepting the award, I wanted to encourage other people to volunteer, because a lot of volunteers are needed at the moment in Westbury." As well as her involvement with Grassacres Hall, which is used by various community groups and as a day centre for the elderly where she headed a project to have a sensory garden installed, she helps out at the Barnado's crèche in Trowbridge, a youth group at Westbury Leigh Baptist Church and a kids' holiday club at Grassacres Hall.



Cathy Breeze, 48, her husband Frank, 51, and her 17-year-old son Nick, from The Pastures in Westwood, near Bradford on Avon, all decided to run the Bath Half Marathon on March 25<sup>th</sup> to raise funds for research into the neurone disease, in memory of Val Maidment, who died in July last year after being diagnosed with the disease just a year before. The trio was training hard, regularly running ten miles at the weekend and five miles two times during the week. They often go to Mrs. Breeze's parents' house ten miles away in Westbury Leigh, with one person running and

the other driving in the car and swap over once they have had a coffee there. Nick ran the race in 1 hour, 58 minutes and 15 seconds, his mother in 2 hours, 31 minutes and 38 seconds and his father just one second slower. Leanne Tiley of Westbury Leigh, (See April Courier), who was preparing for the London Marathon, ran the half marathon in 1 hour, 35 minutes and 29 seconds. Winning time was 1 hour, 2 minutes and 9 seconds. Running the London Marathon she placed 2,167<sup>th</sup> among the women (11,808<sup>th</sup> overall) in a time of 4 hours, 12 minutes, 51 seconds. Winning time was 2 hours, 7 minutes, 41 seconds. More than 36,000 took part, including at least eight from west and north Wiltshire. Of these eight, Leanne was the second fastest. The report was that over £8,000 was raised by five of these eight runners. Leanne's total was not included. One web-site reported that she raised £1,587.



Elana Klichkovskaya, the chief education officer from the Kalinkovichi district of Belarus, was to meet children at Westbury Leigh School as a result of the links Westbury-based charities, including Chernobyl Children in Need, have with youngsters and teachers in Belarus. This trip is the first time Mrs. Klichkovskaya has traveled abroad. (Leanne Tiley raised money for a boy in Belarus.)

Campaigners in Westbury Leigh are celebrating after plans to build affordable homes on a car park there were abandoned. West Wiltshire District Council was trying to build five houses with eight car parking spaces under a Private Finance Initiative. But the Council announced it was scrapping the plans the second week in June because of car parking, amenity and street scene issues. It was reported that people living in Westbury Leigh have called on Hills Recycling for boxes to be delivered and collected, but have so far been unsuccessful. However, the address was corrected to Highland Close, Leigh Park, Westbury - a neighboring community.





## *From the Secretary's Desk*

***Hello:***

*Well, the family reunion is almost here. Was wishing for a larger turnout in Central Falls but those attending will enjoy seeing the Cogswell Tower with the clock.*

*There are still some who haven't paid their dues yet.*

*Does any one know where Rev. David Taylor and his wife are? His mail has been returned to me and I do not have any address change.*

*Membership has stayed about the same.*

*Please, if you move, please send me your new address and email.*

*Will be off to the reunion and am looking forward to seeing everyone.*

*Have a great summer!!*

*Your secretary,  
Claire Cogswell-Daigle*

*The Cogswell Family Association welcomes*

**Elizabeth C. & James C. Dakin  
Larry & Karen Cogswell Barnes**

### ***Births:***

**Tanner Michael Cogswell:** born March 2<sup>nd</sup>, Enid, Oklahoma, son of Mike and Amy (Heinrich) Cogswell; a brother for Paige.

**Scarlet Faye Cogswell:** born March 12<sup>th</sup>, Cincinnati, Ohio, daughter of Chad Allan and Laura (Gregory) Cogswell and granddaughter of CFA member Terry Cogswell



**Ty Easton Cogswell** (left), son of Scott Grant and Alison (Iacono) Cogswell, West Jordan, Utah, born June 11<sup>th</sup>, 2007, a brother for Jake Grant Cogswell (born June 18<sup>th</sup>, 1995); Gabrielle Leigh (born January 18<sup>th</sup>, 1999) and Ireland Tate (born June 4<sup>th</sup>, 2005.)

### ***Deaths:***

**Pege Cogswell:** died October 10, 2006, in Louisiana, wife of Frank Cogswell.

**Lorna Cogswell-Markham:** died November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2006, in Andover, Mass.

**Matthew Allen Cogswell:** 50, died March 21st, 2007, at Florence. Brother of CFA member Terry Cogswell.

**Nathalee R. "Nate" Cogswell:** 81, died March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2007, at Oakbrook (Chicago).  
Widow of Richard B. Cogswell (DJC 6617)

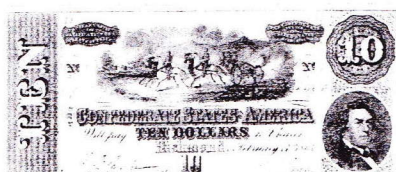


## From the Editor's Desk

When I first took on the duties of Editor of the Courier, I said I would want to have help from members of the Cogswell Family Association to get stories. I want to thank those who have sent me stories. But I don't get enough to fill the Courier three times a year. Somebody told me, don't worry! There are lots of stories on the Internet. And there are. Go to Google, type the word Cogswell and what comes up is # 1 to 10 of about 1,300,000 sites. And you can advance the pages to get links to 853 of those sites. Then it tells you: "In order to show you the most relevant results, we have omitted some entries very similar to the 853 already displayed. If you like, you can repeat the search with the omitted results included." (I haven't tried that for "Cogswell" but have for more specific items and the ones omitted are really similar.) Type in "Cogswell-college" and the number of sites goes down to 884,000. Type Cogswell College and there are 344,000 sites. Or ask Google to search for Cogswell pictures and you get # 1 to 20 of about 13,900. (Without "college," that goes down to 8,210 – I guess a lot of Cogswell Polytechnical College students have their pictures on the web.) You can get to # 902 before they tell you all the rest are similar (and several of the pictures they show are repeated several times). Without "college" they will show you 897. What I am saying is that it takes a lot of work to find stories that are both useable and interesting. And I don't want to limit the supply too quickly. Of course, I have a "Google Alert" for any time Cogswell appears in a news story, but not all stories get into newspapers that publish Internet editions. **If you know of a story, please send it to me. Or you may know some of your own family history that is interesting but not on the Internet. Please send me that also.** Oh yes, here's something I found on the Internet: Walt Disney calls this "Cogswell." Don't ask. I don't know why.



## About the Cover of This Issue



Reproduced here (in the wrong size and color) is a \$10.00 Confederate banknote, the original printed by Evans and Cogswell of Columbia, S.C. The company was one of several printing firms involved in the production of Confederate currency, bond certificates and postage stamps. They also did printing for the South Carolina Tract Society and others. The company was called Walker Evans &

Cogswell except 1861-1865, when no Walker was involved. Unlike most businesses, WEC emerged from the Civil War with its equipment and management intact. The equipment was hidden during Sherman's destructive "March to the Sea" in 1865 by the Cogswell family.

*Some engineers from the USGS surveyed a piece of property and found that in a particular area, the New Hampshire and Maine border needed to be changed. They stopped to inform a farmer that, due to a mix-up, his site was no longer in Maine but in New Hampshire. After a long pause, he grunted and said, "That's good. I couldn't take another one of these Maine winters."*

## Cogswell's Grant

Historic New England's 1728 farmhouse was the summer home of Bertram and Nina Fletcher Little, prominent collectors of American folk art. Features painted furniture, decoys, hooked rugs, redware pottery and portraits. Tours Wednesday through Sunday: 11 a.m. to 4 p.m., through Oct. 15<sup>th</sup>. 60 Spring St., Essex, Mass. 978-768-3632 or [www.historicnewengland.org](http://www.historicnewengland.org).

## Genealogy Problems

When, at last, after much hard work, you have solved the mystery you have been working on for two years, your aunt says, "I could have told you that." You didn't ask your father about his family when he was alive because you weren't interested in genealogy then. The relative who had all the family photographs gave them all to her daughter who has no interest in genealogy and no inclination to share. None of the pictures in your recently deceased grandmother's photo album have names written on them. Ink fades and paper deteriorates at a rate inversely proportional to the value of the data recorded. The 37 volume, sixteen thousand page history of your county of origin isn't indexed.



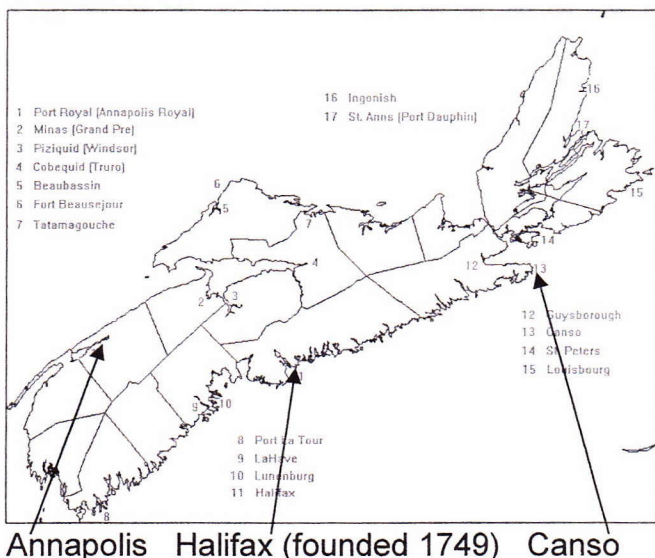


There's a problem about Francis Cogswell (*DJC* 93). Jameson, in *The Cogswells in America*, says he was a Justice of the Peace. However, he was a Harvard graduate, and Sibley's *Harvard Graduates*, Vol. VI, says that Jameson's information was in error – Cogswell was not a Justice of the Peace. Just maybe, the Nova Scotia Archives has the answer. In 1738, Governor Lawrence Armstrong at Annapolis (the Capital of Nova Scotia before the founding of Halifax in 1749) was requested to appoint two Justices of the Peace for Canso (at the eastern tip of the N.S. mainland). He could only find one to appoint – Francis Cogswell. Two items from the archives are copied here:

1. **Francis Cogswell to be Justice of the Peace, "For the Town of Canso and the Places Adjacent" Annapolis, Aug. 10, 1738 Appointed by Armstrong.** Note; below this is the entry: **One in favor of John Stanwood of Cape Ann; One Ditto for Abisha Weeler of Ipswich.**
2. **Shirreff to Edward How: (page dated 1738) Aug. 11. Annapolis. In reply to How's request of June 29th, for two more Justices of the Peace at Canso, Francis Cogswell "admitted of, but not the Other Because of his Occupation Only." As the character of the men at Canso and their manner of life are unknown to the Governor and members of the Council, S. sends one commission for Cogswell and three blank "to be filled up in such persons Names whose Business and Characters may be Suitable to the Intent and Dignity of Such a Commission." Power given to How and the other J. P.'s to fill out the blanks: the names of those chosen to be sent to the Governor. (signed.) Wm. Shirreff Sec.ry.**

Note that apparently two persons were also considered but not chosen – both from Massachusetts, one from Ipswich. There is no note of where Francis Cogswell came from, but it might well be Ipswich as well. We know from his will that he owned at least one schooner, *Deborah*, because he willed it to his son. Could he have been in Nova Scotia on business and fulfilled a brief commission before returning home?

Could it be that Jameson somehow knew about this appointment and merely left out the details of where and when, while the Harvard historian, who was dealing with only Massachusetts records, did not find it?



Francis Cogswell was born in 1698 in Chebacco Parish, Ipswich, Mass., the son of Capt. Jonathan and Elizabeth (Wainwright) Cogswell. He attended Ipswich Grammar School and graduated from Harvard College in 1718. He was a merchant. He represented the town in General Court in 1750, 1751 and 1752. He married, March 14<sup>th</sup>, 1727, Elizabeth Rogers and they had eleven children, although six of them died before the age of five years. By his will of Feb. 15, 1755, he bequeathed to his son, Francis, his dwelling house, his best schooner, "Deborah," his flake-room and stages and "Jeffrey's Neck."



## Gentle Hero Is Recognized for Unparalleled Service to Albany Med and Health Care

Trustee Award is the latest accolade for Arnold Cogswell.



It's a shame that most staff members don't recognize this dignified elderly gentleman when he walks through the hallways of Albany Medical Center many times each month to attend a meeting of the Board of Directors or one of its committees. Because, if they knew who he was and what he has done for this institution and the people of the region, they would no doubt stop and say thanks. **Arnold Cogswell** has placed a singular mark upon the institution by working tirelessly on behalf of its missions ever since he first accepted a position on the Board in 1953. He continues as a very active emeritus member today at the age of 82.

His advocacy efforts for Albany Med and health care in general in upstate New York were recognized recently by the Healthcare Trustees of New York State (HANYS), which, in September, 2006, presented him with its Trustee Leadership Award, and by our own institution, which presented him with an honorary degree at commencement exercises this past spring. Both honors were well-deserved, according to those who have worked with Cogswell over the years.

Cogswell was a founder of the Healthcare Trustees organization, and he also helped found the Iroquois Hospital Consortium, an organization that encompasses more than 100 health care organizations in northeastern New York and has merged with the Northeastern New York Hospital Association. The latter organization is an effective purchaser of supplies for hospitals, as well as an overall advocacy group.

Cogswell's grandfather, Benjamin Woolworth Arnold, set an example, serving as a member of the Albany Hospital Board of Governors from 1896 until 1917. But Cogswell's 54 years of service as a hospital trustee may be unique in New York State.

"At the recent HANYS dinner, which was attended by hundreds of trustees from throughout the state, I said, 'I wonder if there's any trustee in New York State who has 54 years of service,' and I didn't see anyone put their hand up and say, 'I have such a person,'" says AMC President Jim Barba. He praised Cogswell for his extraordinary leadership, citing the fact that he was the driving force behind the actual formation of Albany Medical Center in 1982.

"If I were to pick one event in his career of leadership as the most important, it would be his championing the combination of the Hospital and the College into the creation of Albany Medical Center. He participated on the affirmative side of that debate for at least a decade and I think it's remarkable that when, on two separate occasions, the College Board decided not to move ahead, Arnold never lost sight of that vision. He always knew it was the right thing to do and he managed to accomplish it," Barba says. Cogswell served in various capacities on the Hospital's Board of Governors, including as Chairman, Vice-Chairman and Treasurer. In 1983, he was appointed to the Albany Medical Center Board and, with his special interest and expertise in finance and investment, has participated on and chaired numerous committees over the years. When Cogswell was asked why he initially agreed to serve on the Hospital Board of Governors and why he continues to serve on the Medical Center Board today, he responded matter-of-factly, "I was just an ordinary person who had the reputation of being a real hard worker and who was a local resident, and they needed someone to help out. I felt that the Medical Center was very important and that I should give what I could and, until someone says, 'we don't need you,' I'll stay on the Board." Barba is not about to let him off the hook. "He's just a wonderful person with great integrity, who has an awful lot of knowledge, and he remains a valuable asset to this institution and community. We're very fortunate to have him and are tremendously appreciative of his ongoing contributions."

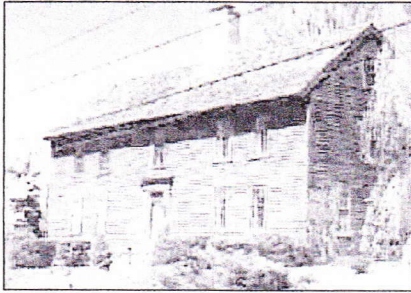
In addition to his commitments as President of J.A.B. Oversight Corporation and Director and former Chairman of Pittsburgh Tube Company, Cogswell was an incorporator of the American School for the Deaf in Hartford, Conn. He was a board member and president of the former Albany Hospital for the Incurables, a foundation that has contributed millions of dollars to local health-related organizations. In 2003, Cogswell received the "Pillars of the Albany Medical Center" award for his sustained contributions to the Hospital and the Medical Center for over 50 years.

Arnold's wife, Jessie, is President Chester Alan Arthur's great-grand niece, and is a longtime cemetery board member of Albany Rural Cemetery, where President Arthur is buried.



## *Cogswell Neighbors in Ipswich*

### *Deacon Cornelius Waldo*



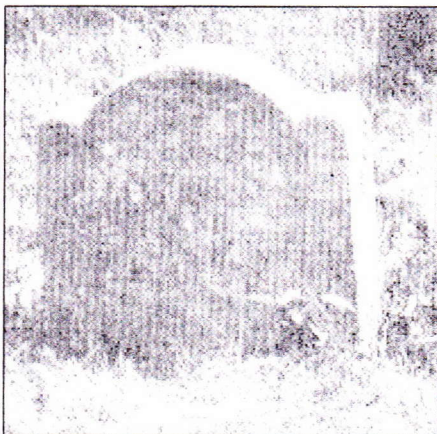
*Waldo House, 33 High Street* living in Ireland in 1653.

Deacon Cornelius Waldo was born about 1625 in England, although where is not known. His birthplace, or residence in England, has been given as Mitchum, County Surrey; Westbury, County Wiltshire and London. When he came to America is unknown. Persons have said he came on the "Angel Gabriel," and on the ship "Increase," (both in 1635) but his name does not appear on the passenger list of either ship. It is also said that he came with Thomas Waldo, described as his father or his brother. Thomas Waldo is said to have returned to the old country and to have been

The first mention of Cornelius Waldo in colonial records is in 1647, when he posted a fowling piece as security for a fine levied upon his brother, Thomas, in Essex County. He probably lived earlier in Boston, because he said that the "city" of Boston was seven huts when he located there. He soon moved to Ipswich (Essex County), where he married, before 1651, Hannah Cogswell. One source gives the date as March 1<sup>st</sup>, 1644/45, but this is unconfirmed. In 1653 he was described as "Mr. Cogswell's farmer." The picture above shows the house where he lived in 1652 but he lived there only two years before he sold it to John Caldwell in 1654. It was also the former home of future Governor Simon Bradstreet. When the young widower, John Cogswell, Jr., left to return to England in 1752, he left his three children in the care of his sister, Hannah Waldo, although his father and his brother, William, were named their legal guardians. Presumably, they also lived in this house.

The Waldos presumably lived in different houses, both before and after the one pictured. On January 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1651/2, John Cogswell, Sr., with the consent of "Elizabeth my wife," deeded to son-in-law, Cornelius Waldo, "my dwelling house at Chebacco Falls, & with 49 adjoining acres." He became prosperous – at least enough to have an indentured servant for a time. This is shown by a transcription of an indenture by one William Warrener, promising "in consideration of misspending of time in my Mr. Cornelius Waldo's servis past... to serve Cornelius Waldo three months next inshuing or June, July, August, in such gainful service as the said Cornelius shall employ" him. Another report tells us that "Cornelius Waldo, maternal great-grandfather of Ralph Waldo Emerson, was a slave merchant on a large scale, a proud importer of 'Choice Irish Duck, fine Florence wine, negro slaves and Irish butter.' His ship, Africa, plied the Middle Passage, packed with 200 black people at a time crammed below-decks, though lethal epidemics of 'flux' sometimes tore through the captives and cut into Waldo's profits." His occupation is listed as innkeeper and farmer. Cornelius Waldo was one of a committee to set the line between Ipswich and Gloucester. He owned a share and a half in Plum Island and was living in Ipswich as late as 1664.

The Waldos moved with Rev. John Fisk and others to Chelmsford, Massachusetts, in 1665, where he completed his useful life. He was one of the first settlers at Chelmsford, where his farm straddled the towns of Chelmsford and Dunstable. There, he was deacon and an innkeeper: "the Middlesex Co. probate files contain a license to him as innkeeper May 9<sup>th</sup>, 1690, in consideration of his not allowing 'cards, dice, table, bowls, ninepins, billiards, or any other unlawful game.'" In 1673, he was on a committee to instruct the selectmen and was named to be a selectman himself in 1678 and in 1698. He was a charter member of the church organized Dec. 16<sup>th</sup>, 1685, at Dunstable, where he was deacon.



*Cornelius Waldo's gravestone*

Mr. Waldo died January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1700/1, at Chelmsford and was buried in the old burying-ground there. A simple stone in the burying-ground tells the following: -- HERE LYES YE BODY OF DEACON CORNELIUS WALDO, AGED 75 YEARS. DIED JAN. YE 3, 1700. "*The Memory of the Just is Blessed.*"

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