

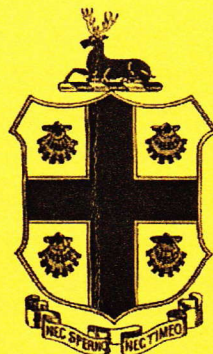
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Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii
Painted by William Cogswell

"I neither despise nor fear"

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Immigrant Cogswell Children

Who were the children of John and Elizabeth (Thomson) Cogswell? The four lists do not agree. In the chart below (no) indicates no information given.

| Westbury Parish Registers | | Cogswells in America | | Descendants of John Cogswell | | Angel Gabriel Passengers | |
|---------------------------|---------------|----------------------|--------------|------------------------------|--------------|--------------------------|--------|
| # Name | Baptism Date | # Name | Baptism Date | # Name | Baptism Date | # Name | Age |
| 1 Elizabetha | 15 Sept 1616 | 9 Elizabeth | (no) | 13 Elizabeth | c. 1635 | 8 Elizabeth | infant |
| 2 Maria | 24 July 1618 | 2 Mary | (no) | 3 Mary | (no) | 1 Mary | 18 |
| 3 William | ? Mar 1619/20 | 3 William | March 1619 | 4 William | March 1619 | 2 William | 16 |
| 4 Johannes | 25 July 1622 | 4 John | 25 July 1622 | 5 John | 25 July 1622 | 3 John | 13 |
| 5 Phyllis | 2 July 1624 | 1 Daughter | | 2&6 Phyllis | July 1624 | | |
| 6 Hanna | 6 April 1626 | 5 Hannah | (no) | 7 Hannah | 6 April 1626 | 4 Hannah | 11 |
| 7 Heaster | 4 May 1628 | | | | | | |
| | | 6 Abigail | (no) | 8 Abigail | c. 1627 | 5 Abigail | 9 |
| 8 Edward | 16 April 1630 | 7 Edward | 1629 | 9 Edward | (no) | 6 Edward | 6 |
| 9 Alice | 29 Sept 1631 | | | 10 Alice | 1632 | | |
| | | 8 Sarah | (no) | 12 Sarah | (no) | 7 Sarah | 3 |
| 10 Ruth | 25 Nov 1633 | | | 11 Ruth | c. 1633 | | |

The *Angel Gabriel* passenger list was lost with the ship and a partial list was made up from sources in Massachusetts, so it can not be considered authoritative.

An Internet list included Elliner, but she was a niece, daughter of John's brother, Roger.

All the lists agree that Elizabeth, Mary, William, John, Hannah and Edward came to America. Elizabeth's place on the three last lists is wrong. She was the oldest, not the youngest Cogswell child.

Mary, William, John and Hannah are well documented in *The Cogswells in America* and *Descendants of John Cogswell*. Mary (December, 2006) and Hannah (August, 2007) have been featured in stories of their husbands in the Cogswell Courier. It has recently been established that Phyllis was the daughter who remained in England (Courier, April, 2008.) But what of the others?

Elizabeth (Cogswell) Masterson

What happened to Elizabeth Cogswell, oldest daughter of John and Elizabeth (Thomson) Cogswell? She was baptized September 15th, 1616, in Westbury, Wiltshire, England, and came with her parents to America in 1635. According to *Descendants of John Cogswell*, on July 31st, 1657, she married Nathaniel Masterson. That would make her about 41 years old. One might ask why she waited so long before marrying. In Cogswell records, her story ends there.

According to *History of York Maine, Vol. I.* by Charles Edward Banks (Regional Publishing Company: Baltimore, MD. 1931), page 295, the Mastersons moved to York and had three daughters: Sarah, Abiel and Elizabeth. The birth dates are not given but, knowing Elizabeth's age, they must have been born soon after the marriage. The Mormon's search page gives their births as about 1658, 1660 and 1664 (when Elizabeth would be 48).



On January 15th (Julian calendar, in use at the time), or 24th (Gregorian calendar, in use today) 1692, a morning attack by the Abenaki Indians resulted in the death of forty or more colonists and the capture of eighty, who were herded to Canada, many dying en route. This became known as the York Candlemas Massacre. Nathaniel and Elizabeth were among those killed. York lost a third of its population but persevered as an English settlement. Those killed were buried in the Old Burying Yard of York. (There is no stone there for Nathaniel and Elizabeth Masterson.) In 1692, Elizabeth would have been aged 75. Nathaniel, who was said to have been born in Leyden, the Netherlands, was a little younger.

Heaster Cogswell

Heaster Cogswell was baptized May 4th, 1628, in Westbury, Wiltshire. Several websites, calling her Esther, cite *The Great Migration 1634-1635*, II: 139 and/or *Boston, Suffolk co., MA Vital Records [Boston VR]*, 51 to say that she died in Boston, Mass. on June 7th, 1655, at age 27.

Edward Cogswell

Edward Cogswell was the third son of John and Elizabeth (Thomson) Cogswell. He was born in 1629 or 1630 in Westbury Leigh, Wiltshire, England, and baptized April 16th, 1630. At the age of five or six, he accompanied his parents on the *Angel Gabriel* to the New World. What happened after that is not documented. We have records of neither his marriage (if he married) nor his death. He is not mentioned in his father's will (1669) and that leads some to believe he died early in life – at least before his father in 1669.

However, there do exist three items which suggest he was still living when his father died.

One is from Thomas Franklin Waters' book, *Ipswich in the Massachusetts Bay Colony*. He



quotes *Ipswich Records - Hammatt Papers, II, 59* and comments: "'1670, March 29, Thomas Bragg and Edward Cogswell, for fighting in the meeting-house on the Lord's day, in the time of exercise, fined 10s (shillings) a piece and costs and fees.' The number of rounds fought, which of the two combatants received the worse pummeling, and which threw in the sponge, are points not stated." Someone tells it like this: the Cogswell brothers taunted Thomas Bragg about his new hat, telling Thomas "that he was not such a pritty fellow" and finally provoking the normally mild-mannered lad to "hit Edward Cogswell, beat his head against the wall and make the blood fly out of his nose." In 1670, Thomas

Bragg would have been in his twenties. Edward Cogswell would have been about 40.

On Dec. 20th, 1671, Edward Cogswell was witness to a bond given by "Samuel Cogswell of Ipswich to his uncle William Cogswell of Ipswich, for enough white oak timber to make 10,000 barrel staves and heading, said timber growing on the pasture land on the southeast side of Jebaco (Chebacco) River." (*Records and Files of the Quarterly Courts of Essex County Massachusetts Volume VI*, Salem, Mass. Published by the Essex Institute, 1917, pages 152/3)

In 1735, Emerson Cogswell claimed land in the Narraganset tract in the right of Edward Cogswell, who apparently fought there in 1675-76 in King Philip's War. Emerson Cogswell, in the right of Edward Cogswell, was granted lot number 28 on a raing of lots known by the letter D and/or number 1 on a raing of lots known by the letter E.

(*Records of the proprietors of Narraganset Township, No. 1, now the Town of Buxton, York County, Maine from August 1st, 1733 to January 4th, 1881*, Concord, N.H., privately printed 1871, pages 99, 118) Emerson Cogswell was probably (DJC 86) the son of William Cogswell (DJC 19) and grand-nephew of Edward, unless he is a grandson of whom we do not know.



King Philip's War

Since neither of the two other brothers had a son named Edward, it seems likely that these three references are to Edward, son of John and Elizabeth (Thomson) Cogswell. In fact, the next Edward Cogswell of whom we know was not even born until 1686, after King Philip's war.

World Family Tree gives the names of three sons of Edward Cogswell – the original source is unknown: William, Jonathan and Adam. No wife's name is given.

The Burnham genealogy gives the name of the wife of James Burnham (son of a teenaged immigrant) as Mary Cogswell, although the Cogswell name is not proven. If it were Cogswell, she would have to be a daughter of Edward.

While this is not conclusive, it seems likely that Edward Cogswell lived until at least 1675.

Alice and Ruth Cogswell

Alice (September 29th, 1631) and Ruth (November 25th, 1633) Cogswell were baptized in Westbury, Wiltshire, England. There is no record of them in New England and their burials are not registered in Westbury parish. Since it is believed that all except one of John and Elizabeth's (living) children came to America, it is probable that they died before 1635, but no documentary evidence exists for this.

Abigail (Cogswell) Clarke

Descendants of John Cogswell has:

Abigail Cogswell, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Thomson) Cogswell was born circa 1626 in Westbury Leigh, Wiltshire, England. Baptism 1627. Died in Ipswich, Mass. She married Thomas Clark, circa 1646. They had the following child:

John Clark, born November 13th, 1666.

Nothing more is in the book.

Note that Abigail's baptism does not appear in the Westbury Parish Registers. There is a Heaster Cogswell, nor mentioned elsewhere, daughter of John and Elizabeth (Thomson) Cogswell, who was baptized May 4th, 1628. It is possible that these are the same person, but that cannot be proved so it is only speculation at this point.

At least one internet site gives Abigail's birth date as 1641, meaning that she was born in America. This makes sense of reports of her death in 1728 at age 87.

About Thomas Clarke there is some confusion. There were a father and son who shared the name. The father was Sergeant Thomas Clarke and the son was a tailor. Internet web sites say that Sergeant Thomas Clarke immigrated in 1634 to Ipswich, Mass., and was born in 1638/1639, in Ipswich, Essex Co., Mass. Since Thomas Clarke, the tailor, was said to be born in 1638, the son of Sergeant Thomas Clarke, the father probably immigrated and it was the son who married Abigail Cogswell.

The marriage took place about 1663, probably in Ipswich, although some sources suggest Boston. The couple lived at Boston and Salem as well as Ipswich.

Of their children, internet sites say there were six but name only some: Thomas (tailor), of Ipswich and Thomas (tailor), of Marblehead. (It seems unlikely that two living sons would have the same name, but these both appear as part of one list.) Others were said to have lived in Boston, Cambridge and the Island of Nassau. One of these Thomas's was born in Boston on July 7th, 1664. Another site mentions Nathaniel Clarke, born about 1675. Another site mentions Elizabeth Clarke, born February 20th, 1668. Still another site mentions Abigail Clarke, born about 1675.

Thomas Clarke, husband of Abigail Cogswell, died on September 19th, 1682. His nuncupative will (declared orally by the testator and later written down), left his house in Ipswich, on part of his father's land near the mill to his widow Abigail for life; she lived in it until her death April 2nd, 1728, at age 87. This puts her birth about 1641.

Sarah (Cogswell) Tuttle

There is no record of Sarah Cogswell being baptized in Westbury Parish where John and Elizabeth (Thomson) Cogswell's other children was baptized. She is listed among the passengers of the *Angel Gabriel* and in both *The Cogswells in America* and *Descendants of John Cogswell*. These books state that in 1663 she married Simon Tuttle, son of John and Joanna (Mrs. Lawrence) Tuttle, as his second wife, that she bore him thirteen children (John, Joanna, Simon, Elizabeth, Sarah, Abigail, Susanna, William, Charles, Mary, Jonathan, Ruth and one unnamed child,) and that she died January 24th, 1732.

Her obituary, published in the New England Weekly Journal January 31st, 1732, states: "Ipswich, Jan. 24. This day died here Mrs. Sarah Tuttle in the 86th year of her age, a gentle woman of a very vertuous & pious character, and what may deserve this public mention, was bless'd with a very numerous offspring. She had thirteen children & by seven of them only, one hundred and seventy seven grandchildren and great grandchildren."

Her gravestone reads "Here lyes buried the body of Mrs. Sarah Tutel who died January the 24, 1732, in the 86 year of her age."

Both give the same age, which puts her birth in 1646, eleven years after the arrival of the *Angel Gabriel* and when Elizabeth (Thomson) Cogswell was about 52 years old. (*Descendants of John Cogswell* says Elizabeth was born circa 1594.) That seems unlikely, unless Elizabeth was younger than thought. This is also before any of the Cogswell sons married. So Sarah may not have been a Cogswell at all.

Abigail and Sarah, whether or not children of John Cogswell, were born in America.

Where the Name Cogswell Came From

There seems to be some confusion about the origin of our name. Everyone agrees that it was first a place name in England: Coggeshall, a location name from a place so called near Braintree in Essex, which appears as "Kockeshale" circa 1060 in the Anglo-Saxon Wills, and as "Coghessala, Cogheshala" in the Domesday Book of 1086. In the time of the Saxons, it was Coed Garr's Hall. (There is also a Coxwell in Oxfordshire – not our name.)

But where did that name come from? I used to think that it was Cox's well, but nobody seems to like that. Probably the name Cox is too new and the w for well appears only in late spellings. Here there is no agreement. For the first part of the name, there are five possibilities that I have found – all from sources that at least pretend to be somewhat scholarly:

1. Cog: a small boat
2. Cor or Cau (both Celtic words): meaning an enclosure
3. Coed, Caer or Gaer: a camp in the woods (Its owner would be a "Cogger.")
4. Cocks: from the seal of an abbey which featured three cockerels
5. Cogg (or Cocc): Old English personal name of uncertain origin, although some suggest Cocc is from Coxwell in Oxfordshire. (That sounds like a circular argument to me – a personal name from a town named for the person.)

The second part of the name is almost as uncertain. Here there are five possibilities that I have found:

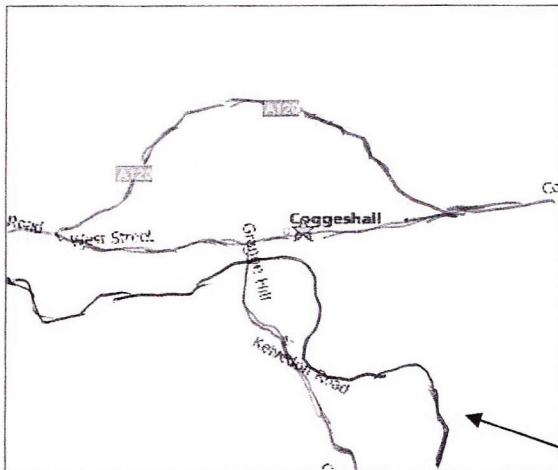
1. Shoal: a place where the water is shallow (with 1 above)
2. Gafael: a hold or keep (with 2 above)
3. Hall: a person's lodging (with 3 and 4 above)
4. Hahl: Old English for a recess, nook or hollow (with 5 above)
5. Walla: Old English for a stream

Put them the meaning of the first part with the meaning of the second part together, and what have you got?

1. Cogshoal: A small boat at a shoal – a fishing place.
2. Caugafae (Corgafael): An enclosure and a hold – an enclosed hold
3. Coedhall (Caerhall or Gaerhall): A camp in the woods and a hall – a woodcutter's home
4. Cockshall: Cockerels and a hall – a home near that abbey.
5. Cogghahl: Personal name and nook or hollow – Cogg's hollow
6. Coccwalla: Personal name and stream – Cocc's stream
7. OR you can put them together in other ways.

So you pays your money and you takes your choice. Personally, I don't like number four, because Coggeshall existed before it was given to the abbey. Being named for the symbols on the abbey's seal would suggest the other way round – a hall built for the abbey.

Neither do I like number one. There is a small stream called River Blackwater that runs near the town of Coggeshall today, so maybe it's possible but, I think, unlikely. I dislike number three for the same reason. Who knows how much forest there was there at any given time in the past? But the area has been settled since Roman times, so I suspect the forest was soon gone. I dislike number two simply because the two parts seem too close to each other in meaning. To name something "an enclosed hold" seems to me like speaking of a "prison jail." So, by elimination, I am left with numbers five and six. Someone named Cogg (or Cocc) had a home there which was called his hollow, his hall or his stream. Of course, that still leaves the question of where Cogg got his name.



River Blackwater

Will Cogswell Describes the Earthquake in Chile

Will Cogswell, from Asheville, N.C., is a student at Bowdoin College in Maine with a major in English and a minor in teaching. He plays the trumpet in the Bowdoin Chamber Ensemble and is a student trip leader for the Bowdoin Outing Club. As part of his studies he is spending a semester abroad in Chile, studying the effects of the education system on disparate social groups. Shortly after he arrived, an 8.8 magnitude earthquake struck Chile, about 200 miles from Santiago where he was staying. He describes the experience.



I'm not really sure what time I fell asleep February 26th, but it was probably a little after midnight. I had been hanging out with the 20-year-old son of the family I'm staying with here in Santiago, and we came back fairly early by Chilean standards. I must have woken up right at the beginning of the earthquake, a little after 3:30 a.m. local time (1:30 a.m. EST), because it simply felt like an enormous truck was passing by on the street outside; I could feel and hear the ceiling, floor and windows shaking, and it didn't seem like anything too unusual until I realized that it wasn't stopping, but was instead slowly getting stronger. At this point, I wasn't too worried: seismic tremors are fairly common in Chile and, because the house had been shaking steadily, but not violently for about 30 seconds, I figured this was just a small earthquake that was going to die down any second.

Suddenly, the shaking reached the point where the house itself began to rattle, along with anything standing on shelves or hanging on the walls. I got out of bed and began pulling on my pants when everything began to move – not just shake and rattle but move up and down side to side – like something that you would find in an amusement park, except I wasn't strapped into a ride and, since this was only my fourth night in the country, I had no idea how sturdy my house was.

I found out later from my host mom how violent this part of the quake was. She said that she could see the buildings across the street bending and swaying, moving up and down. Her son, a bartender in another barrio of the city, told us that the street outside of the bar moved like it was water - like waves in an ocean. I honestly didn't see any of this because, as the house was bucking up and down and moving in ways that houses should never move, I was trying to pull on a pair of pants and make it to the bedroom door, where I finally stood in the quake's last few seconds as this violent tossing and bucking slowly began to trail off and the house rattled and shook for maybe 15 or 20 seconds until everything was finally still.

I had never experienced an earthquake before – never anything like this, and I was expecting chunks of our house to begin falling off at any second. The power shut off almost as soon as the earthquake started and, with the first tremors, sirens began going off all around the city, adding to the noise of the quake and the rattling of the house and crash of ceramics and a wooden wall-hanging in my room. Once the earthquake stopped and we all came out of our rooms to make sure everyone was all right and to inspect the damage, I was honestly surprised; the ceramic vase that held our toothbrushes in the bathroom had toppled to the ground and smashed but the most damage was in the living room, where a ceramic candle holder had fallen off a shelf and smashed a glass table in one corner.

After calling out each others names, someone found a flashlight and I found my headlamp, and we all met going down the stairs and into the living room where we started searching the house for cracks, damage – anything that was broken. We cleaned up the largest pieces of the broken ceramics and then opened the front and back doors. There were people all over the place, some forced out of their houses but most, like us, simply curious about how the rest of Santiago had fared. Cars and bicycles flew down the streets, even though it was almost 4 in the morning and, if nothing else, the open doors let in a little light.

We spent most of the next two hours simply sitting in the living room as my host family tried to reach relatives or waited for friends and family to call. The phone lines in Santiago and to the north were mostly open, but anything further south was cut off. And even though I've heard that some people were able to use their cell phones immediately after the quake, the cellular network had crashed from the sheer volume of calls by the time anyone in my family turned on their phones. In those couple of hours, we had visits from neighbors and we went out into the parking lot where someone had started up his car and had the radio on. That was when we first found out what had actually happened - that the earthquake was rated at 8.3 (that rating was bumped up to 8.8 during the day), and that it was centered about 200 miles from Santiago in the Bio Bio Region. I think the size of the quake took us all by surprise; as violent as the quake had been in Santiago, we were lucky we were so far away from the epicenter.

Of course, the first order of business after waking up was to contact family to let them know everything was fine. The power in our part of Santiago had been restored sometime in the very early morning and the phone lines in the region were still doing pretty well, but everyone simply seemed shocked.

Despite the large cracks or holes in walls or ceilings, the piles of rubble and the various buildings that were completely flattened, I have been incredibly impressed with how quickly life has returned to normal in my part of the city, and with the solidarity shown with the less fortunate victims of the earthquake.

Reverend George Franklin Cogswell



George Franklin Cogswell (left), a native of Hoboken, New Jersey, was a member of the Pequot Indian tribe. Proud of this heritage, he was known as Chief Gray Eagle. It may be that his membership in the tribe came through his grandmother (a first wife of John Cogswell, her name being unknown) or it may be through his mother, Katerine A. Smith.

John Cogswell, George's grandfather, was born in Glasco, Ulster Co., N.Y., in 1832. He enlisted in the Union Army, Company H, 120th Infantry Regiment, known as the Washington Guard, during the war between the States. His enlistment began as a private August 2nd, 1862, and he served until being mustered out as a private on June 29th, 1865, at New York City. John was captured by the Confederates and served a cook and medic to the surgeons. The 1865 census lists him as Army/md, which goes along with his military records. John had six children with Catherine Barber Cogswell: George Milton, Emma L., Elsie M., John William, Charles Frank and Rufus (who lived only one year). John died Nov. 22nd, 1899 in New York.

George Milton Cogswell, father of George Franklin, was born in June, 1852, in Glasco, Ulster Co., N.Y. Some members of the family believe that he was the one who had an Indian wife in upstate New York and the family kept it hush-hush. She might have been the mother of his first child or children. It is known for certain that he married Katerine A. Smith (some think she was Indian) on August 8th, 1874. Shortly after the marriage, he moved to Hoboken, N.J., where his children were born. They had six children, all the dates of birth being after the marriage. The children were George Franklin, Jennie, William M., Cora, Cecelia and Clarence Milton. Katerine died in 1821 and George died May 30th, 1922, both in Hoboken.

George Franklin Cogswell was born September 18th, 1878, in Hoboken, N.J. On June 30th, 1897, he married Emma M. Haas. They had five children: Florence (having been born about 1896 and adopted before the natural children were born), Adelia Elsa, Lillian May, Winifred Mildred and Mandel. The 1910 census lists him as the captain of a canal boat and the 1930 census as a retail merchant of herbs.

Between those two dates lies his claim to fame. In 1918, he founded the First Church of the Divine Light in Hartford, Connecticut, and was the last charter member when he died. This was an inter-denominational spiritualist church and had a building at the corner of Park and Washington Streets. The building was lost, but he and his wife continued to work to hold the congregation together. The congregation still exists, meeting in at the Unitarian Meeting House, 50 Bloomfield Avenue, Hartford. (You can find out about the church at <http://www.firstchurchdivinelight.org/> and mention of George Cogswell on the page for "our ministry.")



George died Feb. 21st, 1947, at his home in Hartford, Conn. He was "buried" on a traditional Indian pyre. Emma died July 9th, 1956, in East Hartford, Conn.

More on Artist William F. Cogswell

William F. Cogswell (DJC 3955) was born in upstate New York in 1819. His gifts were evident early and as a child he loved art and color. He worked briefly as a color mixer at a Buffalo paint factory. From there, he moved to New York City where he started his career as a professional painter. He was entirely self-taught, which made his accomplishments all the more amazing.

Cogswell travelled extensively. In 1849, he came to California as part of the gold rush. For a year, he painted gold rush scenes. He returned east, traveling over the Isthmus of Panama. He created large dioramas of gold rush scenes and of Panama, which he exhibited on the east coast.



In 1864, he was invited to the White House to sketch President Lincoln. Cogswell used the sketches and a photograph of Lincoln to create his Lincoln portrait. It shows Lincoln on the White House porch, the Capitol dome in the background and the President's coat and tall hat on the chair.

As Cogswell finished his work, Congress issued a call for artists to submit portraits of Lincoln and appropriated \$3,000.00 to be awarded to the winning artist. Cogswell submitted his portrait and won. The Lincoln portrait became part of the White House collection where it remains today.

In 1868, Cogswell painted a portrait of General Ulysses S. Grant, now part of the collection of the United States Senate. Grant dabbled with water colors and he and Cogswell may have struck up a friendship. Cogswell was a Grant family favorite and painted a portrait of the entire Grant family.

At the age of 54, Cogswell again moved west. In 1873, he purchased 473 acres of wild mesa land in what is now east Pasadena. In its natural state, this land was said to be covered with greasewood so thick a jack rabbit couldn't penetrate it. But, the mesa offered unimpeded views that likely captured the artist's eye and imagination. There was the waiting San Gabriel Valley below and an ocean view that took in Catalina Island and steamers. The northern edge of Cogswell's property roughly bordered present day Fairpoint St. north of the Eaton Canyon Golf Course. The southern tip of his property extended to present day Foothill Blvd. and Sierra Madre Villa Ave. The jagged western edge of the property tracked the Eaton Wash. Cogswell's purchase also included rights to half the water flow over a waterfall located north of present day Pasadena Glen. His land was



cleared and planted with citrus trees and grape vines. Water was transported from the waterfall downhill to irrigate the land. A beautiful Victorian home was built on the northern edge of the property. At the suggestion of friends, Cogswell and his son-in-law, William Porter Rhoades, founded the Sierra Madre Villa Hotel on the site in 1876. The Villa was the premier winter resort west of the Mississippi.



Cogswell continued painting at a prolific rate. He was commissioned to paint portraits of many of the early California governors. He also produced a replica of his Lincoln portrait, which he sold to the State of California and it now hangs in the State Assembly behind the Speaker's podium.

In fact, Cogswell appears to have painted at least three replicas of his White House Lincoln portrait. Correspondence in the Pasadena Public Library's Cogswell file indicates that another portrait hung in the Royal Palace in Honolulu, Hawaii. Another Cogswell replica of his White House Lincoln portrait was in the possession of the Pasadena Public Library where it hung from at least 1903 to 1961. These last two replicas have vanished. *Where are they today?*

Other subjects of Cogswell portraits included: President McKinley, General Sheridan, Supreme Court Justice and Treasury Secretary Saloman Chase, naturalist Louis Agassiz, Mr. and Mrs. Leland Stanford, business titans Mark Hopkins and Jay Cooke. Cogswell also travelled to the Kingdom of Hawaii where he painted the portraits of King Kalakaua and Queen Liliuokalani, the last Hawaiian monarchs.

Cogswell died December 24, 1903, at his daughter's home in South Pasadena.

Corrections, Queries and More Information

April Courier, page 7: Howard Cogswell of Florida sends information which shows a problem with **Gen. William Cogswell**: was the one whose obituary was printed *DJC* 1808, who died in 1918, not 1895? The source of the obituary was a New York Times article published May 22nd, 1895, which said he died this morning. See <http://query.nytimes.com/mem/archivefree/pdf?res=9802E2D61130E333A25751C2A9639C94649ED7CF>. According to a website (<http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=qr&GSvpid=46538018&Grid=5383570&>), an interesting inscription in a cemetery in Leon County, Florida, two miles north of the town of Woodville, is that of an officer of the Union Army of Occupation, Brig.-Gen. William T. Cogswell, who married Estelle Rhodes of Tallahassee. However, our information says he died in Washington, D.C., and Estelle is not the name of either of his two wives. The date of death on the stone is correct, but not the date of birth. Your editor leaves it to others to sort out who is right and who is wrong.



Peg Simons sends this link to buy a speech by Gen. William Cogswell on emancipation: http://www.amazon.com/Cogswell-celebration-Emancipation-Proclamation-citizens/dp/1429745215/ref=sr_1_1?ie=UTF8&s=books&qid=1271174319&sr=8-1

April Courier, page 14: In relation to the use of the Cogswell place, Steve Aberle points out that vaccination was discovered by Edward Jenner in 1796 and was not widely used until around 1800, so people going to that hospital prior to that time would likely been receiving "variolation" treatment for smallpox. Variolation induced live virus into patients, whereas vaccination induces a weak, dead or substitute virus. The reference to vaccination came from *History of the town of Westford, in the county of Middlesex, Massachusetts*, page 351. There is no date with the reference, so the use of the house as a hospital might have been after 1800, or the history may have used the familiar term vaccination because few people today have heard of variolation.

Update



"The Corner, Rosemore," 136 Great Plains Road, Southampton, N.Y.: This home, on the southeast corner of Cooper's Neck Lane and Great Plains Road, was built in 1900 by Dr. George E. Brewer. The second owners of the house were Morgan J. and Rose O'Brien. Combine Rose with Morgan and you get "Rosemore." Morgan O'Brien died in 1937 and in 1943 the house is deeded to **William F. Cogswell**. He died in 1963, and the house is deeded (1964) to his widow, **Estelle O'Brien**

Cogswell. Their son-in-law, Fred Eaton, says that William was the only child of Nathaniel Cogswell, who was also an only son. William was born Sept. 26th, 1891 and died in July 1963. They had two daughters, Cynthia (Eaton) and Anne (Vose.)

Query

Sharon Bittner wants to clear up confusion and solve a maddening puzzle. She is seeking info on children of JOHN (Benjamin, Joshua, Samuel, John) Cogswell, b 1756-1758 in Coventry, Conn. Married Tryphena/Trifina. Family relocated to Stockbridge, Mass., and later to Oneida Co., N.Y. Children were BENJAMIN, WILLIAM, JOHN, SALLY/Sarah (Robert Fields), TRYPHENA (William Martin), and BETSEY/Elizabeth (Joseph Doty). A Captain John Cogswell (Capt. in the N.Y. militia following the Rev. War) testified re his Rev. War pension request in (Whitehall) Washington Co., N.Y., Court on 28 Aug., 1832, about serving from Coventry, Conn. He was a pvt. under Capt. Willson in the Regt. of Col. Storr for about nine months. He also served other brief stints under Capts. Barrows and Rudd. (His pension record is S. 12613.) He states he was LIVING in Coventry, Windham Co., Conn., when he was called into service. (Was he BORN there, a child of Benjamin #423 in the Cogswell genealogy? Perhaps not.) If you know anything, please contact Sharon at bittner_s@yahoo.com.

Getting to Know our Historian, Don Cogswell, Sebring, Florida

What number are you in the Cogswell Book?

Until the next edition, I'm in the "Lost and Not Found" section. Through the kindness of strangers, I now have been found.

How old are you (optional answer)?

Same age as dirt. Hint: I'm going on Medicare this September.

Tell us about your immediate family.

Both parents dead. Older brother living in Maryland, younger sister living in Arizona and an only child, a daughter, living in Tampa with her husband and two sons.

Where were you born?

Washington, D.C. PLEASE don't tell anyone!

Tell me a funny story of you as a child (maybe your most embarrassing moment).

Almost all my childhood stories are tragic. Much like Thomas Edison, I discovered thousands of things that didn't work.

What was your favorite childhood television program (or radio if TV wasn't around)?

As I vaguely recall, my favorites were Western TV shows and Roy Rogers was probably near the top of the list, which includes Hopalong Cassidy and The Cisco Kid. After bedtime, I would tune my homemade crystal radio to Mystery programs - Cops and Robbers stuff - but I can't remember the names of the radio shows.

Name one thing you miss about being a kid.

Leaving the house in the morning without a clue of where I was going or what I was going to do all day, but fairly certain that I would find something interesting to get into. It was my intention that my so-called "Golden Years" would be used to recreate that scene, maybe even living in an RV with no fixed address, but things didn't work out that way.

How long have you been a CFA member?

About 15 years.

What would you like to see the CFA do in the future?

I hope I'm wrong, but I don't see any evidence that younger Cogswells are going to step up and take over the organization. There may not BE a future for the CFA.

What is your profession?

Retired.

Who do you admire most and why?

Sarah Palin. She may or may not be an intellectual giant but, as a devout Christian, the mother of five children and a VERY successful executive, I would trust her to do the right thing in almost any circumstance.

What is the best lesson you've learned in life?

Big fish eat little fish.

What do you do for fun?

Politics and golf.

Where would you most like to visit?

I'm happy right here.

What are your hobbies?

Politics and golf.

What one thing about you would your friends be surprised to know?

That I smoked three packs of cigarettes a day for forty-five years and that I'm still alive.

What regrets do you have in life?

Pretty much the whole thing.

What is the most interesting or unusual thing you have done?

Drove a tractor and trailer about a million miles and didn't kill myself or anyone else. Made a lot of friends - almost all temporary. At one time, I became convinced that I was singlehandedly paying for the snow removal on the Pennsylvania Turnpike with my tolls and speeding tickets. I still have an outstanding ticket in California - one of those "fine doubles every week you don't pay it" tickets - that probably is in the \$ millions by now.

Why are you proud to be a Cogswell?

All things considered, they (we) have made a significant contribution to America.

What are your goals for your grandchildren (now or in the future)?

I only hope they find a way to survive the coming bankruptcy of America.

How do you best describe your personality?

Cynical pessimist, with undertones of desperation.

What are you really good at?

I used to be pretty good at politics and got myself elected to a local office a couple of times, and I believe I did a respectable job of representing the people who elected me.

Are you a morning or night person?

Morning person during the summer and a night owl during the winter.

What do you usually think about right before falling asleep?

Absolutely everything - at a high rate of speed!

List 5 goals to do before you die (your "bucket" list)

Everything I might have enjoyed doing has been, or soon will be, declared illegal, unhealthy, forbidden or politically incorrect by the overbearing monster my government has become.

When life is over for you, how do you want to be remembered?

Played par one time.....

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Cogswells in the News

On February 1st, Megan Cogswell directed an episode of a new show called "Job Hunt" for NYC Media. This episode explored "if you're 50 and over, what is that right tone when you're competing with 30-year-olds?" The featured candidate was making the mistake of wearing her daughter's clothes on interviews.

Andria Cogswell (center), Marjorie Cogswell Roy (left) and her son Christian Roy (right, aged 14) travelled from Missouri and Nova Scotia to take part in a half-marathon in Florida, February 26th, in aid of Breast Cancer Research. Christian ran the distance in 2 hours, 2 minutes, while Andria and Marjorie (who ran and walked together) crossed the finish line in 2 hours, 45 minutes.



Reese Cogswell, of North Central School grade 7, daughter of Alan and Dawn Cogswell, spelled analgesia to win a spelling bee at her school in Williams Co., In. Kasandra Cogswell, of Oakwood Elementary School grade 6, daughter of Stephanie Cogswell, was runner-up in a spelling bee at her school in Paulding County, In.

Philosophy student Christopher Cogswell, from the University of New Hampshire, presented a talk on "Humor as Freedom" at Salem College State, March 27th, at the North Shore Undergraduate Philosophy Conference.

Robert Cogswell's ecology flag (reported in August 2009 Courier in Cogswells in the News) has disappeared from its post in front of the Newark (Ohio) Municipal Building. The flag was last seen by Mayor Bob Diebold on the morning of April 3rd, Cogswell said. When Cogswell looked for it that evening, it was nowhere to be found. Cogswell's 40-year-old flag, whose creator, Grace Cogswell, has since passed away, holds sentimental value to him and he only wishes its return.

Jeff Cogswell, one third of the Z103.5 Morning Show, rode a flimsy office chair down the steepest part of Cogswell St. in the middle of rush hour traffic in downtown Halifax, N. S., for a "Stupid S*** Friday" video posted on the internet April 14th. He hit a car and fell out of the chair, which he had to push back up the sidewalk.

Branden Cogswell (right) went 2-for-4 with two RBIs for the Shenendehowa (N.Y.) Plainsmen in a Suburban Council victory April 13th. Branden Cogswell connected a two-out RBI single and then scored on a throwing error in a Plainsmen 8-1 Shenendehowa victory. He went 3 of 4 with two runs and two RBIs April 15th. He has been in other games since.



The First Parish Universalist Church of Stoughton hosted its third annual Spring Green Fair May 1st. The topic of "Buying Local Foods" featured Sarah Cogswell of South Eastern Mass. Agricultural Partnership.

Autumn Cogswell, 11, of Philo, Ohio, assisted people with the seed potatoes at Brighton Presbyterian Church, Zanesville, during its second annual Seed and Plant Giveaway. She had some potatoes cut into pieces so she could explain how to plant and grow them. "Plant the cut part down, eyes up," she said. "Keep on covering them as they grow. If they have green on the potatoes, it's poison and you throw them away." Autumn's family grows lots of vegetables.

Susan Cogswell, a hair stylist who works from her New Lenox, Ill., home, has begun collecting hair to help in the oil spill after hearing of the effort from a client. "Hair absorbs oil; that's why we shampoo it all the time," Cogswell said. "It can soak up so much oil, better than probably other materials can." She is considering offering a special discount on hair cuts to maximize the amount of hair she can collect. "I really want to have enough to send," she said. "I am a one-person salon at home but if I can just spread the word."



Zachary Cogswell of Nampa, Idaho, was diagnosed with kidney disease in October - he was just 21. He had been ill for awhile with flu-like symptoms, but was unaware his kidney and heart were failing him. A trip to a quick-care clinic revealed his blood pressure was alarmingly high and Zachary was admitted to an intensive care unit for more tests. He does home dialysis for eight hours a night and one exchange throughout the day. Zachary moved back home with his parents so they could keep an eye on him.

He goes to work as a lube technician every day unless he has a bad night, his mother said. Zachary now awaits a match for a kidney, and the procedure will have to be done by a transplant team at a Utah hospital. Zachary does have some medical insurance, but the family still must pay for out-of-pocket expenses, travel and lodging to Utah for treatments, food, medication and other medical expenses.

In the SKUD 18s, at the SKUD18 International Championships at Rutland Sailing Club, Michael Cogswell and Liz Foreman were third in practice racing June 7th. On June 8th, Michael Cogswell/Liz Foreman seemed to have the jump on the 2008 Paralympians in the second heat, but came in second in both races. After all seven races in the SKUD 18s, Michael Cogswell and Liz Foreman finished second behind Hungary. France was third. Your editor e-mailed congratulations and ten minutes later received thanks and word that the next regatta is the Disabled World Championships in Holland in July.



This and That

NYC - East Village: Tompkins Square Park - Temperance Fountain



Dating to 1888, this neo-classical fountain was the gift of the wealthy San Francisco dentist, businessman and temperance crusader Henry D. Cogswell (1820–1900). The figure of Hebe, the mythical water carrier, atop the pyramidal stone pediment was originally fabricated in zinc by the J. L. Mott Iron Works in Mott Haven in the Bronx. The classically-styled figure is based on a marble statue made circa 1816 by the renowned Danish sculptor, Albert Bertel Thorvaldsen (c.1770–1844). In 1992, the fountain underwent extensive restoration and the Hebe statue was replaced with a more durable bronze replica.

Publishing Company Founded by Fred Cogswell

Fredericton, N.B., publishing company Goose Lane Editions is battling a changing industry and a reduced interest in reading by selecting the right projects and learning about its audience. Susanne Alexander, publisher of the Fredericton-based company, said those two strategies are helping it remain successful in the face of changing reading habits. The company was created by New Brunswick writer and poet, the late Fred Cogswell. Alexander says it was a labor of love for Cogswell, who financed it largely out of his own pocket and with resources he could cobble together from the University of New Brunswick. The first book of poetry the fledgling company published was one of Cogswell's own, *The Stunted Strong*. A recent study commissioned by Canadian Heritage discovered that more than half of Canada's citizens are unable to name a Canadian author without prompting. Twelve per cent reported they spend no time reading books. The company still relies heavily on mainstream media and traditional book signings for promotional purposes, but Goose Lane also gave readers the chance to download excerpts of some titles before their official release dates.

Have You Ever Eaten a Cogswell Apple?

Description of Apple Varieties: Cogswell. Origin: Griswold, Connecticut.

Fruit above medium, roundish, oblate, regular; surface rich yellow, nearly covered with red, marked and streaked with bright red; dots many, areole; cavity (depression in which the stem is inserted) large, thinly russeted; stem short, rather slender; basin small, shallow. Core small; flesh yellowish, fine-grained, tender, juicy, scarcely subacid, rich aromatic, very good to best: December to March.

Teacher Honored by Map-a-thon

Pege Cogswell taught Social Studies and Art at Cedarwood School in Mandeville, Louisiana, full time from 1992 to 2001 and later spent time there as a substitute. She died in 2006 after a two-year battle with scleroderma, a widespread connective tissue disease that involves changes in the skin, blood vessels, muscles and internal organs. Today, middle-school students compete in the Pege Cogswell Memorial Map-a-thon in which children learn world maps for a worthy cause. More than \$500.00 has been collected for students in Afghanistan who are in need of basic school supplies such as pens, pencils and paper. The top three finishers were announced Dec. 4th and the first-place winner received a Barnes & Noble gift certificate. "I wanted to honor the memory of Pege," Suzanne Varney said. "The exciting thing about the kids is that they are connecting their knowledge of countries to what they're hearing. For example, when we talked about Pege going to Cameroon, the kids didn't draw a blank. They went, 'Oh, Cameroon is in Africa.' So, my goal is to raise awareness."

Westbury, Wiltshire, News



A group of Westbury youths raised money for a homeless charity by sleeping rough in a church porchway on Friday night. The youngsters managed to stay out all night and, in the process, raised more than £400 for Alabaré, which works with homeless and vulnerable people across the south and south west and has a drop-in centre in Duke Street, Trowbridge.

Jennifer Totney, curate at All Saints Church, said: "We wanted to give the children a real sense of what it must be like to be homeless. They were talking about how they would keep warm and we used cardboard boxes as insulation, which actually did help. It also rained during the night but, thankfully, the porch roof kept the rain off but some homeless people don't have roofs."

Westbury father-of-two Darryl Henley, who, despite being 26, always gets asked for ID, will be the first person in the UK to use their mobile phone to prove their age. Mr. Henley won a new iPhone 3 complete with a miniaturized smart sticker to prove his age from Touch2id, which is fingerprint ID technology on trial in Trowbridge. The Touch2id sticker can be read by readers, which are now being used by retailers all over Trowbridge who sell alcohol and cigarettes, to prove age. Mr. Henley won the first draw for the iPhone prize, the first of five iPhones being given away over the next few weeks to promote the new proof of age scheme.



Mark (28) and Katie Norris (27), who live in Westbury Leigh, tied the knot on Saturday, April 17th. Mr. Norris' grandparents, Len and Maureen Haine, couldn't attend, as they were stuck in Tenerife. The couple was due to fly out to the paradise Indian Ocean islands the following morning for a fortnight's stay, but had their plans grounded because of the volcanic ash cloud. The couple now plans to spend a few days together in Cornwall before returning to work next week. They will now fly out on May 16th, after their honeymoon was re-arranged.

Ed Coleman, (right) 32, from Westbury Leigh, and Julian Morris, (left) 41, from Station Road, Westbury, took on a nine-day cycle ride from Land's End to John O'Groats on July 8. The pair was raising money for Macmillan Cancer Support, which helped fellow cyclist, Shaun Player, of The Tynings, Westbury, who died last month at the age of 43 after a three-year battle against kidney cancer. Mr. Player was a founder member of the White Horse Riders to which Mr. Coleman and Mr. Morris belong.



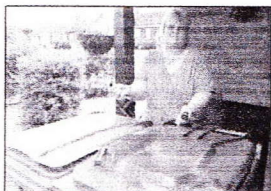
Deborah Hudson from Westbury has made it through to the final 25 in a national photo competition. Her entry, which features a girl using a mobile telephone on a beach, was voted in the top 25 entries for the national 'Joy of Sound' competition. The competition is being run by Hear the World, a global initiative which aims to raise awareness about the importance of hearing and the consequences of hearing loss. She has the chance to win one of the top prizes worth more than £2,000.

Martin Fairley (left end) from Westbury fire station has reached 20 years service and was rewarded June 8th for his service as a retained officer, holding down other jobs at the same time. Paul Noke, (right end) of Westbury, scooped an award for long service and good conduct.

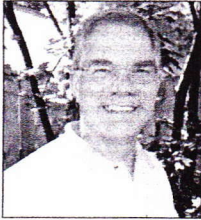


Mrs. Marie Nunn from Westbury received a Member of the British Empire award for services to the community in Wiltshire in the Queen's Birthday Honors.

Jayne Goldsworthy, of Oldfield Road, Westbury, a multiple sclerosis sufferer, has to chain up a borrowed (from her brother) wheelie (garbage) bin because she can't afford a replacement after hers was stolen. "I've given the Wiltshire Council a call and explained the situation, but they said I would have to pay for a replacement," she said. £40.79 would be about half of her disability allowance a week. Mrs. Goldsworthy has now resorted to padlocking her refuse bin and recycling box to stop them being stolen again.



From the Secretary's Desk



My name is Ed Cogswell (*Descendants of John Cogswell* 9627.) I was born on November 5, 1953, in Dorchester, Mass., and was the first son (and 2nd born) of 9 children of Edward and Virginia Cogswell. My Dad was born here in the US, but his Dad (Joshua) came from Nova Scotia. So, I guess I'm actually the first generation of Cogswell's (of my family line) returning to the US from Canada.

We moved from Massachusetts to Hawaii when I was 13, but I always had a love for aviation. So, when I graduated from High School in 1971, I joined the US Navy and went into aviation there. I learned to be an Aviation Electronics Technician on Grumman EA-6B Prowler aircraft. I participated in a cruise on the USS America in 1972 (so yes, I am a Vietnam Veteran) and another cruise in the Mediterranean Ocean on the USS Independence – both aircraft carriers. I met my wife, Debbie, toward the end of the first four-year enlistment, and decided to stay in for another four years. I then became an instructor of airplane systems and enjoyed shore duty until I was discharged honorably in 1979.

A year later, I was hired by Boeing as an Aircraft Electrician on their commercial airplanes that they build here in Washington State. Through the years, I have participated in flight test programs as an airplane electrician and now I do my part as a manager. Today, I manage an airplane maintenance crew on Boeing's new 787, which is about half way through its flight testing. It should certify by the end of 2010 and you'll start seeing airplane deliveries to the airlines soon after that.

I have lived here in Washington State since I arrived in 1972, am married to Debbie, who I met in 1975. We have two children (Chris and Beth), both grown, and are proud grandparents of Rose (the daughter of Beth). I enjoy fishing, hunting, baseball, hiking and anything to do with the outdoors.

I recently was elected to the position of Secretary here within the Cogswell Family Association. I am hoping I can do what I can to help stimulate new interest in the history of John and Elizabeth Cogswell. I also hope to do my part in bringing some excitement back to all of us that are proud of the Cogswell heritage that we have.

Ed Cogswell

Welcome to the Cogswell Family Association, Inc.

Lucy Stalnaker, Zanesville, OH



90th Birthday

CFA member Ray Cogswell, Fredericton, NB, celebrated his 90th birthday May 23rd, 2010. (Actual date was May 5th.)

Deaths

Mary E. (Giblin) Cogswell, 77, widow of John A. Cogswell, Lexington, MA, died Jan. 9, 2010
Elizabeth A. (Page) Cogswell, 95, widow of William N. Cogswell, Palm Harbor, FL, died April 4, 2010

Kevin Keith Cogswell, 51, Bridgewater, VT. died May 25, 2010

Possible, but Unproved, History

E. O. Jameson, in *The Cogswells in America*, says: "It is unknown what connection, if any, the Cogswells of Westbury may have had with a certain Richard Cogswell who died June 12th, 1534, to whose memory was erected in Faversham Church a large stone, in which is set a brass plate, still in a good state of preservation..." A number of web-sites are saying that Robert Cogswell, husband of Alice Adlam, who was born Nov. 30th, 1510, and died June 7th, 1581, was the son of Richard Cogswell. Some of these give the reference: "Joseph Ford.FTW." .FTW is an application extension assigned to Family Tree Maker data files. Joseph Ford married Deborah Waldo, daughter of Deacon Cornelius and Hannah (Cogswell) Waldo. Don't believe everything you read on the Internet.

From the Editor's Desk

There's a word – serendipity – defined as the faculty of making happy and unexpected discoveries by accident. (In Canada, it has a second meaning: good luck or good fortune.) It happened to me in May. I do a Google search for Cogswell in both news and blogs on the Internet. One day, there was a blog with a picture of a house that had once been owned by a Cogswell. That was not very interesting, until I noticed that it had been owned by William F. Cogswell and the next deed was to Estelle (O'Brien) Cogswell. Something clicked. Those were the celebrities I had been wondering about in the December Courier. The writer of the blog gave me enough information to contact one of the descendants. See page 8.



About the Cover of this Issue

Last Christmas, a painting by William F. Cogswell got mentioned in the news because it was hanging in the White House among the Christmas decorations. Although the Courier had contained a story about him before, several readers wanted this noted, and more about him. This issue contains more. (See page 7.) It seemed appropriate to have a picture painted by him on the cover, and I chose his portrait of Queen Liliuokalani of Hawaii.

We Have New Officers

Please note that we have new officers. Our Treasurer, John H. Cogswell, has passed his duties over to his daughter, **Katie (Cogswell) Sanders**, of 38 Country Road, Uxbridge, MA 01569. We trust he'll be there to help if she gets into any difficulties. **Edward R. Cogswell**, of 21321 107th Ave. SE, Snohomish, WA 98296-7140, has taken over from Claire Cogswell Daigle as Secretary. It will be a big job to do what Claire did – she sent out birthday and Christmas cards as well as her regular secretarial duties. Both of the retiring officers have been there almost from the beginning of the Cogswell Family Association. Both deserve a hearty thank you!

Also note our brand new Mission Statement on the inside front cover of this issue.

Please also note that the CFA is also on Facebook. You can visit our Facebook page at <http://www.facebook.com/group.php?gid=113661535340209&v=info>. As of the time of writing, the Facebook page has 75 members – over fifty of them not CFA members.

Don't forget our web page: <http://www.cogswell.org/>. And the Courier has a blog you can visit at <http://cogswellcourier.spaces.live.com/>. Almost 5,000 visits have been made to the blog but it has recently removed "statistics" from its options, so I will no longer know. If you visit, please put something in the guestbook.

And the bad news: Our 2010 Cogswell Family Reunion in Nova Scotia is cancelled – "due to economic and logistic considerations." (Too many people couldn't afford to go, or disliked having to have a passport to get back home.)

Planters' Conference, Acadia University, Wolfville, N.S.



Your editor and his wife attended a 250th Anniversary "Planters' Conference" June 18th-19th, at Acadia University. His ancestor, Hezekiah Cogswell (DJC 404), was a Planter (of the colony of Nova Scotia) or pre-Loyalist settler. Of particular interest was a talk about a privateer which took a loaded ship from Cornwallis (where the Cogswells lived) in 1781 during the American Revolution. The militia from Cornwallis pursued it but ran out of gunpowder and was itself captured. However, the militia from

Horton had better luck and retook the ship capturing the privateers from Machias, Maine. It is not known if any Cogswell was involved. A "Planter encampment" was set up in front of the building where the Conference was held, with local people dressed as the Planters would have dressed.





Canadian Connection

Edmund John Cogswell

In E. O. Jameson's 1884 book *The Cogswells in America*, he stated that he was much indebted to Edmund John Cogswell for the facts he gathered and communicated. He gives his birthday as May 25th, 1838, and says "He was a Barrister at Law in Kentville, N. S. He received the degree of LL.B. from the University of Halifax, N.S., and the same degree from Harvard University, Cambridge, Mass." in 1868.

What else is known about him?

Edmund John Cogswell (*Descendants of John Cogswell* #5444), lawyer, judge, writer and amateur historian, was the son of Gideon Cogswell and Lucilla S. Perkins, born c. 1839.

From 1865 to 1885, he bought several parcels of land, listed at his death as being valued at \$3,105.00.

In 1875, he was appointed for Kings County as an official assignee under the Insolvent Act of 1875; his duty was to handle the debts of bankrupt people.

About 1880, he published *The Cogswell Family Genealogical Material*. Perhaps he sent a copy of his book to E. O. Jameson. A manuscript copy may be in the Esther Wright Clark Archives at Acadia University, Wolfville, N.S. In his will, he left to Robie Reid (related through his sister, Mrs. Ruth Reid) all his books, including law books and manuscripts, so perhaps it went there.

He was appointed a Judge of Probate in 1887, a position he held until his death.

He married October 25th, 1893, Bessie, (Elizabeth Mary Pryor Randall), daughter of Charles D. Randall and Nancy Cogswell Bill (*DJC* 5408), his second cousin. Both were descended from Mason and Lydia (Huntingdon) Cogswell (*DJC* 965).

In 1895, he was asked to write an historical sketch of Kentville, his home town, which he was pleased to do, starting with how the land came to be as it is and including notes on prominent people up to about 1850. However, he preferred to "leave the praises of those still living" to some other person.

Judge E. J. Cogswell of Kentville wrote a letter to the Editor of the *Evening Mail* in October, 1897 (at N.S. Archives in a scrapbook kept by E. F. Hart around 1900). Cogswell wrote of the great fire of 1710, which burned the Annapolis Valley N. S.'s North Mountain where a cyclone in 1709 had torn up the trees, which were simply left and dried out. "The heat was so intense that it not only consumed the fallen timber, but it also burnt up the very seeds of trees that were in the ground and the new forest was very slow to start." "Even now (1897), when the forest is cut down, the wild cherry trees will spring up in surprising numbers." "The forest primeval of Longfellow's poem went down in the great cyclone but the murmuring pines and the hemlocks (of) the new growth existed at Grand Pre at the time of Evangeline." Elsewhere, he wrote about the French settlement of New Minas. (After the expulsion of the Acadians, the English settlers moved the settlement further south, but kept the name.)

In another place, he mentions that the half-acre of hill that became Oak Grove Cemetery was used as a burial ground before 1817. He refers to it as "the old oak burial ground."

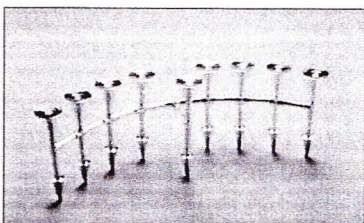
He died Feb. 8th, 1900, and was buried at the Baptist Cemetery in Billtown, N.S. His will left much of his estate (valued at \$10,269.52) to surviving siblings, nephews and nieces, with very little for his wife because (according to the will) "I do not consider she has treated me as a wife should have done." He did leave her what had already been given her for herself or her family, "amounting to some two thousand dollars to redeem the property upon which she resides in Wolfville and payment of their debts which amounts should be repaid to me, now I hereby give and bequeath to my said wife all such sums of money or payments so advanced including the four hundred dollars paid on the mortgage to Mrs. Emma L. McKenna, provided she accept the same in lieu of all dower in my real estate..." It would seem that her mistreatment of her husband was returning from Kentville to live with her family in Wolfville – seven miles away.

Mrs. Bessie Randall Cogswell, daughter of Charles D. Randall, widow of Edmund John Cogswell, died at Wolfville 23 March, 1913, age 64 years.

John Cogswell, Jeweler



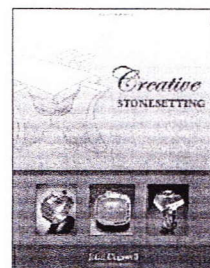
CFA member John Cogswell is a jeweler, silversmith, educator and author/illustrator. He currently teaches at the State University of New York, New Paltz, N.Y., as a Metals Instructional Support Technician in the Art Department, and previously taught at Parsons School of Design, N.Y.C., Pratt Institute, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Hofstra University, Long Island. He was also former Director of the Jewelry and Metalsmithing Department at the 92nd Street Y in New York City. In addition, he has conducted numerous workshops at many locations. He was the 2006 inductee into the National Metalsmiths' Hall of Fame and was selected as Touchstone Center for Crafts' 2007 Artist of the Year. He has served as a technical consultant and contributing author for



several contemporary jewelry texts, including *Metals Technic*, *Contemporary Silver* and *The Penland Book of Jewelry*. His work has appeared in numerous exhibitions and publications and is included in many public and private collections, including the Victoria and Albert Museum, London, U.K., the Jewish Museum, N.Y.C., and the Ackland Museum of Art, Raleigh, N.C. He is the Technical Editor for "SNAG News," the newsletter of the Society of North American Goldsmiths. He is a former Board Member/Treasurer of the

Brookfield Craft Center and is on the Advisory Board of Arrowmont School of Crafts. He has been making jewelry and sharing his passion for the process for more than thirty years.

John Cogswell is the author and illustrator of *Creative Stonesetting* (2008), a comprehensive manual of basic stonesetting information that interested beginners can use. It suggests dozens of new ways to think about attaching stones. In a detailed text and through more than 600 drawings, the author describes concepts, tools and techniques that will appeal to jewelers of every skill level and aesthetic.



John got a love of art from his father, who built bodies for Mack trucks as a welder and sheet metal worker but kept work and home separate. At home, he designed and built all kinds of wonderful and inventive things. In his second semester at college, John saw a basic jewelry making class listed and immediately signed up for it. He later discovered that the teacher had only a two day weekend workshop to learn what she was to teach, but her honest, enthusiastic and humorous approach were enough. John fell in love with the material (silver), tools and process. A guest instructor introduced him to forging metal and John and his teacher drove several hours each way every Saturday for a year to study with him.

In an old rented farmhouse where he lived, John converted the attic into a modest studio. It was unheated and in winter so cold his pickle was frozen in the morning, but he generated enough heat hammering (and with his forge) to keep warm. A local commercial jeweler (actually a watchmaker) saw his work and offered him a job. While on that job, he began to teach evening classes sponsored by the local arts and crafts association. He learned much, but still wanted to know more and, despite reading every jewelry and metalsmithing journal he could find, he eventually decided he had to go back to school to learn what he could not teach himself. He chose the State University of New York, New Paltz. The courses there covered every aspect of metalsmithing and were, to John, like being a kid in a candy shop. While still there, one of his professors took him along as an assistant on several workshops and treated him as a co-instructor. Soon he was getting invitations to conduct other workshops on his own and he loved doing them.

John considered that he owed more than money for his training and found teaching a way to repay that debt. In addition to the college courses he teaches, he has taught over three hundred workshops since graduation from New Paltz.



Cogswell Neighbors in Ipswich

William Hartley Jeffrey

In 1623, William Hartley Jeffrey of Chittingly Manor, Suffolk County, England, "son of Audery," came to America in the ship, *Ann*, landing in Virginia. There were five members of this family, according to the best authority, probably all brothers, as Audery does not appear among the list.

The names of only a few of the earliest settlers of Agawam have been preserved. The earliest known English planter was William Jeffrey, and he must have been at Agawam before 1623 but subsequently settled at Weymouth.

"Before the arrival of Endicott," says Governor Winthrop in his history, "in our colony William Jeffrey, a planter, came to Weymouth, and later acquired that portion of Massachusetts now known as Ipswich and Manchester-by-the-Sea. This locality was known as 'Jeffrey's Neck.'"

In 1628, William Jeffrey was assessed £2 towards the expenses of the expedition against Morton at Merry Mount. There can be little doubt that Jeffrey was, by then, a resident in the original bounds of Agawam; no writer or document has shown that he lived elsewhere and two places within such territory very early received their names from him. Ipswich was located on the neck. This was immediately bounded on the east by what is now known as Jeffrey's Neck. It appears that originally the whole neck, the western part of which was selected for the town and also to the creek, afterwards Manchester, was called after the same person. About 1629, William Jeffrey of Chittingly, England, and commonly referred to in early New England history as "William of Weymouth," located on the north side of Agamenticus Mountain in York County, Maine, and some historians claim that this dates the first permanent settlement in the Pine Tree State.

On September 7th, 1630, the Court of Assistants in Boston ordered the squatter settlers at Agawam to leave, but not until March, 1633, did the Court act to establish a colony there and then only to prevent the settlement of a French Catholic colony. The wise and gifted young John Winthrop, son of the Governor, was chosen to lead the expedition of twelve men, including Mr. Clerk (Clark), Robert Coles, Thomas Howlett, John Biggs, John Gage, Thomas Hardy, William Perkins, Mr. Thorndike and Will Sergeant. As there were no roads, the journey in March was undertaken in a shallop skirting the coast. If the cabins of the squatters were gone, they would have to live for a time in wigwams or in underground caves until the time when crops could be grown and the weather permit the building of more durable homes. Marshes provided salt hay and thatch for roofs. For food, garden vegetables were planted; turnips, parsnips, and carrots. There were also pumpkins, cucumbers, wild strawberries, penny-royal, winter savory, sorrel, watercress and onions. Wild game and fish were plentiful. Lobsters, according to tradition, weighed 16 to 25 pounds.

It seems that William Jeffrey had given name to this neck at Ipswich before Agawam was settled in 1633. In 1634, Winthrop, speaking of Jeffrey's handing him a letter from Morton, calls him, "an old planter." In 1666, William Jeffrey claimed the neck of his name, in the limits of Ipswich. He was granted five hundred acres of land on the south side "of our patent, to be a final issue of all claims by virtue of any grant, heretofore made by any Indians whatsoever."

On January 16th, 1648, Richard Knight had a deed of two parcels of land in Newport, Rhode Island, with the condition that William Jeffrey oblige himself to make and maintain the fence forever. It would seem that William Jeffrey owned land in various places, as we have seen him in Virginia, Massachusetts, Maine and Rhode Island.








He married Mary Gould, sister of John and Daniel Gould of Newport, Rhode Island. They had six children: Mary, who was born at Weymouth January 20, 1642, and married John Green of Newport; Sarah, who married Barzilla Barker of Rowley, Massachusetts; Susannah, Priscilla, John and Thomas.

William Jeffrey left Maine in 1671 and went to live with his daughter, Mary Green, at Newport, where he died January 2nd, 1675, aged eighty-four years.

There is no record of any dealings he had with the Cogswell family, but the name Jeffery's Neck appears often in their story.

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