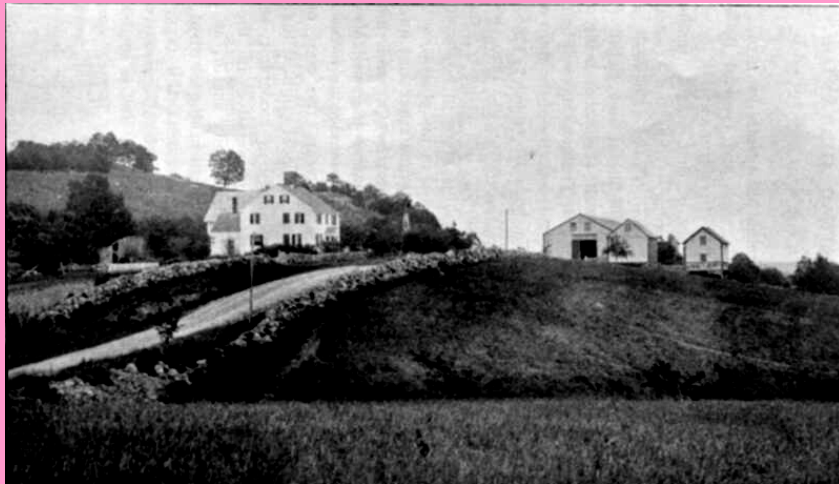
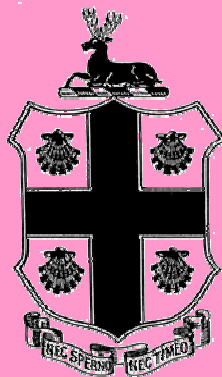


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# Professor Thomas Cogswell - Historian

Thomas Cogswell is Professor of History, University of California, Riverside. He received an A.B. in History in 1974 from the University of Georgia and a Ph.D. from Washington University in 1983.

Anxious to delay the seemingly inevitable slide from undergraduate degree to law school, Cogswell fled to graduate school. Yet the temporary refuge unexpectedly turned into a steady job after the Fulbright Commission underwrote two years of research in London. Subsequently, he has taught at Kentucky and Harvard before coming to the University of California, Riverside, in 1999.

Cogswell has published *The Blessed Revolution: English Politics and the Coming of War, 1621-1624* (Cambridge, 1989) and *Home Divisions: Aristocracy, the State and Provincial Conflict* (Stanford, 1998) and co-edited *Politics, Religion and Popularity in Early Stuart Britain: Essays in Honour of Conrad Russell* (Cambridge, 2002). In addition to articles in the *Historical Journal*, the *Journal of British History*, the *English Historical Review*, *History*, the *Journal of Modern History* and the *Huntington Library Quarterly*, he also published several essays in edited collections, one of which won the Walter Love Prize from the North American Conference of British Studies. He has received fellowships from the American Council of Learned Societies, the National Humanities Center, the National Endowment for the Humanities, the Folger Shakespeare Library, the Huntington Library, the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation and Wadham College, Oxford.

He is currently completing two books – *Buckingham's Commonwealth: Faction, Ideology and the Transformation of Early Stuart England* and (with Alastair Bellany) *England's Assassin: John Felton and the Assassination of the Duke of Buckingham* – in hopes of further postponing those introductory classes on property law and personal injury.

Thomas Cogswell was Associate Professor of History at Washington University, St. Louis, when he became the author of *The Blessed Revolution: English Politics and the Coming of War, 1621-1624*.

He is married to Carole Davis Cogswell.

Among his awards are (with date): 2008, University of California, President's Research Fellowship in Humanities; 2004, American Philosophical Society, Franklin Research Grant; 2003, Residency at the National Humanities Center; 2003-04, National Humanities Center Fellowship; 1998, Finalist, Joseph Levenson Memorial Teaching Prize, Harvard University; 1998, Guggenheim Fellowships; 1998-99, Keeley Visiting Fellowship, Wadham College, Oxford University; 1996, Walter D. Love Article Prize for best article in North American Conference of British Studies; 1995-96, National Endowment for the Humanities Fellowship, Huntington Library; 1995, Huntington Library Research Fellowships, NEH Fellowship; 1995, Walter D. Love Article Prize for best article in British History; 1993, Huntington Library Research Fellowships; 1990, Huntington Library Research Fellowships; 1989-99, John Simon Guggenheim Memorial Fellowship; 1987, Residency at the National Humanities Center; 1978, Fulbright Scholarships and, in 1985, American Council of Learned Societies, British History.

*The Blessed Revolution* examines the background to the English military intervention in the Thirty Years War. Blending accounts of diplomacy and factional in-fighting at Court with parliamentary and popular politics, it aims to illuminate the "revolution" of 1624 when the Palatine crisis forced James I to abandon his long-held dream of an Anglo-Spanish dynastic alliance in favour of a more aggressive policy against the Habsburgs. In studying the English polity in a period of crisis, Professor Cogswell challenges many of the revisionist assumptions about early seventeenth-century England and highlights the dangers in confusing the history of Court faction





with the broader political history of the period. In particular, the author stresses the vital importance of Parliament, an institution which, in 1624, had no trouble delaying the passage of the subsidy bill until the government redressed a long list of grievances. Indeed, the “blessed revolution” celebrated the evolution of Parliament into what many contemporaries regarded as its proper role in the state as much as it did the collapse of the longstanding Anglo-Spanish entente.

Largely based on the chance survival of a rich and previously unexploited archive of Henry Hastings, fifth Earl of Huntingdon and Lord Lieutenant of Leicestershire, *Home Divisions* affords an in-depth look at early Stuart government and politics different than any hitherto presented. Leicestershire’s Jacobean and Caroline turmoil has been generally understood as a product of long-standing rivalry and conflict between the two leading families, the Hastings and the Greys, whose notorious aristocratic feuds flared up with renewed energy in the early seventeenth century. This book reveals that the reasons for the turmoil in

Leicestershire—described by contemporaries as “a cockpit, one spurring against another” – went far beyond the standard picture of feuding provincial peers.

The author demonstrates that the main element disturbing the shire’s tranquility was, in fact, the growth of the state – that is, the ever-growing appetite of Whitehall under James I and then Charles I for both men and funds to conduct the business of central government and the affairs of state. These national demands, which increased very rapidly in the quarter century before 1642, had a profoundly destabilizing effect on the county. Huntingdon’s success in extracting resources on behalf of the central government – a success that did much to shore up the declining fortunes of his own family – created intense rivalries and antipathies within the shire, which, in turn, did much to shape the political divisions that led to the English Civil War.

In the process of presenting his thesis, the author also challenges some basic interpretations of early seventeenth-century historians. He substantially eradicates the distinction between the reigns of the first two Stuarts, with the accession of Charles I seen as a watershed in the political history of England (with James I seen as a shrewd political organizer and great compromiser and Charles I as headstrong and authoritarian). The author demonstrates how similar the demands for extra-parliamentary finance were during the two reigns and how similarly they were met. Though it is a commonplace of historiography to assert that the English were undertaxed throughout this period and to see the inability of the state to extract resources as its structural weakness, the author shows how much militia rates, coat and conduct money and the depopulation fines of the 1630’s actually took from the localities.

*Politics, Religion and Popularity in Early Stuart Britain: Essays in Honour of Conrad Russell* contains a dozen essays by Russell’s students, London colleagues and American friends, which are nearly all written in a post-revisionist mode. Many explicitly take issue with Russell’s specific theses (on the localism of MPs, on the impossibility of opposition, on the mind of Charles I), while others implicitly challenge both his theses and his working premises, assumptions, methodology and choice of sources. But each contribution quite obviously benefits from the intellectual charge generated by any engagement with Russell’s writings. The collected essays assess revisionism and address several themes arising out of recent debates on the causes of the English Civil War.

After completing his latest book, *Buckingham’s Commonwealth: Faction, Ideology and the Transformation of Early Stuart England*, he will examine early modern political culture, thus further postponing those introductory classes on property law and personal injury.

Your editor was unable to find a review of *England’s Assassin: John Felton and the Assassination of the Duke of Buckingham* or *Buckingham’s Commonwealth: Faction, Ideology and the Transformation of Early Stuart England*, similar to those above for his other books.



# Henry Cogswell Knight, Poet

Henry Cogswell Knight (*DJC* 1292), poet, was born in Newburyport, Massachusetts, Jan. 29<sup>th</sup>, 1789, and died in Rowley, Massachusetts, January 10<sup>th</sup>, 1835. He and his brother were early left orphans and, removing to Rowley, Massachusetts, he resided with his maternal grandfather, Dr. Nathaniel Cogswell. He was educated at Phillips Academy, Andover (1806), Harvard College (1808-1811) and Brown University (B.A., M.A. 1812). While in college, he wrote a series of eleven letters to the "Rhode Island American," which have been collected and annotated by Mr. William R. Staples, of Providence (1866). He spent several years traveling in the south and west before returning to Massachusetts about 1820. He was ordained in the Episcopal Church, but never settled in a congregation, devoting himself to literary pursuits. In 1827, he served in parishes in Virginia and Maryland. He published a collection of youthful verses entitled "The Cypriad" (Boston, 1809); "The Broken Harp" (Philadelphia, 1815) and "Poems" (Boston, 1821). Under the pseudonym Arthur Singleton, he also wrote "Letters from the South and West" (Boston 1824). He also published two volumes of sermons. He was a keen observer of men and things, and is quoted as saying, respecting his own somewhat vacillating career, that he "could not find the right branches of the tree of knowledge by which to climb up."

His brother, Frederick, poet, born in Hampton, New Hampshire, October 9<sup>th</sup>, 1791, and died in Rowley, Massachusetts, November 20<sup>th</sup>, 1849, shared with Henry the home at Rowley, studied at Harvard and at Litchfield law school, and taught in Penobscot, Maine and Marblehead, Massachusetts. He then returned to Rowley, where he passed his life occupying himself in composition. A memorial of his life, with his poems, was published, entitled "Thorn Cottage" (Boston, 1855).

## The Five Senses

by Henry Cogswell Knight

As loitering in the meadows, where dandelions grow,  
And where my grandsire grazes his crumple-horned cow;  
I saw five airy hoidens, and came across their way,  
And after lowly courtesy, I made a little stay.

They told me they were sisters, but look'd as much unlike,  
As pins and needles, pear and peach, or rivulet and dike;  
One smack'd her lips as hungry, one hearkened to a rook,  
One snuff'd the air, one fann'd her face, one gazed in a brook.

The first was named Tasting, and showed a cheek of cherry.  
And had her lips all stained o'er with purple of the berry;  
Miss Hearing next requested, I'd sing her "Robin Hood,"  
"Unfortunate Miss Bailie," or "Children in the Wood."

Miss Smelling was the third one, who held up to her nose  
A freshly gathered posy of fleur-de-luce and rose;  
The fourth, whose name was Feeling, was lolling at her ease,  
While up-and-down so willing, her tucker wooed the breeze.

Bright Seeing was the fifth one, above the rest respected,  
Who in the brook was gazing, her beauty-spots reflected:—  
Now these five airy Sisters, to live unwed declin'd,  
So married all one husband—the gallant Mr. Mind.



# Ziegfeld Follies Actress

Marie Louise Stevens was a Cogswell descendant. Her great-great Stevens grandfather married Eunice C. Robinson whose mother was Susanna Cogswell (DJC 227). She was an actress and one of the Ziegfeld girls in the Ziegfeld Follies. The Ziegfeld Follies were a series of elaborate theatrical productions on Broadway in New York City from 1907 through 1931. They were also famous for many beautiful chorus girls commonly known as Ziegfeld girls, usually wearing elaborate costumes. They became a radio program in 1932 and 1936 as *The Ziegfeld Follies of the Air*. (Marie had left the Follies by that time.)



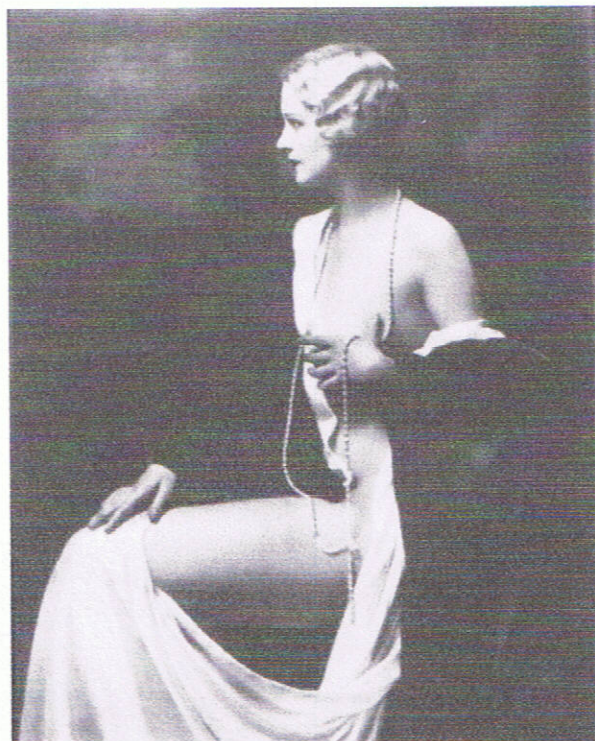
The picture at right, sent by her daughter, shows her as one of the Ziegfeld girls. (Her daughter, Chatty Collier, has another picture which she considered too risqué for use in the *Courier*.)

Greta Garbo in the *Milwaukee Sentinel*, June 6<sup>th</sup>, 1935, said Marie "is one of the most charming young women who ever came to Hollywood."

On December 31<sup>st</sup>, 1934, she married actor William Collier. Buster Collier was born Charles F. Gall, Jr., on February 12<sup>th</sup>, 1902, in New York City, and got his show-business start at the age of seven, his mother being an actress and his father being a theater manager. His parents later divorced and his mother married actor William Collier, Sr., who adopted the boy and gave him his new name, William Collier, Jr., nicknamed "Buster". Collier's stage experience got him his first film role, *The Bugle Call* (1916) at age 14. He soon became one of the most popular actors of the 1920s, easily making the transition from child actor to young romantic lead. In the picture below, from the 1924 movie *Lighthouse by the Sea*, he is shown with Rin Tin Tin. He was an American film and stage actor who appeared in 89 films. In 1935, he retired from acting to become a producer, first in the U.S. and then in England, where he moved from 1937 to 1938 and 1945 to 1949. In the 1950s, he produced several television series in the U.S.



Maria died in 1981. William died on February 5<sup>th</sup>, 1987, at age 84, in San Francisco, California, U.S.A. Their daughter, Chatty Collier (right), who was born in England, lives in California and is a member of the Cogswell Family Association.





## Cogswell "War of 1812" Reunion

Your editor is offering to host a Cogswell "War of 1812" reunion near his home in Sutton, Quebec, in early October, 1814, including a two hour bus ride to the Battle of Chateaugay site. The Battle of Chateaugay occurred on October 26<sup>th</sup>, 1813. This will celebrate 200 years of peace between our two nations. Getting here will involve some logistical problems, as Sutton is only served by bus as public transportation, and even the bus does not go near the hotel. Also, American Cogswells will require a passport if they want to get back home.

It is my thought that the reunion would include a memorial service for those Cogswells who died during the war. Very few Cogswell descendants have lived in the area, so there is no one to speak of them, but there are a number of speakers who could talk about the War of 1812.

***I would like to hear from anyone who thinks they might wish to attend.***



Canadians are beginning to mark the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the war of 1812. On April 15<sup>th</sup>, I attended a Historical Society meeting at the site of the Battle of Chateaugay at which Corp. Thomas Cogswell was killed in action. I learned that the British were unable to find any bodies after the battle, so the retreating Americans took their dead with them. There was a report of a cemetery, no longer identifiable, where American soldiers were buried before they got back into the States, so he may be buried there.

One of the speakers was an author from the United States (or complier) of two books, and I bought a copy of *A War of 1812 Death Register*. It contained Cogswells who served (and died) that I did not know about.

On Page 134, Levi Cogswell, Jr., is listed as a member of the Vermont Militia under Capt. Ithiel Stone of Burlington. (This is a list of soldiers who served – and presumably survived – no dates of death are given.) He is probably DJC 2122.

Corp. Thomas Cogswell (DJC 837) of Gilmanton, N.H., is listed on page 216. I already knew about him (See December, 2005, Courier.) He was in the 31<sup>st</sup> U.S. infantry under Capt. Rufus Stewart. He was killed in action in the Battle of Chateaugay. The book lists his wife and children. The only additional information (page 508) is that his widow received a ½ pay pension.

Two Cogswells appear on page 231: Abraham S. Cogswell (11<sup>th</sup> U.S. infantry) of Vermont became a prisoner of war at Crysler's Field.

Alanson Cogswell, (DJC 2175) aged 20, of Randolph, Vermont, also of the 11<sup>th</sup> U.S. infantry, is also listed as a prisoner of war at Crysler's Field, and died March 5<sup>th</sup>, 1814, probably at Quebec City. He is also listed on page 282 at Fort Niagara, where his death is also mentioned, probably at Quebec City, but not his POW status. He is also listed (also with an alternate spelling – Allison Cosswell – under Quebec City on page 353, age at death, 21, date of capture given as December 19<sup>th</sup>, 1813 – the date of the battle at Fort Niagara. He may have been included in the December, 2005, Courier as Elanson S. Cogswell.

Peleg Cogswell is listed on page 281 under French Mills – Fort Covington, N.Y. He was in the 12<sup>th</sup> U.S. infantry under Capt. T. P. Mooers and died December 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1813.

Lieut. Francis Cogswell (DJC 839), son of Thomas Cogswell, Gilmanton N.H., also mentioned in the December, 2005, Courier, died December 8<sup>th</sup>, 1812, or March 15<sup>th</sup>, 1813, at Plattsburg, N.Y. (Two dates of death are given because the complier did not know which was correct.)

Finally on page 437, Thomas Cogswell of the 33<sup>rd</sup> U.S. infantry under Capt. Foss is listed as having died January 7<sup>th</sup>, 1814, with no place of birth or death listed.

Abraham S. and Peleg Cogswell are definitely not listed in *Descendants of John Cogswell*. However, Sarah Fletcher, second wife of Jeremiah Cogswell (DJC 349), had a great grandfather named Peleg, so it is possible, but not probable, that Peleg Cogswell is their unlisted son.

# Death, Peg and Gordon Simons



Margaret (Hamlin) Simons, (Peg, DJC 9022), 82, of Kay Lane in Waterbury, died Wednesday evening, Oct. 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at Masonicare in Wallingford.

Born March 3, 1929, in New Rochelle, N.Y., she was the daughter of the late Allen Lightbody Hamlin and Margaret (Frankland) Hamlin. Peg grew up in Stratford. She graduated from Northfield School for Girls in Northfield, Mass.; attended Marlboro College, Marlboro, Vt., and Columbia University, NYC. She was the town reporter for Willington for the Hartford Times and the Stafford Press. She was secretary to the headmaster at Mcternan School and to the director of

the middle school, and was the bookstore manager at St. Margaret's Mcternan School, Waterbury. She and her husband owned H&R Block franchises in Cheshire, Berlin and Seymour.

Her passion was genealogy, and Peg worked for decades compiling family history. She was a member of Lady Fenwick Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution in Cheshire. Her American Hamlin ancestor, James, arrived in Barnstable, Mass., among the 'second wave' of Pilgrims fleeing England.

She was active with the Girl Scouts for many years as leader, council member and program consultant. She was a member of Mill Plain Union Church, Waterbury.

Peg was survived by her husband of 56 years, Gordon J. Simons of Masonicare, Wallingford; two daughters, Lori Candee and her husband, Gordon, and their daughter, Erin, of Wallingford, and their daughter, Rachel Gargiulo and her husband, Hank, of Bristol; Holly Coelho and her husband, Jorge, and their children, Kevin, Steven and Leah of Wolcott; a son, Glenn Simons and his son, Timothy, of Cheshire, and his son, Robert, who is in the Navy; two brothers, John Hamlin and his wife, Eileen, of Kirkwood, N.Y., and Henry Hamlin of Ashland, Ore. and 13 nieces and nephews. Peg was predeceased by her brothers, Colin L. Hamlin of Suffield and William Orlo Hamlin of California.

Friends and family celebrated Peg's life with a memorial service on Oct. 29<sup>th</sup>, 2011, at Mill Plain Union Church, 242 Southmayd Road, Waterbury. Memorial contributions may be made to the Mill Plain Union Church Memorial Endowment Fund, 242 Southmayd Road, Waterbury 06705

Gordon James Simons, 85, of Waterbury, formerly of Wolcott, passed away peacefully on Nov. 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2011, at Masonicare in Wallingford.

He was born Nov. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1925, in Buffalo, N.Y., son of the late Walter and Mable (Dimock) Simons. He received an A.S. degree from Stratton Business Institute in Buffalo.

He served as a Naval medical corpsman in the 5<sup>th</sup> Marine Division Corps Evacuation Hospital No. 1 during the invasion of Iwo Jima. He was with the 2<sup>nd</sup> Marine Division during the occupation of Japan, and he also served in the Navy during the Korean War. Gordon was a member of the Iwo Jima Survivors Association.



Gordon worked most of his career in retail. He was a district manager and manager of Western Auto Supply Stores in New York and Ohio. In Connecticut, he was department manager at W.T. Grants, Sears & Roebuck and G. Fox. Locally, he owned Western Auto, the Bedding Loft, Bed and Bath Bazaar and Simons' Home Furnishings. Gordon and his wife owned H&R Block franchises in Cheshire, Berlin and Seymour.

A 50-year Master Mason, he was past Master of Federal Lodge No. 17, Watertown, and a member of Wolcott Lodge No. 146 A.F. & A.M. He was a member of Scottish Rite and Eastern Star. He was a tenor soloist in the Mill Plain Union Church choir, Waterbury, and was a member of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century Opera Club in Buffalo, N.Y.

Gordon was predeceased by his wife of 56 years, Margaret (Hamlin) Simons.

Family and friends celebrated Gordon's life during a memorial and Masonic service on Saturday, Nov. 12, 2011, at Mill Plain Union Church, 242 Southmayd Road, Waterbury.

# Cogswells in Sports

## Jason Cogswell, Thrower



Jason Cogswell was born March 21<sup>st</sup>, 1989, the son of Robert and Marie Cogswell. He grew up in Byron Center, Michigan, and attended Byron Center High School. He now attends Davenport University (Grand Rapids, Michigan), class of 2012. He has been involved in track and field sports but, unlike many athletes, he is not a runner or a jumper. His position is listed as “throws.” He is six feet, three inches tall.

He has thrown weight, the hammer, the discus and the shot put. The date is not given, but he has set three school records with his collegiate bests: in the weight throw 17.02 meters set a school record. So did his hammer throw – 55.94 meters and, on another occasion, he threw a mark of 173 feet over three meters less. In the discus, his throw of 40.29 meters also set a school record. His best shot put, 10.88 meters, was short of the record.

As a Freshman (2008-09), indoors, he threw a distance of 10.88 meters in shot put at WHAC Championship and placed 4<sup>th</sup> at WHAC Championship in weight throw with a distance of 15.27 meters. Outdoors, in the hammer throw, he

threw a distance of 42.90 meters in MCC vs. WHAC Last Chance Meet. He threw the hammer a distance of 41.65m in WHAC Championship, which placed 5<sup>th</sup>. He threw the hammer a distance of 47.15 meters in SIUE Cougar Classic and threw the discus a distance of 38.82m in the Bulldog Track Meet.

As a Sophomore (2009-10), indoors, he threw a distance of 16.02 meters in the weight throw at the NAIA National Championship. He qualified for NAIA National Championship with a weight throw of 15.92 meters at the WHAC Championship. He threw a weight throw distance of 16.42 meters at Taylor Open. Outdoors, he threw a distance of 53.25 meters in hammer throw at the NAIA National Championship. He qualified for the NAIA National Championship in hammer throw by placing 2<sup>nd</sup> at WHAC Championship with a throw of 55.94 meters. He threw the discus a distance of 40.29 meters in Aquinas Quad.

As a Junior (2010-11), indoors, he threw a school record and winning distance of 17.02 meters in the weight throw at the SVSU Doug Hansen Open. He finished second at the WHAC Championships with a distance of 16.50 meters.

He was in the Conference Top-3 Hammer Throw (2009-10 Outdoor) and twice in the Conference Top-3 Weight Throw (2009-10, 2010-11 Indoor.)

Jason had NAIA qualifying marks in the hammer throw. April 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011, in the Northwood Open; the Panthers (his team) had to battle the rain, wind and cold temperatures. But, despite the weather, Jason Cogswell improved his mark in the weight throw to an NAIA “A” Standard.

Jason finished in second place in the hammer throw with a toss of 182 feet, 7 inches at the WHAC meet in Grand Rapids, Michigan, May 6<sup>th</sup>, 2011







## Edna Mae Cogswell Honored

Sgt. 1<sup>st</sup> Class Edna Mae Cogswell, of Vermillion, Kan., was added to the Noncommissioned Officer Hall of Fame April 29<sup>th</sup>, by the Kansas National Guard.

Edna Mae Cogswell was born in Centralia, Kansas, on July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1937, graduated from Lillis Rural High School in May, 1955.



Cogswell enlisted in the United States Marine Corps at the age of 18 Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1955. During her service in the Marines, she completed the USMC Recruiter Course and was promoted to Sergeant on May 1<sup>st</sup>, 1958. She re-enlisted on Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1958 and was assigned to Recruiter Station in Omaha, Neb. While stationed in Nebraska, she completed the Women's Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School. On Sept. 9<sup>th</sup>, 1962, she re-enlisted and was assigned to Woman Marine Company at Camp LeJeune, N.C. She completed the two-month Personnel Administration School. She was honorably discharged from the Marine Corps Jan. 11<sup>th</sup>, 1964, with more than eight years of service. In September, 1967, Cogswell went to work for the Social Security Administration. She went from clerk typist to assistant processing module manager.

Cogswell enlisted in the 169<sup>th</sup> Support Battalion, Kansas Army National Guard, July 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1973. She was assigned to Company C, 169<sup>th</sup> Support Battalion, where her duties consisted of ration breakdown, issuing supplies and doing the appropriate paper work. She was also put in charge of the female barracks.

Cogswell was transferred to Headquarters Company, 169<sup>th</sup> Support Battalion. She was sent to Fort Benjamin Harrison, Ind., to attend the Personnel Senior Sergeant Course. During this period, she also attended the Noncommissioned Officer Leadership School at Fort Riley, Kan.

In July 1976, she was promoted to Sergeant First Class. In August 1976, she was transferred to Company B (Medical), 169<sup>th</sup> Support Battalion, to fill the position of First Sergeant. The unit was 20 percent female. Cogswell continued to be responsible for the women's barracks at annual training from 1974 to 1985.

Cogswell left the Social Security Administration in July, 1982. Upon leaving the SSA and while still serving in the Kansas Army National Guard, she entered the Ursuline Sisters Convent at Paola, Kan. While an Ursuline nun, she was assigned to St. John's Catholic Church in Bartlesville, Okla. Here she managed the finance department to assist the poor and did some religious teaching. She also was a volunteer for Elder Care, where she performed various chores to keep the elderly in their homes.

Cogswell served in the Army Guard until July 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1985, after completing more than 20 years of military service. She was the first non-nurse female to retire from the Kansas Army National Guard, and the first nun to retire from the military in the world.

In 1997, she resigned from the convent, but continued to work for the Catholic Church, helping the poor in Oklahoma. For most of this time, Cogswell was a single mother, helping her daughter, Joy, complete her LPN courses. While Joy was in nursing school, Cogswell cared for her grandson, Michael. With her mentoring, Michael earned his Eagle Scout Award. Cogswell and her family returned to their home in Vermillion, Kan., and Michael enrolled at Centralia High School.

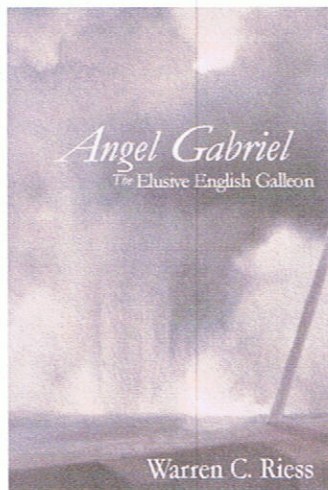
Cogswell's military awards include the U.S. Marine Corps Good Conduct Medal, second award with a star, Army Good Conduct Medal, Army Achievement Commendation, Armed Forces Reserve Medal, Army Service Ribbon, Army Noncommissioned Officer Ribbon, fourth award and Kansas Army National Guard Service Medal.

In 2001, Edna Mae Cogswell was named History-Maker of the Year by the Bartlesville (Oklahoma) Women's Network, receiving the Outstanding Citizen Award 1992, the KBEZ "Going the Extra Mile" Award, 1992, and the Knights of Columbus Ray Siegfried Civic Award in 1987.

Cogswell is a lifetime member of the American Legion Post 257, Woman Marine Association, Marine Corps League and Women's Military Service Memorial.



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***Update: Coleman Cogswell***

Coleman won the 3200 – two miles (11:08.47) and the 1600 – one mile (5:02.69) at the Doane Indoor Invitational on March 15<sup>th</sup> in Crete, Nebraska. At the Mustang Invite in Friend, Nebraska, Wednesday, April 4<sup>th</sup>, the only double event winner was McCool Junction's Coleman Cogswell as he won the 1600 (one mile) with a time of 5 minutes, 0.63 seconds, 23 seconds faster than the next



runner, and added the 3200 (two miles) with his effort being clocked at 10 minutes, 58.95 seconds, almost 38 seconds ahead of number 2.

At left, McCool student Coleman Cogswell serves steaks to his parents, Curtis and Lisa Cogswell, during 2012 Evening With the Stars. (Photo by Marcia Clark) Curtis Cogswell had just announced that the McCool school teaching staff was complete for the coming year.



***Update: Tyler Cogswell***



Tyler Cogswell (Plantation, Fla./American Heritage, left) joined in the Atlanta regional finals and performed individually in front of the entire camp in a two-minute drill, throwing a variety of passes. Cogswell is becoming a veteran of the camp circuit. He was one of the better quarterbacks last Sunday at the Miami Nike Football Training Camp and he made it to the finals of the Atlanta Elite 11 regional on Friday. "I think I threw well at both, but better today," Cogswell said. "It was a great opportunity for me, and I knew I had to step it up. The coaches here and the drills we worked out were just incredible. Coach Difer is just awesome. They all were. I loved it." Cogswell has scholarship offers from Nebraska, FIU, Hawaii and Central Michigan. There were 86 participants from 16 different states. The winner would receive an automatic invite to the Elite 11 competition – held in Southern California in July. The quarterbacks began to get warmed up in drills. The warm-up drills gave way to actual throwing. At the conclusion of the first round of drills, Ramsey, along with Tyler Cogswell, of American Heritage High in Florida, seemed to be the class of the field. Cogswell was perhaps the most physically impressive member of the pack. A 6'5" 220-pounder, Cogswell stood out for his arm strength and also because he was the only competitor wearing a hat. Cogswell and Ramsey were no brainer selections for the last showdown. (Reported April 23<sup>rd</sup>.)



# Cogswells in the News

Charlie Cavell's mom died when he was two years old, and he grew so weary of the dysfunctional foster care system he ran away at 16. Much more important is where he landed: as a full fledged member of the Cogswell family in Ann Arbor, thanks to fellow runner in track, best friend and now brother, David Cogswell (Cogswell's parents became Charlie's legal guardians). When Charlie graduated from Ann Arbor's Pioneer High School, he was offered a four-year scholarship at Wayne State University, thanks to placing all-state in cross-country running. He received a diploma from Wayne State University on May 7<sup>th</sup>.

Hester-Jane Cogswell, previous owner of the U.S. Air Force Academy's Otis House, wrote a book, *Memories and Legacy in Pine Valley*. She died on Dec. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2008. Her book was published on Oct. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2011. Guests gathered to celebrate the history of the house and life of Cogswell on April 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012. Buster Cogswell (right) read from his mother's historical book written about her family's life and time while living at the Otis House. The Otis House is now the home of Brig. Gen. Richard Clark (center), his wife, Amy (left) and their two children.



Will Cogswell, Marietta, Ohio, set a school record in the pole vault with a leap of 14 feet, 3 inches, May 11<sup>th</sup>, 2012, placing first. He also wrestles (pictured, he's on top, but he lost that match), plays football and throws discus and shot put. Earlier, in the Washington County Bull's-eye Shooting Sports 4-H Club Pistol Discipline, Will and his partner placed third in the Advanced Shotgun Discipline (Teams). In the Junior Division Will's younger brother, Max Cogswell, a Cub Scout, came fourth. Harry Cogswell is also involved in pole vaulting for Marietta High School. He won the pole vault (13 feet, 0 inches) April 14<sup>th</sup>, at the 15<sup>th</sup> annual Clear Channel MOV/Russ Parsons Invitational. Heath Cogswell is also on the Track and Field roster.

Margaret Cogswell (right) is the Chief Executive Officer of Hospice of the Panhandle where ceremonial shovels digging into the dirt of a vacant field on the Jefferson, Berkeley County line (West Virginia), on June 13<sup>th</sup> will signal the start of construction for Hospice of the Panhandle, Inc.'s \$11.5 million, 14-bed in-patient facility and office complex. The campaign, which began three and a half years ago, got a boost last week when the Jefferson County Commission agreed to funnel \$6 million in bank qualified, tax-exempt commercial development revenue bonds to the project. Berkeley County officials did the same earlier in the amount of \$2 million. The Hospice handles an average of 200 patients a day from Morgan, Berkeley, Jefferson and Hampshire Counties, the majority of whom are taken care of in their own homes.



June Cogswell was born on June 11. She died of cancer in 1984. In her honor her niece, Amy Crawford of Huntington Beach, Calif., created Good Deed Day. The goal is to have 1,000,000 people around the world doing a good deed on June 11<sup>th</sup>.

Margaret Couch Cogswell and her husband recently returned from two weeks in Colombia, South America, where they visited their son, who has been living there for the past year. They were stunned by the beauty and color that abounds in this vibrant country.

The E.W. Scripps Co. has named George Cogswell as the new publisher of The Commercial Appeal. Cogswell comes to Memphis from the Ventura County Star in California where he has served as president and publisher since 2007. Before that, he served as publisher for the Abilene Reporter-News in Texas, and was the director of circulation and marketing for the Treasure Coast newspapers in Florida, another Scripps property.



Jerald Cogswell (right) has created a gadget designed to find the sun for solar applications. He put light sensors in baffles, and his device takes 30 samples vertically and 30 samples horizontally to determine the brightest intersection. The process identifies the optimal spot to point solar collectors.



University of Michigan art professor Jim Cogswell was announced to receive a Public Art Commission's annual Golden Paintbrush Award. Cogswell was recognized for his large-scale mural work, dubbed the "Enchanted Beanstalk," at the new C. S. Mott Children's Hospital. The monumental piece features imagery cut from vinyl and affixed to 660 windows on eight stories of the hospital. He has a number of other public artworks, including at the Bailey Library at Washtenaw Community College and at U-M's Ross School of Business.

Richard Cogswell is retiring from his position as assistant director of school facilities at the end of the year. Cogswell is a 1976 John Jay graduate, and held an array of job titles in his 36 years with the district, from custodian to buildings and grounds superintendent to his current position of managing the print warehouse of the district. He lives with his wife, Nancy, who also graduated from John Jay, in Cross River.



# This and That

## *Window Rescued by Cogswells*

In the Goodland Public library facing 8<sup>th</sup> Street is a beautiful stained glass window. The window is of a train and is entitled "Old 'Engine 99." The train is representative of a railroad that used to come through Goodland. It was first put in the old Methodist church. When the Methodist church was replaced by a new church, the stained glass window was hauled off to the garbage. Mrs. John Cogswell noticed it was gone and told her husband. John Cogswell then phoned around and found it. The window was brought back in the hope that it would one day go into a new library, which it did.

## *Two Cogswells named Cesar*



I sometimes pick a name and see what I can find out about that person. I discovered a name I had not heard before – Cesar Cogswell.

Cesar Cogswell lives in Baton Rouge, Louisiana, but he comes from Yuma, Arizona. He is 20 years old and is in a relationship with Katilyn Macdonald. That was all I could find.



However, he is not the first Cogswell to have the name Cesar. There was a man with the same name who served in the Revolutionary War.

A return of those Men Enlisted into the Continental Service for the term of Three Years or during the War and Returned from the Second Foot Company in the Town of Andover. (From Mass. Rev.

Rolls, vol. xli, p. 64) included the name of Cesar Cogswell. His name is written in the Revolutionary War Rolls, page 51; 1775-1783. His name also appears in an "Abstract for the Reashans (Rations?) of a Company of Men whereof Benjamin (?) is Captain in the Battalion whereof (?) Francis, Esq., is Colonel, in the service of the United States of America, from their enlistment till their Arrival at Betinington, allowing them to march the 28<sup>th</sup> instant.

Cesar Cogswell and Susannah Atwood were married October 14<sup>th</sup>, 1795, at St. Paul's Church (Episcopal). The marriage is listed in Newburyport Marriages in a list headed Negroes, so he was apparently a black man. The Cogswell name is probably that of his owner. There was a Benjamin Cogswell and a Francis Cogswell whose names also appear in the Andover records.



## *USS Cogswell DD-651 Patch*

This was the official patch for the USS COGSWELL-DD-651. It is rumored that the two helms were switched when the two ships were anchored together in the Viet Nam War. The "Cogswell Helm" is in the Ingersoll Museum in Monterey, California, at the Naval Language School.

## *Museum has Cogswell Furniture*

Winterthur Museum and Country Estate, 5105 Kennett Pike, Winterthur, Delaware, 19735 (phone 302-888-4775), is a museum that, as of January, 2010, had "two pieces attributed to John Cogswell, both desk and bookcase." Although the pieces are not in areas on the main tour, they said they'd be happy to arrange to show them if someone called ahead. They further stated "They are also referenced in: Robert Mussey and Anne Rogers Haley's *John Cogswell and Boston Bombe Furniture*, in *American Furniture* (1994) and Joseph Downs, *American Furniture*.



# Westbury, Wiltshire, News

Sean Price from Westbury was one of nine town criers of Wiltshire who marked the centenary of a national competition that took place in Devizes Market Place on February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1912. The criers showed off their skills in front of an appreciative market day audience February 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2012.

A graying Westbury white chalk horse in Wiltshire was cleaned in time for the Queen's Diamond Jubilee. The horse has "deteriorated substantially over the last 12 months" said the local council. It is maintained by English Heritage and last underwent a £20,000 refurbishment in 2006. A £10,000 grant was given by Westbury Town Council and Westbury Area Board to clean the "grubby" horse. Rotary Club members with an average age of 72 volunteered to rappel down and scrub it. "We'll be hanging off the end of a rope for half an hour at a time with power washers strapped to our backs - scrubbing," Susan Hill-Bird, club secretary, said. Twelve volunteers spent the day on the end of a rope scrubbing the horse. Westbury White Horse looked dazzling in the sun after its final coat of paint was applied on May 19<sup>th</sup>. At the Wiltshire Diamond Jubilee Celebration event on May 1<sup>st</sup>, a model of the skull of a Jurassic sea monster was on display, along with a slide show of its excavation. A life size white horse was at the tent entrance inviting people in to listen to the medieval lute and recorder music. Westbury's community orchard of Wiltshire apple trees and local beekeeping were also displayed. Queen Elizabeth visited the Westbury tent and took a great interest in the White Horse display and the stand featuring the plesiosaur skull, which was excavated in Westbury in 1994. (It suffered painful arthritis in the jaw.) At just after 2 p.m., Her Majesty and His Royal Highness entered Salisbury Cathedral itself, where the fanfare, "Solero" (written by 13-year old Lydia Shephard



from Westbury), was performed by members of the Wiltshire and Swindon Youth Orchestra. Lydia is a young violinist, who suffers from scoliosis. Her piece, Solero, is inspired by both Maurice Ravel's Bolero and the sun rising behind Stonehenge. Her Majesty then unveiled a plaque by the North Door of the Cathedral. A street fair was held on June 2<sup>nd</sup> with rides and entertainment, and the next day, there was a church service in the Market Place and an over-60s tea dance in the Paragon Hall. On June 4<sup>th</sup>, in Westbury, hundreds of people went to the White Horse to see the town mayor, Sue Ezra, light their iconic beacon, which could be seen for many miles. From the ridge, fireworks and beacons from across the county could be seen by the excited crowd, who'd come together to celebrate the Queen's Diamond Jubilee in style. Queen Elizabeth lit the

final beacon from the stage of a concert which took place at Buckingham Palace. A special Wiltshire apple tree, Julia's Late Golden, formed part of the Westbury tent of exhibits in Salisbury Cathedral Close on May 1<sup>st</sup>, which was visited by the Queen. It will soon be travelling from Westbury to a new home at Windsor Castle. The variety was named after Julia Hember of Codford who died from a rare form of leukemia on June 1<sup>st</sup>, 2003.

On July 1 last year, Brandon Thompson, a 13-year-old boy, broke his arm just below his shoulder after falling 10 feet from a tree at home in Westbury Leigh. He was flown to the Royal United Hospital in Bath by Wiltshire Air Ambulance for treatment. He and his mum, Tracy, visited the Air Ambulance base in Devizes in February to present the life-saving charity with £300, donated by John Lewis Partnership, where his dad works. Shown: Richard Miller, a CTL Paramedic, Brandon and his mum, Tracy Thompson, and Claire Kelly, head of charity services.



Youngsters from Wiltshire schools embarked on the grueling Ten Tors challenge across Dartmoor May 12<sup>th</sup>, challenging themselves to reach the top of 10 tors, or hills, over two days. Included are three teams from Matravers. The Westbury school has a team taking part in each of the 35, 45 and 55-mile challenges. The students will hike across the moor following maps, camping out and cooking their own meals.

Alistair Banks, former Matravers assistant head, who left the Westbury school after developing motor neurone disease in 2010, is taking part in the Olympic torch relay in Glastonbury in his wheelchair.

Georgia Braidford, 77, of Westbury in Wiltshire, who relies upon the use of a mobility scooter, received an unexpected call from a company which referred to itself as Wing, and warned that her scooter was due for servicing. The company offered to visit her home and carry out an £80 service of her machine. Mrs. Braidford was aware that the company from which she bought the mobility scooter had gone bust. She said, "I thought, how the hell can they know if my scooter needs servicing? How do they even know that I have one?" She alerted the authorities.



## *From the Secretary's Desk*

Good evening from the CFA Secretary. Hope all is well with you and your family! This year rolls on, with more challenges for our association. We now have 187 members. Some have dropped out and some have joined, but that will certainly be the case sometimes. I am proud of what we are doing to keep the history of our Cogswell heritage alive, and to help each other too.



We are now working on the next reunion. Yes, it appears we will have a reunion next year, and all indications are we will be meeting at the Cogswell Hall in Ohio. Currently this is planned for June. They would love to have us, and we're glad they are willing. You can read about what they do there in the Cleveland area. <http://www.cogswellhall.org/site/index.php>

There are also lots of things to do there, so we are looking forward to some fun times next year. We haven't had a reunion for a number of years, so we are looking forward to making this happen. It's unfortunate that we don't have a CFA member close to Cleveland. If we did, this coordination would be easier, but we'll work through it. Please let me know if you are interested in helping with this reunion.

The CFA Officers and Board of Directors are looking to replace some inactive members. They have been listed on the web page, but have not participated for some time. Perhaps there is someone out there who would like to participate. If so, please give me a call.

Have you seen the new movie 'Grassroots'? It apparently takes place in Seattle, and it involves a guy named Grant Cogswell running for city council. We don't see our name in the movies very often. Has anyone seen this yet? Take care, and stay in touch!

Ed Cogswell (of Snohomish, Wash.) CFA Secretary.

## *Welcome to New Members*

Kristen Bachelor, Northampton, Massachusetts  
Matthew Cogswell, Cape Coral, Florida  
Harry Nachtigall, Pueblo West, Colorado  
Larry Souza, Hollister, California  
Karen Stevens, Christiansburg, Virginia  
Jill Thornton, Albany, New York

## *Engagements*

Cogswell descendant Kathleen Avery Budny (granddaughter of Kathleen Lamb (page 16) and Stephen James Haslip from Sussex, England, will marry in Iceland on August 18<sup>th</sup>  
Casey Cogswell is to marry Amanda Lewis December 24<sup>th</sup>, 2012 (registry found only Texas given)

## *Marriages* (Found as gift registries; did not include any location)

Brad Cogswell married Lisette Cabrera, March 4<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Kai Cogswell married Erin Schipper, May 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Barry Cogswell married Kate Haagen, July 21<sup>st</sup>, 2012 (both run 5 km races)

## *Deaths*

Richard W. Cogswell, age 82, of West Bridgewater, Mass., died Oct. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2011  
George H. Cogswell, age 94, of Castleton Township, Michigan, died March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Peach Edith Cogswell Bolvin, age 95, of Cromwell, Conn., died April 7<sup>th</sup>  
Charlotte Cogswell, age 90, wife of Louis Cogswell, of Covington, Kentucky, died April 9<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Joyce A. (Cogswell) Knowlton, 57, of Bangor, Maine, died April 22<sup>nd</sup>  
Shirley V. Cogswell Gum (nee Daniels), age 92, of Naperville, Illinois, died Tuesday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2012, (mother of the late Kenneth T. and William III Cogswell)  
Craig Finzer Cogswell, age 33, of Louisville, Kentucky, died May 26<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Andrew Cogswell, age 23, of Bellevue, Nebraska, died May 31<sup>st</sup>, 2012  
Rita A. Hennessy Cogswell, 63, of East Wareham, Mass. died June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2012, wife of Earl Cogswell  
Corrine "Connie" Cogswell of Rockford, Illinois, 93, widow of Laverne Cogswell, died June 18<sup>th</sup>, 2012  
Elaine Marie "Kaczmarek" Cogswell, age 58, of Omaha, Nebraska, died June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2012

## *From the Editor's Desk*

I was a little worried about this issue of the Courier because I had used most of my good stories. For the major story, I chose Thomas Cogswell, historian. I contacted him to ask for additional information, but he did not reply. Neither did Jason Cogswell (page 7). However, I am grateful to CFA member, Chatty Collier, who gave me information about the story of her mother (page 4). I am also grateful to Kathleen Lamb (page 16), who sent me a newspaper clipping that provided me with a story about herself. Also to Edna Mae Cogswell (page 8), who sent me her picture and a few additions to her story, and mentioned that she had been mentioned in the December, 2010, Courier. A. C. Cannon sent me a report of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Frances Cogswell Christenberry. (Page 17) Serendipity gave me the perfect excuse to give advance publicity for a proposed CFA Reunion in Quebec in 2014. (See page 5.) I spent nearly two days going through a book listing those who died in the War of 1812 and trying to identify (or find more about) the Cogswells named in it, with limited success. I am also short on stories for the "Canadian Connection" page, and decided to tell the story of my own mother – a Cogswell by marriage.



### *About the Cover of this Issue*

An old picture of the Cogswell residence, Gilmanton, N.H., is pictured on the cover of this issue. It is appropriate for this issue because it would have been the home of two of the Cogswells who died in the war of 1812 – Corp. Thomas Cogswell and his brother Lieut. Francis Cogswell. (See page 5.) The picture is undated, but it was published in The Granite Monthly, volume 21, in 1896. The accompanying text suggests, but does not actually say, that it is the original house.

### *Cogswell Centenarian*



Long-time Crows Landing (Calif.) resident **Florence Perry Cogswell** celebrated her 100<sup>th</sup> birthday April 3<sup>rd</sup>. Florence was born in San Braz on the Azores Island of Terceira, the youngest of five children. Her father came to the United States when she was three months old, and was able to send for the entire family in 1920. Woodrow Wilson was in office as the nation's 27<sup>th</sup> president. Florence has lived through 17 presidents. The family was processed at Ellis Island, and traveled across the United States to San Francisco, where her father had established a home. She remembers the cobblestone streets, lamp lighters, horse-drawn fire engines and the horse-drawn milk delivery wagons of the era. Her sister, Mary, married a dairyman and lived in Crows Landing. While staying with her sister, Florence met John Perry. The two exchanged wedding vows Sept. 21<sup>st</sup>, 1929. She stayed in the Crows Landing area, working hard and raising her two sons, John and Norman Perry. During World War II, Florence volunteered as an aircraft observer for the U.S. Army Air Force. Her family has grown through the years to include a granddaughter, four great-grandchildren and three great-great-grandchildren. She has outlived her siblings, two husbands and one son. Her life has been and continues to be very full, and she continues to look to the future.

### *Another Half Marathon Runner*

By chance, I found another Cogswell who has run a half marathon. He's Brandon Cogswell, age 32, an attorney from Cincinnati, Ohio, and ran the Columbus half marathon October 16<sup>th</sup>, 2011. He finished in one hour, thirty-five minutes and forty-seven seconds. He completed Wendy's Triathlon June 12<sup>th</sup>, 2011. He was also entered in an Ironman race this July, but it was cancelled.



# Elizabeth (Bessie) May (Goudge) Cogswell



Elizabeth (Bessie) May Goudge, daughter of Edward Strong Goudge and Sarah Alicia (Lilla) Hart, was born August 1<sup>st</sup>, 1901, and grew up in Halifax and Lower Sackville. She had an older brother, Thomas Roland Goudge, Rollie to the family. Her mother died before Bessie reached her fifth birthday. Her father remarried – Janetta Barrett, and although Bessie would never admit it as an adult, there are reports that her step-mother favoured her own children over her step-children. There was a half-brother, Clarence, and a half-sister, Hilda, who would later marry Malcolm Taylor. Bessie was attending school in Halifax when the Mont Blanc



exploded – the Halifax explosion of 1917. Not injured herself, she told of other school children being dug from the fallen plaster.

She became a secretary, working for Rainie and Co., where she almost lost her job by being the first woman in the office to follow the new fashion of having her hair cut. From the company, she got a typewriter (the company was replacing it), which was in her home for the remainder of her life. During that period, she lived with her grandmother, Louisa (Strong) Goudge.



Her parents had been Anglicans, but her stepmother would only go to the Presbyterian Church. Bessie joined that church, although she almost joined the Anglican Church, probably under the influence of her grandmother.

It was from her grandmother's home that she went to St. John's United Church to be married on August 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1928, to William Henry Cogswell, a farmer from Port Williams, N. S. Some of the family wondered if a city girl like her could become a good farmer's wife, but she managed that successfully. She was active in the Women's Institute and in the Women's Missionary Society. She and her husband adopted one son, Malcolm Thomas, born May 21<sup>st</sup>, 1935



While working at Rainie and Co., she had become friends with a Catholic, Margaret, who married Dan O'Brien. They remained friends throughout her life, visiting back and forth from Moncton, N.B., where Margaret lived. On their visits to Port Williams, she would drop the O'Brien's off at the Catholic Church. When she visited Moncton, they would get a neighbour to take her to the United Church.



Bessie's home was a place for making quilts, and the neighbourhood women would gather there to work in the "quilting room." Quilts were in various patterns, but one pattern, the "Belcher Street quilt" was special. Each of the neighbours had one, and one was made for any girl from those families who got married. She did considerable knitting, including for soldiers, during World War II. She also

crocheted and tatted. Also during the war she welcomed sailors on leave to spend a few days ashore, and kept in touch with some of them for several years, receiving pictures of weddings and babies. Soon after the war, she had to undergo an operation to remove a tumor which was cancerous. While the surgery was successful, the cancer recurred. She postponed going to the doctor because her brother, Rollie, was staying with her, to regain his mental health having lost his first wife. When the required second operation was performed, the cancer had gone too far. She lived for another year, and died at home July 15<sup>th</sup>, 1951, two weeks before her 50th birthday.



First picture shows Bessie as a baby with her parents and her brother Rollie. Second picture shows her with her father, step-mother holding half-brother Clarence, and her grandfather Thomas Goudge. Adult pictures were taken: about the time she went to work, the wedding photo, the Belcher Street Quilt and the Christmas before her death.



## Kathleen (Parkman) Lamb - Painter

CFA member Kathleen (Parkman) Lamb (DJC 8119, right) is a painter. She was the artist who painted a picture of the Pemaquid Point lighthouse, which was used on for a Cogswell Christmas card. She lives in Rockwood, Tennessee, and is a member of the Rockwood Christian Church (Disciples of Christ).

Four members of that church are artists, although one is a former member who has died, and have given their art to be placed on note cards, which are sold with the proceeds going to the Fellowship of Christian Women, the church's women's group.

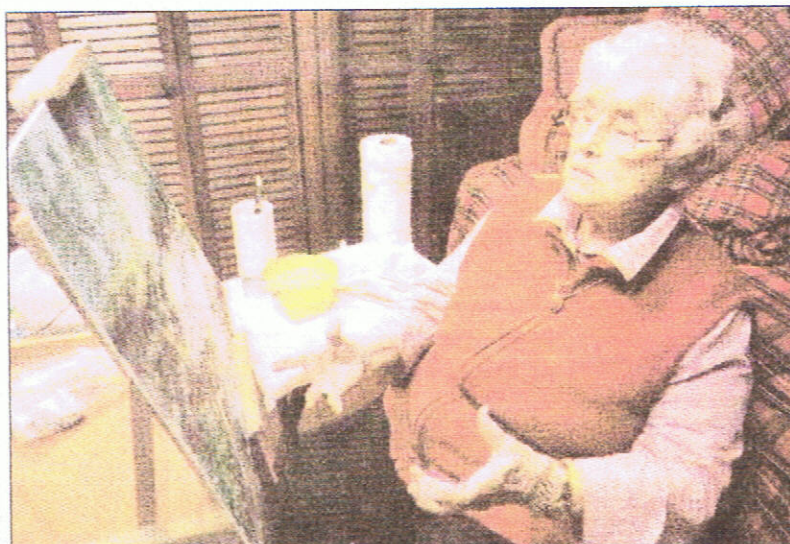
The others are Kathleen's friend Fran Henley (they have been friends for more than fifty years), Fran's niece, Anne Powers, and the late Virginia Bilbrey. Kathleen and Fran have been friends since 1956 when Fran moved to Rockwood. They started painting together, using a paint by number lesson, "The Blue Door," that they ordered. Kathleen says she had always doodled, and done a little poster painting, but had not done much with it. Today, Fran prefers abstract painting, because realistic ("representational," she calls it) painting is too much like paint by number. Kathleen prefers the realistic paintings like the picture from her note card shown below. She likes painting with oils best, but not the smell or the mess and today, she usually uses acrylic.

Kathleen also looked after her husband, Ben Jackson Lamb, whom she married in 1941, for nine years, while he suffered from progressive supranuclear palsy, until he died in 1994. She had

a hospital bed set up in his room and didn't leave unless she had someone to sit with him. "I would paint awhile until I got kind of bored," she recalled, "and then I would do my genealogy. I did that so I never got bitter about being tied down all those years. I was very happy doing what I did. Besides, he had taken very good care of me, and it was time for me to take very good care of him. So, it worked out beautifully."

Kathleen has written quite a number of books on her family genealogy and of her husband's, and donated them to appropriate libraries and archives. She has to trace back a long way to get to the Cogswell family. She

is the daughter of Eileen Mildred Allen, daughter of Florence Nightingale Elizabeth Ackhurst, daughter of Maria Louise Flowers, daughter of George Flowers, son of Ruth Catherine Tardy, daughter of Ruth Mary Blaney, daughter of Bethiah Cogswell, daughter of John Cogswell, son of William Cogswell, son of immigrant John Cogswell. Kathleen is a Canadian but came to the states at age 3, and was brought up in Mass. Her ancestor, Ruth Mary Blaney Tardy and family, left Marblehead about 1774 for Halifax, N. S. Without knowing of any connection to the U.S., she moved to Marblehead, and it was there that she married in 1941 to a Tennessean. She felt as if she had gone full circle. It also seems rather strange that they would go there after living in other towns. She lived in Belmont, Arlington, Winchester and Melrose before Marblehead.





## The 90th Birthday Celebration for Frances Cogswell Christenberry

Frances is the daughter of the late Francis Joseph Pelzer Cogswell (DJC 8479), a Charleston S.C. native who moved to Greenville in 1899 to pursue a business career in that city. He married Harriet Augusta Poe, daughter of Greenville textile magnate, Francis Winslow Poe, in 1910, and they were the parents of four daughters, of whom Frances is the youngest. Frances was joined for her birthday by her three daughters, two grandchildren, four nieces, three nephews and assorted husbands and wives.



Gathering of the Greenville S.C. Cogswells May 30<sup>th</sup>, 2012, in Birmingham, Alabama, for the celebration of the 90<sup>th</sup> birthday of Frances Josephine Cogswell (Mrs. Thomas Edwin Christenberry, Jr., DJC 8479), seated.

Front row standing are:

Earle McCuen (Mrs. David E McCuen, III); Harriet Elizabeth Cannon (DJC 9962 – Mrs. Jack Danel); Judge Robert Mallis; Hallie Virginia McCuen (DJC 9664 – Mrs. Robert Mallis); Eugenia Cogswell McCuen (DJC 9963 – Mrs. William Thomason); Frances Cogswell Christenberry (DJC 9968); Catherine Gertrude Christenberry (DJC 9969 – Mrs. Thomas Warner); Harriet Poe Christenberry (DJC 9967 – Mrs., James Heacock); Mrs. P C. Gregory III; Percival Cabell Gregory III (DJC 9958).

Second Row standing are:

Pauling Harriet Gregory (DJC 11801 – Mrs. Thomas Sapitwicz); David Elwood McCuen III (DJC 9965); William P. Thomason; The Rev'd A, Charles Cannon, Jr. (DJC 9960); Thomas Sims Moore (DJC 11823); James W. Heacock.





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