

Cogswell Family Association, Inc.

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1479 Great Plain Avenue
Needham, Massachusetts 02192



Arrived on ship Angel Gabriel
Pemaquid, Mass
(since 1820 — Maine)
August 14, 1835
Settled at Ipswich, MASS

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ANNUAL MEETING

The second annual meeting of the Cogswell Family Association was held at the Bradley Inn, Pemaquid, Maine, on September 27, 1991. After the invocation by Rev. David Taylor, CFA President, Sumter A. Cogswell, welcomed the attendees and spoke briefly of the past year's activities and problems facing us. CFA Secretary and Treasurer, John H. Cogswell, reported that 69 members and guests were in attendance at the meeting and that the CFA membership had reached the level of 161, a 50% increase during the past year. He also reported that during 1991 the CFA received \$1275 in dues payments and \$189 in interest income. Expenses for the year totaled \$1330, producing a net surplus to date of \$134. A separate account for the Pemaquid meeting showed receipts of \$3786, which was projected to cover expenses of the affair.

A brief report from our Legal Counsel, Daniel W.B. Flint, who could not be in attendance, indicated our problem of obtaining a 501(c)(3) status from the Internal Revenue Service. (See later in this newsletter a discussion and update of this situation.)

Catherine Jo Cogswell, CFA Historian, reported her progress in recording genealogical data in our ROOTS III computer database. This is a very large, continuing undertaking and will benefit the family immensely.

Julius G. Cogswell, who chaired the nomination committee, read the names of those nominated for the next period. The membership unanimously reelected the current CFA officers, while new directors for the 1992-1994 period were nominated and unanimously elected as follows: Julius G. Cogswell, Prescott E. Cogswell, Claire Cogswell Daigle, and John B. Little. As the membership later in the meeting elected to hold formal meetings only every second year, this change will necessitate changes in our bylaws to allow coordination of terms of office with those years in which elections will be held.

Claire Cogswell Daigle, reunion chairman, presented the CFA with a hand-made Cogswell flag. After giving the membership an update on events planned for the following day, Claire received a rousing round of applause for her very successfully arranged reunion at Pemaquid.

Rev. David Taylor closed the meeting with a prayer.

OFFICERS

Cyril Gray Cogswell
Southern Pines, NC
President Emeritus
Sumter Aldage Cogswell
Los Altos, CA
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Chaplain
Catherine J. Cogswell
Needham, MA
Historian
Julie A. Cogswell
Methuen, MA
Asst Historian

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1990-1992)

Cyril Gray Cogswell
Southern Pines, NC
John Heyland Cogswell
Needham, MA
Sumter Aldage Cogswell
Los Altos, CA
Daniel Waldo Boone Flint
Perkiomenville, PA

(1991-1993)

John Marshall Cogswell
Denver, CO
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Washington, DC
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Colorado Springs, CO

(1992-1994)

Julius G. Cogswell
New York, NY
Prescott E. Cogswell
San Clemente, CA
Claire Cogswell Daigle
Ware, MA
John B. Little
Brookline, MA

AREA REPRESENTATIVES

Lawrence Perley Cogswell, Jr.
Glastonbury, CT
Rev. David Taylor
Brevard, NC

MEETING-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Following the banquet, our scheduled speaker, nautical archaeologist Dr. Warren Riess, failed to appear due to an emergency call on his services. In his place, one of our new members, Terry McKane, mayor of Lansing, Michigan, and avid genealogist, spoke to the group at some length about our family and its heritage.

On the morning following the formal meeting, the group enjoyed a boat trip and visit to Monhegan Island, twelve miles off Pemaquid Point and the site of America's first fishing grounds. In the afternoon at Pemaguid Point Park, CFA President Sumter A. Cogswell, dedicated a 16"x20" bronze plaque memorializing the arrival of John Cogswell and family in North America. The plaque, set in a boulder, includes the Cogswell coat-of-arms and the following statement:

"NEAR THIS SITE ON AUGUST 14, 1635
JOHN COGSWELL AND FAMILY FROM WESTBURY LEIGH,
WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND, FIRST SET FOOT IN AMERICA.
THEY ARRIVED ON THE SHIP ANGEL GABRIEL, WHICH WAS
WRECKED HERE ON THE FOLLOWING DAY IN A VIOLENT STORM.
THE FAMILY SETTLED IN IPSWICH, MASSACHUSETTS.
DEDICATED ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1991
AT PEMAQUID POINT, MAINE BY
THE COGSWELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION."

The text of the dedication is as follows:

"We are gathered here today to memorialize the arrival in North America of John Cogswell and family on August 14, 1635, only 15 years after the arrival of the Pilgrims.

John was born in 1592, almost 400 Years ago, in Westbury Leigh, Wiltshire, England. He was at least a third generation clothier, a weaver of high-quality woolen cloth, and was very successful in his trade.

England historically exported much of its production in undyed condition to Europe, where the cloth was dyed and resold. This very lucrative market was largely lost, beginning in 1614, when King James prohibited the export of undyed cloth and by the Thirty Years War in Europe, which soon followed. Clothiers had the choice of sharing the small local market or going out of business. John chose the latter course.

John decided to emigrate to New England, so he sold his several properties and sailed from Bristol on June 4, 1635 together with his wife, Elizabeth, three sons, five of his six daughters, servants, furniture and household items, tools and implements, and money. Their ship was the 240-ton Angel Gabriel, built for Sir Walter Raleigh's use as a privateer and later sold for merchant use.

After an 18-day period of maneuvering along the coast to obtain the proper wind, the ship departed Milford Haven, Wales, on June 22. Fifty-three days later the ship dropped anchor at Pemaquid, and most of the passengers went ashore for the night. On the following morning a violent storm wrecked the ship, and John and his family began their life in this new land.

This plaque is dedicated in their memory."

PEMAQUID REUNION PHOTOS

Sets of approximately 110 4"x6" color photographs taken at the Pemaquid reunion are available at \$30 per set, postpaid. The pictures are primarily of those attending the dinner but also include Monhegan Island, the boat ride to it, and the plaque and its dedication. Those desiring sets of these prints should send their checks to Claire Cogswell Daigle, 21 Old Belchertown Road, Ware MA 01082.

CFA CORPORATE STATUS

When the CFA was formed, it was incorporated as a not-for-profit organization exempt from federal income tax. A 501(c)(3) status was sought, allowing the organization to receive donations which are tax-deductible to the donor. We planned to support a number of family-oriented activities, such as genealogical studies, the Cogswell Grant, and similar activities. The Internal Revenue Service denied our request, as we would not operate exclusively for charitable, religious, scientific, or educational purposes. Rather, our organization operates more as a social club with related interests of a charitable nature. The IRS categorizes this type of organization as a 501(c)(7), which is still a not-for-profit group but one to whom donations may not be made on a tax-deductible basis. Accordingly, we have applied for this latter status and expect it to be granted readily. At a later date we can apply for 501(c)(3) status for a companion organization, but are not planning such a move in the immediate future.

None of this activity affects our financial situation, as either status entitles us to be incorporated in Massachusetts without payment to the state.

POSSIBLE WESTBURY LEIGH TRIP

At the Pemaquid meeting, the membership expressed interest in a group tour to Westbury and the Cogswell homestead. We have been in contact with Family Society Tours, of Norwalk, Connecticut, regarding such a tour. They specialize in tours for individual family associations and tailor each tour to include the items of specific historic and genealogic interest to that family. A minimum of about 20 participants is required for such a trip. Based on current prices, an 8- to 10-day tour would probably cost about \$2100 plus airfare per person, including hotels, most meals, and private bus with driver and tour director. It takes about two years to prepare for a family tour, during which time the specific places to be visited would be selected, in line with desires of the group. The target date for this possible trip is May 1994, which time would enable use of "shoulder" airfares.

If you are interested in such a trip, please fill out and return the form included with this letter. There is absolutely no obligation on the part of you, the CFA, or Family Society Tours at this stage, but if sufficient interest is shown, active planning will begin.

1993 MEETING LOCATION

Our next formal meeting is to be held in 1993, and it has been suggested that informal meetings be held in alternate years. Rev. David Taylor suggested that a gathering could be held in 1992 in Westbury. Members with interest in such an activity might discuss this with Rev. Taylor. Only very preliminary thought has been given to possible sites for our 1993 formal meeting. Colorado has been suggested as a site by one member in that area, which would be an attractive location for those not familiar with the area and would enable those members in the West the opportunity to attend a meeting without crossing the continent. Suggestions of other possible locations for this or other meetings would be welcomed by your president. Particularly welcome would be offers to host such meetings by those in the areas.

NEW MEMBERS

Since the membership list included with the September 1991 newsletter was prepared, the following new dues-paying members have been added:

Mr. William Town Andrews, R.D.5, Box 29, Yellow Springs Road, Malvern PA 19355.

Mr. Kenneth Mark Cogswell, 6323 Windrift Ave., Kalamazoo MI 49009.

Ms. Nancy Elizabeth Cogswell, 6B Turtle Rock Rd., Windham NH 03087.

Mr/Mrs. Richard W. Cogswell, 320 East Street, W. Bridgewater MA 02379.

Mr/Mrs. Steven R. Cogswell, 31 Ledgewood Hills Drive, Nashua NH 03062.

Mr. Herbert Elmer Daniels, 6313 Martin Drive, Rome NY 13440.

Mr. Terry J. McKane, 3300 Ginger Snap Lane, Lansing MI 48911.

Ms. Margaret H. Simons, 113 Fairview Ave., Wolcott CT 06716.

Mrs. Wilbur R. Smallwood, 64 High Street, Stratham NH 03885.

Mrs. Joy Smith Starr, 3300 Fox Mill Rd., Oakton VA 22124-1214.

Mr. William J. Wood, Route 2, Box 546, Waynesboro VA 22980.

DUES FOR 1992

Dues for the calendar year 1992 are due soon, and an invoice is enclosed for your use. Please return with your remittance to the address indicated.

FUTURE CFA NEWSLETTERS

The editor is badly in need of items for inclusion in future newsletters and would greatly appreciate your participation. Short and concise items are preferred, and some editing may take place. Please submit material to me at 300 Sunkist Lane, Los Altos CA 94022.

Sumter A. Cogswell