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"I neither despise nor fear"

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VICARAGE: ALL SAINTS CHURCH, WESTBURY

“We present that there belongeth to the Vicarage One Mansion House with Stable Pigeon House Backside and a little Green Court between the Piggeon House and the Mansion House with other Edifices by Estimation Containing Three Roods of Land (or three quarters of an acre). And also there belongeth One acre Lains by Withy Mead and the Ground in which the Church is being One Acre of Land.”

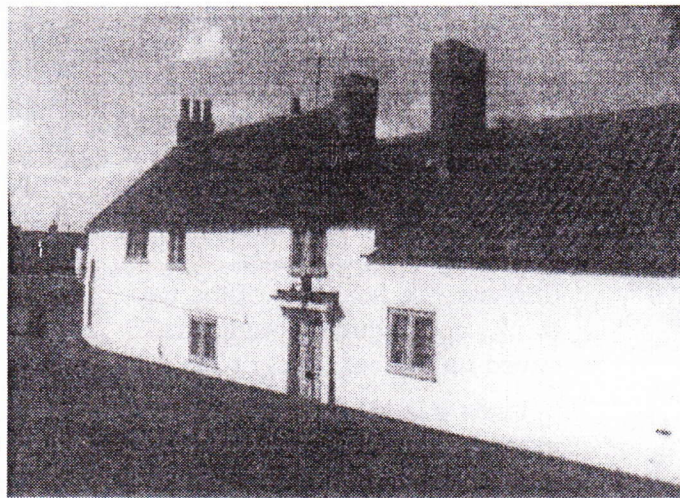
“All that Mansion House or Parsonage House consisting of a hall, a parlour, a kitchen, a buttery, with three chambers, a studdy, a stable of two bays of building, a wood house, a cole house...”

Extract from the Register of the Lord Bishop of Sarum. Made in the Reign of King James the first in AD 1614.

1615 Elizabeth Thompson, daughter of Vicar William Thompson, stepped out from this vicarage, only two hundred steps at most, to All Saints Church at Westbury, to be married to John Cogswell of Westbury Leigh.

By the mid-1700s the former vicarage and certain other properties once part of the vicars' benefice were in different hands. The churchwardens had sold

them for the benefit of the poor and had compensated the vicars by not requiring them to pay poor rates on the vicarage they then occupied. By that time also, the Bitham Brook at the rear of the old vicarage house had been



Home of Elizabeth Thompson, former parsonage house in Westbury churchyard, the residence of the vicars of the parish until about 1658.

dammed to form a mill pond. That pond was filled in long ago but traces of it can still be seen, while the footpath by one end of the old house and along what was once the top of the dam is called Pond End. The brook itself runs underground.

Rev. Thomas Hewitt, vicar of Westbury 1749-1792 was a rum-bustious priest. He was much given to writing oddments of parish interest in his registers of burials. And he seems to have held strong views on the propriety of churchwardens disposing

of benefice property as can be seen on page 135 of Register WRO Index No. 1427/8: “Jordan Slade, aged 63 who sold the Vicar's House next the mill pond to Jonathan Mason which I sued for in Chancery and the parish put me in possession of 18 September 1759. Slade buried 11 February 1769.” Rev. Hewitt won the last round!

This sort of territorial warfare seems to have been going on for years. Page 117 in the same register contains an earlier entry about the Vicarage House next the mill pond: Meliorsa, wife of Jordan Slade also comes into that one. An earlier register, WRO Index No. 1427/7 contains more accounts of Tom's adventures in real estate. One is quite hilarious involving the hatching of a plot with a neighbour Whitaker of his time to beat down someone else's “house of office” with a cart load of dung. But Tom was an arden evangelist; he would baptize whole families of backsliders at a time. And, in his later years, he kept a whole tribe of poor relations in his vicarage on Alfred Street.

It is unlikely that Vicar Hewitt ever lived in that old vicarage

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house...he only went to law over it. But more than a hundred years before his time it had been the home of Vicar Wm. Thompson, and to Elizabeth.

Now it is more than four hundred years old. Its site is indicated on old maps and in books of local interest. It has been restored most carefully so that it

will stand for many more years "next the churchyard" and next to where the mill pond used to be, all in the shade of All Saints Church at Westbury, Wilts.

(Editor: Source; A letter from Reginald Cogswell to Margaret Straeter, a faithful Cogswell researcher, deceased, of San Juan Capistrano, Calif. Margaret was in

continual contact with Reginald, then of Bristol, during the time he was writing his manuscript "Cogswells and Cloth in Avon Vale", 1983. It was my privilege to have Reginald give me a copy of this valuable account of our Cogswells' world of business.)



COGSWELL FAMILY REUNION Halifax, N.S. October 2 - 4, 1998

Nova Scotia had been basking in warm southern air, but on October 1st the true north strong and free exerted itself, and accompanied by heavy rain (everywhere but in Halifax) sent a blast of northern air into the city which even 3 days of sun could not warm to the comfort zone. I had hoped for the peak color of the leaves, but we were either 100 miles too far south, or a week too early (two weeks in Halifax). Nevertheless the 60+ Cogswells and descendants who gathered in Halifax all seem to have reported a good time, and were generous in their praise of almost everything (including the leaves).

The only glitch occurred at Bar Harbor where two cars with 4 people arrived to find the catamaran was not running, and had to drive the 8 or more hours to come around by car. We are specially sorry for Carolyn Morey who was so tired she went right to bed and did not learn that the bus departure had been moved a half hour earlier, and arrived to go on it 5 minutes after it left. All of the reunion for her was meeting a few of us later in the hotel lobby. We're glad she did manage to arrange a tour of Halifax for

herself and her traveling companion.

After a brief meeting of the Cogswell Board of Directors, the reunion began officially with a reception and cash bar at 4 p.m. I was pretty busy handing out packets, and receiving payment for events, but I did learn that Cogswells are not heavy drinkers. We fell short of the two drinks each which would have saved us the bar tender's fee.

I was a little worried about everyone finding the restaurant where we were to eat - the "Waterfront Warehouse" - but everyone got there, and were pleased with the food and atmosphere. We had one section of the restaurant to ourselves, and were treated to the piper hired for another group out of sight, who were piped out after their meal.

Saturday was a bus tour (with a van taking the "overflow") down to what used to be Horton and Cornwallis, where the first Nova Scotia Cogswells lived. We stopped at Grand Pre National Historic Park, dedicated to the Acadians who were expelled in 1755, and whose vacant land was given to the Cogswells and

others in 1760. We then drove on to see the spot where the Cogswells landed, and the colonial barracks built to protect them against Indians and missing Acadians in 1778. (18 years after their arrival, during the American War of Independence - if you believe the Indians and Acadians were still the enemy that concerned the government!) We then proceeded to a church hall immediately to the west of the original Cogswell farm lot, where the ladies provided us with a casserole luncheon, for which I also heard numerous favorable comments.

After lunch we drove up the North mountain to the "Lookoff" for a Kodak moment, and then on to Kentville, passing the cemetery used by both Acadians and Cogswells, and where Hezekiah Cogswell is probably buried but no stone is showing. At Kentville, Judith Norton gave us an interesting talk on the Cogswells and other Planters" before our return to Halifax. Our tour guide also gave us a great deal of information both ways.

We gathered in a hospitality room and saw a video including something about the Cogswell Grant in Essex, and its contents,

before going for a free evening, including supper in small groups.

The final event of the reunion was a church service at St. Paul's Anglican Church - the oldest existing Protestant church in Canada, and one where Rev. William Cogswell was curate (assistant minister) from 1832 to his death in 1847. During the sermon we heard how his preaching had offended some of the congregation, who moved that his salary be discontinued after 3 months notice...but another member spoke up for him and the decision was to raise his salary \$300.00 per year! After the service we viewed the memorials on the walls to him, his sister, and his parents and

grandparents. Unfortunately, many had planes to catch and missed the service, but we were still 23 strong there.

Bill and Sheila See invited me and my wife to call on them any time we were driving past their home on Route 2 in Maine.

"We'll be going that way on Tuesday", we told them. "We'll have a sandwich ready for you", they told us. And we did find them, and can recommend the spinach and meatball soup. It was delicious. But we wonder if they wanted us to come to see what autumn leaves are really like. The best ones we saw on the whole trip were on the road where they live.

Rev. Malcolm Cogswell

Some interesting statistics:

- Total number at some part of the reunion: 67
- Total number attending at least 2 major events: 55
- Descendants of Hezekiah, Nova Scotia's first Cogswell: 24 + 10 spouses
- Descendants of David Cogswell (Cape Breton 1808, origin unknown): 4
- Present with no Nova Scotia ancestors: 29
- Canadians present (of the 67): 28
- And those with the name Cogswell: 34 (We all know what happens to girls when they get married!)

THANKSGIVING as seen through Canadian eyes . . .



The Thanksgiving holiday has always been one of my favourites. This year I decided to set aside the sweet potatoes with marshmallows, and serve a meal more in keeping with the first Thanksgiving. This would involve some research, since I only had some vague memories about what this turkey-eating, pie-making holiday was all about. I remembered that the arrival of the Pilgrims in the New World had something to do with it but I wasn't clear on why we celebrate it in Canada at a different time from the Americans. My mission took me to my local library for a refresher course.

It all began in Plymouth, Mass., in 1621. The Pilgrims, who had come to America from England in 1620, had little success growing crops that summer

and half of them died of starvation during the winter. The surviving Pilgrims would probably have perished the next year without the help of the Indians, who taught them how to grow local crops and hunt wild birds and deer.

To show gratitude to their Indian neighbours, Governor William Bradford invited Indian Chief Massasoit and the Wampanoag tribe to a feast that fall.

Because so many women had died the year before, only five were left to prepare what was to be the last big meal of the season for a group of more than 100 people. The Indians brought five deer and the Pilgrims shot wild turkeys for this three-day Thanksgiving feast. Also on that first menu were squash, corn, wild berries and root vegetables.

When England took control of Nova Scotia in 1713, a number of settlers from New England moved north and brought the Thanksgiving tradition with them. Other settlers, this time British Loyalists fleeing the American Revolution, brought the celebration to other parts of our country after 1776.

In 1863, Abraham Lincoln passed a law declaring the fourth Thursday in November a day of Thanksgiving in the U.S. Because of the earlier Canadian harvest, Parliament proclaimed in 1957 that the second Monday in October was to be "a day of general thanksgiving to almighty God for the bountiful harvest with which Canada has been blessed."

from: The Gazette, and thanks to Malcolm for sharing this with us.

PEOPLE, PLACES and THINGS

PEOPLE THEN...Laurent and Eliza Clerc

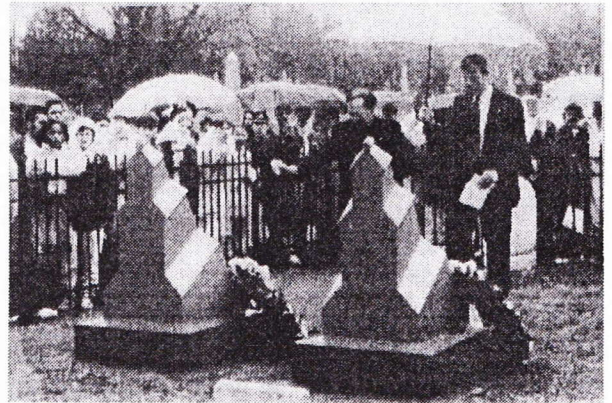


Perhaps the most important decision in the history of the American deaf community was made when a young French deaf

teacher, Laurent Clerc, agreed to travel to America and help Thomas H. Gallaudet and Dr. Mason Fitch Cogswell establish the American School for the deaf at Hartford, Connecticut. Alice Cogswell, daughter of Dr. Cogswell was the first student to enroll when the school was opened in 1813, and her name headed its list of pupils for the first seven years.

The National Association of the Deaf honored Laurent Clerc and his wife Eliza by

commissioning and dedicating new headstones to replace weatherbeaten and vandalized markers in Spring Grove Cemetery, Hartford 1998.



Headstones for Laurent Clerc and Wife, Eliza

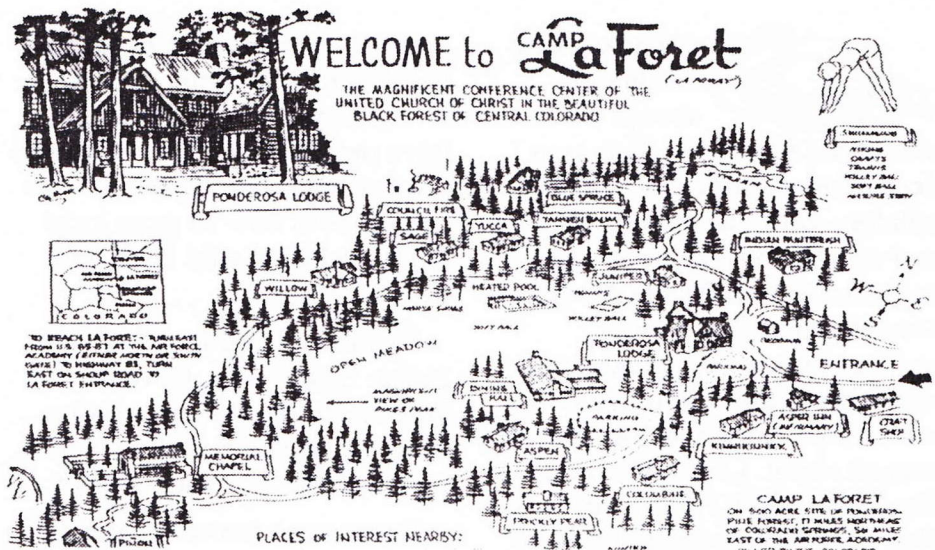
PEOPLE THEN...Alice Bemis Taylor

Born October 15, 1877
Newton, Massachusetts. Parents:
Judson M. Bemis, b. 1833,
Fitchburg, Mass. Alice Cogswell,
(#1348) b. January 5, 1845,
Ipswich, Mass.

Welcome to Camp La Foret In the Black Forest of Central Colorado.

In 1903, Alice Bemis married Frederick Morgan Pike Taylor, the nephew of the president of Vassar College. They adopted a daughter, Alice Doree Taylor, and took up residence in Colorado Springs.

After the death of Mr. Taylor in 1927, Alice began construction of the retreat that became known as "La Foret" (la foray). On about 500 acres she built her summer home, "Ponderosa Lodge" using lumber cut on the western slope of Pike's Peak. At the cost of



Camp LaForet Map

\$90,000, the six-room building was furnished with an extensive collection of southwestern art and artifacts. Alice occupied the lower right-hand bedroom. The upper rooms of the lodge were used for guest bedrooms and storage.

Spending the majority of her summers at La Foret, many evenings were spent around the huge Ponderosa fireplace, reading aloud with a close circle of friends or working on needlework. During the Christmas season Alice held festive holiday meals for 25 area families.

PEOPLE THEN...Alice Bemis Taylor cont. —

The Bemis Taylor Chapel, built in memory of her husband, was dedicated in 1929. The chapel was designed by John Gaw Meem, noted architect from Santa Fe, NM. The chapel site was chosen because of its magnificent view of Pike's Peak. The hand-carved beamed ceiling and hand-painted alter and archways still appear in their original condition. The chapel bell was brought here from an old mission church in Santa Fe.

Said to be a great humanitarian, Alice was the first woman trustee of Colorado College. At her death, June 22, 1942, her bequests to both individuals and institutions, totaled almost \$1.2 million. Colorado College's Taylor Hall was dedicated to her memory on November 2, 1956, and houses her collection of rare first-edition books, Indian artifacts and southwestern art.

The Bemis Taylor Foundation which was formed after her

death donated La Foret to the Colorado Congregational Conference in 1944. The many cabins on the property seemed most useful for their purpose. Today La Foeret is managed by the Rocky Mountain Conference of the United Church of Christ, with regularly booked groups for two or more days a week almost fifty weeks a year. In 1985 La Foret became accredited and site approved by the American Camping Association.



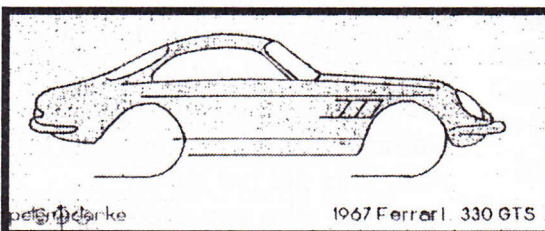
PEOPLE NOW...Robert and Joan Donner

ROBERT DONNER, Jr., Driver & Cogswell Family Assoc. Member

Bob, a native of New York, resides in Colorado Springs, CO. Formerly owner and president of radio stations in Colorado Springs and Portland, OR, he now devotes his energies to Private Investment Counseling. He was an officer in the United States Marine Corps.

His interests are varied, hunting and shooting worldwide, England, Mexico and Uruguay most recently; vintage sports car racing, restoration of Ferrari and Duesenberg automobiles. He is a founding member of the Colorado Grand Rally, this year celebrating its 10th anniversary. Bob works with various foundations to promote United States/Canadian relations, with an emphasis on education in both countries and human capital development. He is past President of Pikes Peak Auto Hill Climb, Governor, Donner Canadian Foundation, Toronto, and Trustee, William H. Donner Foundation, NY, NY. His 1968 Ferrari 330 GTS #1090113, is

one of 100 models made through the years 1966—1968. The car was converted to "Targa" top (pioneered by Porsche) by Wm. Harrah, Reno, NV, and is the only one of this configuration in existence. The car appeared on the cover of Road & Track Magazine, December, 1969.



JOAN DONNER, Co-Driver & CFA Member

Joan is the president of an International Import Business. She shares Bob's interests in automobiles, however she has given a remarkable amount of time and energy to other very worthwhile causes. Her great passion for anthropology and archeology, worldwide, and in particular the African Continent, has led her to actively support the African Wildlife Foundation, Washington, D.C., and Nairobi, Kenya (Trustee), the L.S.B. Leakey

Foundation, San Francisco, CA, (Trustee), the Gallman Memorial Foundation, U.S. and Nairobi, Kenya, (Trustee). She is a member of the International Founders Council, National Museum of the American Indian, Washington, D.C., Native American Sports Council, Colorado Springs, CO., (Trustee), a member of the Taylor Museum Advisory Council, and Trustee to the Colorado Springs Fine Arts Center. She is a former National Board Member, Smithsonian Institution, a former Board member of the Denver Art Museum and the Cheyenne Mountain Zoo, Colorado Springs, CO., former Trustee of the National Museum of African Art, Washington, D.C., and an Honorary Trustee, National Zoo, Washington, D.C. And in her "spare" time, Joan gardens in a most non-traditional manner, choosing plants and shrubs which are favorable to the semi-arid conditions prevalent in Colorado and New Mexico. Her gardens reflect texture and drama, rather than the multicolored annuals and perennials.

and THINGS Will of William Adlam

Probate, June 1544, London

In the name of God Amen the year of our Lord 1544 the last day of the month of February, I WILLIAM ADLAM being sicke but thanks be unto the Lord God, of perfect mind and remembrance make my testment and last will after the manner and form following:

First I bequeath my soule unto the handes of Almighty God and my body to be buried in the north—of the Church of All Hallows of Westbury. I give and bequeath unto my son EDWARD ADLAM ten pounds.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter CONSTANCE 40 shillings.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my daughter ALICE 40 shillings.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my son GEORGE ADLAM 40 shillings.

Item: I give and bequeath unto my brother RICHARD 40 shillings.

Item: I give and bequeath unto ARTHUR ADLAM, the son of WILLIAM ADLAM of Dilltoy, 6 pounds 13 shillings, 4 pence on the condition that he the said ARTHUR continues and remaynes with SIBBELL my wife doing unto her (service) unto the time he be

able to be married.

Item: I give and bequeath unto WILLIAM BANWELL, my godson when he cometh to the lawful age, 6 pounds 13 shillings and 4 pence.

Item: I give and bequeath unto WILLIAM ADLAM, the son of ROBERT ADLAM 40 shillings.

Item: I give and bequeath unto SIBBEL TANNER the daughter of ROGER TANNER 40 shillings on the condition that she will at all times be ruled after the mind of my wife, her grandmother.

Item: I give and bequeath unto every of my god children not afore named 12 pence.

Item: I will that my son AMBROSE ADLAM, after the death of SIBBELL my wife, shall have and—the years of my house wherein I now dwell and also my mill with all and singular the appurtenances to my house and mill appertaining. And if it fortune that my son AMBROSE depart or die before SIBBELL my wife, that this I will that the male chidren of him lawfully begotten shall have the house and the mill appertaining every one in his order that is to say the eldest first, and if he dye then the second and so successively unto the rest in like

manner. And if it fortune that all the male children of AMBROSE ADLAM doth decease and die then I will that PETER ADLAM, the son of EDWARD ADLAM, shall have the house the mill and the appurtaining. And if that he decease and dye then I will the house, the mill with appurtaining remain unto ARTHUR ADLAM abovenamed. The residue of all my goods both movable and unmovable I give and bequeath unto SIBBELL my wife whom I make my full and whole executrix. Overseers of this my will and testament shall be JOHN ADLAM, my son and EDWARD BANWELL, and to every one of them I give and bequeath for their pains forty shillings. Witness unto this my last will and testament are SIR ROBERT WELLS, Priest and Curate, JOHN ADLAM, EDWARD BANWELL, RICHARD GREMHALL, JOHN MARTYN with other.

JOHN ADLAM was the father of Alice Adlam who married Robert Cogswell. Robert and Alice had a son, Edward who became the father of John b. 1592 and married Elizabeth Thompson, September 10, 1615.

NEW MEMBERS

(Since August!) A Bonanza and
a Very Warm Greeting to:

Harriet C. Heacock - AL
Susan Shropshire Denni - CA
Pearl M. Kelly - CA
Judy A. (Cogswell) Smith - CA
Elizabeth L. King - GA
Mrs. Robert P. Mallis - GA

Nellygrasce D. Stoll - LA
Donald C. Cogswell - ME
Dennis M. Joy, M.D. - MI
Dorothy Gransee - MN
Mrs. Frederick M. Owens, Jr. - MN
Mary F. Cogswell - NE
Janet Padgett - NJ
Kevin Bohn - NY

Mary Ellen Bohn - NY
Thomas Cogswell - NY
Joan E. Doyle - NY
Robert A. Young - OH
Jim Cogswell - OR
T.S. Harvey - RI
Phillip H. Sherrod - TN
Steve Aberle - WA

A Visit to Westbury, Wiltshire, England

by Stephen Aberle •

It was Friday, April 17th, 1998, and we were nearing the end of our first-ever trip outside of North America. We (myself, my wife, our daughter, and her two sons) had spent the morning visiting the ancient Avebury site about 20 miles northeast of Westbury. Why the stone circle there was erected over 1000 years before Stonehenge was built remains a mystery. Our destination, though, was Westbury, where we wanted to see the church in which our Cogswell ancestors had worshipped before coming to the colonies.

When we arrived in Westbury, the sun had just barely started peeking through the overcast skies. The church spire was an easy landmark to spot on our approach to the city, so finding it without a map of the city was fairly easy.

As we walked from our parking place toward the church, we spotted a tourist information center and decided to stop in (which is most unlike us). The staff there was most helpful when we asked if there were any local historians familiar with the Cogswell family. They made a couple of local phone calls (which in England, unlike the U.S., are not free) but didn't immediately have much luck finding people at home, so we decided to walk over to the church.

We quickly found the side of the church that is shown in the drawing on page "ix" of the E.O. Jameson book "The Cogswells in America" and got a photograph from nearly the same angle.



We noted that the churchyard must have been somewhat larger when the Jameson drawing was made, as we were not able to back up far enough to get the same perspective on the grounds. The grave markers

shown in the drawing near the base of the tree are gone. A walk around the churchyard looking at the grave markers revealed that the older markers dated from the early 1800's and were quite weather beaten. No readable markers remained from the time when the Cogswell's set sail for the colonies, so we could not determine if any Cogswell graves were present in the churchyard.

most pleasant conversation. The Cookes, honorary Cogswell Family Association members, showed us some of the past CFA newsletters, and we were able to use the information in the newsletters to contact the CFA upon our return to the states. Mrs. Cooke was a very gracious hostess, but we still wish she would have let us help clean up our grandson's spilled cake crumbs from the floor.

After leaving Westbury, we drove several miles down a one-lane country road to Old Dilton to see St. Mary's church. This church is of a more simple design and was constructed during the



Reign of Henry III (1216-1272). Although no longer used for regular worship, it remains a consecrated building, and is maintained by the church's conservation trust. The church is situated between several farms, and tracks in the churchyard indicate that the local animals graze its grass. Grave markers in the churchyard suffer from the same degree of weathering as the markers at the All Saints Parish Church in Westbury. A few of the grave markers are just a few years old, so burials must still be permitted.

All in all, we had an outstanding visit to Westbury, and hope to be able to return some day. On a sad note, though, after returning home to the State of Washington, we learned that Mr. Denis Cooke, with whom we had tea during our afternoon in Westbury, passed away on June 1st at the age of 85.

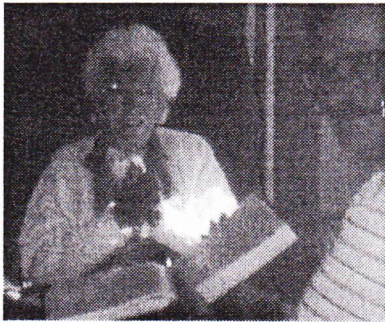
* The author is a computer network manager living in the greater Seattle area, and is a new (1998) Cogswell Family Association member. He is descended from Hannah Cogswell (1719-1776) via the Beale, Whittlesey, McGrew, and Aberle family lines. All photographs in this article were taken by the author.

IN MEMORIAM

The Cogswell Family Association extends our sympathy to the families of the following important people:

Jennie Muriel Newcombe-Palfrey

Funeral services were held September 29, 1998 United Church of St. Paul & St. Stephen Kentville, Kings County, Nova Scotia Officiating: Reverend Boyd Vincent.
Reverend Malcolm Cogswell



Jennie died September 27, 1998, age 98, at Valley

Regional Hospital, Kentville. Born August 12, 1900 she was the daughter of the late Clayton (Jameson #2047) and Mabel (Marchant) Cogswell. She leaves two sons, a daughter, 14 grandchildren, 21 great-grandchildren, and nephew Rev. Malcolm Cogswell, all who will sadly miss her. The Cogswell Family Association sends our condolences to her family, and since so many of us have had the recent privilege of getting to know Malcolm, "special regrets" are offered.

Dennis Cooke

Kathleen Cooke of Westbury, England had sent a notice of the death of her husband, Dennis, June 1, 1998, age 85. Unfortunately it arrived too late to be included in the August Courier. Kathleen extends a warm welcome to any member of the Cogswell family.

Wilbur Smallwood

CFA member, Wilbur Smallwood of Statham, NH passed away in August, 1998. He leaves his widow Ruth Smallwood.

Jewell Wimbish

Jewell Wimbish of Irving, Texas died November, 1997, age 94. Her son, Wallace Wimbish has sent this information and will be the continuing member of the Wimbish family. Some of you may remember it was Jewell who gave us that impressive pedigree taking our Cogswells back to Adam and Eve...WITH sources and references! She had made the pilgrimage to Westbury Leigh and provided many interesting photos. (I personally, will miss Jewell...we have been correspondents for many years. Editor.)

S.P.N.E.A.

(Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities)

In 1938, Nina Fletcher Little invited her friend Esther Stevens Brazer to recreate early decorative painting on the woodwork at the Little's summer house, Cogswell's Grant in Essex, Massachusetts. Brazer scraped through the layers down to the 18th century decorated surface and recreated what she found, providing the Littles with the period look they wanted to set off their collection of early American provincial art.

When readying the house to open as a museum this summer, SPNEA decided to conserve Brazer's work, which had deteriorated. Replacing it would have been easier, but the surface was original to the time period to which the house is being interpreted. The task was undertaken by Mary Lou Davis, an architectural conservator, who trained seven volunteers as part of a special studies project for Smith College. Davis designed a treatment formulation based on an earlier paint analysis. She and her crew then consolidated the

flaking paint and inpainted losses, using reversible materials.

Thanks to the donation of hundreds of hours of time by the volunteers, two principal rooms and the entire hall at Cogswell's Grant received an estimated \$14,000 of conservation treatment. During the project, Davis also trained SPNEA's collections technician, who will be able to keep the decoration in good condition should any maintenance be required in the future.



FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK



I have had my reward in the privilege of bringing the Cogswell Courier into the family association. Now it is time to allow a "fresh approach" to your newsletter. Your new Editor is Mary Lieberman, 3200 County Road 8 S.E. St. Cloud, MN 56304. Please show Mary your support with articles of interest only YOU may have to share with "the family".

There are many favorite projects I am leaving behind and the one closest to my heart is what I consider "unfinished business". Let me share a "project", best expressed in a letter I received July, 1975....

Westbury. Wilts, England

"Dear Bernice:

To address you so, seems impertinent to me, who have never met you, but who must however distantly, be a kinswoman of mine! Our old friend Harvey Ross, whom you met when in Westbury recently, told me and my sister of your visit, and has lent us the material you sent him before he takes it to the Wiltshire Museum at Devizes. I had better introduce us, my sister, Mrs. Betty Callaghan (nee Cogswell) and I, Winifred Elkins (nee Cogswell), also my brother Leut. Commander Reginald Cogswell R.N. (Ret'd.) are all natives of Westbury and have known all our lives of our

American connections; and have met a good many of them (at least the ones descended from John) who come most summers seeking information and rarely can we give much help. But now we have discovered something, quite by chance, which we feel may, quite possibly, be of great interest to many Cogswells in America!

This is the house occupied by Edward and Alice Cogswell, parents, as you know, of John who emigrated in 1635 to New England. The house was bought cheaply by an admirable young couple with four children, who could not possibly have afforded a house in good repair at today's astronomical prices, so that their children could have space and each a room to themselves. It was really rather (in fact very) tumbledown, otherwise it would have fetched a fortune.

They were seeking information about Cogswells and a friend of ours, a Churchwarden of Westbury, saw them looking at old tombstones in the churchyard at Westbury and asked if he could help. Well, of course he could, and thus we became acquainted with Mr. and Mrs. Peter Jones. They asked us to come and see what they were doing to their house, and it was a fascinating experience. They, both working and with four children, are striving manfully to restore the old house to it's original state and doing all the work with there own hands. The young

wife told me that it had taken her a whole year to scrape layers of paint off the panelling to expose the ancient timbers in one room alone and won't finish for a long time yet. Only one room is completed and will have to wait for furniture until (and if) they can pick up pieces which would be suitable. I should be writing all night if I told you what they have achieved in two years to make the house habitable, retaining every single original feature they could rescue, such as tiny cupboards in each bedroom, which I have since learned were Bible cupboards. They even repaired a patch of wall in the staircase which was damaged, by building up a framework of hazel sticks and then throwing on cow dung, from each side, thus making "wattle and daub" the old material our ancestors used for building houses, then covering it with plaster, and it would take a great expert to see the difference. But still there is much to be done, enough to daunt the strongest heart. My husband and my brother, both practical and experienced men, shook their heads and hoped Peter and his wife hadn't taken on more than they could chew. I write you because you are the only Cogswell connection whose address I know (except Kathryn Cogswell of Nut Meadow Crossing, Concord, Mass). But by now she probably has other interests. However, I feel sure you will know to whom this information should be sent, but if you

would prefer, please let me know to whom I should write.

Sincerely yours,
Winifred Elkins. "

Since the CFA had not yet been organized I passed this information on to as many Cogswells as I knew at that time...not a very high count. The letter has been edited for brevity, and it continues to tell of much of the struggle in restoring the house to original condition as far as possible. Early photos were taken and are in my collection.

My purpose in sharing this letter will perhaps indicate why I would like to bring before the membership a suggestion that we seek some way to express our appreciation to the Peter Joneses who have preserved a valuable part of our history. (The house was scheduled for the wrecking ball when they rescued it!). Many have enjoyed the hospitality of Peter and Mary as American Cogswells have made their pilgrimage to Westbury to see "our" heritage in "their" private home. Unfinished business,

and a bit long overdue is my vote. Please send your ideas to Editor Mary Lieberman in order they may be expressed in future newsletters. My suggestion would be we all contribute to the cost of inviting Peter and Mary to a Cogswell reunion as our guests; ALL expenses paid.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS TO ALL!

Good Bye, and

Thank you.

Bernice Sonna



PURELY GENEALOGICAL

The oldest genealogical society, the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS, or sometimes HISTGEN), was formed over 150 years ago in Boston, Massachusetts. The NEHGS continues to influence the genealogical field through their publications and educational programs.

Thomas J. Kemp has been named the Library Director. Mr. Kemp will assume responsibility for the Society's library which features the region's most extensive collection of family history materials and the nation's largest collection of genealogical manuscripts. He will also oversee operation of the Society's circulating library, a collection of 25,000 volumes available to the organization's 18,000 members around the world.

Other valuable national organizations: National Genealogical Society (NGS) created 1912,

Washington, D.C.

FHL - Family History Library,
Salt Lake City, Utah

LC - Library of Congress,
Washington, D.C.

NARA- National Archives and
Records Administration,
Washington, D.C.

The genealogical alphabet soup
includes many acronyms:

AAHGS - Afro-American
Historical & Genealogical
Society

AJGS - Association of Jewish
Genealogical Societies

ASGR - Association of Germans
from Russia

APG - Association of
Professional Genealogists

ASG - American Society of
Genealogists

BCG - Board for Certification of
Genealogists

CGC - Council of Genealogy
Columnists

FGS - Federations of
Genealogical Societies

GGSA - German Genealogical
Society of America

GSG - Genealogical Speakers
Guild

ISBGFH - International Society
for British Genealogy and
Family History

NYGBS - New York Genealogical
and Biographical Society

UGA - Utah Genealogical
Association

And credentials look like this:

AG - Accredited Genealogist

CG - Certified Genealogist

CGRS- Certified Genealogical
Record Specialist

CALS - Certified American
Lineage Specialist

CAILS - Certified American
Indian Lineage Specialist

CGL - Certified Genealogical
Lecturer

CGI - Certified Genealogical
Instructor

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The two hundred volume AGBI will soon be available on-line to subscribers of Ancestry.com. A CD-ROM version of the database is planned for release the first quarter of 1999.

The AGBI is an on-going project of the Godfrey Memorial Library (Middletown, CT). Compilation began in 1942 and is considered to be the largest and most comprehensive index to American family histories. From four to six new volumes are published each year with the collection expected to number between 205-210 volumes when completed. Also known as Rider's Index after Fremont Rider, the collections' editor from 1942 to 1955, with emphasis on family genealogies produced before 1900.

Also indexed are such as the Boston Transcript (a genealogical column with a wide circulation), the complete United States 1790 census (reconstructed), and selected published Revolutionary War records from

most of the original American colonies.

Each entry contains the subject's complete name, year and state of birth (if known), abbreviated biographical data, and the book and page number of the original reference. Additional information on the more than 12 million individuals listed in the AGBI is available in articles, books, and brief biographies that are available at many major libraries, or through Family History Branch libraries via inter-library loan.

Contact the Ancestry.com virtual press room at <http://www.ancestry.com/pressroom.htm> or call (801) 426-3500 for more information. (From a press release dated 22 July 1998).

CFA members are reminded they are entitled to a discounted rate when subscribing to the Federation of Genealogical Societies, 'FORUM', full of valuable information to serious researchers. P.O. Box 200940, Austin, TX 78720-0940.

Member societies now in all 50 states and Canada. Mention your membership in the Cogswell Family Association. We are listed as a member society in Volume 10 Number 3, Fall 1998 edition of "FORUM". <<http://www.fgs.org>> then click on "FGS Membership" CFA is listed under "Family Associations"

WEB SITES:

National Genealogical Society: <<http://www.ngsgenealogy.org/>> USGenWeb Project: <<http://www.usgenweb.net>> OR <<http://www.usgenweb.org>> The Ohio Genealogical Society: <<http://www.orgs.org>> Chicago Genealogical Society: <<http://www.jorsm.com/juliana/>> Cyndi's List: <<http://www.CyndisList.com>> Heritage Books Archives: <<http://www.hb-archives.com>>

FROM THE SECRETARY'S DESK

Hi Members,

We have had an excellent year for new members, coming into the family. We have thirty-two new members up to the end of October. Our Historian Donald Cogswell, has been our main source with the new book that just came out. We still have plenty of books if some of you would like to buy more.

We are starting an E-mail page for our members and if

you would kindly send me your user name I will add it to the page.

We are losing our present Editor Bernice Sonna as of the first of the year. She has gone above the call of editor with all the information she has put in the Courier. She will be missed. The December edition will be her last. Bernice, whatever you do I wish you the very best and good health. Will miss you.

Our new editor will be Mary Lieberman with Denise Tucker co-editor.

Our reunion was great and we had a good turnout. Thank you Malcolm.

Hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year!!

Your Secretary,
Claire Cogswell
Daigle



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Fee	-500.00
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Pictures	-1,119.46
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Printing	-17,979.21

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Proceeds

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TOTAL Book

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Dues-1998

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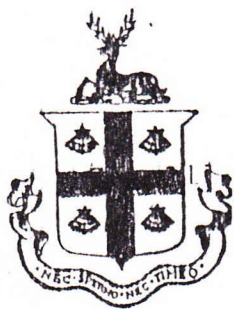
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Bernice Sonna Jackson, WY <i>Newsletter Editor</i>	Artwork	749.50	
	TOTAL Nwsltr	749.50	
	TOTAL Print		749.50
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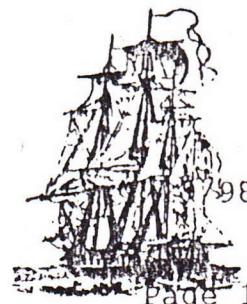
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24,508.07

TOTAL Cash and Bank Accounts

24,508.07

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Bernice's Copier
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Don's printer

1,533.92

664.40

1,673.00

808.00

TOTAL Other Assets

4,679.32

Investments

CDs

22,667.51

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51,854.90

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