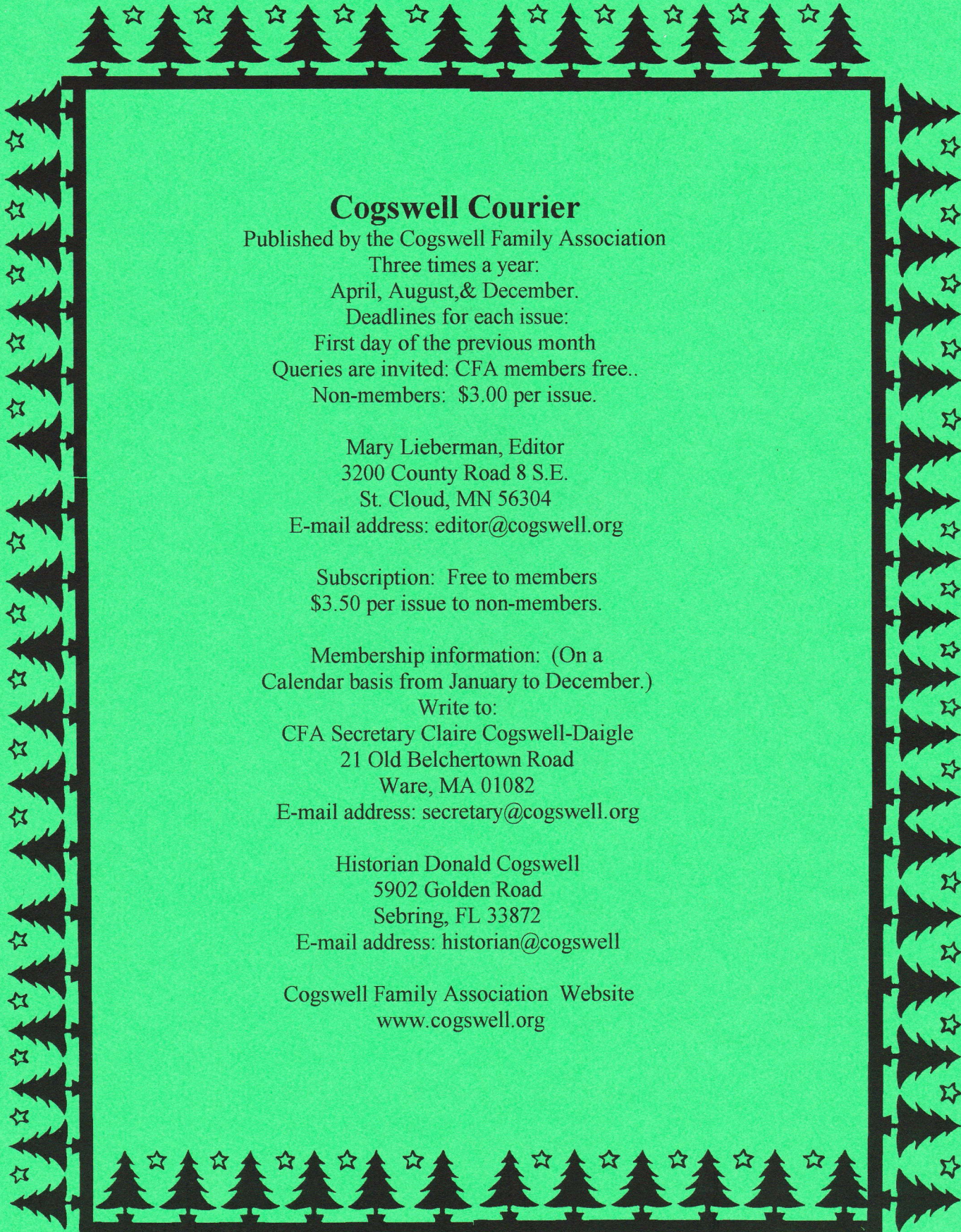


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Michael Cogswell and The Louis Armstrong Museum and Archives

by. . . Mary Lieberman

In the summer of 2001, while driving somewhere or other, I happened to catch the end of *Fresh Air* on NPR. They were talking about a new museum in Queens, NY: The Louis Armstrong Museum and Archives. The person being interviewed was a Michael Cogswell. I was really quite excited. I told my husband Hal and we then began to plan to visit the museum on our way home (MN) from the Henniker, NH reunion. (2001) As it turned out, we had to be home sooner than we planned so we never made it to the museum. Later in the year a friend told me about the museum and Michael and then, to cap it all off, I received a letter from a Robert Reed, a first cousin of Michael, suggesting that I do a piece on Michael and the museum. Robert made arrangements for us to contact him, which, of course, we did.

After the CFA meeting in Marietta, OH, we drove to NJ to spend a few days with my cousin Ron Morse and his wife Nancy (CFA members). Nancy, Hal and I drove the rather challenging route from New Jersey through Manhattan to Queens, where we met Michael in the Rosenthal Library of Queens College, where the Louis Armstrong

Archives are kept. The museum, which was the residence of Louise and Louis, is in the working-class neighborhood of Corona. It is in the process of being restored and hopefully will be open late next year. There are also plans to build the permanent archives across the street from the Armstrong house.



Michael Cogswell

Michael is director of this museum and the archives. It becomes immediately apparent that this is no small job. Armstrong left over 650 reel-to-reel audio tapes of conversations and music he liked to listen to, 5,000 photographs, five gold-plated trumpets, many plaques and awards, personal papers and correspondence. He traveled with a reel-to-reel tape machine, which he could use whenever he and his friends were just sitting around. Michael describes his large trunk of tapes and tape machines as his "1950s walkman."

Louise, his third wife, to whom he was married for thirty years, bought the house in 1943 while Louis was on tour. She decorated it without Louis ever having seen it. Imagine his surprise when he first saw it. They lived in the house for thirty years and made many rather elaborate changes, including the purchase of the lot next door for a garden. Louis died there July 6, 1971. The house became a national historic landmark in 1977.

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After the death of Louise in 1983, it went to New York City. The contents of the house are the property of the Louis Armstrong Educational Foundation, a private not-for-profit foundation. The foundation turned the materials over to Queens College so that they would be available to the public. The archives opened in May 1994. Since that time many, many thousands of visitors have seen the various exhibits. Scholars have been able to take advantage of the archives. This is a lasting legacy for all of us from a man with considerable foresight. I urge you all to do a little research on your own by visiting the Louis Armstrong House and Archives at Queens College, City University of New York, as well as checking out the many resources on the internet. While there is a great deal of material about Louis Armstrong, there is almost nothing about Michael. Therefore, I will share with you what I gleaned from our visit with him.

Michael grew up in northern Virginia, in Fairfax County, before it was as developed as it is today. He lived on a "farm" with his father, USMC Brigadier General Charles L. Cogswell, his mother Mary and two older brothers. Though they did not actually farm their land, he was fortunate enough to be able to have many animals to raise as 4-H projects.

One of his brothers, Dr. Frank B. Cogswell, a parasitologist on the Tulane University faculty, is one of the foremost experts on malaria. His

other brother, Col. Charles H. "Chuck" Cogswell, retired after 25 years in the US Army Military Police.

Michael attended the University of Virginia for several years and then dropped out to play the saxophone professionally, which he did for twelve years. He then went back to the U of Virginia and completed his Bachelor's degree. During this time he worked on the music library staff for three years and discovered he really enjoyed this vocation. His BA in Musicology was primarily the study of classical music,

while his interest was primarily in jazz. So he went to the University of Northern Texas, which had the first academic degree in Jazz History, where he earned a master's degree and continued his work in the music library.

While there he saw the advertisement for curator of the Louis Armstrong Museum and

Archives. This was his dream job and, with his excellent background, Queens College thought he was definitely the man for the position. Since he has been at Queens, he has earned a second master's degree in Library Science.

There is a slight twist to this tale: Michael's father, who died in 1993, became very much interested in his Cogswell roots in his later years. Michael gave him a copy of *The Cogswells in America* by Jameson, but he could not find any

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Mary Lieberman interviewing Michael Cogswell at the Louis Armstrong Museum and Archives

From the Secretary's Computer

By Claire Cogswell-Daigle



Hello Cousins,

We had a very nice reunion and every one had a good time.

Thank you Caroline for being our hostess.

We still have some unpaid dues and I really wish you would get them into me as I am about ready to start billing again.

Also many members have changed their email servers and have failed to notify me. Please do so, so we can stay in

touch.

In our membership we are just two short of reaching the four hundred mark. This year we have thirty-two new members.

Winter is settling in and the holidays are approaching so my wish for you all is Happy Holidays and stay healthy.

*Your secretary,
Claire*



**Notify Claire of
email
changes**

The Cogswell Family Welcomes These New Members

Letitia Lynn Lombardelli

Steve C. Roberts

Mrs. Joe M. Oglesby & Family

Charlotte Hollister & Family

Alice B. Wiggin

Thomas C. Cogswell

Norman H. Cogswell

Robert L. Cogswell

Mr. & Mrs. Harry Cogswell & Family

Sonja Tuttle Durgin

Lorna J. Cogswell

Hermosa Beach CA

Crossville TN

St. Petersburg, FL

Whitehall, NY

Concord, MA

Raleigh, NC

Newark, OH

Newark, OH

Marietta, OH

Farmingdale, ME

Portsmouth, RI



Thoughts From Your President

by Austin Cogswell

October 4-6 was a "trifecta weekend" for me. I'm referring to our Cogswell Family Association reunion in Marietta, Ohio. That weekend was my homecoming and sentimental journey, with a smorgasbord of reunion activities.

My mother and I flew to Columbus, then drove to Granville, Ohio, to see my alma mater, Denison University. The twenty-year hiatus since my last visit has brought many changes on campus, including imposing new buildings and athletic facilities.

Fraternities and sororities are no longer prominent in student life. My fraternity, Beta Theta Pi, where we lived and played a la Animal House, is now a co-ed dorm for honor students! I was very nostalgic as Mom and I left Denison and Granville and headed south-east to Marietta.

As I mentioned in the April *Courier*, my family lived in Marietta from 1961 to 1967. Mom and I stayed with her best friend, Jean Kimmick, who still lives in our old neighborhood. I never expected to return to this picturesque all-American town. Thanks to the excellent planning of Caroline Lutz and her CFA reunion committee, it was a wonderful homecoming weekend for me.

Headquarters for our reunion was the historic *Lafayette*, a grand riverboat-era hotel overlooking the confluence of the Ohio and Muskingum Rivers. The *Lafayette* offered Victorian style guest rooms, fine dining, and friendly service. Anchoring downtown Marietta, this venerable hotel is the official stop for the grand riverboats *American Queen*, *Mississippi Queen*, and *Delta Queen*.

Friday evening we went aboard the permanently-docked showboat *Becky Thatcher*. This

refurbished Texas sternwheeler has a storied past plying the Ohio and Mississippi Rivers. Since 1977 this showboat has been providing visitors with old-time melodramas, musicals, comedies, and mysteries. The show was most entertaining.

Our first Saturday activity was a morning narrated tour on an old trolley retrofitted for street travel. Our guide, a long-time resident of Marietta, combined humor with in-depth knowledge while discussing the history of the notable homes and buildings we passed by.

Saturday afternoon we boarded the *Valley Gem* sternwheeler for a relaxing two-hour cruise up the Muskingum River. The highlight of the trip was going through a hand-operated lock built between 1830 and 1841. The series of locks on the Muskingum were very important to the growth of central Ohio commerce until the railroads supplanted them.

Saturday evening we gathered at the sylvan Marietta Country Club for our reunion photograph and banquet. As I drove up to the clubhouse, I thought of the great times I had at MCC almost forty years ago. It was another nostalgic moment for me.

After an excellent dinner, the mayor of Marietta, Joe Mathews, presented a fine proclamation honoring our Cogswell Family Association. Joan Pritchard, a *Parkersburg News* columnist, was our main speaker. She recounted Marietta's more humorous history. Harry Cogswell, whose family settled in Marietta in 1830, gave us a good overview of Cogswell history in the area since then.

Sunday morning a number of us visited the campus of Marietta College, founded in 1830.

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Cogswell Family Association Reunion Marietta Ohio, 2002

These are the names of the people who attended the reunion, not in the same order as in picture.

Allen and Janice Cogswell, Austin Cogswell, Orma Austin, Ben and Melissa Cogswell, Carolyn Sue Cogswell, Charles and Gwenda Cogswell, Don and Pat Cogswell, Edmond and Poy Cogswell Ernie and Claire Cogswell-Daigle, Harry and Anne Cogswell, Malcolm and Jean Cogswell, Norman and Robert Cogswell, Prescott and Wilma Cogswell,

Ronald and Donna Cogswell, Terry and Maureen Cogswell,

Lucile Couzymse, Jack and Ruth Dake, George and Janice DeWine, Leanora Doran, Bob and Evie

Eisenhard, Brent Elliott, Lyndon and Carol Gabriel, Patricia Gill, Jean Kimmick, Hal and Mary

Lieberman, Willard and Caroline Lutz, Todd and Shelley Lutz, Tonya Lutz, Joe and Sally Mathews, Carolyn Morey,

Peggy Peak, Joan Pritchard, Edna Roberts, Raymond and Barb Sachs, Karen and Gordon Struve, Thomas and

Netta Thiel, Tom and Nancy Tjornhom, Nelson and Dia Vasquez, and Edna Weigl.

A letter from our Marietta Hostess

Dear Family and Friends,

Thanks' to all of you that came to our reunion in Marietta. We had a good attendance with a mixture of new attendees and familiar faces from 18 states and Canada. It is wonderful to get in touch with the different branches of our family tree. I appreciated the help from cousins Ruth and Jack Dake, Harry and Anne Cogswell, Ben and Russ Cogswell, Marietta area residents, Jean Cogswell (Mrs. Malcolm), my husband Will and my daughter-in-law Shelley Lutz. Without their help the reunion would never have run so smoothly.

Everyone attending seemed to have a new appreciation for the beauty of Ohio. We were a little early for the fall colors (they were very late this year) but we had perfect weather. I appreciate the opportunity to share it with the Association. There were many that sent their regrets and I hope they will be able to attend next August 22-24, 2003 in New Brunswick,

Canada. Please talk it up to your own family. I am enjoying the photographs with names printed. We appreciate the expertise of David White, Photographer, and his New Creations Studio. If you didn't order your picture, they are still

available for \$12.95 each, including postage and handling. He also took a photo of the entire group, including friends. His address is 112 N. Seventh Street, Marietta, OH 45750. E-mail him at WhiteD@Charter.net.

I hope everyone that attended are proudly wearing their hand cut lazier wood pins that were donated by Harry M. Cogswell of Marietta. They were very unique.

If any of you should need to reach me you can e-mail me: at WCLutz815@aol.com

Sincerely,
Caroline Lutz



L-R
Hal Lieberman
Will Lutz
Caroline Cogswell Lutz



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A Marietta Scrapbook



L to R: Ed & Poy C., Ernie Daigle, Tom & Netta Thiel standing: Claire C.-Daigle & Nancy Tjornhom, Wilma C. (blue jacket) on sternwheeler



L-R Barbara and Ray Sachs, Poy and Ed Cogswell Anne and Daniel Cogswell



Pres. Austin C., Chaplain Malcom C. & Jean C. talking to our hostess Caroline Lutz at Marietta College.



Evie Eisenhard, Wilma and Prescott Cogswell in Lafayette lobby



L-R Pat Cogswell, Don Cogswell, Norm Cogswell, Claire Cogswell-Daigle, Evie and Bob Eisenhard



L-R Norman Cogswell, Nelson & Dia Vazquez, Nancy Tjornhom, Robert Cogswell, Tom Tjornhom

Jeanette Cogswell Chats with Queen Elizabeth II

Jeanette (wife of Ray 95334) wants to share this exciting experience with the rest of the Cogswell family

Yesterday there was a lot of excitement in the City as Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II was here visiting on the occasion of her Golden Jubilee as reigning Queen and Canada's Head of State. Our daughter Anna and I went to Government House awaiting Her Majesty's arrival. We went at 12 o'clock, her arrival was at 3:00 p.m. so you can imagine it was a long wait for everyone but you had to be there early in order to have a good spot and it paid off for the both of us. Many in the crowd were giving the Queen flowers, so Anna was able to give her a bouquet of flowers and to my astonishment when I gave her the flowers and one of my "Christmas Memories" CDs, she spoke to me saying "For me?" to which I replied, "Yes, Your Majesty." She also noticed that I was wearing her Silver Jubilee Medal which I received while working in Premier Richard Hatfield's office as Executive Secretary and she seemed to be pleased with that. Shortly after she passed by I was bombarded by the media wanting to know what Her Majesty said to me and what I said to her. Oh goodness, my heart was just pounding. This was one of the highlights in my life. Then of course it was live on TV, so Ray, who was at home watching the program, was very surprised when he saw Her Majesty speaking to me. I list below some of the quotes which appeared in the newspapers.



Jeanette Cogswell wearing Her Majesty's Silver Jubilee Medal as well as a Golden Jubilee pin

Telegraph-Journal, Saint John N.B. - "Jeannette Cogswell of Fredericton gave the Queen a more unconventional gift - a CD of Christmas carols that the 70 year old had recorded. 'It was something of my achievement and she had done so many achievements that I just thought "Why not?"' said Ms. Cogswell, when asked why she wanted to give the Queen her CD."

The Daily Gleaner, Fredericton, N.B. - "It was a chance of a lifetime. I thought it was just marvelous. She is such a gracious lady and we are very honoured to have her come and visit Fredericton."

The National Post, Toronto, Ontario - "The Queen's arms were festooned with flowers and gifts. At one point she stopped to speak with Jeannette Cogswell, 71, who was wearing a medallion of the Queen's Silver Jubilee. Mrs. Cogswell, it turns out, had been Richard Hatfield's executive secretary. She handed the Queen a bouquet of flowers, as well as a compact disc of Christmas songs Mrs. Cogswell herself had recorded last year. 'She said, "is that for me?" And I said "Yes, Your Majesty",' explained Mrs. Cogswell. 'I didn't think she would talk to me, but she did. Oh my - this is a dream come true'."

I was also quoted on radio but we didn't hear the comments. Quite an experience to meet royalty face to face.

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Oct. 11, 2002 At old Government House, Fredericton, New Brunswick,, Canada, Jeanette Cogswell awaits Her Majesty Queen Elizabeth II who is visiting the city

Her Majesty has just accepted flowers and a "Christmas Memories" CD from Jeanette



Jeanette Cogswell being interviewed by the press, following her chat with Her Majesty

A Youngster With A Bright Future

Adam Shuttleworth, grandson of CFA members Raymond and Barbara Sachs of Dixon, Illinois, recently received a Certificate of Achievement in Literature for his entry in the 2001 annual National PTA Reflections Program. The voluntary program, open to elementary and secondary students, asked for submissions of literature, music, photography, or visual arts using the theme of "I hold in my hand..."

Adam's entry was one of sixteen picked from Midland Elementary School in Poway, CA, to compete in the whole school system. Again, his entry was one of sixteen chosen to compete in the entire southern California region. Here again he was one of the sixteen students to make the Palomar Council's final selections. Thus, Adam, son of Robert and Susan (Sachs) Shuttleworth, received an Award of Merit and was required to make a public presentation of his work. Remarkably, Adam was only seven years old at the time!

Here is Adam's composition:



Ray Sachs, Robert Shuttleworth, Susan Shuttleworth, Barbara Sachs and
ADAM

I Hold In My Hand...

by Adam Shuttleworth (age 7)

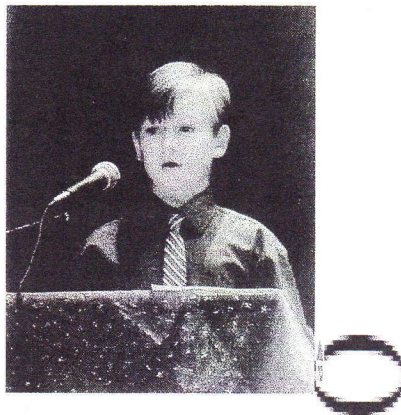
*There are a Lot of things that I can hold
in my hand. I get different feelings as I
hold each.*

*When I hold my Lego boat I feel happy
because of the way it floats on the water.
I have a blanket I call W-Blankey, and when
I hold it I feel safe.*

*When I pick up a stone in my hand I feel calm.
When I hold a lantern at night it gives me
light to see by so I won't feel lost.*

*I hold a cup or a mug in my hand to drink out
of when I feel thirsty.*

*The best thing of all that I can hold in my
hand is my Mom and my Dad's hand, because
when I do I know they love me.*



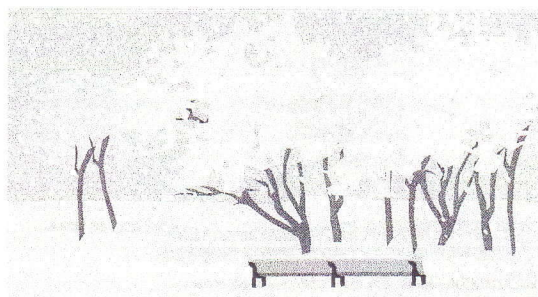


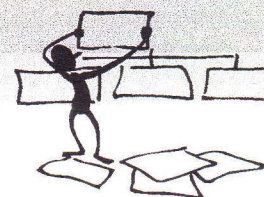
This is to inform you of the death of member **Joanna Joy (Cogswell) Abbott** [9774], on October 5, 2002 in Stockton, California. She was the wife of Richard W. Abbott, and mother to 4 children, 2 grandchildren, 2 step-grandchildren, and 1 great-grandchild. She and her husband had moved to Stockton from southern California the first of 2002 to be nearer some of the family, but she had been confined to a nursing home/rehabilitation center after suffering a serious fall in May. She will be sorely missed by all who knew her.

Daniel Waldo Boone Flint of Perkiomenville, PA, a charter member and past legal counsel of the Cogswell Family Association, died on August 5, 2002, at the age of 75. He is survived by his wife of 44 years, Joan "Jay" (Graebe) Flint, and by two sons, Daniel W. B. Flint, Jr., and Adam Polhemus Flint. Another son, Charlton Graebe Flint, died in 1993.

Dan Flint was born November 24, 1926, in Philadelphia, the son of Dr. Ralph W., Sr., and Laura Chapin (Schontz) Flint. Educated in the Philadelphia public schools, he graduated from the University of Pennsylvania in 1950 and earned his Juris Doctor degree from the Temple University School of Law in 1956. After teaching in the Philadelphia school district for eight years, Dan began the practice of law, from which he retired in 1996.

A descendant of Daniel Boone and of John Hart, signer of the Declaration of Independence, Dan was active in many civic and patriotic organizations. He was co-founder of Valley Forge Tours, for which he received the Washington Gold Medal in 1973 from the Freedoms Foundation. In his later years, he and a son operated the Flintlock Buffalo Farm, a bison breeding stock facility.





From the Editor's Den

...By Mary Lieberman

You may recall that last August I put out a desperate call for help. Howard P. Cogswell from Florida responded with what I thought was a very good idea.

Various forms of this have been discussed before. However this one seems quite doable. He suggests that I include in the Courier a form, a questionnaire, along the lines of his example that you will see on page 15. I did the math and figured if I sent out 400 forms and wonder of wonder got 400 back, at the rate of let's say six a year...well, you can figure that out too. My solution to this is that I will randomly select a dozen or so names and mail or email them a form. I expect I will get an answer from everyone.

I know that most of us are listed in the *Descendants of John Cogswell*. But much of that information is rather sterile. This will give us a chance to learn a little bit more of a personal nature about our cousins and their families. Certainly that is part of what our organization is about.

We know that many, actually most, of the membership are unable to attend our annual reunion. This is very unfortunate for all of us. We who make it much of the time look forward to meeting those who rarely are able to come.

One of the nice things about meeting all over the country is that it allows us the opportunity to reach those who travel a long distance. It therefore is important for us to learn about possible COGSWELL history in your part of the country. It may not be such a big deal to you but we would like to be able to consider it.

If you could suggest something get a hold of Pat Cogswell. (see page 18)

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Happy
Holidays



Welcome to Our New Cogswell Cousin



Andrew James and Suzanne Cogswell are the proud parents of

Andrew James Cogswell, Jr.

Andrew was born 19 June 2002.

He weighed in at 8 pounds and 4 ounces. His home is in Toms River, New Jersey. His grandparents are Ronald James Cogswell and Donna Allison Cogswell.

Canadian Connections

by Malcolm Cogswell



Retiring from a Small Town

After 37 years practicing in Aylesford, N.S., Dr. Cogswell says goodbye

By Dorothy Grant

(Malcolm submitted this from the net.)

Last April, Dr. David Cogswell closed his family practice that had been conveniently located in the basement of his home. This marked the end of a 37-year career as a family doctor in Aylesford, a small Nova Scotia town that has somehow managed to retain a wonderful tranquility reminiscent of the mid-1950s.

Dr. Cogswell recalls his optimism when he graduated from Dalhousie University's medical school in 1960. After completing some post-graduate study, he had considered becoming an ophthalmologist, but a year's wait for a residency, a growing family, and considerable debt convinced him that he would be happiest returning to his roots.

Aylesford, a few miles from the town where his father was practising (a grandfather had also been a family doctor), was chosen as the ideal setting for the kind of medicine the young physician was anxious to pursue. "I really enjoyed the challenges and variety. In a single day, I would see as many patients as my grandfather had seen in a week."

Soon after establishing his new practice, he began setting precedents. "I asked my patients to book appointments rather than follow the common policy of allowing them walk-in privileges.

"Dr. Paul Kinsman, a colleague who practiced in Aylesford, and I, also decided that we didn't

want to emulate the kind of on-call service. We agreed to create a sign-out schedule--the first of its kind in the Annapolis Valley. When news got around about what we were doing, doctors who were closing their office would advise their patients to go see 'Cogswell and Kinsman' because they knew one of us would be around."

Dr. Cogswell insists that practicing rural medicine, though demanding, was personally rewarding. "I felt that I had a much more interesting practice than I would have had in the city. A community hospital was only minutes away from my home. I was able to do cesarean sections and hernias with a local surgeon assisting me. I did closed reductions, looked after car accident victims and also gave anesthetics. Once I delivered three sets of twins and three breach deliveries in a row!"

Unfortunately, in recent years, Dr. Cogswell has seen changes that influenced his decision to retire. This included the closure of the hospital where he had once delivered babies and performed surgery. "When you take the hospital out of the community, there is a sense of a great loss.

Then there is the amount of time doctors now spend on paper work. "It was getting to the point where every third patient had a form to be filled out. That is not what I signed up for."

Last February, when Dr. Cogswell wrote his patients to inform them of his pending retirement, he said he hoped another doctor would replace him. "I tried to find someone, but only to a point. I decided early on that I was not going to spend a lot of money on a lost cause. I

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Getting To Know You

by Howard P. Cogswell

This is about **Howard P. Cogswell** from Florida (please read *From The Editor's Den* on page 13 Howard is Ed's brother who hosted our meeting in Everett, WA in 2000. He says he was at the reunion in SC. The following material is one example of the form we will send out to randomly selected Cogswell members so we can get to know each other better. We had planned a photo as well but due to technical difficulties we have had to postpone it.

Date of Birth: June 14 (we can leave the year out)

Place of Birth: Weymouth, Mass

Places lived: Massachusetts; on Oahu in Hawaii; Knoxville, TN; Columbus, OH; and Jacksonville, FL

Marital status: married

Children: 6 We are a blended family. When I met my wife we both had a boy and girl. The two sets of children were even in the same grades! After we married we decided to have one more, then felt that he needed someone closer to his age to grow up with

Favorite hobby: as a child I collected comic books, but soon turned to music. I am a former disc jockey so collecting albums and CDs is a natural for me. I spend time searching out rare, unreleased music and trade it over the internet.

Religion: We attend one of the largest churches in the nation...First Baptist in downtown Jacksonville. There are 27,000 members in the congregation. They recently built a four story building for the children (1st-5th grade) featuring a gym, state of the art theatre, and computers with bible questions. We are told this is the only one in the nation, but there will soon be others. Our two older girls went on tour with the choir last year and recorded a CD with the rest of the choir and high school orchestra. The recording studio they booked was used the night before by Kenny Rogers. Each year in February our church hosts the annual Pastors Conference in Jacksonville, where pastors from all over the country come and do workshops and such.

Profession: I have been with the same company for 17 years as a debt collector and manager. It's a tough job, but somebody has to do it. Before that I was in retail for awhile, and before that in radio broadcasting for 10 years.

Early story I remember from childhood:

I remember a carnival happening at a school near our house. I was five and my sister was four and we wandered over to the carnival. I watched as a man loaded children on a ride and after they were fastened in, he would hit a big red button, starting the ride. When the ride was over the man would leave the ride and go to other rides while he waited for more children. We had no money, but the thought of a ride was very appealing. I asked my younger sister if she wanted a ride. She smiled and said "Yes". So, I loaded her into the ride and buckled her up. No one seemed to notice. All that was left is for me to hit that big red button. Should I? Would it work? I couldn't resist finding out. As I hit the button, I heard the machinery start and fear gripped me. I KNEW I was in BIG trouble. I hadn't thought about what I should do next, so I decided there was only one thing I could do.... run home.....and tell Mom. What to tell her? When I got there I remember talking so fast, and making no sense. I told her she had to come to the carnival, because my sister was lost! As we walked to the carnival I tried to figure out how I was going to explain my actions. We walked around until we saw a man, and my sister pointing at us saying "there they are!" She was eating an ice cream cone and smiling. The man asked me if I liked ice cream. "Sure", I said. And he brought me one. He apologized to us for us losing my sister. My sister told no one about what I did. I was in the clear. And as I walked away with her I whispered "See, I told you I could get you a ride".

I'm not sure what the moral of that story is. I guess it is that sometimes you get away with things that you shouldn't have.

This and That

Update on Grant Cogswell

Remember Grant Cogswell, the Seattle cab-driver who in 1997 sparked a ballot initiative to build more monorail lines in the Seattle area? The measure passed, but nothing happened.

Well, in 2002, another petition drive succeeded in getting on the ballot, this time to build a 14-mile extension of the monorail system. The latest news indicates that this effort won the approval of the voters, albeit by a narrow margin. We'll see what happens now.

Grant has become something of a celebrity because of this. Even before the election, in 2001, he was interviewed by *Real Change*, Seattle's Homeless Newspaper, about an epic poem he

wrote called "The Dream of the Cold War." In the interview he tells a little about himself:

"I'm 33. I was born in Los Angeles. My parents and grandparents were from the midwest and worked for the aerospace industry. I grew up mostly in Europe with Seattle as my American home base, and I've lived here on and off but only for this last eight years all the time. I ran the Initiative 16 campaign that was a county initiative to stop the baseball stadium. It got 75,000 signatures in a month and a half.... We got on the ballot but the State Supreme Court struck it down."

From our President

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Ron Loreman, chairman of the Theatre Arts Department, graciously gave us an interesting tour of the Theatre Arts Building. We gained an appreciation for what goes on backstage to produce a successful play or musical.

Our final gathering was for Sunday brunch at *The Betsy Mills*, adjacent to the college campus. *The Betsy's* nucleus is a lovely home that was the birthplace of Betsy Mills, the wife of William Mills, a wealthy community-minded Marietta resident. It was also the birthplace of her nephew, Charles G. Dawes, who was Calvin Coolidge's Vice President. Today *The Betsy Mills* is an expansive colonial style facility where community programs and services are offered. We enjoyed fine food and good fellowship in a charming dining parlor.

I am sure all the Cogswells and their spouses who attended this reunion join me in commending Caroline, as well as family members helped her, for a memorable weekend. Thank you, Caroline, for proudly sharing with us your Cogswell history in Ohio's oldest city.

Right now you may be saying to yourself, "Gosh, I wish I had attended this reunion." Well, start thinking about joining us next year for our twelfth CFA reunion. We will be in Fredericton, New Brunswick, August 22-24. The Reverend Malcolm Cogswell will serve as our chairman. Malcolm chaired our very successful 1998 reunion in Halifax, Nova Scotia.

New Brunswick, Canada's third smallest province, has more Cogswells than any other. Reunion attendees will have an opportunity to meet many of our Canadian cousins and learn about their rich history.

Look for details about this exciting reunion in the Spring issue of the *Cogswell Courier*.

Caroline Cogswell's Celebrated Morning Tonic

(from the kitchen of Mary McGhee)

Peg Simmons found this on the net

(Caroline Cogswell was the wife of Henry D. Cogswell, the founder of what became Cogswell Polytechnical College. While working for the college, Mary McGhee makes the claim--facetiously, we suspect--that she found a manuscript in a drawer of a rolltop desk in an old storeroom. It was a formula for a bracing and revitalizing tonic, good for the treatment of all manner of ills and maladies. Of course, she knew at once that the author was Caroline Cogswell herself! But then, she says, her memory isn't as good as it used to be, so maybe she found the recipe in Gourmet magazine. Go figure.)

This recipe originally appeared in *Gourmet* magazine, but I've tinkered with it enough to call it my own creation. I'm using less simple syrup here than they did, and their version called for twice as much brandy and no rum. I've adjusted the amounts of the spices, too. Sometimes I've added just a touch of chocolate liqueur. You might want to play around with it to suit your own tastes.

- 2 cups sugar
- 1 cup water
- 6 T. instant coffee crystals
- 1 vanilla bean, split
- 5-10 whole cloves
- 10 whole allspice
- 2 1-inch pieces cinnamon stick
- 1 cup dark rum
- 1 cup brandy

Make simple syrup by heating sugar and water in a heavy saucepan, stirring to mix. Bring to a boil, reduce heat and simmer until sugar is dissolved, about 3 minutes. Add instant coffee and spices and remove

from heat. Cool. Add rum and brandy and pour into a glass or ceramic container (not metal or plastic).* Cap tightly or cover tightly with plastic wrap. Steep for three weeks in a cool, dark place, shaking or swirling around in the container every three days.

Strain out the spices and discard. Line a funnel, a sieve or a coffee cone with a dampened coffee filter** and pour the liqueur through. Change the filter regularly. This is a SLOW process. After filtering, cover tightly and age another three or four weeks (or more--the longer it ages, the better it gets). Makes about 4 cups.

* If you're multiplying the recipe, you will still want to steep it in containers no bigger than about a quart, dividing the spices up between them. The flavor doesn't seem to develop as well in bigger containers. I've bought a box of quart canning jars that I re-use every year.

** When I make this for holiday gifts, I make such a quantity--seven or eight times this recipe--I'd get old and gray waiting for it to filter this way. So I invested around \$20.00 in a gold-plated permanent coffee filter (look for them in a gourmet coffee or kitchen store). The results might be a bit more cloudy, but I think it's still perfectly acceptable and it's MUCH faster

Calling All Cogswells

by Pat Cogswell

Malcolm Cogswell is well underway planning our 2003 CFA Reunion in Fredericton, NB, Canada. Malcolm is currently planning the reunion for August 22-24, 2003 at the Lord Beaverbrook Hotel, with a special trip for all to King's Landing Historical Village. You can count on it being lots of fun for all involved.

Over the years, the CFA has held reunions in Massachusetts (twice), Connecticut, Maine, South Carolina, California, Colorado, Ohio, Nova Scotia, and Washington State. We've been to both coasts and some places in between.

What we need is someone to host our 2004 Reunion. Planning a reunion for all your cousins can be lots of fun. As chairman, you get to decide when and where it will be, what hotels people get to stay at, where the annual banquet will be held and who the guest speaker will be. Do we have any cousins out there who are interested in hosting our 2004 reunion? If you would like to take on this challenge, please drop a note to the CFA's 1st Vice President Pat Cogswell at 5902 Golden Road, Sebring, FL 33875 or via e-mail at patcogswell@htn.net. You can count on this cousin being eternally grateful.

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Retirement of Dr. Cogswell

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also felt that this was not my job, as there is a full-time government physician recruiter and there are few incentives for a new physician to settle in so small a community."

These days, the semi-retired physician now spends a day or two a week assisting surgeons at the hospital in nearby Kentville. He also continues to serve as a surveyor for the Council of Health Services Accreditation.

An encounter he recently had while filling this role has convinced him to focus attention on potential rural doctors. "I was visiting a small hospital in northwestern Ontario. While I was there, I met a 15-year-old boy who was working as a volunteer in their chronic care unit. He told me he wants to be a doctor.

"He is obviously a bright guy, but his schooling may be somewhat different from what is available in a city. This could make it hard for him to achieve his goal, especially preparing for his MCATs. I think this kind of person deserves a special support system and lots of encourage-

ment to get them into medicine. Of course, coming from a small community doesn't ensure a person will go back there, but they will certainly be less fearful of going back than someone coming from the city."

He also emphasizes the merits of exposing medical students to a rural practice. "Among our local physicians, I would think at least 15 or 20 of them went through my office. I was a preceptor and they came here for two weeks. This enabled them to visit the hospital, to meet my patients and other doctors. I am sure this opportunity played a role in their decision to practice in this county."

A few weeks after his official retirement, Dr. Cogswell was overwhelmed by the presence of his former patients at a retirement banquet held in his honour.

"There wasn't a person there I didn't know and it was wonderful to know that, for me, every one of them represented an interesting story." *Dorothy Grant is a freelance writer in Halifax.*

Michael Cogswell and Louis Armstrong

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of his kin listed in the book. He joined the CFA and bought memberships for his three sons. He also made a donation to Cogswell Polytechnical College and bought them all Cogswell College t-shirts.

At some point it occurred to them that perhaps they should check out the Coggeshall family history. When they did they found Michael's grandfather and were able to trace his lineage back to his fifth great grandfather, Freeborn. Freeborn is the one who changed their name to Cogswell. I guess no one will ever know why.

So now it seems that Michael and his brothers must stand with their feet in two genealogies, so to speak. I don't know that this discovery caused a severe identity crisis for them, but it is too bad for our extended families that we can't claim them.

I do believe, however, that if we could go back far enough we would all be related. Perhaps someday we will find the link. Meanwhile I know we will welcome them as friends of the CFA, and perhaps we will have the opportunity of meeting Michael and his wife in New Brunswick next year.

Notice of closing of Allen Co Public Library Fort Wayne Indiana

Closing Date Announcement

Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library, Fort Wayne, Indiana

The Historical Genealogy Department of the Allen County Public Library will close for relocation on Saturday, December 14, 2002 at 6 pm. The department will remain closed through the month of January 2003. This is to allow time to move all our materials to our interim location. The current building will be going through renovation and expansion.

Will materials be available?

All our research materials will be available up until Saturday, December 14 at 6 pm. At that time the department will be closed so we can move all our materials to our interim location. When the library opens at that location, we will have all our books, microforms and periodicals ready for research.

Why will we be closed?

Closing the department will allow us to move the whole collection at once instead of doing it piecemeal. This will ensure that the materials you are coming to Fort Wayne to use for your research will be available when you arrive, offering the full collection for our researchers. If we moved pockets of materials, what you needed for your research might not be available. By moving the whole collection at once it will ensure that the materials you are interested in will be available until we close on December 14th, and when we reopen in late January 2003.

Where will the interim location be?

The Allen County Public Library will be at 200 East Berry St., Fort Wayne, Indiana. Locally, it is called Renaissance Square.

What will the interim location be like?

One of the most exciting things about our interim location is that the genealogy collection will be a browsing collection. All the materials will be out and available for the researcher to retrieve them

How long will we be in the interim location?

The projected time frame is 2-3 years.

How can I find out more information?

Visiting the library web site <http://www.acpl.lib.in.us> or phoning the department at 260-421-1225 is the best way to get current relocation information.

For further contact, please phone the department or email Curt Witcher, Manager, Historical Genealogy Department-ACPL at cwitcher@acpl.lib.in.us or Susan Kaufman Tavenner, Librarian, Historical Genealogy Department-ACPL at skaufman@acpl.lib.in.us

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