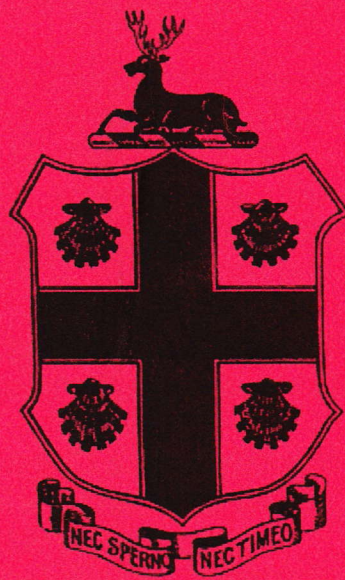


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"I neither despise nor fear"

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"In 1651, (John² Cogswell) leased of the feoffees of the Ipswich Grammar School certain lands called 'The Neck'... for nine hundred and ninety-nine years, in consideration of an annuity of £14; i.e. £4 in Butter and cheese, £5 in pork and Beef, and £5 in Corn, at the current prices." (Jameson, *The Cogswells in America*, page 13.)

Excerpts from
Now and Then:
The Cox Reservation and the School Farm of Essex
By David A. Whittredge

On December 21, 1911, with this final vote, a small group of citizens quietly dissolved the thousand year lease which had defined the School Farm for over 250 years:

"A committee of the town of Essex ... presented an offer in writing as follows, that they are prepared to offer the Feoffees the sum of thirteen hundred dollars (\$1300) for their release or discharge of the lease of said property in fee forever to the present owners or their heirs and assigns
On motion it was voted, unanimously, that the same be accepted.
On motion it was voted that the Treasurer be authorized to sign the deeds.
Voted to dissolve, Geo. E. Farley, clerk."

The School Farm originated in 1650 when a large tract, located in that area of Ipswich called Chebacco, was leased to John² Cogswell and his heirs for one thousand years. This land was the original endowment of property given to support the grammar school of Ipswich. Today, a remnant of the School Farm can still be seen in the landscape of the Cox Reservation, headquarters of the Essex County Greenbelt Association, in Essex.

The grammar school of Ipswich had been established to prepare boys for Harvard College where they were to be educated for the ministry. In order to adequately fund a school master and a school house, the Selectmen of Ipswich granted land to the school trustees who, in turn, were to lease the property and thereby ensure an income that would support the school. The trustees of the grammar school, also called the free school, were officially appointed in 1650 and in later years became known as the "feoffees." While this farm was the original source of income available to the trustees, additional contributions of property were made over the years. With time, the original location of the School Farm has become forgotten by many or has become confused with Little Neck, one of the gifts of land in Ipswich still owned and leased by the feoffees.

The School Farm was not the location of the Ipswich grammar school, although over the years various neighborhood school houses were located on the property. Nor was it the land granted to John¹ Cogswell, known as Cogswell's Grant, the historic property currently maintained by SPNEA on the north side of the Essex River. The School Farm was the land leased to John² Cogswell, located on the south side of the river, starting on the bank directly opposite Cogswell's Grant.

The early period in the School Farm lease was one of difficulty. The wife of the first proprietor, John² Cogswell, died in 1652, just two years after the new farm had begun. John² Cogswell himself died the following year returning from a business trip to England. Although he was young, he had prepared a will and instructions for the care of his children and disposition of the School Farm. Two thirds were to go to his son John³ Cogswell and one third to son Samuel Cogswell when they came of age. Until that time it was directed that the farm be under the custodianship of his brother William, his brother-in-law, and his father John, the original grantee of Cogswell's Grant.

When the "Great Migration" ceased in the 1640s, the flow of capital slowed and goods, such as cloth, became difficult to acquire. There followed a demand from Boston for the production of thread and yarn. The ruling reached Ipswich and in 1656 each household was required to provide a specific allotment.

From testimony in the Quarterly Court Records of 1668, we have learned about the hogs that escaped from Deacon John Burnham's farm. These hogs crossed the creek, which is now called Eben's Creek, onto the School Farm land being farmed at the time by William Cogswell, brother of John² Cogswell the original tenant. The testimony reveals that the fields were filled with barley and "English" (hay) was also being grown and that the hogs had ruined part of the barley crop. There is testimony that one of the

escaped hogs fell into the cellar of "Master Waldo's old house." Since Cornelius Waldo ... was the uncle and guardian of John³ Cogswell, this testimony probably indicates that he came into possession of the original John Cogswell House. The Waldos, who had previously lived at the Falls, moved to Chelmsford in 1665, thus abandoning oversight of the old house which possibly fell into disrepair and allowed it to be described as "Master Waldo's old house."

John³ Cogswell's house and his two thirds of the School Farm were inherited by his son Gifford by 1713 with the exception of land located by the head of Eben's Creek that John had sold to Lieutenant John Andrews in 1678. A portion of the other one third of the School Farm, which had belonged to John³'s brother Samuel, had been sold to William Andrews in 1672.

It has been interesting to note that some parts of the leased School Farm land were sold under the terms of the grand lease along with proportional rent obligations. Whatever the complications may have been under this arrangement, it ultimately was agreeable to the feoffees, at least up to a point.

In 1710, an agreement was made between the School Farm tenants and the feoffees for the tenants to pay the town rates from which they had been exempted in the original lease in 1650. The lessees of the School Farm in 1700 were William Andrews, Joseph Andrews, Jr., Benjamin Marshall, William Thompson, Gifford Cogswell, John³ Cogswell and two of his sons to whom he had given land. In 1720, there was a call for an increase in the School Farm rent. By then, it must have been apparent that the terms of the lease (14 English pounds paid in butter, cheese, beef, pork, and corn) were no longer adequate. But, despite this attempt to raise the rent, it remained the same as a result of the particular wording of the lease. In 1729, "the town received 100 English pounds of Gifford on account of changes at law about the School Farm." This appears to be the final settlement on the lease until it finally was terminated in the twentieth century, although at various times there continued to be challenges in court over the legitimacy of rent and taxes.

In 1750, Gifford Cogswell wrote his will and went to great pains to spell out all of the goods, materials and obligations that were to be provided to, and observed, in the care of his beloved wife, Sarah. From this it appears the farm was producing as a minimum Indian corn, malt (barley), rye, cider, fruit, turnips, beans, flax, tallow, salt, beef suet, sheep, cows, hogs, and poultry.

The portion of the School Farm that belonged to Gifford passed on to the two eldest of his four daughters in 1752. Margaret Cogswell Goldsmith, wife of William, and Abigail Cogswell Marshall, wife of Isaac, received three quarters and one quarter of the land respectively, along with the proportional School Farm lease obligations. Although the vital records do not show the death of Margaret Goldsmith, they do show the birth of her last child in 1754 and show that William Goldsmith of Ipswich was married again that year, strongly suggesting that 1754 was the year of Margaret's death. The School Farm land that had been inherited by Margaret was passed on to her children by the will of her father Gifford. Although Margaret herself left no will that has been recorded, the child that received the land was her son William as was made clear when he finally sold it in 1775.

Margaret's husband, William Goldsmith, Sr., bought a farm in Ipswich in 1761 and two more farms in Andover in 1762 and 1763 which suggests that he moved his family off the School Farm at that time. When William Goldsmith, Jr., sold his Farm School land in 1775, the deed identified him as William Goldsmith of Andover. Given these dates and locations, it is possible to speculate that the Goldsmith part of the School Farm was rented to tenant farmers from 1761 until 1775. This happens to coincide with tenant farmers at the Cogswell farm on the north side of the river (the Cogswell's Grant farm), ending their stay there in 1761 and possibly moving to the other side.

William Burnham, who had married Tabitha Goldsmith, the sister of William Goldsmith, Jr., bought the Goldsmith portion of the School Farm in 1775. It is possible that he was the tenant farmer prior to that. His great-grandfather was Deacon John Burnham who had the farm just to the other side of Eben's creek, the eastern boundary of the School Farm. Deacon John Burnham's house, now the Hearthside Restaurant, is within shouting distance of William Burnham's house (remember the escaped hogs in the barley?). According to William's inventory, his farm produced English hay, salt marsh hay, corn, barley, wheat, beans, potatoes, cider, cheese and wool. There was a grinding stone and a loom. He also kept oxen, horses, cows, sheep, swine, geese and bees.

William Burnham's farmhouse is believed to have been built about 1805. Due to its ideal 17th century setting (i.e., built on a south-facing slope, front door facing south, barn built to the north side, etc.), I believe it was the previous site of "Mr. Waldo's old house" and possibly other houses of Cogswell descendants, although additional research remains to be done in this area.

William Burnham, Jr., like his predecessors on the School Farm, was identified as a yeoman. His farm produced items typical from orchards, mowing fields, marsh land, wood lots, tillage, pasture and gardens. He also owned a small amount of livestock and poultry. Over the years farming activities had been in gradual decline. Indeed, one of the most interesting elements in his inventory is evidence of clamming. This was noted by the debt owed to his estate for hundreds of barrels of clams sold to numerous schooner captains. It should also be noted that two related points of land on the Essex River, Clamhouse Landing and Billy's Point, were both located on William Burnham's School Farm property.

(The full article and another map are available from the author or the editor.)



Introducing Your New Editor

You've heard about me in the Courier before now. There was my ahnentafel a couple years ago and an item telling my background at a different time. Here's a quick review.

I'm a Canadian. My Cogswell ancestors (and about 40% of my other ancestors) came to Canada in 1760 as "New England Planters," before the American War of Independence, and were in a place where it was hard to get involved in the revolution. About a third of my ancestors were Tories (or, as we call them in Canada, Loyalists.) The rest came directly from Europe – England or Switzerland.

I've just retired from being a clergyman – well, I still am one but no longer have a church. That gives me time to be your editor. I remain Cogswell Family Assoc. Chaplain.

I have been using a computer (and the Internet) for just four years and have just bought my first computer – the one I was using belonged to the church. So, I'm a bit of a novice. (Fortunately, my son is an expert and tells me how to solve some of the problems.)

There is, however, one problem that every editor faces: finding enough material to fill the pages. For much of that, I will have to rely on you, the reader. (When I wrote this, I knew what would be on only two other pages of this issue, although I was able to find some more things by myself.)

And I'll be counting on the officers of the Cogswell Family Association (President, Secretary, Historian, etc.) to provide me with Association matters.

Please send me family news: births, marriages, deaths and other special events.

Please send me information about places of interest to Cogswells.


Send my poems or (very) short stories you have written and are willing to share.



Please send me pictures that may be used, with the people and places identified, and don't forget the stories that go with them.

Without these things, the Courier will be less that it has been under the last two editors.



How can you contact me?

By Fax: (450) 538-0446 (***it's a commercial fax receiver – so include my telephone number.***)

Or  Telephone (450) 538-0295 (for very short items only – longer stories need a different method.)

 Or use the postal service to send  a letter to:

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 Or use the mouse on your  computer to send me an e-mail: malcolmcogswell@hotmail.com

The Courier is your news letter – I only edit it. To make it successful, we will need help from everyone.

NOTE: There's a color picture in this issue. Don't expect more. The ink for that one page cost me US\$68.30 and I will not make that mistake again.

Courier Brainstorming (from 2004 reunion executive meeting)

Do you have (1) comments? (2) anything to add?

Suggestions included:

A joke page (see below)
Internet funnies ¹
Comics ¹
e-mail address to send Courier info ²
3 generations prior to emigration of
 John Cogswell to New World
Births, marriages ³
Index of past major articles ⁴
Info on Cogswells:
Historical Cogswell info/Articles
Info on contemporary Cogswells
Current members, honors, awards
Biographies, current members
All articles on Cogswells from
 Canada and Americas
Member spotlight – photos and
 stories of person
Information on current members
Should Courier be smaller?

Editor adds:

Cogswells in sports ⁵

Editor's comments:

¹ I think we would have to pay to reprint comics or internet funnies. Is it worth the cost?

² Send comments, suggestions, jokes, information or articles to:

malcolmcogswell@hotmail.com

³ I would be pleased to include these if you tell me about them. See pages 6 and 8.

⁴ I will try to get the list – I only have Couriers from August 1996

⁵ See page 6

I think all the items under Info on Cogswells are in this issue or have been in recent issues. I certainly intend to include this type of thing in the future.

Some bits of Genealogy - Lite!

- Genealogy - where you confuse the dead and irritate the living.
- The truth is out there....Anyone know the URL?
- My genes are faded and full of holes!
- Don't take life too seriously...after all, it won't last forever.
- Life is only as long as you live it.
- Vampires are blood relatives.
- Fastest way to find your family tree: run for public office.
- Climbing my family tree was fun until the nuts appeared.
- Any family tree produces some lemons, nuts and bad apples.

A woman has twins and gives them up for adoption. One of them goes to a family in Egypt and is named "Ahmal." The other goes to a family in Spain; they name him "Juan." Years later, Juan sends a picture of himself to his birth mother. Upon receiving the picture, she tells her husband that she wishes she also had a picture of Ahmal. Her husband responds, "They're twins! If you've seen Juan, you've seen Ahmal."

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods."

The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

This and That

Happy Birthday Congratulations

Audrey Lillian Cogswell Smisor of Grants Pass, Oregon, celebrated her 101st birthday October 1st. She's the oldest member of the Cogswell Family Association, and probably the oldest living descendant of John Cogswell. We asked her if she had any advice for us youngsters. She didn't, but sent a message that sums up her philosophy of life, which we might copy. She wrote:

"To everyone who asks me, 'How are you today?' I answer:

"I am the luckiest old lady you ever saw! I am going to live to be 200! Please bring me greetings on my 200th birthday!!"

"Best wishes from Cousin Audrey"

Now we just have to stay around to bring those requested greetings... See next page.

Cogswell in Zane Grey Story

Did you know that Zane Grey (1872-1939 - best-selling author of over 85 books on the American Old West) once wrote a short story involving a Cogswell? It's a baseball story, titled "Breaking Into Fast Company." The Cogswell (first name not given) is a veteran player (and one of the chief hecklers) for the Philadelphia Quakers, the team opposing the hero, pitching his first game in the major leagues for Chicago. (In 1879 it was the Chicago White Stockings.)

The story is too long to reprint in the Courier (at least 6 pages in type large enough to read,) but if you're interested, you can find it on the internet. Go to this web site:

<http://www.readbookonline.net/readOnLine/1766>



A Cogswell Baseball Player

There actually was a Cogswell baseball player: Edward Cogswell, who played first base for the Boston Red Caps (49 games, 236 times at bat) in 1879, the Troy Trojans (47 games, 209 times at bat) in 1880, and the Worcester Ruby Legs (13 games, 51 times at bat) in 1882. (Apparently he did not play in 1881.) During his professional career, he hit 146 singles, 16 doubles, 4 triples and 1 home run. In his first year he was the 6th best hitter in the league - second on his own team - with a batting average of .322. In 1880, his batting average was .301. He was born February 25, 1854, at an unknown place in England, and played in the major leagues from July 11, 1879, to May 30, 1882. He died July 27, 1888, in Fitchburg, MA. A right-hander, his height was 5' 8", and his weight 150 lb. He had no nickname, but was known as Ed, Eddy, Eddie and Eb.

Excerpts from Article published in Grants Pass Daily Courier, Oct. 1, 2003

Audrey Smisor launched her second centennial by throwing an open house.

"I am the luckiest lady," she says. "I have good genes and that's why I'm 100, so how can I complain? I'm so glad I wasn't born a century earlier, because look at what's happened: airplanes, telephone, computers, and of course the wonderful microwave..."

Audrey's sister, Vivian Cashatt, 95, moved to Grants Pass in 1964. She lives nearby, and the two spend a good deal of time together.

"By the time we were teens we appreciated each other and we've been close ever since," says Cashatt, who suffers from eyesight problems.

Until she suffered a stroke in 2002, Audrey was self-sufficient but has difficulty getting around now.

"My sister can walk down to see me and I can read to her," says Audrey, who was born in South Dakota.

Audrey studied art for years: several oil portraits hang on the wall behind her, and all of Cashatt's children and grandchildren have had their portraits painted by her.

"When we go to the Seventh Day Adventist Church she sketches

everyone around her," Cashatt says.

Audrey's college major was history, and she loves it to this day. To keep abreast of current affairs, she reads U.S. News and World Report and Newsweek.

"I couldn't find a job after graduating during the depression, so I took a nursing course and worked in public schools in California. I also got my elementary teaching, and health and development credentials, and my school audiologist and

vision screening certificates."

Audrey was married to George Smisor, a librarian and Linotype operator from 1931 until his death in 1982. During the 1940s the Library of Congress sent them to Mexico so he could make microfilm copies of official documents that were missing from the library's collection.

Following retirement, the couple moved to Medford, and Audrey eventually settled in Grants Pass to be near her sister.



Audre Smisor with Self Portrait
JIM KROIS/Courtesy of the Daily Courier

Maj. William Cogswell (DJC 222)

At a town meeting held September 20, 1774, William Cogswell (1734-1786) was one of a committee chosen to collect and communicate all necessary intelligence of movements in and about Boston and other parts of the country. Major Cogswell was in command, under Washington, in the September, 1776, retreat from Long Island. In December, 1776, Cogswell served on the Committee of Inspection and Correspondence. Cogswell was promoted to Major on January 21, 1777.

Shortly after the Battle of Lexington, William Hull (1753-1825) was chosen Captain of a company of soldiers raised in Derby, Connecticut, and joined the army of Washington at Cambridge with his company, which became part of Colonel Webb's Connecticut Regiment. After the Battle of Trenton (December 26, 1776), on January 1, 1777, Washington promoted William Hull to be Major in the 8th Massachusetts Regiment (giving Hull 20 days of seniority). He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel in 1779, then became Inspector of the Army under Baron Steuben and commanded the escort of Washington when he bade farewell to his troops. Hull was later Governor of Michigan Territory (1805-1812). In the War of 1812, now a Brigadier General, William Hull led the American attack from Detroit into Canada, was outmaneuvered and defeated by the British and surrendered on August 16, 1812. Hull was court-martialed, convicted of cowardice and neglect of duty and sentenced to be shot. His execution was not carried out because of his outstanding service during the Revolutionary War.

In 1779, when Major Hull was

promoted to Lieutenant Colonel rather than Major Cogswell, Cogswell resigned his commission, returning home to Connecticut. General Washington and many of the principal officers of the Revolution were sometimes entertained at Major Cogswell's tavern. In fact, Gen. Washington had breakfast at "Squire Cogswell's" tavern the morning after learning of Benedict Arnold's treason. As Justice of the Peace, Major William Cogswell called the meeting on February 11, 1779, where he was elected the first Selectman of the newly incorporated town of Washington, Connecticut.

During the Revolutionary War, General Washington explained why Major William Hull was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and Major William Cogswell, tavern owner and first Selectman of Washington, Connecticut, was not.

A 1781 (January 7) George Washington Manuscript was offered at auction on the Internet – August, 2004. (Bidding price: \$39,950.00)

This certification by General Washington was most probably written at the request of Major Cogswell, explaining why Cogswell was not promoted and Hull was. It reads:

"I certify that, in the dispute of Rank between Majors Hull and Cogswell, which was ultimately determined in favor of the former, there was no personal preference to Major Hull, but that his succession to the vacant Lieutenant Colonelcy depended solely upon the established principles of promotion, he having been considered as an older Major than Major Cogswell from the time of the new arrangement of the Army in 1777. And I do further certify that Major Cogswell has been always represented to me as an intelligent, brave and active Officer."

"COGSWELL'S TAVERN" ("Rendezvous of Patriots")

It is a cherished spot, a place of rest
where patriots' stories tell of
meetings for the Colonial cause
where voices silenced by time alone
where only history dwells

A country in a turmoil
in her infancy so young yet,
burdens sought as challenges
as brave men never run!

And here within the walls
where strong convictions test
our new land and her promises
dwelt nothing but the best

Cogswell's Tavern was such a place
with soldiers short and tall
the fires in the hearth that burned
cast their shadows on the wall

The voices of these patriots past
their foot steps silent now
are testament to their efforts
that to British rule not bow

And to this very day, so
many years gone by
the vision of a people
who provoked our freedoms cry

Their memory lives forever
in the walls and floors and hearth
upon the grounds and along the street
as our country had her birth!

Author: Daniel Delancy

(Dedicated to all who lived and now live
in the historic "Cogswell's Tavern" on
Christian Street in New Preston, CT.)

Daniel Delancy is President of
the New Preston Cemetery Association

and has a historical connection with the Revolutionary War Period. He lives just about one and a half miles from the "Maj. Cogswell Tavern" in New Preston, CT. His ancestors were both Tories and Patriots. Oliver DeLancey was a General and had a regiment of over 1500 men on Long Island. He was among those whom Major Cogswell and General Washington were tracking and trying to eliminate. Also Francis DeLancey of Port Royal, Penn., who was a cousin of Oliver and was loyal to the American cause and despised Tories! They were 6 years apart. Francis came from France and Oliver from England, thus the loyalty to King George III. Francis was first assistant to Lafayette, who was assistant to General Washington.

He writes: "It is really strange how connected we find we are! I too will be buried down in the old New Preston Cemetery not far from Maj. Cogswell and his family. I have met the new owners of the Cogswell Tavern and they warmly received me and gave me a tour of the residence. That was a real treat for me! I belonged to a Revolutionary War reenactment group for years and was at a number of historical reenactment battles, including the huge battle of Greensboro, North Carolina.

"I wish to let you know that I am keeping watch over Maj. Cogswell's final place of rest, and that of his family in the New Preston Cemetery. There is no doubt in my mind the sacrifices and commitment your family has endured to secure this great country of ours..... America! Everyone should stop and read and reflect on the history and contributions these great people made as a course of their normal daily lives."





From the Secretary's Desk

Hello Cousins,

The reunion was beautiful and the weather was perfect. We had a good attendance and all had a good time. Thank you Howard and Peg for a beautiful week-end.

Our membership has grown to four hundred and twelve. We still receive members from the web page and I think that is just great.

Second notices on the 2004 dues have gone out and hopefully you all submit your payments so I can close the books on this year.

Our email page is lacking a lot of changes from members who have changed their service providers. Please keep me up to date on your new email address.

When moving please let me know your new addresses so I can make the changes on my computer.

Hope you all have Happy Holidays and please stay healthy.

*Your Secretary
Claire Cogswell-Daigle*

CFA member wins Emmy Award

CFA member Megan Cogswell along with her colleague Peter Meryash won an Emmy Award September 14, 2004, for Best Report in a News Magazine for "Now with Bill Moyers." She had a wonderful evening, dinner, and then the award ceremony with 800 TV professionals in New York City.

Congratulations, Megan!

Welcome to the Cogswell Family Association, Inc.

*Marcena W. Lowe
Brian Biery
Vernon Historical Society
Jim Luddecke
Sally Desimone
Careta Fernandes
Kelly & Chris Cogswell*

*Winnetka, IL
Raleigh, NC
Vernon, CT
Vernon, CT
Spearman, TX
Amarillo, TX
St. Augustine, FL*



Jacksonville Reunion 2004

by Pat Cogswell

If you didn't get to attend the Cogswell Family Association's 13th reunion in Jacksonville, Florida, then you missed a fun time. I'd like to give you some of my impressions, and I hope if there are other impressions they will be sent on to the Courier.

At 2 PM on Friday afternoon, the annual Board meeting was called to order. We had some lively discussions on Cogswell memorabilia, possible DNA testing and a new editor for the Courier. Since this was a non-voting year, the only action we took was replacing our Courier Editor Mary Lieberman, with Rev. Malcolm Cogswell in Canada. Thank you, Mary, for a job well done. If you have items of interest for the Courier you can send them to Malcolm at malcolmcogswell@hotmail.com or by regular mail to Rev. Malcolm Cogswell, 66 North Main Street, Sutton, QC Canada J0E 2K0. Malcolm would sure like to hear from you.

Friday evening we went on a lovely water taxi ride along the St. Johns River in Jacksonville. It gave us a chance to see the sights along the water as the sun set and to visit with family members we haven't seen for a year or more.

Early Saturday morning we boarded a bus for the short trip to St. Augustine, Florida, the oldest city in America. Once we arrived in St. Augustine, we were free to do whatever we liked. Some of the family went on the trolley tour around the city. For a very nominal fee, you got a tour of the whole area, could get off wherever you wanted to do further exploring and get back on the next trolley that came around –OR– you could walk around and see some of the sites. Don and I and his sister, Sandy, decided to walk. We went to the Castillo de San Marcos, the old Spanish fort and found it a very interesting place. There was a self guided tour and it was just right up our alley as history buffs. After a hardy breakfast at one of the local eateries, we took off for the St. Augustine Lighthouse and Museum. What a beautiful structure painted black and white striped with a red top. We decided to walk to the top....Don and Sandy made it, but I had to stop half way....I don't think I like this getting old stuff. Don and Sandy said the view from the top was breathtaking. We then toured the house where the lighthouse keepers and their families lived. Many other family members went to the Fountain of Youth, the Colonial Spanish Quarters and the Walking Mall. I recall hearing everyone say what a lovely time they had.

Saturday evening we had a Cogswell Family Luau....Arthur Cogswell gave a very interesting talk on our Jacksonville Cogswell connection. Turns out the Cogswells of Jacksonville probably had dealings with the Cogswells of Charleston....it's a small world! Howard and Peg Cogswell were our hosts this year and they did a wonderful job. David Cogswell, Howard's brother, gave us a rendition of "Little Grass Shack" which was written by Bill Cogswell.* David and Howard gave everyone a copy of a CD with Little Grass Shack sung by several different entertainers. Everyone had a fun time and the food was outstanding.

A lot of family members left on Sunday morning, because of the threat of Hurricane Ivan. You know us Cogswells, we came, we had fun, and we left. It was wonderful meeting some family members for the first time. And it was great visiting with family members we haven't seen in a while. I look forward to next year's reunion. We don't yet have a host, but would love to visit your home town. If you want to host the 2005 reunion, please feel free to call me at (863) 471-2735, or email me at patcogswell@htn.net. We have lots of folks who have had lots of experience hosting a reunion, and they would be more than glad to give you some assistance. Just ask Howard and Peg, it wasn't as bad as they thought and we all enjoyed our JACKSONVILLE CONNECTION.

* Watch for more on the "Little Grass Shack" in the April Courier. MC (Editor)

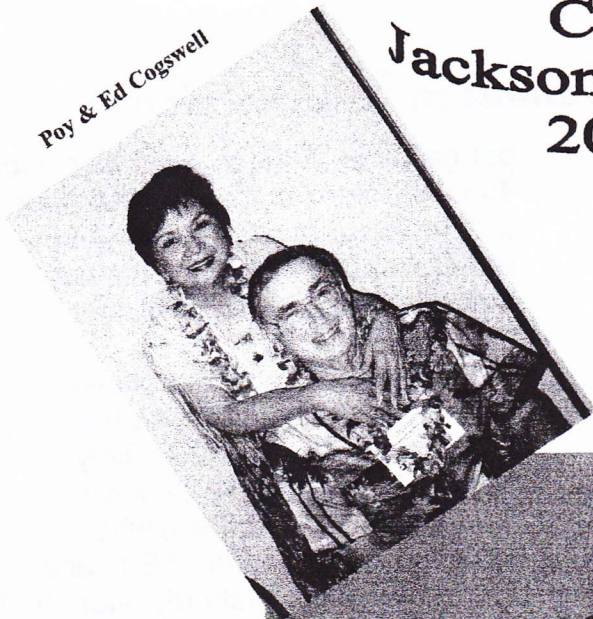
Cogswell Family Group, Jacksonville, FL, September, 2004



(Left to right) Front: Hal Lieberman
Row 2: Arthur R., Elizabeth, Meaghan, and Margaret (Peg) Cogswell, Annie VanKirk
Row 3: Ernie Daigle, Evie Eisenhard, Robert Eisenhard, Edward Cogswell
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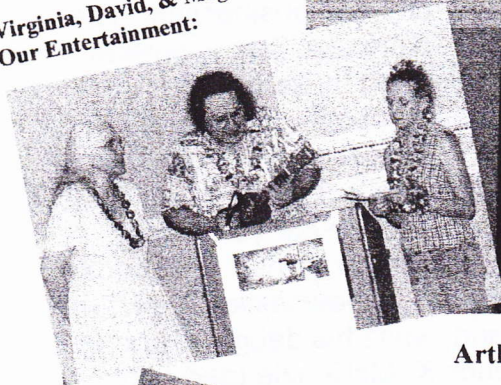
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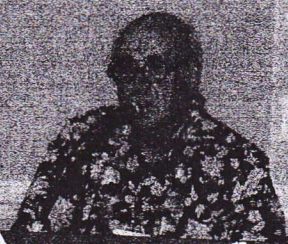
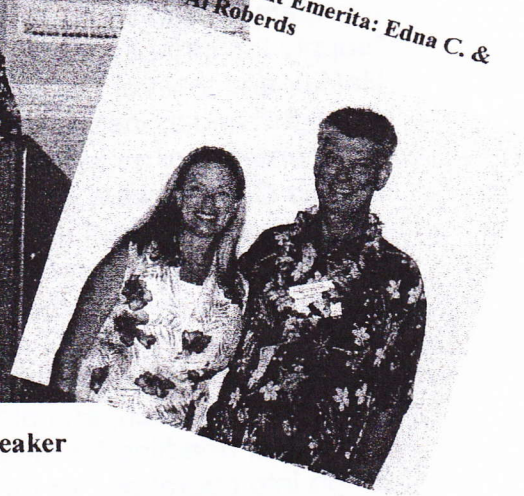
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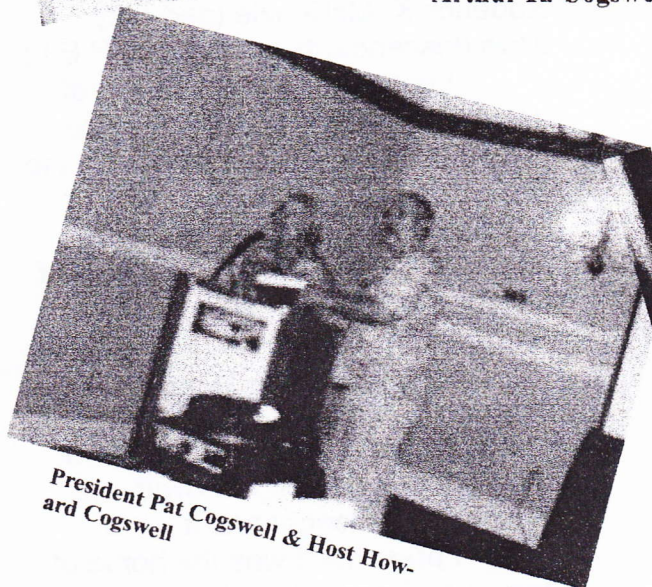


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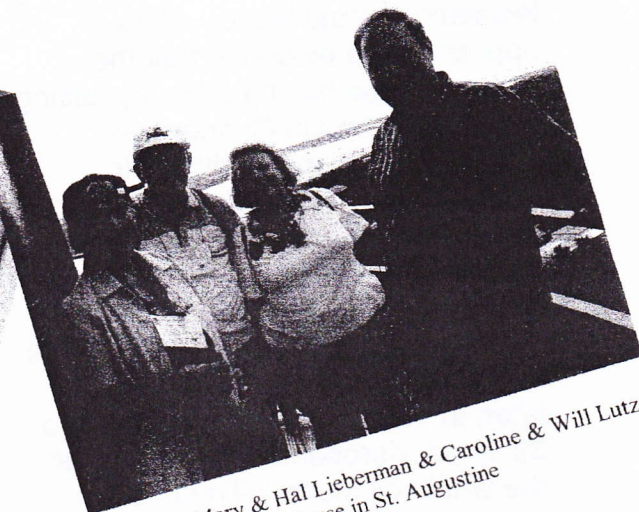


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Canadian Connection

Cogswell in Company that Saved Whales

In 1849, Abraham Gesner of Cornwallis, Nova Scotia, devised a method to distill kerosene from petroleum. On March 28 1850, an Act to incorporate the Kerosene Gas Light Company was passed by the Nova Scotia Legislature, authorizing 2000 shares to be sold for £20 each to raise £40,000 to finance the Company, which was formed to "supply the inhabitants of the city of Halifax and town of Dartmouth with gas light" and to install "lamp posts and burners" for street lighting.

James C. Cogswell, (DJC 3745?) was named in the Act as a founding shareholder. (On March 31, 1851, an Act was passed by the Legislature to reduce the authorized capital to £10,000, divided into 1000 shares of £10 each, and placing a three-year deadline for the company to "go into operation," or the enabling legislation would lapse — this appears to be evidence that the company was having difficulty raising capital.) Although Gesner was involved in a dispute with a Mr. Foulis of New Brunswick, which he lost, he and his company are credited with saving more whales than Greenpeace.

In 1846, there were 735 ships in the whaling fleet. Thirty years later, in 1876, the fleet was down to 39 ships. Kerosene had taken over the whale oil market. The price of sperm oil reached its high of \$1.77

per gallon in 1856; by 1896 it sold for 40 cents. Yet it could not keep pace with the price of refined petroleum, which dropped from 59 cents per gallon in 1865 to a fraction over seven cents in 1895.

There is some doubt over which James Cogswell was the shareholder, but the other likely candidate is James N. Cogswell, (DJC 3654, a first cousin) who moved to Georgetown, P.E.I., and founded a tannery (shortly after 1830 according to the Georgetown history) which was still listed in the 1880-81 directory of P.E.I. businesses. The 1864 directory also lists a general store operated by James M. Cogswell (probably an error in the initial.) The History of Georgetown also mentions a "Cogswell and Eaton Can Shop" as an early business.

DJC says James' only adult son moved to Newcastle-Upon-Tyne, England, while his daughter married Roderick K. McKenzie (and may have descendants still living in P.E.I.)

I have found no evidence of any other Cogswell family going to P.E.I. — there are no Cogswells in the current P.E.I. phone book — but our information may not be complete. There was a Mrs. Aaron Cogswell of Georgetown, who died in her 100th year on July 20th, 1969.

A picture of the Cogswell House in Georgetown was not long ago to be found on the Internet, but seems to have been removed — at least I can no longer find it.

I presume it was the home of James N. Cogswell and still stands.

Cogswell Scholarship

Each year The Cogswell Family Association offers a scholarship at Cogswell Polytechnical College to a student with severe financial need, a minimum GPA of 3.0, and who submits a 450-500 word essay discussing "How the achievement of my career objectives will benefit society."

Three students submitted essays this year and a number of Officers and Directors of the Cogswell Family Association were asked to read and rate them. The winner was Hajir Jomehri. The Family Association sends a cheque for \$250.00 which will be combined with money from the Cyril Cogswell Fund at CPC to bring the scholarship to \$500.00.

Hajir Jomehri is studying animation (of films) and feels that society seems to watch him with a skeptical eye following 9-11. He wants to use his talents to help North American society not to fear Middle Easterners or Islam nor to use the irrational acts of a few to label an entire region or religion as "terrorists" or outlaws of the world.

Updates

Police Chief Butch Cogswell (Courier, August 2004, p 12) retired October 22nd, 2004, after 40 years with the Saint John (New Brunswick) Police Force.

Robert H. Cogswell (Courier, December 2003, p 12) in 1865 bought out the business of William Crawford, who had operated it for 35 years. He dealt in watches, chronometers, clocks, sextants, quadrants, barometers, compasses, binoculars, sea glasses, charts, nautical books, etc., and repaired watches and nautical instruments. He held the job of rating chronometers for the Cunard Mail Steamers of the Bermuda and Newfoundland lines and was also in charge of railway time. He also signaled the true time for firing the noon day gun from the Halifax Citadel, and for several years prepared weather reports for the daily evening papers, with "thermometrical and barometrical readings."

Coming in future Couriers:

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Say It with Flowers

You can say almost anything with a bouquet except "please remit." (from an old newspaper fragment.)

What Do You Think of This Theory?

Jim Clarke of Newfield, NY, has a theory he would be pleased to discuss. It is based on certain known facts, listed below (1 to 8)

1. About 1646, Thomas Clark marries Abigail Cogswell.
2. William Clarke (brother of Thomas?) built a house on the Cogswell property. (See 6.)
3. In 1652, William Clarke takes John Cogswell to court, about what, we do not know.
4. William Clarke leaves a widow, Elizabeth. Children: John and William Clark, who later married Sarah Smith and Elizabeth Stone, could belong to this couple. Elizabeth subsequently marries Mordicai Larcom.
5. In March, 1656, court records refer to William Clarke as "recently deceased." (See 6.)
6. In 1656, Mordicai Larcom sues first Cornelius Waldo (and then John Cogswell, Sr.) because Cornelius Waldo is using the house that William Clarke built, and receives £3 from him.
7. July 31 1657, Elizabeth Cogswell marries Nathaniel Masterson.
8. In 1673 Elizabeth (Clarke) Larcom testifies in Quarterly Court that she is about forty years of age.

Theory: Elizabeth, Mrs. William Clarke, is, in fact, Elizabeth Cogswell, born 1633 and listed as the baby who came with her family on the Angel Gabriel. The age is right, and it could explain why William Clarke was allowed to build his house on Cogswell property. (John Cogswell, Jr., might be glad to have two sisters close to look after his young motherless children.)

Then who was the Elizabeth Cogswell who married Nathaniel Masterson?

Theory (not Jim's): The eldest daughter of John Cogswell, Sr., is unnamed, but some have recently suggested that her name was also Elizabeth. Presumably, she was married by the time the second was born, so there would not be two Elizabeth Cogswells in one family. In his letter of March 30th, 1653, John Cogswell, Jr., says, "My sister hath two children."

Theory: This eldest daughter, now a widow, comes to America with her brother John (who dies at sea on the way) and, being of the Cogswell family and her married name meaning little to anyone else, uses the Cogswell name. She marries Nathaniel Masterson. (She could also possibly be the widow of Edward Cogswell of whom little is known (not his wife's name) and who is not mentioned in his father's will, suggesting he died before that.)

Jim Clarke would be happy to correspond with any serious researcher. He may be reached at J55Clark@aol.com or by snail mail at 87 Burdge Hill Road, Newfield, New York.

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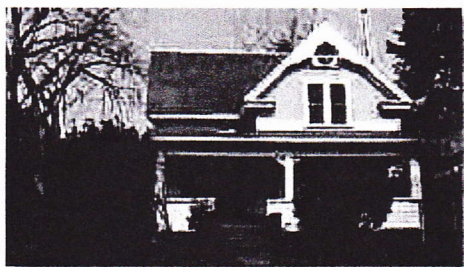
~ Can't Keep Them Out ~

When my grandson, Billy, and I entered our vacation cabin, we kept the lights off until we were inside to keep from attracting pesky insects. Still, a few fireflies followed us in.

Noticing them before I did, Billy whispered, "It's no use, Grandpa. The mosquitoes are coming after us with flashlights."

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Meet a Cogswell Author



Built in 1892 for Clara Cogswell and her husband Emery Horace Ingham, this house, 205 East 3rd Ave., Eugene, Oregon, is an early example of the Queen Anne style and still retains much of its original exterior detail. Most noticeable are the gables, which are covered with narrow vertical siding and contain a circular window framed by decorative bargeboard.

Clara Cogswell Ingham's *Girl of the Oregon Wood*, (Dunham's, Portland, 1946) portrays the life of childhood in the 1860s and '70s by the McKenzie River northeast of Eugene. The book is beautifully illustrated by Colista Dowling. Oregon Poet Laureate Ben Hur Lampman's introduction well describes this handsome volume:

"Not a few books afford us the romance and realism of an earlier Oregon, when the axes were ringing in the homesteads, but literature almost has forgotten that children were there, wide-eyed and eager and touched with childish wonder and fancy... Clara Cogswell Ingham remembers in its pages how a home in the Oregon forest seemed to a child, when the land was comparatively new... Not a few of the characters in this authentic record, so persuasively narrated, are the wild, shy creatures, the glimpsed, the shadowy, of field and forest."

Another of her books is *The Mascot Bears*, (Portland, 1909).

Clara was born Nov. 23rd, 1868, the sixth daughter (seventh child) of eight children of John and Mary (Gay) Cogswell and died Mar. 16th, 1946. She is buried in the Masonic Cemetery, Eugene, Oregon.

Her father [DJC 4116?], John Cogswell, son of James Cogswell and Mary Stratton and was born Feb. 14th, 1814, in Whitehall, Washington, NY. He left home at age 16, worked on the Erie Canal and elsewhere, and in 1846, went to California and then to Oregon. In 1849, he joined the California gold rush and went back to visit his parents. He first saw his future bride on the return trip, although her family moved ahead, and he later had to seek her out and ask her to marry him. He married Oct. 28th, 1852, in Lane, Oregon, Mary Gay and took her to his newly constructed house. They had 8 children, although the two oldest died of scarlet fever, which so grieved his wife that John took her back east for a visit, traveling down the coast by ship, across Panama by mule, across the Gulf of Mexico and up the Mississippi. The children enjoyed nature to the fullest, attended school, (first in the home of a tenant, taught by Emma Gulthrie, later in a one-room log school on their father's land), and helped with chores, including helping their father drive cattle to the upper ranch, braving the dangers of wolves, panthers and bears. John died May 13th, 1907, in Lane.

Clara married Emery Horace Ingham (July 27th, 1868 – Apr. 17th, 1928) on Mar. 31st 1889, in Lane Co., Oregon. They had five children. The second, Florella, died at age 2½ in 1899. (The names of the other four were unavailable in my source.)

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