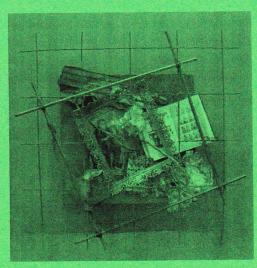
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Cogswells in the War of 1812

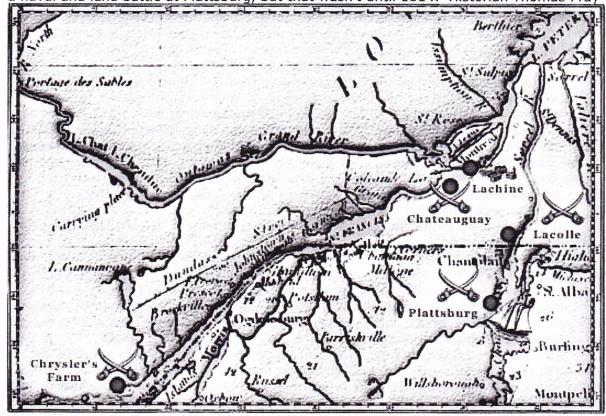
"We were very much alarmed last night by the firing of alarm guns about one o'clock. It proved to be that the British were at Stonington and firing rockets into the town. We fear that they are to have a battle in New London." Mary Cogswell (sister to Alice, the deaf girl, see page 4) from a letter to her mother, Aug. 10^{th} , 1814.

Nine or ten Cogswells served and at least two Cogswells died in the war of 1812. Elisha Cogswell, son of Edward Cogswell, of Washington, Conn., and later Tuscarora, Pa., (DJC 2312) was a soldier in the War of 1812. Elanson S. Cogswell of Vermont (not in DJC) was a private in the war, as was William Cogswell from Ohio. William Cogswell from Marion, N.Y., also served. So did Capt. William Cogswell (DJC 838) of Gilmanton, N.H. David Cogswell (DJC 1460) of Ipswich, Massachusetts, (Henniker, Ohio, after 1815) served in the Gloucester Artillery. Joseph B. Cogswell, age 74, of Atkinson, Rockingham Co., was receiving a military pension in 1840. (He was just 16 at the end of the Revolutionary War but 46 by 1812, unless his age is wrong.) Joseph Badger Cogswell (DJC 877) is in the right place and aged 19 in 1812.

In addition, the (future) husbands of two Cogswells served: Jonathan Farnsworth, Jr., of N.H., (future?) husband of Sally Cogswell, was in the war. When the rest of his company was taken prisoner at French's Mills (Fort Covington), he happened to be absent on parole. Joseph Sippy (later M.D.) of Pennsylvania was a stirring patriot and volunteered in the War of 1812, served a short time when he was honorably discharged, and soon after was married to Martha Cogswell. Her mother was a sister to Gen. Gates, of Revolutionary fame, and Martha was born in March, 1796. In 1813 they moved to Ohio. (Neither Sally nor Martha is in DJC.)

The two who died were brothers, sons of Major Thomas Cogswell (DJC 324). They all lived in Gilmanton, New Hampshire.

Lieut. Francis Cogswell (DJC 839) was killed December 8th, 1812, at Plattsburg, New York. He was in the 11th U.S. Infantry Regiment and was 25 years old. There was a naval and land battle at Plattsburg, but that wasn't until 1814. Historian Thomas Pray



of Plattsburg can not find any specific reference but has suggested some possibilities:

"1. The Army of American Regulars with the 11th Regiment invaded Canada on November 20th-22nd, 1812. They were defeated at Lacolle, Quebec. There were 13 wounded men brought back to Pikes Cantonment. At that time the Cantonment was really just a collection of tents along the banks of the Saranac. No barracks were started until the 28th of November. It was a cold winter. The 9th, 11th, 21st, and 25th Regiments were sent to Burlington. The sick and wounded were kept at the Cantonment in tents with only a 4'x3' blanket per man. Many caught sick and died. Maybe his wounds were severe and he was listed as killed from the Lacolle battle but since he died in Plattsburgh perhaps that is how it was written down.

"2. Perhaps his family learned of the deplorable conditions and felt the Army killed him with lack of care. I have seen such comments on Civil War Headstones.

"3. Perhaps he was killed by a tent mate or someone else. I seem to remember some cases of murder from that time period and they were soldiers."

Francis' older brother, Lieut. Thomas Cogswell, Jr., (DJC 937) actually died on Canadian soil. It was October 26th, 1813, and an account of the battle is reproduced below. Please note that the map shows the Battle of Chateauguay (Canadian spelling) at the site of the present town of that name. The battle was about half way between there and the American border on the Chateauguay River. Thomas was just under 32 years of age and left a wife and seven children. Two asterisks below mark the two skirmishes in which Thomas may have died.

The Battle of Chateauguay – War of 1812

In October of 1813, American Major General Wade Hampton marched his army from Lake Champlain down the Chateauguay River towards the St. Lawrence. This would serve as a feint in support of General Wilkinson's main thrust against Kingston or, should Wilkinson switch his objective to Montreal, it would allow the two armies to combine on the shores of the St. Lawrence River.

On October 25, Hampton found his way blocked near Spears' Farm by breastworks of abatis - a tangle of fresh-felled trees. This was the work of Canadian Voltigeurs under Lieutenant-Colonel Charles-Michel de Salaberry.

Hampton judged the abatis too heavily defended to be taken by frontal assault. He grossly overestimated his opponents' numbers at twice his own; in fact, he outnumbered them several to one. He sent Colonel Robert Purdy with 1500 men on a sixteen mile overnight trek through the forest across the river to flank the Canadians.

In the morning, de Salaberry's scouts detected his presence. Lieutenant-Colonel "Red George" Macdonell, who'd been charged with guarding the Canadian rear, sent two companies of select embodied militia, including the Glengarry Light Infantry, to stop them. Purdy's advance guard was just emerging from a cedar swamp when they stumbled into each other. Both sides opened fire. The Americans turned and ran. Several of them were then killed by the main body of Americans who mistook them for charging Canadians.*

At two o'clock, Hampton's main force attacked the abatis. Some of de Salaberry's men spread out and sounded bugles simultaneously at different points in the forest, further fooling the Americans with regards to the size of their force. Mohawk warriors, concealed among the trees, fired muskets and whooped loudly. The Americans, believing the bulk of the enemy were coming at them from that direction, fired volley after volley at nothing more than tree branches.

By then, Red George's militiamen had made contact with Purdy's detachment. The Americans fired a series of deadly volleys at them but, in the forest gloom, they failed to see that the Canadians were firing from a kneeling position. The American shots flew harmlessly over the Canadians. Meanwhile, Canadian muskets took a considerable toll on their enemy.*

Purdy tried to outflank Red George's men by skirting along the riverbank but de Salaberry had anticipated that move and placed a detachment, muskets at the ready, on the far bank of the narrow river. One volley was enough to send the Americans back inside the trees. Tired, wet, and believing themselves vastly outnumbered, the Americans had had enough. General Hampton ordered a general withdrawal.

Events of the war of 1812

The British imposed a blockade on Napoleon's France, which interfered with American trade. They would also take "deserters" (actually, American citizens) from American ships and force them to serve in the British navy. The United States declared war on Great Britain on June 12th, 1812. A month later, American forces invaded Canada but were driven back. By August 16th, they had to surrender Detroit. On October 13th, Canada had again been invaded near Niagara Falls but the Americans were defeated at Queenston Heights. American forces had more success at sea battles, and this continued in 1813. On April 27th that year, American forces captured the British base at York (today Toronto), Canada. On September 10th, American ships defeated the British fleet in Lake Erie and it became an American lake.

Early in November, 1813, it was decided to try to capture Montreal. Two forces were sent to accomplish this - one coming up the Chateauguay River (described on previous pages), the other crossing into Canada and moving down the St. Lawrence River. This second group, about 4000 strong, was provoked into battle on ground chosen by the British (about 800 strong) and decisively defeated at Crysler's Farm (see map.) Montreal was saved. Had it fallen, all of present day Ontario would have been cut off from British forces and supplies. On December 18th, the British captured the American Fort Niagara and went on to capture Buffalo.

The war see-sawed on through 1814. Some time that year, the British marched on Washington, D.C., and, after defeating American forces, burned the White House and the Capital. Ordered not to hold territory, they then departed. On December 24th, 1814, the Treaty of Ghent was signed, ending the war, although the troops did not learn of this until mid February, 1815. On January 8th, 1815, American forces defeated the British who were trying to take New Orleans. It was the most decisive American victory of the war.



fallen U.S. soldiers on **Deadman's Island**

On May 30, 2005, a Memorial Day ceremony, largely organized by the U.S. Consulate, recognized the 195 soldiers (among about 2000 prisoners) who died at Melville Island Prison on the Northwest Arm (an arm of the harbor at Halifax, N.S.), while prisoners of the British during the War of 1812. Of those, 188 were buried in shallow, unmarked graves on nearby Deadman's Island. The U.S. Department of Veterans' Affairs unveiled a bronze plaque honoring the dead. The ceremony Flags commemorate the included a color party from the USS Constitution, the world's oldest commissioned warship, which fought in the War of 1812 and is now moored in Boston. Re-enactors from the Kings

Orange Rangers and 78th Highlanders also participated. A U.S. flag was presented to the people of Halifax in exchange for a promise to preserve the site and honor the memories of the soldiers. The War of 1812 was fought between the United States and Britain from June, 1812, until a peace treaty was signed in December, 1814. Most of the fighting occurred along the Canadian border, in the Chesapeake Bay region and along the Gulf of Mexico. The Northwest Arm Heritage Association (Halifax) and the Society of the War of 1812 in Ohio led a campaign to protect the burial site from being sold to condominium developers five years ago. The land is now owned and protected by the city of Halifax. (As far as we know, there were no Cogswells among this group.)

Alice Cogswell, 1805-1830



200th anniversary of her birth 175th anniversary of her death

Alice Cogswell was the daughter of Dr. Mason Fitch Cogswell and his wife, Mary Austin Ledyard. A normal child, at the age of two years she contracted "spotted fever" (cerebra-spinal meningitis), which robbed her of her hearing. She subsequently lost her ability to speak as well.

From the age of eight years to twelve years, Alice attended an ordinary school with her sisters; the school was run by Lydia Huntley (Sigourney), who taught herself the two-handed manual alphabet and, with that and an evolving vocabulary of home-made signs, began teaching Alice, evidently with a great deal of success. Mrs. Sigourney is better known as a poet but she did operate a school in Hartford during that period. Mrs. Sigourney is also noted for her interest in the cause of various people with special needs, including deaf-mutes.

Although her parents knew she was intelligent and wanted her to go to school, there was no school for the deaf in

America. In 1815, before her tenth birthday, Alice was introduced to Rev. Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, who was at his parent's home in the area recovering from an illness. He had been approached on her behalf by her father. He gave her a simple test. He handed Alice his hat and wrote the letters H-A-T in the sand, repeating this operation until Alice recognized the relationship between word and object. He taught her several other words, including her own name. This convinced Gallaudet that she could be taught. So he accepted the commission of Dr. Cogswell and others to go to Europe to study methods of teaching deaf people.

At first, Gallaudet went to England to study their methods, intending to use the best of both the oral and manual methods but this was unacceptable to the English educators. At that time, the Abbé Sicard was in London on a lecture tour with two of his most famous deaf pupils, who so impressed Gallaudet with their demonstration that he went to Paris to study with Sicard. After studying there for a few months, he returned to America, bringing Laurent Clerc, a teacher from the Institute in Paris, with him. On the ship, Gallaudet taught Clerc English, while Clerc taught Gallaudet French signing, which Gallaudet found very difficult. By the time the ship arrived, they had developed a new language for the deaf. They arrived in Hartford August 22, 1816. Clerc met Alice the same day.

In 1817, they founded a school for the deaf in Hartford, Connecticut. Gallaudet was the Principal and Laurent Clerc was the first teacher. Alice Cogswell, by then aged 12, was the first of seven students to enroll. She continued there until her formal education ended with her graduation in 1823.

It was 1826 when Alice Cogswell took her first trip away from Hartford without any member of her family for a vacation. She kept a journal, now in the ASD Archives, on the trip.

On December 5th, 1830, Dr. Mason Fitch Cogswell fell ill. His final illness lasted only five days and he died on December 10th, 1830, aged 69 years. Alice was devastated. After his death, she signed that her heart "had so grown to his that it could not be separated." She died less than two weeks later, on December 23rd, 1830.

By 1863, twenty-two schools for deaf people had been established and, in 1864, the first deaf college, Gallaudet College (University) in Washington, D.C., was founded by Edward Miner Gallaudet, son of Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet.

The statue pictured above was erected by the National Association for the Deaf, commemorating the establishment and first site of the first school for the deaf, and stands at the intersection of Farmington and Asylum Avenues in Hartford. Young Alice Cogswell stands in the palm of two cupped hands that form the word "light" in sign language.

A better known statue is at Gallaudet University, showing an even younger Alice with Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet. (See April 2005 Courier, page 15.)







Thomas F. Cogswell



Wife Marjorie



Daughter Gracie

Coach Cogswell

CFA member Coach Thomas F. Cogswell lives in Denver, Colorado, where he came in 1971 to pursue a college degree. He applied for his first job – a second shift bindery machine operator – was hired on the spot and discovered that, during upturns in the business cycle, you should bring your lunch when you apply for a job. During thirteen years with that company, he had various responsibilities, including production, warehousing, facilities and information systems management.

He also found time to marry Linda Mikkola and to produce a son, Ben, born November 3rd, 1978. (Ben lives in Boston, where he manages a restaurant called Anthem.)

In his spare time, Thomas enjoys hiking in Colorado's Rocky Mountains, especially extreme challenges like the 14er (mountain taller than 14,000 feet – there are 54 of them in Colorado) Longs Peak. It was through these hikes that he discovered his knack and passion for coaching. Helping a first-timer up and down Longs Peak was more satisfying than going with only experienced hikers. He has attempted that summit thirteen times and reached it on ten occasions. However, Thomas says he is more of a hiker than a technical climber. He loves the beauty of the mountains and the vistas from some of the 14,000 foot peaks.

Thomas found himself coaching on the job also. He found himself in positions where he was leading others in project and business management. In 2001, he decided to pursue a coaching practice of his own and took the training to become a Certified Professional Life/Business Coach. His clientele is primarily small business owners, executives and professionals who want to take their business initiatives to the next level. After 20 years of being coached in life, in hiking mountains, in starting businesses and in having satisfying relationships, Thomas loves coaching business and community leaders in what is possible for their businesses and projects. You can read about his business at http://www.coachcogswell.com.

Thomas is currently married to Marjorie Alexander and they have a daughter, Gracie Cogswell-Alexander, born July 27th, 1999.

Marjorie has also created a company that builds public information websites for the transportation and engineering industries. In addition to web development, her firm also does 3D modeling and animation and public information graphics. You can read about her business at www.twohundred.com.

Thomas is also Past President of the Downtown (Denver) Speakeasy Toastmaster Club, and its ongoing contact person. Many of the members are new to Toastmasters and Thomas coaches them (although he says he is more of a mentor than a coach) using Toastmaster International guidelines for successfully completing the first ten speeches in the Communications and Leadership manual. (That's how your editor found him – in the free postings in the activities column of the Colorado Business Journal. Hope to meet him personally at our 2006 reunion.)

For those interested in Genealogy, Thomas is the son of Michael C. Cogswell and Victoria K. Knott, grandson of Jesse R. Cogswell and Bridget Costello and great-grandson of Henry Wilbur Cogswell (DJC 6240) and Juliette Granger. Their genealogy (plus more pictures) can be found at http://www.itsmybag.com/family.htm (click on "Cogswell branch").

CFA 2005 Cogswell College Scholarship Winning Essay

by Pat Cogswell

They never make it easy on us and that's not a bad thing, that's a good thing. The CFA received three excellent essays from students at Cogswell College is Sunnyvale, California. A team of 5 judges read them independently and the following essay is our 2005 winner:

I think the question "How will the achievement of your career objectives benefit society?" is an important question to answer. And one that most people don't even think about when embarking on the journey that their careers will ultimately take them on. Anyone's goal in life should be more than just personal success. Sure success is great and should be strived for, but everyone should have a goal in mind that will ultimately better society in one way or another. We are in fact, all in this together. Sadly enough, people don't make this a priority in their lives and instead, focus on themselves and their own advancement.

Being a Digital Motion Picture student, I've thought about this a few times during my time at Cogswell College. How can I benefit society through the motion picture industry? I came to an answer that didn't jump out at me at first, but rather took some time to unfold. As I went through, and continue to go through school, I've begun to understand what types of movies I personally want to make. I began to gain an understanding of my personal values and morals that would mold my creative avenues. Through that understanding I received my answer.

It seems to me that much of today's society is centered around one thing in particular. Sex. The motion picture industry included (as well as practically every other industry as well). You cannot walk down the street or drive down the highway without seeing some type of advertisement that is driven by some type of sexual content in one way or another. Television programs are designed to revolve around sex. And I think it's gotten out of hand. Society has become so desensitized to it that everyday the boundaries are being pushed as to what is allowed and what is not. They are constantly changing. This desensitization has found its way into the motion picture industry. One of my favorite movie genres is comedy. I enjoy a good laugh just as much as the next guy. And in fact I intend on making comedies in the future. But what I disagree with is that today's humor has evolved from being witty, well written comedy to disgusting, gross out humor that only evokes a laugh based on the usage of controversial content and not quality.

I intend to benefit society by attempting to clean it up and give viewers a different option.

An option that almost no longer exists. I intend to make movies that rely on creativity and originality. Movies that are based on topics that are suitable for the whole family. Movies that rely on intelligent humor rather than gross out tactics that have no redeeming value. Even though people primarily go to see movies for the entertainment value, there is something to be said for a quality film that leaves the viewer more uplifted than when they walked into the theater. Good, quality entertainment for the whole family is disappearing and I intend to bring it back.

Congratulations Steve Galbraith!

Letter Received

My grandmother, Gertrude Reamer Talbot, often spoke of her Uncle Henry. Her mother, Lucy Cogswell Reamer (DJC 4064), was a half-sister to Dr. Henry Cogswell. (See page 8. - Ed) My grandmother, her brother and several sisters benefited from Henry's will. A farming disaster in Michigan made that \$500.00 very welcome.

For years my Aunt Ida Reamer Roberts in Oakland, California, helped tend Henry's grave site. In the 1920s, lightening struck the large star atop the obelisk at the plot's center. Ida gave the two points to Lyle, my mother's brother, for safe keeping. As a boy, I admired it at least a hundred times. In 1941, when my ship USS Lexington visited San Francisco, Aunt Ida took me to the plot.

Several years ago, when my mother's youngest sister died, I tried to find the star points in her house. They were gone. Years before, she had married a man with the historical perspective of a small town Kroger manager. When moving from the family home to a new house, he had gotten rid of everything old, including the Cogswell Heritage. As a retired professor of economic history, I feel crushed.

Richard Harrison, Evanston, IL

Cogswells in Sports Cogswells in Judo

Alexandra and Darya Cogswell are sisters, daughters of Daniel Cogswell of Westminster, Colorado. Both are members of the Highland Hills Judo Club. They've been taking part in some fairly serious judo competitions the past couple of years. In 2004, they traveled to Fort Lauderdale for the 2004 Judo Junior Olympics and the 2004 Junior U.S. Open. Alexandra is the older sister, and she took third place in her class (53 kg = 117 lbs.) in both events. Darya, in the 43 kg (95 lbs.) class took second place in both events.

That was encouraging enough that they continued and this year they entered the 37th Annual Northglenn Judo Championships. Alexandra took third place in her class but Darya took first place. That was followed by the 2005 Midwestern Judo Championships at Mt. Prospect, Illinois, where Darya took second place in the Junior Girls age 9 and 10 class.

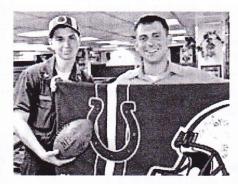
Then, July 8th to 10th, it was off to the University of California in Irvine for the 2005 U.S. Judo Federation Junior National Judo Championships. Darya, who had just turned 11, took the Gold Medal in the girls 11-12 years 34 kg (75 lbs.) class. Alexandra, in the girls 13-14 years 73 kg (160 lbs) class had to settle for bronze.

Then it was almost immediately off to Duluth, Georgia, for the U.S.A. Judo National Junior Olympics. Darya again took gold in her class, while Alexandra had to settle for fifth place.

That makes Darya a "triple crown" winner, having won the U.S. Judo Association Junior National Championships in addition to the two wins above.

Cogswell Football Fan

A visit from a dozen or so Indianapolis Colts players and two cheer-leaders — along with Coach Tony Dungy — made the day Aug. 7 for a lot of sailors on board the USS Blue Ridge in Japan. "I was ecstatic," said Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Cogswell, an interior communications electrician and one of several die-hard Colts fans on ship. "I ran around and got everybody's autograph. When I go home in December, I'm going to see them play." (Pictured right: Colts fans Petty Officer 3rd Class Michael Cogswell, left, and Seaman Travis Lasley display their bounty of autographs after meeting some of the players.)



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Cogswell Sports Notes

Steve Cogswell, relief pitcher for the Georgia Southern Eagles, had been credited with at least seven games saved and only two losses by April 27th this year.

Freshman John Cogswell plays lacrosse for the Plymouth University Panthers and scored the second goal in a 10-6 win – the third in a row for his team – in late April.

Heath Cogswell placed second in the pole vault, clearing 12-0 at the 70th Gazette Relays at Laidley Field on Friday, April 29th. Marietta (Ohio) boys Coach B. J. Mayer said Cogswell was hampered by rainy weather, which made it difficult to grip the pole.

Katie Cogswell, goalkeeper for the Kansas City Dynamos, takes solace in their team's 0-3 record and fourth-place finish at the U.S. Youth Soccer National Championships. "We have to focus on the big picture," she said. "We got fourth place in the entire nation, so we didn't fail."



The Orlando Area Rowing Society (OARS) masters accepted the challenge to row 200 kilometers between Thanksgiving and Christmas, 2004. This is about the distance from Orlando to Jacksonville and they accomplished it without leaving the boathouse. In this annual nationwide event, rowers use indoor rowing machines to row their distances. The object of the challenge is to have a little extra motivation to keep fit during the holidays. Lucy Cogswell (left) rowed 200 kilometers between Thanksgiving and Christmas, 2004.

Back on His Fountain



Workmen Rich Brown and Joshua Craine move a reproduction of the 1883 Dr. Henry D. Cogswell statue toward Central Park Photo credit: Patrick Raycraft, The Hartford Courant.

Rockville, (Vernon) CT, October 22nd. Steve Marcham, Chair of the Rockville Downtown Merchants Association, said it was not the weather he ordered, although Mayor Ellen L. Marmer was doubtful, pointing out that he had asked permission to put up the tent that served as a rain shelter three weeks previously. There were showers and, for part of the hour long ceremony, some of the approximately 50 guests had to put up their umbrellas. The Mayor also told us not to drink the water. The State Senator and Representative also spoke briefly. Your editor and his wife were recognized as having come the greatest distance for the dedication and allowed to present a copy of the August Cogswell Courier with its article about the "just say no" fountains.

The "Spirit of Cogswell" told the story of the fountain in some detail. The fountain and statue were originally installed in honor of William T. Cogswell, a cousin of Dr. Henry Cogswell, who lived in Rockville in 1883. At that time, Rockville was having an annual vote on whether or not alcohol could be sold in the town and Vernon (then a neighboring town) was noted

for its gin making. In 1883 (after the statue was erected), those who favored its sale won by 168 votes. In 1884, the temperance side won by 26 votes but. by 1885, the "wets" were well organized and, sensing victory, knocked down the statue and dumped it into Snipsic Lake. It was recovered but soon was stored at the town farm. It appeared again in 1908, marking the town's centennial, and joined the parade on a float with a beer mug replacing the water glass. It was then stored away again until it was melted down for metal for the World War II effort.

In 2004, Rosetta Pitkat gave \$50,000.00 to restore the statue, not for its temperance message, but for its historical value. The town of Vernon restored the base. It was installed August 3rd on its white bronze refurbished pedestal. The mold was saved in case it is stolen again. The new fiberglass statue was created from old pictures by New York artist Gregg LeFevre. The return of the temperance statue will not influence the availability of alcohol in Vernon.



Rosetta Pitkat

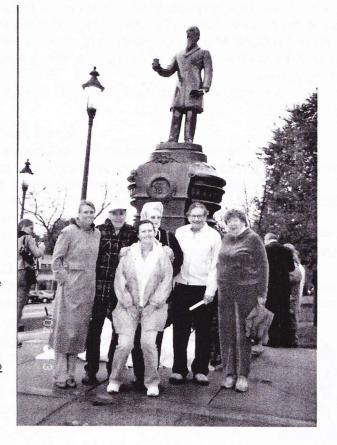


Unveiling

Cogswells at the unveiling: (Left to Right) Michelle Auclair, Ernest Daigle, Pamela Cappel (front), Claire Cogswell Daigle, Malcolm Cogswell, Jean Cogswell.

More pictures can be seen at: http://www.rockvillect.com/Cogswell/cogswell_f ountain.htm#Dr.%20Cogswell%20Back%20In% 20Park

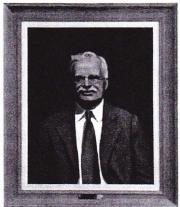
We were each given a temperance pledge which will be in the next issue of the Courier.



W. F. Cogswell Building, Helena, Montana

The Cogswell Building in Helena, Montana, was built in 1955 as the "State Laboratory." It was renamed in 1964 to honor William F. Cogswell's outstanding service to the state. William F. Cogswell (1868–1956, DJC 5326) served as the Executive Secretary of the State Board of Health from 1912 to 1946. A tireless public servant, he also devoted his talents to the Montana Public Health Association, the State Orthopedic Commission, the State Embalmers Licensing Board, the State Board of Entomology, the American Public Health Association and the American Medical Association.





(The painting by Leo J. Beaulaurier [1911–1983] hangs in the lobby..)

Dr. William Furlong Cogswell was born in Port Williams, Nova Scotia, on Dec. 5, 1868, far across the continent from the mountain country where he was to live and do his work. In 1896, he came to Montana with an M.D. and a C.M. from his native Dalhousie University in Halifax, N.S. He began his medical practice among the coal miners and their families in Sand Coulee and Stockett. His proficiency soon attracted the attention of the Jardine Mining Company, which hired him as its physician. He later moved to the Wilsall-Clyde Park area in Park County to re-enter private practice and he soon became county health officer of Park County with headquarters at Livingston in 1908. Four years later, in 1912, he moved to Helena and became Secretary of the State Board of Health, the position he held for 33 years, constantly building it into an organization instrumental in raising the level of health of all Montana residents.

In the history of Montana and the Northwest, there are many stories of pioneers. Most of these were pioneers of the land, but a few were pioneers in science and medicine. Dr. Cogswell was one of these. His great foresight was a driving factor in overcoming the prejudice against establishing a laboratory in the Bitter Root Valley to find the true nature of Rocky Mountain Spotted Fever and to contribute to its prevention and cure. One of the highlights of his non-professional life was his induction into the Blackfoot Indian tribe in 1926, when he was given the name of Stumik-i-nuk-skin or Chief Little Bull. To the Indians, he not only was a good man but also a great healer — a man who made life better to live. Dr. Cogswell died in 1956.

The State Laboratory in Helena was officially named the W. F. Cogswell building during ceremonies at the capital in 1964. Special guests at the occasion were Cogswell's three sons, Bill, Ted and Andy. William (Bill) Cogswell unveiled an oil painting of Dr. Cogswell done by Leo Beaulaurier, Great Falls artist, and presented to the state by the doctor's three sons.

Two of his three sons were still living in Montana at the time. Andy was Professor of Journalism at Montana State University in Missoula. Ted was a Great Falls insurance man. (His phone is still listed there.) Bill was with the office of Internal Security in Honolulu, Hawaii.

Cogswells in the News, 2005

Missed News. Canada, Oct. 23rd, 2004: The Right Honourable Adrienne Clarkson, Governor General of Canada and Chancellor and Commander of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces, has appointed Saint John, New Brunswick, Chief of Police Clarence E. "Butch" Cogswell as an Officer of the Order of Merit of the Police Forces.

Richmond, Virginia, May 24th, 2005: State Internal Auditor Merritt Cogswell released findings in a report into allegations of misuse of state credit cards by senior game wardens, chronicling an orgy of waste in the department, unbridled arrogance and an all-too-cozy relationship between some board members and agency officials and leading to the resignation of the Director, Bill Woodfin.

June 15th, 2005, Jackson, Michigan: Jade Cogswell, 12, was happily filling orders made with her great-grandparents, Bill and Maxine Childs, at Childs Berry Farm strawberry patch, 8325 Bowerman Road. "Picking strawberries is really fun. I ask my mom every morning to get me out here," said Jade, a seventh-grader at Western schools.

England, June 25th: Alan Cogswell, head of education welfare in Bury, Greater Manchester, is taking a hard line on parents who book "cheap holidays" and take the children out of school. Manchester handed out 133 fines. Schools have discretion to allow children to be away from class for up to 10 days but "only in exceptional circumstances."

June 30th: Lauren Cogswell, President of the Martin Luther King Campaign for Economic Justice, was protesting Atlanta's policies toward the homeless and the poor. The event honored Enestae Kessee, Jr., who was 25 days old when he died two years ago on the day. Enestae's family was living in an abandoned house near the park when he starved to death. His parents called for help but no one responded. They walked to the Atlanta city jail but by then Enestae was already dead.

July 1st: Kurt Cogswell, son of Phyllis Cogswell of Aberdeen and the late Mark Cogswell, is the new head of South Dakota State University's Mathematics and Statistics Department.

July 5th: Shove Chapel at Colorado College was placed on the National Register of Historic Places. Hester-Jane Butcher Cogswell was the first bride given away in the main part of the chapel in 1935.. The Meeker resident, now 92, was 22 when she walked the aisle Aug. 22, 1935, to marry Wilton Cogswell, Jr., (DJC 8944) who also attended CC. She walked the aisle alone because her father had died the previous December. Growing up on Nevada Avenue, she walked by the chapel almost daily as it was being built, starting in 1930.

July 18th: Lauren Cogswell, (see above) a Presbyterian minister in Atlanta, is concerned about converting the old jail into a service center for those who bum change on street corners and sleep in parks. "I am concerned that the city's main response to homelessness is incarceration," she said adding that it will create no new services to meet a growing demand.

Owosso Michigan, Aug. 1st: Alexis Cogswell of Lansing won the \$300.00 second-place prize for her work titled *Cut the String*, at the 12th Annual Juried All-Media Art Competition held at Shiawassee Arts Council.

August 10th. Jeff Cogswell and his family were not at home when a three-alarm fire all but destroyed their home, 473 Berry Road, Alexandria, New Hampshire, and a pet rabbit. (Two dogs and a cat escaped.)

England, Sept. 4th: Paralympic sailor, (see August Courier) Michael Cogswell finished 13th over the nine race series in the 34-strong fleet.

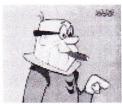


Grant Cogswell (at left) is best known for his participation in local politics, from spearheading the original monorail initiative to a failed run for Seattle City Council in 2001, but he's also published poetry and is currently a writer in residence with Richard Hugo House. Grant studied fiction writing at California State University, Northridge, the University of Virginia and the Sewanee Writers' Conference. Now a screenwriter, Grant Cogswell and director Dan Gildark have a new movie, *Cthulhu* which started shooting in Seattle and Astoria, Oregon, in late September. *Cthulhu* is the first feature film for both. In *Cthulhu*, a gay professor at Cascadia University (shot at Seattle

University) is called back to his hostile Oregon hometown in order to execute his mother's will. Grant won't have much say during production. "I'm banned from the set," he said. "Dan told me, you're not going to be on the set because you won't be able to restrain yourself. And I said, 'You're totally right." (But he's been active at least near the set as the movie is shot.)

This and That

A Cogswell Cartoon and Nintendo Game



Did you watch the Jetsons? Do you remember H.G. (or W. C.) Cogswell, the owner of Cogswell Cogs, the competitor of George Jetson's boss, Cosmo Spacely? He wasn't in every episode but appeared from to time. Cogswell was played by Charles Dawson "Daws" Butler (November 16, 1916 – May 18, 1988), a voice actor, who created and played the voices of many famous animated cartoon characters, including Yogi Bear and Huckleberry Hound.

One fan commented, "If I were Jetson, I would much rather work for Cogswell, seeing as Spacely was such a hothead and obviously had some sort of Napoleon complex." Here's one quote from Cogswell: "There's only one thing worse than war and that is business, and Spacely has declared business on us."

Nintendo now has a game: THE JETSONS: Cogswell's Caper. With his sights set on Planet M38, Cogswell won't let anything stand in the way of his plan to annihilate the planet. Now, it's up to you. You'll have anti-gravity boots, a glider and a jet board at your disposal! If you can survive everything Cogswell throws your way, you just might be able to save Planet M38 from total destruction and be the hero.

Westbury Leigh Baptist Church

The Westbury Leigh Baptist Church traces its history back to 1662. Those were times when "dissenters" were fiercely persecuted, so at first the Church had no building and services were held in a dell called "Golden Grove" (perhaps originally "Godly Grove"). The "dell," (pictured right) in what is now Dilton Court Farm, is overgrown with trees and wild garlic, was probably an old quarry. There is a tradition (or perhaps a rumor) that before his coming to America, John Cogswell was arrested and charged with "worshiping in the woods with the Protestants." Since no other church in Westbury Leigh except the Anglican (Established Church) and Roman Catholic Church looks as if it could be anywhere near that old, this just might be the place where he worshipped – not with the Baptists, (they started too late) but with a group who



later joined with that denomination. It was illegal to meet for worship other than in accordance with the Anglican Book of Common Prayer or for a dissenter to preach within five miles of any town which had a Member of Parliament - and Westbury then had two M.P.s!

Reunion 2006

September 9, 10 and 11, 2006, will begin offering a glimpse of fall colors. It is the best compromise in terms of minimum tourists and maximum opportunity for enjoyment while the weather is nice here. People should arrive September 9 for a cocktail party with a dinner party on September 10. Deadline for reservations (so we will know how many are coming): August 1. As soon as people commit and we are notified of names and addresses, we will send a package containing information on the area, motels, B&B's and activities. We are known for rafting, though the river will be low in September and trout fishing would be better. We have beautiful hikes and horseback riding is available. There are interesting historical sites in Leadville (30 miles north) and art galleries and similar attractions in both Buena Vista and Salida (25 miles south). Buena Vista is 150 miles from the Denver airport in a southwesterly direction either by Highway 285 through South Park or I-70 to Copper Mountain Ski Area and then through Leadville and on to Buena Vista. We are 100 miles west of Colorado Springs on Highway 24 which also has airline service, though I am told Denver is the more efficient route. John M. Cogswell, 415 East Main St, P.O. Box 1143, Buena Vista, CO 81211

JOKE: A tour guide was showing a tourist around Washington, D. C. The guide pointed out the place where George Washington supposedly threw a dollar across the Potomac River. "That's impossible," said the tourist. "No one could throw a coin that far!" "You have to remember," answered the guide, "A dollar went a lot farther in those days."

From the President's Desk

by Pat Cogswell

The results are in, and I appreciate each and every one of you for voting. Hearty congratulations to our new Officers and Board of Directors. I hope that in the next two years we can all work together to ensure that the CFA continues to grow and thrive for the future. Here is the list of our Officers and Board Members:

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WOW! Let's hope we can all continue to grow our CFA and to have some fun doing it. CONGRATIONS, CFA!



From the Secretary's Desk

Hello

We are coming to the end of 2005 and we are still growing. We have twelve new members.

Some still haven't paid their dues and please attend to them so we can close the books on 2005.

Also, if you change your email server please send me your new email address.

On October 22nd, there was a rededication of the Henry Cogswell Memorial Fountain held in Central Park, Rockville, Ct. It was attended by the following members: Claire Cogswell-Daigle, Secretary; Malcolm Cogswell, Editor; Ernest Daigle, Director and the following members: Jean Cogswell, Pamela Cappel, Michelle Auclair and Jim Luddeck. Outside of being a raw rainy day it was very interesting.

We all hope you all have a Merry Christmas and a Happy Healthy New Year.

Until then, Your Secretary, Claire

Welcome to the Cogswell Family Association, Inc.

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Deaths for 2004 & 2005

Robert S. Barrows, Rochester, NY, 2004 William Wood, McLean, VA, 2004

Edith (Bachmann) Cogswell, wife of George H. Cogswell (DJC7792), died July 13th, 2005 Bernetta (Cogswell) McDonald (DJC 7799), wife of Jack McDonald, died July 17th, 2005 Phyllis Cogswell Reid, Silver Spring, MD, Oct. 8th 2005 Robert H. Newcombe (DJC8321), Port Williams, NS, October 27th, 2005

Births



Ireland Tate Cogswell (left), daughter of Scott Grant and Alison (Iacono) Cogswell, born June 4th
Traven Ernest Ray Bolen, son of Mrs. Sossity Wolfe & Jason Alfred Bolen, born June 9th
Katelyn Iris Laboy, daughter of Fred and Laura
(Daigle) Laboy, born Sept. 11th

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Carver Brice (back) and Dayton Horatio (front)

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Cogswell, twin sons of Steve and Mimi Cogswell, born Sept. 28th

From the Editor's Desk

The December Courier wasn't quite as crowded quite as early this time, although with the August issue still at the printer's thirteen of the seventeen pages were either filled or reserved. However, if necessary, several of those pages could have waited for later. Of the eight pages already printed, only three would have to be included – the page about Alice Cogswell, because this year is an anniversary, and the Canadian Connection about Mabel Smith, because she's 99 and we want



her to see it in print. (Her nephew's wife says they expect her to celebrate her hundredth birthday.)

This is the second time for this editor that we have featured one of the oldest Cogswells – although she no longer goes by that name. I think that's a wonderful thing to do, but would appreciate your comments, good or bad. If you know of any Cogswell descendant near 100, please send me the story and pictures. Maybe some of them will still be Cogswells too.

About the Cover of This Issue



The cover illustration is by a deaf artist, Guy Wonder, and he calls it "A for Alice Cogswell." He is pictured at left with more of his art – "Gossip Spread." He's a third generation deaf man (raised in a deaf family) and attended a residential school for the deaf in Vancouver, Washington. As an adult, he studied at the National Technical Institute for the Deaf and has also become associated with Gallaudet University. He serves on the board of Deaf Media and also of Deaf Counseling, Advocacy and Referral Agency. He was Artistic Director for Visual Arts of "Celebration: Deaf Artists and Performers" in 1991 and 1994. He has lectured and led tours at the Museum of Modern Art and the Metropolitan Museum in New York and has taught children

and adults at the Oakland Museum Project. You can find more about him, including a DVD "Guy Wonder – Stories and Artwork" (with sub-titles – it's in American Sign Language) at http://www.thetactilemind.com/dvd/gw.html. http://www.guywonder.com/index.html is his home page.

The artist's for permission to use these pictures arrived just before the pages were taken to the printers, the morning of November 14th. Many thanks, Guy. (Even if the black and white reproduction does nor really do justice to your work.)

Correction

Just before the August Courier came back from the printers, I realized that the will mentioned under "About Our Ancestors in England" was of William Adlam, not John, the man believed to be the father of Alice Adlam, Mrs. Robert Cogswell.

Cogswell Building to Reopen

The Cogswell Music Building, at the Indiana University of Pennsylvania, 11th Street, Indiana, PA, named for Hamlin E. Cogswell (DJC 6138), his wife Dorothy Cogswell and daughter Edna Allan Cogswell (DJC 7656) will reopen after major renovation in January 2006.

What's Coming?

To see what's already scheduled for the next issue or to help research Cogswells we might wish to include, visit our blog at http://spaces.msn.com/members/cogswellcourier/

Joke: Time Off?

A big challenge of running a small business is dealing with employees' requests for time off. One morning an employee said, "I need to leave early tomorrow." Later that same day, he followed with, "Looks like I'll be coming in late tomorrow, but if my coming in late runs into my leaving early, then I won't be in at all." (Could this be you with a Courier news item?)



Canadian Connection - Mabel Smith at 99

Submitted by Shirley Hindson

Mabel (Cogswell DJC 8234) Smith, an interesting, talented, inspiring and creative woman, who has resided in Iroquois Falls, Ontario, for 75 years, celebrated her 99th birthday on May 4th, 2005. Her granddaughter, Kim Marshall and husband Reg, invited friends and relatives to their home to celebrate the occasion with Mabel.

I have known Mabel Smith all my life. She is my aunt, my friend, confidant and teacher. And during the years, I have always looked forward to visits with her.

At 99 she is still an amazing woman, well organized and not afraid to undertake any task. Although not as active physically, her mind is active and very creative.

Writing poems has always been one of her favorite activities, an activity she continues today, as she has a talent for putting in rhyme and verse any event or occasion – whether an anniversary, a thank you, holiday or special memory from her childhood – and making it look easy.

Another artistic project she enjoyed over the years was painting. Landscape scenes were a favorite; she loved putting the colorful fall season and beautiful snow covered mountains on canvas. Her work is hanging in many homes in Canada, the USA and England.

Crafts were fun for her; she quickly learned to sew, knit, crochet and embroider. I remember a beautiful yellow dress she had crocheted for me when I was a little girl. I loved that dress, and I can see it yet when I close my eyes. Preparing and cooking new recipes and baking delicious delicacies was another talent she enjoyed.

Born in New Brunswick, she grew up in Waterville, a small farming community near Fredericton, N. B. Mabel was the seventh child born to Martin (DJC 6782) and Elizabeth Cogswell. Living on the farm meant that all had chores to do.

"One of my jobs," she said, "was to milk two cows before leaving for school in the morning."

It was a hard life, but there were many fun times.

The Cogswell family was close and always kept in touch through the years.



Whenever together they would reminisce about friends, neighbors and the good times.

Mabel was a teenager when her father died, but mother, a strong and intelligent woman, kept the farm going with help from the youngest to oldest child who was still living at home.

A cousin introduced Mabel to her husband, Ronald, during a house party at a friend of the family and it wasn't long before Ronald was courting the young pretty girl. In 1924, they were married and settled in Oromocto, N.B., another community near Fredericton.

In 1930, the young amorous couple, with baby Jean, moved to Iroquois Falls. Ronald, a mortician, had visited the community and realizing the need, bought and opened the first funeral home in Iroquois Falls.

It was very difficult for Mabel to leave her family. She loved her mother dearly and her three sisters, with whom she had shared many wonderful and memorable times. Although lonely for her family, life was an adventure for Mabel and she was soon taking part in community life.

Two more children, Karl and Marylou, were welcome additions to the Smith family. With the exception of Jean, who lived in Quebec for a few years, home for the children was always Iroquois Falls.

We have all experienced sad and difficult times in our life. Unfortunately, it is part of life and Mabel was not exempted. When Ronald passed away in 1972, she grieved, but carried on. But when her daughters, Jean and Marylou died – Jean in 1991 and Marylou in 1992 – she was

devastated. A mother never expects her children to predecease her. She misses them but, as usual with her faith in God, accepts the loss and carries on.

Baptized and confirmed in the Anglican Church (Episcopal in USA) Mabel joined St. Mark's Anglican Church. She was an active member of the Anglican Church Women and for many years seldom missed a Sunday service. Eventually arthritis developed in her knees and she could no longer walk the distance to church. Unfortunately, without a car, attending church became a thing of the past.

When Mabel accepted an invitation to join a bridge club, she knew very little about the game but, with perseverance and a desire to learn, she has played her favorite game for 60 years. The club started with four tables, but over the years many friends have passed away or moved and now it is difficult to find four players to make up a table.

For fifty years Mabel was a member of the Order of the Eastern Star, eventually becoming Deputy District Grand Matron. This position involved travel within the district and she later wrote an informative poem about this experience. Mabel was also a member of the Rebecca Lodge for 25 years.

An avid reader from an early age, Mabel has a library card that is frequently in use. Since she has had to revert to a wheelchair due to arthritic problems and a personal visit to the library has became difficult, the staff – knowing her taste in reading – kindly send books they believe she will enjoy.

It is hard to believe this fiercely independent, alert and healthy woman is 99. She lives in her own home and she says "I have no plans to live in a nursing home. I am happy here."

Recently, with the birth of her greatgreat granddaughter, Billie Montreuil, Mabel commented.

"I am pleased that I have lived to see a fifth generation family," she said.

God bless you, Mabel, and may the rest of your life be as rewarding as the years you have lived.

At the Cogswell Family Reunion in Fredericton we read her "My Last Poem." It wasn't her last. A newer one follows.



Photo of Mrs. Smith on her 99th birthday, May 4, 2005 getting ready to go for a ride on her scooter.

Old Age is Golden

Old age is golden So I've heard said But I often wonder As I get ready for bed.

With my eyes on a table My teeth in a cup My ears in a drawer Until I get up.

Then out of my chair And crawl into bed Then adjust the pillows To prop up my head.

I read a few chapters
Of my favorite book
Then I fall asleep
In the short time it took.

So as I wake in the morning
Crawl out of bed
Think Old Age is Golden
Should never be said.
Mabel Smith – 2005



Cogswell Weighbors in Sprwich Quartermaster John Perkins

John Perkins, Sr., his wife, Judith Gator, and their family are said to have come to America on the ship "Lyon" in 1632, although their names do not appear on the passenger list. In their family was John Perkins, Jr., who was born in 1609 in Hillmorton, Warwick, England and baptized there on 14 September, 1609. Before 1636, when John was 27, he married Elizabeth [surname not known] in Ipswich, Essex Co., Mass. This date is estimated on the fact that their eldest child was born circa 1636. John, Jr., would be known as "Quartermaster." The family settled in Ipswich.

In 1650, the governors of Ipswich instructed John, Jr., to put together 40 men to clear and section woods on Jeffrey's Neck and plant grass. This would be where John Cogswell (DJC 5) would build his home just a year later. (Someone says this is the origin of the expression "your neck of the woods.")

Quartermaster John Perkins in 1668 sought license to keep an ordinary (tavern) and was given permission to open his house and draw wine, but not to sell to townsmen to be drunk in the house. In the same year, he bought an eight acre lot with "house, barns, stables, sellers, outhouses, etc.,"* on High Street. This inn became a popular spot for townsfolk and strangers. It was not always quiet. Alcohol was sold in pints and quarts and a slate was hung on the wall to keep track of each customer's consumption and they would pay when done drinking. (Someone suggests this is the place where "Mind your P's and Q's" originated.) It was unlawful to get drunk and the local constable used to check to see if any were loitering in the tavern.

However, Mr. Perkins allowed his patrons some liberties, for his house became the scene of violent disorder.

In March, 1672, Quartermaster Perkins was called before the Court to answer charges of allowing gaming in his house and of a violent outbreak on a training day. This was despite a 1663 ordinance requiring that "troopers and soldiers shall not either singly or in companies remaine in arms and vainly expend their time and powder by inordinate shooting in the day or night after their release."

The Militia (all the men of military age) had been training, as required of them several times each year. As they usually had to work hard every day, with few holidays, training day became an opportunity to have a break and a little fun. After the Militia had been dismissed, which was done in the center of the village, a number of its members visited Quartermaster Perkins' inn. Spirits were high and somebody, maybe more than one person, fired their pistol inside the house. The following persons were summoned to court along with the Quartermaster, and charged with "shooting pistols in the house after the colors were lodged, and for breach of the peace":

Mr. Dudley Bradstreet (son of Governor Simon Bradstreet – pictured left), Mr. Nathaniel Wade and Mr. Thomas Wade (sons of a prominent merchant), Mr. Nathaniel Rogers, Mr. Samuel Rogers and Mr. Ezekiel Rogers (three sons of the minister, Rev. Nathaniel Rogers), Mr. Samuel Jacobs & Mr. John Brown (note that the title "Mr." indicated a person held in some respect), along with John Wainwright, Thomas Bishop, Elihu Wardell, John Cogswell (DJC 26), John Lee, Edward Nealand and Mark Quilter.

Much of the above information comes from a typewritten history of the Perkins family (unfortunately, your editor neglected to copy the name of the author) and does not state what penalties, if any, were imposed, either on the militia men or the Quartermaster.

Your editor has been informed that it was this same tavern which was used by John Hancock and Samuel Adams as a regular meeting place of the "Sons of Liberty."

^{*} Could the writer mean barns, stables, cellars?

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