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1980 Christmas @ the Cogswells
"I neither despise nor fear"

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Same Previously Unknown Cagswell Descendants

Apparently, the Hon. Henry Hezekiah Cogswell (*DJC* 2036) had a daughter the Cogswell Family Association didn't know about. Her name was Eleanor and she married John Burmester. That is all that we have found out about her, except that this couple had a daughter, Eleanor Annie, who married Valentine McMaster. (For more about her, see below.)

The information comes from John Boileau, a military man, whose interest in Canadian history has been instrumental in his writing career, which began after his retirement from the Canadian army in 1999. He has written "Valiant Hearts: Atlantic Canada and the Victoria Cross," published by Nimbus in 2005, and articles for a number of magazines.

In July, 2006, he wrote an article for the Halifax Chronicle-Herald on the 100th anniversary of the departure of British troops from Nova Scotia. In it, he mentions a regimental surgeon for the 78th Highlanders who was of particular interest to him: Valentine Munbee McMaster.



Valentine McMaster (left) was born in Trinchinopoly in India May 16th, 1834, and qualified as an M.D. in Edinburgh in 1860. He joined the army as an assistant surgeon in 1855 and served through the Persian campaign in 1856/57 with the 78th Regiment of Foot. He accompanied them to India in 1857 at the outbreak of the Indian Mutiny. Many Highlanders were wounded on the streets of Lucknow as they attempted to relieve the garrison there. These soldiers appreciated the courage of Assistant Surgeon McMaster who bound up their wounds while the enemy's bullets whistled about his head. It also fell to his lot to carry the Queen's Colour during the final stages of the advance on the Residency. For this, McMaster received the Victoria Cross.

McMaster served with at least one other regiment but had rejoined the 78th Ross-shires in 1869 and was posted to Halifax, Nova Scotia. He quickly joined the city's social world and became intimately involved with it. He soon met Eleanor Burmester, (below) 15 years his

junior. These two were married at St. Paul's in June, 1870, with six bridesmaids and the officers of the 78th in full dress in attendance. The Acadian Recorder noted, "The ancient edifice was crowned with the beauty and fashion of the city to witness the ceremony." Eleanor was continuing a family tradition. Her mother was the daughter of Henry Cogswell, one of Halifax's leading businessmen, and had married a Royal Engineer officer.

Valentine and Eleanor (Burmester) McMaster had a son named Bryce Belcher McMaster born on 11 May, 1871. The McMaster family left Halifax on 26 November, 1871, for Belfast, Ireland, where the 78th were posted. McMaster died there on 22nd of January, 1872, before his 38th birthday. He had suffered from valvular heart disease for some time. He was buried in Belfast City Cemetery, where his widow erected a cross over his grave.

John Boileau's interest was in McMaster, not his wife or child, so his research ended with Valentine's death in Belfast in 1872.



The Cogswell Family Association knows of no married daughter of Henry Hezekiah Cogswell², but when questioned about it, John Boileau answered:

"McMaster's marital details were based on an unpublished thesis on the 78th Highlanders by a Parks Canada historian by the name of Pulsifer. Because there were still a few gaps in my information, I also checked the copies of the marriage registers at the Nova Scotia Archives to confirm names and dates. All my research shows a daughter of Henry H. Cogswell and Isabella

(Ellis) Cogswell, named Eleanor, who married John Burmester. Their daughter was named Eleanor Annie Burmester and became McMaster's wife."

However, the British Census of 1881 shows Bryce B. McMaster (age 9) and his sister, Mary E. McMaster, age 8, living in the home of Eleanor A. Douglas, wife of Surgeon Major V. G. Douglas of the Army Medical Department, with half brothers George M. Douglas, age 5, and Lionel D.

Douglas, age 2, (first three children born in Canada, last in England) living at 4 Burdon Terrace, Jesmond, Northumberland, England. It would seem that a second child was on the way when Valentine McMaster died and that his widow returned to Halifax to her family and gave birth there. There, she married Surgeon Major V. G. Douglas and had at least two more children: the first born in Halifax, N. S., the second in England, so the family must have lived there at least from 1879 to 1881. Another daughter, Muriel Constance, was born about 1885. In fact, her second husband (right) was Dr. Campbell Mellis Douglas (where the census got the V.G. I do not know.) He was the son of George Mellis Douglas, who in May, 1847, was the medical superintendent at Grosse île (a Canadian Immigration quarantine facility near Quebec City). That year, many Irish fleeing the potato famine were landed there and many died of dysentery or typhus. So bad was the outbreak that six doctors also died and Dr. George Douglas erected a memorial to them.



Dr. Campbell Mellis Douglas had earned a Victoria Cross in 1867 for leading a rescue of 17 British sailors attacked by natives on an island in the Bay of Bengal. He had graduated from Edinburgh School of Medicine in 1861. He retired from the British military in 1882 and returned to Canada to launch a private practice in Lakefield, Ontario. When Canada sent troops to quell the Métis uprising on the prairies in 1885, however, officials recruited Douglas to take charge of one of two field hospitals sent for support. Hospital staff and supplies were transported by rail to Saskatchewan Landing on the South Saskatchewan River, and Dr. Douglas paddled to Saskatoon and arrived just in time to treat the wounded from the May 3rd Battle of Fish Creek. He remained in Saskatoon to oversee the care of soldiers wounded during the rebellion's final Battle of Batoche on May 14th. (He had previously canoed from New York to Boston in 1889 and, before 1867, while in Burma, his rowing crew had been banned from further competition to give the other crews a chance.) Douglas retired to England after his work on the prairies, but he wasn't through with his canoe. In 1895, he paddled across the English Channel in the same collapsible craft used to navigate the South Saskatchewan. He died of epithelioma of the oesophagus on December 31st, 1909, at Horrington, near Wells, Somerset, England, at the home of his daughter Muriel.

Eleanor may have died earlier in Canada, or may have separated from her husband. The stone set up by their daughter is for Campbell Douglas only.

And what of the children? In 1934, Bryce was living in Oxford. He may have been a poet, as there is a Bryce McMaster (a Canadian) who published at least five books of poetry: Short Poems under the pseudonym CLANSMAN in 1908, A Tribute (anonymously) in 1911, The Stranger and Other Poems in 1923, Other Verse in 1936 and Collected Poems

in 1947.



George Mellis Douglas (left), named for his grandfather, was born in Halifax, Nova Scotia in 1875. He moved with his family in 1883 to Northcote Farm on the shore of Katchiwano Lake north of Lakefield, Ontario. In 1900, Douglas went to work for his cousin, James Douglas, who was president of the American Institute of Mining Engineers. In 1911, at the suggestion of his cousin, James, an expedition to the Coppermine River and Arctic Sea was planned and George Douglas, along with his brother, Lionel, and Dr. August Sandberg made the trip. The purpose of the expedition was to search for minerals in the watershed of the Coppermine above the Arctic

Circle. What Douglas and his associates discovered were huge copper deposits. Although it was known that the deposits existed since the 18th century, they were much larger than had been suspected. Douglas was also one of the first Barren Land explorers to extensively photograph the North West Territories and the Inuit who lived in the region. Over the following thirty years, Douglas led copper explorations to the shores of the Arctic Sea and around the edges of the Great Bear and Great Slave Lakes. Douglas also wrote about his explorations in the Arctic. He published articles in several professional journals and, in 1914, he wrote his only book, "Lands Forlorn," an account of the 1911-12 expedition. George Mellis Douglas died in his sleep at his home near Lakefield in 1963.

Other sites tell us that George M. Douglas received his education in Canada and Great Britain, that he went to sea as a marine engineer between 1897 and 1900 and that he had a long career as engineer and consulting engineer in Mexico and Arizona. He led five expeditions into the regions around Great Bear and Great Slave Lakes in the Northwest Territories of Canada. He became a good friend of Arctic explorer Vilhjalmur Stefansson.

Lionel D. Douglas accompanied George on the 1911-12 expedition and built a substantial cabin for the winter at the mouth of the Dease River, while the others explored the Dismal Lakes and the Coppermine River. He became a sea captain and, in 1927, was captain of the "Empress of Asia." (Trent University Archives has a letter from Douglas's brother Lionel, a sea captain, dated at sea June 18th, 1927, on board his ship S.S. Empress of Asia. It contains a description and a photograph of the great explorer Roald Amundsen, who was a passenger.) By 1934, he was captain of the ship "Empress of Japan."

Nothing more of Mary E McMaster has been found. If she did anything that has been recorded, it is under her (unknown) married name.

- 1. In 1870, Valentine McMaster would have been 36 years old, so Eleanor Annie Burmester would have been born about 1849.
- 2. The known daughters of Henry Hezekiah Cogswell are a daughter who died in infancy; Isabella, baptized. Mar. 3rd, 1808 and died in infancy; Mary Elliott, b Feb. 3rd, 1817, d. 22 Oct. 1839 (no marriage known) and Isabella Binney (unmarried). He also had sons Henry Ellis, Rev. William, John (died age 7), Dr. Charles, Edward (died age 3) and James Colquhoun.











Pictures: taken by George M.

Douglas from the George Douglas/National Archives of Canada collection. Clockwise from top left: 1 & 2: Two pictures of Yukon poet Robert W. Service, 1911. 3. Two Inuit and hunting outfit with John Hornby (in bare feet) perched knowingly in the background with a cup of tea, 1912. 4. Inuit family. (George Douglas had much interaction with the Coronation Gulf Inuit on his overland trips to the Coppermine River from Great Bear Lake in 1911-12. He had the chance to witness - and more importantly - document the end of a way of life. On one of his passages, he cached some food en route to the Coppermine in August, 1911. When he returned a while later, a small amount of food was gone and a beautiful pair of handmade sealskin slippers, ivory carvings and spear tips and other items had been left as payment — perhaps by some of the people pictured above.) 5. A skin-clad Inuit hunting ptarmigan with a hand-hewed bow and arrow.

Howard Lyman Cogswell

He was best known for his knowledge of, and interest in, birds. He taught about them as Assistant Professor of Biological Sciences at Mills College,

Oakland, California, and as Associate Professor of Biology, Cal-State University, in Hayward, California. He wrote *Water Birds of California*, published in 1977 by University of California Press. He led bird watching expeditions and was an expert in ear birding (identifying bird songs). In his 60s, Howard would plow indomitably forward while the teens and 20-somethings fell panting by the wayside. He served the Western Bird Banding

Association in a variety of important roles over the years. He has made an outstanding contribution as its treasurer and one-man membership committee. In 1987, he agreed to be its historian and archivist. He helped establish the Ohlone Audubon Society. He headed a federal study looking at the damage to airplanes when birds are attracted to garbage dumps near airports. He was one of the early participants in the Save San Francisco Bay Association and an organizer of the Hayward Area Shoreline Planning Agency. He ran for and was elected Director of the East Bay Regional Park

District in 1970, unseating the incumbent, then was reelected for a second 6-year term. During those twelve years, he was instrumental in developing the master plan for preservation and restoration of the Hayward shoreline as marshland, reaching compromises with opposing interests. He used his expertise in issues regarding the Bay and its surroundings to win over support of local governments. He was a catalyst in the extensive negotiations between shoreline landowners and local governmental agencies, which resulted in the restoration of hundreds of acres of salt evaporation ponds to the marsh area. Coyote Hills along the Fremont shoreline,



Water Birds

of California

as well as the recreation areas at Garin and Dry Creeks in the hills above Hayward and Union City, were developed under his leadership. Those contributions were the main reason the Park District decided to rename the Hayward Regional Shoreline in Mr. Cogswell's honor in 1992. It is now known as Cogswell Marsh. In 1980, Dr Howard Cogswell had his picture in the paper moving a Pied-billed Grebe nest with chicks in Pleasanton. His comment was, "Well, I thought these birds only nested in the Sierras." He had been called into the old Camp Parks sewage ponds on Stone Ridge because they were draining the ponds. He retired from the Park District in 1982.

To the Cogswell Family Association, Howard Cogswell is well known for being particularly helpful and most dedicated to the success of our genealogical book *Descendants of John Cogswell*. He is also remembered as the host of the 1997 Cogswell Family Association reunion held at Cogswell Polytechnical College in Sunnyvale, California.

He served in the navy and earned a bachelor's degree with honors in biology from Whittier College (1948) and a master's degree in zoology from the University of California, Berkeley (1951). In 1962, he received his Ph.D. in zoology from the University of California.

In 1996, 1997 and 1998, he was interviewed for the Regional Oral History Office of the Bancroft Library, University of California.

He died at his home in Hayward. He is survived by his wife, Bessie Cogswell, his sister, Gertrude Cronin of Ponte Vedra, Fla., his son, Denis Cogswell of Sunnyvale, and two grandchildren, Marie Louise (Cogswell) Buhtz and Matthew Lyman Cogswell.

Howard Cogswell's ashes were scattered in Cogswell Marsh July 8th, 2006.

January 19th 1915 - June 8th 2006

Grant Cogswell, Cab Driver, Poet, Politician, Screen Writer



Grant Cogswell was born in 1968 in Los Angeles and grew up there and in London and Paris with his father, an aerospace contractor, going to school on various US military bases. Summers were spent in Seattle with his grandmother. When his father died of cancer, he went east to live with high school pals in Virginia. After working some blah jobs, he studied creative writing at the University of Virginia, graduating in 1993. His grandmother died that same year and Grant immediately moved to Seattle. "My grandma and I were the last surviving members of our family," Grant says of his move. "She left me what she had. I had a little spending money. I was writing a novel and, really, after a life of moving all the time, I was really, finally, at home."

Grant soon became active in local politics, collecting 75,000 signatures against the new baseball stadium in two months. (The State Supreme Court ruled

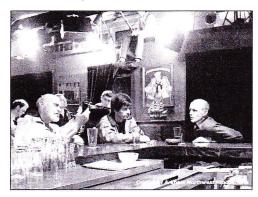
against his effort.) During this campaign, he met City Council candidate, Nick Licata, and became a key organizer in his winning campaign in 1997. At the same time, he ran a successful campaign for an extended monorail – successful in the sense that the initiative on the ballot won – not once but four times, but the monorail he was pushing for never got built.

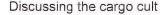
In 2001, Grant decided that he had to run for City Council himself, running against Richard McIver (Chair of Seattle City Council's Transportation Committee). McIver, the only black voice on council, had done well on police reform and racial matters but many felt he had a very bad record on transportation. That was Grant's issue. However, the voters decided in favor of McIvor.

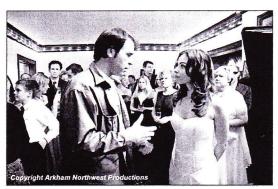
Between times, Grant drove a taxi and had begun freelance writing for *The Stranger* in 1999, where he tried writing news stories but was sent over to the arts section. He also published poetry (his best known poem is 'Ode to Congressman Marion Zioncheck' – a 1930's activist Seattle politician, who committed suicide) and was a writer in residence with Richard Hugo House (2004-2005). He wrote "Grant's Boiler," a column for the Belltown Messenger.

Most recently, Grant has been involved in writing and production of a horror movie – Cthulhu – with Tori Spelling. A Seattle history professor, drawn back to his estranged family on the Oregon coast to execute his late mother's estate, is re-acquainted with his best friend from childhood with whom he has a long-awaited tryst. Caught in an accelerating series of events, he discovers aspects of his father's New Age cult (including a cargo cult using human sacrifice to summon up the Old Ones from under the sea) which take on a dangerous and apocalyptic significance. Grant hoped to have the film ready for the 2006 Cannes International Film Festival but the shooting of the film was not finished in time. A rough cut was sent to the Toronto Festival but, otherwise, they had yet to finish or send anything out. That did not happen until the end of summer.

In June, 2006, Grant announced he'd written his last "Grant's Broiler" column. He wrote: "Sorry, I got overwhelmed, frankly, by my hopelessness as regards this city. I have nothing to say to the people of this city anymore. I'm moving to Mexico in the fall."







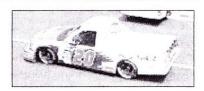
Meeting with the cult members

In June 2006, Grant said that while Cthulhu was in post-production, he and director Daniel Gildark had been itching to get up to something new. Their Cascadia Film Collective is preparing to produce a short film – about fifteen minutes – called "Frank Hayes." Amelia Reeber does a solo dance work featuring a foggy arctic landscape, a person rowing a small boat, and a polar bear. The piece was performed at On the Boards' Northwest New Works Festival in June and in Portland back in 2004.

Cogswells in Sports

Marcos Ambrose (right), the 2003 and 2004 Australian V8 Supercar Champion, hails from the Australian state of Tasmania. Fresh from capturing the attention of the NASCAR community June 24th with a third place finish in Kansas, Team Australia NASCAR truck driver Ambrose has stated that it is consistency that is his next goal. "I started my first one-and-a-half mile oval at Charlotte and crashed on the fourth lap after qualifying third. We had to wind it back a little bit and regroup and just understand how to race these things. It's very hard to adapt. I've never driven on ovals. I've never driven stock cars. I've come from a road-race

background, so it's been a difficult transition and wasn't one we expected to be easy. We're still in the learning process. The move from Australia, I was kind of a big fish in a pretty small pond and now I'm small fish in a huge ocean over here. I've really got to find my mark." Ambrose admits to having received a great deal of counsel from his crew chief **Gary Cogswell** and the rest of the team's cadre.



Gary Cogswell, Crew Chief, said, "To say we're ahead of schedule is an understatement. It's amazing just how fast Marcos has caught on to what these trucks need to be fast. He's always done a great job giving us information so we can make the truck better, and he's been doing that while he's trying to get used to all these new tracks."

It was Gary Cogswell, a crew chief for what is now the Wood Brothers driving team, who met Ambrose at the Cincinnati/Northern Kentucky International Airport when he arrived from Tasmania, and took him to Cracker Barrel for a side of Southern grits. Ambrose had been brought by Ford as a promising international recruit.

Gary is a veteran crew chief. A native of Holt, Michigan, born in 1955, he began his professional racing career after moving south in 1991. He has worked for a number of drivers. In 1995, it was for Chad Little, who won six times. Gary continued with him in 1996. In 1997 and 1998, he moved to Cicci-Welliver Raving, where his driver, Mike McLaughlin, won three times. In 1999, he was crew chief for Base Motorsports' machine number 33. At the end of that season, he was hired by Robbie Reiser. In 2000, he was crew chief for Matt Kenseth and for Jason Schuler and, in 2001, for Hank Parker, Jr. After that, it was for Todd Bodine, and then for Tim Fedewa. By 2004, his teams had 14 NBS victories, seven poles, 51 top five and 85 top 10 finishes. That year, he was hired by Richard Childress Racing as crew chief for driver Kerry Earnhardt in the NASCAR Cup Series. In 2005, he was general manager for the Stacy Compton team and, in 2006, he started as crew chief for Bobby East before moving to work for Marcos Ambrose.

In addition to driver and crew chief, the team includes a front (tire) changer, a front carrier, a rear changer, a rear carrier, someone to man the jack, someone to pump gas, a "catch can" and a spotter.

Other Cogswells who are involved in auto racing, but as drivers, include:

Tim Cogswell, who came fifth and grabbed a heat win in the Engine Pro IMCA Modified Action Crystal Motor Speedway, Crystal, Mich., July 1st, and came third July 8th in the pro stock feature. He also became Pro Stock Season Champion at that track this year.



Brian Cogswell races Thunder Trucks. He, in fact, dominates Thunder Trucks at Auto City Speedway, Clio, Mich. On June 10th, he took the feature win again as well as setting fast time again at 15:77. On June 17th, he set quick time and won the heat but hurt the motor in his potent *Thunder Truck Winner Brian Cogswell* number 77 and had to set out the feature event.

On July 3rd, he set the fast time with a 15.91 and won the heat race. Colt Mabry led the first lap of the feature but lost it to Scott Haggadone. Then on lap 2, Cogswell moved by and held on to take the win.

(Editor's note: Gary Cogswell promised more information and pictures but they did not arrive on time. Attempts to contact Tim Cogswell and Brian Cogswell failed – I couldn't find an address.)

Raymond Cogswell, Photographer

He may be Raymond Austin Cogswell, (*FJC* 4684), son of James Austin and Frances Sarah (Beers) Cogswell, and grandson of Mason Whittlesey and Matilda (Austin) Cogswell. At least, that is the only Raymond Cogswell in the 1880 United States census who would have been between the ages of 24 and 64 at the date when Raymond Cogswell was official photographer for Stone-Galloway Expedition down the Green and Colorado Rivers in 1909. That census shows him living with his father, grandfather and grandmother and a servant. (No mother in the census.) It is, of course, possible that some other Raymond Cogswell came into the States after 1881 and joined the expedition. The Raymond Cogswell on the expedition is believed to have been the brother-in-law of Julius Stone, who organized the expedition. If it is our Raymond Cogswell, then he would have been married to Julius Stone's sister, for our Raymond was an only child. (The 1880 U.S. census shows 14 Julius Stones, most of whom might fit the bill, most of them with sisters.)

Julius Stone was intrigued with the possibility of running the Green and Colorado Rivers in small boats and, by 1909, the idea had crystallized to the point that he hired Nathaniel Galloway to come to the Midwest, accompanied by his young daughter Eva, supervise the construction of four boats and then be the guide for the expedition. The boats were of the type later called "Galloway boats;" a light, flat-bottomed skiff of lapstrake construction, about fourteen feet long, weighing about 400 pounds. Upon completion at a boatyard in Chicago, they were shipped to Green River, Wyoming, by rail. The party met in Green River in the late summer of 1909 and started downriver on September 12. The party consisted of Galloway; Stone; Stone's brother-in-law, Raymond Cogswell, who was a photographer; a friend of Stone's, C.C. Sharp, (who left the party at Hite, Utah, at the start of Glen Canyon); and Seymour Dubendorff, a young man of Galloway's acquaintance from Myton, Utah. Save for Galloway, none of the party had any experience running rapids. The third boatman was Seymour Dubendorff, a friend of Galloway's from Vernal, Utah, who carried Stone's brother-in-law, Raymond Cogswell, the trip's photographer. Despite their lack of skills, the party proceeded without any serious mishaps — save for a capsize in Cataract Canyon, another in the Grand Canyon about



mile 140 and a few minor scrapes and bumps. On September 28th, they found themselves in Vernal, Utah, and Raymond Cogswell and others were invited to an excellent dinner at the State House with the old folks. On October 28th, they came to some rapids bad enough that Stone and Cogswell carried the supplies below and prepared camp, while Galloway and Dubendorff "lined" the boats. On November 2nd, they ran through the Box Canyon and landed at the head of a rough rapid where Stone, Cogswell and Dubendorff portaged the supplies about 300 yards. Galloway ran all the boats through. On November 3rd, Galloway, Stone and Cogswell, climbed out of the canyon and carried out the films for shipment. The Hotel Eltovar is about 5000 feet above the river, which is a heavy climb of

about 12 miles. They remained at the hotel overnight and returned the next day. On November 8, 1909, they found themselves staring at a "bad rapid" in the middle of Grand Canyon. Galloway had been there before and the three boatmen chose to run, while Cogswell walked down the left side of the rapid, snapping photographs. Stone and Galloway had good runs but Dubendorff flipped in a wave on the far right. After they pulled him from the water and rescued his boat, Dubendorff uttered those immortal lines, "I'd like to try that again. I know I can run it!" Thus did Dubendorff earn its name, although it is frequently misspelled. They

reached Needles, California, on November 19, 1909. Galloway kept a diary of the trip and the final reference to Raymond Cogswell is of his taking photographs at Separation Rapids, where the party stopped to examine the rapids and decide on a channel to run the boats through.

Cogswell took over 300 photographs, many of which are housed at Northern Arizona University. 71 of them can be seen at www.nau.edu/~cline/speccoll/guide/s/stone.html. One of his photographs is reproduced above – showing a boat running the rapids in Lodore Canyon.

Cogswell Butte (at right from Lower Surprise Valley) is one of the sites that memorialize this expedition.

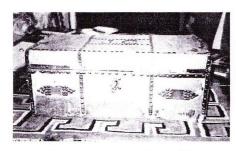
Does anyone know more about this Cogswell?





Left to right: Mary Lieberman, Hal Lieberman, Ray Cogswell, Elsie Cogswell, Gordon Struve, Karen Struve, Pamela Cogswell, June Cogswell, Larry Cogswell. Prescott Cogswell, Wilma Cogswell, John Cogswell, Florita Cogswell, Dennis Gollsneider, Edmund Cogswell, Malcolm Cogswell, Jean Cogswell. Insert: at left: Ann Cogswell (who took the picture). At right: Ryan, Kristy and Krystal Mettler. Sandra Gollsneider was present but is not shown.

Colorado Reunion



A small but pleasant Cogswell Family Reunion was held in Buena Vista, Colorado, September 8th to 10th, hosted by John Cogswell, mostly in his own home. We arrived at his home Friday afternoon to get reacquainted and view the Cogswell material in John's possession, including the chest (left) that John Cogswell brought on the Angel Gabriel. This was followed by a catered supper.

We met at his home again Saturday morning and each Cogswell was asked to make a brief presentation on interesting facts

about his or her ancestors. There were no long bus trips at this reunion. Saturday afternoon was free time, although John had a couple of suggestions of things we might do. It was arranged to meet again at John's house at 5:30 for a group picture (above) before driving to a restaurant for our formal banquet. Instead of hiring a speaker, John gave us the story of one of his more interesting non-Cogswell ancestors. We also learned that the 21st Infantry under Maj. Milton Cogswell was present at the driving of the last spike in the Union Pacific Railroad.

We were invited to meet again at John's house for breakfast on Sunday morning, and for thanking our host and more conversation and goodbyes. One thing our host did (which is not to set a precedent) was to



pay from his own pocket for the catered supper, the banquet and the Sunday breakfast. And all within view of a snowcapped 14,000 foot mountain (clouds obscure the snow) – the only snow your editor saw before arriving in Calgary, Alberta, where he had snow on his car at an altitude of 3,300 feet.

Family Papers from Cogswell Favern



Washington, Conn.: In one sense, they are just the remnants of everyday life – an account book, a receipt for goods, a letter inquiring about mother's condition. But the newly discovered "Cogswell Papers," the largest unified collection of documents chronicling life in early Washington, are more than mere daily records. They are a rare window into history written by those who lived it. "These records tell fascinating stories of the people and the times," said Gunn Memorial Museum curatorial assistant Suzie Fateh in a press release, "and will have enduring value because of the information they contain and the important research purpose they are likely to serve. The collection is remarkable for its size, its age, and its condition and will be invaluable in providing helpful insights about the town's history."

Dating as far back as the 1770s, the Cogswell Papers were stored, and by all accounts forgotten, in the attic and closets of the historic Cogswell Tavern in New Preston until descendants of the Cogswell family, who have continuously owned the building since it was built in 1756, unearthed the trove while cleaning.

The collection, which fills 26 cartons and includes hundreds of letters, deeds, legal papers, maps, diaries and publications, was then donated to the Gunn Memorial Library and Museum in late 2005.

"[The papers] are very important as a body of primary research material," said archivist Alison Gilchrist, while giving a tour of the exhibit during a recent interview. Pointing to a beautifully and carefully scrolled pen-and-ink letter detailing the shipment of an order of cotton, Ms. Gilchrist noted, "It gives you a picture of these sloops moving goods up the [Shepaug] river. It just gives you this wonderful image ... it helps bring to life a whole other time and world, really."

The Cogswell family, Ms. Gilchrist explained, was the founding and most important family of New Preston. In 1746, patriarch Edward Cogswell moved from the town of Preston in the eastern part of the state to settle what is now known as New Preston. From the Revolutionary War era to 1820, the Cogswell family "had their hand in every conceivable enterprise in New Preston and were responsible for making the town an early industrial center," said Ms. Gilchrist, who detailed the family's expansive list of accomplishments — everything from a general store and grist and saw mill to work in the fields of law and education. Perhaps the most famous enterprise the family is known for is the establishment of the Cogswell Tavern, where George Washington had breakfast with his troops May 25, 1781. Due to the difficulties of travel during this period, Ms. Gilchrist noted, the state General Assembly mandated that every 40 miles there would be an inn or tavern. "Tavern keepers had to be licensed and approved so it was actually a great honor to be a tavern keeper," she said.

Many of the papers in the collection are related to the family businesses – invoices for "hogsheads" of rum from the Caribbean to account books from the mills. Another group of documents concerns family member Gould Camp Whittlesey, director of the Christian school, the Waramaug Academy, who amassed a broad array of 19th-century teaching materials, such as textbooks and records on "student whispering." One of the more amusing documents, Ms. Fateh pointed out, was a warrant for the arrest of a thief who stole cloth from the family business. Several other legal documents detail lawsuits brought by single and unmarried women "begotten with child," accusing some fellow of fatherhood, Ms. Gilchrist mentioned. "We don't really know if they are paternity suits or accusations of rape but, in every case they are looking for money, whether that was a punishment or support for the woman and child."

The most sensational documents, however, are the bill of sale for a slave and military orders sent to Major Cogswell telling him to disband his troops because the British surrendered at Yorktown.

"When I handle archival documents, especially these ephemeral, little-known and, some might think, meaningless papers, I feel like I'm time-traveling, touching the past and gaining a window into the lives of ordinary people who lived in this very same place, but in such a different time and culture. Admittedly, this is not the history of the famous but it is the history of a momentous time in the community in which I live. And it is also often a mirror of what was going on statewide and nationally, but on a level that is comprehensive and invaluable," Ms. Gilchrist stated.

Ms. Gilchrist suggested that the reason these papers survived was undoubtedly because of the fact that the Cogswell Tavern, where the papers were found, has always remained in the family.

Ms. Fateh explained that "for [the elder Cogswell family] it was very important for them [to save everything] because it was how they passed information from one generation to another. Most people would throw this out if they were going through their attic and found all these boxes. Hopefully, doing an exhibit like this will encourage people to think twice ... and instead give it to their local historical society or find an institution or organization that can take advantage of it."

Written by Rebecca Ransom in the Litchfield Times, June 30th, 2006. Submitted by Mary Malumphy & Dennis Gollsneider.

Cogswells in the News

June 4th: John Cogswell made a difficult phone call to a stressed-out mom to explain what happened when Noah Lessard suffered a head injury at the Spring Meadows Golf Course, Gray, Maine, and then lent his personal cell phone to Michael Lessard so he could keep in contact with Noah's mom as she made her way to Maine Medical Center in Portland from Kittery. Noah received 12 stitches and is doing well.

A proposal was put forth by Lenox athletic director Brian Cogswell to return high school varsity and sub-varsity basketball games to the four quarters format, playing four eight-minute quarters, instead of the current 16-minute halves. Cogswell's rationale is that, "in smaller schools with smaller participation numbers, this rule would allow for more competitive junior varsity games and allow more athletes to be able to play in contests on a consistent basis coming from the varsity to JV games."

July 8th: Norwalk, Conn.: The Board of Education is considering privatizing its food service operations, school officials said. But any type of privatization could water down the quality of the food served to students, said Ed Cogswell, Head Chef at Brien McMahon High School and President of the Local 1748 bargaining unit. "We make homemade soup every day at McMahon, and I have taken a lot of my mom's recipes and developed them to work in a school lunch program," said Cogswell, a 1970 McMahon graduate.

Tom Cogswell, an AmeriCorps member working with a program of free testing which gives information about the effects of fertilizers, pesticides and other groundwater pollution, will be available when residents drop off their samples. "Hopefully, they'll become more aware of the issues and how human impact can affect not just surface water but groundwater," he said. People must bring at least 4 ounces of cold, untreated tap water in plastic or glass containers, or in bottles provided by the drop-off center. Residents should get results within three to six weeks from the Michigan Department of Agriculture.

July 18th: Dorothy Cogswell (Cogswells in the News, April), Coordinator for Religious Education at St Mary's of the Presentation Catholic Church in downtown Suffolk, Va., was the church's representative at the sentencing of 20-year-old James Dean Henderson, who burglarized the church and set it on fire. Henderson was sentenced to 20 years in prison, reduced to four years suspended provided he successfully completes a Youthful Offender Program. "If this will work for him, we're happy," Dorothy said. "I hope that somewhere along the line, his life is straightened out. The congregation has forgiven him, because we all make mistakes. The physical damage he did, we can fix. It's the emotional things that take time. We pray for him. We really do." Henderson is also ordered to pay the church \$255,000.00 in restitution for damage to the church. Reconstruction is about 90 percent done.

July 26th: Arnie Cogswell was recently honored by The Hickory City Council (Catawba County, N.C.) and Mayor Rudy Wright for serving the Public Art Commission. He was among 19 retiring board and commission members.

July 31st; Australia: Crown Advocate Richard Cogswell, SC, today filed documents with the court, claiming the information on which the Parole Authority based its decision to grant Maddison Hall (formerly Noel Crompton Hall) parole was false or misleading. Hall has served 16 years of a 22-year sentence for the 1987 shooting murder of hitchhiker Lyn Saunders in southern New South Wales. On August 28th: Crown Advocate Richard Cogswell, SC, argued that sentences for two young men convicted of rape were inadequate and "failed to recognize the harm done to the victim." Another was convicted under a law designed to protect young women from sexual violation, he said, and the sentence "fails to deliver any punitive response at all."

Diana Cogswell, a cancer survivor, has been orchestrating the annual drive to raise \$30,000 for the Claudia Mayer Cancer Resource and Imaging Center, Columbia, Maryland, during the 10th annual Cuts Against Cancer event August 20.

Assistant Public Defender Ursula Cogswell, 33, of Boynton Beach, Florida, is usually in court against the police, not learning from them. But now that police instructors in Delray Beach and Boca Raton are giving free self-defense classes for women, she says, "I think they're great for doing this. You can see how it is to be attacked. It's a great class; it sharpens your instincts."

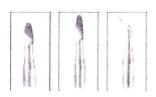
72-year-old Ted Cogswell, Jr., of Great Falls, Montana, received the Wright Brothers Master Pilot Award, a plaque and lapel pin Thursday, **August 31**st. The award recognizes pilots who have maintained safe flight operations for at least 50 years. His name will be listed in an honorary book at FAA headquarters in Washington, D.C. Ted began flying at age 19. He served 25 years in the military. He retired from the military in 1980 as a Lieutenant Colonel, but continued flying. He plans to fly until someone tells him to stop.

Connecticut's top insurance regulator, Commissioner Susan Cogswell, has been embroiled in controversy because earlier this summer, she approved an insurer's plan to cancel policies on homes not protected by storm shutters within 3/4 of a mile of the water. The required shutters cost up to \$50,000.00 per home and the requirement by insurance companies is a response to Hurricane Katrina. Ms. Cogswell is concerned that, without the shutters, a major hurricane could bankrupt the insurance companies, leaving home owners with worthless policies. She is back on the job after she underwent surgery for a head tumor **April 13**th, 2006.

This and That

Teacher Retires

Principal Clint Cogswell, 60, is retiring after 16 years at Walker School in Concord, N.H. He came to Concord 25 years ago from Arlington, Mass., where he was a third-grade teacher. His first job in Concord was as principal of Kimball and Dewey, two if the city's nine elementary schools. He left after eight years to take the top job at Walker. When he started as a principal, he felt the job was reams of paperwork and lots of teacher evaluations. But he came to see the position is more like social work, helping kids and families in crisis. He has had crises of his own. Five years ago, after suffering three heart attacks, he took a one-year leave of absence to receive a heart transplant. But after six months of recovery, he was looking forward to getting back to his students, because hugs are the best medicine. He has earned the hugs. He found a scholarship to pay for a student's winter ski program, arranged a tutor for a student having trouble with math and reached into his own pocket for a student who couldn't afford lunch. There have been challenging times as well. In 1986, he traveled to Florida with the third grade class to watch the launch of the Challenger. The class included the son of teacher Christa McAuliffe, who was on board when the space shuttle exploded. Ten years later, he was principal when President Clinton visited the school during his re-election campaign. One kindergarten student got confused and asked a Secret Service agent "Are you the President?" His students wish him well, although they presented him with at least two written student boners: "I'm sid you are leving," and "I want to say I'm sorry that you are living," but at least one student got it right: "I hope you have a good time retiring and I hope no one wrecks it."



Cogswells and Your Teeth

There is a dental instrument called "elevator Cogswell" (pictured left). Also, there is a "Cogswell straight" (center) and a "Cogswell angular" (right). Any one of them will cost your dentist \$16.00. Next time a dentist removes one of your teeth, ask if (s)he is using a Cogswell instrument.





Ben Cogswell of Plainsboro, N.J., has been a member of the editorial board for SEX, ETC. for two years now. It is a national newsletter and web site written by teens, for teens, on sexual health issues, published by the Network for Family Life Education at Rutgers, the State University of New Jersey. Ben always thought it would be cool to write for a national publication. So he was very excited when the *SEX*, *ETC*. recruitment staff came to his health class. "I like the idea of helping others and talking about issues that will help them choose the right path," he says. Ben's an outgoing, funny guy, who loves to listen to music, play poker and



Ben at age 16 hockey. Keeping an open mind and respecting the views of all

Ben at age 17 kinds of people make him a prodigious writer. Ben's long-term goal is to become a litigation attorney.

(Sorry Ben. I really tried to reach you for permission to include this but the Post Office and SEX, ETC's "Contact us" both failed.)

Cogswell Student Actress



Maggie Cogswell is a graduate (2004) of St. Stephen's Episcopal school. Maggie portrays Helen Burns (left) during rehearsals for the University of Evansville Theatre production of the musical "Jane Eyre," in November, 2005. Maggie Cogswell played the naive daughter of a greedy CEO with wide-eyed gullibility and soared into operatic voice for "Follow Your Heart" in "Urinetown," the University of Evansville (Indiana) Theatre's opening show of the 2006-07 season.

Middle Age: When actions creak louder than words.

From the President's Desk



2007 is an election year for the Cogswell Family Association. That means some new Officers and some new Board members too. I have been the CFA's President for three years now and plan to step down in 2007. So if you are interested in serving as an Officer or on the Board of Directors, drop me a line and let me know. My address is 5902 Golden Road, Sebring, FL 33875-6099; my e-mail is patcogswell@earthlink.net.

I need to thank several people for all their hard work – first, Malcolm Cogswell, our cousin in Canada, for doing an excellent job with our newsletter, the Courier. What interesting information Malcolm has found to keep us informed of our history and also the present times. Next – Claire Cogswell-Daigle, our secretary, for handling our new members, providing Malcolm with mailing labels and sending out birthday and Christmas cards to our members. What would we do without her! Then – Don Cogswell, our historian, for keeping up the CFA database of ancestors and new family members. One day, I'll bet the CFA will publish a second edition of *Descendants of John Cogswell* and it will only be thanks to **you** for sending in family information and Don for recording it. Then – Jack Cogswell, our treasurer, for making sure we have the finances to handle our business. These four people work tirelessly to make sure the CFA is alive and well.

I have recently sent letters to several members asking them to host our 2007 reunion. I hope to hear from them soon. 2007 is an important year for the Cogswell Family Association and I hope that we can have a successful reunion as well. We need to make sure that we continue to thrive as an organization and to have some fun doing it.

Pat Cogswell

Henry Cogswell College Closes

We are saddened to announce the closure of Henry Cogswell College in Everett, Washington. On June 23, 2006, the College's governing board made their decision to close the College, effective August 31, 2006, having concluded that the College is in a financial crisis and that enrollment at the College will continue to decline over the coming years.

The Board's closure decision was officially announced to the current staff, students and faculty on June 29th. Henry Cogswell College is a tuition driven college, without an endowment and with an enrollment of fewer than 200 students. Despite our limited resources, we have always been able to sustain a quality curriculum and offer sound academic programs but recently, the College has been greatly challenged by the ever-increasing costs of administering and marketing the College, particularly in the face of a serious decline in enrollments. Despite the best efforts of its fine administrators and faculty, the College has found itself in a financial crisis.

The Foundation of Educational Achievement, which governs the College, has substantially supported the College's expenses over and above tuition revenues since HCC became part of the Foundation. Unfortunately, the College's operating costs have recently exceeded the Foundation's ability to cover the College's growing deficit over tuition revenues and have placed the Foundation in financial jeopardy. As a result, the Foundation's governing board, with great reluctance, moved to close the College.

We are extremely proud of all of the College's accomplishments, alumni, faculty and students, who have brought their intellect, creativity and talent to our campus, and we are extremely disappointed to have to convey this news to our current campus community, as well as to prospective students and applicants.



From the Secretary's Desk

Hello, Everyone,

Here we are, coming to the end of another year.

Our membership is growing slowly.

We have only one new member this time:

Nancy Hanson, Taylorsville, UT

And we have one death to report:

Elsie Cogswell, wife of George Cogswell, Canoga Park, CA., died July 28th, 2006.

About our next reunion, 2007, which we hope will be held in Central Falls, RI. We need a chairman and, if any one wishes to host it, please contact our President, Pat Cogswell, as soon as possible. (One person has indicated she would help.)

There are still some unpaid dues and I would like to close out 2006 so please get them in to me as soon as possible.

Hope you all have a happy healthy holiday.

Your Secretary, Claire

Another Death

Robert Taylor Cogswell, Malden, Mass. died August 21st, 2006 (brother of CFA member Patricia Cogswell)

Births

Alexys Rose Cogswell, Oct. 4th, 2006, Charlotte, Michigan, to Dale Cogswell and Jessica Shepard

Jeff & Jessica (Daigle) Clouse announce the birth of their daughter, Shelby, born October 30th, 2006, great-granddaughter of Claire Cogswell-Daigle

A LITTLE POEM FOR THE WOMEN

He didn't like the casserole and he didn't like my cake,
My biscuits were too hard... not like his mother used to make.
I didn't perk the coffee right, he didn't like the stew,
I didn't mend his socks the way his mother used to do.
I pondered for an answer, I was looking for a clue —
Then I turned around and smacked him... like his mother used to do.

From the Editor's Desk

In each Cogswell Courier I try to have a major story of at least two and no more than four pages. My first issue had a large story on the thousand-year lease of the School Farm in Essex. The next two issues had another farm on Tinker Hill. Both these were contributed by members. Then there was the War of 1812, which I had to write myself. Slade Cogswell allowed me to copy his letters about his trip to South America for the next two issues – which brings me to this issue. A member has promised a major story, but it has to wait for the New England Genealogical and Historical Society. I don't know when we can print it. That left me looking for some-



thing on my own. The story I found was originally slated for the Canadian Connection page – maybe next August, as I had two Canadian Connection stories that I had promised to print before that. But this one grew. The unknown descendants were pretty well documented people. So if you think there's too much Canada in this issue, I can only apologize – and ask readers to send major stories.

About the Cover of This Issue

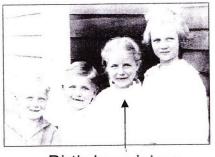
It's an old picture from 1980, but Joel Grow gave us permission to use it. All four children are descendants of John Cogswell: Left to right: Carrie Cogswell (*DJC* 11621), Sarah Grow (*DJC* 11624), Kathleen Cogswell (*DJC* 11622) and Joel Grow (*DJC* 11623). Joel wrote, "We used to visit our cousins the Cogswells at their home in The Dalles, Oregon, on holidays. Here, we're giving our best St. Nick impression." It turns out Joel is one of the editor's closer relatives – his grandmother was only my fifth cousin.

A Reader Writes

George R. Cogswell, a grand-nephew of portrait painter William F. Cogswell (August Courier), tells us that in his son's living room is a portrait by William of William's brother (George's grandfather), Benjamin Franklin Cogswell. George writes that "Uncle Will" lived for some time in Southern California and owned land in the San Gabriel Valley and was active in civic affairs. George thinks Cogswell Dam may have been named after painter William F. Cogswell. (For another explanation see August, 2005, Courier.)

When You Move...

Every issue of the Courier has several copied returned – because the address is out of date. We get charged a "returned mail" fee. Sometimes, they are marked "Forwarding time expired" and the forwarding address is attached. These get re-mailed, but from Canada at a higher cost. Other times there is no forwarding address and people just don't get their Courier. When you move, <u>please</u> <u>inform the Secretary of your new address</u>. See inside front cover for her contact information.









Birthday wishes

to Grace Naomi Shockey, daughter of Armond William and Muriel Anne (Hartson) Harold and granddaughter of John and Hannah (Cogswell) (*DJC* 5366) Harold, and widow of Rev. Mark Henry Shockey, who is celebrating her 100th birthday Dec. 10th, 2006. (Her actual birthday is Dec. 9th.) She now resides at the Heritage Village Health Care Center, Gerry, N.Y. Her daughter, CFA member Genevra Erickson, is on far right in the third picture. Also shown: son, Mark, Jr., Rev. Mark and Caroline (Connie). Pictures are circa 1915, 1925, 1945 and 2006. Picture at left shows John, Aaron, Grace and Esther Harold.



Canadian Connection

A Story about Mason Cogswell (DJC 965)

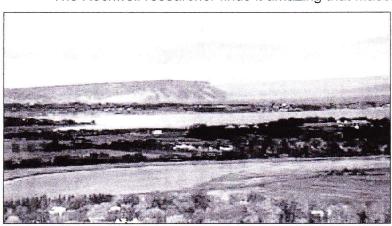
A Rockwell family researcher has found this story, which also concerns Cogswells. Sometime prior to January 1787, Daniel Rockwell appeared before Judge Handley Chipman and stated that he was afraid that Mason Cogswell (*DJC* 965) of Cornwallis, Trader, would beat, wound, maim or kill him, and prayed Surety of the Peace against the said Mason Cogswell. Mason was then aged 37, married, with children. An order was given to the Sheriff, and carried out by Constable Stephen Eaton, to bring Mason Cogswell "before the said Handley Chipman to find sufficient surety and mainprise as well for his personal appearance at the next General Sessions of our Peace to be held at Horton..." On April 18th, 1787, Mason Cogswell appeared before Judge Chipman and acknowledged that he owed "to our said Lord the King the sum of twenty pounds of good and lawful money of Great Britain, to be respectively made and levied of his several goods and chattels, Lands and tenements to the use of our said Lord the King, his heirs and successors if he the said Mason Cogswell shall fail in performing the conditions" set – namely, to keep the peace and not harm Daniel Rockwell. Two friends also put up ten pounds each as surety for his good behaviour.

In the winter of 1789, Daniel Rockwell was sued by Mason Cogswell before Judge Handley Chipman, Esq., for Costs in the case and obtained a judgment for it with Costs. Mr. Rockwell appealed the decision and, on 4th Oct., 1790, his appeal was granted. Mr. Rockwell did not have to pay.

On May 31st, 1791, a coroner's inquest was held before Coroner Thomas Ratchford "upon the view of the body of Daniel Rockwell then and there lying dead." Mason Cogswell was one of eleven men charged to determine "when, where, how and after what manner the said Daniel Rockwell came to his death." They found that "by the Instigation of the Devil at Cornwallis in the County aforesaid, in and upon himself then and there being in the peace of God and of the said Lord the King, feloniously, voluntarily and of his malice forethought, made an assault, and that the aforesaid Daniel Rockwell then and there with a certain Raizer (razor) of the value of one penny which he the said Daniel then and there held in his right hand, himself upon his left ledge (leg) then and there feloniously voluntarily and his Malice forethought did cut off a large vain (vein) in his left ledge of which mortal wound, the said Daniel Rockwell at Cornwallis aforesaid, in the County aforesaid of the mortal wound died." The decision was filed in Sessions of June Terms, 1791, B. Hilton. Clerk.

Mason Cogswell came to Nova Scotia from Connecticut at age 10. When the family was about to leave, his grandmother wanted him to stay and told him to hide, which he did. His father Hezekiah searched until the captain said they could wait no longer. Then Hezekiah said in a commanding voice, "MASON!" The boy, trained to instant obedience, replied, "Sir!" and was found.

The Rockwell researcher finds it amazing that Mason Cogswell, who had threatened the life



of the deceased, was allowed to sit on the Coroner's Inquest Board. She also finds the method of suicide – slitting one's leg with a razor – odd. She suspects Daniel Rockwell was murdered. What do you think?

This picture is taken from Horton, Kings County, Nova Scotia (where Mason Cogswell had to go to court), looking across the Cornwallis River into the community of Cornwallis (where Mason lived, although his home is well to the left out of the picture.)



Tettoo ertist Ryen Cogswell goes to work.

Ryan Cogswell, 23, is an artist who grew up not far from Plattsburgh, New York. He was born and raised in the area surrounding Moriah, New York, where he attended high school. When he turned 18—"right when I turned 18," he says—he got his first tattoo. It is circular and black, about two inches in diameter; it is the symbol for the band, A Perfect Circle.

"I've just always, always drawn," Ryan remarked. "Basically, the talent runs in my family." He first became interested in tattoos when he was in high school. He started doing different drawings and "people said, 'Wow, those would

make cool tattoos.' So it kind of got me thinking about it and I designed my own flash." (Flash is a sheet of paper or cardboard with tattoo designs printed or drawn onto it. The most common tattoo flash is on 11 by 14 inch paper, with different drawings of possible tattoo styles spread out on the paper.) The flash that is hanging in Body Art Tattoo, on Margaret Street in Plattsburgh, where Ryan is head artist, is Ryan's own work.

Ryan went to the Body Art Tattoo Parlor in Burlington, Vermont, and brought some of his flash along to try and sell his designs to customers. "He asked where I tattooed at and I was like, 'Actually, I don't. You know, I never have. You know, I just design them." The tattoo artist to whom he was selling his designs was floored by this and thought Ryan's designs were really professional. The head artist, Tyre Duvernay, at Body Art in Burlington was so impressed that he asked Ryan if he'd ever thought of tattooing. "I was like a little kid. I was, like, 'Oh, my God' - it was like a dream come true, you know." Then he told Ryan to bring in a portfolio, which he did, and started training him right away. Tattoo parlors have different types of images that people want more often than others. The more common ones that Ryan has done lately are kanjis and shamrocks. "Shamrocks have been so huge lately. On average, I'd say I do about five kanjis a week." A kanji is the Japanese term for a Chinese character. Some of the more uncommon tattoos that Ryan says he does are portraits of people or new-school work, such as flowers that are open or bright and colorful images. "A lot of people don't realize what you can do with a tattoo, so they don't think of the idea of a portrait. Then the price

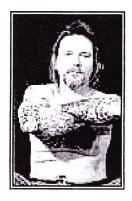
usually scares people away, 'cause they're around \$300. That kind of sways people away from it," he said.

Tattooing is an art and is something Ryan likes to do. He doesn't have to pull himself out of bed each day. "It's more a hobby than a job. I mean, this is what I do to make my living-I have bills. I take such pride and I love to do it."

When looking for an establishment to get a tattoo, Ryan said, look for cleanliness and organization. The rooms in Body Art here in Plattsburgh look almost like a doctor's office. "If you go into a place and it looks like a frat house, you know you don't want to go there—[if] they don't have any gloves and equipment is lying around, or there's a guy who's eating a hamburger while he's doing a tattoo, you know you don't want to go there," Quinn Shabow, a piercer and tattoo-apprentice at Body Art said.



Top picture is by Sarah Ellis, lower picture and story by Sunshine D. Sheltray.



Another Cogswell Tottoo Artist

Chris Cogswell, 45, was born in Marlboro, Mass., but, at the time, Tattoo Studios were illegal so he came in 1978 to Germany and spent nine "lucky" years with the US Army. There he met John Tracy, who taught him the basics of tattooing in 1983. He then opened his first studio in Weiterstadt, Germany in 1994. He did his first body piercing in 1995. In 1999, he moved his studio to its present location. When asked about his favorite tattoos, he says it's all the same to him. He enjoys them all. His worst nightmare is not being able to tattoo for a few days, and he gets nervous and in a bad mood if he cannot follow his passion. He looks forward to each piece of skin which he may tattoo. For him, there is nothing more beautiful, than if a customer leaves his studio with a content smile. It confirms that he selected the right job.

Cagswell Neighbors in Spswich

Geoffrey (or Godfrey) Armitage

The Cogswells in America calls him Godfrey, which is the name more commonly used for him on the Internet, and Descendants of John Cogswell calls him Geoffrey.

Geoffrey Armitage did not live in Ipswich, so he wasn't a neighbor. He lived in Boston but he did interact with the Cogswell family.

Mary Cogswell (*DJC* 3), the oldest daughter of John and Elizabeth Cogswell to come to America, married Geoffrey Armitage of Boston in 1649. Geoffrey was a tailor, and later, a merchant. This was his second marriage. We may guess that Mary Cogswell went to Boston to be a servant in the home of Governor Bellingham. At least, a Mary Cogswell from his household joined the church in Boston in 1647. Mary probably met her future husband while there.

Descendants of John Cogswell says that Geoffrey was either the son or brother of Thomas Armitage, who came to America aboard the James in 1635. (Your editor found passenger lists for two voyages of the James in 1635, neither of which contained an Armitage, but neither contained Richard Mather either, so the lists are incomplete. Richard Mather's Journal puts them both on the James.) Thomas Armitage was born "about 1600" and married Susan Mitchell on September 25th, 1625. Geoffrey Armitage was born "before 1621," so it would seem that a younger brother is more likely. The Armitage family history, which has many details about Thomas, does not mention Geoffrey Armitage. (For Thomas' story, visit the internet at http://www.billputman.com/Armitage.pdf)

According to E. O. Jameson in *The Cogswells in America*, Geoffrey arrived in America earlier than Thomas, being in Lynn in 1630. One internet site says he was born at Westbury Leigh, Wiltshire, England, but that is probably confusion with the Cogswells.

If the International Genealogical Index (IGI) is to be believed (and it displays whatever people tell it, without statements as to accuracy), Geoffrey Armitage's first marriage was about 1639 to Sarah Webb, daughter of William and Rebecca Webb. That much is probably correct. Less certain is the list of their children:

Rebekah ARMITAGE: born April 14th, 1641 (married Samuel Tarbox)

Samuel ARMITAGE: born October 7th, 1645

Rebecca ARMITAGE: born about 1647 (different spelling of the name of a living daughter)

John ARMITAGE: born about 1648

Samuel ARMITAGE: born about 1649 (the first died – but is this of the second marriage?) If this list is correct, it is likely that Sarah (Webb) Armitage died in childbirth and it is probable that the last child did not live very long either – it was difficult to keep a nursing child alive when the mother was dead. E. O. Jameson, in *The Cogswells in America*, mentions two children: Rebecca, and Samuel who died in childhood.

As noted, Geoffrey Armitage married Mary Cogswell in 1649. *Descendants of John Cogswell* knows of one child: Samuel Armitage, born 1651.

The IGI, however, has entries which show other children. One entry shows three children: Samuel Armitage, Mary Armitage and Samuel Cogswell, all born in 1651. (Could this Samuel be the son of Mary's brother, John?) Another entry lists Samuel and a sister, Esther Cogswell Armitage, born about 1653, died July 5, 1655. (Jameson also mentions an Esther Cogswell, deceased, in Geoffrey Armitage's house, saying she may be a daughter.)

When John Cogswell (*DJC* 5) was in England, he incurred a debt (on behalf of the family?) and arranged for £100 to be paid in Boston and wrote Geoffrey Armitage, asking him to pay it, because he lived in Boston, and also wrote his father asking him and William (*DJC* 4) to assist in paying it. Before going to England, John had made his will, naming his brother William and Geoffrey Armitage as executors, along with Rev. Nathaniel Rogers as overseer.

There is a will of Godfrey Armitage, (http://ourancestry.com/w_armitage_godfrey.html) made December 22nd, 1674, naming his wife Mary as executrix and leaving bequests to his son Samuel, and his daughter Rebecca Tarbox. One internet source says he died in 1675. Mary's date of death is not known. She was still living in 1677, aged about 59, when she made a deposition as to her father's property in a court case: Cogswell vs. Cogswell. In this case, John III Cogswell sued his uncle and guardian William Cogswell (DJC 4) because he thought he had not received all the inheritance to which he was entitled.

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