

Cogswell Family Association, Inc.

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Cogswell



Arrived on ship Angel Gabriel
Pemaquid, Mass
(Now Maine)
August 14, 1635
Settled at Ipswich, Mass.

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Dear Cogswell Descendant:

I should like to invite your attention to the Cogswell Family Association, Inc. (CFA), an organization of descendants of John Cogswell (1592-1669), which welcomes Cogswells of other lines and friends.

John Cogswell and his family were prominent weavers in Wiltshire, England. They sailed from Bristol for the New World aboard the "Angel Gabriel" in 1615, bringing with them not only technology but weaving equipment and some trained personnel. During a stop en route on Maine's Pemaquid Peninsula, a violent storm destroyed their ship. However, they were able to recover some of their possessions and transport them to their intended destination in the area of present-day Boston. From that point, John's descendants spread over this continent; many distinguished themselves and most have contributed to the development of North America.

The CFA was organized through the efforts of John Cogswell's descendants in several areas of the United States with the cooperation of Cogswell College in California, which may be familiar to many through its reproduction and distribution of "The Cogswells in America" (c) 1884 by E. O. Jameson - the definitive compilation on New World Cogswells, and other family-oriented publications.

The CFA would be pleased to have you and your family join in what we consider a "labor of love" devoted to preserving records of our Cogswell origins, its genealogy, memorabilia and accomplishments as well as promoting contacts among family members. An application for membership and a standard five-generation chart are enclosed for your use.

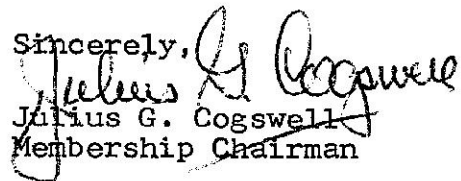
The CFA held its first annual meeting in Salem, Massachusetts, in August of last year. A second has been arranged for the last weekend in September of this year in the area of Maine's Pemaquid Peninsula; you

are cordially invited to attend should you care to. A copy of the Association's Newsletter #2 describing the first meeting and providing information regarding CFA activities is attached.

During the CFA's initial year, our basic list of Cogswell descendants was expanded to include as many Cogswells in North America as possible. We are currently setting up a computerized genealogical program designed to store and provide data on relationships among members of all Cogswell lines back to our immigrant, English ancestors.

We look forward to receiving your application for membership in the CFA and your ancestral data at your early convenience. Ancestral data may be submitted at a later date if desired, and would be appreciated even though you should decide not to become a member at this time.

Your comments are welcome.

Sincerely,

Julius G. Cogswell
Membership Chairman

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Chart
Newsletter