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*"I neither despise nor fear"*

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# From Our Historian



## OUR VALIANT COGSWELL MEN

By Ellie Gassert



John Cogswell was born April 29, 1835 in Western, Oneida, New York. He married in 1854, Margaret A in Oneida, New York. There were two children from this marriage as found in the 1860 Census of Paris, Oneida, New York. They were Eliza, born 1856 and Julia born 1859.

John enlisted in the 117th New York Regiment, Company G along with his brother, **Joseph Cogswell**. John's enlistment date as shown (left) was July 24, 1862 at Clayville, Oneida, New York. He served well, and was killed in action at the Battle of Drewry's Bluff - Fort Darling, Virginia. Nothing is known about who killed John or his brother Joseph. But, no matter where I look or where I research, our Cogswell kin were busy being active in our United States of America History.



Editor's Note:

[Findagrave.com](http://Findagrave.com) lists **John & Joseph Cogswell** as buried with their parents **William Cogswell** and **Anna Turner** in Sauquoit Valley Cemetery, Clayville, Oneida County, New York .



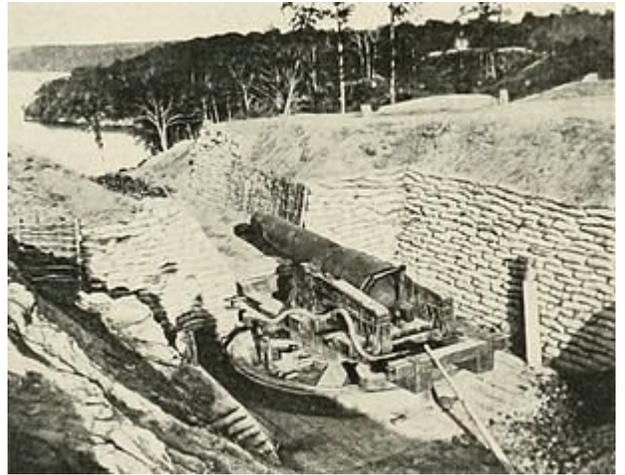
John Cogswell's Civil War enlistment papers (top) and his brother Joseph's (bottom)

# From Our Historian—continued

**The Battle of Drewry's Bluff**, also known as the Battle of Fort Darling, or Fort Drewry, took place May 15, 1864 in Chesterfield County, Virginia, as part of the Peninsula Campaign of the American Civil War. Five Union Navy warships, including the ironclads *USS Monitor* and *Galena*, steamed up the James River to test the defenses of Richmond, Virginia, the Confederate capital. They encountered submerged obstacles, and deadly accurate fire from the batteries of Fort Darling at Drewry's Bluff, which inflicted severe damage on *Galena*, forcing them to turn back.

**Drewry's Bluff** is located in northeastern Chesterfield County, Virginia in the United States. It was the site of Confederate Fort Darling during the American Civil War. It was named for a local landowner, Confederate Captain Augustus H. Drewry.

At Richmond, Virginia, location of the fall line at the head of navigation, the generally west-to-east course of the James River turns almost due south for a distance of about 7 miles (10 km) before turning eastward again towards the Chesapeake Bay. At this sharp bend, Drewry's Bluff on the west side of the James River rose 90 feet (30 m) above the water, commanding a view of several miles distance downstream and making it a logical site for defensive fortifications.



Drewry's Bluff 1864



Drewry's Bluff in 1865, photo by Levy & Cohen from collection of U.S. Library of Congress

## Below as taken from the Civil War Newspaper Clippings from the New York Military Museum and Veterans Research Center:

The 117th in Battle--List of Casualties.  
To the Editor of the Utica Daily Observer:  
Bermuda Hundreds, May 26, 1864.

I see that the papers make no mention of the 117th regiment in the late action of the 16th at Drury's Bluffs; hence I infer that we must speak for ourselves if we would be noticed. Our regiment landed at the junction of the James and Appomatox [sic] rivers, opposite City Point, at a place called "Bermuda Hundreds" the 6th of May. From thence we skirmished in connection with the rest of the army towards Petersburg and Chester Station, where we aided in destroying the Richmond and Petersburg railroad, and in covering the retreat after the objects of the advance in this direction had been accomplished. On the 13th we started again from our established camp, with the en-

trenchments, near to the point of our landing, in the direction of Fort Darling. On the afternoon of the same day we formed a line of battle in front of the outer line of rebel fortifications reaching from Fort Darling westward. While forming this line, Everet Williams of Co. B, was killed, and three others wounded. We remained here all night, receiving an occasional shot from the enemy, and in the morning found that the rebels had evacuated these works and fallen back to a second line a half mile in their rear.

*Our line was advanced to their front once more, and vigorous skirmish kept up through the day, in which our regiment took a very active part. Companies H, K, and G being sent to a point in front of and within short rifle shot of a battery of two guns.*

# *From Our Historian—concluded*

These guns they succeeded in keeping silent until after dark, when the rebels opened a murderous fire of musketry and grape and cannister, accompanied with yells which led us to suppose we were about to be charged, and preparations were made to receive them. Here Wm. Curry of Co. K was killed, and one of the skirmishers wounded.

After the firing had ceased the companies were ordered back, and again joined the regiment, behind a single embankment, within reach of the rebs, but hidden from them by a thin skirting of timber.

**When we were aroused on the morning of the 16th, we found a heavy fog resting upon us and completely enveloping the enemy from our sight.** The firing upon our right in the 18th Corps was commenced early and was the most vigorous of any we had heard, and we noticed at once that it was back of where it had been the previous day, and that there was much less artillery in use on our front. This was ominous, and we began to nerve ourselves for a severe contest. The 3d N. Y. and the 142d N. Y. regiments of our brigade were early brought into action on our right. They withstood the assault of the enemy manfully until they found that every thing on their right had given way. In the meanwhile we were marched to position in their rear, where we remained inactive until these regiments fell back, when we were wheeled into a position nearly perpendicular to the original line of battle, and placed on outside of a rebel rifle pit, in the line we had taken a day or two, before. Until this time we had supposed that our right was protected by Hickman's Brigade, and of course we would have been safe in our new position, but we found, too late, that our right flank was open, and the enemy occupied the position lately held by our own forces, and were in force in our rear. The rest of the brigade had fallen back, too, and we were exposed on three sides. The enemy, of course, saw our position as soon as we did, and took advantage of it, to our cost, opening upon us from all three directions, with musketry, and turning upon us a section of artillery which but a short time before had been our own. This position we held, giving them as good as we had to send, until we received tardy orders to retire, and form anew a few rods in the rear and almost parallel with the one we were about to leave.

Before we were fairly in our new position, by command the colors were advanced under a galling fire, that disabled three of the color guard, and left the ground strewn with the dead and the dying, to a point of high land directly in front of the enemy. Here their fire was continued with great effect, and here, too, we had a chance to return it with equal effect. But we were only a single regiment against a host, the last on the field, and almost surrounded. **We had already lost 17 in killed and 60 in wounded.**

To hold this point was found impracticable, though by taking it we had checked the advance of the enemy and given time to other regiments to make good their retreat. We therefore fell back out of sight and away from the entrenched lines of the Rebels, joining the rest of the brigade, where we were not followed.

Not one of the whole command flinched from his duty; not one retired until ordered to do so. While the friends of the regiment mourn for the lost, they can exult in the bravery and good conduct of all.

Colonel White was struck on the shoulder with a ball early in the day, and the command devolved upon Lieut. Col. Daggett, who sustained himself well. Captain Brigham was shot in the abdomen, and was led from the field apparently not much hurt, but he has since died. Lieut. Castleman lingered but a short time after he received his wound. Lieut. Pease remained at his post after being wounded in the arm, and only left on being ordered to do so by his Captain.

## LIST OF THE KILLED, WOUNDED AND MISSING OF THE 117TH REGIMENT N. Y. V., IN THE ACTION AT DRURY'S BLUFF, MAY 16TH, 1864. KILLED.

Capt. G. W. Brigham, A; Lieut. William C Cassleman, Co D.

Co. A.—Chas. B Shaw.

Co. B.—Michael McKeever, Evert E Williams.

Co. E.—Edward Beaver, Michael Daily.

Co. F.—William H Davis, John Marringer, John McConner.

Co. G.—*Francis A. Olin, John Cogswell.*

Co. I.—James J Orcott.

Co. K.—Sergt Colet Haywood, Corp Edward Murphy, William Curry, Mansfield Delaney, Rowell Turner.

# Interview: Malcolm Cogswell

By Ellie Gassert



Jean & Malcolm on a trip to Memphramagog to celebrate his 82nd birthday in May

## 1 What is your best childhood memory?

My earliest childhood memoir is of one Sunday when I had been left in my play-pen while my parents went to church and a door was left open into the other side of the house so the lady there could hear if I cried. I somehow managed to get out of my play pen and went to the window to see if my parents were coming home. They weren't. But then I realized I was not supposed to be out of my play pen. It took me a while to manage to get back, because the floor of the playpen was higher than the floor of the room. But I finally managed it.

## 2 If you had a chance for a "do-over" in life, what would you do differently?

I don't know, but one thing I would definitely not do differently. When I was three months old; I was adopted. It was an in-family affair, and my father became my uncle, and my aunt became my mother. I cannot remember when I did not know this, and I'm very happy I did, because there were neighbors who would ask how my father was, meaning the man I called uncle.

## 3 How did you and your wife meet?

I was attending theological school in Halifax, and was assigned to St. John's Church to do whatever they wanted me to do. This was the church where my parents were married, although I was the only one who knew this. I was asked to attend the young people's group. Jean Ellis, who later became my wife, was a member.

## 4 What is your favorite music?

I took piano lessons all through school until I was ready for college. This gave me classical music training, so my favorite music is classical.

## 5 If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

When I was younger I used to say that the place I wanted to visit above all others was Tibet. I was impressed by the Dalai Lama and hoped to meet him. Since he is no longer in Tibet, I no longer have a favorite travel ambition.

## 6 What teacher in school made the most impact on you and why?

My first school teacher was Miss Mary Fuller. When I started she taught Primer Class to grade five. When I was in grade four her class was divided, and I got the new teacher. Miss Fuller subsequently married a neighbor, Allen Jess and the question was what to call her, as there was another Mrs. Mary Jess, and we couldn't even make her an honorary aunt, because I had another Aunt Mary.

## 7 What do you want your tombstone to say?

I once made a deal with God that if he would allow me to live to see the year 2,000 I would not complain whenever he chose to end my life. So now every year is a bonus. And I don't care what is on my tombstone other than my name and dates.

# *Interview: Malcolm Cogswell—concluded*

**8** What is your profession and why did you choose that profession?

I am a clergyman. It was a Baptist minister who first told me that was to be my profession. At first I thought he was crazy, but the thought persisted. I finally said, "Okay, God," if that's what you want, I'll do it." And after that I was never in doubt.

**9** How do you spend your free time?

The one sport I participate in is curling, although now I curl only twice a week with the seniors. I also used to mow the grass for my apartment, and grow a vegetable garden.

**10** If you won the lottery, what would you do?

I don't play the lottery, although I have chosen six unlikely numbers for the 6:49

**11** What are you most afraid of?

Why should I fear when I have Jesus, I Timothy 1:7-8.

**12** What age do you feel right now and why?

My mind thinks like a 21 year old in what it wants to do or accomplish – but sometimes my body calls me an idiot.

**13** What is a skill you would like to learn and why?

Something fun

**14** What does a perfect day look like to you?

Any day is perfect as long as I can plant two feet on the ground

**15** How would your friends describe you?

I think they would define me as very kind and gentle.



Malcolm & Jean on a trip to Quebec City to see the tall ships on her 80th birthday

## **Editors Note:**

*Malcolm was the Cogswell Courier editor for nine years (Dec 2004 thru Dec 2015 issues). Living in Canada, he had to drive across the border to mail to all USA addresses.*

*Malcolm remains an active contributor to the Courier.*

# Elizabeth “Eliza” & Abby Cogswell Letters

By Wilford M. LeForestier  
and John J. Willson

The focus of this article is on the correspondence written in the 1800’s between members of the Cogswell family that reflects on what was happening during those days in their lives.

**Wade Cogswell** (659) was born on June 20, 1769 and he married Hannah Barker. They had five children; two daughters Elizabeth “Eliza” (1295) born on January 18, 1807 and Abby (1296) born on January 2, 1809 and a son Franklin (1297) born on January 30, 1811. The other two children died in infancy. Eliza was married to Col. John Wood by Wade Cogswell’s half brother **Rev. Dr. Jonathan Cogswell** (666) in East Windsor, Hartford, CT on November 14, 1836 and together they had one child Nathaniel Wood born in 1838. She died on December 6, 1841 in Troy, New York and is buried in Troy’s Mt. Ida Cemetery. Her sister Abby was married to John Austin Twycross on October 8, 1838 and together they had four children including Martha Austin Twycross (2645). Abby died in Dresden, Maine on August 23, 1878. Martha married Edward H. Barker and they had seven children including **Abbie Cogswell Barker** (4707) who was a graduate of Mount Holyoke College and according to the 1910 census, like Eliza, she was a teacher. As she was an alumna Class of 1901, she may have given the material to the archives, which is how they may have received some of their material. John Wood was our 3rd and 2nd Great Grandfather respectively and it is our belief that the Wood family is the only surviving descendants of Wade Cogswell.

Eliza, in pursuit of a teaching position, ended up teaching in Greenfield, New York and that is where she met Col. John Wood and became his second wife, his first wife died while giving birth to John’s daughter Marion.

Before the cell phone, the internet and the cloud, our ancestors used letter writing and visiting with family and friends as their only means of communi-

cating. Every letter was written in its own distinctive cursive style and was read over and over again. And every available space in the letter and the envelope was used because ink and paper were so expensive.

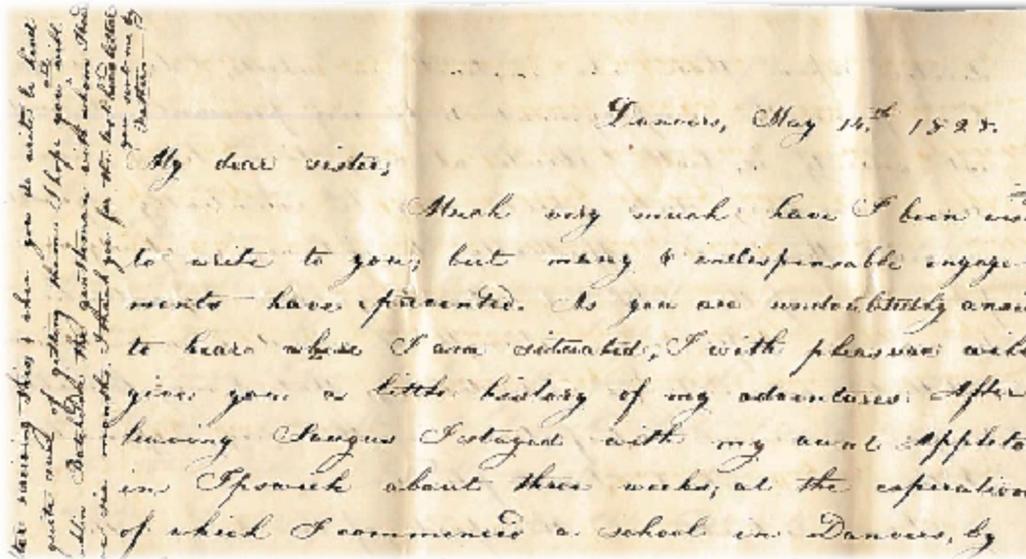
But what exactly did those letters say? We might never have known had it not been for the donation of her grandmother Abby’s letters to Mt. Holyoke College in Northampton, Massachusetts. We discovered these letters while conducting a Google search and contacted the college to see if we could get copies. These letters, (available to all in digital form at [www.mtholyoke.edu/archives](http://www.mtholyoke.edu/archives)), were written between 1828 and 1833 between **Eliza and Abby Cogswell**, and give us some insight into life in the early nineteenth century New England and New York. Eliza and Abby were sisters and the daughters of Wade and **Hanna Barker Cogswell**. Our narrative begins with the two sisters, separated by great distances, writing to each other about family and memories of childhood and how Eliza was doing with her teaching career.

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# Eliza & Abby Cogswell Letters—Continued

## The Letters



**May 14, 1828 Danvers, Massachusetts letter from Eliza Cogswell to Abby Cogswell in care of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert Barker, Lynn, Massachusetts.**

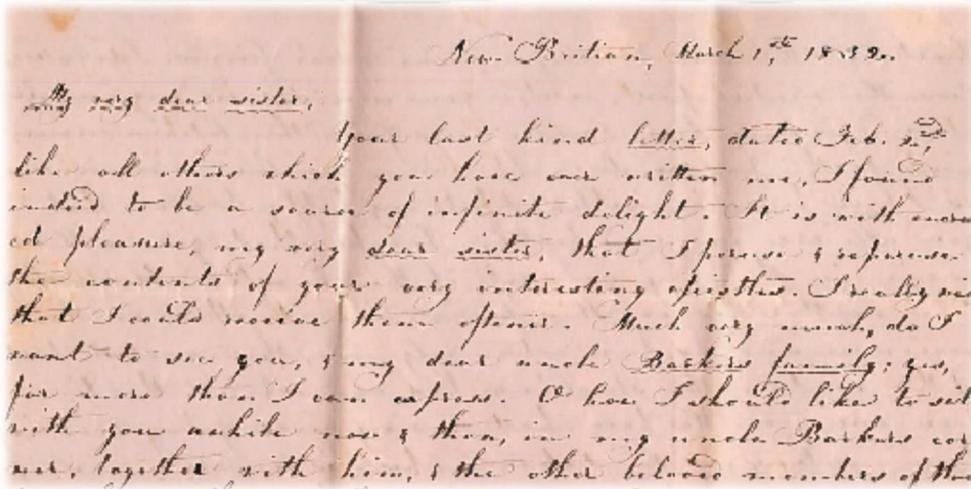
In this letter we find **Eliza Cogswell** at the age of twenty-one teaching school in Danvers, Massachusetts. One can only imagine what it must have been like to be a young female on her own in a new town with no family and friends to support her. Eliza writes that she has left Saugus and stayed with her Aunt Appleton in Ipswich for about three weeks before “commencing” teaching in a school in Danvers. There were no professional teachers in those days, so bright and well taught women like Eliza were in great demand. Eliza was well qualified to teach because she came from an old and prominent family and was home schooled in the classics and proper social decorum. Yet we learn of her worries about difficulties with this assignment because in addition to her regular duties many of the girls missed school because they were required to work much of the year. Unlike today’s universal compulsory education, work was the top priority back then. It was common practice for girls to work at home and only attend school in late fall and winter. She notes that she has forty students “male and female, great and small, and all engaged in the noble pursuit of acquiring

knowledge from one who fears she has but little to bestow”. She writes that she spends seven to eight hours a day in school besides bringing home work to prepare for her lessons. And although she likes her teaching she reveals that her greatest anxiety is that she will not be able to live up to the expectations and responsibilities that go along with her new teaching

assignment. We learn that she is living in Danvers Plains, which about four miles from Salem and is boarding with a Mr. and Mrs. Batchelder who are newlyweds. She considers herself fortunate to have been placed by the school Trustees in such a “comfortable and convenient household”. She reports that she tries to attend “meeting” on a regular basis but has to travel “over a mile and a half by foot or carriage to get there”.

She asks about the wellbeing of her uncle and Aunt Barker and then tries to explain what happened when she abruptly left the Lynn station for Danvers. She writes: “I think that my dear Uncle Barker must have thought very strange of my singular and sudden exit on the morn I left the Lynn hotel. The stage from Boston having arrived at the hotel, the driver came into the passenger room and inquired if there was any ladies who wished to go east. Of course, I immediately arose and followed him, eagerly looking for my dear uncle”. She ends her letter concerned about the absence of a post office in her new town and hopes that her letter arrived to Abby safely. US mail delivery was slow then and people oftentimes had to rely on travelers to personally hand deliver their letters.

## Eliza & Abby Cogswell Letters—Continued



New Britain, March 1, 1832.

My very dear sister,  
Your last kind letter, dated Feb. 22<sup>d</sup>,  
like all others which you have ever written me, I found  
indeed to be a source of infinite delight. It is with un-  
ed pleasure, my very dear sister, that I peruse & re-peruse  
the contents of your very interesting epistles. I really wish  
that I could receive them oftener. Much, very much, do I  
want to see you, & my dear uncle Barker's family; you,  
far more than I can express. O how I should like to sit  
with you awhile now & then, in my uncle Barker's cor-  
ner, together with him, & the other beloved members of the

**March 1, 1832 New Britain, Connecticut letter from Eliza Cogswell to Abby Cogswell addressed in care of Mr. Gilbert Barker, Saugus, Massachusetts.**

In this letter, Eliza is now in New Britain, Connecticut visiting family and writes to her sister that her last letter was “infinitely delightful” and expresses how much she misses Abby and the Barker family. She reminisces about the good old days and the family gatherings. She visualizes herself and her sister once again “bounding over the hills from Lynn, singing all the way and making the woods and forests resound with my enchanting voice”. And she wonders how the animals “both large and small must have stared back in fear”. She then apologizes for all of her nostalgic memories but she can’t help “taking delight in recalling to mind all these pleasant scenes upon which my thoughts dwell”. She imagines herself invisible and sitting at the kitchen table back home and listening to the family’s lively conversations and discussions. There were no photos of family and friends in the early nineteenth century letters so remembering the past and using one’s imagination were an important part of daily life. Eliza reports that the weather was cold but the sliding was very good. She also speaks of her cousin Mary, the first daughter of Rev. Dr. Jonathan Cogswell, as having a “pleasing demeanor and is quite accomplished”. She would later, in a letter dated December 18, 1832, learn that her uncle Nathaniel Cogswell, her father Wade’s half brother, had died suddenly that

November and that the family was having a hard time accepting the loss of their dear uncle. She ends her letter with a message to her father Wade and tells him that she is pleased to learn that he is boarding with her Uncle Barker and that he is surrounded by family and friends. A letter within a letter was a common practice because letters were written over a period of days and weeks and

were shared with other family members.

**January 10, 1833 West Greenfield, New York letter from Eliza Cogswell to Abby Cogswell addressed in care of Gilbert Baker Esq. Lynn, Massachusetts.**

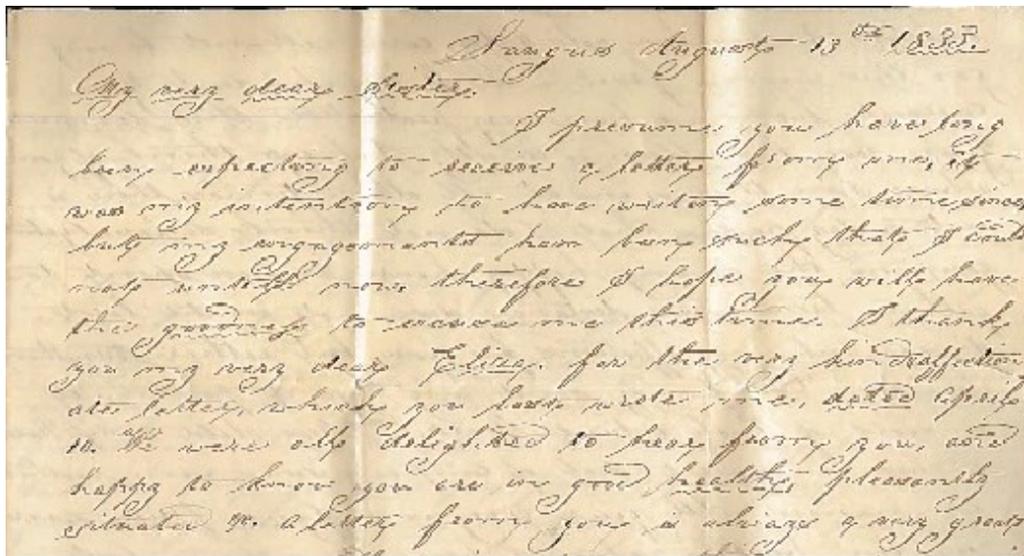
This letter finds Eliza in Greenfield, New York many miles from family and friends. What a courageous and brave woman she was to have travel unescorted from Massachusetts to Upstate New York. Travel was very difficult overland, especially on the Boston to Albany Post Road. The road was bumpy and rutted in the summer and fall and almost impassable in spring. It was the era of westward migration and Eliza like so many others headed west to follow her dreams. Now twenty-six and unmarried, Eliza shares with her sister that she has come from Kingsboro near Gloversville, New York to Greenfield which is about six or seven miles from Saratoga Springs, New York. She writes to Abby “you have heard of these springs because they are very celebrated on account of the medicinal qualities of their water”. She is again teaching school with about twenty to thirty students and states that “the majority are as large as myself and part of them are twenty years of age”. We learn that she only has a four month contract, but she believes that the Town Trustees want her to stay through the summer. Eliza taught in a one room school house which she and a Trustee operated and probably was paid five dollars a

# Eliza & Abby Cogswell Letters—Concluded

week plus three weeks paid vacation if the Trustee felt it appropriate. All of the children in the community had the opportunity to attend school and the number of students varied yearly and by season. Teachers were usually unmarried and live with either a Trustee or with a family in the district. She goes on to write that she was dangerously sick with intestinal fever and dysentery and that she was unable to prepare her lessons but grateful that her life was spared. The Cholera epidemic of 1832 was very much on the minds of everybody then and everyone back home must have been relieved to learn that their dear Eliza was well. She speaks of her brother Franklin who also had been very sick and about the death of her dear uncle Nathaniel Cogswell and hopes that her Aunt Mary in New York does not return to England.

Boston in 1833. He was there to dedicate a new dry dock in the Charleston Navy Yards and the docking of “Old Ironsides”. He had also been invited by Harvard University to receive an honorary degree as had been the custom for all previous presidents. There was talk of protest and ill treatment in the air and the citizens of Boston feared that there might be violence directed toward the President. But according to personal diaries and newspaper accounts at that time, hardly any problems materialized. Abby Cogswell writes that she was in Charleston on a family visit and reports that “there was great preparation made for his visit and he was received most handsomely”. She also mentions her brother Franklin who was in Boston and “hopes he is doing well as he might do, considering the very great advantages he has had”. She goes on to write that she hopes “he

will improve and become a meaningful member of society”. Abby is twenty- four and Eliza is twenty- six now and both are still unmarried and Abby wants Eliza to tell her “if she has a beau & how soon you are going to be married”. She goes on to say that she hopes to be able to attend her marriage and probably did when Eliza and Col. John Wood were married in East Windsor, Connecticut by their Uncle



**August 13, 1833 Saugus, Massachusetts letter from Abby Cogswell addressed to Eliza Cogswell, Jefferson, New York.**

Rev. Jonathan Cogswell in 1836.

What an exciting time it must have been to be alive in Boston, Massachusetts in 1833. The presidential election of 1828 saw Andrew Jackson, the “Great Commoner”, defeating the Bostonian John Quincy Adams. Jackson was the first president to be elected whose home state was neither Massachusetts nor Virginia. As one could imagine, there was little support for the president when he visited

*We hope that all enjoyed this narrative and will email Mt. Holyoke College to get a copy of these and other letters. There is nothing like reading these original letters to help connect us all with those who came before us. Your feedback is welcomed by emailing [leforestierw@aol.com](mailto:leforestierw@aol.com) or [jwillson2@nycap.rr.com](mailto:jwillson2@nycap.rr.com).*

# Cogswells in the News

By Malcolm Cogswell



## Celebrations

The [American School for the Deaf](#), West Hartford, CT, began a series of special events in April in recognition of its 200th anniversary. On April 19, 2017, ASD began its celebration with the annual Founders Day Dedication Ceremony to ASD's founders, **Mason Fitch Cogswell**, Thomas Hopkins Gallaudet, and Laurent Clerc. That took place in the afternoon for staff, students, and invited guests. Cogswell, Yale graduate and physician in Hartford, believed there had to be a way to teach his deaf daughter, Alice, who had lost her hearing after recovering from meningitis. Gallaudet, Cogswell's neighbor and a Hartford minister, committed himself to educating Alice and figuring out a way to communicate with her. So was founded the American School for the Deaf. Alice's story was featured in the December 2005 Courier.



Gottingen St. at **Cogswell St.**, Halifax, Nova Scotia, has a rainbow crosswalk just in time for Halifax Pride in July.



## Education

**Max Cogswell** was on the Marietta High School honor roll in the 10th grade for High academic achievement, 3.5 to 3.99.

**Tyler Cogswell** graduated from the University of Minnesota, Duluth, May 6th, and is on his way to grad school, where he hopes to train to become a physical therapist.



**Reese Cogswell** of Montpelier (NC graduate), daughter of Alan and Dawn Cogswell, recently made the dean's list at Temple University in Philadelphia, PA, for the spring semester. Cogswell majors in sociology.



Judge **Richard Cogswell** speaks on ethics, morals, and values in a "Good Law Podcast," a legal education show that will help fund the Salvos Legal's free legal services through sales. The Good Law Podcast is available in Australia, starting at \$65 per episode.

Dr. **Curtis Cogswell** (McCool Junction, NE, superintendent of schools) offered himself as a potential victim of a pie projectile in the 'Hunting for a Cure' Relay for Life on June 10th. The person who raises the most money in the bucket on display at his or her workplace earns the honor to pick whose mug will serve as recipient of the pie'

Kelly Dines of Lakeview raises Boer goats with the help of her 19-year-old daughter **Kennedy Cogswell**, (pictured) who will start her first year of Michigan State University's zoology program this autumn. Cogswell also serves as junior superintendent for the 4-H market goat program.



## Sports

Oakland Athletics promoted shortstop **Branden Cogswell** from High-A Stockton Ports to Midland Rockhounds. Cogswell hit .260 with a .332 OBP in 54 games for the Ports. He missed all of last season with injury. On May 29th,



Brandon had an RBI, tying single in the ninth inning, and the Ports pushed across more in the 12th inning to win the baseball game. On June 30th, Richie Martin scored the game-winning run for the Midland RockHounds against the Springfield Cardinals after he reached base with two outs on a walk, advanced to second on a single by **Branden Cogswell** and then went to third on a wild pitch.

At the end of day one of the annual three day [Wolfpack Open golf tournament](#), Mutxamel, Spain, **Geoff Cogswell** was second. On the leader board after day two first was Geoff Cogswell with a score of 63. At the end of the third day Bryan Hirst was the Open Champion amassing 91 points, Geoff Cogswell was second with 88.

# Cogswells in the News - continued

**Maddy Cogswell**, Charlottetown Rural, was second in the 100-Metre Dash in 13.76 seconds in the Prince Edward Island School Athletic Association track and field championships June 2nd.



## Achievement

**Lesley and Kyle Cogswell** received Shared-Mission Community Awards May 5th, from the Sisters of St. Joseph, Montague (MA) Catholic Social Ministries.

Metro officer **Chase Cogswell** of the Savannah-Chatham (GA) police force was one of seven promoted to the rank of sergeant.

CEO **Justin Cogswell**, a Marine, explains the mission of [Operation Build Up](#) while working on a car with fellow veterans. The vehicle will be donated to a struggling veteran. Justin found himself homeless and carless about a decade ago after eight years with the Marines. He soon got on his feet, but saw a pleading Craigslist ad from a veteran father of two kids some time later. The father was asking for a car. "I reached out and realized he was a real veteran with a serious crisis," said Cogswell. He decided to buy a car, fix it up in his Lima garage, and give it to the man as a gift. And so Operation Build Up was born. The group is on track to fix and gift 30 cars this year, said Cogswell, and they're about to move into a 6,000 square foot former airport hangar in Bloomfield. After that, he hopes to do about 150 vehicles a year. The group also uses donated furniture to furnish homes for veterans.

The day she reached the summit of Mount Kilimanjaro, **Ashley Cogswell** broke down and cried. In a year, at age 34 she not only summited Kilimanjaro in Tanzania but ascended to the base camp of Mount Everest. What propelled her to these faraway places was a singular cause: to raise awareness about the lack of radiation therapy for cancer patients in the developing world, where even the most curable forms of cancer can be a death sentence. See article about Ashley later in this issue.



**Bryan Cogswell**, 33, of Richfield, Minnesota, ran Grandma's Marathon in Duluth, Minn., on June 17th, 2017 in 4 hours, 42 minutes and 46 seconds - not a qualifying time for the Boston Marathon.

## Entertainment

**Matt Cogswell** played Sam Feinschreiber in "Awake and Sing" in Worcester, Massachusetts, on May 18th.



**Brock Cogswell** played Jafar in "Aladdin Jr." The musical is presented by Velma-Alma's music department, under the direction of Robert Walker, and took to the stage in Oklahoma on April 14th and 15th.

The La Cañada High, CA, all-school musical presented in late May 1997 was "The Pajama Game." The show's featured actors were Chris D'Elia, Heather Stafford, **Clayton Cogswell** (Shown), Julie Asher, Janelle Bayard, Darren Pollock, Hillal Latif and Corinne Davis.



## Art

Senior **Brekken Cogswell** displayed her 2D designs at Eagle River (AK) High School at the annual Fine Arts Cabaret in mid April. "This is kind of the art kids' one night to show off their stuff," she said. Cogswell said the ongoing battle to justify government spending on the arts is something students are acutely aware of. "There's so many budget cuts going on, I want to people to be aware of how important this is," she said. Cogswell said the work shows the wide variety of styles and talent at the school. "We're not all just painting landscapes," she said. "Everyone is super different." She said it's fun to have a night set aside for artists to get the spotlight. "This is a whole other community that doesn't get as much attention," she said. Brekken and her family (shown), including sister Pixie, drove to Alaska in 2016. In sports, she does shot put.



## *Cogswells in the News - concluded*

**Batavia, NY July 18, 2017:**

### **Roger Bohn, CFA President Emeritus, is Batavia's Greatest Loser**

Bohn won the Batavia Lion's Club's second annual Biggest Loser contest by dropping 44 pounds in the competition's 75 days — or 15.3 percent of his starting weight.

His secret was, mostly, cutting out carbs, which, as with most people, was tough, he said.

"Today I had an orange for the first time since February or March," he said.

Bohn added he didn't exercise a whole lot, but really tried to make sure his calories coming in were always less than he was burning.

He did the contest last year and lost 28 pounds by lowering how many carbs he consumed, but really wanted to take that further this year.

He said the first two weeks were easy, that he was dropping a lot of weight. After that, he plateaued a little.

"From then on it's a pound at a time, two pounds at a time," he said.

Also unlike last year, he's going to try harder to keep the weight off, which he knows will be easier said than done.

"You have to be careful because it's easy to slip back into it," he said.

His goal is to really avoid white starches and get into a new lifestyle with his food options.

As for advice to others looking to lose weight, he encouraged people to explore more food options. He said that with some searching, there are foods out there that taste good and still achieve your weight loss goals.

And looking to next year, he's hoping he doesn't have to participate again.

"Hopefully I don't have anything to (lose) next year," he said.



# An English Setter Named Cogswell

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Malcolm Cogswell,  
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Alaska Dispatch ([adn.com](http://adn.com)) Nov 23, 2016: "Why hunt? For some, it's in our blood, it's who we are", by Steve Meyer, of Soldotna, Alaska. This is Steve's grandson Brandon with a brace of grouse, accompanied by Steve's English setter, named **Cogswell**.

Where does he fit into the Cogswell family tree? Yeah, watering its base, I suppose.

A quick Google search for "Cogswell Alaska" finds **Stewart F. Cogswell**, a U.S. Government Fish Biologist, living in Anchorage. He moved there with his family in 2013. No relation to this Cogswell.

Steve Meyer writes:

Cogswell will be delighted to appear in your newsletter. Until you mentioned it, I had not thought about the Cogswell on the Jetsons. Our Cogswell is named for the British gun maker, Cogswell & Harrison. The firm was originated by Benjamin Cogswell around 1857. Cogswell took on a partner, Edward Harrison, in his London shop in 1860. They built fine double barreled shotguns and rifles. We have seven English setters, all are named for gun manufacturers. We have Winchester, Colt, Purdey, Parker, Boss, Hugo, and Cogswell.

Cogswell's bloodline is definitely blue. He (and all of our setters) are descendants of Hall of Fame Field Trial English setters, including, Tomoka, The Performer, Destinaire, Pinnacle, and Fair Play.

Christine and I got a kick out of your message, we love when folks notice our setters. Try as we might, we do not have a good photo of all seven together. Our star of the group, Winchester, who is also the puppies father, just won't have it. He is the epitome of snobbish royalty in a dog. But, since who doesn't like a puppy, I have attached a photo of Cogswell and his siblings when they were about 12 weeks old. We bred Parker, the mother, with Winchester, the father, intending to keep two pups. Well, once they arrived we couldn't conceive of letting them go anywhere so we kept the entire litter. In the photo, left to right, Colt, the black and white pup, Hugo, sitting up, Purdey, the only girl, Cogswell snoozing under Purdey's nose, and Boss probably eying the eagles that would circle our place every day while they were pups, we even had one swoop down to try grab one. I was in the yard and scared it off.



# Blind Student Patelin Cogswell



Oklahoma School for the Blind senior **Patelin Cogswell** uses her white cane and sense of hearing to cross over a fountain at Arrowhead Mall. OSB orientation and mobility instructor Gina Woods follows.

Patelin and two other OSB students carry boxes and bags from the

Gospel Rescue Mission as part of OSB's third annual Give Back Day in April 2016. "I like the Gospel Rescue Mission, because I like to do things for the Lord," said Patelin, then a sophomore from Oklahoma City. "It didn't matter if it was laundry I was doing, this is a rescue mission."



OSB's homecoming was held January 31st, 2017. Queen candidates included Patelin Cogswell, a senior from Oklahoma City, who was escorted by sophomore Preston Fenton. Pictured are the Queen Candidates, with Patelin behind the girl with the cake.

Students in Service Learning and Mrs. Garner's FCCLA classes made homemade Valentines and hand-delivered them, along with candy and mini balloons, to veterans on Valentine's Day. "I like doing things such as this because they served our country and deserve it." said 12th grader Patelin Cogswell.

Patelin came 4th in the 2nd Annual Oklahoma School For the Blind Pink Panther Prowl, Overall 1k Run and Walk on November 13th, 2013.

Patelin was cited for doing an outstanding job on tutoring younger students.

Patelin was on the 1st Quarter Honor Roll "B" Honor Roll, Nov. & Dec. 2015.

There is a Patelin Cogswell on Facebook (but no picture to insure it is the same person) who has a sister, Jasmine Cogswell.



Patelin graduated May 24 during a commencement ceremony in the OSB auditorium. OSB was founded in 1897 at Fort Gibson as a private school for children who are blind or visually impaired. Eight others graduated with her.

Oklahoma School for the Blind students from Oklahoma City who earned top honors at the Oklahoma Regional Cane Quest in Muskogee included senior Patelin Cogswell who earned a bronze, in the Trailblazers category.



Editor's Note: Patelin is an inspiration to us all!

# Westbury Wiltshire News

By Malcolm Cogswell



James Waugh, 60, and Sarah Waugh, 47, of Westbury, who have run over 50 half marathons and four full marathons between them, based their big day on a shared passion for running. The couple met at Westbury Running Club five years ago. They completed the Southwick Park run at 9 a.m. before officially cementing their marriage at County Hall, Trowbridge – still in their running gear.

Westbury Transport and Vintage Gathering, held April 22nd and 23rd at the top field in Bratton, was bustling with nostalgia as hundreds dropped in to take a trip down memory lane. Among the gleaming vehicles restored to their former glory was the 1950 AEC Mammoth Major brought back to life by enthusiast Phil Gumm. Returning an agricultural machine to its birthplace was another vintage enthusiast Alan Rogers of Calne. Among his machines on show was the Reeves three seed drill that was manufactured at Reeves of Bratton just a mile or so down the road from the vintage gathering.



Hayden Bailey soared to second in the UK 800m rankings for U17 men as he smashed his personal best in the British Milers' Club PB Classic meeting at Millfield School, Street, on May 1st. The 16-year-old Matravers School student from Bratton, near Westbury, scorched to a time of 1 minute 54.81 seconds to slash three seconds off his two-year-old personal best and finish runner-up in the A race. Hayden Bailey, 16, from Bratton, near

Westbury, raced to two individual victories before playing a big role in the 4x400m relay success to help the composite Team Avon squad to a thrilling half-a-point victory over Cardiff in the second Youth Development League Midland Premier South West match at Cheltenham on May 28th. "I first won the 400m in a personal best time of 51.3 seconds and then later ran the 800m. I knew that would be a bit of a struggle after racing the 400m so I just concentrated on trying to win the race to get the points for the team and that's what I did," he said.

Westbury sprinter William Kennedy scorched to a double in the senior men's 100m and 200m, at the Wiltshire Track & Field Championships in Tidworth on May 14th.



Katie Ware, 11, and her nine-year-old brother Daniel created the artwork last when they compiled a book to say thank you to Westbury Lions for arranging a family trip to the coast on board the Weymouth Wizard. Westbury Lions

coordinator Horace Prickett was so impressed with the youngsters' work he sent the images to the railway company. It has been used to illustrate this year's Bristol to Weymouth Line Guide. Pictured are Katie and Daniel Ware with Mr. Prickett and grandparents Ilene and Gilbert Elkins.

June 5th, 14 Rotarians from Rotary District 9700 in New South Wales, Australia, arrived at Westbury Railway Station to be greeted by town crier John Hadfield and representatives of the Westbury Rotary Club. Welcoming the visitors known as the 'Diggers from Down Under,' town crier John Hadfield said, "There is a goodly program of visits and activities planned, as well as plenty of opportunity to sample Wiltshire hospitality and fellowship with other Rotarians and townsfolk. We charge you to have a good time and to take away many happy memories of your stay in Westbury."



Hundreds saddled up for Westbury Lyons' annual Donkey Derby June 11th. With 12 donkeys, supplied by Richard Mager, taking part in eight races throughout the day, the event raised around £3,000 which the Lions will distribute to local causes and charities.

Lauren Taylor of Westbury is sincerely grateful after her two young sisters saved her daughter from being hit by a van in the town centre. A white van travelling along the High Street, hit the rotunda and accelerated onto the curb towards Lauren's daughter Alice, and her sisters, Elly who is 10 years old and Anna, 15, who were walking back to Lauren's shop. Lauren said, "My sisters were holding each of Alice's hands and very bravely pulled her out of the way and his van smashed into the bollard rather than her."



# A Cogswell Climbs Mount Kilimanjaro

Contributed by Malcolm Cogswell



**Ashley Cogswell, 33**, had never hiked a mountain before she decided to trek 19,340 feet up into the clouds of Mt. Kilimanjaro. But she wasn't climbing just for fun; she was climbing with a purpose—to help raise funds to bring cancer care to

developing countries. Cogswell and other climbers from all skill levels climbed Africa's tallest mountain in 2016 as a part of an exhibition led by Radiating Hope, a non-profit with a mission to bring radiation machines to underserved countries.

"I'll climb a mountain every year if that's what it takes to bring the awareness to what they're doing, but also to the people around the world that are suffering without any means to treatment," Cogswell, who works as a software sales direct for Elekta, a company that manufactures radiation therapy equipment and software, told Fox News.

In the U.S., there is roughly one radiation machine for every 100,000 to 200,000 people, but in the African nation of Senegal they have one machine for 13 million people. "Through Radiating Hope people are able to donate machinery to us, but after we get that machinery we want to refurbish and then ship it to these countries, so climbing became our platform for fund raising," Dr. Brandon Fisher, a radiation oncologist and Radiating Hope Co-founder told Fox News. Every five to 10 years hospitals typically refurbish or buy new radiation machines to stay competitive as cancer facilities. So instead of scrapping them for parts or throwing them in the trash, hospitals can donate their older machines to Fisher and his Radiating Hope team. Through donations and climbing excursions, Radiating Hope has successfully placed radiation machines in 15 different countries, like Senegal, Hondu-

ras and Nepal. "When you walk the streets of Senegal they'll say 'Oh why are you here?' and we'll say 'We're here to treat cancer' and they'll be like 'Treat cancer? You can't treat cancer, that's only a death sentence,'" Fisher said. "When you walk the streets of Senegal they'll say 'Oh why are you here?' and we'll say 'We're here to treat cancer' and they'll be like 'Treat cancer? You can't treat cancer, that's only a death sentence,'" Fisher said.

Through a Go Fund Me page and a local fundraiser, Cogswell surpassed her fundraising goal and raised about \$16,000. "I was astonished, just absolutely surprised and overwhelmed by the amount of support I received," Cogswell said. Although days were physically challenging and mentally difficult, Cogswell said she leaned on her fellow climbers to get her through the six-day journey. "You're feeling sick, you have headaches, you're nauseous, [and] you're having bathroom problems. I mean there's just so many things that instantly bond you with everyone there because everyone is there to lift each other up and help you accomplish this task," she said. Cogswell and her group traveled up the slopes of Kilimanjaro, hiking 6-to-8 hours a day, only stopping for meals and camping at night. On summit day, they woke up in the middle of the night to hike another 8-to-9 hours after sleeping for only a couple of hours. But when she reached the top, her efforts were all worth it, she said. "When my guide tapped me and kind of rubbed my back and said 'Sister you made it'...I was just so overwhelmed I started crying," Cogswell said. "It was a feeling of joy, of accomplishment, also relief that I can't believe I did this."



In April 2017, Cogswell will join Radiating Hope to climb to the base of Mt. Everest. For people who can't make the trip, you can also donate \$20 for a Prayer Flag that gets taken on the climb and left on top of the summit. Each colorful prayer flag can be dedicated to a cancer patient or survivor.

# Cogswells in Sports

## Conner Cogswell - Basketball - Runner



McCool Junction senior **Conner Cogswell** scored a game-high 23 points and hit five 3s against

and field meet near Fairfield. The Mustangs' group won the race in 8:48.8, which qualifies it for the state meet May 20th-21st in Omaha, Nebraska.



the Dorchester Longhorns December 29th at the Weeping Water Holiday Tournament. The win gave the Mustangs third place in the tournament, improves their record to 3-4 and stops a three-game losing streak. Offensively, Cogswell led the team with 23 points, shooting 8 of 16 from the floor, including 5 of 12 from behind the 3-point line. He also had four steals.

The McCool Junction Mustangs boys' basketball team won its first game of the season 49-44. Conner Cogswell had two triples. McCool went 8 of 13 at the free-throw line, sealing the tight 49-44 win. Cogswell was perfect at the line during that stretch, hitting all six of his attempts in crunch time. Cogswell went 8 of 9 from the charity stripe in the game. McCool Junction Mustangs boys' basketball team lost to the East Butler Tigers 54-41 at home January 31st. Conner Cogswell had 15 points on 5 of 15 shooting, including three 3s. Cogswell hauled down the most rebounds in the game with eight and five assists.

McCool, which came into Tuesday night's game on a three-game losing streak, held a tight 28-26 lead at halftime and saw most of its offense come from two players – senior Conner Cogswell and junior Kellan Green. Coming into the game, Cogswell was the team's leading scorer (14.5) and assister (2.8). The Exeter-Milligan Timberwolves closed out the game and sealed a 61-53 win on the road. Pictured: Exeter-Milligan's Eric Olsen blocks the layup attempt of McCool Junction's Conner Cogswell Feb. 7th.

McCool Junction's Conner Cogswell hands the baton off to teammate Christian Hejboel in the 4x800 relay Wednesday, May 12th, 2016 at the D-4 district track

Conner has been running for several years – one website lists the races or track events he ran in April 2013. It lists sixteen events on five dates – April 2nd, 11th, 17th, 25th and 29th. The events were 800 meters, 800 meter relay, 1200 meters, 1600 meters, pole vault and long jump. In a relay race, Conner's team was the winner. In all other events Conner placed between 2nd and 6th.

**Conner Cogswell** is the younger son of **Dr. Curtis and Lisa Cogswell**, and was somewhat in the shadow of his older brother, Coleman. Coleman also ran and also played basketball. The family is pictured at left –



Lisa, Conner, Coleman, and Dr. Curtis. Since Coleman graduated from high school he has continued running, but not been so much in the news. Conner will graduate from McCool Junction Public School with the Class of 2017.

Editor's Note: See [www.mcmustangs.org](http://www.mcmustangs.org) for more about McCool Junction, Nebraska, and the Public School. See Conner in the gallery of Seniors. Looks like a great school!

# Cogswells in Sports—continued

## Cole Cogswell - Swimmer



**Cole Cogswell** was born in Tarzana, CA to Richmond and Lisa Cogswell. His father is President at Cogswell Video Services, Inc. He has two older brothers, Nicholas (University of Southern California) and Chris (who left California Polytechnic State University (Cal Poly) in 2016). He



attended William S. Hart High School in Valencia, Calif. which he now considers home. As a swimmer he swam with Canyons Aquatic Club (2005-15). He was team captain (2015), League champions (2012, 2013), two-time All-American (2014, 2015),

Three-time Academic All-American (2013, 2014, 2015), State champion in 100 free (2014, 2015), State champion in 50 free (2015) and State champion in 400 free relay (2014, 2015).

In 2015 he entered Stanford University. As a freshman (2015-16), his top times were in the 50 free (20.05) at the Pac-12 Championships, 100 free (43.46) at the Pac-12 Championships (but he was seventh in the 100-yard freestyle [43.54]), 10th in the 200-yard freestyle (1:35.65) at the Pac-12 Championships and

Second in the 400-yard freestyle relay (2:52.04). He is [CollegeSwimming.com](http://CollegeSwimming.com)'s 34th-ranked swimmer. He is six feet three inches tall and weighs 185 pounds.

As a sophomore, (2016-17), his top times were: 50 free: 19.90, 100 free: 43.35, 200 free: 1:35.84 and 100 fly: 51.04. In the Pac-12 Championships he took 24th place in the 50 free (20.20), 16th place in the 200 free (1:36.93) and 18th place in the 100 free (43.92). At the NCAA Championships he took 10th place in the 200 free relay (1:16.96). In the All-America 200 free relay (2017) he was 10th.



# Cogswells in Sports—concluded

## Caven & Conner Cogswell—Lacrosse

Contributed by Malcolm Cogswell



**Caven Cogswell** (left) and **Connor Cogswell** (right) play lacrosse for the Sanford Spartan boys' lacrosse team, Sanford, Maine.

Caven Cogswell and Matt Reitan both recorded five saves as Sanford won 7 to 1 against Wells's JV Warriors, during a home lacrosse game at Blouin Field on May 2nd.

Connor Cogswell had a goal (the game winner) and Caven Cogswell with seven as a goalie for Sanford Spartan boys' lacrosse team. With the game tied at 10, a 3-minute sudden death overtime would ensue. With 1:28 left in sudden death, Sanford would capture the win, 11-10 over the Gorham High School Rams junior varsity team May 4th.

The Spartans high school-level team's first game May 13th was an easy win over the Bonny Eagle Scots freshman team, 5-1, at Blouin Field in Sanford. Caven Cogswell deflected five shots.

Sanford's Connor Cogswell had two goals and goalie Caven Cogswell had 4 saves, Monday, May 15th, beating Kennebunk's JV lacrosse team 9-8.

Connor Cogswell attends Sanford High School, Sanford, ME He stands 5'8", weighs 145 lbs and is a junior who Graduates in 2018. He plays Varsity Football and wears Jersey: #15. Position WR, CB. A picture I found suggests that he has also played baseball, and one web site suggests he was also involved in men's track.



There are a number of Connor Cogswells; he may have attended Kennebunk High School, Lincoln-Way West High, Deering High and Edward Little High School.



Caven Cogswell is Head Meme Distribution Officer at Barry Bee Benson Meme Movie and Head Meme Curator at [WeRes the MeMe Sauce](#) Facebook site. He received academic honors in 2014, fourth quarter at Sanford Junior High School, grade 6, high honors, in 20 15, second quarter grade 7, honors and in 2017, Grade 9, honorable mention.



Shown: Connor Cogswell, Alex Lanigan and Caven Cogswell. Below, Caven (head) Conner (body)

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