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*"I neither despise nor fear"*

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# *Cogswell Family Association—Part 2*

## *The Birth*

by Edward R. Cogswell, Jr.

### **Review**

Cyril Cogswell thought the forming of a Cogswell Family Association would be a good idea. When this idea was suggested by Sumter Cogswell (Dean of Cogswell College in California) the two would eventually meet to form a team to make this association happen. With the help of Jack Cogswell, and a lawyer in Pennsylvania, they would lay down the foundation for the CFA.

### **The Birth of the Association**

Most of what I am writing about in this article is based on legacy paperwork that was sent to us from a previous CFA Historian.

You may recall that Daniel Flint was tasked with working with the future CFA stakeholders and the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, so that the Association could be registered in Massachusetts. As I looked through this paperwork, I found his handwritten note that listed the following required actions that needed to be addressed:

- Incorporated? (Sec of state)
- Annual Meeting – timing. Report to anyone?
- Tax number – employer number
- Exempt Filing – Federal
- Exempt Filing – State sales – A6
- Solidification Certificate – A6
- Bank Account – Needs number. IRS ID

On January 13, 1989, Daniel Flint sent Cyril a letter along with his proposed ‘Articles of Organization’. [I assume this original ‘Articles of Organization’ was primarily based on the bylaws of the Blaisdell Family Association (headquartered in Bristol, MA)]. Mr. Flint requested that Cyril review it, and unless he had some questions, sign the copy. He also had Cyril sign another copy of the ‘Articles of Organization’. This second copy would really be the starting master copy, and would be saved for any “alterations or amendments”. He also suggested that Cyril continue to develop the “letter to send to relatives, friends and associates advising them of the formation of this organization”. Finally, he told Cyril that they would

need a Corporate Seal of some type, and as soon as Cyril had one, to send it his way.

On January 26, 1989, Daniel Flint sent another letter to:

Cyril Gray Cogswell  
John H. Cogswell  
Sumter Aldage Cogswell  
William Harvey Cogswell, III  
Laura Katherine Cogswell

Mr. Flint advised these ‘incorporators’ that he had sent the proposed copy of the ‘Articles of Organization’ to Cyril, and that he understood this would be circulated amongst the incorporators for input and approval. He assured them that as soon as the ‘Articles of Organization’ were filed and accepted, he would work on filing for tax exemption status. [Note: I am not sure how Cyril (in North Carolina) and Daniel Flint (in Pennsylvania) came to work together to form the CFA], but Daniel wrote this in this letter:

*“In view of the fact that the name “Cogswell” does not appear in my name I want to let you know that my connection is that I am a direct descendant of John Cogswell who arrived on the ship, Angel Gabriel, through a maternal great grandmother.”*

It didn’t take long for the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to notify the newly created Cogswell Family Association in a letter to the CFA on March 13, 1989. This letter referred to the CFA as an employer, and told the CFA that “*you most likely will be required to finance unemployment insurance for your workers*”. They attached an easy-to-read fact sheet explaining what taxes the CFA would be liable for.

On March 14<sup>th</sup> Daniel Flint created an Agenda for the first Organizational Meeting of the Association’s Incorporators, as well as an Agenda for the first meeting of the Directors. While the planning for this meeting was happening, the Massachusetts Department of Revenue continued to send reminders to the CFA. This required that the Association submit a Federal application Form 1023 or Federal application

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The First Cogswell Family Association reunion—Salem, MA, 1990 (Photo taken at Cogswell Grant)

Form 1024. This would allow the Commonwealth of Massachusetts to determine the non-profit status of this new Association.

After a few notices from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, Daniel Flint wrote to Gene Marley, III, of the Department of Revenue, on May 11, 1989. Mr. Flint ensured Mr. Marley that “the application form will be filed with the Federal Internal Revenue Department within the next two weeks and a copy of the application will be sent as you requested”.

So, the Cogswell Family Association was still trying to settle things with the Commonwealth of Massachusetts when they held the first meeting (via conference telephone) on May 20, 1989.

#### The CFA Officers were:

President – Cyril Gray Cogswell  
1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Sumter Aldage Cogswell  
2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – William Harvey Cogswell, III  
Secretary and Treasurer – John Heyland Cogswell

#### The Board of Directors were:

Incorporators  
Nine Fletcher Little (Mrs. Bertram)  
Arnold Cogswell  
John Marshall Cogswell

An Executive Committee was authorized to establish and carry on the usual duties of:

- Establish a bank account

- Application for Federal Non-Profit Tax Exemption
- Notify and collect Dues
- Appoint area representatives to expand and promote the purposes of the society in their area.

#### The Membership Fees were also established:

Individual - \$20 (per annum)  
Family - \$30 (per annum)  
Life - \$500  
Contributing - \$1,000+

After the meeting, Daniel Flint realized that all Directors needed to have staggering terms, and wrote Cyril a letter advising 12 Directors, and suggested the following Directors:

#### First Three Years:

Cyril Cogswell  
Daniel W. b. Flint  
John Cogswell  
Sumter Cogswell

#### First Two Years:

William H. Cogswell  
Laura Cogswell  
Nina F. Little  
Arnold Cogswell

#### For the First Year:

Marshall Cogswell

The foundation of the Cogswell Family Association was now set, and as the ‘incorporators’ moved forward, but there were a lot of things that still needed to be resolved. At this point, there really was no turning back...

This was so early in the Cogswell Family Associa-

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Jack & Pat Cogswell with their daughters Katie & Julie at the 1991 reunion Jack Cogswell, 1991 reunion, Paemquid, ME



Sumpter Cogswell, 1991 reunion

tion that we still didn't have a very long list of members, and we had not yet held our first Reunion. The battle with the IRS still hung over the financial stability of this new Association. If we were not able to get tax exempt status the Association would go bankrupt before it really got started. So, it was up to our Lawyer (Daniel Flint) and our CFA Leadership (President Cyril Gray Cogswell, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President – Sumter Aldage Cogswell, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President – William Harvey Cogswell, III, and Secretary and Treasurer – John Heyland Cogswell) to get this issue with the IRS resolved.

I'll tell you how it all worked out in **Part 3 of COGSWELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION BEGINNINGS (PART 3) – The Battle with the IRS.**

Here's a summary of this Annual Meeting in 1990:

- Jack did a great job in holding the Annual Meeting.
- Sumter mentioned that he had recently visited Pemaquid after the Reunion and that it was high on his list of places to schedule the next Reunion.
- Sumter was getting started on the next newsletter. He would work on revising the letterhead. He didn't know where the coat-of-arms and ship came from. [We still use both of these symbols for the CFA.]
- How did the Association make out on this first Reunion? Should we increase Dues? Cyril plans to make a donation to the CFA for endowment use and I'm sure a tax exempt status would encourage him and others.
- There is still some question on how the CFA historical database will be maintained.
- Concerns about getting more members involved to share the load of running the Association.
- Cyril was touched by the card that everyone signed, thanking Cyril for his involvement in the CFA.

Sumter also sent a letter to Daniel Flint telling him that Cyril was elected as the President Emeritus and the Sumter had been moved up to President. Also, he needed a current copy of the CFA Bylaws, so that he is adhering to the requirements.

# Cogswell & Harrison Gunmakers, London

[Cogswell & Harrison](#) was established in May 1770 and is London's oldest surviving gun maker. The company has manufactured an exceptionally diverse range of sporting shotguns and rifles during its long and colourful history.



Enfield musket, engraved "B. Cogswell 224 Strand London"

This is an Enfield rifled musket, based on the 1853 pattern that saw widespread service in the British Army, notably in the Crimea. It was issued to troops in 1855 and proved very accurate up to 600 yards, with an ultimate range of up to 1200 yards. The 500 grain, .577 calibre lead ball was lethal. It had sufficient power to punch through four inches of wood, even at long range.

The ammunition for the rifled musket was part of the reason for the 1857 Indian Mutiny, because the loading operation involved troops biting a greased paper cartridge, pouring the powder down the barrel, then loading the paper-patched bullet. Rumour spread that the paper was greased with pork, or beef fat, which upset both Hindu and Muslim troops. This unrest fermented until finally boiling over into full-scale revolt, beginning with

Sepoys of the British East India Company's army.

After British forces suppressed the Mutiny and restored order, Indian troops had their Enfields smooth bored. This was partly to make loading easier, as a smooth bore does not require a greased bullet but it adversely affected the accuracy and durability of the weapon.

This particular example bears the name 'B. Cogswell' and the address '224 Strand, London' on the lock plate. **Benjamin Cogswell** was the founder of the firm that became Cogswell & Harrison. Benjamin Cogswell started trading as a gunmaker from the 224 Strand address in 1842 but did not style his guns under his own name until 1857. He moved from there in 1863, when Edward Harrison joined Benjamin's son (also named Benjamin) to form Cogswell & Harrison, the style under which the company still trades.

This rifle can be dated to between 1857 and 1863, while the firm was styled 'B. Cogswell'. It was probably purchased by a gentleman volunteer (precursor to the modern Territorial Army). In those days, officers and volunteers could purchase their own weapons privately and they were often of better quality than those issued to troops.

Source: <https://www.vintageguns.co.uk/magazine/enfield-musket>

# Jenks Park & Cogswell Tower

Built in 1890 by Albert Humes, Jenks Park was a gift to the city from Alvin Jenks, a descendent of early industrialist Captain Stephen Jenks. Its picturesque walkways take visitors away from the modern world (and the City Hall that abuts



it), leading them past iron umbrellas and up toward Cogswell Tower, for over a century the defining symbol of the City of Central Falls.

A bequest by **Caroline Cogswell** led to the construction in 1904 of the eponymously-named tower, whose four clock faces provide unparalleled views of the city in all four directions. Standing almost seventy feet tall, the tower is supported by a brick barrel vault that rests atop historic Dexter's Ledge.

Dexter's Ledge was originally known as Quinsniket, a rocky ledge with a commanding view of the valley below and a key role in King Philip's War. Due to a series of land disputes and broken peace treaties between the local natives and early English settlers, King Philip's War had erupted in 1675. It was at the base of Quinsniket that Nanunteenoo, better known as Canonchet, Chief Sachem of the Narragansett, held his council fires in preparation for one of the most notorious attacks in the war.

On March 26, 1676, Nanunteenoo's scouts atop Quinsniket spied colonial troops and allied Native Americans approaching. Leading this band of 83 men was Captain Michael Pierce, a former ensign under Miles Standish. The sixty-year-old Pierce and his forces soon were in full pursuit of what appeared to

be a small party of wounded warriors. Unfortunately for Pierce and his forces, these "wounded" warriors were but decoys, and the colonialists found themselves ambushed by Nanunteenoo's forces on the eastern side of the Blackstone River. More unfortunately still for Pierce and his men, their efforts to escape

the ambush by crossing the river to its western side led to an even bigger ambush by hundreds of Narragansett warriors. By the end of "Pierce's Fight," as it came to be known, Pierce and all but ten of his men were dead, the survivors taken away to be tortured, with but one survivor to tell the tale.

Placed on the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in September, 1979, the park and tower are a perfect destination not only for their silent witness to an epic era in the region's history but for those looking for a picnic or meditative stroll amidst an otherwise busy day. And with the recent relighting of Cogswell Tower, the park is an ever better host to festivals celebrating the ethnic diversity that unites us.

From the [Central Falls Rhode Island Parks & Recreation Dept.](#)

# George H Cogswell—Indian Chief?

Contributed by Denis Cogswell



*Several members of the Rattlesnake Club in front of one of the houses on the Schaghticoke Reservation, ca. 1910. Third and fourth from right are Schaghticoke leaders George Cogswell and Value Kilson, holding snake tongs; second from right may be one of George's sons.*

On December 14, 1981, Richard L. Velky, of Derby, Connecticut, filed a petition with the Federal Department of the Interior, Bureau of Indian Affairs, requesting that the Schaghticoke Indian Tribe be recognized as a tribal nation. A determination was made in their favor on February 5, 2004. But in 2005, after strong opposition from the state and several local governments as well as one landowner and several Schaghticoke individuals, the decision was reversed, revoking recognition. The tribe eventually took its case to the Supreme Court, which in October 2010 denied a review of the decision.

The Bureau of Indian Affairs began researching the validity of the request, which had to satisfy a number of criteria to be approved. The primary documents used to substantiate the tribe's size and cohesiveness were reports of various "overseers" and Federal Census records.

According to the Summary... for Final Determination on January 29, 2004, there are two groups of Schaghticoke descendants listed as "interested parties", the Schaghticoke Indian Tribe and the "Cogswell Family", both made up of individuals who were formerly enrolled with the Schaghticoke Tribal Nation (STN) or have been closely involved with the STN throughout their lives, but did not "re-enroll" under the current constitution's provisions.

The Proposed Finding included detailed studies of contemporaneous accounts, which found that a distinct reservation community which encompassed three main family lines (**Cogswell**, Kilson, and Harris) and their kinsmen who resided in the nearby region and who maintained contact with the reservation residents continued to exist from about 1900 to the 1940's. Most of the Schaghticoke earned their living by working off the reservation, in a variety of locations, but they did maintain ties to the reservation community. Some families, such as those of Rufus Bunker and of **Jeremiah Cogswell** and his children, resided off-reservation on a permanent basis, either in Cornwall or, after 1840, increasingly in New Milford. Some of the off-reservation families, including a portion of the Bunkers and Cogswells and a portion of the descendants of Abraham Rice, returned to the reservation after 1850. In an 1860 annual report of Rufus Fuller, overseer of the Scatacook Tribe of Indians in the Town of Kent, Jabez Cogswell and his family were listed as Ja(?) Cogshaw family.

A population estimate for 1849 listed a population of forty individuals, including Nathan and Jabez Cogswell and their four sisters (Eliza, Emily, Ann, and Rosetta). Only 18 Schaghticoke children were known to be alive in 1849, including three children of Nathan Cogswell, three children of Jabez Cogswell, one child of Eliza Cogswell. An 1880 Federal Census in the town of Cornwall, Connecticut, listed the Nathan Cogswell household, Jabez Cogswell (Indian), a 71-yr-old married laborer, his 51-year-old wife, Marcia and their 14-year-old daughter, Eliza. Also listed was Chauncy Cogswell (Indian), a 19-yr-old single male bartender. An overseer also listed Mary Ann (Phillips) Cogswell, Mary Frances Cogswell and Rosetta Cogswell, likely daughter of Jabez Cogswell.

Between 1935 and 1939, the Connecticut State Park and Forest Commission designated as Schaghticoke overseer, undertook the production of a series of genealogical charts (CT Ancestry Charts post 1935) on the descendants of Jeremiah Cogswell, among others. While useful in tracing family rela-



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tionships (if used with care), these charts cannot be used alone to define the effective boundaries of the Schaghticoke community or the nature of Schaghticoke membership in the late 1930's. Their scope took in a considerably wider group of people than those who were participating in tribal activities.

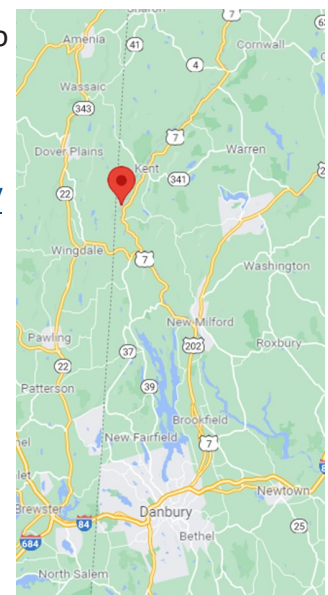
Up to the early 1960's there continued to be a small resident community with a multi-family background. Frank Cogswell, the last Cogswell resident on the reservation, died in 1953.

Interviews with various individuals provide especially clear description of cross-family visiting in the 1940 to 1967 time period. Gail (Russell) Harrison clearly described regularly visiting with Frank Cogswell and his sister Julia Batie, and describes little gatherings and powwows held on the reservation in the 1950's which included other Cogswells. Catherine Garriety (Riley) Strever also described contacts with the Cogswells, specifically referring to some of them in Bridgeport as having been leaders. Fred Parmalee, a Cogswell descendant, clearly and in some detail described visits as a child to the reservation and attendance at Indian gatherings with his grandmother, Julia (Cogswell) Parmalee.

During the 1801-1850 period, Jeremiah Cogswell, Jabez Cogswell, and Nathan Cogswell were reported as living and working off-reservation. Jabez Cogswell was reported to have died on August 7, 1904, and Sarah (Bradley) Cogswell died in September 1909. Records of various person's activities publicly identified them as Schaghticoke Indians in newspaper articles, State records, vital records, etc., the only one who became well-known to non-Indians was George H. Cogswell (1840-1923). George H. Cogswell's oldest child was William Truman Cogswell, born in 1867.

The Proposed Finding concluded that "while George Cogswell was a well-known figure, there is little evidence to demonstrate that he was a leader of the Schaghticoke" It was noted that he was perhaps the most prominent Schaghticoke snake hunter and especially well known for his role in the Rattlesnake Club. The finding noted the petitioner's claim that this role was evidence of his leadership but did not accept that claim. The finding stated that "The only potentially significant evidence of leadership was that Cogswell kept a kind of 'guest book,' in which was entered all of the visitors to the reservation. There was little specific evidence about this, including what time period he kept the guest book." George Cogswell was mentioned as a guides for hunters (including rattlesnake hunting) as evidence for political authority during the 1890-1910 period. George Cogswell, along with his son Frank Cogswell, apparently exercised control of access to the reservation. One report describes George Cogswell as the "main tribal leader" from 1900 to 1919, after the death of others, characterizing him as "representing the tribe to outsiders," referring especially to talking to reporters.

See <https://schaghticoke.com/> and [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schaghticoke\\_people](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Schaghticoke_people)



# Dr. Curtis Cogswell and McCool Junction

## McCOOL JUNCTION, NEBRASKA

Nineteen years ago, there was a concern that McCool Junction would have to close its doors when its K-12 population dropped to 148. However, with community support and people like **Curtis Cogswell**, the school has almost doubled in size today.

“My first year here I walked into the gym, and I told the maintenance person that the gym needed to be painted,” Cogswell said. “He asked me who was going to paint it, and I told him to buy the paint because I would start it. The first night, my wife and I started painting the gym.”

Cogswell said two seniors stopped when they saw them painting.

“They asked us if we needed help, and we said sure,” Cogswell said. “By the weekend, you should have seen how many people were helping. The gym was painted in a week.”

Curtis Cogswell originally grew up on a farm in Friend, NE. His parents were farmers who encouraged him to do something he loved.

“When I was going to school, I knew I wanted to do something with people,” Cogswell said.

Cogswell attended Peru State to become a teacher. He received his master’s degree from University of Nebraska at Kearney, and he attended Texas Tech for training to be a superintendent. After starting as a superintendent at McCool, he went back to get a doctorate from Seton Hall.

“I started out in a small school called Chester-Hubbell-Byron. Then, I went to Elm Creek and on to Kearney. From Kearney, I went to Lubbock, Texas. From Lubbock, I went to McCool Junction. All 19 of my superintendent years have been at McCool.”

Both Cogswell and his wife were involved in the Lubbock School District. She was a teacher, and he



was a principal.

“We knew we wanted to get back to Nebraska to raise our children in a smaller community,” Cogswell said. “When the job opened in McCool Junction, we knew where it was since we were both from the area. It has been a blessing to be here ever since.”



The entire K-12 population is housed in one building at McCool Junction.

“You get to know the kids from the start. The seniors know the elementary students,” Cogswell said. “The elementary kids look up to them. I’m blessed because both of my sons went to school here. My daughter-in-law went here, too. I am proud to have a representation of my family here.”

Cogswell said he puts responsibility on the older students to take care of the younger students. Each week, he has an assembly with the juniors and seniors to talk about the week.

“When I was in Lubbock, I was in an assembly

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where each grade of junior high filled an auditorium. I couldn't do that. They only had assemblies once a year."

At McCool, Cogswell said, even the elementary and middle school students have an assembly once a month.

"They get special recognition," Cogswell said. "We recognize their birthdays. When students say where they're going to college, we celebrate that as well. It truly is a family."

Cogswell said that it's special when alumni come back to visit. He has gotten several invitations to weddings, and past students often want to come back and talk with him.

"Kids who graduate from here can do anything," Cogswell said. "We have doctors and lawyers. I have a kid who is in the Secret Service, and we have a kid who can do lung transplants. On the flip side, we have had great electricians and plumbers. People say you can't do things because you're from a small school. Yes, you can. You can do anything you want."

Cogswell said that his biggest accomplishment isn't about him; it is about the community of McCool.

"This community makes believers out of you," Cogswell said. "Even though there were challenges, the community fought. They all said we are going to be all right. We've been in situations where we had to slow growth because we grew too fast. Every challenge that we are given, we are going to rise and meet it."

Cogswell announced that he was retiring last fall. Even though he said he was hesitant about it at first, his wife taught at McCool with him for his last year.

"On my last day of school, I went up to my wife's room," Cogswell said. "I told her I had to leave. I couldn't stay for the teacher lunch. I broke down in tears because this has meant the world to me. It's



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become part of my life. You know you fell in love with the right profession when it's your last day and you're sobbing."

This fall, Cogswell is going to be an assistant professor at Wayne State University. He will teach people preparing to becoming superintendents and principals.

Cogswell said an important thing he has learned is knowing when it's the right time to pass leadership on to the next generation. He said the school board at McCool was the best he has worked with.

"It's hard to find another school district that has doubled its size and almost doubled its facilities with private donations. It's almost unheard of. No one asks us if we are going to close anymore."

Cogswell said he has no doubt that teaching was his calling, and that he hopes he has inspired students.

"I can proudly say in my 35 years in public education that I have done something I have loved my entire life. The only thing that I regret is that the time went too fast."

*Source: Facebook post by Howard Cogswell*



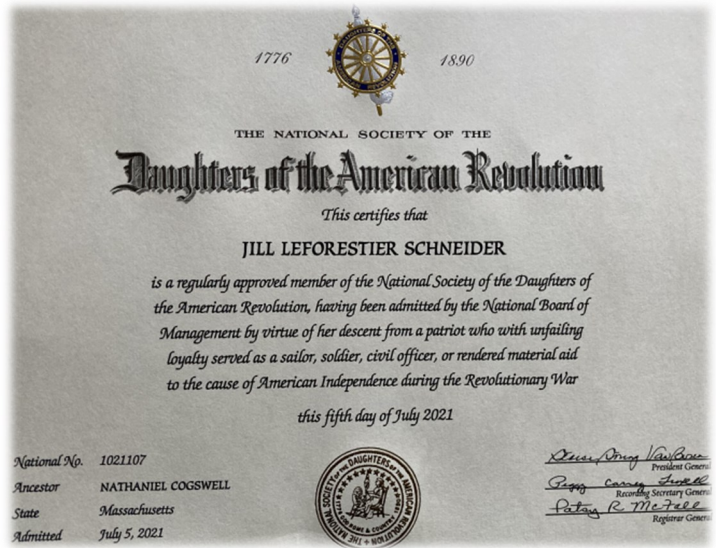
# The Wood—Cogswell Story

## How My Daughter, Jill R LeForestier, Became a Member of the DAR

It should not have taken over fifteen years to find the documentation required to link Eliza Cogswell (2155) to Dr. Nathaniel Cogswell (346) Patriot. Our family knew that Eliza Cogswell was a school teacher near Saratoga, New York and that she married our ancestor John Wood on November 14, 1836 in East Windsor, CT. We believed that they had one child, Nathaniel but could not find the physical documentation needed to qualify our family to be members of the Daughters of the American Revolution. We all had a family booklet that represented recollections of the Wood family along with excerpts from books and records in possession of various members and their offspring. It was written fifty-six years ago by Arthur Curtis Wood, one of thirteen children of John Joseph and Mary Elizabeth Hall. It was in fulfillment of a promise made in 1963 at a reunion of the Wood family to relate events in the lives of the fifteen family members.

We knew from the booklet that John Joseph Wood (7797) and his wife Mary Elizabeth Hall lived in Troy, New York and were my great grandparents and had thirteen children. Their first born was Nathaniel Robert (11650) who was my grandfather. He married Ruth Rogers and they had two girls named Irene A and Elizabeth M Wood. Irene Wood (15260) was my mother and married Wilford A LeForestier and they had three children. I was born Wilford M. LeForestier (21140) and married Mary Lucia Piazza and we had two children. Our daughter is Jill Renee LeForestier Schneider (21141) and she is proud to be a Daughter of the American Revolution. But I am getting ahead of myself. Now back to my story.

There was a second reunion of the Wood Family in 1989 during which I promised to find the connection between Eliza Cogswell and her son Nathaniel and it took a COVID19 Pandemic for me to discover it! Probate records were uncovered from the Mormon archives which were opened up to archivists around the world during the Pandemic. What



we uncovered was the missing documentation that was required membership in the DAR

In 1842 John Wood petitioned Rensselaer County, New York Court for guardianship of his three sons: Nathaniel, John Henry and Cyrus Wade Cogswell. This was part of the settling of Eliza's estate after her death. I was surprised to learn that Eliza and John Wood had three children, not one as I thought.

Elizabeth was gifted two thousand dollars from her Uncle Nathaniel Cogswell (1044), half brother of her father Wade Cogswell (1040). Just to put it in prospective: while two thousand dollars was a very generous gift in the 1840's, the

value today would exceed fifty-seven thousand dollars! This probate record was the missing proof in my quest to document my family's connection to a Patriot and fulfill my promise I made to my family over thirty years ago.

I am exhausted but happy for my daughter and our family because we now have documented proof that we are related to an American Revolution Patriot and true descendants of John (1) and Elizabeth Thompson Cogswell.

Respectfully submitted,

Wilford M. LeForestier (21140)

October 17, 2021

# Cogswells in the News & Sports



## Judge, Cogswell tops in veterans golf

With perfect outdoor sporting weather last Thursday's veterans golf competition was over 18 holes attracting 28 players where two 14 handicap players fighting out the top prize.

Winner on a count-back with 36 points was Warwick Judge from **Tony Cogswell**. Not only did they top the points chart they are similar in support of golf as being amongst the better volunteers within FGA members.

From the Sept. 12, 2021, **Forbes Advocate**



On October 5, 2021, Governor & First Lady Lee of Tennessee announced the Tennessee Governor's Arts Award, Tennessee's highest honor in the arts. Since 1971, the Governor's Arts Awards have celebrated those who have made outstanding contributions to the state's cultural life. This year's awards included Garth Brooks and Trisha Yearwood among others.



**Dr. Robert (Roby) Cogswell** of Nashville, our 2017 Reunion Speaker, received a Folklife Heritage Award.



Schooner, typical of the Lucy K Cogswell

## The Short, Tragic Life of the Lucy K Cogswell

From *A Chronology of Ipswich History*, we find the following:

1868—The schooner "**Lucy K. Cogswell**" was built by Edward W. Choate

1878, August—Schooner Lucy K. Cogswell had her masts split by lightning

1881, July 22—Schooner "Lucy K. Cogswell" sunk by collision with Stmr. Wm. Crane



From the *Daily News* (the North of Boston Media Group), July 22, 2021:

On this day in 1881, the newspaper reported that the schooner **Lucy K. Cogswell**, captained by John C. Cheney Jr. and loaded with coal, was struck head on by the iron steamer William Crane. The impact carried off the schooner's bowsprit and head gear, leaving two iron plates of the steamer on the schooner's deck. She sunk in about 30 minutes. The ship was valued at \$5,000 and not insured.

# *Cogswells in the News & Sports*

**Nathan Cogswell** of Kent, Wa. won the Puget Sound Amateur at Chambers Bay in University Place, WA, for the second consecutive year.

Chambers Bay presented a final-round challenge for players with a steady mix of rain and wind brought on by the beginning of an atmospheric river that has drenched the Pacific Coast.

Cogswell posted the lone under-par 36-hole total in securing a two-shot margin of victory.

Cogswell entered the final round with a one-shot lead after a 68 at Lake Spanaway Golf Course in Tacoma, Wa. In the final round, the field battled the elements at Chambers Bay. A final round of 75 earned Cogswell a second consecutive Puget Sound Amateur title.

Cogswell earned All-WAC First Team honors in the 2020-2021 season playing for the Seattle University Redhawks. In addition to his two Puget Sound Amateur wins, Cogswell won the 2020 Northwest Open Invitational. The Puget Sound Amateur is played annually at Lake Spanaway Golf Course and Chambers Bay. This year's Puget Sound Amateur featured a full field of 186 players.

Posted by Howard Cogswell on Facebook



**Jena Cogswell's** competitive spirit—honed on national championship soccer teams and Wall Street — is coming into play as Bell Bank's new senior vice president and director of marketing.



The Mahtomedi native served as captain of the University of North Carolina's national champion soccer teams in 1999 and 2000 and played professionally before going into financial services with Goldman Sachs and J.P. Morgan.

She has a bachelor's degree in communication studies from the University of North Carolina, and after college she played on the U.S. Women's National Soccer team from 1998 to 2003 and for the Boston Breakers of the Women's United Soccer Association.

She takes over as the Fargo-based Bell pursues further growth in the Twin Cities and Phoenix areas.

Cogswell got her start as a financial analyst at Goldman Sachs, then was responsible for marketing strategy for J.P. Morgan's asset management business before heading up product marketing at Providence Equity Partners.

Cogswell most recently was managing director, head of product marketing and global insights at Principal Global Investors, the asset management division of Principal Financial group.

Cogswell moved back to Minnesota four years ago with her husband.

# Preserving Captain Jonathon Cogswell's Tomb

Contributed by Jim Witham, Essex, MA

We have finally finished the enclosure, so the mason has begun taking the Tomb facing down.

I grew up in Laconia New Hampshire, and my wife and I moved to Essex in 1970 only because Essex was the only town with old houses we could afford.

In 1978 we bought our present 1713 Cape style house.

About a year ago, I discovered I am related to John Perkins, my 10th Great Grandfather, one of the first settlers of Chebacco Parish. I then found that our house was built on the side of Perkins Hill, part of what was John Cogswell's original Grant.

I next learned I am related to 2500 people who lived in Chebacco, or are still living, in Essex.

My sixth cousin four removed Cogswell cousin is Caleb, 1807-1889. He married Elizabeth Burnham, daughter of Wesley Burnham III. Her Great Grandfather Wesley Burnham I, married Deborah Story my third cousin seven removed. She grew up in our house.

So now, back to Capt. Jonathan Cogswell's tomb. My intension is to replace the 16" x 16", stone in the face with one inscribed with the dates of his birth and death, and of his service to Chebacco and the Commonwealth, and the United States. Once I have the proposed text finalized, and an estimate in hand, I will send it to you so you can let Jonathan's descendants know.

I hope to be able to put together a meaningful grave rededication next spring. Color Guards from the Old Essex County, Sons of the American Revolution, the New Hampshire, SAR, the Gloucester, DAR, and the Essex Veterans Association, and the Danvers Alarm List Company, have all expressed interest.

If you have any questions, please email me at [jim@skunkhollow.net](mailto:jim@skunkhollow.net)

Thanks,  
Jim Witham



The present condition of the tomb



Framing for an enclosure to protect the tomb during repair



The completed enclosure. As of Oct. 1, the mason has removed and replaced the old brick facing

# The Cogswell House, Hudson, MI

The Cogswell house was a late Victorian mansion built in the Queen Ann style of architecture. It was an outstanding example of its type with turrets, curved plate glass windows, leaded stained glass and possibly the finest quality and variety of carved woodwork in this entire area.



This Main Street landmark in Hudson was built by **Ed Cogswell (5671)**, a local lumberman, in the year 1891. It was beautifully constructed of the finest materials, and the interior woodwork included straight grain red oak, quarter-sawn white oak, selected birdseye maple, golden birch, sycamore, cherry and walnut.

Each bedroom had built-in marble lavatories. The exterior trim was exceptionally ornamental and decorative even for this, normally eclectic style of architectural design, and it included several balconies and massive gables with carved barge boards and pediments. The main chimney had panels inset with colored glass. The house was built on heavy stone foundations 20 inches thick which were faced with ashlar cut rough sandstone, some of the blocks being 6 feet in length. Its porches were lofty and spacious with ornamental balusters and lavish jigsaw open-work in the fashion of the day. The two towers had some pressed metal trim work and were topped with ivy spires. The attic was large enough and high enough to play a game of basketball, although not quite a regulation size court.

Upon the death of Mrs. Cogswell about 1916 the home was sold to the Avis family, pioneers in municipal electric power in southern Michigan. Later, the home was lived in by the Harry D. Gates family following the death of the elder Avises, next occupied by the Jack Dalys, Mary Ann Daly being the younger daughter of the Floyd Avises who at that time were living in Jackson where Mr. Avis was vice president of Consumers Power Company. Following Mrs. Daly's untimely death the house was sold to the Taylor Dulworth family, local realtors.

The Thompson Savings Bank acquired the property in the 1960's as a site for their present bank building. Much of the interior woodwork, large 9 foot tall by 4' h inch thick sliding double doors, fireplaces and leaded glass windows were incorporated in the new bank building on its two floors. The



huge 10 foot wide by 10 foot tall plate glass window with the large crescent shaped Tiffany transom glass came from the birdseye maple parlor and is a feature of the bank's lobby. At the opposite end of the lobby are 3 leaded stained glass windows that originally adorned the staircase of the home. The fireplace with some wainscoting from the dining room was installed in Mr. Thompson's office.

The house was deteriorating badly and in need of expensive restoration and was too much for the average family to maintain in this present day, but many of the outstanding features taken from the home's interior were utilized by the architects, Daniels & Zermack of Ann Arbor and skillfully installed by Goodrich Construction Company in the Thompson Savings Bank building where they can now be seen by everybody.

*This Cogswell House is gone, but there is a very similar Victorian home that can still be toured in the same town (Hudson MI) and just blocks away, called William G. Thompson House Museum & Gardens at 101 Summit Street, Hudson, MI 49247.*

*The [Thompson House Museum](#) is located about 1.5 hours west from Detroit Metro Airport (near the Cogswell Family Association Reunion to be held June 23-27 2022). Tour hours may vary. We are hoping to schedule a visit on Sun 6/26 2022 during the return trip from the local Cogswell 70th Reunion in Hillsdale MI 49242.*

*Contributed by Carolyn Cogswell  
Host of the June 2022 CFA Reunion*



# Family Photos

Contributed by Connie Hammond.

I was not really sure what direction to go with this but, so. Others may know more about these pictures than we do. We inherited these upon the death of Bruce's Dad. The pictures are in a photo album that belonged to Bruce's Grandmother Edna Waite (Wait) Hammond (#8361 p 944 Vol 1 of the Descendants of John Cogswell). We did not know what we had until I started going through her items that included a number of Daughter of the American Revolution papers. Through DAR, Family Search and Find a Grave, I have pieced people together. Because these are pictures of Cogswell homes, I thought other Cogswells might be interested.

Edna was the daughter of Rienzi Francis Wait and Azalia Jane Frazier. Rienzi (#4927 p 944 vol 1) was the son of Edward Priestly Wait and Elizabeth Ann Cogswell (#2536 p 550 Vol 1).



Reverend Frederick's parents were Thomas Cogswell (#435 p 135) and Ruth Badger. Thomas served during the Revolutionary War. After the war, they moved to Gilmanston, New Hampshire where both of them passed away. Their home in Gilmanston. I think the people in the picture are family members that lived here about 1907.



Edna, her father Rienzi, her grandmother Elizabeth, her Uncle Fred Hobbs and sister Lula in about 1905.



Elizabeth was the daughter of Reverend Frederic Cogswell (#1237 p 283 Vol 1). The middle picture says it is the home of Rev Frederick Cogswell in Tamworth, New Hampshire. The family was living in Tamworth when the 1850 US Census was taken and is where Frederick's wife Hannah passed was in 1853. Frederick and his daughter, Elizabeth left New Hampshire for Minnesota in 1854. Others may be able to look at the horse and buggy and fashions and determine when the picture was taken. Edna liked to travel. I think one of the people in the buggy could be her around 1907.



The home of Governor William Badger who married Martha Smith and Hannah Pearson Cogswell (#1274 p 297 vol 1). The house was in Gilmanston, New Hampshire. William was the son of Josph Badger, who was the brother of Ruth Badger, the wife of the above Thomas Cogswell. Hannah was the daughter of Nathaniel Cogswell (#121 p55 vol 1). William was the governor of New Hampshire from 1834-1836. He was also an aide to Governor John Langdon, a member of the New Hampshire House of Representative and State Senate and the Strafford County Sheriff for ten years. Here again the people in the picture would be whoever lived in the house about 1907.

# *Cogswell Family Association Reunion in Michigan 2022*

The Cogswell Family Association will be holding a Reunion [Downriver](#) from Detroit near the charming city of [Wyandotte Michigan](#) (this is the delayed reunion for 2021) Thursday to Monday, June 23 – 27, 2022.

This area hosts many activities including history (auto and air), shopping, entertainment, restaurants, parks, lakes, beaches, breweries, wineries, casino's and so very much more.

The Association has negotiated a reduced rate for rooms at:

*Southgate Holiday Inn (changing in January 2022 to Wyndham)*  
17201 Northline Rd  
Southgate, MI 48195  
Check In: 3pm Check Out: 11am  
Reservation phone: 734-283-4400 (may change)

The Special Room Rates are (in US dollars): \$115 per night, \$128 includes taxes and services. \$150 security deposit (returned soon after check out). Cancellations are allowed (date TBD). Block hold price date will expire (date TBD)

*Amenities:* airport shuttle and 5 mile area shuttle, fitness center, in-door pool, outdoor grill / court yard, bar & restaurant (depending on COVID restrictions restaurant facilities may vary such as continental breakfast), an open meeting room available for the reunion usage. **A car rental is not required to enjoy this reunion.** *Restrictions:* No Pets

**January 2022** Please contact [CFA2022Reunion@yahoo.com](mailto:CFA2022Reunion@yahoo.com) with your intent to attend. Follow [Facebook CFA Biennial Reunion 2022](#). **Banquet price and exact location will be determined at a later time.**

2022 CFA Reunion proposed Schedule: (Note: a supplement/list of things to do/see will be available)

Thu June 23	3 pm 4 – 6 pm	Hotel Check In CFA Welcome Station at hotel
Fri June 24	8 – 9 am 9 am - All Day	Breakfast (on your own) Self guided or a TBD scheduled tour
Sat June 25	8 – 9 am 9 – 10 am 10 am – 5 pm 5 – 8 pm 8 – 9 pm	Breakfast (on your own) General CFA membership meeting followed by CFA Board Meeting Self guided or a TBD scheduled tour Social Hour / Banquet / Banquet speaker After Banquet socializing, can continue in meeting room/bar
Sun June 26	8– 9 am 9 – 10 am  10 – 3 pm 3 - 4:30 pm  4:30 – 7pm 7+ pm	Breakfast (on your own) Gather at hotel lobby for transport (advance notice is needed to ensure adequate ride sharing is available) approx. 2 hour journey to <a href="#">Hillsdale MI</a> for local 70 <sup>th</sup> Ohio/Michigan Cogswell Reunion, Dinner 1pm, socialize 20-30 minute journey to <a href="#">Hudson MI</a> , and TBD: Guided Tour of historical <a href="#">William G. Thompson Museum</a> this is similar to the, now demolished, Cogswell house (See page 14) Tour local cemetery (Cogswell family markers), Return trip to hotel Late dinner / snack / Night cap with Cogswell cousins
Mon June 27	8 – 9 am 11 am	Breakfast (on your own) Hotel Checkout

# Cogswell Family Reunion in Michigan 2022

## To get you started...local activities: 2022 Cogswell Family Association Reunion

Downtown [Wyandotte Today 2021](#) publication (pdf) and [Wyandotte Business directory](#)

Motown Museum: <https://www.motownmuseum.org/>

Eastern Market <https://www.easternmarket.org/markets/taste-of-our-markets>

Southeast Michigan <https://www.inspirock.com/united-states/things-to-do-in-southeast-michigan>

[Yankee Air Museum](#) – The Museum purchased a portion of the Willow Run Bomber Plant that produced the B-24 Liberators used during World War II.

[The Henry Ford Museum of American Innovation](#) (operating hours Daily

9:30-5:00) Climb aboard a real steam locomotive or the “Rosa Parks” bus, play pilot with the Wright brothers and view in the lab where Thomas Edison had his light bulb moment. Get close to the

[limousine from that fateful day in Dallas TX November 22, 1963](#). Check out other

[Henry Ford collections](#)



[Greenfield Village](#) (2022 summer operating hours not yet posted) Walk the

historical village, experience the workshops of the Ford Model-T, Wright brothers and Edison in

additional and other

historical representations. Check out

the art of Glass

Blowing and purchase a one of a

kind souvenir.



[Ford Rouge factory tour](#) (operating hours

Mon. – Sat. 9:30-5:00pm last tour bus

leaves 3:30pm) Experience the beginning of automation presented in the theater.

Observe the assembly line work of the F-

150 truck. A glimpse into the Ford Rouge

plant past productions: Mustang, Thunder-

bird and more.



# Milestones

## Cogswells Celebrate 70 Years of Marriage



Sandpoint, Idaho— August 27, 2020

The children and grandchildren of **Judge Dar and Joann Spencer Cogswell** are pleased to announce the couple's 70th wedding anniversary.

Dar and Joann were united in marriage at St. Luke's Episcopal Church in Coeur d'Alene, on Aug. 26, 1950.

The couple raised their children in Sandpoint, where their love for each other made a lasting impact on their family and their friends.

Joann was a surgical nurse, and Dar practiced as an attorney and a district court judge. In their retirement years they experienced much joy in traveling extensively with their good friends in their RVs.

"Congratulations, Mom and Dad, on 70 years of marriage and for setting an extraordinary example of lifelong love," the couple's children and grandchildren said.

Editor's note: An item about their daughter Christi appeared on page 7 of the April 2019 Courier.



Judge Dar and Joann Spencer Cogswell on Aug. 26, 1950



## Union General William Cogswell Returns to the Bentonville (NC) Civil War Battlefield



March 2015

On the 150th anniversary of the American Civil War Battle of Bentonville (NC), **Ron Cogswell** of the Civil War Trust poses with a photograph of his collateral ancestor, **William Cogswell** who commanded a brigade in the Union Army's XX Corps during the battle.

In the photo's background is the Harper House.

# Passing On I

**Capt. William “Bill” Cogswell** died on August 24th 2021. He was predeceased by his wife, Rubie in 2015. He is survived by his daughter, Janis (RG), his brother, Maurice (Crystal) & numerous nieces & nephews.



At a very young age Bill found the sea. In his teens he went commercial fishing with his father. And that started his lifelong love of the water. He fished for a few years, then discovered Kitimat, BC.

He became the skipper of Nechako, passenger boat running between Kitimat & Kemano. He moved on to a small coastal freighter Burnaco, & carried boom chain to the logging camps. He always had to have a boat.



**David A. Cogswell**, 72, of S. Dartmouth passed away Sunday, November 8, 2020 in Little Compton, RI He shared 40 years of marriage with his 'bride', Patience (Smith) Cogswell. In true form, his

departure from this life was followed by a 4.2 earthquake just a few miles south of the home he shared with Patience; Dave always had to have the last word.

Born in New Bedford to the late Raymond B. and Beatrice L. (Tremblay) Cogswell, Dave was a proud lifelong resident of Dartmouth. After graduating from Dartmouth High School in 1966 he served in the United States Army during Vietnam. David attended New England Institute of Technology in Boston; graduating as a licensed refrigeration mechanic. A self-made man who believed "if you don't have your word you don't have sh\*t", Dave owned and operated Cogswell Refrigeration until the summer of 2020.

**Edward W. Cogswell**, of Chicago, IL, passed away on August 8, 2021, after a short, but courageous, battle with ALS. Edward was born in Elmira, New York on December 5, 1939, the son of Victoria Knott and Clinton Cogswell. Ed is survived by his wife of 50 years, Carol Cushing, and their daughters, Sarah, Jessica and Kate Cogswell.



Ed was the proud Grandfather to four girls – Sophia (6), Allie (3), Emma (2) and Hannah (1), who adored their “Papa.” Ed counted his relationships with his four brothers – Mike, Clint, John and Tom – as some of the most important in his life. The emphasis on family and maintaining strong connections across geographies and generations with his own extended family will be among his many legacies.



**Gwenda Faye Cogswell** was born on November 23, 1936 in Cedar Rapids, Nebraska to Samuel and Altha (McClatchey) Ramp, the oldest of two children and passed away on Friday, October 15, 2021, at Warren Memorial Hospital in Friend at the age of 84.

Gwenda taught at a country school near Friend and on August 11, 1957, she married **Charles Cogswell**. They had five children: Randy, David, Curtis (now at McCool Junction with his wife Lisa), Linda and Jeffrey. Gwenda enjoyed being a stay-at-home mom and also helping Charles on the farm. After the children were grown, Gwen's love for children prompted her to start a pre-school program and she continued this program for many years.

# Passing On II

**Ann Cogswell Caldwell** died on March 26, 2021 at age 79. Ann was born on July 17, 1941 to Dr. and Mrs. Wilton Cogswell Jr. and grew up with her five siblings: Joan, Buster, Dave, Sally and Gary. She attended St. Lawrence University and Colorado College. An artist, equestrian, mother and grandmother, Ann is survived by her husband, John R. (Jack) Caldwell. Ann and Jack were married in 1962 after a chance encounter wherein they collided on the ski slopes of the Broadmoor and fell in love, then and there. Ann and Jack were married nearly 59 years and spent their lives together exploring the world. The two had the fortune of venturing to many different countries and many states throughout the US, traveling by boat, car, and horseback. As a sailor's wife, Ann got to spend many days of her life at sea when she and her family embarked on new adventures.



**Leslie Merlin Cogswell, Sr.** of Pierce, Colorado passed away July 28th, 2017. Les was born December 5, 1930 to Ernest and Freda Cogswell in Fort Collins, Colorado. Les graduated from Pierce High School

in 1949. In 1950 he enlisted in the United States Air Force and was there for 3 years. On December 5, 1954, Les married the love of his life, Marion Schneider. They celebrated their 62nd wedding anniversary in 2016.

Les went to work for the United States Postal Service where he made his career being the Postmaster for 31 years in Pierce, Colorado. He was a volunteer Fireman with the Ault-Pierce Fire Department and served on the board for a total of 50 years. He enjoyed the weekends in the mountains with his family, farming, and working in his yard and enjoyed spending time with the grandkids and great grandkids.



**Phyllis J. Cogswell**, age 94, of Hillsdale, MI, passed away on Friday, December 3, 2021, at her home. She was born on August 4, 1927, in Williams County, Ohio, to Lynn and Marie (Snider) Brandeberry. Phyllis was married September 28, 1947 to

Lawrence Cogswell\*, who died in 2005.

Phyllis is survived by four children; Linda (David) Hohenberger of Troutman, NC, Judy (Michael) Rogers of White Lake, Joe (Sue) Cogswell of Hillsdale, MI, and Bruce (Rosalind) Cogswell of Camden, MI.

\* Phyllis's husband Lawrence Cogswell is an eleventh generation Cogswell In America (1) John (2) William (3) William (4) Edward (5) Samuel (6) Edward (7) Joel (8) Curtis (9) Albert Sadieu (10) William Edward (Sr).

Editor's note: Phyllis is Howard Cogswell's aunt.



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