

# Cogswell Family Association, Inc.

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Cogswell



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

## COGSWELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER #7 APRIL, 1992

### NEW CFA LEGAL COUNSEL

Since the inception of the Cogswell Family Association, Mr. Daniel Boone Waldo Flint has served as our Legal Counsel. He has indicated his inability to devote the considerable effort that is going to be required in the coming weeks for the revision of the CFA ByLaws, for preparation and submission of new Articles of Incorporation, and reapplication to the Internal Revenue Service for taxfree status. Mr. Christopher B. Staubes, Jr., of Charleston, S. C., has accepted the office and now has these tasks underway. The CFA is grateful to Daniel for his efforts in past years and is very pleased to have Chris assume the position.

### 1994 WESTBURY LEIGH TRIP

Since our announcement in December of the possible trip to England at the end of May in 1994 to visit the Cogswell homestead and other sites in the area, response by members has indicated that as many as 41 people are interested in the tour. Family Society Tours, who will be in complete charge of plans and conduct of the tour, are proceeding with their longer-range plans and will be contacting interested members later. They have indicated that suggestions by members as to places or events of particular interest to the group are welcome. The presence of children on the tour is satisfactory if they can keep up with the other tour members.

### SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

As of March 1, 1992, the CFA had 166 members, and replies continue to arrive from cousins who have been invited to join. Please send names and addresses of any potential members to our Membership Chairman, Julius G. Cogswell, Apt. 17-G, Lincoln Towers, 150 West End Avenue, New York, NY 10023.

According to my records, some 60 members have not yet sent in their 1992 dues. Please consider this a gentle reminder, if you are among this number. I am sure you plan on continuing to be part of our exiting group and will continue to support us, both financially and by

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providing genealogical data on your line. Although we have not completed entering all of the information received to date in our ROOTS data base, our Historian, Catherine J. Cogswell, would appreciate your sending any additional information you may have, such as stories, history, and genealogical data to her at 53 Glendoon Road, Needham, Massachusetts 02192. Your support is vital to our progress, especially in our early years.

FINANCIAL REPORT  
FISCAL YEAR 1991

RECEIPTS

Annual Meeting Fees	\$ 3,918.00
Dues Payments	1,405.00
Contributions	100.00
Interest	<u>310.01</u>
Total	\$ 5,733.01

DISBURSEMENTS

Annual Meeting Expenses	\$ 4,561.83
Massachusetts Corporate Tax	456.00
Postage	195.29
Printing	554.65
Stationary and Supplies	365.08
Pemaquid Commemorative Plaque	<u>1,182.50</u>
Total	\$ 7,315.35

CHECKING ACCOUNT-12/31/90	\$ 6,874.20
-12/31/91	5,291.94

John H. Cogswell, Secretary/Treasurer

NEWSLETTER CONTRIBUTIONS BY MEMBERS

In response to requests by the newsletter editor, a number of CFA members have submitted material believed of interest to the general membership for inclusion in our newsletter. Short articles are generally prepared from raw material, while finished articles are usually edited and retyped to fit into available space. To ease the typing burden, longer articles are likely to be included in original state, hopefully as sharp, clean copy without page numbers, fold marks, or staples. One-page or shorter articles are preferred. The following contribution is reproduced in its entirety as received. Your suggestions as to the types of material you would like to see in our newsletter would be welcome, as would material or articles themselves. Please send your suggestions or contributions to Sumter A. Cogswell, 300 Sunkist Lane, Los Altos, California 94022.

## Cogswells in Northeastern Pennsylvania

By David Lyman Taylor

Settlement of the former Colonies in certain mountainous and forested areas west of the Delaware River was slow, partly because of the lack of roads, partly because of the presence of remnants of the Six Nations of the Iroquois, and partly because of land disputes. For example, several of the present counties of northeastern Pennsylvania then part of Luzerne county seated in Wilkes-Barre on the Susquehanna, were affected by a squabble between Connecticut, whose early Caroline charter had granted them land extending westward from their present borders to the Mississippi river, while the same territory was included in William Penn's Pennsylvania charter. The matter was supposedly settled by an agreement between the states in 1784, though terms of the settlement were not widely known in Connecticut, to the sorrow of a number of early migrants from that state, including at least one of my ancestors, as late as 1802; land speculators had a field day requiring immigrants to buy their property a second time.

Beginning after 1784, a few hardy souls made their way into the territory and were lucky to have gone far enough west into present-day Bradford county to avoid the scams operating under auspices of Henry Drinker of Philadelphia who had bought much land in what is now Susquehanna county. One of these was a seventh-generation-in-America Cogswell, Edward (or "Uncle Ned,"), who had married Bethia Beeman in Washington CT 10 Feb 1790, where their first two children, Julius and Elisha, were born in 1790 and 1792. Then they moved to Slocum Hollow PA near Wilkes-Barre (now the city of Scranton), then upriver to Frenchtown, then to Silvara in 1794, where they settled briefly on a farm. The Jameson classic Cogswells in America on p. 265 states in one place that they "removed to Bradford Co. Penn." in 1794; and elsewhere that "in 1808 he made a permanent settlement in...Bradford Co., in that part of the town now called Silvara." The earlier date is correct, for pedigree charts by a Beeman descendant, based on early census records, show that the next seven children were born in Silvara between 28 Dec 1794 and 7 Apr 1807. The date, 1808, must have been when the family moved from Silvara to another farm on the same "bold stream" which flows into the Susquehanna at Laceyville five miles away, in West Auburn, now a spot in Auburn township, Susquehanna county. Actually, it was a move within the same county, because it was not until 1812 that Bradford county was separated from Luzerne; by then Susquehanna was also distinct; also, since Silvara and West Auburn are only 2.2 miles apart the move between two farms could have been even shorter. It was probably as little as four years later when Julius, now 26, started the process of moving east to Auburn Four Corners, another settlement seven or eight miles away. His first wife, Theda Beeman, a relative of his mother, to whom he was married in 1809 and by whom he had three children, died in April, 1816, one month after her third child, Minerva, died at 14 months.

Two children, Marinda, 5, and Miner, 4, survived her. On 21 Dec 1816, Julius married Eunice Lyman, daughter of Gideon and Dolly Lyman, pioneers of Lymanville in 1803. Nine months later their first child, Theda (interestingly, named apparently for his first wife) was born, 28 Sep 1817. By this time, Julius probably had acquired the property which became the Cogswell farm for several generations and built a cabin; since seven more children were born after Theda, between 1819 and 1833, I am inclined to favor the date (1817) given by Stockman's History of Susquehanna County rather than the other suggested date of 1825. Since by 1825 there were six living children of the two marriages still at home, it seems likely that the 1825 date belongs rather to the building of at least part of the present farmhouse. Interestingly, over the hill which later developed a stone quarry, the next farm adjacent in that direction became the property of Lewis Lemon, who became the husband of Theda Cogswell 29 Sep 1839.

In the next generation, the farm became the property of Julius's seventh child, Gideon Lyman, on the death of his father in 1879; he had already been farming it since 1857 or before; he continued there until after his second wife, Betsey, died in 1881, when he sold it and moved to a smaller place in the village of Lynn. However, the farm continued to be worked and owned by members of the Cogswell and Lemon families until 1924. After occupancy by several other owners for half a century, the farmhouse lay derelict until 1988 when it was acquired from the FmHA by the Albano family of Navesink, N.J., who are rehabilitating it.

The story of Julius is told in Jameson, p. 425; part of Gideon Lyman's life is given on the same page. However, it was Lyman's third wife, Mary Elizabeth "Libbie," who bore his only natural children, Irwin Sylvester (29 Dec 1884--16 Nov 1960), and Bessie Elizabeth (6 Feb 1887--20 Oct 1978). Irwin lived part of his life on the Cogswell farm which he had regained after a period away, and his first two children, Gertrude and Howard, were born there. Bessie married the Rev. Palmer N. Taylor in 1912; their oldest child, David Lyman, was born in Susquehanna county, at Jackson. None of the Taylors ever resided at Cogswell farm, but the ones mentioned visited there many times, and for periods up to a month in length. The farm, then, was in Cogswell hands for 107 years. Since Julius's father, Edward, spent his last years at his son's place, five generations of the family have lived there.

In New England, there are older Cogswell properties, notably the Cogswell Grant of 1635 in Essex MA, now on the National Register of Historic Places; there may be homes in that state and in Connecticut once occupied by members of the first six or seven generations and still standing, and their stories need to be told. But the Cogswell Farm of Auburn township, Susquehanna County, PA, is surely one of the oldest with the longest continuous Cogswell history west of the Upper Delaware.