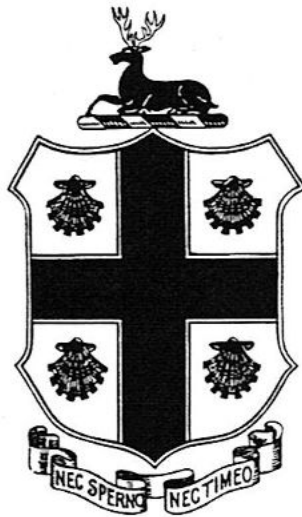


*the* COGSWELL COURIER



Cogswell

*"I neither despise nor fear"*

*April 1994*

WILLIAM " BILLY COGSWELL, III  
1ST VICE PRESIDENT, CFA

Billy died Friday, March 25, 1994 in Irving, Texas.

The funeral was held March 27th at the Bethel United Methodist Church in Charleston, South Carolina. A graduate of the High School of Charleston and student at the College of Charleston, he was the first South Carolinian to receive a degree in printing in 1943 from the Carnegie Institute of Technology in Pittsburg. A Marine Corps veteran of World War II, he served as second lieutenant in the Pacific. He was the retired president of the historic printing company, Walker, Evans and Cogswell (est. 1821), which printed much of the South's confederate money, stamps and bonds.

Surviving are his wife, Margie McCaffrey Cogswell; a son, Connor M. Cogswell of Sewickley, Pennsylvania; a daughter, Anne C. Burris of Charleston, South Carolina and nine grandchildren.

The absence of Billy's active interest in the Cogswell Family Association will be greatly felt. On behalf of the CFA, we send our deepest sympathy and condolences to all his family and friends. He will be missed by many.

(Memorials may be made to the William Scott Cogswell Scholarship Fund, Wofford College, Spartanburg, South Carolina 29304.)

## F R O M   T H E   E D I T O R

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A new name for our newsletter with expectations of future member involvement and ongoing changes as we grow in membership forthwith. Remember, this is your vehicle of communication and it's success (or failure!), will depend on your enthusiasm and participation and the future of CFA.

Suggestions, ideas, criticism, all facets are invited and needed to develop a "healthy" newsletter. Democratically, what is of the greatest interest will dictate selections. The format herein is, hopefully, just a beginning. With your involvement much can be accomplished!

How about a regular feature on an interesting Cogswell from the past as well as a present-day Cogswell? Tell me about the photo of your earliest Cogswell along with any interesting story about that person. And pictures...a photo collection of past generations and at the same time develop a photo file of our current generation. (This would be invaluable when the time comes to print the second edition of "Cogswells in America.") When did the family begin to disburse from the original homestead in Chebacco? Which members were the restless ones? Where did they go and establish future generations? Which ones remained? Would any of you be interested in putting together a map (or maps!) tracing these Cogswell migrations through two or three generations? What a wonderful addition to our records that would be! There is such a richness of names when we review our ancestors...names such as Adams, Hawkes, Fitch, Mason, and so many more to draw upon for articles of interest. What do you think? These are some of the ideas I need feedback on. Are they worth pursuing? Without your input and help I am limited as to what I can accomplish as editor of this newsletter.

And on a different note, Katherine Cogswell, our Historian, has asked to be relieved of the data entry in the Roots software program. She is busy with the myriad of details involved in planning her wedding! Congratulations Katherine! And thanks for all your time and effort on behalf of the CFA.

Taking on this mammoth task, we are most fortunate to have Donald J. Cogswell of Queen Anne, Maryland. Without an ongoing record of our Cogswell families we lose the heart of our organization. This vital record is needed to help those who are researching their families; especially those whose ancestors are not included in "Jameson's CIA."

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As we are almost half way through 1994, it's time to start planning our 1995 meeting. As we proceed down the generations of Cogswells, finding historical locations for gatherings becomes fragmented. In that regard I find that Saybrook, Connecticut could possibly hold enough interest for many. Here's an excerpt from Ipswich in the Massachusetts Bay Colony:

"This extraordinary circle of cultured and conspicuous settlers did not remain long unbroken. Mr. Winthrop returned from England in 1635 with a commission from Lords Say and Brook to begin a plantation in Connecticut and he began active preparations in 1635 to build a fort at Saybrook. His townsmen were greatly grieved at his prospective departure, and Mr. Ward wrote him a noteworthy and pathetic letter praying him to continue in Ipswich...a petition of remonstrance was drawn up and signed by Richard Saltonstall, Nathaniel Ward, John Norton, Daniel Denison, Samuel Appleton, and more than fifty other citizens which included John (1) Cogswell."

Could we conclude that when Samuel (3), CIA #22, page 30, migrated to Saybrook and married Susanna Haven in 1668, he was influenced in this decision by the contacts within his family? In any event, here we learn of one Cogswell leaving the home town, and the disbursement has begun. Samuel (4), CIA #68, page 55, had a son, Hezekiah, who was responsible for the beginning of our Canadian Cogswells. And so it goes... Which of your Cogswells left Chebacco, and where did they go? And how many generations remained in one location? Please write to me! There are many, many interesting tales of our family just waiting to be told in the new "Cogswell Courier!"

Send those ideas to       Bernice Sonna  
                                      P.O. Box 2970  
                                      Jackson, Wyoming 83001

I look forward to an overflowing mail box!

# EARTHQUAKE!

## 1755 STYLE

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The biography of Rev. Cogswell appears on page 118 in "Cogswells in America." The following has been taken from an article printed by James Parker and Company, New Haven, Connecticut, 1755 on a sermon, delivered at Canterbury entitled:

### EARTHQUAKE

THE DANGER OF DISREGARDING THE WORKS OF GOD

REV. DR. JAMES COGSWELL (1720-1807) (CIA #196)

Canterbury Church, Connecticut.

November 23, 1755

*Psalm XXVIII, Verse 5: Because they regard not the works of the Lord, nor the operation of His hands, He shall destroy them, and not build them up.*

With eloquence he delivers admonitions intermixed with the wonders that describe God. And toward the end of the sermon (which covers 23+ pages) his comments tell us the timing of the earthquake thusly:

"Another thing remarkable is, the season when this earthquake came. In the silent watches, the season when men are in the most deep gleep, when all our senses were locked up as with an Iron Slumber; then were we surprised with this terrible event. This heightened the terror; as a final thing comparatively is then apt to startle us, and that which we should take no notice in the day. Then were we awakened with a dismal sound, and felt our beds shake us with a terrible ague. Some doubtless were afraid of immediate death. Others might imagine that the consummation of all things was at hand."

"Another thing worthy of notice, is the great pleasantness of the night, at the time when this earthquake came on. The heavens were clear and serene; the silver Queen of Night shone with an untarnished luster; the Stars, arranged in their Order, beautified the scene; and not a cloud in the whole Hemisphere to obstruct the full Glory of the Prospect, nor an unfriendly Breath of Air, to disturb the solemn but delightful Appearance: then was the shock felt all of a sudden, and turned the whole into terror and surprise...."

Since much of the sermon described the structural damage but could not report a Richter scale intensity, it would be interesting research to find if this event was recorded in the history of the area in 1755. And what was the reaction of those not occupying a pulpit?

# EARTHQUAKE!

## 1994 STYLE

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Some of our members are living in the area of that destructive earthquake that rumbled through the San Fernando Valley of Los Angeles. Member Ralph Cogswell reports his experience:

"It was a rude awakening. We were informed the smell of gas was in the street and to turn off lights and vacate the house immediately. Yes it was quite a shaker! We lost our block walls and some irreplaceable valuable dishes...our home withstood the quake pretty well; the insurance company estimated the replacement costs at about \$30,000. Our place is located about half way between the epi-center and Northridge Mall which was totally destroyed."

"My wife Mary had been released November from the Northridge Hospital and had not recovered completely from a three month stay suffering with meningitis. I wrapped her in blankets, put her in her wheelchair and rolled her out into the street where we stayed from five to eleven a.m. in the cold, before we got the OK to return to the house. We had a most unusual early morning block party! Telephone service was not available so we were unable to call either our son or daughter who live in Aqua Dulce, on the north side of the I-5 and I-14 Interstate freeways which suffered collapse. Eventually our daughter arrived and took us to her home where we stayed four days. We have had over 6,000 aftershocks but if they are not at least a 4 on the Richter Scale, we pay little attention. All the dishes we had on display that did not fall and break have been removed just in case there are additional aftershocks."

"The event caused a great deal of strain on the nervous system of many who felt they needed to leave the area."

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## QUERIES

Seeking parents of FREDERICK AUGUSTUS COGSWELL. Possibly b. 1852; M'd. October 15, 1871, Marie Virginia Blacker of Leavenworth, Kansas  
Frederick was an editor of a newspaper in Georgetown, Washington, DC.

Very eager to connect with ancestor included in "Jameson's Cogswells in America".

Send info to: Donald J. Cogswell  
1115 Damenstown Road  
Queen Anne, Maryland 21657

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## F Y I

Found in the Reference Library of UCLA, Los Angeles:

"HISTORY OF ROCKVILLE, CONNECTICUT 1823-1871"

Compiled by William T. Cogswell, Esq., CIA #1051, page 424

Contains 17 chapters, 48 pages with a listing of heads of families in Rockville, 1836

"VIEWS".

Written by the Hon. Henry H. Cogswell, CIA #931, September 1851. 20 Pages.  
Relative to the construction of a railway from Halifax to Quebec, by the British government.

(With the expressed interest of 10 or more members, the above shall be considered to be copied for distribution.)

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## I N T H E N E X T N E W S L E T T E R

### BOOK REVIEW: "FATHER & DAUGHTER"

A collection of Cogswell Family Letters 1720-1830. Edited by Grace Cogswell Root, August 1924. Page 124 has this amusing poem:

To Dr. Mason F. Cogswell

My wife has been quite ill for several days and is so still; and which was best we've been in doubt, to ask advice or do without. But having only weighed the matter, concluded to reject the latter. And Solomon, a vast deal wiser no doubt, than either you or I, Sir, Declares tis best to take advice in matters difficult or nice. Now, Sir, if in your usual circuit you could contrive some way to work it, to call and see what ails my wife I'll thank you kindly all my life. And tho' for visit and assistance, your usual fee to pay, I've mist on as I'm in hopes of better times, excuse my failings and my rhymes. T. Blydenburgh, Hartford, Connecticut. Dec. 11, 1802.

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