

# Cogswell

*"I neither despise nor fear"*  
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## Cogswell Courier

**Cogswell, North Dakota...Another Mystery**

Anyone who has had the experience of delving into their genealogical past has quite likely come up with a mystery or two. I think the fun of trying to solve these mysteries is a big part of what gets one "hooked." When you run out of curiosities in your own family, you can always take on someone else's. I believe we have done just that.

Several years ago Ed Cogswell from Albion, ME attempted to enthruse some of our membership into biking (as in motor biking) to Cogswell, ND. He failed. He did however pique my curiosity. We discovered that Cogswell was only about five hours from St. Cloud, MN (where we live), in the SE corner of ND, and so we have been planning to visit Cogswell ever since. We discovered that Barbara Sachs (CFA) had already visited Cogswell in her family search. We also found that Tom and Nancy Tjornhom, CFA members from MN, had also "dropped in" on the community.

This summer was our turn. My husband Hal and our twelve-year-old granddaughter, Mackenzie

Lieberman, made the trip. Our goal was to try and find for which Cogswell the town was named. Nancy and Barbara had given us the names of several people for starters. They had also advised us to eat in the local Cogswell Country Restaurant.

We arrived at about 4:30 to find the post office closed and so went next door to the Cogswell Country Restaurant where we met the manager, Kristen Kronbach. She was the first of many very kind and helpful people whom we met. She directed us to the Carpenter's farm. As we set off we looked up at the sky and there was a tornado forming right overhead it seemed. It was more exciting than frightening and seemed not to move much, though it did touch down and destroy some trees about a mile away. Plenty of time for a few pictures. Then it went back whence it came.

Colleen Carpenter seems to be the town historian and has been active in putting a town history together, as well as a booth of Cogswell



*Mackenzie Lieberman at RR sign for  
Cogswell, ND*

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## Cogswell, ND

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memorabilia in the Sargent County Museum in the county seat of Forman 7 miles away.



*The Cogswell booth in the Sargent County Museum*

Now let me share a little bit of the town history: In 1886 the Soo Line Railroad came through Sargent County, crossing the Dakota & Great Southern Railroad (later known as the Milwaukee Road). At this junction the town of Cogswell was established. The town prospered and at one time in the early 1900's it was the largest town in the county.

Among the town's many establishments were two banks, two hotels, a drugstore, a barber shop, a machine shop, a newspaper, two lumber yards, an undertaking parlor, two restaurants, three grocery and supply stores, a bowling alley, a blacksmith shop, two garages, a livery barn, a dray line, three real estate companies, a creamery, a hardware store, a clothing store, a beauty shop, and four elevators. In addition, the town could boast of a hospital, two physicians, a dentist, an

auctioneer, a lawyer, several saloons, four churches, and an opera house seating 250, where plays, movies, lectures, etc. were held. Community organizations flourished in Cogswell. Among them were local chapters or branches of the Masons, Eastern Star, Woodmen of the World, Yeomen, Odd Fellows, PTA and PTO, Homemakers, Ladies Aid in the churches, and the Cogswell Gun Club.

Today, the population of Cogswell is considerably less than in the town's heyday. The construction of all-weather roads, the enlargement of farming units, and the growth and competition of adjacent towns have all contributed to the decline in the numbers of people remaining.

Many of the inhabitants are retired while others work in the surrounding towns. The hoped-for new growth of the community at the time of its centennial in 1983 has not taken place. There is not even a grocery store or a gas station. There is however, as it seemed to us, a spirit of survival and a positive outlook for the future. In

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*The Community Center and next door (with green roof) the Cogswell Country Steak and Drink*

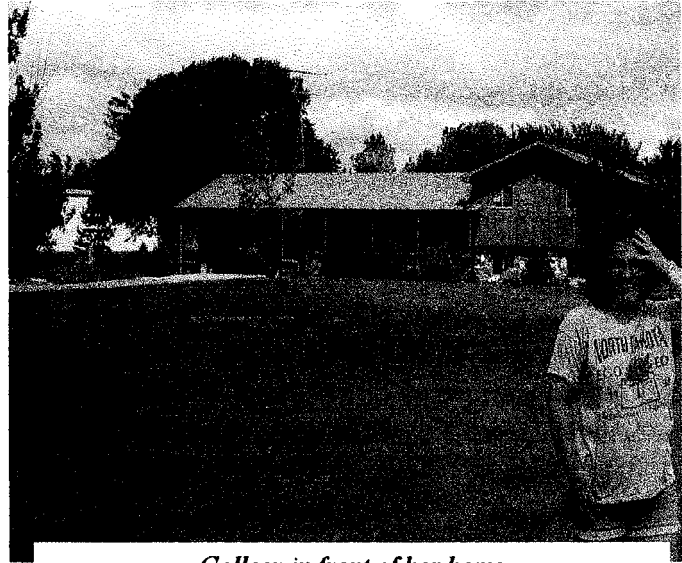
## Cogswell, ND *(continued from page 2)*

1979 they built a community center which also accommodates the senior center and the post office. Next door there is a new, really nice good-sized restaurant and bar, "the Cogswell Country Steak and Drink." As I understand it, the restaurant was financed by the community.

It was suggested that we contact Lawrence (Bud) and Evelyn Strouse, as Bud was about the oldest member of the community. We did just that. They were most gracious and told us all about the town. They were sure they had never known anyone by the name of Cogswell living there and had always assumed that the name came from someone working for one of the railroads, most likely upper management.



*Bud and Evelyn*



*Colleen in front of her home*

Our next stop was the Sargent County Museum. Again many helpful people. As we started our research we were delighted to find a copy of *The Descendants of John Cogswell* (donated by Nancy and Tom Tjornhom). We did find a suggestion that the town might have been named after a General Thomas Cogswell, but no one seems to take that too seriously.

The best guess, shared by many in Cogswell, is that the town was named after someone who worked for the Soo Line. There is an old plat map with a lot marked "M.C. Cogswell" near the center of town. Perhaps a railroad man invested in a lot, believing that a town would grow where two railroads intersected, which is what happened. However, Barbara Sachs has checked at the county courthouse in Forman, and there is no record of any land ownership by any Cogswell. So more investigation is needed. Perhaps the Soo Line archives (if there are any) will reveal an executive or employee who worked for that railroad sometime in the 1880's. We shall see.

## The First Generation of Settlement in Colonial Ipswich, Massachusetts: 1633-1660

This is the title of a 1967 doctoral thesis written by Edward Spaulding Perzel at Rutgers University. The 400-page work describes landholding, the economic order, government, and the social structure of the first generation of settlers in Ipswich, including those in the Chebacco part of town. Perzel tracked down every individual who lived a major part of his adult life in Ipswich before 1660, including not only Cogswells, but also other families with connections to the Cogswell family, such as Emerson, Epps, and Symonds. The following is from the thesis:

Why study Ipswich? Perzel explains: "The town of Ipswich was the residence of many notable figures who played a major role in shaping the political, religious, and economic affairs of Massachusetts Bay colony. Ipswich boasted Nathaniel Ward, William Hubbard, Simon Bradstreet, Richard Saltonstall, Jr., and John Wise, among others, as residents. While other New England towns such as Salem and Newburyport are written and talked about more than Ipswich, the fact remains that in the seventeenth century Ipswich was second only to Boston. The inhabitants of Ipswich were annually assessed for more taxes than any other town. A final reason for singling out Ipswich is that the early town records are complete and present the historian with a clear and continuous record of the town from the beginning."

Ipswich was the first plantation made under the authority of the Massachusetts Bay colony. A major factor in its founding was the fear of French encroachment in the area north of Boston. Governor John Winthrop noted his concern in his journal. In the early spring of 1633, he sent his son John Winthrop, Jr., and a small group of men to establish an outpost in an area of unspoiled

marshland called Agawam. Renamed Ipswich, the town grew rapidly during the Great Migration, and within ten years there were about 800 inhabitants.

In his research Perzel found a major thread running through the history of Ipswich. He called it "separatism," a feeling of being not only separate but also equal to other political bodies. "The town leaders were jealous of what they considered to be their political authority as opposed to the political authority of the [Massachusetts Bay] colony.... As a result the residents of the town of Ipswich were time and again the leaders in the colony for protecting the position of local authority against inroads by Boston ruling factions."

Playing important roles in the town of Ipswich, and in the colony as well, were the ministers. The town was blessed with a succession of strong and effective ministers, recognized as such throughout the colony. Since religion was a major concern of the Puritans, religious leadership was important to the well-being of any town. Nathaniel Ward, minister when the Cogswell family arrived, later was chosen to write a body of laws to clarify the laws, rights, and authority of the government and individuals; these were adopted by Massachusetts as the Body of Liberties of 1641. Ward was also the author of the famous *The Simple Cobbler of Agawam*, "a prose satire upon everything which was irksome to the Puritanical mind...." After serving in Ipswich, John Norton succeeded John Cotton at Boston. William Hubbard was also a noted historian who wrote two well-known histories of New England. It was he who conducted the funeral service for John Cogswell in 1669. And during the last quarter of the 17th Century, John Wise, minister at Chebacco, was the leading voice of opposition to the "usurpation

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## The President's Message . . . . by Austin Cogswell



### Four Fleeting Years

It was in August 2000 when I, as 1st Vice President, was asked by your board to finish the 2000-2002 term of C. A. Castagnaro. She had to resign for personal reasons. Now my original term as president from 2002-2004 is about to end. Pat Cogswell, our very capable and dedicated 1st Vice President and web master, will lead us forward.

We all know the adage: time flies when you are having fun. I have certainly enjoyed these last fleeting four years as president of our Association. Our Reunions during this period have been on both coasts, in our nation's heartland (Marietta, Ohio) and in Canada (Halifax, Nova Scotia). I've learned a great deal

about the history of these Reunion cities and the important contributions Cogswells made to them. I've made new friends among the many cousins who attended these fun-filled gatherings. I am grateful for the opportunity I had to associate with our board members who contribute tirelessly to the success and growth of our Association.

Thank you for asking me to serve as your president. I urge each of you to become involved with the CFA, if you aren't already. Should you eventually have the honor of serving as president, your experiences will be richly rewarding. I am looking forward to seeing you at future Reunions!

This seems like a good time to extend our thanks to Austin for being our president for almost two terms. That in itself is certainly above and beyond the call of duty. I am sure I can speak for the board when I say we all appreciated the way he ran our meetings. He always managed to keep us focused and on target. Not an easy job when you have a group of Cogswells together that haven't seen each other for a year or more. So a big THANK YOU Austin.



### VIVIAN ANN GABRIEL

**was born on March 28, 2003**

**In Rota Naval Station Spain Her parents are Lt. Christopher Loren Gabriel U. S. N. and Kimberly Ann Smith Gabriel. Her Grandparents Mr. And Mrs. Lyndon Gabriel left for Spain almost immediately.**

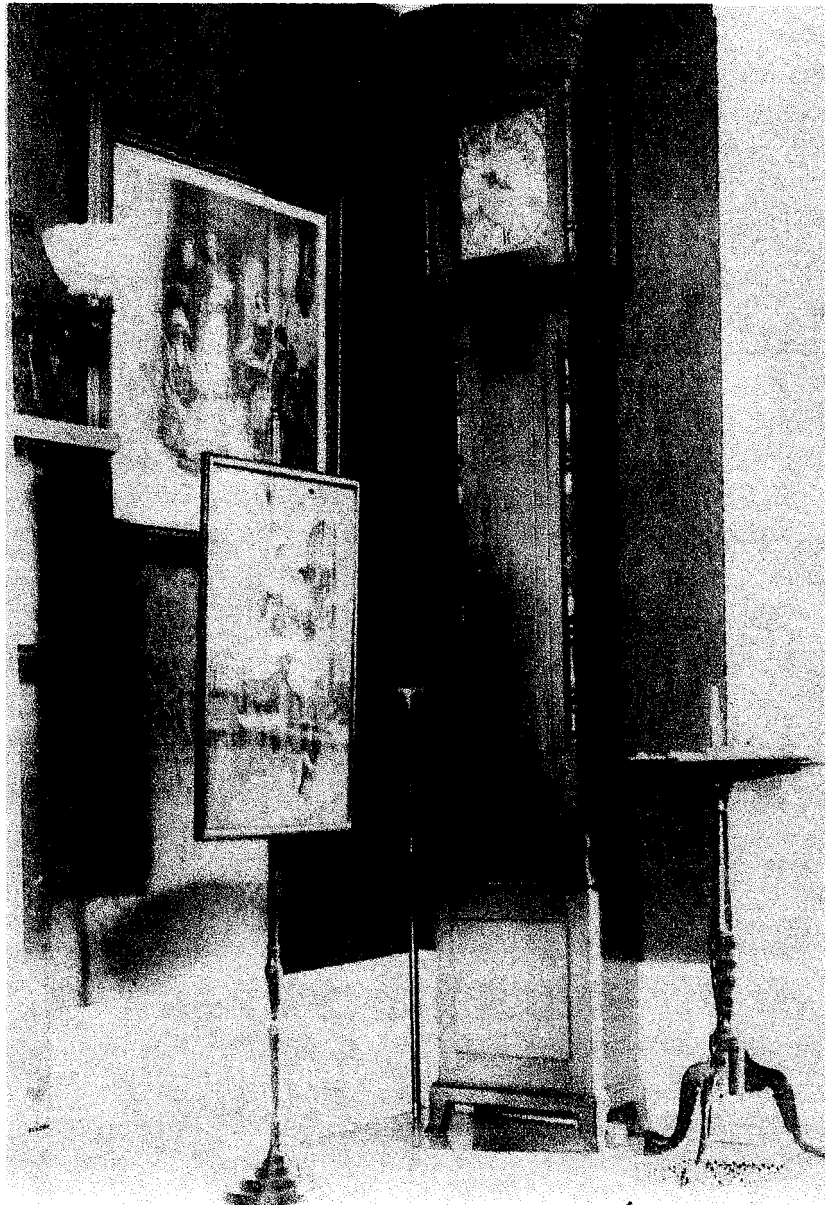
## The Cogswell Clock

The Cogswell clock, brought to this country by John Cogswell, ancestor of the Cogswells of America, is now in the possession of Mrs.

Geo. F. Choate of Salem, Mass. It has passed through various hands in its wanderings, but is now permanently located. Its old, original case has been replaced by one as near like the original as could be done, and some portions of the works that were worn out have been replaced, and the *Salem Gazette* says:

“This old timer, thus renovated, is very probably as old as any in working [condition] in America. Good judges pronounce its age as perhaps 300 years. It is thought to be of Dutch manufacture, and was made entirely by hand. It has a brass face

and only one hand, having been constructed before the nicety of a minute hand had been customary.”



The item above is from the July 1886 issue of the *Henniker [NH] Courier*. Mrs. George F. Choate was Abby Parker Cogswell [DJC 1805]. Her son was Francis Bradford Choate [DJC 3413], and the picture is of a room in his house. The photograph was made into a post card, which is now in the possession of David and Laurel Choate (CFA) of Melrose, MA. Today the whereabouts of the clock are unknown

(Thanks to Claire Cogswell-Daigle and Laurel Choate for this information.)



## From the Secretary's Computer

by . . . . Claire Cogswell-Daigle



*Hello,*

*The year is half gone and we are looking forward to the family reunion.*

*Many of you have not sent in your dues as yet and I would really like to close the books for 2003. Would you please take a minute and send me your dues.*

*Our reunion is all set for Fredericton, NB and Malcolm has done an excellent job putting it all together. Let's hope the weather is warm and sunny.*

*Our membership has now passed the four hundred mark. Hopefully you have all sent your lineage in to*

*Donald Cogswell, our historian. He does an excellent job keeping track of our family.*

*That about does it for this time. Hope you all have a happy, healthy summer.*

*Your secretary,  
Claire*

Membership questions

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**The Cogswell Family Association welcomes our newest members:**

***Alberta Bowman Pierce  
Ruth H. Edwards***

***Orange City, FL  
Cocoa Beach, FL***



**From the desk of your First Vice President: Pat Cogswell**

### **The 2003 CFA Scholarship**

This year three students at the Cogswell Polytechnical College in Sunnyvale, California submitted superb essays for the CFA scholarship. They were asked to write 500 words to tell us "Who has had the greatest impact on your life in regard to your career choices and values?" In addition they had to meet two other requirements: 1) severe financial need and 2) minimum GPA of 3.0.

As I usually do, I mailed a copy of these essays to four members of our board to review and asked them to select the one they deemed to be the winner. You can image my surprise when I received everyone's response and, for the first time, everyone selected the same student for the scholarship. Thank you Austin Cogswell - President; Edna Roberds - President Emerita; Glenn Cogswell - 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President; and Sumter Cogswell - Board Member, for your assistance in selecting such a fine essay written by **Alton Szeto**. I thought you would enjoy reading what Alton wrote, so here it is:

From the day I was born, this important person has been there for me. Teaching me how to walk, talk, eat, and laugh. He has given me the talents that I have, which has been preserved and passed down for generations. He has taught me values, traditions and how to make choices in life. This person is my father, Albert Szeto.

I remember his stories that he told me of his dreams of becoming a professional artist and musician. His works only proved more so, that he was capable. Every time we would spend time together to paint I could see the gracious, flowing power of forearm to hand, to fingers, to be fully in control of his paint strokes. Each stroke being powerful yet graceful revealing a wondrous painting. Sometimes he would do caricatures of my sister and me and they looked so realistic while funny and cartoonish at the same time. I aspired to be like him ever since I was a child.

My father was born in China and raised in Hong Kong and moved to America when he was a young adult. He was able to practice his skill in painting on his own time and being in a band helped creativity. His dreams of becoming a professional musician and fine artist fell apart when he was not able to go on to college because his family didn't have the funds to do so. He also left his band when he found out that his band mates got into drugs and his mother died. When his mother died he was just finishing up high school and the pain was too much to bear. His father died shortly after. Without a father and mother, money, and education he had no choice but to go to work. To this day he has been working as a waiter at the Carnelian Room in downtown San Francisco. Never once has he ever complained about his job, the long hours, or the monotony of it. He is always determined to help our family of five. Two of us are attending college including my sister, who is attending her second year at UCSC doubling majors in electronic music and classical piano. My father works long hours and night shifts. Sometimes I wonder how he does it, and I know that it is through his love for our family and his will for us to study and rise where he could not. Through his actions he has taught me to honor the family through love and to never quit to strive for my dreams.

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## Staff Sergeant Eric Ford



In the last Courier I requested information about any Cogswell who is a member of the Armed Services. I was very pleased to receive the following message from Willa Abernathy (DJC 10610):

U. S. Army Staff Sergeant Eric Ford [DJC 12349], great-grandson of Elva Grace Cogswell [DJC 7767], is presently serving his nation in Iraq. He is also a veteran of the Gulf War. Eric has a very strong support group and very generously shares his "care packages" with his men. Like many of our young servicemen he thinks of his men and women before himself. SSgt Ford lives in Valley Springs, CA, with his wife Rebecca, daughter Jennifer, and sons Trevor and Shane. Eric is the son of CFA member Willa Abernathy. God Bless our Troops and God Bless America.

## The 2003 CFA Scholarship *(continued from page 8)*

I am truly honored to be his son to carry on his dreams. He has impacted my career choice into character 3d animation, modeling and fine arts through his guidance and talents handed down to me. I want to be the best that I can be and one day land a job so I can help my father and mother retire. They have been working much too hard for my siblings and I. Through his will and determination and family values, it has pushed me to work hard, at Cogswell. Through his example I am able to strive for my dreams and live not only for myself, but for others out of love.

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Congratulations! Alton Szeto... what a wonderful and heart-warming essay. I know that your parents are very proud of you and so is the Cogswell Family Association. Alton will receive a \$250 scholarship from the CFA that will be matched with another \$250 from the Cyril Cogswell Fund. I am very proud that we can assist young people in achieving their dreams and I hope that you feel the same.

## The First Generation of Settlement....

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of the hinterland towns' authority by Boston-centered political factions." Wise's writings on the independence of religious and civil governments, based on natural law, have often been described as the first expression of the literature of the American Revolution.

Perzel's discussion of land distribution is enlightening. An individual had to be accepted by the town before he could receive any land--no beggars or vagabonds need apply! "The individuals who arrived in Ipswich carrying their reputations with them acquired above average size grants. These larger grants carried the designation 'farm.'" John Cogswell was one such individual. "The town expected these men to be leaders in the community. They were not typical settlers. Most of them rated the title of 'Mister.'" Indeed two became governors of the colony (Simon Bradstreet and Thomas Dudley), one became the military leader of the colony (Daniel Denison), and one was actually related to John Calvin himself (John Whittingham).

Land grants were divided into different categories. The area known as "the town" was divided into houselots. The hilltop areas that had been used by the Indians for agricultural purposes were set aside as planting ground. The rest was divided as marsh (for hay production), meadow land (for planting and haying), wood lots (a family needed about 3/5 acre of standing timber for winter wood), thatch lots, and upland (high, dry, cleared land used for many purposes). Remaining land was set aside as commons. Since much of the land was doled out in strips, like many English villages, it wasn't long before many men began to consolidate their holdings through buying, selling, and exchange.

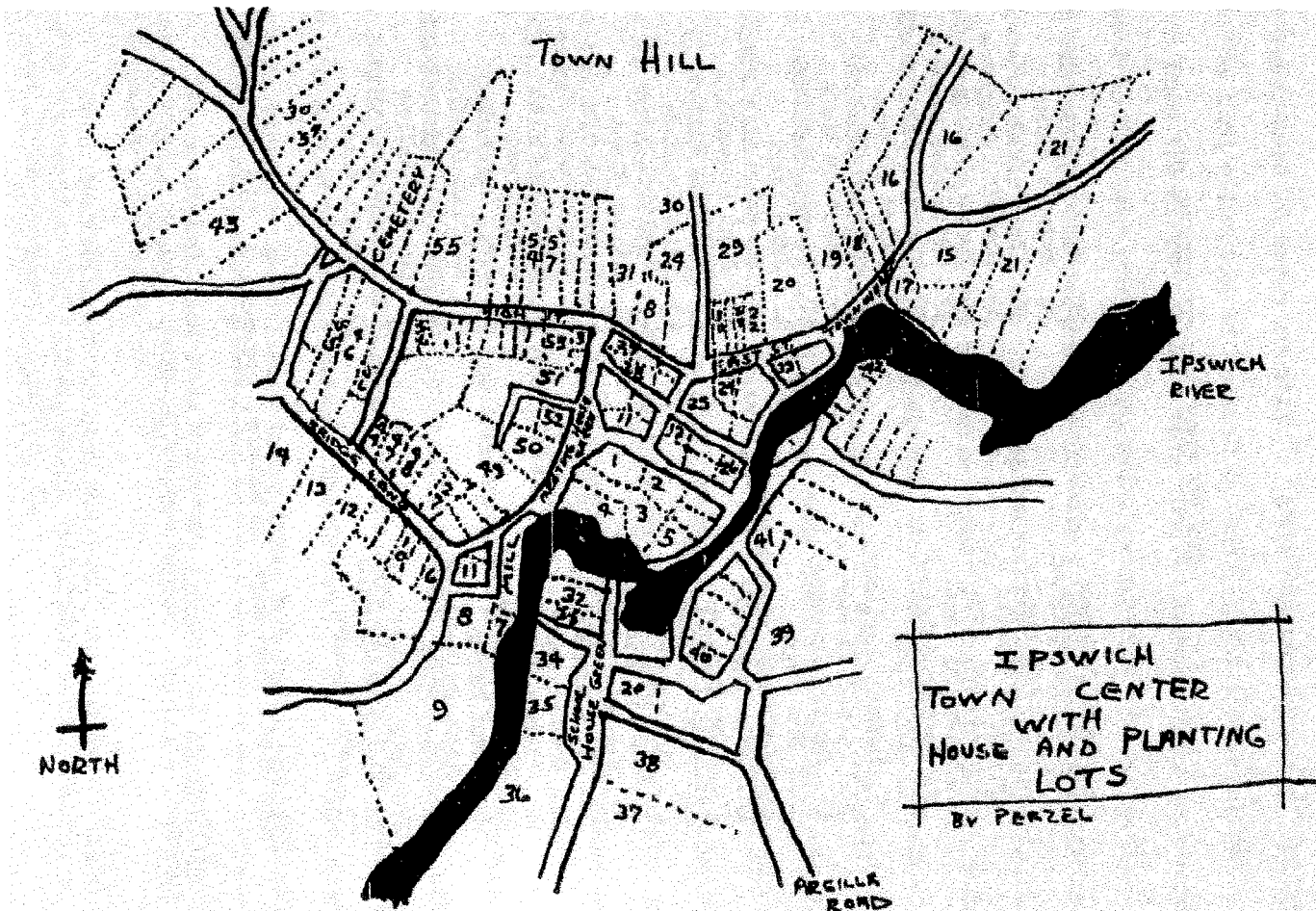
On the basis of land ownership, occupation, and political and economic status, Perzel classifies the Ipswich men into four groups: leading men (33), upper level (81), middle level (124), and lower level (159). The leading men played overwhelming roles in the political and economic life of the town. Almost all were freemen, which meant they were church members. John Cogswell was in this first category. He was listed as a merchant, one of the few who apparently had English connections, though what they were is not stated. Curiously, there is no record that he ever held any kind of public office, as most leading men did. (John Cogswell, Jr., is listed among the middle level men.)

It is clear that the freemen dominated the town with regard to political and economic power. As church members they brought the church's influence into the economic sphere. Town government itself evolved from the religious congregation of the Puritan church. Freemen tended to have larger landholdings than non-freemen, they tended to hold more of the public offices, they tended to provide the social leadership, and they were less likely to migrate from Ipswich to other towns.

As to the debate over whether members of the Great Migration came to New England primarily for religious or economic reasons, Perzel concludes that both factors were operative. In the New World, the deeply-held Puritan convictions meant that the strong religious leadership of the Ipswich ministers played a substantial role in the town's (and indeed the colony's) development. "The dominance of the freemen, the leadership of ministers and leading men, and the centering of the closely knit Ipswich community on its church were the hallmarks of the first generation...."

### Key to Ipswich Town Map

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|--------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------------------|
| 1. John Jackson          | 21. George Carr             | 41. John Dane                   |
| 2. Robert Kinsman        | 22. Thomas Boarman          | 42. Joseph Medcalfe             |
| 3. William White         | 23. Richard Schofield       | 43. John Shatswell 44           |
| 4. Henry Sewall          | 24. John Baker              | 44. William Warner              |
| 5. William Averill       | 25. Richard Hubbard         | 45. Mark Symonds                |
| 6. Richard Jacob         | 26. John Gage               | 46. William Paine               |
| 7. Jeremy Belcher        | 27. John Norton             | 47. Simon Stace                 |
| 8. John Fawn             | 28. Matthew Whipple         | 48. Mark Quilter                |
| 9. Samuel Appleton       | 29. John Newman             | 49. Christopher Osgood          |
| 10. Thomas French        | 30. William Symonds         | 50. William Fuller              |
| 11. Daniel Denison       | 31. Robert Paige            | 51. John Wyatt                  |
| 12. John Gage            | 32. Thomas Wells            | 52. John Covington              |
| 13. Humphrey Bradstreet  | 33. Samuel <u>Younglove</u> | 53. William Goodhue             |
| <b>14. John Cogswell</b> | 34. Isaac Comings           | 54. William Bartholomew         |
| 15. John Perkins, Jr.    | 35. Nathaniel Rogers        | 55. Thomas Dudley               |
| 16. John Perkins, Sr.    | 36. Richard Saltonstall     | 56. John Whittingham            |
| 17. Thomas Howlett       | 37. Giles Firmin            | 57. Robert Lord                 |
| 18. Thomas Bishop        | 38. Nathaniel Ward          | [Map drawn from maps in Waters, |
| 19. Robert Coles         | 39. Jonathan Wade           | <i>Ipswich</i> , vol. I.]       |
| 20. John Winthrop, Jr.   | 40. George Giddings         |                                 |



# This and That

**From Edna Roberds (our President Emerita)**

## **The CFA Reunion Pin**

Each year the reunion chairperson, in appreciation from the CFA, receives a pin or pendant designed by LEEBRANT jewelers of Atlanta, Georgia. The pin has two components. The first is a replica of the Angel Gabriel that brought John Cogswell and his family to Pemaquid, Maine in 1635. The second component is a round disk that represents Cogswell connections all over the world. The disk is engraved with the year of the chairperson's reunion.

## **The recipients of the CFA reunion pin are:**

- 1990-Jack Cogswell-Salem, Massachusetts
- 1991-Claire Cogswell Daigle-Pemaquid, Maine
- 1993-Anne Cogswell-Colorado Springs, Colorado
- 1994-Harold and Mary Lieberman-Westbury Leigh, Wiltshire, England
- 1995-Bernice Sonna-Old Saybrook, Connecticut
- 1996-Edna Cogswell Roberds-Charleston, South Carolina
- 1997-Dr. Howard L. Cogswell-Sunnyvale, California
- 1998-Rev. Malcolm T. Cogswell-Halifax, Nova Scotia
- 1999-Edna Roberds and Jack Cogswell- Salem, Massachusetts
- 2000-Ed Cogswell and Steve Alberle-Everett, Washington
- 2001-Claire Daigle and Ed Cogswell-Henniker, New Hampshire
- 2002-Caroline Lutz-Marietta, Ohio
- 2003-Malcolm Cogswell-Fredericton NB Canada

Recipients, wear the reunion pin with pride for your part in bringing the Cogswells together for fellowship and exposure to Cogswell history all over the world.

**Peg Simons (Waterbury Conn)** wonders if "Cogswells" would be interested in knowing that the new Maine statehood quarter "features a rendition of the scenic Pemaquid Point Light. A schooner in the distance has its way lit along the rocky coast, the site of many shipwrecks." I think it is pretty safe to say we are very much interested.

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Those interested in the early days of the Massachusetts Bay Colony should note the recent publication of *John Winthrop: America's Forgotten Founding Father*, by Francis J. Bremer (Oxford University Press). CFA members should also note a distant Cogswell connection to the Winthrop family: John Winthrop, Jr. (he of the founding of Ipswich fame), married Elizabeth Reade. Elizabeth's sister Martha married Samuel Symonds, whose daughter Ruth married John Emerson, whose daughter Martha married William3 Cogswell. Small world department.

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The largest public genealogical library in the United States is the Allen County Public Library in Fort Wayne, Indiana. When *Descendants of John Cogswell* was published, the CFA sent a copy to the ACPL. In the last year or so, we have begun sending copies of the *Cogswell Courier* to the library. Recently they requested a complete file of our newsletters, and we were happy to comply with their request. Thus, the Cogswells are now well represented at Fort Wayne.

## Cogswell Reference in Historical Text . . . .Submitted by Terry Cogswell

In reading an original copy of the book *Campfire and Battlefield: An Illustrated History of the Campgrounds and Conflicts of the Great Civil War*, published by Bryan, Taylor, & Co, of New York in 1894, I came across two references to Cogswells. One (on page 423) is a picture of Brevet Brigadier General William Cogswell along with three other Union officers ( Brigadier General Benjamin Harrison, Brevet Major General William T. Ward, and Col. Daniel Dustin). I scanned this page and am attaching a jpg file of this picture. Gen. Cogswell is on the right (Harrison-Ward-Dustin-Cogswell). It is interesting to note the book has the name spelled COGGSWELL. I assume this is Gen. William Cogswell [1808].

The other Cogswell reference is on page 361 and refers to a note written by a Col. Leander W. Cogswell [2896 ?]. It is in reference to the battle of Spotsylvania. Quoting from the book: A note from Col. Leander W. Cogswell, of the Ninth New Hampshire Regiment, gives a suggestive incident: "During the night of the 13th, as officer of the day, I was ordered to take a detail of men from our brigade, and, if possible, find the dead bodies of members of the Ninth Regiment. We went over the intrenchments and into that terrible darkness, under orders 'to strike not a match, nor speak above a whisper.' When near the spot where they fell, we crawled upon our hands and knees, and felt for the dead ones, and in this manner succeeded in finding upwards of twenty, and conveyed them within our lines, where, with a few others, they were buried the next morning in one trench."



Brigadier General Benjamin Harrison

Colonel Daniel Dustin

Brevet Major General  
William T Ward

Brevet Brigadier General  
William Cogswell



## Canadian Connections by Malcolm Cogswell

On Sunday, May 11th, 2003, a memorial window was dedicated in memory of three Cogswell descendants and one spouse. The inscription under the window reads:

"To the Glory of God and in Loving Memory of Robert (6923) [1887-1973] and Jennie (Cogswell 6920) [1900-1998] Newcombe and Henry (6919) [1898-1972] and Bessie (Goudge) [1901-1951] Cogswell." (names, and numbers from *Descendants of John Cogswell* in curved brackets not on window.) [dates in square brackets are beneath the names.]

The window is the last of 8 side windows in the United Church of St. Paul and St. Stephen, (a union of Presbyterian and Methodist churches) in Kentville, Nova Scotia, where both Robert Newcombe and Henry Cogswell had served for many years as elders and in other offices, and both Jennie (Cogswell) Newcombe and Bessie (Elizabeth

Goudge) Cogswell had been members of the Women's Missionary Society. The window depicts Jesus in the Garden of Gethsemane, with the angel (from Luke's Gospel) to strengthen him.

.Perhaps about 75 members of the families (Cogswell descendants and their spouses) attended the service, and a warm tribute to the remembered persons, and to the legacy they left behind in the lives of their children, was given by Ned Chase (8311 in *Descendants of John Cogswell*.) Rev. Malcolm Cogswell (8319) also participated in the dedication ceremony.

The picture shows, from left to right, Robert Newcombe (8321) and his wife Alice (Jess), Malcolm Cogswell (8319) and his wife Jean

(Ellis) and son Mark Cogswell (9696).

Following the service, a reception was held at the home of Marion (Woolaver) Newcombe, widow of the late Donald Newcombe (8322).

(I'm sending a copy of the church bulletin - minus the local



L—R Robert & Alice Newcombe, Malcolm, Jean, & Mark Cogswell

announcements and baptismal ceremony for non-Cogswell babies which was also part of the service - to Donald Cogswell, as it contains the most remembered pictures of the remembered persons. I have one other spare copy if it is wanted.)

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## Getting To Know Us

. . . . by Malcolm Cogswell

Malcolm Thomas Cogswell was born May 21, 1935, in the Manse at Murray Harbour, Prince Edward Island, Canada, in the Goudge family.

I became a Cogswell (adopted by my aunt, Bessie, wife of W. Henry Cogswell) and moved to Nova Scotia at age 3 months. Grew up and attended school in Port Williams, with the last 2 years of high school in Kentville. Accepted as a candidate for the ministry of the United Church of Canada (Congregationalist, Methodist, Presbyterian) by the church of St. Paul and St. Stephen, Kentville, N. S. Attended University at Mount Allison University, Sackville, New Brunswick (B.A.) and Pine Hill Divinity Hall, Halifax, N. S. (B. D.) Ordained to the ministry at Sackville, N. B., in June 1958.

Married to Jean Shirley Ellis on Sept. 3, 1960, at Trinity United Church, Charlottetown, P.E.I.

Jean was born July 23, 1937 in O'Leary, P. E. I., daughter of Athol and Geraldine (Carruthers) Ellis, and started school there. Also attended where her father worked for the railway in Borden and Mount Stewart, P. E. I., and attended Prince of Wales College in Charlottetown. Then went to Halifax to work, where we met at Young People's in St. John's United Church (where Henry and Bessie [Goudge] Cogswell were married.)

Our married (and my ministerial) life began at Walton, N. S., where our daughter Ruth was born, just before we moved to Wallace, N. S. There, a son Mark was born. We have also lived at Centreville, N. B., at Grace-Cobb's Hill (church names) in Bermuda, Amherst Head, N. S., Doaktown, N. B., (where our children left us for college), Howick, Quebec (where we lost our daughter in a highway accident), and Lachute, Quebec, until my "retirement" in 2000. Since then we have lived (and I worked 80% time) at Bedford, Quebec, where we have continued our education by learning how to use a computer.

In Quebec, Jean also completed her University

education at Concordia (B.A.) and McGill where she obtained a Library degree, both in Montreal.

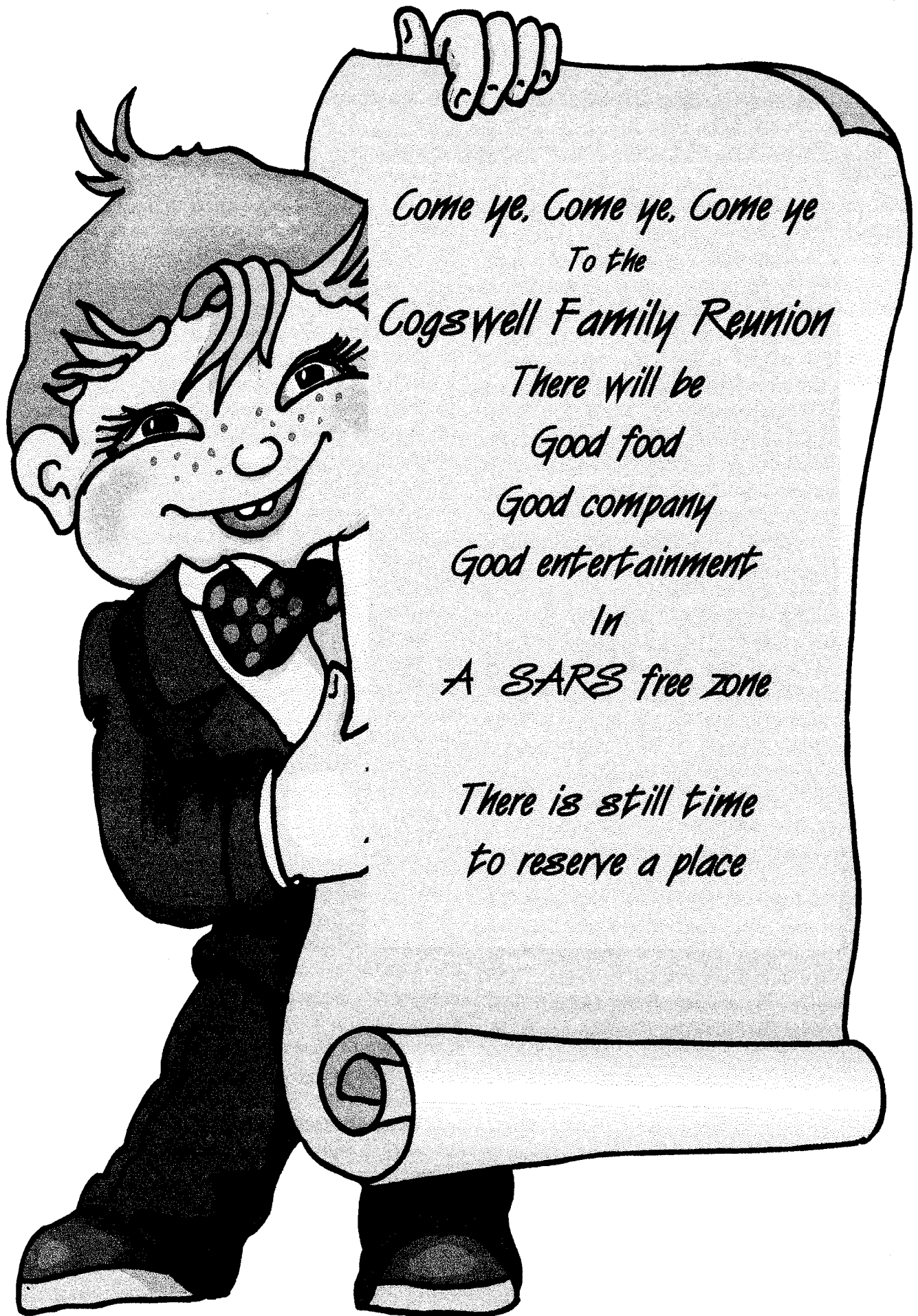
Jean has long been a member of the Women's Institute (a rural women's educational and service organization) and other church and library associations and has sung in various community choirs, when there was one in the area where we lived.

Malcolm has been active on a number of church committees, most recently Archives and History. He has also sung in a choir or two, and acted in a couple of stage plays.

We are both members of the Quebec Family History Association, although it meets at the same time as a church meeting so Malcolm seldom gets to attend.

Malcolm's ancestors all arrived in North America between 1620 (Mayflower) and 1855, except for Alice Sissostom, whose family came during the ice age. Most came to New England, although a number came directly to Nova Scotia or other parts of Canada. Jean's ancestors all arrived between 1750 and 1850, and except for John Hardy (who lived briefly in New England) all came directly to Prince Edward Island, Nova Scotia or Ontario.

Both of us claim descent from King Alfred the Great, Charlemagne, and William the Conqueror (1066 and all that) - provided our information is correct, but that's so many generations ago we think most Cogswells are descended from them, if they could just trace it. After all, doubling the number of ancestors with each generation back, that gives us around a billion living in 1066 - and there weren't that many people alive then. (Our most recent *known* common ancestor is King Edward III, although Jean's royal ancestors reportedly continue until George III of American Revolutionary infamy. (His youngest daughter is said to have eloped with a stable hand and come to P. E.I., although the royal family never acknowledged the marriage.)



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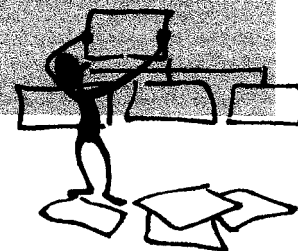
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## From the Editor's Den

. by . . . Mary Lieberman



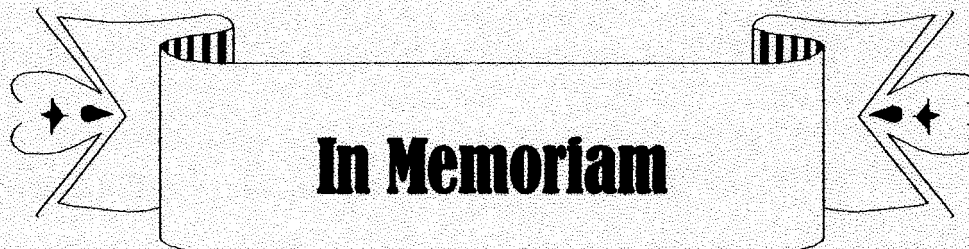
It is almost time for us Liebermans to take off for our journey to New Brunswick. Since we like to say "howdy" to a few relatives along the way, we must start early.

Malcolm and Jean have done so much to provide a great experience for us all. I am hoping we will have a good attendance. **Canada is The Place** for vacations this year. The travel people say the dollar still has very good value in Canada. \$1.00 US is worth \$1.40 Can. The SARS scare is over. (The docs around here say it was totally blown out of proportion, just

another media event.) Fredericton is a very long way from Toronto in any case. I certainly hope that has not affected people's decisions to attend.

There are many tourist opportunities in the area: Campobello (the Roosevelt summer home), the Bay of Fundy, reversing tides, Hopewell Cape are just a few.

We are really looking forward to seeing all the Canadian cousins we met three years ago and maybe a few more.



**Mrs. Pearl Marie Kelly** passed away 27 Mar 2003 in Fremont, Alameda, CA at the age of 103 years, 11 months, and 4 days and was buried next to her husband in Endicott, Broome, New York. She was born April 21, 1899 in Waits Settlement [later East Nichols], Tioga, New York to Jesse and Frankie [Cogswell] Van Oven. Her grandparents were Henry Smith and Lorinda [Merrill] Cogswell of Pennsylvania and New York. On 29 Sep 1912 she married James Stephen Kelly, who preceded her in death as did her son, James Jesse Kelly, and her daughter, Margaret Frankie Lewish. She lived almost her entire life in New York State, moving to California to be nearer her grandchildren in 1985. Mrs. Kelly is survived by her son-in-law Andrew Lewish; her daughter-in-law Marge Kelly; her grandchildren Linda Neiderjohn and husband Wayne; Patti Miller and husband David; and Michael J. Kelly; and her great-grandchildren, Kelly Feldman, James Neiderjohn and his wife Candi; Daniel Neiderjohn, Jaime and David Miller; Caitlin and Jillian Kelly; and two great-great-granddaughters, Naomi Pearl Feldman and Maria Clarinda Miller.

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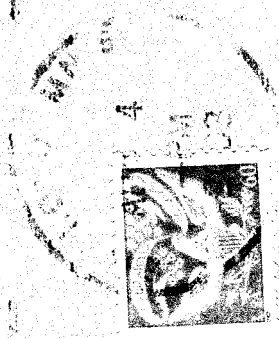
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