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Cogswell



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

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COGSWELL GRANT TO SPNEA

Family members who have visited the Cogswell Grant at Ipswich, Massachusetts, will be especially interested to learn that Mr. and Mrs. Bertram K. Little, who purchased the property in 1937, have deeded the land, buildings, and furnishings to the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. While the Littles retain life tenancy in the farm and family members continue to summer there, SPNEA anticipates that the property will be opened to the public as a museum in another four or five years. SPNEA is currently working with a grant from the National Endowment for the Arts to examine ways to interpret the extraordinary collection of eighteenth- and nineteenth-century artifacts that complement the house.

American Cogswells are most grateful to the Littles for their warm friendship through the years and devotion to restoration and preservation of this focal point in our heritage.

1993 ANNUAL MEETING

Planning continues for the CFA meeting in Colorado Springs, Colorado, during the weekend of September 24-26, 1993. Anne Trostel, Meeting Chairman, indicates that some 25 members have already said they wish to attend, and others are to be expected as the time draws nearer. She plans to hold a reception at her home the afternoon before our dinner meeting Friday evening, which most likely will be held at the Cheyenne Mountain Country Club, the second oldest country club in the US. The opportunities for vacation activities are numerous in the area, and literature on many of these will be sent out at a later date. If you have not already indicated your interest in attending, please drop a note to Ms. Anne Trostel at 25 Marland Road, Broadmoor, Colorado Springs CO 80906.

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ANOTHER COGSWELL FOUNTAIN

Earlier newsletters have mentioned some of the thirty or so "temperance" drinking fountains which Dr. Henry D. Cogswell (#1656), San Francisco dentist and philanthropist, donated to towns throughout the country in the early 1880s. Our thanks go to Hal and Mary Lieberman, who supplied both documentation and video coverage of their visit to Orwell, New York, site of one of these fountains.

Henry was born in Tolland, Connecticut, where he lived with his father, George Washington Cogswell (#1026), and mother. George was widowed and moved to Orwell in 1828; however, young Henry remained in Tolland with his grandparents. George remarried and raised another family in Orwell. After a number of years of education and practice of dentistry in San Francisco, and after his father's death, Henry offered one of his fountains to Orwell for erection near the spot where the local tavern once stood. In 1881 the fountain was installed as specified, although later it was moved across the street to be near the town hall. This building eventually included the Cogswell Free Public Library, which was chartered in 1909 following an endowment by Henry's widow in memory of the Cogswell family. The building has survived fires and windstorms through the years, but all that remains of the fountain is its stone base. While Joseph Cogswell (#2180) was a trustee of the library and Samuel Cogswell was a librarian, both around 1910, no Cogswells seem to be among the current residents of Orwell.

NEW ENGLAND PLANTERS

Malcolm Cogswell, of Lachute, Quebec, has furnished information on a recent event commemorating the arrival about 1761 in Nova Scotia of colonists from New England. Following expulsion of the French Acadians in 1755, the government offered this newly-available land to colonists who would work the land. The township of Cornwallis (now Port Williams) made some 63 grants, largely to those from Connecticut, including one to Hezekiah Cogswell (#193). Larger groups of colonists arrived in Nova Scotia in later years, some in the 1880s. Quite a number of Cogswells have lived around Cornwallis through the years, primarily descendants of Hezekiah; one of them is Jennie Cogswell Palfrey, his great-great-great-granddaughter through Clayton Cogswell (#2047). Jennie at the age of 92 was recognized at the "Planters Frolic" held in July 1992 at Port Williams.

1994 WESTBURY LEIGH TRIP

Family Society Tours, who are planning the trip for CFA members to visit Westbury Leigh and other places of family interest nearby are proceeding with their planning process and in due time will be contacting those who have expressed interest in joining the tour.

COGSWELL PLAZA

In 1955 the city of Palo Alto, California, named a small downtown park after Elinor Valoy Cogswell, who for 15 years had been editor of the *Palo Alto Times*. Elinor was born in 1893 in Klamath Falls, Oregon, was a Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Stanford University, and died in 1983. It is reported that she came from New England stock, although specific relationships are unknown to this writer.

GENEALOGICAL INQUIRIES

Some CFA members have expressed interest in having our newsletter publish specific inquiries for information on family members. Your Editor will try to include these if submitted in brief, concise form. Please do your own research first, then try to obtain whatever information resides with our Historian, Catherine J. Cogswell, 12 Poplar Street, Milford MA 01757. The following is the first of these inquiries:

Any information on Charity _____, wife of Asa⁶ Cogswell (#215) (Samuel⁵, Edward⁴, William³, William², John¹). Please contact Mary & Hal Lieberman, 3200 County Road 8 SE, St. Cloud MN 56304.

NEW MEMBERS

Since the last CFA membership list was published in August 1992, we have added Mr. Norman A. Cogswell, Box 3021, Universal City TX 78148.

Our membership now totals about 152, and we are finding it difficult to obtain new members through use of available telephone/address listings. In order to keep our organization at this level or to experience any growth, we will have to depend more on current members to supply names of prospects--younger family who are becoming independent, or others who may not already have had an opportunity to participate. Please give some thought to likely prospects and send their names and addresses to our Membership Chairman, Julius G. Cogswell, Apt. 17-R, Lincoln Towers, 150 West End Avenue, New York NY 10023.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING

Claire Cogswell Daigle, of Ware, Massachusetts, reports that ten members of the Northeast contingent of the CFA held a mini-reunion on October third at Beauport Museum in Gloucester, Massachusetts. Beauport, an estate owned by SPNEA, includes several rooms finished with paneling removed from the 1730 Essex home of William Cogswell. Extensive collections of glass and art are on display. The meeting concluded with dinner at the Hawthorne Hotel in Salem.

COLORADO SPRINGS DAY NURSERY

Ruth Cogswell Hucks, of Englewood, Colorado, has furnished a *Denver Post* article containing information which may be of interest to those planning to attend the CFA meeting in Colorado Springs. In 1897 Alice Cogswell Bemis led a group of local women in establishment of the Colorado Springs Day Nursery Association, which was to assist working women in care and education of their children. This was the first such activity in Colorado and has grown to include three centers serving some 260 children. In 1922, Alice's daughter, Alice Bemis Taylor, financed the first building expressly designed for the nursery activity. This beautiful Tudor structure, inspired by two Tudor castles which she visited in England, has been placed on the National Register of Historic Places. As she wanted the children to be surrounded by beautiful things, the building has such features as stained-glass windows depicting fairy-tale and legendary figures, burlled black walnut paneling, and marble bathrooms with child-size tubs and low shower heads. A visit might be in order for those with special interest in children's care.

QUESTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS

In an earlier newsletter, we cautioned the membership about sending money to mass-mailers who offer so-called genealogical studies of the Cogswell family. Several of us have received another such solicitation from a Colorado address and suggest that it be ignored.

DUES FOR 1993

Dues for the calendar year 1993 are due soon, and an invoice for your use is enclosed. A few members who have been forgetful about payment of 1992 dues will find a small reminder stapled to their invoices. Please return remittances to the address indicated on the invoice.

FUTURE NEWSLETTERS

The Editor is always appreciative of material which CFA members send for possible use in our newsletter. While all submissions are not necessarily used at once, sooner or later the material may be included. Please continue to send material or ideas to me at 300 Sunkist Lane, Los Altos CA 94022.

Sumter A. Cogswell