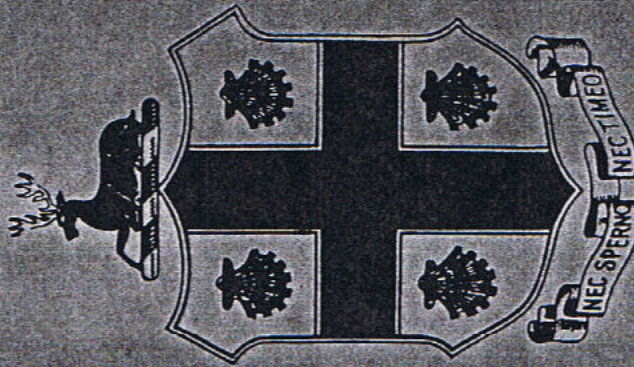


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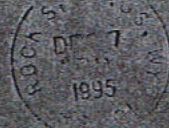


Cogswell

"I neither despise nor fear"

December 1995

COGSWELL FAMILY ASSOC.
BERNICE SONNA
P.O. Box 2970
JACKSON, WY 83001



12-10-95 ST. CLOUD MN



FIRST CLASS

Merry
Christmas!



Mr. & Mrs. Harold Lieberman
3200 County Road 8 S.E.
St. Cloud, MN 56304

*F*ROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Our condolences to John H. Cogswell, our Treasurer, for the loss of his mother, Lucy Antoinette (McCordy) Cogswell, who died September 25, 1995. She was born August 18, 1911. John's father was John Waite Cogswell, born April 24, 1910, died December 1, 1979. Both are buried in Hanover, New Hampshire. Due to his mother's death, John was not able to be with us at Old Saybrook as he had planned. Our regrets are, therefore, twofold: for him, the loss of his mother, and for us, the loss of not having his very pleasant personality with us at the reunion.

Now that we have 'separation of Oval Office and Media', if I may be a bit presumptuous, the Courier should experience a bit of evolutionary change. With president-elect, Keith Cogswell of Denver, CO, and Edna Cogswell Roberds, First Vice President, and hostess for our 1996 reunion, both of whom have demonstrated enthusiasm in their roles, I would predict a very robust CFA coming your way! And I am wondering if the membership would respond to a feature where ideas, reactions, requests and criticisms may be expressed. We will call it 'THE SOUNDING BOARD'. So beginning with the April, 1996 edition, let me hear from you if you have something to express to the membership. If no response is forthcoming you will see no Sounding Board in that issue, which will let me know it just wasn't a good idea. Keep in mind, it will take one letter to get it started. Be kind, be gentle, be constructive, but forthright, then I won't have to 'edit' to preserve sensitivities.

A bit about the Old Saybrook reunion . . . the response by those who attended was a reward for the effort far beyond my expectations. It so warmed my heart when I saw members with their heads together, getting acquainted, exchanging family stories, and just plain enjoying each other. My only regret, the absence of so many. Much of the report will come to you in the form of pictures that say more than words. Selecting from a large number will make it difficult; hence, I may decide to save some for future editions.

We had two very nice surprises, one when Jim Thompson, President of Cogswell College, and his wife, Pat, showed up at the workshop and stayed through our Saturday evening program. The other was even more impromptu, when Robert Miller, of Poughkeepsie, NY appeared during our dinner, looking for our guest speaker, Winfield McChord. Robert, deaf from birth, had visited the school in Hartford, learning about the Cogswell Family gathering, appeared in time to have dinner with us. When Winfield spoke to us, it was a most enjoyable, fascinating, story about Dr. Mason Fitch Cogswell, founder of the American School for the Deaf, at Hartford, and he included Robert's reason for being interested in us, while 'signing' as he spoke. It was Robert's ancestors, Samuel and Martha Huntington who raised Mason Fitch after his mother died when he was 10 years of age.

Bernice Sonna, P.O. Box 2970, Jackson, WY 83001

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

It is with humbleness, pride and a little trepidation that I assume the duties of the President of the CFA. It will be difficult to walk in the footsteps of Sumpter Cogswell and Bernice Sonna. I will do my best.

First of all, let me introduce myself. My name is Keith Cogswell and I live in Denver, Colorado. I am of the 13th generation, and am the Great-Grandson of Edward Hawley Cogswell (no 2351 in Jamison) and Julia Hindman. About 34 years ago I married June Edwards and together we are responsible for two 14th generations who are in turn partially responsible for three 15th generations. June is the genealogist of the family. She got hooked during the early years of our marriage when my uncle gave her some family sheets and asked her to complete them. She has been working at it ever since.

We are both family reunion junkies. We belong to another family organization on June's side that is similar to the CFA and attend the reunions of both families. It is a wonderful way to see the United States and meet a lot of wonderful people. Enough said.

Mary good things happened at the reunion in Old Saybrook Connecticut in October. Bernice did a wonderful job planning an interesting and informative program. The family was presented with an oil portrait of Cyril Cogswell by his nephew Larry Cogswell, who graciously agreed to keep the portrait until a permanent site for Cogswell memorabilia can be secured. He indicated he would see that the portrait will get to the reunions in the interim.

Donald Cogswell, our historian, reported he has most of the information that was passed on to him entered into the computer. He mentioned that he is sending copies of the information he enters back to the originator for their proof reading. If you have sent in family sheets and have not received anything from him, please write him and let him know. (It might be necessary to resubmit your information.) His address is: Donald J. Cogswell, 1115 Damsontown Road, Queen Anne, MD 216587. He would like to cut off new additions as of July 31, 1996. He hopes to have a rough draft of the addendum complete for the next reunion in 1996.

Oops! I forgot to tell you that the members present at the reunion voted to go back to annual meetings. (There were not a sufficient number present to amend the constitution; however, the constitution allows for the Board of Directors to call a special meeting at the request of at least ten officers, governors, members or a combination thereof.)

Our new Vice President, Edna Cogswell Roberds, has agreed to host the 1996 reunion in Charleston, South Carolina. From her enthusiastic attitude, I would say it's one you won't want to miss.

The 1997 reunion will be hosted by Dr. Howard and Bessie Cogswell in conjunction with The Cogswell College in Sunnyvale, California.

If you would like to contact me, my address is: Keith Cogswell, 755 S. Alton Way #4A, Denver, CO 80231. Phone: (303) 364-3983. E-Mail: KCogswell@aol.com. Sorry, don't have a Fax as yet.



FROM THE FIRST VICE PRESIDENT & 1996 REUNION CHAIRPERSON

The next CFA Reunion to be held in Charleston, South Carolina on October 18-20, 1996.

You may be wondering... How did the Cogswells get to Charleston, South Carolina? The following information might lead you to a surmise... It was a Southern Bell.

EIGHTH GENERATION

Harvey Cogswell- (1576), son of Elisha and Phebe Reddington Cogswell was born March 22nd, 1799, in Wilton, New York. He married August 1828 Esther Susan Mouzon, daughter of Charles and Susan (McClellan) Mouzon. She was born February 15th, 1805, in Charleston, SC where they resided. Mr. Cogswell died January 14th, 1833. Mrs. Cogswell died February 24th, 1877. To this marriage there were two children, Julia, who married Benjamin F. Evans, and Harvey, who married Mary Keller.

The following obituary notice appeared in the Charleston paper soon after Mr. Cogswell's death. "Departed this life, Charleston, SC, on the 14th of January, 1833, after a short but severe illness. Mr. Harvey Cogswell of the firm, H. Cogswell Company, merchants of this city, in the thirty-fourth year of his age. Seldom has the uncertainty of life been more strongly illustrated than in the decease of our departed friend. Mr. Cogswell was for the last eleven years a resident of this city. Of the most active and enterprising disposition, early ended to habits of industry, few persons in our community have acquired or sustained a higher or fairer reputation for promptitude, activity and integrity in business or secured at the same age a stronger or deeper hold on the regard and esteem of his acquaintances. In all the various relations of life as a citizen, friend, husband, father, he has left behind a character worthy of all praise. May the recollections of his many virtues and the hope that his immortal spirit has fled to brighter scenes and more everlasting joys soften this stroke of affliction to his bereaved widow and fatherless children and the golden links of friendship severed by this death be reunited in another and better world."

The 1996 reunion will be held a few weeks later than normal because it's a bit hot in Charleston in September. I hope this will not be a problem for anybody. All of your Charleston relatives are looking forward to showing you around the city and are already busy planning your stay. If you could drop me a short note to let me know if you are thinking of joining us then I will have a better idea of numbers and can plan accordingly. This does not obligate you at all. My address is: 165 River North Drive, Atlanta, Georgia 30328, PH: (770) 396-0879

Thanks, Edna

It's called 'ENTHUSIASM'!

Isn't this a GREAT picture of
Dr. Howard Cogswell?



There's just so much to say,
and so little time!



Isabella, Carolyn, & Mary

Larry, enjoying a
chat with Phyllis



and we have so much to share.....



S A T U R D A Y W O R K S H O P (Continued).....

ELAINE STAPLINS, Pres., Saybrook
Colony Founders Assoc.
Telling us where we are!

Cousins brought together via CFA
Mary Rockwell & Edith Hall

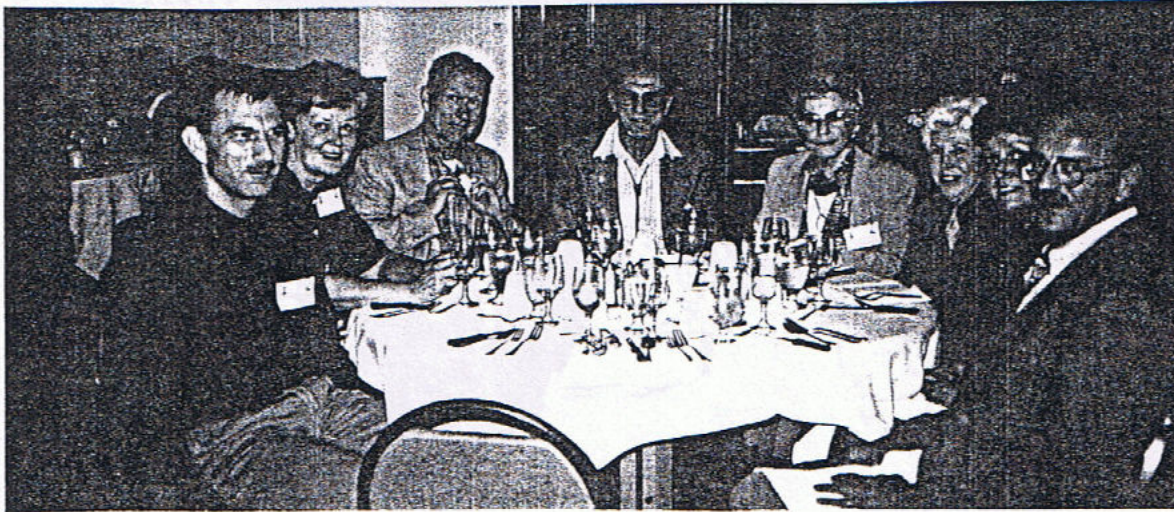


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THE END(S)

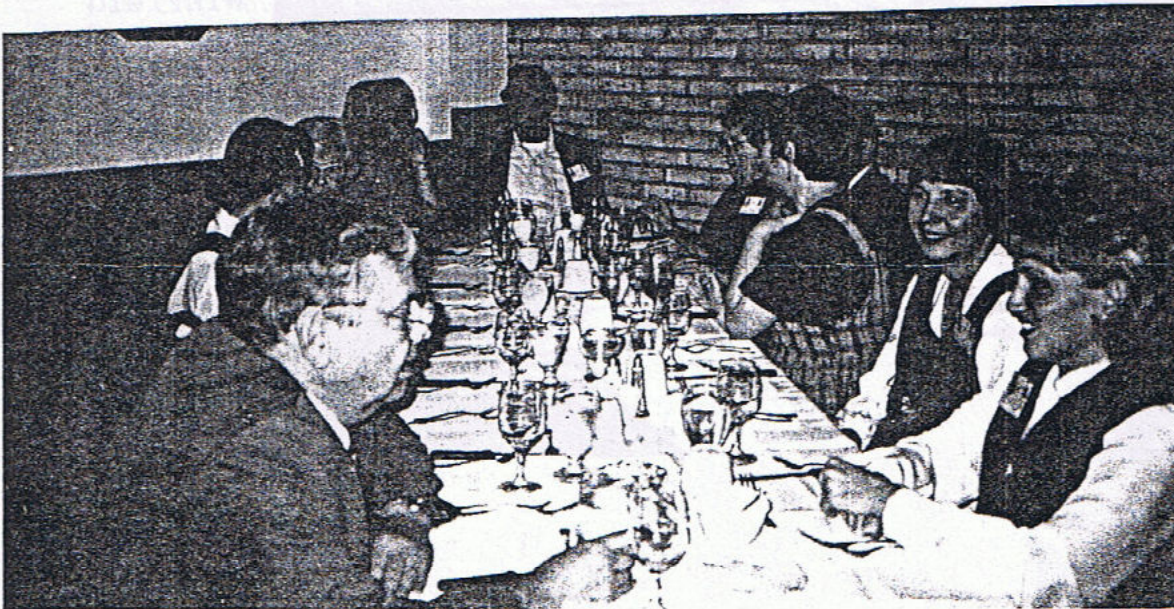


Barbara Patton showing Dad,
Bill Wood, how it's done!

OUR SATURDAY NIGHT BEST.....



Donald Lewis
Elaine
Staplins
Ralph Lewis
Richard
Lewis
Rita Lewis
Pauline
Lewis
Pat Thompson
Jim Thompson



Larry
Cogswell
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Pat Cogswell
Don Cogswell
Edith Hall
C.J.
Castagnaro
Jeanne
Castagnaro
Cathy
Cogswell



Claire
Daigle
Ernie
Daigle
June
Cogswell
Keith
Cogswell
Mr. Lutz
Carolyn Lutz

THE YOUNG AND THE RESTLESS



AUSTIN: ASK MR. LEWIS HIS SECRET.....



THE FUTURE OF CFA

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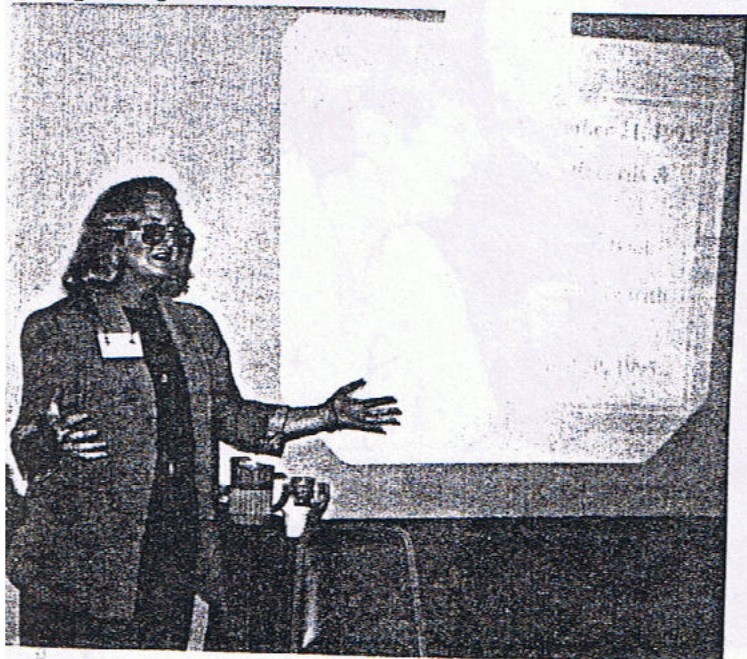


JEAN CASTAGNARO

CATHY COGSWELL

SATURDAY WORKSHOP

Pat Cogswell, showing us
how Historian Don wants our
pedigrees submitted



Hal Lieberman, Moderator
What a Guy!



Mary Lieberman
Recording history



PARTY TIME!.....

Carolyn
Morey
Howard
Cogswell
Barbara
Patton
Mary
Wood



Phyllis
Leverton
Isabella
Grant
Bessie
Cogswell
Bill
Wood

Robert E.
Miller
Diane
Powell
Cliff
Haines



Winfield
McChord
Pat
McChord
Bernice
Sonna

LAWRENCE P. COGSWELL, II
presenting a portrait of Cyril
G. Cogswell to the CFA



JUNE COGSWELL
PAULINE LEWIS
MARY ROCKWELL



OFFICERS AND OTHER WILLING WORKERS.....

Out with the Old, in with the New!
Bernice Sonna, President Emeritus

New CFA President
KEITH COGSWELL



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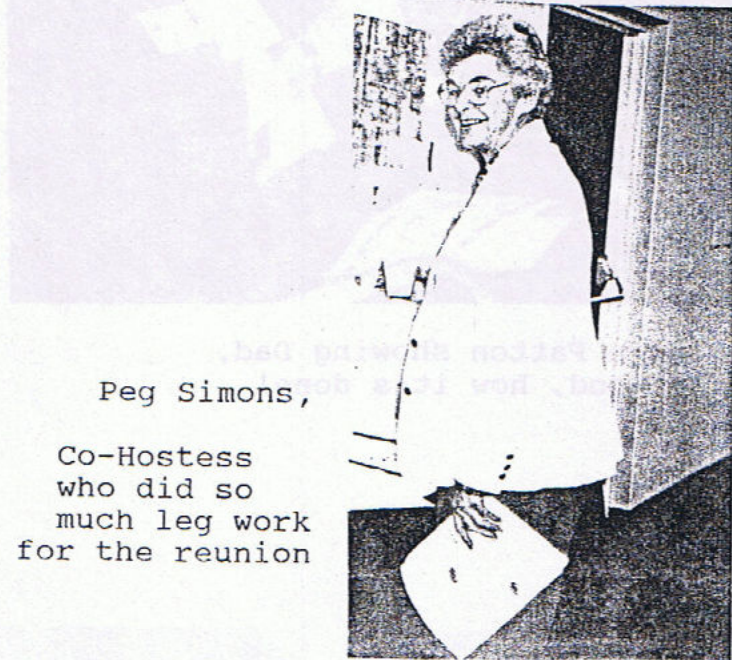
Edna Roberds,
1st. Vice Pres.
and husband, Al



Don Cogswell,
Historian
and wife,
Pat



Claire Daigle,
Secretary
and husband,
Ernie



Peg Simons,
Co-Hostess
who did so
much leg work
for the reunion

QUERIES:

HAMLIN E. COGSWELL: B. 9/26/1852. Tuscarora, now Silvara, in Bradford County, PA. Lived in Brooklyn, PA, Scranton & Tunkhannock, PA, Binghamton, Elmira, & Syracuse, NY, and Washington, D.C. where he died April 7, 1922. Am seeking any connection to Cogswell's in America.

ROBERT COGSWELL: ca 1640, New Haven Colony, (Connecticut), in command of a ketch or bark to sail to Delaware. Another source records Robert Cogswell sailed from Connecticut for the (Smith or South) River and built a (looks like 'trading post') at what is now Salem, NJ. He is not listed in Jameson. Any knowledge of this Robert Cogswell will be greatly appreciated.

Please write to Bernice Sonna, P.O. Box 2970, Jackson, WY 83001

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GILES COGSWELL: Born ?, Died: March 26, 1874, Marion, Wayne Co., NY. M'd Peramelia SANFORD, dau of Wait & Lura (FULLER) SANFORD, 1817 in ? Had one son: Sanford Sisson Cogswell. Seeking Cogswell's in America connection. Please write to Donald Cogswell, 1115 Damsontown Rd., Queen Anne, MD 21657

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TRYPHENA COGSWELL: Born 1781-83, Vermont or New York? M'd. William MARTIN, June 17, 1808, NY. She died March 22, 1856 Bureau Co., IL, buried Follett Cemetery near Manlius, IL. He died April 1, 1834, at or near Lee Center, NY. They had nine children, five of whom survived to adulthood. Jameson's Cogswell's in America lists TRYPHENA'S father as JOHN COGSWELL (#525, P. 261). Old family papers list her mother as Tryphena, last name uncertain. Some sources say SPURRIER, or SPIKE, others, TOLES or TOLD. Where and when were John and Tryphena married? Any information at all will be very much appreciated. Will share what I have and answer all letters. RHONDA DOEDEN, 301 W. Baronage, Blair, NE 68008.

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J.G. COGSWELL: Who was he? Based upon the following: Webster's Dictionary, 2nd Ed., unabridged, published by G & C Merriam Co., 1938. COGSWELLIA after J.G. Cogswell, American Scholar. Botany: A large genus of parsley like herbs of the caviat family (Ammiaceae) - Synanim Lomatium, see peucedanum. Peucedanum: Hog Fennel. Botany: A genus of Old World tall branching herbs of the carrot family (Ammiaceae). The genus is treated by some botanists as including the American Cogswellia. Any recognition of the above would be of interest to: Arnold Cogswell, P.O. Box 3628, Executivewe Park, Albany, NY 12203-0628