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Col. Milton Cogswell and the Battle at Ball's Bluff



Col. Milton Cogswell (DJC 5845) was born December 4th 1825, the first male white child born in Noblesville, Indiana. After graduating from the U.S. Military West Point Academy in 1849, Cogswell was assigned to the 8th U. S. Infantry and served at Sackett's Harbor, New York, until 1850, when he was transferred to frontier duty in Texas. A year later, he was assigned to the Military Academy, first as an assistant professor of mathematics (two fellow teachers, infantry tactics teachers, died General Officers in the Confederate Army) and later as assistant professor of infantry tactics. In 1855, Cogswell served on frontier duty in New Mexico. In May, 1861, he was promoted to Captain and shortly afterward appointed a Colonel of volunteers in command of the 42nd New York Infantry. He served in the Civil War and was taken prisoner at Ball's Bluff and remained in Richmond some time. He was, for a brief period, between superior officers,

Commandant at Governor's Island, N. Y., in 1865 and, in 1869, he commanded at Charlestown, S. C., as Military Governor. He held office under President Hayes at the Soldiers' Home in Washington, D. C., from 1877 to 1881.

On October 17th, 1860, he married Susan Maria Lane (Jan. 2nd, 1826-July 28th, 1892), daughter of Hon. William Jared and Parmelia (Hubbell) Lane. They had one daughter, Susan Whiley Cogswell, born August 14th, 1861. Both Milton and Susan Cogswell are buried in Section South D, site lot 1997, Arlington National Cemetery.

BALL'S BLUFF, VA., OCTOBER 21ST, 1861

On October 20th, 1861, Union scouts had spotted what appeared to be a small unguarded camp on the Virginia side of the river. It was decided to cross and destroy this camp. The 42nd New York Infantry, commanded by Col. Milton Cogswell, was to wait at Conrad's Ferry, ready to provide additional support if needed. By 1:00 p.m. on the 21st, Colonel Cogswell and his Infantry were crossing onto Harrison's Island, along with two rifled guns of Battery B, 1st Rhode Island Light Artillery. At around 2:30 p.m., Colonel Baker spotted Colonel Milton Cogswell of the Tammany Regiment (42nd N.Y.) coming along the cow path. Being ever the romantic, he gaily sang out a verse from Sir Walter Scott's poem, "The Lady of the Lake": "One blast upon your bugle horn is worth a thousand men." Cogswell was not impressed. He, being a West Pointer and the only professional soldier on the Federal side, ignored Baker's poetry and quickly surveyed the line and spotted the defects in Baker's troop deployment. He immediately suggested that they advance the units to the high ground to the left. When he arrived on the island, Cogswell presented Baker with a message which estimated Confederate strength at about 4,000, and he instructed Baker to push the enemy if he could. About 2:30, Colonel Cogswell and Company C, 42nd New York Infantry, crossed from the island to the Virginia shore. Cogswell also brought over one of the rifled guns of Battery B, 1st Rhode Island Light Artillery. None of the boats then being used to transport troops had a bottom strong enough to hold the weight of the gun, so a flatboat was hauled around from the Maryland side of the island and the gun and crew crossed with Company C. The horses and gun carriages crossed over on a second trip. During Cogswell's crossing, Confederate skirmishers on the bluffs north of the landing site took potshots at the group, but after landing on the Virginia shore, Cogswell had Company C drive them away from the edge of the bluff. Colonel Cogswell then climbed to the bluff and met with Colonel Baker. As he



Harrison Island and Ball's Bluff

had with Colonel Wistar, Baker invited Cogswell to examine the line and comment on the disposition of troops. No enemy could be seen, but sporadic small arms fire still fell on the Union position and Baker ordered officers and men to lie down to avoid the incoming rounds. When Baker and Cogswell arrived at Wistar's position on the southeast corner of the field, Baker read aloud Stone's message giving the estimate of 4,000 enemy troops, then ordered Wistar to send out two companies of skirmishers. But the concealed enemy troops now opened fire, doing considerable damage. Cogswell ordered the remaining crewmen to return fire but the shells were ineffectual



against the Confederates in the thick woods. About 5:00 p.m., Baker was struck simultaneously by several bullets and killed instantly. A group of men from the California companies rushed forward to recover his body and it was taken down the bluff and carried back across the river. Few of the Union troops were aware of Baker's death, but the question arose briefly as to who would succeed him in command. Colonel Lee, believing he was the senior officer present, claimed command and ordered a retreat back across the river. Colonel Cogswell, however, claimed seniority to Lee, to which Lee assented. Cogswell refused to order a retreat, saying it would be suicide to try and re-cross the river in the presence of an aggressive enemy. Instead, he preferred they try and cut their way through to Gorman's command at Edwards' Ferry. In preparation for the breakout, Cogswell ordered the four infantry regiments to form a column of attack in the woods along the southeast corner of the field and the 15th and 20th Massachusetts Infantries began shifting to the left, behind the 1st California Infantry and the three companies of the 42nd New York Infantry. As the column was being formed, a few Union troops dragged the rifled gun back and attempted to roll it over the bluff, but fallen trees blocked the way and it was left in the woods. While Cogswell moved to the head of the column in the woods, an individual appeared on horseback in the field on the right of the three companies of the 42nd New York Infantry. Devens later testified that the individual, whom he did not know, rode a gray horse and waved his hat at the New Yorkers, "as an officer would who was calling the troops to come on." Breaking column, some of the New Yorkers charged onto the field and the 15th Massachusetts Infantry, thinking an order had been given to charge, also started forward. However, Devens and another officer rushed in front of the regiment and brought it to a halt. While Devens was attempting to put his men back in column, the New Yorkers tumbled back in disorder through the 15th's ranks and both regiments fell back to the edge of the bluff. Cogswell tried to reorganize his scattered column for another attempt but with no success. After the charge of the 8th Virginia Infantry, Colonel Hunton informed Colonel Featherston that his ammunition was exhausted. Featherston then ordered the 17th and 18th Mississippi Infantries to advance, without firing, until they were close to the Union line, then fire and charge. Shouting, "Charge, Mississippians, charge! Drive them into the Potomac or into eternity," Featherston led the two regiments forward. Cogswell now realized all



Retreat of Union Troops at Ball's Bluff, Oct. 1861

worried about the Confederates behind them, began jumping into the Potomac. The current in the

was lost and ordered Devens to retreat down the bluff. But Devens refused to accept the verbal order to retreat unless Cogswell repeated it in front of a witness. The order was then repeated in the presence of Maj. John W. Kimball, 15th Massachusetts Infantry, and Devens ordered his men to retreat. As the Union soldiers crowded on the riverbank in the darkness, the large flatboat arrived, carrying Companies E and K of the 42nd New York Infantry. Cogswell ordered the fresh troops and a few of the 20th Massachusetts Infantry to move halfway back up the trail to try and hold off the Confederates and cover the retreat across the river. This only large boat was prepared for the wounded and launched. Soldiers on the shore, began jumping into the Potomac. The current in the

south channel overpowered many of them and, in desperation, they tried to make to the boat carrying the wounded. More and more men grabbed the boat, eventually sinking it, to the horror of the soldiers on the shore. The orderly withdrawal had ceased; it was every man for himself. While the Union troops huddled on the riverbank, part of the 18th Mississippi Infantry worked its way down the ravine on the southern side of the field and opened fire on the men along the shore. Cogswell quickly organized a squad of about a dozen men who were still armed and moved to the mouth of the ravine to stop this fire, but he and the group were surrounded and captured.

Col. Cogswell remained a prisoner of war until exchanged in September 1862. While he was a prisoner, the United States Government tried to hold captured men of the Confederate commerce raider Savannah as pirates and threatened to hang them. Confederate President Jefferson Davis immediately chose thirteen officers from the prisons of Richmond, including Col. Milton Cogswell, to be likewise hung if any harm came to the Rebel seamen. Six of the thirteen Yankee officers had been captured at Ball's Bluff. Eventually, President Abraham Lincoln backed down and treated the Confederates as prisoners of war. Davis did the same and the crisis ended.

Assigned a Colonel of volunteers of the 2nd New York Heavy Artillery the following month, he resigned his volunteer commission in April, 1863. During the final years of the war, Cogswell served generally in various administrative posts in New York. After the war, he served in North and South Carolina as an acting judge advocate general; assistant commissary of musters; assistant commissioner of the Freedmen's Bureau; provisional mayor of Charleston, South Carolina; in the Bureau of Civil Affairs; military commander of Columbia, South Carolina and military commander of Charleston, South Carolina. Beginning in 1869, he served with the 21st Infantry in Arizona until his retirement in 1871. The battalion of the 21st U.S. Infantry with their regimental band, under the command of Major Milton Cogswell, was present for the "last spike" for the completion of the Pacific Railroad. The battalion had come by train on their way to the Presidio of San Francisco. This travelling order must make the Twenty-first the first army unit to cross the continent by train.



On April 18th, 1882, Col. Milton Cogswell was named Deputy Governor of the Soldiers' Home. Col. Cogswell died just seven months later on November 20th, 1882.

Military Record of Milton Cogswell of Indiana

Appointed from Indiana, Cadet, United States Military Academy, 1 July 1845
Graduated, Military West Point Academy, 1849
Brevet Second Lieutenant, 4th U. S. Infantry, 1 July 1849
Second Lieutenant, 8th U. S. Infantry, 4 August 1849
First Lieutenant, 15 August 1855
Captain, 13 May 1861
Breveted Major, 21 October 1861 for gallant and meritorious service in the battle of Ball's Bluff, Virginia
Colonel, 42nd New York Volunteer Infantry, 21 July 1861
Transferred to the 2nd New York Volunteer Infantry, 1 October 1862
Honorably mustered out of the volunteer service, 7 April 1863
Breveted Lieutenant Colonel, 30 July 1864 for gallant and meritorious service in front of Petersburg, Virginia
Major, 8th U. S. Infantry, 8 October 1864
Breveted Colonel, 13 March 1865 for gallant and meritorious services during the war.
Unassigned 15 March 1869
Assigned to the 21st U. S. Infantry, 26 March 1869
Retired 5 September 1871
Died 20 November 1882

Cogswell Hall, Cleveland

On August 13, 1889, the non-partisan Women's Christian Temperance Union under the leadership of Mrs. Benjamin S. Cogswell, Chairman of the Missionary Committee of the "Open Door," began regular visits to the Workhouse. The purpose was to work with the women and girls confined there. She realized the necessity of acquiring a home to which these friendless females might be sent to receive the training necessary to become useful citizens.



In February, 1892, a house was rented on Forest Street and, under the guidance of a qualified matron together with Mrs. Cogswell and her committee, several girls from the Workhouse were admitted. It was named "Home for Friendless Girls." In 1895, after a devastating fire, the Home moved to 156 Forest Street and the focus changed from reformatory to preventive work by providing safe housing to "friendless" girls.

Between 1899 and 1905, Mrs. Cogswell and her committee worked constantly to obtain support for this work. The Home moved to new quarters in 1906 and again in 1914.

On April 16, 1914, a dedication service was held and the building opened for inspection. An Auxiliary Board was formed by a group of twenty young women, many of them daughters of members of the Board of Trustees. They proved to be a help by raising money to help decorate the Home and buy many things for the girls. They functioned for several years and then disbanded.

Mrs. Cogswell, who had served as Chairman of the Board, died on January 30, 1918. Mrs. V. A. Dustin had been Associate Chairman for many years and was formally appointed by the Women's Christian Temperance Union to be Chairman.

On September 27, 1926 several institutions, formed by members of the non-partisan WCTU, banded together and were duly authorized and incorporated by the State of Ohio to become the Women's Philanthropic Union (WPU). The purpose of the new organization was to handle the funds given to the non-partisan WCTU for various institutions. These institutions were: The Friendly Inn; Training Home for Girls; Eleanor B. Rainy Institute; Mary Ingersoll Club; Lakeside Rest Cottage and the Scientific Temperance Instruction and Sunday School Committee. All have since been disbanded except the Training Home for Girls (which eventually became Cogswell Hall, Inc.) and The Friendly Inn.

In 1937, the Home was willed the property of Franklin Hall, which adjoined the west property line. This property had been the home of the Misses Stork, both teachers at West High School. To be able to accept it, the Home had to be incorporated and became the Cleveland Training Home for Girls, Inc. The Board of Managers became the Board of Trustees under the articles of incorporation arranged by attorney Paul Holland and filed June 1937.

From 1952 to 1969, it was a Home for working girls just starting out in the business world. In memory of the founder, the name was changed to Cogswell Hall, Inc.

In 1970, the Board of Trustees felt a greater good would be accomplished by offering a place of residence for older ladies on limited incomes. A bequest from the estate of Margaret Griffith for \$20,000 and a substantial check from the Firestone Tire Company provided funding for an elevator to all floors in September, 1971. In 1973, a two-room suite with complete bathroom facilities was built on the first floor, serving as an on-site residence for the Director. The library was remodeled to encompass what had been the porch on the east side of the building.

From 1970 until 1998, Cogswell Hall was home to many independent senior women who benefited from the home-like setting. With the increase in options for seniors, Cogswell's Trustees once again assessed the needs of women in Greater Cleveland and opened the doors for women under 60. Today, women living at Cogswell Hall are as young as 22 and as old as 92.

Cogswell Hall can accommodate up to 30 residents. Generally, it has had 27 to 30. Through the years, many women have called Cogswell Hall home, some residents staying as long as nineteen years. The current population includes retired women as well as women with physical, psychological, developmental and economic challenges. The Board of Trustees is actively marketing the services provided in the hope that Cogswell Hall, Inc., can continue in its mission of women serving women.

Poetry by Robert Elzy Cogswell

New CFA member Robert Elzy Cogswell has given us permission to print two of his poems in the Courier. (He joined the Association from information on the Internet following the request for permission.)

Robert Elzy Cogswell, a Houstonian who early migrated to Austin, Texas, was Director of the Library of the Episcopal Theological Seminary of the Southwest until he retired three years ago. By that time, he had become an active poet and that has been his full-time work since retirement. He has many poems published or forthcoming in journals (*Borderlands, The Texas Observer, Farfelu, di-verse-city, Muse & Stone, Green Hills Literary Lantern, Consciousness, Literature and the Arts, Passager, Lilliput Review, The Covenant Journal, Beacons, Byline* magazine, *Underground Voices* and elsewhere) and anthologies, most recently *Big Land, Big Sky, Big Hair: Best of Texas Poetry Calendar's First Decade* (October, 2008). He was a Poet of the Week on the *Poetry Super Highway* in February, 2007. He edits the *Newsletter* of the Austin Poetry Society. Earlier in life, he was a panhandler in Manhattan.

The Power of Poetry

Let us sing that we exist.
Let us play a fierce, lyrical flute.
Let us celebrate uniting in a single body.
Let us harmonize in anthems to our wholeness.
Let us vibrate like strings on this grandmotherly cello.
Let this sound insinuate its power throughout the impotent.
Let our song infiltrate the silent sad ranks of meaninglessness.
Let us throw open the locked chambers of apathetic twilight minds.
Let us sing that our own minds possess this place — no one can take it away.
We have no dominion over anything, but we swim in the ecstasy of seeing it all.

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Eggs

An Irish red-head working overnight,
Esta flipped a buttered skillet forty years,
five days a week with no time off.
Toward the end one bleary morning,
we talked across her vinyl counter.
We calculated, pencil to tongue,
that she was there at three a. m.
ten thousand four hundred days.
She said without blinking,
"Four dozen eggs a day," never fewer.
Chickens and Esta together fed us
a half million eggs, maybe more.

Esta's hands cooked French toast,
over easy, scrambled.
And Benedict? Never. No.

Somewhere a pullet pecks compulsively
while, inside, like a sorcerer,
she wraps a diaphanous sweater
around the right amount of food
then adds on a calcified coat.
A squawk, a squeeze, and oozing out,
an oval masterpiece heads for the grill.
Like an idea from a grace-filled moment,
an egg pops forth from a chicken's tushie
full of well-wrapped viscous breakfast.

A ditzzy fowl and a hard-working woman
pry open my morning. Together they
switch on my day, sunny side up.

Cogswells in Sports

Alex and Gordon Cogswell: Cycling and Rugby

By mother and wife, Mary Tyson



Alex Cogswell, 16, of Redditch, England, and his father, Gordon, (left, in the Cairngorms, Scotland, in July), are keen cyclists. Alex is a member of Halesowen Athletic and Cycling Club, trains hard and competes regularly in regional and national events all around the country. He enjoys road and track (indoor and outdoor) racing and cyclo-cross in the winter. Currently, he has a stable of six bikes, his Planet X road bike being his pride and joy. He has just joined his club's Junior road-racing team.

In 2006, Alex raced in the three-day Tour of Kerry in Ireland, coming in 11th overall in a field of 46 under-14s, very creditable for a first major event. In both 2007 and 2008, he rode the three-day international Youth Tour of the Isle of Man, where youth riders are, unusually, allowed to race on (closed) public roads. During the summer, Alex competes in the weekly track racing league at his home club; this season he has dominated the sprinters' league there, racing mainly against adults. He has also taken part in a series of track training days at the prestigious Newport Velodrome, where he met several of the 2008 British Olympic track-racing gold medallists.

In June, just for fun, Alex took part in the 2008 "Hell of the North Cotswolds," an off-road 100k "sportive." He rolled home after nine hours of mud and hills and a snapped chain, but still smiling. In October, he rode the Cystic Fibrosis Trust "Cat and Fiddle" 55-mile road Cycle Challenge in the English Peak District, featuring a seven-mile hill.

Gordon (who has only two bikes) enjoys more leisurely cycling. He regularly rides out with his club, Redditch Road and Path Cycling Club (founded in 1885), of which he is membership secretary. A favourite Thursday run is 70-80 miles out to Broadway in the Cotswolds, and occasionally Gordon rides audax (long distance challenge) events. Wife and mother Mary cooks the carbo-rich dinners and helps out with marshalling, scoring and catering when the Redditch club hosts events.

Until cycling became more central in his life, Alex also regularly played rugby union, both at his school, Trinity High School, and at nearby Alcester Rugby Club, where he played in regular fixtures in the under-15s team. At nearly six foot two, 171 pounds and with a good tackle, his preferred position is second row or blind-side flanker. This season, he will just be playing for his school year team, and also for the year above.

In 2006 and 2007, Alex was part of the "Parlez-Vous Rugby?" project organised by the British Council and the French Ministry of Education to promote both language-learning through sport and a more inclusive image for rugby. Trinity High was twinned with College Terre Rouges in France. For the project's finale, Alex was chosen, with his schoolmate James Timney, to join pupils from schools in Scotland, Wales, Ireland and France in organising a rugby festival for younger boys and girls in France during the Rugby World Cup. Their leadership skills and their French developed as they went along. A highlight was watching England beat Australia on TV at the British embassy in Paris. A DVD was produced of the festival and they appeared on Eurosport TV and national French and Scottish TV channels.



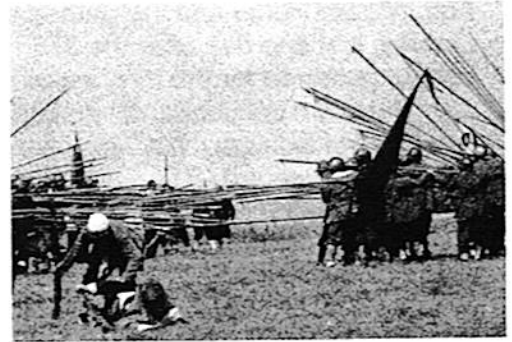
Editor's note: There is a bicycle part known as the Cogswell chainwheel.

17th Century Fayre Held near Westbury

by Steve Aberle



On the 6th of July, 2007, seven Cogswell descendants attended the 17th Century Fayre six miles northeast of Westbury in the village of Steeple Ashton. The traffic along the main road through the town was replaced with food booths, clog dancing (left) and artisan demonstrations. A field adjacent to the churchyard was turned into a tournament field (right) featuring battle re-enactments as well as a row of educational displays (falconry [right], archery, 17th century outdoor cooking [left]) plus informative booths of the various re-enactment groups.



For those familiar with Renaissance festivals in North America, this was similar to one of those, except that having it held in the heart of an entire village of period buildings gave it a fantastic aura of historic authenticity. The battles on the tournament field were much closer to being historically accurate than the staged shows created for festival goers in North America. However, the quantity and variety of vendors was poor and the weather was typically English

(cloudy with occasional hard rain).

The local news media carried stories about how the town used laser lights to visually recreate a spire atop the village church which had twice been destroyed by lightning (see http://www.bbc.co.uk/wiltshire/content/articles/2008/07/07/steeple_ashton_feature.shtml and http://www.gazetteandherald.co.uk/news/2381966.laser_spire_at_steeple_ashton for details).

Despite a few minor shortcomings, the Cogswell descendant group had fun and hopes to return to see a future event.



Angel Gabriel Descendants' Reunion

August 16th, 2008: Fog greeted us as we left our overnight accommodations to head for Fort William Henry and the gathering of descendants of the survivors of the wreck of the *Angel Gabriel*, just one day after the 373rd anniversary of the hurricane that sunk the ship. Forty-one people gathered for the day, including seventeen Blaisdells, twelve Furbers (three of whom were also Burnham descendants) and seven Cogswells. (That leaves five who were friends or spouses who did not indicate their family connection.) We gathered and got acquainted in the parking lot of the Fort's Museum.

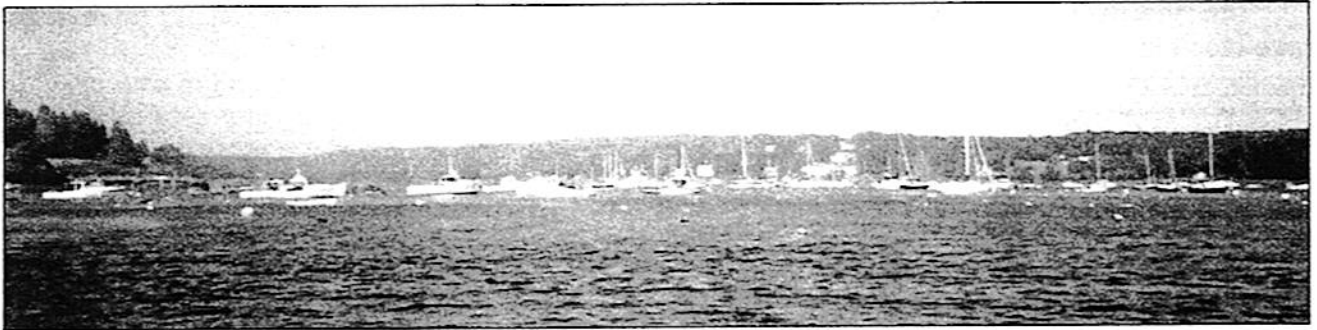


At ten o'clock, we went inside to hear an illustrated presentation by Professor Warren Riess (left), which included some information, new at least to your editor. We heard that research into the activities of the *Angel Gabriel* before its last voyage to Pemaquid Point is difficult, because, at one point, the British Archives were running short of space and burned a lot of old records that nobody was reading. We know, however, that it joined a Spanish fleet (armada) going to Brazil, where it was listed as a "hulk" – which, to the Spanish, simply meant an old northern European vessel.

Prof. Riess told us that the owner of the *Angel Gabriel* was also the owner of the Pemaquid settlement, so the trip was basically taking cargo and a few passengers. Richard Mather describes the ship as being slow, which is not how Sir Walter Raleigh would have had it built, and Prof. Riess suggested it may have had a hull fouled with barnacles and/or seaweed or that its masts may have been old and weakened enough not to be able to take full sail.

There are two more or less contemporary mentions of the sinking, both of which have only one sentence on the subject, which says the *Angel Gabriel* burst in pieces while at anchor. (Most of us had assumed it was driven on the rocks.) Judging by the possessions that were saved, Prof. Riess believes that the passengers had gone ashore to camp for a few days while the cargo was being unloaded – getting out of the way of the unloading and from the cramped quarters of the ship at the same time – which would also explain why there was so little loss of life.

An hour of socializing (and questions for Prof. Riess) followed, before the start of a boat tour of the harbor in small groups. The tours were slightly delayed because there was a wedding on the dock – a young man who may take up the hunt for the remains of the *Angel Gabriel*. The major unsearched area is now a place where many boats anchor, and was not previously searched because the anchor (and other) chains would have damaged the expensive borrowed equipment used to seek possible sites. (See picture below.)



Left: A group of Blaisdells – Wayne & Kim (Meatty), Sandra (Brown), Cherie, Henry, Tom and Doris
Right: Lincoln, Jeff and Warren (Bud) Furber (and dog – Professor Furber)



Angel Gabriel Descendants' Reunion



Left: Bumham descendants Polly, Mac & Dianne (Stearns) Furber; Below: Jean & Malcolm Cogswell with Gail Clifford



Right: boat owner, Capt. Rice with Ed & Marianne Cogswell; Edmond & Poi Cogswell;

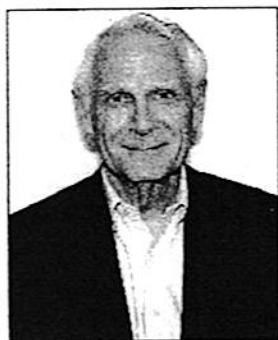


Before or after our boat tour we could visit Fort William Henry, see a musket demonstration and talk with a native interpreter about trade and other interactions between Native Americans and European settlers.

The main difficulty with the reunion was that it did not last long enough. The following day, your editor and his wife visited the Boothbay

Railway Village and met a man who had assisted at the musket demonstration and who even remembered our names. Monday, we visited the Maine Maritime Museum, including many of the buildings of the Percy and Small shipyard – which, before they bought it, was the Blaisdell shipyard.

Dick Cogswell



Dick Cogswell certainly qualifies as an "Adventures in Learning super enthusiast." He has been taking courses (he thinks over 40, and often two and three at a time) since he and his wife Nancy moved to New London, N. H., from Connecticut in 1998. He was elected President of Adventures in Learning at Colby-Sawyer College at the annual meeting in May, 2006. He had previously served as Treasurer, Chair of the Facilities Committee and Vice-President. He marvels at the program's growth, its quality and the impact it is having on the adult population in this area. Dick grew up in Westfield, New Jersey, and graduated with a degree in accounting from Lehigh University, Bethlehem, Pa. He earned an M.B.A. from the University of New Haven, worked in industry and ended up with his own C.P.A. practice

in Westport, Connecticut. He still works one day a week during February, March and April as a tax volunteer for AARP. He has also been a Habitat for Humanity volunteer for seven years, was with Rotary in Connecticut for 15 years, is President of Summer Music Associates and sings in the St. Andrew's Church choir. When asked what inspired him and Nancy to move here from Newtown, Connecticut, he said, "It really was a serendipitous happening. We were looking at many small towns in New Hampshire and wanted a college town. We saw New London and that was it." The Cogswells recently moved into a new house that "ate up the summer." Dick adds, "We were without a kitchen for four weeks!" But doing a lot of the planting and landscaping gave him an opportunity to practice his love for gardening. Dick says that a major influence on his life was his 31-year experience as an Army reserve officer. He retired in 1986 as a full Colonel and Deputy Commander with the 353rd Civil Affairs Command headquartered in the Bronx. It was a big commitment demanding fifty to sixty days a year and mostly on weekends. However, it also, he says, provided many opportunities to meet interesting people, see new things, and he enjoyed every minute.

Asked about additional information, Dick replied, "Most of my business activity was with small companies in Connecticut. No big high profile corporate positions. I am now 74 and have been retired in New London, N.H., for 10 years with my wife Nancy."

Dick is not a descendant of John Cogswell. His great-grandfather was Jacob Cogswell, who emigrated to NYC from County Wiltshire with his older brother Henry in 1830. The two brothers married sisters in NYC, Margaret and Elizabeth Turnbull, in the 1830's and hence his American family began. See E. O. Jameson: "The Cogswells in America," page 636 ... the late comers.

Cogswells in the News

May 4th: The city of Durango, Colorado, sanitation manager, Dale Cogswell, demonstrated how to unlatch and latch the lid on an olive-drab, 60-gallon container being dropped at a house. "There were several neighborhoods with a high number of problem bears," Cogswell said. "Bears can easily get into the old cans, which don't have locks." Bear season in the greater Durango area traditionally stretches from April through November.



Mary Cogswell (left) of the Warner Historical Society was one of those who prepared a documentary film, "This Morning Broke Clear," which tells the story of Warner, N.H., in the years 1860 to 1900, through the lives of some of Warner's most notable and least known residents. They began research in January, 2005, and the film premiered April 19th, 2008, at the town hall.

Alex Cogswell (shown with Danika Duncan) was one of a group of swimmers and divers from Washington state who went on a 10-day cultural exchange February 17th to 26th, visiting some of the top young swimmers in China in friendly competition and peering into the daily lives of Chinese student athletes. Their tour of Hong Kong and Guangzhou (population about 6 million), was highlighted by friendly competition at the Guangzhou Sports Training and Technical College, a center for China's Olympic Games athletes and 2008 Olympic training base. Some of the group, but not Alex, returned for the Olympic Games.



While searching through a dumpster in Ridgefield, Conn., Pete McPadden came across an unfamiliar item: a baseball with writing on it. The ball is a memento of the 1941 Ridgefield High baseball team, which went 9-3 and won the Fairfield County B League championship with a 6-0 League record. Those details are among the more legible markings on the ball, which also has game scores along with players' last names and their batting averages. One player on the 1941 squad, Charles Cogswell, later died in the war. The ball found its way to town hall and this fall, it went on display there before being given to the historical society.

Ventura County Star Publisher and President George Cogswell III accepted a challenge to dance Salsa at this year's Oxnard (Cal.) Salsa Festival, July 27th. He doesn't dance, so had to learn the steps. Big Brothers Big Sisters of Ventura County was encouraging people to buy buttons and wave signs supporting George Cogswell. "He's a role model for what people in the community can do to really make a difference in the lives of children," said Cheryl Moore, a Big Brothers Big Sisters board member. Javier Gomez was selected as the "People's Choice" winner for raising more than \$11,000.00. Cogswell was a close second, said Ruth Ballin, Festival director.



Linda Cogswell of Nashwaaksis, N. B., Worthy Grand Matron of New Brunswick, Order of the Eastern Star, presented certificates to four members of the original slate of officers of the Hillcrest Chapter No. 40, Order of the Eastern Star, Boiestown, N.B., on the celebration of its 50-year anniversary. Pictured (left to right) are Olive O'Donnell; Judith Ross; Margaret O'Donnell; Joyce Charters; Martha Astle, Hillcrest's first Worthy Matron and Linda Cogswell. (Olive and Margaret O'Donnell and Joyce Charters

are members of churches once served by your editor.)

Evan Cogswell (right), a high school junior in Glastonbury, Connecticut, was one of three 2008 Charlotte Hoyt Bagnall Scholarships. He has been studying the organ and church music for the past five years. Evan served as substitute organist at several area churches and is currently serving at the organist at St. Augustine's Church in Glastonbury. One of Evan's accomplishments was his composition of a motet entitled "Veni Sancte Spiritus" that was performed a year ago at St. Paul's Church in Glastonbury.



Bernadette Cogswell, a senior in the FSU physics department is the 2008-2009 recipient of the Minority Undergraduate Physics Scholarship presented by the American Physical Society (APS). She will receive \$2,000.00 per year for educational materials and tuition. After Cogswell finishes her undergraduate degree, she plans to work toward a master's in fluid dynamics or the study of chaos theory, and then pursue a doctorate in theoretical nuclear physics.

Jennifer Cogswell, a cellular and molecular biology student at Humbolt State University (California), has resorted to parking off campus. "I was going to buy a permit but they're expensive," she said. After hearing from many people that it is difficult to park on campus, she decided to park off campus for free and to walk. During the 07/08 academic year, 963 staff permits were sold for 624 parking spaces designated for faculty.

This and That

Christmas Gift for Young Cogswells?

"My Heart Glow: Alice Cogswell, Thomas Gallaudet, and the Birth of American Sign Language," First Edition, July, 2008, is a children's biography of the American School for the Deaf's first student, Alice Cogswell. The book was written and illustrated by Caldecott Medal award-winner, Emily McCully, and is published by Hyperion Press. As well as being charmingly illustrated, the narrative is interesting and entirely accurate. It is directed toward elementary school children (age 9-12), and would make an excellent gift for any young Cogswell, and a fine introduction to the role of Alice and her father, Dr. Mason Fitch Cogswell, in the beginnings of deaf education in America. Price: U.S. \$15.99, Canada \$17.99



Cogswell Baseball Team

Members

An interesting vintage photograph of two old-time baseball players was recently offered for sale on e-bay. They are both in uniform and have catcher's mitts. Doing research on this Cogswell team, all I could find was that there are two towns in the United States called Cogswell: one in North Dakota and the other in Kentucky. I think by the vintage of uniforms that it dates to the 1920's. If anyone has some info on this team, Howard Cogswell would be grateful and add it to the listing.

Cogswell Water

Gary McGrath of Henniker likes the water. "Sometime this month I will receive a statement for my share of the cost of operating and maintaining the Cogswell Spring Water Works here in Henniker. I will pay this statement gladly, and I consider it the ultimate bargain of all the various payments I make as a citizen of New Hampshire. The invoice will come close to \$250.00. I pay this bill twice a year, so my total annual outlay for water is around \$500.00. That works out to \$1.37 per day, about what a single bottle of water costs at the convenience store. And here's the thing: It tastes as good as any water I've ever had, with the possible exception of the water I drank from the streams of the Sierra Nevada as a boy growing up in California. But outside that, it is simply the best I've ever had, and I've tasted the tap water in nearly every state in the union and in 31 countries. If ever a source of tap water could be called sweet, this is it. And if that weren't enough, we also use it to prepare our meals and clean our dishes, clothes, cars and the dog. We also use it to fill the swimming pool, water the lawn and irrigate the vegetables and trees. All for \$1.37 per day. What a deal!"

Cogswells Sing in Mexico



Heather Cogswell de Flores (alto), Larry Cogswell and Pam Cogswell (tenors) sing in Los Cantantes del Lago, a choral group in Ajijic, state of Jalisco, on the shores of beautiful Lake Chapala, Mexico's largest, south of Guadalajara. Composed of 60 choir members, Los Cantantes del Lago is a music community that seeks artistic excellence in choral singing. Its members come from various countries, mainly from England, Canada, France and the United States. They sing in several languages and are aged from 15 to 70 years. Their repertoire includes works from different periods and styles: sacred music, classical, spiritual and modern music.

Westbury Wiltshire News



The Gregory family from Westbury is taking part in This Is Wiltshire Network's "How Green Can You Go?" challenge. Mum, Carolyn, 43, dad, Simon, 44, and children Karl, 14 and 12-year-old Eloise, live in The Butts. They already recycle regularly and have a compost bin in their garden, have planted trees and bushes to attract wildlife and are attempting to grow their own vegetables. Mrs. Gregory said, "It will be great to have a chance to learn more about being more environmentally friendly. The focus will be on small and affordable changes we can all make to reduce our impact on the environment, with the added benefit that they could even help save money, too." One of the first things the Gregory family had was a free "energy audit" carried out by the Energy Efficiency Advice Centre. It recommended wall insulation in their cavity walls and low-energy light bulbs, among other things.



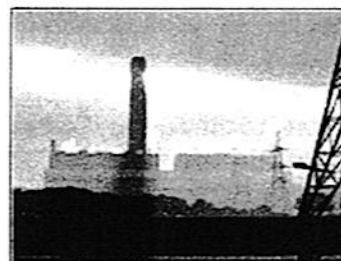
Westbury's Shane Marshall took a thrilling win against the odds in the Special GT Championship race on Saturday afternoon, July 19th. His Jade Chrysler failed to set a time in qualifying due to a fuel pump problem, so the championship leader had to start from the back of the grid. The first of the 15 laps saw Fearn leading Woodward well clear of the rest, but Marshall was storming through the field despite having to hold back at the start, when Norman Lackford's Radical almost stalled, creating a mobile traffic jam. By lap three, Marshall was third and, as the trio came through Camp for the fourth time, a couple of back markers were mixed in for good measure. Marshall hardly lifted, going around the outside of the group, causing a collective holding of breath for all concerned. In a flash, the lead had been taken, but on the exit of the corner, the Jade was on the grass, allowing Fearn and Woodward a brief respite; though a lap later, Marshall was through and off to an easy win. Shane Marshall took another step towards his first outright championship title after another dominant victory in the Castle Combe Circuit's savesometax.co.uk race on Saturday, Sept. 13th. He took his first outright championship title at the Castle Combe Circuit's final race meeting of 2008 on October 4th.



A three-day Moonfest rock festival was planned at Westbury from Friday to Sunday, August 22nd to 24th. However, police objected to Friday's line-up because of fears over crowd control, and persuaded magistrates to ban a concert by rocker Pete Doherty's band, Babyshambles, fearing there could be public disorder. According to police reports, Pete Doherty (left) and his band, as part of their routine, gee up the crowd. They speed up and then slow down the music and create a whirlpool effect in the crowd. They (the crowd) all get geed up and then they start fighting.



Kevin Drake, 44, from Westbury, was one of six environmental activists who went on trial charged with criminal damage and aggravated trespass after they attempted to close down a power station. They faced charges of criminal damage and aggravated trespass after they entered the site of Kingsnorth power station near Hoo, Kent, and painted the name of Prime Minister Gordon Brown down its side in October last year. A court heard that they caused almost £30,000 worth of damage. The five, who all deny criminal damage, were protesting about the re-development of the coal-burning power station. In defense, the protesters said Kingsnorth made more carbon dioxide emissions in a year than the least polluting 24 nations in the world. By stopping emissions from Kingsnorth for three days they were stopping damage to property across the world. The £30,000 spent cleaning the chimney was outweighed by the amount of property saved. The six Greenpeace activists were found not guilty of causing criminal damage during their protest.



Westbury in Wiltshire has suffered the highest increases in jobless levels in the past 12 months in the whole of Great Britain. It saw an increase of more than 40 per cent in unemployment in the year up to August, 2008. It is one of four parliamentary constituencies (in U.S., congressional districts) in Britain where unemployment has gone up by more than 40 per cent since 2007.



From the Secretary's Desk

Hello, everyone:

Summer has come and gone and we are now into fall and winter. So far, fall is beautiful and let's hope winter is just as good with as little snow as possible.

There are still some members whose dues haven't been paid as yet. Please send them as soon as possible so we can close out 2008.

We have had a few new members. Even with a couple of deaths, we are still over the four hundred mark for membership.

Hope you all have a healthy happy 2009.

Your Secretary,
Claire

Welcome to the Cogswell Family Association, Inc.

Richard J. Cogswell & family	New London, NH
Theresa M. Boock	Eugene, OR
Bruce W Cogswell & Family	Elkhart, IN
Julie Shekell	Schenectady, NY
Robert Elzy Cogswell	Austin, TX

Births

Jordan James Stonaker, born to Megan Cogswell and Joshua Stonaker, Port Orange, Florida, July 9th, 2008

Marriages

Todd Michael Cogswell, son of George Cogswell III and Diane Cogswell, married Nichole Venice Click, daughter of Terry and Denise Click, June 30th, 2008, in Abilene, Texas. The couple honeymooned in Boston, Massachusetts. September 26th, 2008, Saharra Dawn Gorton married Jeremy Cogswell at the Court House in ?? (Note: There are seven Jeremy Cogswells in the U.S.A.) Saharra and Jeremy have a son Zane, aged two or three.

Deaths

Honorary Member Kathleen Cooke, 86, died February 11th at Westbury, Wiltshire
Shirley M. Cogswell, 72, widow of Eugene Cogswell of Lancaster, died Monday, Aug. 11th

William Cogswell, of Alexandria, Ky., 47, died Wednesday, Aug. 27th, at Fort Thomas, Ohio.

Murray Elsworth Crane, 83, husband of Sarah Cogswell, died September 7th, 2008, at Levack, Ontario.

From the Editor's Desk

The U.S. Postal Service is fast. The August Courier was mailed on Friday, August 1st, in Vermont, and Monday evening, August 4th, I had an e-mail from Washington State with comments. Tuesday, a second arrived (from Massachusetts) and by Wednesday, two more had arrived (from Connecticut and California). That compares with the Canadian Postal Service where it takes five days for a letter to get from Montreal to Sutton – an hour and a quarter drive. In fairness to Canada, I did get a phone call Wednesday at noon from the mother, in Ajax, Ontario, of the *twin* young men pictured playing hockey with her grandson on the "Cogswells in Sports" page. Fortunately, all the comments were good.



About the Cover of this Issue

I've been saving this picture as a possible cover picture for some time. It is a picture of the original Cogswell Grant in Essex (Ipswich at the time it was granted). Of course, the house in the picture is not the original – probably the third house on the site. It is now operated by Historic New England, formerly the Society for the Protection of New England Antiquities (SPNEA). I thought the bare trees make it suitable for the December issue.

Additional Information

Some of our members are better readers, or have better memories than your editor.

One of our readers points out that in the book "*Angel Gabriel, The Elusive English Galleon*," page 7, Warren C. Riess writes, "Chronologically, the nearest ships of the same name were a Dutch ship captured by one of Raleigh's ships in the late 1500s, and another ship which carried emigrants from Bristol to the New World between 1663 and 1679." He gives references to books where these are mentioned. Add two more *Angel Gabriels* to the list in the August Courier.

Warren C. Riess also says (not in his book) that the "Hulk *San Gabriel* in the Spanish Armada was probably our Angel Gabriel, in the Spanish Armada (which in Spanish just means fleet) that went to South America in one of the times when there was peace between England and Spain. Hulk meant simply an old Northern European Ship.

Jerome French writes that America Burnham built and used an *Angel Gabriel* in the late 1800's. Brought to court for not registering her, he replied that God ordered him to build her, and if someone wanted payment, arrest God. He never did pay.

The same reader mentions another Cogswell descendant connected to Abraham Lincoln: Elisha Whittlesey (DJC 1155) served as general agent of the Washington National Monument from 1847 to 1849 at the same time Abraham Lincoln served as a congressman from Illinois. During that period, both were members of the Whig party. On April 10th, 1861, President Lincoln appointed Mr. Whittlesey to the post of First Comptroller of the Treasury, a prestigious position, which he had held during the Taylor, Fillmore, and Pierce administrations. Upon Mr. Whittlesey's death in early January, 1863, Mrs. Lincoln sent a wreath of japonica flowers and evergreens with his coffin on its journey back to Ohio from Washington, D.C.

Cynthia Furber Cooley writes, "We have a summer house in Durham, NH, just across the bay where William Furber settled after leaving his indentured service with the Cogswells."

Indentured Servant: a person who worked without wages, usually for a period of five to seven years, in exchange for payment of the person's passage to the American colonies. The contract, called an "indenture," entitled the servant to food, clothing, shelter and medical attention. Devised by the Virginia Company in the late 1610's, the system provided cheap labor. It is estimated that one-half to two-thirds of all European immigrants to the colonies participated in the system, some voluntarily, some as victims of penal servitude.

Since an apprentice works without wages, usually for a period of five to seven years, in exchange for learning a trade (in this case, the wool trade) and since the Cogswells gave up the wool trade on arriving in America, but paid William Furber's passage to America, perhaps "indentured servant" is an appropriate term. Furber says he hired himself to the Cogswells for a year.



Canadian Connection

The Cogswells of Sackville, N.B.

At one time, I believed that the man who got Mount Allison University started was married to a Cogswell, but that proved incorrect. Mount Allison University was started with a gift from Charles Frederick Allison, who was converted to Methodism at a series of revival meetings held in Sackville by the Reverend John Bass Strong (an ancestor of your editor, but on his mother's side.)

It was Joseph F. Allison who married Mary Cogswell (*DJC 3761*), daughter of Oliver (named for his deceased uncle), granddaughter of Mason and great-granddaughter of Hezekiah Cogswell, who came to Nova Scotia from Connecticut. Joseph may have been a nephew or other relative of Charles Frederick Allison but he was not a direct descendant. Also, Joseph, unlike Charles Frederick, remained faithful to the Anglican Church and was largely instrumental in building St. Paul's Church in Sackville, N.B., near the University.

Mary Cogswell was the oldest of eight children, of which seven lived to adulthood and married. All were born in Cornwallis, N.S., Three, plus the one who died young, remained there. One moved to Massachusetts. Mary and her youngest brother and sister moved to Sackville, N.B.



The second youngest of the children was Edward Cogswell (*DJC 3767*). He arrived in Sackville in 1842 from Cornwallis and in 1850 married Ruth, the daughter of William Crane. For several years before his marriage, Edward was chief business clerk for Mr. Crane. His father-in-law built the house now known as Marshlands Inn as a wedding gift for the couple. In 1895, Henry C. Read of the Read Grindstone Company purchased the house, enlarging and

remodeling it. By 1935, the Read family had transformed the property into the Marshlands Inn, which they ran until the 1980's. The Inn developed a sterling reputation. Even Queen Elizabeth II visited there! Today, the Marshlands Inn continues to greet people from around the world as a Heritage Inn and restaurant. Edward formed a company to carry on stove making, the old Dominion Foundry, afterwards Enterprise Foundry, which was still in operation when your editor attended Mount Allison University. Another foundry, the Fawcett Company, existed, but the two have amalgamated in recent years. Although he was owner of a large iron foundry, he left the management to his partners. For some years, he had charge of the large estate of his father-in-law, Hon. William Crane.

In 1864, Edward Cogswell was one of several people declared a body politic: "The Sackville Rural Cemetery Company."

Edward and Ruth Cogswell had four children: William, Arthur, Susan and Minnie. None of them married, so the Cogswell name died out in Sackville, N.B.

After Ruth (Crane) Cogswell died in 1874, Edward married Sarah, eldest daughter of Charles and Sarah (Boultenhouse) Dixon. Mr. Dixon was engaged in the Iron Foundry business with Edward Cogswell and others.

Edward's younger sister, Sarah Cogswell (*DJC 3768*), married Blair Botsford, son of a judge of the New Brunswick Supreme Court. For thirty years, he was the High Sheriff of the County of Westmorland (Sackville is the County Seat) and in 1880, he was appointed Warden of the Penitentiary at Dorchester (the next town) and the couple moved there.

Memories of the Cogswell Grant

CFA member Jerome French is a great-grandson of Hannah (DJC 4777) Lee, daughter of Zaccheus Lee and Anna Steele Cogswell. Hannah married Charles E. French, a disabled Civil War veteran. Their home was Cogswell Court, Essex, Mass., where Jerome was born, and which he still owns, although he does not live there. Jerome is married to Abbie, a descendant of John Burnham, who was on the *Angel Gabriel* – a crewman and nephew of Captain Andrews.

He shares some memories of the Cogswell Grant, where he worked while in high school in the 1930's, shortly after Mr. and Mrs. Little purchased it. At the time, he did not know he was a Cogswell descendant. Many of his memories concern George and Margaret Golden who worked there, because the Little's were not farmers. George was hired to run the farm, his wife to run the house. George was a small person – about 5' 5". He remembers Margaret as "about two feet taller" (although your editor has doubts). At noon, Margaret would come out, sneak up behind him, wrap her arms around him, lift him and whirl him around a few times before letting him down to come for dinner.

George Golden liked to play hockey, and on the farm adjoining the Cogswell Grant was a pond where the teenaged boys would gather to play. George, despite the age difference, managed to get in on their games along with Jerome, Henry Lane (who lived on that farm), George Doucette and others. In the spring, Mr. Golden planted a field of watermelon. It is not a popular crop around Essex, but the Golden's came from the mid-west, where every farmer has a patch. The field was on Cogswell's Knoll, not far from the Lane house. When he went to harvest the watermelons, he found that somebody had beaten him to it. He didn't say anything, but planted them in the same place the next year. That year, Jerome worked for him. He told Jerome about it but instructed him not to say anything, including the fact that half the hill had been planted with citrons. Citron looks like watermelon but is as bitter as gall. That was to fix Henry Lane and George Doucette, whom he suspected had raided his watermelons. Jerome said nothing about it until winter, when he asked his friends how the watermelons tasted. The only answer he got was "heh, heh, heh!" This became a standing joke, the same question asked over and over, always with the same answer.

During prohibition, the large barn on the Cogswell Grant, plus its location, made it an ideal place to land booze and keep it hidden until it could be sent on its way to nearby cities. Owners of fast boats and trucks used this method to supplement their income until the sale and consumption of alcohol became legal again. More than one local family rode out the depression on the money they made bootlegging. Jerome is careful to say there were no Cogswell bootleggers, as the farm was owned and farmed by other people at the time.

Jerome adds that today there is only one Cogswell listed in Essex in the telephone book. All the rest of the Cogswell men have moved on over the years.

A Little Humor

There is no egg in the eggplant,
no ham in the hamburger,
and neither pine nor apple in the pineapple.
English muffins were not invented in England,
and French fries were not invented in France.
Quicksand takes you down slowly;
Boxing rings are square;
The guinea pig is neither from Guinea nor is it
a pig.
If writers write, how come fingers don't fing?
If the plural of tooth is teeth, shouldn't the
plural of phone booth be phone beeth?

If the teacher taught, why didn't the preacher
praught? And why doesn't a creature get
craught?
If a vegetarian eats vegetables, what does a
humanitarian eat!?
Why do people recite at a play, yet play at a
recital?
or park on driveways and drive on parkways?
Where a house can burn up... as it burns
down;
in which you fill in a form... by filling it out;
where an alarm is only heard once it goes off.

Cogswell Neighbors in Ipswich

Francis Wainwright

Francis Wainwright was born about 1623, probably in Chelmsford, Essex, England. Francis arrived in Ipswich about 1636, an apprentice of Alexander Knight, innkeeper at Chelmsford, England, before coming to America. In 1637, a military force was needed to fight the Pequot War – a war of questionable origins – and Francis Wainwright, age 14, was among those who were recruited. A sturdy youth of Ipswich, Francis went somewhat rashly to pursue the savages, shot off his gun after them till all his powder was shot and spent; which they, perceiving, re-assaulted him, thinking with their hatchets to have knocked him in the head; but he so bestirred himself with the stock of his piece, and after with the barrel when that was broken, that he brought two of their heads to the army. (No Cogswells were involved in that war which was led by Major John Mason, grandfather of Ann Mason who married Samuel Cogswell [DJC 134].) In 1639, the Ipswich committee for the Pequot soldiers made grants of land from two to ten acres to ten soldiers, including Francis Wainwright. How much was given to a 16 year old, still an apprentice, is not stated.



Francis married Phillis Sewall in 1647 in Ipswich, Essex, Mass. (Phillis Sewall was born and christened on March 8th, 1629, in Hasted, Essex, England. She died on October 6th, 1669, in Ipswich, Essex, Mass.) They had eleven children: John, Mary (died young), Sarah, Mary, Martha, Simon, Mehitable, Francis, Elizabeth (died young), Benjamin and Elizabeth. (The two marked as died young are so indicted because the same name appears among the children again later.)

Francis Wainwright was a merchant. In the seventeenth century, merchants earned their profits transporting a number of products, especially fish but also excess farm produce, to Spain, the West Indies and elsewhere. They often outfitted the ships that caught the fish, and provided seed and other necessities for the farmers, usually on credit against the future catch of fish or the harvest. Often this was not sufficient to pay these bills and those so supplied remained in debt. However, the merchant made enough to absorb these "losses." By his diligence and sagacity in business, Francis became a wealthy, useful and respectable merchant. The Cogswell family would have had to deal at least occasionally with either him or Jonathan Wade who was another merchant in Ipswich.

After the death of his wife, Phillis, Francis apparently married a second wife, Hannah (maiden name unknown), who survived him and later married a Daniel Epes of Salem. Francis Wainwright died suddenly while on business at Salem on May 19th, 1692.

His son, John, was also a merchant. In peace he benefited his town and country by his counsel and trade; in war, he defended their rights by his wealth and bravery. He was Representative to the General Court 1696 and 1698; was Colonel of a Regiment and Justice of the Sessions Court. He died July 30th, 1708.

His son Simon was the first merchant recorded at Haverhill, Massachusetts, and was killed there during an Indian raid in 1708.

His son, Francis, graduated at Harvard College in 1686. He was Colonel of a regiment, Town Clerk several years, Representative to the General Court in 1699 and 1700, feoffee of the Grammar School (which land John Cogswell, Jr., leased for a thousand years), Justice of the General Sessions Court and Commissioner and Collector of Excise for Essex. He died on August 3rd, 1711.

Benjamin Wainwright, buried September 25th, 1686, was, very probably, his son.

At his death, Francis left four living daughters (Sarah had died) including Elizabeth, wife of Jonathan Cogswell (DJC 20).









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