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House, built 1591, where John Cogswell was born 1592

"I neither despise nor fear"

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Joseph Green Cogswell

Joseph Green Cogswell (DJC 775) was born September 27th, 1786, in Ipswich, Mass., the son of Francis and Anstice (Manning) Cogswell. At the age of nine, he was testing the ice, which gave way, and he fell head first into the river, was caught by the current and swept under the ice. The third time his head broke through the ice, someone pulled him out, appearing lifeless, but he was revived. He attended Atkinson Academy and Phillips Academy, Exeter, N.H., and graduated from Harvard College in 1806. While at Harvard, he returned during Christmas vacation to get a book, found his own door locked but his friend's room next to it was open. He tried going to his room from his friend's window, with his toes on a ledge, an inch wide, between the floors and holding on to a gutter above. One of the gutters came off and he was barely able to grasp the window frame and keep from falling.

Immediately after college, he took a voyage as supercargo on a merchant ship to India. A year later, he was back studying law under Fisher Ames for two years until Ames died. In 1809, he went to the Mediterranean (during the Napoleonic wars) visiting Algiers, France, Italy and England. (He was captured and taken to Gibraltar.) In Italy, he was captured by brigands and his life spared when he convinced them that he was American, not French, but they robbed him of everything except the clothes he was wearing. In January, 1811, he set up his own law practice in Belfast, Maine. April 17th, 1812, he married Mary F. Gilman, third daughter of the Governor of New Hampshire, John Taylor Gilman. They moved to Belfast, Maine. Elizabeth Gilman went with them. However, Mary's health was delicate, pulmonary troubles developed and he had to take her back to Exeter. Joseph was left alone with his clients and his books. By mid-March, he had returned to Exeter, determined not to go to Belfast again (except to wind up his business). Mary died June 16th, 1813.

That fall, he went to Harvard College, Cambridge, as an instructor in Latin. During the summer of 1815, he was too sick to be of any use, so in August he sailed for Marseilles. He found that city little of interest to him, commenting that it was dangerous to be considered a savant there. However, Spanish immigrants, who had left Spain because of restrictions on free inquiry, became friends. In April, he boarded a ship for America, with plans to return to Gottingen in the fall.

In September, he took passage to Holland, leaving his mother on her death bed - she died in December. The vessel encountered a gale in the English Channel and the boat would have been wrecked had not Joseph come on deck just in time to see the danger and warn the captain, who changed course and saved his vessel. He arrived in Gottingen and studies began in November. He studied German, but took a course on Modern Arts in Italian and European statistics in French.

He turned his study to geology, mineralogy and botany. That winter, he went to Weimar and then on to Jena to visit Goethe, whom he found most pleasant and modest. The conversation was in French. Goethe took him on a tour of a large mineralogy exhibit. At Gottingen, his schedule was: rise at 4 a.m., study to 6, to classes from 6 a.m. to 7 p.m., with two one-hour breaks, give a class in Italian at 8 and study until midnight. He also tried to walk at least four miles a day. He found this schedule heavy but would not give it up. In 1817, he was taken on a session on the arrangement of the library - the practical application of the principles of classification and distribution.

That winter, he visited Rome and Venice and in April he went to Switzerland. He spent May rambling through the country. Part of June and July were also spent visiting the country, sometimes walking, sometimes riding. (He walked about 1,700 miles in total by July 16th.) By September, he was in Paris, then went to England and then to Scotland. Among other things, he spent a few days at Walter Scott's house. He remained in Scotland until April. In May, 1819, he was again in Germany and visited Dresden, where he again visited Goethe (aged 70). He visited several other cities and was presented to the King of Prussia at a ball. During a visit to Gottingen, he received a



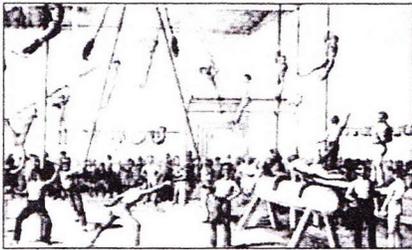
Courtesy of the New York Public Library, Astor, Lenox and Tilden Foundations

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degree of Doctor of Philosophy from that University. He visited Prague, Munich and a number of cities. He was summoned to meet the King of Bavaria who was as popular as an elected official. The king offered to give him plans for anything that would be useful to him at home, including seeds or slips from rare plants in the botanical garden. He spent the winter of 1818/19 in Paris. He was briefly in England then in Scotland. Back to England and then back to Scotland with a detour into Wales. He found the Highlands very primitive - he slept on heather over manure on one occasion. He was safely in Boston by October 29th, 1819.

By March, 1820, he had been offered charge of the library at Cambridge, a professorship in mineralogy and a chair in chemistry. He accepted. By October, 1822, he felt the library was in fine order, arranged on the same plan as Gottingen but with fewer books. However, feeling the lack of administrative support, he resigned the posts in 1823.

By February, 1823, he was making plans with George Bancroft for a school in the country. By June, they had found a location at Northampton, where they rented two houses from September, thinking to start in October. The school, for boys aged 9-14, had some shocking ideas about how to educate boys: physical education should be an integral part of the day (they had the first



gymnasium in the United States) and it was important to learn French, Italian or German. At Round Hill, Northampton, he treated the pupils as gentlemen of truth and right intentions until they made it unmistakable that they did not deserve such confidence and then he sent them away. He entered into their interests and amusements as well as their studies and made it clear that what he desired was to stimulate all that was best in their minds and characters. The schedule was to rise at 6, meet for prayers, then study until 8 when breakfast was served. They

"played" until 9 and had classes until 12. They played until 2, had classes from 2 to 5, ate supper at 5:30, played until 7 and then went to the evening occupation which, at first, was reading, as most of the 25 students (15 in residence, 10 local) were poor readers. On Thanksgiving, 1823, he took six of the boys to Hartford, walking the first 21 miles, and riding the remaining 27. They visited the asylum for the deaf and dumb and returned the next day. They had taken an eight-month lease on the property with a view to purchase it. However, when they wanted to purchase, the owner had added \$1,500.00 to the price and they had to select a site elsewhere to bring him to terms. On March 12th, 1824, they bought the property for \$12,000.00 plus the education of the owner's son for eight years. By July, 1825, there were 69 students and by September, 1826, there were 127. In March, 1828, Joseph wrote that he was in his fifth year of a situation which brought him little intellectual gratification and no comfort to his heart. Things must change soon. During vacations, he found himself still in charge of a number of the boys - 30 one year, 45 the next. The school became too heavy a burden for two individuals and Joseph wanted to interest the public in buying shares. In the spring of 1830, he made a visit to Savannah, which he found pleasant and hospitable, but with a hatred of the North for fear of being deprived of their slaves. More and more, his letters are not about the school but about what he is doing to take his mind off it. By July 1832, Joseph had decided to give up on Round Hill and close it the following spring. A smaller number of students meant insufficient revenue to meet expenses. By November, 1833, he was visiting Raleigh, with a view to moving there. By January, 1834, he had signed an acceptance at a school there, although not binding beyond one year. Round Hill was advertised for sale. It closed in 1834.

The Episcopal school for boys in Raleigh had a building purposely built as a school and a house that housed about a dozen students and one instructor (not Joseph). A new building housed another 24 boys and here Joseph lived - his own choice - to control the boys. The rules he set included rising at 5 a.m., school from 5:30, no Saturday holiday, no communication with town, no pocket money and no smoking. They went to bed at 10 p.m. Students were dismissed if they broke the rules. The new year brought 40 new students - most "raw backwoodsmen." One student had ridden a donkey for a month to get to the school, and handed over \$150.00, saying his father would send more when it was used up. In March, he renewed his engagement at Raleigh for another

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year. By January, the Bishop, who had been away for a year, returned and Joseph was willing to relinquish the school into his hands. On April 12th, he left Raleigh, heading north. By the end of October, he was leaving for Europe. He visited Paris and Rome before April and other cities during the summer.

He moved to New York in December, where he saw much of Mr. Astor. He spent a week in Boston on work for Mr. Astor (for which he received \$500.00). All that winter, he was without a home, living in the home of Samuel Ward and tutored his children. Early in January, Mr. Astor asked his advice about a sum of three to four hundred thousand dollars to be given for public purposes, and Joseph persuaded him to give it to or for a library. This was later put in his will.

By January, 1839, he had become connected with the New York Review which he owned until 1842. In March, he heard of some curious, rare and valuable books that were to go on sale and asked Mr. Astor if he might buy them for the future library. Mr. Astor agreed, provided that Joseph take care of the books bought. In September, young Mr. Astor asked Joseph to "see his son well placed abroad." By year's end, he was in Europe on that errand, but with money from Mr. Astor to buy many books. Mr. Ward died while he was away. Back in New York, he was more or less employed by Mr. Astor, preparing a catalogue of 100,000 books for the library.

In February, 1842, Joseph was requested to go to Spain as Secretary of Legation. By March, he was winding up his connection with the Review in order to leave for Spain. Mr. Astor did not want him to go and appointed Joseph as Librarian once the building was completed, and to work on the catalogue until that time. Joseph did not go to Spain. For the next six years, he spent his time ministering to the needs of Mr. Astor. On March 29th, 1848, Mr. Astor died. In mid-May, Joseph was confirmed as Superintendent of the Library, although the land where it was to be built would not be free until April. On November 15th, 1848, Joseph embarked again for Europe – his purpose to buy the best and greatest number of books suitable for a great library. He took with him \$10,000.00, previously given him by Mr. Astor. He bought many books - some old and/or rare - but did not want to make the Astor Library a museum of curiosities. In March, 1851, he started a visit to Europe on a book buying expedition, visiting London, Paris, Rome, Scandinavia and numerous other cities, returning in November. In December, 1852, he returned to London for another brief visit.

The Astor Library opened in January, 1854. The collection had grown to 80,000 volumes purchased by Cogswell in the United States and abroad through book dealers and at auction. Before the Astor Library opened, Cogswell had already put together a catalogue of books acquired and desired: *An Alphabetical Index to the Astor Library*, printed in 1851. By February, there were between 100 and 200 readers each day reading excellent books, except for the young who were reading such poor books as Scott, Cooper, and Dickens. By March, the library was becoming too crowded. Joseph worked steadily in the library, taking little time for anything else. In April, 1855, he had to take a vacation and visited Philadelphia. Joseph lived in the library, the porter making him a breakfast of tea and toast. By the end of December, he was not leaving it for three or four days at a time. By 1857, Joseph was working mainly on the catalogue of books. He found the earlier partial catalogue had many errors. He considered that his old age was being spent in drudgery. His health was no longer good. In 1860, he sailed for Europe, convinced that nothing less would restore his health. He visited Ireland, London, and at the end of July, he was in Paris and later went to Berlin and Vienna. He bought a few books but found the old ones he wanted very expensive.

In December, 1861, at age 75, he resigned as Superintendent. He built a house in Cambridge, keeping three rooms for himself, the rest occupied by Mrs. Haskins, a niece of his wife, and her family. In 1862, he was asked to prepare a supplement to the library catalogue and agreed, completing it in 1866. In 1863, Cambridge gave him an honorary LL.D. He attended a reunion organized by the Round Hill boys. He continued to travel, visiting Newport, West Point, New York, Bordentown (attending a reunion of 1817 Harvard graduates), Philadelphia, Plymouth Rock, Brookline and a rural area west of Albany. In 1871, he was asked to find a successor for a library trustee who had resigned. He made a visit to New York. He died in Massachusetts, November 26th, 1871, aged 85 years 2 months.

Are you someone who is interested in Cogswell family history?
Are you someone who likes to be involved and informed?
Do you want input into the Cogswell Family Association decisions?
Are you a current member of the Cogswell Family Association?
If you said "yes" to these questions, then



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Board of Directors (5 positions)

Board members are responsible for the Government and management of the Cogswell Family Association.

Responsibilities include:

- Attend and participate in scheduled Board meetings
- Vote on CFA activities, actions, expenditures and plans
- Participate in sub-committees as identified and defined by the Board of Directors
- Determine Annual dues
- Designate date and locations for annual meetings & reunions

Historian (1 position)

Historian is the custodian of the Cogswell genealogical records and files.

Responsibilities include:

- Maintain the CFA database (currently on Roots Magic software for Windows), including periodic backups
- Assist members and prospective members with lineage research
- Prepare and publish updates to the Descendants of John Cogswell by D. R. Cogswell at the discretion of the Board of Directors
- Attend and participate in scheduled Board meetings; vote on CFA activities, actions, expenditures and plans
- Participate in sub-committees as identified and defined by the Board of Directors

Webmaster (1 position)

Webmaster is responsible for the development and management of the Cogswell Family Association Website. Responsibilities include:

- Periodic update of website content with timely and pertinent information for the Membership
- Updates / new development as defined by the Board of Directors
- Maintain integrity and security of website code
- Attend and participate in scheduled Board of Directors meeting
- Participate in sub-committees as identified and defined by the Board of Directors

Please send you nominations to:

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Autumn Cogswell



In 2008, Autumn Cogswell was one of three girls and their family members taking part in a program called Ready, Set, Go Kids. She likes to run and play with friends at school, go swimming and take dance lessons. Where she isn't so typical is how much her young mind has had to work to grasp the concept of eating the right foods. Autumn is overweight - about 135 pounds - and she has been under the watchful eye of a doctor, nutritionist and her great-grandmother over the past several weeks. "She's really been watching, planning out what she takes in her lunch. And we make sure that if she gets 'extras' at school, they are healthy, like raisins," said great-grandmother Lucy Stalnaker, Autumn's caregiver. "I'm so proud of her." The program for kids is a partnership between physicians, nutritionists and exercise physiologists to raise awareness about the growing epidemic of childhood obesity. Autumn joined the program because the children at school could be really cruel and were cruel about her weight. Unfortunately, the program did not last long. Now 5' 6" tall and weighing 190 pounds, her doctor says not to worry - she will grow taller and her weight will better fit her height.

Her great-grandmother has been her caregiver since Autumn was two years old, when she got custody because Autumn's parents, who now live in Texas, had serious drug problems. In 2008, she adopted Autumn, who is still in touch with her parents and loves her father dearly.

Autumn Cogswell, 11, of Philo, Ohio, assisted people with the seed potatoes at Brighton Presbyterian Church, Zanesville, during its second annual Seed and Plant Giveaway. She had some potatoes cut into pieces so she could explain how to plant and grow them. "Plant the cut part down, eyes up," she said. "Keep on covering them as they grow. If they have green on the potatoes, it's poison and you throw them away." Autumn's family "grows lots of vegetables."

Autumn Cogswell is on Facebook (but instead of her picture, there is a picture of a dog.) She also bowls and gets high scores as in the Pepsi Cola Junior Mixed Bowling in mid-March this year, when she scored 156-371. She is involved in several other sports and this year, she hopes to get into cheerleading. And she is doing well in school. She has been on the honor roll all through school. This past year, she was in Jayne Chase's fifth-grade class in Duncan Falls Elementary School.

Autumn also plays the guitar and has played the chimes in Brighton Presbyterian Church, which she attends. She goes to read in nursing homes and is involved with the Big Brothers and Big Sisters organization.

Her grandmother is looking for information about her father-in-law, Franklin Jefferson Cogswell, who married Milda Hall, possibly a member of an Indian tribe.

Death of Arthur Cogswell

Arthur Cogswell, 79, of Chapel Hill, N.C., died September 29th of a brain injury due to a severe fall while walking his dog. His wife, Marion, and his two daughters, Elizabeth Cogswell Baskin and Amanda Cogswell Kirk, were able to be with him in his final hours.

Born Oct. 29th, 1930, in Jacksonville, Florida, he was the son of Eunice and Arthur Ralph Cogswell, Sr. He received an undergraduate degree in drama at the University of North Carolina and his architectural degree from the Design School in North Carolina State University. He served in the Air Force during the Korean War.

He was recently nominated for the prestigious Kamphoefner Award. He began his architectural practice in 1962 and was joined by his partner, Werner Hausler in 1967. The firm was known as a proving ground for ambitious young architects and won many awards for groundbreaking modernist designs. In 1972, he was named a Fellow of the American Institute of Architects. He was working with solar energy as early as 1972. He consulted with an anti-poverty group on low income housing. In recent years, he applied architecture to relieve famine in Africa.

He spoke at the Cogswell Family Reunion in Jacksonville, Florida, in 2005.

He was a renowned teller of stories, pilot of planes, sailor of boats and an enthusiastic connoisseur of food, fine and otherwise. He lived life with joy, curiosity, a sense of adventure and a generosity which touched many people. A memorial service was held October 6th.

Former Insurance Commissioner Susan Cogswell



Susan (Fraher) Cogswell died Tuesday, July 20th, 2010. She was 57. She was much in the news over the past several years. She was Connecticut's first female insurance commissioner, and many stories were about her fight with Insurance companies who wanted to greatly increase their rates or to require prohibitively costly alterations to shoreline properties in Connecticut following hurricane Katrina. She was appointed to the post by former Gov. John Rowland in June, 2000, and served as insurance commissioner until 2006, when Gov. M. Jodi Rell appointed current Commissioner Thomas R. Sullivan. "She served state residents well for many years," Gov. M. Jodi Rell said.

Cogswell was a thoughtful and diligent regulator, who was active in the National Association of Insurance Commissioners. Cogswell chaired an accreditation committee at NAIC and also one of four regional subdivisions of commissioners called the Northeast Zone.

Susan was a graduate of Fairfield University and began a career with Chase Manhattan Bank rising to the position of Second Vice President of the Municipal Finance Division. She worked as an assistant secretary in the surety division of Travelers Indemnity Co. in Hartford from 1983 to 1985. She also managed underwriting and placement of surety accounts as a vice president for the Hartford-based Woodland Brokers Ltd., a subsidiary of Covenant Mutual Insurance Co.

Susan's other love was also in public service in local politics, where she was elected to public office several times in Torrington. She has served on the city council and currently held a position on the Board of Education. Susan also served on the Board of Directors for the Torrington Water Company and The Charlotte Hungerford Hospital. She was politically active in the Republican Party in Torrington and Connecticut and served on the Republican Town Committee.

Cogswell joined the state Department of Insurance in 1995 as a customer service program manager. By the time she was appointed Commissioner, the department had 180 employees and a \$19.1 million budget.

In 2006, Cogswell was hospitalized with a non-cancerous tumor discovered above an ear. Early in July, 2010, she was again hospitalized for another illness. She is survived by her husband and son, Jack Cogswell and Gregg Cogswell.

A Bit of History

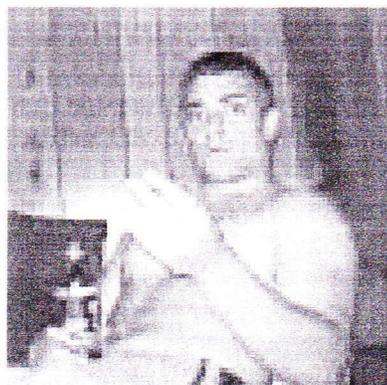
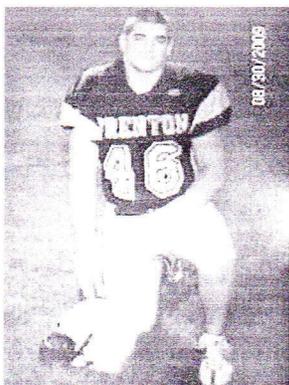
A. R. Cogswell Building; 433 West Bay Street, Jacksonville, Fla.

Built shortly before the Great Fire of 1901, this structure is apparently the only remaining downtown building between Clay Street and Hogans Creek that avoided the path of the destructive blaze. It was originally constructed of red brick and housed Hay, Trowell & Co., which was a glassware and furniture store. In 1921, this location was purchased by Arthur R. Cogswell, a draftsman who had come to Jacksonville during World War I and worked for the U. S. Shipping Board. Cogswell established a blueprinting company that operated in this building for over sixty years. The brick facade of the building was later covered with plaster, and a cast-iron cornice was added above the second-story windows covering a wide band of brick corbelling that was part of the original design.

CFA member Howard Cogswell remembers this building but says alas it has now been demolished. "Too bad I never took a picture of it and can't find one." Does anyone have a picture?

Joke A tour guide was showing a tourist around Washington and pointed out the place where George Washington supposedly threw a dollar across the Potomac River. "No one could throw a coin that far!" said the tourist. "A dollar went a lot farther in those days," answered the guide.

Cogswells in Sports - Football



Marc Cogswell, "MOOSE #46," is 23 years old. Or is he 17? Or are there two Marcs? If there are two, they both played for the Trenton (Michigan) Trojans.

On October 28th, 2009, Marc Cogswell scored on a 30-yard touchdown run on the first drive of the second quarter for a 21-0 lead. Final score: 38-7.

This Marc is a senior, whose height is given in three places as 5'8", 5'10" or 5'11". His weight is given as 195, 200 or 210 lbs. He is a (bruising) fullback. The three pictures above would appear to be the 23-year-old but, on the same page as the middle picture appeared the message: "My name is Marc Cogswell, I'm 16; I go to Trenton High School. I am a junior and I play football." Marc (often spelled Mark in news reports) Jordan Cogswell was born February 26th, 1993. Your editor wrote the two Cogswell families in Trenton. There was no reply.



Clint Cogswell, a senior, is a quarterback at Red Mountain High School, Mesa, Ariz. He had 148 yards and three TD passes, including the late game-winner over Westwood during the week of Aug. 22nd-28th. His height is 6'0", and his weight is 180 lbs. He is age 17 and in the Class of 2011. He is in competition for the Red Mountain starting quarterback and the top quarterbacks for the class of 2011. He has stamped his ticket as

a legitimate D1-AA or D2 college prospect. "Clint is a very coach-able QB that will put in the work he needs in order to be successful," said Coach Pino. Clint showed nice touch but his height might be a limiting factor at the higher D1 levels. Clint should put up some big numbers in Red Mountain's new spread offense. In a matchup of two teams with new coaches for the 2010 season, Mesa Red Mountain emerged the victor over Tempe Corona del Sol by the score of 34-8 behind the superb first-half quarterback play of Clint Cogswell. (Reported Sept. 4th) He made a 15-yard pass to Joel Honeycutt in a 20-10 win by Mesa Red Mountain against Mesa Sept. 24th. The three pictures might or might not be of Clint. A video provided an e-mail address, but Clint did not reply to the e-mail.



Peter Cogswell was a fullback for the Mashpee (Mass.) Falcons in the South Shore League. The club moved to 5-0, (2-0 in the league). Peter wore # 44. He started football as fullback and middle line backer. He also played basketball. Senior fullback Peter Cogswell scored TDs in Mashpee's 20-12 opening-game victory over Fairhaven Friday (Sept 11th, 2009). The Falcons took a 14-6 lead into halftime and sealed the win on Peter Cogswell's 35-yard scoring scamper in the fourth quarter. Cogswell racked up 57 yards in only four carries. Peter may have graduated from high school in 2010.

Readers' Page: Corrections, Queries and More Information



Wrong Person Pictured

August Courier, page 6. Two different people are pictured on this page. One is Rev. George Franklin Cogswell, featured in the story. However, the top photo (partly reproduced here) is not him. It is, in fact, his brother-in-law, George L. Kind, who married George Franklin's sister, Cecelia Cogswell. Your editor regrets the error.

Additional Information about Prior Involvements

Jack Cogswell writes: "In my case, I was one of the five founders of the CFA (Cy, Billy, Sumter Cogswell and Daniel Flint were the others) and served as Treasurer, Secretary, Clerk and Newsletter Editor for the first few years, until we found Claire as my replacement for two positions and a series of editors to replace me re the Newsletter... Also, Katie was the initial Historian trying to create the CFA data base and continued until Don stepped forward. He decided the computer program we had chosen was much too limited to handle the data that was coming in and changed programs and proceeded to invest an inordinate amount of effort to produce the BOOK."

Picture of a Relative

Nancy Tjornhom was excited about the picture of Queen Liliuokalani on the cover and immediately emailed family in California and Hawaii. One cousin is married to a relative of Hawaiian royalty; thus their kids, (Cogswell connection through Hannah [Cogswell] Waldo) have this connection to the Queen. Her nephew, Mike, married Connie, whose Hawaiian ancestor was called Kekuanahoa; he was an alii (chief). He married a Hawaiian princess and together they had a son who became Kamehameha the 3rd. Matthew's middle name is Kamehameha. After he was born and named, one of Connie's sisters-in-law researched the story of the ancestor and discovered that he became a Christian and chose the Christian name Matthew. They thought it was a good omen!

Cogswell in a Rumpole Mystery

CFA member A. C. Cannon asks: "Have you heard this Rumpole story which includes a character named Cogswell?" and sent a link to a radio play, Rumpole and the Eternal Triangle. Rumpole is seduced into defending an attractive woman violinist accused of murder. Turns out the victim had changed his name, which was formerly Cogswell. You can listen at [http://beta.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/console/b00t9f0q/Afternoon Play Rumpole and the Eternal Triangle](http://beta.bbc.co.uk/iplayer/console/b00t9f0q/Afternoon%20Play%20Rumpole%20and%20the%20Eternal%20Triangle)



Looking for information

John Cogswell of 56 Bay State Road, Arlington, MA 02474-8202, is looking for information about his grandfather – John Henry Cogswell, Republican, District No. 12 – Ward 3, Lynn, who was born in Lynn July 4th, 1876; educated in its public schools, and Boston University, 1900 (class orator). A shoe manufacturer, shoemaker, and lawyer, past Archon of Heptasophs, past Chief Ranger of American Order of Foresters, Past President of American Benefit Society, and a member of the Committee on Legal Affairs, House 1910. He wants to know specifically who John Henry Cogswell's parents were.

Searching for Amy Lucretia Cogswell (4532 DJC)

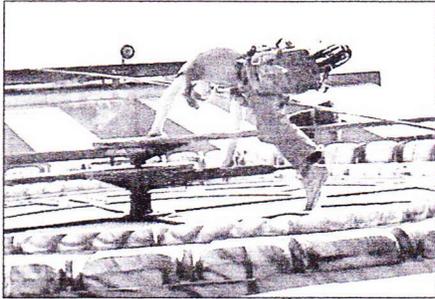
"I am researching the Landscape Architect, Amy Lucretia Cogswell (4532 DJC). If any member of the Cogswell Family Association knows any oral history or has any of Amy Cogswell's papers, I would be most grateful to be in touch with them. It goes without saying that if I have any information that the CFA would find helpful, I will be delighted to share."

Ann D. Foley, Coordinator of Volunteers, Amy Cogswell Garden, Webb Deane Stevens Museum, 211 Main Street, Wethersfield, CT 06109

Window Washer turned Clock Repairman

Leif Doyle Cogswell was born about 1971, the son of Arthur Edward and Miriam Jane (Doyle) Cogswell. He attended Meade Senior High School, Fort Meade, Md, and graduated in 1988. He now lives in Owings Mills, Md, where he is a window washer, owning Peak Window Cleaning.

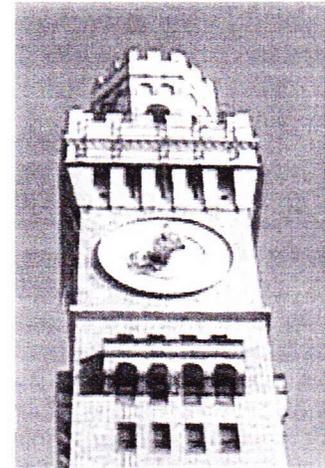
On September 13th, 2007, Leif Cogswell was busy trying to fix the broken clock face atop the Bromo Seltzer Tower on Eutaw Street, Baltimore, Md. Leif



managed to reset the time to 10:56 a.m. But, by 12:10 p.m., the time appeared stuck at 11:15. Cogswell used ropes to climb down the outside to adjust the hands while David Graf of Kittery Point, Maine, worked on the 100-year-old time piece from the inside. They got three of the clock faces working but the fourth remained broken.



On May 11th, 2010, he was employed by Azola, a clock repair company, to assist with repairs to the 25-foot-diameter southern-facing clock dial on the Bromo Seltzer Arts Tower in Baltimore. The tower was built in 1911. They employed Leif to scale the building's exterior and remove the hands – the 13-foot minute and 9-foot hour hands. Each hand weighs about 200 pounds and they're made of wood and steel. Leif unstuck the wooden hands. The clock faces directly toward I95 and Camden Yards, so it's particularly important to have the clock functioning. He was hanging 180 feet in the air as people watched.



A month later, he was again employed by Azola. The hands were placed back in position. As Tony Azola and Charles Whiddon wrestled with the mechanism from their perch on a 15th-story balcony, Leif Cogswell rode above them in a metal basket and worked to reattach the hands to the drive shaft. The basket floated free on cables and looked pretty precarious from the perspective of viewers on the sidewalk, roughly 180 feet below. But Cogswell claimed that his makeshift office "is more substantial than are the ones I usually work in." By 11:00 a.m., both hands were attached and in the 12 o'clock position, pointing to the "O" in "Bromo Seltzer" written around the clock's face.

"It's exciting. It beats a day job. I pretty much hang off sides of buildings every day," said Cogswell. "It was a little windy and the swing stage kind of swung a lot. I had to constantly keep myself level. I was really excited about working on this building. It's a Baltimore icon. I've worked on buildings all around here. This is pretty special – a little part of Baltimore history, I guess."

Cogswell spent the rest of the day washing the windows and repainting some of the faded trim, but the south face was ticking away in time for rush hour. His boss punned, "It all went off like clockwork."

"Leif – well, he's just bad to the bone but he's pretty fearless."

Cogswells in the News

On June 30th, junior bicycle road rider Alex Cogswell of the Halesowen Cycling Club (England) won at the Curborough Circuit near Lichfield. It was his second win of the season and helped him towards a second category license. July 13th, at the second leg of the annual Mark Mullen Memorial Handicap League, Alex won heat 4 and in semi-final 2 he finished second. In the open B sprint, Alex Cogswell went for the long sprint. At the bell, he was way ahead of his nearest rival, leading all the way to the finish line to win.



Turners Falls firefighter Kyle Cogswell (left) was among those who rescued Maya Hersh from a cave in Leverett, Mass., July 20th, 12 hours after entering the cave. Rescuers used air chisels to widen choke points inside the 8 foot chasm located 30 feet below the surface.

Charlie Cogswell of the Dartford Technology College's girls' archery team was the overall junior gold medalist at a county competition in Sevenoaks, Kent, UK.

In 2006-7, Grant Cogswell made a movie, "Cthulhu." Earlier, he was the co-author of the original Seattle monorail initiative that passed in 1997. In 2001, he decided to run against the Transportation Chair of the Seattle City Council, arguing that the original monorail was foundation for a much larger system and the time had come to build that larger system. Cogswell lost the election. A few years later, Cogswell's campaign manager, Phil Campbell, wrote a book about the experience, "Zioncheck for President." Now they are making a movie, "Grassroots," about Grant Cogswell and his unlikely campaign to win a seat on the Seattle City Council and extend the monorail. Actor Joel David Moore, who appeared in the blockbuster, "Avatar," plays the part of Cogswell.

John Cogswell (right) was a member of a student team charged with devising a light, thin, flexible scale to overcome the lack of consistency between scales available at home, the gym, at the doctor's office and on vacation. They began work on the project last fall and presented it in the spring. They believe it is ready to take to the next step – into the marketplace.



Gregg Cogswell was nominated by the Republican Town Committee to fill its vacancy on the City Council in Torrington, Conn. He was sworn in on Sept. 15th. Gregg is the son of the late Susan Cogswell (see page 6.)



Beth Cogswell, Communications Director with Planned Parenthood of Montana, invited Dan Savage, author of an internationally syndicated sex advice column, to present an interactive lecture at the University Theatre, Missoula, Montana. This was less than 48 hours prior to Sarah Palin's appearance at the Hilton Garden Inn. "We felt we had to do something to respond to that," said Cogswell.

Coleman Cogswell (McCool Junction, Nebraska) ran a 19:08 and finished third in cross country at Fairbury Invite September 10th. Coleman came in ninth (16:59.55) Sept. 16th, in cross country at Hidden Hills Golf Course in Geneva in a field of over 70 runners. He came fourth at the Randall Smith Invite Sept. 23rd and was fourth at the Thayer Invite Sept. 24th. He also won the 4-H Photography Unit II for Composition Exhibit Print at the York County State Fair. He was a little disappointed that he didn't finish the last mile of the 5 km. run as strong as he wanted, but he turned in a time of 18:34.5 and finished 13th at the University of Nebraska at Kearney Invite on Sept. 27th, in Kearney.



Marine Veteran Mae Cogswell, who served in the Marines from 1955-1964 and also in the Army 1973-1987, retiring as a Sergeant First Class in July of 1987, attended the Women Marines Association 50th anniversary in Denver, Colorado, starting September 3rd.

Jamie Abbass of the Fredericton, N.B., Rowing Club, captured first place in the 152nd Cogswell Medal Race in Halifax, N.S., Sept. 18th. Abbass and teammate Adam Bliss competed the following week at the National Rowing Championships hosted by the Victoria City Rowing Club in Victoria, B.C.

Tobi Cogswell, co-editor of San Pedro River Review, is a Pushcart nominee and co-recipient of the first annual Lois and Marine Robert Warden Poetry Award from Bellingham Ark. She has three chapbooks and her full-length poetry collection "Poste Restante." Tobi spoke at the Dallas Poets Community's First Friday event Oct. 8th.

61-year-old crossing guard Beverly Cogswell was standing in the middle of the roadway Oct. 5th, holding her giant red stop sign – prepared to escort four children across the street – when a large van came speeding down Grandview Avenue. She urged the van to slow down but it veered to the other side of the road, stopped briefly, and continued down Grandview Avenue. The driver of the van returned to the intersection moments later, screaming at her for entering the roadway without warning. During the confrontation, police said Blackmon "bumped" the veteran crossing guard. The driver was due in court Oct. 19th. Beverly has been a crossing guard for 31 years. Photo credit: *Laura Buckman*



This and That

How William Cogswell Chose his Wife

This story is told about how William Cogswell, Jr., (*DJC* 19) chose his wife.

"William Cogswell, when a lad, was out from home by the highway, where some men were trying in vain to relieve a cow who had become choked with a potato. There stood by, also, a young girl, eight or ten years old, who watched with interest every effort made. When all experiments failed, and it was suggested that only by someone thrusting his hand down the cow's throat would the cow be saved, she at once said, 'My arm is small; I can do it best; you hold her mouth.' They did so, and she drew out the potato, to the great relief of the poor cow and all present. The young lad said to himself, 'That young miss, by and by, shall be my wife.' Her name was Martha Emerson; and thus the name of Emerson came into the Cogswell family."

Martha was the daughter of Rev. John and Ruth (Symonds) Emerson. He was the minister at Gloucester, seven miles from the Cogswell Grant, less than a mile further than Ipswich. He finally married little Martha Emerson Oct. 9th, 1685.

William, Jr., was a member of the church, and he signed a petition for John Proctor and Elizabeth Proctor, who were accused of witchcraft in 1692.

Civil War Baseball Game



Sgt. George E. Cogswell (*DJC* 2493) of Co. B, 165th New York Volunteer Infantry (Duryea Zouaves) played in the Hilton Head (S.C.) Baseball Championship on Christmas Day 1862. His team from the 165th, who had arrived on the island a week earlier, played against members of the 47th and 48th New York Infantry Regiments. The game was witnessed by 10,000 Union soldiers and Confederate prisoners. (Other sources say 40,000.) The game gets a two-sentence mention in the official war records of the 165th. The 165th players wore a distinctive uniform – red balloon pants, ornamental cloth jackets, white spats and fezzes with blue tassels, according to records. Civil War records show the 47th and 48th wore blue. One other player, Abraham Gilbert Mills, who would later become the president of the National League, is named but not the positions played nor which side won the game. The "New South" reported that "there were absurd and laughable sports among the men, and a ball match between the 'Van Brunt' and 'Frazer' base ball clubs, which resulted in a victory for the latter." (Both were members of the 47th – same team.) At left, Theodore L. Mitchell, at age 17, is shown wearing the 165th uniform. The ball used in the game, along with a Bible, was recently sold for \$22,040.00. George E. Cogswell died of typhus fever April 16th, 1863, age 20.

Purple Cow Writer Destroys Cogswell Fountain

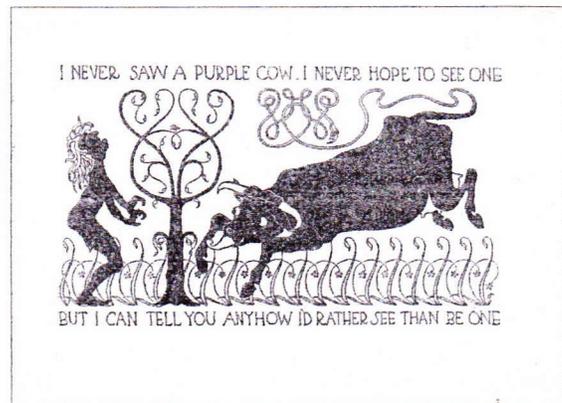
Gelett Burgess was a professor of Technical Drawing at the University of California, Berkeley. He was deeply offended by Dr. Cogswell's self-glorifying statuary – the temperance fountain in San Francisco. Clearly a believer in direct action, Professor Burgess took a sledge-hammer to the statue. Iron trumped marble. The statue was destroyed. But the administration at the University of California, learning of the professor's anti-Cogswellian crusade, promptly terminated his faculty appointment. Burgess was the founding editor of a humor magazine called *The Lark*. Between 1895 and 1897 he contributed many poems to this magazine, including his most famous composition, the full title of which was,

"Purple Cow: Reflections on a Mythic Beast
Who's Quite Remarkable, At Least."

I never saw a purple cow
I never hope to see one;
But I can tell you anyhow,
I'd rather see than be one.

On April 1, 1897, one month before the *Lark* ceased publication, he wrote;

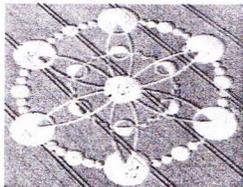
Ah, yes, I wrote the "Purple Cow"—
I'm Sorry, now, I wrote it;
But I can tell you Anyhow
I'll Kill you if you Quote it!



Westbury, Wiltshire, News

On July 7th, pupils from Matravers School in Westbury and the John of Gaunt School, Trowbridge, debated "Sex education is the business of the family, not the school."

David Levy, who lives in Westbury, has been an antiques dealer for almost 50 years. He snapped up the silver plaque of the Kentucky Derby winner, Twenty Grand, when he spotted it at the Southwick car boot sale about a month ago. He sold it for hundreds of pounds to a married couple from Georgia, so it's going back to America. In the blood horse ranking of the top 100 U.S. thoroughbred champions of the 20th century, Twenty Grand ranked number 52.



Two "crop" circles appeared near Westbury, July 27th. These, however, appeared to be on plowed ground, not in crops. Someone says they predict a nuclear fusion explosion somewhere on Earth in the not too distant future, perhaps in the next one to five years.

49-year-old firefighter Martin

Fairley (right) has decided to retire after twenty years at Westbury Fire Station in Meadow Lane. He received his Long Service and Good Conduct Medal on August 2nd from Chief Fire Officer Andy Goves (left.) Mr. Fairley is a manager at Aerocan, which produces aerosols. He says, "Doing two jobs is very demanding. I'm going to miss the guys. They are a great bunch."



14 young people from the 1st Westbury Scout Group started a 10-day adventure to the U.S.A. July 27th. They spent the first night in a hotel near Westbury, Long Island; at least they wouldn't be putting up tents in the dark. They were hosted by the local mounted police unit, visited Sagamore Hill, former home of President Theodore Roosevelt, attended a gala dinner in Westbury with Troop 233 and Cub Packs 233 & 469, helped out with the BSA Cub World parent camp, spent two days in New York

City and tried the local beaches and shopping malls before heading for the airport and home August 10th.

Winifred Tennant (right) from Westbury celebrated her 101st birthday the last full week of August with a birthday tea party at residential home Abbeyfield House where she has lived for six years.



Showman Ken Dean, known as Kondini, of Westbury, Wiltshire, took part in Bridport's magnificent Melplash Show as Doctor Dean's Flea Circus for the first time this year. He allows the human fleas to feed off himself. He said, "You harness them up and they push objects which makes it look like they're doing tricks. They can walk on a tight rope, jump into a tank of water. I get through about a dozen fleas a day when performing but they multiply themselves."



Captain Nicole Evans, 29, from Westbury, a member of the Army Cycling Union women's road racing team has cycled the length of the country to raise awareness of two military charities. She rode solo from Land's End, Cornwall, to John O'Groats, in northern Scotland, in nine days during her summer leave from her posting in Germany to raise awareness of military charities Help for Heroes and The Baton. She set off on the 942-mile journey on August 18, arriving at John O'Groats nine days later.

31-year-old Aaron Collett (right), Westbury, is a postman in Bradford on Avon. He was part of a five-man team to take part in a 187 km. run and cycle from one end of Cyprus to the other. The signalman and his team, who completed the challenge in just under 14 hours, raised £2,561 for the Army Benevolent Fund. "It was probably the toughest thing I've ever done," said Mr. Collett. "The temperature ranged from 22 degrees to 38 and 39 degrees during the hottest part of the day. As the crow flies, it's 187 kilometers, but it's really 228 km. with the mountains and valleys you have to go through."



Francesca Fox, of Westbury, was part of the rhythmic gymnastics team that won bronze at the Commonwealth Games in Delhi, India. She was 11th in all-round individual event and eighth with the rope.

From the Secretary's Desk

The CFA Membership Survey is now complete. In the next few weeks, we will be finalizing the results. Once I have them, I will share them with you in the next Courier.

The CFA Officers and Directors are now meeting virtually on a regular basis (on a telephone conference) about every month or so and we discuss what we think we should be working on. Of course, this is only a small group and what we discuss isn't available to everyone in the association. I think this has been a shortcoming on the association's part. We're trying to resolve this by starting a blog that I will be emailing out periodically.

This 'Blog' will share with you topics that the CFA is considering and it will certainly make you feel more involved in the association. For years, the CFA has been all about reading the Courier and then attending reunions. Some of us feel there is so much more that we can do. This 'Blog' will be an opportunity for you to read what is going on and to ask questions. This 'Blog' will talk about what the CFA is doing and will address questions that you may ask. It will not compete with the Courier or distribute historical articles. It is meant as a communication tool to supplement what the Courier does three times a year. The 'Blog' will be sent out one a month.

This 'Blog' is about life today and what the CFA is doing. I hope you will enjoy reading this and that you will become more involved in the association that we are all part of. If you want to receive a copy of the CFA Blog, send me your email address. My email is ercogswell@frontier.com

Ed Cogswell



Welcome to the Cogswell Family Association, Inc.

Nolen & Ellen Cogswell, Joaquin, Tex. (65th Anniversary gift membership)

Lost Member Found

CFA member Richard Johnson has been found in a convalescent hospital in Long Beach, Calif. He is almost completely blind and no longer able to read or watch television. Our best wishes go to him.

Births

Russell Benjamin, son of William Benjamin and Jenny (He) Cogswell, born June 19th, 2010, in Salinas, Calif.

Paizley Steven, daughter of Tim and Kinzie Cogswell, born June 23rd, in Las Vegas, Nev.

Marriage

Kelly S. Sayers and Jacqueline M. Cogswell, July 3rd, Pierson, Fla.

Keller Cogswell Foster and Julia Celeste Jones, September 25th, Charleston, S.C.

Anniversary

Nolen & Ellen Cogswell, Joaquin, Tex., celebrated their 65th wedding anniversary Oct. 27th. The couple has four children, nine grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

Deaths

Rev. Colby Adams Cogswell, 92, Orinda, Calif., died Nov. 11th, 2009. His wife died in 2006.

Evelyn May Cogswell, 93, Liberty, N.Y., widow of William Lee Cogswell, died April 15th

Ruth F. Cogswell, 71, Seabrook, N.H., widow of Anthony Cogswell, died May 8th

CFA member John B. Root, 87, Los Angeles, Calif., died July 9th

CFA member Halbert Jerry Cogswell, 80, of Holt, Mich., died July 14th.

Ronald L. Cogswell, 67, Indianapolis, Ind., died July 16th

Former Insurance Commissioner Susan Fraher Cogswell, 57, Torrington, Conn, died July 20th.

Patrick Gene Cogswell, 58, Anderson, Calif., died August 5th

John Joseph Matthews, 74, husband of Delores (Cogswell), Grand Anse, N.S., died Aug. 18th

Teresa Cogswell, 85, Lawrenceville, Ga., widow of David Gage Cogswell died September 2nd

Shane Terry-Allen Cogswell, 29, Strasburg, Va., died Thursday, September 9th

Arthur Cogswell, aged 79, Chapel Hill, N.C., died September 29th

Joyce M. Cogswell, age 91, DeWitt, Mich. died October 27th

From the Editor's Desk

On September 3rd, my wife and I celebrated our 50th wedding anniversary. We thought a trip would be nice, but that turned out to be impossible. None of our immediate family lives nearby, so we decided to invite our son and our two grandchildren to visit us, share dinner in a restaurant and see a comedy show that was on locally that night. Our son flew from Calgary, our granddaughter came from Ottawa (although she wanted to stay in Montreal until her boyfriend left) and our grandson and his girlfriend arrived from Toronto. We enjoyed the meal and the show. Our son said he was taking us to lunch the next day at noon. When we arrived, about thirty people were there shouting "Surprise." Some had driven an hour and a half to get there. A basket had cards from some who could not attend. Our son had telephoned the church secretary and got her to arrange the place and invite people. They all wished us – not another fifty years, but as many more anniversaries as we could manage. It has nothing to do with editing the Courier, but was too happy an occasion not to report and this seemed the best place.



About the Cover of this Issue

In 1591, Edward Cogswell and his wife, Alice, built themselves a new house in Westbury Leigh. Presumably, it was in that house that our immigrant ancestor, John Cogswell, was born in 1592. It was a large house and housed not only the family but several servants and the clothier's business as well. Our cover picture is the best one I have seen of that house – better than any I was able to take when I visited. My thanks go to Pam and Larry Cogswell for sharing it. The story of how the Cogswell connection to that house was discovered is known to many CFA members. For the newer members, I plan to retell that story in a 2011 Courier.

More on Immigrant Cogswell Children

We do not know when Mary, Phyllis, Edward, Alice or Ruth Cogswell died.

We know that Mary was living in 1677 when she gave testimony at the Cogswell vs. Cogswell trial, and that Phyllis was living in 1664 when her youngest child was born. It appears that Edward was living in 1675 when he fought in King Philip's War.

Alice and Ruth may have died in England before the family came to America in 1635, but as their burials are not recorded in Westbury where we would expect to find them if they died in England, it seems likely they died in America, perhaps before they were old enough to marry.

The names suggested for Edward's sons are all the names of sons of William. It may be that someone simply gave these boys the wrong father.

Cogswells Running Marathons

Cogswells in Sports for the April, 2011, issue will be about three long distance runners, unless something very exciting turns up before then. At least one of them has run a half marathon. I got to wondering how many Cogswells have done that. A little checking on the Internet and I found 20 Cogswells who have run a half marathon (Andrew, Andria, Barbara, Brent, 3 Chris's, Gaige, Jim, John, Kristen, Leslie, Lisa, Marjorie, Megan, Meghan, Patricia, Paul, Stephen and Susan) and twelve who have run a full marathon (Andrew, Barbara, Gene, Jim, Kristen, Leslie, Meghan, Patricia, Paul, Ryan, Stephen and Susan). Two Cogswells have run a half Iron Man triathlon – swim 1.2 miles, cycle 56 miles and run 13.1 miles: they are Stephen of Billerica Mass. and Ryan of Vancouver, B.C. If you know any Cogswells who have completed one of these three races, please let me know.

Don Cogswell tells me that genealogists are now saying that one half of one percent of all men on earth are descended from Genghis Khan. He doesn't say if any Cogswells are included.



Canadian Connection

Cogswell Archaeologist

Ainslie Ellen Cogswell is an archaeologist and was born in Sydney, Nova Scotia, in 1979. Her parents are Philip George Cogswell and Kathryn Louise MacCormack and she has one younger brother, Charles Douglas Cogswell.

I am currently pursuing a Ph.D. in anthropology at the University of Manitoba and working at an archaeological consulting firm in Winnipeg, Man. I became interested in archaeology at a very early age by flipping through publications from National Geographic.

I completed my undergraduate degree in 2003 and my master's degree in 2006 at Memorial University of Newfoundland (MUN).

Since beginning my career in archaeology I have had the opportunity to work across Canada. I began in my own backyard and spent time between 1999 and 2001 working and volunteering at the Fortress of Louisbourg National Historic Site. From 2002 until 2006, I spent my summers working on various archaeological projects run by faculty at MUN. During this time, I spent time in outport communities on the Baie Vert and Northern Peninsulas excavating Groswater and Dorset Palaeoeskimo sites. In 2006, I spent six weeks excavating a site on Lake Ashuanipi in Labrador. We recovered ancient stone and bone tools, along with the remains of hearths (fire pits) and dwelling structures (houses).

Since graduating with my master's, I have worked for several archaeological consulting firms in British Columbia, Nunavut and Manitoba. Work in the consulting field is related to various provincial, territorial and federal laws that require archaeological impact assessments to be carried out in advance of many types of development that may negatively impact heritage resources such as archaeological sites. Most of the impact assessments I have conducted have been related to forestry work, oil, gas and mineral exploration and extraction processes, hydroelectric development and infrastructure development.

In late 2006, I moved to Prince George, British Columbia, where I went to work for an archaeological consulting firm after completing my master's degree. I spent my first winter in B.C. working on a major excavation; this type of work is not normally conducted at -20°C (4° below 0°F) and colder but we found ways to work around the elements. There is a lot of ingenuity employed in my line of work. This was a particularly interesting site as it was eventually determined to be about 10,000 years old. Other work involved assessing forestry cutblocks, where we looked for archaeological remains buried in the ground and culturally modified trees (CMTs). CMTs are trees that have been stripped of an inner layer of bark that was used as a food source in the spring when the sap begins to run in the tree.



During the summer of 2008, I worked in the Canadian Arctic and spent two months working on northern Baffin Island. Here I was involved in recording archaeological sites that could be potentially impacted by a mine currently under development. Here we recorded archaeological sites ranging in age from 4,000-50 years old, belonging to Palaeoeskimo, Thule and Inuit cultures. These sites consisted of various types of dwelling structures, caches for storing food and the iconic Inuksuk. (Picture left)

Currently, I work for an archaeological consulting firm in Winnipeg, Manitoba, while working towards my Ph.D. Since joining the firm, I have spent the last two summers working throughout northern Manitoba on projects associated with hydroelectric development. Again, this has involved a mixture of archaeological excavation and survey work investigating sites ranging from one hundred to several thousand years old recovering historic artifacts, stone tools and aboriginal pottery.

The job isn't quite as glamorous as it appears in movies and TV. It is a lot of 10-14 hour days spent outdoors in the rain, the sun and the snow from $+30^{\circ}\text{C}$ (86°F) to -40°C (or F) and so many mosquitoes that you may confuse their buzzing for the sound of a creek. However, I have had the opportunity to see more of Canada in the last 12 years than most will see in a lifetime and I hope to continue seeing more of it throughout my career.

Cogswell Gallery, Vail, Colorado



John Cogswell is announcing his retirement from the Cogswell Gallery at its Creekside location in Vail Village, Colorado.

In love with Vail's natural beauty, fishing, hunting and blue-bird powder days, owners John and Patti Cogswell moved to Vail in 1976. Vail had also begun to attract a sophisticated clientele but had not a single art gallery. The Cogswells found what seemed to be a perfect niche for their product: original art and jewelry.

They opened the Squash



Blossom (below) in 1973 and the Cogswell Gallery (above) in 1980. The collection originally consisted of the finest in Southwestern paintings and sculpture and, over the years, it grew into a mixture of the work of Western bronze artists, Impressionist and Western painters, Native American artifacts and furniture from Tibet, Indonesia and Mexico.

It was 40 years ago that the idea for The Squash Blossom was found in what some would consider an unlikely place – the trunk of Uncle Wilton Cogswell's turquoise Cadillac. Reminiscing on what turned out to be a fateful day, John and Patti Cogswell recall when Wilton arrived with his collection of turquoise jewelry. John and Patti, just out of college and unemployed, were sun-bathing at their uncle's house with relatives when the Cadillac pulled up. The jewelry cases were carried from the trunk to the pool and soon everyone had dressed up their bathing suits with handmade Native American jewelry. Patti recalls, "Uncle Wilton gave me a turquoise heishe necklace and I was hooked."

Soon after this, the newlyweds, John and Patti, went into business with Wilton. They opened their first store, The Squash Blossom, in 1973 in Colorado Springs, the home of the Cogswell family. That summer they spent their honeymoon on the Navajo, Hopi, and Zuni reservations. With \$1,500.00 to spend on this first business trip, the two weeks spent on the reservations were filled with the thrill of discovery. Young, in love, and eyes wide open at the new culture they were surrounded by and its beautiful creations, the Cogswells remember the time as one of excitement and adventure. They returned home with a car full of turquoise jewelry, Squash Blossom necklaces, kachinas and pottery. This was the first installment in a business that has brought Patti and John more success than they ever could have anticipated at the young age of 22. In 1980, the Cogswells opened a Southwest fine art gallery, the first gallery to open in Vail Valley. Originally named The Parke Gallery after their new daughter, the name was changed to the Cogswell Gallery after the birth of their son, Slade.

"As the Cogswell Gallery has grown, our artists have all matured and grown and it's been fun to watch that evolution," John Cogswell said.

Now, over 30 years later, the face of Vail has changed. The Cogswell family is happy to narrow its focus to their other stores, The Squash Blossom in Vail and Colorado Springs and other worldly adventures.

Retiring from an establishment with such a long history will not be easy, the Cogswells say. The store has been a catalyst for relationships with amazing clients and loyal artists from all over the world. They have connected family heirlooms to excited owners and played an important part in decorating thousands of valley homes.

"The store has brought such great things to the community, our family and my life," John Cogswell said. "If someone is interested in purchasing the business, I would love see the gallery continue under new ownership. I would be happy to consult with the new owners as they take over this wonderful and fulfilling business."

Tobe Cogswell, Guadalcanal Veteran

When the Japanese bombed Pearl Harbor, Tobe (Theodore) Cogswell, a young man of 24 from Rim County, Arizona, was one of thousands of men who felt compelled to join the war effort and to prevail against the enemy of their time. After tying up a few loose ends at the machine shop he worked at, which was already involved in the war effort, he spent some time with his gal, Roberta, before heading to the recruitment office. There was one more thing he needed to do. Hoping it wouldn't be his last visit, Cogswell made a trip to California to see his mother.

On Jan. 6th, 1942, he enlisted in the United States Marines, knowing that they would be the first to see action. He was sent to basic training. He expected to receive three months training, but found himself on the way to the front sooner than he expected. "We did it in five weeks. Then we were sent up to Camp Lejeune in North Carolina."

Cogswell was placed in intelligence and began to study maps, providing the First Marine Regiment with combat information. That unit sailed from San Francisco on June 21st, 1942, and got to Wellington, New Zealand, some three weeks later. There, they expected additional training, but their orders were changed and they had to reload their ship with combat gear – they were heading for war, in fact, for Guadalcanal.

"You do what you have to do. We just took everything as it came," he said, with a proud smile. By Aug. 7th, Cogswell's regiment had reached the Solomon Islands. Their first experience of the war came when U.S. Navy ships shelled the coastline. By dusk, they arrived at the main island of Guadalcanal without opposition. Cogswell remembers the calmness during his first few days ashore, despite being shelled by Japanese naval guns and planes. "Most of the Japanese forces on the island were Korean laborers building an airfield. They weren't really a threat," said Cogswell.

On Aug. 8th, allied warships, screening transports unloading supplies, were surprised and defeated by a Japanese task force of seven cruisers and one destroyer. However, the really big naval battle took place two nights later on Aug. 10th, near Savo Island. It resulted in the sinking of four allied cruisers. Another cruiser and two destroyers were also damaged in the battle. "The Navy pulled off and left us," Cogswell said. Though food rations were low, Cogswell's unit, as well as other Marines, spent the next few weeks forming a defensive perimeter around the Lunga Point Airfield. Cogswell was in charge of an intelligence crew on the Tenaru River.

Before dawn on Aug. 21st, 1942, the Japanese attacked the Second Battalion, First Marines at this point. Cogswell's intelligence team was at an observation post when they were attacked by approximately 1,000 Japanese soldiers with hand grenades, machine guns and bayonets. The Japanese attack was repulsed with great loss. At daybreak, Marine units counterattacked Japanese Colonel Kiyonao Ichiki's surviving troops. Of the original 917 men of Ichiki's unit, all but 128 were killed in the battle. Cogswell and two other members of his team were wounded in the attack. The unwounded member made his way back through "the bullet-swept zone" to the command post to report the attack. A letter of commendation from Cogswell's commanding officer reads: "These men, rather than withdrawing toward the rear, as was warranted by their line of duty, took position on the front lines with those Marines already entrenched there, engaged in a furious hand-to-hand combat with the enemy, and drove them back with great losses, preventing them from establishing a foothold on the western side of the Tenaru River."

All these men were recommended for the Navy Cross but were awarded the Silver Star, which is the third highest decoration for action in battle. Cogswell also received a Purple Heart for his wounds during the battle. Cogswell, wounded by a sniper, went to New Zealand for treatment while he recovered from bullet wounds. Afterwards, he returned to active duty on Guadalcanal.

On January 9th, 1946, his tenure with the Marines ended.

He went into the printing business and continued for 27 years. The most rewarding element was reuniting with Roberta, whom he married during a leave in July, 1944. Devoted to each other for 67 years, Cogswell remembers fondly the letters she wrote to him during the war. In 1980, they retired to Payson. Today, he is a member of the Marine Corps League, and belongs to an elite group of WWII Veterans who served at Guadalcanal in 1942 and 1943.

Credit: Mitzi Brabb and the Mogollon Connection newspaper.



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