

Cogswell Family Association, Inc.

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Pemaquid, Mass
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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear CFA Members and Friends,

After the very successful annual CFA meeting last August in Salem and Ipswich, Massachusetts, we are now planning our 1991 meeting, which is to be held in Pemaquid, Maine on the last weekend in September. As most of you know, Pemaquid is the site of John Cogswell's landing in 1635 after the voyage from England with his family on the Angel Gabriel. Our banquet speaker will be Dr. Warren Riess, a nautical archaeologist who since 1978 has led a group of historians and archaeologists in the search for the remains of the wrecked ship. We plan to install a plaque commemorating the landing at Pemaquid, and other events are being planned, such as a visit to the museum housing artifacts of the early days and a boat ride to see local sights. Housing plans have not yet been finalized, but our Meeting Chairman, Claire Cogswell Daigle, of Ware, Massachusetts, has been working on the plans with the assistance of Ed Cogswell of Albion, Maine. They will be advising the membership later in the Spring of final plans. Meanwhile, reserve the weekend of September 27-29, 1991 for this event.

The CFA membership has reached the level of 134, about double the level of one year ago. We are striving to double this number within the coming year and would appreciate your help in obtaining new members. A number of our current members have not yet paid their dues for 1991, and invoices are included for their use. We also are sending this newsletter to those who are not yet members but who may wish to support our association.

Sincerely,

Sumter A. Cogswell

HISTORIAN'S REPORT

Compilation of the Cogswell Family Tree is underway. we have purchased and installed ROOTS III, the most advanced computer program available for genealogical work today. As increasing amounts of data are entered into our computer, we will need to add additional memory storage capacity; however, for the immediate future our capacity of 640K RAM will be adequate.

Roots III is a very thorough program and can accommodate almost any data you may have on an ancestor. In addition to entering the data you have

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submitted on the ancestral charts furnished earlier, we are prepared to enter free-style notes where desired. Please feel free to submit as much information as you believe pertinent. Also, please indicate the degree of confidence you have in the information you submit; this will help resolve conflicts when differing data are encountered.

When the current backlog of data has been entered into our computer, the membership will be advised. While data in Jameson will be entered eventually, this latter is a major undertaking and will likely not be realized anytime soon.

If you need ancestral charts for submission of data or if you should have any questions, please feel free to contact me at the CFA address.

Catherine Jo Cogswell
Historian

SECRETARY/TREASURER'S REPORT

As of March 1, 1991, we had 134 members. This is double the number of one year ago, and we hope to double again by March 1992. Approximately 75 invitations to join the CFA have been sent out, and responses continue to arrive. Please send names of potential members to Julius G. Cogswell, Apt 17-R, Lincoln Towers, 150 West End Avenue, New York NY 10023.

My records indicate that about 40 members have not yet sent in their 1991 dues. Please consider this a gentle reminder. I am sure you plan to continue to be part of our exciting group and will continue to support us, both financially and with as much genealogical data as you have. With your help, our genealogical data base will become a significant source of information for Cogswells throughout the world. Your help is vital to progress, especially in these, our early years.

FINANCIAL REPORT FISCAL YEAR 1990

John H. Cogswell
Secretary/Treasurer

RECEIPTS

Annual Meeting Fees	\$ 575.00
Dues Payments	120.00
Contributions	10.00
Interest Received	240.80
Total	\$ 8,945.80

DISBURSEMENTS

Annual Meeting Expenses	\$ 4,265.98
Massachusetts Corporate Tax	456.00
Postage	569.75
Stationery, supplies, etc.	414.86
ROOTS III software	308.00
Total	\$ 6,014.59

CHECKING ACCOUNT	12/31/89	\$ 3,943.07
	12/31/90*	\$ 6,874.28

*(Including \$678.56 in President's Postage Account)

IN MEMORIAM

Lt Cdr. Reginald J. Cogswell passed away on October 18, 1990 at the age of 86 in Dorset, England after a brief illness. He was born and raised in Westbury, Wiltshire almost in sight of the 1591 homestead in Westbury Leigh, where John Cogswell (#1) was born. Reg's research and writings on the family in England contributed greatly to the considerable interest which has developed in the U.S. in Cogswell family heritage. His Cogswells and Cloth in Avon Vale (described elsewhere in this newsletter) is in the hands of many family members. He was a prolific writer, and three books written by Reg were accepted by the National Maritime Museum at Greenwich for inclusion in their archives. Reg was invested by King George VI with the Order of the British Empire for his service as Engineering Officer aboard HMS Exeter during its historic engagement with the Graf Spee off Montevideo in 1939. He will be missed but remembered fondly by his many friends in the U.S.

LUDBOURNE/IVY HOUSE

Those who have been to Westbury to see the 1591 Cogswell homestead may also have visited another Cogswell home and mill known as Ludbourne or Ivy House. This home, about 200 yards from All Saints Church on Church Street, was built in the early 1600s or before, although its history is clouded due to loss of its records in a fire. Edward Cogswell, father of John(#1), used the building for weaving and finishing cloth as well as for housing.

Denis and Kathleen Cooke, owners since 1953, have welcomed numerous visiting Cogswell family members through the years to their historic home and have become warm friends of many of us. The Cookes announced late last year that the home has become too large for them and that they have placed it up for sale. Although the Cookes will be living in a smaller home quite near Ludbourne, we will miss being able to visit with them in this historic home and to hear their fascinating stories of happenings during the early days in the area.

COGSWELL FLAG

Claire Daigle has advised that she flies at her home a flag which displays the Cogswell coat-of-arms in the style used on this newsletter. The flags are made to order by Karen Sierakowski, 302 Beaver Lake Road, Ware MA 01082 (Tel 413-967-9314) for about \$55 plus postage.

PLACES NAMED COGSWELL

Prescott E. Cogswell of Riverside, California, has pointed out the existence of several locations in Arizona and Southern California bearing the Cogswell name:

1. Cogswell Butte in the Grand Canyon. The US Geological Survey approved this name in 1965 to honor Raymond Austin Cogswell(#1202), a photographer with the Julius F. Stone expedition through the canyon in 1909.
2. Cogswell Dam and Cogswell Reservoir near Mt. Wilson in the San Gabriel Mountains northeast of Los Angeles, California. These were named in honor of Prescott's father, Prescott F. Cogswell(#2359), who was active in California agriculture, politics, and education.
3. Cogswell Elementary School in El Monte, California. This was also named in honor of the above Prescott F. Cogswell.

Carolyn Cogswell of Morehead, Kentucky, points out that there was a Cogswell, Kentucky, until the late 1960s, when the Cave Run Lake was constructed and flooded the site. This farm community was located in southern Rowan County along the Licking River and Scott Creek and had its own post office from the third quarter of the 19th century until the 1950s. The Cogswell Cemetery was relocated to New Alfrey. The area is covered by the Rowan/Morehead Road map, available from the Morehead Chamber of Commerce, Main Street, Morehead KY 40351.

Several articles have appeared in recent years about drinking fountains donated by Dr. Henry Daniel Cogswell(#1656), San Francisco dentist and philanthropist, in the name of "temperance" to cities in the U.S. during the early 1880s. While as many as some thirty of these fountains, usually ornately constructed of bronze and granite, were distributed, most seem to have disappeared as vandalism and the ravages of time have taken their toll. At least two of these fountains have recently undergone restoration much to their original style, and a few others are known to still exist in some form or other:

1. Bradford M. Cogswell of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, has furnished an article on the fountain located in Washington, D.C., at the corner of Seventh and Indiana Streets, just off Pennsylvania Avenue. This fountain was accepted by joint resolution of Congress in 1882 and erected in 1884. This small Greek temple with two intertwined dolphins within and a heron poised on its roof was refurbished in 1987. Once again, water runs from the dolphins' mouths in a vain effort to remind intemperate locals of the evils of alcoholic beverages.

2. In 1990, Pawtucket, Rhode Island, reinstalled in Hodgson Park a Cogswell fountain which was erected in 1880 but moved several times since. The bird atop this structure is missing, but the city hopes to locate a replacement. Dr. Cogswell chose this city for a fountain as he obtained his dental training there before heading toward California in 1849.

3. In 1379 San Francisco was the recipient of a Cogswell fountain in the form of a statue of Benjamin Franklin, who symbolized thrift and sobriety. On its 100 anniversary in 1979, a celebration was held at the statue, and a time capsule sealed within at time of erection was opened and its contents examined.

4. Soon after 1884, New York City's Tompkins Square Park was the recipient of a Cogswell fountain similar to one in Washington, D.C., except that a statue of Dr. Cogswell was on its top. Still in Tompkins Square Park, the fountain remains but minus its statue.

5. Other cities understood to have received fountains include Brooklyn, Rochester, Buffalo, and Orwell, N.Y., Rockville, Connecticut, and Fall River, Massachusetts.

Information regarding the status of any of these fountains would be appreciated.

GENEALOGICAL INQUIRIES

Now that the CFA is getting set up for compiling and maintaining genealogical information on Cogswell family members we welcome inquiries on specific relationships. Also, we will attempt to publicize in our newsletter specific requests for family member information. Please address your inquiries to Miss Catherine J. Cogswell, CFA Historian, 1479 Great Plain Avenue, Needham MA 02192.

COGSWELL FAMILY BOOKS

New CPA members will be interested in the availability of three books on the Cogswell family and its background:

1. The Cogswells in America (1635-1884) by E.O. Jameson (1884). This 683-page book provides extensive background and genealogical data on some 2500 descendants of John Cogswell (#1), who emigrated to the Ipswich MA area in 1635 from Westbury Leigh, Wiltshire, England. This high-quality reproduction on acid-free paper with a sewn binding is bound in a variegated green and black leather-like vinyl which has been stamped in gold with the Cogswell crest, title, and author's name. The book is available at \$180 plus \$5 per copy for shipping and handling from Cogswell College, 10420 Bubb Road, Cupertino CA 95014. A lower-quality photocopied book (Item P3-10700) is available at \$97 plus \$5.75 for shipping and handling plus sales tax from the New England Historic Genealogical Society, 101 Newbury Street, Boston MA 02116.

2. Cogswells and Cloth in Avon Vale by Lt Cdr. Reginald J. Cogswell(1983), who was born and raised in Westbury, Wiltshire, England. This 170-page book focuses on John Cogswell(#1) and his parents, who built the Cogswell homestead in 1591 in Westbury Leigh. The book provides much background on the Cogswell family in early England and the atmosphere in which it lived and operated. This book, bound in cobalt blue vinyl and stamped in gold with the title and author's name, is available at \$45 plus \$3 per copy for shipping and handling from Cogswell College, 10400 Bubb Road, Cupertino CA 95014.

3. Cogswell-Haldeman (The Ancestors and Descendants of Asa Ferris Cogswell and Arobin Haldeman, with allied lines) by Helen Cogswell Trostel(1966). This 363-page book is thorough and well-documented, containing some 50 coats-of-arms, charts, maps, family trees, photographs, wills, photostats, etc. The lineage of more than 30 allied lines from time of entry into the family is given back to the 16th or 17th century. The book is available postpaid at \$60 per copy from Anne C. Trostel, 25 Marland Road, Colorado Springs CO 80906.

FUTURE CFA NEWSLETTERS

Items for inclusion in future newsletters are solicited by the editor. Short and concise items are preferred, and some editing may take place. Please submit material to me at 300 Sunkist Lane, Los Altos CA 94022.

Sumter A. Cogswell