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"I neither despise nor fear"

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Cogswell Family Association—Part 4

The Association Grows

by Edward R. Cogswell, Jr.

Review

The Association had held its first Annual Meeting in the Salem/Essex area in 1990 and the membership of the CFA was growing. Still, this issue of tax exempt status hung over this association. If this could not be resolved, the ability for the CFA to continue to operate would be in jeopardy.

The Growth of the Association

Keeping up with the CFA legal requirements, Jack Cogswell submitted the 'Small Business Corporation Excise Return' Massachusetts Department of Revenue on March 10, 1990. This included a check to the state amounting of \$456.

On May 15, 1990 Daniel Flint sent a letter to the Regional Director of Appeals of the IRS in Brooklyn, NY. Here are a few excerpts of that letter:

"The Secretary of the Association received a notice from the Internal Revenue Service that the organization does not meet the requirements for exemption status under 501 (c) (3) of the code and the Association's request for such exemption has been denied. I therefore request on behalf of the officers and members of the Association a conference with the Regional Director of Appeals and provide the following information:

1. *The organization is the Cogswell Family Association, Inc. The address of the organization is c/o Secretary, John Cogswell, 1479 Great Plains Avenue, Needham, MA 02192. The Employer Identification Number is 52-1634921.*
2. *The Association appeals the determination that it fails to meet the requirements of a 501 (c) (3) exempt status organization.*
3. *The date and symbols on determination latter: Date mailed: april 12, 1990; Date delivered: April 25, 1990. Person to contact: Natalie Allen, telephone number (212) 264-7238. Refer reply to: EO:7321. Post Office Box 1680, GPO, Brooklyn, NY 11201."*
4. In this letter of appeal, Daniel listed these Statement of Facts (that I have summarized here):
 - a. A short history of John Cogswell coming to

the America in 1635.

- b. The primary purpose of the Association is educational-historical.
- c. The planned newsletter will be of historic and educational benefit "...and will be sent to libraries and other institutions throughout the United States."
- d. The Association plans to sponsor educational projects for students.
- e. Financial grants and awards will "...be made to encourage young people to enter the teaching field and to study and teach U.S. history."
- f. Sponsor a museum at the Cogswell Grant.
- g. Assist MAHRI in search of the remains of the Angel Gabriel.
- h. Reunions will be attended by the CFA members, and "...all costs involved will be paid by the attendees and no Association funds will be used for such purposes."

Daniel summarized his appeal: *"We believe the Association is not an exclusive organization and membership is open to not only Cogswell descendants, but also all descendants of the other passengers and crew of the Angel Gabriel, as well as those who have no family connection to the ship.*

Our goal and objectives are directed towards educating our citizens in the history of our country and to excite interest in our great American heritage."

On June 14, 1990 Daniel Flint sent a letter to Jack Cogswell (CFA Treasurer and Secretary) voicing his frustration with the IRS and qualifying for 501 (c) (3) non-profit tax exempt status. Here's part of that letter:

"Dear John,

Thanks you for your letter on June 2, 1990. I received a copy of John M. Denver's letter to Cyril and although I realize we have great difficulty in qualifying for 501 (c) (3), I do not think the situation is as bleak as he believes.

It has always been my position in the law to proceed vigorously even though indications of a successful conclusion are not certain. In the past, this positive

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approach has certainly been beneficial. I will keep your apprised of any developments.

The agenda for the Annual Meeting looks interesting and is complete. I will, however, prepare a legal report advising the members of the status of the 501 (c) (3) application."

As the CFA waited for the IRS appeals process to work it's was through the government channels, plans were being made for a Reunion in the Salem-Ipswich area in August, 1990. Jack Cogswell, Sumter Cogswell and Jerome French were working on the plans for an enjoyable reunion. This would include tours of the Cogswell Grant (pictured below), the local cemeteries and the town of Ipswich. On August 13, 1990 Sumter Cogswell wrote a letter to Jack, reviewing what had been accomplished at the CFA Annual Meeting, which was held during the Reunion.



The Cogswell Grant, Ipswich, Massachusetts

Here's a summary of this Annual Meeting in 1990:

- Jack did a great job in holding the Annual Meeting.
- Sumter mentioned that he had recently visited Pemaquid after the Reunion and that it was high on his list of places to schedule the next Reunion.
- Sumter was getting started on the next newsletter. He would work on revising the letterhead. He didn't know where the coat-of-arms and ship came from. [We still use both of these symbols for the CFA.]
- How did the Association make out on this first Reunion? Should we increase Dues? Cyril plans to make a donation to the CFA for endowment use and I'm sure a tax exempt status would encourage him and others.
- There is still some question on how the CFA historical database will be maintained.
- Concerns about getting more members involved to share the load of running the Association.
- Cyril was touched by the card that everyone signed, thanking Cyril for his involvement in the CFA.

Sumter also sent a letter to Daniel Flint telling him that Cyril was elected as the President Emeritus and the



Attendees at the First Cogswell Family Reunion in 1990, in the Salem/Ipswich area of Massachusetts.

Sumter had been moved up to President. Also, he needed a current copy of the CFA Bylaws, so that he is adhering to the requirements.

The Massachusetts Department of Revenue finally responded to the appeal on December 11, 1990:

"Dear Taxpayer,

Massachusetts Department of Revenue records indicate that Cogswell Family Association, Inc, is organized under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 180 as a non-profit domestic corporation.

To qualify for an exemption from the Massachusetts corporate excise under Massachusetts General Laws Chapter 63 Section 30, (1), a corporation must be exempt from taxation under the provisions of section 501 of the Internal Revenue Code.

Cogswell Family Association Inc has not met that federal test. Therefore, a corporation must file the Domestic Business or Manufacturing Corporation Excise Return for each year in existence.

If you have any further questions, please call me at the above phone number.

Sincerely,

Madeline R. Mattera

Determinations"

Persistence

Frankly, this part of the story is pretty amazing to me. The Association was formed in late 1989, and not quite two years later the Association is struggling to get tax-

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exempt status approval from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts. Of course, Massachusetts is waiting for the IRS, and there lies the problem! Daniel Flint, the lawyer for the CFA, is telling us to be patient and stay the course. Looking back, it seems pretty obvious that the CFA qualifies, but getting agreement from the government (both state and federal) continues to be an issue.

Here in 1991, Sumter Cogswell, who is working on the next Reunion in Pemaquid, Maine, sent out a letter to Jack Cogswell on May 9, 1991. It seems Pemaquid is a natural follow-up to the 1990 CFA Reunion in the Salem/Ipswich area of Massachusetts. Sumter mailed out 147 newsletters to find out how many members of the CFA were interested in attending the next Reunion. You can sense some frustration here, as the CFA continues to send out newsletters to potential members, but these people are not all joining the Association. So, you can sense that there will come a time when only paying CFA members will reap the benefits of membership in the CFA. Sumter also mentions that he believes that we should find someone to audit our finances, and that the CFA should form a nominating committee for new members. On all these issues, Sumter was asking for Jack's opinion.

Another Newsletter (#5) was sent out by Sumter in September, 1991. [The CFA Newsletter would not become the 'Cogswell Courier' until April, 1994.] In this newsletter they update everyone on the next Reunion, which is to be held between September 27th and 29th, and that 60 members have committed to attend. Claire Daigle, who would become the next Secretary of the CFA, is coordinating this activity. Sumter writes in this Newsletter:

“Activities at Pemaquid will center around John Cogswell and family and their arrival there on the Angel Gabriel in 1635. Dr. Warren Riess, the nautical archaeologist searching for the wreckage of the ship, promises to be a most interesting dinner speaker, and dedication of a bronze plaque commemorating the arrival will be historic. Local museums and a boat ride to Monhegan Island, weather permitting, will also be on the agenda. We hope for fall weather with colorful leaves. Be sure to bring warm clothing, as the weather could be nippy.”

As with all CFA Reunion's, the Annual Meeting was scheduled as part of this Reunion. This year was no exception. The Annual Meeting would include nominations for CFA Officers and Directors in 1992. Here's an excerpt from the Newsletter:

“NOMINATIONS FOR THE YEAR 1992

At the annual meeting in Pemaquid, election of officers and directors for the coming year will be held. The following list of recommendations by the Nominating Committee is presented for your consideration, but nominations from the floor will be sought at the meeting.

<i>President Emeritus</i>	<i>Cyril Gray Cogswell</i>
<i>President</i>	<i>Sumter Aldage Cogswell</i>
<i>First Vice President</i>	<i>William Harvey Cogswell, III</i>
<i>Second Vice President</i>	<i>Arnold Cogswell</i>
<i>Secretary & Treasurer</i>	<i>John Heyland Cogswell</i>
<i>Legal Counsel</i>	<i>Daniel Waldo Boon Flint</i>
<i>Historian</i>	<i>Catherine J. Cogswell</i>
<i>Assistant Historian</i>	<i>Julie A. Cogswell</i>
<i>Chaplain</i>	<i>Rev. A. Charles Cogswell Cannon</i>
<i>Directors (1990-1992)</i>	<i>Cyril Gray Cogswell</i> <i>John Heyland Cogswell</i> <i>Sumter Aldage Cogswell</i> <i>Daniel Waldo Boone Flint</i>
<i>Directors (1991-1993)</i>	<i>John Marshall Cogswell</i> <i>Margaret Price Cogswell</i> <i>Anne Cogswell Trostel</i> <i>Rev A. Charles Cogswell Cannon</i>
<i>Directors (1992-1994)</i>	<i>Julius G. Cogswell</i> <i>Prescott E. Cogswell</i> <i>Claire Cogswell Daigle</i> <i>John B. Little”</i>

Other items on the Agenda:

- Future Meetings – “The choice of Salem (Ipswich) and Pemaquid for our first two annual Meetings has almost depleted our list of locations in the United States directly associated with ancestor, John Cogswell.”
- CFA Genealogical Program – there are 592 individual records entered in the database, but only 60 can be traced back to Jameson. The Historian encourages everyone to keep digging for information on their ancestors, and encourages the use of ‘The Church of Christ of Latter-Day Saints; their Family History Library (FHL)’ which is in Salt Lake City, Utah. This information can be accessed through 1100 Family History Centers around the country.
- Cogswell's in the Civil War – Edward Cogswell is assembling information about Cogswell's in the Civil War.

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- Salem Meeting Photos – members have asked for copies of pictures taken at the 1990 CFA Annual Meeting. Due to the extremely high price put on these pictures by the photographer, Jack Cogswell is giving the photographer another opportunity to revise his prices so that he can get more business from the CFA.
- Questionable Publications – many places around the country are offering information about Cogswell family history, but most have very little value. CFA members are encouraged to be cautious about these publications.
- Missing Pages – apparently several people had purchased reprints of the ‘Cogswells in America’ and the ‘Cogswells and Cloth in Avon Vale’ from Cogswell College, and found some pages missing.
- CFA Membership List – as of the writing of this Newsletter there were 150 dues-paying members.

Future CFA Newsletters – a call by the editor for new items to be printed in the next newsletter

On the following day, the CFA Plaque at Pemaquid Point was dedicated. A nice review of this dedication can be found in the CFA’s #5 Newsletter:

“On the morning following the formal meeting, the group enjoyed a boat trip and visit to Mohegan Island. Twelve miles off Pemaquid Point and the site of America’s first fishing grounds. In the afternoon at Pemaquid Point Park, CFA President, Sumter A. Cogswell, dedicated a 16” x 20” bronze plaque memorializing the arrival of John Cogswell and family in North America. The plaque, set in a boulder, includes the Cogswell coat-of-arms and the following statement:

*NEAR THIS SITE ON AUGUST 14, 1635
JOHN COGSWELL AND FAMILY FROM WESTBURY LEIGH,
WILTSHIRE, ENGLAND, FIRST SET FOOT IN AMERICA.
THEY ARRIVED ON THE SHIP ANGEL GABRIEL, WHICH
WAS WRECKED HERE ON THE FOLLOWING DAY IN A
VIOLENT STORM.
THE FAMILY SETTLED IN IPSWICH, MASSACHUSETTS.
DEDICATED ON SEPTEMBER 28, 1991
AT PEMAQUID POINT, MAINE BY
THE COGSWELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION*

The text of the dedication is as follows:

We are gathered here today to memorialize the arrival in North America of John Cogswell and family on

August 14, 1635, only 15 years after the arrival of the Pilgrims.

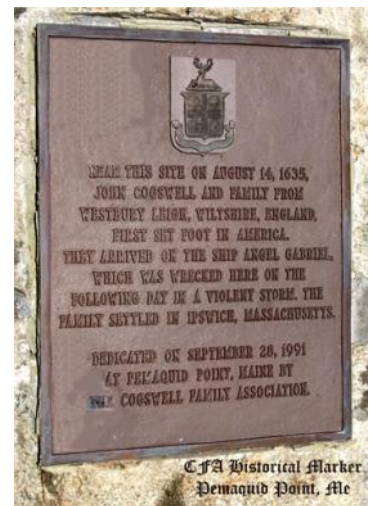
John was born in 1592, almost 400 years ago, in Westbury Leigh, Wiltshire, England. He was at least a third generation clothier, a weaver of high-quality woolen cloth, and was very successful in this trade.

England historically exported much of its production in undyed condition to Europe, where the cloth was dyed and resold. This very lucrative market was largely lost, beginning in 1614, when King James prohibited the export of undyed cloth and by the Thirty Years War in Europe, which soon followed. Clothiers had the choice of sharing the small local market or going out of business. John chose the latter course.

John Decided to emigrate to New England, so he sold his several properties and sailed from Bristol on June 4, 1635 together with his wife, Elizabeth, three sons, five of his six daughters, servants, furniture and household items, tools and implements, and money. Their ship was the 240-ton Angel Gabriel, built for Sir Walter Raleigh’s use as a privateer and later sold for merchant use.

After an 18-day period of maneuvering along the coast to obtain the proper wind, the ship departed Milford Haven, Wales, on June 22. Fifty-three days later the ship dropped anchor at Pemaquid, and most of the passengers went ashore for the night. On the following morning a violent storm wrecked the ship, and John and his family began their life in this new land. This plaque is dedicated to their memory.”

The Reunion in Pemaquid was a great success, but once again the financial status of the association needed to be addressed. The CFA needed help from the government and there was still an issue of how they could continue operating with limited funds. We’ll see what happens next in the conclusion of ‘Cogswell Family Association Beginnings’.



Plaque installed by the CFA and dedicated at Pemaquid Point on September 28, 1991.

2022 CFA Reunion—Michigan

By Brenda &
Carolyn
Cogswell



Well, it's official. The Cogswell Family Association 2022 Reunion.... Errrr..... 2021 Reunion held in 2022 (due to COVID restrictions) is in the history books! The location was Southgate, Michigan, hosted by Carolyn & Brenda Cogswell at the Wyndham Garden hotel

Thank you very much to all that attended the reunion. It was very enjoyable discovering the vast Detroit Metro area, getting reacquainted with distant cousins AND MOST OF ALL, getting to know NEW DISTANT COUSINS!

IT WAS A BLAST!

Thursday, June 25th, started with a "Meet and Greet" gathering at the Host Hospitality Suite. Attendees were greeted with custom made heritage lineage badges. There were various postings of local area "Things to Do" to review. In addition, there were local made products available for consumption; Sanders chocolates, Better Made potato chips, and Atwater Brewery beverages along with many other snacks and beverages. "YES" Better Made potato chips ARE better! Just ask Ed (the CFA Secretary). ;-) Thank you to one of our newest found cousins, Bradford Cogswell, for the local refreshments. They were all yummy! Bradford also volunteered to be the local concierge and brought even more ideas for adventures. Way to go Bradford for being such a valuable asset to the Reunion attendees.

There were lively discussions on travel adventures to the reunion location. Some came in by

plane/car from Washington State via Baltimore MD. Other's driving through Canada or through Pennsylvania using the Turnpike. No matter the adventure getting to the Reunion, everyone was Happy to put their feet up and relax for awhile.

The group headed to nearby Wyandotte for dinner at [Whiskey's on the Water](#) and then a brief stroll with a small breeze along the Detroit river. Those nasty pesky mosquitoes chased us to our cars and we resumed at the Hospitality Suite where more stories and tails were told, some were likely pretty tall tails!



Friday, June 26th, was a full day of "explore on your own" activities which included; the DIA ([Detroit Institute of Art – Van Gogh exhibit](#)), [Cranbrook House and Garden tour](#), touring a [Frank Lloyd Wright house](#), visiting [Third Man Pressing](#) to see how vinyl records are made or just lazing near the Detroit river at [The Waterfront Wyandotte restaurant](#). [The Henry Ford](#) (Greenfield Village and Museum) were also places visited. In the evening, some went to the local premier of the [ELVIS movie](#) while others dined at [Mallies Sports Bar](#).

Saturday, June 27th, was another full activity day. Some revisited Third Man Pressing with more recently arriving attendees. Unfortunately the CFA General Meeting was cancelled due to technical difficulties but was rescheduled for July 16th at 2:00pm ET. The CFA Banquet began at 5 PM and had an attendance of 30 persons at the Hungarian Rhapsody restaurant. We were ecstatic to have a couple of previously unknown to us local cousins at the Banquet. A delicious buffet dinner was served with Roast Beef, mashed potatoes, green beans, baked cod, rice, baked chicken, salad, bread and of course a delicious in house made cake desert. YUMMY!

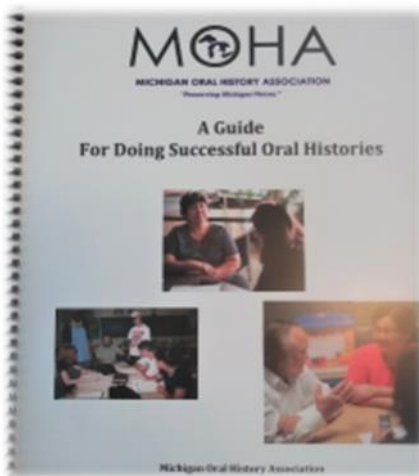
Upon entry, each attendee was given a raffle ticket for a random drawing of door prizes including;

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Banquet Speaker, Jim Cameron President of [Michigan Oral History Association](#),

a Michigan insulated carry bag, a [Michigan Leelanau](#) bottle of wine and a jar of Michigan made Sanders Chocolate Carmel Sea Salt candy. The Banquet Speaker, Jim Cameron President of [Michigan Oral History Association](#),



why capturing oral history is so very important and also artfully brought the Cogswell Family heritage into the speech. Job Well Done and our Thanks go out to him. Jim was gracious enough to also contribute four [MOHA memberships](#)

which each includes a copy of MOHA's "A guide to Doing Successful Oral Histories". These MOHA membership gifts were handed out to various Banquet attendees. Our congratulations go out to Ed/Deb, Loyd/Lindsay, Roger/Sandy, and Brenda/Carolyn.

Sunday, June 28th, was yet another fun filled day for those staying on. We started with a 2 hour drive using the highway or scenic roads, depending on which route you took. The scenic route is through many local towns; Saline, Clinton, Brooklyn, Artesian Wells, past the famous MIS speedway, through

the Irish Hills with its Fire Lookout Towers, past [Cherry Creek Winery](#) and on to picturesque Hillsdale Michigan. The local Ohio/Michigan William Edward Cogswell Sr. clan has been getting together since 1951 originally known as the Allion Reunion so named after his wife's family name. Wm. Ed Sr.'s first wife was Mabel Allion and some years after her passing, he married her sister Zelma Allion (this author's Grandmother) and although small, she was indeed a force to be reckoned with. Our special CFA quests were welcomed by Pres. Dewane Cogswell, a prayer by Joe Cogswell followed by A WONDERFUL



potluck lunch. There is always plenty to eat at this reunion. We had a local reunion meeting reviewing old business and introducing new business. The 2023 local Cogswell Reunion will be held the 4th Sunday of June at Spokes restaurant in Pioneer, Ohio. At the conclusion of the reunion meeting, we had a raffle drawing to give away three booklets of "A brief History of the Cogswell Family" by Donald James Cogswell and Denis Lyman Cogswell. This reunion concluded with joyful nudging in taking the group photo(s) inside the building and outside with the local Cogswell Family Reunion sign. Sorrowfully we said our goodbye's to some of the CFA Reunion attendees, who were not returning to the hotel, and to the local family reunion members. Some CFA attendees adventured into Hillsdale and self-toured the beautiful campus of nearby [Hillsdale College](#). Upon return to the hotel, several remaining CFA Reunion attendees gathered at the Hospitality Suite and recounted the events of this and prior days. A light dinner consisted of potluck "to go containers" before retiring for the day. Love those desert whips!

2022 CFA Reunion—Michigan

Everyone said “Goodbye” as the next morning was to be full of packing and hitting the road.

Monday, June 29th, was the final day and Check Out. The remaining CFA attendees were making the most of the area and heading to Niagara Falls (from the Canadian side) and Toronto before returning to Detroit Metro Airport towards their final leg home.

Meeting and getting to know newly found cousins was an additional goal of this Reunion and I believe this WAS SUCCESSFULLY accomplished. Attendees came from local (Michigan and Ohio) and faraway (Washington, Florida, New York, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania,

See Y’all at the 2024 CFA Reunion: Charleston, South Carolina. Host: Edna Roberds



Those wild Cogswell girls



At Greenfield Village

Attendee comments of the 2022 Southgate Michigan CFA Reunion:

“ I had a great time meeting everyone and visiting Michigan. I went to the Ford Museum and took the tour. I also enjoyed the driving tour of the green landscape of Michigan and the fresh air. “ – Janine (Everett MA)

“Our CFA 2022 Reunion was a great success. Although many did not attend due to inflation and the Pandemic, those who DID attend were served an all-around treat.

It’s always great to rub elbows with cousins, and even greater to have a banquet and speaker to add to the event.

The banquet food was top notch, and the speaker helped us to understand the importance of documenting your family history through recording audio and video.

This is something we all KNOW we should do, but sometimes procrastinate until it’s too late.

Going to the local Cogswell Reunion, in it’s 70th year, was also special. Traditions are important, and should continue. We were honored to be invited and there.

We look forward to the next CFA Reunion in Charleston SC 2024!” – Howard (CFA President, Jacksonville FL)



Cake for 70th anniversary of Michigan Cogswells

2022 CFA Reunion—Jim Cameron

By Edward R. Cogswell, Jr.

When we wake up in the morning, go to work, talk to people and listen to what is going on in the world we probably don't realize that we are watching, seeing and listening to tomorrow's history. Once the events of today unfold, what is left is the history of what occurred. We can choose to let that memory of the past dissolve, or we can capture it for future generations. What we decide to do with this memory impacts what the future will recall of what happened today.



history! The Cogswell's have an extensive family tree, a webpage and a Facebook page. All of these allow us to save history that may be lost in time, if we don't take advantage of the opportunity to save it.

Every two years the CFA has a Reunion, and I'm sure Cogswell families across the country have their regional reunions with local family members as well. During this time, we must accomplish

as many recordings of Cogswell stories that we can get, and eventually those recordings can be converted to written format for future generations.

During the 2022 Cogswell Family Association Reunion we were introduced to a way to capture these memories and conserve them for the future. During the Reunion Banquet, we were fortunate to have Jim Cameron as our speaker. Jim currently serves as the President of the Michigan Oral History Association and has extensive experience in oral history. He taught Michigan History and U.S. History at Saline High School for 37 years. During this time, he incorporated oral history into his classroom activities. Cameron's book, "Voices over the Valley, An Oral History of Saline Valley Farms," earned the Historical Society of Michigan's (HSM) Award of Merit in 2005. Other history activities include State and National History Day judge, board member and Co-Creator of HSM's Center for Teaching Michigan History, member of the Saline Historical Society, HSM board member, chair of History Society or Michigan's Education and Conference Committee, and co-chair of the Local History Conference.

Jim explained to us that every Cogswell has a story, but those stories can be lost if they are not recorded while those who have those memories are still with us. In today's technology we can not only save the words of these stories, but the voices of those story tellers as well! We only have so much time to do this, however, before they pass int

Jim had done some research on the Cogswell family, prior to the banquet, and he shared some of what he had learned. Though these stories are closely related to oral tradition, storytelling and folklore, oral history focuses on first-hand encounters and experiences of the person being interviewed. There is a quiet movement taking place in this country that seeks to record personal histories that will preserve our lives as we grow older, making the details of our time on earth available to our descendants in the future.

For example, name the Cogswell who, by his Will of February 25, 1775, bequeathed to his son Francis [253] his dwelling house, his best schooner "Deborah", his flake room and stages and "Jeffries Neck". This was Francis [93] Cogswell, Esq. There is so much more we should know of Francis, but little has been written down for future generations to learn from, and once Francis and his family had passed on that opportunity was lost!

So, we can all play a role in preserving oral history. Who will you ask? Think of those that were not in attendance at this banquet, or those that we know that have already passed on. The sooner we get motivated to ask them, the better. The opportunity will not be there forever!

2022 CFA Reunion—Jim Cameron

Oral histories over the phone can be quite successful with today's technology. A sample of questions to ask are:

- When is their birthday?
- Where did they grow up?
- What is their favorite holiday?
- Were they in the military?
- What was their first job?
- Do they have a hobby?
- Do they collect things?
- What was their first car?

These questions should be prepared by the interviewer ahead of time, and may differ from one person to another. These questions should be open ended, so that the answers need to be more than a yes or no answer.

Here's another question for you from the history of the Cogswell's; Name the Cogswell daughter that remained behind in 1635, and is often referred to as the "unnamed daughter". Her name was Phyllis Cogswell, and that is a matter of record, but why did she stay behind? Did she marry? Did she have children? What are some key moments that were part of her life? These questions needed to be asked when she was alive. Once she passed on, it was too late! We may never know the answers to any of these questions.

As you prepare to interview someone, research the topic of their life first. Check biographical data sheets, libraries, universities, museums and the internet. Then create and organize your questions, and prepare the equipment you will use. Remember that oral history is the systematic collection of living people's testimony about their own experiences. Oral history is not folklore, gossip, hearsay or rumor.

Here's another question from the history of the Cogswell's; Name the Cogswell who, in 1883, founded 'Cogswell's School of Phonography and Calligraph Institute' in New Haven, Connecticut. His name was Frederick Hull [6181] Cogswell. Why did Frederick do this? Why was the study of the science of sound important to him? We may never know!

Remember the following when you are interviewing:

- Know the content of your question
- Use open ended questions
- Use two-part questions, that lead into other follow-up questions
- Ask them the questions, and allow them to fill in the details. Don't complete the answers for them.
- No trivia questions. You don't want them to feel uncomfortable if they don't know the answer.
- Be curious.
- Don't interrupt

Some items you can use to form questions and stimulate answers of your interviewee:

- Family photos
- Certificates
- Trophies
- Letters
- Keepsakes
- Diaries
- Yearbooks

The Cogswells are a family rich in history, and today the Cogswell's that are with us have lived full and detailed lives. Today is our opportunity to learn what they have done, before they pass away and this knowledge is lost forever. We all have the opportunity to capture these details, but the clock is ticking. Each of our families is like individual links in a long chain. History will show that these links are connected, but without an effort on our part, we'll never learn the experiences of each 'link'. We owe it to future generations to help preserve the experiences of the past.

Jim Cameron clarified that the Michigan Oral History Association (MOHA) was formed to document the history of the families in Michigan, but this can be used by anyone anywhere in the world that wants to document the history of the living for the benefit of their descendants.

The Continued Search for the Angel Gabriel

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Tom Desjardin is looking for an old ship. Actually, it's a very old shipwreck, having sunk in 1635.

The Hallowell (Maine) resident and director of the state's Bureau of Parks and Lands learned about the Angel Gabriel through talking to University of Maine professor Warren Riess, who spent years trying to locate the ship in the 1970s.

The Angel Gabriel had set sail from England in May 1635, headed to New England with supplies and travelers making their way to the New World. Known to have wrecked off the coast of Bristol during a storm on that voyage, the ship has eluded searchers over the years. But with more sophisticated technology now available, Desjardin is hopeful the ship soon might be discovered on the ocean floor.

He said the Angel Gabriel reached Pemaquid — a village now known as Bristol — on Aug. 14. The village was bustling with industry, reliant on the fur trade and salt cod. "It was becoming important because Europe was becoming more urbanized," Desjardin said. "It was thriving as a small community."

The ship, described as half cargo ship and half warship, anchored somewhere in the bay and most of its passengers disembarked. Pemaquid was a pit stop on the way to northern Massachusetts. But the Great Colonial Hurricane hindered the ship's plan to go south.

According to the University of Rhode Island's "Hurricanes: Science and Society," the storm swept by the Jamestown Colony in Virginia without causing any damage. Prominent Massachusetts Bay Colony leader John Winthrop wrote that the storm blew with "such violence" and "abundance of rain." The surge from the storm was about 20 feet in Rhode Island. The storm toppled trees, destroyed homes and blew ships off their anchors. It was likened to a Category 3 hurricane, compared to modern storms that caused similar damage.

Riess, associate professor of history at UMaine, said the storm pulled the Angel Gabriel apart, destroying the 240-ton vessel and taking four lives with it. "It burst into pieces while at anchor; the hull probably pulled apart," he said. "It doesn't happen a lot nowadays, but with the wooden ships it (did)."

The descendants of London merchant **John Cogswell** dedicated a plaque near the harbor in 1991, commemo-



The Mayflower II, a replica of the Mayflower, is similar in appearance to the Angel Gabriel, a ship that sank in 1635 off the coast of Maine. Tom Desjardin, a Hallowell resident and director of the state's Bureau of Parks and Lands, is trying to locate the shipwreck. Photo courtesy of Robert Linsdell via Flickr.

rating their family's arrival, and it mentions the shipwreck. Another plaque was dedicated to the event in 2010, right outside of Pemaquid Harbor, where the Angel Gabriel met its fate.

Many of the ship's passengers hopped onto the next boat to Massachusetts and eventually settled there.

Riess, 71, searched for the ship while living at home in Bristol as a graduate student in the late 1970s. His search involved number of boat outings, dives and different types of technology.



Warren C Riess, University of Maine, Emeritus

He said his search turned up a few "anomalies" — noticeably disturbed areas on the sea floor — but nothing substantial was ever found. "We had some anomalies in the magnetic field, and that's about it," he said. "We didn't expect to find anything, and we didn't, mostly just rock formations."

Riess said the ship was built for English explorer Sir Walter Raleigh's last expedition to the New World in 1617. The ship then was purchased by merchants in Bristol, England, before it was drafted into a Spanish fleet, and then eventually bought by a trading post owner in Pemaquid. The Angel Gabriel is likened to the Mayflower in style, but it was 18 feet longer and had 18 cannons instead of the Mayflower's 10.

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Using a magnetometer, a device that measures magnetic force, Riess hunted to find any anomalies in the Pemaquid Harbor. The only area he did not search thoroughly was the mooring area for boats in the bay, because the presence of boats would have complicated the device's readings. "There are lots of chains and concrete blocks and expensive boats," he said. "We didn't want to drag electronics along there and get that all riled up."

Riess stopped searching in the 1980s and published a book about his efforts, titled "Angel Gabriel: The Elusive English Galleon," in 2001. The search was put off until Desjardin picked it up this year after participating in an archaeological dig at the site. For the past few months, he and a small crew have been mapping the bottom of the harbor, noting new anomalies along the sea floor. "I always was interested in it, and it bothered me that it was just sitting there," Desjardin said. "We've got to find this silly ship."

He said the ship is a priceless artifact and people would be interested worldwide if it were discovered. "It's priceless in terms of the information we can glean from it," Desjardin said. "It's literally a time capsule. "It doesn't have stacks of gold bars, but the historical value is really great," he added. "There's probably 400-year-old bottles of wine down there."

Riess said the discovery of the ship would confirm — or challenge — what historians know about ships built in the 1600s. "The ship itself would be an important artifact because we don't know much about the merchant ships from that time period," he said. "We could learn a lot about the technology of the time."

The bureau, which is funding the search, contracted help from the Department of Marine Resources' Maine Coastal Mapping Initiative in the search. Desjardin said the initiative uses a ship with an "echosounder" to map the sea floor, and mapping this portion of the ocean fits with a goal to map the whole coastline's floor.

Ben Kraun, a hydrographer at the department of marine resources, operates the echosounder system and oversees processing of the data. He said the initiative found an unmapped shipwreck near Pemaquid Point last year.

This technology — which maps the physical features of the sea floor — is useful for finding anomalies. After they are found, Desjardin said, he drags a GoPro camera through the water in hope of getting a better look at the anomaly, but it's an imperfect system that yields low-quality images of the area. A submarine or an underwa-

ter drone would take clearer images, but the search has cost limitations.

Desjardin said he is hoping a major discovery will surface and whip up buzz, leading to other parties perhaps being willing to lend their time and resources to the expedition. "There are a whole lot of others who would like to be part of it," he said, "but you got to pull a cannon out of the water. Then lots of people would become very interested."

Desjardin said the ship's cannons should be easy to find, as a large group of iron guns would not decompose in the seawater and would show up clearly. "Cannons don't rot," he said. "Some of them come out looking like they just came off the ship."

He said his group has mapped John's Bay and Pemaquid Harbor almost entirely, with only the mooring area uncharted. The next step for Desjardin and his crew is to check the newest anomalies and then map the mooring area that Riess was unable to map.

Riess was hopeful that improvements to technology would yield better results than his endeavor almost 40 years ago.

"A good mooring place then is probably a good mooring place now," Riess said. "There's a good chance that it was in those mooring areas. "It (was) hard to ask a harbormaster if we could dig everything up," he said.

Riess, citing his advancing age and workload as a professor, is not participating in the search now. He said he gave Desjardin his old research materials and has spoken to him about the ordeal.

"The interest is there, but the time isn't," he said. "If (Desjardin) finds the ship, I'll buy the champagne."

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Ben Kraun monitors data from the multibeam echosounder system this year while out on the Amy Gale searching for the wreck of the Angel Gabriel in Bristol. Photo courtesy of Tom Desjardin

Marilyn Cogswell—U.S. Marine

When **Marilyn Cogswell** enlisted in the Marines in 1951, she was entering during a point of massive transition within the military for women. Following World War II, the United States military rapidly scaled down from 12 million troops in 1945 to 1.5 million by 1948 and the women's programs were no exceptions. Only a handful of women were allowed to remain in, mostly as advisors and advocates which would prove useful in pushing through the Women's Armed Forces Integration Act, signed by President Truman in 1948. While a major revolution that allowed women to serve on active duty alongside men, it was still very limiting in several ways.



For instance, only two percent of the total force could be women on active duty, though the reserve components had no cap. The Marines, specifically, only allowed for 100 officers, 10 warrant officers, and 1,000 enlisted women by June 1950, just before the outbreak of the Korean War. Additionally, while entitled to the same pay, leave, allowances, and benefits as men, a married woman's husband or children was not considered a dependent unless she provided the chief support for income. The military overall had regulated women away from positions that they had previously held during war, mainly only allowing them into administrative duties. This shortsightedness was evident when the Korean War started. Women were still barred from combat roles or vessels and aircraft that might see combat, and still seen as a way to free up men to fight overseas. But, in only allowing them into administrative duties, it took time to rebuild those schools and integrate them to their new billets. During this, combat divisions were sorely lacking in fighting strength overall. 1951 would see massive expansions to this, as mobilization issues became evident, but women were still restricted to serving stateside.

This is the United States Marine Corps that Marilyn entered. Upon graduating her basic training at Parris Island, she would be stationed at Camp

Lejeune and selected to be an artist. Shortly after her assignment, she would marry a fellow marine, John MacDougall, Jr, and begin a family with him, having twins. The policy on these types of matters has been outlined some above, but a woman could ask for administrative discharge based solely on marriage as long as they had completed a year of service if enlisted, reflecting the society's general negative attitude against married women who worked. When factoring motherhood, a 1943 study group set policy on the matter that would last until 1970. It stated that:

It is believed that pregnancy and motherhood *Oso facto* interfere with military duties. . . , Granting of maternity leave would result in having ineffectives (sic); replacement could not be procured while the woman remained on the active list; and the mother of a small child would not be readily available for reassignment. Necessary rotation of duty assignments would require the family unit to be broken up for considerable periods of time, or at least until the husband made the necessary provisions to establish the home at the mother's new duty station . . . It is believed that a woman who is pregnant or a mother should not be a member of the armed forces and should devote herself to the responsibilities which she had assumed, remaining with her husband and child as a family unit.

Without Marilyn's discharge papers, it can only be assumed that she either asked for separation, as she had done a year of service, or was discharged for having children. She and her husband would have six children all together, though tragically four of them would pass before adulthood. Still, Marilyn's resolve in life carried her through those impossible times. She is pictured in our Veterans Portrait Project Gallery, which was taken by Stacey Pearsall. Her photo includes both a picture of her while she served and one of Marilyn in 2017, her a year before Marilyn herself passed away.

Cogswell Tower Restoration

CENTRAL FALLS, RI – Wandering through Jenks Park and following the paths that wind around the historic Cogswell Tower, one might find themselves being pulled back in time.

With recent grant awards, Central Falls officials plan to restore this defining city symbol to its full glory. During her budget address on May 9, Mayor Maria Rivera announced the first two phases of work will begin on the city's master plan. These phases include construction of a new playground with safe, modern equipment and the restoration of Cogswell Tower to make it safer for residents and visitors to enjoy.

The city was awarded \$400,000 from the Rhode Island Department of Environmental Management for development and renovation of recreation facilities which will be used for improvements to the Jenks Park Playground. The grants, which require a community match, are funded through 2021 Beach, Clean Water and Green Bond proceeds. Planning and Economic Development Director Thomas Deller said this money will be used to pay for purchase and installation of the playground equipment, park site furnishings, lighting, and landscaping.

"We hope to bid the project by middle to late June, award bid late July and break ground around Aug. 1," said Deller.

Deller said the city had drawn up a refurbishment master plan for the restoration of the Cogswell Tower and the 4.5 acre Jenks Park a couple of years ago. The plan was divided into two phases, knowing it would be difficult to fund and complete all at once. According to Deller, the city estimates it will cost a little more \$2.5 million to restore all elements of the park as they were in their "glory days." In total, including the May grants, the city has acquired \$1 million toward this goal.

"It's a historic park, and we've got to respect that historic character, yet we have to bring it up to use for today," Deller said.

According to the written history of the tower on the Central Falls city website, Jenks Park was built in 1890 by



With recent grant awards, Central Falls plans to restore the defining city symbol of the Cogswell Tower at Jenks Park to its full glory. Photo by Zack DeLuca

Albert Humes and was a gift to the city from Alvin Jenks, a descendent of early industrialist Captain Stephen Jenks. A bequest by Caroline Cogswell led to the construction in 1904 of the eponymously-named tower, whose four clock faces provide unparalleled views of the city in all four directions.

The picturesque Cogswell Tower, a defining symbol of the city of Central Falls, and other features take visitors back in time as they meander

the walkways winding through the park. Standing almost 70 feet tall, the tower is supported by a brick barrel vault that rests atop the historic Dexter's Ledge. The park and tower were both added to the U.S. National Register of Historic Places in September 1979.

Phase one of the city's restoration plan would focus on Cogswell Tower itself. This includes renovating the roofing, restoring the clock, the lights, cleaning up the steelwork and replacing broken windows. Another element of the plan is creation of a deck space on the northeast side of the tower.

Phase two would focus on the Washington Street side of the park, cleaning up the area and creating new walking paths and a new play area. If the city is able to acquire enough money, they may also restore the lighting and repair other historic aspects of the park. One such desired feature would turn what Deller described as the "umbrella" structures into a possible amphitheater space.

"If you look at old postcards, you'll also see the tower had an eagle on top with its wings flying," Deller said. "We're going to see if we can find a fiberglass eagle to stick back on top of the tower and replace that historic aspect."

He also said there used to be a fountain in the park that is no longer accessible, as well as a small man-made pond that has since been filled in and is used by kids as a play area. While they enjoy the idea of the small pond, Deller said the city is more focused on keeping the play areas for kids.

See [The Walley Breeze](#) for the full article.

CFA Financial Report

Cogswell Family Association, Inc. 2021 Annual Financial Report

	2019	2020	2021	2021 Operations	2019-2021	3 Year Avg
INCOME:						
• Dues	\$3,283.25	\$2,790.00	\$3,435.00	\$3,435.00	\$12,943.25	\$4,314.42
• Interest	0.14	0.47	0.66	0.66	1.93	0.64
• Reunion	2,158.16	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,158.16	719.39
• less PayPal Fees	-24.94	-10.31	-25.13	-25.13	-85.51	-28.50
• Book Sales	13,447.03	5,665.84	2,077.93			
• Uncategorized	95.54	0.00	0.00		95.54	31.85
• TOTAL INCOME	\$18,959.18	\$8,446.00	\$5,488.46	\$3,410.53	\$15,113.37	\$5,037.79
EXPENSES:						
• Courier Printing and Postage	767.35	882.94	892.25	892.25	3,434.79	1,144.93
• CFA Reunion	2,152.54	0.00	0.00	0.00	2,152.54	717.51
• Secretary Expenses	992.71	1,033.88	1,180.09	1,180.09	4,386.77	1,462.26
• Treasurer Expenses	53.99	0.00	66.39	66.39	186.77	62.26
• Historian Expenses	359.11	504.97	456.79	456.79	1,777.66	592.55
• Board Expenses	167.62	0.00	0.00	0.00	167.62	55.87
• Membership Development (Reunion)	275.04	0.00	0.00	0.00	275.04	91.68
• Massachusetts Registration	121.00	18.50	18.50	18.50	176.50	58.83
• Website	100.00	140.64	125.00	125.00	490.64	163.55
• Book and Research	25,454.20	\$0.00	\$0.00	--	--	--
• Book Sale Expenses	932.64	287.00	86.94	--	--	--
• Book Returns	0.00	598.00	0.00	--	--	--
• Paperback Cost	0.00	0.00	2,050.99	--	--	--
• Paperback Sale Expenses	0.00	0.00	0.00	--	--	--
• TOTAL EXPENSES	\$31,376.20	\$3,465.93	\$4,876.95	\$2,739.02	\$13,048.33	\$4,349.44
OVERALL TOTAL (income less expenses)	-\$12,417.02	\$4,980.07	\$611.51	\$671.51	\$2,065.04	\$688.35
• Checking Account	\$4,122.17	\$3,990.47	\$4,880.32			
• Checking Accounts - PayPal Clearing	404.85	609.54	139.36			
• Savings Account	1,001.14	6,001.61	6,002.27			
• TOTAL	\$5,528.16	\$10,601.62	\$11,021.95			
• Change - increase		\$5,073.46	\$420.33			
• Investment - December 31	\$117,280.06	\$135,008.62	\$157,626.47			
• TOTAL Assets	\$122,808.22	\$145,610.24	\$168,648.42			
• Change - increase assets		\$22,802.02	\$23,038.18			
• transfer from Investment	5,000.00	0.00	0.00			

Milestones

Deaths

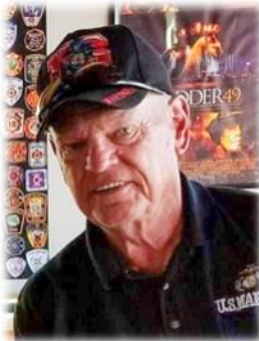
Kyle Gene Cogswell, 59, of Nederland, Texas passed away on Monday, May 2, 2022. Kyle was born on December 7, 1962, in Port Arthur, Texas to the late Billy Cogswell and Beverly Kasper Cogswell. Kyle was a life-long resident of the Nederland area. He was a member of the Holy Cross Lutheran Church of Nederland and belonged to the Pipefitters Local 195 for over 30 years. Kyle was an avid sports fan and especially loved the Nederland Bulldogs, Texas Longhorn Football, the Dallas Cowboys, and the Houston Astros. Growing up, Kyle was a tremendous athlete who loved to compete, and he even played in a softball league with his co-workers for many years as an adult.



Christine Marie (Chris) Cogswell, 62, of Montpelier, passed away Thursday, May 12, 2022, at the University of Toledo Medical Center after an extended illness.



Howard James Cogswell, died Sunday February 6, 2022 at Grand Strand Regional Medical Center. Born on January 4, 1942 in Kingston, N.Y. He was the son of Herbert and Virginia Smith Cogswell. Howie retired from Appalachia Intermediate Unit 08. He was a proud United States Marine Corps veteran, an avid Yankee baseball and Syracuse basketball fan. Most mornings by 7:00 am he could be seen walking the fairways at Down River Golf Club in Everett or his favorite courses in Myrtle Beach South Carolina.



Marriages

Rachel Cogswell and C.J. Meczywar were married on June 18, 2022. They first met as babies at St. Herlena's Chapel. In 2006 Rachel transferred to Lenox Middle and High School where CJ and Rachel were in the same friend group. In 2008 CJ asked Rachel to the 8th grade semi-formal, but Rachel said "No" (her dad was chaperoning the dance...). They did still dance together. In 2011 Rachel asked CJ to the Prom and he said "Yes!" (of course), but it wasn't until 2016 that CJ and Rachel started dating! In 2020 CJ asked Rachel to marry him and she said "Yes!".



Officiating at their wedding was Will Cogswell, Justice of the Peace (Rachel's brother).



Rachel Cogswell and Matthew Christie were married on June 12, 2021 at Maine Laskeside Cabins, Caratunk, ME.



James Arthur Cogswell (1922-2021)

James Arthur Cogswell died at home on November 18, 2021, just short of his 99th birthday. He was born November 29, 1922 in Houston, Texas, the second of four children of Prentiss Arthur Cogswell and Germaine Gireud. He attended Southwestern-at-Memphis (Rhodes College) from 1938 to 1942, graduating with Honors in Greek. In September 1942 he entered Union Theological Seminary in Richmond, Virginia, earning his Bachelor of Divinity degree in 1945.

On June 11, 1945, Jim married Margaret Elizabeth Griffin (Peggy), his wife and partner for 67 years. Both were strongly committed to becoming missionaries and sailed for Japan on December 17, 1948. In 1950 the family moved to Shikoku, where they joined in founding Shikoku Christian College. The family returned to the US in 1953 for their first furlough, when Jim began work on his Doctor of Theology degree. His dissertation was published in 1957 as *Until the Day Dawn*, a history of the Japan Mission of the Presbyterian Church (US). In 1955 the family moved to Toyohashi, then in 1957 to Nagoya, where Jim joined the faculty at Kinjo University. After the historically catastrophic Ise Bay Typhoon in September 1959, his work shifted to also include relief work in the devastated harbor district, a development that greatly influenced the subsequent direction of his life's mission.

In 1960, the family returned to Memphis for their second furlough, at the end of which Jim was called to become Area Secretary for the Far East at the Presbyterian Board of World Missions in Nashville. In 1961 Jim received his Th.D. from Union Theological Seminary in Richmond and was awarded a D. D. by Southwestern-at-Memphis. In 1967 Jim became pastor of First Presbyterian Church in Franklin, Tennessee, where he worked tirelessly as



an advocate for civil rights and racial justice. In 1971 he became the first Director of the Presbyterian Task Force on World Hunger in Atlanta. In 1983 he became Director of Overseas Ministry for the National Council of Churches in New York City. When Jim officially retired in 1988, he and Peggy moved back to their home in Atlanta.

Over the years, Jim authored several books growing out of his work: *The Church in Mission to a World in Crisis* (1969), *The Promise of the New: Studies in Matthew* (1974), *The Church and the Rural Poor* (1975), and *No Place Left Called Home* (1983). He had a beautifully trained tenor voice and was the tenor soloist in Handel's Messiah performed by the Nagoya Symphony Orchestra and Chorus in 1959, and their tenor soloist in Hayden's Creation in 1960.

In July 1995 Jim and Peggy moved to Black Mountain, North Carolina, relocating to Highland Farms Retirement Community in 1999. Jim's special project during those years was to help found the Presbyterian Heritage Center in Montreat. He served as Parish Associate for the Black Mountain Presbyterian Church from 1998 to 2000. Jim was an avid Atlanta Braves fan, never missing a broadcast. His loyalty was rewarded by this year's World Series victory, to his utter delight.

Jim was preceded in death by his beloved Peggy, in October 2012. He is survived by his four children, Margaret, Jim, Sara, and Dan, 6 grandchildren, and 6 great grandchildren. Together, Jim and Peggy remained missionaries all of their lives, giving the best of themselves to others so that others might have the opportunity to discover and share in their life-affirming Christian faith.

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