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### The Greatest Historical Lineage of All Time

By CFA Historian Elli Gassert



As children, the least of all thoughts in our minds was our genealogical lines. We knew family existed because we had our parents, siblings, grandparents, aunts and uncles and, of course, cousins. But we never took the time to figure out what and who was beyond our families and back into history.

Our parents often didn't take the time to teach us either when we did think to ask questions of who we were and where we descended from. As Christmas nears, it is important to remind ourselves what must be the "Greatest Historical Lineage of All Time".

But from the beginning of time as found in the Bible, genealogical history was recorded. I remember it well as who "begat" who from Adam and Eve on down through Biblical genealogical history of families. Abram and Sarai became the beginning lineage of the Jewish peoples when God promised Abram that he would be the father, the progenitor of a great nation. God changed their names to Abraham and Sarah.

The Jewish people have been the greatest recorders of genealogical history. The only times when these recordings have been almost invisible is when nations and other religions tried to obliterate the Jewish genealogical history by forcing them to change their religion and their names in whatever country they were residing in. This was a very evident point of history during the reign of Queen Isabella and King Ferdinand. The reign of these two enforced an edict in which those who were not of their faith must submit and convert or die. Hence, many names were changed and temporarily lost, but regained in later generations of the family.

Now the greatest lineage recorded is that of Jesus Christ. God named him and the lineage from



which he would be descended. This lineage is found in Matthew, Chapter 1. The generations were from Abraham to Isaac, Isaac to Jacob, Jacob to Judas, Judas to Phares, Phares to Esrom, Esrom to Aram, Aram to Aminidab, Aminidab to Naasson, Naasson to Salmon, Salmon to Boaz. Boaz to Obed (of Ruth), Obed to Jesse, Jesse to David the King, David to Solomon, Solomon to Roboam, Roboam to Abia, Abia to Asa, Asa to Josaphat, Josaphat to Joram, Joram to Ozias, Ozias to Joatham, Joatham to Achaz, Achaz to Ezekias, Ezekias to Manasses and on down 15 more generations to Joseph. Joseph was chosen by God to be the earthly father and Mary the earthly vessel, a virgin, whereupon Jesus would be born.

All the generations from Abraham to David were 14, from Jechonias to the carrying away into Babylonia 14 generations and from the Babylonian captivity to Jesus Christ was 14 generations. With this total of 42 generations, God deemed genealogical history important, and so should we.

Our generations throughout history are intertwined throughout the world. We have been born, raised, settled, moved, settled and moved again, raising the need to know who we are and where we came from. Family names have been changed and reclaimed according to where we have lived and thrived. Genealogy and family searches are never ending. So to our Cogswell genealogy, we must search and verify, search and verify to truly know our familial history.





# Getting to Know Denis Cogswell



## 1 What is your best childhood memory?

Summers at Sugar Bowl lodge in the California Sierras at age 8-11. Hiking, building an insect collection, watching the trains strain over Donner Pass, getting lost, then found.

## 2 If you had a chance for a “do-over” in life, what would you do differently?

Looking to Jesus Christ as my Savior a lot earlier in life. Years wasted.

## 3 How did you and your wife meet?

We were both students at Stanford University, I as a grad student and Betti as a Nursing School Senior. We had a Jewish matchmaker, my roommate’s girlfriend. She thought I was suicidal (I had just bought a racing car) and needed a little “feminine diversion.” She worked hard to get us together! Betti and I celebrate our 52<sup>rd</sup> anniversary this month.

## 4 What do you feel most proud of?

Marrying my wife. We look like kids in our wedding photos. Didn’t know what I was doing at the time, but God has been ever faithful.

## 5 What is your favorite music?

Mostly pre-20<sup>th</sup> century – Tchaikovsky, Handel, etc. How Great Thou Art is my favorite hymn.

## 6 If you could travel anywhere, where would you go and why?

New Zealand – to visit some of the Lord of the Rings venues.

## 7 If you could only keep five possessions, what would they be?

My Bible. A clean change of clothes.

## 8 What teacher in school made the most impact on you and why?

Miss Funnell, my Jr. High Latin and homeroom teacher. She taught me English grammar and word origins.

## 9 What do you want your tombstone to say?

A sinner saved by Jesus Christ, now in Heaven with his Savior.

## 10 What was one of your most defining moments in life?

When I married my wife, Betti. Birth of two children come next.

## 11 What is your profession and why did you choose that profession?

Before I retired, I was a computer programmer. Moved from Fortran to PL/1 to Assembler to SAS to SQL. Managed to avoid Cobol, for the most part. I liked seeing my programs run correctly – a great sense of accomplishment.

## 12 How do you spend your free time?

Playing World of Warcraft – have done so for the last 15 years. Volunteering – reading for the library of Congress Talking Books program, Sheriff’s Citizen Patrol, Condo Association, etc.



# *Getting to Know Denis Cogswell—Concluded*

## **13 If you won the lottery, what would you do?**

Be darned surprised since I don't buy tickets.

## **14 Who do you most admire in life?**

Jesus Christ? Being God Incarnate gives Him an unfair advantage. Maybe Winston Churchill.

## **15 What are your top three favorite books and why?**

The Bible (66 books, really) – because it's the Word of God. Lord of the Rings (three or four books) – a marvelously rich fantasy. Terry Pratchett – outrageously funny. Sorry, can't limit it to just three books.

## **16 What are you most afraid of?**

Being lost, unable to get where I need to be. Seems to be a frequent dream topic.

## **17 What feels like love to you?**

My wife cooking me a rhubarb pie. Sorry, I must admit that the way to my heart is through my stomach.

## **18 What is your strongest personal trait?**

Procrastination. My wife will agree on that.

## **19 What was your most embarrassing moment?**

Just one? You are getting too personal.

## **20 If you were president, what is the first thing you would do?**

Before being impeached and/or assassinated? No, president is one of the last jobs I would want.

## **21 What age do you feel right now and why?**

Maybe 60. Awhile back when my back was acting up,

I felt like 90. It's hard to believe I'm 78-going-on-79 – my mind has trouble keeping up. All those OLD FOLKS don't look so old anymore.

## **22 If you could witness any event of the past, present, or future, what would it be?**

Sorry, I can't put my finger on just one.

## **23 What is a skill you would like to learn and why?**

I would like to be able to play the piano, or sing on key. I have no musical ability and envy those with perfect pitch (our son & daughter) and the ability to play several instruments (our son-in-law).

## **24 What does a perfect day look like to you?**

Most any day here in Florida. We see spectacular sunsets nearly every evening, look down on dolphins and wind surfers in the Banana River lagoon and don't have to shovel snow, ever.



## **25 How would your friends describe you?**

Honest and generous, maybe. Certainly not a great wit or speaker.

# Cogswells in Sports & the News



Contributed by Malcolm Cogswell

Post 86 scored a pair of runs in the first inning off starter **Isaiah Cogswell**, Sanford, ME. Hunter Lohr relieved Cogswell in the second. In the fourth, following a leadoff double by Lohr, Cogswell smacked a double in the left-center field gap, easily scoring Lohr from second. However, his team lost 10-2.



The Wareham Historical Society, Wareham, MA, has given a \$1,000 scholarship to **Paige Cogswell**, a Wareham High School student who graduates June 7th. She will be furthering her studies and pursuing a degree in education, and will be attending Bridgewater State University in the fall.

Alice the box turtle, Chili the chinchilla, and a few of their friends visited first-graders at Trinity Elementary School.

**Anthony Cogswell**, founder of The Nature Company, brought the mini-menagerie to the school, along with facts about each critter. He explained that chinchillas are nocturnal and use camouflage to survive in their mountain habitats. They're also known as the softest mammal. Box turtles hibernate in winter, and have a hinged shell that allows them to hide themselves completely. They also met Kevin the chameleon. "I learned that chameleons change color when their feelings change," said first-grader Meily Garcia. "They can be one color when they're cold, another color when they are scared, and turn another color when they're happy!" Meeting Bob the king snake, they learned that he and others of his species eat mice and don't blink - ever.



**Camille Cogswell**, pastry chef at Zahav's, Philadelphia, PA, was named this year's rising star chef. The James Beard Foundation's Taste America tour made a stop in Philly. Cogswell provided sweets after dinner.

**Leslie Cogswell** stopped by Metolius Artisan Tea late last year in Bend, OR. She was looking to buy her favorite tea in bulk. But after the retired radiologic technologist met the owners she wanted to come back. Cogswell, 62, is part of a growing legion of retirees who are taking part-time positions to pursue their passions, make connections — and, of course, supplement their incomes.

**Don Cogswell** is president of the Minnesota Scottish Fair and Highland Games in Eagan Minnesota, the third weekend in July. There were eight pipe bands from all over the Midwest and dozens of vendors selling such items as traditional kilts and Celtic jewelry.

**Chuck Cogswell**, 59, of Muskegon, MI, arrived at the Muskegon Rescue Mission men's shelter about two years ago after losing his home to taxes. He now is in the mission's aftercare program and helps out in the supervisor's office. He said his troubles began after he lost his job at L.C. Walker

Arena, where he had worked for about 20 years. "I was lost when I came in (to the shelter) and now I like the Chuck I see," Cogswell said.

Bathurst (New South Wales) Branch of the Red Cross president **Vivien Cogswell** says it looks like the group's future has been secured for the moment after an appeal for help. Members of the branch — which was formed in Bathurst in 1914 — went public with their concerns in June, saying new faces and new blood were needed to keep the group going.

In an episode of Mike Rowe's online series "Returning the Favor," Rowe surprises **Justin Cogswell** with a new warehouse for Operation Build Up. Back in January, Cogswell faced a battle with the town over zoning code violations for vehicles at Cogswell's garage for his community initiative called "Operation Build Up" -- a veterans group that fixes up old cars to give them away.

**Tyler Cogswell** is moving on from the Cincinnati Bearcats who are going to need to find a new starting tight end. Cogswell was never a dominant pass-catching threat, but he had a career-year in 2017 with 23 receptions, including two scores. He had a total of seven catches combined in his first three years on campus.



**Mitch Cogswell**, watched by his son Levi, age 17, works on some landscaping Aug. 11, 2018, at Wood Hill Towers in Bloomington, IL. Levi Cogswell is an Eagle Scout and organizer of a service project there.

**Sandy Cogswell** of Laporte, IN, poses for a photo on her rickshaw in the infield at Michigan International Speedway, Saturday, Aug. 11, 2018, in Brooklyn.



**Corbin Cogswell** of Cape May, NJ, is the Mid-Atlantic Center for the Arts & Humanities (MAC) Volunteer of the Month for August 2018.

Corbin has been supporting the annual Cape May Music Festival for years by providing MAC with needed access to the Episcopal Church of the Advent for our concerts and is the crucial person for sound, light and access, before and during the concerts.

Cape Coral veteran **Nicole Cogswell** will receive VA compensation after being denied disability even though she was injured during Army training. Cogswell, 22, filed for the increase in May and received another medical exam. "It was a more thorough exam and conversation," she said. Based on information provided by Ms. Cogswell and new medical examinations performed relating to this new claim, several conditions were found to be service-connected to a compensa-



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ble degree. She received a disability rating of 30 percent, which will equate to about \$450 a month.

**Chris Cogswell** is one of the hosts of the Mad Scientist Podcast. In this episode, Chris discusses the ADAM Project, a new program created by the To the Stars Academy in cooperation with EarthTech International, Inc., an Austin based research think tank, to examine materials from anomalous phenomena. There is a high bar to meet in order to prove material allegedly retrieved from UFOs is anomalous. Chris walks us through what sort of analysis will be necessary.



The 10th annual Dream Fields Spanish Mackerel Fishing Tournament was held on August 18 and hosted 58 boats vying for almost \$6,000 in prize money on the Chesapeake Bay. The tournament is a fundraiser that directly benefits the Dream Fields baseball and softball complex on Irvington Road. Greg Jones was declared the overall tournament winner with a total catch of 10.1 pounds. The special angler title went to **Jeff Cogswell** aboard Liquid Assets II, with a fish weighing in at 3.11 pounds.

In Accord racing, **Travis Cogswell** came 5th as a Rookie sportsman and **Ethen Cogswell** came 18th in the fireball 4 cylinder category August 25th.

Captain **Kyle Cogswell** of the Turners Falls Fire Department, Montague, MA, said they have responded to many medical calls due to heat this summer, trying to inform people on ways to stay safe during heat advisories. "We tell people to have a good amount of hydration in the form of water, eating three healthy meals a day, but trying to avoid overeating," Cogswell said. "We tell people to use an ice pack under their arm pits or on the back of the neck, but don't take an ice bath because that can lower your body temperatures too quickly, which can have severe complications as well." Cogswell added that if someone is questioning whether or not to seek medical attention, don't hesitate to call 911.

Eagle River's Stefan Retzlaff and **Taiten Cogswell** won the tennis team's lone victory in an 8-1 loss to Service on Aug. 30. Retzlaff and Cogswell won the first set 6-2, then a 6-4 victory in the second. Cogswell was also part of Eagle River's only win during Tuesday's 8-1 loss to West, with Stefon Petcleff to defeat the Eagles' Cosmo Crowley and Hayden Wanamaker, 6-1, 6-3. Sept. 12th, Boys #2 Doubles: Stefan Retzlaff/ Taiten Cogswell (ER) d Jordan Green/Kelly Hase 6-2, 6-3. He also runs (100, 200, 800, 1600 meters 4x100, 4x200 and 4x400 relays.) He attends Eagle River High School Alaska

**Chris Cogswell** (35-39), Canton, MI, ran the Ironman in 16 hours, 11 minutes and 32 seconds Sept. 9th, involving a swim (1 hour 32 minutes and 10 seconds), a bike ride (7 hours, 13 minutes and 52 seconds) and a run (5 hours, 59 minutes and 25 seconds). The distances are not shown.

**Andrew Cogswell** was honored for having a 3.85 or higher cumulative GPA at Bryan City Schools Academic Booster Club Awards Breakfast.

Drake Maness had an accident while diving into his girlfriend's pool. He was paralyzed upon impact. He was flown to Arkansas Children's Hospital, and taken into surgery. Once he woke up from surgery he had feeling everywhere, but he couldn't really move. Someone named **Cogswell** donated the van and the gas for his friends and classmates to see him after a football game.

In cricket **Robert Cogswell** (Thornton Cleveleys) tried to accelerate the run rate but he was caught by Steven Fisher off Moffat. Khan was caught by Robert Cogswell off Tirrell. The end soon came when Brendan Hetherington was caught by Robert Cogswell off Tirrell as the Thornton Cleveleys beat Lancaster 68 to 48.

**Chris Cogswell**, is the current Scoutmaster of troop 1, in Norfolk, VA, the third oldest in the USA. His son, Chris, earned his Eagle Scout last year. The troop has lasted 107 years. It has produced 117 Eagle Scouts and 2,000 Boy Scouts. It has held hundreds of meetings, and, yet, just one building.

Tucked alongside a nondescript apartment complex in Philly's Old City neighborhood, Solomonov and Cook are planning an Israeli restaurant for Kensington. Solomonov won the James Beard Award for best chef in 2017. This year, Zahav's pastry chef, **Camille Cogswell**, took home the James Beard Award for rising star chef of the year. Maybe Cogswell, with her pastry expertise, will be involved in the new project.

Freshman **Nathan Cogswell** placed fourth at 10 - under 206 in the Nick Watney Invitational, at the par-72 Dragonfly Golf Club in Madera, Calif.



**Alexis Cogswell**, age 36, of Chicago, Ill. ran the Lakefront Marathon on October 7th in 4 hours, 59 minutes and 29 seconds.

**G. Cogswell**, with 30 points, came 2nd in the Gold category at the Rockets Golf Society October Home Game.

A two vehicle accident took the life of **Kim A. Cogswell**, 49 of Montpelier, Ohio Friday afternoon. Cogswell was south-bound on Pioneer Rd., when his truck collided with a 1999 Peterbilt dump truck operated by Ronald Carrier, 53, of Delta, Ohio.

**Desiree Cogswell** was on the fourth quarter honor roll for 2017-8 of Ellsworth (Maine) High School.

**Kelly Cogswell** (55-59) of Renton, WA ran the Seattle Half Marathon in 2 hours 9 minutes and 18 seconds.

# Westbury Wiltshire News



Contributed by Malcolm Cogswell

Fans celebrated England's progress in the world cup July 8th by putting a red cross on the White Horse. It appeared that two large red ribbons had been pinned up to the horse to form the England flag, much to many football supporters' approval. However, the cross had been removed by 10.30am after complaints were made to English Heritage. People argued it was little more than "harmless fun" and branded those who took it down "killjoys".

Four-year-olds from across Westbury and their favourite cuddly toys enjoyed a Teddy Bears' Picnic on July 5th, as part of a programme of activities for those transitioning to Westbury Leigh Primary School in September. Emma Osmond, manager of Cygnets Pre-School, which organized the event, said, "The picnic was one of several events organised to help familiarise the children with 'big school' and was a great success."



Trowbridge Cycling Club and Westbury Wheelers joined forces with Wiltshire Police for the Ride for Awareness of Cyclists Safety event. The groups were joined by police chief constable Kier Pritchard, among others, for the ride, which started and

finished at Trowbridge Town Park.

Students at Matravers School who have reading difficulties such as dyslexia will benefit from new technology to help their learning after a donation of £1,700 from Westbury Lions. The donation has enabled the school to purchase a set of C-Reader pens, a pen scanner which reads text out loud and also has a built in dictionary for those who struggle with reading.

The coastguard has winched a paraglider from a steep hillside after a crash in Westbury. Emergency services, including Wiltshire Air Ambulance, were called to the scene at the White Horse at around 7.30 pm this evening following reports of



an aircraft crash. The paraglider suffered spinal injuries. After being winched to safety, he was taken to hospital by land ambulance.

Vanessa Jenkins, 36, of Westbury, had her hair cut off and donated to the Little Princess Trust charity who make wigs for young children who have lost their hair through illness.



Westbury sprinter Will Kennedy scorched to double gold in the South West Inter Counties Track & Field Championships at the Exeter Arena. The 20-year-old won both the senior men's 100m and 200m events on a red-hot day in Devon, although

blustery wind conditions weren't entirely conducive to fast times leaving Kennedy only moderately happy with his times of 11.06 seconds and 22.61 seconds respectively. "The performances weren't great but I guess the wins were the main thing," said Kennedy, a former student at Matravers School.

Westbury Leigh Primary School held their sports day on 21st June with great success. Lots of families came and took part in the family picnic over lunchtime. Students completed a range of activities in their year groups from the fancy dress race to the standing long jump.

Tara Shergold was watching her daughter Amilee slide toy cars down the skate ramp at Penleigh Park in Westbury when her hands touched the surface and instantly blistered. She also grazed her knees, suffering deep friction burns.

Michael Edwards, of Westbury, and his son Joe were in their house on Monday when an electrical fault caused the fire in the shower unit. The pair has been left without proper washing facilities, and believes the smell left by the fire is making their home unliveable. Mr. Edwards, who suffers from epilepsy and his son, who has type one diabetes, have had



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numerous issues with the shower during the eight years they have lived there, but say nothing has been done to solve the problems.

Archaeologist and television presenter Julian Richards helped Westbury locals to tidy and restore the town's Quakers burial ground. They have discovered the graves of John Matravers (which was partly made of marble) and his wife Susanna, dating back to the 1700's. This was the ancestor of John Matravers, who left £1,000 in his will to set up the original school many years after he died in the 1700's.



Hayden Bailey of Westbury took silver in the 4x400m relay at Youth Development League National Finals.

A fire engine worth £500,000 was overturned and wrecked after being hit by a lorry in Westbury Sept. 19th. South Western Ambulance Service say two people have been treated for minor injuries.



Heart victim Nick Jones is set to climb Mount Everest after setting up a foundation to help children who have lost a parent.

Mr. Jones, 50, is raising more than £6,000 to establish a foundation that will help support bereaved children after he has died. He has been diagnosed with malignant hypertension, a terminal illness that attacks the heart and internal organs. He has suffered from the condition for the past eight years and has had numerous health scares which have resulted in him receiving electric shock treatment to re-start his heart. He left for Nepal Oct 19th and was expecting to return to the UK in mid-November following the 22-day trip. By Nov. 1st they had reached the base camp.

Alongside their '1914-1918 Those Who Served'

exhibition to take place at All Saints Church, Westbury's Family History Group is planning to showcase a knitted poppy display. For months volunteers from the history group, members of the church, members of the Woolie Wednesday knitting club and Emma Symonds and her knitters at EJ Crafts have been busy with their needles and have knitted thousands of poppies to be used in the display.

Young musical talent was on display at Matravers School Oct. 25th at the annual Young Musician of the Year Awards. Sponsored by Westbury Lions, the evening saw pupils of all ages perform in front of local musicians who had volunteered to be judges. Performances ranged from duets, trios, bands, orchestras and choirs and included songs such as Just the Way You Are, sung by the Harmonize vocal group.

Army cadets from Westbury were part of 150-strong contingent from Wiltshire who travelled to the Somme battlefield in France as part of a social history project and to commemorate the end of the First World War and local men who died in the War.

Nine year old Tymoteusz Naskretski from Westbury took it upon himself to mark 100 years since the armistice of World War One in a creative way, as he wrote his own poem to express his thoughts on the day, and to honour soldiers who fought in World War One.

Pupils from The Mead Community Primary School have been using the popular traditional tale as the basis of their learning over recent weeks, covering subjects such as science, design technology and English. They took the classroom outside as they visited Barratt Homes' new development in Westbury to find out what it takes to build a 'wolf-proof' house. During their visit to White Horse View the five and six-year-olds were shown one of the five-star housebuilder's finished products before being given a tour of the new development. They got to see homes at various stages of construction They were able to see some of the machinery required to build homes, including diggers and cranes.

# Layne Cogswell



Contributed by Malcolm Cogswell



**Layne Cogswell** attends North Central High School, Pioneer, Ohio. He is a junior and Graduates in 2019. He plays basketball (15-16) on the Junior Varsity Basketball team. His Jersey is #14. Position: C, PF. North Central 39, Fayette 38 Layne Cogswell hit two free throws with seven seconds left for the winning margin.

He also plays baseball, where he is a catcher, as he is pictured receiving the throw as an opponent slides home safely. He was added to the baseball roster in March 2018. In Baseball, Montpelier had a 9-4 win over North Central April 11th. Layne Cogswell was catcher for North Central. On April 25th Layne Cogswell added three RBIs.. A 12-run push in the first two innings led to an 18-6 Buckeye Border Conference win by North Central over Fayette May 1st in Pioneer. A home run by Layne Cogswell was one of few good points for North Central in their 4-2 loss in action to Stryker May 4th. (Layne is shown in the May 1st game) On May 5th, Layne Cogswell hit a homerun.

The name of both Baseball and basketball teams is the Eagles.

He was entered in the Shot Put - 12lb May 6th Lamberson Invitational. He was marked DQ.

He is also a member of the FFA – Future Farmers of America. It is an inter-curricular student organization for those interested in agriculture and leadership.





# Cogswell Tavern Turned Home in Connecticut

By Anna Quinn, Published Friday, September 21, 2018



Washington, CT—Most people in town probably already know the story of the white Colonial known as Cogswell Tavern, where George Washington once ate breakfast nearly three centuries ago.

The tavern-turned-home will be one of five featured next weekend in the Washington Environmental Council's House and Farm Tour, a scholarship fundraiser that will let residents visit and learn about significant properties throughout towns.

"I think, like all of us, many people wonder what's behind (Cogswell) doors," Karen Silk, one of the council's directors, said. "We thought that would be the linchpin because it is such a famous house."

The tour will let attendees visit the homes in any order and talk with council representatives at each property.

At Cogswell Tavern, they can see many of the site's original features that have been maintained since it was used as a rest stop for

travelers in the 18th and 19th centuries.

Paula Krinsky, whose family has been close friends with the owner's family for generations, will be on hand to discuss the home's expansive history. Krinsky had helped the family sort through a collection of artifacts and papers found in the attic during a restoration in the early 2000s.

"Like typical New Englanders, they never threw anything out," Krinsky said. "They had unbelievable





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Point, which is noted in Washington’s diary.

“Anna Whittlesey Cogswell was about to sit down for breakfast when a rider came and said General Washington is on his way and that she would have to feed 300 troops,” said Sally Woodroffe, who lives in the home and is an eighth-generation descendent of Cogswell.

The fireplace that Cogswell likely used to cook for

treasures up there.”

The tavern was built in 1756 by Major William Cogswell, who served with Gen. George Washington in the Revolutionary War and was one of New Preston’s first settlers. Cogswell bought the property from Chief Waramaug, a prominent Native American leader at the time.

Cogswell was a justice of the peace, a selectman in New Milford, a member of the 1774 Committees of



guests can still be seen when entering the home, along with antique pots and a Revolutionary War musket hanging above it. It is believed the floors, ceilings and other features in the house are part of the original structure.

Krimsky and Woodroffe said family stories attribute the home to other brushes with history — including as a stop on the underground railroad — though it is difficult to confirm many of the exact details.



Correspondence, a moderator for Washington’s first town meeting, the town’s first selectman and a representative on the General Assembly.

Perhaps the home’s most notable claim to fame occurred on May 25, 1781, when George Washington stopped by with his troops on their way to West

Photos by Carol Kaliff / Hearst Connecticut Media

See <https://www.newstimes.com/local/article/Habitat-Historic-tavern-turned-home-in-Washington-13245516.php#photo-16201464>

## Births

**Ezra Michael Cameron Cogswell**, son of Seth Michael Cogswell, grandson of Terri Cogswell

**George Edward Cogswell** born 10/21/18 8lb 3 oz

Carrie Rose Brewster was born October 25. Carrie is the daughter of **Judy Cogswell Wolf**.

**Tucker Alan Cogswell** was born on Oct. 7, 2018, 8 pounds, 8.6 ounces, to Tylor and Melissa Cogswell, Bryan, Ohio.

*Keep up the good work, folks, we need more Cogswells!*



## Merry Christmas



## Deaths

**Margie Thomas McCaffrey Cogswell**, a lifetime CFA member, passed away at the age of 92 on November 10, 2016 in Charleston, SC, where she had lived for 70 years. She was the widow of **William Harvey Cogswell**. She left two children, Connor M. Cogswell of Sewickley, PA and **Anne Cogswell Burris** (Lon) of Charleston, SC.



**Patricia (Cogswell) Sheppard Lavoie**, 83, wife of the late John Sheppard Jr. and the late Robert Lavoie, died peacefully on Tuesday, October 23, 2018. Born in Ipswich on April 26, 1935, she was the daughter of the late Warren and Barbara (Robishaw) of Ipswich.



**Keith Boynton Cogswell, III**, age 55, of Russellville died Tuesday, April 17, 2018, at his home. He was born March 9, 1963, in Russellville to Keith Boynton and Margaret Faye Hamm Cogswell.



**Gary R. Cogswell**, age 88, of Cottage Grove, passed away peacefully on Thursday, June 14, 2018 with his son and daughter-in-law by his side.





# News from Your Webmaster

by Pat Cogswell



Don't forget, the Cogswell Family Association's website has moved.

You can find us anytime at [www.cogswellfamily.org](http://www.cogswellfamily.org). The old website site [www.cogswell.org](http://www.cogswell.org) no longer exists.

In addition, all the officers email addresses now end in @cogswellfamily.org. You can find the listing of their "official" email addresses at <http://www.cogswellfamily.org/officers.html>

We recently added a new page about the Cogswell Family Association Reunion in Nova Scotia in 2019. Be sure to visit this page for the most current information. As new information is received it will be added to this page: <http://www.cogswellfamily.org/reunion2019.html>

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Please visit our "new" web address often as we change information every quarter on the Prominent Cogswell's in History page and other information. If you have any suggestions on what else we could include on our website, please feel free to contact me at [cfa-webmaster@cogswellfamily.org](mailto:cfa-webmaster@cogswellfamily.org) anytime.

Have a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New year. WOW! It's going to be 2019!



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