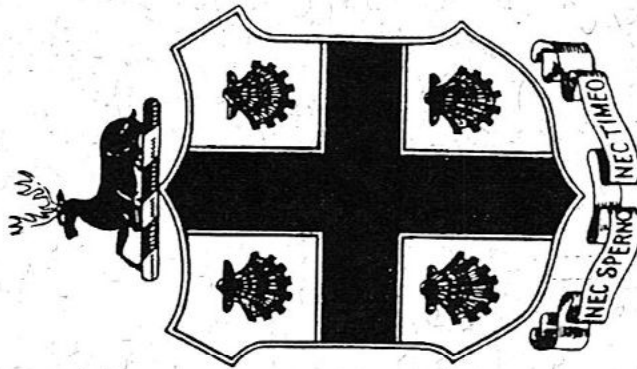


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"I neither despise nor fear"

April 1995

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Program for our Reunion in Old Saybrook, in final form is included in this edition. The scheduling of events was decided in order to offer the most flexibility in selecting those sessions of most interest; hence the offering of an outdoor trip planned for the last day.

History is a pursuit providing pause to ponder . . . in the case of the Mayflower Quilt, I PONDERED, before PROCEEDING with inclusion in the Courier. PAUSE yielding interesting results. PREPARED for a lengthy explanation of the purpose of my call, surprisingly, the first person spoken with at the museum, knew immediately the object of my inquiry due to the timely scheduling of an examination within the next two weeks. Patience and persistence is good philosophy when doing research. Results reported next edition.

In preparation for Old Saybrook I have immersed myself in Connecticut history, results leading to just how much, historically, Cogswell influence has participated. Please bring information you may have of any city, town, location, or person, that connects with Cogswell history in Connecticut . . . plans are to have a state map for marking these areas offering a visual-aid of our influence. It was while reading such material I learned of the connection with the historical Fitch family through Samuel Cogswell #68, Jameson. A VERY influential early family . . . books reviewed are highly recommended. If it could be known, were Cogswells in Connecticut as myriad in their influence as we know in Massachusetts?

Our good fortune in having so much recorded Cogswell history available leads me to the thought of our future . . . the events of today become the history of tomorrow. And based upon the many accomplishments of our current Cogswell generation (I say this on the basis of our past! Genes do tell!) I would like to urge the membership to send information to be reported in the Courier . . . if modesty interferences, let your Editor do her work with any necessary 'leavening'. In this manner, we can begin recording the history of tomorrow today! If reluctant, or modesty prevails, perhaps family members will be willing to submit events. This will serve two purposes; assuring historical re-cords, and enhance the growth of the Cogswell Courier. Please give this idea some serious thought.

Food for thought: If anyone has a good idea for a feature article, and would like to author same on a regular basis, let's talk. It does not always have to have Cogswell content, but should be of general interest, i.e., humor, politics, etc.

August edition: Biography of our founder, Cyril Gray Cogswell for the benefit of new members, as well as having a recorded history of this man to whom we owe much.

Bernice Sonna
Editor

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CALLING ALL COGSWELLS!

LEARN ABOUT EVENTS OF OUR COURSE THAT ARE PRESENT THROUGH OUR NEWSLETTER

Bernice Sonna

AND PLEASE JOIN US AT OLD SAYBROOK, CONNECTICUT NEXT SEPTEMBER (1996) FOR OUR BI-ANNUAL REUNION.

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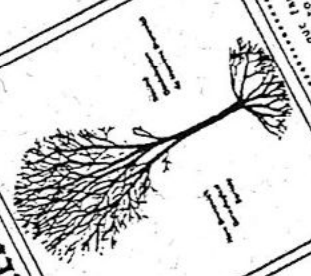
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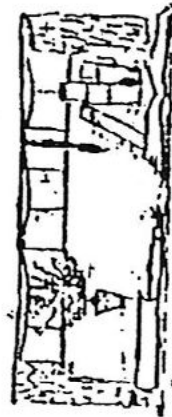
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HON. THOMAS COGSWELL

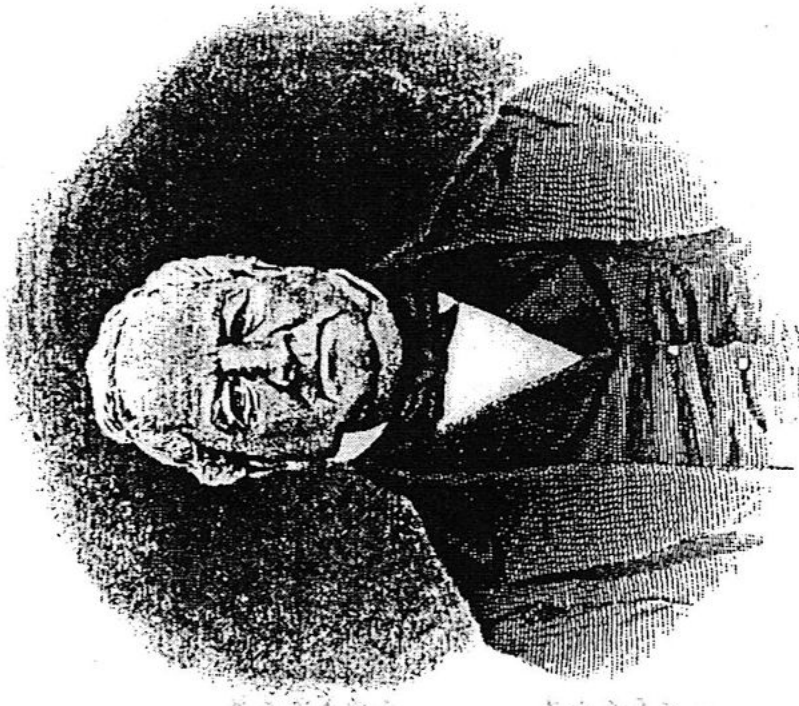
(CIA #416, PAGE 210)

A BRIEF BIOGRAPHY IS GIVEN IN JAMESON, WHICH WAS EXTRACTED FROM 'SUCCESSFUL NEW HAMPSHIRE MEN', BY JOHN B. CLARKE MANCHESTER, 1882. FROM THE LATTER WE LEARN HIS STRENGTHS AND ACCOMPLISHMENTS IN EVERY CIVIC AND PERSONAL PURSUIT. WHAT HASN'T BEEN WRITTEN IS THIS INTERESTING ACCOUNT OF HOW OUR CFA SECRETARY, CLAIRE DAIGLE, WHO APPEARED TO BE DESTINED TO POSSESS A SPECIAL COPY OF THIS BOOK. THIS IS HOW IT HAPPENED. . . WHILE TRAVELING THROUGH LACONIA, NH I CAME UPON AN ANTIQUE SHOP CALLED ANN-TEEKS. WHILE BROWSING THROUGH SOME BOOKS MY EYES FELL UPON A COPY OF 'SUCCESSFUL NH MEN' AND LOOKING INSIDE, TO MY SURPRISE, WAS THE FOLLOWING INSCRIPTION: "THIS BOOK BELONGS TO (AND SIGNED BY) THOMAS COGSWELL" WHO WAS MY GREAT, GREAT, GRANDFATHER. THE COPY I OWNED DID NOT CONTAIN THIS SIGNATURE, AND EXCITEMENT BEGAN TO WELL UP AT THE PROSPECT OF HAVING THIS BOOK. WHEN THE OWNER SAID IT WAS NOT FOR SALE AS COLLEGE STUDENTS OFTEN COME IN TO USE HIS LIBRARY, I PLEADED MY CASE AND OFFERED TO EXCHANGE IT FOR THE COPY I HAD AT HOME. IT WAS AGREED THAT I WOULD SEND MY COPY AND IN RETURN RECEIVE THE AUTOGRAPHED ONE WHICH INCLUDES THE PHOTO AND SIGNATURE SHOWN HERE. HOW I TREASURE THIS BOOK!



THIS BOOK BELONGS TO

Thomas Cogswell



Thomas Cogswell

THE MAYFLOWER QUILT?????

The April/May 1990 edition of 'Quilting Today' included an article, 'The Mayflower Quilt', by Darcy S. Pattison. The brief history states the quilt belonged to Elizabeth Thompson, dau of vicar of Westbury, England, pledged to be married next year . . . Elizabeth's quilt is currently the property of the United Methodist Historical Society of the Baltimore Conference, Lovely Lane Museum, Baltimore, Maryland. They obtained the quilt from Elizabeth's great, great, great, great, great-granddaughter, Susanna W. Litch Williams in 1897. Mr. N.T. Whitaker bought the quilt from Mrs. Williams in 1897 for \$85.00 and sent it to Dr. John F. Goucher, then president of the Methodist Historical Society. Mrs. Williams' statement, accompanying the quilt, reads in part, "It was brought to Plymouth, Massachusetts on the Mayflower in December, 1620 . . ."

Mr. Whitaker, writing to Mr. Goucher, said, "As you can see by the enclosed statement, there is no question about the quilt being all that is said concerning it . . . you have a real prize here. A business man who knows all about it says it is worth, as a relic, \$500."

It was placed in a vault and left there until 1976 when it was examined in conjunction with another quilt exhibit. The Museum decided to have the quilt examined and conservation work done at that time, with this report. "The quilt gives evidence of late 17th century work associated with the United Kingdom. It is closely covered with corded work . . . The quilt is composed of a fine linen top and a coarse linen back . . . The sewing thread is linen; formerly a light blue, now faded on top . . ."

This report confirms that the quilt probably came from the 17th century, but did it really come over on the Mayflower? Ms. Pattison quotes information from Jameson and concludes it probably did not come over on the Mayflower. Writes Ms. Pattison, "It is a beautiful quilt, closely quilted and stuffed, and is in good condition for its 375 years. The quilting stitches are backstitched, as is typical of English quilting. The designs used are roundels (circular forms), escutcheon (shield shapes), hearts, fans and flowers. The flowers are daisies with the central medallion daisy having an incredible 32 petals. Another flower form, possibly an iris, is also used. 1620 or 1635, either way, this quilt is certainly one of the earliest to come to America."

Perferring to verify the existence of a Cogswell artifact, I called the Museum and spoke with Executive Secretary, Edwin Schell, who reported another technician will be coming to examine the quilt for a second time, as some have suggested the quilt's origin may be Portugal, not the United Kingdom. A follow up call will be made within the next month to learn the results of the examination.

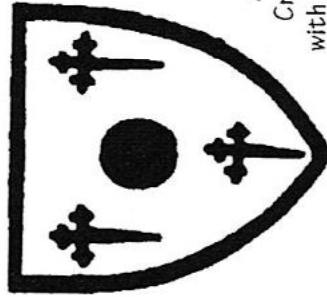
This article submitted by Edward Cogswell of Snohomish, WA. Thanks Ed! Bernice Sonna, Editor.

BOOK REVIEW

'A Fitch Family History' by John T. Fitch English ancestors of the Fitches of Colonial Connecticut. 273 pages, hard bound & printed on acid-free paper. \$37.50

When SAMUEL COGSWELL #68, Jamesons, m'd Anne Mason we became connected with the Fitch family through the mother of Anne, Abigail Fitch, dau of Rev. James Fitch. This book covers 200 years (1400 - 1600) in great detail, the history of the Fitch surname, and seven generations, from William thru James who first migrated to the Colonies. A note of interest: Thomas, 6th generation, was a wool cloth manufacturer, within the same county of the Coggeshalls from whom our Cogswells descend.

'Puritan in the Wilderness' A Biography of the Reverend James Fitch, 1622 - 1702. Also by John T. Fitch, continues the Fitch family history beginning with 7th generation James, b. 12/24/1622 in Bocking, Essex, and d. 11/18/1702 in Lebanon, CT. Abigail Whitfield wife of James and dau of Henry and Dorothy (Sheafe) Whitfield and their six children. 319 pages, blue hard bound with gold lettering, on acid-free 60# paper. \$39.50



ANCIENT ARMS OF FITCH

Both books can be ordered from: Kalmia Co. Inc. Dept., 71 Dudley St., Cambridge, MA 02140.

The Ancient arms are described by Sir Bernard Burke as:

Or, a pellet between three cross crosslets fitchee sable, "or" means gold. A "pellet" is a solid disc in the center of the shield.

Cross crosslets are simply Christian crosses with the tops and cross-bars also crossed.

They are 'fitchee' or fitched, meaning they are pointed so that they can be planted in the ground. (Can the similarity of the 'fichee' and the family name be only a coincidence? Reaney, who derives the name from fiche would probably say no.) The wod 'sable' means that the background color or tincture is black. From, 'A Fitch Family History'.

FYI

CFA members Mr. & Mrs. Horatio Cogswell of Camarillo, CA had an interesting experience when visiting the small town of Cogswell, North Dakota while on their journey to Western Canada. Out of curiosity they went to the Post Office to enquire of any Cogswells who may be living there. The friendly folk reported no one with that surname, and, no one seemed to know just how the town got it's name! Population of approx. 180, with a history that began in 1886, a farming community and is located in the southeast corner of North Dakota, near the intersection of State Highways 11 and 13 ... just in case anyone is in the neighborhood.

Our cousins were treated with gracious hospitality by the Senior Citizens Group as they were invited to join them at the luncheon being prepared.

If anyone has any knowledge of the town Mr. & Mrs. Cogswell would like to hear from you at: 11030 E. Las Posas Road, Camarillo, CA 93012. Phone: 805-491-5846.

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For those who may be actively involved in family research, the following was extracted from 'Massachusetts Society of Genealogists, Inc.' July, 1994: The National Archives opened a second facility in New England, intended to serve the N.E. and N.Y. areas, located at 100 Dan Fox Dr., Pittsfield, MA 01201. Open Mon. thru Fri., 5 hours, from 10 A.M. to 3:30 P.M. Phone: 413-445-6885. Write or call for a brochure available of all their holdings.

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An interesting item from The Boston Globe, 12/4/94: 'BAY STATE LOSING GRIP ON CONGRESS' PURSE' ... The last time Massachusetts had no representative on the House Appropriations Committee Grover Cleveland was president and Oklahoma was a territory.

Next month the House convenes for the first time since 1897 without a Bay State congressman on Appropriations, the influential panel that controls the federal purse. The chain was last broken in 1895 upon the death of Rep. WILLIAM COGSWELL, a Salem Republican and former Civil War general who served five years on the committee. Two years later, COGSWELL'S seat was filled by Rep. Wm. Moody, Republican of Haverhill, who was succeeded by such notable Bay State congressmen as James Michael Curley, Foster Furcolo, Richard Wigglesworth, Edward P. Boland and Silvio Conte.

Not one of the 56 seats on Appropriations will belong to a House member from New England.

QUERIES:

Anyone knowing the whereabouts of GEORGE LIONEL COGSWELL, b. Feb. 4, 1925, son of JOSHUA LIONEL and ELVA RAY (DELONG) COGSWELL. George served in the Army in W.W.II. Last seen living in Boston with sister VERA (COGSWELL) SPICER, wife of GEORGE SPICER. Please contact: EDWARD R. COGSWELL, Jr., 21321 107th Ave. SE, Snohomish, WA 98290

BOTSFORD - Anyone having information about the family association called 'THE BAND OF BOTSFORD', active in the Boston Area ca. 1920 and 30s. Also, seeking an address for the 'NICKERSON FAMILY ASSOCIATION, CANADIAN BRANCH'. Please contact: Mrs. Frances P. Wilson, 10311 Resthaven Drive, Sidney, B.C. V8L 3H2, Canada.

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Found in the files; looking for connection in 'Cogswell's In America' for the following:

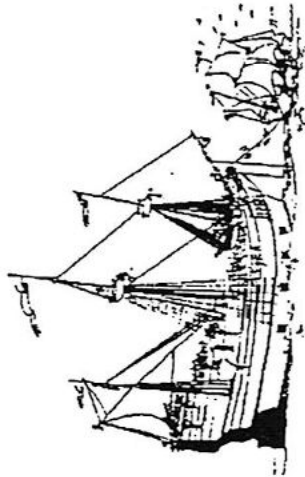
From Milwaukee, Wisc. newspaper: 'Rear Admiral J.K. Cogswell Dies In Jacksonville, FL' Aug. 14, 1908. Father mentioned: J.B.D. Cogswell, wife, Minnie Miller (Hatch) Cogswell. One dau & one son, Naval Captain, Francis Cogswell. As reported in Newsletter 14, the USS Cogswell, a general purpose destroyer was named after Rear Admiral James Kelsey Cogswell.

Letter from 'Defense Investigative Service', WA, D.C.
Re: Col. James S. Cogswell, USAF. 1965 appt'd Chief, Office of Industrial Security. Tenure brief as he succumbed to a fatal illness.

Please send info to: Bernice Sonna, P.O. Box 2970, Jackson, WY 83001

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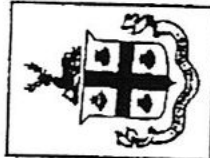
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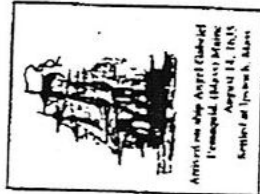
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swell Daigle, 21 Old Bickerton Rd., Ware, MA 01082. Please for a 1995 contribution in Old Saybrook, CT will be announced in our next issue.

CALLING ALL COGSWELLS
The Cogswell Family Association, Inc., organized in 1989, is an active promoter of Cogswell family research. It has bi-annual meetings and a newsletter with articles and queries. Descendents from John & Elizabeth Cogswell, who arrived at Pemaquid, ME in 1635 aboard the ill-fated boat, the *Angel Gabriel*. The Cogswells soon moved to Ipswich, MA, where the original 300-acre Cogswell grant was recently placed in the care of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities. Current president is Bernice Sonna, P. O. Box 2970, Jackson, WY 83001. Membership info is available from secretary Claire Cogswell Daigle, 21 Old Bickerton Rd., Ware, MA 01082. Please for a 1995 contribution in Old Saybrook, CT will be announced in our next issue.



Arrived on ship Angel Gabriel
Pemaquid, Maine
August 14, 1635
Remnant of Ipswich, Mass.

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