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1993 ANNUAL MEETING

The next annual meeting of the CFA is now being planned for the weekend of September 24-26, 1993 in Colorado Springs, Colorado. Anne Cogswell Trostel is Meeting Chairman and will be assisted by other CFA members in Colorado. Colorado Springs lies about 65 miles south of Denver at an elevation of 6,000 feet at the foot of Pikes Peak. It has its own airport, which is served by major airlines. As a popular vacation spot, Colorado Springs has numerous hotels and motels as well as facilities for RVs.

The weather at this time of year is usually glorious, and there are a number of activities to supplement the actual meeting itself. Our formal meeting and dinner will be on Friday evening as usual, but we plan to have a tour of the area on Saturday, topped off by a barbecue or other dinner on Saturday evening. Sunday activities can be suggested or arranged for those with specific interests. In this way, our affair will last one day longer than have past meetings, as many attendees may wish to avail themselves of the opportunity to enjoy the sights. Those who can arrange to spend several days in the area will find numerous places to visit.

The AAA booklet on Colorado details the many activities available, and we will be sending our members some brochures on the area when available. Among the many places to visit locally are the world-famous Broadmoor Hotel, U.S. Air Force Academy, U.S. Olympic Complex, Fine Arts Center, World Figure Skating Hall of Fame, Pikes Peak and its cog railway, and Garden of the Gods. Denver and Royal Gorge are an hour or two by car, and Rocky Mountain National Park, Durango, and Mesa Verde are within one day's drive.

To give Anne Trostel an idea of how many members may attend the affair, it would be appreciated if you would fill out the questionnaire included with this newsletter and return it to her address as shown. Any suggestions or comments you may have about the affair would be welcomed by Anne. More details will be made available later.

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REGIONAL MEETINGS

As the CFA is holding general meetings only every second year, and as many members would like to meet with family more frequently, informal gatherings are being considered or arranged by local members on a regional basis. Cogswells in and around Charleston, South Carolina have held reunions in past years and have just held another gathering this month. Family in Texas have held gatherings in past years, and New England Cogswells are holding a meeting in October, as described in a following paragraph. CFA members are encouraged to arrange such get-togethers as they desire. We would be pleased to publicize these affairs if given sufficient advance notice.

NORTHEAST REGIONAL MEETING

The Northeast contingent of the CFA is holding a mini-reunion, open to all members, on Saturday, October 3. Attendees will meet at Beauport Museum in Gloucester at 11:00am for a private tour of the museum. The group will gather that evening at the Hawthorne Hotel (where the CFA held its first reunion) in Salem for cocktails and dinner. The hotel is holding several rooms for family (two night minimum), and reservations should be made directly with the hotel at On The Common, Salem MA 01970 or at 508-744-4080.

Beauport was the home of Henry Davis Sleeper, a prominent collector of antiques and leading interior designer of the 1920s. He began his home in 1907 with three rooms employing paneling from William Cogswell's Essex, Massachusetts home built about 1730. Beauport consists of forty rooms filled with Sleeper's vast collection of antiques, all owned by SPNEA, who also own the Cogswell Grant in Ipswich.

Beauport is in East Gloucester on Eastern Point Boulevard, about 1/2 mile from the private boulevard entrance off East Main Street. Those planning to attend should contact John Cogswell at 1479 Great Plain Avenue, Needham MA 02192 or at 617-444-0852.

COGSWELL TAVERN

On Christian Street in New Preston, Connecticut there stands a white, two-story private home which was built in 1756 and has been in the Cogswell family ever since. The current owner, Walter Pickett Jr., is a descendent of Major William Cogswell (Jameson #86), who operated the structure as a tavern. It is documented that General George Washington stopped there for food and, perhaps, lodging several times during his journeys through the region as Commander of the Continental Army during the American Revolution. A commemorative plaque was installed by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1903 on the front of the house.

IN MEMORIAM

One of our members, Bradford M. Cogswell, of Longmeadow, Massachusetts, passed away recently at the age of 72, after retiring from a long career in the insurance industry. Our sincere condolences go to his wife, Nancy, and their family.

JOHN COGSWELL, CABINETMAKER

The Museum of Fine Arts in Boston has in its collection a signed and dated chest-on-chest made by John Cogswell (Jameson #110) (1738-1818). The construction of this piece is almost identical to that of other bombe pieces which at this time have not been attributed to any particular craftsman. As part of an effort to determine the history of these pieces and to prepare an article for publication by Robert Mussey Inc. on Boston bombe furniture, Anne R. Haley has asked that anyone with insight into John Cogswell's cabinetry contact her at 11 Fort Hill Avenue, Gloucester MA 01930 or at 508-281-4860.

JAMES S. COGSWELL OUTSTANDING INDUSTRIAL SECURITY AWARD

In 1965 the Department of Defense appointed Colonel James S. Cogswell, USAF, as the Defense Agency's first Chief of the Office of Industrial Security. In recognition of his contributions to establishment of programs for excellence in security, after his death and since 1967, an annual award has been made in his name to selected contractors who have demonstrated excellence in policies and procedures for handling security. We have no information on Col. Cogswell's family relationships.

HOWARD L. COGSWELL MARSH

The East Bay Regional Park District (San Francisco Bay area) has honored one of our members, Dr. Howard L. Cogswell, of Hayward, California by applying his name to the restored salt marsh at Hayward Regional Shoreline Park, the largest park of its kind on the West Coast. Howard is a retired professor of biological science and an internationally recognized ecologist and ornithologist, with many years of service on boards of organizations dedicated to preservation and operation of parks and recreation areas.

COGSWELL BENEVOLENT TRUST

In 1929 Leander A. Cogswell, New Hampshire industrialist, established an independent foundation in Manchester, New Hampshire. This organization had some \$10 million in assets in 1988 and is reported to make grants for higher education and to youth agencies, the performing arts, health associations, community funds, hospitals, and churches. Efforts to obtain any information from this organization have been unsuccessful.

COGSWELL MANUFACTURING COMPANY

In 1912 Lloyd B. Cogswell began a company bearing his name in Springfield, Massachusetts to produce manhole covers and metal stampings. Through Lloyd and his son, James, the company developed into a precision machine shop, which continued as a family company until about 1974, when it was sold outside the family. After a succession of three or four other owners, and having developed into a producer of highly-specialized items for the nuclear and other industries, the company continues to operate under the original Cogswell name at nearby Agawam, Massachusetts.

1994 WESTBURY LEIGH TRIP

Plans for the CFA group trip to England to visit the Cogswell homestead at Westbury Leigh and nearby sites are progressing. Family Society Tours, who are in complete charge of planning and conducting the tour, have indicated that a departure date of May 16, 1994 has been chosen, with the return being May 25. FST will be sending detailed information on the likely arrangements and places to be visited to all CFA members in due time. Those wishing to commit for the trip can do so directly with FST at that point. The number of members with preliminary interest in this tour had risen to about 45 at last count. This is considerably in excess of the minimum number required for the trip.

CFA BYLAWS REVISION

Revision of the CFA Bylaws necessitated by the change of meeting frequency from annually to biennially has been completed, and our Board of Directors has approved the new document. We are now preparing to submit new Articles of Incorporation to the State of Massachusetts and new application to the IRS for tax-free status.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE ACTIVITIES

Our membership committee, composed of Julius G. Cogswell and Bernice Sonna, has sent out over 300 invitations to prospective CFA members with only a few positive responses. Telephone book listings obtained commercially and used as the primary source of prospects have been found to be "cold" and names of prospects submitted by members have been infrequent. Arrangements have been made for a CFA ad to appear in the next issue of "The Genealogical Helper" and other ads are being considered. A review of our approach and revisions to our correspondence are being considered. Meanwhile, suggestions by members of those who should be approached would be greatly appreciated. Please send your suggestions to Julius or Bernice at their addresses as shown on the attached membership roster.

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