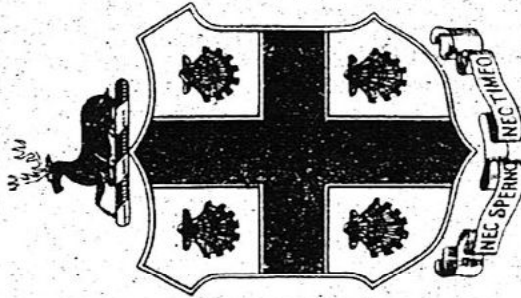


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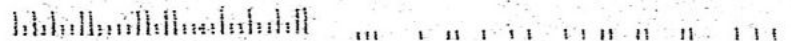
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## FROM THE EDITOR

It's called "evolution" . . . the Cogswell Courier is undertaking the first change as previously noted. Practicality without sacrifice of quality is the "blueprint." It may not be the last! Many thanks to those who responded with comments and suggestions . . . it is truly appreciated.

Margret "Peg" Simons of Wolcott, CT agreed to be our Co-Hostess for the 1995 bi-annual meeting. To be held in the Saybrook area, with details announced at a later date. Plans will be made for the weekend beginning Friday, Sept. 30, Saturday, Oct. 1, and Sunday, Oct. 2.

CFA has received the bequest from the estate of our founder, Cyril Gray Cogswell. An endowment committee will be formed to decide where to invest, practical restrictions, and how the funds are to be managed. A complete report will be made to the membership when all details are in place. The bond insurance for the Treasurer have been increased accordingly.

"It is indeed a desirable thing to be well descended, but the glory belongs to our ancestors" . . . Plutarch. Through the Cogswell Courier you can give glory to YOUR ancestor by submitting a brief bio, especially those whose story occurred AFTER Jameson's "Cogswell in America." And in the case of son or grandson following in the footsteps of a parent or grandparent, your story will fit nicely for a feature, "Then & Now" being developed for future issues.

Please keep in mind that queries can include questions for other than Cogswell lines; all to often females are "lost in time" when marrying. Many prominent families are connected with ours and can offer interesting reports. One Cogswell cousin's lineage connects with the Eastman family of Eastman Kodak fame.

And FYI . . . items that share unusual research sources, books, or places; pictures can be scanned into our newsletter. Artifacts found in museums or private collections. Any item you feel others would like to know about.

Computer Buffs . . . those who are on-line with Prodigy, Compu-Serve or any other bulletin board program . . . don't forget to advertise the CFA! Let's all be membership chairpersons.

When you have an occasion to write, please include your telephone number . . . information charges 75 cents!

Until next time, from "The Cowboy State."

Bernice Sonna



Seventeen family members had a memorable time touring Cogswell territory in the West of England. With the Bath Hilton Hotel as a base, the group visited the Trowbridge Museum of the Cloth Industry and the Bristol Industrial Museum, boated down the Avon along part of the route the John Cogswell family took to reach the sea, and dined at the George Inn in Norton St. Philip, the oldest continuously operating inn in England, undoubtedly known to the Cogswells. Tour members journeyed to the Longleat estate where they viewed the stately home, the Horningsham Chapel (oldest non-conformist church in England), and the Little Horningsham house where the Cogswells transacted business and stored some of their goods.

Highlights of the tour were the visits to Westbury and Westbury Leigh. Hosts Dennis and Kathleen Cooke at Ivy House (Ludbourne) and Peter and Mary Jones at the 1591 house were gracious in their warm hospitality. The group visited the churches of St. Mary in Old Dilton and All Saints in Westbury, then dined and were entertained in the Westbury Church Hall. On Sunday tour members attended church services, then dispersed to individual church members' homes for lunch. Departure from Westbury was with great reluctance.

In addition to sites with a Cogswell connection, the group visited Windsor Castle, Bath, Wells, Cathedral, Avebury (where the group had a surprise meeting with Reggie Cogswell's son Patrick and his wife Barbara), Stonehenge, Salisbury, and the highlights of London. Members of the tour included Mary Cogswell Baum, Howard and Bessie Cogswell, Julius Cogswell, Keith and June Cogswell, Isabella Grant, Henry and Lucia Cogswell Heins, Jr., Phyllis Cogswell Leverton, Hal and Mary Leiberman, Carolyn Morey, Ted and Mark Rockwell, and Nick and Joy Star.

This report submitted by Mary Leiberman . . . many thanks, Mary!



CONGRATULATIONS to our Director Anne Cogswell Trostel who has announced her marriage July 30, 1994 to Whitney Howard Galbraith at Colorado Springs, Colorado.

## BOOK REVIEW

Father & Daughter, a collection of Cogswell Family Letters and Diaries, 1720-1830. Edited by Grace Cogswell Root, August, 1924.

This book holds something for everyone; humor and sobriety; politics and politicians; physicians, plaques, and plasma; students of semantics and colorful grammar; with a significant amount of religious expression. Beginning with a brief account of the Angel Gabriel incident at Pemaquid and moving on to the birth of James, born in Saybrook, Connecticut, 1720. Most of the text is in the form of letters, first dated May 1772, and the last April 1830.

The family and descendants of Rev. James Cogswell, (Last issue we ran a brief part of his sermon following a serious earth quake) and his son "Doct. Mason Fitch Cogswell, Practitioner of Physick and Surgery". Mary his wife, and daughters Mary and Alice, with focus on Alice, who at the age of three was left deaf following a severe attack of cerebrospinal meningitis. This event was to have great impact on both father and daughter. Dr. Cogswell became best know as "the father of Alice Cogswell, the little deafmute", in spite of his distinguished record as surgeon and physician of Hartford. Eventually he became dedicated to establishing a school for deaf children in America up to the end of his life, December, 1830.

Woven through with historical events and names, it is very well compiled. Good reading for anyone interested in the history of education for the deaf as well as Connecticut and/or Cogswell history.

Grace Cogswell Root, Editor and Compiler, an aunt to CFA member and Second Vice President, Arnold Cogswell of Albany NY, who indicates a limited number of copies may be available.



Coming in December: Book review of "The Cogswell Girls" by CFA member Edith Hall. Extended from Dr. Rupert Daniel Cogswell, CIA #2022, p. 505, to the present generation.



**COUPLE FOUND COMMON ANCESTOR**

Barbara Haskell and husband, Ralph, had little reason to suspect kinship with each other. She was born in Boston, as was her father; her grandfather and great-grandfather were from Canada. Ralph, his father and two earlier generations were all born in Maine. It took a lot of genealogical research to uncover what they really were not looking for... a common link in the 1600s in Massachusetts. Here's their line of descent from John Cogswell:

JOHN COGSWELL, born 1592, Westbury Leigh, England, son of Edward and grandson of Robert.

JOHN COGSWELL, son of JOHN, born 1622, Westbury Leigh, England, who settled at Ipswich, Mass.

SAMUEL COGSWELL, b 1651, Ipswich, Mass. ELIZABETH (COGSWELL) WELLMAN b 1648, Ipswich, Mass.

SAMUEL COGSWELL, b 1677, Saybrook, Conn. - 1st Cousins - ABRAHAM WELLMAN JR., b 1673, Lynn End, Mass.

HEZEKIAH COGSWELL, b 1709, Saybrook, Conn. - 2nd Cousins - CAPT. JOCOB WELLMAN, b 1720, Lynn End, Mass.

AARON COGSWELL, Lebanon, Conn. - 3rd Cousins - ABRAHAM WELLMAN, b 1762, Lyndeborough, NH

ELIHU COGSWELL, b 1759, Cornwallis, Nova Scotia - 4th Cousins - ELIZA (WELLMAN) HASKELL, b 1802, Belgrade, Maine

REBECCA (COGSWELL) BROWN b 1783, New Brun., Canada - 5th Cousins - SAMUEL L. HASKELL, b 1840, Mercer, Maine

JONATHAN BROWN b 1827, New Brun., Canada - 6th Cousins - HERMAN A. HASKELL, b 1880, LaGrange, Maine

MARTHA (BROWN) VAUGHN, b 1861, New Brun., Canada - 7th Cousins - RALPH S. HASKELL, b 1914, Milo Junction, Maine

CHESTER VAUGHN, b 1893, Boston, Mass. MARRIED

BARBARA (VAUGHN) HASKELL, b 1930, Boston, Mass. RALPH AND BARBARA ARE THUS 7TH COUSINS, TWICE REMOVED.

**QUERIE:**

According to CIA #533, p. 264, JOSHUA COGSWELL m'd. (3) Lucia Stewart and had four children; #4 was James Thompson Cogswell, #1059, of whom there is no further information therein. Am seeking VERIFICATION of the following:

DID JAMES MARRY MARY? AND HAVE THE FOLLOWING CHILDREN:

- 1) Charles Wesley Cogswell, b 1841, Great Barrington, MA, m'd. Frances Juliana Shoemaker, 2 chi:

My Grandparents →

a) MABEL LOUISE COGSWELL b 1871, Glendale, MA, who m'd Henry Alpheus Dunham (1872-1946, "of Amsterdam, NY")

b) Georgiana, b 1873, Stockbridge, MA, m'd. (1) Wm. Collett, (2) Wm. Devenpeck

- 2) Wm. H. Cogswell, b ca 1843, m'd. 11/02/1865,

Susan S. Harrington

- 3) Mary Ann Cogswell, b ca 1846, m'd. 10/01/1865, Chas. G. Maston.

CAN ANYONE VERIFY THAT JAMES THOMPSON COGSWELL WAS THE FATHER OF CHAS. WESLEY COGSWELL? PLEASE SEND TO: Wm. J. Wood, 109 Jefferson Court, Stephens City, VA 22655-3808

**QUERIE:**

Seeking parents of FREDERICK AUGUSTUS COGSWELL, possibly b. 1852. M'd 10/15/1871, Marie Virginia Blacker of Leavenworth, Kansas. Frederick was an editor of a newspaper in Georgetown (Washington, DC)

Very eager to learn contact with ancestor included in Jameson's "Cogswells in America." Please send any info to: Donald J. Cogswell, 1115 Damensontown Road, Queen Anne, MD.

**QUERIE:**

Does anyone have a record of the THOMPSON family for ELIZABETH THOMPSON COGSWELL? According to Jameson, page 7, her brother, REV. SAMUEL THOMPSON, of London, had a son, WILLIAM, who lived with John and Elizabeth at Ipswich for sixteen years. Did WILLIAM THOMPSON have any children? From Salem Quarterly Court, Records and File, March, 1653, is found the following entry: "Articles of agreement between Samuel Thomsson, doctor of physic of Taunten, County of Somerset, and JOHN COGSWELL, jr., of Ipswich, in New England, yeoman, about the child, William Thomson: "that the sayd John Cogswell for & in consideration of nineteene pounds received of the sayd Samuel Thomsson is to cary over the sayd

## QUERIE:(Con't)

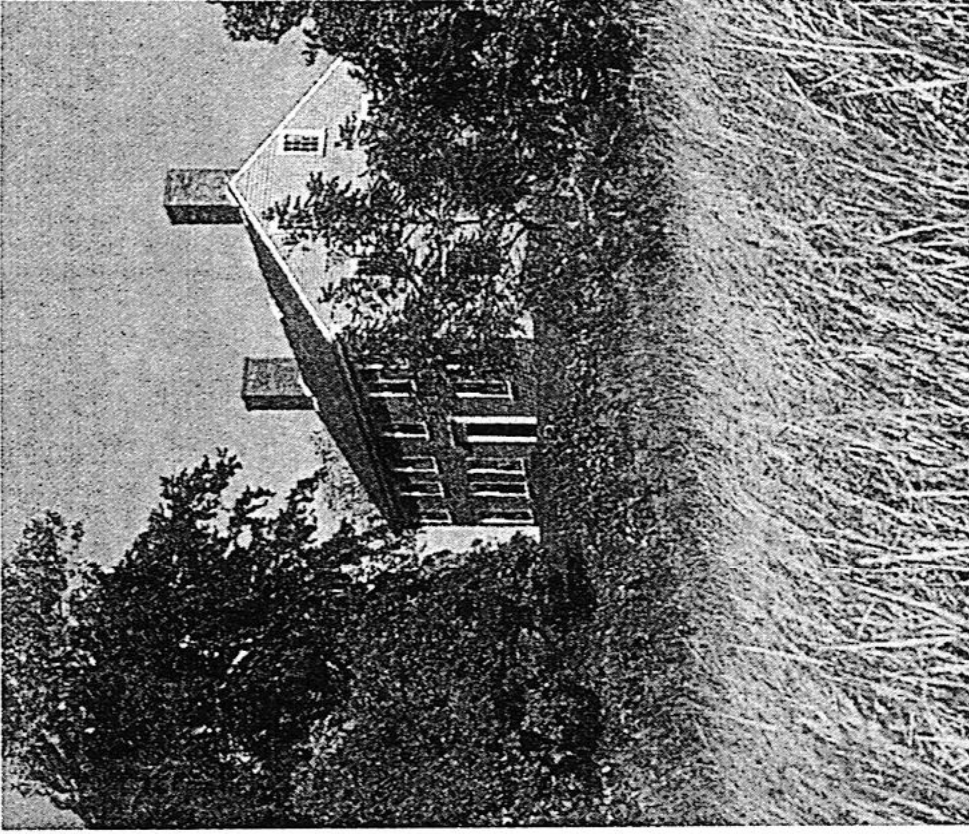
child William Thomsson into New England, and (with the clothes he hath already) him to keepe and maintane in dyett & clothes decently till the first of November wch shaibe in the yeere one thousand, sixe hundred, fifty & sixe; & then he is to receive twelve pounds more of the sayd Samuel, for the keepinge of the child for two yeeres longer, viz til Alls 1658, when the child welbe ten yeeres old: And from that time he is to keepe the child freely till he bee one & twenty yeeres of age in dyett & clothes; trayninge him up in the feare of God & teaching him the art of husbandry; the child to be in all due obedience & subjection to him & he to have the child taught to read & write; And if the child chance to dye before the expiration of the time at All ste 1658, then the sayd John Cogswell or his heyres are to pay backe to Samuel Thomsson or his heyres, the surplusage of the money, allowinge onely foure pounds per annum for the keepinge of the child while he lives: in witnesse whereof, the parties above specified haue interchangeably put their hands & scales & to the performance hereof, doe bind themselves, their heires & executors firmly by these presents: Dated April 20th, 1653.

Sam: Thomsson  
John Cogswell"

Since John Cogswell, Jr. died Sept. 1653, does anyone have information about this young child? Did he remain with John's parents, John and Elizabeth? If William Thomson grew to adulthood did he marry and have descendants at Ipswich? Please send any information to: BERNICE SONNA, P.O. BOX 2970, JACKSON, WY 83001.

## FYI:

Among the family of Cogswell descendants is Robert Gilmore Steele of Monrovia, CA. Robert's father, Frederic Dorr Steele (1873-1944) was illustrator for Sir Conan Doyle's mystery series, "Sherlock Holmes". Robert told me their family summer home was on Monheghan Island, off the coast of Maine from Pemaquid. (Those who attended our second annual meeting at Pemaquid may remember our boat trip to that island.) And it was here his father did most of his work while the children played around the island.



The Cogswell Home

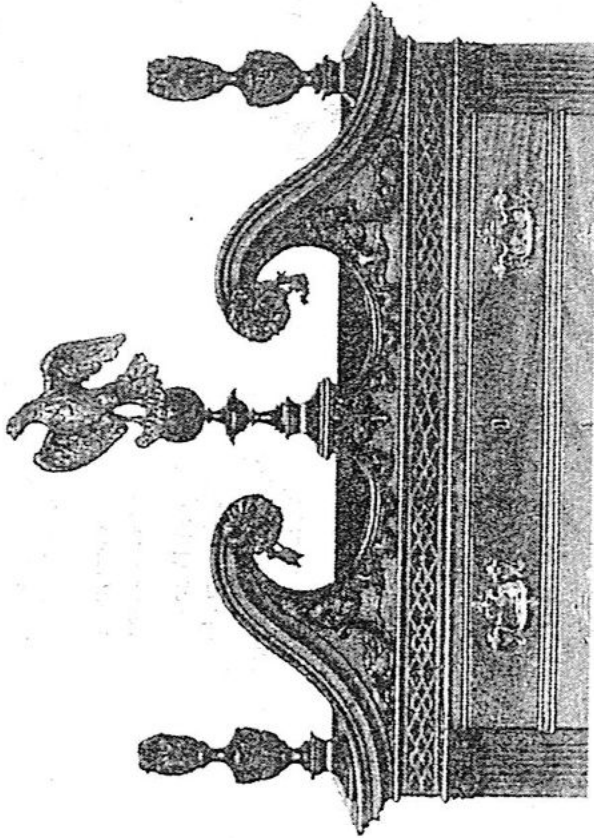
## FYI:

The June 1994 issue of Colonial Homes has an extensive article about Cogswell's Grant in Essex, MA which includes many very good colored pictures of the interior, with one featured on the cover. Available for \$5.25 post paid from: Colonial Homes, Dept. HSC, P.O. Box 10557, Des Moines, Iowa 50340.

This home apparently holds much interest for those persons and institutions with antiques and history as primary subjects . . . Living With Antiques, February 1969 also ran a feature article of our ancestral home!

**FYI:**

Shown in the Boston Globe, March 6, 1994 . . .



Pediment from a John Cogswell chest on chest at the Museum of Fine Arts.

. . . unfortunately, the article does not identify WHICH John Cogswell . . .

**FYI:**

One of the best research tools for New York State is the book, "New York State Area Key", by Florence Clint. Published by Keyline Publishers, Inc. P.O. Box 98, Elizabeth, CO 80107. 8 1/2" X 11", pp. 208 pages packed with vital information for the serious researcher. A copy of the Table of Contents can be copied for anyone wishing more information. Bernice Sonna, P.O. Box 2970, Jackson, WY 83001.

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