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# Cogswell Farm on Tinker Hill (continued from April Courier)

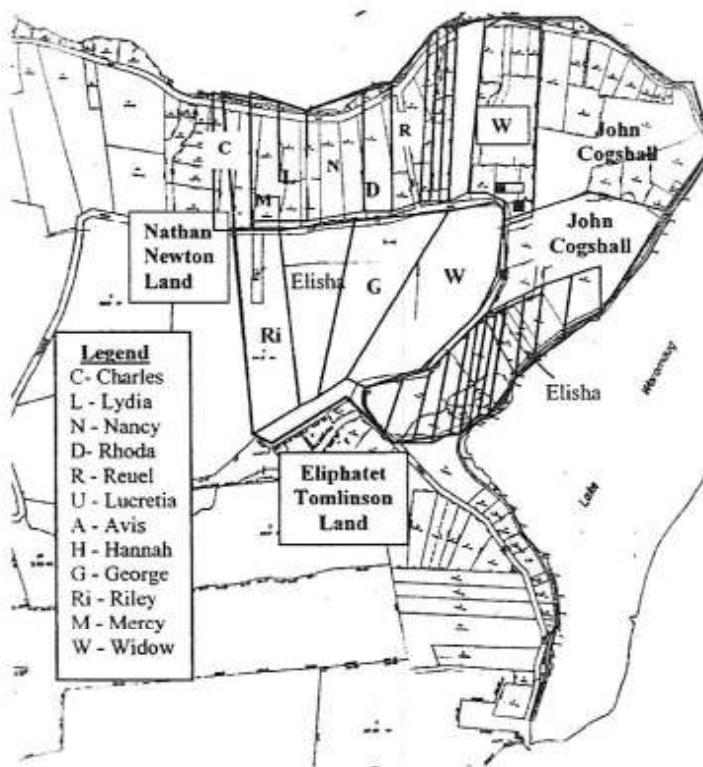
By Bill Byrne

(07/2004)

## Reuel Cogswell's Farm on Tinker Hill

Based on the land acquisitions summarized (April), Reuel owned a total of about 250 acres of land in 1816. Most of his land was on Tinker Hill but he had other land and probably a house on New Preston Hill. Reuel died in 1827 and the probate records from his estate give the best description of the extent and location of his farm on Tinker Hill. According to these records, in 1827 Reuel Cogswell owned a farm of approximately 130 acres on the north side of Tinker Hill. The farm consisted of cow pastures located along the northern slope of Tinker Hill between the hilltop and Tinker Hill Road, plow fields and a peach orchard, which is visible in the photograph (April). There was also a farmhouse, a barn and a cow house situated along what is now Tinker Hill Road. The farm in 1827 probably looked much like the farm in the photograph from 1880 shown in the April section of this article and also on page 67 of Mary Harwood's book, A History of Lake Waramaug.

Using benchmarks and measures specified in the probate documents, it's possible to roughly identify the boundaries of Reuel's farm on Tinker Hill as it existed in 1827. The figure below shows the approximate farm boundaries and the location of the farmhouse and farm buildings identified in the probate records. I've superimposed the features of the farm onto a tax map from 2000 so the features of the farm can be related to current property boundaries. The location of the farm buildings also coincides with the photographs in Mary Harwood's book, although by 1880 the farmhouse had disappeared.



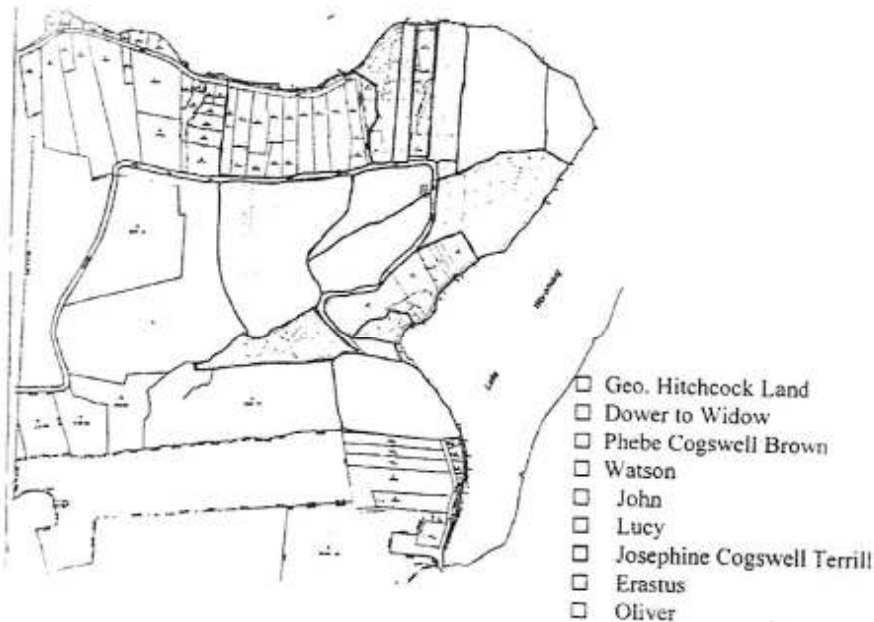
Reuel's estate took 12 months to probate. Beginning on 5/28/1827 and lasting until the final distribution of property on 5/9/1828, Reuel's oldest son Riley, as executor, struggled with the probate process. Riley's problems stemmed from guidelines that Reuel had specified in his will. Some of these guidelines could not be followed unless part of the farm was sold to generate cash. Reuel's will specified that 1/3 of the estate, including the farmhouse, was to go to Reuel's wife, Rhoda. Rhoda also got the west part of the barn, west part of the cowhouse and rights to a well to water the cattle. Reuel also specified cash awards to be distributed to his 12 children. Riley was to receive \$100.00 as executor. Each boy (Riley, Charles, Elisha, Reuel and George Washington) was to receive \$100.00 while each girl (Hannah, Avis, Lucretia, Rhoda, Nancy, Lydia and Mercy) was awarded \$50.00. The youngest children, Lydia, Mercy and George Washington split an additional \$50.00 for education expenses. Then Riley discovered there were debts against the estate totaling \$709.58.

Riley needed \$900.00 to pay the heirs their cash awards and \$709.58 to pay off the debts. He immediately declared the estate as insolvent because he didn't have the cash to distribute as instructed. The court then ordered an inventory of the estate. After the inventory was completed, the total estate, including the farmhouse and buildings, was valued at \$2,510.77, including 60 bushels of potatoes which were still in the ground valued at \$13.09. After Riley sold off some of the farm equipment for \$541.66, the court ordered him to sell part of the farmland, enough to raise \$1,194.57. Riley sold a large parcel of land along Cheree Point to John Cogshall (not to be confused with Cogswell) for \$1,080.00 and a 3 acre parcel located to the west of the farmhouse to Chauncy Gunn for \$120.00. The remainder of the land was then divided between the widow and the twelve children as illustrated below:

## Final Probate of Reuel Cogswell Land, 1828

The final probate divided the Cogswell Farm into many small pieces, none of which was large enough to support a working farm. Land records indicate that in 1828, immediately after the final probate settlement, John Cogshall bought the farmhouse and all the property inherited by the widow.

Note the pieces of property inherited by Reuel's son Elisha Cogswell. Although Captain Elisha, as he was called, only inherited a few small pieces of the farm, he was determined to reconstitute the farm into a working enterprise. Over the course of many years, Elisha was able to acquire all of the property owned by his father on Tinker Hill while he restored the farm. At the time



of his death in 1870, Elisha's farm on Tinker hill covered 170 acres.

In the mid-1800s, Captain Elisha operated a sawmill in New Preston and he lived across the street from the mill. Farming was probably not Elisha's primary occupation. Perhaps he used the profits from the mill to help reacquire the piecemeal parts of the Cogswell Farm on Tinker Hill. Maps of New Preston Village from 1854 and 1867 show Elisha living near the sawmill in a house that was across Route 45 from Pavilion Hall and a little north. A map from 1874 shows his widow Lucy still living in the house.

By 1865, Elisha probably knew that the future of his farm was going to change. He sold four acres of farmland along the lake at Cheree Point to George Hitchcock who immediately built a "house of refreshment" and called it the Cheree Hotel. According to Mary's book on Lake Waramaug, the Cheree Hotel was "well supplied with boats and fishing tackle for rent with a barn and shed for horses." Access to the inn was originally by boat from the foot of the lake or via horseback over Tinker Hill Road. To improve access to the hotel, George constructed the first portion of West Shore Road leading from the foot of the lake to the hotel. Probate records from Elisha's estate suggest West Shore Road ran to at least Loomarwick Road by 1870. According to Mary Harwood's book, George Hitchcock sold the land in 1872 to Charles Carter who renamed the hotel the Carter House. In 1884, the inn was sold again and renamed the Lakeside Inn. A new Carter house was built around the corner on the north side of Cheree Point.

By 1870, when Elisha died, he already knew there was demand for lakeside property to be developed for recreational use (inns, hotels and summer homes for vacationers). It's not too surprising that Elisha specified in his will that upon his death the farm would be divided among his wife and nine children in a manner very similar to the way it was broken up in his father's will. Each heir would inherit some lakeside property along with other parcels of the farm. This time, the land would not be reassembled into a farm. Within five years, two additional Inns, the Loomarwick House and the Wilson House, would be built on land previously part of the Cogswell farm. The inheritors of Elisha's estate found a willing marketplace for the property they inherited.

Elisha left his house in New Preston to his wife and the farmhouse on Tinker Hill Road was left to his daughter, Phebe. The probate records of Elisha's estate refer to the farm as the "Cogswell Farm" and to the road we know as Tinker Hill Road as "Old Tinker Hill Highway". There are many references in the probate records to the new highway, West Shore Road, which ran along the lake from the foot of the lake beyond Loomarwick Road.

## **Elisha's Will Divided the Farm and Woodlands into Many Lots**

The map above was created based on Elisha's probate records and illustrates how the farm was divided among his heirs<sup>1</sup>. Although not part of the probated properties, the land sold to George Hitchcock at Cheree Point in 1865 is also shown on the map. Elisha left his most valuable assets to his wife, Lucy. He left her the main house in New Preston and barns across the road from the main house. In addition to the house, Elisha left his wife three tracts of farmland and woodland on Tinker Hill. Two of the three sites have been accurately located and are shown on the map.

Upon the death of Elisha's wife, Lucy, the dower property was left to the children in equal portions. The children sold the beautiful 20-acre meadowland along the lake to David Soule in 1884. The "Dower" land in Mark's Hollow (the "Casino property" and the unidentified 2-acre lot in Mark's Hollow) was sold to Frank Hosford in 1890. Each of the children sold their land holdings over the years. A brief summary of the disposition of each parcel is given below.

**Land Left to Watson Cogswell** About 14 acres of Mark's Hollow land was left to Watson. Watson also inherited the sawmill Elisha owned in New Preston on the east bank of the East Aspetuck River. Watson sold his 14-acre lot to John Burr Wilson in 1875 who immediately built the Wilson House. The Wilson House stood as the largest inn on the lake until 1931 when it burned to the ground. John Wilson was a builder who had previously built the Loomarwick House and the Sherman House, both inns on the Lake.

**Land Left to Oliver** Oliver inherited two lots, one approximately 18 acres along the lake lying just south of the 20-acre dower lot and a second lot consisting of about 15 acres loosely described as the western portion of Mark's Hollow. The exact location of this second lot is not well described and is only approximated in the figure above. Oliver sold the waterfront land to John Jelliff of Newark, New Jersey, in 1876.

**Land Left to Phebe Cogswell Stone (of Roxbury)** Phebe inherited a  $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre lot containing the small farmhouse on Tinker Hill, located across from the barns. She also inherited 20 acres, (approximate location shown in Figure 12) which Elisha had purchased from his brother Charles in 1860. The lot is loosely described as 20 acres located 100 rods (1,600 feet) north of the mouth of the lake. It appears that Phebe sold the  $\frac{3}{4}$ -acre lot to Watson prior to 1876.

### **Land Left to John, Lucy Cogswell Brown and Josephine Terrill (of Litchfield)**

Each of these three children received two lots, one meadow lot, averaging about 5 acres, located below the farmhouse and one pasture or mountain lot. The cow pasture was divided into two equal 9-acre lots. One of the pasture lots was given to John and the other to Lucy as shown in Figure 12. A 15-acre "mountain" lot located above the pastures was given to Josephine. Lucy and John sold their pasture lots to George Hitchcock in 1873. John sold his meadowland to Frank and Henry Brown in 1873. Watson seems to have purchased the meadow lot owned by Josephine in about 1875. All of this land became part of Mt. Bushnell State Park.

Dayton and Ellen Burnham eventually owned all of the hilltop and pastureland of the Cogswell Farm which is now part of Mt. Bushnell State Park. The park began with the sale of 70 acres of the land by Ellen Burnham in 1916 to the Connecticut Department of Parks for \$4,000.00. The land is described in the deed as pastureland. The land contained a spring known as Rock Ledge Spring (described as located in the northeast corner of the lot) and a tower. The tower is shown in Mary Harwood's *History of Lake Waramaug* with Dayton Burnham, Ellen's husband, standing on it.

**Land Left to Erastus** Erastus also inherited two lots. Like the others, he received a 5-acre meadow lot below the farmhouse and he also inherited a 20-acre "swamp" lot, located west of what is now Loomarwick Road. The latter lot bordered land owned by Isaac Patterson along the lake to the west. Erastus did not hold onto his lots for very long. He sold his "swamp" lot to his neighbor Isaac Patterson in 1872 and the meadow lot to George Wright in 1872. George Wright was the captain of the steamboat the "Flirt" which ferried passengers between the inns and the dock near what is now the Washington Town Beach.

<sup>1</sup> The boundaries shown in the northern portion of the estate along the lake are quite accurate because the measures from the probate document are quite precise. The boundaries shown in the southern portion of the estate, in the vicinity of Mark's Hollow, are less accurate and reflect some guesswork.



## Dr. Henry and Caroline E. Cogswell



Henry Daniel Cogswell (DJC 4057, left) could be called a self made man. His mother died when he was eight and his father left him with his grandparents, who died soon after. He worked in a cotton factory to earn money for his education, then taught school and later studied dentistry. He married Caroline E. Richards and set up a dentistry practice in her home area – Providence, RI. When gold was discovered in California, he moved there and, through dentistry and business, became a millionaire. He founded the dental college of San Francisco and endowed Cogswell Polytechnical College.



He is, however, also remembered for presenting various cities with drinking fountains – 31 in all. These had various designs. Some of them had a statue of himself on top, like the one (left) in Rockville, erected in 1883, with a glass of water in one hand and a temperance pledge in the other. Apparently, he hoped that providing water would prevent the use of stronger beverages. Not everyone liked the statue, and someone removed it and threw it in a lake. It was rescued and replaced but soon disappeared again, and the statue was replaced with an urn (right.) The statue did reappear in 1908, leaning



against a building, with a sign around the neck which read "I've come back for Old Home Week." (The statue was then stored but sent for scrap during World War II.)

Many of the fountains have disappeared. In San Francisco, wine drinkers lassoed the neck of the good doctor on the fountain and pulled it to the ground where it broke in many pieces. This crime was never prosecuted. The fountain at Jewell Park in Pacific Grove remained until it was melted down in aid of the war effort during World War II. In Boston, complaints about the fountain resulted in the (Mass.?) legislature establishing an Arts Commission in 1890 so that future statues, fountains, etc., would be approved (or rejected) before they were erected in the city.

Others are still intact. In Vernon, CT, the Bond Commission in 2002 announced a grant to aid Rockville Central Park make improvements, and one of the many improvements was restoring the historical Cogswell Fountain.

Another is in Manhattan's Tompkins Square Park. Its dolphins are missing and, in place of the heron is Hebe, cupbearer to the Gods on Mount Olympus. There is also a lengthy inscription on a plaque.

The fountain in Washington, DC, (left) still exists. It was accepted by resolution of Congress on July 8, 1882, and installed in 1884. In 1885, the Post reported that C. H. Buell, in charge of the Center Market, thanked the fountain contractor "for making the impractically and inartistically constructed Cogswell Fountain, virtually forced on the commissioners and people of the district by a special act of Congress, of some little use." About 10 feet tall, the base has four pillars which support a pyramid roof with a heron on top. Two entwined dolphins in the middle once spouted water (from melted ice placed inside). Unfortunately, the ice chest was not airtight, the faucets ran and puddles formed. Basins were placed to catch the drip but they were replaced by a



grating at pavement level. Water is no longer provided at the fountain. It is not recorded when it ran dry. In 1928, a temperance group called the Sons of Jonadab promised to provide ice for it but whether they kept that promise is not known. In 1945, a senator from California called it "a monstrosity of art" and demanded its removal.

Washingtonians took a lighter view. An "exclusive" group of 12 members called the Cogswell Society meet the first Friday of each month to revere the memory of their namesake, Dr. Henry Cogswell. They have a meal, drink, swear and attribute fictitious accomplishments to the inventor of a new method of installing false teeth. E.g., he invented a glow in the dark condom for those who want to rise and shine. Someone once suggested he gave up dentistry because he couldn't stand his patients' bad breath, so he became a proctologist. At each meeting, someone

proposes "a toast to temperance," to which the reply is "I'll drink to that!" as the members hoist their glasses and stand on one leg like a heron. (The heron on the fountain is firmly anchored by both feet to the cupola.) A reporter passing the fountain on April 8<sup>th</sup>, 2005, noticed someone painting the dolphins a shiny gold. (The heron will remain grayish-green. He asked.)

Your editor has been unable to find out if the Cogswell Society still exists. It was mentioned in a letter to the Washington Post on December 25<sup>th</sup>, 2004, but the writer of the letter did not know if it was still in existence.

Cogswell fountains also were donated to San Jose, CA, Brooklyn, NY, Fall River, MA and both Pawtucket and Providence, RI. A fountain with his statue was erected in front of the Cogswell School (Polytechnic College) but was destroyed by the 1906 earthquake.

Dr. Cogswell is also said to have been a candidate for the presidency in the interest of prohibition.

We hear much less about Dr. Cogswell's wife, but apparently she also wanted to leave a legacy by which to be remembered. Her will left instructions to build a clock tower in Jenks Park, adjacent to City Hall, in Central Falls, RI. Apparently, she remembered the town from her childhood. The tower was built in 1904, 18 feet square and 69 feet high, with a clock on each of its four sides. Observation balconies with iron rails under each of the clocks provide an unparalleled view of the city. It is built on historic Dexter's Ridge, from which Indian scouts during King Philip's War spotted the approaching colonist army. As a result, Captain Michael Pierce and his company of Plymouth Soldiers were ambushed and almost annihilated on March 26<sup>th</sup>, 1676.



The clock is the official symbol of Central Falls, which sponsors Sunday afternoon concerts throughout the summer. The tower is open for observation on concert dates and during special events and festivals.

It is reported that Caroline Cogswell once sued her husband for misrepresenting legal documents which he persuaded her to sign – giving away their home and property to finance the founding of the college. Otherwise, it is reported that she "ably seconded all her husband's efforts for the uplifting of his fellow-men."

Caroline Cogswell's



Central Falls

Someone else claimed to have found in a long forgotten storeroom at Cogswell College a few faded sheets of paper with elegant and old-fashioned handwriting the formula for a "bracing and revitalizing tonic." It included rum and brandy! The manuscript promised this tonic would "aid in the treatment of all kinds of ills, including melancholia, hysteria, vapors, dyspepsia, female troubles, marital strife, legal difficulties, overwork, underpay, incompetent management and general disgust with the current political situation." The document was unsigned, but the person claiming to have found it "knew at once" that its author must be Caroline Cogswell.

(Or is that a joke like those told at the Cogswell Society in Washington?)



### *A Dancing Cogswell*

CFA member Don Cogswell of Eagan, MN, is involved with the Minnesota Scottish Fair & Highland Games and has even been its President. His mother's side of the family had Scottish roots, which were honored in his family. That's especially true of his daughter, Kira, right in the middle of the picture at left. Kira was only about 2 years old when her father took her to Macalster Highland Games in Minneapolis and, whenever she heard the bagpipes, she wanted to go and listen. At five years old, she told her parents that she wanted to do highland dancing. She did not start lessons until she was seven, starting with teacher Florence Hart in Minneapolis. She became a Premier (highest level) dancer at age nine and has qualified for the National Championship competition



for fourteen straight years. When she graduated from high school and went to college at Alma College, she started taking lessons from Christie Freestone of Alma, MI, who is still her teacher. For a semester study abroad program, she lived in Aberdeen, Scotland, for about three months and danced in Scotland numerous times. She has also danced in Canadian competitions. Kira graduated from Alma College with a B.A. in Business in 2003 and is employed by a hospital in that area. She recently became engaged to Ray VanSteenkiste and will be married on November 12, 2005. Currently, they are building a new house in Macomb, Michigan. Ray has been very supportive of all of her dancing and teaching. He has attended various competitions and is proud of her no matter if she has had a successful day or not.

## Cogswells in Sports



In his thirties, Michael Cogswell of London, England, was a keen sportsman, especially a rugby player. Then he had a skiing accident and a broken back, and he became a paraplegic. No more rugby or skiing. But Mike did not give up. He still wanted to be involved in sports, preferably some sport in which he could compete on equal terms with anybody else. That brought him to sailing. The Queen Mary Sailing Club, like many in Britain, had a hard working sailability section that allows many disabled people to continue to sail. In 2002, at age 40, Mike joined it. He not only learned to sail, but to sail competitively. In September, 2002, at age 40, sailability helped him take part in the World Championships in Medemblik, the Netherlands. 119 sailors from all over the world competed with the theme "Sailing is a State of Mind." Michael came in 32<sup>nd</sup>. Not a great result, but it was his first year.



For disabled sailors, some modifications are made to the boats. At left is the launch ceremony of a sailability boat, with Mike Cogswell at the wheel – not a normal part of a sailing boat – and wearing a harness needed by those who cannot hold themselves upright. The paralympic keelboat coach and the Sailability Thames Valley training coordinator are also in the picture. Mike took full advantage of these people and other coaches and studied in every way possible for him to become a better sailor.

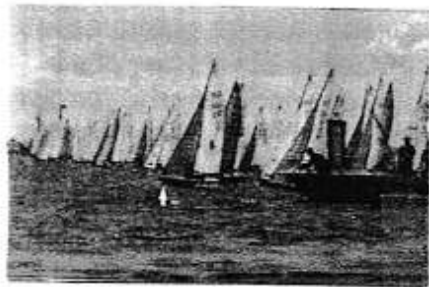


Michael continued to sail, sometimes alone, sometimes as part of a two person team. In September, 2004, he and Rob Foster took part in the UK National Championships in the Martin 16 class. In a series of seven races, (the best six to count) they came in third. A Canadian, Danny McCoy, was the winner.

HRH Princess Anne is a patron of sailability and, on Wednesday, January 12<sup>th</sup>, 2005, she came to present a new lugger (boat). Michael, who has become chairman of Queen Mary Sailability, sits in his wheelchair during that ceremony. The boat will be used by special schools for children with severe learning difficulties. It will also be fitted with wheel steering to enable paraplegics and other people with physical disabilities, from beginners to Paralympic sailors, to participate.

In February, 2004, Michael bought a new boat, after selling his old one "to a good home." It was given the number GBR 79. He will use that number internationally.

At the Open Worlds in Sweden (left) this year, Mike's boat was not competitive enough upwind, so the objective was to win the start, as seen here.



May 1<sup>st</sup>, 2005, marked the end of a week of racing at Hyeres Grade One Olympic Sailing week in France. The Brits swept the medals in the 34mR Paralympic sailing class. Michael Cogswell took bronze. Fellow Brit Helena Lucas took gold and teammate Allan Smith took silver. Watch out for Michael at the Paralympics in Beijing in 2008.



## About Our Ancestors in England

*The information immediately below comes from the Internet and from Search For A Heritage (1982, Alan and Mickey Cogswell) and has not been independently verified. It may or may not be correct. (Information new to us is italicized and underlined.)*

(Internet): Robert Cogswell was born in 1510 and baptized on November 30<sup>th</sup>, 1510, in Westbury Leigh.<sup>1</sup> He was a manufacturer of woolen cloth. "Tax records of 1545 show them [the five brothers] quite well established, especially Robert, who was the grandfather of John Cogswell, the immigrant to America in 1635."<sup>2</sup> He married, circa 1641, Alice Adlam, born circa 1518, the daughter of John Adlam and Marjorie \_\_\_\_\_. (One website says they removed to London after the wedding.)

(Search for a Heritage): In the record of tax assessments of 1545, Robert of Lye (Leigh) was assessed £60.8.0 (sixty pounds, eight shillings). Morrisius, Anthony, William, Edward and Robert are believed to be five brothers. Scrutiny of many Wiltshire Parish registers has not given a clue to his (their) birthplace. We must presume therefore that he, together with his brothers, were incomers to Wiltshire.

The following is gathered from British History Online, which appears to be legitimate (URL: <http://www.british-history.ac.uk/report.asp?compid=16096> =16097 =16099 =16100): Westbury: Manors, Lesser Estates, Industry and Trade, Mills. Source: *A History of the County of Wiltshire: Volume VIII*, R.B. Pugh, Editor, (1965).

In 1545, John Adlam, clothier, of Westbury, acquired the manor of Leigh Priors with its capital messuage (dwelling house with outbuildings and land) and the lands leased with it to John Whatley, Leigh Common, and all appurtenances, which had also formerly belonged to Monkton Farleigh. There was a fulling mill attached to the manor of Leigh Priors at this time. John Adlam also received other rents due to the priory from lands in Westbury.

The wealth of some of these textile capitalists is illustrated by the subsidy assessments of 1545. The highest contributions in the hundred were paid by two members of the Adlam family, Sybil and John, both assessed at £3.

John died in possession of the manor in the same year, leaving as his heirs his daughters Edith, wife of John Lambe, and Alice, wife of Robert Cogswell. Edith married secondly John Westwell, who, after Edith's death in 1577, held the manor for life. It then passed to John Lambe, Edith's son by her first marriage. John Lambe died in 1615 holding half the manor and was succeeded by his son, John. This John sold his half of the manor to Sir James Ley (created Earl of Marlborough, 1626) in 1615. The other half, which passed on the death of Alice Cogswell in 1606 to her grandson, Roger<sup>3</sup>, had been sold by him to Sir James Ley in 1611. Ley thus acquired the entire manor of Leigh Priors, which thenceforth followed the same descent as the capital manor.

In 1576, only four persons were assessed at over £7, among them Stephen Whitaker (£10), and George Adlam (£8), both certainly clothiers.

From the Internet: *a will: either a transcription or a deliberate fabrication – a work of fiction.*

William Adlam made a will in 1544, probated the same year, including instructions that he be buried in Westbury. He names as overseers of his will John Adlam (his son) and Edward Banwell and to every one of them he bequeathed for their pains forty shillings. Also mentioned are sons Edward, George and Ambrose, daughters Constance and Alice, and wife Sibbell and other grandchildren and relatives.

### Footnotes.

1. The law in England directing churches to record baptisms, marriages and burials took effect on 5 Sept., 1538. The earliest known Westbury Parish Register begins in 1556. The first Cogswell baptism is recorded in 1565.
2. This quotation is found on 6 different websites but no source given on any of them.
3. Roger (according to one website) was a first cousin of John Cogswell and the son of Robert Cogswell, Jr., an older brother of Edward Cogswell.

## *Cogswell Scholarship Offered in Chile*

Surfing the Internet, I discovered that there is a Cogswell Scholarship offered in Chile. That caught my attention, and I thought it would yours also. I investigated further and here's what I found:



The Cogswell Scholarship is available for some graduates of Kusayapu Agricultural Institute in Pachica, Northern Chile. The Institute is operated by EMANA, a program of the Methodist Church of Chile for Andean Youth, largely Aymara Indians, particularly those youth who might migrate to the cities to look for work. In the cities they would experience discrimination, in part, because they are not academically or technically prepared for the jobs available. In addition, many could become involved with drug addiction or trafficking, alcoholism, or prostitution. EMANA also operates a health program and does community development. Agriculture is the predominant activity in the Andean interior area but lack of adequate technology is one factor leading to villages and farm land being abandoned. The institute also teaches how to create authentic native crafts – some in danger of becoming extinct. Graduates are eligible to receive the Cogswell Scholarship to continue their education beyond high school. These are often not university courses (the students find it very hard to pass the tests to enter university) but whatever courses will be helpful. To date, six Aymara students have been helped by this scholarship

to realize a dream for a better future than they had ever envisioned.

But how did the name Cogswell get attached to that scholarship?

John and Janice Cogswell made their first trip to Chile in July, 1992, and have been going there at least twice a year since, providing leadership to build furniture for the Kusayapu school and churches. Presently, over 900 pieces of furniture (desks, chairs, wardrobes, tables and pews) have been built. In 1996, they received a request from one of the Chilean families, who had been working with them since the onset of the projects, to help with some tuition costs for their son, Baruch, to go to the Methodist school. Public education in Chile is very poor and private education is very expensive so families have a hard time providing a decent education for their children. That year, 1996, had been an extremely unusual volunteer experience, in that one of their members (Aldeo Dugas), had a heart attack and died on their third day. The experience brought the team together in such a way that they wanted to do something to honor the Cogswells (and Aldeo) when they returned and established the Cogswell Scholarship Fund. The fund has provided scholarships for Baruch to finish his high school at the Iquique English College and six other Aymara graduates to further their education. Two have gone into social work, three into teaching and one is doing some further agriculture courses. (The Fund is held by the United Methodist Foundation in the Northern Illinois Conference of the United Methodist Church. Donations are welcome.)

John and Janice Cogswell live in Chicago, but formerly lived in Needham, MA, just down the street from our Treasurer John H. Cogswell. John works (past normal retirement age) as a machine designer. Trips to Chile have reduced retirement savings but John says they feel it is one way for them "to live out the biblical mandate to be good neighbors with our fellow human beings."

John Cogswell's parents were divorced when he was small, his mother moved to Minnesota and remarried and he had no further contact with his father, so he does not know much about his Cogswell heritage. But, as his wife, Janice, says, "I think my husband is wonderful and has been doing the Cogswell name an honor." They have been doing volunteer projects for most of their 42 years of marriage, the past thirteen concentrated in Northern Chile. Stanley Moore, a former director of EMANA, wonders if Kusayapu would ever have gotten off the ground without them. The last planned work party was in 2004 but, if there is another, would anyone like to join it?



## Cogswell Polytechnical College 2004-2005 Academic Year Round-Up

This year has been an exciting one for Cogswell Polytechnical College (founded by Dr. Henry Cogswell in 1887) with new staff and faculty bringing new energy and vision onto campus. Our new president, Dr. Chester Haskell, pushed forward his vision for the campus, investing in personnel, computing infrastructure and facilities, and emphasizing the importance of the student from matriculation through alumni status. Last fall, the College hired a Director of Enrollment Management, Dr. Valerie Brown, who is pushing forward an intensive enrollment management process designed to strengthen and enhance our student body. This summer, the College will hire a Dean of Institutional Advancement to concentrate on development and alumni relations. Dr. Haskell recently appointed three new faculty members to fill positions in General Education, 3-D Animation and as the Director of the Degree at a Distance Program for the Fire Service. A search is currently underway to fill a new Chair of Engineering position funded by a generous bequest from alumnus Roy A. Anderson, class of 1952. In some sad news, the Cogswell community mourns the loss of our long-time Computer Technician, Bob Heft, who passed away in January after a struggle with cancer.

On March 19<sup>th</sup>, the College had a successful Founders' Day reception at the Ritz-Carleton Hotel, the site of the College's last San Francisco campus. The College honored two outstanding alumni, Eric Bermender (class of 1997) and Clarence Wikse (class of 1928), along with long-time trustee and friend Douglas Crane. The hotel was delighted to learn more about the history of their landmark building and they worked with the College Archive to find images for a historical presentation at their worldwide General Managers meeting held in February. Interestingly for alumni from that campus, the exterior remains basically the same as when Cogswell occupied it in the 1970's and '80's.

The Associated Student Body held many events during the school year, including a Casino Night where President Chester Haskell and Director of Student Services Barb Bloom displayed their dealing skills at black jack tables. Other events included bowling for pudding, an annual ski trip and paint ball.

Senior Austin Ivansmith won the campus wide political cartoon contest held in conjunction with a voter registration drive and voter awareness debates conducted by the U.S. Government class. Sophomore Joel Foster donated two photographs to the silent auction at the Foundation for Educational Advancement Awards Luncheon in October. 25 students, helped by three faculty members, worked to create a promotional video, *The Making of Kites*, in support of 10,000 kites, an Israeli/Palestinian peace project. The video helped raise funds and awareness both in the U.S. and abroad. (For more info. visit [www.10000kites.org](http://www.10000kites.org))

Cogswell hosted 10 Danish Digital Arts students in October helping foster interest in our programs internationally. Cogswell is also sponsoring a presence at several conferences this year to further promote our image and to connect students with professionals in the field. Students staffed a booth at the 117<sup>th</sup> Annual Audio Engineering Society (AES) convention in San Francisco featuring their own work. This garnered some interest in the College from the attendees and also resulted in the formation of an AES student chapter on campus. The College will also be present at the SIGGRAPH and E3 conferences this summer.

The Student Services Office offered career workshops on resumes and cover letters, interviewing and demo reel presentation. In conjunction with the Digital Motion Picture Faculty, Student Services organized a student trip to Los Angeles in March to tour Stan Winston Studios. An alumnus who works there helped to coordinate this opportunity. Students also visited Space Systems Loral and Pixar Animation Studios.

Many of Cogswell's faculty have been active this year. Last fall, Associate Professor Reid Winfrey donated an original oil painting to the City of Sunnyvale Annual Auction, which raises funds for the Sunnyvale School District Education Foundation. Adjunct Faculty Max Sims exhibited his theoretical design work at the SADI Gallery and the Korean Design Center in Seoul, Korea and was invited to participate on December 3<sup>rd</sup>, at an international 3-D event. Associate Professor Susan Harby showed a South African Township gingerbread house at the San Diego Airport in December as part of the *Home Sweet Home* exhibit put together by the Sugar Museum. Adjunct Faculty Scot Gresham-Lancaster participated in an international music festival between Stanford University and the University of Lyon via web broadcast.

In the art gallery, Adjunct Faculty Thomas Applegate's exhibit, *Figure and Form*, a collection of recent paintings and sculpture, was displayed throughout the fall. The Alumni Reception and Exhibition in December featured the art and motion pictures of 75 alumni. The opening reception attracted over 200 alumni, visitors, College staff and students. The spring exhibit, *The Art of Psychonauts*, presented concept art from the new video game Psychonauts created by Double Fine, a company that employs several Cogswell graduates. This exhibit opened with a day of workshops on video games creation and a sneak peek at the game. Currently on show is the annual Cogswell student exhibition. All displayed work is entered into the ASB Fusion Awards Contest for best student work held at the end of the spring term. The upcoming summer exhibit will feature the work of Latif Harris, a local beat poet and artist.

After months of intensive market research and hard work, this summer the College will be presenting our new logo and website ([www.cogswell.edu](http://www.cogswell.edu)). This design more fully integrates our mission and message of the fusion of art and engineering. The website will feature current student work as well as being the electronic gateway to the college.

## Cogswells in the News 2005

Announced Jan. 5<sup>th</sup>: Andrew Cogswell, a Junior of Green Mountain High School, will be the alternate to play the Bari Saxophone in the 2005 Colorado All-State Symphonic Band. The Colorado All-State Symphonic Band is comprised of 113 students representing 50 high schools.

January 27<sup>th</sup>: Susan F. Cogswell, Connecticut's Insurance Commissioner, was keynote speaker during lunch at the Annual Meeting of the Connecticut Interlocal Risk Management Agency at the Hartford Marriott, Rocky Hill, CT.



The USS Cogswell DD-651 Association is holding its 2005 Las Vegas National Reunion October 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>, 2005, at the Plaza Hotel and Casino, Number One Main Street, Las Vegas, NV.

Dale Cogswell lost his job with Tempe Arizona because he allowed a woman in a bikini to pass out doughnuts to public-works employees in February. Cogswell and two other supervisors were in hot water after a retiring worker, Bobby Ray, brought the woman to the city's Priest Yard facility during his last day at work.

Cogswell has some regrets about the bikini episode. While he says he told the woman to "put some clothes on" when he first saw her, he did not force her to leave. "In hindsight, sure, I should have gotten her out of there," he said, "but so should have the other two supervisors."

February 3<sup>rd</sup>: Ampy Lee Cogswell has been promoted to Vice President of the Louisville Real Estate Development Co. She most recently served as Director of Community Outreach and Home-owner Services for LREDC, which helps people arrange financing for home ownership in The Villages of Park DuValle neighborhood redevelopment. Prior to joining Louisville Real Estate Development Co., she organized an affiliate of Food for the Hungry International in Hong Kong. She also led an eight-month self-financed mission in the slums of Manila, Philippines, to work with a small-loan program and conduct a community-based business skills training program for women, the release said.

February 10<sup>th</sup>: Morgan Cogswell of Oromocto, NB, became 2005 Canadian Forces Base Gagetown Junior Idol winner, after singing "Angel" by Sarah McLaughlin. (Morgan is your editor's grand-daughter.)

March 5<sup>th</sup>: Cathy Cogswell (right), New York, taps a sugar maple tree in preparation for the maple sugaring season before the maple producers' Annual Maple Weekend.

April 1<sup>st</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup>: Tom Cogswell of the University of California, Riverside, handled local arrangements for the thirty-second annual meeting of the Pacific Coast Conference on British Studies at the historic, recently renovated Mission Inn in Riverside, California.

February 25<sup>th</sup>, March 4<sup>th</sup> and April 21<sup>st</sup>: Jarrett Cogswell gave concerts in Pickney, Howell and Dexter, Michigan.

March 15<sup>th</sup>: Kathleen Eleanor Cogswell, 94, mother of CFA member David Cogswell, Berwick, Kings Co., NS, passed away. Born on December 30, 1910, she graduated from Grade 12 at the age of 14. B.A., cum laude, from Dalhousie University, M.A., magna cum laude, from the University of Toronto at 19 years of age. She was interested in medicine because she was not only the daughter and wife of physicians, but also the mother of two doctors and the mother-in-law of one.

April 26<sup>th</sup>: Theresa Cogswell, Vice President for Research and Development at Interstate Bakeries Corp., the parent company of Hostess (where she has worked for 20 years), was interviewed by the press on the 25<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Twinkies.

May 24<sup>th</sup>: a 52-page report by Auditor Merritt L. Cogswell found fault with many purchases made by Virginia State Department of Game and Inland Fisheries agency employees, including gear used on an African safari. This led to the resignation of the agency's director, William L. Woodfin Jr.

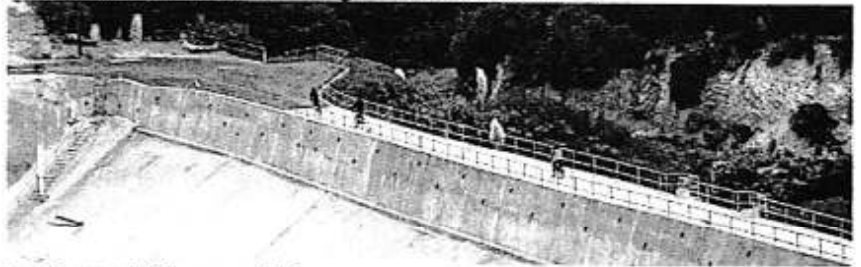
In June, Kimberly Cogswell, a senior at Brien McMahon High School in Norwalk, earned third place at the first Fairfield County BizPlan Competition at the University of Connecticut at Stamford. Her prize was a \$200.00 check for her "Swim Strong Swim School." The business would provide disabled people with swimming lessons at a reasonable cost.





## *Cogswell Dam, San Gabriel River, West Fork*

In Los Angeles County, CA, on the San Gabriel River, is the Cogswell Dam, formerly known as San Gabriel Dam #2. The dam is named after Prescott F. Cogswell (DJC 6324). Born in Thamesford, ON, Canada, the son of Asa Cogswell, he attended Albert College in Belleville, ON, and briefly owned a farm in Iowa. (For more details, see the December, 1997, Courier.) He was an early settler in El Monte, California, moving to California in 1882 and to El Monte in 1888, and living there until his death in 1960 at the age of 100. In 1889, his first son was ready for high school and there was none and he circulated a petition, found the required 10 students and obtained a teacher. Cogswell School is named after him. He was a California State Assemblyman (1906-1912) and State Senator (1912-1916). He served as Los Angeles County Supervisor (1916-1926) and was very involved with flood control. That may be the reason Cogswell Dam is named after him. Work on Cogswell Dam commenced in 1932 and was completed in April, 1934, at a cost of \$3.1 million. It is a rock-filled structure with a concrete cutoff wall and rises 255 feet above the original stream bottom. It is located on the San Gabriel River approximately 18 miles upstream of Santa Fe Dam. The river has carved a path through a fault fractured composite of granite and metamorphosed rock. Steep, impassable cliffs intermittently border the stream. There is also a Cogswell Street in El Monte – it is not one of the main highways in El Monte but probably has more people living on it than any other street, because it is long and all residential.



Two views of Cogswell Dam

Today the dam is on a bike trail. Start by driving up Highway 39 above Azusa, from the 210 Freeway. You need the Forestry Pass or have to buy a \$5 day use pass. You drive up about 6 miles or so passing various reservoirs and dams on the right. At the top of the last (San Gabriel) Reservoir, there's a turning to the right which goes to East Fork. You don't take it, but within 1/2 mile, you'll see the start of the Red Box/Rincon trail on the left. Park here. The first stage of the ride is to ride up the road another 1/2 mile or so until you reach the start of the West Fork trail. The first 7 miles or so are a relaxing warm-up. This trail is used by fishing people. It's a smooth paved road with no traffic and it follows along the West Fork of the San Gabriel River very gently climbing. You pass Glenn. All of a sudden, you come around a corner and there's a nasty little climb which soon levels off and you reach a gate and it looks like you're stuck. It says Private Property all over the place, however, there's a way around the side and, although there are residences on both sides, the main road continues through the middle and you shortly arrive at Cogswell Dam. This is another huge flood prevention dam built in the 1930s. You can ride across the top of the dam but the fire road the other side doesn't appear to go anywhere useful and just



dead ends. So, once you've taken the picture, munched a power bar (the real climbing starts here), you return to the left side of the dam and continue on up, around and down another way to your starting point. Just think, 10 million people living in LA County and you can ride for 30 miles and see maybe 5 people, all clustered near the very start of the ride.

It is also possible to paddle down the West Fork of the San Gabriel River and through the Reservoir, portaging over the Cogswell Dam, although, depending on conditions, it may not be an easy trip.

The top of the dam is shown at left.



## From the President's Desk

by Pat Cogswell

The bad news is, we are definitely NOT having a Cogswell Family Reunion this year, but the good news is, we ARE having one next year.

The REAL news is, we need some of our members to agree to be the President, 1<sup>st</sup> Vice President, 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President or on the Board of Directors (we only need three more Directors as of this writing.) Just so you know, here is a description of responsibilities of each of these positions:

- The **President** shall preside at all meetings of members and of the Board of Directors and shall generally perform the duties incidental to the office and shall appoint any Standing or Special Committees.
- In the absence of the President, the **First Vice President** shall preside and otherwise perform the duties of the President. The First Vice President shall be responsible for appointing the host/hostess and helping with development of the programs for the Association's Annual Meetings and Reunions.
- The **Second Vice President** shall generally perform the duties incidental to that office.
- The government and management of the Association shall be vested in the Officers, **Twelve (12) Directors** and the most recently retired President, all of whom must be members of the Association. The Board of Directors may appoint an Executive Committee, determine compensation paid to the Directors and appoint an Advisory Committee.

The Cogswell Family Association is growing every year, and we need to have more of you involved in what goes on, so please call me at (863) 471-2735, e-mail at [patcogswell@earthlink.net](mailto:patcogswell@earthlink.net) or drop me a note at 5902 Golden Road, Sebring, FL 33875-6099 and let me know that you would like to help by taking one of these offices. I'd be more than glad to give you a call.

None of the above jobs takes much time....it just takes lovely people like you to be involved.



### Message from Author Edward E. Cogswell

*The Siege of Vicksburg and the Defense by the Cogswell Family* by Edward E. Cogswell tells of the Civil War Battle of Vicksburg, MI, June through July of 1863. Thirty-eight Cogswells fought for the Union and six for the Confederacy, all in this battle. Includes history of each regiment for which they fought.

Price, including postage in the U.S., is \$31.84. Order from Edward E. Cogswell, 116 Bessey Ridge Road, Albion, Maine 04910.

### *Pictures from Northwest Arm/Cogswell Regatta, Halifax, N.S.*



The above pictures were labeled Cogswell 1, Cogswell 3 and Cogswell 4, year unknown. See p 14.





## *From the Secretary's Desk*

*Hello,*

*We are enjoying the nice warm weather after a long cold winter and no spring.*

*We still have outstanding dues that need to be taken care of. Please get them to me as soon as possible.*

*Our membership is still growing. We have passed the four hundred mark.*

*No reunion this year, but if any one wishes to join the list of Officers and Directors please get in touch with the President or myself. We will have an Election of Officers in the fall.*

*Have a great summer and enjoy!*

*Your Secretary,  
Claire*

## *Welcome to the Cogswell Family Association, Inc.*

*June Spann  
Karen Bateman  
Judy North  
Alfred & Doreen Cogswell*

*Stuttgart AR  
Idaho Falls ID  
Ennismore, Ontario Canada  
Cranston RI*



*Message from the Vice President – Peg Simons:*



**Have you ever been this tired?**

**(Answer from Editor: NO.)**

**(Your answer: ?)**



# Canadian Connection

## Charles Cogswell Harbour Rowing Championship

In Halifax Harbour, (that's the Canadian spelling), the Nova Scotia Rowing Association holds an annual race for single sculls, the winner being awarded the Cogswell Award. Originally (1858), it was a belt, which would be retained by anyone who won three consecutive years. Belts were retained by George Lovett (1863), George Brown (1866), John Mann (1874) and Warren Smith (1880). After that, the winner received a silver medal on a blue ribbon, with a silver clasp added for each subsequent win, but three consecutive wins earned the winner a medal of Nova Scotia gold and barred him from further competitions in this event. (The only Cogswell known to have won was 22-year-old Stewart Cogswell in 1913 – he appears in the 1901 census as a ten-year-old son of Halifax dentist Arthur Cogswell and his wife Helen. Stewart's great grandfather was a first cousin of Charles Cogswell.)

The prize was first given by Dr. Charles Cogswell (DJC 3735) (May 12<sup>th</sup>, 1813-Jan. 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1892) who gave the first



belt and \$400.00 – increased in 1883 to \$1000.00. If the interest falls below \$50.00, the city makes up the difference.

Records are incomplete. A list of winners covers 1858 to 1997 – 140 years,

but has names of winners for only 46 years. In 1985 there was no race and for the other years the list indicates "no records."

Dr. Cogswell was considered a noted Haligonian (native of Halifax). He

was a city Alderman for some years. He donated the fence around the Grand Parade (a public square where militia used to train). His heraldic abilities produced the City Crest and he is credited with introducing the kingfisher to its design.



Halifax City Crest

He produced a proposed Canadian flag (never adopted) with a beaver, three maple leaves and a jeweled crown. He was one of the first members of the Central Board of Education (created 1841) to supervise schools in the province. In 1857, he built a school on his own property and arranged for Anglican services to be held there. It eventually became St. James Anglican Church. It is also said that a flag was presented on his behalf to the Halifax Cricket Club.

In 1864, Dr. Cogswell moved to England. Before leaving, he gave many of his books and journals to the Medical Society of Nova Scotia to establish a medical library, which still exists, and bears his name. He died in England.

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<http://www.halifaxrowingclub.ca/> <http://www.rowingcanada.org/en/sport/history.html>



## *This and That*

### *Cogswell, ND*

In the early 1980s, John Cogswell of Buena Vista, CO, was hired by Lester Melroe to do legal work. He had moved from Fargo to build a big tractor in Longmont, CO. When I asked him why he hired me, he said he and his brothers were from Cogswell, N D, where they had been born. They were farmers but had the usual "can do" skills. Les and his brothers Irvin, Roger and Clifford invented the Melroe Bobcat which they later sold to Clark Equipment Company and which is now everywhere in the world. When I asked how Cogswell got its name, he told me that the railroad financed construction with bonds and that if investors purchased a certain amount the railroad would name a town after the investor. I suspect we had a rich Cogswell in the family and that he purchased bonds, which explains the name.



### *Update: Louis Cogswell, back from Iraq*

After the April issue of the Courier had gone to the printers, but before it was in the mail, I discovered another site with his story and some pictures of his wife, Alyssa Cogswell and newborn son, Louie (left). Louis first saw his son at 3 a.m. when he got home from Iraq. For the first time in over a year he was able to visit his family in Michiana, Michigan. Now back in Germany, Mom Debi misses him. For more pictures and even videos of Louis, see <http://www.freewebs.com/mamacogs/index.htm>

### *Questions and Answers*

My grandmother was very proud of being a Coggeshall. Unfortunately, she passed away before I was able to find answers to some genealogical questions. The first and the most important is when did and who of the Coggeshalls moved to Iowa. My grandmother was born in Iowa in 1908. Her name was Pauline Coggeshall. Thank you. Eric Lewis [res03vh5@gte.net](mailto:res03vh5@gte.net)



### *Students support Cogswell Mountain*

The Cogswell Mountain Conservation Area near Gilmanston, NH, is home to herons, beavers, bobcat, fox, mink and deer. On one occasion, a group of visitors halfway up Cogswell Mountain watched as the sky flooded with hundreds of birds - hawks, kestrels, coopers and redtails - birds that sometimes preyed on each other - flew in harmony. School children in Gilmanston have taken an interest. About three years ago, Chet Tasse (2<sup>nd</sup> from right in picture), a ninth grader from Gilmanston, raised money, designed and built a much needed observation deck for the Cogswell Mountain Conservation Area. In May this year, students, primarily fifth-graders, created five benches from tree trunks and branches and placed them along nature trails in the area. Students from other classes created sculptures from a variety of natural materials, as part of an artist-in-residence program.

### *Family Reunion 2006*

John Cogswell of Buena Vista, Colorado, has offered to host the 2006 Cogswell Family Association Reunion, in Buena Vista. Details are still to be arranged but, with NO reunion this year, we look forward to meeting in Colorado.

### *Alice Cogswell*

Your editor received a note of appreciation for the little item in April on Alice Cogswell but the note also pointed out what was missed: This is the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Alice Cogswell's birth. We only know she was born in 1805 - not the date. Your editor regrets missing this fact last issue.

## From the Editor's Desk

The biggest problem this issue seems to be what to leave out. Before the end of April, I had 12 pages ready for August, (with space for a short item on one page) leaving only pages for the President, Secretary, Cogswells in the News (almost full), the "This and That" page and this one. Part of the problem is that there are two new features I want to start including – maybe not every issue, but at least in this issue. One is "Places (including streets and structures) named Cogswell" – and for whom they are named. (I have two ready to go and had to choose only one.) The other is "Cogswell Neighbors in Ipswich." That would normally include something about how the Cogswells interacted with them – often by marrying them. (I have stories on about a half dozen of them, any of which could be ready in time. Again, I have made one choice.) Before the end of May, two additional items were definitely to be included, one submitted by Cogswell Polytechnical College, one discovered on the Internet (and in news services.) That meant a two page story has to wait – but I don't have a major story yet for December, so Cogswells in the War of 1812 may serve that purpose.



## About the Cover of This Issue



The seal on the cover of this issue comes from "Ancient Pemaquid" by J. W. Thornton, 1857, and I found it at the web site for Captain ANDREWS (Angel Gabriel) of the Pemaquid Disaster <http://homepages.rootsweb.com/~legends/andrews.html>. The explanation of the seal is as follows: PEMAQUID was about fifty miles east of Portland, Maine, and was the patent granted to Aldsworth and Elbridge, of Bristol, England, and includes the present towns of Bristol, Newcastle, Damariscotta and Nobleboro, Maine. The "A. E." on the seal were the initials of the patentees and "1631" the date of the patent. Accompanying the cut of the seal in Thornton's book is this note: "*The Gabriel, a little bark, was one of Frobisher's discovery ships engaged in*

*no less than three of his expeditions, the voyages of 1576-7-'88, and was, it may be supposed a favorite vessel with him. That ship may be taken as a representative of the naval architecture of that time, which was not essentially modified even down to the days of her namesake, the Angel Gabriel, of Pemaquid memory. Fortunately the contemporary accounts of Frobisher's voyages, furnish hints for a general description of this pioneer ship in the mission of Christian civilization to the new world; she was about thirty tons burden.*" So that's not a wrong date on the seal.



Members of the Cogswell Family Association were interested when they discovered that Pemaquid Point lighthouse would be featured on the Maine quarter back in 2003. They might be interested to know that it is also featured on a postage stamp from, of all places, Uganda – date unknown to your editor.



## Cogswell's Grant Tours

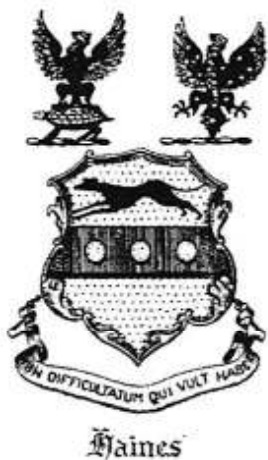
Historic New England, formerly known as the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities, will host tours of its historic properties throughout New England. Cogswell's Grant, at 60 Spring St., Essex, will be open Wednesdays through Sundays, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. with guided tours on the hour, Wednesday, June 1 through Saturday, Oct. 15. Admission is \$10, members and Essex residents free. Visit [www.HistoricNewEngland.org](http://www.HistoricNewEngland.org) for more information.

- (1) Doctor, Doctor, I feel like a pair of curtains. Well, pull yourself together then.
- (2) Doctor, Doctor, everyone keeps ignoring me. Next, please!
- (3) Doctor, Doctor, I keep thinking there are two of me. One at a time, please.
- (4) Doctor, Doctor, some days I feel like a teepee and other days I feel like a wigwam. You're too tents.



## Cogswell Neighbors in Ipswich

### *Deacon Samuel Haines*



Samuel Haines was born in 1611 in the Parish of Dilton, Westbury, Wiltshire, England. His mother may have been a relative of John Cogswell and, at age 15, in 1626, Samuel became his apprentice and servant. (In a deposition, he said he served the Cogswells in England about three years [but, in truth, 9] before coming with them, leaving Bristol, England, on May 23<sup>rd</sup>, 1625, on the Angel Gabriel and being wrecked at Pemaquid, Maine.) In a deposition 40 years later, Samuel listed some of the Cogswell possessions that were saved: feather beds and bedding, a good amount of brass (including brass pans), pewter and plate. He also mentioned that a "Turkey worked carpet" that John commonly laid on the parlour table was saved.

In the same deposition, Samuel recalled that, the same summer of their arrival, two mares (horses) and two cows had been sent by ship from South Hampton, Old England, and delivered safely to the Cogswells at Ipswich.

How much of Samuel's own belongings were saved or lost we do not know. As an apprentice he may not have had many possessions. He did bring a Bible, sewn into a pillow, which was saved. (One writer says it is still on display in a church somewhere in Maine.)

Samuel remained with the Cogswells another year. In 1638, he returned to England, where he remained for a year and a half. During his stay there, he married Ellenor Neate on April 1<sup>st</sup>, 1638, at Dilton, Westbury. (He was probably engaged to her before coming to America.) On his return, he brought back not only his wife, but also £180 worth of goods to be delivered to the Cogswells.

On October 22<sup>nd</sup>, 1640 he was among those who signed the "Dover Combination" (a combination of the people of Dover, NH, to establish a form of government), which suggests he had moved from Ipswich. In fact, he had built a home on ten acres of land on the Low Street section of Dover Neck and was also granted another 20 acres along the west side of Back River. Among his neighbors were William Furber, John Tuttle and perhaps other fellow passengers on the Angel Gabriel. He was taxed in Dover in 1648 and 1649.

In 1650, he rented and later took deed for (satisfying a "certain debte" for £90 sterling) a farm at Strawberry Bank in the area now known as Greenland. He also secured an additional 91 adjoining acres. He thus became the first permanent settler in Greenland and was one of the nine founders of the First Congregational Church of Portsmouth. Travel to the more settled parts of the town was by water or by a circuitous path through the forest. In 1653, Samuel was one of those petitioning to have the name of the community changed from Strawberry Bank to Portsmouth. He was selectman of Portsmouth, New Hampshire, from 1652 to 1663.

He also bought part of a saw-mill near his home, paying £110.

He must also have been clerk of the trainband (Militia Company) of Portsmouth, because in 1662, he was fined for being "neglective" of that office, apparently by failing to collect the fines members were supposed to pay for absence from musters.

In 1671, North Church was founded. (It was the only church in the community at the time.) Samuel Haines was ordained as deacon on July 12<sup>th</sup> of that year by the "imposition of hands and prayer." Along with the church, land was set aside for a cemetery.

In 1683, Robert Mason laid claim to the Haines farm and others but the titles were good and the claim failed.

Samuel and Ellenor had three children:

Mary (born 1643, married Leonard Weeks, 1667, died before 1708)

Samuel (born 1646, married Mary Fifield, 1673, died about 1689)

Mathias (born 1650, married Jane Brackett, 1671, died about 1688.)

Samuel Haines died before 1690 – the exact date unknown – as is the date of Ellenor's death. They are buried in the ancient burying ground of the first settlers (the one started in 1671) on a promontory jutting out into the Winnicut River.

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