

Cogswell Family Association, Inc.

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Cogswell



Arrived on ship Angel Gabriel
Pemaquid, (Mass) Maine
August 14, 1635
Settled at Ipswich, Mass.

COGSWELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER #12 DECEMBER 1993

GREETINGS FROM YOUR NEW PRESIDENT

Thank you for your vote of confidence in allowing me to become your new president. The high standard set by Sumter will be my guide in maintaining the quality of leadership he demonstrated. My aspirations for our Association will continue to follow in his footsteps in increasing membership as well as encourage membership participation. Not least, but perhaps foremost, continue developing our enjoyment in getting to know each other. Our common heritage is a most stimulating motivation.

Please consider this your open invitation and privilege to express your ideas for all facets of your Association. Communication is the key to successful relationships.

If each member will consider his/herself a Membership Chairperson, soliciting known Cogswell cousins to become a part of our family, it can be a most productive method of growth.

Please submit your ideas to me at: P.O. Box 2970,
Jackson, WY 83001.

Sincerely,

Bernice Sonna

COLORADO SPRINGS MEETING

The third national meeting of the CFA was held in Colorado Springs, Colorado, on the weekend of September 24-26, 1993. Anne Trostel, Meeting Chairperson, has reported that some 41 adults and one child were in attendance at one or more of the functions. The weather was beautiful and all activities went smoothly, thanks to Anne's planning and the assistance of Colorado Springs Cogswells. We are grateful for Anne's generous contribution of both time and home for this affair.

Election of CFA officers for the coming two-year period was held at the formal meeting, and this new letterhead presents the complete list of officers, together with directors and their periods of service.

OFFICERS

Sumter Aldage Cogswell
Los Altos, CA
President Emeritus

Bernice Sonna
Jackson, WY
President

William Harvey Cogswell, III
Charleston, SC
1st Vice President

Arnold Cogswell
Albany, NY
2nd Vice President

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Ware, MA
Secretary

John Heyland Cogswell
Needham, MA
Treasurer

Chris B. Staubes, Jr.
Charleston, SC
Legal Counsel

Rev. A. Charles Cogswell Cannon
Greenville, SC
Chaplain

Catherine J. Cogswell
Milford, MA
Historian

BOARD OF DIRECTORS (1991-1995)

Rev. A. Charles Cogswell Cannon
Greenville, SC

John Marshall Cogswell
Denver, CO

Margaret Price Cogswell
Washington, D.C.

Anne Cogswell Trostel
Colorado Springs, CO
(1992-1997)

Julius G. Cogswell
New York, NY

Prescott E. Cogswell
San Clemente, CA

Claire Cogswell Daigle
Ware, MA

John B. Little
Brookline, MA
(1993-1999)

Bernice Sonna
Jackson, WY

William Harvey Cogswell III
Charleston, SC

Arnold Cogswell
Albany, NY

Chris B. Staubes, Jr.
Charleston, SC

BEQUEST BY CYRIL GRAY COGSWELL

We have been advised that our first president, Cyril Gray Cogswell, has bequeathed approximately \$45,000 to the CFA, to be available in mid-1994. Cyril was quite proud of both his country and family and made many contributions of time and money to assure their places in history. In absence of any indication as to how Cyril would have liked these funds to be employed, your officers will be considering how we may best put this gift to work.

IN MEMORIAM

We have learned of the death of Brig. Gen. Charles L. Cogswell, USMC (Ret.), on July 27, 1993 at the age of 78. Charles, a very popular member of the CFA, served in the Pacific during World War II and later was in marketing both in industry and as a private consultant. One of his sons and his sister are CFA members. Our sincere condolences go out to them and his other survivors.

SAMUEL COGSWELL, GUNSMITH

An article that appeared about fifteen years ago in one of the American gun magazines reported on a man in Devon, England, who had researched a military flintlock musket bearing the name S. Cogswell and which had been in his family for a century or more. He assumed it had been made by the well-known English gun-maker, Cogswell & Harrison, who are no longer in business. His search led to Samuel Cogswell, who was active in Albany, New York, during the 1813-1815 period and made guns under contract for the government. Speculation was that the gun found its way to England as a trophy of the War of 1812.

TRIBUTE TO NINA FLETCHER LITTLE

The October 1993 issue of the magazine *ANTIQUES* presents a special 28-page tribute to Nina Fletcher Little and her great accomplishments and contributions as a collector and scholar in the field of American decorative arts. This series of articles contains many fine illustrations of the interior, exterior, and furnishings of both the Cogswell Grant and Pumpkin House, which were the Little's homes in Ipswich and Brookline, Massachusetts. Cogswells who have visited the Grant will appreciate being reminded of their visit. Those who have not had this privilege may be able to arrange a visit to this 1735 Jonathan Cogswell home through SPNEA, the current owners, during the period before it is opened to the public as a museum. More information will appear in this newsletter as to SPNEA's plans when received.

It may also be of interest that much of the Little's extensive personal collection of American folk art will be offered at auction by Sotheby's on January 28 and 29, 1994.

COGSWELL FAMILY BOOKS

For the benefit of new CFA members, we are repeating information on the availability of three books on the Cogswell family and its background:

1. The Cogswells in America (1635-1884) by E. O. Jameson (1884). This 683-page book provides extensive background and genealogical data on some 2500 descendants of John Cogswell (#1), who emigrated to the Ipswich, Massachusetts area in 1635 from Westbury Leigh, Wiltshire, England. This high-quality reproduction on acid-free paper with a sewn binding is bound in a variegated green and black leather-like vinyl which has been stamped in gold with the Cogswell crest, title, and author's name. The book is available at \$180 plus \$5 per copy for shipping and handling from the Librarian, Cogswell College, 10420 Bubb Road, Cupertino CA 95014. A lower-quality photocopied book (Item P3-10700) is available at \$97 plus \$5.75 for shipping and handling plus sales tax from the New England Historic Genealogical Society, 101 Newbury Street, Boston MA 02116.

2. Cogswells and Cloth in Avon Vale by LtCdr. Reginald J. Cogswell (1983), who was born and raised in Westbury, Wiltshire, England. This 170-page book focuses on John Cogswell (#1) and his parents, who built the Cogswell homestead in 1591 in Westbury Leigh. The book provides much background on the Cogswell family in early England and the atmosphere in which it lived and operated. This book, bound in cobalt blue vinyl and stamped in gold with the title and author's name, is available at \$45 plus \$3 per copy for shipping and handling from the Librarian, Cogswell College, 10420 Bubb Road, Cupertino CA 95014.

3. Cogswell-Haldeman (The Ancestors and Descendants of Asa Ferris Cogswell and Arobine Haldeman, with allied lines) by Helen Cogswell Trostel (1966). This 363-page book is thorough and well-documented, containing some 50 coats-of-arms, charts, maps, family trees, photographs, wills, photostats, etc. The lineage of more than 30 allied lines from time of entry into the family is given back to the 16th or 17th century. The book is available at \$60 per copy postpaid from Anne C. Trostel, 25 Marland Road, Colorado Springs CO 80906.

DUES FOR 1994

Dues for the calendar year 1994 are now payable, and an invoice for your use is enclosed. A few members who have been forgetful about payment of 1993 or earlier dues will find a small reminder stapled to their invoices. Please return remittances to our Treasurer at the address indicated on the invoice.

1994 WESTBURY TRIP

The May 1994 trip to Cogswell country in the west of England now seems assured. Members who have not already indicated interest in joining the tour should contact Jim Bolles, Family Society Tours, 24 Murray Street, Norwalk CT 06851 (203-846-8486). As many of you have relatives who are not CFA members and who may not have heard about this tour, you are encouraged to tell them about it, even if you do not plan to go yourself. The more Cogswells, the merrier. For any information on the tour's Cogswell-related experiences, feel free to contact Hal and Mary Lieberman, 3200 County Road 8 S.E., St. Cloud MN 56304 (612-252-4356).

QUESTIONABLE MARKETING PROGRAMS

In earlier newsletters, we have cautioned the membership about sending money to mass-mailers who offer so-called authentic Cogswell family items such as genealogical studies, coats-of-arms, sweat-shirts, and other items. Several of us have recently received another such solicitation from a Bath, Ohio address and suggest that it be ignored.

CHANGING OF THE GUARD

It was a real pleasure for me to be able to serve as President of the CFA over most of the past four years. I had the opportunity to get to know Cogswells throughout North America and abroad and developed a very deep appreciation of our ancestry and its accomplishments. After learning to type, composing twelve newsletters, and mailing over 2,000 copies of them during this period, I am passing the job along to your new President, Bernice Sonna. As the backlog of newsworthy items being passed along is quite small, it is hoped that you will send any material you believe of interest to the membership to her at P.O. Box 2970, Jackson WY 83001.

Sumter A. Cogswell