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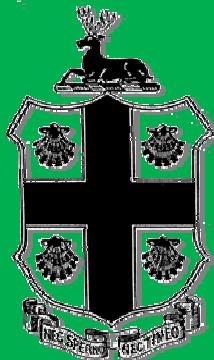


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Professor Fred Cogswell

“I neither despise nor fear”

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Frederick (Fred) William Cogswell, BA, MA, PhD, OC, ONB (poet, professor, editor, publisher, and literary critic), was born in East Centreville, New Brunswick, on November 8th, 1917, and died in Vancouver, B.C., on June 20th, 2004. He was Canada's best known Cogswell in the twentieth century.

The family moved to New Brunswick in the 1760s to occupy lands of the expelled Acadians. They settled in an area known as Cogswell Settlement, registering the farm that Fred grew up on in 1810.

Fred Cogswell's father, Walter Scott, was a conservative, sometimes stubborn, man who, like his father, was steadfastly opposed to new technologies. He refused to own a tractor, preferring to work his farm with his beloved horses. The wages of his father's labors repelled a young Fred Cogswell just as powerfully as its struggles impressed the older man.

Cogswell's mother, Florence Ann White, was descended from Acadian Girouards; her mother was the first Acadian woman in the province to receive a university degree. Fred was aware of his mother's Acadian ancestry when growing up; however, in deference to his father, he never investigated that part of his background until after his father's death. Cogswell's later commitment to literary translation is therefore found in both his lineage and in the tensions within it. Writ larger, his commitments to New Brunswick are rooted in competing antagonisms; a love of place tempered by an exasperation with its parochialisms.

At age seven, Cogswell was reading at an adult level. He also had an amazing memory and mathematical aptitudes. He could add multiple columns of numbers in his head, and easily calculate the number of seconds in a year or the near-exact potato yield from sixteen acres. Thus, Cogswell would always be torn between the world of the mind that his mother demanded and the world of the earth that his father inhabited. He would come to accept both realms as his inheritance, even if the "strong roots that held and fed bread that was more like glue than honey."

Until grade nine, Cogswell attended a one-room schoolhouse across the street from the family farm. To his peers, he was odd, always eager to join, but preoccupied with strange interests like chasing butterflies, collecting flowers and reading the dictionary, one of the few books available in his rural school. As he grew, his preoccupations with reading and writing became pronounced, giving him a way to move from the periphery of events into the centre of a mostly imagined culture from away. By age ten, he had discovered Palgrave's Golden Treasury, an anthology of poetry that was standard in North American schools. He began writing by copying the forms and sentiments of the Victorians, whose body of work was the focus of the second volume of the anthology in his school. He was especially interested in poetic forms, making a game of using the strict rules of the forms to generate his own verse.

After graduating from Normal School with a first class Superior license in 1936, he worked in small, rural New Brunswick schools for a couple of years, but the experience of maintaining school discipline defeated him, and he lost both jobs, as much out of sympathy for the inattentive boys as for a sense of his wider calling. With the trials of high school teaching over, he set off to Fredericton on a cold day in February 1940, to enlist. He joined the Forestry Corps, shipping overseas to Scotland where he worked on the telephone switchboard to maintain inventory and move the 100,000 board feet of timber cut each day. When he got leave, he would travel south to hear lectures at one of the universities that had opened its doors to enlisted men. On one of his furloughs to Exeter, he met his future wife, Margaret Hynes, an Irish nurse from Scariff, County Clare. They were married in July, 1944. She transferred to Aberdeen, Scotland, to be near her husband, staying until he was shipped back to Canada in August, 1945. They were reunited in New Brunswick when the war brides and children were released a year later.

Cogswell enrolled at UNB in 1945. He roomed in an old military barracks on the Fredericton Exhibition grounds, the site known as Alexander College. Like other veterans, he became caught up in the "determined and healthy optimism" of the time (Galloway 210), eager to move beyond the stagnation of his previous life in evangelical New Brunswick. With a generous veteran's allowance,

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he was able to study full time for almost eight years, moving from a BA (1949, UNB) to a PhD (1952, Edinburgh) in that time.

At UNB, he took classes from Desmond Pacey and from Alfred G. Bailey, the brilliant poet-historian who had co-founded the Bliss Carman Society in 1940 and The Fiddlehead in 1945. He completed an MA under Pacey in 1950 on the Canadian novel from Confederation to WWI. He also joined the small group of approximately ten poets who met regularly at Bailey's home to read their work and discuss issues of the day. It was under these conditions that Cogswell emerged as a committed socialist. He helped with the provincial CCF paper, True Democracy, he wrote speeches for National Secretary David Lewis, and he even became Provincial Secretary. After his MA, he received an IODE scholarship to start a PhD at the University of Edinburgh. His wife and two young daughters (Carmen and Kathleen) accompanied him.

By the start of the 1952 academic year, he had accepted a job at UNB. Almost immediately, he took over editorial control of The Fiddlehead, opening the magazine to a large audience by enacting an editorial practice of eclecticism to accommodate as wide a readership as possible. With the demise of Contemporary Verse and Northern Review, his magazine and The Canadian Forum became the incubators of creative writing in the country. As first reader, he read upwards of 5000 poems per year once the magazine got going, endeavoring to provide constructive feedback to each poet. A year after he began remaking the magazine, he and Al Tunis, a like-minded colleague in the UNB Sociology Department, founded Fiddlehead Poetry Books, the logical extension of the periodical. The first book published was Cogswell's *The Stunted Strong* (1954), a collection of wry and arresting portraits of the farm folk of Cogswell's youth. The portraits personalized New Brunswickers as nothing before had done, providing important models for younger poets such as Robert Gibbs and Alden Nowlan.



During Cogswell's tenure as publisher of Fiddlehead Poetry Books, he published the work of Al Purdy, Alden Nowlan, Dorothy Livesay, Norman Levine, Joy Kogawa and many other well-known poets of the 1960s and 70s. In total, he published 307 books of poetry, forty-four of those in 1973, and many funded by his own resources. As editor of *The Fiddlehead* (1953-66) and publisher of Fiddlehead Poetry Books (1954-81), he established himself as both the friend and mentor of an entire generation of Canadian poets.

In the late 1960s, Cogswell went to Montreal to study and translate French. Acadian Premier Louis J. Robichaud's Equal Opportunity reforms were taking shape in New Brunswick and, as importantly, eliciting a response that Cogswell considered downright racist. When editorial cartoons depicting Robichaud as a decadent King Louis XVI of France started appearing in the Irving-owned *Daily Gleaner*, and then an anonymous letter appeared in the Irving-owned *Telegraph-Journal* accusing Robichaud of "robbing Peter to pay Pierre," Cogswell became convinced that English intellectuals had to come forward to defend the interests of the French. He sought to explore intolerance by learning the literary language of Canada's vanquished citizens. *Star-People*, his best collection after *The Stunted Strong*, appeared in 1967 – its preoccupations the freedoms and confusions of the decade of political turmoil. *One Hundred Poems of Modern Quebec* was published in 1970, the year after New Brunswick became officially bilingual. When Antonine Maillet's ground-breaking *La Sagouine* came out in 1971, Cogswell started to read Acadian literature in earnest, convinced that opening the French sensibility to English readers would buttress tolerance through understanding.

In subsequent years, he became a founding member of the Independent Publishers' Association (IPA), then the Literary Press Group, then the Atlantic Publishers' Association. His motives in taking on this pan-Canadian cultural work were not directly related to his own interests or to a politics of cultural nationalism, though both were served by his work at the policy level of

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cultural governance. Rather, he desired primarily to support individuals at the most fundamental level of their artistic practice. His haiku, "Snob," seems illustrative of this view: "The humming-bird / flies by here and flies by there / without seeing me." In the detente achieved between "here" and "there," the poet is negated, his subjectivity existing somewhere along the plane of the balance created between opposites.

In 1980, the Writers' Federation of Nova Scotia and the Atlantic Publishers' Association commissioned a Scroll in his honor, a collection of poems signed by forty-nine Canadian poets. He received the Order of Canada a year later, and Professor Emeritus status was conferred by UNB in 1983. Honorary degrees for outstanding achievement in the arts followed: 1983, LLD, St. FX; 1985, DCL, King's College, Halifax and 1988, LLD, Mount Allison. As these local attentions accumulated, he was immersing himself in Maritime literary criticism, undertaking major restorative projects on Charles G.D. Roberts and Atlantic writing. His focus now was decidedly regional. Retirement, coupled with the unexpected deaths of his oldest daughter and wife, made much of the middle part of the 1980s a time of sorrow and transition. "[I] feel my lack of wings," he wrote in one poem: "Outside me now / The discord lays my limitations bare" ("The Beach at Noon" 9). When *The Best Notes Merge* appeared in 1988, his mood was one of conciliation. "What I have learned," he wrote, "is that wills cannot merge" ("Inside the Chapel" 56). Rather, the "discord" of which he previously wrote forms a "Great orchestra whose instruments perform / God's master-work . . . and from each place / The best notes merge to find one unison" (56). Only in the late 1980s was he assured that his life would go on – and reminded of "[w]hat a gypsy said at the country fair": "Don't quit on love, boy. Though it hurts like hell, / How much you live depends on how you care" ("Loneliness" 2).

His life did indeed go on but in a much-quieter guise than previously. Retired and divested of his heavy editorial, publishing and teaching labors, he spent the 1990s in New Brunswick as poet and seer. He continued to help aspiring poets by using his broad network of connections to find publishing venues, and he continued to translate French verse, striving to bring the work of Acadian poets to English readers. His translations in *Unfinished Dreams: Contemporary Poetry of Acadie* (1990, with Jo-Anne Elder), were the first Acadian verses that many English New Brunswickers read. His greater energies, however, concentrated on his own poetry, which he finally had the long horizons to cultivate. From 1991 to the time he left New Brunswick in 2002, he published twelve collections, their preoccupations more philosophical than earlier works. In each, memory assuages loneliness, and the poem itself (as creation) is flashpoint for a temporary joy. In "A Bare Road and a Lonely," he recounts the loneliness of that uncertain time, the uncharacteristic free verse line he employs a metaphor for how unfixed his world was during those years of "hid[ing] in outward smiles the inner ache" ("Self-Advice" 58):

a bare road and a lonely
cold rain-clouds hid the sun
each hill he climbed led only
to another one
in him song welled up anew
spurring his weary feet
and the rhythm it moved to
was his own heart-beat (31)

In early 2002, Cogswell left New Brunswick for the last time, going to Vancouver to live with his daughter, Kathleen. He was eighty-five.

Cogswell wrote to his dying days, refusing to let his "toil-established muscles die" ("Retirement" 99). His final poems were beacons of light that expressed his profound belief in freedom of the imagination and heart. With organized religion gone off the rails, the creative impulse, he believed, is the only truth.

Fred Cogswell died at the Royal Columbian Hospital on June 20th, 2004, in Vancouver. He died with his poems around him.



CFA Historian Page

OUR NEW HISTORIAN



Following the retirement as the long-time CFA Historian Don Cogswell, the Board of Directors appointed member, Eloise "Elli" Gassert, the new CFA Historian. Elli has been working research with Don for years and, in fact, successfully helped Don research his own path back to John [1] Cogswell. With this issue of the Cogswell Courier, Elli will be presenting an article in future Couriers.

"A life story is a gift one generation bestows upon another..."
---Denis Ledoux

Historians all over the world help individuals, families, organizations and communities preserve their valuable histories, memories and life stories. This is what I had chosen to do as I began researching my family over 15 years ago. You come across some old pictures - then a birth certificate - then a marriage certificate and finally, you wish you had paid attention to what your parents and elders related to you as you were growing up. My Momma always told me we were Indian, French and Dutch, with my Dad's side being purely Finnish.

Boy, was Momma misinformed! The Indian (Pequot) and the Dutch were actually the Cogswell side of the family on my Mom's mother's side - the French was actually the Del Castilhos whom I've traced all the way back to Spain, and were of Sephardic Jewish lineage, not French. (My g-grandfather tried to hide his true lineage). Researching the histories and lineage of our family heritages truly becomes a mysterious treasure hunt into the lives of those we call family. All of it is family history - "the good, the bad and the ugly", and goes into making us who we are.

I take whatever information I am given, and begin a tree with the basics of full names - the name of the originating person being you, then of both parents, dates of birth, dates of death, pertinent cities, states and countries - also using whatever other familial information you choose to give me. Then I start my research, and hunt into who you are genealogically. All information that is found stays private and reserved until you are ready to publish it. When I have discovered as much as possible, I send a pdf genealogical report for corrections, revisions and additions. You often have more information hidden in your archival memories or in the attics amongst old pictures and newspaper clippings.

I strive to find factual, proven information, but sometimes that information must be proven out by the sources you have access to in your genealogy - such as going to City Hall - cemeteries - old newspapers - social security records - genealogy links and sites. It is a never ending hunt, and each one of us in turn must supply the final proofs.

As you tell your story, you begin to connect generations

OUR GENEALOGICAL RECORDER

As our former Historian, Don Cogswell, will attest, the job of the CFA Historian can be quite time consuming. Don had a handful of members who would help him with research, while he kept the CFA database up-to-date. When I was asked to serve as the Cogswell Family Association Historian, I agreed to serve, providing that I could concentrate on the research, and have someone help me by managing the CFA database. At that time, our current CFA President, Roger Bohn, agreed to take on the responsibility as CFA Genealogical Recorder. His job will be to update, maintain, and keep secured the CFA database. We are both excited about these responsibilities, and are here to help our membership in any way we can. Our contact information is on page 18 of the Courier. – Elli Gassert.

The Seaman's Memorial



Seaman's Memorial in Lincoln Park, 2008.

On a drive of the Lincoln Park golf course in San Francisco, stands an interesting metal hazard for players. A monument fifteen feet high, decorated with nautical reliefs of anchor and sailing ships, the stile is left over from the days when Lincoln Park served as the City Cemetery.

An inscription (edited slightly for clarity) reads:

“Presented to the Ladies' Seaman's Friend Society by Dr. Henry D. Cogswell.

“A landmark of the seaman's last earthly port and resting-place in which he awaits the advent of The Great Pilot for his Eternal Destiny.

“Dedicated to Mrs. Rebecca H. Lambert, the founder of this society who, by universal consent, has merited the unqualified and lasting gratitude of the seaman's friend for her unselfish and lifelong devotion to their cause.”

Dr. Henry D. Cogswell, (*DJC* 4057) is better known for his temperance fountains and for his grave monument as well as his wife's clock tower. Your editor had not previously heard of this other memorial given by him.

Part grave marker for sailors and part testament to Mrs. Lambert's good work on the behalf of the seaman, the marker was originally well-located for its purpose. The City Cemetery may have been the place where the poorer classes, such as sailors, were interred, but it also offered a magnificent and fitting view of the Golden Gate and the Pacific Ocean.

John Martini found reference to this monument and the burial section it commemorates in an 1891 San Francisco Examiner:

“The different societies and nationalities have plots on all sides, but they are generally well kept and decent.

“The ground alone is wretched and forlorn. High on the hill there are clustered a few graves close to the edge of the cliff where it sheers into the water.

“‘Them's mariners,’ said the gravedigger, who stood dreaming on his shovel, and flicking a curly dog with a coffin rope. ‘They're put there so'st they can see the ships come in.’

“The mariners have decidedly the best of it, for though their little plot of ground is bare enough, in all conscience, it is not quite so miserable as the rest.

“The wind rushes in from the sea and shakes the rattling branches of the scattered brush. Sometimes it overturns a tottering board or blows a broken paling from a falling fence.

“The place looks as if the gravedigger and his curly dog were the only visitors that ever came to visit it.

“Except the wind. That is always there.”¹

The neglected cemetery gave way to a city park in the 1910s, with the bodies supposedly all moved to new graves in Colma. Renovation work on the nearby Legion of Honor museum in the 1990s uncovered, however, many, many remains. So perhaps a goodly number of seamen still reside around their memorial.

Are there still other monuments given by the good dentist around the country about which anyone can tell us? If you know of one, please contact the Editor of the Courier.

¹“Desolate and Forsaken. Neglected and Forlorn Condition of the City Cemetery,” San Francisco Examiner, 3 February 1891, page 3.



Sailing ship relief on Seaman's Memorial in Lincoln Park, 2008

Photos by John Martini

Jackie Chirco Cogswell

Dr. Jackie Chirco Cogswell is a family physician, wife, mother, former school teacher and author of a series of Christian children's novels: the GiggleHeart™ Adventure Series. As a Christian mother, the issue of bullying became personal to her when her son was bullied at school. Through the many struggles her son had with bullies, Dr. Jackie learned from firsthand experience how to tackle bullying from a Biblical perspective. "Super Luke Faces His Bully" was inspired by her son's personal struggle and the good Lord Who equips us for every battle and gives us strength."



1) What genres are your favorites to read? How about to write in?

My favorite books to read are the Bible and medical journals. For now, Christian children's stories are my genre of choice.

2) Who is one of your favorite characters that you have written? Please tell us about him/her and what book they are in.

Super Luke is my favorite character (from GiggleHeart #2). Luke is a tenderhearted young boy who wants to be a big brave superhero. He is a super sweet, lovable, fun-loving child who gets stifled by fear when he finds himself shoved into a locker by the school bully, Bulldog Jones! It is fun to watch this character transform from a scared little bully victim to a brave and strong boy who knows his identity and value in Christ!

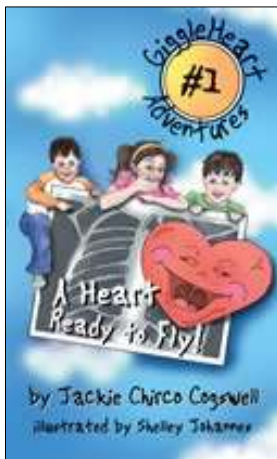
3) For those who have not read your work yet, what book would you recommend starting with?

A Heart Ready to Fly! (GiggleHeart #1) would be a good place to start. This book is about a young girl who has attitude problems. But she learns through God's Word how to have her heart "tenderized," so that it can giggle with God's joy.

4) Where can readers find and connect with you on the web?
www.giggleheart.com (and on Facebook.)

5) What is one thing that you could not live without? (Fun question.)
If I could change this question to the top 3 things...

- God is #1 in my life!
- My family is #2!
- Chocolate is a close #3!



A Heart Ready to Fly (Giggleheart #1)

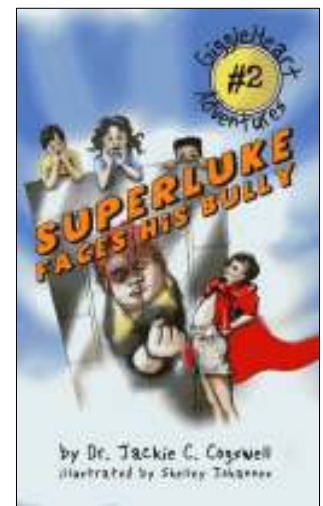
While flying home with her brother, Sophia meets the goofy Angel Frank who uses the Bible to teach her about judging others and her "little bit of a not-so-nice-ish attitude" problem. This wacky adventure ends in a humbling and "heart cleaning" experience preparing her heart to fly. This Bible based story is enjoyed by parents as well as kids.

Super Luke Faces His Bully (Giggleheart #2)

"Super Luke Faces His Bully," the second in the GiggleHeart Adventures series, takes us on a journey into the heart of a bully. It then explores how to handle the bully from a Biblical

perspective. Luke Giggleheart always wanted to be a brave and strong super-hero. Like many kids, he wanted action, adventure and the chance to wear one of those brave looking super-hero capes. He had fun playing Super Luke until the day Bulldog Jones decided to become his bully.

During this second adventure of the GiggleHeart Adventures, he learns what the Bible says about fear, lying, attitudes and bullies in a super-fun and giggly way!





Swimming Brothers Chris and Cole Cogswell



Cole Cogswell (right) and his classmates won the 4 x 100 IM in 3:47.60, the 400 free relay in 3:19.74 and the 4 x 50 butterfly in 1:40.26, setting a new record time in each event. This was at the 41st annual Southern Section boys' swim relays. The boys were part of the Indians, representing Hart High School.

Chris Cogswell (left), Cole's brother, is a standout in the backstroke and individual medleys. Chris was a senior and graduated in 2012. He hoped to go to California Polytechnic State University to study engineering. Cole was a freshman, so new to the school.

In 2009, Chris was new and ready to bolster the roster. Cole Cogswell set a 200 back-stroke record of 2:08.01. (It was broken in 2010.) You can see videos of Cole at a swimming meet in 2010 at <http://www.ustream.tv/channel/north-american-challenge-cup>.

In September, 2010, in the North American Challenge Cup, seven people were sent to Mexico, including Chris and Cole Cogswell. Cole Cogswell was one of three boys who scored about 75 points combined.

Feb 15, 2012, Southern California Swimming Older Junior Olympic Championships in East Los Angeles: 13-14-year-old Cole Cogswell earned one individual championship and medaled in his five other events. He took first in the 1,000 free, second in the 200 free, third in the 100 free and 500 free, fourth in the 200 back and seventh in the 100 back.

At a meet March 13th to 17th, each boy was on three different relay teams – Chris in the 400 yard 4 x 100 IM relay, the 200 yard 4 x 50 fly relay and the 200 Yard 4 x 50 medley relay. Cole was in the 400 yard 4 x 100 IM relay, the 200 yard 4 x 50 fly relay and the 400 yard 4 x 100 free relay. Chris' races were marked VR (Varsity?) and Cole's were marked FS (Freshman/Sophomore).



Brothers, senior Chris and freshman Cole Cogswell, and brothers, senior Mitch and sophomore Matt Johnson, swam the A relay team in the 400-free relay at the inaugural Santa Clarita Valley (Calif.) Invitational March 31st. The brother act won the event with a time of 3:17.41, defeating Valencia's time of 3:24.85. Cole Cogswell, second to Morsch in the 100



free in 49.27, won the 50 free (22.50), while Chris Cogswell took the 100 backstroke (56.48). April 18th, at the Santa Clarita Aquatic Center, the team of Chris Cogswell and three others won the 200 medley relay (1 minute 41.19 seconds). Chris and Cole Cogswell contributed to victories for Hart at the annual Santa Clarita Valley Relays April 21st. Chris Cogswell won the 500 free (4:58.68), Cole Cogswell was victorious in the 200 individual medley (1:59.12 – right, lower picture) in the Foothill League boys' swimming April 24th. In the 200-medley relay, the team of Chris Cogswell, Quincy Liu, Mitch Johnson and Naphong Aneksirikul won in 1 minute, 40.97 seconds.

In the Foothill League swim finals on May 3rd, Cole Cogswell won the 50 free in 21.82 seconds. He was out-touched in the 100 free by .01 seconds. The relay teams of Chris Cogswell, Quincy Liu, Mitch Johnson and Griffin Scott (1:39.48 in the 200-medley relay), Kevin Moore, Naphong Aneksirikul, Scott and Cole Cogswell (1:30.94 in the 200-free relay) and Mitch Johnson, Matt Johnson, Chris Cogswell and Cole Cogswell (3:12.68 in the 400-free relay) all won to sweep the relays for Hart.

Chris, (6'1", 150 pounds) was Hart High Scholar Athlete in '09, '10 and '11. He is currently involved in coaching Special Olympics in swimming.

On an unknown date, California's Hart Indians' Chris Cogswell was a double winner in the 200 IM (2:09.92) and 100 backstroke (59.14) at the Santa Clarita Aquatic Center.

Policeman Stephen Cogswell

From the podium, left to right, are Frank McLaughlin, Jerry Paine, Eileen Conway, Ptl. Steve Cogswell, Ptl. John Harring and Ptl. Frank Rayne. McLaughlin, Conway and Cogswell were presented the Billerica Lifesaver Award by the Billerica Selectmen on December 19th, 2011.

On Friday, December 2nd, 2011, Jerry Paine was in trouble. Jerry was fishing on Nuttings Lake, and fell out of his canoe. His story demonstrates the dangers of being out on the water without a floatation device. Frank McLaughlin dove in after him, and was joined by Billerica



Police Officer Stephen Cogswell. Eileen Conway threw life vests toward them, but they fell short, and she dove in to bring the vests to McLaughlin, Cogswell and Paine. The water temperature that day was just 36° – four degrees above freezing. Cogswell was nominated for the Thomas Strunk Award, named for Billerica Patrolman Thomas E. Strunk, who was killed by a drunk driver in 1985.

Stephen is used to swimming, although not in water that cold. He is a tri-athlete (as is his first cousin, Jeremy Cogswell, of Austin, Texas. See April, 2011, Courier.) On June 11th, 2012, Stephen completed the Lowell City Triathlon, finishing 58th in 3 hours, 5 minutes and 51 seconds. Swimming took 31 minutes, 57 seconds, biking 1 hour, 26 minutes and 51 seconds and running took 1 hour, 7 minutes and 4 seconds.

He also completed the Timberman Ironman at Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H., August 11th, 2010 (swim 1.2 miles, bike 56 miles, run 13.1 miles – half ironman distances), with a swim time of 39 minutes, 10 seconds, a bike time of 3 hours, 4 minutes and 24 seconds, and a run time of 2 hours, 8 minutes and 29 seconds. Transitions took 7 minutes, 47 seconds.

On August 27th, 2011, he completed the Cranberry Trifest in Lakeville, Mass. (swim ½ mile, bike 11½ miles, run 3.1 miles), in 1 hour, 12 minutes and 27 seconds. The swim took 10 minutes, 16 seconds, the bike 33 minutes 19 seconds and the run 23 minutes, 27 seconds. Transitions took a total of 5 minutes, 27 seconds.

Stephen is grandson of World War II Veteran the late Norman Cogswell (see April, 2007, Courier.)

Two other work related stories made the news. A dog named Otis had been involved in a violent altercation with another dog. Cogswell was among police who responded to Veterans Park Sept. 6th, 2008, where Richard Smejlik (the dog's owner) said he had been bitten by the other dog as he tried to break up the fight. The case came up when Otis bit a Mr. Munson. Henryka Smejlik had a muzzle for him but had trouble controlling him. Eventually, she was able to place the muzzle in the dog's mouth. Stephen Cogswell testified about the two incidents.

On May 5th, 2009, Stephen responded when a mother called police because her daughter, Karen Foskitt, had stopped using her medication, and was wandering round the house. Foskitt brandished a rifle at him. A SWAT team from the New England Metropolitan Law Enforcement Council was called in to end the standoff.

Stephen is a member of the Billerica Police Department Honor Guard, which represents the Police Department during ceremonies in the community, and exhibits respect for those who have died in the service of others.

Readers' Page: Corrections, Queries and More Information

"We received our Courier today and what a wonderful job you did. The article on Edna Mae Cogswell was EXCELLENT!" Barbara Baker. (Barbara had written earlier to alert the editor to the story.

"I was amazed about the Cogswells who saved the window. This was my dad and even I had forgotten about it." John Cogswell, Buena Vista, Co.

"I have just finished reading your latest *Cogswell Courier*, and I want you to know how much I enjoyed it. A couple of items hit me close. First was the article on Professor Thomas Cogswell. I had been aware of his position at U.C. Riverside for a few years (we used to live in Riverside), and I made an effort to meet him a couple of years ago with no success (he did not respond to my letter). I found him interesting, and will make another effort to meet him. Is he a member of CFA? (No) The second item was that note on George Cogswell (page 10) being transferred from Ventura to Memphis as the publisher of *The Commercial Appeal*. I have met him, even taken a cruise with him, and have been planning to call him about Ventura, when now I find he is gone." Prescott Cogswell

Clay Cogswell



Lake Wales Depot Museum has a collection of lead soldiers made by Clay Cogswell (left) and Charlie Roberts. Each year, they bring in a part of their massive collection of lead soldiers from various wars and battles.

The soldiers, a popular feature of the exhibit for several years, show different battles each year. The year 2002's battle took place between British and Zulu warriors in South Africa in 1879. The hand-cast soldiers in the Rorkes Drift Battle were assembled by Sharon Hancox and Clay Cogswell.

Clay graduated from Dartmouth, Class of 1952. He is married to Marilyn Anne Cogswell. In late summer, 2004, they returned to their home in Lake Wales, Florida, to find their place totaled three times in the eye of three hurricanes. Clay says, "So much for safety in central Florida." In January, they were still waiting on an insurance company and a neighbor rented them a tiny house.

In the fall of 2005, they spent a few days outside Seattle on their way to an Alaskan cruise with their children.

His mother, Elsie R. Moon, wife of the late James S. Moon, died on Sunday, November 21st, 1999, at age 90.

(I have not found any recent articles about Clay Cogswell.)

Jeremy Cogswell – Triathlete

Jeremy Cogswell (see April, 2011, Courier) took part in the XTERRA Utah race from Ogden to the Snowbasin Resort September 22-23, 2012. This involved a 1.5k swim, a 28k mountain bike ride and a 10k trail run, less than a half Ironman, but still a significant distance. He came in 32nd in his age group, with a time of 41 minutes 12 seconds for the swim, 2 hours, 7 minutes 12 seconds for the bike and 1 hour, 35 seconds for the run. His overall time was 3 hours, 48 minutes and 59 seconds. (Transition times were either included or not counted.)

This is Your Page

This page is dedicated as the reader's page. What space the readers do not use has to be filled in with something else. Please don't hesitate to send comments, corrections or queries.

Cogswells in the News

First Place Financial Corp., Warren, Ohio, has announced the appointment of David G. Cogswell to the position of Chief Credit Officer for First Place Bank, its principal subsidiary. The appointment is effective as of July 23rd, 2012, on an interim basis, subject to final non-objection from the Bank's primary regulator.

Andrew Cogswell was part of a committee of golfers that organized the Ross Family Golf Day to aid a local family July 15th. Despite typically cold winter weather, 158 players came to the Forbes (New South Wales, Australia) course for a two-person ambrose event. The golf day was held in aid of Tracey Ross, the wife of Forbes Pro Shop proprietor Tony Ross. Tracey is currently being treated in a Sydney hospital for a mystery illness which has left her unable to move below the waist.

Champlain College student Laura Cogswell, a resident of Northborough, played a part recently in helping to create a new Irish job initiative called "Hireland." The idea, first formulated in spring, 2011, was launched this past January, and is more than halfway to its goal of encouraging businesses in Ireland to hire 5,000 workers.

A gold-colored van hit an unmarked Camarillo, California, police vehicle driven by Julie Novak and another vehicle being driven by Thomas Cogswell. Novak was taken to an area hospital with moderate injuries while Cogswell was uninjured. The van left the scene, but was later found along the 700 block of Flynn Road. Police arrested Mariel Recendiz on suspicion of felony hit-and-run and driving with a suspended license.

Margaret Cogswell had a show, Wyoming River Fugues, at the University of Wyoming Art Museum Sept. 8th to Dec. 21st. She earned her MFA in sculpture from Rutgers University. She lives and works in New York. Cogswell develops her "River Fugues" through extensive research that includes traveling to observe, listen and record both the general and specific landscapes; and search for that particular sound or image that captures the pulse of the rivers, the surrounding landscapes and life.



Pastor Cecil Cogswell of the Park Royal Bible Church was awarded the Queen's Diamond Jubilee medal for outstanding community service recently in Clarkson, Ontario. The medal was awarded during the service at the church where Cogswell has been the senior pastor since 1998. "We often think of medal winners as people who have done a single defining feat – whether it's a discovery or an athletic feat – but Pastor Cogswell's award is for all the things he's cumulatively done, day by day, hour by hour," said, Mississauga-Streetsville MPP Bob Delaney, who presented the medal. Cogswell was humbled by the honor. He first began work as a pastor in Clarkson in 1987 at Community Baptist Church.

Clint Cogswell filed for candidacy for a three-year seat on the Concord School Board September 11th. Cogswell is currently the board's Vice President and Chairman of the Facilities and Finance committees. Under the District's new charter, six of the nine board members will be elected from ward clusters, starting next year. This year, candidates are running for at-large seats. In the election Nov. 6th, Cogswell was re-elected. The terms of office will begin Jan. 1st.

Grade 12 student Brittany Cogswell supported Lynden Dorval, the teacher who refused to follow the school's "no-zero" grade policy, and was officially fired by the Edmonton (Alberta) Public School Board. "Most of us that were actually in the class were on his side," Cogswell said. "He's a really good teacher; it is unfair that he got fired because most of us liked him." Cogswell also said that the rule is unfair to the students who put in the work. Brittany was in Dorval's science class last year.



A 112-year-old house at 69 East Ave. was built at the behest of George Cogswell, an Attica man, who glimpsed a similar home on a trip to Brooklyn. Cogswell acquired the plans, and had his own version constructed. The old house will be recognized Saturday as the Attica Landmark Preservation Society's home of the year. It remained in the Cogswell family through 1948, and passed through several other owners. The house features an oak floor in its dining room and a maple floor in the kitchen. Uniquely-designed French doors are made from Georgia heart pine. It also features an ornate wooden fireplace mantle decorated with a visage representing the North Wind – a popular motif in the era.

Benjamin Roy (*DJC* 11480) and girlfriend Alyssa Patterson participated in the Canadian Cancer Society's Relay for Life on October 12th. They collected pledges to support an all night walk for cancer. This is the Sackville/Mount Allison Relay's 10th Anniversary and, as one of the student co-chairs for the event, Alyssa hoped this would be the most successful one yet! The event was held on the Mount Allison campus.

Coleman Cogswell of McCool Junction was recognized as an Outstanding 4-H Member for 2012. The Outstanding 4-H Members receive awards including \$500.00 scholarships sponsored by the York County 4-H Council. Conner Cogswell of McCool Junction was recognized for his 4-H Awards Career Portfolios in the area of Communications and Expressive Arts.

No Cogswells in the Olympics

There were no athletes named Cogswell in the London 2012 Olympics. The closest was Corey Cogdell, from Palmer (USA), who finished 11th in qualifications for Women's Trap Shooting, too low to be in the final. There was also Roxana Cogianu from Romania in Rowing and Polona Hercog from Slovakia, who played Tennis. Michael Cogswell of England had hoped to sail in the Paralympics, but his name does not appear on the list of athletes nor does any other Cogswell.

Marathon Runners

Meghan Cogswell (age group 30-34) ran the Pikes Peak Marathon August 19th in a time of six hours, twenty minutes and 27 seconds. Amy Cogswell, age 48, of Elk Grove, Calif., ran the Lake Tahoe Emerald Bay Half Marathon September 28th in a time of two hours, thirty-five minutes and 52 seconds. On October 7th, Ruth Cogswell of Arlington Heights, Ill., age 38, ran the Chicago Marathon in a time of 4 hours, 43 minutes and 29 seconds. Kristen Cogswell, age 41, ran the Lakefront Marathon in a time of 3 hours, 43 minutes and 52 seconds. Lisa and Chris Cogswell from Canton, Michigan, had run a half marathon before but both completed the Detroit Free Press International Marathon Oct. 21st, 2012, Lisa's time being 5 hours, 41 minutes and 10 seconds, Chris' time was 6 hours, 25 minutes and 17 seconds.

Trout Fishing in America



Harold Lieberman (widower of Mary, former Editor) sent information about a book his daughter had found – apparently a famous one. *Trout Fishing in America* by Richard Brautigan was published in 1967 by the Dell Publishing Company. The cover shows the author and Michaela Blake-Grand, his girl friend, in front of a statue of Benjamin Franklin. Although you can't read, engraved on the statue are the words "PRESENTED BY H.D. COGSWELL TO OUR BOYS AND GIRLS WHO WILL SOON TAKE OUR PLACES AND PASS ON." The statue is in San Francisco's Washington Square. H.D. Cogswell is our temperance crusading dentist, although this statue appears not to be one of the temperance fountains, as there seems to be no place for water to flow, and the words on all four sides of the statue simply say "Welcome." Harold found it interesting that, in describing the picture, the author mentioned that the statue was opposite a church which provided sandwiches for the poor, and one of his friends opened his sandwich to find that it contained just a leaf of spinach and nothing else.

General Eli Cogswell

Does anyone know anything about General Eli Cogswell? The son of Peter Cogswell was born in 1728 in Coventry, Conn., a blacksmith and farmer who moved to Castleton, Rutland Co., Conn., in 1776. A fort was built between him and his neighbor; the stockade enclosing both their houses. The following year, Eli was chosen as the first town clerk. Previous to 1782, he served as constable, as a lister and his father as a tithing-man. In 1778-79, he taught in one of the schools in town. He was among the earliest merchants in the town and, in 1809, was a selectman. In 1791, he obtained a license for making potash from the holder of the first U.S. patent. A photostatic copy of that license is the only evidence that he ever allowed anyone but himself to use the method.

There was another Eli Cogswell in Washington Co., Ohio, where as a J.P., he performed a number of marriages in 1812/13 and on other dates, and was among those given dispensation to start Mt. Moriah Masonic Lodge. **No Eli Cogswell is listed in *Descendants of John Cogswell*. Does anyone know anything about either of them? How did the first Eli mentioned get the title of General? Nothing in what I found shows any military connection.**

Westbury, Wiltshire, News



David Rose, 60, of Leigh Close, Westbury, was cycling along the Avon Canal with his son-in-law's dog, springer spaniel Ozzy, when he heard cries for help. An elderly man was face down in the water in the canal, having fallen in as he bent down to reach a rope on a boat. Lorry driver Mr. Rose saw a woman, thought to be the man's sister-in-law, calling for help and, without thought, he jumped in, followed by Ozzy. He got him to the bank, but couldn't lift him up. A couple from Cheshire helped get him out of the water. Mr. Rose performed cardiopulmonary resuscitation while waiting for paramedics. When they arrived, they were able to revive the man.

Vicki Martin and ten women friends did a half-triathlon instead of having a hen party for charity. She has raised more than £1,000 for Mencap, a charity that helps people with learning disabilities. They swam 40 lengths in Westbury Swimming Pool, followed by a 16-mile cycle ride to the Black Horse Pub in Devizes, and finished off with a four-mile run on the towpath to the Bridge Inn at Horton. The task took them three-and-a-half hours. Miss Martin's cousin, Jonathan Doel, 21, of Westbury, has fragile x syndrome, which means he has the mental age of a child. He goes to college near Yeovil, funded by Mencap.

58-year-old James Ward, from Westbury, was left fighting for his life after a man walked into his office and shot him while he worked at his desk July 2nd. He died from his injuries July 22nd.

Westbury Leigh Primary School Governor Keith Miller resigned in October over the showing of a controversial sex education film, The Living and Growing DVD. Among the DVD's complained-about scenes, intended for children aged 9 to 10, is one in which a naked cartoon couple frolic before having sex in various positions.



Marcus Gilroy, 10, Westbury, is heading for Switzerland to represent his country in a football (soccer) competition for diabetic youngsters. The team will take on 150 other children from 12 countries at the event, organized by insulin pump manufacturer Medtronic. Mother Judy, 29, said, "We went up to Wembley for the trials, and we didn't think he was going to make it as there were a lot of really good kids taking part, so he has been on cloud nine since he found out. He has been playing since he was four."



In 1985 (pictured at left), John Mead (right), now 67, presented a clock to Westbury Hospital to mark a triple birthday celebration; his own and those of Malcolm Grainger (holding clock) and Darlene Wordley (with flowers). Until about three years ago, it was on the wall inside the main front entrance beside the matron's office, but it seems to have disappeared, and he has had no luck tracking it down. The hospital will be sold by NHS Wiltshire after its two doctors' surgeries move to the new White Horse Health Centre in Mane Way. He is hoping that it will be returned, so it can be sited in the new Westbury

surgery complex. Westbury's new primary care centre boasts an out-patient X-ray unit and minor surgery suite, and officially opened on September 17th. The centre has nine GP rooms, antenatal and postnatal care, five treatment areas, a seminar room, a mobile diagnostics centre, a mental health care and a dental surgery. It will be a base for midwives, health visitors and district nurses and contains a MedicX pharmacy, open until 10:00 p.m. every day, and will be able to perform minor operations like hernias and vasectomies. Westbury's hospital building is now unoccupied, but NHS Wiltshire must seek new care providers to occupy the site before it can be sold.



shown in hospital at right.

James Wood (left at center), 15, will be joined by fellow Matravers student Ashley Hart (left), also 15, on a 50-mile cycle ride to raise funds for the hospital where his brother is being treated for a heart condition, along with Mike Slater (on right), his brother's teacher at Bitham Brook Primary School. James and his team are planning to cycle from Bitham Brook School to Wilton and back on October 31st. They have already raised more than £1,000 in sponsorship for the hospital's charity, Wallace and Gromit's Grand Appeal. James and his brother, Tyler, are



Youngsters from Westbury Leigh Primary School buried a time capsule containing a silk flag they made, with writing about their school values and the London 2012 Olympics at the nearly completed Leigh Park Community Centre, October 12th, at 2.15 p.m.

From the Secretary's Desk

Hi, everyone,

I hope you and your family are fine. I wanted to assure you all that our association is doing well and looking forward to wrapping up another busy year. This year, we have worked more on developing our CFA webpage and in finally planning a reunion. You'll see below that we will finally be holding a reunion next year in Cleveland, Ohio (June, 2013), and are already making plans to hold the following reunion in Quebec (2014). It will be great to finally meet some of you face-to-face, and spend time going on some events together. We continue to look for anyone who would like to become more involved, so let me know if you are interested. Those of us who have active roles as an Officer or Board of Directors member can always use the help if anyone out there who is inclined to help us in day-to-day activities. As you know, we will be holding our annual meeting virtually on December 1st of this year. You should have already received notification of this meeting in the postal mail. Next year, we will be holding this meeting in Cleveland, and the following year in Quebec. We only hold a meeting virtually (over the phone) when we don't have a reunion scheduled. Well, stay healthy and happy! Drop me a line if you have any questions.

Best regards, Ed Cogswell (of Snohomish, Washington), CFA Secretary

We are planning to hold the 2013 reunion in Cleveland, Ohio, at either the Hilton Garden or the Double Tree Inn, June 20th-23rd. We estimate that there will be 25-35 people attending this reunion. Cleveland is home of Cogswell Hall. We will have a speaker telling us about the Hall, how it started and the Cogswell connection. We will arrive in Cleveland from all parts of the country on Thursday, have a meet and greet, and get some face time. Friday, we will do various activities. Some may want to go to the nearby Football Hall of Fame in Canton. Others may want to check out the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame in Cleveland, or just hang out and see the sites. We may even get tickets to a Cleveland Indians baseball game. Saturday evening culminates with a fancy banquet with our featured speaker. If you haven't been to one of these before, it's time to venture out and enjoy. Mark it on your calendar and, as we get closer, we will have more information for you. I live in Florida, and am planning this from afar. If there are any members in the Ohio area who wouldn't mind signing up to help plan, or if there are any more questions contact me at hpcogs@comcast.net. See you there! Howard Cogswell, Reunion host.



Welcome to New Members

Tim Cogswell, Hartland, Wisconsin
Bob Gaffrey, Southfield, Michigan
Sarah B. Lopez, Venice, California
June Sabo Spann, Stuttgart, Arizona
Nancy Watson-Evans, La Mesa, California

Births

Sean Lawrence McGlynn, Jr., son of Jennifer Sapitowiz (DJC 13089) and Jean McGlynn, was born in Marietta, Georgia, August 23rd.

Corban Daniel Cogswell, son of Dan Cogswell, born September 16th. (Tweeted – location and mother's name not given.)

Marriages

Nicole Lee and John Cogswell, West Boylston, Mass., June 16th.
Susan Cogswell and Cary Eggleston, Raleigh, North Carolina, September 22nd.

Deaths

Walter C. Cogswell, 93, died June 27th, Nashua, N. H.
Marie Elaine (Hawkins) Cogswell, 61, died July 1st, Burton, N. B.
Lucia Fishburne Cogswell Heins, 89, widow of Henry Carl Heins, Jr., died July 8th, Charleston, S. C.
Phyllis Cogswell Early, 87, died July 12th, Port St. Lucie, Florida
Richard Charles Cogswell died August 25th, Melbourne, Victoria, Australia
Kenneth Lee Cogswell, 64, died September 30th, Swartz Creek, Michigan
Roberta "Robin" Cogswell, 71, widow of William Cogswell, died October 7th, Lima, Ohio
Louis Cogswell, 90, died Oct. 3rd, Covington, Kentucky

From the Editor's Desk

There is no "Canadian Connection" page in this issue of the Courier. There are two reasons for this. I'm running short of Canadian Cogswells I can write about – I have almost a page on a Chris Cogswell from Edmonton, Alberta, about ¾ of a page on Sebastian Cogswell, British Columbia and stories about my father and my grandfather. The other reason is that the major story in this issue is about a Canadian – poet and professor Fred Cogswell was probably Canada's best known Cogswell in the twentieth century – so the major story (there have been minor ones about him before) fills that need.



About the Cover of this Issue

Professor Fred Cogswell is also on the cover of this issue. The picture is from a cover of the Fiddlehead Literary Journal, of which he was the editor for many years. It appeared on the autumn, 2004 issue, following his death in June of that year.

Articles Wanted

I've said it before, but I'll say it again. I need articles or stories for the Courier. Usually, two months before it goes to the printer, I have all the pages filled and am asking myself "What can I postpone to a later issue, if an important story arrives?" This issue, page four was still blank at that point. I have some other stories I could use, but they are similar to stories already in this issue, and they are the start on the April Courier. Some of you must have stories – perhaps of your own ancestors – that you could write and send in. Or you may have an old newspaper clipping that has a Cogswell story. Or you may know of stories from the internet that could be researched and used. I don't mind doing the research if it's a good story, and I can find a lot of the details. So, PLEASE, write up a story, or suggest one I can write from what is found on the internet, and send it in.



Announcing...

The Cogswell Family Virtual Museum and Archives

For years, the Cogswell Family Association has struggled with what to do with Cogswell heirlooms and other historical items that members would like to donate. We had hoped that someday we could store such items at the Cogswell Grant, Cogswell Hall or Cogswell Polytechnic Institute. But then, who would maintain the collection? There are also collections of pictures and writings that people would like to share. To resolve this issue, the CFA Board has discussed the possibility of creating an online, virtual museum of Cogswell artifacts and documents. The museum would become part of the Cogswell website at www.cogswell.org.

If someone wanted to donate a Cogswell heirloom, the article would be cataloged, photographed, described and put on the website. The article would then be donated to a museum or historical society in the locality that is near its origin.

The website would also include an archive of items such as photographs and portraits of Cogswells, pictures of homes and buildings, pictures of tombstones, wills and other documents. Each item would be described, including its location.

We are looking for input from our membership. If you have ideas for this project, or anything you would want included, please contact CFA President Roger Bohn at rbohn49@gmail.com.

1919 Accident

The Hancock-Henderson Co., Quill, Illinois, 1919: Bert Cogswell, who works for Wm Reedy southeast of here, had an ankle broken when a tree which he was cutting down on the old W. H. Penny farm fell against a wind mill, toppling it over in such a way as to catch Cogswell beneath the wheel.

Kelly Cogswell, age 7



Kelly Lucille Cogswell was born November 3rd, 2005, weighing 8lbs, 4oz., and was 20 inches in length. Her father, CFA member Andy Cogswell, and his wife had the perfect family: a son, a daughter and a family dog. When Kelly was two months of age, she had trouble drinking, and required surgery to release her tight tongue tie. It was then all her problems began; she never again drank from a bottle. Nursing became her only source of nutrition and hydration. She started falling behind on the growth chart and developmental milestones. In 2006, Kelly started Speech-Feeding Therapy and had to be taught to eat from a spoon and drink from a cup. She had trouble with head and trunk control, and didn't roll over until 6 months of age. In October, things were picking up, Kelly was able to sit on her own, and rock on all fours as if about to crawl. Then her father noticed her left eye wandering out and upward. He immediately had her seen by an eye specialist who explained to him, his daughter had a neurological problem. He was so concerned he called the Children's Hospital of Philadelphia for an appointment as soon as possible.

In November, 2009, she was diagnosed with mitochondrial disease. Specifically, she has Leigh's syndrome, with a mutation in the ND2 and ND3 genes. She also suffers from seizures, has a tracheotomy, and requires a feeding tube. Her prognosis when diagnosed in November, 2006, was about six months to a year. She'll be turning 7 in November. Currently, there is no cure, but miracles happen everyday. Kelly would love for you to follow her story, and sign her guestbook. She just may have something important to say.



By March, 2007, Kelly's disease process was progressing. She lost the ability to sit, roll over and even hold her head up for a period of time. Then her reflux had gotten worse, causing her not to eat, drink or even take her vitamins. The decision was quickly made for surgical intervention. April 10th, 2007, Kelly's surgery day! She underwent a 3-hour surgery for a fundal plication to correct her reflux, a gastrostomy tube placed to assist with her nutrition and vitamin intake and a muscle biopsy to help determine which type of mitochondrial defect she has. Doctors prepared us for the worst because of her weakened state, and were shocked to see her pull through with flying colors.

In Aug./Sept., 2007, many months of waiting have come to an end. Kelly reached her final diagnosis. Not much is known about this specific type other than it is maternally inherited and severe in nature. From Dec. 26th, 2007, to Jan. 5th, 2008, Kelly was hospitalized at CHOP in her first metabolic crisis with new onset seizures, a left sided metabolic stroke and, of course, blood levels that took forever to stabilize. Feb 22nd – 28th, 2008, she was admitted to CHOP with a new diagnosis of gastrointestinal dysmotility. Jan 2nd – 9th, 2009, Kelly was seen at St. Peter's Hospital, and transferred to CHOP with a double whammy of RSV and pneumonia. On April 13th, 2009, after three months of waiting for Kelly to be stable, she underwent anaesthesia for an upper endoscopy and Botox injections to her salivary glands to assist with her excess saliva secretions. Between Dec., 2009, and Feb., 2010, she was hospitalized three times, and on Feb. 19th, 2010, had a tracheotomy.

She has become quite the "Brave Warrior," which, ironically, is what Kelly means in Gaelic. She has become an ambassador of unconditional love and has taught us to live life to its fullest. She adores her big brother, AJ, and loves to go for walks outside in the sunshine (when God is smiling down on her). The family live in South River, New Jersey. They participate in the Energy for Life Walk-a-thon at Campbell Stadium, Camden. In this way, they raise money for the expensive treatments and equipment Kelly needs in order to survive.

In April, 2010, the Brick Township Policemen's Benevolent Association raised more than \$20,000.00 to help the family. It has almost all been used, and when it got down to \$500.00 the bank started charging \$25.00 a month in service charges. The bank now says Andrew owes them \$95.00. It has promised to cancel that, and return \$175.00.

Cogswell Neighbors in Ipswich

The Blaisdell Family

The known passengers on the Angel Gabriel were: Capt. Robert Anderson, John Bailey, Sr., John Bailey, Henry Beck, John (later Deacon) Burnham, Thomas Burnham, Robert Burnham, Ralph Blaisdell, Mrs. Elizabeth Blaisdell, Henry Blaisdell, William Furber, John Cogswell, Mrs. Elizabeth Cogswell, Mary Cogswell, William Cogswell, John Cogswell, Jr., Hannah Cogswell, Abigail Cogswell, Edward Cogswell, Sarah Cogswell, Elizabeth Cogswell, Samuel Haines, William Hook, Henry Simpson and John Tuttle – 25 people in all. There must also have been some crew and there may have been passengers unknown to us.

The three Burnhams were children – nephews of Captain Anderson. There were ten Cogswells, plus two of their servants, William Furber and Samuel Haines. There were two Baileys, both John, one Sr. – presumably father and son. There were four men who shared names with no other passengers: Henry Beck, William Hook, Henry Simpson and John Tuttle. Some of these might have been crew members. That leaves one other family of husband, wife and one child: the Blaisdells.

Ralph Blaisdell, 1593 – 1649, left from Goosnargh Parish, Lancashire, England, with his wife, Elizabeth (Parker), whom he had married Sept. 3rd, 1629, in Chipping, Lancaster, England, and three-year-old son, Henry, to go to America on the Angel Gabriel sailing ship. The ship left June 4th, 1635, from Bristol, England, and arrived at Pemaquid Point the evening of August 14th. The ship was destroyed by a hurricane the morning of August 15. Most of the possessions and cattle for the passengers were lost.

Richard Mather, a Puritan divine, had been preaching near Bleasdale village, and had many converts. Ralph may possibly have been one. Many of the early Bleasdales were strong Catholics, but Ralph was a Puritan. He may have gone to Bristol to sail to avoid detection, as the government at that time was critical of escaping religious refugees. Richard Mather's family was on the James, sailing close by the Angel Gabriel from June 4th to July 4th. He wrote of Gabriel's passengers, "Among them some loving and godly Christians that were glad to see us."

Ralph first went to York – then Agamenticus – in Maine, where he owned land, which abutted on Meeting House Creek. Ralph, who had already got land in Salisbury, Massachusetts, sold this land in 1642 to Mr. Robert Knight. Ralph was appointed "Attorney" by the town of York to plead a grievance case at the Provincial Court in Saco, Maine.

Ralph was 64th of the 69 founding fathers of Salisbury, Mass., who held "in common" the land three miles north and 12 miles up the River Merrimac from the sea; hence were called "Commoners."

On March 25th, 1645, he bought a house and lands in Salisbury from John Harison, Sr., of Boston, a cordish maker. On March 9th, 1648/49, Ralph Blaisdell, tailor, mortgaged his house to John Severance,

In Salisbury, records show that Ralph was a "Prudential man," Constable, Farmer, Tailor, Attorney, Keeper of the Ordinary (Tavern), where town meetings were held. He was referred to as "Goodman Ralph Blasdel" and his wife as "Goody Blasdel." Ralph was one of the eight (of the 69) to be given the title of Mr., the town's highest honor.

Apart from a few other land transactions and a minor law suit or two, nothing more seems to be known of Ralph Blaisdell.

The oldest son, Henry, was already three years old when they arrived in America. No more children were born until about 1640, when the first of three children in three years arrived. Martha, Mary and Ralph (Jr.) were born in 1640, 1641 and 1642 respectively, and the family was completed with the birth of Sarah in 1646.

Ralph Blaisdell died without a will, and his widow was granted "administration of the estate" on June 24th, 1651.

Suicide of Andrew (Mario) Cogswell

Andrew Cogswell, sometimes known as "Mario" to his friends, a soldier from Bellevue, Nebraska and formerly of Twin Falls, Idaho, was just 23 years old. Cogswell joined the Army in 2006 at age 17. He loved boot camp; by the time he was done, he was talking about how he should have signed up for six or eight years. He had plans to go to college after he served his country. He was posted to Iraq with Bravo Battery, 3rd Battalion, 82nd Field Artillery Regiment, 2nd Brigade Combat Team, 1st Cavalry Division, in January, 2009. He never had problems in the army until he went on his second week leave while in Iraq. The sergeant who filled in for him was killed. He was like a military dad to Andrew. Army records reflect mostly exemplary behavior up until Webster's death. Grief caused things to go downhill for Cogswell, and he started having suicidal thoughts documented in his medical files: "irrational anger, thoughts of suicide, mood swings."



Cogswell took an absence without leave to clear his head, only to come back to find his belongings gone. Cogswell was declared AWOL for two months in Michigan, seeking comfort from a friend of the soldier slain in place of Cogswell. It was while Cogswell was away the military auctioned off his belongings. He never got his things back. He was even handed a bill from the military for his missing gear, and he lost his rank. He attempted to kill himself twice in Iraq in 2009. Finally, in October of 2011, the Army released Andrew Cogswell under general discharge. His Mom said he was penniless and left with nothing. That's when he made his way back to Bellevue to live with his sister. May 31st, after serving six years in the army, he ended up taking his own life in his sister's home in Bellevue.

His family is looking for closure. They think that could come by getting his uniform, medals and personal belongings back that the military never sent. "I curl up in his sheets because they smell like him," Jeannine Gard of Brainerd, Minnesota, said of her son. "The army is telling me they have to find an inventory that they took when they took my sons belongings in the first place." Gard felt certain she'd never find them until she got a call about two weeks ago from another military family, Sergeant 1st Class Gerald Dodd and his wife Uilani. They found his items in an auction in Ft. Hood, including his class uniform. The two foot lockers and large container belonged to a single soldier. His dress uniform, Army-issued gear and labeled bags all were inside, in addition to personal items. He collected tens of thousands of cards and video games, clothes and a guitar. The Dodds contacted his mother.

"It makes me so mad, because Gard could have buried him in his uniform respectfully if that was what she wanted to do but she didn't have that," Uilani Dodd said.

Instead of keeping it, the Dodds hoped to get it back to Gard and told the army to get it to them. "They were sincere; they shook my hand, it's going to be shipped off today in 24 hours, and I trusted them," Dodd said. But the items were never shipped, and are back with the army to be investigated. "It doesn't belong to you guys – it belongs to his mother, and that's where it should go." But there is still hope for Gard. "What they don't know is, I have Andrews uniform, his class A's with his embroidered bag." The Dodds plan to hand deliver the uniform in person to Gard, but there is no telling when the other items might be returned.

Jeannine Gard sifted through the seemingly endless pages of her son's medical records on Friday, explaining, "Patient states he feels hopeless right now, he attempted suicide today by stepping in front of a car, patient reports a history of suicide attempts in Iraq." It's these records that revealed a history of severe depression, anxiety and suicidal thoughts Andrew Cogswell apparently had over his years in the Army.

He is survived by his parents, Jeannine and Daran Gard, his grandparents, Leslye Margaret Gleisberg, Ronald and Patricia Cogswell, sisters, Shana (Andrew) Bollinger, Contessa Gard and boyfriend Lorin Griffin, April Cogswell and a brother, Courtney (Crissie Meline-Gard) Gard.

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