

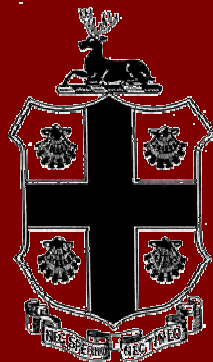
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W. S. Cogswell – Confederate and Union Soldiers

I went on the Internet looking for more information about a Confederate soldier from Texas: W. S. Cogswell. He had an alternate name given as William T. Cogswell. He was in the Texas 6th Infantry Regiment, Company E, which completed its organization at Camp McCulloch, Victoria, Texas, during the summer of 1861. Its members were raised in Austin, Victoria, McKinney and Matagorda County. Sent to Arkansas, the unit was captured at Arkansas Post in January, 1863. Here the regiment had 53 men disabled of the 542 engaged. After being exchanged, it moved east of the Mississippi River. In September, 1863, it consolidated with the 10th Infantry Regiment and the 15th Cavalry Regiment (dismounted). This command went on to participate in the campaigns of the Army of Tennessee from Chickamauga to Bentonville. It reported 20 killed, 95 wounded and 28 missing of the 667 engaged at Chickamauga, and totaled 642 men and 437 arms in December, 1863. Few surrendered on April 26th, 1865.

I found nothing more about him, and he is not identifiable in *Descendants of John Cogswell*.

What I did find was a Union soldier named W. S. (William Sterling) Cogswell (DJC 2492) and his father, William Johnson Cogswell.

Of his father, I found:

The death of Hon. William J. Cogswell (DJC 1176) occurred in March, 1885, at the age of eighty-five years. William J. Cogswell was born November 4th, 1799, in New Preston, Connecticut, the son of Hon. William and Amaryllis (Johnson) Cogswell. He studied at Yale but, because of his father's death, he left before graduation. He then studied law. Mr. Cogswell came to Jamaica from Connecticut in 1834, and, as a lawyer and churchman, soon became honored, respected and loved by his fellow citizens. He was made a Vestryman in 1842 and a Warden in 1862. Church records note that on April 25th, 1848, he was appointed Clerk of the Vestry, but declined. He was instrumental in building the Diocese of Long Island. He was appointed Judge and Surrogate of Queens County in 1849. Judge Cogswell was "learned and upright as a Judge, eminent and able as a lawyer, and distinguished as a citizen by a singular and inflexible integrity of thought and purpose. For thirty-four years, as Vestryman and Warden of this Church, he exemplified in his life its holy doctrines and divine precepts. Judge Cogswell's benefactions to the Church, which were frequent and generous, are borne in grateful remembrance; nor were his activities and zeal confined to the limits of his own parish; he was deeply interested in the organization of this diocese – of which he was for several years a member of its standing committee – and to few more than himself is its success to be attributed." Judge Cogswell removed from Grace Episcopal Church in 1876, when his official connection with it ceased. Of his three sons, William S., Theodore J. and George, two became lawyers, and George died a soldier in the Civil War.

In 1853, he transferred his office to Brooklyn, and continued his law practice until 1875. He married Alma Canfield Sterling, daughter of Elisha and Alma (Canfield) Sterling. They had six sons and one daughter.

Of the son, I found:

Lieutenant Colonel William S. Cogswell, Tax Commissioner, was a six-footer of military appearance, who looked younger than his years. He was noted for his brevity, and got through much business in the course of a day. Colonel Cogswell, whose home was in Jamaica, Queens County, was with the Citizens' Union in the campaign.

William S. Cogswell was born in Jamaica, December 29th, 1840. He graduated from Trinity College (where he was chairman of the baseball club and captain of the rowing team) in 1861, and, in May of that year, entered the Army as First Lieutenant of the Fifth Regiment, Connecticut Veteran Volunteers.

This unit was organized at Hartford July 26th, 1861. It left the state for Baltimore, Md., July 29th, thence moved to Harper's Ferry, W.V., July 30th, and was on duty there till August 16th. It was attached to George H. Thomas' Brigade, Banks' Division, to October, 1861, to Gordon's Brigade, Banks' Division, Army of the Potomac, to March, 1862 and to the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, Banks' 5th Army Corps, and Dept. of the Shenandoah to June, 1862. It was then attached to the 1st Brigade,

1st Division, 2nd Army Corps, Army of Virginia, until September, 1862, then to the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 12th Army Corps, Army of the Potomac and Army of the Cumberland to April, 1864, then to the 2nd Brigade, 3rd Division, 20th Army Corps, Army of the Cumberland, April, 1864, then to the 1st Brigade, 1st Division, 20th Army Corps to June, 1865 and, finally, to the 2nd Brigade, Bartlett's Division, 22nd Army Corps, Dept. of Washington to July, 1865. The regiment lost during service 6 officers and 104 enlisted men killed and mortally wounded, 1 officer and 82 enlisted men by disease, for a total of 193.

He served until August, 1865, returning home with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel.

He was with the expedition which captured Hilton Head. Next, he served with Banks and under Pope in the Shenandoah Valley, until after the Battle of Antietam, in which he was not engaged. His next service was in the Army of the Potomac, and he was at Chancellorsville and Gettysburg. After that, he went West, and later marched with Sherman to the Sea.

He was credited with devising a system of flags as a way of communicating between detachments. He took part in the capture of Savannah. He was promoted to Lieutenant Colonel and met President Lincoln twice. When he got out of the war he returned to college and studied law.

Taking up peaceful pursuits, he was admitted to the Bar in Poughkeepsie in May, 1866, and practiced law in Jamaica and Brooklyn until 1889, (twenty three years) after which he practiced in Manhattan. Lieutenant Colonel Cogswell was as successful in the practice of law as he was in the defense of his country.

On July 4th, 1867, a testimonial presented by the State of Connecticut to Lt. Colonel William S. Cogswell of the U.S. Army in recognition "of the Courage and Patriotism by him displayed in the late War ...". Like his father, Judge William J. Cogswell, he became a Vestryman and was elected Warden of Grace Episcopal Church in 1895. He was one of the founders of the Jamaica Rod and Rifle Club. He gave an oration at the unveiling of the Stedman monument, Hartford, Oct. 4th, 1900.

On October 13th, 1880, W. S. Cogswell was appointed on a committee of a convention to elect a Republican slate in Queens County.



He was the first president of Maple Grove Cemetery, Jamaica, N.Y., now Kew Gardens, N.Y. and served from 1875 to 1935.

He was President of the Solders and Sailors Monument project in Jamaica and responsible for it being erected. (There is

an extensive archive of all the paperwork and maps for this project and others of his in Maple Grove's Historical Archive Collection.) He was also involved with many Civil War

Veterans' Groups, and fought for the rights of soldiers when they returned home from duty.

Of the four sons and three daughters of William Sterling Cogswell, we have only the dates of birth, the dates of death of three sons who died within a year of birth and that the remaining son, George, was President of Maple Grove Cemetery after his father's death in 1935. There is a Draft Registration 1917-1918 New York City for a George Edward Cogswell, but his birthday is given as June 6th, 1877, and Cogswell records have January 6th.



Pictured is Colonel William Sterling Cogswell as portrayed by a student from the Immaculate Conception School of Jamaica Estates, N.Y., in 2004. In that year, an event took place at the cemetery, in which visitors were greeted at the gate by a student in period costume to represent W. S. Cogswell, and thirty-five other students, also in period costume, sat near the graves of notable persons whom they represented. At first they appeared as silent mechanical figures, but came to life whenever a visitor left a small donation in a nearby basket. Each student gave a speech highlighting the life of the person they were portraying. The speeches were in the first person singular, so appeared to be the person telling about his or her own life. Below are pictures of other people buried at Maple Grove Cemetery as portrayed by students.



Where People Come From and other Jokes

A young girl asked her mother where people came from. Her mother replied that God created Adam and Eve, and they had children, and that's where people came from.

A few days later, she asked her father the same question, and he told her that once there were monkeys, and people evolved from them.

Confused, the girl asked her mother why she got two different answers to her question.

"It's simple," her mother replied. "I told you about my side of the family, and your father told you about his side."

After putting her grandchildren to bed, a grandmother changed into old slacks and a droopy blouse, and proceeded to wash her hair. As she heard the children getting more and more rambunctious, her patience grew thin. Finally, she threw a towel around her head, and stormed into their room, putting them back to bed with stern warnings. As she left the room, she heard the three-year-old say with a trembling voice, "Who was THAT?"

A grandmother was telling her little granddaughter what her own childhood was like: "We used to skate outside on a pond. I had a swing made from a tire; it hung from a tree in our front yard. We rode our pony. We picked wild raspberries in the woods." The little girl was wide-eyed, taking this all in. At last she said, "I sure wish I'd gotten to know you sooner!"

Vicar William Thomson(n)

On September 10th, 1615, John Cogswell of Westbury Leigh, Wiltshire, England, at the age of twenty-three, married Elizabeth Thomson, (no p, sometimes a second n) daughter of Rev. William and Phyllis Thomson. What do we know of the Thomson family?



Between 1603 and his death in 1623, William Thomson was Vicar of Westbury. We presume from the placement of his name in the church registers that William's appointment was made in late 1602 (as 1603 began on 25 March during this period in England). William and Phyllis Thomson were married prior to his appointment as the Vicar at Westbury. No records of them exist in the parish registers prior to 1603, so their marriage, as well as their daughter Elizabeth's baptism, occurred in an unknown parish outside that area. Information also has yet to be found to establish whether this marriage was the first for both

William and Phyllis. The family search website has an Elizabeth Thomson, daughter of William Thomson christened April 5th, 1591, at Kendal, Westmoreland, England, but whether or not this is the same William and Elizabeth is not known – the mother's name is not given. If it is the same person, this would make her one year older than her husband, John Cogswell.

Of his first marriage were Elizabeth, who married John Cogswell, Maria, who was baptized in 1604, and other children, as mention is made in his will of five daughters.

In the will of (Vicar) William Thomson, father of Elizabeth (Thomson) Cogswell, Vicar Thomson mentions "brother-in-law, Mr. White." A "John White, Clerk" is noted in the will as "a special friend," and is named as one of the executors of his will. Since In July, 1608, Phyllis Thomson died and was buried at Westbury, and William remarried in April, 1610, to Elizabeth Shepherd, the "brother-in-law" reference may indicate that Phyllis' maiden name may have been White. (Westbury parish register entry regarding Vicar William Thomson, his wife, Phyllis [surname unknown], died in 1608.) The Westbury Register records her burial thus: Phillis, uxor of Mr. William Thompson, Vicar, Sepult. 19 July, 1608.

There are several indices to transcriptions of post-1635 marriage records in Wiltshire, England, and one entry in particular lists a marriage of "Phyllis Coggehill" to "John Broadhurst" on January 23rd, 1644/5 at Chirton, Wiltshire. Using digital photographic enhancement of Phyllis' surname, it was possible to clearly determine that it was "Cogswell," not "Coggehill."

The Broadhurst-Cogswell marriage and the baptism of all seven of their children were performed by John White, Vicar at Chirton. According to Alumni Oxonienses by Joseph Foster, John White of Wiltshire attended school at St. Alban Hall in Oxford, first became a minister at Monkton Deverill, in 1615 became vicar at Cheriton (now Chirton, near Devizes,) and died at Chirton on 6 Dec. 1671. Volume V of the Institution Books for 1556-1660 (held at the National Archives at Kew) lists his appointment as Vicar at Chirton on 23 Feb 1614/15. His will mentions "Cousin Phillis Broadhurst," wife of John, who is also referred to as his "niece." It is safe to conclude that Phyllis remained in England, and went to live with her mother's uncle, Rev, John White, where she remained until her marriage, and continued to live there for much if not the rest of her life.

Of William Thomson's second marriage were two sons: William, who was baptized April 23rd, 1615, and Samuel, whose baptism is thus recorded in the Westbury Register: 1616, Samuel, filius Willmi. Thompsonn, Vicarie de Westburie., baptizat Novemb 30.

In July, 1623, William Thomson died, and was buried at Westbury. Information as to what became of Elizabeth (Shepherd) Thomson after William's death has not yet been uncovered.

It may be that Rev. William Thomson was sympathetic to the dissenters. Although married to the Vicar's daughter, there is a report that John Cogswell was on one occasion arrested on the charge of worshiping with the Puritans in the forest. And in 1635, the Cogswell family left for America, where they became what are today known as Congregationalists – the best known Church of England ministers who went there went because they could not conduct worship in the way they wished in England. Since this was after William Thomson's death, these events cannot be taken as proof of his leanings.

Ann Cogswell, Musician



Ann Cogswell is a life-long Montanan. She holds a Master of Arts degree in Music History and Literature from the University of Montana, where she also received a Bachelor of Music Education degree. Ann is nationally certified by Music Teachers National Association, and maintains a private music studio, where she teaches voice and piano. She also teaches Music History at Montana State University College of Technology in Great Falls, and is a long-time member of the Great Falls Symphony's symphonic choir. Her other interests are photography, poetry, environmental issues and animal rights. In the last several years, she and her husband, Ted, have rescued many dogs from abuse, abandonment and starvation.

Ann is the organist at St. Francis Episcopal Church in Great Falls, and she is the state representative to the Washington National Cathedral for the Episcopal Diocese of Montana. In August, 2004, she traveled to the Washington

National Cathedral with her husband, Ted, and son, Paul, where Montana was being honored. The weekend included a silent, meditative pilgrimage for Montana people that took place in the Olney woods that are part of the cathedral grounds. Ann read one of the lessons for the day from the pulpit during the service. (Picture below: she reads a lesson.)

Ann is certified as a discussion leader by the Great Books Foundation and coordinates Great Books discussion groups in Great Falls. She is serving on the Montana Committee for the Humanities, and served on the Montana Arts Council from Feb. 1st, 1993 to Feb. 1st, 2008. She is married to Edward B. (Ted) Cogswell, Jr., a nephew of William O. "Bill" Cogswell who wrote the

lyrics to "My Little Grass Shack in Kealahou Hawaii." Edward is also a grandson of William Furlong Cogswell, for whom Montana's Cogswell building (the State Laboratory) was named. The Cogswells have three adult children. One of her sons, Ted Cogswell III, is shown at left, demonstrating walking with Nordic walking poles.

Ann is contact person for the Montana Chorale, a professional chamber choir of adult Montana musicians, founded in 1976 to celebrate our country's Bicentennial celebration at the Kennedy Center in Washington, D. C. The Chorale tours communities large and small throughout the state, and is recognized for excellence in choral

music. The organization tours with an ensemble of up to 24 voices. All musicians are teachers, performers or conductors from across the state, and some have music as an avocation. The Montana Chorale has researched the music during the time of Lewis and Clark, known as the Jeffersonian period of American history. The Chorale has prepared a 90-minute performance of this unique music (ballads, play-party songs, folk tunes, humorous ditties and hymns). The Montana Chorale is funded by private and corporate grants, as well as the Montana Arts Council.



Cogswells Bring Prison to Attica, N.Y.



COMMITTEE TO BRING PRISON TO ATTICA

FRONT ROW: Webber Joiner, Harry Bramer, T. Bramer Cogswell, Robert Stockwell. BACK ROW: George A. Hoy, George Cogswell, Harry Austin, John Wahl, Orace Hubbard.



construction.

In the last Issue of The Batavia Times, there was published an editorial regarding the activity of George D. Cogswell of Attica, a Republican, who is out soliciting money for the Anti-Smith Democrats in Texas and down south, and in the article it was told that Mr. Cogswell was chairman of the prison commission in Attica, and mentioned that he was repaying Governor Smith in that way as he had selected Attica and given the prison to that place.

The correction that was wished to be made is that Mr. T. Bramer Cogswell is chairman of the prison commission and not George D. Cogswell, although the latter was influential and much interested in getting the prison to his community. Mr. Cogswell, Jr., asked us to correct the impression that he and other members of the prison commission were opposed to the Governor, stating that they were all working for him.

Nov. 12th, 1927, George D. Cogswell, a prominent business man and insurance agent of Attica, first brought to the attention of the group and townspeople the news that the State was looking for a suitable site in Western New York for a new prison site. At this November meeting, the first initial step was taken to bring the prison to Attica. President Orace S. Hubbard appointed a committee: Bramer Cogswell, chairman with W.T. Larkin and George A. Hoy to investigate the matter. A few days later at the November meeting of the Attica Chamber of Commerce, the matter was enthusiastically endorsed, and the President, Harry T. Bramer, appointed a committee consisting of Leon F. Oram and E.M. Searle to work in conjunction with the committee appointed by the Merchant's association.

On the morning of October 25th, 1928, contracts were drawn up in the office of town clerk, Harry S. Austin with Senator

Knight; Theodore Horton, secretary engineer of the State Department of Public Works; ex-Assemblyman Webber A. Joiner; Lynn S. Bentley, District Attorney of Wyoming County and Bramer Cogswell. Contracts were prepared for the purchase of seven parcels of land, which comprised the western part of the site and would cover the territory on which the buildings of the State would be located.

The people of Attica and the area felt the State was dragging its feet in getting the actual construction started. Rumors were flying that all construction was being held up because of quicksand in the site. On Sunday, June 9th, 1929, the Rochester Sunday American carried a story to end the rumors. Bramer Cogswell explained the source of the reports on the quicksand scare, and definitely stated that although small quantities of this type of soil did exist at the site where the prison was to be built, that plans for the structure would be completed by July 1st, and that work would begin in August or early September. Col. Frederick S. Green, State Superintendent of Public Works also gave a statement, and that was that quicksand was found but not enough to interfere with

Cogswells in Sports

Douglas Cogswell, Sports Promoter

Douglas Cogswell of Grand Rapids, Michigan, is the President of "Great Lakes Dive Locker," and the contact person for Aquatic Champions & Fitness Inc. Whether he swims or dives is not known to your editor, but the guess is that he does. He was born in 1955, and has lived in Grand Rapids since at least 1999. He has also lived in San Diego, California. Among his Cogswell relatives are Sandra (who may be his wife or a younger sister), Joshua, Danielle and James.

Great Lakes Dive Locker is a sporting goods business in Grand Rapids.

Aquatic Champions & Fitness Inc. is a non-profit corporation. It is a charity so that by



working as a community, the people of Grand Rapids can build the dream, and over the next months there will be fund drives to make this facility become a reality. It receives a substantial part of its support from a governmental unit or the general public.

The youth of every generation have dreams in many different ways: by becoming a star athlete, those that win scholarships or the next business tycoon just to name a few. For the athletes of baseball, basketball, hockey, gymnastics and football, the facilities are readily available to help them achieve their dreams. The aquatic dreams of Mark Spitz were realized in 1972 with seven gold medals, and 36 years later Michael Phelps achieved his dream of eight Olympic gold medals.

The Greater Grand Rapids area has consistently come up short for the aquatic athlete. Last year Godwin Public Schools closed their pool; this occurred two years after passing a tax to renovate the pool. In June of 2003, the Kentwood Public School started renovation of their pool, completed the renovations in August, 2005, and this year the Forest Hill system is renovating their pool.

Each time these renovations occur, the swimming athletes suffer for lack of adequate facilities to use. When it comes to water to swim in, it is not as simple as switching to another football field or basketball court – the current pools not under renovation do not have the space for training or the seating for multiple competitive teams. The dreams of aquatic athletes are difficult to achieve with limited facilities to participate in.

The Greater Grand Rapids area has approximately 24 schools and fitness centers with pools. 16 of these 24 facilities include spectator seating with an average of 400 seats each; the largest with 1,000 and the smallest 75. The Michigan Athletic Association requires state-sponsored meets to have seating for 1,500 spectators and deck seating of 600 for athletes. There is no facility in the state that meets the Michigan Athletic Association requirements, not even the prestigious University of Michigan swimming facility. Currently, 500 spectators are being turned away from each state meet. Aquatic Champions facility will have a minimum of 2,800 spectator seats and 1,800 deck seats, which would bring Michigan's State Boys & Girls swimming meets to Grand Rapids.

Aquatic Champions facility will meet Olympic and world class standards, giving us the largest competition pool in the state. This will allow for four different pool configurations (the only one in Michigan): 25 yards, 50 yards, 25 meters and 50 meters. The pool can be configured to accommodate two full water polo games to be played at the same time (the only one in Michigan). Its pool depth also allows for synchronized swimming and platform diving (5 meter, 7.5 meter and 10 meter).



Among the programs offered will be Special Olympics Swimming, Swimming Boys/Girls, Masters Swimming Men/Women, Springboard Diving Boys/Girls, Synchronized Springboard Diving Boys/Girls, Platform Diving, Synchronized Platform Diving, Water Polo, Synchronized Swimming, Triathlon Training, Basketball, Volleyball,

CPR/First Aid Training, Fitness Training and Weight Training.

The community impact is seen as bringing benefits for lodging, entertainment, schools and colleges.



Don't Cross your Crossing Guards



by **Julie Curtis**

Beverly Cogswell, a crossing guard in Norwalk, ferries children safely to and from Jefferson Elementary School. Photo credit: *Laura Buckman*

They are the unsung heroes of the crosswalk -

protectors of school-aged pedestrians. Potentially aggressive drivers stand down from just one of their searing glances. (And if the glance doesn't do the trick, they'll call the police in a heartbeat. Just try them.) And, while they're probably unable to leap tall buildings in a single bound, they cross children safely every morning and afternoon to and from school.

"It's all about the kids," says veteran crossing guard and lifelong Norwalk resident, Beverly Cogswell. "Someone's got to look after those kids." Beverly and Harold, her husband of 42 years, have been doing just that for some 38 years between them. The couple finesses the extraordinarily busy crosswalk that abuts the Jefferson Elementary School, safely ferrying children through the painted rectangular boxes lining the street.

And according to Norwalk Police Sergeant Lisa Kotto, they're eminently equipped to do just that. The guards -- a stable of 11 women and 12 men hired and overseen by the Norwalk Police Department -- undergo a yearly refresher course during which they review traffic laws, troubleshoot problems and discuss new issues that might arise, such as talking on cell phones while crossing kids. "It's absolutely not tolerated," says Sgt. Kotto.

They are each issued their tools of the trade: hand-held stop signs, traffic vests and cones, which they are expected to take to the job each day. And their reflective vests are roomy enough to accommodate whatever outdoor gear is required. "Yeah, we're out there no matter how bad the weather is," says Harold. "The kids have to go to school, so we have to be here, no matter what."

The Cogswells' four adult children all went to Jefferson Elementary School, and two of their six grandchildren attend now. Beverly, who became a guard when her children were students, enjoys crossing her grandchildren on their way to school. "I get to see my grandkids every day, and that's a nice thing," she says.

How long will these two retirees protect young perambulators? Harold's got it all figured out: "I'm going to do it 'til I can't walk anymore."

61-year-old crossing guard Beverly Cogswell was standing in the middle of the roadway Oct. 5th, holding her giant red stop sign - prepared to escort four children across the street - when a large van came speeding down Grandview Avenue. She urged the van to slow down, but it veered to the other side of the road, stopped briefly, and continued down Grandview Avenue. The driver of the van returned to the intersection moments later screaming at her for entering the roadway without warning. During the confrontation, police said Blackmon "bumped" the veteran crossing guard. The driver is due in court Oct. 19th. Beverly has been a crossing guard for 31 years.

Readers' Page: Corrections, Queries and More Information

As of August 28th, there have been no comments, good or bad, about the August Courier. Most comments come within the first two or three weeks, so it may be that there are none. I like to get comments. I also like to get stories or story suggestions.

Wright Brothers Reenacted

Coleman Cogswell (front) and Terry Salyer reenact the flight of the Wright brothers' first plane. The McCool Junction High School speech team performed "History of the World" for the audience at the Disney and Desserts event on March 5.



Studying Respiratory Syncytial Virus



27-year-old Lilla Roy (DJC 11478) is now living in Vancouver, B. C. and studying pharmaceutical sciences. As part of her studies, she is doing research on an infant respiratory disease and recently returned from an eight day international conference in Australia where she was one of the presenters. At the conference Roy shared some of her work in infants and quality care issues regarding health care and economics. Roy is working on a survey, featuring a sample of people throughout Canada as well as physicians, and a study that delves into all the possible options related to respiratory syncytial virus and how it could potentially affect quality-of-life decisions, medication, finances and coverage, promotion and programs. "This illness is the most common in infants worldwide and in some infants they are more likely to be sick if they have other issues like lung and heart (problems) or are premature," said Roy. Symptoms of respiratory syncytial virus include wheezing, coughing, fever and not eating well. Some children require oxygen, puffers, other medication or hospitalization.

Kelly Cogswell Comments on Civil Rights

Kelly Cogswell is an organizer with the Lesbian Avengers, which performed direct-action events that used to rankle less radical LGBTQ organizations. "As soon as you start to make any positive progress, you get people from the center saying, 'Tone it down, we're making progress!'" she says. "It's hard to keep pushing when you have your allies attacking you." But, she adds, political movements are messy and disorganized with lots of different voices and players. "I don't think it hurts [the compromisers] to have more people out there who are more radical," Cogswell says. "I think it gives them more room to manoeuvre." In other words, the compromisers get to compromise from further ahead when the conversations start further from the baseline status quo. "After a while, it's not about going too far, but about going along in the right direction," she says. (With some historical distance, we tend to think of the civil rights movement as a unified front and not as a host of different groups with different tactics who often bristled at each other.)

Groom's Father to Marry

Checking the news recently, I found that *Kristy Stickney and Kim Alan Cogswell of Montpelier, Ohio, announce their engagement and forthcoming marriage. Parents of the couple are Nancy Stickney of Montpelier, Marvin Stickney of Mercer, Pa., and Marilyn Cogswell and the late Junior Cogswell.* No date is given, and I could not find the announcement elsewhere. I did find out that Kin is 47 years old. Checking for more information, I found this notice of an older wedding: *Melissa Guy and Tylor Cogswell of Montpelier, Ohio, married Feb. 16th, 2013 Parents of the couple are Kevin and Sally Guy of Montpelier and Kim Cogswell and fiancé Kristy Stickney of Montpelier and Tina and Chet Castator of Waterloo, Ind.* What confuses me is that the bride and groom appear to have three sets of parents. I guess that Tylor is divorced had his ex, Tina, has remarried.

Cogswells in the News



Ronald and Patricia Cogswell celebrated their 60th wedding anniversary with an open house July 13th, at Moose Lodge, Twin Falls, Idaho. (Left: wedding photo; right: today)



Waikato, N.Z., Coach Aaron Cogswell said he was relatively pleased with the Waikato under 17 boys' basketball team after finishing third at the national age grade tournament. The Waikato team beat out Waitakere West 62-57 in the playoff for third and fourth after they fell to eventual winners Otago, 84-72, in their semi-final match at the North Shore Events Centre.

Korrin Cogswell, 16, the daughter of T.J. and Beth Burpo, Byron, Illinois, was first runner-up for the 2013 Ogle County Fair Queen.

Lloyd Cogswell says it takes hours to send emails from his home in Baxter's Harbour, Kings County, N.S. which doesn't have high-speed Internet service. Cogswell is among a number of householders along the Fundy shore without high-speed Internet service, despite a 2007 program, Broadband for Rural Nova Scotia, that was supposed to make it available across the province by 2010. Cogswell said he has trouble accepting claims that providing high-speed Internet service to his area is too expensive, given the profits that telecom companies generate. And he also couldn't understand why a contract that was scheduled to be completed by 2010 hasn't fulfilled its objectives.

The Fearey Group, a Seattle-based independent public relations and public affairs agency, has hired Anthony Cogswell as account coordinator. Cogswell previously served as an intern at The Fearey Group. He graduated from Central Washington University in 2012.

Natalie Cogswell, 38, Black River Falls, Wis., ran the Women Rock Half Marathon in two hours, forty-six minutes, fifty-nine seconds, August 31st. Ruth Cogswell (address not given, possibly Wheeling, Illinois) ran the Advocate Dreyer Fox Valley Marathon in St. Charles, Illinois, September 22nd, in 3 hours, 48 minutes and 12 seconds. Kate Cogswell, (26) of Chicago, Illinois, ran the Chicago Marathon October 13th, in a time of 4 hours, 36 minutes and 25 seconds. Lisa Cogswell, 31, of Canton, Michigan, ran the Talmer Bank Detroit Free Press International Marathon in Detroit, Michigan, in 4 hours, 39 minutes and 1 second, October 20th, 2013. Christopher Cogswell, 33, also of Canton, Michigan, ran the same race in 5 hours, 23 minutes and 39 seconds.

Loren Cogswell was one of the actors in Shakespeare's "Much Ado about Nothing" at the Spark Theater in the Art District in Denver, Colorado, Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, September 6th through October 5th, 2013.

Matt Cogswell played Shrek in Sterling (Mass.) Community Theater's production of "Shrek, The Musical" on Sept. 13th, 14th, 20th and 21st.

Seacoast Mental Health Center has named Judge Tina Nadeau, Chief Justice, New Hampshire Superior Court in Portsmouth as recipient of the 2013 Erik Cogswell Memorial Award, which was presented at Seacoast Mental Health Center's 14th Erik Cogswell Memorial Conference. She is committed "to bring more awareness about mental illness to judges, jail superintendents and attorneys."



Conner Cogswell (left), a member of the McCool Junction Future Farmers of America, won a Reserve Champion award for an individual daisy flower at the 2013 Nebraska State Fair.

Dean of Students Brian Cogswell encouraged many licensed drivers at Lenox Memorial Middle and High School to sign pledges not to text behind the wheel. A majority of faculty and other staffers also signed pledges, and parents who attended Back to School Night on September 19th were invited to add their names.



At the James Earley Invitational at Westfield State, senior Chris Cogswell from Barrington, Illinois, was seventh on the Williams team, which took third place in the mile race.



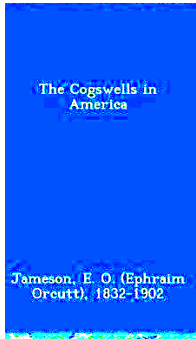
Grant Cogswell (left), a volunteer with the Society of St. Vincent de Paul Food Bank at the Carmel Centre in New Waterford, Nova Scotia, sorts food on the food bank's shelves.

Conor Cogswell scored for Middleton, N.S., only a few minutes into a junior boy's soccer game. Digby beat Middleton 4-2 October 22nd.

Jonathan Cogswell received a kidney transplant Oct. 15th, and the kidney was donated by his brother, Matt. Their mother is Vikki Cogswell, girlfriend of R.E.N.O. singer-songwriter Tom Gomez. Jonathan, who suffered from nephritis aldorts disease for many years, had kidney failure two years ago, and has been on dialysis 12 hours a day ever since. The operation was a success, and both men are healing well. But the medical costs are daunting. The Gift of Love benefit concert was held October 27th from 1 to 7 p.m. at the Branchville, N. J., American Legion on Route 206, with headliner R.E.N.O. There was a buffet and live music featuring Mike Lawlor and Matisse Lawlor at 1 p.m., Cardon Raquet at 2:15 p.m., Acoustic Wolves with band at 3:30 p.m., The Full Gaynor at 4:45 p.m. and R.E.N.O. at 6 p.m. Of the 300-plus benefits R.E.N.O. has played, including 45 this year, this one is special because it's for Jonathan.

This and That

New Copy of “*The Cogswells in America*” Offered for Sale



The Cogswells in America (Paperback) by E O. (1832-1902) Jameson (Author) Price: \$29.91 & FREE Shipping, was offered for sale by Amazon.com. It is a Paperback (772 pages), publisher: Ulan Press (September 23, 2012), weight: 3.8 pounds.

This book was originally published prior to 1923, and represents a reproduction of an important historical work. While we strive to adequately clean and digitally enhance the original work, there are occasionally instances where imperfections such as blurred or missing pages, poor pictures or errant marks may have been introduced due to either the quality of the original work or the scanning process itself. Despite these occasional imperfections, we have brought it back into print, providing customers with access to the best possible historical reprints.

Cogswell Surveys, Ltd., New Zealand

Established in 1965 by Ron Cogswell, Cogswell Surveys, Ltd., is a medium sized survey firm located in Cambridge, New Zealand. The team is experienced in Land Development and provides a range of services throughout the Waikato and Coromandel regions. Services include Subdivision, Title Information / Document Searching, Property Appraisal, Topographical Surveys - Site Plans, Boundary Peg Location / Reinstatement and Engineering Design / Setout Planning.

A Cogswell Makes a Difference

In 2011, Natsir, a poor farmer and part-time English teacher, invited a passing American tourist into his home for a meal – an act of kindness that has since created countless smiles and changed lives. Natsir's simple act of kindness to a stranger resulted in his sons' free cleft surgeries. Now he volunteers his time to find other children with cleft. Natsir's sons, Alwi and Winner were born with cleft lips, and Natsir was too poor to ever dream of being able to afford the cleft surgery they needed. The American, David Cogswell, met the two young boys, and was determined to find a way to help them. He contacted his mother, a speech pathologist, who knew of Smile Train, who promptly reached out to our team. In January, 2012, Natsir brought Alwi and Winner to our partner hospital for free cleft surgery.

Police Chief Ordered Arrests

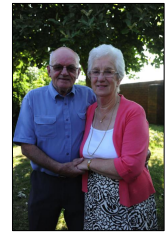
100 YEARS AGO, July 18th, 1913: Acting on an order issued by Chief of Police Fred M. Cogswell last night, instructing his men to arrest all automobile owners and drivers found running their machines unequipped with lights as required by city ordinance, officers last night took into custody 19 well known citizens of Little Rock, charged with violating the ordinance, and ordered them to appear in Police Court this morning.

Bohn Family Reunion

The descendents of Elmo and Mary Ellen Cogswell Bohn held their 50th consecutive family reunion on July 14th in Varysburg, NY. This year, we had 97 in attendance. At the reunion each year, we have great fun holding a Chinese Auction. The proceeds are donated each year to a needy cause. This year the auction raised \$200, which will be donated to “Kisses for Kelly”. It supports the special needs of seven-year-old Kelly Cogswell of South River, N.J..3, who has Mitochondrial Disease/Leigh Syndrome, and lives with a tracheotomy, a feeding tube and a ventilator. We hope this helps with the many special needs expenses that the family must incur.

Westbury, Wiltshire, News

Chris and Daphne Osborne celebrated their golden wedding anniversary on July 6th, at The Farmhouse Inn in Southwick with family and friends. Mr. Osborne, 77, was originally from Bath, and Mrs. Osborne, 74, grew up in Haywood. They moved in together in Bath for three years before moving to Westbury, where they have been ever since.



A group of eight children, aged 12, from Borodyanka, a town around 50 miles from the Chernobyl reactor site where many evacuees were resettled, are staying in Westbury for a month. They visited Westbury Fire Station July 22nd for a demonstration by firefighters and The Farmhouse in Southwick on July 23rd to experience traditional British games and food. Steve Lloyd, chairman of Chernobyl Children's Life Line West Wilts Link, said: "This year's group will take part in a programme of activities including horse riding, sailing, ten-pin bowling, crafts and pizza making, which are being provided free by local companies." They visited an optician in Westbury recently for complimentary eye tests. The children were given the tests by Haine & Smith Opticians as part of a four-week visit organised by charity Chernobyl Children's Life Line.

After her dad was diagnosed with prostate cancer, Jo Parker, who has run Westbury beauty salon, "Essentially You," for more than four years, aimed to raise £1,000 for Marie Curie Cancer Care during August. Miss Parker opened her salon for a fundraising event on August 14th from 10:00 a.m. – 7:00 p.m., where people could drop in for cake and coffee. She also did £10 nail treatments, booked in advance, with £5 going to charity. The fundraising culminated in a sponsored 10 km walk at the Badminton Estate on August 31st. Miss Parker said: "I wanted to raise money for Marie Curie Cancer Care after my dad was diagnosed with prostate cancer. It really makes you realize how much you need charities like Marie Curie. All my tips throughout the month will be donated to fundraising, and I'm hoping lots of people will come in on August 14th."



Westbury 10-year-old Tyler Wood took home two medals from British Transplant Games in August, just months after a heart swap. Tyler was diagnosed with arrhythmogenic right ventricular cardiomyopathy last year. It is a disorder in which damaged heart muscle is replaced by scar tissue and fat. His only hope of survival was a heart transplant. A suitable donor was found after a 15-week wait, and he had the six-hour surgery at Great Ormond Street Hospital, returning home just in time for Christmas. He took home a bronze medal in the tug-of-war competition, a medal for completing the triathlon, a participation medal and a medal as part of the London hospital's GOSH Heart and Lungs team.

99-year-old Westbury Residential and Nursing Home resident Olive Thompson joined residents for part of a walk for dementia charity Alzheimer's Society Sept. 27th to celebrate her turning 100 on October 13th. Residents and staff raised over £100 for the charity. Olive was one of six residents who joined staff for the walk at Southwick County Park, before they visited a tea room for a bite to eat afterwards. Friends, family members and a harpist joined Olive to celebrate her 100th birthday at the Home on October 18th.

Westbury firefighter Andy Nash (right) took part in Tough Mudder South West in September in Wales. The 27-year-old set out to raise £1,000 for The Firefighters Charity, which helps injured firefighters and families bereaved when a firefighter is killed while on duty. As a result, he was presented with a check for £300 by Star Fish Bar in Warminster October 15th, and has so far raised £850.



38-year-old Helen Chester, who lives in Ludlow Close, Westbury, showcased her series of paintings focusing on the Westbury White Horse in Maristow Street, Westbury. The exhibition is on display until the beginning of December.

Children from Bitham Brook Primary School in Westbury were awarded the prize for achieving the greatest success across all primary school games in Wiltshire, including being Wiltshire girls' football and swimming champions and West Wiltshire boys' football and netball champions. Shown are Winning Bitham Brook sports team members Mia and Daniel, and Steve Boocock, who presented the award.



Westbury Swimming Pool, one of the oldest working public pools in Britain, celebrated its 125th anniversary. Swimmers were able to use Westbury Swimming Pool for the original admission fee of only one penny September 7th and 8th. Swimmers learned some Victorian strokes for a demonstration on the 7th.



Pole-Da-Cise, which has studios in Westbury and Melksham, held their annual event at the White Horse Country Park in Westbury. They raised £5,579.65 in aid of BlobbysHelp, which is raising money for a Phantom Machine at the Bristol Oncology Centre.

Historian George Cogswell was guest speaker at the Sale Civic Society, Cheshire, England, October 17th, and gave a talk entitled "Lt Col Newton & Watling Gate."

From the Secretary's Desk

Hope all is well with your family, and that you are in good health!

We continue to make strides with the Association. John Bohn has now joined the Board of Directors as the webmaster, and is in the process of revising the webpage with a more modern look (www.cogswell.org). Of course, we have our CFA Facebook Page (<https://www.facebook.com/groups/113661535340209>) and we have now reactivated our CFA Blog (http://wordpress.com/wp-login.php?redirect_to=http%3A%2F%2Fen.wordpress.com%2Fmy-blogs%2F&reauth=1). So we are doing what we can to improve our communication with CFA and non-CFA members, and it's all about the Cogswell's. It can be more than family history, but we'd all like to know how members in the family are doing! Please let us know if you have any ideas to improve the Association, and drop me a line (ercogswell@frontier.com) if you have any questions.



Have a blessed Thanksgiving and a very Merry Christmas!

Ed Cogswell

Secretary, Cogswell Family Association

Births

HRH George Alexander Louis Windsor, son of Prince William & Kate (Middleton) Windsor, July 22nd, 2013, London, England

Engagements

Alison Renee Cole, Port Huron, Michigan, to Adam Paul Cogswell, Kalamazoo, Michigan (April in Costa Rica)

Steph Cogswell to Chris Miczek, December 28th, 2013, Auburn, Massachusetts

Marriages

Stephanie Cogswell & Justin Tatom, March 3rd, 2013, Nacogdoches, Texas

Becky Brough & Justin Cogswell, March 9th, 2013, Perrysburg, Ohio

Valorie Cogswell & Conor Boughey, April 6th, 2013, El Cerrito, California

Petrice Mostardi & Brian Cogswell, May 4th, 2013, Rochester, Minnesota

Melissa Cogswell & Michael Caroluzzi, May 30th, 2013, Mays Landing, New Jersey

Carrie Fountain & Ryan Cogswell, June 1st, 2013, Plattsburgh, New York

Kelsey Besgrove & David Cogswell, June 15th, 2013, Perrysburg, Ohio

Kristy Stickney & Kim Alan Cogswell, October 5th, 2013, Montpelier, Ohio

Kimberly Cogswell & Jake Larsen, October 11th, 2013, Monterey, California

Deaths

Susanna Whitmore (Cogswell) (Hughes) Graham, 96, March 16th, 2013, Geary, New Brunswick

Annabelle Cogswell, wife of Lester Cogswell, 81, April 14th, 2013, Evanston, Nova Scotia

Nelson Gerrard Cogswell, Jr., 66, May 27th, 2013, Toronto, Ontario

Joyce Enid Cogswell, died June 15th, 2013, widow of Herbie Cogswell, New Zealand

Andrew Horace Cogswell, 62, June 27th, 2013, Berwick, Nova Scotia

Roger Lewis Cogswell, July 9th, 2013, McAdam, New Brunswick

June M. Cogswell, 93, July 28th, 2013, Monterey, California

Frederick Cogswell, 96, died August 26th, 2013, Sleightsburgh, New York

Ethel May (Sullivan) (widow of James I.) Cogswell, 88, Sept. 2nd, 2013, Lewes, Delaware

Cathleen Cogswell-Wood, 64, September 12th, 2013, Port Orange, Florida

David William Cogswell, Sr., 74, October 14th, 2013, Norwalk, Connecticut

Thomas Arthur Cogswell, 90, October 11th, 2013, North Ryde, N.S.W., Australia

From the Editor's Desk

On October 5th, I attended a reenactment of the Battle of Chateaugay, in which Corp. Thomas (?) Cogswell was killed in action. I wished that this had been during a Cogswell family reunion, but it was too soon after the Cleveland reunion, so that will have to wait until next year and be a reunion marking two hundred years of peace between our two nations. The British unexpectedly won that battle against a far larger contingent of Americans. The reenactment took place on the actual battle field which is now a cow pasture. The owner kindly allowed the re-enactors to use it, along with the several hundred spectators. A film depicting the battle (from the Canadian viewpoint) can be seen at http://www.nfb.ca/film/battle_of_the_chateaugay. Shown are: (1) the battlefield with one "dead" American soldier; (2) battle scene: the Americans return fire and (3) the re-enactment



Encampment. At the end of the re-enactment, an officer announced, "The dead shall rise!" and those who were laying there "dead" got up and returned to their regiments. The script was also not followed, because in the encampment was Laura Secord, who was associated only with a battle in Ontario.

About the Cover of this Issue

Richard Ziegler posted in the Cogswell Family Association Facebook page: "I hope it is ok to post this here... This is a watercolor I just finished painting of the Pemaquid Lighthouse...." I decided it would make a suitable cover picture for the Courier. I posted a request for permission to use it, and got a reply that was sent to Roger Bohn, our President, giving permission.

Ryan Cogswell

Two persons named Ryan Cogswell have been featured in the Courier. In the last issue, on page 16, Ryan Cogswell, a student at Harvard Divinity School commented on the Boston Marathon bombing. Back in December, 2006, there was a story about Ryan Cogswell, a tattoo artist from Plattsburg, New York. The Secretary's Desk this month notes the marriage of Ryan Cogswell to Carrie Fountain in Plattsburg. If the place isn't enough to let you know, it's the tattoo artist who got married.

Cogswell Diary in White House History Journal

Elizabeth Lord Cogswell Dixon's diary is featured in Issue 33 of White House History Journal by White House Historical Association.

The Mystery Deepens

Back on November 17th, 2010, I posted in the Cogswell Courier Blog that I had searched for more about Andy Cogswell, a soldier depicted kissing his daughter, but instead found other Andy Cogswells - one of whom had six solo tackles in a 6-0 victory by Olympia (High School, Stanford, Ill.) over DeQuoin in the semi-final round of the Class 3A football playoffs, (1985) Bloomington, Ill. On September 18th, 2013, Andy Cogswell posted a comment: "That football player was me." However he didn't say where he is now or anything else about himself.



Quebec Cogswell Descendants

The following Cogswell descendants have a variety of surnames, Cogswell being only the maiden name of the mother who came to Canada and the middle name of one son.

I was serving as retired supply at four churches, one of which was Stanbridge East, Quebec. One day, a member of that congregation said to me, "There's someone with your surname buried in the Hillside Cemetery." She couldn't remember any more, so I had to make a special visit, and look for the stone. Fortunately it's a very small cemetery, and I found a small stone marking the grave of George Cogswell Baxter (Dec. 17, 1834 - Mar. 4, 1912). I didn't know any Baxters in the area, so the best I could do was consult *Descendants of John Cogswell*. Its index lists only one – William Baxter, spouse of Adeline Cogswell (DJC 2196).

Adeline Cogswell (DJC 2196), born Oct. 4, 1804 at Coventry, Conn., married, Feb. 3, 1825, William Baxter, born Oct. 6, 1799, at Tolland, Conn. They had the following children, all born at Tolland, Conn.:

- Sara Cogswell, b. Jan. 14 1826
- Charlotte Ann, b. Oct. 2, 1827 married John Flint
- Frances S., b. Sept. 12, 1829 married Penn Holly
- William Pitt, b. Feb. 3, 1832 married Clarissa Holmes
- George Cogswell (below)
- Orpah Rebecca, b. May 11, 1837
- Benjamin Franklin, b. July 27, 1839
- Amos Newton, b. Sept. 12. 1844

(The above information from Mrs. Robert Baxter, 117 Baxter Road, Storrs, Conn. on June 5, 1990)

George Cogswell Baxter, b. Dec. 17, 1834, at Tolland, Conn., died Mar. 4, 1912, near Stanbridge East, Quebec, married (date [?]) Annie Mather (Nov. 24. 1846 - July 21. 1920, died near Stanbridge East, Que.), daughter of William Mather (1818-1890) and Marie Dickman (1823-1890). (She had a brother Joseph H. Mather 1858-1883) They lived on Lot 4, Concession 7, Upper Bedford. George was a machinist.

They had the following children:

- George (1868 - ?), married (twice) Emma and Janie Campbell (possibly sisters)
- Benjamin (1870 - ?), married Hannah? Two sons: John and Robert, the later lived in Stowe, Vt., and sold farm machinery
- Laura Irene (below)
- Phoebe, married Jan. 27, 1919, John S. Hews, had 4 boys: Mervin, George, Lee, & Robert
- Bertha, (March 28, 18?? - ?), married B. N. Martindale, had three children: Roy, Ray, and

Mabel

- Adeline married (1) Morris Williams, (2) Royal Higby
- Charles, broom maker, crippled, never married
- Mabel (June 11, 1888 - ?), married Charles Holloway, had 3 children: Windsor, Mildrer and

Marton.

(This information from Windsor Holloway, Waterloo, Quebec. Date not given.)

Laura Irene Baxter (Sept 23, 1872 - Oct. 2 1909) married (Sept. 1896) Dr. J. J. Irwin (July 7, 1872 - Apr. 9[?] 1936) a Veterinary Surgeon, son of John Irwin and Maria J. Purdy. They had one child:

Pearl, married Maurice B. Williams

Maurice and Pearl Williams had a son, Maurice Baxter Williams

M. Baxter Williams (who died in 1992) had a son, Randal Williams, who married Shirley (?) who works for the Brome Historical Society, and supplied this information.

+ (My source says George and Annie came from the United States with the United Empire Loyalists [Tories], but given that neither of his parents was born until 1799, I consider that unlikely in the extreme. By the time they arrived, immigrants from the United States were not Loyalists, but were looking for available land.)

Westbury Animals

Swapping unemployment for adventure: Westbury man volunteers in Bulgaria



Animal enthusiast Dominic Horsley has swapped Wiltshire for Bulgaria in a bid to land his dream job. The former Matravers pupil was finding it difficult to get employment despite trying for many jobs in the Westbury and Trowbridge area. Then Dominic, 21, who had always wanted to work with animals, came across a web site offering volunteer work abroad, and landed the opportunity to work in an animal sanctuary in Bulgaria. Dominic used the cash from his 21st birthday presents to fund his airfare, and took off for the tiny village of Oreshetz, where he did everything from helping to cultivate the land to looking after stray dogs and cats. He also got the chance to travel and explore the countryside. He said, "It is an amazing country. The sheer scale of the landscape in the country is fantastic, and there is a whole range of wildlife including bears, wolves, jackals, wild boar, eagles and wolverines." Dominic, who is about to return to Bulgaria for another three month stay, said, "It is very poor in the rural areas, and people still use horse and cart to get about" and joked, "But they have their mobile phones too – it's a real culture shock." He admits he was saddened by the number of strays there, and explained that the Animal Rights Act was only passed two years ago. He explained, "It was common to just find puppies that people have dumped – we once found seven puppies that had just been left in a barn. Stray dogs are clever and more street wise than you might imagine, though it does not make up for the conditions they are living in. The people I was staying with did a brilliant job of taking in strays and raising funds to help get others rehomed." Dominic, who lives with his family in Westbury, reckons his Bulgarian experience has been invaluable. He said, "It can really get you down when you are unemployed and desperate to work – volunteering has really boosted my confidence." Pictured: Dominic and pet whippet Stanley.

Westbury bred horse is Hunter Champion of GB

A Westbury born and bred horse has been crowned as Hunter Champion of Great Britain 2013. Mickey, a four-year-old gelding, competed at the Royal London Show, where he impressed judges in all the rounds. 23-year-old Hannah de Boorder is delighted with her horse's performance, which was one of his first experiences of the show world, and believes he has a very exciting future ahead. In a hunter class, horses are required to walk, trot, canter and gallop, showing off the horse's movement. Horses are marked on aspects including its manners, temperament and movement. Hannah explains, "Being relatively new to all the showing world, we didn't have many hopes for this big show. I would have been equally thrilled if he gave the judges a good ride, and that he enjoyed and behaved himself. Mickey's first class was the small hunter, which are all Hunter type horses under 158 cm. but above 148 cm. in height – riders any age. To my delight, Mickey again pulled a wonderful ride for a four-year-old, and the judge loved him, and we won that class. Later on that day, we had our second class, the intermediate hunters, where the riders have to be under 25 years old. Mickey too won this class. After winning both classes, we then were put forward to the championship pre-judging where all the judges from the hunter classes assess all the winners and second placed horses together. Thus, Mickey was up against the lightweight, middleweight, heavyweight and ladies hunter winners. Usually the judges like the bigger horses over 158 cm. as these are more versatile. Once pre-judging is over, we all had to wait for the evening performance to see who the judges pull forward. The evening performance is an experience in itself. It is all dark, and they put a spotlight on you as you go around, and the crowd is clapping and cheering. It's very intimidating and exciting for a four-year-old who has never experienced anything like this ever! To my delight, he behaved wonderfully, and as we all stood in the line up, my number was pulled out as the Hunter Champion of Great Britain." Hannah works full-time, and to fit in her love of horses, she is up at 5.00 a.m. every day, and rides in the evenings. She has been riding all her life, and Mickey was her first experience with equine breeding. She has already had plenty of experience in the equine industries, including a six-month placement on a racing yard in Canada. Hannah said, "I would like to aim Mickey for Royal International Horse Show qualifiers if he matures over the winter, and it would be a dream come true if I could qualify him for Horse of the Year show one year."



A Tragic Death

In the last issue, page 8, Woo (Cogswell) Thomason described her wedding. On page 13, both of their deaths are recorded. Here is more information.

On a gentle January day earlier this year, Bill and Woo Thomason stood in the sanctuary of Christ Church to celebrate their marriage, the same place they had promised to love each other forever 50 years before. They looked at each other that day just as they had all those years before, said Randy Armstrong, who was a bridesmaid at the wedding. It is a memory Armstrong will hold onto especially tightly now that her friends have died.

The Thomasons were found unconscious in the bedroom of their Greenville home on June 9th. They were taken to an area medical center where Mr. Thomason, 76, died Saturday night, and Mrs. Thomason, 71, died Monday night. Autopsies showed they died of anoxic brain injury caused by carbon monoxide poisoning. Anoxic brain injury occurs when the brain is deprived of oxygen. Carbon monoxide attaches to the hemoglobin in the blood, pushing out the oxygen. Greenville Police Department officers were called around noon on June 9th, a Sunday, after friends became worried that the Thomasons were not at church, and had not met them for lunch. A neighbor gave a key to officers, who called EMS. Paramedics said the couple showed signs of carbon monoxide poisoning, and cleared the house until the Fire Department deemed it safe to enter.

The investigation showed the battery was dead and the fuel tank empty in a Toyota Avalon, one of two cars in the couple's basement garage. Investigators believe one of the Thomasons went to the store about 1:30 p.m. the Thursday before they were found, drove into the garage and accidentally did not turn the car off. The fumes entered the house through the heating and air system.

Friends and family members described the Thomasons as people of integrity who were passionate about helping the community. She was a Southern lady, he a Southern gentleman, the kind of man who stands when a woman leaves the table or enters a room.

Woo Thomason's Greenville roots date back to the 1800s. Her great-great grandfather was F.W. Poe, who opened the FW Poe Manufacturing Co. in 1897 on the outskirts of downtown Greenville. Armstrong and Thomason are distant relatives. Their parents were friends, and they've known each other all their lives. They started kindergarten together at Haynsworth School. Armstrong said there are many stories about how her friend earned the nickname Woo, but she thinks it has to do with her preferring to be called Wendy instead of her given name, Eugenia. Mrs. Thomason was the oldest of four children, and came to be known as WooWoo, then Woo. Bill Thomason was from Laurens, and moved to Greenville for work.

Thomason's work took them far beyond Greenville. They loved to travel. "They've been all over the world," Armstrong said. Red pushpins on a map inside their home show the places – dozens and dozens through the decades. They lived in London for a time and outside New York City when Thomason was an executive in the corporate offices of IBM in White Plains, N.Y.

They had two sons, Will and David, both of Atlanta.

When it came time to retire, the Thomasons wanted to come home to Greenville, Armstrong said. "They were living the happy retirement golden years," said Bob Atkinson, a neighbor. "They were nice people, the kind you like to have for a neighbor." Armstrong said they were involved in philanthropy and the civic life of every community they had lived in. And once they came back to Greenville, they became active in their church, at the Peace Center, the Palmetto Land Trust, the Greenville Symphony and historic preservation. Mrs. Thomason was a member of the Assembly and an expert gardener. "The inside of her house is like walking into a magazine of Southern homes and gardens," her brother said. They built their large brick home at the corner of Crescent Avenue and Capers Street in 1998. They planned the celebration of marriage ceremony because "they wanted to show everybody what love was all about."

On that January day earlier this year, Mrs. Thomason wore a demure checked suit and carried a small bouquet. Mr. Thomason slipped a boutonniere in the lapel of his dark suit. It was a simple ceremony, attended by immediate family, siblings and three couples. Another woman who attended had, like Armstrong, been a bridesmaid.

"Woo and Bill profoundly impacted our lives, and we are devastated by this loss," Armstrong said. "Woo was never idle. Neither heaven nor earth will ever be the same."

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