

# Cogswell Family Association, Inc.

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Needham, Massachusetts 02192



Cogswell



Arrived on ship Angel Gabriel  
Pemaquid, Mass  
(since 1620 — Maine)  
August 14, 1635  
Settled at Ipswich, MASS

## COGSWELL FAMILY ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER #5 September, 1991

### LAST CALL FOR PEMAQUID

The annual meeting at Pemaquid, Maine, on the September 27-29 weekend promises to be well-attended. Over 60 members have made reservations as of this writing, but there is still time for others to sign up. Although space at The Hotel Pemaquid and The Bradley Inn is sold out, there are several other small locations with space available. Please contact Claire Daigle at (413) 967-5086 if you would like advice on how to get last-minute reservations.

Activities at Pemaquid will center around John Cogswell and family and their arrival there on the Angel Gabriel in 1635. Dr. Warren Riess, the nautical archaeologist searching for the wreckage of the ship, promises to be a most interesting dinner speaker, and dedication of a bronze plaque commemorating the arrival will be historic. Local museums and a boat ride to Monhegan Island, weather permitting, will also be on the agenda. We hope for nice fall weather with colorful leaves. Be sure to bring warm clothing, as the weather could be nippy.

### NOMINATIONS FOR YEAR 1992

At the annual meeting in Pemaquid, election of officers and directors for the coming year will be held. The following list of recommendations by the Nominating Committee is presented for your consideration, but nominations from the floor will be sought at the meeting.

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CYRIL GRAY COGSWELL

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## **FUTURE MEETINGS**

The choice of Salem(Ipswich) and Pemaquid for our first two CPA annual meetings has almost depleted our list of locations in the United States directly associated with ancestor, John Cogswell. John's birthplace and homestead in Westbury, Wiltshire, England is an obvious possibility; it has just reached the age of 400 and is of definite historic interest. There may well be locations of secondary importance in the United States which could be used for future meetings, which could be organized by family members in these locations. There is also the question as to whether we should meet annually or less frequently. It would be appreciated if you would make your thoughts known, together with any specific suggestions for locations. Of particular interest would be those areas having large numbers of members and who could undertake to organize and conduct a meeting for the general membership. Please pass your suggestions along in writing to the CPA president, Sumter A. Cogswell, 300 Sunkist Lane, Los Altos CA 94022 .

## **CFA GENEALOGICAL PROGRAM**

Our Historian, Catherine J. Cogswell, indicates that our genealogical database continues to grow, thanks to contributions by CFA members. Currently, data from Jameson's THE COGSWELLS IN AMERICA are entered into the database only when a member's chart or history refers to a person listed therein. When all member information has been input, the remaining entries in Jameson will be processed. Currently we have 592 individual records, of which 60 are in Jameson.

This is a tremendous undertaking, and a great amount of data remain to be entered; over three-quarters of the information submitted remains to be input. Considerable time must be devoted to each entry, and as the database increases in size more time is required for each entry. Each Cogswell reference must be checked against Jameson information for discrepancies. Each chart must be examined to see if any person has already been input and whether any discrepancies exist. As handwritten charts and other information frequently must be deciphered, our job would be simplified and errors reduced if all material submitted were in typed form. Book reports and other "creative" information can be very interesting and helpful to the CFA database, but putting that type of information into enterable format takes lots of time. Assistant Historian, Julie A. Cogswell, is in charge of putting this information into the form needed for entry.

The Genealogical team wants members who have submitted questions to understand that the database is periodically checked for answers to questions; to preclude sending answers that may be negative or incorrect, responses may be delayed for quite some time.

Some CFA members have had little experience in searching for information on their ancestors. There is a vast quantity of information readily available on our forebears in public documents from many countries of the world and dating back several hundred years. A very direct approach to finding data on one's ancestors is through the almost comprehensive documentation maintained by the The Church Of Jesus Christ Of Latter-Day Saints, commonly called the Mormon or LDS Church. Their Family History Library(FHL) in Salt Lake City, Utah, has the world's pre-eminent collection of these documents, which are freely available to anyone outside their church. In addition, these documents may be accessed easily from any of over 1100 Family History Centers, usually located in conjunction with their local churches. Your local telephone directory may show a Family History Center located at a nearby LDS church. The personnel on duty in these libraries are most helpful and will work with you in finding the information you seek. Many other organizations offer records of specific types, but the FHL is likely to have almost any document desired.

If you have not yet submitted data on your ancestry, please contact Catherine J. Cogswell at 53 Glendon Road, Needham MA 02192, with your data or for instructions and/or the proper charts for use in submission of the data.

### **COGSWELLS IN THE CIVIL WAR**

Edward Cogswell is assembling information on the part that Cogswells played in the Civil War and plans to issue this information in book form when complete. He already has material on over 84 men who served and is asking that CFA members contribute information on their family who served. He asks for copies of any articles, diaries, letters, or other documents which might be helpful in this endeavor. Ed can be contacted at Box 2050, Albion ME 04910-9724, or at (207) 437-5844.

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### **SALEM MEETING PHOTOS**

Some members have inquired about the availability of copies of photos taken at our annual meeting last year in Salem. Due to the extremely high price placed on these prints by the photographer, our meeting chairman, Jack Cogswell, is giving the photographer a chance to offer a better price in return for the business and will advise those wanting prints of any progress in this direction.

### **QUESTIONABLE PUBLICATIONS**

The ready availability of computerized mailing lists is encouraging mass-mailers to offer so-called family histories, newsletters, or special studies to Cogswells and other families. We have received mailings from addresses in Colorado, Ohio, and Pennsylvania and have seen some of their offerings. We find them to be almost without value and would suggest that our members be cautious in sending money for these items.

**MISSING PAGES**

Several of those who have purchased reproductions of **THE COGSWELLS IN AMERICA** or **COGSWELLS AND CLOTH IN AVON VALE** from Cogswell College have found their books to be missing one or more pages due to failure on part of the printer. The College will furnish inserts for missing pages brought to their attention. Please make any needs known to Lorna Corbetta-Noyes, Librarian, Cogswell College, 10420 Bubb Road, Cupertino CA 95014 .

**CFA MEMBERSHIP LIST**

At the time of this writing there are approximately 150 dues-paying members of the CFA, an increase of about 45% over this time last year. A list of current members is appended to this newsletter.

**FUTURE CFA NEWSLETTERS**

The editor is badly in need of items for inclusion in future newsletters and would greatly appreciate your participation. Short and concise items are preferred, and some editing may take place. Please submit material to me at 300 Sunkist Lane, Los Altos CA 94022.

Sumter A. Cogswell