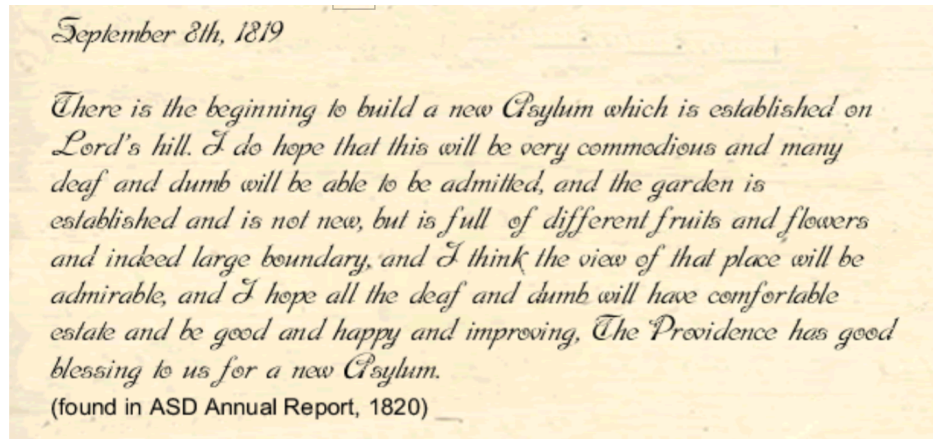


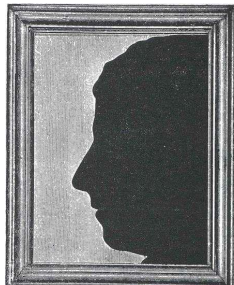
Cogswell, Alice (August 31, 1805 – December 30, 1830)

Inspiration for the founding of the first permanent school for the Deaf in the U.S., American School for the Deaf (ASD), one of the first pupils at the school

QUOTE:



Written by Alice Cogswell after three years of schooling at ASD. Image from the ASD Deaf Is Website <http://www.deafis.org/history/who/alice-journal/journal.html>



[Only known portrait of Alice Cogswell from the Disability History Museum]

<http://www.disabilitymuseum.org/dhm/lib/catcard.html?id=648>

scroll down for artists' renditions of Alice via statues made to honor

Born: 31 August 1805 Died: 30 December 1830 Family of origin:

Parents: Dr. Mason Fitch Cogswell (notable physician) and Mary Austin Ledyard. Dr. Cogswell was instrumental in the founding of ASD. Siblings: Three sisters and one brother. Grew up in Hartford, Conn.

Alice became Deaf at the age of two from illness.

Schooling: 1817-1824: American School for the Deaf At the age of 12 Alice entered the Connecticut Asylum for the Education and Instruction of Deaf and Dumb Persons (now called

the American School for the Deaf - ASD) in 1817 when it was founded. She graduated at the age of 19 in 1824 after 7 years at ASD.

Personal Information: After the sudden and unexpected death of Alice's father, Dr. Cogswell, from pneumonia on December 10, 1830, Alice died 20 days later. Some reports say she died from a broken heart (depression and refusing to eat due to grief from the loss of her father). Alice was 25 years old at the time of her death.

Writings by Alice Cogswell: Alice Cogswell letter to Emily Phillips (1821)

<http://www.disabilitymuseum.org/dhm/lib/detail.html?id=698> Alice Cogswell letter to Lewis

Weld (1828) <http://www.disabilitymuseum.org/dhm/lib/detail.html?id=726> Alice Cogswell letter

to Mary Cogswell (mother) 1829 <http://www.disabilitymuseum.org/dhm/lib/detail.html?id=733>

References and books/articles/links: Writings to Alice Cogswell from classmates sent by Lydia Huntley (1815) <http://www.disabilitymuseum.org/dhm/lib/detail.html?id=695>

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ASD Comic - A is for Alice...

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Other information / documents/ images:



[Statue in Hartford, Conn. By Frances Laughlin Wadsworth. Image from Find a <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=pv&GRid=68658423&PIpi=41298027>]



Statue at ASD



Statue at Gallaudet



Daniel Chester French sculpted this bronzed plaster cast in 1887. The bronze sculptures were cast in 1889 at Gallaudet University and in 1924 at the American School for the Deaf.

Cast of the statue at Library at the University of Illinois.

<http://www.library.illinois.edu/learn/intro/tours/arttour/gallaudet.html>

[Statues of Alice Cogswell with Thomas H. Gallaudet by Daniel Chester French. Alice is holding a book with the alphabet on it and in her other hand she is forming the letter A. T. Gallaudet also has an A handshape on one hand and his hand around Alice with the other hand. This statue is at American School for the Deaf and at Gallaudet University. Daniel Chester French went on to sculpture the Abraham Lincoln monument.]



Inscription:

The father, distinguished by his private virtues, his public spirit and professional worth: the daughter although deprived of hearing and speech, for her intellectual attainment and loveliness of character. The American Asylum for the Deaf and, which under PROVIDENCE owes its origin to the father's tenderness towards his child, and his sympathy towards her fellow sufferers, will stand an enduring monument to their memory when this shall have perished

[images from Find a Grave <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=pv&GRid=68658423&PIpi=41298120>]