

THOMAS ROGERS SOCIETY, INC

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NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2007

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

We are indebted to those people who saw fit to found the Thomas Rogers Society in 1974. The following people are charter members and have seen the society grow and develop into a hereditary society that is recognized by the hereditary community. A comprehensive website has brought us to the top echelon of genealogical sites through the continuing work of Tracy Ashley Crocker Sr. to electronically publish our application data and sources. Thank you to these members who seized the opportunity to memorialize Thomas Rogers and his family in such an encompassing manner. We continue to grow in membership and can be proud of our accomplishments. Thank you, sincerely, to:

002CL- Henry K. Adamson

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005CL- David Sawtelle

006CAL- Joye Adamson

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Mary Brown (right), with her daughter Dawn Darche and granddaughters Alexa and Gretchen, was present on opening night of the National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution Continental Congress in Washington, D.C. Mary represented the Thomas Rogers Society at the event. The colors she chose to represent the society at that time were a light brown to represent the Camlet fabric which Thomas Rogers marketed and a center stripe of pink which represents his voyage on the Mayflower. These colors will be voted upon at the September, 2008 meeting.

Have you or your family participated in any hereditary or patriotic events? Please send us the information and a photo if you have it, to share with our Rogers cousins.

TRS Treasury Report:

The Society continues to be in excellent financial condition. We have \$3,733 in operating funds, \$18,561 in Life Membership funds, and \$22,105 in Scholarship funds for total net worth of \$44,399 as of July, 2007. We have a remainder of 23 members who have not yet paid their 2007 dues. **Reminder letters have been mailed.** So far this year, we have raised \$240.00 for the 6th & 7th Generation. Thanks to all of you for your generous contributions to this worthy cause!

Donors include:

Joyce L. Johnson
Barbara McGhee
William Muttart
Edward R. Rogers, Jr.
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A Pilgrim Quiz

by William Muttart

<u>name of Pilgrim</u>	<u>my answer</u>	<u>best known as</u>
1. William Brewster	()	a. the Captain
2. Thomas Rogers	()	b. the Diplomat
3. Stephen Hopkins	()	c. the Condemned
4. William Bradford	()	d. the Cooper (barrel maker)
5. Edward Winslow	()	e. the Doctor
6. Richard More	()	f. the Ruling Elder
7. Myles Standish	()	g. the Illegitimate Child
8. Samuel Fuller	()	h. the Governor
9. John Howland	()	i. the Camlet Merchant
10. John Billington	()	j. the Man Overboard
11. John Alden	()	k. the First to Visit America

Correct answers on next page.

DNA Update:

Steve Rogers is the chair of this committee. The Rogers project is currently gathering data. If you are interested, there are currently 92 Rogers males with data and we can see our data as a subset. http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_join.asp?code=F50643&special=true

If you care to participate or want more information, Steve's email address is steve@rogersemail.net.

Scholarships:

Our scholarships are open to any member of TRS – undergraduate or graduate student. Go to the website www.thomasrogerssociety.com for the application and submit it to Joan Condon. Second semester scholarship grants should be applied for by October 1, 2007. Have you received a scholarship in the past? You may be eligible for a second scholarship.

Secretary's Request:

Please notify William Muttart if your address has changed. He is maintaining our roster and we need up-to-date names and addresses. Also, if any of our members have died, please notify Bill.

Answers to Quiz:

1 f, 2 I, 3 k, 4 h, 5 b, 6 g, 7 a, 8 e, 9 j, 10 c, 11d

The approximate ages of each of the Pilgrims in 1620 are noted in parenthesis.

1. William Brewster (54), was the leader of the Separatist group from their early days in England (around 1605) and was the Ruling Elder of Plymouth Colony from 1620 until his death in 1644. He was the only Pilgrim known to have attended college.
2. Thomas Rogers (49) was one of several Pilgrims who were involved in the sale or manufacture of textiles. He is, however, the only one identified as a camlet merchant. He died in early 1621 during “the great sics” when nearly half of the Pilgrims died.
3. Stephen Hopkins (42) had lived in the colony at Jamestown for several months in 1609. Prior to arriving at Jamestown, he had been sentenced to be hanged for mutiny after the ship he was on had been shipwrecked near Bermuda.
4. William Bradford (31) was elected Governor in March, 1621, following the death of Governor Carver and held that position for thirty of the next thirty-five years. During the years when he did not serve as Governor, he had been elected, but declined to accept the position.
5. Edward Winslow (25) was frequently diplomatic leader in dealings with the Indians, performed marriages as a magistrate for which he was jailed for seventeen weeks during a return visit to England and served in Oliver Cromwell’s government in England after 1649
6. Richard More (6) was one of four illegitimate children born to Katherine More who were put on the first available ship from England to America (the Mayflower) to avoid a family scandal. Only Richard survived the first winter. The book entitled “The Mayflower Bastard” tells the story of these children.
7. Myles Standish (36) was a soldier in Europe for many years and was selected as the Pilgrims military leader before they left Holland, but was not formally appointed to that position as their Captain until March, 1621. He was short, had a quick temper and was called Captain Shrimp by those who disliked him.
8. Samuel Fuller (40) was the physician for the colony until his death in 1633. He kept no records so little is known of medical practices in the colony. He probably practiced blood letting which was a common treatment of the time. Nothing is known of his medical training.
9. John Howland (21) was a servant to John Carver who was swept overboard during a severe storm. He was able to catch a line dangling from the ship and was pulled to safety. The seaman who did not secure the line was given a whipping for his negligence.
10. John Billington (40) was executed in September, 1630, after he had killed a man he had an ongoing dispute with. The Billington family seemed to be in constant conflict with other members of the Colony. President James Garfield is a descendant of John Billington.
11. John Alden (21) was hired to be a part of the ship’s crew as the cooper or barrel maker. He married Mayflower passenger Priscilla Mullins (after supposedly proposing to her for a shy Myles Standish) and became one of the leaders in the colony at an early age.

For The Juniors:

102 – the number of passengers on board the Mayflower

32 – the number of children and young people among the passengers

9 – the number of women and girls who prepared the three day feast for 140 hungry people

35,000,000 – the number of Americans today who are direct descendants of the Mayflower Pilgrims.

Save The Date:

The next triannual meeting will be held on September 6, 2007, in conjunction with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants meeting. Please plan on attending both functions as they are informative and a wonderful way to meet your "cousins". Thomas Rogers Society, Inc. shall meet at 10 a.m. at the Patuxet Room of the Plimoth Plantation. We will have a punch and cheese board social time. A business meeting will follow. We will have a program (to be announced). After the luncheon, we may tour the Plantation and Indian village. There will be a children's meal selection at a lower rate for any child under twelve. Young members and guests of members are welcome and encouraged to enjoy a fun day at the Plantation.

At the last meeting, some people expressed a desire for a possible tour of Eastham, to visit Roger's sites. If you are interested, please contact me now, so we can make these arrangements. There are several family societies that meet during this weekend and facilities, transportation, etc. must be arranged well in advance to secure them at our convenience. Perhaps we could rent a multiseat van or bus if there is enough interest. We might even entice Steve Rogers to be our chauffeur.....

A coupon will be attached when I need to finalize the numbers, but I really would appreciate an expression of interest for the road trip. Mbrown51@snet.net or 860-774-3458

It is not too early to make your reservations. Some of the hotels are:

Governor Bradford 800-332-1620 or 508-746-6200 www.governorbradford.com

John Carver Inn 800-274-1620 www.johncarverinn.com

Radisson 508-747-4900 www.radissonplymouth.com

Pilgrim Sands 1-800-729-7263 or 508-747-0900 <http://www.pilgrimsands.com>

There are bed and breakfast facilities throughout the area. This listing is of a few that I have noted. Again, rooms are limited and advance reservations are recommended.

Seabreeze Inn Bed & Breakfast 508-746-0282

The Jesse Harlow House 508-746-6877

Hall's Bed & Breakfast 508-746-2835

By the Sea Bed & Breakfast 1-800-593-9688

Bayberry Inn Bed & Breakfast 508-830-1897

Barbara's Bed & Breakfast 1-877-594-0032

Auberge Gladstone (Toll Free 866-722-1890) 508-830-1890

Above the Bay at Thornton Adams House 508-830-1849

6th & 7th Generation Project

We have entered 3371 individuals into the database and we have substantiated each and every one of these individuals with either a proof and/or a citation that makes our database unique among other Mayflower families (5,332 citations and graphics which are viewable). WHY is this important? What it means is that descendants will not only be able to trace their ancestor to Thomas Rogers, but will know where the information came from.

You will note that when you visit the database (<http://www.thomasrogerssociety.com/trs-project-p/index.htm>) that not only are there the facts about the lineages, but surnames, charts, resources and places. All of these lead back to our relationship to Thomas Rogers. We are not only adding 6th and 7th Generations, but all generations of those who have a line except if they are still living.

Though this is a project that is well under way we have only just begun. We are at the tip of the iceberg. The permutations of genealogy, equates to millions of names that will have to be added. We, as a society, have three filling cabinets filled with information gathered by Nancy Frederick that will take years to add to the data base along with information from our membership.

Everyone who submits a lineage will be included in the database as time permits. The complete database will only be shared with members. The on line database includes all members, but only reflects those who have a lineage to Thomas Rogers, but are no longer living.

It is our hope that you as MEMBERS will continue to support this project and hope that you will consider sending donations. We only ask that you visit our database to see how it works and how important this project is.

Please give thought to how important this project is and we hope that you will CONTRIBUTE.

We will provide members with a CD upon request for \$20.00 and will continue to add to the project at: <http://www.thomasrogerssociety.com/trs-project-p/index.htm>

Report submitted by: Tracy Ashley Crocker, Genealogist and 6 & 7 Generation project Chair

We invite life and other members who have not already done so to please consider donating to this worthy project and we also encourage you to purchase a Thomas Rogers Society Pin. This will let others know that you are a proud member of the society. The cost is only \$15 per pin. Earnings from these pins will be used to fund the 6th and 7th Generation Project. **Thank You** for your generosity!

Please make checks payable to the: Thomas Rogers Society, Inc. and mail to:

Mr. Michael Yoemans
27 W. Taylor Run Parkway
Alexandria, VA 22314

-----Please cut this portion out and return it with your check-----

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Thomas Rogers Society pins--Number of TRS pins____ @ \$15.00 _____

Total _____

Please notify us of any address or name changes. Thank you.

Name _____

Address _____

E-Mail _____

An offering of a book entitled:

One Hundred Eleven Questions and Answers Concerning the

Much has been written about the Pilgrims - the men, women, and children who arrived in New England on the ship *Mayflower* in 1620. Some authors have attempted to correct some of the "myths" about the Pilgrims, yet have often presented information just as misleading. This carefully researched publication has pulled together the facts and the latest thinking about this group of people who, though few in number, were so influential in the development of this country.

A few of the questions addressed in this book are: Who were the Pilgrims? Had any of the Pilgrims lived in this country before 1620? What were their views on marriage, celebrating Christmas, and capital punishment? Did they begin our Thanksgiving holiday? Were they involved in any conflicts with Native Americans? Who had crossed the Atlantic six times before the Pilgrims met him in Plymouth in 1620?

The author, William P. Muttart, is a member of the Mayflower Society in Connecticut. He is also the secretary of the (Pilgrim) Thomas Rogers Society and has written several articles about the Pilgrims for various publications. The co-author, Linda R. Ashley, is the former librarian for the Mayflower Society Library in Plymouth and has served as the curator for the (Pilgrim) John Alden House Museum in Duxbury, Massachusetts. She has written several articles for *Mayflower Quarterly* magazine.

This book is soft covered, 8 1/2 x 11, fully indexed and contains maps, photographs and illustrations.

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* Editor's note: Bill is donating \$2.00 for each book sold to the 6th & 7th project.



Please send me _____ copies of *One Hundred Eleven Questions Concerning the Pilgrims*.

Enclosed is \$ _____, the cost of the book(s), plus shipping and handling.

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