

# THOMAS ROGERS SOCIETY, INC

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## NEWSLETTER SPRING 2007

### ***PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:***

Hannah Rogers has just found a pussy willow in bloom. Can spring be far behind? Imagine these cold days in the plantation. The small homes would have a fire going the entire time. A piece of heavy cloth would have been hung over the doorway to attempt to prevent lose of heat when the door opened and to minimize the entrance of the wind. The occupants would be wearing many layers of clothing and pots of stewing meals would be providing moisture to the dry air. The wood and water still have to be brought in, waste buckets emptied, animals cared for and there are tasks to be shared with neighbors. Altogether, I'm glad I was born several generations later.

When we remember our ancestors, it is with awe and respect for their commitment to providing a better life for their descendants. We are honoring them through our honor roll of ancestors (also known as the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> generation project) on our website. (<http://www.thomasrogerssociety.com/trs-project-p/index.htm> ) If you haven't visited lately, please stop by. You will be amazed at the progress. When you have had a chance to review the site, please consider a donation specifically for this program. Tracy Crocker explains it fully in the next article.

### ***Database Project***

(Better Known as the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Project +++++)

Members, I am very thrilled to report that progress on the DATABASE project is moving along perfectly. (<http://www.thomasrogerssociety.com/trs-project-p/index.htm> ) We have entered 3371 individuals into the database. This does not reflect the true pictures as 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). Several families have built databases, but they are not documenting with proofs and citations. 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. Unlike the book we published in 1980 which is excellent , comprehensive and has proven over the years to be very accurate, this database has a citation that will back up each and every entry.

This is a time consuming process and much praise should be given to **Richard Souther** who is helping me with this project. His tireless efforts inputting the information has been a tremendous help. Once he inputs the information, I am then integrating it with the main database and adding the citations, proofs and pictures. (<http://www.thomasrogerssociety.com/trs-project-p/index.htm>)

We are indebted to all our members, but many have stepped up and given us primary proofs which have been embedded in the database. This gives our database tremendous credibility.

You will note that when you visit the database 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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. If you understand the permutations of genealogy, we have millions of names to add. We, as a society, have three filling cabinets filled with information gathered by Nancy Frederick that will take years to add to the base along with information from our membership.

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.

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.

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

### ***Call for Donation for the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Project by the Treasurer:***

In examining our records, we determined that we have almost completely depleted all of the contributions to the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Project. This perpetual project that is unique to the Thomas Rogers Society and should be of interest to every member in that its **goal** is to enter data into our on-line TRS website on **all family members who are direct line descendants of Thomas Rogers**. We, of course, will not publish any private information on our living members. While we have made substantial progress, we still have a long way to go. Our intent is to keep this project ongoing and to add new generations once we have completed the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> generations. We very much appreciate all those members who made donations to this project as part of the annual dues collection process. We invite life and other members who have not already done so to please consider donating to this worthy project. We also encourage you to purchase a Thomas Rogers Society Pin depicted at right. 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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Project. **Thank You** for your generosity!

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

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## ***Finances:***

### **TRS Treasury Report:**

The society continues to be in good financial condition with the exception of the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> project. We have \$2,526.98 in operating funds, \$18,215.49 in Life Membership funds, and \$21,693.08 in Scholarship funds for total net worth of \$42,066.42 as of December 31, 2006. Analysis of our 2007 billing cycle finds that there are only 35 members who have not yet paid their dues. **We are hoping to hear from them soon so that we can avoid the cost of mailing out reminders at the end of June 2007.** We are please to report that the following individuals made additional contributions to the TRS as indicated. Thanks to all of you for your generous contributions!

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## ***A Few Observations about the Life of Thomas Rogers***

By William Muttart

In the absence of much information about the life of Thomas Rogers, articles about him tend to concentrate on a description of the locations and times in which he lived. In an effort to attempt to learn more about our ancestor, I have put together a timeline of some of the events in his life and hopefully, attempt to understand more about him.

While his date of birth has not been determined with certainty, several records note that he was born "before 1572" to William and Eleanor Rogers in the small village of Watford, Northampton, located about 50 miles north of London. He apparently lived in that village with his family until he was married on October 24, 1597 to Alice (or Anne) Cosford. Thomas Rogers was probably 26 years old at the time while Alice was about 23 years old since we know she was baptized on May 10, 1573.

The Northamptonshire Record Office baptismal records indicate that the couple had two children in the first two years of their marriage. A son, Thomas, was baptized on March 24, 1598 and was buried on May 27, 1599 at the age of 14 months. A second son, Richard, was baptized on March 12, 1599 and was buried on April 4, 1600 at the age of 10 months. Approximately 21 months after the death of their second child, a son, Joseph, was born to this couple and was baptized in Watford on January 23, 1602. Although Joseph had been listed in a few records as being about 12 years old at the time of the voyage, some of the more recent reliable records accept his baptismal record year of birth as being the most likely. Plimoth Plantation has compiled a list of those who were at the "first Thanksgiving" and list Joseph as being 17 years old in the fall of 1621. (*6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Generation website chart, the Richmond family history, Northamptonshire records and Plimoth Plantation that would place his age at 16 in the fall of 1620*) A fourth child, Johann (John), was baptized on April 6, 1606, followed by two daughters, Elizabeth, baptized on December 26, 1608 and Margaret, baptized on May 30, 1613.

The birth of Margaret in 1613 in Watford indicates that the Rogers family did not move to Holland until at least five years after most of the other Separatists moved there. Since there are no records to indicate that the Rogers family was a part of the Separatist movement in England or lived near any of the towns where other Separatists lived, a question arises as to when and through what influence the Rogers family chose to join the Separatists in Holland. There are no records that report what Thomas Roger's occupation was during these years.

The first indication that we have that the Rogers family was living in Leiden, Holland, was through a property transfer record in that village that reveals that Thomas Rogers purchased a house in the Pieterskerk section of Leiden, on February 22, 1617. The purchase price of the property was 475 guilders with the understanding that he was to make a down payment of 325 guilders and pay the remaining balance on May 1, 1617. His home was located relatively near the homes of William Brewster and William Bradford.

The next public record of Thomas Rogers reveals that, unlike many of the Separatists who moved to Holland, he became a citizen of Leiden on June 25, 1618. His occupation was noted as a "camlet merchant". Camlet cloth has been described as being made from silk and wool. Rogers was one of about eight Separatists from Leiden who were involved in some way in the textile industry.

Leiden property records reveal that 24 Separatists purchased or sold property in the six months or so prior to the departure of the Speedwell from Delftshaven, Holland, on July 22, 1620. Those records also note that, of those persons, the only two who sailed on the Speedwell from Holland and later on the Mayflower from England were Thomas Rogers, his son Joseph and William Bradford. It is probable that some of the Separatists who had sold their property to finance the trip to America decided against leaving Holland in early 1620 when the investors in this trip (the merchant adventurers and, particularly, Thomas Weston) instituted much more restrictive terms in the plan for repayment of the loans granted to finance the voyage.

In early 1620, there were approximately 300 Separatists in Leiden and their leaders were very careful about who they would select to travel to America. They picked approximately 45 persons from their congregation to make the voyage and gave first priority to those who were younger, particularly young males, or those who possessed special skills that were needed in the new colony. Thomas Rogers, at the approximate age of 49 (possibly older since he was born "before 1572"), was one of the oldest members of the Leiden congregation to be selected and, in accordance with their preference not to select older persons, normally would not have been chosen.

Only William Brewster and James Chilton, both about 54 years of age in 1620, were known to be older. We can only wonder if Thomas Rogers was selected because of his personal qualities, his investment in the venture or because he was to bring with him his 18 year old son, Joseph, who might have been looked upon as an asset in establishing a new community. We might also wonder if the fact that Thomas Rogers and William Bradford were both in the textile business might have caused them to have a common bond in some areas.

Except for William Bradford's account of John Howland being rescued after falling overboard, little is known about the activities of any of the Mayflower passengers during the voyage. After they arrived at Cape Cod, there were several instances when men from the Mayflower went ashore to explore. However, none of those accounts mention the older men; Brewster, Chilton or Thomas Rogers going ashore on those occasions. James Chilton died before the Mayflower reached Plymouth harbor and there is no record of the date of Thomas Roger's death except that he died during the "general sickness" that was at its peak in February and March, 1621 when many of the 51 deaths of Mayflower passengers occurred.

It might be presumed Thomas Rogers was buried in Plymouth, possibly on Coles Hill, at a time when the Pilgrims customarily buried their dead at night to prevent unfriendly Indians from knowing about their many losses. The only known burial location of any of the Mayflower passengers is that of Richard More who is buried in Salem, Massachusetts.

At the time of his father's death, Joseph moved into the Bradford household where he lived for approximately the next ten years. He was married in 1632 to Hannah, whose last name is not known, and fathered seven children. He died in January, 1677/78 at about 75 years of age.

Thomas Rogers other son, John, came to Plymouth around 1630, was married and had four children. All of the known descendants of Thomas Rogers are descended from either Joseph or John, both of whom later died in Plymouth Colony. While there has been speculation that his daughter, Elizabeth, came to Plymouth and was married, this has never been proven and other unverified reports indicate that she returned to England where she was married.

In his accounts William Bradford made few comments about Thomas Rogers or his family other than to say that the rest of the family came later and had many children. However, except for Thomas Rogers' second son, John, who came to Plymouth around 1630, there are no records to indicate that his wife or two daughters ever came to America.

The last record of his wife, Alice, or his two daughters was noted in a poll tax census taken in Leiden, in 1622, when she was living with her three children in a back room of a house owned by fellow Separatist, Anthony Clement. Of all the homes occupied by the Separatists during that period, only this building is still standing.

Hopefully, there will be a time when someone pouring through old records in some library or repository of records will discover more about our ancestor Thomas Rogers that will tell us more about some of these unanswered questions.

### ***Camlet:***

Thomas Rogers is listed as a camlet merchant. What is camlet? Camlet is a blended fabric of camel hair and silk. Camel hair is hollow and has excellent insulating qualities. Silk is light weight and when blended with the camel hair provides a serviceable fabric that is lighter in weight, but still warm. Other blends of camlet may be camel hair and linen or goat hair and silk or linen. This fabric was woven in various widths and used for outer garments.

Did Thomas Rogers begin this trade when he arrived in Leiden or was he a camlet merchant in England? A question for one of our researchers.

### ***DNA Update:***

Steve Rogers has stepped forward to chair this committee. There is a Rogers project currently gathering data. If you are interested, there are already 87 Rogers males with data and we will be able to see our data as a subset. Steve has received his kit and is submitting our line's data. [http://www.familytreedna.com/surname\\_join.asp?code=F50643&special=true](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](mailto:steve@rogersemail.net).

### ***Scholarships:***

Deadline for scholarship applications is May 15, 2007. Our scholarships are open to any member of TRS – undergraduate or graduate student. Go to the website [www.thomasrogerssociety.com](http://www.thomasrogerssociety.com) for the application and submit it to Joan Condon.

### ***For The Juniors: - An Art Contest:***

All children and grandchildren of Thomas Rogers Society members are eligible to participate. Membership is not required. Draw and color a picture depicting some aspect of the Pilgrims with crayons, paints or markers. Please note the age of the artist when you send the completed picture with their name and address. Each child that participates will receive a certificate of participation and the winner will receive an age appropriate gift. All entries will become the property of Thomas Rogers Society, Inc. and they will be displayed at the next triennial meeting. This picture should be submitted by June, 2007.

### ***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.

## Welcome New Members:

### Abbreviated Lineages For:

#### Julie Tarr 688

John Tarr	=	<b>Julie Ann McQueen</b>
<b>James Floyd McQueen</b>	=	Halley Coreen Nation
<b>Avery Daniel McQueen</b>	=	Dorothy Lucile Wood
William Fraser McQueen	=	<b>Annetta "Nettie" Corkins</b>
Daniel Avery Corkins	=	<b>Lois Elvira Rich</b>
<b>Noah Rich</b>	=	Nancy (Persons) Jones
<b>Belden R. Rich</b>	=	Elizabeth "Betsey" Hewitt
<b>James Rich</b>	=	Phyllis "Philey" [Knowlton?]
John Rich	=	<b>Lydia/Lydie Young</b>
James Young	=	<b>Martha Higgins</b>
Jonathan Higgins	=	<b>Hannah Rogers</b>
<b>Joseph Rogers</b>	=	Hannah NN--
<b>Thomas Rogers</b>	=	Alice Cosford

#### David Christopher Winslow 690

<b>David Christopher Winslow</b>	=	
<b>Edward Harrison Winslow</b>	=	Isabel M. Marciano
<b>Edward Harrison Winslow II</b>	=	Louise Holm
<b>Edward Harrison Winslow</b>	=	Mary Bulkeley
<b>Sidney Wilmot Winslow</b>	=	Georgiana Buxton
Freeman Winslow Jr.	=	<b>Lucy H. Rogers</b>
<b>Zenas Rogers</b>	=	Mary "Polly" Harding
<b>Joshua Rogers</b>	=	Mercy Higgins
<b>Joshua Rogers</b>	=	Elizabeth Cole
<b>Ebenezer Rogers</b>	=	Hannah Cook
<b>John Rogers</b>	=	Priscilla Hamblin
<b>John Rogers</b>	=	Elizabeth Twining
<b>Joseph Rogers</b>	=	Hannah NN--
<b>Thomas Rogers</b>	=	Alice Cosford

#### Donald A. Rogers 692

<b>Donald Arthur Rogers</b>	=	Alice Curtis
<b>Arthur Richard Rogers</b>	=	Parmelia O'Delle DeRosier
<b>Joseph Gideon Rogers</b>	=	Ella Louise Perkins
<b>Samuel Rogers</b>	=	Martha E. Richards
<b>Joseph Rogers</b>	=	Saloma E. NN--
Abel Rogers	=	<b>Hannah Rogers</b>
<b>Ebenezer Rogers</b>	=	Elizabeth Mather
<b>Ebenezer Rogers</b>	=	Hannah Cook
<b>John Rogers</b>	=	Priscilla Hamblin
<b>John Rogers</b>	=	Elizabeth Twining
<b>Joseph Rogers</b>	=	Hannah NN--
<b>Thomas Rogers</b>	=	Alice Cosford

#### Roberta Lee Thomasson Nelson 694

John Arthur Nelson R. Jr.	=	<b>Roberta Lee Thomasson</b>
<b>Nelson Thomasson III</b>	=	Bette Sue Cantrelle
<b>Nelson Thomasson Jr.</b>	=	Indiana/Indie Gardiner
<b>Nelson Thomasson</b>	=	Nanniene/Nina Norton
William Poindexter Thomasson	=	<b>Charlotte Peirce Leonard/Lenard</b>
David Augustus Leonard	=	<b>Mary (Polly) Peirce</b>
Job Peirce	=	<b>Elizabeth Rounsevell/Rounsevill</b>
William Rounsevell	=	<b>Elizabeth Macomber</b>
John Macomber	=	<b>Elizabeth Williams</b>
Nathaniel Williams	=	<b>Elizabeth Rogers</b>
<b>John Rogers</b>	=	Anna Churchman
<b>Thomas Rogers</b>	=	Alice Cosford

#### Kathryn Hebert 689

Donald Robert Hebert	=	<b>Kathryn Dziedzic</b>
Louis P Dziedzic	=	<b>Alice/Alyce Phinney</b>
<b>Frederick E. Phinney</b>	=	Catherine M. Gracey
<b>William G. Phinney</b>	=	Mary (Terrie) Terry
<b>Ezra Phinney</b>	=	Margaret Graham
<b>Joseph Phinney</b>	=	Anne/Anna Clark
<b>Joseph Phinney</b>	=	Meribah Pierce
<b>Jonathan Phinney</b>	=	Phebe Cole
<b>Jonathan Phinney</b>	=	1Elizabeth2DeborahWade
John Phinney	=	<b>Mary Rogers</b>
<b>Joseph Rogers</b>	=	Hannah NN--
<b>Thomas Rogers</b>	=	Alice Cosford

#### Alice/Alyce Marie Phinney 691

Louis P Dziedzic	=	<b>Alice/Alyce Phinney</b>
<b>Frederick E. Phinney</b>	=	Catherine M. Gracey
<b>William G. Phinney</b>	=	Mary (Terrie) Terry
<b>Ezra Phinney</b>	=	Margaret Graham
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<b>Thomas Rogers</b>	=	Alice Cosford

#### Patricia Jean Gilliam Kemper 693

(3 <sup>rd</sup> ) Robert Haley Kemper	=	<b>Patricia Jean Gilliam</b>
Leonard Ambrose Gilliam	=	<b>Annie Mai Talbot</b>
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<b>Jacob Talbot</b>	=	Phebe Chase
Benjamin Talbot	=	<b>Margaret Richmond</b>
<b>Josiah Richmond</b>	=	Elizabeth Pool
<b>Joseph Richmond</b>	=	Mary Andrews
John Richmond	=	<b>Abigail Rogers</b>
<b>John Rogers</b>	=	Anna Churchman
<b>Thomas Rogers</b>	=	Alice Cosford

**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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