

THOMAS ROGERS SOCIETY, INC

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NEWSLETTER AUTUMN 2011

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

It is my great pleasure to take on the duties as President of the Thomas Rogers Society. As Treasurer for the past six years, I have gained considerable insight on the finances and workings of the society. I have worked closely with all the society officers and am deeply indebted to them for all of their hard work, especially our outgoing President, Mary Brown. I am delighted that most of our slate of officers is remaining in place. I look forward to working with Kathryn Hebert, our new Secretary. I thank Mary Brown for her willingness to again take on the duties of Treasurer, which is a position she has held before. I will make it my aim to continue the efforts to increase membership, to encourage the support for the 6th and 7th Generation, and to enrich our knowledge of Thomas Rogers and his descendents, especially the two daughters of Thomas Rogers of which almost nothing is known. I encourage all of you to please consider ordering the new Thomas Rogers Medal, which was created and commissioned by our genealogist, Tracy Crocker. There is a photo and description of this beautiful medal honoring our ancestor on page five of this newsletter. Please keep in mind that the medal would make a wonderful gift for any of our members to show pride and support of our heritage.

PAST PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

It is with great pleasure that I have served as your president for the past six years. Your support and encouragement has been greatly appreciated. In the past three years, we have seen an increase in membership, dues have remained steady, and contributions to the various funds have been forthcoming. Some of our accomplishments include:

- There are now three annual scholarships awarded. The amount of each grant has been increased to \$750. These scholarships are open to reapplication - a recipient can receive a scholarship for two years. Thank you Sharon Matyas.
- Despite the economic roller coaster, our funds continue to grow, slowly but surely. We have invested the Society's funds conservatively. Thank you Mike Yoemans.
- Genealogical record keeping is exemplary. Thomas Rogers Society is a trend setter in publishing the Rogers' family data and noting the sources. Thank you Tracy Crocker.
- I have been in communication with Jeremy Bangs and he is doing research into the two daughters of Thomas Rogers. He is attempting to find out if they married, who they married, did they emigrate from Leiden and what happened to their mother. If Mr. Bangs can answer any of these questions for us, we will have a clearer picture of the family and open up new avenues for membership into the society.
- Our DNA project has been started by Steve Rogers. While our group of samples is small, it reflects our Society's membership and hopefully will continue to grow as new Rogers men become members. Thank you Steve Rogers.
- I have represented Thomas Rogers Society at meetings of the Hereditary Society Community, The National Gavel Society, NSDAR's Continental Congress and Connecticut's Massing of the Colors. We hosted the 2010

Massing of the Colors in Lebanon, CT and 176 persons were in attendance. Bill Muttart carried the banner, assisted with the offering and was very supportive in this event. Thank you Bill Muttart.

- Our newsletter has been published three times a year. This was only possible with the wonderful articles submitted by Mike Yoemans and Bill Muttart. Some of these articles have been published in the Mayflower Quarterly.
- Educational outreach is a prime concern of mine. I visit schools, civic and social groups dressed as Hannah Rogers (Joseph's wife) and present talks about the children in the Plantation. I have presented programs on colonial games which include a knickerbocker box. I have and will continue to support Bill Muttart's publication *One Hundred Eleven Questions and Answers Concerning the Pilgrims*. This outstanding resource is a must have for families, schools and libraries.
- Our presence with the General Society of Mayflower Descendants is strong. We have placed a brick in the new walkway of the Mayflower House garden. I have requested that the TRS benches be cleaned and the weeds taken care of.

I am proud of our heritage and thank all of the members for affording me the opportunity to grow with the Society.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

As Vice President of Thomas Rogers Society, my main job is the awarding of scholarships. This is not a job, it is a pleasure to report that the society has awarded over \$5500 in the last 3 years. Our winners attend colleges all over the United States—from Maine, to Virginia to Utah and back again. The winners for the past 3 years are: 2009 – Jennifer Adams & Erin Armao -- 2010 –Suzannah Leiter, Paula Campbell & Meredith Mirick -- 2011 – Paula Campbell, Gregory Sutherland & Thomas Parr for his PHD. The scholarships have helped these students in their quest for a higher education and it is, as I said before, a pleasure to know that the Thomas Rogers Society has contributed toward their goal. It is my hope that our Society continues to do so for many years to come.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: 9/6/08 to 9/10/11

My second three year term as the Secretary of the Thomas Rogers Society has been an enjoyable experience. It has truly been a pleasure to be able to send our new members a welcoming letter, membership certificate and membership card; three things that I believe most of them will cherish for the rest of their lives. I am frequently reminded of the tremendous sense of pride our members have in being a Thomas Rogers descendant and a member of our organization. Despite not very often having personal contact with our members or fellow officers, it is most satisfying to know that we are all part of one large family as the descendants of the Pilgrim Thomas Rogers.

Membership information:

Total active members on July 31, 2011 was 315 and on July 31, 2005 it was 300

- Current Life members 159
- Charter members still active 17
- New memberships since September 1, 2008 31

(last membership on 9/1/08- #735, last membership on 7/31/11- #766)

States with the largest Thomas Rogers Society membership:

Arizona	11	California	41	Connecticut	16	Florida	18
Illinois	12	Iowa	17	New York	11	Massachusetts	36
Maine	12	Missouri	12	Texas	11	Virginia	14

Foreign countries represented:

Scotland (U.K.) 1, Canada 2

Expenses incurred as Secretary:

Preparing and mailing 31 new member packets @ \$2.36 per packet \$73.16 (Actual charges by printer and U.S. Postal Service for printing and mailing rosters were submitted to Treasurer for payment)

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Thomas Rogers Society stock portfolio with DWS Investments has made a significant recovery since the start of the economic downturn. We remain in excellent financial condition. We have \$4,320 in operating funds, \$18,616 in Life Membership funds, and \$22,170 in Scholarship funds as well as a \$5,000 Certificate of Deposit with SunTrust Bank for total net worth of \$50,106 as of September 2011. This is in contrast to the \$44,114 in net worth reported at our last triennial meeting in September 2008. We received \$1,735 from the Konov Trust Scholarship Fund during the past three years. It is through this funding source and our TRS Scholarship Fund, we awarded 10 scholarships valued at \$6750 in the three-year period ending July 2011. In 2009, we raised the value of the individual scholarship from \$500 to \$750. During this same period, donations to the 6th & 7th Generation totaled \$1078 and donation to the Operation Fund and the Scholarship Fund amounted to \$251 and \$310 respectively. We have increased the number of scholarships awarded to three per year and invested \$1835 in the 6th and 7th Generation Project for purposes of entering member genealogy data into the TRS website. All of this has been aided by generous donations from our members and through the Konov Scholarship Trust Fund. While our stock portfolio has steadily improved, we can expect continued fluctuations until the economy becomes more stable. All financial records are in good order and ready for transfer to the new Treasurer.

GENEALOGIST'S REPORT:

Database Project

We have added 32 members since the last meeting in September of 2008. Though this is a nice number, I believe that an effort by all members to increase the enrollment would be very beneficial to the Society. This can be done by checking for new members in the state Societies of Mayflower Descendants that have Thomas Rogers as their ancestor and/or by writing articles for genealogical newsletters and periodicals that would bring interest to our society.

We are keeping our criteria for membership to a high genealogical standard when accepting applications, to make sure they are as accurate as possible. This is a time consuming process and is one that will make the information posted to our website valuable for years to come. The database also allows us to update information more readily than it could be done in a book format. Over 95% of the new members come from individuals locating information about their families on our website. The database that has been established and the additions that are being made are instrumental in perpetuating interest in our society.

The database today has 5,548 individuals listed (www.thomasrogers.org). Ours is the only family database that I am aware of that also lists where the proofs came from, which is very helpful to prospective applicants (there are 9,363 citations listed). We attach a PDF file to each person with an approved application, list a primary source and/or secondary source. Individuals who are still living are not listed on the website to protect them, but are listed in the main database. This is an ongoing project and we hope to continue to add to it as new members are approved and information collected by Nancy Frederick can be entered. Members who have documents and or pictures may submit them to the Genealogist to be attached to the individuals listed in the database.

The General Society of Mayflower Descendants is also updating Vol. 19 of the Mayflower Families on Thomas Rogers. I have been in contact with Peggy Baker who is in charge of this project. We will try to work together on information that will be beneficial to both TRS and GSMD.

Website: Our newsletters on the website each time they are sent out. Any member who wishes to add something should submit it to the President for review and once approved, we would be happy to post it. Information concerning our scholarships is posted on the website and we should be proud of the students we have and will help in the future.

ELECTIONS: The following people have been elected for the 2011-2014 slate of officers. President Michael S. Yoemans ; Vice President Sharon Matyas; Secretary Kathryn Hebert; Treasurer Mary Brown; Genealogist Tracy Crocker; Executive Member At Large William Muttart.

BYLAWS CHANGE:

Article VII

Section 2A. When filing an application for membership as a Direct Member, all prospective members shall include an application fee of \$15 which is non refundable and three years dues of \$45 which is refundable if the application fails to be approved. The application fee shall be used to compensate the genealogist for the time and effort expended in approving the application.

Welcome New Members: **ABBREVIATED LINAGE FOR:**

Raymond Charles Raser **L767**

RAYMOND CHARLES RASER = Gail Marie Mausser
ETTA MAY PACKARD = Jacob L Raser
ROBERT EDSON PACKARD = Etta (Belle) Huntley
ROBERT PACKARD = Abigail H. Davis
CELIA HOUGHTON = Nathan Hudson Packard
SARAH RICHMOND = Israel Taylor Hughton
AMAZIAH RICHMOND = (2nd) Abigail Burt
EBENEZER RICHMOND = Mary Walker
EBENEZER RICHMOND = Anna Sproat
ABIGAIL ROGERS = John Richmond
JOHN ROGERS = Anna Churchman
THOMAS ROGERS = Alice Cosford

Kent Douglas Keenlyne **768**

KENT DOUGLAS KEENLYNE = Lamoyne Kay Wittig
ALBERT WESLEY KEENLYNE = Tillie Johnson
IDA LUTITIA DOANE = Charles Louis Keenlyne
ORLANDO DOANE = Sarah Jane Jones
ISIAH DOANE = 1st Betsey Giddings
EPHRAIM DOANE = Lucia or Lucy NN----
APPHIA HIGGINS = Simeon Doane
ELISHA HIGGINS = 1st Jane Collins
ELIZABETH ROGERS = Jonathan Higgins
JOSEPH ROGERS = Hannah NN----
THOMAS ROGERS = Alice Cosford

Carol Diane (Elwood) Triller **769**

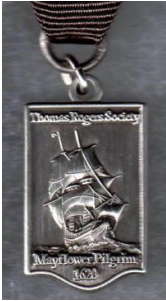
CAROL DIANE (ELWOOD) TRILLER = William Monroe Rogers
KENNETH [EDWIN] ELWOOD = Elia Mae Jordan
YVARD FERRIS ELWOOD = Sarah Margaret McKay
SARAH DEAN MOSHER = Edwin F. Elwood
CHARLES BRADFORD MOSHER = Jane/Jenny Marie Ling
SUSANNA [SUSAN] JARVIS BRADFORD = William Henry Mosher
LEONARD JARVIS BRADFORD = Sarah/Sally Turner
DANIEL BRADFORD = (2) Susanna Jarvis
GERSHOM BRADFORD = Priscilla Wiswall
HANNAH ROGERS = Samuel Bradford
JOHN ROGERS = Elizabeth Pabodie
JOHN ROGERS = Anna Churchman
THOMAS ROGERS = Alice Cosford

Robert C. Lewis, Jr. **770**

ROBERT C. LEWIS, JR. = Kathy A. Mazzone
ROBERT C. LEWIS = Louetta M. Schahl
MABEL C. PIERCE = Wilverton Lewis
ANNA A. MAKEPEACE = Charles W. Pierce
HENRY B. MAKEPEACE = Marietta Waters
JAMES W. MAKEPEACE = Mary Holbrook
SIMEON MAKEPEACE = Nancy Lincoln
WILLIAM MAKEPEACE, JR. = Lois Wilbur
WILLIAM MAKEPEACE = Sarah Presbrey
THOMAS MAKEPEACE = Charity Staples
ABIGAIL TISDALE = William Makepeace, Jr.
ANNA ROGERS = John Tisdale, Jr.
JOHN ROGERS = Anna Churchman
THOMAS ROGERS = Alice Cosford

New Thomas Rogers Medal

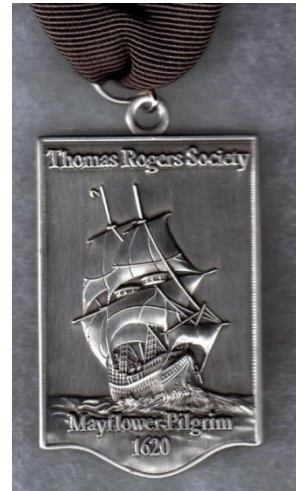
#1 Medal, full size, approximately 2" x 1.25" x .070" overall, custom shape with modeled ship in the center, raised border and lettering, loop at top and unsoldered jump ring attached to a 1.5" grosgrain ribbon on ribbon bar, plastic box with foam insert. Antique Silver plated over bronze - \$50.00 each



#2 Medal, miniature, approximately 1" x .625" x .060" overall, custom shape with modeled ship in the center, raised border and lettering, loop at top and unsoldered jump ring attached to a 3/4" grosgrain ribbon on ribbon bar, plastic box with foam insert.

Antique Silver plated over bronze - \$30.00 each.

#3 Charm, approximately 1" x .625" x .060" overall, custom shape with modeled ship in the center, raised border and lettering, loop at top and unsoldered jump ring attached, plastic box with foam insert. Antique Silver plated over bronze - \$25.00 each.



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