

THOMAS ROGERS SOCIETY, INC

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NEWSLETTER SUMMER 2010

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Thomas Rogers Society is a strong family association. It has created a genealogical source on its website that is unparalleled among our fellow organizations. Users have complimented TRS on the spirit of sharing our resources with genealogical searchers. Please go to our website www.thomasrogerssociety.com and see firsthand what the hereditary community is in awe of.

Next year will be our triennial meeting and we must elect a slate of officers. I have included a questionnaire in this issue for all of our members. You may not want to hold an office, but be willing to work on a committee. You may have a special talent. Please share your ideas and interests with us when you return the insert.

TRS Treasury Report—June 2010

Our financial position remains strong with \$10,680 in operating funds, \$14,755 in Life Membership funds, and \$17,572 in Scholarship funds for total net worth of \$43,007 as of June 30, 2010. Our stock portfolio is showing continual improvement, but will take more time to fully recover. As of now, we have 19 members who have not yet paid their 2008/09/10 dues. Please respond to 2nd reminder notices to those who have not yet paid their 2010 dues. We respectfully request that all of these members pay their back dues in order to avoid the additional administrative and postage costs associated with sending out follow-up notices.

We appeal to all members for additional contributions to the 6th & 7th Generation, Scholarship, and operating funds! We still have three \$750 scholarships pending payment, which will be paid prior to beginning of the fall college semester. We are exceedingly grateful for the additional contributions made by following individuals:

Josette Belvedere	Penny Ruth Bonnema	Nancy Ann Caldarone	Carrolyn Davies
Harry Devoe	Kathleen Donlevy	Kathryn Hebert	Richard Ives
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Patricia Rogers	Florence J. Slater	Robert Williams	Maureen D. Wilson
Mike Yoemans			

We invite 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

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

Total _____

Scholarships:

Sharon Matyas, our Vice President and Scholarship Chairman, announces the awarding of the 2010 scholarships. **Three \$750 scholarships were awarded** to:

Suzannah Mathews Leiter (grandfather John A. Hill, Jr.#588L) Woodstock, VT
Kathryn Alexandra Mirick (father Robert Mirick # 725L) Arlington, VA
Meredith Whitcher Mirick (father Robert Mirick # 725L) Arlington, VA

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 Sharon Matyas our vice president. Have you received a scholarship in the past? You may be eligible for a second scholarship. We have increased the amount of the scholarships in this economically challenging time. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact Sharon at SAMatyas@aol.com. The deadline for the current scholarships applications is April 1, 2011. If you cannot meet that deadline, please contact Sharon.

DNA:

For those interested in Mitochondrial DNA, it is suggested you read the book *Seven Daughters of Eve* by Bryan Sykes. It explains the DNA process in simple layman's terms.

Editorial Review from Publishers Weekly

"A traveler from an antique land... lives within us all," claims Sykes, a professor of genetics at Oxford. This unique traveler is mitochondrial DNA, and, as this provocative account illustrates, it can help scientists and archeologists piece together the history of the human race. Mitochondrial DNA is present in every cell in the body, and it remains virtually unchanged (aside from random mutations) as it passes from mother to daughter. By quantifying and analyzing the mutations of this relatively stable circle of DNA, Sykes has solved some of the hottest debates about human origins. For example, he clarified a long-running debate among anthropologists over the original inhabitants of the Cook Islands. After retrieving mitochondrial DNA samples from the island natives, Sykes concluded that the natives emigrated from Asia, not America, as many Western anthropologists had contended. In a similar manner, Sykes analyzed samples from native Europeans to determine that modern humans are not at all related to Neanderthals. The book's most complex and controversial find that the ancient European hunter-gatherers predominated over the farmers and not vice versa lead Sykes to another stunning conclusion: by chance, nearly all modern Europeans are descendants of one of seven "clan mothers" who lived at different times during the Ice Age. Drawing upon archeological and climatic records, Sykes spins seven informative and gracefully imagined tales of how these "daughters of Eve" eked out a living on the frozen plains.

Steve Rogers is the chair of the DNA committee. The Rogers project is gathering data. If you are interested, there are currently 147 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.

Welcome New Member:

Abbreviated Lineage For:

Amy Crowell Sexton Zingarelli 752

William Joseph Zingarelli

RICHARD ARTHUR SEXTON

Ormand Griffth Sexton

Rufus Albert Crowell

Christian Jorgenson (John Miller)

Braddock Gibson Phillips

WILLIAM PHINNEY

SAMUEL PHINNEY

EBENEZER PHINNEY

John Phinney

JOSEPH ROGERS

THOMAS ROGERS

= **AMY CROWELL SEXTON**

= Evelyn Beverly Covert

= **STELLA MAY CROWELL**

= **LUCY PHINNEY MILLER**

= **MEHITABLE DOANE PHILLIPS**

= **LUCY HATCH PHINNEY**

= Barbara (Barbury) Small Burgess

= Hannah Ray

= Susanna Linnell

= **MARY ROGERS**

= Hannah NN----

= Alice Cosford

Trivia questions about the Pilgrims who arrived on the Mayflower in 1620?

by William P. Muttart

- (1) What was the breakdown of the 102 male/female passengers on the Mayflower?
(a) 51/51 (b) 60/42 (c) 72/30 (d) 77/25 (e) 80/22
- (2) Which port in England did the Mayflower finally sail from before crossing the Atlantic?
(a) London (b) Southampton (c) Plymouth (d) Dartmouth (e) Delftshaven
- (3) How many of the eighteen married female passengers died during the first winter?
(a) none (b) 3 (c) 5 (d) 8 (e) 14
- (4) Of the 102 passengers, how many signed the Mayflower Compact?
(a) 29 (b) 35 (c) 41 (d) 52 (e) 67
- (5) How many male passengers on the Mayflower were named John?
(a) 5 (b) 8 (c) 10 (d) 13 (e) 15
- (6) How many male passengers on the Mayflower were named Thomas?
(a) 1 (b) 2 (c) 3 (d) 4 (e) 6

Answers; 1-c, 2-c, 3-e, 4-c, 5-e, 6-d

1. c- With 30 women and female children on board, the Pilgrims were attempting to establish a colony that was family oriented, unlike earlier settlements at St. Augustine, Jamestown and Popham, Maine that were established for commerce or military purposes and did not include women or children.

2. c- The Mayflower embarked on their third attempt to leave England for America from the port of Plymouth on September 16, 1620. Their first and second attempts to begin the voyage were from Southampton and Dartmouth. Incidentally, the port of Delftshaven (answer e) is in Holland and the location they departed from on July 22, 1620 while headed to England to meet the Mayflower.

3. e- Of the 18 married women on the Mayflower, 14 of those women died during the first winter, leaving four married women; Mary Brewster, Susanna White, Elizabeth Hopkins and Ellen Billington. Three of the 18 women were pregnant when they left England and one of the women, Elizabeth Hopkins, gave birth to a son, Oceanus, during the voyage.

Although all but one of these women died before the end of March, 1621, we have included Katherine Carver, who died in May, 1621. While the concern expressed by William Bradford before they left Holland that “the weak bodies of the women and children would never be able to endure” seems prophetic, there is a belief by some that these women may have given much of their food to their children and were more likely to be affected by the harsh weather that they were not adequately prepared for.

4.c- The forty-one men who signed the Mayflower Compact have been identified by historians as the total number who were eligible to sign. Women were not then allowed to sign documents; nor were children under the age of 21. John Alden, at the age of 21, was believed to be the youngest signer of that document.

5, e- Not only were there 15 males on the Mayflower named John, but 10 men named John who signed the Mayflower Compact. There were a total of 34 male passengers (one third of all the passengers) who were named John, William, Edward or Richard. There were also six women and children named Mary, the most common woman’s name on the ship. Considering the frequent use of some Biblical names, it is surprising that there were only two men named Joseph (one being Joseph Rogers), one named Peter and one named James.

6. d- There were four men named Thomas on the Mayflower; all of whom died during the first winter. Thomas Rogers, one of the Separatist group from Leiden, Holland, was the best known, and probably the most active participant in the Separatist movement of these four men that included Thomas English, Thomas Tinker and Thomas Williams.

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We Need Your Talents!

The tri-annual meeting of the Thomas Rogers Society will be held at Plymouth, MA, Sept. 10, 2011, when the nominating committee will present their slate of officers for your consideration. Will you help?

Please fill out the questionnaire and return it soon to: Mrs. Mary Brown, 218 Green Hollow Rd., Danielson, CT 06239

Even though you may not be selected that time, don't despair. We will keep each reply on file for future nominating committees. In addition, there are committees that need talented members.

Our Society is only as strong as the dedication and the commitment of its members; you can make a difference.

MEMBERSHIP QUESTIONNAIRE

Member's Name

Address.....

Telephone.....email.....

PLEASE COMPLETE BY CHECKING THE APPROPRIATE LINE

1. If offered, would you accept a position as an officer in the Society? Yes..... No.....

2. In what positions(s) would you be interested? President....., Vice President.....
Secretary....., Treasurer....., Genealogist.....

3. Please elaborate, what is your experience in the position(s) cited (add additional sheets if necessary)

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4. Will you attend the tri-annual meeting of the Thomas Rogers Society in 2011?

Yes..... No.....

5. Would you serve on the nominating committee? Yes..... No.....

6. Have you served as an officer in any other Society in a position that would be helpful to the Thomas Rogers Society?

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7. Are there any committees that you would consider working on or chairing?

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