

THOMAS ROGERS SOCIETY, INC

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NEWSLETTER WINTER 2013

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

While in the process of writing this newsletter, my wife, Sandra, and I had an opportunity to enjoy a happy and joyous Thanksgiving Day with our family, and I certainly hope that you did as well. We have much to be thankful for including the fact that our society remains strong and financially solvent and that we continue to gain new members. This year, as a prelude to the 40th anniversary celebration of the Thomas Rogers Society, we decided to create and publish a 2014 calendar displaying pictures of Mayflower passengers' experience during the voyage and in the new world. We have received many favorable comments concerning the calendar and hope that you will proudly display it next year at your home or office. We are continuing to work on our preparations for the Triennial Meeting, and we will give you more details on our program agenda as well as hotel information in our next newsletter.

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

Those Society members with children or grandchildren who are interested in applying for the Thomas Rogers Society scholarship program should download an application from our web site: <http://www.thomasrogerssociety.com/TRSch.pdf>. Remember applications for the scholarship must be postmarked before March 10, 2014 or they will not be considered. It is never too early to apply!

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

We are pleased to welcome five new members to our society family: Carol Marie (Karshbaum) Dazinger #783, Diane Ellis Coleman-Horne #784, life members David Eugene Chase #785 L and David Arthur Gibbs #786L, and associate member Mrs. Robert Sampson #787A. We are saddened by the passing of four of our members: Rev. John Edward Martin #499L on 3/9/11, Ronald Newton #382L on 4/12/13, Gretchen Slota #305 on 9/23/13, and Perry Loud Thompson #308 2/9/13.

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Thomas Rogers Society accounts are in good order. We still have 11 members who have not paid their dues and a second notice has been mailed. We have \$24,402.00 in our scholarship endowment fund. The life membership endowment fund has fully recovered from the economic downturn and is currently \$29,061.00. There is a \$5,000.00 certificate of deposit which also contains life membership funds. Operating funds balance is \$2,157.00.

GENEALOGIST'S REPORT:

Database Project: Along with his important genealogy work to qualify new members, Tracy Crocker continues to update and add the new members to our on-line database and the website. This is a long term project that is greatly enabled through our 6th and 7th Generation Fund donations. This is one of the lasting legacies of the Thomas Rogers Society and is basically the only site like it when it comes to a Mayflower descendant electronic database that is available to the public on-line. It is a big help in attracting new members. We hope that our members will continue to give to this very worthwhile project. For new members and existing members who may not remember, the 6th and 7th Generation is a continuation of the lineage that was originally published in the "Mayflower Families: Through Five Generations" (Volume 19- Thomas Rogers). The 6th and 7th Generation material compiled to date is available on our web site or in CD-ROM for purchase price of \$30.00. If you are interested in the CD-ROM, please contact Tracy Crocker (see below for his contact information). We have approved 4 new members since the last report. We have 8 applicants that have shown an interest in membership. Triennial Meeting announcements will be published in the next Newsletter.



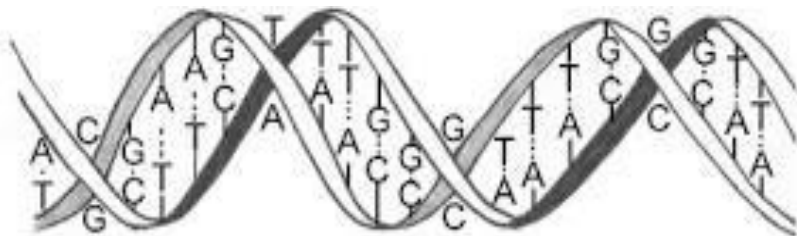
Mary-Jane Earle Hensley Remembered:

Mary-Jane Earle Hensley passed away on October 1, 2012 just three weeks shy of her 88th birthday. She was a founding member of the Thomas Rogers Society in 1974, serving as its second president from 1975-1981. She also served the Society as Vice President and Scholarship Chairman. While President, the book *Thomas Rogers, Pilgrim, and Some of His Descendants* was published, the Thomas Rogers benches were placed in the Mayflower House garden, and the Society incorporated and obtained tax exempt status.

Mary-Jane was born in 1924 in Springfield, MA, to the late Charles William and Esther May Withee Earle of Agawam, MA, and in 1949 married Reece Verlaine Hensley, a physicist and aerospace engineer, whom she met while she attended Baldwin Wallace College in Berea, OH.

At the time of her passing, Mary-Jane was a 38-year member of the Maine Society of Mayflower Descendants, never missing a General Congress. She was Honorary State Regent of Maryland DAR, served in three senior national officer positions in C.A.R., was past president of the Women Descendants of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in DC and a member of the Board of Managers of the DC Colonial Dames of America. She served her community as treasurer of the Potomac Methodist Church, president of the Potomac Garden Club, a Brownie leader, Precinct Chief of her political party for 30 years and worked part-time as bookkeeper and office manager for 40 years at The Surrey, a local gift shop. She belonged to more than 25 hereditary organizations, among them New England Women, Charlemagne, Daughters of the Barons of Runnemede, Daughters of Colonial Wars and First Families of Maine. In addition to her own genealogical work, she assisted countless others in tracing their genealogy, and she served as registrar of many of her groups. Mary-Jane leaves behind two daughters, Barbara Hensley Carpenter, a member of the Society, and Janis Lynne Hensley, her brother Henry Clay Earle, III, and son-in-law William Alfred Carpenter, a descendant of Isaac Allerton. (Note: Mary-Jane is also remembered in the June addition of the Mayflower Quarterly on page 145.)

DNA Testing & Analysis for Use in Furthering Genealogy Research by Michael Yoemans. This



article is presented as a case example of my own experience with the five different DNA genealogy testing approaches. Since starting my Yoemans Family DNA Project on the FamilyTreeDNA web site in 2007, I have gained great insight on the value of the various DNA scientific

genealogy approaches. It had been my supposition for many years that my Yoemans/Youmans New York line had originated with Christopher Youmans/Yeamans who settled in Hempstead, Long Island New York in 1656. But there was no documented evidence to support this so I turned to **Y chromosome** (called Y-DNA) testing approach to see if I could locate and test fraternal cousins who did have documented proof of their relationship to Christopher Youmans. By creating a web page on FamilyTreeDNA that advertised my goals and by reaching out to persons of interest, I was successful in recruiting five potential distant cousins and three other family members for testing and comparison to my Y-DNA test results. Fortunately within this group, there were two individuals who could through documentary evidence trace their ancestry to Christopher Youmans.

The next step was to complete the individual Y-DNA tests, which tests a specific set of Y-chromosome Short Tandem Repeat (STR) markers. The number of markers tested by most companies ranges from twelve (12) to as many as one-hundred eleven (111), with sixty-seven (67) being commonly considered a useful amount. Testing additional markers will generally refine the predicted time period in which two individuals are related, helpful for affirming or disproving a genealogical connection on the direct paternal line. For purposes of my project, I chose FamilyTreeDNA as my testing company and selected the 37 marker level to determine the initial possibility of relatedness, and then if the individual proved to be closely related, I extended the test to the 67 marker level. All testing was done through a simple cheek swab with results received in about eight weeks.

While the test results were collected over approximately two years, the results were well worth the wait and the time and resources spent. The results showed that the eight individuals tested did in fact have a 90% plus probability of sharing a common fraternal ancestor within the last 12-14 generations (300-350 years) and that Christopher Youmans/Yeamans¹ was that logical common American ancestor. There were some surprises. One additional individual was tested who was certain that he was related to Christopher, but as it turned out his great grandfather was adopted by a Youmans during or just after the Civil War. What was remarkable is that middle name of the individual tested was in fact the last name of his ancestor. This was discovered when one individual by that same surname had nearly an identical match at the 67 marker level. So, while there was certainly some shock and disappointment, the good news is the individual in question was able to find his immediate/distant relatives dating back to 1734 in North Carolina.

On the maternal side, I used **Mitochondrial DNA** (mtDNA) testing to determine whether or not we had Native American ancestry in our direct line back to my great grandmother on the fraternal side. Here it was necessary to locate a cousin who had a direct maternal line ancestry back to my great grandmother. A second cousin on my father's side met this criterion. Unhappily for some, the result showed no Native

¹ Youmans is how my ancestors spelled the name until my grandfather changed it to Yoemans. According to a will in which William Yeamans left his brother Christopher Youmans property, the family surname in England was spelled Yeamans. Yeamans is the name of a wealthy brewer family that Christopher is believed to be related.

American ancestry, but we were able to pinpoint that it was a sibling of great grandmother who actually married a Native American.

Another test that has proven extremely useful is the *Family Finder* test which uses autosomal DNA (inherited from both the mother and father, four grandparents, eight great-grandparents, etc.) to provide you a breakdown of your ethnic percentages and connect you with relatives descended from any of your ancestral lines within approximately the last five generations. Through this testing, I was matched with just over 250 cousins ranging from 2nd to 5th cousins. Because individuals being tested are asked to identify all surnames they have in their genealogy, it was fairly easy to identify the family connections including those related to Thomas Rogers. Some of the familiar surnames names associated with my Rogers line included Banks, Doane, Higgins, Richmond, and of course Rogers.

I also used the Family Finder test to help one of my cousins determine whether or not her father descended from fraternal or maternal side of the Youmans line. There had been rumors floating around that his grandfather adopted him and that he belonged to one of his daughters. By using the Y-DNA test, we determined that he was not a Youmans on the male side, but as suspected he was descended from maternal side. Once my cousin got over the shock, we went on to successfully identify his real fraternal grandfather through a match he had with three second cousins listed on his Family Finder page. After making contact her new cousins, my cousin learned a good deal about her real direct line great grandmother and great grandfather.

If you are interested in learning about your most ancient ancestors, you may want to consider applying for *Geno 2.0* - Genographic Project Participation and DNA Ancestry Kit. This test showed me the migration paths my ancient ancestors followed thousands of years ago. I also learned what percentage my genome is affiliated with specific regions of the world. For example, I discovered that the most dominant portion of my DNA is British. The test results traced the specific migration paths associated my 11 Y-DNA markers, concluding with marker called L21 has become closely associated with the Beaker People.

In his article entitled Bronze Age Britain c. 2500 - 600 B.C., David Ross explained that starting about 2500 B.C. an influx of migrants settled in Britain. These newcomers have been called the Beaker People because of the shape of the pottery vessels which are so often found in their round barrow graves. The Beaker folk were farmers and archers, wearing stone wrist guards to protect their arms from the sting of the bowstring. They were also the first metal smiths in Britain, working first in copper and gold, and later in the bronze which has given its name to this era.



Example of a Beaker Folk beaker

To further confirm my British heritage, I took the *Britain DNA* test which compared my DNA to a much larger database of British Isles DNA participants. This test confirmed that my ancestors carry the R1b-S145 marker and that they probably came to Britain and Ireland sometime around 2,500BC. To learn more about Geno 2 or Britain DNA tests, you can visit the National Geographic site at: <https://genographic.nationalgeographic.com/> and/or you can visit the Britain DNA site at: <http://www.britainsdna.com/>

My experience with DNA testing has been rewarding but somewhat expensive with the cost of all tests totaling about \$1,000.00 spread over several years. I was well satisfied with the FamilyTreeDNA testing

company both in the quality of their services and with their on-line web-enabled support tools. If you are contemplating doing a DNA project, it is best to check on-line at FamilyTreeDNA to see if a project with your surname already exists. They also have a frequently asked questions page. If you are wondering if there is a Rogers Family Project, the answer is yes. So far we have only two known Thomas Rogers' descendants who have taken the Y-DNA test. Based on the experience I have gained, we plan to develop a testing approach for Steve Rogers who is one of our society members who descends directly from Thomas Rogers. We hope we can learn more about the deep ancestry of Steve Rogers and by extension that of Thomas Rogers. If you have any questions and you think that I can help you, please email me or write me using the contact information on the last page of this newsletter.

Mayflower II-- Save Our Ship.

As many of you may know, between now and 2020, the *Mayflower II* is being restored to its utmost glory to celebrate the 400th anniversary of the Pilgrims' voyage. The Plimoth Plantation web site reflects the hope that the "magnitude of *Mayflower II's* transatlantic voyage, her national recognition and her role as an icon of freedom and hope will ensure her upkeep." However, this cannot be achieved without the help of our TRS members and of all Mayflower ancestors and other caring individuals. This year, Plimoth Plantation issued a challenge - can we find 1 million people who care about saving the *Mayflower II* by the year 2020? The Thomas Rogers



Society as well as several of our members has risen to this ***Save Our Ship*** cause with a \$250.00 contribution that will be repeated next year. We have received a letter of thanks from the Plimoth Plantation for our donation toward repair of the Mayflower II. Those members wishing to donate to this very worthy cause can do so by visiting: <http://www.plimoth.org/please-support/save-our-ship/virtual-passenger-list>. If you would prefer to mail a contribution, please send your check to Plimoth Plantation PO Box 1620 Plymouth, MA 02362

Welcome New Members:

ABBREVIATED LINEAGE FOR:

Carol Marie Karshbaum Dazinger 783

CAROL MARIE KARSHBAUM	=	Ralph Joseph Dazinger
RICHARD LEROY KARSHBAUM	=	Cecilia Bauer
IONA AMELIA KEENLYNE	=	John Karshbaum
IDA LUTIA DOANE	=	Charles Louis Keenlyne
ORLANDO ANTHONY DOANE	=	Sarah Jane Jones
ISAIH DOANE	=	Betsey Giddings
EPHRIAM DOANE	=	Lucia (Lucy) Doane
APPHIA HIGGINS	=	Simeon Doane
ELISHA HIGGINS	=	Jane Collins
ELIZABETH ROGERS	=	Jonathan Higgins
JOSEPH ROGERS	=	Hannah NN----
THOMAS ROGERS	=	Alice Cosford

Diane Ellis Coleman-Horne 784

DIANE LORRAINE ELLIS	=	(3) William Joseph Horne
LAWRENCE FRED ELLIS	=	Muriel Minerva Bonney
FRED LANE ELLIS	=	Beatrice Marie Fluet
WARREN DEAN ELLIS	=	Ariett Wheeler

ABBIE ANN SWIFT	=	Freeman Cahoon Ellis
CHANDLER D. SWIFT	=	Abigail H. Norris
RUHAMA DEAN	=	Ellis Swift
BENAIHA DEAN	=	Temperance Gibbs
ANNA TISDALE	=	Abiel Dean
JOHN TISDALE	=	(2) Abigail Burt
(H)ANNA ROGERS	=	John Tisdale, Jr.
JOHN ROGERS	=	Anna Churchman
THOMAS ROGERS	=	Alice Cosford

: **David Eugene Chase 785 L**

DAVID EUGENE CHASE	=	Olive Marie DiRienzo
FRANCES MAY THOMAS	=	Charles Milton Chase
DELINA CRANDALL FISH	=	Ronald Cecil Thomas
EDWIN OSTEN FISH	=	Delina May Delong
ELENA DI ROSALBE FISH	=	Ephraim (Wesley) Fish
JAPHET TURNER FISH	=	Mary P(hinney) Ewer
JAMES FISH	=	Thankful Turner
CORNELIUS FISH	=	Mary Fish
ELIZABETH HARDING	=	Rowland Fish
HANNAH ROGERS	=	(A)maziah Harding
THOMAS ROGERS	=	Elizabeth Snow
JOSEPH ROGERS	=	Hannah NN----
THOMAS ROGERS	=	Alice Cosford

David Arthur Gibbs 786L

DAVID ARTHUR GIBBS	=	Janice Mae Ouellette
OVILLE JOSEPH GIBBS	=	Ann Alice Andon
HERBERT HOSFORD GIBBS	=	Ann MacDonald
MARCELLA MINERVA BOSFORD	=	Arthur Foote Gibbs
ESTHER MINERVA WICKHAM	=	Julius Curtis Hosford
DAVID WICKHAM	=	Hannah Wood
DAVID WICKHAM	=	Dimmes/Demmis Ackley
PHEBE COLE	=	David Wickham
MARY ROGERS	=	John Cole
JAMES ROGERS	=	Mary Paine
JOSEPH ROGERS	=	Hannah NN----
THOMAS ROGERS	=	Alice Cosford

Thomas Rogers Society 2014 Memorial Calendar.

We have received many favorable comments on the 2014 Thomas Rogers Society calendar celebrating 40 years of honoring our pilgrim ancestor. In my transmittal letter to all of you, I asked each of you to consider making a generous contribution to enhance our 6th and 7th Generation Fund. I explained that donations were needed to continue our efforts to enter our member's genealogy documentation into our on-line web site database. I further explained that these funds would go a long way in advancing our on-line database project as well as recouping our cost of the calendar gift. To date, we are gratified to report that we have received \$2,225.00 or 44% of our \$5,000.00 goal we set for this very valuable cause. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the following TRS members for their generous contributions:

Richard Armitstead; Evelyn Baeyens; Joyce Baggott ; Fay Blais; Teresa Boice; Mary Brown; Miriam Brown; Patricia Burns; Jon, Susan, & Mark Church; Lawrence Collins; Ruth Cox; Dawn, Alexa &

Gretchen Darche; Carolyn Davies; Carolyn Ferraro; Walley Francis; Norma Gherrity; Barry & Linda Gougeon; Joan Guilford; Chester Hardy; Patricia Hendricksonb; John A. Hill Jr.; Marion A. Humphrey; Gerald Irion; Dorothy Karcher; Kent Keenlyne; Robert Kemper; Danielle Kranovich; Frances Kremlick; Shirley Lader; Norman Leppo; Annah Lincoln; Esther Lindsay; Robert Lufkin; Barbara McGhee; Harry & Jean Mirick; Robert Mirick; Byron Oedekoven; Rhyllis Oedekoven; Marjorie Osborne; Loretta Riccio; Shirley Sampson; Caroline & Clive Sanders; Dianne Schmidt; James Schuyler; Bradford Smith; Charles M. Smith; Laurie Sutherland; Katherine Thompson; Betty Topping; William Towne; Linda Vancura; Doris Vogel; Guy Welch; Maureen Wilson; Martin Yoemans, Melissa Yoemans, and Sandra & Michael Yoemans.

As you may know, the Thomas Rogers Society is the only one with such extensive on-line 6th and 7th generation archive which continues to be an excellent source for attracting new members. We hope to receive additional contributions from our members to enable us to reach our \$5,000.00 goal by the Triennial meeting in September 2014. **We ask you to please give generously.**

New Thomas Rogers Medal

#1 Medal, full size, approximately 2" x 1.25" x .070" overall, custom shape with 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

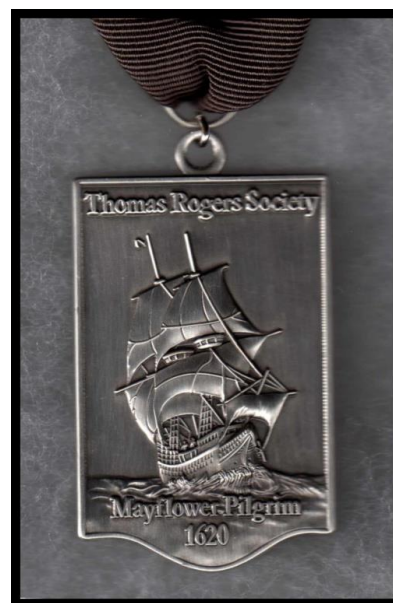


#2 Medal, miniature, approximately 1" x .625" x .060" overall, custom shape with ship in the center, raised border and lettering, loop at top and unsoldered jump ring attached to a 3/4" grosgrain ribbon on ribbon bar, plastic box with foam insert.

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. Send Orders by mail to Citypride, Ltd., 411 Cottman Street, Jenkintown, PA 19046 or Toll Free: 888-679-8888 or by Fax: 215-884-1763 or by email: sales@cityprideltd.com Please provide your TRS Member's name as it appears on the membership rolls. You need to pay Citypride directly for whatever number of medals you want. Please provide the following with respect to your order:



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