

THOMAS ROGERS SOCIETY, INC

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NEWSLETTER FALL 2015

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: Warm Fall greetings to our Thomas Rogers Family. As mentioned in my previous Newsletter, one of our goals is to continue to educate our membership on our Pilgrim ancestor Thomas Rogers. To this end, I bring to your attention a new film being offered by WGBH called "The Pilgrims: American Experience". Coming out just in time for Thanksgiving, American Experience is a film by Ric Burns who has been writing, directing and producing historical documentaries for over 20 years, since his collaboration on the celebrated PBS series *The Civil War*, (1990). "The Pilgrims: American Experience" film explores the converging forces, circumstances, personalities and events that propelled a group of English men and women (including Thomas Rogers) to journey across the Atlantic in 1620. Burns, known for the quality of his films and his detailed and unique takes on familiar history, promises to "strip away myth and bring the pilgrims to life, revealing individuals far different from those imagined in our national memory." The film will air on PBS on Tuesday Nov. 24th at 8pm. You may wish to visit this link to learn more: <http://pbsinternational.org/programs/the-pilgrims/> From the Thomas Rogers Society, we wish you and your entire family a very Happy Thanksgiving!

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: TRS members with children or grandchildren who are interested in applying for the scholarship program should download an application from our web site: <http://www.thomasrogerssociety.com/TRSsch.pdf>. Please make sure that all information required in the application is provided, especially the parent's financial information and proof of the applicant's acceptance at an accredited university or college. Applications for the scholarship must be postmarked before March 10, 2016 or they will not be considered. It is not too early to apply!

TREASURER'S REPORT: As of November 1, 2015, the Thomas Rogers Society's total net worth is \$75,164. This is comprised of the Vanguard Life Members fund valued at \$31,509 the Vanguard Scholarship fund valued at \$39,512 and we have \$ 4,143 in our Checking Account.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: We are pleased to welcome two new members to our society family: #802 Raymond Henry Malenfant and #803 Robin Lee Ragle. **In the future, we are interested in being able to contact our members by email. So if you would please provide me with your most up-to-date email address, I would greatly appreciate it.** For many of you we have no email address at all. If you have email or address updates, or information on lost members, you may email me at: djmangiafico@aol.com or you can call at 203-270-1919.

GENEALOGIST'S REPORT: Short Form Application for Membership: Existing Thomas Rogers members wishing to add new blood-line family members should be able to use a short form for this purpose. Applicants must connect to a current member within three generations, who was approved for TRS membership within the past 10 years or who is an approved member of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants. As the Genealogist, I will connect applicants to a current member at the

appropriate generation level. Applicants will need to supply their Thomas Rogers Society membership number and/or their GSMD membership number. Applicants must submit birth, marriage and death records for each generation where applicable to prove lineage. Also, if you use a GSMD application, please provide a signed copy. As mentioned in our last Newsletter, we are offering a life membership for \$150 to all existing TRS members who enroll their children, grandchildren, or parents. We will offer this same rate to members who now pay annually and to all new members. This offer will be good through July 30, 2016. We believe that a life membership would make a great Christmas gift especially to existing members who will save \$50 off the regular \$200 life membership fee. An application fee of \$15.00 would also apply. To obtain a Short Form, please email me at: genealogist@tracycrocker.com

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

ABBREVIATED LINAGE FOR:		RAYMOND HENRY MALENFANT	802
	7/25/2015		
RAYMOND HENRY MALENFANT	=	Ellen Darling	
ELIZABETH FRANCES WALKER	=	Henry Raymond Malenfant	
ORVILLE CLINTON WALKER	=	Elizabeth Ellen Woodward	
FREDERICK ALTON WALKER	=	Mary Ella Smith	
JAMES GOODING WALKER	=	Amelia Wood Hathaway	
HARRIET WALKER	=	Edward Walker	
GEORGE GOODING WALKER	=	Zilpha Lincoln	
PETER WALKER	=	Deborah Gooding	
ELNATHAN WALKER	=	(2) Bethiah Tisdale	
SARAH RICHMOND	=	James Walker	
ABIGAIL ROGERS	=	John Richmond	
JOHN ROGERS	=	Anna Churchman	
THOMAS ROGERS	=	Alice Cosford	

ABBREVIATED LINAGE FOR:		ROBIN LEE RAGLE	803
	8/9/2015		
ROBIN LEE RAGLE	=	David F. Silverstein [1st] H. Carter Davis[2nd]	
THOMAS BRAMBLE RAGLE	=	Euphemia Hamilton Hunter	
MARGUERITE (OLIVE) WILLIAMS	=	Dr. Benjamin Harrison Ragle	
AMANDA ELIZABETH WOOD	=	Dr. James Leander Williams	
BENJAMIN WOOD, JR.	=	Emily Pumphry	
BENJAMIN WOOD, SR.	=	Leviah Cantrell [1st]	
ACHSAH PHINNEY	=	James Wood	
JOSEPH PHINNEY	=	Mary Rickard	
JOSEPH PHINNEY	=	Esther West	
MARY ROGERS	=	John Phinney	
JOSEPH ROGERS	=	Hannah NN----	
THOMAS ROGERS	=	Alice Cosford	

TRS Support for the Restoration of First Meeting House. The Thomas Rogers Society received a thank you letter signed by Benjamin B. Brewster, Honorary Chair for the Restoration of First Parish Meetinghouse for our \$250.00 contribution. The letter indicated that our gift will support the restoration of one of Plymouth's most important historical and architectural treasures, and will make a direct impact on the restoration, preservation, and conservation of the Meetinghouse façade and stained glass windows. You may learn more about how to participate in this important project by visiting this web site: <http://restore.server267.com/>

Help Save St Peter & St Paul's Church. Recently, the Society received a copy of an appeal letter from the Reverend Collingridge addressed to the Watford villagers discussing financial crisis at the Church of St Peter & St Paul. Apparently, the church has reached a point where unless sufficient funds are raised for its upkeep it will be forced to close - probably within the next 12 months. If any of you have been following the Watford website (<http://watfordvillage.weebly.com/>), you will have seen the incredible history that is connected to this 14th century church, especially from their most famous resident, our Pilgrim Father Thomas Rogers, who married Alice Cosford at this church and whose children were baptized there. In fact the original font used at their baptism still exists within the church even today. It is also known



that many members of the Rogers and Cosford families have their final resting place within the churchyard. So it would be an absolute tragedy if the Church had to close because of insufficient funds! Pictured on the right is Dr. John Allen, his partner in life Maureen Rouse, and her brother, who lives in Oxford, UK, Kevin McHale. Dr. Allen, who is a Thomas Rogers descendant, visited the Church on September 23, 2015. Dr. Allen described both his visit and their host, Dan Solomon, as marvelous—“much better than we thought it could be”. If you wish to provide financial assistance, please visit this site: <http://watfordvillage.weebly.com/urgent-appeal.html> (Due to cost of printing, the above picture is published in black and white. However, it is available on our website in color.)

14th Century Masonry Memorial Stones from the Church that the Pilgrim Thomas Rogers Attended in Watford, England. Another way the Society can continue to support the St Peter and St Paul Church is by the purchase of memorial stones. So far our efforts have raised about \$700.00. Memorial Stones are taken directly from the church and can be purchased at a price \$32.00 U.S. plus international 'signed for' postage of \$12.00 U.S. If you wish to make a purchase, the easiest way is to go to www.ebay.com and search for ‘**Watford Thomas Rogers Offer**’ – you can then order and pay for your item/s through the eBay system. While ebay is preferable, members can also send payment to Mrs. Dee Solomon at 34 Station Road, Watford, Northamptonshire, NN6 7UX. Payment can be made by international money order, but if sending cash, it should be sent by recorded mail. If you have questions, Dee can be contacted deesolomon16@yahoo.co.uk.

Thomas Rogers Pin. Our Thomas Rogers Pin is perfect for showing your TRS affiliation, and it makes a great gift. The cost is only \$15 per pin. Any profit we make goes to the Scholarship fund. The pin is tax deductible and can be viewed at our website: <http://www.thomasrogerssociety.com/>. If you wish to order a pin, please make checks payable to: Thomas Rogers Society, Inc. and mail your check to: Mary Brown – Treasurer, 218 Green Hollow Rd, Danielson, CT 06239.

One Hundred Eleven Questions and Answers Concerning the Pilgrims. This book is soft covered, 8 1/2 x 11, fully indexed and contains maps, photographs and illustrations. Costs for purchasing this book: 1-4 copies \$14.50 each plus \$2.00 for shipping and handling; 5 or more \$13.50 each plus \$1.50 for shipping and handling- cost per book \$15.00. Make payment by check or money order to: Mayflower Books, P.O. Box 341, Montville, CT 06353. Purchase orders accepted via e-mail. Inquiries may be directed to: Mayflowerbooks@99main.com.

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