

# THOMAS ROGERS SOCIETY, INC

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## NEWSLETTER SPRING 2014

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

Please plan to attend our Triennial Meeting in Plymouth on September 6, 2014 at 10 am. There is a form and more information further down in newsletter. We will be holding an election for officer positions, and there is also a Constitution change to be considered. The proposed constitutional change is published in this newsletter and will be voted on at the meeting. An interpreter from Plimoth Plantation will present a program for you. Officers will be making reports and we will also be able to tour Plimoth Plantation after our meeting and meal. Come and meet your "cousins" and enjoy a great day. If you cannot attend, please consider the slate of officers and the Constitution change and send your proxy votes to Michael Yoemans by email or mail (see contact information at end of newsletter). **We hope to see a big turnout for our fortieth anniversary celebration!**

### ***VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:***

We are pleased to announce the award of two scholarships this year for \$750 each to Elizabeth Russo and Sophia Leiter. This was a difficult round to judge because we received six applications and policy is to award two scholarships.

### ***SECRETARY'S REPORT:***

We are pleased to welcome life member Michael Dean James as a new member to our Society family. We have several more working their way through the application approval process.

### ***TREASURER'S REPORT:***

The Thomas Rogers Society accounts are in good order. There are still 26 members who have not paid their 2014 dues yet. We have \$24,402 in our scholarship endowment fund. The life membership endowment fund has fully recovered from the economic downturn and is currently \$29,061. There is a \$5,000 certificate of deposit which also contains life membership funds. Operating funds balance is \$4,540 which includes sufficient funds to pay \$1500 for the two \$750 scholarships and to pay operating costs related to the triennial yearbook publishing and mailing estimated at \$2,200 as well as costs related to newsletter mailing and postage for 2014. Members who have contributed to the Society in 2014 include: Penny Bonnema, Carolyn Davies, Thomas Fick, Richard Ives, Dorothy Karcher, Patricia Kemper, Wilma Lusardi, and Harry and Jean Mirick. The Society thanks them for their generosity!

### **GENEALOGIST'S REPORT:**

**Database Project:** Our Genealogist, Tracy Crocker, continues to update and add new members to our online database and website. This is a long term project that is greatly enabled through our 6th and 7th Generation Fund donations and the Calendar fundraising activities. This is one of the lasting legacies of the Thomas Rogers Society and is a big help in attracting new members. Our current activity involves scanning in thousands of lineage and original source documents. We hope that our members will continue to give to this very worthwhile project. The 6th and 7th Generation material compiled to date is available on our website or in CD-ROM for purchase price of \$30.00. If you are interested in the CD-ROM, please write to Tracy Crocker at 14115 41st Ave. North, Plymouth, MN 55446 or you can reach him by email at: [tracy@tracycrocker.com](mailto:tracy@tracycrocker.com)

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS:**

Current officers serving their first term including President (Mike Yoemans), Treasurer (Mary Brown), and Executive Member At Large (Bill Muttart) have expressed an interest in retaining their status. Genealogist (Tracy Crocker) will continue to serve based on the constitutional change discussed below. Bill's future role will be that of TRS Historian. The following individuals are hereby nominated:

Vice President Robert (Bob) Miller Rogers 6<sup>th</sup>. Bob is a direct line male descendent of Thomas Rogers. He graduated from LSU with a BS in mathematics and holds a Master's Degree from the University of NC at Chapel Hill. Bob served in the Marine Corps in an A-4 Skyhawk squadron. Bob retired from IBM where he served as a mid-level executive. He is a Director in the Bradford Colony in St. Petersburg, FL. Bob is married to Linda and they have three daughters and five grandchildren all of whom are members of the GSMD.

Secretary Donna Mangiafico. Donna earned a Medical Secretarial Associate's Degree and a Bachelor's and Master's Degree in Health Care Administration. Prior to retirement, she was employed as a Medical Secretary and later a Research Administrator at the New England Deaconess Hospital in Boston. As a volunteer, she has served as a Girl Scout Troop Leader, Girl Scout Service Unit Manager, Newtown Cultural Arts Commission Secretary and Treasurer. She has managed many large projects including the Girl Scout Camporee and the Newtown Arts Festival.

Executive Member At Large Sharon Matyas. Sharon, now serving as the Vice President, will complete her six years in September 2014. She desires to transition to serve as Executive Member at Large.

Nominations will be accepted from the floor for any of these offices. Please get the permission of the person you want to nominate prior to the actual nomination. All nominees should plan to attend this meeting. Remember, proxy votes are important if you cannot attend. Please email your proxy to [myoemans1@gmail.com](mailto:myoemans1@gmail.com) or mail it to: Michael Yoemans at 65 Blackberry Ln., Lexington VA 24450.

### **PROPOSED CHANGES TO THOMAS ROGERS SOCIETY CONSTITUTION:**

This amendment is designed to provide continuity to the important Genealogist Officer position as well as the 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Generation and database projects being undertaken and managed by this officer. The amendment, highlighted in bold, to the Constitution involves two sections of Article III as follows:

1. Section 2 is amended to read: "The Executive Committee shall consist of the above named officers. Appointment of officers shall serve at the pleasure of the President and their term, **except for the Genealogist, who is not term limited**, shall expire with the President's."
2. Section 5 is amended to read: "**Except for the Genealogist, who is not term limited**, no elected officer may serve in the same office for more than two consecutive terms."

**NEW ANCIENT SOURCE DOCUMENT DISCOVERED:** Recently the Society came into possession of the 1707 document provided below. It was found by John White in an antique store in Massachusetts. The record was made by Samuel Sprague and documented properties owned by Joseph and John Rogers. It matches the printed records from the "Plymouth Colony Records" 1855. We are uncertain as to the purpose this document was to have served. Anyone have knowledge concerning the original purpose of the document is asked to contact me or another officer of the Society listed on the last page. A more readable version is available for download at our web page: [www.thomasrogerssociety.com](http://www.thomasrogerssociety.com).

In a Court at Plymouth 3<sup>rd</sup> of April 1690.

Caspar Southworth and Thomas Southworth his brother Joseph Rogers and John Rogers his brother and George fifty acres of island adjacent to the English farm is of North river with proportionable Indian ground to be laid forth to each of them upon a plan of an English gentleman hereafter and William Coggeshall

The foresaid hundred acres of island granted to Caspar Southworth and Thomas Southworth his brother George fifty acres for them according to a Court of 12<sup>th</sup> of November 1690 in manner and form following

viz To the said Caspar and Thomas one hundred acres of island at the said North river from the vessels range in breadth East and by North along the said North river to a marked tree upon the said range

And to Joseph Rogers the fifty acres granted to him there from the said marked tree in breadth East and by North to another marked tree upon the said range near to a certain creek that runneth up Southward from the said small quantity of swampy upland lying between the said Caspar and Thomas and Joseph to be equally divided amongst them there the said creek being the boundary of it

Also all the marsh ground or meadow lying upon the north side of the said island to be equally divided as if by the said the said lands to each part by equal proportion with a little Hammock of upland lying in the said marsh which the said meadow land about it to each of them joyally

And also to John Rogers the fifty acres of island granted to him from the said marked creek running in length Southward and in breadth South East to a certain marked tree upon the said range with the one half of the said marsh land abutting upon the said island together with a small Hammock of upland lying in the said marsh which lands to be next to the lands granted to Francis Cook and John Cook

Copied from and compared with the records of the said Court March 25<sup>th</sup> 1707

Samuel Sprague  
Keeper of the Records

**Update on DNA Testing Related to Thomas Rogers by Michael Yoemans.** My article on “DNA Testing & Analysis for Use in Furthering Genealogy Research” in our last Newsletter generated some interest from our members, particularly Robert (Bob) Rogers<sup>1</sup>, who contacted me and agreed to be the first direct line descendant of Thomas Rogers to complete the Geno 2.0 - Genographic Project test. His results are in and Bob has agreed to share them with our members.

Before going into Bob’s results, it may be useful to briefly discuss the differences between the Y-DNA STRs and Y-DNA SNPs techniques that are being used by our members to test their paternal Y-DNA Chromosome. First is the Y-DNA STR (Short Tandem Repeat) test. It is being used by our Thomas Rogers members and by other Mayflower descendants to trace their recent ancestry here in America to determine if two or more men with the same surname shared a common ancestor. Markers tested using the Y-DNA STRs test have mutation rates of change of about one change every 20 generations (or 500 years). Secondly is the Y-DNA SNP (Single Nucleotide Polymorphism) used in determining where our Thomas Rogers ancestor fits on the evolutionary tree of life, which is organized into what the scientists call Haplogroups that are labeled A-T. All the males tested with the surname Rogers have been determined to fit into the “R1b” branch of the Y-DNA Haplogroup Tree. **Figure 1** shows the Haplogroup groups for the Mayflower passengers tested to date. It is important to note that a male must belong to the same haplogroup to be recently related, say, within the last 10,000 years. Because the Y-DNA SNPs test changes very slowly with about one change every few thousand years, this test is good for determining Thomas Rogers’ ancient ancestry as viewed through his direct line descendants.

**Figure 1: Haplogroups of Mayflower Passengers**

Name	Haplogroup	Origin
Alden, John	R1b	Western Europe
Brewster, William	I1	Northern Europe
Fuller, Edward	R1b	Western Europe
Fuller, Samuel	R1b	Western Europe
Rogers, Thomas	R1b	Western Europe
Samson, Henry	I2b1	Slavic Countries
Soule, George	I1	Northern Europe
Standish, Myles	I	Northern Europe
Warren, Richard	R1b	Western Europe

For purposes of this article, we will be looking at Bob’s Y-DNA SNP results which confirmed his haplogroup as R1b and further defined him as **L21** within this haplogroup. By further testing of the **L21**, he was placed in the **R-Z253** subgroup within this haplogroup. In the next Newsletter, we will discuss the Y-DNA STR testing results for those Thomas Rogers descendants who have been tested.

While not possible to share all the graphics and material displayed on the Genographic Project site, we are able to share the color map showing the 11 markers related to Bob’s ancestral journey and a summary of the narratives for each marker. The colors on the map represent the percentage frequency of Bob’s **L21** haplogroup in populations from different geographic regions—red indicates high concentrations, and light yellow and grey indicate lower concentrations. The



<sup>1</sup> Robert Miller (Bob) Rogers 6<sup>th</sup> is a direct male descendent of Thomas Rogers, signor of the Mayflower Compact. Bob is a member of the Sons of the American Revolution via His 5<sup>th</sup> great grandfather Cpl. Lemuel Rogers, who served with the Connecticut Militia and died in service at Valley Forge in 1778.



geographic region with the highest frequency is not necessarily the place where the haplogroup originated, although this is sometimes the case. The map of L21 shows a distribution that peaks in Ireland and Britain.

Bob's story begins with marker **M42**, which came out of Africa about 75,000 years ago. It is the common direct paternal ancestor of all men alive today and was born in Africa around 140,000 years ago. Dubbed "Y-chromosome Adam", it was neither the first human male nor the only man alive in his time.

The man who originated Marker **M168** gave rise to the first genetic marker in Bob's lineage. A marker is simply a coding a small error that is passed down from the father to the son that is then carried by all his descendants. The man with this marker probably lived in northeast Africa in the region of the Rift Valley. Scientists put the most likely date for when he lived at around 70,000 years ago. His descendants became the only lineage to survive outside of Africa, making him the common ancestor of every non-African man living today.

Bob's next ancestor is the man who gave rise to marker **M89**, a marker found in 90 to 95 percent of all non-Africans. This man was born about 50,000 years ago in northern Africa or the Middle East.

The next male ancestor in Bob's ancestral lineage is **P128**, a marker found in more than half of all non-Africans alive today. This man was born around 45,000 years ago in the Middle East or Central Asia.

**M45**, the next marker on Bob's paternal line, originated about 35,000 years ago and is believed to have traveled with family groups in the open savannas between Central and South Asia during the Paleolithic (Stone Age) period. These big game hunters were the parents to two of the most widespread male lineages in modern populations, one that is responsible for the majority of pre-Columbian lineages in the Americas (haplogroup Q). Another one that spread farther into Asia and produced Bob's lineage and is the highest frequency lineages in European populations is haplogroup R.

Bob's next marker **M207** was born in Central Asia around 30,000 years ago. His descendants would go on to settle in Europe, South Asia and the Middle East over the following 20,000 years.

Originating around 25 to 30,000 years ago in Central Asia, the Paleolithic ancestor of Bob's who founded marker **P231** lived a nomadic lifestyle. His descendants include two major descendant branches that today account for most European men and many others found throughout Asia.

Next in Bob's lineage is **M343**, which originated in South Asia or West Asia 17 to 22,000 years ago. The first members of this lineage lived as hunter-gatherers on the open savannas that stretched from Korea to Central Europe and took part in the advances in hunting technology.

Originating at a date yet to be determined in West Asia, Bob's **L278** and **P310** marker lineages traveled to Central Asia, Europe, and the Levant region. Today, **P310** is 48 to 52 percent of male lineages in Ireland.

Finally we come to Bob's **L21** lineage which is today widely distributed across Europe and West Asia. Originating 5,500 to 12,000 years ago in West Asia, members of this group reach their highest frequency in Ireland where they contribute to between 35 and 38 percent of the male population.

While Bob's Geno 2.0 results conclude with **L21 R-Z253**, additional research is underway to further identify various DNA subgroups associated with Ireland.<sup>2</sup> Research to date has identified five subgroups: 1) North West Ireland, 2) Southern Ireland, 3) Irish type III, 4) Leinster, and 5) Irish type IV. Based on his test results, Bob fits into the **Irish type IV**, which belongs to the major **R-L21** haplogroup that originated around 1700 BC + or -500 years. According to the research, those that have tested for the haplogroup **Z253** are all said to be related to a common ancestor who originated in Ireland about 200 BC (+ or - 400 years).

While somewhat technical, this article on the Geno 2.0 test results for Bob Rogers offers us considerable insight on the journey our ancient Thomas Rogers' ancestors made out of Africa through Central Asia and eventually to Ireland and to England. We hope to learn more through future research concerning the specific Irish Clans and geographic locations that our Rogers ancestors in British Isles. As the research gets even further refined, we may actually learn when the Rogers family came to reside in Watford England, which was their last ancestral home. If you have the Rogers surname and descend from Thomas Rogers, we highly encourage you to participate in the Mayflower Y-DNA project by visiting this site on the Internet: <https://www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx?Group=Mayflower>

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<sup>2</sup> Irish Type IV/Continental Sub-Clade, updated 08 Jul 2013—see URL <https://sites.google.com/site/irishtype4/irish-type-4-sub-clade>

**WELCOME NEW MEMBER:**

**ABBREVIATED LINEAGE FOR:**

**MICHAEL DEAN JAMES**

**BARBARA ANN VARNER**

= 3rd Gordon Lee Fristoe, 1st John James, 2nd Cooper Stalling

**FLORENCE LUCILE STURGIS**

= Everette Varner

**CHRISTOPHER MARSHALL STURGIS**

= Florence Adelaide O'Bryan

**EDWING FILLMORE STURGIS**

= Mary Belle Senter

**PERSIS ANN HAGANS**

= Phineous Marshall Sturgis

**EBENEZER HAGANS**

= Catherine Dicks/Dix

**JOSIAH HIGGINS/GEORGE HAGANS**

= Persis Eggleston

**ELISHA HIGGINS**

= Thankful Rice

**ELISHA HIGGINS**

= Sarah Lewis

**ELISHA HIGGINS**

= Jane Collins

**ELIZABETH ROGERS**

= Jonathan Higgins

**JOSEPH ROGERS**

= Hannah NN----

**THOMAS ROGERS**

= Alice Cosford

***Time to Make Reservations:***

Our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary triennial meeting will be held on **September 6, 2014**. Thomas Rogers Society, Inc. will meet at **10 a.m.** at the **Patuxet Room of the Plimoth Plantation**. We will have a punch and cheese board social time. The business meeting will follow, and then, a **program presented by Richard Pickering of the Plantation**. After the luncheon, we may tour the Plantation and Indian village. There will be a children's meal selection at a lower rate for any child under twelve. Young members and guests of members are welcome and encouraged to enjoy a fun day at the Plantation.

**Please have your reservation in by July 30, 2011.**

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**Luncheon featuring a choice of:**

**1. Broiled scrod with herb crumb topping**

**2. Boneless chicken breast stuffed with cornbread stuffing**

Garden salad, roasted red bliss potatoes, seasonal vegetable, rolls, hot fruit cobbler with fresh whipped cream, coffee, tea and decaf

**3. Children's entree** (under 12 years of age) chicken fingers with french fries

Adult price is \$28.00 -Children \$15

**I will be attending \_\_\_\_\_ number of guests \_\_\_\_\_**

**Lunch choice #1 \_\_\_\_\_ #2 \_\_\_\_\_ #3 \_\_\_\_\_**

**Check enclosed for \$ \_\_\_\_\_**

**Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Membership # \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_**

**Names of guests for name tag purposes:**

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**Please return by July 30, 2014 to:**

**Mrs. Mary Brown**

**218 Green Hollow Rd.**

**Danielson, CT 06239**

**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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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 online database project as well as recouping our cost of the calendar gift. To date, we are gratified to report that **we have received \$2,810 or 56% of our \$5,000 goal** we set for this very valuable cause. We would like to express our sincere appreciation to the additional TRS members for their generous contributions: Josette Belvedere, Sara Champion, Beth Cox Hartz, Theodore Littlefield, Sharon Matyas, Marcia Peterson, Donald A. Rogers, Edward Rogers, and Kathie Smith.

As you may know, the Thomas Rogers Society is the only one with such extensive on-line 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> 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.**

**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



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