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## NEWSLETTER WINTER 2009

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

Happy New Year! Your officers all thank you for your confidence in our leadership and electing us to another three years of working for our family society. Joan Condon was unable to return as vice president and Sharon Matyas is now filling that role. Tracy Crocker presented a wonderful program entitled "Why the Passion for Genealogy". You can see his power point presentation on the website: [www.thomasrogerssociety.com](http://www.thomasrogerssociety.com). Please consider meeting with us in 2011 for our next meeting at Plymouth. It is a good opportunity to meet cousins, renew acquaintances and engage in some interesting conversations.

### ***Scholarships:***

Our scholarships are open to any member of TRS – undergraduate or graduate student. Go to the website [www.thomasrogerssociety.com](http://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](mailto:SAMatyas@aol.com). The deadline for the current scholarships applications is April 1, 2009. If you cannot meet that deadline, please contact Sharon.

### ***TRS Treasurer's Report:***

End of Year Report--December 2008 While the Thomas Rogers Society was negatively impacted by the recent down turn in the stock market, our financial position remains strong. We have \$7,830 in operating funds, \$11,200 in Life Membership funds, and \$13,325 in Scholarship funds for total net worth of \$32,355 as of December 2008. Like all Americans, we are hoping for a good financial recovery in the New Year, but we know it will take time to make a complete recovery. Given the market uncertainty, future investments will be deposited into the money market in order to mitigate risk. **We appeal to all members for additional contributions to the 6th & 7th Generation, Scholarship, and operating funds!**

### **Addition contributions were made by following individuals:**

Annah Lincoln, Marlene Millar, Bill Muttart, Lee Rogers, Franklin E. Smith, Mike Yoemans

### ***DNA Update:***

Steve Rogers is the chair of this 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.familyreedna.com/surname\\_join.asp?code=F50643&special=true](http://www.familyreedna.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](mailto:steve@rogersemail.net).

## *They Were Their Brothers Keepers*

*by William P. Muttart*

Most of us have fond memories of recent family gatherings in comfortable surroundings during the Christmas season. We may find it difficult to imagine the hardships that our Pilgrim ancestors experienced during their voyage on the Mayflower in 1620 and that first winter at Plymouth when half of their group died. That experience had to be even more difficult for those who had left wives and children behind in Holland or England.

By about 1616, the group of Separatists who had fled to Holland from England in 1609 to seek religious freedom realized that their religious values were again being compromised and made a decision to relocate to another country. They decided to attempt to come to America after briefly considering Guiana, South America, a move they rejected because of the presence of unsympathetic Spanish forces there. It was only after extensive negotiations with King James and financiers in England that they were able to finalize plans for their voyage to America.

For a year or more before leaving Holland, Separatist leaders in Leiden, Holland debated about which of the 300 or so members of their congregation might be allowed to make the voyage. They realized that they needed to select relatively young persons and those with special skills to start their new colony and, by limiting the number selected from some families, could initially send representatives from more families. There was also an expectation that those left behind on the initial voyage would join their loved ones at a later date. William Bradford, Governor of Plymouth Colony for 30 years, commented about his skepticism before they left Holland when he wrote "the weak bodies of women and the aged could never be able to endure".

The list of families that were divided reveals that the Leiden Separatist families of William Bradford, William Brewster, Thomas Rogers, Francis Cooke and Degory Priest and the London family of Richard Warren left behind a total of four wives and fifteen children under the age of 20 years. When the husbands, who were the primary breadwinners of these six families, left for America, friends or other family members assumed the responsibility of providing for the care and support of those left behind.

On July 20, 1620, approximately 67 passengers boarded the Speedwell that sailed from the port of Delftshaven, Holland, bound for Southampton, England, to meet the larger ship Mayflower. The passengers were given a tearful farewell by the 300 or more Separatists who had gathered to see their friends and relatives off on this bold venture to America. Approximately a dozen of the passengers were not part of the Separatist group, but may have had a close relationship with them.

Of the twenty family members who were left behind in Holland, eighteen of that number sailed to Plymouth in later years and were re-united with their families. Fifteen of those family members who came to Plymouth arrived on the ship Anne in 1623. The only family members left behind who did not come to Plymouth were the wife and two children of our ancestor, Thomas Rogers, who died during the first winter. Although another Separatist passenger, Moses Fletcher died during the first winter, neither his wife or ten adult children came to Plymouth. Consequently, most Fletcher descendants live in European countries.

Upon arriving in Southampton, England, the Speedwell met the larger ship Mayflower that took on many passengers, including a sizeable number of single young men. The London financiers were less interested in reducing the size of families and consequently, there were may have been only the Warren family that was separated and not because of any passenger restrictions.

The Separatist passengers from Leiden, Holland who were separated from their immediate families were;

William Bradford , 31, came with his 23 year old wife, Dorothy. Within weeks after they arrived at Provincetown, she apparently fell from the ship and drowned. Their only child, two year old John, had been left in Holland with friends, but he came to Plymouth in the mid 1630's.

William Brewster, 52 and his wife Mary came with their sons, Love 9, and Wrestling 6. They left their son, Jonathan, 27 and daughters Patience, 20, and Fear, 14, in Holland. In November, 1621, they were joined in Plymouth by their oldest son, Jonathan, who arrived on the ship Fortune. In 1623, their two daughters joined them after arriving on the ship Anne.

Thomas Rogers, 48, came with his 18 year old son, Joseph, while his wife Alice and their other three children John 14, Elizabeth 11, and Margaret 7, remained in Holland. In a Poll Tax survey taken in 1622, Mrs. Rogers and the three children were living in a backroom of the home of Anthony Clements, who was also known to be a Separatist. In 1630, John came to Plymouth. Although Bradford wrote, "the rest of the family came later", there is no indication that his wife or daughters ever came to America.

Francis Cooke, 37, a woolcomber, came with his 13 year old son, John. He left behind in Leiden his wife, Hester and their three children: Hester Jr., Jacob and Jane. His wife and children joined him when they arrived on the ship Anne in 1623.

Degory Priest, aged about 41, came alone and died in 1621 during the first winter. He left his wife, Sarah, and two daughters: Mary 9 and Sarah 6. After learning of his death, his widow married Godbert Godbertson in Holland and gave birth to two daughters before coming to Plymouth on the Anne with her new husband and four daughters, including Mary and Sarah.

Richard Warren, aged about 30, who boarded the Mayflower in England, left behind a wife and five daughters, the oldest being ten years of age. His family joined him in Plymouth, arriving on the ship Anne in 1623.

By the end of May, 1621, of the 102 passengers who arrived at Plymouth on the Mayflower, 51 had died including all but four of the eighteen married women. Of the 42 parents who landed at Plymouth, 29 died, during the first winter, leaving many young children to be raised by other families. Although half of the Mayflower passengers were not motivated by a desire to seek religious freedom, after the signing of the Mayflower Compact on November 11, 1620, agreeing to form a civil government, the passengers from each group showed a determination to work together for the common good and care for each other's families in the same manner as the Separatist families in Leiden had cared for the families of those who had sailed to America a year earlier.

Probably at no time in our nation's history has there been such a powerful example of the determination by individuals to work unselfishly for the betterment of others and the self preservation of their group. They truly acted as their brothers keepers.

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 Thomas Rogers = Alice Cosford

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**Thomas Christian Coxon** = Leslie Anne Hada  
 Franklin Delano Coxon = **Mary Caroline Bricher**  
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**Elkanah Higgins** = Hannah Yates  
**Samuel Higgins** = Mehitable Phinney  
**Jonathan Higgins** = Lydia (Sparrow) Freeman  
 Jonathan Higgins = **Elizabeth Rogers**  
**Joseph Rogers** = Hannah NN.....  
**Thomas Rogers** = Alice Cosford

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## **6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup>+++ Generation Project**

You will note that when you visit the database (<http://www.thomasrogerssociety.com/trs-project-p/index.htm>) that not only are there the facts about the lineages, but surnames, charts, resources and places. We are adding all generations of those who have a line except if they are still living. Everyone who submits a lineage will be included in the database as time permits. The complete database will only be shared with members. The on line database includes all members, but only reflects those who have a lineage to Thomas Rogers, but are no longer living.

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 6<sup>th</sup> and 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Project. **Thank You** for your generosity!

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