

THOMAS ROGERS SOCIETY, INC

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NEWSLETTER FALL 2014

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

Our Triennial Meeting was held in Plymouth on September 6, 2014. At the meeting, we elected a new slate of officers and passed a Constitution amendment. I am honored to continue to serve as your President and pleased Mary Brown will continue as our Treasurer, Tracy Crocker will continue as our Genealogist, and Bill Muttart will remain as an Executive Member At Large. I would like to thank our outgoing Vice President Sharon Matyas for her fine work in managing the Scholarship program and for agreeing to stay with us as new Executive Member at Large. I would like to thank our outgoing Secretary Kathryn Hebert and welcome our new Secretary Donna Mangiafico and our new Vice President Robert Rogers to the Society. Many thanks to Franklin Smith for the group picture (below) and the other pictures he took at the meeting. We had a lot of fun and enjoyed a lively discussion with all our cousins who attended the meeting. One of the most enjoyable activities was the program presented by Richard Pickering of the Plantation who did an outstanding job portraying Joseph Rogers. Speaking in the language of the time, he expressed through Joseph what it must have been like for his father Thomas Rogers to leave his home country of England, first to Holland and then to the New World. Richard put on his period costume in front of the audience, explaining the purpose of each



article of clothing. What we learned is that undergarments in the 1620's were very different from what we know now. Everyone wore a long-sleeved loose-fitting linen garment next to their skin. The shirt was knee-length and open at the bottom sides. This made it easier to tuck into breeches. For girls and women this garment was called a shift. It was longer, about calf-length, and wide at the bottom. This made it easier to walk while wearing petticoats. Over the shirt, a man or boy wore a doublet. Doublets attached to the breeches (knee length pants) to make a suit. Suits were usually made of wool cloth or linen canvas. Everyone wore stockings to cover their legs. The stockings came up over their knees and were tied with garters to keep them up. Everyone wore leather shoes or sturdy boots on their feet. All people wore something around their necks. Everyone also wore something on their heads. Men and boys wore caps knitted of wool or hats made of felt. The felt hats had wide brims to shade their faces from the sun and keep them dry. In cold weather, everyone wore cloaks or coats of wool. They also wore mittens or gloves to keep their hands warm. It is not possible to recap all that Joseph Rogers, as portrayed by Richard Pickering, had to say during the 30 minute presentation, but we will attempt to do so in future newsletters. The society would like to thank Richard Pickering, who is a Thomas Rogers descendant, for his portrayal of Joseph Rogers. We would also like to thank Mary Brown for her efforts in organizing the meeting and Franklin Smith for serving as our videographer.



Richard Pickering

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>. 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. 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!

TREASURER'S REPORT:

The Thomas Rogers Society accounts are in good order. We still have seven (7) members who have not paid their dues and a second notice has been mailed. As of September 30, 2014, our Life Membership Fund stood at \$29,156.44 and our Scholarship Fund at \$34,722.81. We also have a Scholarship Fund Certificate of Deposit of \$5,000.00. As of October 31, 2014, our General Operating Fund – checking account totaled \$1,870.05. Our next annual dues notices will be sent out after January 1, 2015.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

We are pleased to welcome two new members to our society family: Julie Ann Esposito member #796 and Jean Floyd Harrison Christensen member #797. We are saddened by the passing of Audrey Littlefield Hunter, who died on Thursday, August 28, 2014 at the age of 89 years old, and by the passing William Gracey Phinney, who was 97 years old.

Over time we have lost track of a number of our members because they moved and did not inform us or something else happened to them. In some cases our mail is returned without a forwarding address. The Society is asking your help in discovering what happened to the following members, who last resided at the addresses as indicated:

Title	First Name	Last Name	City	State
Mr.	Thomas	Burgess	Summerfield	FL
Mrs.	Marcia	Clark	Mequon	WI
Mrs.	Patricia	Clayton	San Diego	CA
Mr.	William	Collins	Rye	NY
Ms.	Laurie	Doyen	Odessa	TX
Ms.	Elizabeth	English	MIA	
Mr.	Nathan	Good	Red Deer	Alberta, Canada
Mr.	Nathaniel	Guy		
Ms.	Roslyn	Hogan	Keokuk	IA
Ms.	Patricia	Huprich	Dover	OH
Ms.	Kathleen	Kemp	Bay St. Louis	MS
Mr.	Robert Wheeler	Luce II	Fresno,	CA
Mr.	David S.	Martin	Marstons Mills	MA
Mr.	Daniel K.	Natirboff	Harrisburg	PA
Ms.	Faith	Perry	Brooksville	FL
Mrs.	Mary L.	Phinney	Honolulu	HI
Mrs.	Diana	Rasmussen	Vancouver	WA
Mr.	F. Ronald	Richmond	Port Angeles	WA
Mrs.	Laura M.	Robinson	Alva	FL
Mrs.	Thelma	Robinson	Little Compton	RI
Mr.	David A.	Sawtelle	Colorado Springs	CO
Mr.	Nicholas	Sawtelle	E. Millinocket	ME
Mrs.	Suzanne	Schintzius	Wilton	CT
Mrs.	Dolly	Silva	Inverness	FI
Mr.	Charles	Smith	Seabrook	NH
Mrs.	Julie	Tarr	Everett	WA
Mrs.	Rebecca	Vandagriff	Houston	TX
Ms.	Elizabeth	Watson	Surprise	AZ
Ms.	Katherine	Watson	Surprise	AZ
Ms.	Kimberly	Watson	Surprise	AZ
Ms.	Victoria	Watson	Surprise	AZ
Mr.	Brett	Winslow	Palm Each Gardens	FL
Mr.	George	Woods	San Antonio	TX
Mrs.	Ruth	Young	Corea	ME
Ms.	Gretchen	Zepernick	Bay St. Louis	MS

If you have any information on these members, please email our Secretary Donna Mangiafico at: djmangiafico@aol.com or you can call her at 203-270-1919.

GENEALOGIST'S REPORT: Genealogist's 6th and 7th Generation Project Report- Tracy Crocker reported that we have added two members since last reporting in July 2014. He noted that an effort by

all members to encourage Rogers' descendants in the state societies to join us could raise the membership and benefit the Society. We should also consider writing articles for genealogical newsletters and periodicals that would encourage interest to our Society. Again a significant contribution has been added to our archives by Nancy Frederick and our current President Michael Yoemans. This project will enable us to quickly look up and locate lineages for prospective members. Many years ago Nancy Frederick started a project to gather information on the 6th and 7th generations. She gathered significant information and proof documents for those generations and made files that corresponded to vol. 19, Mayflower Families through Five Generations, published in 2000 by generation number. These files were sent to me prior to her death and are invaluable in researching Thomas Roger's descendants. Thanks to Michael Yoemans, all of these files have been scanned and will now be available to our members and prospective members. This is a tremendous feat and one that will help future membership and those looking to prove their ancestry to Thomas Rogers. Again, our thanks go to Nancy for researching these past generations and to Michael for digitizing them for future generations. We are keeping our criterion for membership to a high genealogical standard when accepting applications to be sure they are as accurate as possible. A comprehensive database also allows us to update information more readily than could be done in a book format. Over 95% of our new members come from individuals looking for information about their families on our website. The database that has been established and the additions being made are instrumental in perpetuating interest in our society. During the winter months in Minnesota, I am planning to add additional lineages to our database.

OFFICERS ELECTED FOR 2014-2017 TERM OF OFFICE



President, Michaels Yoemans



Vice President, Robert Rogers



Secretary, Donna Mangiafico



Treasurer, Mary Brown



Genealogist, Tracy Crocker



**Executive Member
At Large, Bill Muttart**



**Executive Member
At Large, Sharon Matyas**

THOMAS ROGERS SOCIETY 2014 MEMORIAL CALENDAR: We continue to receive favorable comments on the 2014 Thomas Rogers Society calendar celebrating 40 years of honoring our pilgrim ancestor. In my transmittal letter, 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 online database project as well as recouping our cost of the calendar gift. **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. We hope to receive additional contributions from our members to enable us to reach our \$5,000.00 goal over the coming year. **We ask you to please give generously.** Please make checks payable to the: Thomas Rogers Society, Inc. and mail to: Mary Brown – Treasurer, 218 Green Hollow Rd, Danielson, CT 06239.

WELCOME NEW MEMBER:

**ABBREVIATED LINEAGE FOR:
Julie Ann Esposito 8/11/2014 Member #796**

Julie Ann Bear	=	(1st) Jeffrey Alan Vidal (2nd) Joseph Paschal Esposito
Verna Marie Morgan	=	Derge Dewey Bear
Vernon Dwight Morgan	=	Harriet Leah Nelson
Violet Estelle Vernon Chase	=	William Francis Morgan
Isabelle / Julia Etta Covill	=	Franklin Howes Chase
Orinza Chase	=	(1st) Edward Chase (2nd) Capt. Ezra Covil
Peninah Bassett	=	Owen Chase
Peninah Bassett	=	Samuel Bassett
Elizabeth Rogers	=	Nathan Bassett
Eleazer Rogers	=	Martha Young
John Rogers	=	Elizabeth Twining
Joseph Rogers	=	Hannah NN----
Thomas Rogers	=	Alice Cosford

**ABBREVIATED LINAGE FOR:
Jean Floyd Harrison Christensen 8/11/2014 Member #797**

Jean Harrison	=	Jack Christensen
Elizabeth Floyd	=	Edward Brewer Harrison
Maud McDuffie	=	Marcus Lawson Floyd
Martha Alice Quinn	=	(2nd) John Van Patter McDuffie
Emily Hannah Johnson	=	Christopher Quinn
John Johnson	=	Alice (Elsa) Jacob(s)
Abial Higgins	=	(2nd) Israel Johnson
Elisha Higgins	=	(2nd) Hannah (Doane) Atwood
Elisha Higgins	=	Jane Collins
Elizabeth Rogers	=	Jonathan Higgins
Joseph Rogers	=	Hannah NN----
Thomas Rogers	=	Alice Cosford

Watford Village Web Site. As many of you may know, the Watford Village, in Northamptonshire, UK, where Thomas Rogers was born, has put up a wonderful web site located at this url: <http://watfordvillage.weebly.com/>. The site is extensive and contains articles on Watford's early times beginning with the Roman Era 55 B.C. - 450 A.D., progressing through the Anglo-Saxon period - 5th century, until 1066 period, and then, to The Medieval Period when Thomas Rogers' family lived there. There are pictures of ancient dwellings and ancient maps of the area. The site contains a complete

history of all the Lords of Watford Manor and estate as well as an article that includes pictures related to the Watford Court. There is a wonderful section dedicated to the history of the village, which includes an overview of the different occupations, some of which were prevalent during Thomas Rogers' time and that of his forefathers. Because of its importance, the Watford Historian has dedicated an entire page to The Church of St. Peter and St. Paul, which is the Church that Thomas Rogers and his forefathers attended and where some of them are buried. We are delighted that the Watford historian saw fit to dedicate a page to the "Pilgrim Fathers" and in particular, Thomas Rogers. Our Web Master and Genealogist, Tracy Crocker, and I have been working closely to coordinate information among and between our two web pages. Tracy has added a link on our web page, taking you directly to the Watford Village site: <http://www.thomasrogerssociety.com/addalink.html>. We are excited about the possibilities of working with the Watford Historian in the future to possibly discover what happened to Thomas' daughters Elizabeth and Margaret, as well as any new information that might emerge on Thomas's ancestors. Our newly formed relationship has already borne fruit as you will see in the next article.



14th Century Masonry Memorial Stones from the Church that the Pilgrim Thomas Rogers Attended in Watford, England. The Thomas Rogers Society, in cooperation with the Watford Historian is proud to offer for purchase by our members, 14th century church masonry stone pieces taken directly from the church that Thomas Rogers and his family attended. The purchase price is set at \$32.00 U.S. plus international 'signed for' postage of \$12.00 U.S. for a grand total of \$44.00. This is a very reasonable price for this once in a lifetime offer. Moreover, profits from sales will be donated to the Church of St Peter & St Paul in Watford England. As you know, Thomas was born in Watford Village in 1572 to an established Watfordian family and married Alice Cosford on the 24th of October 1597 at the church of St Peter & St Paul. Although later becoming a separatist, Thomas and his family all attended the Church of St Peter & St Paul's, which had its cornerstone laid on the 1st of January 1300. The church is the only remaining building in the village of Watford that was standing in the lifetime of the Rogers family. It remains grade 1 listed and is protected under English law. In the winter of 2013/14, some seven centuries after its original construction, the church underwent major restorations with some amount of the 14th century masonry being replaced. Original masonry stone pieces that were removed have been preserved and are now being offered for sale exclusively to the Thomas Rogers Society because of our close connections to the Watford Historian as discussed in the previous article. Should you decide to take advantage of this unique offer, your purchase will include:



- A clear presentation box (8cm x 5cm x 3cm approx.) containing a small piece of the stonework.

- A certificate of authenticity individually numbered and signed by the Watford Historian to include a list of the Rogers family members who are known to have attended the church.

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 Dee Solomon at deesolomon16@yahoo.co.uk. We strongly recommend online purchase as the simplest way and it will also help ensure your order is received by Christmas. Postage from the UK is made by Royal Mail Assured Airmail – You will be required to sign for your package on its arrival. **PLEASE NOTE:** The last posting date to the USA to guarantee arrival in time for Christmas is the 12th of December and you should allow up to 10 days for delivery. There are approximately 250 stone pieces for sale. Whatever is left over will be listed differently and then offered generally on eBay to other Mayflower Society members or collectors. I personally ordered a memorial stone and it worked out beautifully.

The Thomas Rogers Society Officers, and I as your President, wish all of our members a Happy and Joyous Thanksgiving 2014. May your harvest be as bountiful as that of the original Pilgrims, who held on the first Thanksgiving Day celebration in 1621.



Our Thomas Rogers Pin, depicted at the right, is perfect for showing your Thomas Rogers Society 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 also 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 and the address for placing orders: 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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