

# THOMAS ROGERS SOCIETY, INC

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## NEWSLETTER SPRING 2004

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Dear Members,



It is again my pleasure to update you on what has been going on in the past few months. First it is with satisfaction to let you know that through the efforts of **Bob Rogers** we have inducted eight new members, bringing our current active membership to 265 members. **Mary Brown** has been diligent in improving significantly our financial picture and has been very instrumental in getting most of the dues up to date and converting many members over to life time memberships. We have had several applications for the scholarship awards. **Nancy Davis** along with **David Sawtelle** are working on the final recipients for 2004. **Nancy Frederick** with the tremendous help of **Joyce Johnson** have continued the work on the 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Generation project. With the information they have researched I have begun to input it into a data base that will be helpful to all researchers. This information is gradually being uploaded to our website so that others will be able to utilize the research.



The pictures to the left are the work of Mike Haywood who has allowed us to use them on our website. This has given our site a very unique look. I met Mike while doing research on John Howland. He is an Englishman who has been very interested in the history of the Mayflower and has painted several very wonderful pictures. I hope that you will take a look. The website continues to create interest in our society and the scholarship fund. We have added a special section for our Junior members in hopes that they will continue to have and interest

and will be come active members as adults. The last project that I would like to mention is that we have completed scanning all of the membership papers we have. A "CD" is available upon request for members only.

As always I look for any suggestions any member has to make us bigger and better.

Best regards,

*Tracy*

## INTERESTING SNIPPETS

The next time you are washing your hands and complain because the water temperature isn't just how you like it, think about how things used to be.

Here are some facts about the 1500s:

Most people got married in June because they took their yearly bath in May and still smelled pretty good by June. However, they were starting to smell so brides carried a bouquet of flowers to hide the body odor. Hence the custom today of carrying a bouquet when getting married.

Baths consisted of a big tub filled with hot water. The man of the house had the privilege of the nice clean water, then all the other sons and men, then the! Women and finally the children and babies last. By then the water was so dirty you could actually lose someone in it. Hence the saying, "Don't throw the baby out with the bath water."

Houses had thatched roofs-thick straw-piled high, with no wood underneath. It was the only place for animals to get warm, so all the dogs, cats and other small animals (mice, bugs) lived in the roof. When it rained it became slippery and sometimes the animals would slip and fall off the roof. Hence the saying "It's raining cats and dogs."

There was nothing to stop things from falling into the house. That posed a real problem in the bedroom where bugs and other! Droppings could really mess up your nice clean bed. Hence, a bed with big posts and a sheet hung over the top afforded some protection. That's how canopy bed! Came into existence.

The floor was dirt. Only the wealthy had something other than dirt. Hence the saying "dirt poor."

The wealthy had slate floors that would get slippery in the winter when wet, so they spread thresh (straw) on the floor to help keep their footing. As the winter wore on, they kept adding more thresh until when you opened the door it would all start slipping outside. A piece of wood was placed in the entranceway. Hence the saying a "thresh hold."

In those old days, they cooked in the kitchen with a big kettle that always hung over the fire. Every day they lit the fire and added things to the pot. They ate mostly vegetables and did not get much meat. They would eat the stew for dinner, leaving leftovers in the pot to get cold overnight and then start over the next day. Sometimes the stew had food in it that had been there for quite a while. Hence the rhyme, "Peas porridge hot, peas porridge cold, peas porridge in the pot nine days old."

Sometimes they could obtain pork, which made them feel quite special. When visitors came over, they would hang up their bacon to show off. It was a sign of wealth that a man "could bring home the bacon." They would cut off a little to share with guests and would all sit around and chew the fat."

Those with money had plates made of pewter. Food with high acid content caused some of the lead to leach onto the food, causing lead poisoning and death. This happened most often with tomatoes, so for the next 400 years or so, tomatoes were considered poisonous.

Bread was divided according to status. Workers got the burnt bottom of the loaf, the family got the middle, and guests got the top, or "upper crust."

Lead cups were used to drink ale or whisky. The combination would sometimes knock them out for a couple of days. Someone walking along the road would take them for dead and prepare them for burial. They were laid out on the kitchen table for a couple of days and the family would gather around and eat and drink and wait and see if they would wake up. Hence the custom of holding a "wake."

England is old and small and the local folks started running out of places to bury people. So they would dig up coffins and would take the bones to a "bone-house" and reuse the grave. When reopening these coffins, 1 out of 25 coffins were found to have scratch marks on the inside and they realized they had been burying people alive. So they thought they would tie a string on the wrist of the corpse, lead it through the coffin and up through the ground and tie it to a bell. Someone would have to sit out in the graveyard all night (the "graveyard shift") to listen for the bell; thus, someone could be "saved by the bell" or was considered a "dead ringer." And that's the truth...

Now, whoever said that History was boring!!! Educate someone...Share these facts with a friend...

# NOTICES



## FELLOW MEMBERS OF THE THOMAS ROGERS SOCIETY

It is time to ask each of you to consider volunteering to serve as an officer and help us to continue to keep this society **STRONG**. At our next meeting we will be voting in officers to keep this society **VITAL**. That means we need individuals who will be willing to serve. I hope each of you will look into your hearts and that some of you will take into consideration the need for all of us to participate actively. Please check one of the offices if you are willing to serve.

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## DUES:

Are your dues up to date and would you like to make a contribution to one of the activities we support. Many members have found it worth while to convert over to the **life time membership** of \$100.00. This makes it a painless one time expense. Annual dues are \$8.00

You may also make a donation to either or both of the major undertakings we are involved in. The first being our **Scholarship Fund** which is sponsoring two scholarships a year or you might consider the **6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> Generation Project**.

Please respond to:

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We hope that you will start thinking about joining us at our **Triennial Meeting that will be held in September 2005**. We are planning to have the meeting again at the Plymouth Plantation. Everyone had a great time and it was a wonderful place for all of us to meet.



**THOMAS ROGERS WEBSITE:** We hope that all of you that have access to the internet have had a chance to visit our website. [www.thomasrogerssociety.com](http://www.thomasrogerssociety.com) We continue to make changes and updates and have added the start of our 6<sup>th</sup> & 7<sup>th</sup> generation project. Many of the Junior members will find interesting information on the **Junior Webpages**. Of interest to many members is the page on the **European origins of Thomas Rogers**. Take a look.

## NEW MEMBERS WELCOME ABOARD



### **Lyle J. Cooper**

**#623**

LYLE J. COOPER	=	Carol Brown
Albert Vivean Cooper	=	Lola Vernell Draper
James Arthur Draper	=	Augusta Manetta Larson
James Draper	=	Theressa Morley
Isaac Morley	=	Cynthia Abiah Bradley
Thomas Jefferson Bradley	=	Betsy Elizabeth Kroll
Pierce Bradley	=	Abiah Richmond
Zephaniah Richmond	=	Sarah Patterson
Sylvester Richmond	=	Abiah Elliott
Ebenezer Richmond	=	Anna Sproat
John Richmond	=	Abigail Rogers
John Rogers	=	Anna Churchman
<b>Thomas Rogers</b>	=	Alice [Elsgen] Cosford



### **Betty Joan Topping**

**#624 L**

BETTY JOAN KELLER	=	John William Topping
Delbert Howard Keller	=	Margaret Elizabeth Earnest
Louis Hamlin Earnest	=	Frances Josephine Blake
Martin Luther Blake	=	Sarah Elizabeth Creighton
Luther Blake	=	Dorothy (Dolly) Phinney
William Phinney	=	Lydia Belknap
Samuel Phinney	=	Dorothy Hyde
Joshua Phinney	=	Lucy Ensworth
Jonathan Phinney	=	(1) Elizabeth NN-----
John Phinney	=	Mary Rogers
Joseph Rogers	=	Hannah NN----
<b>Thomas Rogers</b>	=	Alice [Elsgen] Cosford



### **KATHLEEN D. GANNON**

**#625**

KATHLEEN D. KEMP	=	John Timothy Gannon
Edgar Burton Kemp III	=	Kathleen Flaspoller Wolfe
Hudson Garland Wolfe	=	Kathleen Fern Flaspoller
Hudson Garland Wolfe	=	Sophia Ainsworth Rogers
Robert Wing Rogers	=	Caroline Ainsworth Hinckley
Barnabas Hinckley	=	Sarah Whitman Ainsworth
Allan Hinckley	=	Sally Lothrop
Prince Hinckley	=	Eunice Goodspeed
Sylvanus Hinckley	=	Sarah Phinney
Thomas Phinney	=	Reliance Goodspeed
John Phinney	=	Sarah Lumbart
John Phinney	=	Mary Rogers
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#626

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Barnabas Hinckley	=	Sarah Whitman Ainsworth
Allan Hinckley	=	Sally Lothrop
Prince Hinckley	=	Eunice Goodspeed
Sylvanus Hinckley	=	Sarah Phinney
Thomas Phinney	=	Reliance Goodspeed
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### RACHIA FRANCES HEYELMAN

#627 L

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Francis Adolphus G. Heyelman	=	Thelma Estelle Nickerson
Abbott Clarence Nickerson	=	Laura Mehitable Higgins
Eli Small Higgins	=	Mehitable (S) Rogers
Adnah Rogers	=	Mehitable Rogers
Judah Rogers	=	Rebecca Lothrop
Judah Rogers	=	Elizabeth (Mayo) Nickerson
Judah Rogers	=	Patience Lombard
John Rogers	=	Elizabeth Twining
Joseph Rogers	=	Hannah NN----
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Richard Howell Tice	=	Gertrude Agnes Bradbury
Edgar Ellsworth Phinney	=	Lydia Ann Cain
Robert Peel Phinney	=	Jerusha Foster
Phineas Thomas Phinney	=	Mehitable Foster
Thomas Phinney	=	Ann "Anna" Thomas
Isaac Phinney	=	Reliance Goodspeed
Thomas Phinney	=	Sarah Lombard
John Phinney	=	Mary Rogers
John Phinney	=	Hannah NN----
Joseph Rogers	=	Alice [Elsgen] Cosford
<b>Thomas Rogers</b>	=	

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# 629

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Truman George Yuncker	=	Ethel Burnett Claflin
Charles Elmer Clafin	=	Minnie May Burnett
DeForest P. Burnett (2)	=	Sarah A. Goodspeed Fay
Jothram Goodspeed	=	Rebecca Adams
Elijah Goodspeed	=	(Mary) Anna Goodenow
Isaac Goodspeed	=	Ann Jenkins
Roger Goodspeed	=	Hannah Phinney
John Phinney	=	Sarah Lumbart
John Phinney	=	Mary Rogers
Joseph Rogers	=	Hannah NN----
<b>Thomas Rogers</b>	=	Alice [Elsgen] Cosford



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#630 L

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Elkanah Rogers	=	Tamsin Snow
Elkanah Rogers	=	Mercy (Godfrey) Burgess
Joseph Rogers	=	Mercy Crisp
John Rogers	=	Elizabeth Twining
Joseph Rogers	=	Hannah NN----
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### WARNING

Genealogy Pox is VERY CONTAGIOUS

**SYMPTOMS:** Continual complaint as to need for names, dates and places. Patient has a blank expression, sometimes deaf to spouse and children. Has no taste for work of any kind, except feverishly looking through records at libraries and courthouses. Has a compulsion to write letters. Swears at mailman when he doesn't leave mail. Frequents strange places such as cemeteries, ruins, and remote desolate country areas. Makes secret night calls and hides phone bills from spouse. Mumbles to self. Has strange, faraway look in eyes. **NO KNOWN CURE**

**TREATMENT:** Medication is useless. This disease is not fatal, but gets progressively worse. Patient should attend genealogy workshops, subscribe to genealogical magazines and be given a quiet corner in the house where he or she can be alone.

**REMARKS:** The unusual nature of this disease is that the sicker the patient gets, the more he or she enjoys it.

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See Hard copy sent in Mail.

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**Thank you for your continued support !!!!!!!**

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