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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE: We've experienced a once in a lifetime rollercoaster ride with "Safer at Home" suggestions from our politicians, the COVID-19 and its seemingly easy transmission especially among the more senior of us, the troubling market corrections in the equity markets, and the record unemployment. I live at the beach in the Tampa Bay area which is primarily a tourist industry business model driven economy. With the hotels virtually closed, bars shuttered and restaurants trying to hang on with limited takeout offerings and the beaches closed, baseball spring training terminated and the big entertainment venues in Orlando closed, it has been a tough spring in central Florida. This is a trying time but nothing to compare to the 50% death rate during the first winter in Plymouth 1620-1621.

It was a great disappointment to me to learn of the cancelation of the Mayflower triannual Congress in September, 2020. Especially upsetting because this is the 400th anniversary and I was so looking forward to boarding the Mayflower II. However, being the robust and innovative people that the Rogers people are, we have an alternative to offer you. The Thomas Rogers Society is planning to meet Thursday September 9th, 2021 in Plymouth. We will have a regular business meeting to discuss the status of our fabulous website, scholarships, and election of officers. There will be a docent enactment of our ancestor Thomas Rogers, a walk to the National Monument to the Forefathers, a visit to the Mayflower II. On Friday we are planning a bus trip out to Cape Cod to visit the Old Cove Burying Ground, site of Joseph Rogers' Grave, then a personal tour by one of our cousins who owns the original Joseph Rogers property in Eastham.

All TRS Officers have agreed to remain in their positions for the next year. This 2021 alternative should be a once in a lifetime fun family trip to the hallowed ground of our Pilgrim forefathers. The delayed Triennial Meeting has tentatively been rescheduled for September 9, 2021 at 10 am at the Plimoth Plantation. A Pilgrim role player from the Plimoth Planation will portray Joseph Rogers at our meeting. Join us to commemorate the 400th anniversary of the first Thanksgiving. We will provide more details as we get closer to the event. If you are interested in taking a virtual tour of some of the Mayflower destinations, please visit <https://www.mayflower400uk.org/education/women-of-the-mayflower/>

Please stay safe!

Regards,

Robert Miller Rogers

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT: We received a record number of 8 submissions for scholarships from the Thomas Rogers Society for the 2020 academic year. We were able to award an additional scholarship over last year, so a total of 4 were awarded for this coming year. It is our pleasure to announce the following 2020 scholarship winners:

Anna Newton - Virginia Tech
Kaden Rogers - University of New Hampshire
Nathalie Smith - Southern Virginia University
Noah Weaver - University of Arizona

We congratulate all of the High School graduates of 2020 and wish all of these new college students the best in what is clearly a challenging time to advance their education.

SECRETARY'S REPORT: Members are reminded to contact Donna Mangiafico (912djm@gmail.com) with changes to name, telephone, email or mailing address.

TREASURER'S REPORT: Our TRS financials are in excellent condition. We have \$8,015.41 in our checking account at Cornerstone Bank in Lexington VA. Our Vanguard investment accounts continue to grow or remain stable. We have a balance of \$75,967.60 in our Scholarship account and \$28,936.93 in our Life Membership account for a grand total of \$104,904.53. Our total net worth is \$112,919.94. **We received \$300.00 in donations for use in paying all the remaining dues that that were outstanding for 2020.** This was done in light of the financial difficulties members may be experiencing related to the COVID-19 crisis. We have \$4,000.00 in scholarships that will be paid out by the end of June 2020.

GENEALOGIST'S REPORT: We are pleased to announce that we have approved ten new members and that work continues to be done on updates to the Website and the Website database. Back up measures have been taken to ensure that the database and website information is protected and that two additional officers have been provided all the necessary information. As our database is the most comprehensive of all the Mayflower families this is extremely important and the hope that new information will continue to be added. Those who have been added to the process are Mike Yoemans and Steve Rogers.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

ABBREVIATED LINAGE FOR:

ROBERT ALAN LINCOLN

Robert Alan Lincoln 854L

= Therese Paradela

ROBERT ALAN LINCOLN

= Judith Ann Madick

ROBERT WILBUR LINCOLN

= Madeline Flora Runcie

ABRAHAM SYLVESTER LINCOLN

= Therese A[ddie] Appel

SYLVESTER CHARLES LINCOLN

= Helen Louise Parker

CHARLES J[EDEDIAH] LINCOLN

= Mary Johnson

JEDEDIAH LINCOLN

= Mary Mariah Comstock

SYLVESTER LINCOLN

= Desire Briggs

SIMEON LINCOLN

= NN---

DEBORAH TISDALE

= Josiah Lincoln

JOHN TISDALE

= (2nd) Abigail Burt

ANNA ROGERS

= John Tisdale

JOHN ROGERS

= Anna Churchman

THOMAS ROGERS

= Alice Cosford

ABBREVIATED LINAGE FOR:

Eleanor Bernadette Rogers 855L

ELEANOR BERNADETTE ROGERS

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CHRISTOPHER PATRICK ROGERS

= Bernadette Fredricka Trenholm

STEVEN PETER ROGERS

= Nancy Evangeline Trickett

CHARLES EUGENE ROGERS

= Margaret Ann Sweeney

EUGENE HENRY ROGERS

= Mary Katherine Landers

CHESTER EUGENE ROGERS

= Ethel Ainsworth Charles

WILLIS EUGENE ROGERS

= Sabrina Jane Rogers

EZEKIAL HARDING ROGERS

= Tabitha Doane Nickerson

ZENAL ROGERS

= Polly Harding

JOSHUA ROGERS

= Mercy Higgins

JOSHUA ROGERS = Elizabeth Cole
EBENEZER ROGERS = Hannah Cooke
JOHN ROGERS = Priscilla Hamblin
JOHN ROGERS = Elizabeth Twining
JOSEPH ROGERS = Hannah NN----
THOMAS ROGERS = Alice Cosford

ABBREVIATED LINAGE FOR:

MURA JANE PHILLIPS
CARLTON VERON PHILLIPPS
HELEN STELLA/ESTELLA GIFFORD
LEWIS LORENZO GIFFORD
ADELADE/ADELAIDE FAYETTE HUDSON
WILLIAM HUDSON
MARY CROWELL
THOMAS CROWELL
EXPERENCE HIGGINS
JONATHAN HIGGINS
ELIZABETH ROGERS
JOSEPH ROGERS
THOMAS ROGERS

Mura Jane Phillips 856

= Michael John Mackowski
 = Gladys Marie Lynch
 = Robert Henry Phillips
 = Nellie Maria Bailey
 = Lewis Lorenzo Gifford
 = Mary Ann Bumpus
 = James Hudson
 = Mercy Stewart/Stuart
 = John Crowell
 = Lydia (Sparrow) Freeman
 = Jonathan Higgins
 = Hannah NN----
 = Alice Cosford

ABBREVIATED LINAGE FOR:

STEPHEN ALLEN NEWSTRUM
MARILYN MARIE JEWETT
CLIFFORD LANGLEY JEWETT
ERNEST EM LYN JEWETT
MATILDA JANE SAWYER
CAROLYN HIGGINS WING
ABIGAIL HIGGINS
WILLIAM HIGGINS
BENJAMIN HIGGINS
HANNAH HIGGINS
JAMES HIGGINS
HANNAH ROGERS
JOSEPH ROGERS
THOMAS ROGERS

Stephen Allen Newstrum 857

= Sheren Elaine Lee
 = Roger Fran Newstrum
 = Lucile Adline Warner
 = Alice Elizabeth Langley
 = Frederick Butman Jewett
 = Samuel Sawyer
 = William Wing
 = Abigail Rogers
 = Jurusha Newcomb
 = Benjamin Higgins
 = Sara Mayo
 = Jonathan Higgins
 = Hannah NN----
 = Alice Cosford

ABBREVIATED LINAGE FOR:

KENNETH ALBERT SCRIBNER
PHYLLIS MARIE EARLE
LILLIAN JANET (JEANETTE) WETHERELL
ALBERT BARNEY WETHERELL
CAROLINE SMITH
HANNAH WETHERELL
HANNAH MAKEPEACE
SETH MAKEPEACE
ABIGAIL TISDALE
HANNA ROGERS
JOHN ROGERS
THOMAS ROGERS

Kenneth Albert Scribner

799 Supplemental

= Joan Shirley Monterose
 = Hartley William Scribner
 = George Augustus Earle
 = Jemima Smith
 = Thomas Wetherell
 = William Smith, Jr.
 = William Wetherell
 = Mary Ware
 = William Makepeace
 = John Tisdale, Jr.
 = Anna Churchman
 = Alice Cosford

ABBREVIATED LINAGE FOR:

**BRENDA JAYNE KOCH
CURTIS LAMAR KOCH
BEULAH/BEULA MARY BURKHARDT
CATHERINE/CATARINA LOUISA BAER
AMANDA MARIE BABERT
THOMAS REBER/RABERT
SARAH/SARA ANDREAS
THANKFUL WASHBURN
SILENCE WASHBURN
SARAH RICHMOND
EDWARD RICHMOND
ABIGAIL ROGERS
JOHN ROGERS
THOMAS ROGERS**

Brenda Jayne Koch Carbon 858

= Robert Carbon
= Jean Esther Ochs
= Claude Irwin Koch
= Augustus/August Adam Burkhardt
= Joseph Daniel Baer
= Maria/Polly Jacob
= John/Johannes Reber
= Peter Andreas
= Jesse Washburn
= Josiah Washburn
= Mary NN----
= John Richmond
= Anna Churchman
= Alice Cosford

ABBREVIATED LINAGE FOR:

**THOMAS PATRICK SHARKEY
CAROLY CATHERINE YOUNG
CARROLL CARPENTER YOUNG
MARY/KITTY B. CARPENTER
THOMAS WHITE CARPENTER
JOHN SWEET CARPENTER
LYDIA PADELFORD
SARAH WILLIAMS
EDMUND WILLIAMS
NATHAN WILLIAMS
ELIZABETH ROGERS
JOHN ROGERS
THOMAS ROGERS**

Thomas Patrick Sharkey 859

= Mary Jean Lovitt
= Thomas Bernard Sharkey
= Cecile Catherine Schons
= Harry Frances young
= Susan Enice Horner
= Alzina/Abesna Taylor
= Nathan Carpenter
= Jonathan Padelford
= (1) Lydia Crane
= Lydia King
= Nathaniel Williams
= Anna Churchman
= Alice Cosford

ABBREVIATED LINAGE FOR:

**NOAH ROBERT WILSON
MELISSA JOY LAMBRIGHT
HELENE ELIZABETH VEAZIE
WILDES WALKER VEAZIE
WILDES WALKER VEAZIE
MARY EVANGELINE MORGAN
ANGELIA P. LORD
ASENATH C. MURCH
MARY COUSINS
THANKFUL HOPKINS
JOSEPH HOPKINS
THANKFUL SMITH
THANKFUL PAINE
HANNAH HIGGINS
ELIZABETH ROGERS
JOSEPH ROGERS
THOMAS ROGERS**

Noah Robert Wilson 860J

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= **Bryce Robert Wilson**
= Terry Michael Lambright
= Helene Regina Hurley
= Charlotte Ramsey Sutcliffe/Sutcliffe
= Wildes Perkins Walker Veazie
= Roscoe Ferris Morgan
= Robert Varden Lord
= 2nd Noah Murch
= 2nd Elisha Cousins
= Mary/Mercy Higgins
= Isaac Hopkins
= Jonathan Smith
= Nicholas Paine
= Jonathan Higgins
= Hannah NN----
= Alice Cosford

ABBREVIATED LINAGE FOR:

**NATHAN MICHAEL WILSON
MELISSA JOY LAMBRIGHT**

Nathan Michael Wilson 861J

=
= **Bryce Robert Wilson**

HELENE ELIZABETH VEAZIE	=	Terry Michael Lambright
WILDES WALKER VEAZIE	=	Helene Regina Hurley
WILDES WALKER VEAZIE	=	Charlotte Ramsey Sutcliffe/Sutcliffe
MARY EVANGELINE MORGAN	=	Wildes Perkins Walker Veazie
ANGELIA P. LORD	=	Roscoe Ferris Morgan
ASENATH C. MURCH	=	Robert Varden Lord
MARY COUSINS	=	2nd Noah Murch
THANKFUL HOPKINS	=	2nd Elisha Cousins
JOSEPH HOPKINS	=	Mary/Mercy Higgins
THANKFUL SMITH	=	Isaac Hopkins
THANKFUL PAINE	=	Jonathan Smith
HANNAH HIGGINS	=	Nicholas Paine
ELIZABETH ROGERS	=	Jonathan Higgins
JOSEPH ROGERS	=	Hannah NN----
THOMAS ROGERS	=	Alice Cosford

ABBREVIATED LINAGE FOR:

ANDREA NILES DODGE	=	Andrea Niles Dodge 862L
ELIZABETH SABRINA THOMPSON	=	1st Thomas Jackson Blakley III 2nd Arthur
RICHARD MORGAN THOMPSON	=	Dwight Bramble
RICHARD SISSON THOMPSON	=	Arthur Doglas Dodge II
SABRINA ANN SISSON	=	Ruth Elizabeth Niles
SALLY/SARAH BASSETT	=	Edna L(ouise) Morgan
JONATHAN BASSETT	=	Richard Turner Thompson
DAVID BASSETT	=	Richard Sisson
ELIZABETH ROGERS	=	Sarah Tripp
ELEAZER ROGERS	=	2nd Elizabeth/Betty Chase
JOHN ROGERS	=	Nathan Bassett
JOSEPH ROGERS	=	Martha Young
THOMAS ROGERS	=	Elizabeth Twining
	=	Hannah NN----
	=	Alice Cosford

ABBREVIATED LINAGE FOR:

MEGAN LOUISE PATTERSON	=	Megan Louise Patterson 863
MARGARET ROSE BUGDEN	=	Terrance Wayne Patterson
GWENDOLINE JUDITH SHARPE	=	William Arthur Bugden
HIRAM MORGAN SHARPE II	=	Ellen May Lake
HIRAM MORGAN SHARPE II	=	Catherine McMahan
HIRAM SHARP	=	Mary Ann Casey
REBECCA RICHMOND	=	Philario Sharp
NATHANIEL RICHMOND	=	1st Mary Horswell
JOSIAH RICHMOND	=	Elizabeth Smith
JOSIAH RICHMOND	=	Mehitable Deane
EDWARD RICHMOND	=	Mary NN----
ABIGAIL ROGERS	=	John Richmond
JOHN ROGERS	=	Anna Churchman
THOMAS ROGERS	=	Alice Cosford

An American Patriot in the Australian Colonies

Terrance Patterson M.A. (Macq. Uni., B. Ed. (K.C.A.E.))

Much has already been written about the "Patriot Wars of Upper Canada" of 1837- 38. The focus of this paper is to tell the life, after his release of one, Hiram Sharp who fought in the largest of the battles, "The Battle

of the Windmill” at Prescott, Canada (November 12th to 16th 1838) and who was one of the few never to return home to the United States. Hiram’s forebears can be traced to Thomas Rogers of the “Mayflower” in 1620.

Like most Australians I had no knowledge of the “Patriot Wars”. The fact that we have a municipal area in Sydney known as “The City of Canada Bay” and three bays known as Canada Bay, Exile Bay and France Bay in Sydney Harbour did not register an interest. It was later learnt that this is where the French-Canadian Patriots who were involved in the conflicts were incarcerated. The Lieutenant Governor of Upper Canada, George William Arthur sent the American Patriots to Van Dieman’s Land (Tasmania) on the same ship, the “Buffalo” in order to keep them separate from the French Canadian Patriots.

My personal interest in Hiram Sharp, one of the ninety-two Americans sent to Tasmania, extends from being the husband of his great, great, grand-daughter, Margaret and of course our children and grand- child.

Other previous historians who researched and wrote about Hiram's life assumed incorrectly that on receiving his "Ticket of Leave" and then being released, he returned to the States aboard the U.S.S. “Belle” which left Van Dieman’s Land (Tasmania) on September 2nd, 1845.

Indeed Hiram spent some time working on the “Belle”, under the command of Captain Ichabod Handy; with I believe the intention of returning home, but a turn of events sent him on another course.

The family knew that Hiram met a newly, widowed, Irish lass named Mary Ann Black, nee Casey, who already had four children. As to where and how they met remains a mystery.

According to a family story Mary Ann arrived in Sydney on a ship bearing her name. This ship reportedly was, “The biggest floating scow you ever saw, with cockroaches as big as mice.”¹

Margaret’s cousin, Paul Sharpe began searching the “Mariners and Ships in Australian Waters”². State Records Authority of New South Wales and one possibility came to light. On the 21st of May 1849, a ship “Mary Ann” of 394 tons arrived in Sydney from Adelaide. Coincidentally two days later on the 23rd, the “Belle” on a whaling voyage also arrived in Sydney. Mary is not listed as being a passenger, but it is possible she could have boarded at Wollongong, N.S.W where she had been residing with her young family, for the short voyage to Sydney. This would have been the easiest way to reach Sydney in that era, as travelling overland would have been very difficult, if not horrendous.

According to oral history, (“Family History Notes”), Hiram had arrived in Australia from America on board a whaling ship in company with one, Ben Boyd. At that time it was believed that Hiram may have been a convict at some stage. To verify this version, I initially began searching the records of convicts sent to New South Wales. There, of course was no record of a Hiram Sharp. Fortunately I thought of the convict records for Van Dieman’s Land, as it was a separate entity in the general administration of the convict system. Having accessed the Tasmanian Records, Hiram’s name appeared and his life's background and involvement in the "Battle of the Windmill" in Canada began to unfold.

This information together with the family's historical notes led to the discovery of records about his sentence, journey to Australia on board the “Buffalo” from Canada, his time in Van Dieman’s Land and subsequent release and joining the whaling ship, “Belle”.

However records did exist, but in areas that had not been contemplated by researchers, such as in the New South Wales Lands Department, also New South Wales Births, Deaths and Marriages, Coronial Inquests and “Account of Sheep at Maneroo, 1st June to 30th May, 1867” and “Boyd and Co. Account Book and Order List, 21st July, 1851 to 28th May, 1867”³. (This is part of the Burnima Station Records, held in the National Library in Canberra) It was surprising to find, how “accurate” the family oral history had been. Indeed Hiram had been a convict; he had arrived from America and on a whaling ship, at least from Tasmania. But what if anything is the significance of the story of Ben Boyd?

From this point onwards the life of Hiram can be traced with greater accuracy. Research shows, Mary and Hiram’s first born son was Milo Richmond, born on the 21st November, 1852 and he was baptized at Nimmitabel N.S.W. on the 25th of January, 1853. In all Hiram and Mary had five children: Milo Richmond, Rebecca Jane, Michael Charles, Hiram Morgan and Catherine Elizabeth. A baby girl died in 1855.

Hiram finally gained employment on a large sheep station named Bibbenluke as a shepherd. This is where the Ben Boyd part of the story evolves. Ben Boyd purchased the property in about 1843. He was one of the largest landowners in New South Wales, around the Monaro area until his death in 1851. After this William Bradley, one of the largest and wealthiest landholders in New South Wales bought the lease and stock in 1855.⁴

This sheep station is located in southern N.S.W. between Nimmitabel and Bombala. At the time these two villages were about as remote as you could get on the Australian mainland.

Hiram's first appointment was at an outstation named "Dog Kennel" (Probably this is a rather appropriate name for an isolated area). Here we have records of him signing for supplies, payment and the records of sheep under his care in June, 1851. These records are found in the "Burnima Station Records"⁵ held at the Australian National Library in Canberra.

Actually in 1851 it is recorded that eighteen different shepherds were employed during the year (between nine and twelve shepherds employed at one time, tending to thirteen to fourteen flocks). About half of this number are recorded as being literate, among them Hiram.⁶

From these lowly beginnings he advanced to general work hand (June 1852) to finally carrier in March, 1853.⁷

After working for many years at Bibbenluke, Hiram and Mary managed to obtain a property of eighty-three acres near Bombala at a place known as Crankies (Cranky's) Plains on the 28th of July, 1857.⁸ The cost for the property was eighty-three pounds. The property is considered as one of the best in the district with the Coolumbooka River flowing through and it was here, using bullock teams Hiram continued as a carrier..

Unfortunately after gaining a family and a property, after many trials and tribulations throughout his life, Hiram whilst in a state of "intemperance"⁹ accidentally fell from a bullock hauled dray as he was crossing the Coolumbooka River and was killed within sight of his property on the 19th of February, 1859.

According to "N.S.W. Births, Deaths and Marriages" Hiram is buried in an unmarked grave at Nimmitabel.

As a family we have wondered as to the reasons why Hiram would have involved himself in the "Patriot Wars". We have speculated that Hiram's two grandfathers, both Nathaniel Richmond and Daniel Sharp may have had some bearing on his decision, as both had fought against the British in the Revolutionary Wars in the United States. It is possible that he was lured by the hope of helping the Canadians to break from the British yoke and gain their own independence. As well as this, Hiram would have been hoping to gain land as a reward in helping to overthrow the British. With these intentions unfulfilled; this young man forged another path in another British Colony and helped to bring about the form of democracy that both Canada and Australia share and enjoy today.

Notes

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New South Wales "Coronial Inquests" 1859

New South Wales Department of Land "Land Purchase 57/2285" 1857

Genealogical Research and Y-DNA Testing on the Yeamans/Youmans Family by Mike Yoemans. This article, which is too large for the newsletter, discusses traditional genealogical sources for the Yeamans/Youmans family and recent advanced Y-DNA testing. It describes how STR and SNP testing offer very powerful tools for overcoming genealogical brick walls. Many family societies, including the Thomas Rogers Society, are participating in FamilyTreeDNA Y-DNA projects that are employing these testing methods to determine whether their different surname branches share a common ancestor. To read the entire article, please use this URL:

<https://www.thomasrogerssociety.com/trsann.html>

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