

THOMAS ROGERS SOCIETY, INC

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:

As we approach the 400th year of the landing of the Mayflower, we might think back just over 100 years before that landing to appreciate the work of Martin Luther (1483-1546) and appreciate the social and political turmoil that his work launched which became known as the Reformation. Luther's 95 Theses (1517) were nothing more than ideas for debate, it is thought that Luther did not expect the resulting schism and 30 years' war (1618-1668) would bring the human misery that followed. During Martin Luther's time only about 10% of the populous made up of the landed nobility and the Catholic Church priests and leadership were literate. The mass of the populous – about 90% -- were illiterate and had as their brightest hope to survive the winter. Imagine at this time a poor peasant would go to a magnificent cathedral to have the essence of God and their pathway to a better after life, perhaps even heaven, revealed to them by a priest. Luther couldn't find in the Bible any reference to a Pope, Priests, celibacy or the selling of indulgences. However, the Catholic Church would argue that Mathew 16:18 would justify their hierarchy. Nonetheless, Luther set in motion the Protestant Reformation. Because his ideas were in direct conflict with and challenging to the doctrines of the Catholic Church, the battle for the basic tenants of Christian faith were now a life or death conflict.

Moving forward about four generations, we find our ancestor Thomas Rogers as a Puritan in Leiden preparing for a voyage to an unknown land across the vast Atlantic. These people were on a mission to start a colony where they might exercise their religious freedom far from the rigid rules and subsequent punishments decided by King James and enforced by the local constabulary. There can be no doubt of their bravery and willingness to risk everything for their beliefs. When they eventually made landfall after the near calamity of foundering in the area of Pollack Rip, an extraordinary area in some places only three feet in depth, Master Jones sailed the Mayflower back to the relative safety of Cape Cod Bay. Because this was not the Patent (charter) allowed by King James as they were some 94 miles north of their proposed colony in Virginia (Hudson Bay), an extraordinary decision was made to draw up an agreement between themselves to determine how they would govern themselves as they would not be under the jurisdiction of the King. The Mayflower Compact was signed on November 21, 1620. It was the first written framework of governance including the election of their leaders in the new world and the known civilized world. They were a deeply religious, but simultaneously rebellious people, which would set in motion an attitude which undoubtedly played a role in future

colonists seeking permanent independence from British rule. This document, which was a simple statement determining how they would govern themselves, would ultimately influence the American Revolution and the formation and signing of the United States Constitution on September 17, 1787

In the history of mankind, there is no political document like the United States Constitution. By nature, Americans are achievers; this is because we were created as a meritocracy. The freedom for individual achievement is in our Constitutional DNA. Our Constitution not only frees us to speak, worship, and vote, it gives us the liberty to think, imagine, dream and achieve.

In the 399 years since the signing of the Mayflower Compact and 232 years since our Constitution was signed, we have endured good times and bad. But all the while, our Constitution has served as a shining beacon of liberty and self-governance inspiring us to achieve what is rightfully called **The American Dream**. While nothing is perfect, no one can say that Americans are not trying, relentlessly, ceaselessly pushing upstream, making mistakes, and achieving glorious successes, enduring failures and learning from them.

I look forward to seeing many of my cousins at the 400th celebration of the Mayflower Congress in Plymouth in September, 2020. The Hotel 1620 is now fully booked, however, there are other local properties so my thought is to make a reservation now if you're attending the celebration. The Thomas Rogers Society is planning events unique to our society, those plans will be in our spring, 2020 newsletter.

With kindest regards,
Robert Miller Rogers 6th, President of the Thomas Rogers Society

VICE PRESIDENT'S REPORT:

The Thomas Rogers Society is proud to continue our scholarship program. Please check out the website and prepare you application before the March 1st deadline. We look forward to assisting our outstanding members in their educational pursuits.

SECRETARY'S REPORT:

The Thomas Rogers Society welcomed five new members:
Dodge Dutcher, Susan Brown, Frederick Rogers, Linda Cole, and Matthew Black.

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 \$2,795.00 in our checking account at Cornerstone Bank in Lexington VA. Our Vanguard investment accounts continue to grow. We have a balance of \$72694.00 in our Scholarship account and \$27698.00 in our Life Membership account for a grand total of \$100,384.00. According to our treasury records, the following members have not yet paid their dues for 2019 and therefore owe \$15.00:

797 Jean Christensen	557 Harry Dalton	796 Julie Esposito
510 Scott Karpowicz	790 Daniel McLaughlin	675 Loretta Margaret Riccio
128 James Schuyler	563 Renny Stackpole	779 Cynthia Weatherby

The following individuals are two years or more in the arrears on the payment of their dues. If your dues of \$30 are not paid by the end of year, these members will be placed on our inactive roll and will not receive the newsletter or be listed as active members in our TRS 400th Anniversary Roster.

757 Joanne Baker	644 Harry Devoe	625 Kathleen Gannon
409 David Karcher	245 Robert Sewell Lufkin	769 Carol Diane Rogers
795 Clifton Rogers	733 Dianne Schmidt	798 Vincent Smith

If you wish to pay your dues, please make a check out to the Thomas Rogers Society and mail it to: Michael Yoemans at 65 Blackberry Lane Lexington, VA 24450. If any of the members listed above believe our records are incomplete or you don't know the amount you owe, you may contact me at 540-460-3781 or by email: myoemans1@gmail.com.

GENEALOGIST'S REPORT:

Have reviewed and approved 5 applications. Mike Yoemans has entered 14 lineages that will need to be added to the Master database along with the proofs. This will be a winter project and hope to have them all entered by March of 2020.



WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

Dodge Westbrook Dutcher 849L

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Burrt Dodge Dutcher Jr.

Burrt Dodge Dutcher/Burrt Dodge Miner

Dean Howell Miner

Henry Nelson Miner

Joel Guild Miner

Enoch Water Miner

Mary Rowley

Rebecca Hurd

Rebecca Higgins

Hannah Rogers

Joseph Rogers

Thomas Rogers

= Louise LaValle Simms

= Lillian Patricia Gill

= Louisa Burtt Dodge

= 1st Anna Howell

2nd Genette Christine

= Allis

= Laurinda Guild

= Amos Miner

= 2nd John Rowley

= Jacob Hurd

= Jonathan Higgins

= Hannah NN_

= Alice Cosford

Susan Joyce Brown 850L

Susan Joyce Brown

Faith Elaine Palmer

Harry Volney Palmer

Mary/Nettie Maria Staats

Byron Staats

Bathsheba Hathway

William Gooding Hathway

Bathsheba Gooding

William Gooding

Abigail Richmond

Joseph Richmond

Abigail Rogers

John Rogers

Thomas Rogers

= Bruce Bailey Brown

= Fanne Lee Kelly

= Volney A. Palmer

= Mary (De) Marsh

= Drummond Staats

= Lydia Baker

= Seth Hathway

= Bathsheba Walker

= Matthew Gooding

= Mary Andrews

= John Richmond

= Anna Churchman

= Alice Cosford

Frederick Wendell Rogers 851

Frederick Wendell Rogers

Otis Wendell Rogers

Frederick Kimball Rogers

Timothy Otis Rogers

Albert Cobb Rogers

Timothy Rogers

Jonathan Rogers

James Rogers

James Rogers

James Rogers

Joseph Rogers

Thomas Rogers

= Carol Elizabeth McCarthy

= Doris May Clark

= Merrill Gertrude MacKinnon

= Hannah Matilda Nickerson

= Julia A. F. Small

= Reliance Cobb

= Hannah Mayo

= Hannah Godfrey

= Susanna Tracy

= Mary Paine

= Hannah NN_

= Alice Cosford

Linda Ann Cole 852

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**Virginia Jean Zimmerman
Earl Martin Zimmerman
Walter Henry Zimmerman
Mary Catherine Rumbel
Henry Rumbel
Salome Andreas/Andres
Daniel Andres
Thankful Washburn
Silence Washburn
Sarah Richmond
Edward Richmond
Abigail Rogers
John Rogers
Thomas Rogers**

= 1st Richard Douglas Wallace
2nd Thomas Cole Moore
= Fred Arlington Cole
= Grace Catharine Fensterman(ch/k)er
= Hattie Ellen Lindenmuth
= Joseph B. Zimmerman
= Elizabeth (Bessie) Singley
= Henry Rumbel
= Maria Gertrude Guldner
= Perter Andres
= Jesse Washburn
= 1st Josiah Washburn
= Mary NN_
= John Richmond
= Anna Churchman
= Alice Cosford

Matthew Maxwell Black 853L

**Matthew Maxwell Black
Krystle Amanda Kennedy
Kenneth Alan Kennedy Jr.
Kenneth Alan Kennedy Sr.
Chestley Cuthbert Kennedy
Lula Belle Hubbard
William Henry Hubbard
Susan Fay Rogers
Nathan Rogers
Abner Rogers
Moses Rogers
Eleazor Rogers
John Rogers
Joseph Rogers
Thomas Rogers**

= Michael Maxwell Black
= Pamela Denise Watson
= Sandra Jean Jordan
= Marian Carolyn Blackard
= Chestley Cuthbert Kennedy
= Lizzie Ann "Annie" Eaton
= Stillman Hubbard
= Phebe Boynton
= 2nd Priscilla Paine
= Elizabeth Smith
= Martha Young
= Elizabeth Twining
= Hannah NN_
= Alice Cosford

2020 Meeting Update

Our triannual meeting will be held Sept. 12, 2020 at the Pawtuxet Room, Plimoth Plantation at 10 am. Hotel reservations for the 2020 events are filling up fast. We hope to have an excursion on Sept. 13, but that is still in the planning stages. Save the date and we will have more information in the next newsletter.

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