

Rogers

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September 13, 1994

Sleeper News
94-1476 Lanikuhana Ave, # 543
Mililani, HI 96789

Dear Sir:

Despite having my address wrong, I've received a couple of issues of *Sleeper News*, which I find interesting - both the newsletter and the fact that it was delivered. I normally don't get mail if the address is off just a few house numbers. Yours is off about a hundred blocks. Maybe it is far enough off that they have to look at it and figure it out. Anyhow, the address is 13662 Loretta Dr. and I want to subscribe for a year.

I also would like to insert the following query:

Searching for the birth record and parents of Mary Smith, who was born probably in Salem 25 July 1808, possibly the daughter of Levi Smith and _____. Also need the marriage record of Edverdam "Verdy" Rogers, son of Samuel Rogers, Jr., and Phebe Baker, daughter of Thomas Baker. Also the birth record of their son, James Rogers, 16 Sep 1805, who married the above Mary Smith in Lorraine, New York.

A check for \$15.00 is enclosed.

Sincerely,

Raymond J. Porter

Rogers

GWTN13

June 11, 1993

Lois Wood Griesenauer
409 Imperial Dr.
O'Fallon, MO 63366

Dear Lois:

Sorry, I'm afraid that my Isaac Wood is not the the one you described in your letter.

Isaac Wood and Jemima Rogers were married in Brookfield, Mass. in Dec, 1761 and they lived in Lenox, Mass. and Bridgewater N.Y. Their children were Rhoda, Nathan, Walter, Simeon, and Isaac. I have no birth dates for the children.

Sorry I couldn't be of help.

Yours truly,

Raymond J. Porter

Post 6-8-93

409 Imperial Dr
O Fallon, Mo 63346

June 3 - 1993

Dear Mr Porter,

I noticed in the Feb/Mar. issue of NEXUS
your query on Bogus - I wish I could help,
but can not. However, your son daughter
Jemima m. Isaac Wood.

Wood this is possibly the Isaac Wood of
Poughkeepsie - Fishkill, N.Y. area - originally
from Long Island - thence to Orange Co -
a family owed to Dutchess/Putnam Co.

He would have had a brother Luke -
Luke Wood m. his cousin Eleanor Wood.

Their oldest daughter was named Jemima.

Any info you may have on Isaac Wood
would be appreciated. Thank you.

Lois Wood Truesdell

Rogers

CNTR167

May 21, 1993

Ron Amick
Rt. 6, Box 109
Menomonie, WI 54751

Dear Ron:

Thank you for your reply to my Rogers query in NEXUS. Your assumption about my descent from Van Rensselaer Porter and Eliza Rogers is correct. He is my great-grandfather.

Eliza was the daughter of James M. Rogers and Mary Smith. James was the son of Edverdum "Verdy" Rogers and Phebe Baker. I have been unable to trace the ancestry of Mary Smith, but think that her father was Levi Smith of Lorraine, Jefferson Co.

Verdy was the son of Samuel Rogers and Rachel Hibbard. He was born in Sturbridge, Massachusetts and moved to Washington Co, NY with his father after the Revolution. He subsequently moved to Sandy Creek, where he died as you know. Charles Alton was the sole executor of Verdy's will, which accounts for his petition. I don't think that he was related to the family. Verdy's Rogers line extinguished in Sandy Creek. His only grandson, LeRoy, never married.

Verdy's grandparents were Samuel Rogers and Captivity Peters; they were the subject of my query, because I have not been able to trace their ancestry for years. Captivity was the daughter of Henry Peters and Captivity ---- of Brookfield, MA, but that is as far as I can go at present. I'm hoping that my latest queries will break through the dead end.

Samuel, Sr. had two other sons, Caleb and Moses, but I know nothing of them except their names, which I just recently found in a book of Worcester Co warnings. We could be related through one of them or farther back in the Rogers line, or not at all. The Rogerses were pretty numerous back then (darn it), which makes it hard to trace them.

As a result of the difficulty in tracing them in Massachusetts, where records were kept pretty well, I'm suspicious that the Rogers and Peters families might have been immigrants from Ulster in the mass migration about 1700. However, I have not found them in Filby and have not pursued it any farther.

If you think that we might have some ancestry in common, I'd be glad to hear from you when you return.

Yours truly,

Raymond J. Porter

Ron & Ann Amick
Rt. 6, Box 109
Menomonie, WI 54751

Rond
5-20-93
Sept
5-31-93

Raymond J. Porter
13662 Loretta Dr.
Tustin, CA 92680

Dear Raymond,

Regards your recent items in the NEHGS Nexus of Feb-Mar 1993 concerning the ROGERS families, I do have some limited info that may or may not be of help to you.

While researching my ROGERS lines at Oswego, Saratoga and Washington Counties of NY I utilized the help of a genealogist at Oswego County.

I had thought my Rogers line was through the line of VERDY ROGERS & son, JAMES ROGERS who lived at Sandy Creek, Oswego County. The genealogist I hired in Oswego County proved that my JAMES W. ROGERS, b1808 at Saratoga County was not this son of Verdy Rogers. The evidence she found includes a land transfer and important to your interest, a petition of Charles Alton to have the will of Verdy Rogers settled. This document is dated 23 April 1849 and states that Verdy Rogers died 2 April 1849. It mentions his next of kin, viz: Maria? Wild wife of James Wild; Ransensselaer? Porter and his wife, Eliza; plus Isabella & Leroy Rogers who are the minor children of James M. Rogers.

This document is noted as FILE 5R, WILL BOOK C page 181 Oswego Co.

From the info you submitted one may assume your interest is through the Porter m to Eliza...? I do not see a mention in your quiriies on Verdy Rogers, so perhaps the Rogers info I have is another Rogers line with similar names...???

If you think any of this is of interest to you please let me know. I will be unavailable until the middle of June but would like to compare some of our Rogers data.

Sincerely,

Ron

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Ron & Ann Amick
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Menomonie, WI 54751

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June 7, 1993

Elisabeth Lovell Bowman
12 Leone Rd.
Tom's River, NJ 08755-6321

Dear Elisabeth:

Thank you for your reply to my query in NEXUS. While our Rogers lines may converge eventually, I can't see any connection between your Samuel Rogers and mine at this point. My Rogers ancestors stayed in Worcester Co, Massachusetts until about 1790-1800, then moved to Washington Co, New York, then to Sandy Creek, NY about 1820.

I've been stuck in Worcester Co with both the Rogers and Peters lines about 1720 for so long that I'm beginning to wonder if they were part of the large migration from Ulster about that time. I even checked Filby, but didn't find them. I haven't pursued this any farther.

Thanks again for your letter.

Yours truly,

Raymond J. Porter

Reply 6-7-93
9/22/72

Elisabeth Lovell Bowman
12 Leone Road
Toms River, New Jersey 08755 6321
June 1, 1993

To:
Raymond J. Porter
13662 Loretta Drive
Tustin, CA 92680

Dear Mr. Porter,
In reference to your query in NEXUS concerning Samuel Rogers:

I have a Samuel Rogers who was born, supposedly, at Scotland (this was probably not the country of Scotland, but the Scotland in Windham, CT), on 1 Jan. 1740.

He is supposed to have died in Conway, MA, on 10 September 1789 although there is no Vital Record at Conway confirming this.

He married at Killingworth, CT on 22 Aug. 1760/1763 (yr. illegible), Elizabeth Wilcox (Killingworth VR, vol. 2, p. 116) who was born 13 March 1855, place not stated.

The above information, with the exception of the Killingworth VR, is from the Manuscript Collection at NEHGS, MSS Rogers, #305, Sub Group I, Series B, Subseries 5 (Rogers, Samuel of Scotland 1740 1789, Family #6). The information on this family was contributed by Vesta Rogers Torrey, of Norwich, NY; I'm sure that this was many years ago.

I don't know if this information will be of any help to you or if there is any connection between your Samuel and mine. Your Samuel certainly is of an earlier generation than mine, but perhaps it will give you some clues. I would appreciate hearing from you if you have anything that might connect with my Samuel.

Sincerely,

Elisabeth Lovell Bowman

ELISABETH LOVELL BOWMAN
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Address after June 15 until Sept. 15

G.N.L.T.R. 130

Letter of 12-10-1992
returned by P.O.
Called Bancroft Lib for this
address. - Parent

December 23, 1992

Town Clerk
Town of Salem
Main Street
Salem, NY 12865

Dear Sir:

In perusing the manuscript files at the New England Historic and Genealogic Society in Boston, I came across the enclosed document, written in 1936, which places my Smith ancestors in Salem in the early 1800's. I would imagine that the information in the enclosure was taken from a family Bible. My Rogers ancestors moved to Washington County from Worcester County, Massachusetts about 1800. Thomas Baker moved his family to Salem from Colrain, Massachusetts before 1800. Rogers family Bible records in my possession contain the following events, but give no place names.

Marriage of Edverdum "Verdy" Rogers and Phoebe Baker 3 Jan 1805

- Birth of: James M. Rogers 16 Sep 1805
- Betsey Rogers 26 Apr 1807
- Arial Rogers 18 Jun 1809
- Mariah S. Rogers 26 May 1811
- (a son)
- Marianne Rogers 14 Feb 1818
- Death of: Samuel Rogers 28 May 1805
- Captivity Peters Rogers 18 May 1810

I wonder if there are any records surviving in Salem to confirm Mary's birth as well as to confirm the others and give them a place? If any records do exist, I would like copies of all available information for use in writing our family history. I've enclosed a check good for up to twenty dollars to cover costs. Please fill in the amount for me. Thank you.

Yours truly,

Raymond J. Porter

Rogers

GNLTP 105

Ellen Barklett
3866 Warners Rd
Syracuse, NY 13209

January 4, 1991

Dear Ellen:

I am sending this to you in care of the Jefferson County Journal because there was no address given in your letter to the editor. Since you have an upcoming article, they must be in contact with you.

I found your letter interesting, because I too am trying to trace down my Rogers ancestors and have amassed a lot of information on Rogers other than my ancestors. One of the items that I received from a cousin is about one hundred pages of manuscript on a Rogers line that originated with James Rogers of Newport, Rhode Island in the early 1600's and wound up in Washington County, New York about 1787. There is a long letter from Demorris Williams to her cousin Elbert Rogers, written November 1, 1949, about the family and her research. There is also what appears to be the manuscript of book she was writing on the family. The research appears well done and is well documented, but the organization is confusing. Elbert and his son, Clifford Rogers, also worked on the family line, and there are notes, family bible records, and cemetery records from them. I believe that my cousin obtained copies of the manuscripts from Clifford, and that Clifford has since died.

Much of the manuscript is concerned with the Rev. Clark Rogers of Jericho (now Hancock), Berkshire County, Massachusetts and his descendants, some of whom settled in Washington County, New York. This Clark Rogers was the son of Samuel³ and Alice Rogers and was born c. 1728 or 1729 probably in East or West Greenwich, Rhode Island. He married Patience Carr and died in 1806 in Hancock. His children (mentioned in his will) were:

- Thomas Rogers b. West Greenwich, RI 15 December 1756
- Samuel Rogers
- Clark Rogers m. Sarah Carr
- Joshua Rogers b. probably 1758
- Benjamin Rogers
- William Rogers
- Susannah Rogers
- Alice Rogers
- Patience Rogers

Unfortunately, there is no mention of a Gideon Rogers anywhere in the manuscripts that I can find. While this doesn't prove that Gideon was not the son of the Rev. Clark Rogers (it's hard to prove a negative), it does make it somewhat unlikely. The name "Clark" was uncommon as a first name, and Clark, Sr. was the first of the name in this Rogers line. While unlikely, it is possible that there may have been another Clark Rogers in Rhode Island at the same time. If so, I'm afraid you have your work cut out for you sorting them out. I'm sorry that I couldn't come up with a more positive answer.

Clark Rogers, Jr. went to Canada during the Revolution and ended up in Huntsburgh, Franklin County, Vermont. He is too young to be the father of Gideon, because he was born about the same time period as Gideon.

My cousin, Richard Owen, sent me the manuscripts because he was trying to make a case for us being descended from Samuel Rogers, the brother of the Rev. Clark Rogers, because he was born about the same time as our ancestor, Samuel Rogers. Although there is a slight possibility that he

is right, after reading over the manuscripts, I'm pretty sure that this is not our Rogers line. The manuscripts do clear up for me who the other Rogers families were who were living near our Rogers families in Washington County. I thought that they might be relatives, but now know their origins and do not think they are related.

The first of our Rogers line that I have any record of is Samuel Rogers, who was born 20 January 1718/9 at an unknown location. He married 17 June 1742 Captivity Peters in Sturbridge, Worcester County, Massachusetts. Who they were and where they came from has had me stumped for a couple of years. Her name fascinates me. How did she get it? Was she born in captivity? Was her father in captivity when she was born? She is not listed in any of lists of Indian captives that I have been able to find.

I have my Rogers line fairly well documented from this Samuel through Samuel, Jr. (who m. Rachel Hebbord), Edverdum "Verdy" (who m. Phebe Baker), James (who m. Mary Smith), and Eliza (who m. Van Rensselaer Porter). I'm not doing as well on the female lines. Rachel Hebbord's ancestry is fairly well documented, but not the others.

I'm almost certain that Phebe Baker is the daughter of Thomas Baker of Exeter, Rhode Island, who served in the Revolution from Colrain, Massachusetts, moved to Salem, Washington County, New York, then to Sandy Creek, New York. She and Verdy Rogers were married in Washington County, but I can find no record of it other than a family bible record that does not name the place nor her parents.

Mary Smith is the reason that I'm subscribing to the Jefferson County Journal. She was born in Vermont in 1808 and came with her parents to Lorraine, Jefferson County about 1814. She married James Rogers of Sandy Creek 4 January 1827. The family of Levi Smith was the only Smith family in Lorraine at that time. I strongly suspect that he was her father, but have not been able to trace her lineage. I can't even find the deeds where Levi and Levi, Jr. bought and sold land in Lorraine. This line has had me stumped for a while now.

Eliza Rogers is fairly well documented, but I'm still looking for their marriage date and her death date and place.

If you have any information on this line in your large collection of Rogers information, I would be very glad to hear about it. I'm also trying to ascertain whether both Samuel Rogers served in the Revolution from Sturbridge, Massachusetts, or just Samuel, Jr.

I'm sorry that I couldn't be of more help; I hope that this information is of some use to you. If you're interested in the Rogers manuscripts, I'll copy them for you. Five dollars ought to cover the Xerox and mailing costs.

Yours truly,

Raymond J. Porter

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GNLTR 084

Mar 31, 1990

Town Historian
c/o Town Clerk
Richland, Oswego Co, NY

Dear Sir:

I have been researching my family history in Oswego County for the past couple of years. My family lived in Sandy Creek for about a hundred years, from the early 1800's to the early 1900's. I have succeeded in tracing the ancestry of most of them, but two of the "female" lines remain to be discovered. One of them is Mary (Smith) Rogers, my 2-great-grandmother.

In looking over the enclosed newspaper excerpts, it occurred to me that there might be records of Mary Rogers' death at Richland. While the obituary from the *Pulaski Democrat* is very informative, it fails to name Mary's father and mother. I wonder if there was a newspaper in Richland at the time and whether there might be a more complete obituary in it, if you have a copy of the paper in your library.

Census research suggests that her father was Levi Smith, because there was only one Smith family in the Town of Lorraine in 1820, 25, 30, and 35: Levi, and later his son, Levi Jr. However, I need to confirm this before I go off on the wrong line. Knowing her mother's maiden name would help immensely, of course.

I have been unable to get any vital records from this era from the state or county, but I discovered through a cousin that the vital records for Sandy Creek were in the Town Hall and had never been sent in to the county or state. I spent a week and a half at Sandy Creek last fall researching the family and found a gold mine of information. Unfortunately, I did not have time to research the records in Richland or Lorraine.

There is no record of Mary Rogers' death in the Sandy Creek records, of course, because she died in Richland. However, her death date was late enough that it probably was recorded in the Richland records. If so, I would appreciate it if you would send me a certified death certificate. (I understand that the certified certificate contains more complete information.)

Also, if there is another obituary in your archives, I would appreciate a copy of it. I am enclosing a check good for up to twenty dollars to cover the cost of the death certificate and any research and copy fees. If it is insufficient, let me know. Thank you very much for your assistance.

Yours truly,

Raymond J. Porter

Enclosed copy of Sandy
Creek newspaper excerpts for
Mary Rogers