

Williams Rockwell, although focussing on only one line of descent from the immigrant, provided a much more useful account, including a chapter by William Walker Rockwell with much data on the English origin of William Rockwell [*The Rockwell Family in One Line of Descent* (Pittsfield, Massachusetts, 1924), cited above as Rockwell Gen]. (See also M&JCH 17:131-33.)

____ ROGERS

In 1628 William Bradford reported that "Mr. Allerton brought over a young man for a minister to the people here, whether upon his own head or at the motion of some friends there I well know not. But it was without the church's sending, for they had been so bitten by Mr. Lyford as they desired to know the person well whom they should invite amongst them. His name was Mr. Rogers; but they perceived upon some trial that he was crazed in the brain, so they were fain to be at further charge to send him back again the next year, and lose all the charge that was expended in his hither bringing.... After his return he grew quite distracted, and Mr. Allerton was much blamed that he would bring such a man over, they having charge enough otherwise" [Bradford 210-11].

COMMENTS: The surviving accounts of the Plymouth Company for 1628 show a debt of £3 11s. 4d. "paid for Mr. Rogers's passage, 20s.[,] his diet 11 weeks at 4s. 8d." [MHSC 3:1:199].

THOMAS ROGERS

ORIGIN: Leiden, Holland

MIGRATION: 1620 in *Mayflower*

FIRST RESIDENCE: Plymouth

ESTATE: In the 1623 Plymouth land division Joseph Rogers was granted two acres as a passenger on the *Mayflower*, for himself and his deceased father [PCR 12:4]. In the 1627 Plymouth cattle division Joseph Rogers was the fifth person in the eleventh company [PCR 12:12].

Sons Joseph and John were each assessed the minimum 9s. in the 25 March 1633 rate [PCR 1:11].

"Joseph Rogers and John Rogers, his brother," were granted fifty acres of upland each at the North River, 6 April 1640 [PCR 1:144].

BIRTH: By about 1572 (based on date of marriage), son of William and Eleanor (____) Rogers of Watford, Northamptonshire [TG forthcoming].

DEATH: Died Plymouth soon after arrival, probably in January or February 1620/1.

MARRIAGE: Watford, Northamptonshire, 24 October 1597 Alice Cosford, daughter of George Cosford [TG forthcoming].

CHILDREN (baptized Watford, Northamptonshire [TG forthcoming]):

- i THOMAS, bp. 24 March 1598/9; bur. 27 May 1599.
- ii (possibly) RICHARD, bp. 12 March 1599/1600; bur. 4 April 1600.
- iii JOSEPH, bp. 23 January 1602/3; m. by 1633 Hannah ____ (assuming she was his only wife; eldest child of Joseph Rogers b. 6 August 1633 [MD 16:238]); appears in "1633" list of Plymouth freemen in vicinity of others admitted on 1 January 1632/3 [PCR 1:4]; assessed 9s. in the Plymouth tax lists of 25 March 1633 and 27 March 1634 [PCR 1:11, 28]
- iv JOHN, bp. 6 April 1606; assessed 9s. in the Plymouth tax list of 25 March 1633 [PCR 1:11]; m. Plymouth 16 April 1639 Anna Churchman [PCR 1:120].
- v ELIZABETH, bp. 26 December 1609; living at Leiden in 1622, perhaps came later to New England and married there [TAG 52:110-13; Bradford 446].
- vi MARGARET, bp. 30 May 1613; living at Leiden in 1622, perhaps came later to New England and married there [TAG 52:110-13; Bradford 446].

COMMENTS: In his listing of the passengers on the *Mayflower* Bradford includes "Thomas Rogers and Joseph his son; his other children came afterwards," and in his accounting of these families as of 1651 Bradford tells us that "Thomas Rogers died in the first sickness but his son Joseph is still living and is married and hath six children. The rest of Thomas Rogers's came over and are married and have many children" [Bradford 442, 446].

Robert S. Wakefield discussed the 1622 poll tax for Leiden which revealed Thomas Rogers's widow and children living in the Over 't Hoff quarter of Leiden [TAG 52:110-13]. Since the widow, son John and daughters of Thomas Rogers were not in the land division of 1623 or the cattle division of 1627, they presumably came to Plymouth with the last of the Leiden contingent in 1629 or 1630.

BIBLIOGRAPHIC NOTE: The most comprehensive treatment of Thomas Rogers (and his descendants) is that published in 1978 by Alice

Wilma Andrews Westgate as part of the second volume of the Five Generations Project of the General Society of Mayflower Descendants [MF 2:153-55; see also MQ 43:103-04]. The most important advance beyond what appears in this volume is the discovery by Clifford Stott of the English origin of Thomas Rogers [TG forthcoming].

ROBERT ROICE

ORIGIN: Unknown

MIGRATION: 1632

FIRST RESIDENCE: Boston

CHURCH MEMBERSHIP: Admitted to Boston church (as "Robert Roys") as member #137, which would be in the summer of 1632 [BChR 14].

FREEMAN: 1 April 1634 (as "Roberte Roise") [MBCR 1:368].

ESTATE: In the Boston Book of Possessions in 1645 "Robert Rice" is shown with "one house and garden" [BBOP 27, 76].

With her second husband and her son Joshua, Elizabeth (____)(Roice) Tearn mortgaged property to the First Church, 27 October 1668 [SLR 9:393].

On 14 July 1676 Joshua Rice of Boston, "cordwinder & sole heir of my father Robert Rice once of the same place, deceased," mortgaged to Thomas Wheeler his interest in "land scituate lying & being in Boston abovesaid which my said father died seized of in fee," to Wheeler "after the decease of my mother Elizabeth Tearn forever" [SLR 9:352-54].

BIRTH: By about 1613 based on date of freemanship.

DEATH: By 27 October 1668 [SLR 9:393] (and probably some years earlier).

MARRIAGE: By 1637 Elizabeth _____. She married (2) by 27 October 1668 as his second wife Michael Tearn [SLR 9:393]. (Savage says this second marriage took place by 23 October 1652. "Miles Robert Rice" [appearing as an abutter to William Pell's property] seems to be an amalgam of the names of her two husbands [BBOP 27].)

CHILDREN:

- i JOSHUA, b. Boston 14 April 1637 [BVR 5]; bp. Boston 16 April 1637 [BChR 281]; as "Josua Ris" m. Charlestown [blank] December 1662 Bathsheba Pratt [ChVR 1:42], daughter of JOSHUA PRATT.
- ii NATHANIEL, b. Boston 1 April [sic] 1639 [BVR 8]; bp. Boston 24 March 1638/9 [BChR 283]; no further record.