

## HISTORY OF THE ROGERS FAMILY

### WILLIAM ROGERS

Excerpt from a letter of F. Leake Baldwin, Los Angeles, Calif., (Historian), addressed to Charles F. Rogers, Greenfield, Ohio, and dated March 18<sup>th</sup>, 1926, in answer to a request for data on the direct line of ancestry of the Rogers Family.

“The first of your particular line of the Rogers family, was William Rogers, who, with his wife, who was Jane Hamilton-Rooney; (a widow, by the way, with one child, at the time of her marriage to Mr. Rogers), emigrated from Belfast (probably) to America. They had, we might say, previously, emigrated from Scotland, to Antrim (some call it Autum), North of Ireland. They landed at the port of Philadelphia, in 1720. They evidently settled either in the city, or nearby; and in a short time, both died, and left two helpless children-Hamilton and Arthur. These boys, left alone in the world, were taken in charge by friends of the parents, and as Arthur was too young to be put to work he was taken in charge by a Presbyterian clergyman, by the name of Letty, in Philadelphia, and by him was educated and clothed, and with whom Arthur remained until he was of age.

Hamilton, being a little older, was set to work, and was sent to Bucks County, Pennsylvania, shortly thereafter, he was made a deputy sheriff of that county, and which position he held for some years. Later, however, he became prominent in a business line. When Arthur became of age, he hastened to remove to Bucks County, Pennsylvania, and joined his brother. Both married there; although Hamilton removed, later on, to Loudoun County, Virginia.

Arthur, the younger brother, after removing to Bucks County, Pennsylvania, married Miss Mary McFall; and from him starts a distinct and separate line, but in which you are not particularly interested. We will, then, follow the son, Hamilton.

WILLIAM ROGERS; original emigrant to America; wife, Jane Hamilton-Rooney Rogers; died in or near Philadelphia, Pennsylvania; children: Hamilton and Arthur Rogers.

HAMILTON ROGERS; son of William and Jane Hamilton-Rooney Rogers; removed from Philadelphia, to Bucks County, Pennsylvania; married, there, to Isabella Mary Mains; later, removed to Loudoun County, Virginia; both died there; the children: William; John; Thomas; Hamilton, Jr.; Joseph; Benjamin; Jane; Elizabeth; and Isabella Rogers.

WILLIAM ROGERS; son of Hamilton and Isabella Mary Mains Rogers; born in Bucks County, Pennsylvania, 1750; married in Loudoun County, Virginia, 1773-4, to Phoebe Swart, who was born on May 27<sup>th</sup>, 1756; lived in Virginia, first; removed to Fayette County, Kentucky; removed later, to Cane Ridge, Bourbon County, Kentucky; and, still later, removed, in 1796, to a farm in Ross County, Ohio, Located on the north bank of the Paint Creek, and about four miles west of Chillicothe, Ohio. He lived here the rest of his life. His wife died there, on November 5<sup>th</sup>, 1823; and he followed on August 21<sup>st</sup>, of the following year. The children: Isabella; John; Hamilton; Elizabeth; Thomas; James; Jane; Hannah; Phoebe; Anne; and Hannah Rogers.

(William Rogers, 2 of 3)

Thomas.....ROGERS (Colonel Thomas Rogers, as he was better known); son of William and Phoebe Swart Rogers; born in Loudoun County, Virginia, on October 10<sup>th</sup>, 1782; married (1<sup>st</sup>) Mary (Polly) McCoy; married (2<sup>nd</sup>) Nancy Watts; married (3<sup>rd</sup>) Narcissa Kinkead. He died, on June 4<sup>th</sup>, 1873, at the age of about 90 years. The children: Joseph; William; Lavenia; Catherine; Gibson; James and Thomas Dixon Rogers, by his first wife; and Austin; John Nelson; Altamira; Sarah E; Alexander; Phoebe Ann; Mary Jane (my ancestor); and Andrew Watts Rogers, by his second wife. No children by the third wife."

THOMAS DIXON ROGERS; son of (Col.) Thomas and Mary (Polly) McCoy Rogers; born in Highland County, Ohio, on March 9<sup>th</sup>, 1819; married in Fayette County, Ohio, May 25<sup>th</sup>, 1843, to Jane Elizabeth Beatty, who was born in Fayette County, Ohio, on December 19<sup>th</sup>, 1826; and Thomas Dixon Rogers died, in Highland County, Ohio, on October 31<sup>st</sup>----- . Jane Elizabeth Beatty Rogers died, in same county, on May 12<sup>th</sup>.

The children: Alexander Beatty; Adolfus Theodore; Cedora, F.; Urina, F.; Alonzo Albertus; Mary Margaret; Thomas Austin; William, Gipson; and Charles Foster Rogers.

CEDORA, F. ROGERS; daughter of Thomas Dixon and Jane Elizabeth Beatty Rogers; born in Highland County Ohio, on December 10<sup>th</sup>, 1847; married in Highland County, Ohio, July 26<sup>th</sup>, 1866, to Milton F. Seal, and died, near Malta-Bend, Missouri, on January 6<sup>th</sup>, 1870. The children; One daughter died in infancy, the other, (Dora) Etta D. Seal Parrett.

ETTA D. SEAL; born June 26, 1869; married W. A. Parrett, June 14, 1893. W. A. Parrett born May 9, 1860, Died Aug. 1, 1931. Children: Grace Southerland; Dwight Rogers; Gladys and Mary Louise.

#### REVOLUTIONARY RECORD OF WILLIAM ROGERS

Rogers----William

Ross Co.

Served in 4<sup>th</sup> Va.

Made 2<sup>nd</sup> Lt. Mch. 19, 1776

1<sup>st</sup>. Lt. Sept. 28, 1776

Capt. Apr. 1778

Was transferred to 5<sup>th</sup> Va. Feb. 12, 1781

Born June 8, 1750.

Married Phoebe Swartz 1772

Children----John, Hamilton, Elizabeth, Thomas, Jane Hannah, Phoebe, Ann, James, Isabelle.

Died 1824, Ross Co.

(William Rogers, 3 of 3) Military land warrant in Kentucky.

Buried Union Cemetery----S. Union Township near entrance.

M. I. (Monument Inscription)

William Rogers went to Kentucky from London Co.,

Va. in 1787; from there to Ross Co. in 1798

Tavern Keeper

Discharged June 18-1783

Received Military Land Grant, 4000---A 859

Also one half pay for life as officer.

Ref. Yr. Bk. 1913 Society Sons of Revolution Catalogue of Va. Military land warrant in Kentucky.

For further information Mt. Sterling Chapter, Mrs. Martha Harrison Baker, Cook, Ohio.

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