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Dr. Clarence E. Carter

National Archives,

Washington, D.C.

Dear Dr. Carter:

When I saw you in your office in July you stated that you were interested in a Rogers line in your family. You may recall that I told you that I, too, had a Rogers line in my family, and that I would send you data on my Rogers family. Much of what I have was obtained from others and I do not know how accurate it is. I shall send you a copy of a letter I received from Mrs. Arthur Bowman, 810 S W Vista Ave. # 3, Portland, Oregon, dated Jan. 8, 1953:

Dear Mr. Sharp:

I have not forgotten that I said I would send you what records I had of the Rogers line- when I talked with you at the Courthouse in Sevierville. But I have been busy since returning home. I shall copy a short record of Giles Rogers so you will have the complete line. I understand that you are a descendant through the Rev. Elijah Rogers- He descended from Henry- the oldest son of George. Mrs. Franklin, of whom I spoke, is descended from Josiah- one of the two other sons of George. They were Henry, Josiah, and George. I am enclosing Mrs. Franklin's line. She has searched many many records and cannot locate the marriage of George Rogers and Miss Lee. But neither can the records of my Peter's marriage to Miss Armistead nor John's (b. 1717) wife's name. All records of King & Queen County, Va. & most of Caroline County were destroyed by Northern army in Civil War, as were many in S.C. & parts of Tenn.- that I have discovered when searching. I shall go to the library tomorrow & copy the charts of those descended from George through Henry- your ancestor. They were published quite a few years ago & the people who gave them probably are not living, but it will give you some of the descendants of Henry.

Giles Rogers b. 1643, d. 1730 or 1731- born in Scotland & later lived in Worcestershire, England. He first went to Va about 1664 with Col. Robt Abrall & others. Giles obtained a patent of 400 acres of land in then New Kent Co. (later King & Queen Co.) in 1670. He had returned to England & married by 1672. In 1680 he came in his own Ship bringing his family- servants, artisans & materials for buildings. His son John was born while the Ship was at anchor in Chesapeake Bay. His motto was "Act Justly & Fear Nothing." He had six children:

Giles Lucy Peter - born in England
b.1673 b. 1675 b. 1677

John Rachel Mary - born in Va.
b. 1680 b. 1683 b. 1687

Giles lived on Dragon Swamp in S.E. part of King & Queen County, and later moved to the north part of the county near Newton- where his son John was

Giles

living and where he died 1730 or 1731.

We have no record of Giles b. 1673. Lucy m. 1st a Wilson & her daughter, Nancy Wilson m. Jonathan Clark and had a son John Clark who m. a cousin, Ann Rogers.

Peter married a Miss Armistead, who died before Peter. Peter died before 1726. He had known sons, John (dead by 1736), Peter (a Capt. in Rev.), Abraham & perhaps Joseph & William.

John b. 1680, m. Rachel Eastham (dau. of Geo. Eastham); he m. in 1716- lived to be 88 & Rachel to be 85. Lived and died in King & Queen Co., but lived part time on land in Spotsylvania & Caroline Counties- where his son George later moved after 2nd marriage. Their children:

John	Giles	George	Ann	Mary	Lucy	Mildred	Rachel
b. 1717	b. 1719	b. 1721	b. 1724	b. 1725	b. 1731	b. 1733	b. 1737

Byrd-twin of Rachel

Giles' daughters: Rachel b. 1683 m. Wm. Latham
Mary b. 1687 m. Saml. Roe or Roe Samuels.

Above children of John:

John b. 1717- went to Halifax Co., Va., southern part, with his cousins, Col. Peter & Abraham & his bro-in-law- Larkim Johnston & others. This was about 1754 or near that- about the same time his brother, George b. 1721 married 2nd time and moved to the land in Spotsylvania and Caroline counties. Col. Peter about 1760 married his cousin John's dau. Elizabeth and I am descended from both of Giles 2 sons Peter b. 1677 & John b. 1680.

Giles b. 1719 lived nearby in Hanover County & had many descendants.

George b. 1721 m 1st- Miss Lee- dau. of Henry Lee of King & Queen County. They had three sons, Henry, Josiah, George & some daughters. Henry b. abt. 1741. These sons went South (probably with or after their cousins, John & Peter) & were in Chatham Co., N.C. in 1790 census. That is about 50 miles south of Halifax County, Va.

George m. 2nd about 1754 to Frances Pollard. They had 10 children;

John (Capt. in Rev. War) died in Va.- not married
Joseph b. 1755- killed by Indians in Ohio- not married
Lucy b. 1756 m. 1st Robt. Farish- died young. 2 children- died young in Ga.
Edmund 1762-1843- 7 ch. - lived in Ky.
William b. 1762 (twin)- died infancy
Ann b. 1764- 1833 m. 1796, John Farrish- to Ky.
Thomas (Capt.), 1766-1851- had one daughter- to Ky.
Frances, 1768-1809 m. John Underwood, Goochland County & Ky.
Mary b. 1770 m. Major Benj. Alsop- Va. & Ky.

Ann, b. 1724 (grand dau. of Giles I) m. cousin John Clark- mother of large family- Geo. Rogers Clark & Wm. Clark of Lewis & Clark Expedition- to Ky.

Mary 1725-1800 m. Larkin Johnson- they went to Halifax County. She is buried beside her brother John in old burying ground.

Lucy 1731-1764 m. Capt. Saml. Redd

Mildred 1733-1788 m. Reuben George

Byrd 1735-1800 m. Mary Trice m. 2nd Martha Trice

Rachel 1737-1792 m. Donald Robertson- "Learned Schoolmaster"

While George b. 1721 lived in Va.- during his life most of his children went to Kentucky after the Rev. War- (that is of 2nd marriage). His brother John b. 1717 went South to Halifax Co., Va., as did cousins Peter * Abraham & bro-in law Larkin Johnson m. to Mary sister of John & George.

The three sons of George went South also. The Rogers cousins seem to have gone to the same places. My ancestors Capt. Peter & John b. 1717 lived and died in Halifax and Person Counties, adjoining. Their son and grandson Armistead Rogers & others went to Sumner County, Tennessee about 1795 or 1796. Armistead's son Peter b. 1786 lived in Wilson County, Tenn. till 1827- then to Hardiman Co., Tenn. with relatives and finally in 1830 to Clay Co. Mo & relatives Rogers were there also. Your Henry's descendants evidently settled in Sevier County. There were so many of the same names it is hard to distinguish which family they belong to.

Now I shall attempt an outline of my Rogers family, starting with my earliest ancestor in Sevier County, Tennessee: (the numbers before the names will indicate generations)

1. Henry Rogers b. c1741; d. 1794; m. Elizabeth Lankford(Langford). They settled in Sevier County about 1789, and it is said they came here from Fauquier County, Virginia.
2. Josiah Rogers, b. 1766; d. Aug. 12, 1834; m. Martha Clack in Franklin Co., Va., Jan. 22, 1786
2. George Rogers b. _____; d. Nov. 28, 1858(in Wayne Co., Ky.); m. Elizabeth Randles in 1791, Sevier County.
2. Elijah Chinn Rogers, b. May, 1774; d. May 11, 1841; m. Catherine Clack, b. Sept. 9, 1778; d. 1850. He was well known Baptist preacher.
3. Micajah C. Rogers, b. 1795; d. _____; m. Cynthia Cannon(migrated to Huntsville, Texas, not long after 1840)
3. Elizabeth Rogers m. David McCroskey they obtained the old Rogers homestead on French Broad River in Sevier County)
3. Amanda Rogers m. William Henderson(moved to Monroe County, Tenh. about 1837)
3. Robert H. Rogers m. Malinda Henderson b. _____; d. 1835 (migrated to Mississippi about 1840)
b. 1796