

EDWARD MAURICE ROGERS, SR

① See file 21 APR 1993 Loulayne NMN Rogers to RPU

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E. Reuben Rogers b 1 NOV 1735 (Sunny Co, VA) d 1829 (GA)

F. Drury Rogers

G. Michael Rogers

H. Sarah Rogers and John Tarver

I. Mary Rogers and Matthew Jewery

J. Faith Rogers and James Wooster.

EMR ↑ in 1990 wrote a genealogy re John Rogers - James Town
to Birmingham 1635-1989.

② on 25 APR 1994 RPU rec'd a copy of the 1614-1666 Map
of Sunny Co, VA from EMR, Sr ↑ in response to my
letter of 15 JAN 1994. He enclosed no message.

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1 JAN 1994

MR MAURICE ROGERS, ESQ.
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Dear Mr Rogers,

Your book John Rogers Genealogy arrived on 26 OCT 1993 and I have since extracted many details and placed them in list(s) of individuals arranged alphabetically. This allows the individuals to be located easily and for more details to be entered your book is outstanding.

It is somewhat of a coincidence that the Rogers family documented in your book had a close geographical association with the Upchurch family in three eras and in three states as follows:

1600's - My ancestor Michael U, I arrived in Surry Co, VA and was located at Launes Creek Church in association with the DELKE family - located 10 miles east of your John Rogers. See Map on inside cover of your book [I would love to purchase a copy of this map. A n envelope is enclosed in case you have a source for this map]

1700's The Upshur & Rogers lined very near each other in central, NC (Wake Co, NC especially). Some of my Upshur became major land owners in the Rogers Crossroads Area [now Wake Crossroads] about the time your Roger's settled there. Green Rogers in 1786 named Talitha Upshur. Green was a nephew of your ancestor John Rogers born 1714. I now have a theory on how this Talitha Upshur links back to the main Upshur family. There have been other Roger/Upshur marriages in central NC and they continue to take place.

1800's Upshur settled in Warren Co, TN in the early 1800's. I have many of the TN Upshur sorted out but some of those in Warren Co, TN are still the subject of inquiry.

I have no plans to actively pursue any of the above except perhaps to purchase the map for my file and to pursue the Talitha Upshur lineage. However, if any

Rogers researcher wishes to interact with me I will be happy to recap, summarize, etc the Rogers information in my files and to exchange data. My assumption is that having documented your own direct line you are not proceeding to deal with the broader issue of Rogers genealogy. However, I would be remiss not to congratulate you on the fine job you have done on your line

If I can ever be of service please let me know.

Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

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card

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19 SEP 1993

MR MAURICE ROGERS
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Dear Mr Roger,

Thank you so much for your letter of 14 SEP 93 re the Upchurch-Rogers connection. My immediate thought upon reading your letter was that the Edward Maurice Rogers mentioned in the Upchurch Bulletin was in fact you. This turns out to be the case.

I am enclosing a copy of page 111 from the UB which together with page 109 give the full story as presented in the UB (Page 110 is an another issue). Also I enclosed a complete copy of the 21 APR 1993 letter from Mrs McAuliffe. You can see how I pieced together the information which appeared in the UB. In retrospect, I should have also cited your book. The "a." [between l. and i.] in the UB is supposed to represent your father as the information I had did not give his name.

It appears that your GF William Rogers and Green Rogers bca 1758 were first cousins. I am quite interested in all the descendants of this Green Rogers and will be happy to have a copy of any details you already have organized.

I do have a proposal as to the fallacy of the Talitha U who married Green Rogers and will probably publish this in a future issue of the U.B. First I need to give the matter more thought and study my files more.

I was born & raised in Wake Co, NC and spent much of my adult life there. Also all four of my grandparents were from that county or nearby. I have a rather large volume of material relating to the families of central NC and especially as they relate to my ancestors. There is some material on the Green Family in the Wake County, NC Heritage Book which I can copy and send to you if you do not have access to that document.

The Rogers & Upchurch families had associations beyond the marriage of Green & Talitha. Is your book available to purchase? If it is and it is not too expensive I would like to buy a copy. Details on the U.S. are enclosed - not to encourage you to subscribe - but to let you know what I am doing. I have now identified and published an 33,000 members of this family.

If you feel we have a mutual interest and can help each other, I would be happy to continue our exchange of letters. There will be no cost for anything I can copy for you. I have a good copier here at home where my genealogical work is done.

With all best wishes!



Sincerely yours
Phil Upchurch

[ROBERT PHILIP UPCHURCH]

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REC'D
17 SEP 1993

September 14, 1993

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RE: Data on Edward Maurice Rogers

Dear Mr. Upchurch:

A relative of yours and friend of ours, Hyatt Upchurch, of Birmingham has shown us the attached page 109 of your July 1993 Upchurch Bulletin.

You will see near the bottom of this page an apparent indication that one Edward Maurice Rogers was the grandson of John Rogers of Surry County, Virginia.

The astounding thing here is my name is also Edward Maurice Rogers. Further, the said John Rogers is in my direct line of ancestors.

I have written a book that is in several of the archives entitled "John Rogers Genealogy from Jamestown to Birmingham". I did quite a bit of research at the archives in Raleigh but I did not come across this grandson of John Rogers who holds my name. However, I made very little effort to research anything more than my direct line.

I do not understand your symbols carried under paragraph one stating William Rogers married Elizabeth Fargeson. If you could tell me what you learned about this Edward Maurice Rogers and the source I would appreciate it very much and would be willing to pay for this information.

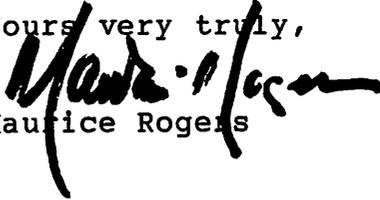
If you like, please feel free to call me at the office

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number shown above or you may fax a message at my fax number of 205-781-4165. However, we do not have a dedicated line for the fax and you would need to call my secretary and ask that the fax machine be turned on.

I am very anxious to hear from you and thanks again for your cooperation.

Yours very truly,


Maurice Rogers

MR:smg



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The identity of this Tabitha U. remains a puzzle. It is possible, but unlikely, that she was a widow of an Upchurch at the time she married Green Rogers. If so, we need to know the name of her first husband who would have been an Upchurch. Our search will concentrate on the likelihood that her father was an Upchurch. If she married in 1786 we can assume she was born about 1766 plus or minus 5 years. This means it is possible she was a 5th generation Upchurch and thus Head of a new Upchurch Clan. However, we have little basis for speculating which of the six known fourth generation Upchurch males could have been her father. In general these six males lived in the southern part of VA and their offspring commonly moved to NC. Some of the six are more likely candidates to be the father of Tabitha U. than others. There is a possibility that she was a 6th generation Upchurch. Speculation regarding her father will be deferred.

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REC'D
30 SEP 1993

September 27, 1993

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Dear Mr. Upchurch:

Thank you for your letter of September 19, 1993 clarifying the Edward Maurice Rogers name in your recent Upchurch bulletin.

I still have a few copies of my book available for sale. It is a hard back edition, the price is \$20.00 and if you wish to receive a copy just let me know and we will mail it to you.

Thank you again for your letter and if I can be of assistance to you in Birmingham let me know.

Yours very truly,


Maurice Rogers

MR:smg

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October 9, 1993

Mr. Maurice Rogers
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Dear Mr. Rogers:

I appreciate your letter of September 27, 1993, relative to our mutual interest in the general subject of family history. Your book would be a nice addition to my genealogical library and enclosed is a check for \$20.00 in payment for same. I will look forward to receipt of the document.

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely yours,

Phil Upchurch

Robert P. Upchurch
Editor
UPCHURCH BULLETIN

RPU:s
Enclosure: ck #1615/\$20.00

EDWARD MAURICE ROGERS, SR (1)

From John Rogers Genealogy (56, pg 134-141)

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EDWARD MAURICE ROGERS ↑

Born March 18, 1926 — Birmingham,
Alabama

Married Peggy Williams — December 16, 1950 — Birmingham,
Alabama

Born November 12, 1930 — Birmingham,
Alabama

Children:

Edward Maurice, Jr. Born November 22, 1957 — Birmingham,
Alabama

Marsha Lynn Born May 16, 1955 — Birmingham,
Alabama

Carol Ann Born June 20, 1960 — Birmingham,
Alabama

EDWARD MAURICE ROGERS (1926-)

EDWARD MAURICE ROGERS was born in the family home on Fourth Court West in Birmingham on March 18, 1926. His parents did not like the abbreviation "Ed" so use of the middle name, Maurice, was compulsory. An uncle, Reece Rogers, came up with the name Maurice as it had the sound of Reece therein! Preschool years were uneventful as house rules for a small child in a very small house with seven other people required that he be neither seen nor heard unnecessarily. However, there remain mostly pleasant memories of residing in this same house until married at 24 years of age.

There was no kindergarten for children in the neighborhood of Rising Station and school began at Woodrow Wilson Grammar School at six years of age. By all standards, this school, located only three blocks from home, was one of the best grammar schools in the city. In the Rogers family there was never any missing of classes except for severe illness which really never occurred and poor grades were never understood or accepted by the parents.

Maurice entered Ensley High School in January, 1940, ahead of his class as a result of being double promoted in the fourth grade. During the first week of school a record twelve inch snowfall prevented 90 percent of the kids from attending school but the Rogers' kids were there. All five of the Rogers' children graduated from Ensley High School. Four of them went on to college and the fifth one, Jeanette, probably would have done so except a smooth-talking country boy named Don Lowe talked her into immediate marriage. They are now prosperous jewelers and land owners in Demopolis, Alabama.

At Ensley High School average or a little better grades were accomplished and during these years he began the pursuit of his first love, baseball. Maurice began to play baseball at age eleven in the YMCA program and went on to play with local teams in the American Legion leagues, semi-pro, and the varsity team at high school.

Graduating from Ensley High School in January, 1944, after having enlisted in the United States Air Force Cadet Program, he immediately enrolled at Birmingham Southern College for two quar-

JEFFERSON COUNTY DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH
BUREAU OF HEALTH STATISTICS AND VITAL RECORDS
BIRMINGHAM, ALABAMA

Certified Extract Of Birth Record

COUNTY FILE NO 01-BH-001261	FILE DATE MARCH 31, 1926	STATE FILE NO 011609			
CHILD'S NAME :	FIRST	MIDDLE	LAST		
	EDWIN	MAURICE	ROGERS		
PLACE OF BIRTH :	JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA	DATE OF BIRTH :	MARCH 18, 1926	SEX :	MALE
MOTHERS MAIDEN NAME :	THORNE, ANNIE	AGE AT BIRTH :	33		
MOTHERS RACE :	WHITE				
FATHERS NAME..... :	ROGERS, ANDY W	AGE AT BIRTH :	41		
FATHERS RACE :	WHITE				

This is to certify that the above is a true and correct extract of information contained in the birth certificate as permanently recorded in the Bureau of Health Statistics and Vital Records, Jefferson County Department of Health, Birmingham, Alabama, and is issued under the provisions of Title 22-9-B State Code of Alabama, 1977.

OCTOBER 12, 1988

Date Issued

Blaine P...
Authorized Bureau Clerk

STATE OF ALABAMA
JEFFERSON COUNTY

Felix E. Hartley
Registrar of Vital Statistics

IMPORTANT - This certificate void (a) without the embossed seal of the Health Officer of Jefferson County, Alabama, (b) if it contains evidence of erasures or alterations.

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Seal of Health Officer
Jefferson County, Alabama

Birth Certificate of Edwin (also known as Edward) Maurice Rogers, the first such certificate in the Rogers lineage.

ters before being called to active duty on August 2, 1944. No serious thought had been given as to what career he might follow so at Birmingham Southern he pursued courses of pre-accounting and pre-law.

The need and greed for money ran strong in his veins and he obtained gainful employment beginning at age eleven selling papers, followed by endeavors in sales of baseballs, cars, houses, paper products and insurance. During his time at Birmingham Southern he was a YMCA leader, for pay. Even baseball was for pay during the spring and summer of 1947 when he was a catcher for the semi-pro team at Holt Central Foundry near Tuscaloosa.

After 15 months and 30 minutes in the United States Army Air Corp during World War II, he was honorably discharged on November 2, 1945, happy to be rid of the regimentation, although the service time was beneficial in every way, with no time overseas. At Tyndall Field Air Force Base in Florida in 1945, he invested his life savings of \$40.00 in peanut butter and jelly and bread to sell sandwiches to servicemen. Less than six months later he had saved \$4,000.00. Thrifty financial planning characteristic of all Depression babies assured that he would never be broke again. Upon discharge from the service he again attended Birmingham Southern College and completed the hours required for entrance into University of Alabama Law School.

Maurice entered Law School in January, 1947, completed the three year course, and graduated on August 26, 1949. By divine providence, the requirement of passing a bar examination to get a law practice license did not begin until after 1949, so he automatically received the license when the LLB law degree was obtained.

Even with a law degree, employment was difficult to find and he began the practice of law with Attorney Jim Manning and also worked as a claims adjuster with St. Paul Insurance Company for three years.

Things were quiet in his life until December 16, 1950 when he married the lovely and vivacious Peggy Williams, a local girl whose parents were Ed and Nora Williams. Peggy was a 1949 graduate of Ensley High School where she was a cheerleader and a very popular student. She attended Auburn Polytechnic Institute, the name later changed to Auburn University in an effort to upgrade the school's reputation (this comment from a University of Alabama person). She worked at U.S. Steel during the first few years of marriage and put bread on the table as the practice of law was slow in developing. She did not work after the first child was born.



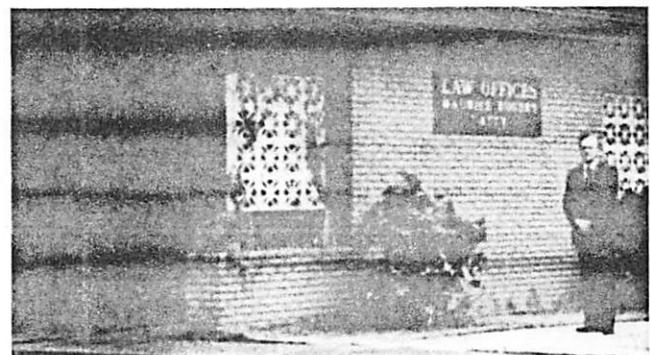
Maurice and the President with Ed cropped out



Family 1961: Maurice, Peggy, Carol, Marsha and Ed



Daughters: Carol Rogers and Marsha Rogers Howell



Maurice Rogers' Office

Three children were born of this marriage, Marsha, Ed and Carol. The life and doings of Ed Rogers will be covered in the following chapter of this book.

Marsha Rogers was born on May 16, 1955, bald headed as a baby, with beautiful black hair thereafter. She graduated from Berry High School and then obtained a BS degree in history at Samford University in Birmingham. She married Alan Del Howell on January 27, 1978 and they had four children as follows:

- 1. Alison Dyan born May 16, 1979
- 2. Ashley Michelle born March 5, 1981
- 3. Melissa Lynn born September 16, 1984
- 4. Patrick Alan born June 18, 1986

Marsha taught school in the Vestavia Hills school system for several years before retiring to full time baby raising. Her husband is a practicing lawyer.

Carol Ann Rogers was born on June 20, 1960 in Jefferson County while the family lived at 1917 Old Creek Trail in Vestavia Hills, a suburb of Birmingham. Carol graduated from Berry High School, attended Auburn University for a time and received her degree in nursing at Samford University. Carol is a beautiful young lady and she has worked as a registered nurse in several hospitals at various locations in the United States. She has specialized in the care of infant children.

Some of the prime historical and political events in the life of Maurice Rogers were the Great Depression of the 1930's, the impact of the New Deal policies of President Franklin Roosevelt, World War II, nuclear fission, Korean War, Vietnam War, and assassination of President John Kennedy. Several other significant events will be mentioned in the following chapter without repetition here.

The single most impressionable circumstance in Maurice Rogers' life was the Great Depression (1930-1941) because his family's livelihood and locale was such that the harsh realities were observed daily firsthand. During the 1930's no working man could feel secure in his employment when about 20 percent of the male adult population was unemployed. It should be remembered that employment of the mother of children was not an option in the average family. First, there were almost no decent jobs for women and the mores of that day absolutely required the mother to stay at home with her children. Any person reared in this environment during their teenage years acquired certain fears and philosophies that remain for a lifetime and so it was

with the Rogers family. The Depression really did not end until the advent of World War II in 1941 and the prosperity resulting from expanded industrial production.

The most fulfilling experience of his career has been the honor of serving as general counsel for America's First Credit Union for 37 years. This financial institution has enjoyed phenomenal growth and prosperity under the leadership of Bob Stephenson, as President for almost 38 years. Moreover, Bob has been Maurice's closest friend and supporter all these years.

Maurice has practiced law forty years with over thirty six of these years in the Birmingham suburb of Ensley. He and Peggy are members of the Homewood Church of Christ. He was municipal judge for the City of Hoover for twelve years and his principal leisure time interests have been golf and woodworking.

The State of Alabama—Judicial Department

The Supreme Court of Alabama

To Whom These Presents Shall Come---GREETING:

EDWARD M. ROGERS

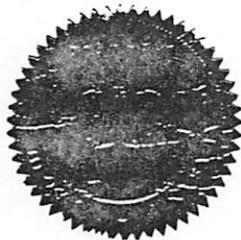
of the City of BIRMINGHAM County of JEFFERSON in said State, having produced to the Supreme Court of the State of Alabama, satisfactory evidence that he is of lawful age, sustains a good moral character, and that the Law Department of the University of Alabama has conferred upon him the degree of Bachelor of Laws, and it having been ordered by the said Court that the said applicant be

Licensed to Practice as an Attorney at Law and Solicitor in Chancery

in all the Courts in this State, upon his taking the oath prescribed by law; and the said oath having been duly administered:—

NOW, THEREFORE, we, the Chief Justice, and Associate Justices of said Supreme Court, do by these presents License the said EDWARD M. ROGERS to practice as an Attorney-at-Law and Solicitor in Chancery in all the Courts in this State.

WITNESS our hands, and the Seal of the Court, at the Judicial Department Building, this 20th day of SEPTEMBER 1949



Handwritten signatures of the Chief Justice and Associate Justices: Owen D. Gardner, Joel B. Brown, Arthur B. Foster, J. Ed. Livingston, Thomas D. Lawson, Robert E. King, and L. A. T. Hahly.

Handwritten signature of J. Reeder Thomas, Clerk of the Supreme Court of Alabama.

○ From John Rogers Genealogy (56, pg 120 - 131)

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ANDY WOODVILLE ROGERS

Born February 10, 1885 — Warren County,
Tennessee
Died July 6, 1943 — Birmingham, Alabama

Married Bonnie Staton — December 26, 1909

Born
Died April 21, 1919

Children:

Malcolm Born March 8, 1911
 Died October 30, 1984

Haskell Born September 17, 1913
 Died September 27, 1977

Married Annie Falsom Thorne — August 4, 1920 —

Birmingham, Alabama
Born February 8, 1893
Died November 11, 1984

Children:

Edward Maurice Born March 18, 1926

Madelyn Born April 22, 1922

Andy Wilmer Born December 21, 1923
 Died August 22, 1978

Jeanette Born March 10, 1928

Paul Earl Born August 31, 1934