

# Pilgrim Village Families Sketch: Joseph Rogers

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**Birth:** Joseph Rogers was baptized on January 23, 1602/3.

**Death:** He died in January 1677/8 and was buried in the Old Cove Burial Ground in Eastham.

**Ship:** *Mayflower*, 1620

**Life in England:** Joseph Rogers was born in Watford, Northamptonshire, northwest of London, the son of Thomas and Alice (Cosford) Rogers. The family left there sometime after May 1613, the last recorded baptism of a child.

**Life in Holland:** The Rogers family was in Leyden by February 22, 1614, when Thomas bought a house on the Barbarasteeg. He became a citizen on June 25, 1618, and worked as a camlet-merchant. (camlet is a mixed fiber fabric, originally made of silk and camel hair). Thomas sold the house on April 1, 1620. His wife and three of the children appear in the 1622 poll tax listing, described as poor people, living in the back part of the house or in the kitchen.

**Life in New England:** Joseph came over with his father, Thomas. Thomas died the first winter and Joseph may have lived with Governor Bradford and family. Joseph was a freeman of Plymouth in 1633. He operated a ferry on Jones River in 1636, was a constable of Duxbury in 1640. He moved to Eastham about 1647 and served as both a lieutenant and selectman there.

**Family:** He married, assuming she was his only wife, a woman named Hannah \_\_\_\_\_ by 1633 and had eight children. She died after January 2, 1677/8.

## Children of Joseph and Hannah Rogers:

- Sarah was born on August 6, 1633 and died shortly thereafter.
- Joseph was born on July 19, 1635. He married Susanna Deane on April 4, 1660, in Eastham and died December 27, 1660.
- Thomas was born on March 29, 1638. He married Elizabeth Snow on December 13, 1665, and had seven children. He died in 1678.
- Elizabeth was born on September 29, 1639. She married Jonathan Higgins on January 9, 1660, and had six children. She died in Eastham between January 2, 1677/8, and July 4, 1679.
- John was born on April 3, 1642. He married Elizabeth Twining on August 19, 1669, and had nine children. He died in Eastham between April 27, 1713, and August 10, 1714.
- Mary was born on September 22, 1644. She married John Phinney on August 10, 1664, in Eastham and had twelve children. She died after April 19, 1718 in Barnstable.
- James was born on October 18, 1648. He married Mary Paine on January 11, 1670, in Eastham and had three children. He died on April 13, 1678 in Eastham.
- Hannah was born on August 8, 1652. She married Jonathan Higgins after July 16, 1679, and had five children. She died after October 18, 1690.