

**RESEARCH SUMMARY
PELEG ROGERS & ISABEL BRAND**

Note: Peleg Rogers and his brother Job Rogers migrated very early into North Carolina. Tracking their movements and descendants is extremely challenging even for the most experienced genealogists for two reasons. First, is that North Carolina was creating numerous counties and changing their boundaries very often during this time period. The second reason is that the children and grandchildren of Peleg and Job had the tendency to name their first two children either Peleg or Job! The end result is massive confusion.

ca 1705. Peleg Rogers was born in Rhode Island. Note: Peleg was the son of Thomas Rogers (- 22 Aug, 1736) and Ann Tripp (- 1736) of Newport, Rhode Island. (Ann was the daughter of Peleg Tripp and Anne Sisson.) Thomas and Anne had two sons Peleg and Job. See John O. Austin, "Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island".

	01 Feb 1724/5	Thomas Rogers of Westerly, RI, yeoman	his son Peleg Rogers of Newport, cordwainer	167	
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Westerly, RI Land Evidence 3.130. See 20 June, 1729.

25 Aug 1726. Peleg Rogers married Isabell Brand in Westerly, RI. She was the daughter of Thomas Brand and Elizabeth Babcock. See letter dated October 7, 1985 from Bob McCrary to David H. Robertson citing Elizabeth F. McKoy, "Early New Hanover Records"; McKoy Collection, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC; John O. Austin, "Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island", p. 8. and Vital Records of Rhode Island, Westerly, Washington County, RI, Vol. 5.054.

	20 Jun 1729	Peleg Rogers of Westerly, RI, cordwainer	John Tift of South Kingston, RI.	167	
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Peleg's wife Isabell relinquished her dower rights. Westerly, RI Land Evidence 5, p. 118. See 01 February, 1724/5. Note: This Peleg is not one and the same as another Peleg Rogers of Newport, RI who was also a cordwainer. The other Peleg is shown by deed records both before and after this deed to have remained in Newport and to have been married to Sarah Green.

NC Bertie DB D.096	17 May 1734	Robert Warren	Peleg Rogers	300	Horse Swamp
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See Mary Best Bell, "Colonial Bertie County, North Carolina Deed Books A - H, 1720 - 1757." See 11 Aug., 1734 and 13 Nov., 1735.

NC Bertie DB D.126	11 Aug 1734	James Sanders	Peleg Rodgers	300	Horse Swamp
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This deed corrected an earlier deed to Robert Warren dated 13 Feb., 1728. See Mary Best Bell, "Colonial Bertie County, North Carolina Deed Books A - H, 1720 - 1757." See 17 May, 1734 and 13 Nov., 1735.

NC Bertie DB D.118	14 Aug 1734	John Crickett	John Rasberry		Cashy Swamp
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Peleg Rogers witnessed. See Mary Best Bell, "Colonial Bertie County, North Carolina Deed Books A - H, 1720 - 1757."

NC Bertie DB D.160	13 May 1735	William Evins	Peleg Rogers	300	
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Two tracts (one tract on Horse Swamp). See Mary Best Bell, "Colonial Bertie County, North Carolina Deed Books A - H, 1720 - 1757." See 19 May, 1740.

NC Bertie DB D.237	13 Nov 1735	Peleg Rogers	William Evins	300	Horse Swamp
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See Mary Best Bell, "Colonial Bertie County, North Carolina Deed Books A - H, 1720 - 1757." See 17 May, 1734 and 11 Aug., 1734.

20 Feb 1736. Thomas Rogers of Newport, RI named sons Peleg Rogers and Job Rogers, and several daughters in his will. See John O. Austin, "Genealogical Dictionary of Rhode Island".

NC Bertie DB F.249	19 May 1740	Peleg Rogers of Edgecomb County, NC	John Mitchener	300	Horse Creek
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Two tracts (one tract on Horse Creek). Job Rogers witnessed the deed. See Mary Best Bell, <i>Colonial Bertie County, North Carolina Deed Books A - H, 1720 - 1757</i> . See 13 Nov., 1735.					
NC Edgecombe DB 01.240	20 Apr 1745	State of NC - Edgecomb County	Peleg Rogers	400	Town Creek
See references in Edgecombe County, NC Deed Book 00, Page 26 and Deed Book 1, Page 240. See Joseph W. Watson, "Abstracts of Early Deeds of Edgecomb County, North Carolina, 1759 - 1772." See 4 Jun., 1753.					
NC Edgecombe DB C.519	26 Apr 1745	State of NC - Edgecomb County	Peleg Rogers		
See Joseph W. Watson, "Abstracts of Early Deeds of Edgecomb County, North Carolina, 1759 - 1772." See 2 Feb., 1758.					
ca 1747. Peleg Rogers, son of Peleg Rogers was born in Edgecombe County, NC.					
NC Halifax DB 02.193	04 Jun 1753	Poley (sic) Rogers	Benjamin Branch	400	Town Creek
Originally patented said Rogers. See Margaret M. Hofmann, "Abstracts of Deeds Edgecombe Precinct, Edgecombe County, North Carolina 1732 through 1758." See 20 Apr., 1745.					
NC Sampson (Duplin) DB 02.337	08 Apr 1756	Nicholas Pollard	Peleg Rogers	100	Northeast Cape Fear
See _____, 1768.					
NC Halifax DB 06.270	02 Feb 1758	Peleg Rogers, Sr.	John Vickars	640	Town Creek
See Margaret M. Hofmann, "Abstracts of Deeds Edgecombe Precinct, Edgecombe County, North Carolina 1732 through 1758." See 26 Apr., 1745.					
31 Jan 1759. Peleg Rogers wrote his "father" in Westerly, Rhode Island. He mentioned: that he lived near his brother Job; that Job had a wife and two sons, that his wife Isabell had died April 25, 1754; and that he had five sons and three daughters of which four of his children were married. See letter dated October 7, 1985 from Bob McCrary to David H. Robertson citing Elizabeth F. McKoy, "Early New Hanover Records"; and McKoy Collection, University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, NC. Note: This letter and other documents connected with it provide an enormous amount of information and clues on the Rogers family. Although the salutation in the letter is "Honored Father", it was addressed to Thomas Brand. Therefore, the letter may actually be to the father-in-law of Peleg rather than to his father. Much of the information is connected to a lawsuit entitled Saunders Vs. Baker litigated in Newport, RI and involves a lot of references to the Brand family. If Isabell Rogers predeceased her father Thomas Brand, then the estate records of Thomas Brand, if extant, could conclusively prove the children of Peleg Rogers. The fact that Job is mentioned as having two sons identifies Job who died in Wake County, NC as the brother of Peleg. Four of the five sons of Peleg, to wit, Thomas, Job, James, and Peleg, are identified by association in the Duplin County, NC area. The fifth son is John Rogers at one time of Craven Co., SC. See 15 Nov., 1768.					
Note: Of possible relation is Samuel Rogers of Duplin County, NC. or Benjamin Rogers of Bertie County, NC. Isabell Rogers had a brother Benjamin Brand (named for their uncle Benjamin Babcock). Upon the death of Benjamin Rogers in Bertie County, NC, his son Reuben settled very near Thomas Rogers in New Hanover County, NC.					
NC Johnston DB ____	25 Jul 1763	Henry McCulloh	Peleg Rogers	300	Neuse and Tarr Rivers
See _____, Johnston County, NC Deed Books 1759 -1771, Vol. 1. Note: This Peleg is the son of Job of Wake County, NC.					
NC PB 16.044	22 Feb 1764	State of NC - Duplin County	Peleg Rogers	200	Marsh Branch of Rowan Swamp
See Margaret M. Hofmann, "Colony of North Carolina 1735 - 1764 Abstracts of Land Patents, Volume One." See 18 Sep., 1764.					
NC PB 16.059	21 Apr 1764	State of NC - Duplin County	Abraham Jacobs		Marsh Branch of Rowan Swamp

adjacent to Peleg Rogers See Margaret M. Hofmann, "Colony of North Carolina 1735 - 1764 Abstracts of Land Patents, Volume One."					
NC Sampson (Duplin) DB 01.494	18 Sep 1764	Peleg Rogers	Abraham Jacobs	200	Rowan Swamp
See 22 Feb., 1764.					
NC PB 17.270	30 Oct 1765	State of NC - New Hanover County	Peleg Rogers	100	Black River
See Margaret M. Hofmann, "Colony of North Carolina 1735 - 1764 Abstracts of Land Patents, Volume One." See 28 Feb., 1767.					
New Hanover F 180	28 Feb 1767	Peleg Rogers, planter	James Molpus, planter	100	Black R.
<p>£12. Beg. On NE side of Black R. above Thomas Moore's land, near G. Moore's line; S75E 104p; N13E 158; N75W 104; down Black R. to beg. Patent dated 13 Oct, 1765. Recorded: 4 Jun, 1771. Witnesses: Thomas Parker, Jr, Charles Huggins, Peleg Rogers. Received of John Devaun & Thomas Rogers £12 28 Feb, 1767. Note: On 2 May, 1737 John Malpuss deeded two tracts on Chinkapen Branch of Bertie County, NC, adjacent to Thomas Rogers and William Rogers to William Williamson. See Bertie County, NC Deed Book E, Page 135. See Mary Best Bell, "Colonial Bertie County, North Carolina Deed Books A - H, 1720 - 1757."</p>					
NC Sampson (Duplin) DB 06.195	9 Jul 1768	Peleg 1 Rogers	John Atkins	100	WS of NE Cape Fear
<p>£2. Patented Joseph Dakes, sold by him to Nicholas Pollard, and sold by him to Peleg Rogers. S35E 36; S55W 33.34; N55W 30; N55E 33.34 to beg. Witnesses: Joseph Dickson. Recorded 21 Sep 1783. See 8 Apr., 1756. Note: Considering the fact that this was the first and last tract Peleg Rogers owned in Duplin County, NC, this was probably his homeplace.</p>					
<p>19 Jan 1768. Jesse Powel sold 320 acres of land on waters of Neuse River in Johnston County, NC to Peleg Rogers of Johnston County, NC. Johnston County, NC Deed Book E-1, Page 309. Note: This Peleg is the son of Job of Wake County, NC.</p>					
<p>15 Nov 1768. John Rogers of Craven County, SC gave Power of Attorney to his brother Thomas Rogers of Black River. The Power of Attorney was witnessed by Peleg Rogers and Edward Avery. Sampson County, NC Deed Book 4, Page 155. Note: This is actually a Duplin County Deed Book which stayed in Sampson County when it was formed. Note: In 1770 John Rogers was living in Dobbs Co., NC. See Craven County, NC Deed Book 20.238.</p>					
<p>1779. The following residents of Duplin County, New Hanover County and Bladen County, NC signed a petition for the formation of Sampson County:</p> <p>Peleg Rogers [Peleg, Sr.] Peleg Rogers [Peleg, Jr., son of Peleg, Sr.] Thomas Rogers [Thomas, Sr., son of Peleg, Sr.] Thomas Rogers [Thomas, Jr., son of Thomas, Sr.] James Rogers [Son of Peleg, Sr.] Jessey Rogers Job Rogers [Son of Peleg, Sr.] Jesse Rogers Ruben Rogers</p>					
<p>2 Jul 1781. Peleg Rogers [Son of Peleg Rogers] signed the marriage bond of his brother-in-law James Pittman in Henry, Co., VA. Note: Here is a very fun set of documents where two <i>original</i> signatures of Peleg Rogers can be compared. The original signature of Peleg in Virginia matches the signature of one of the Peleg Rogers that signed the Petition for the formation of Sampson Co., NC! The signature is quite distinctive; and does not take a handwriting expert to call it a match. From these documents it can be concluded that Peleg Rogers who died in Baldwin Co., GA in 1811 was the son of Peleg Rogers of Duplin Co., NC. The Revolutionary War had carried him to Virginia.</p>					

Comments:

(1) The Rhode Island Branch of Rogers may descend from Thomas Rogers who arrived aboard the Mayflower in 1620! The Thomas Rogers Society published a book entitled "Thomas Rogers, Pilgrim and Some of His Descendants" in 1980. This book does not accept our line as a descendant of Thomas Rogers who landed at Plymouth Rock.

(2) Peleg and Job Rogers appear in numerous NC Counties due to the rapid change of county boundaries. Some of the newer counties actually have the records of the parent county! The following is a summary of major county line changes:

Edgecombe was cut out of Bertie in 1741
Halifax was cut out of Edgecombe in 1758
Duplin was cut out of New Hanover in 1750
Sampson was cut out of Duplin in 1784

(3) Other Rogers appearing in Bertie County, NC that appear to be related to either Peleg or Job Rogers include John, Thomas, Robert, and William. **Note:** These other Rogers are quite likely cousins of Peleg having moved south from Westerly, RI and New London, CN.

(4) The references to Peleg and Job Rogers in Johnston County, NC at first are very puzzling as both appear to be living in adjacent Duplin County, NC before and after the deed references. This is explained by the fact that Job of Duplin County is the son of Peleg of Duplin County and Peleg of Johnston County is the son of Job of Johnston/ Wake County.

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