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Abbreviations:

b = born

d = died

F: = Find A Grave (www.findagrave.org)

NOK = next-of-kin

TUSCANIA

Rogers, Henry John
1893 SD – 1984 WA



Henry John Rogers & wife Nina Westby at left – Henry on right – Find A Grave 47528926



The Rogers family (left to right): daughter Lorna, wife Nina, son Atwood, father Henry – Find A Grave 47528920



From left to right: wife Nina, son Atwood, daughter Lorna – Find A Grave 47528920

Henry J. Rogers

Henry J. Rogers, 90, longtime resident of Shelton died Monday, Feb. 20, 1984, in a Seattle convalescent center.

Mr. Rogers was born Nov. 25, 1893, in Bijou Hills, S.D. He lived in several midwestern states and was graduated as a teacher from St. Cloud University, St. Cloud, Minn. During World War I, he served with the Army Engineers in France after surviving the sinking of USS Tuscania by a German submarine in the Irish Sea. He

moved to Washington in 1921 and was married to Nina Westby. She died in 1971. Mr. Rogers worked for Simpson Timber Co. for more than 20 years and then operated a blacksmith and welding shop in Shelton until 1982.

Surviving are one daughter, Lorna Rogers Greer, Seattle; one son, Attwood Westby, Seattle; one sister, Mabel Pender, Vancouver; also two grandchildren.

The graveside funeral service for Mr. Rogers will begin at 2 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 23, in Shelton Memorial Park. The Rev. Donald Maddux will officiate.

Arrangements are by McComb and Batstone Funeral Home, Shelton.

Obituary of Henry John Rogers – "The Olympian" (Olympia WA) Tuesday 21 Feb 1984 p 8

Three From Thief River Falls.

Thief River Falls, Minn., Feb. 9.—George Borden, Omar Anderson and Henry Rogers of Thief River Falls are believed to have been on the Tuscania. A letter from Borden received by his father here, written two days before the boat sailed, told of the departure of D company, Sixth Battalion, 20th engineers, while a letter from Anderson was written on board ship.

“Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune” Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 2

GOPHERS ON TUSCANIA.

Names of Many Minnesota Men in Reported Passenger List.

Among the soldiers on the Tuscania, sunk off the north coast of Ireland by a German submarine on Tuesday, were many Minnesota men. Those from the northwestern part of the state, as reported today, are:

O. P. Anderson, Thief River Falls.
 E. R. Burkey, Bemidji.
 Fred E. Allen, Ada.
 I. O. Carter, Nashua.
 George L. Lystrom, Ada.
 George R. Borden, Thief River Falls.
 Gunder G. Austad, Oklee.
 Henry J. Rogers, Thief River Falls.
 John A. Eichhammer, East Grand Forks.
 Chris S. Madson, Audubon.
 Nels Anderson, Gully.
 Rudolph Anderson, Gully.
 Walter L. Nelson, East Grand Forks.

“Fargo (ND) Forum & Daily Republican” Saturday 9 Feb 1918 p 2

Minnesotans Who Are Among Those Listed as Safe

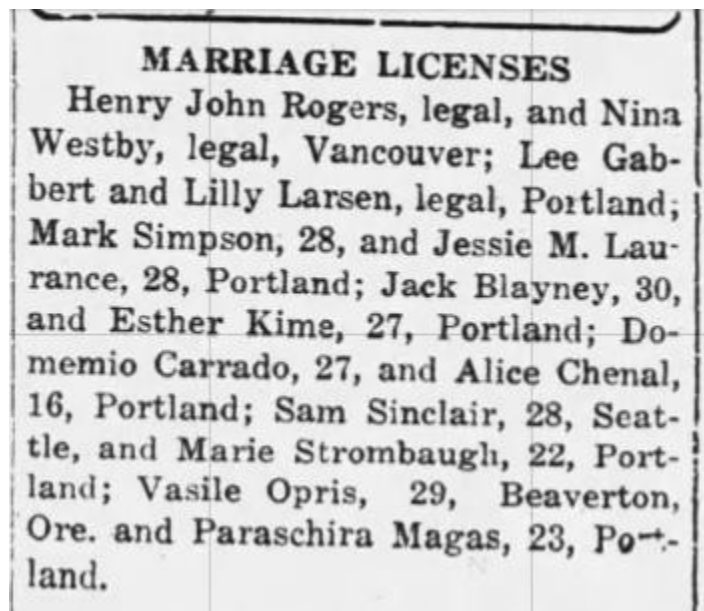
Earl M. Harding, Prior Lake.
 Everett H. Hale, Spring Valley.
 George Elmer Lowe, Elk River.
 Arthur H. Carlson, International
 Falls.
 Nels Anderson, Gully.
 Rudolph Anderson, Gully.
 George E. Borden, Thief River
 Falls.
 Elmer Dahlstrom, Winnebago.
 Mike Cuttry, Effie.
 Simon J. Huffcr, St. Cloud.
 George L. Lystrom, Ada.
 Charles W. Meyerberg, Belling-
 ham.
 Sigvald Norman, Ortonville.
 Edward James Paulus, Duluth.
 Alfred Remark, Ada.
 Goodwin Dean Robbins, Elk
 River.
 Henry A. Smith, Virginia.
 Carl E. Olinthunberg, Alexandria.
 Nelson F. Loure, Big Falls.
 Chris S. Madson, Audubon.
 Jo Henry J. Rogers, Thief River
 Falls.
 Omer P. Anderson, Thief River
 Falls.
 Frank Gaboury, Little Falls.

"Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune" Sunday 10 Feb 1918 p 4

Wife:



Wife Nina Westby Rogers with their daughter Lorna in 1923 at Simpson Logging Camp 4 – Find A Grave 47528929



Marriage license – “The Columbian” (Vancouver WA) Monday 30 Jan 1922 p 3

Certificate of Marriage [27159]

STATE OF WASHINGTON }
County of Clarke } ss.

I HEREBY CERTIFY, That on the twenty eighth day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand nine hundred and twenty two at Marion in the County and State aforesaid, I, the undersigned, a Minister, by authority of a License bearing date the twenty eighth day of January A. D., 1922, and issued by the County Auditor of Clarke County, Washington,

DID JOIN IN LAWFUL WEDLOCK

Henry John Rogers of the County of Clarke State of Washington and
Nina Westby of the County of Clarke State of Washington

IN THE PRESENCE OF

Witnesses { Jerry M. Rogers
Elsie Rogers F. W. Pontius

Signed: Henry J. Rogers Groom.
Signed: Nina Westby Bride.

NOTE—THIS CERTIFICATE MUST BE RETURNED TO THE COUNTY CLERK OF CLARKE COUNTY WITHIN TEN DAYS OF DATE OF MARRIAGE

Clark Co. WA wedding certificate -

https://www.ancestry.com/imageviewer/collections/2378/images/33934109_04d79411-b218-4a45-8a6e-b287ce05b3c4?pld=2397265

ROGERS, Nina Westby—Age 70, Oct. 29, 1971 at Shelton, Wash. Born March 12, 1901, at Thief River Falls, Minn. Lived at Shelton 48 years. Widower, Henry Rogers, Shelton. Son, Atwood Rogers, at home. Daughter, Mrs. Lorna Greer, Seattle, Wash. Two grandchildren. Brother, Iver Westby of Bemidji, Minn. Sisters, Mrs. Lena Moloney in Minnesota, and Mrs. LaVon Groot in Illinois. Sisters-in-law, Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Rogers, Ridgefield, Mrs. Flora Rogers, Battle Ground, Wash., Mrs. Alice Rogers, Amboy, Wash., Mrs. Wynne Rogers, Portland, Ore., and Mrs. Mabel Pender, Vancouver, Wash. Funeral services were held at The Batstone Funeral Home in Shelton, Wash., November 2.

Obituary of Nina Westby Rogers – “The Columbian” (Vancouver WA) Friday 12 Nov 1971 p 27

Children:



Daughter Lorna Rogers Greer (1922-2018) – Find A Grave 231912258

Father:



Father Samuel Richard Rogers (left) & with wife Melva Ellen – Find A Grave 90748530

SAMUEL R. ROGERS

Succumbing to a sudden heart attack, Samuel R. Rogers, 79, died Wednesday morning at his home in the Manor district. He had been in failing health for the past several years.

Born November 20, 1854, in Wisconsin, Mr. Rogers lived most of his life in the middle west, engaging in the logging business, coming west to Manor in 1921. He was married June 3, 1888 in Iowa.

Among the survivors are the widow, Mrs. Melva Rogers of Manor; five sons, Dr. Richard Rogers of Junction City, Ore., Henry in Shelton, J. M. in Ridgefield, J. Hobson in Astoria, and Emmons H. in Chehalis; two daughters, Mrs. Earl Pender of Vancouver and Miss Jessie Rogers, at home; and thirteen grandchildren.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 2 o'clock in Hamilton's chapel with the Rev. J. I. Parker officiating. For the services Miss Olga Stolee will sing "Crossing the Bar," and "Sweet Peace, Gift of God's Love," accompanied at the organ by Mrs. R. E. DuFresne. Interment will be in the Park Hill cemetery.

Obituary of father Samuel Richard Rogers—"Vancouver (WA) Evening Columbian" Thursday 12 Jul 1934 p 7

Mother:



Mother Melva Ellen Mobley Rogers – Find A Grave 90748547

Melva E. Rogers

Funeral services for Mrs. Melva E. Rogers, 81, of Ridgefield who died Tuesday at her home, will be held Thursday at 2:30 at the Vancouver Funeral chapel, the Rev. Samuel Linge officiating and interment in Park Hill cemetery.

Mrs. Rogers, who had lived in Ridgefield eight years, was born in Iowa and was a member of the Methodist church. She is survived by five sons, Major Richard S. Rogers in the medical corps of the army, Henry J. of Shelton, Wn., Jerry of Ridgefield, J. H. Rogers of Vancouver and E. H. Rogers of Chehalis; two daughters, Mrs. Mabel Pender of the Good Hope district, Mrs. Jessie Shores, also of the Good Hope district; 15 grandchildren and one great grandchild; one brother, Joe Mobley of Panora, Ia.; two sisters, Mrs.

Emma Rogers and Mrs. Martha Harris of Panora.

Obituary of mother Melva Ellen Mobley Rogers – "The Columbian" (Vancouver WA) Wednesday 4 Nov 1942 p 5

Siblings:

Dr. R. S. Rogers

YACHATS — Dr. Richard S. Rogers, 75, Yachats, died Tuesday in a Toledo hospital.

A native of Wisconsin Rapids, Wis., he came here over six years ago and began a general practice. He was the first physician in Yachats. Prior to moving here, he practiced in Junction City from 1924 until 1961. He was a graduate of the University of Minnesota Medical School.

He was a member of the American Academy of General Medicine, Oregon Medical Association, Oregon Academy of General Medicine and Lincoln County Medical Society.

Surviving are his widow, Wyne, Yachats; a daughter, June Koler, Portland; a son, Dr. Richard S. Rogers, Eugene; four brothers and a sister, all in Washington, and seven grandchildren.

Services will be at 10:30 a.m. Friday in Walport Community Presbyterian Church. Interment will be at 3 p.m. in Rest Haven Cemetery, Eugene. Bateman Funeral Chapels, Newport and Waldport, have charge of arrangements.

Obituary of brother Dr. Richard Samuel Rogers (1892-1968) – "Salem (OR) Capital Journal"
Thursday 25 Apr 1968 p 9

Jerry Rogers

Jerry M. Rogers, a 50-year-resident of Ridgefield, died Monday at age 78.

Rogers is survived by his wife, Elsie, Rt. 2, 6213 NW Pioneer Rd., Ridgefield; daughters, Eunice Patee and Blanche Muffett, both of Ridgefield; a brother, Henry J. Rogers, Shelton, Wash., and a sister, Mabel Pender, Vancouver; six grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren.

A member of Ridgefield Nazarene Church, Rogers was a retired farmer.

Funeral services are scheduled for 11 a.m. Wednesday at the Ridgefield Nazarene Church, followed by private vault interment at the Ridgefield Cemetery under the direction of Layne's Funeral Home, Battle Ground.

Rogers will lie in state at Layne's Funeral Home until 9 p.m. Tuesday. In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions may be made to the Ridgefield Nazarene Church.

Obituary of brother Jerry McKinley Rogers (1895-1973) – “The Columbian” (Vancouver WA) Tuesday
9 Oct 1973 p 2

Elsie Rogers

RIDGEFIELD — Elsie Simmons Rogers, a 55-year resident of the Ridgefield area, died here Wednesday. She was 85.

A graveside service will be held at 2 p.m. Saturday at Ridgefield Cemetery, with the Revs. Art Fee and Michael Goode officiating.

Born Dec. 26, 1896 at Spencer, Neb., Mrs. Rogers last lived at 104 Pioneer St., Ridgefield. Mrs. Rogers was a member of Ridgefield Church of the Nazarene. She was a quiet person who loved her family, flowers and her church.

Survivors include two daughters, Eunice Patee and Blanche Muffett of Ridgefield; a brother Edwin Simmons of Mesa, Ariz.; three sisters, Mary Johnson and Annie Anderson of McMinnville, Ore., and Sylvia Jones of Eureka, Calif.; six grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren.

Memorials may be made to Ridgefield Church of the Nazarene in memory of Jerry and Elsie Rogers, P.O. Box 118, Ridgefield, 98642.

Layne's Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.

Obituary of Jerry's wife Elsie Simmons Rogers – "The Columbian" (Vancouver WA) Friday 19 Nov 1962 p 12

James Rogers

A retired carpenter, James Hobson Rogers, 72, died Tuesday at Battle Ground where he had lived for the past 28 years. He resided there at Rt. 3, Box 41.

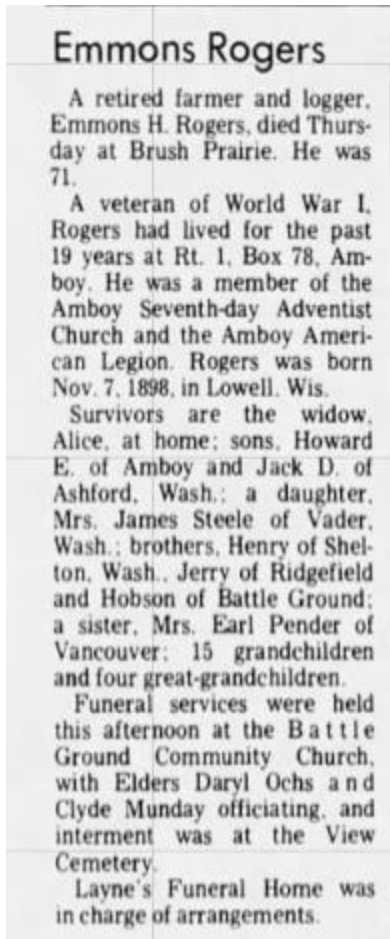
Rogers was born Oct. 8, 1897, in Loyal, Wis. He was a member of the Manor Evangelical Church of North America and the Carpenters Union, Local 1715 of Vancouver.

Survivors are the widow, Flora M. Rogers of Battle Ground; daughters, Mrs. George Morris of Battle Ground, Mrs. Larry Kniss of La Mesa, Calif., and Mrs. Ronald Durkee of Camas; brothers, Harry Rogers of Shelton, Wash. and Jerry M. Rogers of Ridgefield; a sister, Mrs. Mabel Pender of Vancouver; and six grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Saturday at the Vancouver Funeral Chapel, with the Rev. Robert Knoll presiding, and vault interment will be at Park Hill Cemetery.

Obituary of brother James Hobson Rogers (1897-1970) – “The Columbian” (Vancouver WA)

Thursday 1 Oct 1970 p 2



Obituary of **brother Emmons Harold Rogers (1899-1970)** – “The Columbian” (Vancouver WA)
Monday 30 Mar 1970 p 2



Sister Mabel Alice Rogers Pender (1902-2002) - https://www.myheritage.com/names/mabel_rogers

Mabel A. Pender**Vancouver**

Retired teacher and member of the Hillcrest Church of the Nazarene, Mabel Alice Pender [died](#) of age-related causes Thursday, May 9, 2002, at her home in Vancouver. She was 99.

Mrs. Pender was [born](#) Nov. 30, 1902, in Litchfield, Minn., and had lived in Clark County for 60 years.

An alumna of Central Washington University in Ellensburg, she taught school in Clark and Cowlitz counties and was a member of the Washington State Teachers Association and the local American Association of Retired Persons.

Her husband, Earl, [died](#) in 1980.

Survivors include several nieces and nephews.

A graveside service will begin at 1 p.m. Tuesday at Brush Prairie [Cemetery](#). Vancouver Funeral Chapel is in charge of arrangements. Memorial contributions may be given to the charity of the donor's choice.

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Name: Henry John Rogers

Name variations: Rodgers

Military:

On Tuscania: 20th Eng. 16th/Co. D - private

Serial number: 250,399

Entered service from: Thief River Falls, Pennington MN

Sailed on "Tuscania" as: Henry J. Rogers

Next-of-kin on "Tuscania": father S.R. Rogers, Thief River Falls MN

Returned from war on: "Santa Paula" May 1919

Sailed on return ship as: Henry J. Rogers

Next-of-kin on return ship & rank: father Samuel R. Rogers, Thief River Falls MN
(horseshoer, 16th Co., 20th Engrs, Forestry)

World War I draft registration (1917): as Henry J. RODGERS on top line but signed Henry J. Rogers - b. 25 Nov 1893 Bijou Hills SD; res: Thief River Falls MN; registered Marshall Co. MN. Single. Farming for his father. Tall in height, medium build. Found at:

<https://www.ancestry.com/discoveryui->

content/view/28797229:6482?tid=&pid=&queryId=08224ae00ff3e3c46d136248f86bcfa9&_phsrc=hFB50967&_phstart=successSource
 World War II draft registration (1942): as Henry John Rogers - b. 25 Nov 1893 Brule Co. SD;
 res: Shelton WA

Veterans Administration Military Index: cannot locate

Enlisted:

Discharged:

Address:

Rank/unit:

Birth & death:

Born: 25 Nov 1893 Bijou Hills, Brule SD

Died: 20 Feb 1984 Seattle, King WA

Find A Grave record: 47528926 - presence on Tuscania indicated in text

Burial location: Shelton, Mason WA

Cemetery: Shelton Memorial Park

Tombstone:

Father: Samuel Richard Rogers, 1854 Viroqua, Vernon WI – 11 Jul 1934 Vancouver, Clark WA. Son of Richard Samuel Rogers & Elizabeth Harding. Buried in Park Hill Cemetery, Vancouver, Clark WA.

Find A Grave: 90748530

Mother: Melva Ellen Mobley Rogers, 1861 Panora, Guthrie IA – 3 Nov 1942 Vancouver, Clark WA. Daughter of Henry Mobley (F: 10422976) & Mary Jane Green (F: 10422985). Buried in Park Hill Cemetery, Vancouver, Clark WA.

Find A Grave: 90748547

Parents' marriage: 3 Jun 1887 Guthrie Co. IA

Spouse: Nina Westby Rogers, 12 Mar 1901 Thief River Falls, Pennington MN – 29 Oct 1971 Shelton, Mason WA. Daughter of Iver M. & Marte Westby. Buried in Shelton Memorial Park, Shelton, Mason WA.

Spouse Find A Grave: 47528929

Marriage: 28 Jan 1922 Clark Co. WA

Children:

- Lorna Rogers Greer, 17 Dec 1922 Vancouver Junction, Clark WA – 10 May 2018 Seattle, King WA. Married to Lyle Elwin Greer (1920-1993, F: 47507675). Buried in Shelton Memorial Park, Shelton, Mason WA. F: 231912258
- Atwood Westby Rogers, 29 Oct 1926 Vancouver, Clark WA – 30 Oct 1988 Seattle, King WA. SSN 532-46-4705. Buried in Shelton Memorial Park, Shelton, Mason WA. F: 47528920

Siblings: John was the 2nd child.

- Richard Samuel Rogers, 15 Jul 1892 Grand Rapids, Wood WI – 23 Apr 1968 Toledo, Lincoln OR. Physician. Served as a major in the Army Medical Corps in WWII. Husband of Lois Rowena Waite (1890-1953, F: 113833771), the daughter of Franklin A. Waite & Bertha E. Ingraham. Buried in Rest-Haven Memorial Park, Eugene, Lane OR. F: 113833675
- Jerry McKinley Rogers, 1 Sep 1895 Brule Co. SD – 8 Oct 1973 Ridgefield, Clark WA. Husband of Elsie Simmons (1897-1982) whom he married 7 Nov 1917 in Pennington Co. MN. Buried in Ridgefield Cemetery, Ridgefield, Clark WA. F: 48077359
- James Hobson Rogers, 8 Oct 1897 Loyal, Clark WI – 30 Sep 1970 Battle Ground, Clark WA. Married to Flora M. Webber (1901-1978, F: 35099289). She was the daughter of Moris Webber & Bertha Burhart, both born in Switzerland. Buried in Park Hill Cemetery, Vancouver, Clark WA. F: 35099265
- Emmons Howard Rogers, 7 Nov 1899 Loyal, Clark WI – 26 Mar 1970 Amboy, Clark WA. His 1st name appears as “Frank” on his WI birth record. Served as a sergeant in the US Army in WWI. Married 16 Jan 1930 in Clark Co. WA to Alice C. Chappell Wolverton (1901-1980, F: 54463954). Alice Chappell was the daughter of Edward & Lillian Chappell; her surname was Wolverton when she married Emmons. - Buried in Mountain View Cemetery, La Center, Clark WA. F: 54463955
- Mabel Alice Rogers Pender, 30 Nov 1902 Litchfield, Meeker Co. MN – 9 May 2002 Vancouver, Clark WA. Married 28 Dec 1929 in Clark Co. WA to Earl J. Pender (1912-1977, F: 208435502). Buried in Brush Prairie Cemetery, Brush Prairie, Clark WA. F: 42920458
- Jessie Emma Rogers Shores, 19 May 1907 Kimball, Stearns MN – 6 Mar 1964 Vancouver, Clark WA. Married 26 Sep 1942 in Clark Co. WA to Orin E. Shores (1904 OK – 1974 WA). Orin was 2 Find A Grave records – one his actual burial (210495384) with his 1st wife Leota May Butter Shores Stone, and the other his cenotaph with Jessie Rogers Shores (F: 19807761). Jessie is buried in Manor Wilson Bridge Cemetery, Vancouver, Clark WA. F: 19808509

Notes:

Pre-war:

Wartime:

“Minneapolis (MN) Star Tribune” 9 Feb 1918 p 2 - George Borden, Omar [sic] Anderson & Henry Rogers, all of Thief River Falls MN, are believed to be on Tuscania. Borden's letter to his father, written 2 days before sailing, said Co. D was leaving. Anderson wrote a letter on board (on 9 Feb 1918 that would not have been known)

Post-war:

Obituary:

Social Security number: 531-03-8566

Censuses:

1900 Loyal, Clark WI – South St. – conducted 23 Jun 1900

Samuel Rogers, 45 WI, Nov 1854, married 13 years, parents b. PA, day laborer
 Melba, 39 IA, Apr 1861, parents b. England, gave birth to 6 children, 5 are living
 Richard, 7 [state illegible, indexed as Washington DC], Jul 1892 [was born in WI]
 Henry, 6 SD, Nov 1893
 Jerry, 4 SD, Sep 1895
 James H., 2 WI, Oct 1897
 Emmons, 6 months WI, Nov 1899

1910 St. Cloud, Stearns MN – 1118 – 3rd Ave. S.
 Samuel Rogers, 54 WI, parents b. PA, in 1st marriage, carpenter, house
 Melva, 48 IA, parents b. England, in 1st marriage, gave birth to 8 children, 8 are living
 Richard, 17 WI
 Henry, 16 SD
 Jerry, 14 SD
 Hobson, 13 WI
 Emmons, 10 WI
 Mable, 7 MN
 Jessie, 3 MN
 & brother William Rogers, 48 WI, parents b. England in 2nd marriage, married 1 year,
 teamster
 & mother Elizabeth Rogers, 90 PA, widow, parents b. Englandf, gave birth to 3 children, 2
 are living

1920 Excel, Marshall MN
 Samuel R. Rogers, 65 WI, parents b. PA, farmer
 Melva E., 58 IA, parents b. England
 Henry J., 26 SD, machinist
 Hobson J., 22 WI
 Emmons H., 20 WI, laborer
 Mabel A., 18 MN
 Jessie E., 12 MN

1930 Olympia, Mason WA – Simpson Logging Company Camp 3
 Henry RODGERS, 37 SD, father b. WI, mother b. IA, age 28 at 1st marriage, buckler, logging
 camp, WWI veteran
 Nina, 29 MN, parents b. Norway
 Lorna, 7 WA
 Atwood W., 3 WA

1940 Camp 3, Mason Co. WA – same house in 1935
 Henry Rogers, 46 SD, diesel engineer, logging
 Nina, 39 MN
 Lorna, 17 WA
 Atwood, 13 WA

1950 Shelton, Mason WA

Henry Rogers, 56 SD, general repair, blacksmith shop

Nina W., 49 MN

Attwood W., 23 WA