

RACHEL EASTHAM, NOT MARY BYRD OR BIRD,
WAS THE WIFE OF JOHN ROGERS, THE
GRANDFATHER OF GEORGE ROGERS CLARK

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IN THE FILSON CLUB HISTORY QUARTERLY for January, 1935 (Volume 9, No. 1, pages 1-34), appears my article entitled "Some Recent Finds Regarding the Ancestry of General George Rogers Clark." As an appendix to that article I wish to make a correction and present two confirmations.

A CORRECTION: In a Caroline County, Virginia, Order Book under date of 9th September, 1794, is an entry stating, in part, that "George Rogers came into Court and relinquished his Executorship of John Rogers deceased. . . ." When I saw this, I thought that the John Rogers referred to was the surveyor who died in or about 1768 and that he was the father of George Rogers (1721-1802). The executor of that John Rogers was his youngest son, Bird Rogers, against whom a suit was brought in Caroline County, Virginia, by his brother-in-law, Larkin Johnston, in June, 1771. Since the publication of my article I find that the John Rogers referred to was Captain John Rogers (1757-1794), the second son of George Rogers (1721-1802). Captain John Rogers was an officer under his cousin, General George Rogers Clark, in the Illinois Campaign.

TWO CONFIRMATIONS: I now present two confirmations showing that the wife of John Rogers (1680 or 1686-1768), grandfather of General George Rogers Clark, was not Mary Byrd of Westover, neither was she Mary Bird of King and Queen County, but that her given name was Rachel.

Mr. Hopewell Rogers, of Chicago, recently gave me references to two deeds recorded in Louisa County, Virginia, in Deed Book A, pages 495 and 496. Both deeds were dated the 18th day of May, 1752, and were from John Rogers and Rachel, his wife, of Drysdale Parish in King and Queen County, Virginia. Each deed was for 400 acres of land in Louisa County, Virginia, and granted to one of their children, and the consideration in each was for love and affection and ten pounds. One of these deeds

was to their son George Rogers (1721-1802) of King and Queen County, and the other to their daughter, Lucy, and her husband, Samuel Redd, of St. Margaret's Parish in Caroline County, Virginia. The given name of the wife of this John Rogers was Rachel, not Mary. He was a surveyor. The grantees in both deeds were the children of John and Rachel Rogers. Ann Rogers, who married John Clark and was the mother of General George Rogers Clark, was another daughter of this same couple.

These deeds are two confirmations that the conclusion arrived at in my previous article is correct, namely: John Rogers married Rachel Eastham, the daughter of George Eastham and Mary Bird of King and Queen County, Virginia.