

# **Some Graves of the Family of Ichabod Rogers, Junior of New London**

**Photos by Carol McCoy July 2007**



**Cedar Grove Cemetery Section 4 Near Jefferson Avenue  
New London, Connecticut**

# **Search for Some Rogers Gravestones**

- **The search for the tombstones of Ichabod Rogers (son of Ichabod Rogers and Ruth Shapely) and his wife, Mary Hall, began in the Connecticut State Library in Hartford.**
- **I reviewed Connecticut Headstone Inscriptions Vol. 90. (Charles R. Hale Collection, Hartford, CT: 1937). Headstone Inscriptions Town of New London lists inscriptions copied in 1934.**
- **It shows that some relevant Rogers were buried in Cedar Grove Cemetery and “Ye Townes Antientest Buriall Place” (sic)**
- **These tombstones were transcribed in the 1930s before many of them were damaged by time or sank.**
  - **I could not find the stones for James Rogers who died 6 Nov 1714 age 62 or Mary Rogers who died 8 Feb 1713 age 62 years.**
- **Thank you to Paula Weindel who walked with me through both cemeteries to locate various gravestones on 28 July 2007.**

# **Ichabod Rogers and Ruth Shapely of New London Connecticut\***

- **Ichabod Rogers, mariner, son of James was born 14 Feb 1727 New London Connecticut**
- **He married Ruth Shapely 21 Apr 1751**
- **Ichabod Rogers died in New London about 1767 as his inventory is found there.**
  - **Note: The administrator was Adam Shapley**
  - **Capt. Adam Shapely is buried in Antientest Buriall Place**
- **Ruth Shapely, daughter of Daniel and Abigail Pierson Shapely was b. 1722. She was a sister of Capt. Adam Shapely killed in 1781.**
- **Their son Benjamin b. abt 1754 married Rhoda Coit.**
  - **Note: Their son Benjamin died in 1790 at age 13. See gravestone in Antientest Buriall Place.**
- **Son Ichabod b. abt 1754 married Mary Hall.**
  - **Gravestones in Cedar Grove Cemetery**
- **Several children died as infants.**

\*From ***James Rogers of New London and His Descendants***  
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289. ICHABOD<sup>6</sup> ROGERS (*Ichabod*,<sup>5</sup> *James*,<sup>4</sup> *James*,<sup>3</sup> *James*,<sup>2</sup> *James*<sup>1</sup>), born about 1754 (?), in New London; died there June 10, 1821; married Nov. 22, 1778, Mary, daughter of John and Susanna (Hobbs) Hall, died Jan. 28, 1828, aged 75.

Ichabod Rogers, a private in Capt. Samuel Mather's company of Lyme and vicinity. From return and present state of Capt. Samuel Mather's company, dated Fort Trumbull, New London, July, 1776. — *Connecticut Men in the Revolution*.

Ichabod Rogers enlisted July 18, 1776, in Capt. Smith's company, Col. Bradley's battalion, General Wadsworth's brigade, discharged Dec. 28, 1776. — *Ibid*.

He was one of the small band who held Fort Trumbull on the eventful sixth of September, until driven away by the superior force of Benedict Arnold. It was an all-day fight. The yeomanry, driven from hill to hill, were scattered in small bands, but inflicted severe punishment upon the British from behind such shelter as nature provided, and followed them until they left for their ships. During the fight, a detachment of the enemy found its way to Winthrop's Neck, where stood the house of Ichabod and Mary. When the firing began, the women and children hastened to the cellar to escape the flying bullets; as they did so, a ball passed through the apron in which the infant Seabury was being carried by his mother, grazing his head. The aged Mrs. Weeks, who was acting as nurse to Mrs. Rogers, went to the door and remonstrated with the officer, who, finding no men concealed in the house, gave the family no further trouble. Ichabod was a sailor as well as a soldier and farmer, and at one time was actively engaged in privateering. Many anecdotes are related of his daring bravery in scouting, and also in raiding the enemy. — *James Ryley*.

**Note: Seabury Rogers was born in 1789, so this story has some details wrong.**

**Ichabod and Mary married in 1778 and did own land.**

**The battle of Ft. Trumbull was fought in 1781, however Ichabod Rogers served in 1776 for 6 months.**

**It seems possible that British soldiers came near to the Rogers' home on Winthrop's Neck, but unlikely that the infant was Seabury Rogers.**

**Ichabod Rogers & Mary Hall  
Married 22 Nov 1778  
New London, Connecticut**

**Children of Ichabod and Mary Rogers:**

- 1. Ichabod b. 2 April 1781 married Rhoda B. Southworth**
- 2. Nancy b. abt 1783 m. 21 Sept 1800 John Silsby**
- 3. Mary b. Nov 1784 m. Nathaniel Middleton**
- 4. Susannah b. 1 May 1786 d. 1797**
- 5. Sarah (Sally) twin to Susanna; m. John Kibbe, who died at sea**
- 6. Seabury b. 13 Mar 1789. m. Elizabeth Daniels**
- 7. Elizabeth (Betsey) b. 10 Mar 1791. m. John Whisky**
- 8. Esther b. 2 June 1793 m. Thomas Ryley**

**Note: Ichabod and Mary Rogers are buried in Cedar Grove next  
To twins —Susannah Rogers and Sally Kibbe.  
Son Ichabod who married Rhoda is in Ye Antientest Cemetery.  
Betsey Whisky is buried in Catskill, New York.**



**Ichabod Rogers who died  
10 June 1821 aged 64 yrs**

**He was industrious through  
all and died an honest man.**

**Section 4  
Cedar Grove Cemetery  
New London Ct  
Near Jefferson Ave. Gate**



**Mary (Hall)**  
**wife of Ichabod Rogers**  
**Who died 28 Jan 1828**  
**In 75<sup>th</sup> year of her age**

**Stone erected by her daughter**  
**Sally Kibbe (sic)**

**Section Four**  
**Cedar Grove Cemetery**  
**Next to Ichabod Rogers**



**Sally Kibby died 11 April 1857 in her 70<sup>th</sup> year.  
She was the twin of Sarah and the widow of John Kibbe who died at sea.  
Section Four, Cedar Grove Cemetery**



**Susannah, Daughter of Ichabod and Mary Rogers who died  
10 September [1797, age 11 yrs\*.] She was the twin of Sally Kibbe.  
Section Four, Cedar Grove Cemetery**

**\* Headstone Inscriptions Town of New London p. 89.**



**Sally Kibby and her twin sister, Susannah Rogers  
next to their parents Mary Rogers, Ichabod Rogers  
Cedar Grove Cemetery, Section Four, Near Jefferson Avenue Gate**



**Ye Townes  
Antientest  
Buriall  
Place  
In New London**

**Cemetery has suffered  
significant damage  
due to weather and  
vandalism**



**James Rogers, son of Joseph Rogers died 1721 age 49 years  
Ye Antientest Burial Place. His wife Elizabeth is also buried there.  
She died in 1713 age 32 years.**



**Benjamin son of Benjamin and Rhoda Rogers who died 20 Oct 1790  
age 13 yrs. Ye Antientest Burial Place.**



**Children of Ichabod Rogers—son Ichabod (d. 23 Jun 1759 age 2 months)  
and daughter Ruth (d. 25 Dec 1758 age 1 year)  
in Ye Antientest Burial Place. Note the flowers in front of their graves!  
Note: dates are from Tombstones Inscriptions of the Town of New London p 334**



**Ichabod Rogers. Dates have sunk beneath the earth.  
Ye Antientest Cemetery.**



**Captain Adam Shapley of  
Fort Trumbull who bravely  
gave his life for his country, a  
fatal wound at Fort Griswold  
Sept 6<sup>th</sup> 1781 caused his death  
Feb 14, 1782  
Aged 43 years**

**In Ye Antientest Burial Place**

**Note: Adam was the brother of  
Ruth Shapley who married  
Ichabod Rogers, Sr. (father of  
Ichabod Rogers who married  
Mary Hall.)**



***Photo taken by Carol P. McCoy  
In 2002.***

**Elizabeth (Betsey) Rogers,  
Daughter of Ichabod and  
Mary Rogers.  
She Married John Whiskey  
1813.**

**They share a memorial in Old  
Catskill Burial Ground in  
Catskill, Greene Co., New York**

**Elizabeth died 25 Oct 1852  
Aged 55 years.**

**After John Whiskey died,  
Betsey, age 39, married Andrew  
Brizzee, age 19. Who knows  
what happened to him.**