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Rev. Mr. Robert E. H. Peoples  
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Dear Rev. Peoples:

Your letter of Dec. 15, 1983 is the most argumentative and unusual to say the least and I am not going to engage myself in any argument with you. There were originally two settlements of Ropers in America, the first in Jamestown, Va. in 1636, and the second in Dedham, Mass. in 1637. The descendants of the Southern Ropers drifted southward, and the name is found in practically all of the southern states. Just a moment ago I opened the telephone directory (City of Chicago) - there are 14 Ropers listed in the book and not one of them recorded in my book!

I have been a physician since 1922 - specialized in ophthalmology since 1940. I took up my genealogy hobby about 25 years ago.

I am enclosing a brochure of my book THE ROPERS - also the book index record of my book assigned to it by the Vatican Library in Rome Italy.

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Sincerely  
Kenneth Roper, M.D.

There were no Ropers on the  
Mayflower in 1620.

On Sept. 16, 1620, these pilgrims  
sailed from Plymouth England, in the  
Mayflower.

Our Roper ancestors were among the  
dissenters who followed the Pilgrims  
to Massachusetts and settled in Medham  
in 1637

Medham is a beautiful suburban town  
in environs of Boston