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This talk considers a special class of classical multiplier sequences, which are interpolated by either logarithmic functions, or ‘power’ functions of the form  $f(z) = \frac{(z+a)^s}{\Gamma(z+1)}$ , ( $a, s \in \mathbb{R}$ ). After presenting some results and problems which remain open, we discuss the notion of continuous transformation of a classical multiplier sequence (in one or more parameters), and highlight some unexpected, but beautiful connections between classical multiplier sequences, Laguerre polynomials, and hypergeometric functions. (Received September 17, 2014)