



The May meeting of the Roger Williams Family Association will be held at the John Brown House, 52 Power Street, Providence, R. I. on May 3rd, 1945 at 2 P. M. Due to lack of time the reading of the sketch about Warren, Rhode Island, was not given at the April meeting, but Miss Eva Bennett will give us this pleasure at the May meeting. We should like to see more of our local members at some of our meetings. These are nearly always over by 3:30, which is followed by a social half-hour with simple refreshments in the delightful dining room of our beautiful quarters.

One subject of discussion at the April meeting was a bequest to our Association under the will of the late Zenas H. Ellis, of Fair Haven, Vermont. The exact wording as appears in the will is as follows:-

“SEVENTH: I give and bequeath to the Trustees of the Roger Williams Family Association the sum of One Thousand Dollars (\$1,000.00), the income of which shall be used in such manner and such way as they shall deem best, said Roger Williams Family Association having its headquarters in the City of Providence, in said State of Rhode Island.”

Mr. Marshall Morgan, a Providence attorney, and a member of our Association, was asked to handle this case for the Association and instructed us on the proper procedure. It was voted at our meeting to accept his bequest and to instruct our Directors (in place of Trustees) to care for the handling of this

sum of money, so that the interest could be used by the Association, and a Resolution was adopted to this effect, the original of which was duly signed and sealed and sent to the executors of the will in Fair Haven, Vermont.

ZENAS H. ELLIS

Mr. Ellis was born on January 22, 1860 and died January 4, 1945, one of Vermont's leading citizens. He was a member of the Class of 1877 of the Fair Haven High School and the Class of 1879 of Phillip Exeter Academy. He was a member of the Vermont Legislature in two sessions and a member of National associations and organizations. In his early years, Mr. Ellis traveled quite extensively throughout the States and in foreign countries, and these contacts and observations later made him prominent as a public speaker. He was the honored speaker at the annual meeting of our association in Roger Williams Park several years ago. He was very much interested in American History, and was called the "Ambassador-at-large" of his beloved Vermont and commended just prior to his death "for the splendid service which you have, over a period of many years, performed for our State and particularly for the people of this district in giving international publicity to Vermont through the media of your writings and public appearances and representing a distinguished service in the field of Public Relations—a contribution which, through the years yet to come, will remain a monument to your far-sighted vision and to your unselfish, beneficial activities in behalf of mankind, bringing a more comprehensive understanding and evaluation of Vermont and her people to individuals of importance and influence, residing within other States of our Union and other countries of the world".

Mr. Ellis was always very proud of his descendancy from Roger Williams. We appreciate his fine feeling towards our Association by remembering it in his will.

ANOTHER MEMORIAL TO ROGER WILLIAMS

Sculptured in relief on the facade of the Providence City Hall, high above the front entrance facing Exchange Place mall is a medallion of the head representing Roger Williams. Comparably few people are aware of its existence, as it is considerably higher than the usual point of view.

REV. GIDEON A. BURGESS

Mr. Burgess was Honorary President of our Association at the time of his death, this honor going to our oldest living member. He was born May 29, 1854 and died Mar. 4, 1945. He was a well known Congregational clergyman, a graduate of Brown University, a former President of Parker College, Winnebago, Minn; a Chaplain at Berea College, Kentucky for a time and Home Missionary for the Congregational Conference in Rhode Island for many years. He was also active in civic affairs of his home town Greenville, R. I. He was a descendant of Roger Williams in several different lines, and an active member of our Association. He lived a very full life in his 90 years.

JUDGE ARTHUR A. CUSHING

Mr. Cushing attended our last meeting before his death. He was born Oct. 15, 1867 and died March 17, 1945. He was a prominent lawyer in Providence. He graduated from Brown University in the Class of 1889 and later from Harvard Law School. He was a member of both branches of the General Assembly at times, and was Probate Judge in North Providence from 1909 to 1928. At one time he was Superintendent of Schools of North Providence. He was President of the Roger Williams Family Association in 1943 and always an active, interested member. We shall miss his fine advice and friendly greetings.

MERCY WILLIAMS—Fourth child of Roger and Mary Williams, and third daughter. She was born in 1640 and married in 1659 to Resolved Waterman, by whom she had five children. Upon his death she married Elder Samuel Winsor and had three children. Resolved Waterman was the son of Richard Waterman, one of the founders of Providence. Samuel Winsor was Elder of the First Baptist Church in Providence. He was the only son of Samuel Winsor. Mercy died, as did her husband Samuel Winsor, in 1705. Her eldest daughter, Wait Waterman, married John Rhodes, of Warwick, and it is supposed Mercy ended her days with this daughter and was buried in a Rhodes cemetery, but it is not known exactly where.

Upon the death of Rev. Gideon A. Burgess the office of Honorary President of the Roger Williams Family Association goes to Mr. Frank O. Bishop, our beloved Chaplain.

*Additions and Corrections on Membership List
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New Members

Emery, Mrs. Eliz. Chase, 1815 Beverly Rd., Brooklyn 26, N.Y.
Emery, Fredk. Chase, 1815 Beverly Rd., Brooklyn 26, N.Y.
Papineau, George T., 1815 Beverly Rd., Brooklyn 26, N.Y.
Guttinger, Mrs. Bernard, 16 W. Neck Ave., Huntington, N.Y.
Keighley, Mrs. Edith E. P., 17 Butler St., Cranston 9, R. I.
Keighley, Miss Doris M., 17 Butler St., Cranston 9, R. I.
Ross, Mrs. Marguerite Williams, 36 Branch Ave., Cranston,
R. I.
Smith, Mrs. Dorothea A., 535 Church Lane, Germantown,
Phila. 44, Pa.

Corrections and Changes

Clarke, Mr. Rogers, 90 Woodbury Ave., Huntington, N.Y.
Coleman, Mrs. Edward, 40 Wesleyan Ave., Prov., R. I.
George, Mrs. Mildred, 25 Willow Ave., Huntington, N.Y.
There is no "Mrs." George Snowdale
Tingley, Dr. Louisa Paine, 171 Westminster St., Prov., R. I.
Welling, Mr. Richard, 27 W. 44th St., New York City 18, N.Y.
Wood, Rev. Roy, Bristol, Vermont
Woodward, Mr. Allyn Child, 82 Otis St., Newtonville, Mass.

"LONE JOURNEY: The Life of Roger Williams", by Jeanette Eaton. Illustrated by Woodi Ishmael, 266 pages, Harcourt, Brace & Co. This is an excellent book, recently published and just purchased for the library of the Roger Williams Family Association. It was primarily written for young people but is easily read; accurate as to historical facts and holds the interest of young and old alike who wish to investigate the life of the Founder of Providence Plantations. Critics have found some errors but in the main, the facts are reasonably accurate. The English portion of the biography is one of its best features. And, considering the readers to whom it is directed, so is its treatment of early Providence history. All in all it is a very fine book in its field.

"THE OLD STONE BANK HISTORY OF RHODE ISLAND, Volume IV". Another recent acquisition to our library, it has several articles concerning Roger Williams. It is written by John Williams Haley, "The Rhode Island Historian". This book is given free to depositors of Providence Institution for Savings. Providence, R. I.