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Greetings and best wishes to the 507 members of our Association.

The response to the request in our last bulletin that we be notified in case of change of address or death, was very gratifying. We appreciate your co-operation.

During the past year we have added 32 new members but have had the misfortune to lose 16 members by death. As the old members pass away, we need new ones to take their places. We would be happy if all our local members could attend our meetings. It would be a pleasure to meet and become acquainted with them. We aim to please, and this year's Committee has arranged a very interesting program. Won't you try to attend our meetings?

HELEN S. BEDSON,

*President*

## **MARY WILLIAMS, MOTHER OF GOVERNORS**

On April 7th Miss Emily Paine gave us a very interesting talk on Mary Williams, the loving, courageous, competent wife of Roger. Ten of our R. I. Governors were descended from Mary and Roger's children: 5 from Joseph, 3 from Mercy Waterman and 2 from Mary Sayles. We hope to include a copy of this talk with some future bulletin. After the meeting, Miss Clara Pearl Dyer invited us to partake of the refreshments in the dining room. She told us to be sure not to leave without our "Four Roses", the ribbon roses she had made for a centerpiece for the table.

## **NEW MEXICO, LAND OF ENCHANTMENT**

At the evening meeting on May 5th Miss Alice Roe showed us the colored slides she had taken on her vacation trip to New Mexico. As usual, Miss Roe had a very interesting and humorous running commentary with her pictures. The hostesses for the evening served stuffed rolls, cookies and coffee.

## **CHURCH SERVICE, FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH, PROVIDENCE, R. I.**

On May 15th we attended the First Baptist Church in a body. This Church was founded by Roger Williams. After the service 43 of us journeyed to Lincoln Woods for a meat loaf and salad luncheon prepared by the Program Committee and our Hostess for the Year. There were birthday cakes for 4 of our members whose birthdays occurred around that time. Later we went to the Eleazer Arnold Tavern, a "stone-ender", built in 1687. It is the best preserved 17th century structure in R. I. It was once a mansion where Arnold kept a tavern, with an old bed to accommodate Indians. He also held court there. The stone chimney is enormous and the fireplace is the largest in R. I.

## **BOOK REVIEW, "ROGER WILLIAMS" BY PERRY MILLER**

On June 2nd Mr. Edward Bradford gave us a Book Review on Perry Miller's "Roger Williams." This was an exceptionally difficult book to review, as it deals with theology. It gives a somewhat controversial view of Roger Williams. Mr. Bradford spent several months preparing it and presented it in a very interesting manner. Our hostesses served sandwiches, cookies and tea.

## **"OLD FAMILIES" MEETING**

On June 11th our Association was the guest of the Thomas Angell Family Association at its "Old Families" meeting at the Roger Williams Park Museum. After greetings from a representative of each Association, Mr. Harry B. Sherman, in costume, representing Elder Brewster, quoted excerpts from speeches and poetry about the Pilgrim Fathers. It is a fine thing for the members of the old families to get together.

## **NEWPORT TOUR, JUNE 18, 1955**

An added feature of our year's program was a tour of Newport's historic spots, conducted by one of our members, Mrs. George Wilbour, who is also a member of the Newport Preservation Society. Among the places visited were the United Baptist Church, Old Market House, Newport Historical Society, Redwood Library, Hunter House, Wanton-Lyman-Hazard House, Salva Regina College, The Breakers and The Baptist Home. We had a very enjoyable day.

## **PICNIC-SWEET FARM ON PHENIX AVENUE, CRANSTON, R. I.**

On July 9th we met at the Sweet farm for a delicious ham and bean luncheon prepared by our Hostess and the Program Committee. Mrs. Gladys Williams Brayton gave us a very interesting talk on the old and historical houses around Meshanticut. She had photographs of the buildings about which she talked. Some of these showed the changes that time has wrought. It was an exceptionally hot day. The root beer, made and donated by Mr. and Mrs. Harold H. Sweet, and the cranberry punch donated by Mrs. Johnson M. Cox were much appreciated.

## BAPTIST PLANTATIONS, SLOCUM, R. I.

On August 6th we went to Baptist Plantations. Our Program Committee and Hostess served us a Tuna Noodle lunch. 16 Members of the Pettaquamscutt Chapter D. A. R. met with us. There were 77 people present, 12 of these being children. After our business meeting, Mrs. Edwin Huling spoke to us about "Baptist Plantations and its Early Owners". One of our members, Mrs. Stephen Sweet, and her husband sold their house and land to the Baptists for a camp. Mrs. Huling had a very interesting talk and she had some old articles on display, including a "carpet-bag".

## ANNUAL MEETING AT ROGER WILLIAMS PARK

The Annual Meeting of our Association was held at the Roger Williams Park Museum on September 1st. The officers for the coming year were elected. After the meeting Miss Maribelle Cormack gave us a talk and demonstration of the new Planetarium in the Museum. She took us on a tour of the heavens from sunset to sunrise. The members of our Association have an interest in the Planetarium which we helped to establish by purchasing the "Little Dipper".

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### In Memoriam

MR. WALTER W. WHIPPLE	April 18, 1954
MR. MILTON P. GALLUP	Apr. 22, 1955
MR. ROSCOE W. PHILLIPS	May 4, 1955
MRS. CHESTER F. CARR	May 26, 1955
MRS. CHARLES G. MUNRO	June 12, 1955
MR. JOHN P. STEERE	June 20, 1955
MR. HENRY M. TAYLOR	June 22, 1955
MR. STANLEY A. HUBER	July 21, 1955
MRS. ANNIE S. IRONS	Aug. 5, 1955
MR. CYRUS T. EDDY	Sept. 9, 1955

Annie Steere Irons (Mrs. Edwin B.), as the oldest member of our Association who was a direct descendant from Roger Williams, had the title of Honorary President conferred upon her in 1951. She was very much interested in the work of the Association and was a regular attendant at the meetings as long as she was physically able. She was born in Mohegan, Burrillville, R. I., the daughter of Jesse T. and Emily Mowry Steere. On her father's side she traced her line to Mercy Williams, fourth child of Roger.

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## NEW MEMBERS SINCE MARCH 1955

BAJGIER, DIANA MAE, 888 Quebec Street, Denver 20, Colorado.  
BOSWORTH, CLARENCE W., 18 Shirley Boulevard, Cranston 10, R. I.  
CHAMBERLAIN, FRANK EUGENE, 26 Jenckes Street, Providence 6, R. I.  
EMERSON, PAUL WALDO, 422 East 19th Street, Cheyenne, Wyoming.  
FORD, ALLYN KELLOGG, 2350 West Lake of Isles Boulevard, Minneapolis 5,

Minnesota.

HASLAM, MRS. G. RAYMOND (Ruth I. Harrington), 67 Columbia Avenue, Providence 5, R. I.

HASLAM, DONALD, 67 Columbia Avenue, Providence 5, R. I.

HASLAM, GORDON RAYMOND, 67 Columbia Avenue, Providence 5, R. I.

KESSLER, MARY PLACE, 3 Channing Street, Cambridge 38, Mass.

MORGAN, MRS. MARSHALL (Martha Norberg), 17 Corwin Avenue, Warwick Neck, R. I.

WILLIAMS, MRS. ARTHUR OLNEY (Annie Shippey) Route No. 3, North Scituate, R. I.

WILLIAMS, EDWIN GRAY, 730 Parker Avenue, Kalamazoo 56, Michigan.

*Nominating Committee for 1955-56 Slate of Officers:*

MRS. HARRY BEESLEY, *Chairman*; MRS. PRESTON W. BUFFINTON and  
MRS. MYRON HAWKINS

*Officers Elected:*

*President*..... MRS. HARRY D. BEDSON  
285 Woodbine Street, Cranston 10, R. I.

*Vice-President*..... MISS CLARA PEARL DYER  
417 Dyer Avenue, Cranston 9, R. I.

*Recording Secretary*..... MRS. WINTHROP H. SAUNDERS  
255 Alabama Avenue, Providence 5, R. I.

*Corresponding Secretary*..... MISS MYRTLE A. JOSLIN  
74 Vandewater Street, Providence 8, R. I.

*Treasurer*..... MRS. ERNEST MOWRY  
Box 215, Greenville, R. I.

*Registrar*..... MRS. CHARLES W. ANTHONY  
23 Oakland Avenue, Cranston 10, R. I.

*Historian*..... MISS BESSIE PAINE  
887 Elmwood Avenue, Providence 7, R. I.

*Two Directors nominated from the floor:*

MRS. PRESTON W. BUFFINTON, Box 362, Rt. 2, North Scituate, R. I.

MISS MAY COUGHLIN, 15 Lexington Avenue, Wickford, R. I.

*Chaplain Appointed by the Executive Board:*

MRS. CHARLES C. ROFFEE, 459 Farmington Avenue, Cranston 9, R. I.

*Appointed by the Chair:*

*Program Committee*..... GLADYS SEGAR, *Chairman*;  
MISS CLARA PEARL DYER and MRS. FRANK CHAMBERLAIN

*Auditors*..... MARSHALL T. MORGAN and MRS. CLIFTON L. POOLE

*Sunshine*..... MRS. HAROLD P. WILLIAMS

*Librarian*..... MRS. PRESTON W. BUFFINTON

*Publicity*..... MRS. WINTHROP H. SAUNDERS

*Conversational Corner*..... MRS. WILFRED G. MACINTOSH

*Entertainment Chairman*..... MRS. CLARA L. SPENCER

*Hostess*..... MRS. ERNEST DYER

*Reception Committee—*

MRS. HOWARD W. STEERE and MISS EMILY PAINE, *Co-Chairmen*;

MRS. HARRY BEESLEY, EDWARD W. BRADFORD, GEORGE H.

HARRIS, and MARSHALL T. MORGAN

*Honorary President*..... MRS. BERTHA CRANSTON BOOTH

*Honorary Vice-Presidents—*

MRS. MARY WILLIAMS WHITTEMORE and MR. OSCAR HARRIS