



ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

August 1972

No. 59

Dear Members:

When I send you greetings from my summer home, I feel very near the early people of this region. On Prudence Island there is a huge boulder called "Pulpit Rock." Tradition says it was the place of Indian tribal meetings. I wonder if Roger Williams was ever a guest at such a meeting. He might have spoken in peace and friendship to his friends from there.

Our interesting 335th Anniversary Observance was saddened by the death of our Treasurer Blanche H. Scott. She was an indefatigable worker, and her spirit and uncompromising efforts in our behalf have indeed left a void.

We thank the Grandmothers who have given memberships to youngsters. The awareness of their heritage will surely give meaning to their study of history.

We extend sympathy to the families who have lost loved ones, and best wishes for recovery to those who have experienced illness.

Sincerely,

(Miss) Verena Williams
President

35 Cherry Road, Edgewood, R. I. 02905

(Summer - Box 26, Prudence Park, Prudence Island 02872)

IN MEMORIAM

Ethel N. Chase (Mrs. Herbert C.) (Conn.)	d. March 23, 1971
Dr. Roger Williams Arnold (Florida)	d. April 17, 1971
Julius Cottrell (New York)	d. April 18, 1971
Irving Willis Sweet (Calif.)	d. June 26, 1971
Mrs. Felix K. Parker (Va.)	d. August 18, 1971
Eugene C. Dutemple (R. I.)	d. October 18, 1971
Lawrence Walker Bishop (R. I.)	d. October 25, 1971
Blanche Howard Scott (Mrs. Winfield) Treas. 1967-71 (R. I.)	d. November 6, 1971
Julia Thomas Spink (Mrs. Geo. A.) (R. I.)	d. November 13, 1971
Bessie Rose Paine (Miss) (R. I.)	d. November 27, 1971
Russell H. Shaw (R. I.)	d. November 30, 1971
Charles W. Howard, Jr. (Mass.)	d. January 25, 1972
Ramon N. Hawkins (Oregon)	d. January 30, 1972
Ruth Marie Field (Miss) (Calif.)	d. March 29, 1972
Lester E. Howard (Mass.)	d. April 15, 1972
Evangeline Alger McIntyre-Engel (Mrs. Harold) (R. I.) President 1957-1960	d. June 26, 1972
May Colwell Shuman (Mrs. Ralph) (R. I.)	d. June 27, 1972
Laura Arnold Brown (R. I.)	d. June 30, 1972
Robert Potter Brown (Ohio)	d. April 27, 1972
Chester S. Lyon (R. I.)	d. September 21, 1972

— NEW MEMBERS SINCE SEPTEMBER 1971 —

ALBEE, Miss Angela Marie, 4785 Artistic Circle, Colorado Springs, Col. 80917 (Mary)
 BAKER, Miss Barbara Louise, Old Kennett Rd., Kennett Sq., Penna. (Mercy Winsor)
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 BROWN, Miss Karen Marie, 6867 High Meadows Dr., Cincinnati, Ohio (Mercy Winsor)
 CASE, Mrs. Jonathan E. (Linda Tate) 1117 Barron St., Eau Claire, Wisc. 54701 (Mary)
 CHAPMAN, Mrs. Paul (Lois Stelley) Box 496, Stoughton, Mass. 02702
 CLARK, Mrs. Philip C. (Meredith Plier) Box 788, Christiansted, St. Croix, U. S. Virgin Islands (Joseph)
 COBB, Miss Cynthia May, 282 Newport Ave., South Attleboro, Mass. 02703 (Mary)
 COBB, Peter H., 282 Newport Ave., South Attleboro, Mass. 02703 (Mary)
 COBB, William L., 282 Newport Ave., South Attleboro, Mass. 02703 (Mary)
 DUCK, Mrs. Pauline (Pauline Phillips) 130 Meyers Rd., Liverpool, New York (Mary)
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 FREDERICK, Mrs. Robert L. (Ethel May Bever) 2145 Rivoli Place, Florissant, Mo. 63031 (Joseph)
 GARLAND, Mrs. Leroy F. (Dorothy Arnold) 422 Washington St., Coventry 02818 (Joseph)
 HOUGH, Ward Warren Sayles, 16 Mark Dr., No. Kingstown, R. I. (Mary & Mercy Winsor)
 HUDSON, Mrs. Austin (Rosaline Petrie) 390 Roc-Rosa Dr., S.W., Palm Bay, Florida 32905 (Mary)
 IZDEBSKI, Stanley J. (Associate) 169 Fair St., Warwick, R. I. 02888
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 JONES, Geoffrey, 212 Westhampton Ave., Danville, Va. 24541 (Joseph)
 JONES, Eliz. Stelley, 212 Westhampton Ave., Danville, Va. 24541 (Joseph)
 KING, Irving Angell, 150 Shearadoah Rd., Warwick, R. I. 02886 (Daniel)
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 LEACH, George, Jr., 47 Willis Rd., North Arlington, New Jersey (Joseph)
 LEACH, James, 47 Willis Rd., North Arlington, New Jersey (Joseph)
 LEACH, Robert, 47 Willis Rd., North Arlington, New Jersey (Joseph)

MAY, Mrs. Donald (Mildred Boyce) 117 Sturgeon Eddy Rd., Wausau, Wisc. 54401 (Joseph)
 MERRITT, Edward L., Jr., Box 8991, S.E. Sta., Washington, D. C. 20003 (Mary)
 MILLER, Miss Mary McGregor, 1501 Garfield Ave., Springfield, Ohio 45504 (Mercy Waterman)
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 O'NEILL, Miss Amy Warner, 23 Jenny's Lane, Barrington, R. I. 02806 (Mary)
 O'NEILL, Joshua Sayles, 23 Jenny's Lane, Barrington, R. I. 02806 (Mary)
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 PLIER, Miss Ginger Ann, 393 Westbourne Dr., Birmingham, Mich. 48010 (Joseph)
 POOLE, Mrs. Gail Waterman, 211 Slater Ave., Providence, R. I. 02906 (Mary, Freeborn, Mercy Waterman and Joseph)
 SAYLES, Mrs. John C. (Associate), RFD #3, Box 151, Norwich, Conn. 06360
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 von STERNBERG, Richard, 825 Boyes Blvd., Sonoma, Calif. 95476 (Mary)
 STELLEY, Mrs. Orle (Associate), 91 Bond St., Warwick, R. I. 02818
 STOCKWELL, Mrs. John F. (Dorothea Baker) "Pheasant Run," Rowley, Mass. (Mercy Winsor)
 VARSIL, Mrs. Guilio (Cynthia L. Johnson) 1910 Mill Rd., So. Pasadena, Calif. 91030 (Mary)
 WATKINS, Mrs. Ronnie M. (Roberta Gertrud) 828 St. James Place, Pomona, Calif. 91767 (Joseph)
 WORTHINGTON, Mrs. Thomas J. (Cerrude Wells) 215 Pumpkin Hill Rd., New Milford, Conn. 06776 (Mary)
 WORTHINGTON, John Kyle, 215 Pumpkin Hill Rd., New Milford, Conn. 06776 (Mary)
 WORTHINGTON, Michael Thomas, 215 Pumpkin Hill Rd., New Milford, Conn. 06776 (Mary)
 WORTHINGTON, Todd Lydon, 215 Pumpkin Hill Rd., New Milford, Conn. 06776 (Mary)
 YOUNGDAHL, Mrs. Frederick E. (Thelma Gilmore) 28 Creek St., Wrentham, Mass. 02093 (Joseph)

FOLLOWING ROGER WILLIAMS

Let us follow the course of Roger Williams after he landed from the ship Lyon in Boston Harbor, New England, at the age of 27 after a voyage of 37 days; five years after he had graduated from Pembroke College, England as an ordained minister of the Established Church of England, but from which he dissented and separated because of religious persecution and came to the New World where he could live and profess unmolested the freedom of religious thought that he believed the right of every individual.

Refusing a church in Boston because he "durst not officiate to an unseparated people" he was welcomed to Salem, but was far in advance of the views of the colonial authorities, whose freedom to worship was according to their particular ways and he clashed with those ideas practiced by the rulers of the Colony.

Feeling more liberal principles were practiced in Plymouth and not under Boston jurisdiction, he left Salem and spent two years there, gaining life long friendship with many of the best minds in the Colony and of the sachems of the Indian tribes located there where he studied their Indian character and language.

Again he returned to Salem where many of his friends followed. But in two more years the Boston authorities commenced another course of persecution against the church of Roger Williams, so he spent fourteen weeks in exile and obtained a grant from the Wampanoag Sachem, Massasoit, of lands on the east side of the Seekonk River where his wife and faithful followers joined him.

After starting to build their houses and plant fields they were warned by Gov. Winslow that they were on Bay Colony land and were forced to seek homes across the Seekonk River on uncontested ground. A marker on a spring on Roger Williams Avenue in East Providence shows the spring and location of the start of this settlement which they were forced to abandon, but which now is a part of Rhode Island.

By canoe they crossed the river but the high forest crowned bluffs of sand and gravel had no desirable supply of fresh water so they continued down the west shore to Slate Rock where a small group of Indians greeted them with "What Cheer Netop." Continuing under the steep bluff they reached the open waters of Narragansett Bay and entered the "great salt river" which they followed, arriving at a series of flats and marshes toward the level of a sandy plain, near where two rivers met and where they found a beautiful cove, and a spring of fresh water, and ideal place for a settlement and safe from the land of persecution, which Roger Williams named "Providence." The settlement spread in all directions and collectively received the name of "Providence Plantations."

ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Programme

OCTOBER 1972 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1973

November 2, 1972, Thursday evening 7:30 P.M.

PHILLIPS MEMORIAL BAPTIST CHURCH, 565 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, R. I.
Eden Park or Reservoir Ave. Bus. Ample Parking across street.
Business Meeting.

"A Trip through Eng'and, Scotland and Wales"
Speaker with slides - Miss Alice W. Roe

December 10, 1972, Sunday 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

Christmas Music and Tea at the home of our members Mr. & Mrs. Clifford W.
Brown, 180 Brown St., Providence, R. I.

April 4, 1973, Wednesday, 2:00 P.M.

North Scituate Baptist Church, Greenville Road, North Scituate.
Business Meeting followed by slides "Western United States" by Mr. & Mrs.
Archie Logee.

Directions: Take Route 6 to the light at Four Corners in North Scituate, turn
RIGHT and Church is 500 feet off Route 6 on Greenville Road. Park behind
Church.

May 20, 1973, Sunday, 11:00 A.M.

Our annual pilgrimage to FIRST BAPTIST MEETING HOUSE, 75 North Main St.,
Providence, R. I. Sermon by Rev. Robert G. Withers.

Our members will sit together. Members may plan group luncheons as they
desire.

July 24, 1973, PICNIC at Prudence Island - Tuesday - if not pleasant - Wednesday

the 25th. Ferry leaves Bristol, R. I. at 10:00 A.M. for Sandy Point and returns
at 4:10 P.M. Round trip \$1.50 each. Take box lunch, coffee served. Thanks again
to our President for this invitation to meet at her summer home, a delightful
trip by ferry and across the island.

September 8, 1973, Saturday, 1:30 P.M.

ROGER WILLIAMS PARK MUSEUM, Providence, R. I.
81st Annual meeting. Assemble in office of Museum where chairs are provided.
Reports and Election of Officers. Dues payable.

BEGINNING OUR 81ST YEAR

OFFICERS — SEPTEMBER 1972 TO SEPTEMBER 1973

Honorary President Mrs. Minnie Barrett Randall
Honorary Vice President Mrs. Ethel Hatch Roffee

OFFICERS ELECTED

President Miss Verena Williams
35 Cherry Road, Edgewood, R. I. 02905
Vice President Mrs. Archie H. Logee
Elmdale Road, No. Scituate, R. I. 02857
Recording Secretary Mrs. Wallace B. Mathewson
2950 South County Trail, East Greenwich, R. I. 02818
Corresponding Secretary Mrs. E. Warren Colwell
61 Gladstone Street, Cranston, R. I. 02920
Treasurer Mrs. Lillian F. Broome
112 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, R. I. 02910
Registrar Mrs. Charles W. Anthony
23 Oakland Ave., Cranston, R. I. 02910
Historian Miss Emily H. Paine
197 Peace St., Providence, R. I. 02907

Directors nominated from the floor:

Mr. Edward Rathbun and Mrs. Preston Beauregard

Chaplain appointed by the Executive Board Mrs. Clifton W. Ham

Committees appointed by the Chair:

Program Mrs. Archie H. Logee, Mrs. Arthur E. Olsson and Mrs. Alice Sontag

Librarian and Custodian Mrs. Charles W. Anthony

Sunshine Miss Bertha I. Phillips
64 Chestnut Ave., Cranston, R. I. 02910

Publicity Mrs. Clifford W. Brown

Auditors Webb W. Wilder and Miss Alice W. Roe

Hostesses to be appointed.

Reception Committee Miss Edith Barnard, Mr. & Mrs. Preston Beauregard,
Mrs. Walter Gilbert, Mrs. Barbara Guerin, Mrs. Ernest Mowry, Mrs. Emile Randall,
Mrs. Arthur Olsson.