



ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Incorporated 1906

October 1976

No. 63

Dear Members:

Greetings as we approach the end of the Bicentennial Year of our country with the hope that the ideals of religious liberty as promulgated by Roger Williams when he founded the Colony in 1636, will continue to be observed for many more centennials.

Our sketch this year of the statue of Roger Williams located in Roger Williams Park near the cottage of Betsy Williams who was a sixth generation descendant, born on the site of Joseph William's farm of 102 acres which she later gave to the City of Providence for use as a public park.



On Sunday, May 16, 1976, after attendance at worship service for Forefather's Day at the First Baptist Church, the Family Members and guests drove to East Greenwich to see the "Elizabeth Spring" still in existence and originally a source of refreshment for Roger Williams on his journeys from Providence to the trading post near Wickford known as "Smith's Castle" at Cocomuscussoc.

On July 29, 1976, Mrs. Clifford W. Brown, President, and I were present at the Mary Elizabeth Sharpe Japanese Garden in Roger Williams Park, Providence, R. I., on the occasion of the presentation of a grant from the U. S. Department of Recreation for the improvement and further beautification of the park.

On September 11, 1976, we gave a luncheon to our Honorary Members from the First Baptist Church in America. Arrangements were carried out in the meeting house itself instead of at the Roger Williams Park Casino, because the space we formerly used has been taken over for offices by the City of Providence.

Immediately following the luncheon we presented a gift of eight hand-made replicas of the long-handled, velvet-lined collection boxes still in existence and used every Sunday at the meeting house since it was built in 1775.

We all owe a great deal to our most recent previous President, Mrs. Clifford W. Brown, for her hospitality and for keeping the Association very active. Also we wish to pay tribute to our previous Registrar, Mrs. Charles W. Anthony, for her long-time valuable service and record-keeping. We hope we may draw on the good advice of both Mrs. Brown and Mrs. Anthony for many more years.

Sincerely,
Clinton Nickerson Williams, President

ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Programme

OCTOBER 1976 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1977

NOVEMBER 6, 1976 - Saturday 2:00 P.M.

Esek Hopkins House, Admiral Street, North Providence, R. I.
Mrs. Virginia Doris will speak on "ROGER WILLIAMS"
Hostesses: The Executive Board.

NOVEMBER 21, 1976 - Sunday 11:00 A.M.

INVITATION TO ATTEND THE SPECIAL THANKSGIVING AND BICENTENNIAL CELEBRATION ON NOVEMBER 21, 1976 at 11:00 A.M. at Central Baptist Church corner of Lloyd Avenue and Wayland Avenue, Providence, R. I.

We are calling attention to the slate rock in the Northex of the Church which is a piece of the famous rock that Roger Williams first stepped on when he came to Providence. Be sure to read the inscription which surrounds the rock and then walk over it. Also look for the Roger Williams stained glass window on the West side of the Sanctuary. There will be a social hour after the service.

DECEMBER 5, 1976 - Sunday 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

MUSICAL and Christmas Tree Party.

Washington Park Methodist Church corner of Massachusetts Avenue and Broad Street, Providence, R. I.

Exchange of gifts - Ladies wrap their gifts in RED and the Gentlemen wrap their gifts in GREEN. Gifts not to exceed \$1.50. Children are specially invited to this gala event.

Hostesses: From the Northern section of the State (Providence County) Mrs. Robert E. Steere and Mrs. Irving Haven and Mrs. Benjamin F. Steere, Jr., Chairmen.

MARCH 12, 1977 - Saturday 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Roger Williams Park Museum.

Colored Slides of Hawaii given by Elizabeth Claypool.

Hostesses: Members living in Kent County - Mrs. Florence Schmidt and Miss Dorothy Roffee Co-Chairmen.

APRIL 9, 1977 - Saturday 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.

Roger Williams Park Museum - Lecture by Mrs. Isabell Rousseau entitled "Wild Flowers as used by early Americans and Indians as foods, Preservatives and Medicine".

Hostesses: Those living in Kent County - Mrs. Robert Allen Greene to be Chairman in charge.

MAY 15, 1977 - Sunday 11:00 A.M.

Worship Service at the First Baptist Church in America, North Main Street at Waterman Street, Providence, R. I. Members of the Steere Family, the Mowry Family, the Thomas Angell Family, The Stuckely Westcott Descendents, The Mathewson Family Association have been invited to attend this Forefather's Service with us. Following the worship service (which is conducted as nearly as possible as it was in 1638 - and with our President, Mr. Williams participating) we will go in motorcade to the summer residence of our member Webb W. Wilder, Hamilton, R. I. for lunch. Reservations must be made by May 10th to Mr. Robert A. Greene, 1586 South County Trail, East Greenwich, R. I. (Tel. 401-884-5929) or the President, Mr. Clinton Williams, 51 South Angell St., Providence, R. I. 02906.

AUGUST 8, 1977 - Roger Williams Day

Services will be held at the Roger Williams National Memorial Park, North Main Street, Providence, R. I. near the Roger Williams Spring.

SEPTEMBER 10, 1977 - 2:00 to 4:00 P.M.

ANNUAL MEETING

Roger Williams Park Museum

There will be the September meeting first followed by the Annual Meeting at which time all officers and committee chairmen are to present their reports.

Hostesses: The Officers and Committee Chairmen.

Dues are payable at this meeting. Life Membership \$25.00. Biannual dues are \$1.00 N.B. In case of change of address please notify the Corresponding Secretary to avoid mailing errors.

By popular request we repeat the following:

MEMORIALS TO ROGER WILLIAMS

Here are listings of some of the memorials to Roger Williams:

1. Memorial tablet in the cloisters of Old Charterhouse School, in London, England where he prepared for Pembroke College in Cambridge University. Reads:
"Dedicated to the memory of Roger Williams, Charterhouse Scholar, Founder of the State of Rhode Island and Pioneer of religious liberty in the United States."
2. Statue in Geneva, Switzerland, one of a group of pioneers of the Reformation, the one for Roger Williams - who established the first commonwealth in America which granted religious freedom.
3. Statue in Statuary Hall in the Capitol, Washington, D. C.
4. Bust in Hall of Fame, New York City.
5. Roger Williams Park, Providence, R. I. 453 acres of expertly landscaped woodlands and about 140 acres of natural and artificial lakes. Considered one of the most beautiful parks in the United States. There is a monument in the cemetery in the Park, another near the Betsy Williams cottage, unveiled October 16, 1977.
6. Tablet on "Slate Rock" in small park bounded by Williams, Gano and Power Streets, Providence, to designate where Roger Williams first landed in Rhode Island.
7. Slate from "Slate Rock" imbedded in floor of Narthex of Central Baptist Church, Providence, R. I.
8. Marker at "Roger Williams Spring" in East Providence, R. I. erected November 5, 1936, which reads:
"This spring is on the site of the first settlement by Roger Williams in the (present) state of Rhode Island.
"Banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony because of his religious beliefs, he fled into the wilderness and found refuge with his friend Masasoit (Chief of the Wampanoag Indians) from whom he received a grant of land upon which he built his home near this spring. Warned that he still was within his limits claimed by the (Massachusetts) Colony, he removed across the Seekonk River and founded the settlement which is now Providence."
9. Enclosure of this spring, on North Main Street, Providence, used by Roger Williams was given in his memory by Judge Hahn, a Jewish lover and respecter of Roger Williams. It was near this spring that Williams established his first settlement.
10. Tablet in hallway of the New England Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts.
11. Tablet on front of the house at 235 North Main Street, Providence with the inscription "A few rods east of this spot stood the house of Roger Williams, Founder of Providence 1636."
12. Tablet on wall at entrance of United Electric Railway tunnel, Providence. "On this lot stood the first town house of Providence. Here from time to time Roger Williams presided over the freemen from 1644 to 1647."

13. Statue on Prospect Terrace, Providence, dedicated June 29, 1938, of Roger Williams overlooking the City of Providence, which he founded. This statue is 14' high and weighs 10 tons. It is of Rhode Island blue and white granite. The statue is between two posts and forms a rectangular arch. It can be seen from the train windows as the passengers ride through Providence from New York to Boston.
14. Marker on boulder, erected 1936, near site of Roger Williams Trading Post in Wickford, R. I. Richard Smith, the first white settler, leased land from the Indians and Roger Williams established a trading post near Conanicut Brook and built a house nearby. Williams sold his house in 1651 to Smith, but often came back to preach to the settlers and to the Indians.
15. Official seal of the City of Providence shows the landing of Roger Williams on Slate Rock and being greeted by the Indians.
16. Tablet at the head of the dock on Conanicut Island, Jamestown, R. I. put up in 1956, commemorating Roger Williams' meeting with Conanicut, persuading him not to join the Pequots and to assist the settlers.
17. Tablet on oak tree planted in Phillipsdale, R. I. on April 27, 1904 "to honor his memory and help preserve the site of his first residence after leaving Salem."
18. Sculptured 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.
19. In the House Chambers of the Rhode Island State Capitol in Providence, at the top of the center panels of tapestry, is a shield depicting the landing of Roger Williams as he is greeted by the Indians. Until a recent cleaning this was not visible from the floor.
20. Salem, Massachusetts. Plaque commemorating Roger Williams, which says: "Here stood from 1634 until 1673 the first meeting house erected in Salem. No structure was built earlier for Congregational worship by a church formed in America. It was occupied for secular as well as religious uses. First preacher Roger Williams."
21. Tercentenary 50 cents coin - 1936.
22. Tercentenary three cent U. S. postage stamp - 1936.
23. Large painting on wall of Roger Williams Building, Westminster Street, Providence, R. I. depicting Roger Williams talking with a group of Indians.
24. Church Windows:
 1. First Baptist Church, Washington, D. C. window depicting Roger Williams, given by former R. I. Governor and U. S. Senator Theodore Francis Green.
 2. Front stained glass window at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, 365 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, R. I. showing Roger Williams surrounded by and teaching friendly Indians.
 3. Roger Williams window in Pawtucket Congregational Church, Pawtucket, R. I.
 4. Central Baptist Church in Providence has window featuring in one panel the bust of Roger Williams and directly beneath it the steeple of the First Baptist Meeting House in Providence, founded by Roger Williams.
 5. Stained glass window in chapel at Bacone College, Bacone, Oklahoma, in honor of "The first man to bring the word of God to the Indians, and always their protector, defender and friend."
25. Illuminated Wall Panel at Mormon Church, Temple Square, Salt Lake City, Utah.
26. Roger Williams National Park - from North Main Street, Providence to Smith Street and the State House. Plans are already being worked out to finish this Park very soon.
27. A bronze Governor's Marker was dedicated July 4, 1954 to honor Roger Williams as the first Governor of the State. This was done by the President of the Roger Williams Family Association, Mrs. Clifford W. Brown. A picture of this is in the book published by Ralph S. Mohr entitled, "Rhode Island Governors for Three Hundred Years." This marker is now placed near the monument at Prospect Terrace, Providence, R. I.

BUT WHERE'S ROGER?

By JOHN MULLIGAN

Journal-Bulletin Staff Writer

ASHAWAY — A fifth-grader at the elementary school on Hillside Avenue was recently looking up the founder of Rhode Island in the library's new, 21-volume historical encyclopedia, "People Who Made America."

"W....."

"Wilkes, Wilkins, Willard, Williams," said the headings in the book.

"Bert Williams, Daniel Hade Williams, Eleazer Williams, George W. Williams, John A. Williams, Robert Williams, Ted Williams...."

WHAT! No Roger Williams?

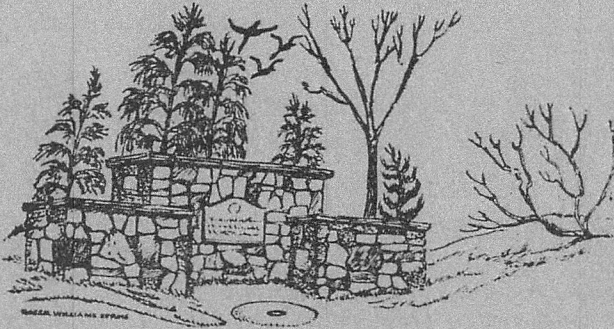
That's right, said the librarian, Edith H. Park. The volume lists the baseball-playing Williams, the vitamin-discovering Williams, the surgery pioneering and the popular-singing Williams — 10 of them in all, but not the Providence Plantations-founding Williams.

Some of the fifth graders are protesting this grave oversight in letters to the distributor and publisher of the encyclopedia, which purports to include people "from the earliest times to the present who influence and form the America we live in today."

"I feel that if Ted Williams, a baseball player, made America why didn't Roger Williams make America?" asked David Bernosconi, 10, in his letter.

"He founded the colony of Rhode Island, and, as far as I'm concerned, founding a colony is more important than being a good baseball player."

Tami Handley and Linda Garceau asked the Follett Company to make up for its omission of Roger. "In future sets would you please put him in," wrote Linda. "He is very important. At least I think so."



Marker at "Roger Williams Spring" in East Providence, R. I. erected November 6, 1936, which reads:

"This spring is on the site of the first settlement by Roger Williams in the (present) state of Rhode Island.

"Banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony because of his religious belief, he fled into the wilderness and found refuge with his friend Massasoit (Chief of the Wampanoag Indians) from whom he received a grant of land upon which he built his home near this spring. Warned that he still was within the limits claimed by the (Massachusetts) Colony, he removed across the Seekonk River and founded the settlement which is now Providence."

IN MEMORIAM

	Died
Mrs. Dudley Griffith (Margaret May Dudley) Va.	March 5, 1973
Mrs. Cary Freeman Denny (Dorothy Duncan) Conn.	December 1, 1973
Mrs. Arthur O. Williams (Associate) Conn.	1973
Mrs. Walter H. Obaver (Laura Belle Talbot) Ohio	March 21, 1975
Mrs. Charles J. Yoder (Dorothy Thomas) Calif.	April 7, 1975
Mrs. Luther Patterson (Beatrice LeValley) R. I.	1975
Miss Maud Alice Hawkins, R. I.	June 17, 1975
Mrs. Charles J. Needham (Mary Sweet Winsor) R. I.	June 17, 1975
Miss Mary E. Magoon, R. I.	December 16, 1975
Miss Gwendolyn E. Capper, R. I.	1975
Mrs. Frances Vance (Frances Ada Smith) Honorary Vice President	December 17, 1975
Mrs. Frank F. Sherman (Lillian Williams) R. I.	December 11, 1975
Dr. Claude W. Barlow, Mass.	January 20, 1976
Mrs. John Levardsen (Marjorie Williams) Conn.	February 10, 1976
Lt. Col. Preston W. Beauregard, R. I.	January 22, 1976
Mr. Clifford K. Wilbur, Mass.	January 22, 1976
Mrs. William I. Goodwin (Hope Cushing) Va.	November 22, 1975
Mrs. Jack Croghan (Fannylu Stone) Calif.	November 26, 1975
Mrs. William H. Blaney (Grace M. Aborn) R. I.	December 24, 1975
Mr. George Smith Gardner, Pa.	January 10, 1976
Mrs. Fred Randall (Minnie Barrett) Honorary President	January 13, 1976
Mr. George Sumner Perry, Mass.	March 1, 1976
Ms. Robert Pope (Mary Elizabeth Barrow)	May 12, 1976
Mrs. Raymond P. Cardwell (Gladys Tillinghast) R. I.	August 3, 1976
	August 5, 1976

LIFE MEMBERS

CONGDON, Curtis B. (R. I.)	GREENE, Robert Allen (R. I.)
PATTESON, Mrs. Moncure (Charlotte McAdam) (Va.)	WILLIAMS, Clinton N. (R. I.)
ROBINSON, Miss Patricia N. (R. I.)	SACKETT, Dr. Nelson B. (N. Y.)
STEEN, Robert C. (Calif.)	BROWN, Dr. Clifford W. Jr. (R. I.)
HEENAN, Charles Hamilton (Mich.)	HARGREAVES, J. Britton (R. I.)

NEW MEMBERS SINCE SEPTEMBER 1975

AMEDEN, Mrs. Grace W. (Boyd) 2 Dibble St., Rowayton, Conn. 06853 (Daniel)
BENEWAY, Mrs. Dvaid (June C. Hamilton) Main St., Red Creek, N. Y. 13143 (Mary)
BOWEN, Mrs. Arthur (Thelma Harris) 1460 Phenix Ave., Cranston, R. I. 02920 (Mercy Waterman)
BRADBURY, Miss Tracey C., 680 Fargo Ave., San Leandro, Calif. 94579 (Daniel)
BURNSIDE, Miss F. Evelyn, 7 Bowley Drive, Greenville, R. I. 02828 (Mary, Daniel & Joseph)
CAMP, Mr. Norman Harold, 4334 Kelpena Dr., Jacksonville, Fla. 32207 (Joseph)
CAMP, Dr. Norman Marshall, 1811 Monument Blvd., Richmond, Va. 23220 (Joseph)
CARLSON, Mrs. Milton F., Sr. (Doris Wells) 10 Batteny Ave., Coventry, R. I. 02816 (Daniel)
CARLSON, Milton F., Jr., 26 Batteny Ave., Coventry, R. I. 02816 (Daniel)
CARLSON, Brett Alan, 3912 So. Valley View Dr., Apt. 101, Eagan, Minn. 55122 (Daniel)
CARLSON, Scott F., 3912 So. Valley View Dr., Eagan, Minn. 55122 (Daniel)
CARLSON, Mrs. Robert (Velma E. Perry) Route #1, Box 248, Orrington, Me. 04474 (Mcy. Winsor)
CHAPPELL, Mr. B. B. Coman, 3 Seminary St., Union Springs, N. Y. Box 321, 13160 (Mcy. Winsor)
CHASE, Mrs. Barbara R., 635-B Center St., Manchester, Conn. 06040 (Mary)
COLLINS, Miss Christine J., P. O. Box 87, Candia, N. H. 03034 (Joseph)
CONGDON, Mr. Curtis Barnes, 71 Sylvia Ave., No. Providence, R. I. 02911 (Mary) Life Member
CONGDON, Mrs. Curtis B., 71 Sylvia Ave., No. Prov., R. I. 02911 (Associate Member)
COOK, Miss Luella E., Winthrop, Iowa 50682 (Joseph)
CRISWELL, Dr. Eleanor Camp, 455 Ridge Road, Novato, Calif. 94947 (Joseph)
DELEMONTEX, Mrs. George T., 3 Maywood Ave., Warwick, R. I. 02889 (Associate)
DELEMONTEX, Miss Barbara Jean, 3 Maywood Ave., Warwick, R. I. 02889 (Mary)
DELEMONTEX, Miss Eliz. Susan, 3 Maywood Ave., Warwick, R. I. 02889 (Mary)
DELEMONTEX, John Charles Edward, 3 Maywood Ave., Warwick, R. I. 02889 (Mary)
DENNIS, Mrs. Larry M. (Ruth E. Carlson) 20 Batteny Ave., Coventry, R. I. 02816 (Daniel)
DENNIS, Paul Lawrence, 20 Batteny Ave., Coventry, R. I. 02816 (Daniel)
EGAN, Mr. Richard M., 336 East Rialto, Fresno, Calif. 93704 (Daniel)
EPSTEIN, Mrs. Roger J. (Eleanor Randall) 1375 Markan Court, Apt. 1, Atlanta, Ga. (Mcy. Winsor)
FENN, Dr. Robert A., 2585 Edgewood Ave., Alliance, Ohio 44601 (Mary)
FENN, Daniel M., 2585 Edgewood Ave., Alliance, Ohio 44601 (Mary)
FENN, Susan M., 2585 Edgewood Ave., Alliance, Ohio 44601 (Mary)
FORGET, Mrs. Joseph W. (Barbara Cutler) 10 Pleasant St., E. Pepperell, Mass. 01437 (Daniel)
FREESE, Chas. Fredk., Florence Mary-Carleton Jolley-Geo. Wm. & Mabel Eliz. 350 Pequot Ave., Warwick, R. I. 02886 (Daniel)
GREENE, Stephen A., Jr., 10 Spring St., East Greenwich, R. I. 02818 (Joseph)
GREENE, Thomas Casey, Jr., The Forge-40 Old Forge Rd., Potowomut, E. Greenwich, R. I. 02818 (Mary)
HAMILTON, Mrs. Wm. J. (Nellie Rightmyer) 615 Highland Rd., Ithaca, N. Y. 14850 (Mary)
HARRIS, Miss Susan A., 79 Roosevelt Ave., Somerset, Mass. (Mercy Waterman)
HAZARD, Miss Katherine M., 159 Wentworth Ave., Cranston R. I. 02905 (Mary & Mercy Winsor)
HOYLE, Glenn, 491 South St., Wrentham, Mass. 02093 (Mercy Winsor)
HOYLE, Wayne, Jr., 491 South St., Wrentham, Mass. 02093 (Mercy Winsor)
IPSON, Mrs. Donald K. (Shirley Hanks) 252 Ave. del Poniente, Apt. B, San Clemente, Calif. 92672 (Mercy Waterman)
JARNAGIN, Mr. Douglas C., 1403 Chauncey Lane, Richmond, Va. 23233 (Freehorn)
KING, Mrs. Roscoe (Shirley Harris) 14 Kingsley St., Fall River, Mass. 02720 (Mercy Waterman)
KNOWLTON, Mr. Freeman B., 216 East Central St., Franklin, Mass. 02038 (Mercy Winsor)
KNOWLTON, Mrs. Freeman B., 216 East Central St., Franklin, Mass. (Associate)
LANGDON, Mrs. George Taft (Eleanor Hazard) 526 Dudley Ave., Narberth, Pa. 19072 (Mary) (Mercy Winsor)
LANGDON, Courtney, 526 Dudley Ave., Narberth, Pa. 19072 (Mary & Mercy Winsor)
LANGDON, John Wilbur, 34 West St., Woodbury, N. J. 08096 (Mary & Mercy Winsor)

LANGDON, Jessica Taft, 34 West St., Woodbury, N.J. 08096 (Mary & Mercy Winsor)
 LEMOI, Mrs. Robert (Nancy Thornton Byrne) 1102 Middle Rd., E. Greenwich, R. I. 02818 (Joseph)
 McCOMB, Mrs. Robert P. (Audrey Bunton) 13431 - 4th Ave., South, Seattle, Wash. 98168 (Mary)
 McGRAW, Mrs. William C. (Vivian Mae Venard) 9089 Greenbrier Dr., Fort Myers, Fla. 33901 (Mary)
 MITCHELL, Mrs. William P. (Susan Roberts) 34233 Shawnee Trail, Westland, Mich. 48185 (Freeborn)
 MOWRY, Warren E., III, 225 So. Main St., Auburn, Me. 02892 (Mary, Mercy Winsor, Daniel, Joseph)
 PATTESON, Mrs. Moncure P. (Charlotte Dudley) "Country Bank" Irvington, Va. 22480 (Freeborn)
Life Member
 PATTESON, Dudley Moncure, 300 E. 56th St., Apt. 12D, New York City, N. Y. 10021 (Freeborn)
 PATTESON, Gary Owen, 166 E. 61st St., Apt. 20, New York City, N. Y. 10021 (Freeborn)
 PITSCH, Mrs. Oscar (Aly Johnstone) 1166 S. W. 3rd St., Boca Raton, Fla. 33432 (Freeborn)
 PELZ, Dr. Stephen E., 50 Deepwoods Dr., Amherst, Mass. 01002 (Mercy Winsor)
 PELZ, Miss Anne E., 50 Deepwoods Dr., Amherst, Mass. 01002 (Mercy Winsor)
 PELZ, Miss Laura Jane, 18 Sol's Point Rd., Clinton, Conn. 06413 (Mercy Winsor)
 PERRY, Mr. James Matthew, 29 Coolidge St., Manchester, Conn. 06010 (Mercy Winsor)
 PROSTOR, Mrs. Frank (Ruth Grove) R.D. #3, Matteson Rd., Geneva, Ohio 44041
 RANDALL, Judge William I., 122 Edgell Rd., Framingham, Mass. 01701 (Mercy Winsor)
 RICHARDSON, Mrs. Vernon B., Jr., (Anne Pateeson) 1003 I No. Hamilton St., Richmond, Va. 23221
(Freeborn)
 ROBINSON, Miss Patricia Noble, c/o R. Wallace, 19 Sherman Lane, Middleown, R. I. 02840 (Mary)
Life Member
 ROSE, Miss Nina Roselyn, 530 Victoria Court, San Leandro, Calif. 94577 (Daniel)
 ROSE, Scott R., 15175 Swenson St., San Leandro, Calif. 94579 (Daniel)
 ROSE, Steve Norman, 15175 Swenson St., San Leandro, Calif. 94579 (Daniel)
 ROSE, Mark Nelson, 5930 Christopher Way, Eureka, Calif. 95501 (Daniel)
 ROSE, Teresa Ann, 5930 Christopher Way, Eureka, Calif. 95501 (Daniel)
 ROSE, Kevin Robert, 5930 Christopher Way, Eureka, Calif. 95501 (Daniel)
 ROSE, Wendi Marie, 1258 Trojan St., San Leandro, Calif. 94579 (Daniel)
 ROSE, Debra Ann, 1258 Trojan St., San Leandro, Calif. 94579 (Daniel)
 SAYLES, Ralph, 950 Greenwich Ave., Warwick, R. I. 02886 (Mary, Daniel & Mercy Winsor)
 SCHLERETH, Mrs. Howard J. (Mary V. Hewitt) Red Bud Cove, Mount Holly, Va. 22524 (Freeborn)
 SHERMAN, Mrs. Thomas H. (Clara Williams) 10 Maple St., Concord, N. H. 03301 (Joseph)
 SIMPSON, Mrs. Stanley M. (Pamela Yoder) P. O. Box 155, Northridge, Calif. 91324 (Joseph)
 SIMPSON, Mr. Stanley M. (Associate)
 SIMPSON, Miss Ann Frances, P. O. Box 155, Northridge, Calif. 91324 (Joseph)
 STEEN, Mr. Robert Curtis, P. O. Box 1253, Newport Beach, Calif. 92663 (Mary & Freeborn)
Life Member
 STEVENSON, Mrs. Larry G. (Mary VeNard) 674 Dellrose, Memphis, Tenn. 38116 (Mary)
 TRAVERSO, Mrs. Valerian (Helen C. Thompson) University Village Apt. 329, 8555 South Lewis Ave.,
Tulsa, Okla. 74136 (Freeborn)
 TRIM, Miss Diane, 3 Bereford St., Lawrence, Mass. 01843 (Mercy Winsor)
 TRIM, Miss Karen, 3 Bereford St., Lawrence, Mass. 01843 (Mercy Winsor)
 WALSH, Mrs. Gerald E., (Associate Member)
 WALSH, Gerald E., 21 Elm St., Foxboro, Mass. 02035 (Mercy Waterman)
 WALSH, Gerald E., Jr., 21 Elm St., Foxboro, Mass. 02035 (Mercy Waterman)
 WALSH, Miss Kelly Lynne, 21 Elm St., Foxboro, Mass. 02035 (Mercy Waterman)
 WINSOR, Mr. Andrew DeWitt, 4 Church St., Box 312, Greenville, R. I. 02828 (Mercy Winsor)
 WINTER, Mrs. Millicent Hicklin, Box 92, Wapello, Iowa 52653 (Associate)

A copy of the following manuscript, on parchment paper, was presented to our President, Mrs. Clifford W. Brown, at the Old State House on ROGER WILLIAMS DAY, August 8, 1976, by Dr. Patrick T. Conley, Bicentennial Chairman.

Due to the efforts of Mrs. Burton L. Doris, (Virginia) the Governor had set aside August 8, 1975 as ROGER WILLIAMS DAY, this date to be honored in memory of Founder of this State from now on.

**LETTER FROM ROGER WILLIAMS, PRESIDENT OF PROVIDENCE COLONY,
 TO THE GENERAL COURT OF MASSACHUSETTS**

August 8, 1654

Much honoured Sirs:

I truly wish you peace, and pray your gentle acceptance of a word, I hope not unreasonable.

We have in these parts a sound of your meditations of war against these natives, amongst whom we dwell. I consider that war is one of those three great, sore plagues, with which it pleaseth God to affect the sons of men. I consider, also, that I refused, lately, many offers in my native country, out of a sincere desire to seek the good and peace of this.

For are not all the English of this land, generally a persecuted people from their native soil? and hath not the God of peace and Father of mercies made these natives more friendly in this, than our native countrymen in our own land to us? Have they not entered leagues of love, and to this day continued peaceable commerce with us? Are not our families grown up in peace amongst them? Upon which I humbly ask, how it can suit with Christian ingenuity to take hold of some seeming occasions for their destructions, which, though the heads be only aimed at, yet, all experience tells us, falls on the body and on the innocent.

Whether I have been and am a friend to the natives turning to civility and Christianity, and whether I have been instrumental, and desire so to be, according to my light, I will not trouble you with; only I beseech you consider, how the name of the

most holy and jealous God may be preserved between the clashing of these two, viz: the glorious conversion of the Indians in New-England, and the unnecessary wars and cruel destructions of the Indians in New-England.

I cannot yet learn, that it ever pleased the Lord to permit the Narragansetts to stain their hands with any English blood, neither in open hostilities nor secret murders, as both Pequods and Long-Islanders did, and Mohegans, also, in the Pequod war. Their greatest offences against the English have been matters of money, or petty revenging of themselves on some Indians, upon extreme provocations, but God kept them clear of our blood.

Their late famous long-lived Canonicus so lived and died, and in the same most honorable manner and solemnity (in their way), as you laid to sleep your prudent peace-maker, Mr. Winthrop, did they honor this, their prudent and peaceable prince. His son, Mexham, inherits his spirit. Yea, through all their townes and countries, how frequently do many, and oft-times one Englishman, travel alone with safety and loving-kindness!

Roger Williams
President of Providence Colony

BEGINNING OUR 85TH YEAR

OFFICERS - SEPTEMBER 1976 TO SEPTEMBER 1977

- Honorary President Mrs. Albert E. Congdon, R. I.
 Honorary President (Associate) Mr. I. Percy Roe b. August 23, 1879 R.I.
 Honorary Vice President Mr. John H. Williams, Sr. b. Oct. 29, 1883 Englewood, Col.
 Honorary Vice President Mrs. Marion Cook b. Oct. 9, 1886 Hidden St. R.I.
 Honorary Vice President Mr. G. Peabody Gardiner b. Oct. 13, 1888 Mass.
 President Mr. Clinton N. Williams
 51 So. Angell St., Providence, R. I. 02906
- 1st Vice President Robert Allen Greene
 1586 South County Trail, East Greenwich, R. I. 02818
- 2nd Vice President Webb W. Wilder
 281 Morgan Ave., Johnston, R. I. 02919
- Recording Secretary Mr. George T. Delemontex
 3 Maywood Ave., Warwick, R. I. 02889
- Corresponding Secretary Mrs. E. Warren Colwell
 61 Gladstone St., Cranston, R. I. 02920
- Treasurer Mrs. Milton P. Broome
 79 Clay St., Central Falls, R. I. 02863
- Registrar Emeritus Mrs. Charles W. Anthony
 Acting Registrar Mrs. Harold P. Williams
 35 Hodsell St., Cranston, R. I. 02910 Tel. 467-7594
- Lineage Book Chairman Mr. Robert E. Steere
 Chepachet, R. I. 02814
- Historian Mrs. William Haelsen
 170 Waterman Ave., Apt. 6, North Providence, R. I. 02911
- Librarian and Custodian Dr. Clifford W. Brown, Jr.
 180 Brown St., Providence, R. I. 02906
- Two Directors nominated from the floor:
 Mrs. Clifford W. Brown, 180 Brown St., Providence, R. I. 02906
 Mrs. Robert Lemoi, 1102 Middle Rd., East Greenwich, R. I. 02818
- Chaplain (appointed by the Executive Board) Mrs. Leroy F. Garland
 441 Washington St., Coventry, R. I. 02816
- Program Committee appointed by the Chair:
 Dr. & Mrs. George W. Davis, Co-Chairmen Mr. Robert Allen Greene
 Miss Marion Fry, Mrs. Harold P. Williams Mr. Peter Garland
- Conversation Corner Mrs. J. Ronalds Platt, Jr.
 Sunshine Chairmen Mrs. William Schmidt and Miss Dorothy Roffee
 Publicity Miss Dorothy Roffee, 24 Delaware Ave., Warwick, R. I. 02888
 Auditors Mr. Webb W. Wilder and Miss Alice W. Roe
 Reception Committee Mrs. Wallace B. Mathewson, Mrs. Muriel Randall,
 Mrs. Amy Latimer, Mc. Netti Sedgewick, Mrs. Ernest Arnold, Miss Dorothy Fry,
 Mr. Ralph W. Dexter.