



# ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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This is the three hundred and forty-third year since Roger Williams was driven from Massachusetts and his subsequent arrival on the banks of the Seekonk River.

The sacrifices which Roger and his small band of Free Thinkers endured, must be an inspiration to all his descendents in this period of our history when governments seem bent on the control of every area of our existence.

The ideals of religious freedom, which Roger put into practice here in the Colony of Rhode Island — then considered radical and far ahead of the times — became the seed from which the Declaration of Independence and the Bill of Rights came into existence almost one hundred and fifty years later. Indeed, the foundations of basic religious and civil independence, first espoused by Roger Williams so many years ago, have survived the tests of time and emerged as the great strengths of this Nation today.

Sincerely,

Clinton Nickerson Williams

President

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## Programme

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### **NOVEMBER 19, 1978      Sunday 11:00 A.M.**

Invitation to attend the Special Thanksgiving Service at the Central Baptist Church, corner of Lloyd Ave. and Wayland Ave., Providence, R. I. We call attention to the slate rock in the Narthex 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 to 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 3, 1978      Sunday 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.**

Christmas program at Washington Park Methodist Church, corner of Massachusetts Ave. and Broad St., Providence, R. I. Refreshments.

### **MARCH 10, 1979      Saturday 2:00 - 4:00 P.M.**

Kentish Guards Armory, East Greenwich, R. I. Lineage Book Chairman, Mr. Robert E. Steere speaker who will give us a progress report on the Roger Williams Genealogy. Refreshments will be served.

### **APRIL 21, 1979      Saturday 12:00 Noon      Arlene Darling Restaurant**

Roy Weaver, Supt. of Roger Williams National Memorial Park will be the speaker. Re-dedication of a Roger Williams Oak tree.

### **MAY 20, 1979      FOREFATHER'S DAY at 11:00 A.M.**

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN AMERICA, Waterman St. and North Main St., Providence, R. I. Following the 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 Larchwood Inn in Wakefield, R. I. for luncheon. This is a beautiful spot and we know you will enjoy the flowering crab trees which will be in full bloom at this time of year. We will have a private room for the meeting.

### **AUGUST 8, 1979      ROGER WILLIAMS DAY - 11:00 A.M.**

Observance at the Roger Williams National Memorial Park, North Main St., Providence, R. I. Services will be held in the grove near the spring.

### **SEPTEMBER 15, 1979      Saturday 2:00 P.M.**

Annual Meeting at the Park Museum. There will be the monthly meeting followed by the Annual meeting at which time officers and committee chairmen are requested to present their reports for the ensuing year. Dues are payable at this meeting. Remember we have \$25.00 LIFE MEMBERSHIPS for those who wish them.

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## **BOOKS AND PAMPHLETS WRITTEN BY ROGER WILLIAMS**

"DISSENT"—against Bishop Laud's formal service of the Book of Common Prayer.

"KEY TO THE LANGUAGE OF AMERICA" (Indian Language) - 1643 enroute to England—observation on conduct and morals of his Indian friends.

"THE BLOODY TENENT YET MORE BLOODY"—written in England 1651 - in answer to John Cotton's "THE BLOODY TENENT WASHED IN THE BLOOD OF THE LAMB."

"EXPERIMENTS OF SPIRITUAL LIFE & HEALTH & THEIR PRESERVATIONS."

"**QUERIES OF HIGHEST CONSIDERATION**"—clear-cut enunciation of the separation of Church and State. This book is in the R. I. Historical Society, Providence, R. I. The only other known copies of this FIRST edition are in the British Museum and the John Carter Brown Library, Providence.

"**THE HIRELING MINISTRY NONE OF CHRIST'S**"—written 1652 to persuade Cromwell and Parliament to abolish the payment of tithes for support of clergy and thus to establish freedom of religion. Presented to Rhode Island Historical Society in observance of American Jewish Tercentenary in 1954.

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The Roger Williams Family Association through its Lineage Book Committee is at work on a new "Roger Williams of Providence Genealogy". The supply of the 1966 edition has long since been exhausted.

Great interest now centers not only on data on the latest generations, but also the need for further tracing out many many descendants of earlier generations whose records go no farther.

There will also be a change of format in the new edition, to make relationships and lines of descent easily traceable.

Your interest as a member and your pride in your Roger Williams ancestry leads us to believe you will want your own name and your complete family record to appear in the new edition. A family record sheet is enclosed for your use. Request as many more as you need for the families of your own offspring, and for families of earlier generations that you know were omitted, or whose records can be enlarged.

A lineage chart is enclosed. As a member, we already have your completed one on file. You may be able to make amendments on this one, or you may see fit to pass it along to a related descendant of Roger Williams. Again, request as many more as you need, or give us addresses of those to whom we should send them direct.

We plan to include in the new edition all individuals whose lineage has been traced back to Roger Williams. We invite and encourage membership in the Association but do not make it a prerequisite for a descendant's name to appear in the book.

May we count on your help in this project? We encourage prompt replies, but not at the expense of careful compilation of all the data you can reasonably gather from sources that are authoritative (public records, family Bibles, other genealogies, church and cemetery records, etc.)

Make returns to Robert E. Steere, Chairman  
P. O. Box 247  
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"Progress" has caught up with the white oak tree which was planted by this Association in 1906 at the Roger Williams Spring in East Providence, where Roger built his first home. Modern roads and electrical lines were the culprits, with the result that the once magnificent tree is now deceased. This next year we are planning to re-dedicate another tree in a different location, possibly at which time we plan to re-dedicate the original bronze plaque.

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## ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY GENEALOGY

Volume I of our present genealogy was published in 1949 by Bertha Williams Anthony and Harriet Wood Weeden. Although Mrs. Weeden passed away before Volume II was published, Mrs. Anthony carried on the work, and published Volume II in 1966. Both of these books have long been out of print and requests for copies have been numerous. Recently Mr. Robert E. Steere, the author of "THE JOHN STEERE FAMILY BRANCHES", has established a committee to take on the project of up-dating the ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY GENEALOGY. Toward this end all members are urged to furnish the Association with information concerning new family members, new lines of descent and any other genealogical information which may be incorporated by the committee in this future publication. Please send information directly to Mr. Robert E. Steere, Chepachet, R. I. 02814 or to any member of his committee which is as follows:

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This committee will hold an organization meeting this month, October 22nd at which there will be a determination of objectives and the suggested approaches to their fulfillment. A campaign by mail to presently enrolled members is anticipated as one of the first measures to be taken to secure newest data on the descendants of Roger Williams, and to secure names and addresses of prospective members. All descendants should be listed in this volume regardless of whether they are members of our association or not. Time will be allotted at a meeting of the Association on March 10, 1979 for a progress report to the members. This is a tremendous undertaking and donations toward publication will be gratefully received.

BEGINNING OUR 87th YEAR · OFFICERS · SEPT. 1978 to SEPT. 1979

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