



# ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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Dear Cousins:

"Better late than never" is an old adage that I hope still holds true. At the Annual Meeting I was elected to serve as your president for this year. It is an honor and a privilege to do so. I apologize for the lateness of this report to you.

Stephen A. Greene Jr. our president for the last three years has been a most dedicated and effective officer of the Roger Williams Family Association. He represented the Family at many of the 350th Anniversary celebrations of the State of Rhode Island.

Here are a few of the many events especially relating to Roger Williams. In April over two hundred descendants of Roger Williams gathered at Roger Williams Park for a family portrait at the invitation of the Sunday Journal Magazine.

They came from all over New England and as far away as Florida. The youngest was a baby boy of four months and the oldest was Susie Arnold Macdonald, a young ninety-three years. The portrait brought together Williams cousins with one thing in common - a pride in the founder of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, Roger Williams. The Sunday Journal Magazine devoted one issue to "Just Who Are You Roger Williams?"

The Rhode Island Historical Society presented an excellent exhibit at Aldrich House entitled "Perceptions of Rhode Island's Favorite Son, and Rhode Island's First Century."

An Oratorio on May 18th, Forefather's Day at the First Baptist Church in America described the events and philosophies which led Roger Williams to found Providence.

A fourteen cent Post Card honoring the "Settling of Rhode Island 1639" was presented at ceremonies at the State House this past summer.

The Roger Williams Family Association is proud to have been responsible for the restoration of the deed called the "Town Evidence" given to Roger Williams by Narragansett Indian Sachems Conanicut and Miantonomi. Conanicut signed with a bow and Miantonomi with an arrow. This deed dated March 24, 1638 confirmed earlier verbal grants. The restored document is on display daily at the Division of Archives and History at the Providence City Hall. Since not all of us will have the opportunity to see this "Town Evidence," we have included a copy in this report with the translation. Carole Pace, City Archivist, graciously made a copy available to be reproduced for you.

At the October meeting we will be guests at the Archives to see this deed and other early documents relating to Roger Williams and Providence.

"Descendants/350, a photographic tribute to the first settlers of Rhode Island" is an exhibit at the Roger Williams Park Museum in Providence presented by Mayor Joseph R. Paolino, Jr. and the people of Providence from Jan. 11 to Feb. 15, 1987. This excellent exhibit is the project of Tom Chambers, staff photographer for the Executive Office of the Mayor of Providence and is funded by Providence 350, Inc.

Special notices were sent to Rhode Island members for the Annual Thanksgiving Service at the Central Baptist Church and for the Christmas Caroling held at the Stony Lane Six Principle Baptist Church. The Stony Lane Church was founded in 1666 and according to Church historians, Roger Williams was instrumental in its organization. He is known to have preached in the area near the present Wickford. We enjoyed the hospitality of Col. and Mrs. Elmer Palmer at the Ancestral Hall Homestead said to be the site of Roger Williams Trading Post.

Enclosed is a long genealogical form. In order for the Williams Lineage book to progress and for the updating of family members, we need this information. Won't you please fill out the form and return it to Mrs. Harold P. Williams our Registrar? This is very important.

If your address has changed, if you have news items or ideas please let us know.



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## Calendar

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**NOVEMBER, 1986 — 1987**

**NOVEMBER 23, 1986 — Sunday 11:00 A.M.**

Thanksgiving Service at Central Baptist Church. Invitation to attend the Special Thanksgiving Service at the Central Baptist Church, corner of Lloyd and Wayland Avenues in Providence, R.I. Your attention is called to the slate rock in the narthex of the church. This 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.

**DECEMBER 7, 1986 — Sunday 1:30 P.M.**

The Christmas meeting is at Stony Lane Six Principle Baptist Church, Old Baptist Road, North Kingstown, R.I. According to church historians, Roger Williams was instrumental in organizing the church which was founded in 1665. The church building is an early 18th century meeting house and is on the National Register of Historic Places.

Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Kirk, pastor of the church led us in singing Christmas Carols. We were invited to the home of Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Palmer for refreshments and exchanging of gifts. This house is said to be in part the Trading Post of Roger Williams.

**MARCH 14, 1987 — Saturday 12:00 Noon**

Luncheon at Larchwood Inn, 176 Main St., Wakefield, R.I. Lucy Rawlings Tootell, well known South County historian, will be our guest speaker. She will discuss Jemima Wilkinson, the Universal Friend.

**APRIL 25, 1987 — Saturday, 12:00 Noon**

Luncheon at The Stage Coach Tavern, Main St., Chepachet, RI. Our guest speaker is Thomas Casey Greene Jr., a descendant of Roger Williams and a member of the Association. He lives at the Forge Farm at Potowomut. His talk will be "Growing up in the Birthplace of Major General Nathanael Greene."

**MAY 17, 1987 — Sunday 11:00 A.M.**

Founders Sunday - First Baptist Church in America, North Main Street at Waterman Avenue and Angell Street, Providence, R.I. Following the service we will join with the congregation at their coffee hour.

**SEPTEMBER 12, 1987 — Saturday 1:30 P.M.**

Annual Meeting - Roger Williams Park Museum. Officers and Committee Chairmen will present their reports. Dues of \$1.00 will be payable at this time. There will be a September meeting first, followed by the Annual Meeting. A collation will be served after the meetings.

**OCTOBER 8, 1987 - Thursday 10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.**

Roger Williams Day Observance at the Roger Williams National Memorial, North Main Street and Smith Street Providence, R.I. This is the anniversary of Comonicus and Miantonomi signing of the deed granting Roger Williams title to the land that he called Providence. We will hold a short meeting at the Visitor Center and then go to the Providence City Hall Archives. Carole B. Pace, City Archivist, has invited us to see and learn about early documents relating to Roger

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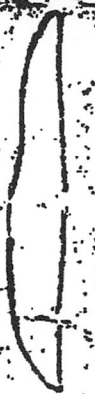
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A copy of the deed restored by the Roger Williams Family Association in 1986 in celebration of the founding of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations by Roger Williams.

In the name of the Lord Amen  
 We the undersigned  
 of the County of Providence  
 State of Rhode Island  
 do hereby certify that  
 the within and foregoing  
 is a true and correct  
 copy of the original  
 as the same appears  
 by the records of the  
 County of Providence  
 State of Rhode Island  
 this 1st day of August  
 1986  
 Notary Public  
 for the County of Providence  
 State of Rhode Island

**A true Coppye of the Towne Evidence,  
as followeth.**

**Att Nanhiggansick, the 24th of the first Month Comonly called March in the Second year of our plantation, or planting at Moshausick, or Providence.**

**Memorandum, That wee Caunanicusse ans Meiuantannomu the two chiefe Sachims of Nanhiggansuck, haveing Two yeares since sold unto Roger Williams the lands & meadows upon the two fresh Rivers called mowshausuck & wanasquatuckett, doe now by these presents Establish & Confirme the bounds of those lands from the Rivers & ffields of Pautuckett, The great hill of Neotaconkonnitt on the Norwest and the towne of Mashapauge on the west. As also in Consideration of the many Kindnesses & services he hath continually done for us both with our friends of Massachusetts, as also at Quinittkicut, And Apaum or Plimouth, wee doe freeley Give unto him all that land from those Rivers Reaching to Pautuxett River, as also the Grasse & meadows upon Pautuxett River. In witnes where of wee haue hereunto set our hands in the presence of**

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**Wittnes hereof**

**Roger Williams  
Benedict Arnold**

## LIFE MEMBERS SINCE THE 1985 BULLETIN

- Andrews, Miss Roberta G., PA
- Barnes, Miss Lucy Hazen, DE
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- Stubbs, Mrs. Charles G. (Alice Mallet), TX
- Tott, Mrs. Carl (Barbara J. Blanchard), RI
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- Welling, Charles Hunt, Jr., VA
- Welling, W. Lambert, MA
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- Wightman, Gerald W., MI
- Wilkinson, Mrs. Walter W., Jr. (Marjorie Bruce), TX
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- Williams, Roger, CA
- Yoder, Mrs. Glenn, III (Victoria Darlington), NY
- Young, Mrs. Robert (Nancy Ray), RI

• Indicates a new member.

The Roger Williams National Memorial Park of the National Park Service on North Main Street in Providence is one of which we are especially proud. It is a beautiful Park with four and one half acres of open space, green lawns, many trees and of course the Memorial Spring of Roger Williams. The Visitor and Information Center with its interesting exhibits is open daily. Park Ranger Larry Nash, is one of our good friends. He tells us that volunteers are needed at the Park. If you can help, call the Park Service at 598-5885. More benches are needed in the Park. Here is an opportunity to give a lasting memorial honoring our ancestor. Or perhaps you would like to contribute to a fund for park benches.

We have an interesting program for this year. Do plan to come to our meetings. We are an organization with over twelve hundred members but most are unable to attend meetings because of distance. It is our local group who can keep the association active. We need your participation and interest and ideas.

I look forward to seeing you at our meetings.

Sincerely,

Marion L. Fry

## NEW MEMBERS SINCE THE LAST BULLETIN

ANDERSON, Mrs. Gary E. (Deborah Knowles), Cohasset, MA	Joseph
ANDERSON, Miss Katharina Knowles, Cohasset, MA	Joseph
ANDERSON, Miss Elizabeth W., Cohasset, MA	Joseph
ASH, Mrs. Timothy L. (Shari Jeanne Walsh), Norfolk, VA	Joseph
BACON, Mrs. Charles A. (Helen V. Critsey), Longview, WA	Marcy Waterman
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FAIN, Michael Patrick, East Greenwich, RI	Daniel
FAIN, Scott Jeremiah, East Greenwich, RI	Daniel
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HORTON, Mrs. Steven F. (Lorraine Miller), Kingston, RI	Daniel
KASZETA, Daniel Joseph, Mesa, AZ	Daniel
KASZETA, Richard Williams, Mesa, AZ	Daniel
KNOWLES, Miss Holly Jane, Thornton, NH	Joseph
LEDINSKY, Mrs. James P. (Clare Alderman)	Marcy Winsor
MILLER, Charles Everett, Jr., Brea, CA	Daniel
PICCIRILLI, Miss Nancy Lee, West Warwick, RI	Mary
RILEY, Mrs. Robert A. (Shirley Iverson) Oceanside, CA	Marcy Winsor
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## IN MEMORIAM

Duncan, Mrs. Alice I. (Beesley), RI (Daniel)	May 19, 1986
Gardner, Mrs. G. Peabody (Rose Grosvenor), MA (Mary)	July 2, 1986
Gibbins, Walter Drayce, CA (Associate)	May, 1985
Marvin, Rev. Ellison Fletcher, MA (Mercy Waterman)	June, 1985
Mathewson, Mrs. Wallace B. (Florence Sayles), RI (Mary)	April 11, 1986
Parry, Kendrick Randall, MD (Mercy Winsor)	Dec. 22, 1984
Rowley, John Locke, RI (Mary)	March 31, 1986
Sawyer, Roger Williams, NY (Daniel)	Sept. 28, 1985
Steele, Benjamin Franklin, JR., RI (Marv)	Feb 4 1986

## HONORARY OFFICERS BEGINNING OUR 85th YEAR 1986-87

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