

ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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Dear Cousins.

As your president for this year I am truly honored. I shall do my best.

We are suddened by the death of Stephen A. Greene Jr. our past president 1983 - 1986, who gave so much to the Roger Williams Family Association. A Tribute to Steve by our Chaplain George W. Williams appears in this bulletin. We dedicate the bulletin to the memory of Steve.

Welcome to you, the new members of the Roger Williams Family Association. We congratulate you for your interest in keeping alive the memory of our common assestor, Roger Williams, whose beliefs have contributed to our American Democracy that we all enjoy today.

A most interesting book, "What Cheer, Notop!", has been received from the Hallonreffer Museum. It is composed of selections of excerpts from "A Key Into the Language of America" by Roger Williams, and was transcribed and edited by Hadassah Davis. The publisher is the Hallenreffer Museum of Anthropology, Brown University, Bristof, R.I.

Very soon the Rhode Island Historical Society will present "The Correspondence of Roger Williams", Glenn W. LaFantasie, editor. There are two volumes, the first 1629 - 1653 and the second 1654 - 1682. These are letters by or to Roger Williams from the time that he was a Chaplain in England to the time of his death in New England.

Each member of the Roger Williams Family Association will receive an announcement of the publication. When the book is presented in the Spring, the Seventeenth Century Colonial Dames and Roger Williams Family Association members will be hosts.

An update of the inventory of possessions of the Roger Williams Family Association will be made this year.

It is also time to review the by-laws of the Association. Your suggestions will be most welcome.

We are considering as our contribution to the preservation of early Providence records relating to Roger Williams, to offer to restore a document for the City of Providence Archives. Carol Pace, City Archivist, presented a valuable and interesting program showing many early documents, most of which are in need of preservation if they are to survive.

While the progress of the Roger Williams Lineage Book is rather slow, we are happy to report that the Mercy Williams Winsor portion has been published by Mr. Kay Moore, and that the Mercy Williams Waterman section, now complete, is the contribution of Mrs. Everett White. Our congratulations to them for their excellent work. We are looking forward to hearing that other branches of the family genealogy will be finished in the near future.

In May, Mrs. Robert Corbitt (Birdle), an artist and one of our members, will exhibit her water colors relating to Roger Williams at the First Beptist Church in America at Waterman Street and North Main Street. On Forefather's Day, May 15th, we will have an opportunity to see this line exhibit.

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We have received a gift of a framed illuminated illustration of the Williams family seal from Mr. Merrick Taylor Jackson of Ossining, N.Y. In his letter he says "Ever since it has been drawn in the late twenties by an artist friend of mine, it has graced some interior well in a succession of quarters. Now that I am, shall we say, reduced to something small, I want it to be or should I say remain a part of the family. I hope others may have a chance to see it". We are delighted with Mr. Jackson's thoughtful gift to the Association.

In this butletin we have reproduced a letter of Roger Williams to John Winthrop Jr. written from Mr. Richard Smiths June 3, 1675. (The site with it's later house is now known as "Smith's Castle" or "Cocumscussor". The house is open to the public as a museum and is near Wickford, R.I.)

We thought that you would like to see the letter in the hand writing of Roger Williams. A transcript is included so that you may read the letter more easily.

We look forward to a good year for the Association and urge all who can to attend our meetings.

Sincerely, Marien Marion L. Fry

ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

CALENDAR 1987 - 1988

NOVEMBER 22, 1987 - Sunday 11:00 A.M.

We have again been invited to the Thanksgiving Service at Central Baptist church, corner of Lloyd and Wayland Avenues in Providence. Please make this your place of Worship on this Sunday before Thanksgiving, our truly American Family Holiday.

DECEMBER 6, 1987 - Sunday 2:00 P.M.

Stony Lane Six Principle Baptist Church, 885 Old Baptist Road, North Kingstown, Rl. Roger Williams, according to church historians, was instrumental in organizing this church in 1665. Rev. and Mrs. Edgar Kirk will lead us in a Christmas service and carol singing.

We will visit with Mr. and Mrs. Elmer Palmer for refreshments and gift exchange after the church get together.

This is a repeat of last year's Christmas celebration at the request of several members who remember the warm "Christmasy" feeling generated in 1986. We hope that you enjoy the afternoon.

MARCH 12, 1988 - Saturday 12:00 Noon

Wharf Tavern, Water Street, Warren, Luncheon at 12:00 Noon, overlooking the waterfront. The wharf is pre-Revolutionary and was used by mariners and fishermen. The Tavern was orginally an Oyster House.

Our speaker for this meeting will be Mr. David Dumas. Mr. Dumas is an attorney, the Representative from East Greenwich and an Historical Buff and genealogist. He will talk to us about "A Lost Lamb in the Islands - Caleb Waterman of Warwick: Mariner". Caleb Waterman was a descendent of Roger Williams.

Note: Please make reservations by calling (401) 334-2674 at least one week in advance of the luncheous.

APRIL 23, 1988 - Saturday 12:00 Noon

Luncheon at "The Cricket" Restaurant on Route 1 to in Smithfield. Miss Alice Rowe of our Roger Williams Family Association will be our guest speaker. Her topic will be an illustrated talk of her recent trip to Russia entitled "Moscow and Leningrad".

MAY 15, 1988 - Sunday 11:00 A.M.

Founders Sanday will be celebrated at The First Baptist Church in America, North Main Street between Waterman and Angell Street, Providence, Mrs. Robert Corbist, a Roger Williams descendant, will have an exhibit of her watercolors selating to Roger Williams at the Church during the month of May. Mrs. Corbist, an Association member, invites you to view the exhibit.

SEPTEMBER 17, 1988 - Saturday 1:30 P.M.

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

OCTOBER 6, 1988 - Thursday 10:00 A.M. - 12:30 P.M.

Roger Williams Day Observance at the Roger Williams National Memorial, North Main and Smith Streets in Providence. We will have a short meeting at the Visitor Center. Carole Pace, City Archivist, will meet with us to decide which of the early documents relating to Roger Williams is most in need of restoration.

TRANSCRIPTION OF ROGER WILLIAMS LETTER

TO JOHN WINTHROP, JR., GOVERNOR OF CONNECTICUT

From Mr Richard Smiths June 3 1675 (ut vulgo) Sr Mr Smith being at Newport I am occasioned to present my old and constant love & respect as also MT Smiths great thanks & service to you St Mt Smith gave me 2 letters the one from Mt Fitch ye other from Mt John Mason praying me (according to ye Contents of ye Letters) to Enquire of Mawsup (now calld Canounicus) whether Oncas has stired him up against y[®] Wunnashowatuckowogs to kill them & Sf a fortnight since I went to Cawnownicus his house but be was gone 12 mile of I sought him again yesterday & found him 5 mile from his house I showd him ye Letters I used also Your hon rd Name & ye names of ye hon rd assistants both concerning ye killing of ye English Cattell in these parts as allso concerning their Cariage toward ye Wun-

nashowattuckooss who are respected by Your Selves.

SI Caunounicus & other Sachims & his Councell profess they will be careful of ye English & their Cattell among them Allsoy they will show respect to those Showatuks for you Sake & in purticular (wen answers Mr. Fitch & Mr. Masons Letters) Caunounicus utterly denies y Onkas ever sollicited him to kill or molest those Showatuks Withall he added 2 Reasons First y it is not credible y since Onkas killd his Brother Miantunnomu (He Cawnonicus) should be sollicited by Onkas in such a Business or $y^{\rm I}$ he should gratific Onkas desires so 2 . Both himselfe & Nananawtunu (Miantunnomus youngest very hopeful Sparke) desire Earnestly yt Tatuphosuwut Onkas his Son who hath killed a Wiyors (or Sachim) one of their Cousins may Suffer impartially (as now ye English have dealt with ye 3 Indians we'h killed John Sossiman Allso they praid me to addy yor Selfe are not ignorant of Onkas hie many fowle practices & how he treacherously sent an head (or heads) of the Qunihticut Indians to ye Mauquawogs & would send yor Heads allso as presents if he could Come at them Sr Nananawtinu added this Argument for in partiallitie toward Tatuphosuit I am (said he) my Father Miantunnomues Son as Tatuphosuit is to Onkas If there should partialitie by showd to him & y Money should but out mens lives or y one of his men should die for him then all we young Sachims shall have a Temptation Laid before us to kill and murther etc. in ye hope of ye like Impunitie

It is true y Phillip (fearing apprehension) stood upon his Guard with his armed Barburians Taunton Swansie Rehoboth & Providence stood upon ours but praised be God y storme is over Phillip is strongly suspected but ye honed Court at Plymouth (as we heare) not having Evidence Sufficienct let matters Sleepe & ye Countrey be in quiet etc. St I constantly thinck of you & send up one Remembrance to Heaven for you & a groan from my Selfe for my Selfe when I pass by Elizabeths Spring Here is y Spring Say I (with a Sigh) but where is Elizabeth My Charity answers she is gone to ye Eternal Spring & Fountain of Living Waters oh Sf I beseech ye Father of Mercies & Spririts to Preserve Yor preciotus

Soule in Life (Long & Long)

Notes:

*The Spring so called from Gov. Winthrop's Lady named Elizabeth Drinking at it as she passd to Boston

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Elizatheth's Spring, mentioned by Roger Williams in his letter to John Winthrop Jr., Governor of Connecticut is at the head of Greenwich Cove Located on Forge Road a short distance from the Old Post Road in the City of Warwick, R.I. In 1884 Dr. James H. Eldredge, a much respected and beloved physician and civic leader in East Greenwich, placed a granite mill stone over Elizabeths Spring. A marble tablet in the center bears this inscription: "Elizabeth Spring, so called from Mistress Elizabeth Winthrop drinking at it in her travels up to Conecticut in ye beginning of ye country as early as 1645."

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IN MEMORIAM - STEPHEN A. GREENE, JR. - 1926-1987

Stephen A. Greene, Ir., our immediate past president, was a warm, outgoing, enthusiastic, active and dynamic human being first and foremost. As a youth, his mother, Dorothy, tells us, he early showed thoughtfulness toward others, both family and friends, peers and seniors in age. She also told us about his adolescent interest in photography. All of the Family Association who were fortunate enough to know him - even though only casually perhaps - experienced his consideration, warmth and humor.

Stephen, a man of many facets, was active in patriotic organizations and educational endeavors for many, many years. His friends and acquaintances were legion.

In the very busy year of 1986, Rhode Island's celebration of the 350th year of its founding, Stephen ably represented the Family Association with grace, effective presence and, withal, with a modesty and lack of ostentation that brought new lustre, recognition and respect to the Association. The Association was led to a more active participation in Rhode Island affairs than it had evidenced in some fifty years... indeed since Rhode Island's and Providence's tercentenary observances in 1936. And president though he was, it was he who with a practiced photographer's eye often caught many Family Association events on film for the record or for "cousins" to whom he would send them. Without a doubt, Steve was well called to his term that embraced Rhode Island's 350th!

In the short time of the writer's life, Stephen Greene was a singularly outstanding Association president. We were indeed blessed with his leadership and most of all with the man himself.

After saving the Republic, the great Cicero once said to the Roman populace, "Nihil me mutum potest delecture". "Nothing mute, such as a statue, can delight me". "Memoria vestrae, Quirites, nostrae res alentur". "In your memory, fellow Romans, my deeds will be nourishted." So indeed it is with our late president, Stephen: his monuments are not of stone or bronze, but in our memories of him and ... "Sermonibus crescent". "In your conversations my deeds will grow,"

and ... Cicero again ... "sermonibus crescent" - "in your conversations my deeds will grow."
You were a noble, spirited, and, yes, as the days grew short, courageous soul, Steve. Thank you,
Stephen. Irom all of us, your cousins near and far.

Requiescus in pace et lux aeterna tibi affulgeat ... May you rest in peace and may light perpetual shine upon you.

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Sweet, Gladys Adelaide RI (Mercy Winsor)	June 19, 1986 May 29, 1986
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