



THE ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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Incorporated January 30, 1906
Providence, Rhode Island

*We owe it to our ancestors to preserve entire those rights, which they
have delivered to our care; we owe it to our posterity, not to suffer
their dearest inheritance to be destroyed.*

Junius, Letter to the Printer of the
Public Advertiser, 8 August 1769



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Cousins and Friends:

As I begin my third and last year as your President, I am grateful to all of the members, including officers, directors and committee chairmen, for their help and support. Four of our members have participated in bringing us interesting programs in 1994: Birdie Corbitt, Jan Stevenson, Alice Roe and George Williams. We are again thankful to First Baptist Church in America for inviting us to share in its Founders' Sunday worship service.

I am pleased to have communicated with and to have met so many of our out-of-town cousins. I have had telephone calls and letters from many, many members all over the country. And it has been a joy to visit with members from many states, some from as far away as California and Nevada. Please come back.

Corrections to the 1991 Waterman/Winsor volume of *Descendants of Roger Williams* are now available. These corrections and additions are the result of your comments in response to publication of the book. They are all documented. If those who purchased the book wish to receive them, please let me know. Also, please see the enclosed sheet if you wish to order a copy of the book.

Our main focus this past year has been the replacement of the missing tombstone of Mary Sayles, daughter of Roger Williams, and the restoration of the stones of John Sayles, Mary's husband, and William Greene, their son-in-law. Work has now been completed on the restoration of the enframing for the three stones and the restoration of the John Sayles and William Greene stones. We hope this work, including the carving of Mary's replacement stone, will be completed very soon.

The work has been costly, \$7,325 to be exact. The conservation of the enframing for the three stones and the stones of John Sayles and William Greene amounts to \$2,125; the carving of the replica of Mary's stone is \$5,200. We are asking you now to help us in our project. If you care to contribute, please make your check payable to the Family Association, and note that it is for the Restoration Fund. (See enclosed sheet.)

We had hoped to receive help for this project from local charitable foundations. However, in reply to our requests, we were told in general: "We don't do tombstones."

Two years ago, we printed the will of James Williams, father of Roger Williams. We are pleased now to print the will of Alice (Pemberton) Williams, Roger's mother.

Elsie Williams, Registrar, wishes to remind the membership that, when sending in new applications for children, relatives or associate members, all of the requested information, including references, should be furnished. John Prokopowicz continues to update his file on Daniel² Williams. Please send him your current data.

We are saddened by the death in December 1993 of Past President Mrs. Clifford Brown. Mrs. Brown was a leader in church and in many civic and genealogical groups. She served two terms as the President of the Family Association. She is missed.

The desktop publishing for this Bulletin was done by a member, Jan Stevenson. We are delighted with her contribution.

Thank you all again for your continuing support.

Dorothy H. White
President

CALENDAR

November 1994 - October 1995

NOVEMBER 5, 1994 - Saturday 11:00 a.m.

Meeting at the Roger Williams National Memorial, North Main Street, Providence, RI. A talk by Joseph Greene, the new Park Superintendent, will follow a brief meeting. We will gather for lunch at "3 Steeple Street," entrance on Canal Street, a short walk from the Memorial.

DECEMBER 4, 1994 - Sunday 1:30 p.m.

Christmas meeting at Barrington Congregational Church (White Church), Route 114, Barrington, RI. Brief business meeting. Program of music and carol singing presented by Marjorie Davis, accompanied by Donna O'Brien. Refreshments will be served. Please bring an item of canned or packaged goods for the needy.

MARCH 18, 1995 - Saturday 12:00 noon

Meeting at Carpenter Museum, Rehoboth, MA. Luncheon will be followed by a tour of the Museum. A \$10.00 fee will include a catered lunch and admission to the Museum. The Museum is located at the corner of Bay State Road and Locust Street in Rehoboth Village. Take Route 44 from Providence. Turn right at the sign to Francis Farms. Continue to Rehoboth Congregational Church. Drive is just to the right of the church. Continue to the lower level of the Museum behind the church. Please call Birdie Corbitt at 508-336-9418 or George Williams at 401-351-2351 for reservations.

APRIL 8, 1995 - Saturday 12:00 noon

Meeting at Sprague Mansion, Cranston Street, Cranston, RI. Light lunch provided by our members will be followed by a tour of the Sprague Mansion with a guide who will present a brief talk on the home of two Rhode Island Governors. There is a \$4.00 fee for the tour and lunch. Please call Meredith Smith at 401-647-7204 or Ann Prokopowicz at 401-785-2512 to make a reservation.

MAY 21, 1995 - Sunday 11:00 a.m.

Founders' Sunday at First Baptist Church in America, 75 North Main Street, Providence, RI. A guided tour of the Church will be available after the service.

JUNE 10, 1995 - Saturday 9:45 a.m.

Outing at the home of George W. Williams at Prudence Island. Please bring a lunch; George will provide beverages. We will board a bus for the 10:00 a.m. ferry at the Bristol ferry dock by 9:30 a.m. We will return on the 4:00 p.m. ferry from the Island. Cost for the ferry is \$5.70 round trip. An additional charge for the bus, which will also tour the Island, will be pro-rated among the passengers.

SEPTEMBER 16, 1995 - Saturday 1:30 p.m.

Regular meeting and annual meeting will be held at the Boat House, Roger Williams Park, Providence, RI. Usual annual meeting activities, including election of officers and payment of dues, will be followed by a program and refreshments. Elsie Williams, a diligent genealogist and historian, will entertain us with one of her memorable historic tales.

OCTOBER 14, 1995 - Saturday 11:15 a.m.

We will gather at Easton Cemetery, Paradise Road, Middletown, RI to view the results of our restoration of the Sayles/Greene stones. Lunch (cost \$10.00) at 12:00 noon at the Inn at Newport Beach, Memorial Boulevard, Newport, RI. A business meeting will be followed by a talk by a member of the Middletown Historical Society. Please call Ann Prokopowicz at 401-785-2512 or Dot White at 401-246-0246 to make a reservation and select a menu.

WILL OF ALICE WILLIAMS

Mother of Roger Williams



lice Williams of St. Sepulchres without Newgate, London, widow, 1 August, 1634, proved 26 January, 1634. My body to be buried in the parish church of St. Sepulchres. To my son Sidrach Williams one hundred pounds to be paid within ten years after my decease (*i.e.* ten pounds yearly). If he shall not live to receive the whole one hundred pounds what remaineth unpaid at his decease shall be paid to such children as he shall leave behind him.

Item I give to my son Roger Williams now beyond the seas ten pounds yearly to be paid unto him by my executor for and during the term and space of twenty years next after my decease. And if he the said Roger shall not live to receive the same himself fully in such manner as aforesaid then I will what remaineth thereof unpaid at his decease shall be paid to his wife and to his daughter, if they survive, or to such of them as shall survive. And it is my will that my executor shall give security to the overseers of this my will for the due payment of both the said legacies, as well to my eldest son Sidracke Williams as to my son Roger Williams, in such manner and form as aforesaid by assignment of the lease or leases (of my dwelling house and other tenements standing and being on that side of the way wherein my dwelling house is situated) unto the overseers of this my will, or to such other persons as they shall think fit and indifferent to be trusted, by such sufficient assurance and conveyance thereof as my said overseers shall think fit and convenient.

To my daughter Katherine the now wife of John Davies, clerk, twenty pounds yearly for and during the like term and space of twenty years next after my decease. In case of her death what remains unpaid &c. shall be paid as follows, the one half to the children she had by her former husband Ralph Wightman deceased, or to the survivor of them, and the other half to the said John Davies, if he shall survive, or to his children by my said daughter, or to the survivor of them. Security to be given for such payment out of the lease of the messuage or tenement called the Harrow in Cow Lane, over against my dwelling house on the other side of the way, and of three several tenements backside next adjoining.

To my grand child James Williams, son of the said Sidrack Williams, five pounds within four years after my decease. To my grand child Anne Williams my chain of gold, two of my gilt spoons and one of my gilt cups. To my grand child James Wightman two of my silver beakers one wine bowl and two silver spoons. To Dorcas Wightman, his sister, one broad silver bowl and one other silver bowl; and to her sister Rebecca Wightman, one other silver bowl and one other broad bowl of silver. To my grand child Elizabeth Dayves one silver salt and two gilt spoons, and to my grand child Hester Davies one beaker, one pot tipt with silver and two spoons. I will and bequeath that my chest of linen, that is to say, the wainscot chest now standing at my bed's feet in my lodging chamber under the window, to be equally divided between my said daughter's five children before-named &c. To my god daughter Alice Ballard my best gown and kirtle, my scarlet petticoat, best petticoat, two best smocks, two best coyfes and forty shillings in money, and to her daughter ten shillings. To her brother Roger Bryan forty shillings. To Alice, the wife of Robert Barthorpp, the ten pounds which her husband oweth me and ten pounds more and my bible and my tawney rug. More to the said Robert Barthorpp and his wife five pounds to buy them blacks for mourning and twenty shillings apiece to their three children. To my said son Sidracke Williams for blacks for his mourning three pounds and to my said son John Davies for blacks for himself his wife and children ten pounds. To my maid servant now dwelling with me my gown and kirtle with the embroidered lace and ten shillings. To my godson Robert Wolly twenty shillings, and to my other two god sons Tobyas Harvest and John Walker ten shillings apiece. To the poor of St. Sepulchres seven pounds, in bread or otherwise, about the time of my funeral, and forty shillings to be at that time bestowed upon a supper for my tenants at the house over the way called the Harrow. To my said son John Davies, my loving friend and neighbor John May, scrivener, my good friend Robert Kinge, clothworker, and to the aforesaid Robert Barthorpp for their pains to be taken for me in assisting my executor as overseers of this my will twenty shillings apiece.

All the rest and residue of my goods &c. &c. to my son Robert Williams, he paying my debts and legacies and performing my funeral and I make, constitute and ordain the said Robert Williams my full and sole executor.

Wit: Henry Walker, John Collys (his mark), John Thomas, John Hubbard, John May scr.

Com. Court of London, Vol. 27, fol. 12; reprinted in
New England Historic Genealogical Register, Vol. 43, 1889.

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NEW MEMBERS

1993-1994

*Balmer, Marilyn Frances	Laurel, MD	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
*Brodeur, Kevin	W. Greenwich, RI	<i>Associate</i>
*Brodeur, Kim E. Smith	W. Greenwich, RI	<i>Joseph</i>
*Cranston, David Victor	Jefferson, ME	<i>Freeborn</i>
*Dodd, Owen Macdonald	Guilford, CT	<i>Freeborn, Daniel</i>
*Ellis, Calvin Avery	Exeter, RI	<i>Mary</i>
*Forbes, Donald H. W.	Franklin, MA	<i>Daniel</i>
*Greene, Joseph	Providence, RI	<i>Honorary Life Member</i>
Harris, Robert L.	Greenville, RI	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
*Hoppe, Leopold H.	Kansas City, MO	<i>Mary</i>
*Jaquay, E. Ann Smith (Mrs. Robert)	Barrington, RI	<i>Mary</i>
*McCurdy, Barbara Wright (Mrs. Anson A.)	Shrewsbury, MA	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
*Mencucci, Betty M. Hopkins (Mrs. Carlo)	Glendale, RI	<i>Daniel</i>
*Paquin, Carly Lynn	Narragansett, RI	<i>Daniel</i>
Payne, Beverly Kellie (Mrs. William N.)	Colorado Springs, CO	<i>Daniel</i>
Simons, D. Brenton	Boston, MA	<i>Mary</i>
*Sladen, Heather Dawn	Hingham, MA	<i>Daniel</i>
*Smith, David Anthony Jr.	Wichita, KS	<i>Daniel</i>
*Smith, Roland Wallace	Chalmette, LA	<i>Joseph</i>
*Smith, Warren	W. Greenwich, RI	<i>Joseph</i>
Stevenson, Janis Frigault (Mrs. Frank B.)	Glocester, RI	<i>Associate</i>
*Stewart, Irene Wood (Mrs. John Jr.)	Jarrettsville, MD	<i>Mary</i>
*Valentine, Nancy Barrows	Ansonia, CT	<i>Mary</i>
*Valentine, Victoria B. B.	Ansonia, CT	<i>Mary</i>
Waring, John Allyn	Annandale, VA	<i>Daniel</i>
*Welling, Andrew L.	N. Kingstown, RI	<i>Freeborn</i>
*Welling, C. David	Dover, MA	<i>Freeborn</i>

* *Life Member*



IN MEMORIAM

Anastasi, Virginia Winsor (Mrs. Joseph)	February 10, 1994	<i>Mary, Mercy Winsor</i>
Balmer, Robert R.	March 13, 1993	<i>Mercy Waterman (3), Daniel</i>
Brown, Helen Steere (Mrs. Clifford W.)	December 7, 1993	<i>Mercy Waterman (2)</i>
Past President & Director		<i>Mary, Daniel, Joseph</i>
Ducharme, Gladys Williams (Mrs. Ronald A.)	April 25, 1994	<i>Daniel, Joseph</i>
Hill, Adah Lassone (Mrs. J. Richard)	August 23, 1994	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
Latham, Carolyn King (Mrs. Leland E.)	March 5, 1994	<i>Daniel</i>
Pierce, Ralph Emerson Jr.	March 9, 1994	<i>Joseph</i>
Sedgwick, Charles F. E.	March 8, 1994	<i>Mary</i>
Shippee, Harold E.	April 30, 1994	<i>Daniel</i>
Trim, Annamae G. Secor (Mrs. Robert S.)	May 24, 1994	<i>Associate</i>
Westcott, Beatrice M. (Mrs. Robert W.)	March 30, 1994	<i>Associate</i>
Wilson, Marion Waterman (Mrs. Richard A.)	February 18, 1994	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>

If you have a current address for any of the following members, please let us know so we may send them a 1994-1995 Bulletin:

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A NOTE FROM THE TREASURER

All members are obliged to be up to date with their dues. Presently, we have outstanding over \$2000 in unpaid dues. Any member who is delinquent 5 years will be automatically dropped from the membership list.

BEGINNING OUR 103RD YEAR 1994-1995

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