

THE ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Cousins and Friends:

Greetings, once again, to all our members and friends, wherever you are. This year, so far, we have welcomed 30 new members to our ranks.

Our program this year will include the trip along the Blackstone River which, unfortunately, was cancelled last year because of the weather. In October, we will meet at United Baptist Church, founded by John Clarke in 1638, in Middletown, Rhode Island. In November, we are arranging a tour of one of the historic houses on Great Road in Lincoln, RI. For our Christmas meeting, we will once again be the guests of the Clifford Browns at their beautiful home in Providence. We will meet at the North Kingstown Library for a genealogical discussion in March. In April, we will tour Smith's Castle, also in North Kingstown. After our Founders' Day service in May at the First Baptist Church in America, we will have our meeting in Warwick, RI at the home of member, Mary Channing. Our annual and final meeting will be at the Roger Williams National Memorial in Providence.

Our most capable Registrar, Elsie Williams, continues her work on Book IV, descendants of Joseph, last child of Roger Williams. Also, our diligent Recording Secretary, Trish Woodard-Harmon, continues work on Book V, descendants of Daniel Williams, second son of Roger Williams, with some material researched by Ronalds Platt III.

Rhode Islanders were most fortunate this year to have the National Women's LPGA Golf Championship, played at the Newport Country Club.

Also, we were proud to have the annual World Scholar-Athlete Games this year in June at the University of Rhode Island in South Kingstown. Over 1900 students from 155 countries participated.

In August, Newport will once again be the scene of the annual Jazz Festival to which, among others, Prince Rainier of Monaco has been invited.

Finally, let us once again remember our brave and dedicated servicemen and servicewomen throughout the world. Our prayers and thoughts are always with them.

Respectfully,
Bruce Penniman, President
August 2006

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Lineal descendants of Roger Williams and their spouses are eligible to join the Roger Williams Family Association. Dues are \$5.00 for Annual Membership or \$50 for Life Membership. To request an application, please contact our Registrars or our Corresponding Secretary. Contact information is available on the back cover of this Bulletin. Application forms are also available on our web site. Please note that references are REQUIRED. Incomplete applications will be returned.

CALENDAR

September 2006 - June 2007

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 23, 2006 - 10:45 AM

Blackstone River Boat Trip

We will meet at the boat dock on the Blackstone River at Market Square in Woonsocket, RI for an hour and a half boat trip on the river. The fare will be \$10.00 per person. Our business meeting will be held during the trip. Following the trip, lunch is available at the Olde English Fish and Chips restaurant next to the parking lot.

Directions: From Route 95 North in Providence, take Route 146 North about 12 miles to the intersection with Route 146A. Bear left and proceed on Route 146A to Route 104 North (about one-half mile). Right on Route 104 to South Main Street to Market Square. Boat dock is on the left next to Annex Diner. Municipal parking lot is across from boat dock.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2006 - 10:30 AM

Visit to Easton Cemetery in Middletown & Tour of United Baptist Church in Newport

We will meet at Easton Cemetery in Middletown where Mary (Williams) Sayles, her husband, John Sayles, and their son-in-law are buried. From there we will proceed to the United Baptist Church, founded by John Clarke, on Spring Street, Newport, for a tour of the Church conducted by the Rev. Paul Hanson. The tour will be followed by a short meeting and lunch in the Vestry. Please bring a picnic lunch. Tea and coffee will be available.

Directions to Easton Cemetery at 605 Paradise Avenue, Middletown: Take East Main Road, Route 138, into Middletown. After the light at Chavez Gardens and Nursery, take the next left (3/10 of a mile) onto Turner Road. Take a left at the end of Turner Road onto Green End Road and go 1/2 mile to a right on Paradise Avenue. Almost at the end of Paradise Avenue, you will see a mailbox on the right, numbered 605. Take this right and just over a little bridge, park in the driveway of the first house on the right (home of the Kirbys). Cemetery is to the right rear of the house.

Directions to United Baptist Church: Back onto Paradise Avenue, take a right and you will see Route 138A. Follow this into Newport which will turn into Memorial Boulevard (still Route 138A). Take a right on Spring Street at the light after Bellevue Avenue. Continue on Spring Street through one light and stay to the right of the gas station. Church is one block on the right at 30 Spring Street. Turn right on a little street before the Church. Parking is behind the Church.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 11, 2006 - 11:00 AM

Tour of the Valentine Whitman House

We will tour the Whitman House at 1147 Great Road, corner of Whalen Drive, Lincoln, Rhode Island. This house, built in 1694, is the second oldest in Lincoln. It is an excellent example of a seventeenth century Rhode Island stone-ender, with its original construction unchanged. There is no charge for the Whitman House tour, but they would appreciate a donation. Lunch and a business meeting will follow at The Lodge Pub and Eatery, 40 Breakneck Hill Road, Lincoln.

Directions: From Providence, take Route 146 North to Route 116. Turn right on to Great Road. Whalen Road is the second street on your left.

SUNDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2006 - 1:30 PM

Holiday Celebration

Members and guests will meet at the festively decorated home of Marilyn and Clifford Brown at 180 Brown Street, Providence, Rhode Island. We will enjoy a wonderful afternoon of Christmas music and a delicious array of refreshments. There will be a

short business meeting. If you plan to attend, please contact Mary Channing at (203) 834-0545 or Dot White at (401) 246-0246.

Directions: From Providence, take Route 195 East. Take Wickenden Street exit, turning left at bottom of ramp onto Wickenden Street. Left onto Hope Street. Left onto Barnes Street. Left onto Brown Street; the Brown house is on the right side of the road.

SATURDAY, MARCH 17, 2007 - 1:00 PM

Presentation by Andrew Boisvert

Members and guests will gather at the meeting room at the North Kingstown Free Library at 100 Boone Street for a genealogy forum led by Andrew Boisvert. Mr. Boisvert, formerly of the Rhode Island Historical Library and now at the Taunton Historical library, specializes in researching old court records such as deeds, land transfers, etc. We will be joined by members of the North Kingstown Genealogical Society and their president, Sally Hilton. Light refreshments will be served.

Directions: From Providence, take Route 95 South to Route 4 South (left exit - exit #9). Take exit 5A (Wickford/Route 102 South). Go straight under the highway through four lights. The 4th traffic light will be at the intersection of Route 1; go through this light. Proceed down the hill and take your first left onto Boone Street, just before the elementary school. Take your first right onto the library driveway.

SATURDAY, APRIL 21, 2007 - 10:00 AM

Tour of Smith's Castle

We will again have an opportunity to tour Smith's Castle at 55 Richard Smith Drive, North Kingstown. Following the tour we will have lunch and a business meeting at Gregg's Restaurant.

Directions: From Route 95 South, bear left onto Route 4 South. Take the Quonset Wickford exit onto Route 1 South. Continue about 2 miles to the entrance across from the State Police Barracks. To get to Gregg's Restaurant, turn left onto Route 1 and go straight at intersection to Route 102. Turn right and go for 3 miles to Route 2. Turn right. Gregg's is about 1/4 mile on right.

SUNDAY, MAY 20, 2007 - 11:00 AM

Founders' Day

We will observe Founders' Day at First Baptist Church in America, which is located at 75 North Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island. Following the church service and a time for coffee and a tour of the historic Church for those interested, we will meet at the home of Mary (French) Channing at 80 Carder Road, Warwick, RI for a meeting and tour of an old cemetery (Capt. Randall Holden, Jr. Lot, Historical Cemetery #68) on her property, which cemetery includes graves of descendants of Roger Williams. Please bring a picnic lunch and a lawn chair.

Directions to 80 Carder Road: From Providence, take Route 195 East to Route 95 South (left exit). Take exit 14A to Route 37 East. Take exit 5A to Route 1 South (Post Road). Turn left onto Airport Road. Turn right onto Warwick Avenue (Route 117A) and proceed for 2.5 miles. Turn right onto West Shore Road (Route 117) and proceed approximately 1/8 mile. Left onto Carder Road.

SATURDAY, JUNE 23, 2007 - 11:00 AM

Annual Meeting and Presentation by Ranger John McNiff

Members and guests will meet at the Roger Williams National Memorial at 282 North Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island for a presentation by Ranger John McNiff. A picnic lunch and Annual Business Meeting will follow Ranger McNiff's talk. Please bring a picnic lunch and a lawn chair for lunch on the park grounds.

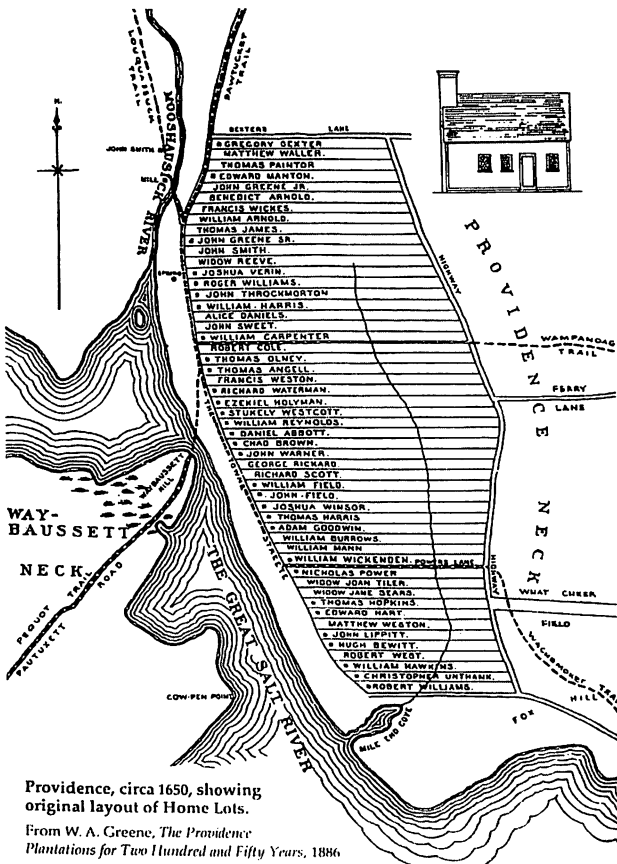
Directions to the Memorial: From Route 95 North, take the State Office exit. Go straight across Orms Street at end of exit. Turn left on Smith Street. Turn right at bottom of hill onto Canal Street, then immediate left into Memorial's parking lot.

PROVIDENCE, CIRCA 1650

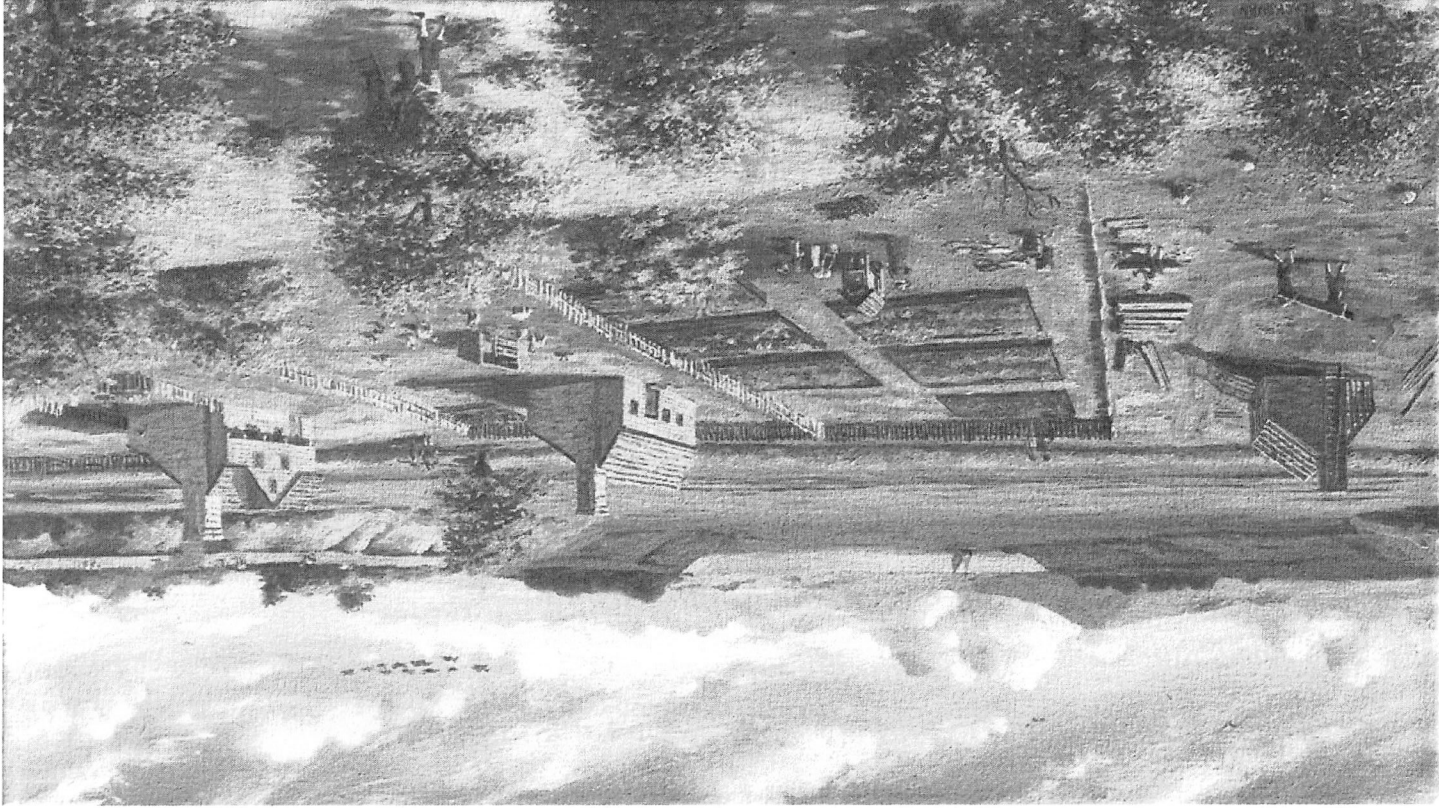
*Map and Painting of Home Lots of Providence
Material contributed by NPS Ranger John McNiff*

Below is a map of Providence, circa 1650, showing the original layout of the home lots (from W.A. Greene, *The Providence Plantations for Two Hundred and Fifty Years*, 1886).

On the following page is a painting by artist Jean Blackburn depicting the town of Providence about 1650. If you were on what is now College Hill and looked west, this is what you would have seen. The Great Salt Cove fills the center of the picture. Over on the far right, the large flat area is where the State House now stands. The road that runs across the middle ground is Towne Street which became North Main Street. At center is Roger Williams' house and house lot. Just across the street is the fresh water spring. Upper large hill in the upper left is Neutaconkanut Hill. Oysters, clams, quahogs and lobsters were found here in abundance. Salmon would run up both the Moshasuck and Woonasquacket Rivers. Ducks and geese by the thousands stopped here on their way south in the fall and also on their way north in the spring. As Roger said, this truly was "God's Providence" to him in his distress.



*Providence, circa 1650, a painting by Jean Blackburn
(full color version may be seen at www.rogerwilliams.org)*



NEW MEMBERS

2005-2006

*Cheryl A. Alger	Smithfield, RI	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
*Georgia W. Barber	San Jose, CA	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
*Jacqueline A. Barber	San Jose, CA	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
*Craig W. Barber	San Jose, CA	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
*Earnest E. Blevins	Villa Rica, GA	<i>Mary</i>
*Maurice E. Blevins	Spartanburg, SC	<i>Mary</i>
*Kristine L. Budlong	Hemstead, NC	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
*Cynthia Lee Capizzano	Westerly, RI	<i>Mary</i>
*Robert V. Collins	Ashton, PA	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
*Paul Forcina	Oxford, MA	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
*Michael S. Ford	Wyoming, RI	<i>Mary</i>
*Toya D. Gabeler	Los Angeles, CA	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
*Maitreya A. Gabeler	Los Angeles, CA	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
Emily Griffith	Monterey, CA	<i>Mary</i>
*James E. Hurst	Modesto, CA	<i>Mary</i>
*Anne T. Hurst	Modesto, CA	<i>Mary</i>
*Thomas H. Krohn	Yellville, AR	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
*Karla N. Mahlberg	Allen, TX	<i>Mary</i>
Amy Neeley	Aiken, SC	<i>Daniel</i>
Jon B. Nelson	New London, NH	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
*Karen S. Neuhauser	Albuquerque, NM	<i>Mary</i>
*John E. Pond	Fair Oaks, CA	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
*Bruce W. Scott	Delmar, NY	<i>Daniel</i>
*Elizabeth A. Shaw	Denver, CO	<i>Daniel</i>
Elfreda Strangland	Baudette, MN	<i>Daniel</i>
Virginia Anne Vassetz	Smithfield, RI	<i>Mary</i>
*Jennifer E. Williams	Hemstead, NC	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
* <i>Life Member</i>		

IN MEMORIAM

Gerald M. Cruthers	2 July 2005	<i>Mary</i>
Bonnie H. Currah	December 2005	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
Dorothy Garland	February 2006	<i>Joseph</i>
Robert H. Hurst	5 May 2006	<i>Associate</i>
Nancy G. McIntyre	15 April 2006	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
George O. Steere, Sr.	19 April 2006	<i>Mary, Daniel, Joseph</i>
Roger Williams, Jr.		<i>Mary, Freeborn, Joseph</i>
Margaret M. Wootton	17 June 2005	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>

BEGINNING OUR 115TH YEAR

2006-2007

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