



THE ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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www.rogerwilliams.org



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Family,

I want to sincerely thank Dr. Clifford Brown for his second tour of duty as our President. His main accomplishments were work on the 350th Anniversary of Rhode Island's 1663 Charter and the Rededication of the Monument at the Roger Williams Memorial in Providence. Our Association paid to replace a replica of the original that had been stolen and never recovered. The plaque was unveiled by our oldest member and Registrar Emeritus, Elsie Williams, now in her 106th year.

It is an honor for me to serve the Roger Williams Family Association as its President in the 109th year since its founding, carrying on the legacy of our grandfather, Roger, during these troubling times. This past year was very active and ended with a long awaited trip to Roger Williams Park and Zoo where we visited and toured the Betsy Williams Cottage. It had recently been damaged by extensive flooding. The house was built by Betsy's grand-father about 1733 and she left the 100 acre farm to the City of Providence upon her death in 1871.

Other events included a tour of Slater Mill and the Gilbert Stuart birthplace, the Pequot Museum in Connecticut, and a tour of Little Compton's Wilbor House Museum. We traveled by bus to Salem, Massachusetts to the land of Roger's banishment, and in November made our biannual pilgrimage to the Roger Williams' Rock Shelter where he was nursed back to health by Margaret, a Wampanoag Indian Medicine Woman, during his 14 weeks of living in the wilderness following his banishment.

I want to devote this portion of my message to those members who play a valuable part in the everyday operation of our Association. These are our "Unsung Heroes":

Barbara McCurdy has been our Registrar for the past five years. Her daily research has resulted in nearly forty new members last year. She has also worked on setting up the archives at Roger Williams University.

Since 1994, Janis Stevenson has controlled our membership database of over 1000 active members, and has typeset and helped coordinate the bulletin printing and mailing. She created our website in 1997, and has provided hosting and updates regularly since then. She typeset the manuscripts for the last four of our five lineage books.

Elsie Williams in her 106th year just completed writing her second lineage book (Daniel), which is now available for purchase. She is our Registrar Emeritus, having served as Registrar for over ten years.

Dorothy White is a Past President and has authored two of the five lineage books. She coordinated the archives at Roger Williams University, and chairs both the Lineage Book Committee and the Nominating Committee.

Frank Stevenson is a Past President and has served as Treasurer since 2003. He handles all Internet sales and has helped coordinate the bulletin printing and mailing since 1994.

Robert Allen Greene has served twice as President. He helps to coordinate the publishing of the lineage books, stores and maintains the book inventory, and fills mail orders. I thank all of you for your unselfish service; we could not operate without you.

We are all aware of World events in the Middle East and the evil dangers that intend to conquer all of us. We are headed back to those troubling times that confronted Roger over three and a half centuries ago, when there was only one way to worship in order to avoid severe punishment including death. Today we are witnessing horrible deaths for those who refuse to convert to their religious beliefs. This evil will take over the whole World if we remain passive. I pray that a living "Roger Williams" will emerge and, through his leadership and persuasive powers, convince humanity to follow his teaching for liberty of soul and conscience and freedom of religious choice with separation of Church and State. May his teachings not only encompass a State but this time the whole World. Our future depends on it.

Please be an active member and bring your children and grandchildren to this year's programs. Remember to sustain our Association we must involve those future generations. Children 12 and under will again enter free of charge, paid by our Association.

Sincerely,

David Hazard Wordell, President
Roger Williams Family Association
September 2014

CALENDAR

September 2014 - June 2015

Note: In order to advance the Association's quest to involve our youth, the Directors voted to pay the admission fee for children 12 years and under to any of the following events.

SUNDAY, SEPTEMBER 27, 2014 — 11:30AM

WILLIAMS FAMILY CEMETERY/MUSEUM OF NATURAL HISTORY

We will meet at Twin Oaks Restaurant at 100 Sabra Street, Cranston, RI for lunch at 11:30. Following lunch we will visit the Williams Family Cemetery on the grounds of nearby Roger Williams Park. We will then proceed to the Museum of Natural History at the park. Entrance Fee: \$2 per person (RWFA will pay for children 12 and under). We will hold a brief meeting on the grounds (bring a folding chair!), after which we will self-tour the Museum. The remainder of the day can be spent experiencing the many family activity options that the park holds. RSVP to Kate Lambert (401-567-0088 or katemospaw@aol.com) by September 24 as we will be making a reservation at Twin Oaks.

Directions: From 95N - Exit 16 towards Cranston; merge onto Rte 10N; take Rte 2/Reservoir Ave exit towards Cranston; turn right onto Rte 2S; turn right onto Pleasant St. ; take first right onto Frankfort St. ; turn left onto Pleasant St.; take first right onto Manhasset St.; take first left onto Sabra St. From 95 S - take exit 22A-22B-22C ; follow 22B for Rte 10 toward Rte 6 W/Hartford; merge onto Rte 6W; take exit onto Rte. 2S towards Cranston ; turn right onto Pleasant St. ; take first right onto Frankfort St.; turn left onto Pleasant St.; take first right onto Manhasset St.; take first left onto Sabra St.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 26, 2014 — 11:00AM

FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN AMERICA

We will observe Founder's Day at First Baptist Church in America at 75 North Main Street, Providence, RI. Church Service is at 11:00am. Following the service, Dr. Stanley Lemons, Retired Chairman of the History Department of Rhode Island College, Historian of First Baptist Church, and honorary member of the Roger Williams family Association, will be our speaker. His topic will be the recent Baylor publication of The Shorthand of Roger Williams, which Dr. Lemons co-authored. Following Dr. Lemons' presentation, we will hold our meeting and enjoy a deli luncheon provided by RWFA at 12:30pm. RSVP to Dot White (dhweow@verizon.net) by October 20 as the caterer will require a count. Parking can be difficult, so plan arrival time accordingly.

Directions: First Baptist Church in America is located in downtown Providence at the corner of North Main and Waterman Streets. From Rte 95N/S, take exit 22A, following signs to Downtown and Memorial Blvd.; follow Memorial Blvd. to the river; turn left onto Washington St.; the church is visible directly ahead. From the West, follow Rte 6 to exit for Downtown Providence and Memorial Blvd.; continue as above.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2014 — 11:00AM

JOHN BROWN HOUSE, SLATE ROCK, AND ROGER WILLIAMS NATIONAL MEMORIAL

We will begin our day at 11:00am at the John Brown House Museum at 52 Power Street, Providence, RI. Touted as "the premier 18th century house and museum" in Rhode Island, the house offers a glimpse at the social and cultural history of this early time in our country's history. Also, on display in the carriage house is the so called "root that ate Roger Williams." \$10 (RWFA will pay for children 12 and under). Following the tour, we will proceed to brunch at Rue de l'Espoir at 99 Hope Street. After our meal, we will visit Slate Rock on the corner of Williams and Gano Streets. It is believed to be the first place where Roger Williams set foot on land which is now Rhode Island. Our final stop for the day will be at Roger Williams National Memorial at 282 North Main Street, where we will observe the Roger Williams' spring, memorial marker, home site and first burial location. A brief meeting will be held on the grounds of the Memorial. Please bring a folding chair. RSVP to Kate Lambert

(401-567-0088 or katemospaw@aol.com) by November 12 as we will be making reservations at Rue de l'Espoir.

Directions: From Rte 95N/S, take exit 22A, following signs to Downtown and Memorial Blvd.; follow Memorial Blvd. to the river; turn left onto Washington St. (which becomes Waterman St.); go up the hill and turn right onto Benefit St.; turn left onto Charlesfield St. The entrance to the parking lot will be your first right. Walk through the lot to the Power St. entrance to the John Brown House.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 6, 2014 — 2:00PM HOLIDAY PARTY

We will hold our annual holiday party and reception at the appropriately decorated home of Marilyn and Clifford Brown at 180 Brown Street, Providence, RI. We will enjoy a seasonal musical presentation, followed by Christmas carols, a short business meeting, and our traditional Victorian tea.

Directions: From Rte 95N/S, take exit 22A, following signs to Downtown and Memorial Blvd.; follow Memorial Blvd. to the river; turn left onto Washington St. (which becomes Waterman St.); proceed up the hill to Brown Street, just beyond its summit; turn left onto Brown St. and proceed seven blocks to Keene St. The Brown residence at 180 Brown Street is on the far left (northwest) corner of Brown and Keene. From the West, follow Rte 6 to exit for Downtown Providence and Memorial Blvd.; continue as above.

SATURDAY, APRIL 11, 2015 — 11:00AM HEARTHSTONE

We will tour Hearthstone at 677 Great Road, Lincoln, RI. Built in 1810, this unique stone mansion is situated on the first road built through the wilderness between Providence and Mendon, MA. Great Road is one of the oldest thoroughfares in America. Hearthstone has been noted as one of the finest examples of 19th century federal-style houses in the state, and is on the National Register of Historic Places. Named for the ten fireplaces in the ten-room house, Hearthstone is also known as "The House That Love Built" because of the romantic history behind the building of this beautiful house by Stephen Hopkins Smith. Entrance Fee: \$10 per person (RWFA will pay for children 12 and under). Following the tour we will hold a brief meeting before continuing to lunch at The Lodge on Breakneck Hill Road, Lincoln, RI. It's always a good idea to bring a folding chair! RSVP to Kate Lambert (401-567-0088 or katemospaw@aol.com) by April 8 as we will be making reservations at The Lodge.

Directions: From Rte 95N, take exit 23 to Rte 146N Woonsocket/Lincoln; take Rte 123 exit to Breakneck Hill Rd.; turn right onto Rte 123; just as Breakneck Hill levels off (at the intersection of Great Rd.), there will be a farm with twin silos on your left; Hearthstone is immediately after the silos. From Rte 295, take the Rte 146 exit (9A) toward Lincoln; take the Rte 123/Breakneck Hill Rd. exit; turn left on Rte 123E; at the bottom of the hill Breakneck Hill Rd becomes Great Rd.; on your left you'll see twin silos; Hearthstone is immediately after the silos.

Note: There is no parking in the small lot in front of the silos. Limited parking is available in the driveway of Hearthstone. Handicapped parking is at the back next to the ramp. Additional parking is available two driveways past Hearthstone at Chase Farm Park/Hannaway Blacksmith Shop.

SATURDAY, MAY 2, 2015 — 11:00AM ARTILLERY COMPANY OF NEWPORT MUSEUM

We will tour the Artillery Company of Newport Museum at 23 Clark Street, Newport. The museum's collection contains four bronze cannon cast by Paul Revere in 1798 for the State of Rhode Island, as well as an extensive collection of military uniforms, American and foreign, from historical figures both living and dead. There are 15 cannon in its extensive collection, including the Revere bronzes and cannon from the Civil War and both World Wars. Other artifacts relate to several periods of Rhode Island history, as well as the to the Company's 261 years of continuous service to the State. A \$10 donation is suggested (RWFA will pay for children 12 and under). Following our tour, we will enjoy our picnic lunches at the nearby

BETSY WILLIAMS

BORN JUNE 29, 1790
DIED NOVEMBER 27, 1871

BY DAVID WORDELL

The sole claim to fame which is connected with the name of Betsy Williams is that she left her farm of about one hundred acres to the City of Providence. Her will stated that it was to be called "Roger Williams Park" or "Roger Williams Cemetery" or some similar name, and that a monument, costing not less than five hundred dollars, be erected to the memory of Roger Williams. The city has added over three hundred acres to the original grant, and Roger Williams Park is considered one of the most beautiful in the United States.

Betsy was the daughter of James and Mary (Waterman) Williams. She was descended from Roger Williams on both her father's and mother's side. Her father was the son of Nathaniel, son of James, son of Joseph, who was the son of Roger Williams. Her mother was the daughter of Stephen and Mercy (Brown) Waterman. Mercy was the daughter of Jabez and Mirabah (Williams) Brown. Mirabah was the daughter of Joseph, son of Joseph, son of Roger Williams.

Betsy lived for many years in the "Betsy Williams Cottage" built about 1733 by her grandfather, Nathaniel, for her father.

Betsy was of medium height and physique, and had beautiful red hair. She never married.

Children of Roger and Mary (Barnard) Williams

- 1) Mary, born at Plymouth, August 1633; married John Sayles.
- 2) Freeborn, born at Salem, October 1635; married (1st) Thomas Hart; married (2nd) Walter Clarke.
- 3) Providence, the first white child born at Providence, September 1638; never married.
- 4) Mercy, born at Providence, July 15, 1640; married (1st) Resolved Waterman; married (2nd) Samuel Winsor.
- 5) Daniel, born at Providence, February 15, 1641; married Rebecca (Rhodes) Power.
- 6) Joseph, born at Providence, December 1643; married Lydia Olney.

Lineal descendants of Roger Williams and their spouses are eligible to join the Roger Williams Family Association. To request an application, please contact our Registrar 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.

Effective July 1, 2009 membership dues and fees for Standard and Associate Memberships are as follows:

- ◆ *Application fee for Annual Member: \$25.00*
- ◆ *Application fee for multiple Annual Members within family: \$35 (conditions apply; see website for details)*
- ◆ *Annual Membership Dues: \$10.00*
- ◆ *Life Membership Dues: \$75.00 (no application fee required)*

home of Susan Jacquet followed by a brief meeting. Please bring a folding chair.

Directions: From Rte 95N, take RI exit 3A; bear right onto Rte 138E; follow to the intersection of Rte 1 (a couple of miles past URI); at this light turn left onto Rte 1N to the exit for the Jamestown/Newport Bridges on right. The Jamestown Bridge leads to the Newport Bridge (toll). From Rte 95S, take exit 9 to Rte 4S (left exit); Rte 4S merges into Rte 1S after the second traffic light; from Rte 1S, take the exit for Jamestown/Newport Bridges. From the Newport Bridge, take the first exit to Scenic Newport; turn right at the end of the ramp onto Farewell St.; at the second light, bear left; at the stop sign, turn right onto Thames St.; at the next red light, turn left and continue on Touro St.; take second right onto Clark St. The Museum is 500 ft on the right.

SATURDAY, MAY 30, 2015 — 11:00AM

SMITH'S CASTLE

We will tour Smith's Castle at 55 Richard Smith Drive in the Wickford section of North Kingstown, RI. In 1637 both Roger Williams and Richard Smith arrived in this area to open trading posts where Smith, according to Williams, "put up... the first English house..." in the area. In 1651, Richard Smith bought Roger Williams' trading post and, from that point forward, continued to expand his holdings in the area. Tour: \$5 per person (RWFA will pay for children 12 and under). Following our tour, our guest speaker will be author Robert Geake, who is also a docent at Smith's Castle. Mr. Geake will speak on the Narragansetts, the subject of his upcoming book. We will enjoy a picnic lunch on the grounds. There are no picnic tables available on site, so be sure to bring folding chairs, blankets, etc.

Directions: From Rte 95S, take exit 9 to Rte 4 (left exit); take exit 5A (Wickford) to Rte 102S; continue until Rte 102 ends (but the road continues!) at a light at the intersection of Rte 1. This is NOT well marked. There is a large white church on the left just before the light and a Shell Station on the right corner. Turn left onto Rte 1N; continue through the next light past the Fire and Police Depts. on your right. The Castle entrance is on your right, across from the State Police Barracks. Watch for the entrance sign. From Rte 95N, take exit 5A to Rte 102S towards North Kingstown; stay on Rte 102 as it crosses Rte 4, then follow directions as if coming from Rte 95S.

SATURDAY, JUNE 27, 2015 — 11:00AM

SMITH-APPLEBY HOUSE

We will tour the Smith-Appleby House at 220 Stillwater Road, Smithfield, RI. The house began as a one room stone-ender with a loft above, built circa 1696 by Elisha Smith, grandson of John Smith "The Miller", a member of Roger Williams' original party of six men who left Massachusetts Bay Colony to start the colony of Providence in 1636. The forty acres granted to John Smith by Roger Williams increased to 700 acres during Elisha's lifetime. It has since dwindled to its present 7 acres. Tour: \$5 per person (RWFA will pay for children 12 and under). Following the tour we will hold our monthly and annual meetings. Lunch will follow at Blackie's Bulldog Tavern. RSVP to Kate Lambert (katemospaw@aol.com or 401-567-0088) by June 24 as we will be making reservations at Blackie's.

Directions: From Rte 295 N/S, take exit 8B (Rte 7N); turn left at the first light (Thurber Blvd.) and continue to the end; turn left onto Stillwater Rd. The house is 0.7 miles on the right. From Rte 95 in Providence, take the Rte 146 exit; exit to Rte 295S and continue as above.

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Through His Son Daniel Williams

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NEW MEMBERS

2013-2014

*Eileen C. Atkinson	Sarasota, FL	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
*Christopher Bakwin	Bozeman, MT	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
*Melissa C. Crosby	Chester, IL	<i>Joseph</i>
Joseph E. DaRin	Phillipsburg, NJ	<i>Daniel</i>
*Mariгене A. Dessaint	Phoenix, AZ	<i>Joseph, Mercy</i>
Alexandra B. Earle	Providence, RI	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
*Joyce H. Guild	Norton, MA	<i>Mary, Mercy Winsor</i>
*Maurice R. Hitt, Jr.	Dunnellon, FL	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
*Kerry A. Hopkins	Mapleville, RI	<i>Daniel</i>
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*Christopher G. Knight	Glen Allen, VA	<i>Mary, Mercy Winsor</i>
*Peter F. Lambert	Pascoag, RI	<i>Associate</i>
*Diane L. Marlatt	Atlanta, MI	<i>Mary</i>
*David W. Morton, Ed.D.	Manlius, NY	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
*Amy M. Neri	Petoskey, MI	<i>Mary</i>
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*Ava R. Sehoyan	Mackinac Island, MI	<i>Mary</i>
*Leon A.. Sehoyan	Mackinac Island, MI	<i>Mary</i>
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*Joan E. Stover	Reston, VA	<i>Joseph</i>
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*Jennifer Wakeling	Acton, MA	<i>Associate</i>
*Marcia Wakeling	Randolph, MA	<i>Mary</i>
*Robert A. Wakeling, Jr.	Acton, MA	<i>Mary</i>
*Colin Warren	Milwaukee, WI	<i>Daniel</i>
Andrew C. Wells	Ingleburn, NSW, Australia	<i>Mary</i>
*Garrett R. Wilson	Pascoag, RI	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
* <i>Life Member</i>		

IN MEMORIAM

Marilyn L. Arnold	----	<i>Mercy Waterman, Joseph (2)</i>
Birdella Corbitt	5 June 2014	<i>Mary</i>
Bruce Paterson Knight	----	<i>Daniel</i>
Evelyn S. Luddy	10 January 2014	<i>Joseph</i>
Ann Montgomery	21 July 2012	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>

BEGINNING OUR 123RD YEAR

2014-2015

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