



THE ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

2018-2019 No. 105

Incorporated January 30, 1906
Providence, Rhode Island
www.rogerwilliams.org



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Hearts,

While I have not accomplished all of my goals for RWFA in this past year, I'm happy to report progress on several fronts. Our Facebook page continues to grow and is quite active. I try to check messages there on a daily basis and respond quickly. We have placed complete sets of *The Descendants of Roger Williams* in over 40 public libraries in RI and are aiming to have them available in all RI public libraries soon. Our membership rolls continue to grow and, thanks to Frank Stevenson, have now been digitized. A newsletter is still in the works and will be coming soon.

Our featured article is a reprint from 1952 which seemed very timely. It concerns Prospect Terrace where Roger Williams was finally laid to rest and which is undergoing a large restoration effort. We have become a small part of that effort.

Our program for the year looks exciting - 1st Vice President Dawn Williams is looking to outdo her outstanding choices from the past year. The rest of our executive committee is also remaining in place as we continue to move our family into the future.

Your cousin, Kate

Kathan (Moroney) Mospaw Lambert, President
Roger Williams Family Association
July 2018

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)*

CALENDAR

September 2018 - July 2019

The RWFA will pay admission fees for all children 12 and under.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 29, 2018 1:15PM

ROGER WILLIAMS PARK DUCK BOAT TOUR

Enjoy a 40-minute land and water historic tour of Roger Williams Park aboard the 'Miss Betsey,' an authentic World War II amphibious vehicle at the boathouse. Depending on our participation numbers, prices will vary with maximum \$20 for adults and \$10 for kids. In the event our numbers are high enough for a private boat tour at 2:30 (versus 1:15), cost will be less. All are welcome to later visit the newly renovated 'Betsey Williams Cottage.' Bring a bagged lunch to commence our brief family meeting and picnic. **RSVP by September 15th to dmw888@me.com or 401-418-9971.**

Directions to 1000 Elmwood Ave. Providence, RI: 95 N to Exit 16 (Rt. 10) to Elmwood Ave Exit. Take a right, take a left on Park Ave, and left into RWP. From 95 S to exit 16 (Rt. 10) to Park Ave-East, left at the light, left to enter RWP.

SUNDAY, OCTOBER 28, 2018 11:00AM

FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE AT THE FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN AMERICA

Observe reverence for Founder Roger Williams who pioneered the Baptist Religion at the First Baptist Church. Concluding service, a tour of the church will be conducted and brief meeting. Parking can be difficult so plan arrival time accordingly. Join for lunch later at 1:00PM at Jackie's Galaxy Waterplace where car valet is recommended. **RSVP by October 20th to dmw888@me.com or 401-418-9971.**

Directions to 75 North Main Street, Providence, RI; Located in downtown at the corner of North Main and Waterman Street. From I-95: take exit 22A following the signs to Downtown and Memorial Boulevard. Follow Memorial Blvd. to the river. Turn left onto Washington Street. The church is visible directly ahead. From the West: Follow Rt. 6 to exit for Downtown Providence to Memorial Blvd.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 17, 2018 12:00PM

THE HALL AT PATRIOT PLACE

Visit the museum of the New England Patriots Football Hall of Fame and modern, interactive exhibit. See the team's 5 Super Bowl Championship trophies. Fee will vary based on attendance, maximum \$10 for adults and \$5 for kids. Post venue, we will gather for lunch at the CBS Sporting Club overlooking Gillette Stadium. **RSVP by November 3rd to dmw888@me.com or 401-418-9971.**

Directions to 1 Patriot Place, Foxboro MA; I-95 N toward Boston, take exit 6B to merge onto I-495 N toward Worcester, take exit 14A onto US-1 N toward Wrentham, keep right to US-1 S, turn R onto Patriot Place, turn left, and the hall is on your right. Park closest to The Hall, enter at the P1 entrance and take the first right toward Showcase Live.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 8, 2018 2:00PM

HOLIDAY PARTY

Our family holiday reception of a traditional Victorian tea, music presentation, followed by Christmas carols, and a short business meeting will be held at the festively decorated home of Clifford and Marilyn Brown. Kindly bring a dish to share. **RSVP by November 25th to dmw888@me.com or 401-418-9971.**

Directions to 180 Brown Street, Providence, RI; I 95 N or S: take exit 22A following signs to Downtown Providence and Memorial Blvd. From Route 6 West: travel to

Memorial Blvd. exit as well. Follow to the river. Turn left onto Washington St. which becomes Waterman St. Proceed up the hill to Brown St., just beyond the summit. Turn left and proceed 7 blocks to Keene St. the Brown residence is on the far left corner of Brown and Keene.

**SATURDAY, MAY, 2019 *DATE/TME TO BE ANNOUNCED VIA EMAIL LIST
PAW SOX GAME AND FIREWORKS AT MCCOY STADIUM**

Attend the Pawtucket Red Sox Minor League baseball game and firework display on a Saturday evening. General admission on group discounts available based on participation from \$13 for adults and \$8 kids maximum. **RSVPASAP with tentative interest and by April 24th to 401-418-9971 or dmw888@me.com.**

Directions to 1 Columbus Ave. Pawtucket, RI; I-95N to Exit 27, 28, or 29 and follow directional signs to McCoy Stadium parking lots. Rt. 146 S to Rt. 295N to I-95 S then follow direction from the North.

**SUNDAY, JUNE 23, 2019 2:00 PM
RISD ART MUSEUM**

Join us for an independent self-tour of Rhode Island School of Design art museum's 100,000 objects containing works from all over the world including our own Alonzo Chappel's Landing of Roger Williams Painting. Dinner arrangements and brief business meeting will be at Anthony's Authentic Italian Cuisine at 4:00PM upon opening. **RSVP by June 16th to 401-418-9971 or dmw888@me.com.**

Directions to 224 Benefit Street, Providence, RI; On Sunday parking is available in the restricted RISD school parking lot on Waterman between Benefit and Prospect or street side.

**SATURDAY, JULY 27, 2019 11:00AM
VARNUM MEMORIAL ARMORY**

View a slideshow presentation with an armory specialist Roberta Humble, followed by a tour of this medieval-style redbrick armory dating to 1913 military history, uniforms, propaganda posters & weaponry collection. Lunch and a brief meeting will proceed at Finn's Harborside restaurant. **RSVP by July 8th to 401-418-9971 or dmw888@me.com.**

Directions to 6 Main Street, East Greenwich, RI; I-95 S keep left at fork to continue on RI-4 S, follow signs for N Kingstown, take exit 8 for RI-401 toward RI-2/I-95/E Greenwich, turn right onto RI-401 E, left onto Division St. Turn right onto US-1 S, armory on the left.

IN MEMORIAM

Charlene Derickson	9 September 2015	<i>Mary</i>
Lester P. Fales	1 January 2018	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
Kathy A. Hopkins	4 June 2016	<i>Daniel</i>
Anna E. Lauterbach	----	<i>Mary</i>
Margaret Clemmens Lauterbach	----	<i>Mary</i>
Kenneth Harvey Parker	----	<i>Mary</i>
Richard A. Stansfield	26 February 2015	<i>Mary</i>
Norman E. Tucker	----	<i>Joseph</i>
Charles Hunt Welling	----	<i>Freeborn</i>
Esther L. Wilbur	20 September 2016	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
Everett H. Wilbur	11 September 2016	<i>Mary</i>

ROGER WILLIAMS MONUMENT ON PROSPECT TERRACE

BY MRS. CHARLES W. ANTHONY

Roger Williams died in the spring of 1683 and his remains interred in a spot which he himself selected, on his own land, a short distance from the "spring" where 47 years before he had landed with his five companions, and founded Providence. Not even a rough stone was set up to designate the spot.

On July 15, 1771, 88 years after his death, the Freemen of Providence, in Town Meeting, appointed a committee to draft an inscription for a monument, which it was then voted to erect "over the grave of the Founder of this town and colony." The population at that date scarcely exceeded 4,000 souls and nothing was probably contemplated save a simple memorial to mark the western slope of Prospect Hill. The swift march of events, the burning of the Gaspee, the quarrel with the mother country and the great Revolutionary struggle, hindered the project, and no monument was erected.

The matter seemed forgotten for nearly a century. Then about 1850 it was taken up under the auspices of the "Providence Association of Mechanics and Manufacturers" and a course of ten lectures was given to the public, gratuitously by ten men, the proceeds going toward the monument of Roger Williams. This together with solicited subscriptions was deposited in the Providence Institution for Savings. The first deposit of \$100 was made in 1850. This account reached \$707.53 in May 1886.

On April 26, 1860 Stephen Randall, Esq. called a meeting to which nearly 200 persons came. A month previous, in the presence of several witnesses and with the assistance of two experienced superintendents of public burial grounds, he had caused to be exhumed from the neglected resting place, Williams' "dust and ashes" and placed in an urn in his own tomb in the North Burial Ground. Randall brought the matter before the assemblage, a committee of fifteen appointed, and an act of incorporation under the name of "Roger Williams Monument Association" was signed by 80 of the most prominent and influential citizens of the City and State.

This committee selected a site on Prospect Hill as Roger Williams' final burial place, a height of 200 feet above tide water. As evidence of the conspicuousness of the summit, the committee referred to the historical fact that during the Revolution a beacon fire was kindled thereon at the top of a mast which was seen by the inhabitants of Cambridge, Mass. and of New London, Conn. This circumstance rendered the supposition reasonable, that the top of the monumental shaft, nearly two hundred feet high, might be visible from the top of Bunker Hill monument, which is 220 feet high. In that case, the worthy descendants of the Puritans might there behold the Roger Williams monument, raised on high as an emblem of the triumph of religious freedom. The committee recommended a shaft of granite, in the form of a Grecian column, with a space within the base for statuary, sculptures and historical inscriptions, estimated to cost from \$60,000 to \$70,000. However, no plans submitted were approved and no progress made in subsequent annual meetings which were recorded only until 1865, when Mr. Stephen Randall, despairing of any action on the part of the Association, deposited in the Peoples Savings Bank January 5, 1865 \$1,000 for the purpose of the monument. This, together with various other gifts and accumulated interest, amounted in January 1886 to \$1,635.27. Mr. Randall died in 1874. The total of amounts in three

Providence banks in January 1886 amounted to \$6,695.91. The matter lay dormant for fifty years.

In 1936, the 300th anniversary of the settlement of Providence, a new Roger Williams Monument Association was formed, including high officials of the state and patriotic societies for the purpose of erecting the monument. In 1938 the Superior Court issued an order turning over savings accounts to the Association. These amounted to approximately \$45,000. The State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations gave \$21,000 and a contribution of \$19,000 from the Tercentary Committee, and plans were ready to be put into operation.

The result of the work of this committee developed in the construction of a 14 foot statue of Roger Williams weighing ten tons, hewn from fine Rhode Island blue white granite. It was set between two huge granite pylons, forming the sides of a rectangular arch. Two bronze boxes, one containing the remains of Roger Williams and the other the records of the Association were placed within the monument. Standing on Prospect Terrace, high above the City of Providence, overlooking same, the monument was dedicated June 29, 1939 to the man who advocated and practiced the doctrines of the right of religious liberty in its widest meaning and stands in its majesty, solidity and permanence an everlasting tribute to the Founder of Rhode Island, keeping eternal vigilance over the City and State he founded in 1636, more than three centuries ago.

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*Roger Williams statue at Prospect Terrace.
First Baptist Church in America in background.*

NEW MEMBERS

2017-2018

* Linda E. Blake	Manti, UT	<i>Freeborn</i>
* Karyn L. Blanc	Ashburn, VA	<i>Mercy</i>
* Charles Brush	Sacramento, CA	<i>Joseph</i>
* Louise P. Eddy	Manti, UT	<i>Freeborn</i>
* Kim D. Edhegard	Ozark, AL	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
* Kathryn B. Gunderson	Murrieta, CA	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
* Brendan R. Hargreaves	East Hampton, CT	<i>Daniel, Joseph, Mary, Mercy Winsor</i>
* Dylan J. Hargreaves	East Hampton, CT	<i>Daniel, Joseph, Mary, Mercy Winsor</i>
* Duana M. Hodges	Jamestown, RI	<i>Joseph</i>
Andrew C. Hooker	Uppsala, Sweden	<i>Daniel, Mercy Waterman/Winsor</i>
Melinda J. Hooker	Minnetrissa, MN	<i>Daniel, Mercy Waterman/Winsor</i>
Michael S. Hooker	Ft. Collins, CO	<i>Daniel, Mercy Waterman/Winsor</i>
* Karin F. Kaiser	Stratford, WI	<i>Mary</i>
* Kahilu E. Kamwanyah	Kingston, RI	<i>Joseph</i>
* Sahara E. Kamwanyah	Kingston, RI	<i>Joseph</i>
* Cole R. Keefe	Enfield, CT	<i>Joseph</i>
* Pierce R. Keefe	Enfield, CT	<i>Joseph</i>
* Tyler C. Kohl	Prestonburg, KY	<i>Joseph</i>
* Brian K. Long	Placentia, CA	<i>Mercy</i>
* Kevin K. Long	Raleigh, NC	<i>Mercy</i>
* Scott M. Long	Cary, NC	<i>Mercy</i>
* Deborah A. McPherson	Manchester Ctr, VT	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
* Rachel A. Paulhus	Cranston, RI	<i>Daniel</i>
* Edgar M. Phelps	Charleston, SC	<i>Mary, Mercy Winsor</i>
* Brook W. Ross	Kingston, RI	<i>Joseph</i>
* Caelyn C. Ross	Kingston, RI	<i>Joseph</i>
* Heather E. Ross	Kingston, RI	<i>Joseph</i>
* Kingston A. Ross	Kingston, RI	<i>Joseph</i>
* Lincoln N. Ross	Warwick, RI	<i>Joseph</i>
* Holland R. Schaafsma	Glendale, RI	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
Jon K. Schlosser	Cincinnati, OH	<i>Mary</i>
* Theodore L. Schnell	Boynton Beach, FL	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
* Mary E. Shaffer	Cincinnati, OH	<i>Mary</i>
* Wenda Sheehan	Barrington, RI	<i>Mary</i>
* Avery E. Snow	No. Scituate, RI	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
* Carina N. Snow	No. Scituate, RI	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
* Laurie A. Soderholm	Arlington Heights, IL	<i>Joseph</i>
* John C. Southworth	Lithia, FL	<i>Mary</i>
* Cynthia K. Steimle	Davis, CA	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
* Susan J. Templeton	Carrollton, TX	<i>Mary</i>
* Robin S. Turpin	Lake Zurich, IL	<i>Joseph</i>
* Brenna M. Wilson	Pascoag, RI	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>

* *Life Member*

BEGINNING OUR 130TH YEAR

2018-2019

OFFICERS

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