

# BEGINNING OUR 136TH YEAR

2024-2025

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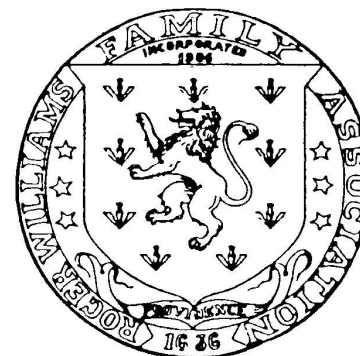
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# THE ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

2024-2025 No. 111

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Providence, Rhode Island  
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## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings, cousins and friends...

I hope that the summer weather is pleasant for us all and you are enjoying good health and good times with your families and friends.

It is an honor to be your president; thank you all for a great year. I would like to express my gratitude to the board members for helping to make this a memorable year. Our membership continues to grow. Many inquiries have come in for memberships. It is wonderful to know how many people honor the memory of our esteemed ancestor.

My first year as president has concluded and it was an awesome year with many adventures for our monthly meetings. Sadly, the boat trip to Rose Island had to be canceled due to the weather conditions again this year; but all the others went very well. We participated in the annual Founder's service at First Baptist church in Providence in October, had guest speakers Dr. Charlotte Carrington-Farmer and retired park ranger John McNiff at the Neutaconkanut Hill Conservancy (see our feature article on page 5), enjoyed the annual holiday party at the home of Dr. Clifford Brown and his wife, Marilyn Brownell, and visited the armory of the Kentish Guards and the Beavertail lighthouse.

This year's program is shaping up to be another exciting year, as well. I am looking forward to sharing each month's outing with you all, and hope to see you at our first event in September.

Thank you for your support.

Trish Woodard, President  
Roger Williams Family Association  
August 2024

### REVISED DUES STRUCTURE

As of July 1, 2023, dues and fees for memberships are as follows:

- ♦ Annual Membership Dues: \$25.00 yearly
- ♦ Life Membership Dues: \$200.00
- ♦ One-time application fee for Annual & Life Members: \$25.00  
(add \$10.00 for each additional immediate family member within the same primary application)

## NEW MEMBERS 2023-2024

*Royce De Rohan Barondes	Columbia, MO	Mercy Waterman
*Lester Christoffel	Providence, RI	Mary
*Sarah Delfino	Uncasville, CT	Joseph
*Jeffrey D. Jones	Lakewood Ranch, FL	Mary
*Nicholas James Lecours	Charlestown, RI	Mary
*Stacey Lynne Lecours	Charlestown, RI	Mary
*Benjamin E. McDowell	Dennis, MA	Mary
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*Matthew J. Mumma	Dartmouth, MA	Mary
*Jeffrey Pruitt	New Orleans, LA	Mary
*Ainsley R. Snow	N. Scituate, RI	Mercy Winsor
*Amanda B. Stephens	Center Hill, FL	Daniel
*Amber L. Stephens	Center Hill, FL	Daniel
*Austin L. Stephens	Center Hill, FL	Daniel
*Benjamin Joseph Vadnais	Charlestown, RI	Associate

\* Life Member

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Carol J. Barker	30 July 2021	Daniel
Caroline D. Bell	9 July 2017	Freeborn
Philip H. Bradway	25 February 2012	Mercy Winsor
George F. Delemontex	29 November 2023	Mary
David Joseph Essex	14 February 2024	Mary
Dorothy Freeman Golden	23 Apr 2011	Mary
William Frederick Grosser	23 January 2022	Mary
Anne Terry Hurst	24 August 2022	Mary
Joyce E. Miglietta	22 April 2014	Mary
Carole Gates Sorensen	15 October 2021	Mary
Arthur Lester Tackman III	14 March 2019	Freeborn
Sandra Cooper Uhlein	11 March 2021	Mary
Virginia Ford-Vassett	18 October 2023	Mercy Waterman
William M. Williams	22 December 2021	Mary
Mary Ellen Wright	9 June 2022	Mary

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### September 2024 - June 2025

*Programs may be subject to cancellation due to severe weather or other unforeseen circumstances. Please check [www.rogerwilliams.org](http://www.rogerwilliams.org) or our Facebook page for updates.*

#### SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 14, 2024 - 11:00 AM

##### TOUR OF VARNHAM HOUSE MUSEUM

Varnham House Museum Mansion, overlooking Greenwich Bay in East Greenwich, was built by James Mitchell Varnum on a large plot of land he had purchased in 1773 for \$90. Varnum was a talented young lawyer and a prominent figure in the Revolutionary War and early American politics. He attracted a "Who's Who" of guests to his mansion, including George Washington, Rochambeau, John Sullivan, Nathaniel Greene and more. Varnam House was constructed by master builder John Reynolds in keeping with the best architectural standards of the late 18th century. The museum's exhibits focus on early American furniture, household items, musical instruments, children's toys, documents, paintings and many items from the Far East. Tour cost is \$10 per person. Following our tour, we will meet at Chelo's Waterfront for lunch.

**RSVP by September 7th to [hhsctc@aol.com](mailto:hhsctc@aol.com) or 401-423-0442.**

*GPS: Varnham House Museum, 57 Pierce Street, East Greenwich, RI.*

*Directions: From Route 95 South, bear left onto Route 4 South. Exit onto Route 401 East (Division Street). In about one mile stay straight, following Division Street (do not bear right following Route 401). After 0.7 miles, turn right onto Pierce Street. Continue to the Varnum House at 57 Pierce Street.*

#### SATURDAY, OCTOBER 5, 2024 - 11:00 AM

##### BIANNUAL PILGRIMAGE TO ROGER WILLIAMS SHELTER

We will assemble on the straight dirt road off Birch Swamp Road, Warren, RI and travel by car to within several hundred yards of the large rock shelter known as Margaret's Rock in North Swansea, MA. Margaret was a Wamponoag Medicine Woman who helped Roger return to good health, along with the help of Massasoit, following Roger's banishment from the Massachusetts Bay Colony in that extremely cold winter of 1636. It is the only abode which exists today in the Providence area whose walls Roger actually touched. Let us pay homage to this temporary and first home in the wilderness for Roger during the 14 weeks immediately after his banishment. Please arrive 30 minutes early to carpool and/or caravan. The rain date will be Sunday, October 6th at 1:00pm. Bring a folding chair and packed lunch for a short meeting afterwards.

**RSVP by September 28th to [hhsctc@aol.com](mailto:hhsctc@aol.com) or 401-423-0442.**

*Directions: From Providence, take I-195 toward Swansea and Fall River; take the Rt. 136 exit and travel south 1.7 miles; after crossing into RI, turn left onto Birch Swamp Rd.; continue for 0.3 miles where road takes a 90 degree turn, and go straight onto the dirt road (sign "Windswept Farm"; DO NOT turn right into the drive to the Old Chase Farm). We will assemble on this dirt road, drive to within several hundred yards, and hike up to the rock from there.*

**SUNDAY, OCTOBER 27, 2024 - 11:00 AM**

**FOUNDER'S DAY SERVICE AT FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH**

We will meet for the annual Founder's Day Service at First Baptist Church in Providence and join in the celebration of their 386th anniversary. We will then gather at the Betsy Williams cottage in Roger Williams Park to enjoy a self-tour of the building's exterior, view the nearby Roger Williams statue, and walk through the Joseph Williams burial grounds. Please bring a folding chair and a picnic lunch. Should the weather not cooperate, after church we will meet at Chelo's at 505 Silver Spring Avenue in Providence for lunch.

**RSVP by October 19th to [hhsctc@aol.com](mailto:hhsctc@aol.com) or 401-423-0442.**

*GPS: First Baptist Church, 75 North Main Street, Providence, RI.*

*Directions: From I-95 take Exit 22A, following the signs to Downtown/Memorial Blvd; follow Memorial Blvd to the river; then left onto Washington St. The church is visible directly ahead at the corner of North Main and Waterman Sts. Parking can be difficult, so plan travel time accordingly.*

**SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2024 - 11:00 AM**

**TOUR OF PAINE HOUSE MUSEUM**

The Paine House Museum is operated by the Western Rhode Island Civic Historical Society as a former colonial home and inn. The original part of the house is thought to have been built as early as 1691 by Samuel Bennett, who was known to operate a sawmill on the nearby Pawtuxet River. We will meet in the adjacent Mruk Fire Alarm Building for a short meeting and a talk by Charlotte Carrington-Farmer on Roger and Mary Williams. This will be followed by a house tour (\$6 per person). For those interested in lunch, directions will be given to the nearby Old Theatre Diner located at 33 Sandy Bottom Road, Coventry.

**RSVP by November 9th to [hhsctc@aol.com](mailto:hhsctc@aol.com) or 401-423-0442.**

*GPS: Paine House Museum, 7 Station Street, Coventry, RI.*

*Directions: From Providence, take Rte. 95S toward East Greenwich. Take Exit 21 onto New London Turnpike. Turn left onto Arnold Road. Cross over Tiogue Avenue onto Sandy Bottom Road. Turn left onto Main Street, then right onto Station Street.*

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 7, 2024 - 12:30 PM**

**HOLIDAY PARTY AT PAWTUXET ARMORY**

Our holiday party will be held at the historic Pawtuxet Armory, built in 1842. We will begin with a short business meeting followed by a light holiday luncheon. Then time for some holiday fun! Come prepared for an old fashioned cookie swap. For those who like to bake, this is your chance to bring your favorite cookies. For those who do not bake, pick up a dozen or two cookies from your favorite market or bakery. Everyone will go home with a selection of different cookies to start off the holidays. Luncheon cost is \$10 per person.

**RSVP by December 1st to [hhsctc@aol.com](mailto:hhsctc@aol.com) or 401-423-0442.**

*GPS: Armory Hall, 59 Remington Street, Warwick, RI.*

*Directions: From 95 North or South take the Route 37 East exit. Travel all the way to the end, following signs to Post Road North. Follow all the way to the end, crossing over Warwick Avenue and passing Bank Cafe on your left. At traffic light (facing Pawtuxet Park), turn right on Narragansett Parkway. Take second right onto Remington Street. The Armory will be one block up on the right, at the corner of Remington and Bank Streets.*

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Waterman Line compiled by Dorothy Higson White. Winsor Line compiled by Kay Kirlin Moore. Gateway Press, Inc. 1991. Index. 403 pp.

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**SATURDAY, APRIL 19, 2025 - 11:00 AM**  
**TOUR OF JOHN WATERMAN ARNOLD HOUSE**

A short business meeting will be held at the John Waterman Arnold House followed by a tour of this interesting old house built around 1790, now home to the Warwick Historical Society. John Waterman Arnold was a descendent of William Arnold, Richard Waterman, and Roger Williams through daughter, Mercy. We will gather after our tour at nearby Governor Francis Inn at 1251 Warwick Avenue (directions will be provided).

**RSVP by April 10th to [hhsctc@aol.com](mailto:hhsctc@aol.com) or 401-423-0442.**

*GPS: John Waterman Arnold House, 25 Roger Williams Circle, Warwick, RI.*

*Directions: From Rte. 95 North or South take the Route 37 East exit. Travel all the way to the end, following signs to Post Road North. Follow Post Road North, noting Walmart on your right. At traffic light, turn right onto Atlantic Avenue. At next traffic light, turn right onto Warwick Avenue. Take second left onto Harrison Avenue and follow for 0.3 miles. Turn right onto Roger Williams Avenue.*

**SATURDAY, MAY 3, 2025 - 11:00 AM**  
**TOUR OF HEARTHSTONE MANSION**

Built in 1810, this unique stone mansion is located on Great Road, the first road built through the wilderness between Providence and Mendon, MA and one of the oldest thoroughfares in America. Hearthstone, also known as "The House that Love Built," is one of the finest examples of 19th century federal-style houses in the state and is on the National Register of Historic Places. The land on which Hearthstone was built was originally owned by Roger Williams. A brief meeting will follow the tour, then lunch at The Lodge Pub & Eatery at 40 Breakneck Hill Road (directions will be provided).

**RSVP by April 26th to [hhsctc@aol.com](mailto:hhsctc@aol.com) or 401-423-0442.**

*GPS: Hearthstone House Museum, 677 Great Road, Lincoln, RI.*

*Directions: From Rte. 95 North take Exit 23 to Rte. 146 North Woonsocket/Lincoln. Take the Rte. 123/Breakneck Hill Road exit; turn right onto Rte. 123. Just as Breakneck Hill levels off, at the intersection of Great Road, there will be a farm with twin silos on your left; immediately after the silos is Hearthstone. From Rte. 295 take Exit 9A onto Rte. 146 toward Lincoln. Take the Rte. 123/Breakneck Hill Road exit. Turn left onto Rte. 123E. At the bottom of the hill, Breakneck Hill Road becomes Great Road. You will see twin silos on your left and Hearthstone is right after them.*

**SATURDAY, JUNE 21, 2025 - 12:00 PM**  
**VISIT TO FOUNDER'S BROOK**

In old records, Founder's Brook was known as the "watering place" and was later called "Stony Brook." Today it is called "Founder's Brook," a place set aside to remember the founders, the Portsmouth Compact, and the early roots of Portsmouth life where Anne Hutchinson and her followers helped settle the colony on land Roger Williams helped them to secure from the Native Americans. Bring a chair and picnic lunch and enjoy the peaceful setting.

**RSVP by June 14th to [hhsctc@aol.com](mailto:hhsctc@aol.com) or 401-423-0442.**

*GPS: Founder's Brook, 364 Boyds Lane, Portsmouth, RI.*

*Directions: From Providence take Rte. 195 East towards Fall River. Exit to Rte. 24 South. After Montaup Country Club on your right, take Exit 2 from Rte. 24. At the end of the exit turn right onto Boyds Lane, then a sharp left onto Old Boyds Lane at intersection with Anthony Road.*

**ROGER WILLIAMS**  
**AND THE SETTLEMENT AT PROVIDENCE**  
**FROM RWFA ANNUAL BULLETIN NO. 78 1991-1992**

"Be it Knowne unto all men by these presentes, That I Roger Williams of the Towne of Providence in the Narragansett Bay in New England having in the Yeare one Thousand six hundred Thirtie ffoure And in the Yeare one Thousand six Hundred Thirtie ffive, had severall Treatyes with Counanicusse And Miantenome, the Two chiefe Sachims of the Narragansett; And in the End purchased of them the Landes and Meddows upon the Two ffresh Rivers called Moshosick, and Wanasquatuckett The Two said Sachims having by A Deede under theire handes, Two Yeares after the sale thereof Established, And Conffirmed the Boundes of those Landes ffrom the River And ffields of Pautuckett, the Great Hill of Neotaconkonitt on the Norwest And the Towne of Mashapaug on the west; Notwithstanding, I had the frequent promise of Miantenomy (my kind freind) that It should not be Land that I should want about these Boundes mentioned, provided, that I satisfied the Indian; there inhabeting; I having made Covenants of peaceable neighbourhood with all the Sachims, And Natives Round about us, And having in A sence of God's mercifull Providence unto me in my destresse, call the place Providence, I desired it might be A shelter for persons distressed for Conscience; I then considering the condition of Divers of my distressed countrey men; I comunicated my said purchase unto my loving ffrinds, John Throckmorton, William Arnold, William Harris, Stuckley Westcott, John Greene Senior, Thomas Olney Senior, Richard Waterman And others, who then desired to take Shelter here with me, And in Succession, unto so many others as we Should Receive into the felloship, And Societie of injoyeing, And desposing of the Said Purchase: And besides the FFirst that were admitted, our Towne Recordes declare, that afterwards wee Received Chad Brown, William ffield, Thomas Harris Senior, William Wickenden, Robert Williams, Grigorey Dexter, and others as our Towne Booke declares: And whereas by Gode's Mercifull Assistance I was the procurer of the purchase not by monies nor payment, the Natives being so shy, And jeloues that monies could not do it, but by that Language, Acquaintance, And favour with the Natives, And other Advantages which it pleased God to give me, And also bore the charges, And Venture of all the Gratuetyes which I gave to the great Sachims, And other Sachims And Natives Round about us: And Lay engaged for A Loving and pecable Neighbourhood with them all, to my great charge, And Travell; It was therefore Thought fitt by some Loving ffrinds, that I should Receive Some Loving consideration And gratuetye; And it was agreed between us That Every person that should be Admitted into the ffelloship of injoyeing Land And desposing of the purchase should pay Thirtie Shillings unto a Publique stock; And ffirst about Thirtie pounds should be paid unto myselfe, by Thirtie Shillings A person, as They were Admitted: This Sum I received, And in Love to my ffrindes, And with Respect to A Towne, And

place of Succor for the distressed as aforesaid, I doe Acknowledg the Said Sum, And payment, as ffull Sattisfaction; And whereas in the yeare one Thousand six hundred Thirtye seauen (so called) I delivered the deede subscribed by the Two Aforesaid cheife Sachims (so much thereof as concerneth the aforementioned Landes) ffrom my selfe, And from my heires, unto the whole number of the purchasers, with all my powre, Right, And Title therein: Reserving only unto my selfe, one Single Share Equall unto any of the Rest of thast number, I now Againe, in A more fformal way under my hand and Seale conffirme my fformer Resignation of that Deede of the Lands aforsaid; And Bind my selfe, my heirs, my Exsecutors, my Administerators, And Assignes, never to molest any of the said persons Already Received, or hereafter to be Received into the Society of purchasers as aforsaid: But that they, their heirs, Exsecutors, Administerators, And Assignes Shall at all tymes quietly, And pecably Injoy the premises, And Every part thereof; And I doe ffurther by these presentes, Bind my selfe, my heirs, Exsecutors, my Administerators, And Assignes never to Lay any claime, nor cause any claime to be Laid to any of the Lands aforementioned, or unto any part, or parcell thereof, (more than unto my owne Single Share) by Vertue, or pretence of any fformer Bargaine, Sale, or Morgage, what So ever; (or jointers, Thirdes, or Intailes) made by me the said Roger Williams, or of any other person Either ffor, By, Through, or under me In Wittnesse thereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seall This Twentyeth day of December, in this presant yeare One Thousand Six hundred Sixty one.

Memorandum the wordes: of the purchase was interlined before these  
presantes was Sealed Roger Williams,

Signed, Sealed And Delivered in the presence of us  
Thomas Smith  
Joseph Carpenter

I Mary Williams, wife unto Roger Williams, doe Assent unto  
the premises, Wittnes my hand this Twentieth of December  
in this presant yeare one Thousand Six hundred Sixty one  
Acknowledged And Subscribed  
before me William ffield  
Gene'l Assistant

Mary  
The marke of M W,  
Williams" <sup>1</sup>

It would seem from this deed that the first twelve proprietors were admitted into equal ownership of the lands with Roger Williams without being required to furnish any equivalent for the value of the lands received, and that the thirty pounds which were paid Roger Williams from the common fund created by the payment of thirty shillings by each of the succeeding settlers was not paid as an equivalent for the land, but was accepted by him as "a loving gratuity," and that "all which he received was far less than what he had expended."<sup>1</sup>

For the lands on the Pawtuxet river Mr. Williams received twelve-thirteenthths of twenty pounds from the twelve persons named in the deed of October 8, 1638.

The lands thus transferred by Roger Williams to his associates were divided into two parts, which were known as "the grand purchase of Providence and the Pautuxet purchase."

1. From the original in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, city of Providence.

### ***DONATIONS REQUESTED***

The Clifton Burial Ground at 17 King Street in Newport, Rhode Island was established in 1670. Many well-known Rhode Islanders are buried there, including Roger Williams' daughter, Freeborn Williams Clarke (circa 1634 - 1710) and her daughter, Mary Clarke Cranston (circa 1663 - 1710), who was the wife of Gov. Samuel Cranston. Their stone is in serious need of repair and the cemetery commission is looking for donations to help with the restoration, estimated at \$3,000. If you would like to help with this important restoration project, please send your check, made out to "Roger Williams Family Association" and noting the cemetery project, to our treasurer, Frank Stevenson, 142 George Allen Road, Chepachet, RI 02814.

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