



The above was adopted in 1932 as the official seal of the Roger Williams Family Association.

On letters preserved at the Massachusetts Historical Society, written by Roger Williams of Providence, R. I. in 1637 and 1638, he used an Armorial Seal.

This having been brought to the attention of the Roger Williams Family Association, I was made a committee of one to investigate and design a seal which should include the Williams' coat of arms.

The above seal is the result.

A lion rampant surrounded by an orle (border) of nine pheons (the barbed head of a dart) on a shield.

The stars represent the six children of Roger Williams.

This seal is intended and designated to be used, according to the by-laws, i. e. "only as authorized by the Association."

CARRIE L. KIMBALL

## *FOREWORD*

The annual meeting of the Roger Williams Family Association to be held Thursday, September 2nd, 1942 in Roger Williams Park, will be the fiftieth anniversary of the founding of our society and we hope to make it an occasion of some importance.

It is hoped that all members will make an effort to attend this meeting, and to interest other members of their families to join with us in honoring this "Great Apostle of Liberty of Conscience."

We request members to send in any item of interest of their own branches of the family; of their settlement in other states, and any genealogy which they may have in their possession.

In these folders which are being sent to you from time to time there will be something of interest about our "Great Ancestor", his children and grandchildren and the families into which they married.

HARRIETT WOOD WLEDEN,

*President*

Roger Williams was born about the year 1601 in Cow Lane, London, England. The parish records of the Church of St. Sepulchre (which his parents attended) being burned in the great fire of London in 1666, this is deduced from his own words.

On December 15th, 1629, Roger Williams and Mary Barnard were married and sailed December 1st, 1630 from Bristol, England, on the ship Lyon for Boston, which they reached February 9th, 1631.

Mary Williams died in 1676 and Roger Williams died some time between March 17th, 1683-4 and April 25th, 1684 and he was buried with military honors in the family lot behind his house.

Their children were:

Mary, born in Plymouth, Mass. August, 1633 and died in 1681. She married John Sayles.

Freeborn, born in Salem, Mass. October 1635 and died in 1710. She married Thomas Hart as her first husband and Walter Clarke as her second.

Providence was the first son and first white child to be born in Providence. He was born September, 1638 and died in Newport, unmarried, in 1686.

Mercy, born in Providence, July 15, 1640 and died in 1705. She married as her first husband Resolved Waterman, and as her second, Rev. Samuel Winsor.

Daniel, born in Providence, February 15, 1641 and died in 1712. He married Rebecca (Rhodes) Power.

Joseph, born in Providence December 12, 1643 and died in 1724. He married Lydia Olney.

Mother was Alice

Father was James (prosperous merchant tailor)

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