



THE ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

(Incorporated 1906)

No. 12.

To All Our Members and Their Families

The Officers of this Association send

GREETINGS

Wishing You a Happy Christmas

and New Year

NEW MEMBERS.

SEPTEMBER 5TH, 1946 TO JANUARY 1ST, 1947.

Olney Potter Anthony, 43 Florence Ave., Norwood, Mass.

Mrs. Mabel Helen Anthony, 43 Florence Ave., Norwood, Mass.

David W. Knight, Pippin Orchard Road, Cranston, R. I.

Miss Shirley Inez Powers, 106 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, R. I.

Miss Joyce Anita Linton, 45 Hope Road, Oaklawn, R. I.

Frank E. Waterman, 205 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, R. I.

Miss Louise Waterman, 205 Elmgrove Ave., Providence, R. I.

Miss Merilyn S. Gerstenlauer, 43 Ridge St., Cranston, R. I.

MRS. ANNIE (STEERE) IRONS

Our greatly beloved member, Mrs. Irons, is confined to her home—1196 Cranston St., Cranston, with a painful hip injury due to a fall. It is with deep regret that we make this announcement, and suggest that our members cheer her with letters and greeting cards to help her through the misfortune. For many years Mrs. Irons has been a faithful attendant at our meetings, and we shall miss her kindly presence during her convalescence.

A Quotation.

“FEAR knocked at the door; FAITH opened it, and—THERE WAS NO ONE THERE.”

The Old Farmer's Almanac, 1946. p. 21.

This association is most grateful to the Town of East Providence; to the President of the Council, Honorable P. J. Harrington; to Councilman Charles H. Chadsey and to Highway Commissioner, Mr. Whitaker; for their ready co-operation in preserving the life of the memorial oak tree marking the exact spot where stood the first home of Roger Williams on, what is now, Rhode Island soil, at Rumford. The tree was planted by our Association on the 27th of April, 1904, and marked with a bronze tablet.

ROGER WILLIAMS SPRING.

(Just off Roger Williams Avenue in Rumford)

During the tercentenary celebration of the founding of these Plantations (1936), the town of East Providence set apart a plot of land in Rumford, at the mouth of the Ten-Mile River, where Roger Williams and his little company of persecuted followers first found refuge in the wilderness, and built homes for themselves and their families. This land is situated at the foot of a wooded hill which serves as a protection from the cold, north winds of Winter, and contains a spring of good water which still flows as pure and sparkling clear as when Roger, himself, drank from it and gave thanks in that long-gone day.

To our neighbors across the Seekonk River, we owe a debt of gratitude for this graceful gesture, and we heartily commend the care which has made the place a veritable beauty-spot.

At the spring itself, the town has built a wall of stone, against which is secured a memorial tablet of bronze, recording the history of the place.

THE TABLET READS

"This spring is on the site of the first settlement by Roger Williams in the (present) state of Rhode Island.

Banished from the Massachusetts Bay colony because of his religious belief, he fled into the wilderness and found refuge with his friend, Massasoit, (chief of the Wampanoag Indians) from whom he received a grant of land upon which he built his home near this spring.

Warned that he still was within the limits claimed by the (Massachusetts) colony, he removed across the Seekonk river, and founded the settlement which is now Providence.

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OFFICERS FOR 1946-1947.

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HONORARY OFFICERS

<i>Honorary President</i>	Mrs. Mandilla Hunt 32 Norwich St., Providence, R. I.
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Notice of Meetings for Ensuing Quarter-Year.

JANUARY 2ND, 1947.

Speaker, Lieutenant Roger Williams Samson, U. S. A. R.

FEBRUARY 6TH.

MARCH 6TH.

At the home of The Rhode Island Historical Society, 52 Power Street,
Providence. Time, 2 P. M.