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It is an honor to be your President and a pleasure to send greetings and best wishes to each member of our Association. We would greatly appreciate it, if our members would send names and dates of children and grandchildren, not already recorded in our book, in order to bring our genealogical records up to date. Thus we forge the links of the past to the present.

"The man who feels no sentiment of veneration for the memory of his forefathers, who has no natural regard for his ancestors; or his kindred is himself unworthy of kindred, or remembrance."

DANIEL WEBSTER

Enclosed you will find a list of our activities for the coming year, and I hope to see many of you at 52 Power Street, Providence, for I am sure you will feel that our Program committee has done a fine job.

HELEN S. BEDSON,
President

WARWICK NECK MEETING

June 26, 1954 our Association was entertained at the home of Marshall T. Morgan on Warwick Neck. After a basket lunch and business meeting under the trees, we were taken on a tour of the house. Mr. Morgan explained the many articles which were brought to this country from abroad. We were treated to ice cream and punch.

DEDICATION OF MARKER AT GRAVE OF ROGER WILLIAMS

Among the 80 Governors who have served the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations since the 17th century, Roger Williams served as Chief Officer under the Charter from September 1644 to May 1647. The State furnished a bronze marker for the grave of each of these Governors. On July 4, 1954 the Roger Williams Family Association had the honor of dedicating the marker for Roger Williams' grave in the beautiful park on Prospect Terrace, Providence, where, high above the city he founded, his statue now stands. This was placed there in 1936, 300 years after his arrival in this state. Our President, Mrs. Clifford W. Brown, acted as Program Director, assisted by the Vice-President, Miss Clara P. Dyer, and the Chaplain, Mrs. Bertha Williams Anthony. The marker was unveiled by two of our Junior members, Clifford W. Brown, Jr. and Miss Lois Steere. The principal speaker was Charles R. Wood, Administrative Assistant to Honorable Walter H. Reynolds, Mayor of Providence.

Roger Williams' own words, found in his book "The Key to the Indian Language" were used in the benediction:

"Now to the most High and most Holy, Immortall, Invisible, and onely Wise God, who alone is Alpha and Omega, the Beginning and the Ending, the First and the Last; who Was and Is, and Is to Come; from Whom, by Whom, and to Whom are all things; by Whose gracious assistance and wonderfull supportment in so many varieties of hardship and outward miseries we have been mercifully assisted, be Honour, Glory, Power, Riches, Wisdome, Goodnesse and Dominion ascribed by all His in Jesus Christ to Eternity, AMEN."

SOUTH COUNTY MEETING

August 7, 1954 the Pettaquamscut Chapter of the D.A.R. entertained us at Exeter. Some of their ladies went to the picnic grove early and saved tables for us to use for our basket lunches. Then we went to the Exeter Baptist Church, where, following our business meeting, Mrs. Edwin Huling told us about the early history of the church. The hostesses served punch and cookies.

STEERE FAMILY REUNION

August 22, 1954 twenty-seven of our members attended the Steere Family Reunion in Chepachet. The day started with a church service, followed by a basket lunch, at which coffee and ice cream were served. Then there was an afternoon of fine entertainment.

ANNUAL MEETING

September 2, 1954 the annual meeting of the Roger Williams Family Association was held in the library of the Museum in Roger Williams Park. Miss Maribelle Carnack gave us a talk on her trip to the South Sea Islands and showed us many articles from there. Our outgoing President, Mrs. Clifford W. Brown, was presented a gift in appreciation of her untiring services for the Association.

TERCENTENARY OF THE FIRST JEWISH SETTLEMENT IN THE UNITED STATES

The Rhode Island Jewish Tercentenary committee extended a cordial invitation to the members of our Association to attend a special celebration on September 14, 1954 at the Roger Williams Spring in the afternoon, and Veteran's Memorial Auditorium in the evening, at which time two original books written by Roger Williams were presented to the Rhode Island Historical Society as a "token of appreciation for all that Roger Williams has meant for the religious freedom of all people." These are very rare books which the Rhode Island Historical Society has been most eager to have as part of their Roger Williams collection. The titles are "Queries of Highest Consideration" and "The Hiring Ministry—None of Christ's." A delegation from our association was present at these exercises.

In Memoriam

MRS. CLARA E. CLEMENCE	June 8, 1953
MRS. EDGAR S. POTTER	March 9, 1954
MR. FRANK L. BROMLEY	June 25, 1954
MRS. RICHARD RICHARDSON	July 2, 1954
MRS. JENNIE S. HOPKINS	September 7, 1954

NEW MEMBERS SINCE MARCH 1954

BROCK, MRS. EARL S., JR. (Dorothy Greene), 4601 Woodhaven Drive, Charlotte, N. C.
BROWN, MR. AND MRS. IRVIN C. (Helen White), 4704 Fordham Road, College Park, Md.
CHAMBERLAIN, MRS. FRANCIS E. (Edith Tourtellot), 26 Jenckes Street, Providence, R. I.
EDDY, MR. AND MRS. CYRUS T. (Eliza Anderson), 119 Broad Street, Norwood 7, R. I.
EMERICK, GLENN S. (age 2), 18040 1st Street E., Gulf Beaches, St. Petersburg, Fla.
FERGUSON, MRS. RUSSELL (Evelyn Claret), 11 Lennox Road, Gravesend, England.
GREENE, MR. AND MRS. ROGER W. P. (Beatrice Freeman), Box 255, Greenville, R. I.
HOLBROOK, MRS. DARLEY A. (Ruth Lake), 1425 Capinero Drive, Pasadena 2, Calif.
HOWELL, MRS. HARRY (Barbara Greene), RFD 2, Horan Road, Medina, N. Y.
PECK, MRS. JESSE W. (Grace Wallen), 58 Summit Street, E. Providence, R. I.
PERKINS, MRS. ERIC (Margaret Waterman), South Yarmouth, Mass.
REID, MRS. DONALD H. (Sarah Waterman), 27 Ocean Street, Hyannis, Mass.
REMLEY, ELSIE J., 1800 East 58th Street, Seattle 5, Wash.
SCHMIDT, MRS. WILLIAM H. (Florence Huling), 34 Branch Road, Norwood 7, R. I.
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SPINK, MRS. GEORGE A. (Julia Thomas), 30 Pleasant Street, Wickford, R. I.
SWEET, MANTON L., 285 Woodbine Street, Cranston 10, R. I.
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WALLEN, EVA B., 66 Anthony Street, East Providence, R. I.
WALLEN, SARAH A., 377 Court Street, North Plymouth, Mass.
WEST, MRS. SAMUEL F. (Ruth Salisbury), 8 Seville Road, Esmond, R. I.
WHITMAN, MRS. ROGER C. (Hope Shippee Bunin), 152 E. 89th Street, New York 28, N. Y.

The committee which presented the 1954-55 slate of officers was as follows:
Mrs. William C. Schuster, Chairman; Mrs. Harry Beesley and Miss Sara Winsor.

The new officers elected were:

President.....**MRS. HARRY D. BEDSON**
285 Woodbine Street, Cranston 10, R. I.

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417 Dyer Avenue, Cranston 9, R. I.

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Registrar.....**HAROLD P. WILLIAMS**
154 Potter Street, Cranston 10, R. I.

Historian.....**MISS BESSIE PAINE**
887 Elmwood Avenue, Providence 7, R. I.

Corresponding Secretary.....**MISS MYRTLE A. JOSLIN**
74 Vandewater Street, Providence 8, R. I.

Two Directors nominated from the floor:

MRS. CLIFFORD W. BROWN, 180 Brown Street, Providence 6, R. I.

MRS. WINTHROP H. SAUNDERS, 255 Alabama Avenue, Providence 5, R. I.

Appointed by the Executive Board:

Chaplain.....**MRS. CHARLES C. ROFFEE**
459 Farmington Avenue, Cranston 9, R. I.

Appointed by the Chair:

Program Committee.....**MRS. HAROLD WILLIAMS, Chairman,**
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