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To the members of the Roger Williams Family:

I extend to each member a most cordial greeting, and am happy to welcome the new members and hope you will enjoy being a member of our family.

To those who have known sorrow in the past months, I extend deepest sympathy.

So then the year is repeating its old story again. We are come once more, thank God! to its most charming chapter. The violets and the May flowers are as its inscriptions or vignettes. It always makes a pleasant impression on us, when we open again at these pages of the book of life.

—Goethe

EVANGELINE A. McINTYRE,

President

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**FROM "ROGER WILLIAMS" BY GOV. T. F. GREENE**

There was one quality of outstanding importance about Roger Williams. It was illustrated in his development of the colony here. When he acquired his own settlement, he did not repeat the errors of other exiles. He really accomplished the setting-up of a liberal, tolerant community. Here people could come and live as their consciences dictated, and not as a governmental or religious body dictated. So they did come: Dissenters, Quakers, Jews and others. They found differences of opinion here; they brought differences of opinion with them. But the one thing they never found here was punishment for differences of opinion.

Williams was one of the topflight men in the early history of America. The Colony he founded was not just another settlement. Problems of Church and State, interests of business and commerce inspired all the other American Colonies; but Rhode Island was a Utopian establishment, founded for no other reason than the purpose of forming a goodly community where people of all sorts might together flourish and prosper. The principles stated in Williams' creed embraced freedom in civil and religious thought, equal rights in government, the democratic power of the people both to conduct their own affairs and to change their existant state if they so chose. Those are the fundamental principles of our American democracy. They have never been so fully lived in fact by any other political leader.

On our upward climb of social progress do not look back at Roger Williams! Look forward, not backward! Look upward, not downward! There he is still ahead of us and above us, ready to lead us on.

October 16, 1936

# ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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## Programme

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**APRIL 1959 TO SEPTEMBER 1959**

*Program Committee*

MRS. MILTON P. GALLUP, Chairman  
MRS. ERNEST E. MOWRY  
MRS. HARRY D. BEDSON

April 2nd, 2:00 P.M.—

Book Review—"Abby Aldrich Rockefeller". Speaker, Mrs. Merle B. Young.

May 7th, 8:00 P.M.—

"Europe", Illustrated. Speaker, Mr. Clifford P. Monahan.

May 17, Sunday, 11:00 A.M.—

Annual Pilgrimage to First Baptist Church, Providence.

Luncheon, then tour of Historic Spots of Wickford, conducted by Mrs. Edwin W. Huling.

June 4th, 2:00 P.M.—

"From Omnibus to Bus". Speaker, Mrs. Robert M. Brayton.

July 11th, Saturday, 11:00 A.M.—

Baptist Home, 2 Shepard Avenue, Newport. Business meeting, Luncheon A la Carte. Tour of Newport conducted by Mrs. George Wilbour.

August 8th, Saturday, 12:30—

At the home of Mr. and Mrs. Ernest E. Mowry, 551 Putnam Pike, Greenville. Basket Lunch. Coffee served by hostess. Business meeting at 2:00 P.M. Talk, "Old Smithfield", by Mrs. Mowry.

September 3rd, 2:00 P.M.—

Roger Williams Park Museum Auditorium.

"Touring Rhode Island", Illustrated. Speaker, Mr. Leonard Panaggio. Followed by the Annual Meeting.

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Unless otherwise stated, meetings will be held at the John Brown House, 52 Power Street, Providence, R. I.

Please keep this program for future reference, as no other notice of meetings will be sent.

For transportation call—Mrs. Harry D. Bedson, HO. 1-6367.

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**In Memoriam**

Reverend Arba John Marsh	April 12, 1956
Robert Goodrich Jillson	October 22, 1957
Mrs. Katherine M. Smith	February 1, 1958
Mrs. Marcia Bliven	January 1, 1959
Mr. Chester B. Colwell	January 1, 1959
Mrs. Clara L. Spencer	January 13, 1959
Mrs. Dana Lawrence	February 12, 1959
Mrs. William T. Halloran	March 9, 1959

At the end of the Road there lies  
A gateway to gardens fair,  
And beyond it are cloudless skies  
And there's beauty everywhere;  
There is never a grief or a care,  
There is never a burdensome load  
And our loved ones wait for us there,  
In peace, at the end of the Road.

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**New Members Since September 1958**

ADAMS, Mrs. Edward E. (Vera Alice Sayles) 42 Crest Road, North Smithfield, R. I.	(MARY)
CRAPO, Miss Blanche M. (reinstated) 1236-11th N. W., Washington 1, D. C.	(FREEBORN)
CROCKER, Kimberley Anne c/o Gordon Hunter Crocker, Jr. 61 Waterman Avenue, Cranston 10, R.I.	(JOSEPH and MERCY WATERMAN)
DAVIDSON, Mary Dee and	(MARY)
DAVIDSON, Ronald Joseph, c/o Mrs. Joseph Davidson Route 1, Box 182, Sadler, Texas	
FINDLEY, Mrs. Henry O. (Lois Woodard McKee) 251 Curtis Avenue, Battle Creek, Michigan	(MARY)
FOLSOM, Earl W. 15 South Street, (Meshanticut Park) Cranston 9, R. I.	(DANIEL)
HOWARD, Constance, c/o Alden Hodgkins Howard 24 Amherst Road, Marblehead, Mass.	(2 JOSEPH)
LITTLEFIELD, Byron Michael c/o Gilbert George Littlefield 835 Rood Drive, Akron 19, Ohio	(MARY)
MERCHANT, Howard Jackson, Jr. William Henry Road, North Scituate, R. I.	(MERCY WATERMAN)
RATHBUN, Ernest Charles	(Associate)

RATHBUN, Mrs. Ernest Charles (Eola May King) 465 Oaklawn Avenue, Cranston 9, R. I.	(JOSEPH)
RATHIER, Mrs. Arthur (Marion E. Keene) (reinstated) 7 Allen Avenue, North Providence 11, R. I.	(MARY)
SMITH, Miss Julie Burd 83 Williamsburg Road, Evanston, Illinois	(DANIEL and MERCY WINSOR)
SPICER, Miss Eleanor 306 Olney Street, Providence 6, R. I.	(2 JOSEPH and MARY)
WALCOTT, GREGORY DEXTER 106 Morningside Drive, New York 27, N. Y.	(JOSEPH)

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### RESUME OF THE MEETINGS

At the October meeting, once again Miss Alice Roe Williams took us by means of colored slides, with her on another trip. This time to Mexico. The beautiful pictures along with Miss Roe's fascinating talk gave us a most interesting evening.

On November 8th, we went to the Peoples Baptist Church and enjoyed the most delicious, old-fashioned Turkey Dinner. Turkey and all the "fixins". For dessert, New England Indian Pudding, made by Mrs. Milton P. Gallup and the President. Not one thing left out. What a dinner! And the credit goes to Mrs. Harry Bedson and Mrs. Ernest Dyer. After dinner the Program Chairman had for us, Colored Slides of Europe, by Mr. and Mrs. M. Vernon Gardner.

December 4th was our Christmas Party. We had fifteen guests and our Program Committee made such pretty corsages for all. Mrs. Harold Latimer made the centerpiece for the dining table, which was just a beautiful picture. We owe many thanks to the Program Committee, the Hostess and her committee and Mrs. Harold Latimer for a real Christmas Party.

At the January meeting, Miss Clara Pearl Dyer had a Quiz for us and what fun we had! Everyone enjoyed it and we found out how little we knew about some things.

On February 5th, Mrs. Harold P. Williams showed us colored slides, "Spring in the Southern Highlands". Such lovely views and gorgeous pictures of Spring in the Great Smoky Mountains National Park in Tennessee and North Carolina. A most interesting talk accompanied the pictures. After these came pictures of the beautiful azaleas in our own Roger Williams Park.

March 5th brought to us Miss Edith Barnard, who gave a talk on Buttons. She gave the history of buttons from the first ones which were made of pewter and were used as early as 1000 A.D. Then brass buttons and so on through the present day buttons of which there are more than 108 varieties. Miss Barnard also showed a wonderful collection of buttons which was most interesting.