

ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION



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Fellow Members:

It is indeed an honor to be chosen as President of the Roger Williams Family Association and a pleasure to send greetings and best wishes to each member of our Family.

I would like to welcome especially our new members who have joined during the past year, and to extend our deepest sympathy to those who have suffered bereavement during the year.

We are all indeed fortunate to be associated in this way with a man of the principles and stature of our common ancestor, Roger Williams.

Cordially,

ARTHUR R. PAINE,
President

ROGER WILLIAMS

We, who live in the State of Rhode Island, or have ancestors who settled here, must never forget that this state was founded by Roger Williams on the basis of religious toleration with the view of its being a shelter for persons distressed for conscience sake. Every time one thinks of Roger Williams one should remember what his purpose was. There are many reminders of him here:

A beautiful Park called "Roger Williams Park" having a total of nearly 450 acres. A Roger Williams statue stands near the Betsy Williams Cottage and a monument in the ancient Williams Burial ground in the Park.

A tablet on "Slate Rock" at Roger Williams Square, Providence, surrounded by Gano, Power and Williams Streets, shows where he first landed in Rhode Island.

A marker at Roger Williams Spring in East Providence, now a part of Rhode Island, where Roger first started his settlement, not knowing it was then a part of Massachusetts, and a tablet on a tree nearby shows the location of his first home. There is an enclosed spring on North Main Street, Providence, across from where he built his first home.

A marker on a large rock at Cocomussoc, in the Southern part of the State, denotes the site of his Indian Trading Post.

On Prospect Terrace is the famous statue of Roger Williams which was erected for the tercentenary celebration of 1936. Roger appears to be looking out over the City which he named "Providence".

Few have looked above the front entrance to the Providence City Hall and seen the medallion of the head representing Roger Williams. There was talk of putting the statue of Roger Williams on the State House but instead is the statue of the Independent Man. It could well have been Roger Williams, exponent of absolute freedom of the individual in matters of religion.

With all these reminders of the man who stood for toleration, our founder who believed in freedom of conscience—everyone should be proud of Roger Williams—the Founder of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations.

In Memoriam

Mrs. Margaret Atwell Vinton	December 15, 1961
(Famous Actress)	
Miss Eunice MacKenzie	March 14, 1963
Mr. Edward T. Whipple	April 16, 1963
Mrs. Florence I. Ide	June 15, 1963
Mrs. Carrie A. Adams	June 23, 1963

NEW MEMBERS SINCE APRIL 1963

- BENTLEY, Elmer Clifford, 30 Holden Street, Coventry, R. I. (Mercy Winsor).
BILDERBECK, Mr. and Mrs. (Naomi Burch), Harry D., Hartwick, N. Y. (Both Mercy Winsor).
BROWN, Robert Potter, 6867 High Meadow Drive, Cincinnati 30, Ohio. (Mercy Winsor).
CATTLEY, David Robert (Age 6 mos.), Box 358, Mattapoisett, Mass. (Mercy Winsor).
COLWELL, E. Warren, 69 Gladstone Street, Cranston 9, R. I. (Mercy Winsor).
DARROUGH, Miss Susan, 617 South Second Street, El Cajon, California. (Mercy Waterman).
GREENE, Joseph Warren, Jr., 90 West Main Street, Wickford, R. I. (Freeborn).
HOLLISTER, Mrs. David E. (Martha Carr Winsor), Box 46, Hartwick, N. Y. (Mercy Winsor).
KNOX, Mrs. Alexander (Mary I. Lockwood), Saunderstown, R. I. (Mercy Waterman).
JORDAN, Stanley Brown, 1990 Cranston Street, Cranston 9, R. I. (Daniel).
WHITE, Mrs. Clinton A. (Evelyn Vinton), 1547 Parker Street, Berkeley 3, California. (Joseph).
WHITE, Roger Terrell, 1547 Parker Street, Berkeley 3, California. (Joseph).
WILLIAMS, Miss Esther Louise, 65 Wesley Avenue, Port Chester, N. Y. (Joseph).
WILLIAMS, Ray H., 82 Geneva Street, Elmira, N. Y. (Daniel).

Our fiscal year starts in September. Dues are again payable and it would help if you will send them soon to our Treasurer. Why not pay \$1 for two years?

Please report promptly any illness or death to the Sunshine Chairman, Mrs. Winfield Scott, 23 Oakland Avenue, Cranston 10, R. I. or phone HOpkins 1-1175.

Are all your up-to-date family records in the hands of Registrar Mrs. Charles W. Anthony, for insertion in Volume II of "Roger Williams of Providence" when published?

Have we your correct address?

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