

# ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION



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Fellow Members:

We had our President of the Roger Williams Family Association with us only a short time before he was called to his bourn.

Arthur was one of the wayfarers with an understanding heart and his purposeful efforts were dedicated to the things that were most needed to be done. We shall miss him and those others who have been called.

The privilege of working with this dedicated band cannot be forgotten and our new members will find it fortunate to have been associated with the principles of our common ancestor.

My cordial greetings to you all.

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## NEW YORK WORLD'S FAIR

Many from Rhode Island will plan to go to the World's Fair in New York in 1964 and 1965.

There will be a Protestant and Orthodox Church Center located at the Fair. This Center will have in front of the main building a circle of 36 columns, each column 30 feet tall, 3 feet in diameter, triangular in shape, with the half circle being concave. These columns will be made of fiberglas. Each of these columns is to be a memorial to a pioneer in the religious life of the world.

We in Rhode Island have been invited to memorialize Roger Williams by having one of these columns bear a bronze plaque on which will be placed his name, pertinent information about him as the first "asserter of religious liberty" in the New World, and some such line as "This column presented by citizens of Rhode Island."

The cost of this Roger Williams column, including the bronze plaque, is \$1500, payable in 1964 and 1965. The Board of Managers of the Rhode Island Baptist State Convention has approved conducting an informal solicitation to raise the amount of this cost.

Upon invitation of Dr. Homer L. Trickett, pastor of the First Baptist Church in America, located in Providence, which church Roger Williams founded in 1636, two years after he founded the Town of Providence, our Association has voted to pledge \$100 towards this column.

We are proud to have a part in publicizing the name of Roger Williams as Founder of the State of Rhode Island and Providence Plantations, and trust that all that attend the Fair will go to the Protestant Church Center and view these columns dedicated to church leaders throughout the country.

Mr. William Whitaker of Yonkers, New York, one of our members informs us that a series of bronze medals is being put out for the people who are in the Hall of Fame for Great Americans at New York University and, as Roger Williams is in the Hall of Fame, one has been issued for him. These can be obtained from the Coin Dept. of Gimbel's Dept. Store in N. Y. at \$6.00 if anyone is interested. The medal has a bust of Roger Williams on the face surrounded by the words "The Hall of Fame for Great Americans at New York University" and under the bust "Roger Williams 1604-1684"; on the back are figures of an Indian, a Colonist and a Clergyman and a quote by Roger Williams "A True—Freedom To All the People—So that No Person Be Forced to Pray—Nor Pray Otherwise Than as His Soul Believeth & Consenteth—Roger Williams."

### **ARTHUR R. PAINE**

President of Roger Williams Family Association from September 5, 1963 to December 20, 1963.

It was with a feeling of sadness that we heard of the passing of our beloved President, suddenly stricken, without physical pain on December 20, 1963.

He was a Life Deacon, had been a member for nearly fifty years and held many offices in Beneficent Congregational Church, Providence, R. I.

He was born in Connecticut, a graduate of Yale University and a banker by profession. We shall miss his quiet manner and helpful ways.

### **VERA G. S. SAUNDERS**

An active member and well known in Rhode Island, Mrs. Saunders was killed on November 22, 1963 while taking a relative for a ride in Foster, caused by glaring sun and poor vision. She apparently was killed instantly.

Mrs. Saunders told us many times of her travels through the country, locating relatives in the West with her husband who passed away in 1957. She took charge of our November meeting "Display of Samplers and Treasured Mementos" including many treasures she, herself, had gathered, which proved very entertaining.

She has served as an officer and on many committees and at the time of her death was our Librarian and a member of the Program Committee.

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Others of our Association have passed away since our last bulletin. Our Honorary President Dr. Arthur M. Potter died in September. Mrs. Abby D. Magoon became Honorary President and Mrs. Minnie Barrett Randall being next oldest, became our Honorary Vice President.

After the death of Mr. Paine, Vice-President Raymond C. Colwell became President and Mr. Howard W. Steere was elected Vice-President.

### In Memoriam

Attie Baker Worthington (Mrs. Earl F.), Conn.	Jan. 3, 1962
Mary Thompson Luongo (Mrs. Edward P.), Calif.	Jan. 14, 1963
Albion White (Associate), Mass.	Apr. 22, 1963
Arthur Mowry Potter, D.D.S., R. I.	Sept. 22, 1963
Virginia Place MacKay (Mrs. Earl C.), R. I.	Sept. 28, 1963
Lillian Barrett Billinge (Mrs. Elmer), Fla.	Nov. 4, 1963
Harry Beesley (Associate), R. I.	Nov. 8, 1963
Vera Sweet Saunders (Mrs. Winthrop H.), R. I.	Nov. 22, 1963
Ruby Wood Nichols (Mrs. Everett C.), R. I.	Nov. 22, 1963
Blanche M. Crapo, R. I.	Dec. 1, 1963
Marion Bowen Wilbour (Mrs. George G.), R. I.	Dec. 17, 1963
Arthur Rupert Paine, R. I.	Dec. 20, 1963
Lydia Olney Steere (Mrs. John P.), R. I.	Jan. 12, 1964
Adella Essex Sweet (Mrs. Stephen A.), R. I.	Jan. 29, 1964

### NEW MEMBERS SINCE SEPTEMBER 1963

- ALLEN, Mrs. Arthur H., Jr., 2908 McGavoch Pike, Nashville, Tennessee 37214. (Daniel).
- BRETSCH, Glenn E., 6 Lanci Lane, Albany 5, N. Y. (Daniel).
- CHAMBERLAIN, Don Simmons, 917 N. Dartmouth Street, Chattanooga, Tennessee 37405.
- DENCH, Miss Alexandra DeWolf, 25 The Waterway, Saunderstown, Rhode Island. (Daniel).
- DENCH, Jane DeWolf, 25 The Waterway, Saunderstown, R. I. (Mrs. Clarence H.). (Daniel).
- MELLOR, Phyllis Wight, (Mrs. William D.), 215 Harrison Avenue, Warwick, R. I. (Daniel).
- MORGAN, Forrest B., 1336 West Shore Road, Warwick, R. I. (Mercy Winsor).
- PLATT, John David Lawrence, 16 Stimson Avenue, Providence, R. I. (Daniel).
- PLATT, William Tweedell, 16 Stimson Avenue, Providence, R. I. 02906. (Daniel).
- WHIPPLE, Mrs. Zachary T., Jr., 17 Springfield Avenue, Johnston, R. I. 02909. (Associate).
- WILBUR, Ted Winsor, 32 Walnut Street, P. O. Box 97, Berlin, Mass. (Mercy Winsor).
- WIGHT, Miss Barbara E., 151 Ocean Avenue, Edgewood, R. I. 02905.
- WIGHT, Mabel I. Bennett (Mrs. Everett W.), 151 Ocean Avenue, Edgewood, R. I. 02905. (Daniel).