

ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION



April 1965

No. 46

Fellow Members:

Greetings to each of you both far and near.

I hope we will have a good attendance in May at our annual visitation to the First Baptist Meeting House; lunch together and yearly tour. Dr. Trickett has been very kind to us and we enjoy this meeting at the church which Roger Williams founded.

The bequest of \$500 which Mrs. Vera G. S. Saunders willed to us in memory of her husband, Winthrop Saunders, has been received and added to our memorial fund. Mrs. Saunders was one of our loyal and active members and we miss her in our meetings. She served as an officer and on many committees.

At our October meeting, Miss Alice Roe entertained us again with beautiful slides, this year of the 1964 vacation trip with her father to the St. Lawrence Seaways and Ottawa, Canada.

In November, Mrs. Downing of the Providence Preservation Society took us to Old Providence, showing slides of many interesting homes and places of former years.

Again thru the kindness of Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Brown, our Christmas party was held at their home in the form of a Musicale and gift exchange. Dr. and Mrs. George W. Davis and family presented a delightful Christmas program accompanied by Mr. Arnold Rathbun.

January and February were bad winter months and the meetings were cancelled.

In March we had an evening meeting when Mr. Harry N. Souler displayed his collection of bells. Each meeting has been followed by a sociable time with refreshments.

RAYMOND C. COLWELL, SR.

President

- MURDOCK, Rev. Franklin W., 1522 Kenwood Ave., Fort Wayne, Indiana 46805. (Daniel).
- ROCKEFELLER, Nelson A., Jr., Pocantico Hills, Tarryton, New York (born May 30, 1964). (Daniel and Mercy Winsor).
- ROSENVIK, Miss Carol Louise, Dohm Ave., Guilford, Conn. (Mercy Waterman).
- STAFFORD, Miss Mary Elizabeth Louise, 735 Newton Ave. South, St. Petersburg, Florida. (Daniel).
- STAFFORD, Miss Nancy Leigh, 735 Newton Ave. South, St. Petersburg, Florida. (Daniel).
- STONE, Col. Robert Olney, 22 Crane Dr., San Anselmo, Calif. (Daniel). Col. Stone passed away but a few days after joining our Association, at the age of 62. He was a retired veteran of World War II and the Korean conflict receiving several decorations for valour.
- WILSON, Roger Bartlett, 81 Irving Ave., Providence, R. I. 02906. (Mercy Waterman, Mercy Winsor and Mary).
- WILSON, Warren Austin, 159 Reynolds Ave., Providence, R. I. 02905. (Mercy Waterman, Mercy Winsor and Mary).
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WHY ROGER WILLIAMS' STATUE IS IN GENEVA

Many people have inquired why the founder of Rhode Island was honored by a statue in the far away city of Geneva, Switzerland.

In 1917, the beauty of the city of Geneva was enriched by the addition of a new monument, the International Monument of the Reformation. It took a most unusual form. At the foot of the old ramparts of the city there remained a portion of one of the former city walls. It was necessary but hardly a thing of beauty, until artists chose to face it with stone ornamented with statues relieve, interspersed with panels of bas-relief. At the base of the wall a moat, flanked by a low garden, keeps the public in safe distance away from the statuary on a wide paved walk which forms a park known as the Promenades de Bastions.

This unique monument was designed to epitomize the history of the Reformation throughout the world. At the center of the wall is a group of figures, four historic statues of Calvin, Farel, Beze and Knox, pioneers of the Reformation. This central motif is flanked on either side by three single figures representing the men who were responsible for bringing ecclesiastical reform to the people of their respective countries. They were Gaspard de Coligny, the French Calvinist; William the Silent, Prince of Orange who brought about toleration in religion in Holland; Stephen Boeskey, the Hungarian, naturalized leader who secured freedom for the Protestants of Hungary; the Great Elector of Brandenburg

whose protest against the action of the diet of 1529 declaring all changes in religion unlawful, and gave rise to the name Protestant; Oliver Cromwell who labored for an alliance of all Protestant nations of Europe; and Roger Williams who established the first commonwealth in America which granted religious freedom.

The statue of the latter stands first on the left of the central group. Between these statues on the mall itself are panels depicting some of the episodes of the heroic times of Calvinism, each with its appropriate inscription. Above the panels are the French words meaning "Light After Darkness".

France, Germany, Switzerland, Scotland, Holland, England and the United States joined in raising this International Monument of the Reformation to celebrate the 40th anniversary of the peak of the movement. Henri Bouchard of France and Paul Landowski of Poland were the sculptors of the main group of pioneers and then divided the single figures and panels between them.

It was Henri Bouchard who made the statue of Roger Williams. He had commenced his art education under the tutelage of his father, a wood carver. Later he attended the Ecole des Beaux Arts, where he won the Prix de Rome in 1891. His work shows the work of the great sculptor Rodin. He did many labor subjects. One of these, the Blacksmith, may be seen in the Metropolitan Museum of Art in New York City.

For us in Rhode Island, Bouchard's masterpiece will always be his statue of Roger Williams preaching the doctrine of freedom of worship, part of the International Monument to the Calvinist Reformation.

GLADYS S. BRAYTON

Member of Roger Williams Family Assn.

Donations are still needed for payment of the Roger Williams column at the New York World's Fair. Of the \$1500 cost, only \$743 has been received. Anyone wishing to make even a small donation may contact Dr. Homer Trickett of the First Baptist Church, 75 North Main Street, Providence. The bronze plaque on the column reads:

"Roger Williams 1603-1683—First Asserter of Religious Liberty in the New World. Founder of the State of Rhode Island—1636; and of the First Baptist Church in America—1638. Churchman, Statesman, Founding Father of a Colony and a Church."

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Programme

APRIL 1965 THROUGH SEPTEMBER 1965

April 1, Thursday—2:00 P.M.

Harpicord Concert by Mr. John Morse, a student at Brown University—
52 Power Street, Providence, R. I.

May 16, Sunday—11:00 A.M.

Attendance at First Baptist Meeting House, 75 North Main Street, Providence,
followed by Luncheon at Tuk-A-Way Farm \$2.25. Take Route 44 to Burt Street
opposite Taunton Dog Track. Turn left follow winding road one-half mile to
restaurant.

June 3, Thursday—2:00 P.M.

Regular meeting at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, 575 Pontiac Avenue, Eden
Park, Cranston, R. I. Slides, "Mayflower Pilgrimage", Mrs. Harold P. Williams.

July 10, Saturday—12:30 P.M.

Chowder Party and meeting at Steere Farm, Chepachet. Take Route 44 to
Chepachet, turn right at Texaco Station. Follow Route 102 about one-half mile.
Turn right at telephone pole #202. Donation \$1.00. Speaker: Mrs. Robert M.
Brayton, "Making Do".

August 7, Saturday—12:30 P.M.

Picnic lunch and meeting at home of Mrs. Frank C. Hardeman, 59 Buena Vista
Drive, Hamilton, North Kingstown, R. I. Follow Route 1A two miles beyond
bridge at Wickford. Turn left at Johnson's Store. Follow Waldron Avenue
nearly to water. Turn left on Winsor Road and left onto Buena Vista at #59.

September 2, Thursday—2:00 P.M.

Picnic luncheon, 1:00 P.M.

Annual meeting at Roger Williams Park Museum.

Speaker: Mr. Clifford W. Brown, Jr., "Roger Williams".

Programme Committee

CLIFFORD W. BROWN, JR., Chairman
MISS ALICE W. ROE
MRS. JOHN GREENHALGH, JR.
MRS. GEORGE O. STEERE

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

In Memoriam

ALLYN KELLOGG FORD, Minnesota	April 5, 1964
JESSIE BOWEN DUNNE (Mrs. Frank W.) R. I.	October 9, 1964
CHARLOTTE WINSOR BROWN (Mrs. W. Earle) N. J. abt.	October 14, 1964
HENRY CROWELL McINTYRE (Associate) R. I.	November 13, 1964
VERA SAYLES ADAMS (Mrs. Edward E.) R. I.	November 23, 1964
HELEN SMITH GARDNER (Mrs. George W.) Penna.	December 14, 1964
RUTH KEENE CHEEK (Mrs. George E.) R. I.	February 21, 1965
ALICE SHERMAN DIMICK (Mrs. Albert W.) R. I.	March 4, 1965
ROBERT OLNEY STONE, California	March 6, 1965

NEW MEMBERS SINCE SEPTEMBER 1964

- BROADHEAD, Mrs. Edgar (Shirley Darling), Park Ave., Harrisville, R. I. (Mercy Winsor).
- BUTLER, Arthur Wallace, 298 South Clarendon St., Cranston, R. I. 02910. (Joseph).
- BUTLER, Mrs. Arthur W. (Associate).
- CLARK, Edward Gail, 812 West Highland Ave., Ravenna, Ohio. (Mary).
- CROGHAN, Mrs. Jack (Fanny Lou Stone), 2178 Minnie St., Hayward, California. (Daniel).
- FARIA, Manuel Thomas, 306 Olney St., Providence, R. I. (Associate).
- FIELD, Mrs. Wells Lavin (Edith Duncan), 1250 Farmington Ave., West Hartford, Conn. (Mercy Waterman).
- FISCHER, Larry Richard, 19 Milton Blvd., Newton Falls, Ohio. (Mary).
- KOHL, Mrs. Boyd Rowland (Eunice Butler), 11 Sheffield Ave., Newport, R. I. (Joseph).
- KOHL, Earl Rowland, 11 Sheffield Ave., Newport. (Joseph).
- KOHL, Miss Mary Elizabeth, 11 Sheffield Ave., Newport. (Joseph).
- LEWIS, Mrs. Jessie Arnold, 695 North Broadway, East Providence, R. I. 02914. (Mercy Waterman).
- MAGNUSON, Mrs. J. Harry (Gladys Darling), North Hill Rd., Harrisville, R. I. (Mercy Winsor).
- MATTHEWS, Mrs. Ernest (Phyllis Darling), 198 Wayland Ave., Providence, R. I. (Mercy Winsor).
- MORGAN, Mrs. Forrest B. (Edith Lane), 1336 West Shore Rd., Warwick, R. I. (Associate).
- MURDOCK, Edmund L., 4605 South 31st Rd., Arlington, Virginia 22206. (Daniel).