



# ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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Dear Members:

It is a pleasure and an honor for me to greet you once again as President of the Roger Williams Family Association, and I would like to dedicate this Bulletin to Miss Emily Paine, our Historian and to Mrs. Charles W. Anthony, our Registrar who served on my Executive Board when I compiled Bulletin No. 23, in March 1953 and are still loyal officers of the Association today. Many things have happened in the twenty years since I was last President; many of our devoted members have departed from us, and we miss them so very much. The Association today, numbering over 1000 descendants of Roger Williams, together with their families, is now larger than ever.

It seems only fitting that once more we honor the memory of Roger Williams by recalling those principles that he first promulgated on our shores and that over the decades and centuries became universally accepted as part of our great American Heritage. The most fundamental of these were that every person has a right to his own opinion and conviction and that he should be able to worship God in the manner that his conscience dictated.

All his life Roger Williams adhered to these two principles and he was a man of good sense and tolerance in an age of unreason and religious persecution. He held deep convictions himself, but he refused to force these convictions on others. He was a man devoted to rational persuasion and never to coercion. He participated actively in the affairs of his country, but he always kept religion and politics apart.

Most of all he felt that men and women of all religious persuasions could live together in one city, one state, and one country in harmony and mutual enlightenment. These principles of Roger Williams were strong medicine and sound advice for the 17th century, and they are still sound principles for all of us today. Let us continue to honor the memory of this remarkable man.

Sincerely,

Helen Steere Brown, President  
(Mrs. Clifford W.)

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Louise G. Burbank (Mrs. Robt. T.) (New York)	d. March 9, 1972
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Marion D. Atkinson (Mrs. Wm. D.) (Conn.)	d. October 10, 1972
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## ROGER WILLIAMS AND THE INDIANS

From the very beginning - even before Williams had left his mother country - he had a warm spot in his heart for the American Indian. He had read of these unfortunate red-men in the new land across the sea, and the miserable way in which they lived, knowing little or nothing about God and religion; he felt sorry for them and made up his mind that sometime he would do his best to assist them.

In Massachusetts his love for the Indians and his interest in their welfare provoked increasing criticism and he was censored for his radical activities. Few in Massachusetts believed that this country rightfully belonged to those who first were here. Roger Williams had that opinion and his ideas were a great offense to the Puritans. In spite of the colonists great terror of the Indians who lived about them, Williams felt no fear of the savages. He spent days and weeks at a time among them learning their ways and language. He tried to teach them about God and how to live better and cleaner lives. His whole life was devoted to helping them and lifting them above the station in which the white man seemed willing to have his red neighbors remain. The one large main tribe of Indians in New England was known as Algonquins, sub-divided into several tribes of which the Narragansetts were the most friendly. Williams spent time with this tribe where he developed a warm friendship for the powerful but very bashful Canonius. All this increased his unpopularity with the Puritans and more so, perhaps, because he disagreed with them in regard to all their ideas of church and government, and often quarreled with them over some point of law or religious belief. On the subject of breaking church laws, Williams was at sword's point with the Puritan fathers. He believed that the magistrates had no power to punish people for not attending church or for breaking the Sabbath Day.

Finally an order was issued that he must leave and take abode elsewhere, far from the Massachusetts Colony. Many colonists believed in his preaching and became his ardent followers. Finally Williams learned he was to be secretly kidnapped and sent back to England, and at a minute's notice, he disappeared into the wilderness said to have been accompanied by one lone companion, his faithful servant, Thomas Angell, and they wandered from place to place for fourteen weeks on foot, through snow and ice; death by freezing facing them as well as hunger. He wanted to find a place where he could make a settlement, a home for his family, and where he might live in peace among his beloved Indians and his followers.

At last on the east bank of the Seekonk River he located an ideal place and five of his devoted followers came to join him and make their homes in more pleasant and peaceful surroundings. Everywhere around them lived friendly Indians who tolerated their presence without hostility.

But when he was about to send for his wife and children Governor Winslow of Plymouth warned him he was in Plymouth territory. Sad of heart and disappointed, the plucky little band gathered together their few belongings and loaded them into the one canoe they owned. Forsaking their half built houses, seeded gardens and crude wilderness improvements they paddled toward the opposite shore. They suddenly came

before the gaze of a group of startled Indians as they approached. But when their spokesman recognized Roger Williams they shouted a greeting, a friendly welcome, "What Cheer Netop" and it was the turning point in the fortunes of Roger Williams. It represented the corner stone of the State that was to evolve from the incident. He answered the natives in their own tongue, and he learned he had come to the land of his friend, Canonicus, head of a mighty tribe, a close and trusted friend and a warm welcome awaited them wherever Canonicus' word was law. They paddled back into the stream, followed the shoreline, around a point to a place where three bodies of water converged, disembarked and carried their goods ashore. Surprised natives here also showed their goodwill and desired the strangers to remain and settle with them, and the red-men and white sat together in friendly feeling at a meal of fish and corn spread before them, a sincere feeling of mutual friendliness.

Guided by the doctrine of brotherly love Williams made his happy abode. Fired by the desire to share religious liberty with those who were oppressed and persecuted, he then and there established a harbor of refuge where liberty and freedom of thought might forever prevail, and he called this place PROVIDENCE.

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## BEGINNING OUR 82ND YEAR

### OFFICERS - SEPTEMBER 1973 TO SEPTEMBER 1974

Honorary President ..... Bertha Jordan Chase b. May 9, 1873 age 100 Mass.  
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