



ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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Dear Cousins:

It is a pleasure and an honor to serve a third year as your president.

Three accomplishments in the past year deserve noting here. At the June meeting, a three dollar initiation fee was set to cover registration costs and to augment our resources for the Lineage Book. In a ceremony shortly before our September meeting, Dr. Sackett's gift was presented to the Betsy Williams Cottage at Roger Williams Park in the form of a plaque containing Betsy's line of descent from Roger Williams. Also, at the Annual Meeting, it was voted to move the Roger Williams Day Observance at the National Memorial to October 8, 1886. The October date is believed to be more accurate in terms of the seventeenth century calendar when the purchase of the land for Providence from the Indian Sachems was formalized in a deed.



The coming year, 1986, will see numerous events, programs, and exhibits - many directly honoring our ancestor, Roger Williams - as part of Providence's 350th Birthday Celebration. Of particular interest to us will be the Oratorio to be presented at the First Baptist Church in America Sunday, May 18th. Through a choir, narrator, two soloists, and an orchestra, this music will describe some of the events and philosophies which led Roger Williams to found the City of Providence. On June 21st, ceremonies will take place at the landing site - now a small park at Power and Gano Streets - near the shore of the Seekonk River. Complementary ceremonies will also be held on this date at the National Memorial on North Main Street. Watch your newspaper and attend the Family Association meetings for announcements of the many events on the Providence/350 Calendar.

The R.I. Historical Society plans to publish a set of Roger Williams Letters. In late February, the Society will open a show, "Roger Williams: Perceptions of R.I.'s Favorite Son." The Historical Society is interested in supplementing its exhibit of items attributed to Roger Williams and has asked us for the loan of any appropriate items that our Association might be able to furnish them. Please let me know if you have such items available for loan to the Historical Society or you may contact Nina Zannieri, Curator at the Society, directly.

Our Treasurer, Barbara Colwell, has reminded me that Life Memberships (single payment of \$25) will only be accepted if there are no back dues owed. Please keep your membership up-to-date as this saves our Treasurer and Corresponding Secretary considerable accounting effort. New registration forms are now available from your Registrar, Elsie Williams, and Corresponding Secretary, Dot White. If your lineage records are near at hand, or if you wish to add subsequent generations, please write for a long form and complete it for our records. Details of your descent from Roger will also be of great help with our forthcoming lineage book.

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Please keep information about marriages, births, and deaths coming to our Registrar so that our records can be as accurate and up-to-date as possible. Whenever you know of a family member who is ill or who has suffered a loss, please call Katherine Hazard, our Sunshine Chairman, so that she may communicate the encouragement of your Association.

I solicit your ideas for improving our Family Association in the coming year and I look forward to meeting with you personally at our gatherings. Please take a moment now to jot down the dates and times of each meeting on your personal calendar.

Sincerely,
Stephen A. Greene, Jr., President



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MEMORIALS TO ROGER WILLIAMS

1. Memorial tablet in the cloisters of Old Charterhouse School, in London, England where he prepared for Pembroke College in Cambridge University.
Reads:
"Dedicated to the memory of Roger Williams, Charterhouse Scholar, Founder of the State of Rhode Island and Pioneer of religious liberty in the United States"
2. Statue in Geneva, Switzerland, one of a group of pioneers of the Reformation, the one for Roger Williams - who established the first commonwealth in America which granted religious freedom.
3. Statue in Statuary Hall in the Capitol, Washington, D.C.
4. Bust in Hall of Fame, New York City
5. Roger Williams Park, Providence. R.I. 453 acres of expertly landscaped woodlands and about 140 acres of natural and artificial lakes. Considered one of the most beautiful parks in the United States. There is a monument in the cemetery in the Park, another near the Betsy Williams cottage, unveiled October 16, 1877.
6. Tablet on "Slate Rock" in small park bounded by Williams, Gano and Power Streets, Providence, to designate where Roger Williams first landed in Rhode Island.
7. Slate from "Slate Rock" imbedded in floor of Narthex of Central Baptist Church, Providence, R.I.
8. Marker at "Roger Williams Spring" in East Providence, R.I. erected November 6, 1936, which reads:
"This spring is on the site of the first settlement by Roger Williams in the (present) state of Rhode Island.
"Banished from the Massachusetts Bay Colony because of his religious belief, he fled into the wilderness and found refuge with his friend Massasoit (Chief of the Wampanoag Indians) from whom he received a grant of land upon which he built his home near this spring. Warned that he still was within the limits claimed by the (Massachusetts) Colony, he removed across the Seekonk River and founded the settlement which is now Providence."
9. Enclosure of spring on North Main Street, Providence (now part of Roger Williams National Memorial). used by Roger Williams and given in his memory by Judge Hahn, a Jewish lover and respecter of Roger Williams. It was near this spring that Williams established his first settlement.
10. Tablet in hallway of the New England Genealogical Society, Boston, Massachusetts.
11. Tablet on front of the house at 235 North Main Street, Providence with the inscription "A few rods east of this spot stood the house of Roger Williams, Founder of Providence 1636."
12. Tablet on wall at entrance of United Electric Railway tunnel, Providence - "On this lot stood the first town house of Providence. Here from time to time Roger Williams presided over the freemen from 1644 to 1647."

13. Statue on Prospect Terrace, Providence, dedicated June 29, 1939, of Roger Williams overlooking the City of Providence, which he founded. This statue is 14' high and weighs 10 tons. It is of Rhode Island blue and white granite. The statue is between two posts and forms a rectangular arch. It can be seen from the train windows as the passengers ride through Providence from New York to Boston.
14. Marker on boulder, erected 1936, near site of Roger Williams Trading Post in Wickford, R.I. Richard Smith, the first white settler, leased land from the Indians and Roger Williams established a trading post near Cocumscussoc Brook and built a house nearby. Williams sold his house in 1651 to Smith, but often came back to preach to the settlers and to the Indians.
15. Official seal of the City of Providence shows the landing of Roger Williams on Slate Rock and being greeted by the Indians.
16. Tablet at the head of the dock on Conanicut Island, Jamestown, R.I. put up in 1966 commemorating Roger Williams' meeting with Canonicus, persuading him not to join the Pequots and to assist the settlers.
17. Tablet on oak tree planted in Phillipsdale, R.I. on April 27, 1904 "to honor his memory and help preserve the site of his first residence after leaving Salem."
18. Sculptured relief on the facade of the Providence City Hall, high above the front entrance, facing Exchange Place mall, is a medallion of the head representing Roger Williams.
19. In the House Chambers of the Rhode Island State Capitol in Providence, at the top of the center panels of tapestry, is a shield depicting the landing of Roger Williams as he is greeted by the Indians. Until a recent cleaning this was not visible from the floor.
20. Salem, Massachusetts. Plaque commemorating Roger Williams, which says: "Here stood from 1634 to 1673 the first meeting house erected in Salem. No structure was built earlier for Congregational worship by a church formed in America. It was occupied for secular as well as religious uses. First preacher Roger Williams."
21. Tercentenary 50 cent coin - 1936.
22. Tercentenary three cent U.S. postage stamp - 1936.
23. Large painting on wall of Roger Williams Building, Westminster Street, Providence, R.I. depicting Roger Williams talking with a group of Indians.
24. Church Windows:
 1. First Baptist Church, Washington, D.C. window depicting Roger Williams, given by Former R.I. Governor and U.S. Senator Theodore Francis Green.
 2. Front stained glass window at Phillips Memorial Baptist Church, 565 Pontiac Ave., Cranston, R.I. showing Roger Williams surrounded by and teaching friendly Indians.
 3. Roger Williams window in Pawtucket Congregational Church, Pawtucket, R.I.
 4. Central Baptist Church in Providence has window featuring in one panel the bust of Roger Williams and directly beneath it the steeple of the First Baptist Meeting House in Providence, founded by Roger Williams.
 5. Stained glass window in chapel at Bacone College, Bacone, Oklahoma, in honor of "The first man to bring the word of God to the Indians, and always their protector, defender and friend."

25. Illuminated Wall Panel at Mormon Church, Temple Square, Salt Lake City, Utah.
26. Roger Williams National Memorial - a graceful 4.5 acre park between North Main and Canal Streets extending south from Smith Street to Canal Row. Dedicated October 8, 1984 by the National Park Service, it features a Visitors' Center in the northeast corner with parking off Canal Street and beautifully landscaped grounds surrounding the original spring enclosure.
27. A bronze Governor's Marker was dedicated July 4, 1954 to honor Roger Williams as the first Governor of the State. This was done by the President of the Roger Williams Family Association, Mrs. Clifford W. Brown. A picture of this is in the book published by Ralph S. Mohr entitled, "Rhode Island Governors for Three Hundred Years." This marker is now placed near the monument at Prospect Terrace, Providence, R.I.
28. A full-color statue of Roger Williams which overlooked Westminster Mall in downtown Providence for twenty-three years was presented by Old Colony/Newport National Bank to the National Park Service July 10, 1984. The statue was commissioned in 1960 by officials of Roger Williams Savings and Loan Association and stands seven feet tall and weighs 170 pounds. It is displayed in a glass case at the Visitors' Center, Roger Williams National Memorial.
29. A portrait of Roger Williams, founding father of Rhode Island, is now located in the state's Capitol. Commissioned by historian Virginia L. Doris, artist Robert Evans Breck has depicted Roger Williams at work on some documents in an authentic cottage interior of the 1600s. The portrait was presented to Governor DiPrete Friday, April 25, 1985 and hangs in the Governor's private office.

This listing of memorials to our illustrious ancestor is believed to be reasonably accurate and complete. However, if an item has been overlooked or a listed memorial no longer exists, please inform our Corresponding Secretary, Mrs. Everett O. White, 15 Frederick Drive, Barrington, R.I. 02866, so that we may keep our records up-to-date.

CHILDREN OF ROGER AND MARY (BARNARD) WILLIAMS

Mary, Born at Plymouth, August 1633; married John Sayles.

Freeborn, born at Salem, October 1635; married (1st) Thomas Hart;
married (2nd) Walter Clarke.

Providence, the first white child born at Providence, September 1638;
never married.

Mercy, born at Providence, July 15, 1640; married (1st) Resolved Waterman;
married (2nd) Samuel Winsor.

Daniel, born at Providence, February 15, 1641; married Rebecca (Rhodes) Power.

Joseph, born at Providence, December 1643; married Lydia Olney.

ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

Calendar

NOVEMBER, 1985 THROUGH OCTOBER, 1986

NOVEMBER 24, 1985 — Sunday 11:00 A.M.

Thanksgiving Service at Central Baptist Church. Invitation to attend the Special Thanksgiving Service at the Central Baptist Church, corner of Lloyd and Wayland Avenues in Providence, R.I. Your attention is called to the slate rock in the narthax of the church. This is a piece of the famous rock that Roger Williams first stepped on when he came to Providence. Be sure to read the inscription which surrounds the rock and then walk over it. Also, look for the Roger Williams stained glass window on the west side of the sanctuary.

DECEMBER 15, 1985 — Sunday 1:00-3:30 P.M.

Christmas meeting at Westminster Unitarian Church, 119 Kenyon Avenue, East Greenwich, R.I. (between First Avenue and Division Street at Sunset Rock). Helene Gersuny, Church Music Director, and soloist Carolyn Brown will entertain with several yuletide songs followed by carol singing. After the meeting, we will enjoy a collation and an exchange of gifts (\$3 range). Wrap gifts for ladies in red and for gentlemen in green.

APRIL 12, 1986 — Saturday 11:30 A.M.

Luncheon at Chopinist Hill Inn, Route 102 (Victory Highway near Route 6), Seltuate, R.I. Mrs. Nancy L. Derrig, Superintendent of Parks for the City of Providence, will share with us details of Providence's 350th Anniversary Celebration.

MAY 18, 1986 — Sunday 11:00 A.M.

Forefathers Day - First Baptist Church in America, North Main Street at Waterman Avenue and Angell Street, Providence, R.I. Later in the day, we are invited to attend the premiere performance of an oratorio "The Bloody Tenent" by Donald Zucker involving a choir, narrator, two soloists and orchestra to musically describe some of the events and philosophies which led Roger Williams to found the City of Providence.

JUNE 21, 1986 — Saturday

We will join in an observance at the Landing Site - a small park with monument located at Power and Gano Streets and sponsored by the Providence 350th Commission. Please watch for more details in the media prior to this date.

SEPTEMBER 13, 1986 — Saturday 1:30 P.M.

Annual Meeting - Roger Williams Park Museum. Officers and Committee Chairmen will present their reports. Dues of \$1.00 will be payable at this time. There will be a September meeting first, followed by the Annual Meeting. A collation will be served after the meetings.

OCTOBER 8, 1986 - Wednesday 10:00 A.M.

Roger Williams Day Observance at the Roger Williams National Memorial, North Main Street, Providence, R.I. Please note this observance has been officially changed by your Association to October as more accurately representing the anniversary of Miantonomo's signing of the deed granting Roger Williams title to the land that is now Providence and its environs. We will meet in the Visitor Center and afterwards, weather permitting, walk to the Spring and tour the grounds.

NEW MEMBERS SINCE THE LAST BULLETIN

ALLEN, John Sanford, Rosemere, Quebec, Canada	Mary
ALLEN, (Thelma) Yvonne, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada	Mary
ANDERSON, Mrs. Arthur B. (Charlotte Sayles), Whittier, CA	Mary
DINCHER, Mrs. James E. (Gayle Ann Frank), Hilton, NY	Daniel
DUNCAN, Patricia Evelyn, Peoria, AZ	Mercy Winsor
ELLIOTT, Robert H., Brackney, PA	(Life) Daniel
FORE, Mrs. Clyde A. (Marion Johnson), Pawtucket, RI	(Life) Daniel
GLADDING, Elizabeth Winsor, Boca Raton, FL	(Life) Mary, Mercy Winsor
	Mercy Waterman
HASKIN, Mrs. Richard E. (Beverly A. Hyatt), Tuscola, MI	Mary
LAUERMAN, Mrs. Paul W. (Yolande Earl), Phoenix, AZ	Mercy Winsor
LAWTON, Henry W., Lincoln, RI	Associate
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	Mary, Mercy Winsor
	Associate
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IN MEMORIAM

Beauregard, Mrs. Preston M. (Bessie Nichol), RI (Mercy Winsor)	March 6, 1985
Brier, Mrs. John (Evelyn Chase), MA (Joseph)	Date Unknown
Brown, Clifford W., Sr., RI (Associate)	March 11, 1985
Carter, Paul M., RI (Mercy Winsor)	June 5, 1985
Cowan, James S., FL (Mary)	Aug. 5, 1985
Frazier, Mrs. William F. (Janet White), MA (Mercy Waterman)	Aug. 6, 1983
Frees, Frederick F., RI (Daniel)	Aug. 30, 1985
Hartshorn, George E., MD (Mary)	Dec. 28, 1975
Jerrett, Mrs. William (Blanche Colwell), RI (Mercy Winsor)	Nov. 13, 1984
King, Mrs. Irving A. (Mildred Ghodey), RI (Associate)	May 4, 1985
Marsh, Mrs. William S. (Gwendoline Hazard), RI (Mercy Waterman)	Sept. 30, 1985
Moore, Mrs. Harold K. (Katherine Stone), WA (Mary)	Sept. 23, 1984
Phillips, Miss Bertha I., RI (Daniel)	June 11, 1983
Prentice, Donald B., RI (Associate)	March 8, 1984
Smith, J. Harold, NY (Daniel)	Dec. 2, 1984
Steele, Raymond A., RI (Mary)	May 21, 1985
Sweet, Frederick A., ME (Daniel)	June, 1984

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