



## **THE ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

**1991-1992 No. 78**

**Incorporated January 30, 1906  
Providence, Rhode Island**

### **— PURPOSE —**

**This corporation is constituted for the purpose of "honoring and preserving the memory of Roger Williams, the preparation and preservation of an authentic genealogy of his descendants and the promotion of friendship and social intercourse among them."**

**(Quotation from the Charter)**

**TO FRIENDS AND RELATIVES:**

The Roger Williams Family Association starts its eighty-sixth (86th) year with this program issue, having been incorporated in 1906.

We have gladly added twenty-three new members to our roster. Nineteen of these are life members. Please come and meet with us.

Mrs. Everett O. White, Program Chairman, as well as First Vice President, and her committee, Miss Marion Fry and Mrs. Raymond L. Hilton Jr. have done a super job in planning interesting, informative and enjoyable programs for 1991-1992.

Several Association members attended a hearing in Cranston to help interested residents to preserve a cemetery where at least one (and probably more) descendant of Roger Williams is buried. A company had purchased the land for development and planned to destroy the historical cemetery. Because of the interest of Historical Associations and residents, the area will be preserved.

The sum of \$500.00 was allocated to the Archivist of Providence to be used toward rebinding the indices dating back to the times of Roger Williams.

The biggest event of the year has been the publication of the genealogy of the descendants of Mercy Williams, daughter of Roger Williams. Dorothy White compiled the Waterman line and Kay Moore compiled the Winsor line. We surely owe them each a tremendous note of thanks for their many hours of dedicated work in research and writing. This is the beginning. We anticipate a genealogy for each of Roger's children in the future.

The Association is saddened to report the death of six of our members.

I would like to express my sincere thanks to the officers, committee members, and to all the members of the Association. It is great to have so many folks loyal to their heritage and proud to say, "I am descended from Roger Williams!"

Sincerely,

Gussie R. Lawton

October 1991

# ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION CALENDAR

November 1991 – October 1992

**NOVEMBER 24, 1991 — *Sunday 11:00 a.m.***

Thanksgiving Service at Central Baptist Church, where the focus will again be on youth and giving. All groups are welcome. Contributions of food will be placed on the altar for the benefit of the South Providence Neighborhood Ministry, a charitable group affiliated with Calvary Baptist Church.

**DECEMBER 7, 1991 — *Saturday 1:00 p.m.***

Christmas meeting at the home of Marion and Dorothy Fry, Rte. 2, East Greenwich, Rhode Island. Thomas Casey Greene, Jr. will again present a musical program. Please bring canned and packaged goods for a food basket to be given to a needy family.

**MARCH 21, 1992 — *Saturday 12:00 noon***

Luncheon Meeting at Larchwood Inn, 521 Main Street, Wakefield, R. I. John Prokopowicz, an associate member and author, will speak to us on his three years' research on his Polish roots, and the resulting book of five generations of his forebears. Salad, entree, beverage and dessert, tax and tip will be \$9.25. Please call Gussie Lawton at 334-2674, or Pam Hilton at 245-7463, if you plan to attend.

**APRIL 11, 1992 — *Saturday 11:30 a.m.***

We will meet at Haffenreffer Museum, Bristol, to view a special exhibit of Southern New England Indians, commemorating the 500th Anniversary of Columbus's discovery of America. From Providence, follow Rte 195 east to Exit 2; then Rte 136 through Warren to Bristol. A mile beyond Veterans' Home, turn left at Museum sign on Tower Street. Luncheon Meeting will follow at nearby Last Course Restaurant, 201 Gooding Avenue, Bristol. (Directions available at Museum.) Salad, entree, beverage, dessert, tax and tip will be \$10.00. Please call Marion Fry at 884-4988, or Dot White at 246-0246, if you plan to attend.

**MAY 17, 1992 — *Sunday 11:00 a.m.***

Founders' Sunday at the First Baptist Church in America, North Main Street, Providence. A guided tour of the Church will be available after the service for those interested. Following, members are invited to a pot-luck luncheon at the home of our President, Gussie Lawton. (Directions available at Church) Please let Gussie know you are coming. (334-2674)

**SEPTEMBER 19, 1992 — *Saturday 1:30 p.m.***

Annual Meeting at the Roger Williams Park Museum Auditorium. Officers and committee chairmen will present annual reports. Dues are payable at this time. Officers and directors will be elected for the following year. Following the meeting, we will have a guided tour of the beautiful Park Greenhouses and grounds. Refreshments will be served. Please note change in location of meeting.

**OCTOBER 17, 1992 — *Saturday 1:30 p.m.***

Roger Williams Day will be observed at the Roger Williams National Memorial, North Main and Smith Streets, Providence, Rhode Island. A business meeting will be followed by a program on the family of George Wightman of North Kingstown, presented by Marion Fry and Birdie Corbitz. Refreshments will be served.

## ROGER WILLIAMS AND THE S

"Be it Knowne unto all men by these presentes, That I Roger Williams of the Towne of Providence in the Narragansett Bay in New England having in the Yeare one Thousand six hundred Thirty ffoure And in the Yeare one Thousand six Hundred Thirtye ffive, had severall Treatyes with Commanicusse And Miantenome, the Two chiefe Sachims of the Narragansett; And in the End purchased of them the ~~lands and~~ ~~meadows~~ upon the Two ffresh Rivers called Moshosick, and Wanasquatckett The Two said Sachims having by A Deede under their handes, Two Yeares after the sale thereof Established, And Confirmed the Boundes of those ~~lands~~ ffrom the River And ffields of Pautuckett, the Great Hill of Neotaconkonitt on the Norwest And the Towne of Mashapang on the west; Notwithstanding, I had the frequent promise of Miantenomy (my kind freind) that It should not be Land that I should want about these Boundes mentioned, provided, that I satisfiied the Indian; there inhabeting; I having made Covenants of peaceable neighbourhood with all the Sachims, And Natives Round about us, And having in A sence of God's mercifull Providence unto me in my destresse, call the place Providence, I desired it might be A shelter for persons distressed for Conscience; I then considering the condition of Divers of my distressed cuntry men; I communicated my said purchase unto my loving ffriends, John Throcknorton, William Arnold, William Harris, Stuckley Westcott, John Greene Senior, Thomas Olney Senior, Richard Watermane And others, who then desired to take Shelter here with me, And in Succession, unto so many others as we Should Receive into the ffellowship, And Societye of injoyeing, And desposing of the Said Purchase: And besides the FFirst that were admitted, our Towne Recordes declare, that afterwards wee Received Chad Brown, William ffield, Thomas Harris Senior, William Wickenden, Robert Williams, Grigorey Dexter, and others as our Towne Booke declares: And whereas by Gode's Mercifull Assistance I was the procurer of the purchase not by monies nor payment, the Natives being so shy, And jeloues that monies could not do it, but by that Language, Acquaintance, And favour with the Natives, And other Advantages which it pleased God to give me, And also bore the charges, And Venture of all the Gratuetyes which I gave to the great Sachims, And other Sachims And Natives Round about us: And Lay engaged for A Loving and pecable Neighbourhood with them all, to my great charge, And Travell; It was therefore Thought fit by some Loving ffriends, that I should Receive Some Loving consideration And gratuetye; And it was agreed between us That Every person that should be Admitted into the ffellowship of injoyeing Land And desposing of the purchase should pay Thirtye Shillings unto a Publique stock; And ffirst about Thirtye pounds should be paid unto my selfe, by Thirtye Shillings A person, as They were Admitted: This Sum I received, And in Love to my ffriendes, And with Respect to A Towne, And place of Succor for the distressed as aforesaid, I doe Acknowledg the Said Sum, And payment, as ffull Satisfiication; And whereas in the yeare one Thousand six hundred Thirtye seaven (so called) I delivered the ~~debt~~ subscribed by the Two Aforesaid cheife Sachims (so much thereof as concerneth the aforementioned ~~lands~~) ffrom my selfe, And from my heires, unto the whole number of the purchasers, with all my powre, Right, And Title therein: Reserving only unto my selfe, one Single Share Equall unto any of the Rest

## SETTLEMENT AT PROVIDENCE

of that number, I now Againe, in A more fformal way under my hand and Seale confirme my fformer Resignation of that Deede of the ~~lands~~ aforesaid; And Bind my selfe, my heirs, my Exsecutors, my Administrators, And Assignes, never to molest any of the said persons Already Received, or hereafter to be Received into the Society of purchasers as aforesaid: But that they, their heirs, Exsecutors, Administrators, And Assignes Shall at all tymes quietly, And pecably Injoy the premises, And Every part thereof; And I doe further by these presentes, Bind my selfe, my heirs, Exsecutors, my Administrators, And Assignes never to Lay any claime, nor cause any claime to be Laid to any of the ~~lands~~ aforesaid, or unto any part, or percell thereof, (more than unto my owne Single Share) by Vertue, or pretence of any fformer Bargaine, Sale, or Mortgage, what So ever; (or jointers, Thirdes, or Intailes) made by me the said Roger Williams, or of any other person Either ffor, By, Through, or under me ~~In Witness~~ thereof I have hereunto Sett my hand and Seall This Twentieth day of December, in this present yeare One Thousand Six hundred Sixty one

Memorandum the wordes: of the purchase was interlined before these presentes was Sealed  
Roger Williams,

Signed, Sealed And Delivered in the presence of us  
Thomas Smith  
Joseph Carpenter

I Mary Williams, wife unto Roger Williams, doe Assent unto the premises, Wittnes my hand this Twentieth of December in this present yeare one Thousand Six hundred Sixty one

Acknowledged And Subscribed  
before me William ffield  
Gene'l Assistant

Mary

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Williams.<sup>1</sup>

It would seem from this deed that the first twelve proprietors were admitted into equal ownership of the lands with Roger Williams without being required to furnish any equivalent for the value of the lands received, and that the thirty pounds which were paid Roger Williams from the common fund created by the payment of thirty shillings by each of the succeeding settlers was not paid as an equivalent for the land, but was accepted by him as "a loving gratuity," and that "all which he received was far less than what he had expended."<sup>1</sup>

For the lands on the Pawuxet river Mr. Williams received twelve-thirteenths of twenty pounds from the twelve persons named in the deed of October 8, 1638.

The lands thus transferred by Roger Williams to his associates were divided into two parts, which were known as "the grand purchase of Providence and the Pautuxet purchase."

1. From the original in the office of the Recorder of Deeds, city of Providence.

## NEW MEMBERS SINCE THE 1990 BULLETIN

* Bird, Prof. Thomas Edward	Little Neck Hills NY	<i>Mary</i>
Burrows, Mrs. John S. (Laura Morris)	Blacksburg VA	<i>Mary</i>
* Butterfield, Maurice Eugene	Cincinnati OH	<i>Joseph</i>
* Claypool, Mrs. Laurence C. (Mary E. McMahon)	Lake Forest IL	<i>Mary</i>
* Crocker, Mrs. Anne Williams	Cranston RI	<i>Joseph, Mercy Waterman</i>
* Dixon, Malcolm Ray, Lt. Col., Ret.	San Antonio TX	<i>Mary</i>
* Hassert, Mrs. George L. (Judith A. Harper)	Metuchen NJ	<i>Joseph</i>
* Maxson, Peter Flagg	Austin TX	<i>Mary</i>
* Mix, Richard Lawrence	Williamsport PA	<i>Mary</i>
Nelson, Dennis Pershing	Bethesda MD	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
Paige, Charles Warren	East Providence RI	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
* Paige, Heather Lisa	Riverside RI	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
* Philip Charles	Riverside RI	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
* Paine, Robert Williams	Daytona Beach Shores FL	<i>Joseph</i>
* Sharpe, Mrs. Earle S. (Shirley L. Higson)		<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
* Smith, Stephanie Paine	Daytona Beach FL	<i>Joseph</i>
* Smith, Mrs. Terry R. (Valerie M. Paine)	Daytona Beach FL	<i>Joseph</i>
Steere, Winsor Baker	North Kingstown RI	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
* Walters, Alexandra E. Williams	Coventry RI	<i>Joseph</i>
* Wamble, Elizabeth Jill	Edwardsville IL	<i>Joseph</i>
* White, Mrs. Preston A. (Joan T. Harper)	Brattleboro VT	<i>Joseph</i>
* Woods, Mrs. Nancy Bellows Wells	Cambridge MA	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
* Zolman, Paul Richard	Smithfield RI	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>

## IN MEMORIAM

Essex, Mrs. Clarence E. (Hazel Bailey) - RI	<i>Mary, Joseph</i>	May 27, 1991
Hazard, Miss Katherine May - RI	<i>Mercy Winsor, Mary</i>	August 29, 1991
Jenison, Mrs. Richard B. (Myrtle Sweet) - RI	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>	August 7, 1991
Suits, Mrs. Leslie D. (May Byrom) - NY	<i>Daniel</i>	March 31, 1988
Waterman, Lewis A. - RI	<i>Mercy Waterman, Mary, Freeborn</i>	November 20, 1990
Williams, Clinton Nickerson - RI	<i>Mary, Freeborn, Joseph</i>	May 21, 1991
Williams, Edward Brown, Jr. - FL	<i>Mary, Freeborn, Joseph</i>	May 12, 1991

## BEGINNING OUR 100TH YEAR 1991-1992

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