



THE ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Cousins and Friends:

Once again, warm greetings to all our members and friends across our great country. We hope all have enjoyed a pleasant year thus far.

Our program committee has planned a number of interesting tours, presentations and other gatherings for the coming year. In September we will take a trip along the historic Blackstone River in northern Rhode Island. This river was the source of power for Slater Mill for over two centuries. In October we will tour Clouds Hill Victorian House in Warwick, built by Samuel Slater's nephew as a wedding present for his daughter. A tour of Maxwell House in Warren, cancelled last year due to a snowstorm, will be presented in November. Then, once again, we will return to the home of Clifford and Marilyn Brown in Providence for a festive holiday celebration.

Following our winter hiatus, there will be a presentation on Civil War General George Sears Greene in March, followed by a visit to the Slater Mill Historic Site in April. In May we will celebrate Founders' Day at First Baptist Church in America, then close out the program year with our Annual Meeting and a presentation at Roger Williams National Memorial on William Blackstone, an early and intriguing settler of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

We are pleased to note that Elsie Bushnell Williams diligently continues her work on *Descendants of Roger Williams - Vol. IV, Through His Son Joseph Williams*. If you are interested in purchasing "Williams Families in Progress - Joseph Williams," a booklet containing the current status of four generations of research for the eventual five generation volume, please see the order form inserted in this Bulletin or visit www.rogerwilliams.org to order online.

At this time, let us remember our servicemen and women, especially those serving in Iraq and Afghanistan. Our thoughts and prayers are with them. Their sacrifices make our freedoms all the more precious.

Respectfully,
Bruce Penniman, President
August 2005

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Lineal descendants of Roger Williams and their spouses are eligible to join the Roger Williams Family Association. Dues are \$5.00 for Annual Membership or \$50 for Life Membership. To request an application, please contact our Registrars or our Corresponding Secretary. Contact information is available on the back cover of this Bulletin. Application forms are also available on our web site. Please note that references are REQUIRED. Incomplete applications will be returned.

CALENDAR

September 2005 - June 2006

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 17, 2005 - 10:45 AM

Blackstone River Boat Trip

We will meet at the boat dock on the Blackstone River at Market Square in Woonsocket, Rhode Island, for an hour and a half boat trip on the river. The fare will be \$10.00 per person. Our business meeting will be held during the trip. Following the trip, lunch is available at the Olde English Fish and Chips restaurant next to the parking lot.

Directions: From I-95 north in Providence, take 146 north about 12 miles to intersection with 146A. Bear left and proceed on 146A to 104 north (about 1/2 mile). Right on 104 to S. Main Street to Market Square. Boat dock is on left next to Annex Diner. Municipal parking lot is across from boat dock.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 15, 2005 - 11:00 AM

Tour of Clouds Hill Victorian House Museum

Members and guests will experience the elegance of another age when we meet at Clouds Hill Victorian House Museum at 4157 Post Road, Warwick, Rhode Island. The house was built by William Smith Slater of Slatersville, RI, nephew of Samuel Slater, founder of Slater Mill, for his daughter, Elizabeth Ives Slater, as a wedding present. Our group rate will be \$12 per person. Bring a picnic lunch and enjoy the grounds. A brief meeting will follow. If you plan to attend, please call Ann Prokopowicz at (401) 785-2512 by October 10, 2005.

Directions: Route 95 to Exit 10, 117 East, Warwick. Pass three lights. At the next light, turn right onto Post Road (Route 1 South). Pass through one blinking light and two more lights (approximately 1.3 miles). Turn right into the drive, across from Kimberly Village sign. If you pass the Mobil gas station on your left, you have gone too far.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 19, 2005 - 11:00 AM

Tour of Maxwell House

We will tour the Maxwell House, located on the corner of Church and Water Streets in Warren, Rhode Island. This brick Colonial house was the home of James and Level Maxwell, prominent ship owners and merchants. The house is now owned by the Massasoit Historical Society. The tour is \$2.00 per person. Lunch and a short business meeting will follow at the India Restaurant at 520 N. Main Street. Please call Bruce Penniman at (508) 252-9798 by November 12, 2005 for lunch selections.

Directions: From Providence take I-195 east to Exit 7 (Rte 114 to Seekonk and Barrington). Bear right onto 114 South and follow through the town of Barrington into Warren. After the junction of Route 103, turn right onto Church Street and proceed to the corner of Church and Water Streets. To get to the India Restaurant, return to North Main Street, via Baker Street. Turn right on North Main Street, then next left onto Joyce Street. Turn immediately right into parking lot at rear of restaurant.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10, 2005 - 1:30 PM

Holiday Celebration

Members and guests will meet at the festively decorated home of Marilyn and Clifford Brown at 180 Brown Street, Providence, Rhode Island. We will enjoy a wonderful afternoon of Christmas music and a delicious array of refreshments. Our musical program will be led by Marjorie and George Davis. There will be a short business meeting. If you plan to attend, please contact Ann Prokopowicz at (401) 785-2512.

Directions: From Providence, Route 195 East; take Wickenden Street exit, turning left at bottom of ramp onto Wickenden Street; left onto Hope Street; left onto Barnes Street; left onto Brown Street; the Brown house is on the right side of the road.

SATURDAY, MARCH 18, 2006 - 1:00 PM

Presentation by Lt. John Currier of the Pawtuxet Rangers

We will meet at East Greenwich Public Library at 82 Peirce Street, East Greenwich, Rhode Island for a presentation by Lt. John Currier on American Civil War General George Sears Greene, who was born in Apponaug Village in the city of Warwick, Rhode Island. General Greene was the oldest general on either side of the conflict. He is remembered for his bravery at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania, and led the 3rd Brigade of New Yorkers on Culp's Hill the second day at battle of Gettysburg.

Directions: From Providence, take Route 95 South to Route 4 exit. Take first exit on Route 4 (East Greenwich exit). Bear right at the end of the ramp onto Division Street. Bear left at the fork in the road to continue on Division Street. Travel approximately 8/10 of a mile. Turn right onto Peirce Street. The Library is located 3 blocks down on the left, across from St. Luke's Episcopal Church.

SATURDAY, APRIL 22, 2006 - 10:45 AM

Tour of Slater Mill Historic Site

We will meet for a tour of the Slater Mill Historic Site at 67 Roosevelt Avenue, Pawtucket, Rhode Island. The presentation includes a tour of the Slater Mill, built in 1793, an 18th Century worker's cottage, the Wilkinson Mill, built in 1810, and a video presentation "Hidden on the Blackstone." Charge for the tour is \$7.50. There is an area where we may enjoy a picnic lunch and have a business meeting.

Directions: From the south, take I-95 North from Providence to Exit 28 (School St.). Left at bottom of ramp. Go through light, down hill, bear right across the river and turn right on Roosevelt Ave. Slater Mill is on the right. From north of Pawtucket, take I-95 South to Exit 29 (Downtown Pawtucket). Turn right at second stop sign on Broadway, right at first light on Exchange Street, left at next light on Roosevelt Ave. Slater Mill is on the left past Pawtucket City Hall.

SUNDAY, MAY 21, 2006 - 11:00 AM

Founders' Day

We will observe Founders' Day at First Baptist Church in America, which is located at 75 North Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island. Following the church service and a time for coffee and a tour of the historic Church for those interested, we will meet at the home of Alice Cashill at 24 Meadowbrook Drive, Barrington, Rhode Island for a social hour and meeting. Please bring a picnic lunch and a lawn chair.

Directions: From Providence, take Route 195 East to Route 114 South to Barrington; left at first light at the "White Church" onto Massasoit Avenue. Follow through to New Meadow Road and go right on New Meadow Road; first right is Meadowbrook Drive. Cashill home is on the left.

SATURDAY, JUNE 17, 2006 - 11:00 AM

Presentation by Ranger John McNiff on William Blackstone

Members and guests will meet at the Roger Williams National Memorial at 282 North Main Street, Providence, Rhode Island for a presentation by Ranger John McNiff on William Blackstone, early settler of Massachusetts and Rhode Island. Born March 5, 1595 in Durham County, England, Rev. William Blackstone was the first European to have settled in what is now Boston and lived in what is now Rhode Island. Ordained in the Church of England, Blackstone conducted the first Anglican services of record in Rhode Island, and his collection of books was probably the largest private library in the British colonies at the time. A picnic lunch and Annual Business Meeting will follow Ranger McNiff's presentation. Please pack your own lunch and bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on for a picnic on the park grounds.

Directions to the Memorial: From Route 95 North, take the State Office exit; go straight across Orms Street at end of exit; turn left on Smith Street; turn right at bottom of hill onto Canal Street, then immediate left into Memorial's parking lot.

JOSEPH WILLIAMS' EPITAPH

*Condensed by Elsie Bushnell Williams
from "These Plantations" by J. Earl Clauson*

Was Joseph Williams a Theosophist? If so, or if not, what is the significance of the epitaph on his gravestone in the family burying lot in Roger Williams Park? The idea that he may have been one occurs because an important item of Theosophist belief is reincarnation in some different form, and the epitaph runs as follows:

In King Philip's War he courageously went through / And the native Indians
he bravely did subdue, / And now he's gone down to the grave and he will be
no more / Until it please Almighty God his body to restore / Into some
proper shape as He thinks fit to be, / Perhaps as a grain of wheat as Paul sets
forth, you see.

There follows a reference to Paul's first letter to the church at Corinth. In the fifteenth chapter, verses 36, 37 and 38, he says: "That which thou sowest is not quickened except it die. And that which thou sowest, thou sowest not that body that shall be, but bare grain, it may chance of wheat or of some other grain. But God giveth it a body as it hath pleased him."

We take it that was what whoever thought up the lines which mark Joseph Williams' last resting place had in mind. Perhaps Joseph himself prepared the epitaph in anticipation of death. If so, they reflect unquestionably his own thoughts. But they seem rather more likely to have been assembled after his death, quite probably by his pastor. The belief in the resurrection of the body was out of fashion among the early settlers of Rhode Island. They seem not to have concerned themselves generally with what was going to happen to the mortal tenement. Our own idea is that Joseph took a naturalistic view of the matter, figuring that his flesh would promote other growths.

Joseph was born in December 1643, six months after Roger had sailed for England on his successful quest for the first charter. He was eight months old when his father first saw him after his triumphal return. There is one curious reference to him as a boy of 16 in a letter Roger wrote to his friend John Winthrop of Connecticut. He says: "My youngest son Joseph was troubled with a spice of epilepsy. We used some remedies, but it hath pleased God by his taking of tobacco perfectly as we hope to cure him."

Joseph was 31, in the full strength of his manhood when he bravely did subdue the Indians in the great war. He held by gift from his father the Pawtuxet lands allotted to Roger, including the greater part of what is now included in the Park.

If Joseph had a touch of what later came to be known as Theosophy, he came by it legitimately. His father passed his whole life trying to sift truth from falsehood. No doubt in the course of his meditations, Roger gave a lot of thought to the fate of the body after death. Very likely he talked these matters over with his youngest son, Joseph.

Milking the cows where now Providence dwellers seek recreation in their beautiful Park, picking apples, ploughing and hoeing, Joseph would have had opportunity to think these matters over. He knew how a grain of wheat grows and the corn swells in the ear. In some such way as that, his body after death would live again. That's what we think his epitaph means. Any reader who wants to think otherwise may do so without written license.

NEW MEMBERS

2004-2005

*Edwin C.B. Angell	Blaine, WA	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
Sylvanus Haile Bowen III	Greenville, SC	<i>Mary</i>
Lynn Chimera	Phelps, NY	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
*Sherrie W. Chynoweth	Orem, UT	<i>Joseph</i>
*Marsha S. Cody	Alamosa, CA	<i>Joseph</i>
Shirley A. Dawson	Weston, VT	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
*Virginia G. DeGregory	Placerville, CA	<i>Mary</i>
*Eleanor G. DesRoche	Atkinson, NH	<i>Daniel</i>
Kristi Lou Drake	Perris, CA	<i>Mary</i>
Ruth L. Eddy	Woodland Hills, CA	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
*Lockwood R. Eddy	Marina Del Rey, CA	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
*Erica R. Eddy	Marina Del Rey, CA	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
Rhonda Lee Gable	Trevese, PA	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
*Vivian G. Gates	Salem, OR	<i>Mary</i>
*Gwyneth E. Gates	Salem, OR	<i>Mary</i>
Selma R. Gould	Derry, NH	<i>Daniel</i>
*Kenneth R. Graham	East Greenwich, RI	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
*Linda Graham	East Greenwich, RI	<i>Associate</i>
*Christian A. Gropel	Sea Girt, NJ	<i>Joseph</i>
Andrew Patrick Hearn	Franklin, MA	<i>Mary, Mercy Waterman/Winsor</i>
Marilyn J. Wilbur LaDieu	Harrisburg, PA	<i>Mary (2)</i>
*Sean Leach	Basking Ridge, NJ	<i>Joseph</i>
Allan George Lewis	Denver, CO	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
*Jennifer A. T. Lopez	Houston, TX	<i>Freeborn</i>
*Michael C. McGovern	Laguna Hills, CA	<i>Mercy Waterman (2)</i>
Judith W. Peterson	Acton, MA	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
Filomena Riganti	East Nassau, NY	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
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*Charles W. Shabica	Winnetka, IL	<i>Mary</i>
*Rafe W. Smith	Vienna, VA	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
*Carol G. Sorensen	Las Vegas, NV	<i>Mary</i>
*Scott G. Sorensen	Mission Viejo, CA	<i>Mary</i>
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*Alex Lawrence Tackman	Albuquerque, NM	<i>Freeborn</i>
*Laurence C. Tackman	Albuquerque, NM	<i>Freeborn</i>
*Arthur L. Tackman III	Honolulu, HI	<i>Freeborn</i>
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Jeffrey S. Williams	Woodstock, CT	<i>Joseph</i>
Rex Jay Williams	Tucson, AZ	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
*Virginia A. Williamson	Barrington, RI	<i>Mary</i>

* *Life Member*

IN MEMORIAM

Marjorie L. Havens	17 March 2005	<i>Mary, Daniel, Joseph</i>
Lois E. Kennison		<i>Daniel</i>
Carl McMIndes	12 July 2004	<i>Daniel</i>
Deborah Wharton Paul	2004	<i>Mary</i>
John Allyn Waring	7 December 2003	<i>Daniel</i>
George Wightman Williams	24 December 2004	<i>Mary, Freeborn, Joseph</i>

GEORGE WIGHTMAN WILLIAMS *December 15, 1921 - December 24, 2004*

We regret the passing of Past President George Wightman Williams in December 2004. He was a long-time member of the Roger Williams Family Association, and served it in many ways.

George was born at Providence on 15 December 1921, an eleventh generation descendant of Roger Williams. He was educated in Providence schools, graduating from Brown University in the Class of 1942. He served in World War II as a Naval Officer on a submarine chaser, and later as Naval Aide in President Truman's White House. He left the Navy in 1952., and after working as a public radio executive and in advertising, he embarked on a new career, teaching classics at Providence Country Day School in East Providence, Rhode Island.

He retired in 1991. He was known at Providence Country Day for his excellence in teaching, his sterling guidance, and for his French poodle, who accompanied him everywhere -- even to class -- and answered only to commands in Latin.

George passed away on 24 December 2004 and we miss him, his quick wit, his love of people and his ability to charm us with a favorite narrative.

IN MEMORY OF SSG SCOTT C. ROSE *Killed in Action at Tikrit, Iraq 7 November 2003*

We were saddened to learn of the death in Iraq of Scott C. Rose, SSG, husband and father of two of the descendants of Roger Williams. The report of Scott's death came to us from his father, Lt. Col. Alfred E. Rose of Fayetteville, North Carolina.

Scott is survived by his wife, Michele Denise (Basso) Rose, who was born at Springfield, Vermont, daughter of Albert Edmund and Anne Elizabeth (Birmingham) Basso; and a daughter, Meghan Louise Rose, born at Ft. Campbell, Kentucky 31 July 2003. Michele is an eleventh generation descendant of Roger Williams, and Meghan a twelfth generation descendant:

Meghan Louise¹² Rose, Michele Denise¹¹ Basso, Albert Edmund¹⁰, Edmund Albert⁹, Marcella Emile⁸ Witherell, Jessie E.⁷ Chapman, Emily "Sally"⁶ Smith, Deborah⁵ Winsor, Joseph⁴, Samuel³, Mercy² Williams, Roger¹. Scott was also survived by his parents and the parents of his wife.

Scott Christopher Rose was born at Attleboro, Bristol County, Massachusetts 2 March 1973, and died at Tikrit, Iraq 7 November 2003 when he was shot down by a SA16 Missile, flying a UH-60 Blackhawk 26431. He was the son of Lt. Col. Alfred E. And Karen (Burgess) Rose. Scott and Michele were married at Mendon, Vermont.

We send our deepest sympathy to Scott's family and will keep in good care the family material sent to us by his father, Alfred E. Rose.

BEGINNING OUR 114TH YEAR

2005-2006

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