

BEGINNING OUR 132ND YEAR

2020-2021

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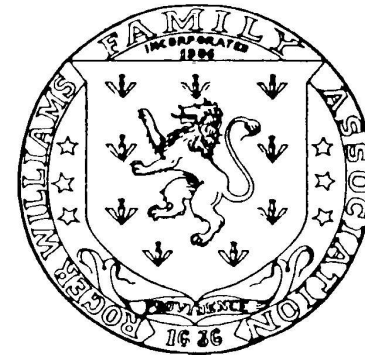
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THE ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

What Cheer, Netop!

It is with great pleasure, humbleness, and privilege that I will serve as the new Roger Williams Family Association President. I am looking forward to a hopeful future as we navigate these harrowing times... COVID-19's unparalleled ramifications, mass protests against social injustice, economic hardship for so many of our fellow citizens. And one can only wonder what our grandfather and founder, Roger Williams, would think about the renaming of our great lively experiment of a state, with the proposed deletion of "and Providence Plantations" from the name. Indeed, we are in uncertain and precarious times.

I assume this office with special pride, as it was my grandfather, Pardon Williams, who started this organization so many years ago. With my direct lineage from Joseph Williams, I am one of the few remaining descendants honored to carry the WILLIAMS name directly from Roger Williams. I grew up with strong ties to our family organization, being the granddaughter of Harold and Elsie Williams, who worked tirelessly to further the endeavors of Roger Williams' philosophies, tolerance, and triumphs.

I look forward to meeting and corresponding with new and veteran members. To that end, we have a number of family events for this upcoming year, thoughtfully planned to encourage social distancing in the great outdoors. Please refer to the Program in the following pages. As usual, we will send out an email blast prior to each event with last-minute program updates. Email blasts will also contain information about some new initiatives that are underway. If you haven't previously received an email from the Association, contact database@rogerwilliams.org to get on the contact list. In the meantime, visit our Facebook page for photos of recent events, and see our website at www.rogerwilliams.org for a trove of helpful information.

Fondly,

Dawn Williams, President
Roger Williams Family Association
August 2020

RWFA Pamphlets/Bulletins: 1942 Through Present

*All of our Roger Williams Family Association Bulletins have recently been digitized and posted as PDF files on our website. Several are missing, so if you happen to have a copy, please let us know!
View the files at www.rogerwilliams.org.*

NEW MEMBERS

2019-2020

* Emily R. Bacon	Walnut Creek, CA	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
* Sarah R. Bacon	Concord, CA	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
* Ronald W. Barnes	Cranston, RI	<i>Mary</i>
* Everett Gordon Brown	Concord, NH	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
* Kathy Anne Cissna	Kernersville, NC	<i>Joseph</i>
* Donna Cole	Orange, CA	<i>Mary</i>
Judith H. Cosby	Alexandria, VA	<i>Daniel</i>
Jessica Lee Dapson	Syracuse, NY	<i>Mary</i>
* Keira Delaney	Slinger, WI	<i>Joseph</i>
* Kevin Delaney	Slinger, WI	<i>Joseph</i>
* Leann Delaney	Germantown, WI	<i>Joseph</i>
* Jessica R. Fields	Concord, CA	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
* Grace Hannah Homer	Garretson, SD	<i>Joseph</i>
* Theresa A. Homer	Newport, RI	<i>Joseph</i>
* Carol J. Johnson	Logan, IA	<i>Daniel</i>
Herta Mary Klaman	Ft. Myers, FL	<i>Daniel</i>
* Elliott Koenig	Germantown, WI	<i>Joseph</i>
* Mark Koenig	Germantown, WI	<i>Joseph</i>
* Donna Kolesnikovas	Auburn, MA	<i>Joseph, Mercy Winsor</i>
* Bridget Marie Main	Exeter, RI	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
* Lillian Ella Main	Exeter, RI	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
* Deborah Cranston McIntire	Kansas City, MO	<i>Freeborn</i>
* Jennifer Neely	Sturbridge, MA	<i>Joseph, Mary, Mercy Winsor</i>
* David Newton	Greene, RI	<i>Freeborn</i>
Quinn Newton	Pascoag, RI	<i>Freeborn</i>
* Earl Bullock Nichols, Jr.	East Greenwich, RI	<i>Joseph</i>
* Adam Samuel Powers	Jamestown, RI	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
* Cyrus Lee Tanner	Lynn, MA	<i>Mary</i>
* Daniel Mark Tanner	Lynn, MA	<i>Mary</i>
* James Howard Tanner	Lynn, MA	<i>Mary</i>
* Leo J. Van Reet	Idaho Falls, ID	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
Nella Irene Williams	Hornell, NY	<i>Mary</i>
* Michael Harold Windsor	Virginia Beach, VA	<i>Mercy Winsor</i>
* Karen Wolcott	Concord, NC	<i>Mary</i>
* <i>Life Member</i>		

IN MEMORIAM

Rodney Francis Bailey	3 August 2020	<i>Mary</i>
Sheryll I. Crowley	16 April 2020	<i>Associate</i>
Susan Ewers	26 February 2019	<i>Mary</i>
Robert Allen Greene	18 September 2019	<i>Mercy Waterman, Joseph (2)</i>
Nancy Brown Hazard	17 December 2019	<i>Mary, M. Waterman (2), M. Winsor (2)</i>
Bethany Lynn Kelley	28 August 2019	<i>Joseph</i>
Peter F. Lambert	16 April 2020	<i>Associate</i>
Marion Leach	18 April 2019	<i>Joseph</i>
Nancy Edna Main	June 2019	<i>Mercy</i>
Helen May Rathbun	28 August 2019	<i>Joseph</i>
Winsor Baker Steere	8 November 2019	<i>Mercy Waterman</i>
Virginia Amy Williamson	23 May 2020	<i>Mary</i>

A Brief History with Documents” for students to use in the Roger Seminar. Carrington-Farmer has given guest lectures on Williams for Peace Dale Museum of Art and Culture, Colonial Grand Dames of America, Plimoth, and Smith’s Castle. Carrington-Farmer is currently researching the life of Mary Williams, and has presented her initial finding at Plimoth and Little Compton Historical Society.

CALENDAR

October 2020 - July 2021

The RWFA will pay admission fees for all children 12 and under.

PLEASE NOTE THAT, DUE TO COVID-19, ALL MEETINGS ARE TENTATIVE AND MAY BE SUBJECT TO CANCELLATION

FRIDAY, JUNE 25, 2021 1:00 PM RHODE ISLAND STATE HOUSE TOUR

Join us in our Providence Capitol, home of The Independent Man, for a free tour beginning in the Library on the 2nd floor. The tour will encompass the 1663 Charter Museum with Roger Williams’ artifacts and the Senate Chamber, along with magnificent paintings, murals, and marble. Parking should be available in the executive legislative lot, as well as street parking.

RSVP by June 19th to rihistorybuff@gmail.com or 401-330-0314.

Directions to 82 Smith Street, Providence, RI: From I-295 North to Exit 9, merging with US-6 toward Providence/Hartford, CT. Keep right, merging with US-6E. Keep right toward Memorial Blvd and Downtown. Turn left onto Francis Street. Turn right onto Gaspee Street. Turn left onto Smith Street. From I-95 North, take Exit 23 onto RI-146 toward State Offices/US-44. Continue on State Street toward State Offices. Right on Smith Street.

SATURDAY, JULY 18, 2021 11:00 AM CHEPIWANOXET BAYFRONT PRESENTATION & WALK

Bring a picnic lunch and a lawn chair for a brief meeting and a history talk by cousin and local historian, Neil Williams Ross, from his lovely beachfront summer cottage at Chepiwanoxet. Hear the stories of our Williams ancestors who have lived on Greenwich Bay since 1910. Chepiwanoxet was left by the last glacier (10,000 years ago), and was the site of several firsts: Narragansett Indian summer campsite, early beachside resort (c. 1890s), Gallaudet Seaplane factory (1915), DYER Boats (1930), AMTROL Corporation (1946), the first true marina built in our state (c. 1956), and now Warwick City Park (1994). Wear sneakers if you would enjoy a hike around “Chepi” Island.

RSVP by July 5th to rihistorybuff@gmail.com or 401-330-0314.

Directions to 90 Herbert Street, Warwick (East Greenwich), RI: From I-295 South to I-95 South, take Exit 1A onto RI-113 West toward West Warwick. Get in left lane and make a U-turn at the traffic light at RI Mall/CCRI. Turn right onto Greenwich Avenue; at the roundabout, take the second exit onto Greenwich Avenue. At the roundabout, take the second exit onto Post Road. Turn left onto Chepiwanoxet Way and the yellow cottage will be on the right side. From I-95 North, take Exit 8A onto RI-2 South toward RI-4 East Greenwich. Turn left onto Division Street, then a slight left to stay on Division Street. Turn left onto Post Road. Turn right onto Chepiwanoxet Way; the yellow cottage will be on the right side.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 17, 2020 1:00 PM PILGRIMAGE TO THE ROGER WILLIAMS SHELTER

We will meet off Birch Swamp Road in Warren, RI and drive to within several hundred yards of Margaret’s Rock in North Swansea, MA where Roger Williams sheltered in the winter of 1636. Margaret was a Wampanoag Medicine Woman who helped Roger return to good health following his banishment from the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Margaret’s Rock is the only remaining abode in the Providence area whose walls Roger actually touched. Bring a folding chair and packed lunch for a brief meeting afterwards. Rain Date: Sunday, October 18th at 1:00pm. Please arrive 30 minutes early to carpool and/or caravan.

RSVP by October 10th to rihistorybuff@gmail.com or 401-330-0314.

Directions: From Providence, take I-195 toward Swansea and Fall River. In North Swansea take the Rt. 136 exit and travel south 1.7 miles. After crossing into RI, take a left onto Birch Swamp Road. Continue for 0.3 miles where the road takes a 90 degree turn to the south. At this bend, go straight onto the dirt road (sign “Windswept Farm”). DO NOT turn right into the drive to the Old Chase Farm. We will start assembling on this dirt road shortly after 10:30 AM where a group photo will be taken. We will then drive to within several hundred yards of Margaret’s Rock in North Swansea, MA.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 14, 2020 1:00 PM PRESENTATION BY ROBERT GEAKE AT SMITH’S CASTLE

Robert Geake will talk about the life of Roger Williams at Cocumscussoc. Smith’s Castle is maintained by the Cocumscussoc Association, the corporate entity that owns, maintains, and interprets the history of Smith’s Castle and Cocumscussoc on behalf of the people of Rhode Island. This presentation will be followed by a brief business meeting and family photo of our members. Please bring a packed lunch.

RSVP by November 7th to rihistorybuff@gmail.com or 401-330-0314.

Directions to Smith’s Castle, 55 Richard Smith Drive, North Kingstown, RI: From I-95 South, take Exit 9. Merge left onto RI-4S toward North Kingstown. Take Exit 7B-A toward Quonset RI-403. Keep R onto RI-403E to Quonset. Take exit toward Post Road US-1. Keep right on Post Road toward Wickford Village. Turn left on Richard Smith Drive.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 12, 2020 1:00 PM HOLIDAY PARTY

We will hold our annual holiday party and reception at the festively decorated home of President Dawn Williams in Cranston, RI. We will enjoy a seasonal music presentation and sing Christmas carols. A short business meeting will follow. Refreshments will be served; feel free to bring a little something for the table.

RSVP by December 5th to rihistorybuff@gmail.com or 401-330-0314.

Directions to 87 Ashburton Drive, Cranston, RI: Take I-295 North. At Exit 6, take ramp right for RI-14 toward Plainfield Pike. Turn left onto RI-14 / Plainfield Pike. Turn left onto Comstock Pkwy. Turn right onto Boylston Drive. Turn right onto Ashburton Drive.

**SATURDAY, APRIL 10, 2021 1:00 PM
PRESENTATION & TOUR OF PAWTUXET RANGERS ARMORY**

Colonel Ronald W. Barnes, Commanding Officer of the Pawtuxet Rangers and RWFA member, will talk about the history of the Pawtuxet Rangers, the armory in Historic Pawtuxet Village, and the burning of the HMS Gaspee in 1772. This will be followed by a tour of the armory and light refreshments.

RSVP by April 10th to rihistorybuff@gmail.com or 401-330-0314.

Directions to 59 Remington Street, Warwick, RI: Take the Route 37 exit off Route I-95 toward Warwick. Follow it to the end to Post Road North. Continue on Post Road to Rick's Auto Body (on right at 62 Post Road) and turn right onto Fair Street. Take second left onto Remington Street. The armory is on the corner of Bank and Remington Streets. If parking is unavailable, you may park at the Aspray Boat House parking lot at 2 East View Street (continue down Remington Street, turn left on Narragansett Parkway, then right onto East View Street).

**SATURDAY, MAY 15, 2021 1:00 PM
TOMAQUAG MUSEUM PRESENTATION**

Loren Spears and Tall Oaks will talk about the Narragansett tribe and Roger Williams, and how they coexisted during the Colonial era in Rhode Island. Afterwards a short drive to Arcadia Park for a picnic lunch and short business meeting.

RSVP by May 8th to rihistorybuff@gmail.com or 401-330-0314.

Directions to 390 A Summit Road, Exeter, RI: From the North, take I-95 South towards Providence, RI. Merge onto RI-102 south via exit Number 5A towards Exeter/RI-165/Arcadia/Beach Pond. Stay straight onto RI-3/Nooseneck Hill Road. Turn right onto RI-165/Ten Rod Road. Take a left onto Arcadia Road and go approximately 3 miles until you reach a stop sign. Turn right onto Summit Road and follow over a small bridge. When you see two stone pillars, turn right up the driveway to the Museum or, if lot is full, go to next drive on right and park in the lower lot. From the South, take I-95 North to RI-138 West via exit 3B toward Wyoming/Hope Valley. Stay straight through the first stoplight. You will pass a shopping area and the Richmond Police Station. Turn right onto Bridge Street, and go over the dam. You will see a white and blue RI-DOT sign on the corner. Bear right at the fork onto Arcadia Road. The Rhode Island Dept. of Transportation center will be on your left. Follow Arcadia Road approximately 4 miles, passing a bridge over a small dam and the Arcadia Forestry Station. Go straight through Summit Road intersection; RI Fish Hatchery will be on the right. Turn right onto Summit Road and follow over a small bridge. When you see two stone pillars, turn right up the driveway to the Museum or, if lot is full, go to next drive on right and park in the lower lot.

ROGER WILLIAMS UNIVERSITY REMEMBERS ITS NAMESAKE

In the past five years, Roger Williams University has worked hard to centre their namesake in the curriculum and beyond. All incoming freshman take a seminar on Roger Williams, appropriately titled the “Roger Seminar,” which explores Williams’ life and legacy. RWU is committed to bringing history to life for its students. As part of the Roger Seminar, RWU students visit sites around Rhode Island connected to Williams. In addition, students spend the night at Plimoth to explore the seventeenth-century English village after dark as Williams would have known it.

RWU has run two trips back to England to “Retrace Roger,” where faculty and students visited London, Cambridge and High Laver. The trips, which ran in 2017 and 2019, were a collaborative effort between Dr. Charlotte Carrington-Farmer (History Department at RWU) and John McNiff (Park Ranger at Roger Williams National Memorial). Carrington-Farmer and McNiff plan to run the trip again in 2022 with the hope of installing a marker to Williams at All Saint’s Church, High Laver. Please visit www.rogerwilliams.org for links to video highlights and some of the media coverage of the first trip.

In collaboration with Rhode Island Historical Society, RWU has hosted two paleography events linked to Williams, where students interpreted documents and artifacts owned by Williams. RIHS kindly loaned letters by Williams, and students worked with Dr. Julie Fisher (American Philosophical Society), Dr. Carrington-Farmer, and Ranger McNiff to transcribe the letters. Students then used a quill and ink to write their own seventeenth-century style letters and seal them using wax. Professor John Farmer (Graphic Design Department, RWU) worked with Dr. Carrington-Farmer’s students on typography projects, based on selected words and phrases by Williams, that are now part of an exhibition at Roger Williams National Memorial.

RWU has also hosted outside scholars to share their expertise on campus, notably Teresa Bejan (University of Oxford) was a guest lecturer on “Tolerating Intolerance: What Can Roger Williams Teach Us Today” (visit our website at www.rogerwilliams.org for a link to the video). RWU also hosted Dr. Ted Widmer (Macaulay Honors College) to talk about Williams’ legacy, and Dr. Linford Fisher (Brown University) to address Williams’ role in enslaving Indigenous Peoples.

Individual faculty have also contributed to the existing scholarship on Williams. Notably, Dr. Charlotte Carrington-Farmer has published the following chapter: “Roger Williams and the Architecture of Religious Liberty” in Jahid Hossain Bhuiyan and Darryn Jenson, eds., *Law and Religion and the Liberal State* (Oxford: Hart Publishing, 2020.) Carrington-Farmer has also written a primary source reader entitled, “Roger Williams: