

ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION



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Fellow Members:

This is my last message to you as your president. It has been a happy term for me because you have made it so with your loyal support.

A hearty welcome to each new member of our Association. Do try to attend our meetings and get acquainted.

May the following lines from a well loved hymn comfort the bereaved and shut-ins:

“Let us sing of Easter gladness
That rejoices every day.
Sing of hope and faith uplifted;
Love hath rolled the stone away.
When we turn from earth to Spirit,
And from self have won release.
Then we see the risen Saviour;
Then we know his promised peace.”

Cordially,

FLORENCE JOSLIN GALLUP,
President

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Programme

April 1963 through September 1963

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

Mrs. Clifford W. Brown

Mrs. Harold P. Williams

Mr. Howard W. Steere, Chairman

April 4—2:00 P.M.

“History of Rocky Point”, Mrs. Robert M. Brayton

May 2—8:00 P.M.

Talks and Pictures on Russia, Mr. Robert E. Steere

May 5—11:00 A.M.

Attend First Baptist Church—Heritage Sunday—celebrating 325th Anniversary.
Dinner

May 5—4:00 P.M.

Service and Colonial Tea at First Baptist Church

June 6—2:00 P.M.

“Churches, Old and New”, Miss Marion D. Almy

July 13—12:30 P.M.

Picnic at Cocumcussic

August 3—12:30 P.M.

Picnic at Greene Herb Gardens

September 5—2:00 P.M.

Annual meeting at Roger Williams Park Museum
“Around the World Cruise”, Miss Maribelle Cormack

THE ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

(A Condensed History)

BY MISS EMILY H. PAINE, *Historian*, February 1963

Quoting from the charter, the Roger Williams Family Association was formed for the purpose of "honoring and preserving the memory of Roger Williams, the preparation of an authentic genealogy of his descendants, and the promotion of friendship and social intercourse among them". A book containing names of several thousand descendants, compiled by Mrs. Charles W. Anthony, and the late Mrs. Charles H. Weeden, was published in 1949. Another book is now being undertaken by Mrs. Anthony (23 Oakland Avenue, Cranston 10, R. I.)

The society was incorporated January 30, 1906, and its By-Laws amended in 1932.

Before incorporation, families of Messrs. Sheldon, Pardon, and John Williams used to hold yearly picnics in Roger Williams Park.

In 1886 Mr. Frederick G. Sayles, then Mayor of Pawtucket, held a rally, in celebration of the 250th year of the founding of Providence, in Sayles Hall, Brown University. About one thousand descendants attended, and signed cards, many of which are now at the Rhode Island Historical Society, 52 Power St., Providence 6, R. I.

The official seal of the society was designed by the late Mrs. Ivory Kimball in 1932. It is round, with the words Roger Williams Family Association around the edge, six stars in the inner circle, representing the six children of Roger, at the top, the words "incorporated 1906", and below on a scroll, "Providence 1636". A center shield has a "lion rampant", surrounded by a border of nine "pheons" (the barbed head of a dart). This design in the center shield was used by Roger on some of his papers.

Early officers were Sheldon Williams, who died in 1936 at the age of 95, Pardon Williams and John Williams. There were 14 charter members, none of them now living.

At the 300th year celebration of the founding of Providence, 1936, an "Open House" was held in the historic Arcade, which runs between Weybosset and Westminster Streets. Over 500 registered and many later became members of the Association. We now have a membership of 635 in 36 States, England and Canada. Meetings are held at 2:00 P.M. on the first Thursday in each month at the Rhode Island Historical Society with these exceptions. In May and November at 8:00 P.M., and in July and August, picnics and visits to historical places are made. The annual meeting is held the first Thursday in September at Roger Williams Park.

REVIEW OF MEETINGS — OCTOBER 1962 - MARCH 1963

October 4—8:00 P.M.—Again we were entertained by the beautiful colored slides of Miss Alice W. Roe. This year they were taken in Colorado and New Mexico.

November 1—2:00 P.M.—Mr. Ralph S. Mohr, author of "Rhode Island Governors for 300 Years", spoke on how he gathered material for his work, and his work on restoring historical cemeteries.

December 16—2:00 P.M.—Once again we are indebted to our members, Mr. and Mrs. Clifford W. Brown for opening their home to us for a Christmas Party. The musical program was furnished by Dr. and Mrs. George W. Davis and their family with Mr. Arnold C. Rathbun at the piano. Mrs. Harry D. Bedson had charge of the social hour.

January 10—2:00 P.M.—Our member, Mrs. Merle B. Young gave a book review on the life of Jenny Lind, Swedish Vocalist. Old-fashioned desserts were enjoyed during the social hour.

February 7—2:00 P.M.—Mrs. Harold P. Williams showed lovely slides taken on their vacation through Nova Scotia and New England. Her commentaries of historical points were most interesting.

March 7—2:00 P.M.—Mr. Ralph J. Hartman, Superintendent at Roger Williams Park, spoke on its history and plans for future development.

It is suggested that an article be published in our April bulletin telling of what may be called "The Roger Williams Memorial Fund". The first donation was made by the late Zenas Ellis of Fair Haven, Vermont. He left the sum of one thousand dollars, the income of which is for use of the Roger Williams Family Association. It is hoped that others will follow his example and make donations to this Fund.

In Memoriam

Mr. Edward M. Holmes	April 16, 1960
Mrs. Eva Howard Tillinghast Chase	November 25, 1962
Mrs. Bertha Bennett Blake	December 20, 1962
Mr. Arthur Maxon Smith	December 22, 1962
Mrs. Rose Champlin Starr	December 24, 1962
Miss Angeline M. Pettey	January 1, 1963
Mrs. Ruth E. Ide	January 18, 1963
Mrs. Mabel F. Allen	January 31, 1963

NEW MEMBERS SINCE SEPTEMBER 1962

- CALDWELL, Mrs. Raymond P. (Gladys Tillinghast), 36 Miller Avenue, Providence 5, R. I. (Freeborn)
- CHEEK, George E., 34 Narragansett Avenue, Pawtucket, R. I. (Daniel)
- CATTLEY, Robert Allan (Associate), Box 358, Mattapoisett, Mass.
- CATTLEY, Mrs. Robert A. (Carol D. Colwell), Box 358, Mattapoisett, Mass.
- CATTLEY, William Henry, Box 358, Mattapoisett, Mass.
- COLWELL, Raymond C., Jr. (Reinstatement), 212 W. Ellington Avenue, Mitchell Field, Garden City, N. Y. (Mercy Waterman)
- COLWELL, Mrs. Raymond C., Jr. (Louise Soder) (Associate), Garden City, N. Y.
- COLWELL, Dana (Mercy Waterman), 212 W. Ellington Avenue, Garden City, N. Y.
- COLWELL, Robert Eddy, Mont Santo Chemical Co., Eureka, St. Louis Co., Missouri
- COLWELL, Mrs. Robert E. (Louise Eggleston) (Associate), Eureka, St. Louis Co., Missouri
- COLWELL, William Bradley, Eureka, St. Louis Co., Missouri
- COLWELL, Susan Phyllis, Eureka, St. Louis Co., Missouri
- COLWELL, Lynda Lee, Eureka, St. Louis Co., Missouri
- COLWELL, Richard Barrows, Eureka, St. Louis Co., Missouri
- COLWELL, Janet E., Eureka, St. Louis Co., Missouri
- COLWELL, Nancy Ann, Eureka, St. Louis Co., Missouri
- COLWELL, Ronald Eddy, Eureka, St. Louis Co., Missouri
- COOK, Charles Bennett, Jr., RFD, Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts
- COOK, Charles Bennett, III, RFD, Vineyard Haven, Massachusetts
- GARDNER, Mrs. Heman E. (Avis H. Peck), 1000 County Road, West Barrington, R. I. (Mary)
- KEENE, Albert Frederick, 16 Cormier Road, Lincoln, R. I. (Daniel)
- KEENE, Frederick William, 16 Cormier Road, Lincoln, R. I. (Daniel)
- KEENE, Mark, 16 Cormier Road, Lincoln, R. I. (Daniel)
- LATIMER, Harold L. (Associate), RFD, Box 423, Manville, R. I.
- PEASE, Mrs. Donald C. (Eleanor Bliss Thompson), 804 Princeton Road, Westover Hills, Wilmington 6, Delaware (Mercy Winsor)
- PIERCE, Leo Francis, 101 Norman Drive, Security, Colorado. (Associate)
- PIERCE, Mrs. Leo Francis (Betsy Borrows Colwell), Security, Colorado. (Mercy Waterman)
- PIERCE, William Colwell, Security, Colorado. (Mercy Waterman)
- PIERCE, Perry Hargreaves, Security, Colorado. (Mercy Waterman)
- REKICK, Mrs. Adelbert (Mildred Bretch), Depauville, New York. (Daniel and Mercy Winsor)
- SAUER, Mrs. George E. (Elodie Sherman), 84 Windsor Avenue, Pittsfield, Mass. (Daniel)
- STEERE, Mrs. Howard W. (Mary F. Whiting), 64 Miller Avenue, Providence 5, R. I. (Associate)
- SWEET, Irving Willis, 1111 Park Street, Alameda, California. (Mercy Winsor)
- WHITNEY, Mrs. Karl G. (E. Gertrude Potter), 207 Walnut Avenue, Pompton Lake, N. Jersey. (Mercy Winsor)
- WILLIAMS, Miss Hazel, 504½ Pennsylvania Avenue, Elmira, N. Y. (Daniel)
- WILLIAMS, Miss Suzanne Jane, 1403 30th Street, N. W., Washington 7, D. C. (Daniel)

It is to be noted that Mr. Raymond C. Colwell now has his whole family as members of the Roger Williams Family Association; 4 children and 15 grandchildren.