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2025-2026

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THE ROGER WILLIAMS FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Greetings, cousins and friends...

I hope that you all had a wonderful year since our last program came out. We had a great time visiting many interesting places. One of the highlights was our holiday party in the festively decorated Pawtuxet Rangers Armory; the cookie exchange was a big hit amongst the cousins. In October we went on the annual tour of Margaret's Rock, where a Native woman called Margaret tended Roger Williams after he fled Massachusetts Bay Colony and became very ill. Later that month we attended the annual Founder's Day service at the First Baptist Church. In succeeding months we enjoyed tours of John Waterman Arnold House, Varnum House, Paine House, and Hearthside House Museum. In June we went to Founder's Brook in Portsmouth, Rhode Island, a place set aside to remember the founders of the Portsmouth Compact and the early roots of Portsmouth life, including Anne Hutchinson and her followers.

Some of us took part at several presentations by Dr. Charlotte Carrington-Farmer, who has been diligently compiling more resources on the lives of Roger Williams and his wife, Mary Barnard, both here and in England. (Be sure to check out Dr. Carrington-Farmer's new book, "Roger Williams and His World: A History in Documents," released this year.) These presentations included retired National Park Ranger John McNiff, who for years has been portraying Roger Williams and bringing the voice of our ancestor to life. Thank you both for keeping the memory of Roger Williams alive.

Sadly, we recently lost our past president David Wordell, and past 2nd vice-president Neil Ross. They will be missed! May they rest in peace among the ancestors!

This is my final year as president. Thank you all for everything you've done to help make this an awesome experience. It was my honor to serve as your president.

I'm looking forward to another wonderful year of adventures and hoping that many of you can join us at these events. It is always a blessing to share our time together as cousins and carry the memory of the deeds and principles of our beloved ancestor, Roger Williams. God Bless!

Trish Woodard, President
Roger Williams Family Association
August 2025

NEW MEMBERS 2024-2025

*Christina M. Anagnost	Turners Falls, MA	Mary
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September 2025 - June 2026

Our meetings are open to the public.

Members are encouraged to bring a friend.

Programs may be subject to cancellation due to severe weather or other unforeseen circumstances. To be added to an email update list, please contact recording-secretary@rogerwilliams.org.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 13, 2025 - 1:00 PM

WILLIAMS FAMILY COOKOUT

Since it's still summer, let's all meet for a cookout at the home of President Trish Woodard. Retired Park Ranger John McNiff will be on hand to talk about Roger Williams. Hamburgers, hot dogs, and homemade baked beans will be provided. Sides or desserts would be appreciated. Don't forget to bring a chair.

RSVP by September 8th to Trish at (401) 330-0314 so she will know how much food will be needed.

GPS: 686 Ten Rod Road, Apt. A, North Kingstown, RI 02852. Please park across the street so we don't block the right of way.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11, 2025 & SUNDAY, OCTOBER 12, 2025

FIRST BAPTIST CHURCH IN AMERICA

250th ANNIVERSARY WEEKEND

Roger Williams founded the First Baptist Church in America in 1638 on the bedrock of religious liberty, with its principles of soul freedom and the separation of church and state, a ministry which continues to this day. The present church building was erected between 1774 and 1775 and held its first meetings in May 1775. This 250th anniversary will be celebrated with a variety of events at the church. On Saturday, activities between 9:00am and 4:00pm will include lectures by various scholars, tours of the meeting house, an art display, and an organ concert. On Sunday, we will attend the Founder's Day Service at 11:00am, followed by lunch at Chelo's Hometown Bar & Grille, 505 Silver Spring Street, Providence, RI 02904.

RSVP by October 4th to Helen Smith at (401) 423-0442 or hhsctc@aol.com.

GPS: First Baptist Church in America, 75 North Main Street, Providence, RI.

SATURDAY, NOVEMBER 15, 2025 - 11:30 AM

TOUR OF JAMESTOWN MUSEUM

Although the museum is only open late May to mid-October, the Jamestown Historical Society is graciously opening its doors to our family group off-season. The museum offers displays on Jamestown's historic

past, including life on the island, the ferries, and visitors such as George Washington and Lafayette. After our tour, we will gather for lunch at the Carriage Inn, 1065 Tower Hill Rd, North Kingstown, RI 02852.

RSVP by November 8th to Helen Smith at (401) 423-0442 or hhsctc@aol.com.

GPS: Jamestown Museum, 92 Narragansett Avenue, Jamestown, RI 02835.

SATURDAY, DECEMBER 13, 2025 - 2:00 PM

TOUR OF PAWTUXET ARMORY & HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

We will begin with a short business meeting, then a brief tour of the armory and a light holiday luncheon. Last year's cookie swap was such fun that many requested another. So dig out your favorite cookie recipe or pick up a dozen or two cookies from your favorite market or bakery to swap. We will all go home with a wonderful selection of cookies to start off the holiday season. Luncheon: \$10 per person.

RSVP by December 6th to Helen Smith at (401) 423-0442 or hhsctc@aol.com.

GPS: Pawtuxet Rangers Armory, 59 Remington Street, Warwick, RI 02888.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18, 2026 - 11:00 AM

TOUR OF NEW ENGLAND WIRELESS & STEAM MUSEUM

Enjoy a tour of this electrical and mechanical engineering museum, featuring working steam engines, an early wireless station, and technology archives. The museum, founded in 1964 and run solely by volunteers, is opening just for our Roger Williams group. Following the tour, we will meet for lunch, a business meeting, and some lively conversation at Gregg's Restaurant, 4120 Quaker Lane, North Kingstown, RI 02852.

RSVP by April 11th to Helen Smith at (401) 423-0442 or hhsctc@aol.com.

GPS: New England Wireless and Steam Museum, 1300 Frenchtown Road, East Greenwich, RI 02818.

SATURDAY, MAY 9, 2026 - 11:00 AM

TOUR OF BETSEY WILLIAMS COTTAGE AND ROGER WILLIAMS PARK MUSEUM

Roger Williams Park was created in 1871 after Betsey Williams bequeathed 102 acres of farmland and woodland to the city of Providence to be used for public purpose. A portion of the gift included land that was shared with our ancestor, Roger Williams, by the Narragansett sachems, Canonicus and Miantonomo. We will visit two of the many park attractions - the Betsey Williams Cottage, for a rare look inside, and the Park Museum, built in 1896 on the highest point in the park. We will meet at the Betsey Williams

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Compiled by Kay Kirlin Moore. Edited by Dorothy Higson White. Braun-Brumfield. 1998. Index. 134 pp.
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The Sayles Line Through His Daughter Mary Williams
Compiled by Dorothy Higson White. Braun-Brumfield. 2002. Index. 516 pp.
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Cottage to begin our tour, then head to historic Federal Hill for lunch at Angelo's Restaurant, 141 Atwells Avenue, Providence, RI 02903.

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GPS: Betsy Williams Cottage, Roger Williams Park, 1000 Elmwood Avenue, Providence, RI. The cottage is on Rose Avenue inside the park.

SATURDAY, JUNE 6, 2026 - 10:00 AM

VISIT TO SALISBURY FARM

This wagon ride adventure will feature strawberry picking, a visit to two historic cemeteries (Johnston Historical Cemeteries #42 - Squire William Salisbury Lot and #43 - Col. Israel Angell Burial Ground) for those looking for ancestors, and a fun ride throughout the farm. Be sure to explore the fresh vegetables and other treats offered at the farm stand. Cost: \$15. We will then meet for lunch at Luigi's Restaurant, 1357 Hartford Avenue, Johnston, RI 02919.

RSVP by May 30th to Helen Smith at (401) 423-0442 or hhsctc@aol.com.

GPS: Salisbury Farm, 11 Peck Hill Road, Johnston, RI 02919.



ROGER WILLIAMS SPRING

Roger Williams founded the settlement of Providence near a fresh spring at the base of a hill at the junction of the Woonasquatucket and Moshassuck Rivers. As the colony grew, the spring provided inadequate water. In 1869, it was walled up and replaced by a pump; in 1892, the site was filled in to accommodate urban development. In 1930, a private citizen bought the property and donated it to the city, which created a small memorial park. In 1965, the Roger Williams National Memorial was established, consisting of a mere 5 acres at the spring site. Location: Roger Williams National Memorial, 282 North Main Street, Providence, RI.

Taken from National Park Service Survey of Historic Sites and Buildings

BETSEY WILLIAMS AND THE CREATION OF ROGER WILLIAMS PARK

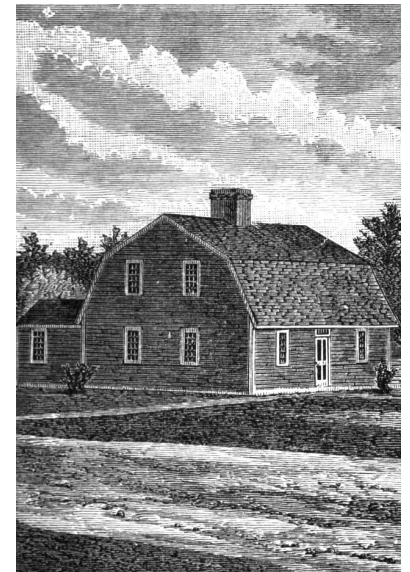
Excerpted from an address by Miss Emily H. Paine, delivered before the Roger Williams Family Association, November 1, 1945.

Having been acquainted with at least five persons who knew Betsey Williams personally, I have always had an interest in her. To refresh our memories on her descent from Roger Williams, she was descended on her mother's side in this manner: Roger, Joseph, Joseph, Mirabah who married Jabez Brown, Mercy Brown [who] married Stephen Waterman, Mary Waterman [who] married James Williams, [the last two being] Betsey's parents. On her father's side, her line was Roger, Joseph, James, Nathaniel, James, and then Betsey. So she was in the sixth generation on her father's side and the seventh on her mother's side.

Betsey has been described as being of medium height and physique ... [and] noted for her lovely Titian red hair.... Although she had considerable money and much land, she lived in a very humble manner. Her sister Rhoda, who was blind in her later years, lived with Betsey and died before she did. ... Their ways of living seemed odd to others, but suited them. They each had their own dishes, one had white sugar, the other brown, one would sweep one half of a room, and the other the rest of it, and so on. They made corn husk mats, and sewed straw.

In Betsey's last illness she was attended by a Mrs. Stone, mother of Mr. David Stone, of Auburn. Mr. Stone's parents started housekeeping in the house on Pontiac Avenue (where Betsey died), and later lived in the Park Cottage just before it was taken over by the City. The last occupant of the cottage was Mr. James Hathaway, at one time Superintendent at the Park. He lived there until 1881.

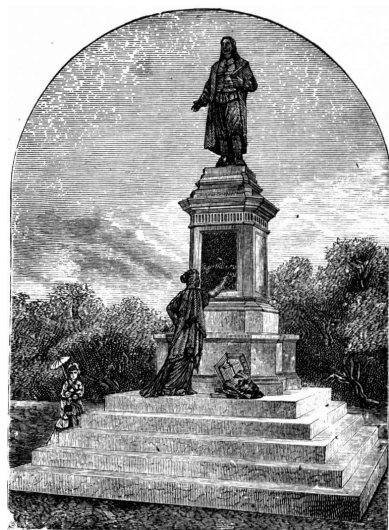
In 1877 a Mr. Joseph Hayward of Pawtuxet bought Betsey's old sleigh from my grandmother, Mrs. Philip S. Paine, and for many years used to drive it to the city at least once a season. Later he gave it to the Park. Each sleigh bell had the initials "B.W." on it. Betsey used to borrow a horse from my grandmother when she used it.



Betsey Williams Cottage

Joseph Cooke, who owned considerable land in the vicinity of Adelaide Avenue, and adjoining hers on the north, was a strong factor in persuading Betsey to leave her farm to the City for a Park. ... Mr. Cooke realized how a nearby park would raise the value of his land. The City Council did not favor the idea very much, but Mr. William Daboll, one of its members, persuaded them to accept it in 1872. The farm was valued at about \$40,000.

The land, comprising the original part of the Park, about 100 acres, came in the possession of Joseph Williams about 1662. He had a large house situated about where Depew Street is now, just off Elmwood Avenue. It has not been in existence for many years. His place remained as farm land, belonging to the family until Betsey died. In her will she left it to the City of Providence, to be used for public purposes only, never to be used for punitive or reformatory purposes, or [for a] hospital for any contagious diseases. No slaughter house, piggery, bone or fat boiling establishment could be placed there. It was to be named Roger Williams Park, or Roger Williams Cemetery, or some similar name, with the provision that a monument costing not less than \$500 be erected to the memory of Roger Williams in the family cemetery, and that the City maintain a proper fence, and keep the grounds in the enclosure in good order. The statue, near the Betsey Williams cottage, was designed by Franklin Simmons of Maine, and was unveiled in 1877. It shows a bronze figure representing Roger Williams, holding a book in his left hand with the words "Soul Liberty" "1636" inscribed on it, and with his right hand spread open as if making a gesture as he declaimed those words. On the marble base is the bronze figure of a woman representing "Liberty," [some also say it is Clio, muse of History] writing the words "Roger Williams, 1636."



Roger Williams Monument

On the 50th anniversary of Betsey's death in 1921, exercises were held in the Park, with the then mayor Gainer and members of the Roger Williams Family Association participating. ...

Betsey is buried in the family plot in the Park with other members of her immediate family.

Roger Williams Park today is one of the principal recreational assets of the City of Providence. It was landscaped by the famous Frederic Law Olmstead, and has a museum of natural history, a Planetarium, a Zoo, and other recreational facilities. About two dozen Williams descendants in addition to Betsey are buried in the family plot mentioned above.

Emily Paine, author of the above, was a very faithful member of the Roger Williams Family Association. She was an accomplished cellist; her sister Bessie was an accomplished pianist. On many occasions, and especially at the Christmas parties, they provided delightful music at meetings of the Association.

DONATIONS REQUESTED

The Clifton Burial Ground at 17 King Street in Newport, Rhode Island was established in 1670. Many well-known Rhode Islanders are buried there, including Roger Williams' daughter, Freeborn Williams Clarke (circa 1634 - 1710) and her daughter, Mary Clarke Cranston (circa 1663 - 1710), who was the wife of Gov. Samuel Cranston. Their stone is in serious need of repair and the cemetery commission is looking for donations to help with the restoration, estimated at \$3,000. If you would like to help with this important restoration project, please send your check, made out to "Roger Williams Family Association" and noting the cemetery project, to our treasurer, Frank Stevenson, 142 George Allen Road, Chepachet, RI 02814.

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