

THE SECOND BAPTIST CHURCH OF RICHMOND
SHANNOCK, RHODE ISLAND

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By
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A finance committee was appointed to accept funds for the building project. These men were: Rev. Cornell, John Hopkins, and J. E. Lanphear. Twenty-six meetings of considerable length, and a much larger number of informal meetings were held, regarding the building.

The reports of the building committee were accepted, and the committee was to proceed to erect the building, and finish it off as they thought best. However it was suggested that the audience room be finished with open timbered ceiling, and the Sunday-school room be lathed and plastered or sealed. The foundation work was completed under the direction of the committee. The contract was awarded to S. E. Card, who began the work in August 1901 and completed his part of the work in December of the same year so that the first religious service in the new house was held on the Sunday before Christmas. The furnishings were completed in January 1902 and the new church was dedicated to the service of God on February 12, just one year and two days after the destruction of the old church by fire.

The two committees appointed had consolidated into one as they were so closely allied and worked together in utmost harmony as they stated in their final report. The development of differences of views was inevitable, but the differences were never allowed to degenerate into personal ill feeling but rather into mutual esteem. Sufficient funds were collected to pay all bills for building and furnishings, leaving a small balance.

The financial report showed a total of \$5581.71 collected (this included the insurance money) plus many items necessary for church use. The total expenses were \$5571.41 leaving a balance of \$10.30.

The cost of having the bell recast and mounted cost \$66.00. The pews cost \$441.24 plus \$29.76 for freight. The organ, which many of the older members remember, was purchased for \$259.00. The complete report is of great interest to all connected with the church but too lengthy to include in full. There were a total number of 169 subscribers to the building fund and all who gave above \$10.00 were named. There were 37 ten dollar gifts; 66 five dollar gifts and 32 less than five dollars. Churches donating to the cause were Hope Valley, Wickford, Quidnessett, Point Judith and First Newport.

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In January 1908 the church voted to accept \$500.00 from the N.Y., N.H. and Hartford Railroad in payment for damage to church property caused by raising the grade of the highway in front of the church.

In 1910 (Jan.), the church voted to accept the offer of Rev. Warren Dawley of \$10.00 for the Old Meeting House lot, and Charles S. Weaver was appointed to transact the business.

The membership in 1913 totaled 85 and Rev. Mr. Kenney supplied the pulpit for that year.

In January 1916 Mr. G. H. Clarke had the church wired for electric lights at the cost of \$56.00. The church extended a vote of thanks to Mr. Clarke for his gift.

The parsonage was rented out in 1918 for \$7.50 per month.

In April 1925 a call was extended to Rev. L. W. Champrey. Rev. J. Francis Russell was acting pastor Jan. 1934. Jan. 1942 Mr. Robert Eeltz was serving as pastor. Another pastor mentioned is Herman L. Pitzer who resigned in Oct. 1951. He was followed by Mr. Richard Bennett, a student at Providence Bible Institute.

In November 1941 it was voted to sell the parsonage and lot to Octavia Panciera and wife Dora for \$1800. C. S. Weaver was in charge of the transaction.

There was some discussion about moving the church building to another location in March 1947. It was decided not to do so at that time. However, Charles S. Weaver was named a committee of one to confer with the N.Y., N.H. & Hartford Railroad to consider damage done to church property by said Railroad by taking land of said church. Negotiations were made and in April 1947 the Second Baptist Church of Richmond, Shannock, R.I. did, in consideration of the sum of \$2,000., relinquish all claim and title to a strip of land to the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad Company, the reason being that the Railroad needed to lessen the curve of tracks at that point. The deed was drawn up and the boundaries recorded. The strip of land contained 3,820 square feet more or less.

It was voted to buy a Timken Oil burner and have it installed in the church in May 1948.

Mr. Loren Cook of New Milford, Pa., assumed the pastorate on June 1st. 1953. He was ordained in his home church in New Milford Jan. 1954. Rev. and Mrs. Cook moved to Shannock and he became the first pastor to be living in the field in twenty years. During his first year as pastor, nine new members were added to the church. Three new Sunday-school rooms were made downstairs, and table and chairs were made for the primary department.

(To be continued)

CEMETERIES IN THE TOWN OF RICHMOND, R. I.

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NUMBER (To date the following cemeteries have not been marked)

Baggs	Switch Road
Hoxie	Switch Road
Hoxie-Kenyon	Switch Road
Brown	Route 95
Enos	Switch Road
Wilbur	Alton
Essex	Carolina Reservation
Tefft	Back of DeGannett's
Tefft	Wilbur Hill Road
Teft	Buttonwoods Road
Unknown	Baker Pines
Unknown	Trail from New London Turnpike to Dawley Park
Jesse Reynold's	Dr. Young's (New London Turnpike)
Unknown	Dr. Young's
Hoyle	Henry Hoyle's Farm
Prosser	Kenyon Trail
Foster	Kenyon Trail
Unknown	Cal Edward's (pasture)
Unknown	Back of Scudder's
Barber	Punchbowl Trail
Gardner James	Hillsdale/James Trail
Bailey	B ailey Hill
Kenyon	Routes 138 & 95
Unknown	Back of Slocum's
Unknown	Near Moore Cemetery on Hillsdale Road
Joseph Tefft	Wilbur Hill
Wright	Corey Trail
Unknown	Back of H alsey Kenyon's
Peter Boss	On Hollis Chase Farm
Unknown	Back of Dziekonski's
Unknown	Rt. 138 s.s.between Luke Clark and Clark Tefft

(Located East Side of New London Turnpike in Tug Hollow)

WELLS REYNOLDS, died February 15, 1868. Age 84 years.

ELIZABETH, wife of WELLS REYNOLDS, died June 9, 1868.
Age 76 years, 8 months.

SALLY M. daughter of ELIZABETH AND WELLS REYNOLDS, drowned
July 15, 1818. Age 2 years.

ROBERT A., son of CLARK AND ALZADA W. REYNOLDS, died
May 11, 1852. Age 5 years, 2 months.

MARY, daughter of ROBERT AND JEANNIE REYNOLDS, died 1824.
Age 32 years.

Mr. HANNAH, widow of Mr. REYNOLDS, DIED
July 23, 1819. Age 52 years.

ROBERT REYNOLDS, died August 29, 1844. Age 84 years.

JOSEPH, died May 8, 1854. Age 24 years.

BENJAMIN, died at Payla, 1869. Age 25 years.
Sons of ROBERT AND SARAH REYNOLDS.

Infant daughter, died October 1828.

Infant son, died June 1832.

Children of SARAH REYNOLDS.

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NEXT RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN MEETING

The twenty-third Town Meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held Tuesday evening, April 14th, at 8 P.M., in the private home of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dawley, West Shannock Road, Shannock, R.I. The Dawleys will show and tell about their collection of ANTIQUUE BOTTLES. Also Yvonne is making some of her delectable pies for refreshments. How can this possibly fail to be an interesting and tasty evening!

COLLATION COMMITTEE

Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dawley wish to furnish refreshments for the above meeting and so the persons scheduled for this meeting will be used at another time. This will be a break for Hope Blaine, the Melvin Taylors, and the Jesse Cottrells!

NEXT FIELD TRIP

The next field trip of the Richmond Historical Society will take place on Sunday, April 5th, at which time Paul DeGannett will take us on a tour around the Wilbur Hill area near his home. This is along the old stage coach road, near several interesting cemeteries including Teffts, near the birthplace of the famous architect Thomas A. Tefft, and Earl Brunskill thinks he has found another Indian Stationary mortar near or on the Fairgrounds of the Washington Pomona Grange. The group will meet at the Richmond Town Hall at 2 P.M. Wear comfortable warm clothing and walking shoes or boots and bring your camera.

NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The Executive Council meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held at the home of Lucy Rawlings Tootell on Wednesday evening, April 22nd at 8 P.M.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Leibert, Usquepaugh, R.F.D. West Kingston, R.I.

Mrs. Mery Panciera, Carolina, R. I.

FIELD TRIP TO WILLIAMSBURG

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Remember first come - first served.

More specific data next month.

We will visit Battle field of Bull Run

COMING

Lack of space is the reason why there is nothing on the History of the Second Baptist Church, Paul DeGannett's talk, and gifts to the Historical Society. Watch for next month's news letter.

FIELD TRIP TO WILLIAMSBURG - August 6, 1970

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The four day field trip to Williamsburg, Virginia will include visiting the site of the First Battle of Bull Run. Many Rhode Island boys played an important part in this opening battle of the Civil War, including Isaac P. Rodman of South Kingstown, R. I., and our Richmond, R.I. Hero, COL. JOHN STANTON SLOCUM who gave his life for the cause during this engagement.

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The following letter from Captain Rodman (Narragansett Times, August 2, 1861) who was in charge of Company E, Rhode Island Second Regiment, later Rhode Island's most outstanding native born Civil War Hero, known as Brigadier General Isaac P. Rodman, South Kingstown, R. I.. He was mortally wounded at the Battle of Antietam on September 17, and died September 30, 1862, being the first person to ever lie in state at the old Providence State House. (Narragansett Times, October 10, 1862, p.2)

At the time this letter was written, the Second Rhode Island Volunteers were under the command of COL. JOHN STANTON SLOCUM who was born in Richmond, Rhode Island. (Read RICHMOND HISTORY, Vol. I - page 69)

RHODE ISLAND SECOND REGIMENT

COMPANY E IN THE BATTLE OF BULL RUN

(Letter from Captain Rodman - The Narragansett Times, Aug.2,1861)

"On Saturday evening, July 20th, we got our rations at about seven o'clock, with orders to be in line at 2 o'clock A.M. Sunday morning. We turned into our huts and at 2 o'clock we aroused, turned out and formed line at half-past two A.M., and started for the rear of the Junction, it being the object of our brigade to turn the enemy's flank.

Our brigade consisted of 2d Rhode Island regiment and battery, 1st Rhode Island, 2d New Hampshire, and 71st New York regiments. We were in the advance, and after marching several miles we came to a heavy timbered woods where company A., Capt. Dyer, and we advanced as skirmishers. Through the woods we continued to advance without anything worthy of note until we had made, I should judge, some twelve miles from our camp, and then halted at a ford of a river for an hour.

Col. Hunter, who was with us, then said to Col. Burnside, "It is about time to advance."

We then heard three heavy guns in quick succession, and reformed column for the advance. We had proceeded about a $\frac{1}{4}$ mile, when the Colonel seemed to get uneasy on account of not hearing from our right skirmishers, Company A. He then detached Company F to the right and Company E to the left, under orders
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to extend 300 yards into the woods. We went into the woods on the left of our position, and had proceeded about half a mile or perhaps not quite as much, the position being as follows: Company A in advance, Company F on the right, and Company E on the left.

(Diagram in the letter shows the road with thick woods on the left and an open field on the right. Co. A in advance, Co. F extending into the fields on the right, and Co. E into woods on the left, and the regiment in the road in the following order: Company G, K, C, H, D, B, and Battery of 1st regiment.)

	<u>CO. A</u> (in advance) Capt. Dyer	
<u>CO. E</u> (woods) Capt. Rodman		<u>CO. F</u> (open field) Capt. Tower
	<u>CO. G</u> (Capt. Goff)	
	<u>CO. K</u> (Capt. Turner)	
	<u>CO. C</u> (Color Guard) (Capt. Viall)	
	<u>CO. H</u> (Capt. Greene)	
	<u>CO. D</u> (Capt. Steere)	
	<u>CO. B</u> (Capt. Wright)	
	<u>BATTERY OF 1ST. REGIMENT</u> (Capt. Tompkins)	

At this moment Serg. Dixon came running up to me, being in the centre of the skirmish, supported by 2d Lieut. Church, with Lieut. Reed on the right, saying "Captain, I see the enemy!"

I advanced quickly to the edge of the woods, where there were some 400 or 500 Zouaves. I think they were they who had turned the left of Capt. Dyer's company, and were on a double quick step to get by our left, which would have brought them into the woods against the centre of our regiment, and they would have shot our men down from behind the trees like sheep.

Company E, at the order, "Rally to the left," came on the run to the fence, and at the order, "Fire and over, boys," about thirty-five (all who had come up) went over into the field with a yell. The second platoon, with Lieut. Reed, came bounding on, and down we went on to them shouting and firing as fast as we could. Although not more than sixty men had then got up, they broke and ran to the brow of the hill, dropped behind it and laid down. Our boys came up like regulars, and our firing was with great precision. When all were brave boys I cannot say who was THE most brave. The encounter lasted about ten minutes.

On looking round Col. Slocum was observed running down towards us, and the second regiment with the battery, followed by the first regiment on the run. We maintained our position for
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forty-five minutes, until we had driven them across the swamp on their front.

Our ammunition was all exhausted, but thank God, we did not know it until the 69th New York regiment came to our support. With a rush they charged and drove the enemy before them, but before this we lost two or three fires by the enemy showing a flag with the Stars and Stripes, and the first regiment thought they were our party; the flag being painted as a true one - one side theirs and one federal.

The orders then came for the Rhode Islanders to retire. We had gained the day and the others would finish the work. Our batteries had come into action, and we were driving them before us. We took two or three batteries in quick succession and our batteries following up. The first and second lying down in the woods exhausted, for it was hot work I can tell you.

The brave Slocum fell by the side of William H. Nichols, and Major Ballou just behind us.

Gov. Spragues's horse was shot from under him about twenty feet from the right of our company - so you can see that we were not in the most sheltered place in the world.

Thus we stood till towards night, when orders came for the first and second R. I. Regiments to fall in to protect the batteries. As the fortune of the day now depended on us of the 8000 or 9000 men McDowell had there, we marched out into the field and formed in front of 20,000 of the enemy, (we had less than 1500 men). We were quickly supported by two or three other regiments, when with a chill came the word that the batteries were out of ammunition and we must retreat. We retired into the woods in good order."

KILLED IN ACTION:

(The Narragansett Times, July 26, 1861)

Corporal Stephen Holland: shot in the thigh & bled to death
Private William H. Nichols: shot through the body. Died instantly
Henry L. Jaques: killed on field of battle
John Clark: killed on the field of battle
Isaac Clark Rodman: died in hospital

WOUNDED:

Corporal Henry C. Dixon: a minnie musket ball through his arm
Private James P. Dockrey: wounded in the elbow

MISSING:

Lieutenant Isaac M. Church: later found to have been taken prisoner. At one time pastor of the Baptist Church, Wakefield, R.I.

Corporal Esek B. Smith: wounded and taken prisoner-carried to Richmond, Virginia where he died.

Richmond, R.I.

TEFFT CEMETERY NO. 65

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(Located approximately $\frac{1}{2}$ mile in back of Paul DeGannett's house, on the Marshall Farm - to date has no historical marker.)

BENJAMIN TEFFT, died November 10, 1848. Age 19 years.

ALSE ANN, daughter of BENJAMIN AND ELIZABETH TEFFT.

SAMUEL A., son of BENJAMIN AND ELIZABETH TEFFT, died August 28, 1842. Age 19 years.

ELIZABETH TEFFT, died June 1810. Age years.

MARY G., daughter of BENJAMIN AND ELIZABETH TEFFT, died May 19, 1842. Age 21 years.

CAROLINE F. TEFFT, died, December 29, 1850.

CLARK, son of BENJAMIN AND ELIZABETH TEFFT, died Sept. 1, 1864, Age 29 years, 6 months.

JULIA E., wife of CLARK TEFFT, daughter of STEPHEN S. AND ELISA KENYON, died March 1862.

SAMUEL A. TEFFT., died November 7, 1820. Age 43 years.

SARAH, widow of SAMUEL A. TEFFT. Died September 13, 1839. Age 66 years.

Miss BRIDGET TEFFT, daughter of EDWARD AND NANCY TEFFT, died April 12, 1866. Age 59 years.

ALSENA, daughter of EDWARD AND NANCY TEFFT, died February 9, 1889. Age 67 years.

There are about 30 other field stone marked graves.

Richmond, R.I.

CEMETERY NO. 3

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GARDINER- SISSON LOT

(Located on Gardiner Road)

JOSEPH H. GARDNER, 1859 - 1935

JOSEPHINE S., wife of JOSEPH H. GARDNER, 1864 - 1934

JAMES C., son of JAMES AND MARGARET SISSON, died February 27, 1858. Age 26 years.

Mrs. ELIZABETH, wife of DEACON CLARKE SISSON, died August 21, 1853. Age 77 years.

DEACON CLARKE SISSON, died December 20, 1848. Age 78 years.

JAMES C. SISSON, died June 19, 1864. Age 61 years, 9 months, 3 days.

MARGARET G. SISSON, died April 5, 1861. Age 56 years, 4 months, 19 days.

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NEXT RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY TOWN MEETING

The twenty-fourth meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held Tuesday evening, May 12th, at 8 P.M., in the Richmond Town Hall. In honor of Rhode Island Heritage Month's theme RHODE ISLAND AND THE SEA, Captain Marcus Whitford will bring his tape made at the time he was on the THIS IS YOUR LIFE program and will also show his valuable Japanese sword. The public is always welcome at these meetings.

SECOND ANNUAL EXHIBIT

Visitors at the above meeting will have an opportunity to see the exhibit on display by the Richmond Historical Society which will continue from Wednesday May 13th through Saturday May 16th from 2 to 5 P.M. or by special appointment.

Members and friends are invited to contribute to this exhibit. Bring your items of interest to the Town Hall on Sunday or Monday from 1 to 5 P.M. Anything pertaining to history will be acceptable.

COLLATION COMMITTEE

The Collation Committee for the next town meeting will be: Mr. & Mrs. Allan Warren, Co-Chairmen; Hope Blaine and Mr. & Mrs. Melvin Taylor.

See Volume I-page 11 for instructions.

NEXT FIELD TRIP

In honor of RHODE ISLAND AND THE SEA the next field trip of the Richmond Historical Society will take place on Sunday May 24th. Members and friends are invited to meet at the Richmond Town Hall at 2 P.M. and take a tour of RHODE ISLAND'S UNPOLLUTED STREAM - BEAVER RIVER. Wear comfortable shoes and bring your camera.

NEXT EXECUTIVE COUNCIL MEETING

The Executive Council meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be held at the home of Lucy Rawlings Tootell on Wednesday evening, May 27th at 8 P.M.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE FOR ANNUAL MEETING IN JUNE

The nominating committee for the third annual meeting of the Richmond Historical Society will be: Hope Blaine, Chairman; Frank Dawley; and Virginia Arnold.

RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY FIELD TRIP TO WILLIAMSBURG

Do not miss the information and reservation form to be found elsewhere in this News Letter. Please note that the deadline for the Society members is June 1, 1970. After that seats will be made available to the public. Don't miss the fun!!

MISS WINNIE DAVIS DEAD

Miss Winnie Davis, daughter of Mrs. Jefferson Davis and so widely known and beloved in the Southern States of the Union as THE DAUGHTER OF THE CONFEDERACY, died at eleven o'clock Sunday morning at the Rockingham hotel, to which place she came as a guest in the early weeks of the summer. Several weeks ago her ailment was diagnosed as malarial gastritis. At times her condition became very serious, so that consultations of physicians were deemed necessary, but frequent rallies gave renewed hope that she would ultimately recover.

A week previous to her death her condition was considered favorable, and it was thought that her removal from the hotel would be possible in a few days, as the hotel had closed for the season, leaving the patient and Mrs. Davis and the attendants practically alone in the house. On Saturday night, however, a relapse in Miss Davis' condition was noticed, and through the night she lost strength perceptibly. Sunday morning the physicians said that the end was not far off, and at noon death came to end the suffering which at times had been intense.

Mrs. Davis had watched unremittingly at her daughter's bedside and she is bowed with sorrow.

Miss Varina Anne Davis, generally known as Miss WINNIE DAVIS, the second daughter of Jefferson Davis, ex-president of the Southern Confederacy, was born in Richmond, Virginia, on June 27, 1864. She was called affectionately in the South THE DAUGHTER OF THE CONFEDERACY. After the war concluded, on Jefferson Davis' return to his family, they visited Canada, Cuba, various parts of the South and Europe, and then settled in Memphis, Tenn., where Miss Winnie remained until 1877. In that year she went to Carlsruhe, Germany, to remain there five years. She then went to Paris, France, and there attended a boarding school. There, also, she was later joined by her parents. She completed her time in study. Leaving Paris with her parents, she went to New Orleans, La., where in the following spring Miss Davis made her entrance into society at the Mardi Gras ball. The family shortly afterward was invited to visit Alabama, and were received there with great enthusiasm. They extended their tour to Atlanta, Georgia, and it was there that Governor Gordon presented Miss Davis to the people as THE DAUGHTER OF THE CONFEDERACY.

Miss Davis was sent to Paris shortly afterward by her physician's advice, and was lying ill there at the time of her father's death. On her return she made her home at Beauvoir, Mississippi, the family residence since 1879.

Miss Davis recently gave evidence of literary talent, contributing to a number of periodicals. She was an accomplished musician, a skilled linguist, a ready writer and a most attractive type of the Southern woman of intelligence, culture and refinement.

On Wednesday afternoon many residents of the Pier viewed the remains of the deceased in the hotel parlors. Many beautiful floral pieces were being sent during the week. On Thursday

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morning the remains were conveyed to the railroad station, where a funeral car of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company was in waiting to convey the body and those escorting it to Richmond, Virginia, where the funeral services are to be held on Friday. The bearers who escorted the body to the depot were John P. Case, R.A. Harrall, David Hudson, S.H. Hale, George F. Holland and Thomas L. Reilly, members of the Sedgwick post.

The offer of commander Case and the acceptance of Mrs. Davis are herewith printed:

"Headquarters Sedgwick Post G.A.R. of
Wakefield, Sept. 21, '98.

In behalf of the officers and members of our post, I wish to offer the services of four of our members to escort the remains of your daughter from the hotel to the railroad station.

Respectfully,
J.P. Case, Commander"

Mrs. Davis' reply was as follows:

"Narragansett Pier, Sept. 21, 1898

In memory of our pleasant sojourn in Rhode Island and the cordiality of the whole population with whom we have come in contact, I accept with gratitude your kind offer.

Mrs. G. Jefferson Davis"

General John B. Gordon of Georgia, commander-in-chief, United Confederate Veterans, Monday issued the following order:

"To the United Confederate Veterans - The commanding General with a sorrow which no words can express, announces the death of Miss Winnie Davis, the idolized DAUGHTER OF THE CONFEDERACY. The boundless enthusiasm which was evoked by her every appearance at our re-unions indicated the depth of affection and the unfeigned admiration which all Confederates felt for her. It is not too much to say that the ovations with which she has everywhere been greeted by the ex-soldiers of the Southern armies, were such as have rarely been accorded any woman. Their grief at her untimely death will be as profound and poignant as their love for her while living was universal and sincere, and their most affectionate sympathies are with the grief-stricken mother.

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The commanding General directs that the department and division commanders select delegations and escorts of honor as they may deem proper to represent the United Confederate Veterans and to accompany the remains to the final resting place.

By order of J.B. Gordon
General Commanding

George Morgan
Adjutant General."

On page of the same newspaper it reads:

"Another act in the stronger uniting of the North and the South was that of Grand Army men of South Kingstown acting as bearers and escort to the remains of the daughter of Jefferson Davis. Time brings about scenes of which one never dreams.

Narragansett Times, Sept. 30, 1898, page 5

THE CASKET FOR WINNIE DAVIS

The elegant casket used at Narragansett Pier for the late daughter of Mrs. Jefferson Davis of Richmond, Virginia, was manufactured at the establishment of the Clarke Manufacturing Company, 50 Asburton Street, Providence. The casket was covered and draped with a fine quality of black silk plush, with heavy silver extension handles on both sides. On the inside was a copper metallic case lined with white satin in tufting of fine quality. The inside of the whole top was also lined with the same. The outside case was also very elaborate, the whole being the most expensive burial case the company has ever manufactured.
- Prov. News.

The casket was furnished through John P. Case, funeral director of this town.

THE MUSEUM OF THE CONFEDERACY

Winnie Davis was born and lived in this historic building which served as the official residence of Confederate President Jefferson Davis during the War Between the States. Since 1896 it has housed the Confederate Museum and has been the headquarters of the Confederate Memorial Literary Society. During the Civil War the White House of the Confederacy became a social as well as a political center. On the second floor, in the President's private office, the Confederate Cabinet met regularly. Receptions were frequent during the first two years of the war. It now houses a voluminous military collection as well as several rooms outfitted in the high-styled victorian period when the Davis's resided there. This building will be visited on the Richmond Historical Society Field Trip to Williamsburg in August.

ITINERARY OF RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY FIELD TRIP

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- Aug. 6, 1970 - Thursday
- Richmond Town Hall, Richmond, R.I. to Fredericksburg, Virginia
 - Tour of Fredericksburg
 - Stay at Sheraton-Frederick Motor Inn
- Aug. 7, 1970 - Friday
- Visit Museum of the Confederacy in Richmond, Virginia
 - Guided tour of Williamsburg
 - Stay at John Yancey Motor Hotel
- Aug. 8, 1970
- Visit Jamestown
 - Visit Carter Plantation
or
Spend morning in Williamsburg
 - Visit Manasses (Battle of Bull Run)
 - Stay in Washington, D.C.
 - Starlight tour of Washington, D.C.
- Aug. 9, 1970
- Washington, D.C. to Rhode Island
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JOIN THE RICHMOND HISTORICAL SOCIETY

The Richmond Historical Society invites one and all to join the Society and share in the fun and congeniality of the group. Simply MAIL \$3.00 family membership dues to Treasurer Charles Edmonds, Carolina, R. I. and you are in for a good time.

FAT INTELLECTUALS

All members and guests who attended the last town meeting at the home of Mr. & Mrs. Frank Dawley came away with more knowledge and more pounds around the wastline. How could this meeting have failed to be a big success!! Frank's Museum of antique bottles so skillfully displayed in his garage and the delectable home made pastries cooked by Yvonne had an appeal to all the senses and non-senses!! What a night! Frank and Yvonne - you were both dolls to have us. We also want to thank your son Master Dawley as many of the bottles in the collection were unearthed by him. It was a most marvelous time! Thanks again!

PHYSICAL FITNESS

Lest anyone thinks that local history programs can be dull and the same, meeting after meeting, I have news for you! On the Field trip last month, Paul DeGannett took the group on a rigorous tour along the Wilbor Hill Turnpike and into the woods, following old paths no longer decernable to the naked eye - its a good thing we all trusted Paul - the rest of us would have been soon lost. What I marvel at is how these hikers in the deep woodlands have no regard for bull briars - they wade through them as if they were not thereat all. This is tough on sweaters and skin, I can tell you. Again we had a sumptuous repast at the DeGannett's home. This was another marvelous experience, and another friendly, gracious couple. I enjoy these trips because I get to know local history, but better yet, I am getting to know local people. This is nice!