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Frederick R. Rice - Arlington, Mass.	1961-1963
William H. Hoefler - Geneva, N. Y.	1964-1965
Ray Lowther Ellis - Cambridge, Mass.	1966-1967

PAST PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE I am delighted with the nomination and election of the very capable people chosen to continue the administration of our Association. Certainly I shall be ready to assist them in my limited capacity when they need me.

I am indeed grateful to the many, many people in the Association who have assisted me in the past two years. The officers especially have been very patient and cooperative with me in my administration.

Of great help to me and to the organization has been John A. Bigelow, the Treasurer this year, who so expertly has remodelled and brought up-to-date the whole method of handling our finances.

Miss Jeneve M. Melvin, Secretary, has been most generous with her time, her skills and her enthusiasm that not only I, but all have found it a pleasure to know and work with her.

And we all are greatly indebted to Frederick R. Rice, Historian, and his wife Wilna Carolyn. Their accomplishments, their dedication and their faithfulness to the cause of the Association and the preparation of family records is beyond my capacity with words to express.

PAST-PRES. Being elected chairman of the Publishing Committee, I have
 MESSAGE chosen a committee to advise and assist me in publishing
 CONTI. the "Supplement to Andrew H. Ward's RICE FAMILY" of 1858.
 Members of the committee are; Edgar W. Rice (President),
 Miss Jeneve M. Melvin (Secretary), Edmund T. Rice (Treasurer) and Mrs.
 J. Edward Vivian.

The book, compiled by the Historian, is already in the hands of the
 printer and will run around 100 pages. Considerable work, upon the part
 of the printer, must take place before the actual printing begins, there-
 fore the book is not expected before the end of the year. In order not to
 become involved in Christmas mail a tentative date of January 1968 has
 been set for its issuance. See order blank on last page of this letter.
 signed Ray Lowther Ellis

PRESIDENT'S As we begin our 330th year, we find the Association in good
 MESSAGE shape in all respects. This happy circumstances was not
 arrived at by luck, but rather by the dedicated efforts of
 a relatively small group. I am sure we all extend our thanks to these
 faithful cousins, but let us do more - let us help them in every way we
 can!

signed Edgar W. Rice, President

LIFE In appreciation for her many years of faithful service to
 MEMBER the Edmund Rice (1638) Association, as Secretary-Treasurer,
 it was voted at the annual meeting to grant her a life-
 membership in the Association. The members will long remember her dedi-
 cation and her delightful personality. May we continue to enjoy her
 presence at our meetings, for many years to come.

WEDDING Frederick R. and Wilna Carolyn Rice will celebrate their
 ANNIVERSARY Golden Wedding Anniversary in November. They were married
 in Cambridge, Massachusetts on Thanksgiving Day, however it
 (their anniversary) will never fall on it again. In 1917 Thanksgiving
 Day fell on the fifth Thursday, since then Congress decreed it should be
 on the fourth.

HELPING Members and friends of the Association often write that they
 HANDS wish they could help, but, living so far away ----- With
 Rices living in all parts of the country there are frequently
 items in the newspapers about us. Take a minute to clip out the item,
 and send, with name and date of paper, to the Historian

If you are searching vital records (outside Mass. and Vermont) copy off
 the items about Rice's. A telephone call to Rice's listed in the tele-
 phone book might turn-up some missing cousins. Who says you cannot help!

ANNUAL Annual dues in the amount of \$2.00 per person should be mailed
 DUES to the Secretary, Miss Jeneve M. Melvin. It goes without say-
 ing the the dues pay the postage, cost of News Letters and
 other necessary expenses. We have no salaried personnel.

FINANCIAL
STATEMENT

The following is a summary of the Auditors report after check-
the Treasurer's books:

Balance in the checking account			\$749.96
Savings Account	Bal. 14 Oct 1966	\$1929.49	
	Dividends	40.75	
	Deposits	200.00	
	Total at time of audit	\$ 2170.24	\$2170.24
Special Savings Account (Escrow Book Fund)			
	Bal. 14 Oct 1966	\$2752.94	
	Deposits	205.00	
	Dividend 1 Jan 1967	33.01	
	Total in Escrow	\$2990.95	\$2990.95
Total cash assets			\$5911.15

PUBLISHING
FUND

Members and Friends of the Association are urged to give serious
consideration to our plight of wanting to issue a new genealogy,
but lacking funds with which to achieve this goal.

We have in mind a page listing all sponsors sending in substantial sums.

A page "In Memoriam" where money is sent in the name of a deceased member.

All monies sent for the "Book Fund" will be placed in the escrow account and
used only for the new genealogy. We may yet have to appeal for non-interest
loans to finish this project. For proper recording all money should be sent
through the Secretary, Miss Jeneve M. Melvin.

NEW

The annual reunion was held on 30 Sept. 1967 and met at noon.

DESCENDANT

At 12.02 Jeffrey Wayne Regan was born weighing 8lb, 15 oz. the
son of John Walter and Nancy (Rice) Regan, Sr. Their excuse for
not attending, as well as that of the grandparents, has been accepted.

HISTORIAN'S
REPORT

The Historian's report covered not only his activities but that
of his wife, Wilna Carolyn. They had been busy all Summer on the
lineages at hand. That he had written over 90 letters asking for
further details or answering questions. That the finished material had been
filed and that his records were as near complete as it is possible to have
them.

With respect to the New Genealogy it now requires listing, by generations,
in proper form for the printer, as well as typing off the index. Cross refer-
ence cards have been made under the husband's name as we went along so it
will not be too large a task to compile the index. Our greatest problem
is financing the new book.

In these News Letters we have been carrying several pages devoted to things
found belonging in Ward's book, such as additional children, marriages, dates,
deaths and a few corrections. The Historian has worked this material up to
the end of Ward's book and requested the Association to have it printed in a
more permanent form.

HISTORIAN'S REPORT
 conti.- Andrew Ward listed some 6276 persons in his book on the RICE FAMILY written in 1858. We have found over 500 more names that should have been included in his book. He assigned a family number (234) where there was a marriage and children for this new family and carried them on under the new number. Ward had assigned 1293 family numbers. While not continuing the system of assigning family numbers we do indicate by an asterick (*) in over 950 cases where couples have families that will appear in the new genealogy, when printed.

At the Reunion the Association voted to issue a supplement to Ward's book and appointed a Publication Committee, headed by Past-President Ray Lowther Ellis. The Supplement will NOT carry information beyond Ward's book. More details will be forthcoming when the Committee knows more about when the book can be finished and ready for distribution.

With the supplement issued the News Letters can then serve another useful purpose of listing new members, space for those seeking missing ancestors, news items about our members and perhaps a bit of history for the Historian's files.

ENGLISH TRIP In October 1966 our Director (now Vice Pres.) Erwin R. McLaughlin and wife were in England where they took a series of pictures around the ancestral homeland of Deacon Edmund. Those attending the Annual Reunion were treated to an illustrated talk and saw pictures of St Gregory's Church, where Edmund was baptised, St Mary's Church, where he was married on 15 Oct 1618 and other pictures of towns mentioned in connection with him.

In addition to visiting these ancestral places Mr. and Mrs. McLaughlin attempted to verify some of the genealogical information that has come down to us. At Sudbury, Eng.. they were told that all the early church records had been turned over to the County Archivist at Bury St. Edmunds.

At the County Archives Office the attendant secured from the vaults several groups of papers, each rolled up and tied with string. These were the original records, the writing faded but legible and much of it written in Latin. The pages of various sizes and some on parchment were quite fragile. The sheets tended to stay tightly rolled and thus were difficult to handle. Mr. McLaughlin goes on to say "we soon decided that we were too inexperienced to handle such important aged records and not properly equiped to continue a real search through them".

EDITOR'S NOTE On February 21, 1967 a group from the Genealogical Society of the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints left for London to microfilm records in England, Scotland, Ireland and Wales. Thirteen microfilmers will be working and it is expected the work will take from one to three years.

Your Editor wrote to the Society in Salt Lake City outlining the findings of Mr. McLaughlin at Bury St. Edmunds and asking whether these records could be included in their work. Their findings might help solve some of the mystery surrounding Edmund's ancestors.

THOSE Franklin B. Rice #4519 (Rice Gene) had an advertisement in the
 GOOD OLD Vermont Standard, back in the 1870's, that read like this:
 DAYS! F. B. Rice, Resident Dentist - Office over Palmer and Smith's
 Shoe Store, Woodstock, Vermont. Having all the improvement
 for the manufacturing of teeth in hand, I shall hereafter insert full
 sets of teeth - upper and lower for \$25.00. Fill a cavity with gold \$1.00
 or with silver for 50 cents. Extracting 25 cents Killing nerve with
 my world renowned paste 25 cents.

HELP In our files is a letter written by Alfred Dexter French back
 NEEDED in January 1935. The remarkable thing about this letter is
 the fact the writer had just passed his 94th birthday, he was
 bedridden and could only write for short periods at a time while flat on
 his back. He was a son of Catherine Rice #2761 (Rice Gene) and Alanson A.
 French, born 13 Jan 1842.

In August 1862 Alfred enlisted for three years and served with the Army
 of the Cumberland. He mentions several battles, including the one at
 Chickamauga where he was severely wounded and lay all night on the Battle
 Field; then hospitalized until the close of the war; given an honorable
 discharge, a Medal of Honor and eight dollars per month pension.

At the time of his letter he was living in Iowa and gave the following
 meager genealogical facts: "I married in 1867 at Hobart, Ind; five chil-
 dren came to our home, but two left us in their young girlhood; and in
 1907, the mother went to be with her two little girls. My daughter,
 Katherine, unmarried, cares for me in my own home, in my old age. Herbert
 my oldest son, lives in Glenwood, married, and has one son Stedman. *****
 My youngest son Raymond, has been a school teacher since he was 17. ****
 His daughter, Anna May graduated from Cornell, Ithaca, N.Y. **** I took
 his son Dexter to Portland, Me. G.A.R. in 1929.. He 17 and his sister
 Kathie (15) are still in High School. I want him to keep up our
 genealogical records".

Note; His wife's name was not mentioned, no names or dates for the two
 girls who died etc. If anyone has or can secure his records let us grant
 his request to carry on the family records.

RANSOM Births, marriages and deaths are part of the Public Records.
 THOUGHTS It is difficult to understand why some persons do not want
 certain information included in a genealogical record book.
 For instance one party, at odds with her Mother, did not want her name
 used. This attitude appears shortsighted and very unfair to her child-
 ren, in depriving them of the knowledge of who their ancestors might be.

A number of lineages have been received with dates missing for children
 or grandchildren, the parentage of spouses (both father and mother's
 names) where a child marries. This could be very important for child-
 ren, after the death of their parents. Many lines have been lost be-
 cause the maiden name of the mother was not given. It is easier to get
 the information while the persons are still living than to try and dig
 the information from public records.

SECRETARY'S REPORT Miss Jeneve M. Melvin writes that she certainly appreciates the pleasant notes she has received from Members and thanks them for their prompt dues payment. The family's thoughtfulness in notifying her of address changes and/or corrections helps keep our address file in order.

From the Secretary's records we welcome and offer greetings to the following new members who joined this year:

Brantley, Mrs. Archie Nelson - Oxen Hill, Maryland
 Brink, Mr. John W - Whittier, Calif..
 Daily, Mrs Zella E. - McLeansboro, Ill
 Davis, Mrs. Zelia E - McLeansboro, Ill
 Dickover, Mrs. Jean G. - Ten Mile, Oregon
 Ellis, Mrs. Phyllis M - Edmonton, Canada
 Erb, Mrs. Dean - Gowrie, Iowa
 Estabrook, Miss June Martha - Reading, Mass.
 Fenstermaker, Mr. Perry Molan - Indio, Calif.
 Fox, Mrs. John - Ada, Mich.
 Hills, Mr. Charles F. - Fairfield, Conn
 Kennerly, Mrs. Glenda Rice - Dillard, Oregon
 Lincoln, Wilbert Warren - Barre, Mass.
 Regan, Mrs Nancy Rice - Chester, Mass.
 Rice, Mr. Arthur Edward - Chester, Mass.
 Rice, Mr. and Mrs. Cecil Curtis - So. Hadley, Mass.
 Rice, Edward C - Towanda, Penna.
 Rice, Mr. Emory Clark, Sr. - Annapolis, Maryland
 Rice, Mr. Emory Clark, Jr. - Annapolis, Maryland
 Rice, Howard Dewey - Orange, California
 Rice, Mr. and Mrs. John Alden - Niantic, Conn.
 Rice, Mark Newton, Sr. - Chester, Mass.
 Smith, Mr. Richard Wellington - Chevy Chase, Maryland
 Snow, Mrs. Alex W. - Delmar, N.Y.
 Soames, Mrs Almeron - Elma, N. Y.
 Tiffany, Mrs. Carl - Independence, Iowa
 Trudeau, Mr. and Mrs. Eugene Amos - Chester, Mass.
 Trudeau, Mr. James Howard - Chester, Mass..
 Ulrich, Mrs. Rebecca McLaughlin - Hopkinton, N. H.
 Vivian, John E. Jr - Arlington, Mass.
 Wesson, Mrs. Patricia H. - Richmond, Va.
 McClay, Mrs Frances E. - Beaconsfield, Canada
 Rice, Dr. Verne L. - Portsmouth, N.H.

DECEASED MEMBERS
 RICE, Miss Alice L. - Holliston, Mass. d 5 Dec 1966
 RICE, Mr. Homer D. - Mt. Dora, Florida d 12 May 1967
 RICE, Mrs Isabel (Woodward), wife of Past President
 Russell J. Rice d 1 May 1967
 RICE, Willard W. - Weston, Mass. Director for many
 years in Rice Association
 WELLER, Miss Ruth - Framingham, Mass. Director for
 many years in Rice Association

Our deepest sympathy goes out to all in their loss.

Make your letters more attractive by using commemorative postage stamps.

ANNOUNCING

RICE SUPPLEMENT SOON

At the Annual Reunion of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc., held 30 Sept. 1967, it was voted to issue a supplement to Andrew H. Ward's Book, on the RICE FAMILY, printed in 1858.

This Supplement of around 100 pages adds over 500 children that Ward did not have. It gives missing dates, marriages, deaths and some corrections. An asterick (*) will indicate where we have additional generations. Over 950 astericks are in this supplement.

The Supplement is now in the hands of the printer and orders are being taken at the pre-publication price of \$3.50 per copy. It is expected that the books will be ready for distribution shortly after January 1st 1968.

Send all orders to the Secretary:

Miss Jeneve M. Melvin - 1791 Beacon Street - Brookline, Mass. 02146

Please reserve _____ supplement(s) at \$3.50 each \$ _____

The Association still has a limited number of the reprinted copies of Andrew Ward's book at \$20.00. The Supplement is a very necessary addition to Ward's book.

I would like _____ copies of the reprinted Ward book at \$20.00 ea. \$ _____

Our large RICE GENEALOGY is nearly finished and will run into more expense than was originally estimated. It may be more than one volume but will start from where Ward and the Supplement end.

I am very interested in the publication of the new RICE GENEALOGY and wish to:

Donate to its cost \$ _____
Contribute as a memorial to _____ \$ _____
Advance payment on _____ books \$ _____

(All monies so received will be placed in a special account and held in escrow until the book can be printed. The fund has already been established - See Financial Statement, page 3)

Enclosed are my dues of \$2.00 for the 1967-1968 year \$ _____
Total remitted \$ _____

Name _____

Street _____

City _____ State _____

Zip Code No. _____