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VITAL

RECORDS We are very much indebted to Mrs. Margaret A. Wright for sending nearly two hundred 3x5 cards listing the births, marriages and deaths in Brattleboro, Vt. of persons with the name RICE. Many of the cards also show parent's names in cases of marriages and deaths. The beauty of Mrs. Wright's cards are that they bring the records up to-date. It would be wonderful if others could take the time to do their home town.

**ANCESTRAL
SEEKING**

In the News Letter of October 1967 we reported on the English Trip of our Director (now Vice President) Erwin R. McLaughlin and his wife Corinne, during which time they visited the County Archive Office at Bury St. Edmunds. The condition of the original papers was such that they dared not disturb for fear of ruining valuable records.

Having read that a team, headed by George B. Everton of the *Genealogical Helper*, was in England microfilming records, your Editor wrote asking if the English records of Bury St. Edmunds could be included? A letter from England reads in part "*** In checking back over our records, we find that negotiations have been attempted in the past to microfilm the records of this County Archive but have failed because of the fact permission was not granted by the Authorities. These negotiations took place about 1963 and we feel that there may be an opportunity of gaining the desired permission if we approach them again at this time. Because of quite a number of other commitments, however, we will not be able to do this for several months, but we will put it on our agenda and contact them as soon as possible.

"Your letter will go in our file concerning this archive so that we will have some definite information to present them as to why these records should be microfilmed." signed George B. Everton.

Nothing further has been heard from them - but we can HOPE!

BOOKS With the announcement that the Supplement TO Rice Family by Andrew H. Ward was finished and ready for distribution, the Secretary, Miss Jeneve M. Melvin, 1791 Beacon St., Brookline, Mass. 02146, received a large number of orders. The book of 110 pages sells for \$3.50 per copy, postpaid. This supplement does NOT carry any family beyond Ward's book but does add 500 children that he did not have, as well as many missing dates, deaths and the names of spouses.

When the Rice Association found that the original Ward's book was no longer available, or when found commandeered a price of \$35.00 or more, it had 500 more copies reprinted. There are still some of the reprints on hand and sell at \$20.00 per copy, from the Secretary.

Andrew Ward's book on the Rice Family will be priceless when we finally get out the new genealogy. It will not repeat what Ward had but try to bring the various families up to date, using his numbering system and adding digits for later families.

The Association still has some of the hard-covered books called "More About Those Rices'," by Elsie Hawes Smith, copyrighted in 1954. These sell at \$3.00 per copy, also from the Secretary.

SECRETARY'S SUGGESTION Books make ideal presents for birthdays or as Christmas presents and something descendants should cherish. Another thought is to enroll your family and relatives as members of the Rice Association. (The dues maintain the Association and this News Letter. Other funds are set aside for the new genealogy).

ANNUAL DUES Our fiscal year runs from September to September as that is the time of our Annual Reunion and when all officers make reports covering their term of office. Dues \$2.00 per year.

In maintaining the mailing list for the News Letter the Editor receives a report on all dues paid. It is very encouraging to see how many of the members have sent in several years dues ahead and added a donation towards the Book Fund. A full report on finances will appear in the News Letter after the September Meeting.

With the increase in postal rates we hope it will not be necessary to send out another reminder to the few who have overlooked paying their 1967-68 dues. One or two have overlooked taking care of their wives dues, as they did in previous years. Nuff Sed! Send to Secretary-NOW.

LOST SOULS Parents needed for Mary RICE who mar. Elijah Ellingwood in Mar 1841, at Pownal, Maine. Elijah was son of Richard Ellingwood and Hannah Brown and bn abt 1819.



President, EDGAR W. RICE

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE In these days of great social unrest there will be changes made in our way of living at an accelerated tempo. Family associations like ours give us a basis of continuity and link with tradition that provide much needed stability. May we all be able to live by that popular prayer which asks that we be given the courage to change that which should be changed, the endurance to withstand that which can not be changed, and the wisdom to distinguish between the two!

signed Edgar W. Rice

NO RECORD FILE Your Historian maintains a "No Record" file as part of his records. On each card is the information given by the person seeking information about his family, together, with his/her name and address in case the information is ever tied-up with Deacon Edmund Rice. At the present time there are about two thousand cards in this file and with the children also listed on parent's card, the number is much higher. This file is not a waste of time for we have identified a number of cases and in several instances have been able to give additional information to the interested party.

A letter recently received outlined the following; We know that he was born in Shrewsbury, Mass. - that he married for second time in Stow, Mass. -that he had three children in Vermont - that he went to Tennessee as a missionary to the Chickasaw Indians - later he was located in or near Jacksonville, Illinois and died there. He has been identified and is included in our records.

- IN MEMORIAM Word has been received of the loss of the following members:
- BABCOCK, Wendall Amos Rice - Melrose, Mass.. 29 Mar 1968
 BROMLEY, Pliny D - Goffstown, N.H. (date unknown)
 RANKIN, Leslie C - Ridgeland, S. C. 22 Oct 1966
- NEW MEMBERS We welcome the following new members:
- AARNESS, Mrs. Clifford - Bremerton, Wash.
 FROST, Miss Mildred N - Newton Centre, Mass.
 HEYWARD, Newell Weldon - Phoenix, Ariz.
 RICE, A. G. Jr. - St. Albans, West Virginia
 RICE, Mrs Charles W - Wrentham, Mass.
 RICE, C. Whiting - Wrentham, Mass.
 RICE, William A. - Wrentham, Mass.
 RICE, Walter G. - Windsor Locks, Conn.
 SMITH, Mrs. Clyde - Houston, Texas
- REINSTATEMENTS JONES, Miss D. Patricia - New Wilmington, Pa.
 MOORHOUSE, Miss B Ann - Brooklyn, N.Y.
 RICE, Clarence Hutchinson - Westbury, N.Y.
 VICKERY, Mrs Earle R. Jr. - Princeton, Mass.
- TRANSFER Upon death of Leslie C Rankin request was made to transfer his membership to his daughter.
 TIMMONS, Mrs. James A - Ridgeland, S. C.
- SUPPLEMENT CORRECTION A typographical error was made on page 90, under #6071e. Our original cards were correct and the item should read:
 Alice L. b 22 Sep 1870; m Alton W Peirce
- MEMBERS' COMMENTS Our membership spreads over the entire country with many of them living in small communities that do not have genealogical libraries. A letter from Oregon expresses the following suggestion: "It would be nice to have a master list of the books on genealogy and histories that members of the Association have in their homes. They could furnish their lists and indicate whether they would be willing to help others by doing brief searches on surnames, in their books. Of course, persons wanting help should furnish self-addressed, stamped envelope and offer to pay for xerox copying if this is indicated. These individual lists could be made into a master list which perhaps the Association could have mimeographed and sell to cover costs." Editor's note: This is not a bad suggestion and the list could be incorporated in the News Letters.
- CLIPPINGS The newspaper clippings that have been coming in have been very useful. From them we have picked-up some marriages, births, deaths and in the latter case a bit of biography.. In several cases a letter sent out has brought in lineages.
- SEMINAR S.L.C. A letter from the Genealogical Society of The Church Of Jesus Christ of Latter Day Saints stated that the Genealogical Society was holding its 2nd Seminar for Family Organizations on Monday, July 1, 1968 in Salt Lake City.. A list accompanying the letter contained the names of 65 Family Organizations, including ours.

PUBLICITY A very interesting and informative article on the RICE FAMILY was printed in the June issue of the Albany Colony bulletin Society of Mayflower Descendants, by Vice President, Erwin C. McLaughlin. Mr. McLaughlin descends from William Brewster of the Mayflower..

Of the twenty-three Mayflower Pilgrims, from whom descent can be traced, we know our Rice Family touches the following:

John Alden - Isaac Allerton - William Bradford - William Brewster - Peter Brown - Francis Cooke - Edward Doty - Stephen Hopkins - John Howland - Degory Priest - Myles Standish - Richard Warren and William White.. If there are others we would like to have a record.

ANOTHER CLIPPING Among our clippings is one from our Vice President, Mrs. Crissy S. Ball, that adds a bit of historical background. We know that Deacon Edmund Rice was married at Bury St. Edmunds. The Clipping reads:

"A British Air Force Valiant bomber left England for Chicago carrying in its fuselage a 140-pound stone from the ruins of the historic Great Abby of St. Edmunds in Suffolk, Eastern England.

"The stone is a gift from Bury St. Edmunds to Chicago's Episcopal Church of St. Edmund, King and Martyr, whose rector, the Rev. Samuel J. Martin, visited the town last year (1965)

"Before the alter of this Abby in the year 1214 the English Barons took oaths to compel King John to grant the charter of liberty - the Magna Carta - which was to be the foundation stone of individual rights in Britian."

WARNINGS Have you noticed in the early records where a family was "Warned Out Of Town"? This didn't mean that they had committed a crime but was in accordance with an order such as this: Worcester County Warnings - Act of 1692/3. "Strangers entertained in any town for the space of three months, and not 'warned out' and their names returned to the Court of Quarters Sessions, would be considered as inhabitants of such Town".

ASSOCIATION HIGHLIGHTS We are often asked, "How old is the Rice Association?" From the Historian's files we find the following:

5 Sep 1851 First known meeting of the Rice Family at Wayland. Deacon Edmund Rice of Brighton, Moderator. Scriptures read by Edward Rice of Wayland and an address by Abner Rice of Woburn.

2 Sep 1853 Letter written by Abner Rice of Natick, dated 29 Aug 1853 stating that the meeting would be held on the second..

27 Aug 1856 Letter signed by Marshall P. Rice, evidently for the newspapers, calling attention to the annual meeting to be held at the usual place, in a Grove on the Rice Homestead in Wayland.

7 Oct 1903 Dedication of marker at the site of the home of Captain Jonas Rice, first permanent settler of Worcester, Mass. After the exercises the Rice descendants met in the rooms of the Worcester Society of Antiquity in Worcester.

13 Sep 1913 Descendants met in Wayland Unitarian Church. At this time they unveiled the Edmund Rice Memorial Marker on the Old Conn. Path,

29 Aug 1914 Mrs. Nellie Rice Fiske was elected President of the Asso.
At this time a slate marker, designed by Arthur Wallace Rice, was placed in the old cemetery at Wayland honoring Deacon Edmund Rice.

10 Jan 1934 Rice Association was incorporated and we have a charter from the State of Massachusetts under the name of Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc.

Originally the membership was mostly confined to New England, however, since we have been seeking lineages from all descendants of Deacon Edmund the membership has spread to nearly every State.

CANADIAN RICE'S Mrs. Ira E. McCormick, Bear River, Digby County, Nova Scotia, Canada writes: "The ancestor of the Rice Family of America and Canada was Edmund Rice, who came to Sudbury (Mass.) in 1638. At least four of his descendants came to Nova Scotia, Beriah, Ebenezer, then John in 1760 and Dr. Jesse Rice in 1784."

Under the general title "Nova Scotian Genealogies" thousands of families are at least partially traced. This work fills more than 160 typed and bound volumes to which additions are made almost daily. At the present time it is virtually a full-time hobby with Mrs. McCormick.

Mrs. McCormick very kindly presented the Association with a volume that she had worked-up on the Rice Family. Your Editor has and still is devoting much spare time in checking and assigning Ward's numbers. There is no index and in many instances no dates to help identify but it still should be a help to persons with Canadian ancestors.

When time permits we shall incorporate her material into our card file!

TROUBLED TIMES If you think civil disorders are something new in this country just go back to 1774. From The Loyalists of Massachusetts, by Jones, we read about The Worcester Protest, drawn up in 1774 by James Putnam protesting the riotous and seditious actions of persons, who, under disguise of patriotism, falsely declare themselves the friends of Liberty and intend to reduce all things to a state of tumult, disorder and confusion. Among the 52 residents of Worcester who signed the Protest was Tyrus Rice (#247)

ANNUAL REUNION It is not too early to start planning on attending the Annual Reunion of the Rice Association. The Committee has not announced definitely where it will take place. The usual advance announcement will be sent out..Time: 28 Sep 1968.

REMINDER All communications, dues, book orders etc. go to the Secretary, Miss. Jeneve M. Melvin 1791 Beacon Street Brookline, Mass. 02146

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