

EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION, Inc.

Number 1

NEWS LETTER

December 1960

NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS - 1960-61

President	Frederick R. Rice	16 Eastern Avenue	Arlington 74, Mass.
Vice-President	Seaver M. Rice	97 Everett Street	Southbridge, Mass.
Second Vice-President	Theo. F. Rice	45 Oaks Road	Framingham, Mass.
Secretary-Treasurer	Mrs. Helen Rice Randall	12 Berkshire Road	Framingham, Mass.
Historian	Mrs. Elsie Hawes Smith		Barre, Mass.

DIRECTORS and PAST PRESIDENTS

Albert W. Rice	Worcester, Mass.	
Charles W. Rice	Wrentham, Mass.	1955
Daniel H. Rice	Worcester, Mass.	1935-36
Edgar W. Rice	Wellesley Hills, Mass.	1956-1957
Edmund T. Rice	Wellesley Hills, Mass.	
Everett E. Rice	Brookline, Mass.	1946-1947
H. Eugene Rice	Noxwood, Mass.	1921-1922
* Harry C. Rice	New York, N.Y.	1925-1928
John E. Rice, Jr.	Marlboro, Mass.	
Ralph E. Rice	Wellesley Hills, Mass.	1948-1949
Ralston F. Rice	New York, N.Y.	1950-1951
Richard B. Rice	South Lincoln, Mass.	
Rufus D. Rice	Dearborn, Mich.	
Russell J. Rice	Needham, Mass.	1932-1934
Stanley I. Rice	Worcester, Mass.	1958-1959
Sturgis C. Rice	Plainville, Mass.	1940-1941 & 1954
John A. Bigelow	Marlboro, Mass.	1952-1953
Edward F. P. Brigham	Miami, Fla.	
William H. Hoefler	Geneva, N.Y.	
Margaret B. Morrell	Cochituate, Mass.	
Elsie Hawes Smith	Barre, Mass.	1937-1939
Ruth P. Weller	Framingham, Mass.	
Donald H. Whittemore	Minot, Mass.	1960

* deceased November 17, 1960.

REPORT OF ANNUAL MEETING : The meeting was called to order by President Whittemore at 11:30 in the old Meeting House in Sturbridge Village with about 140 members and friends in attendance. President Whittemore announced that the buffet luncheon would be served in "The Grove" and that provisions had been made for those who had brought their own lunches to join the others at the tables there. The Secretary's report was read and approved, as also was the Treasurer's report. Stanley Rice, Chairman of the Book Committee reported on the sales of the reprinted book of the Rice Family. Elsie Hawes Smith, Historian, talked about the material which she has received for the new "Rice Genealogy" covering the period from 1858 to the present time. Mrs. Smith urged those members who have not sent in their family lines to please do so as soon as possible.

Two motions were made and unanimously approved by the membership.

1 :- That the price of the following books be set at \$2.00 each:

MORE ABOUT THOSE RICES - by Elsie Hawes Smith

EDMUND RICE AND HIS FAMILY - by Elsie Hawes Smith

BY THE NAME OF RICE - by Charles Elmer Rice (reprinted edition)

#2 :- That the names of all living Past Presidents shall be included on the list of Officers and Directors of this Association. Further, that when attending executive meetings they shall be considered "voting members" but that their non-attendance shall not count against a quorum being present and voting.

The business meeting then adjourned to "The Grove" for the luncheon get-together, after which everyone was on his own to sightsee and enjoy talking with his cousins.

TRIBUTE TO PRESIDENT WHITTEMORE:- President Whittemore was highly commended and was given a rising vote of thanks for his idea of holding this annual meeting at Sturbridge Village. The very large attendance attested to the popularity with which the change of venue was received. This was particularly noted in the younger set. More youngsters were in evidence and there was plenty for them to see and do. (Especially that ride around the grounds on the Village Omnibus.) In a small degree "Old Sturbridge Village" revealed how their forefathers lived and what Colonial life was like.

The weather was perfect and many new faces from out of State were seen. One convenience for the out of State traveler was that the "Village" is near the junction of Routes 15 and 20, as well as close to the Mass. Turnpike.

MESSAGE FROM PAST PRESIDENT:- "To All Cousins: Your splendid support in turning out one hundred and fifty or so strong at Old Sturbridge Village was extremely gratifying and rewarding. I'm very sorry to have had to decline Stanley Rice's invitation to serve another year because I think we can get out twice as many in 1961. Forty cousins under eighteen was especially rewarding and I hope they triple their number next year. Let's all give President Fred two presents; one, a doubled membership and two, a doubled attendance at the next reunion. Let's do it."

"Thanks again for all your support and generous words of praise.

Sincerely,
(signed) Donald H. Whittemore "

Eleanor's LETTER:- "Rice Reunion - It was held at Sturbridge Village Saturday September 24, 1960. It was a wonderful day. First we checked in and had the business meeting. We had an hour to see the village. At one o'clock there was a buffet luncheon which was very good. Sturbridge Village is an interesting place for the meeting.

(signed) Eleanor Rice Randall" (age 11 yrs.)

Eleanor is our Junior Edr this News Letter and I am sure she would like to see letters from other Juniors in this spot. Let us hear from you. Letters for the Junior Department should be sent for the present in care of the President Fred Rice of 16 Eastern Ave. Arlington 74, Mass.

IN MEMORIAM:- Harry C. Rice, Director and Past President of the Rice Association died in New York City November 17, 1960. Funeral services were held in New York City with interment in Pine Grove Cemetery, Lynn, Mass. Attending the services in Lynn were Dr. and Mrs. Howard B. Randall of Framingham and Mr. and Mrs. Frederick R. Rice of Arlington, Mass.

Many of our members will remember being greeted at the yearly meetings by Mr. and Mrs. Harry C. Rice, dressed in Colonial costumes, representing the good Deacon Edmund and his wife Tamazine. Both Mr. & Mrs. Rice attended our last meeting at Sturbridge Village. Under date of October 28, Harry wrote " *** I think that this year's meeting at Old Sturbridge Village was the most successful one I have ever attended, and certainly believe in the idea of not going to one place all the time." Harry has been a member and strong and faithful supporter of the Association for many years and we shall miss his hearty greeting and cheery smile at our meetings.

Word has also been received of the death of another member. George Rice Woods, of Exeter, N.H. passed away July 2, 1960.

Nellie Rice Fiske kept several scrap-books of newspaper clippings, programs and things of interest to the Association. Among them your editor found the following clipping about a morning service at the Old North Church of Boston. "The service was of an unusual character in the fact that a father and son, both recently ordained into the Episcopal ministry, conducted the service, The Rev. Clarence Edgar Rice, and his son, the Rev. Otis R. Rice, ordained to the priesthood last Tuesday". The clipping was not dated. It is with sorrow that we report the death of the Rev. Otis R. Rice, last July 1960. He also was an active member of the Association and attended the meetings whenever possible.

RICE BOOKS:- The reprinted Genealogical History of the RICE Family, Descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice, by Andrew Henshaw Ward, may still be purchased from Stanley I. Rice, 16 Longmeadow Avenue, Worcester 6, Mass. The price to members is still \$6.50 per copy, postpaid. To persons joining the Association the price is \$7.50, which includes one year's membership dues. The original edition of the Ward book is very hard to locate and sells as high as \$35 per copy, with waiting periods of up to a year or more before one comes onto the market. It is suggested that those members who do not have copies of the Rice Genealogy get a copy of the reprinted edition at the above low price while it is still available.

The other three Rice books mentioned on the previous page may be purchased from Sturgis C. Rice, P. O. Box 105, Plainville, Mass. at \$2 per copy. Stocks of the last two mentioned are running very low and may soon become exhausted. These books are selling regularly in the Book shops at \$4 each, making a saving of about one-half when purchased through the Association.

PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS:- Enclosed with this NEWS LETTER is an application for membership in the Rice Association. If you already are a member, please pass it along to another person eligible for membership. More membership blanks are available by writing to the President. Copies of this NEWS LETTER are being sent to a number of Rices who have sent in information or made inquiries about our work. We should enjoy knowing them better and would like to have them join us. The way is easy. Simply fill out the blank and mail with \$2 to Mrs. Helen Rice Randall, 12 Berkshire Road, Framingham, Mass. Or if the book-membership combination is desired, send to Stanley Rice as instructed in an earlier paragraph.

Application for Membership

EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION, Inc.

Print Name (in full)

Residence (street no.)

City Zone State

Occupation

I hereby apply for membership as a descendant of Deacon Edmund Rice

I hereby apply for membership as a contributing member
(This covers wives of members and friends of the Association)

Membership Fee \$2.00 - Please find enclosed \$ _ _ _ _

Signed - _ _ _ _ _

The Association requests, for their permanent records, the lineage of all member descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice, especially back to the last person listed in the "Rice Family, 1858, Genealogy" by Andrew H. Ward.
Please list- so far as possible- full names of Parents, Grandparents, etc. following the outline suggested below, giving dates of birth, death and marriage.
The reverse side of this paper and extra sheets may be used.

Father son of

Born at

Died at

Married (date) at

Mother dau. of

Born at

Died at

List below children of this marriage, with birth dates, deaths and marriages.

BOOK PUBLISHING FUND :- Two years ago at the annual meeting, one of our members asked if the Association would accept a sum of money as a memoriam to a deceased member. The answer was "yes". This money was placed in the special fund for printing the new Rice Genealogy. The publication committee plans a place in the new book for all such "In Memoriam" items. This will be a fitting tribute to past members that will be seen and appreciated by future Generations.

At this time, even if the new Genealogy were ready to go to press, the Association could not finance the project, as the money in the book fund is not sufficient to cover that cost. Therefore the publication committee has decided to put out a call for sponsors who are able and willing to make a financial contribution toward the project. All such sponsors will be listed in an appropriate way in a special "Sponsors" part of the book.

All such contributions (IN MEMORIAM or SPONSOR) or questions concerning same should be sent to Stanley I. Rice 16 Longmeadow Avenue, Worcester 6, Mass., Chairman of the Book and Publication Committee.

GENEALOGY DATA:- Our Historian, Elsie Hawes Smith, reports that the response to the request for family genealogies has been of the finest, in fact she has been very busy since the annual meeting with the additional information which has been coming in. Mrs. Smith assures your Editor that she is not yet ready to cry "Uncle", so, please, those of you readers who have not sent in a family record, please do so promptly. Perhaps your family record will help someone else establish his own. These lines become harder and harder to trace with each new generation. Mrs. Smith is getting together also corrections and additions to the old Rice Genealogy to be included in this new book.

KEEP US INFORMED:- Your Editor would like to be informed whenever there are additions to the family, a marriage and of course the sad news of the loss of a member and friend. From time to time news stories appear about your families and we should like to have clippings and notes of events for the Association Scrap Books. Nellie Rice Fiske started them, let us keep them up to date. When sending a newspaper clipping please note on it the name and date of the paper in which it was published.

LOST ? STRAYED? or MISLAID? :- The first meeting of the Rice Family of which we can find a record was held at Wayland, Mass. Sept. 5, 1851, at which time an address was made by Abner Rice of Woburn, Mass. Between that date and Sept. 1932, when our present Secretary's book of minutes starts there are many gaps, which we are attempting to fill in with copies of old programs, newspaper notices, letters and the like. Your President and Historian would like to write a consecutive history of the Rice Association, its meetings and highlight events that have taken place. If any member has any records, scrapbooks and the like which would help in this project, we should like to gather together such material in one place and get to work upon it, even old programs are a vast help. Former Officers also could be of inestimable help to us if they would take a few minutes out to write and send to your President their memoirs of their terms of office, or of others who have passed away. If we can piece together enough material to make a coherent story we shall publish it in the "News Letter" from time to time as we find space. Anecdotes from you members will make fascinating ^{reading} for others of us who had no knowledge of the past events. The Junior also might take time out to read about some of the things not in their history books.

DESCENDANTS OF MAYFLOWER FAMILIES:- In working with the material for the new Rice Genealogy, President Rice has found that certain of the Rice lines are traceable back to passengers of the first voyage of the Mayflower, namely John Alden, Isaac Allerton, William Bradford, Stephen Hopkins, John Howland, Richard Warren and William White. There may be others and perhaps you have knowledge of some other passenger who has Rice descendants. We should like to have any such information, as it could prove helpful to some other Rice cousin who wishes to join the Society of Mayflower Descendants. Considering that all Mayflower Descendants come from but 23 signers of the Mayflower Compact, it is gratifying to trace ones ancestry back to one or more of these hardy souls. If sufficient interest is shown in this subject, we shall publish from time to time information about the Rice lines with such connections, giving the Rice Genealogy family numbers for identification.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE:- Recently our Historian received a letter asking about a DAMARIS RICE who married James Bradish. Apparently this girl was a lost soul in so far as identification could be made. We had her in our unidentified "No Record" file, listed with her twelve children. In assuming the office of President of this Association, I desired to study the past history of the group, so borrowed the minutes from our Secretary and everything the Historian could spare. Among the things were three letter files crammed full of past correspondence and other material, as well as three scrap books that Mrs. Nellie Rice Fiske (our first Secretary) had gathered together. Much time was spent in going over this material, as some of the letters gave family lines, dates and bits of information needed for our new book. Amongst this material were two letters written in 1936 telling that the writer had discovered two deeds in the Worcester Registry of Deeds that proved beyond doubt that this Damaris Rice was the daughter of Thomas and Anna (Bent) Rice. Thomas Rice is # 35 (fam 28) in the Rice book and Anna Bent Rice (his cousin and his second wife) is #30. One deed was signed by James and Damaris (Rice) Bradish and the other deed by other children of Thomas Rice. Both deeds covered the same piece of property and were in the nature of quit-claim deeds relating to property that had been conveyed during their father's life. Things like this compensate for the other fruitless hours spent in genealogical research through dusty files and records. Until the Rice genealogy is printed it is our wish to help in so far as possible those of our members who have problems of a similar nature. In case we cannot find the answer, we shall print the query in a later issue of the NEWS LETTER in hope that some other member will have the desired information. In sending in questions to us please enclose self-addressed stamped envelopes.

ADDRESSOGRAPH:- This mailing has been addressed on the Society's Newly acquired addressograph machine. When the Board of Directors was contacted regarding the purchase of this machine, the vote was overwhelmingly in favor of the idea. In fact, Director Sturgis C. Rice of Plainville, Mass. not only voted in favor of the purchase but also volunteered to furnish and make the plates at no cost to the Association. We promptly accepted his kind offer and cannot thank him enough for his thoughtfulness and generosity.

So, in ending our first news letter, may we wish all of you a very prosperous and
A HAPPY NEW YEAR - 1961

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This News Letter and future editions are being designed to carry interesting family news items and histories, as well as current events and future plans. In order to carry out this ambitious program and reach all our members and friends we urge you to send your dues in to our Treasurer as soon as possible. If paid for the current year please ignore this notice.

Treasurer:
MRS. Helen Rice Randall, 12 Berkshire Road, Framingham, Mass.

Enclosed please find \$ _____ covering annual dues of \$2.00 each for:

(Please give full name and address of each)

For small books please send to
Mr. Sturgis C. Rice P.O. Box 105 Plainville, Mass.

Enclosed please find \$ _____ for books checked below at \$2.00 each:

- MORE ABOUT THOSE RICES by Elsie Hawes Smith
- EDMUND RICE AND HIS FAMILY by Elsie Hawes Smith
- BY THE NAME OF RICE by Charles Elmer Rice (Reprinted Edition)

Books are to be mailed to: _____

Street Address _____

City _____ Zone _____ State _____

(Please print plainly)

Mr. Stanley I. Rice 16 Longmeadow Avenue Worcester, Mass.

Enclosed please find \$ _____ for _____ copies of the reprinted edition of the

"GENEALOGICAL HISTORY OF THE RICE FAMILY" by Andrew Henshaw Ward, 1858

Price to members in good standing \$6.50 each

Price to NON-members \$7.50 each: Price includes dues in the Association for one year and Membership application should be attached.

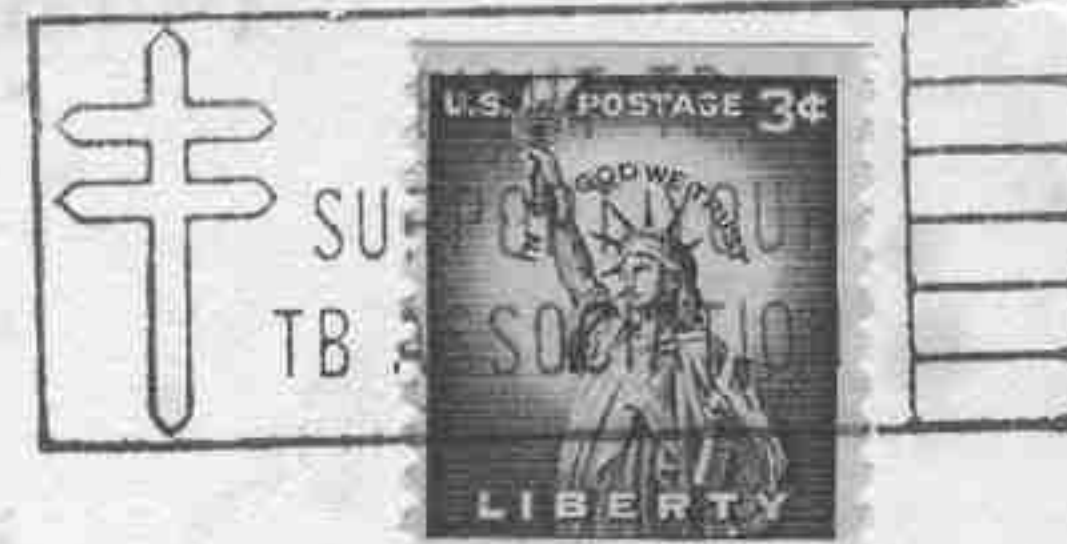
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