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## THE 1971 ANNUAL MEETING

This year's meeting was held September 25, 1971, in the United Methodist Church buildings, Sudbury, Mass., where we met in 1965 and 1970. Weather wise it was beautiful, maybe a little cool but sunny.

Our faithful member and past-president Stanley I. Rice chaired the meeting for us in the absence of our president, Col. Allen F. Rice. Col. Rice was attending his Norwich University class reunion.

Our meeting this year, perhaps wasn't so big, as "Stan" said, but he noted that he doesn't remember when so much visiting has taken place at a meeting.

The youngest person present at our meeting was Cheryl Knapton, three years old. The oldest was Lloyd Dorsey. The folks coming the greatest distance were Col. and Mrs. Eugene J. Graebner of Winfield, Kansas. All were presented books as gifts.

Greetings from Fred and Wilna Rice, our past historians, were read. They have given up their apartment in Virginia and were in the process of moving to their new location in Florida and getting settled at the time of the reunion. They purchased a lot and have a lovely new mobile home placed on it and are now situated very comfortably. Fred wrote "Please give our best regards to all at the reunion and say we are sorry that conditions have prevented us from getting to recent reunions." New address is: Frederick R. Rice, 4-Bayside Blvd., Bayside Estates, Fort Myers, Beach, Florida 33931.

It was suggested by Margaret S. Rice that we have little regional get-togethers whenever possible within the Association. That means if you go visiting somewhere away from home - visit some "Rices" - get to know your Cousins! It may be just over a cup of coffee at the kitchen table or a bigger group, but keep our Association interest alive. "We" are the ones to carry on!

Margaret S. Rice gave us an unforgettable talk on genealogy, "You Are Heir to Millions!". The talk was so well received it was voted to have copies printed so that more than those attending could enjoy it. Really "every" person should read it. We guarantee it will make you stop and think! To obtain a copy of this speech send \$1.50 for each copy to: *The Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc.*; Mrs. Constance Campbell, Secretary; 1361 Main Street, Concord, Mass. 01742.

You will find if you order the speech, Mrs. Margaret Allen will be taking care of the speech mailing list as the orders come to Mrs. Campbell. Send now - we have plenty!

Shortly after Margaret's talk we trekked to Deacon Rice's grave at "God's Acres", the North Graveyard, Sudbury Road, Wayland, Mass., for a brief ceremony and placing of a wreath on the good deacon's grave.

After the wreath ceremony, a few of us followed Stanley Rice and his wife who were kind enough to lead the way to the EDMUND RICE MEMORIAL MARKER (unveiled 13 September 1913) on the Old Conn. Path, Route 126. They said they had not been to the property in about five years. Guess what! Several new houses are built there now. The spring-pond is not full of water and much overgrown with weeds. Part of the property is the Wildlife Reserve. The Marker reads:

*Deacon Edmund Rice*  
*Born in Buckinghamshire England 1594*



Settled in Sudbury 1638

Built his house by the spring near this spot  
appointed to apportion land 1639 Deputy to the General Court  
- Magistrate 1641 - Selectman 1644 and following years -  
A petitioner for the incorporation of Marlborough 1656 - Where he  
died May 3rd, 1663 - His Grave is in Wayland.

We hope everyone will mark that new 1972 calendar to remind them of the next Annual Meeting of the Association. It will be September 30 (the last Saturday) in September at a place to be announced later.

## NEW EDITOR

By now you must realize you have a new editor and I mean NEW! This copy of the News Letter is real late going out but by the time the materials traveled back and forth across Massachusetts from Mr. Ray Lowther Ellis and Mrs. Constance Campbell and to my house in Chester, I finally got the letter underway. Chester is a very small town on Route 20 in Western Massachusetts between Springfield and Pittsfield.

Believe it or not, it was my first reunion and I am still in awe over it. I never went anywhere new and felt so much at home. The physical resemblances to relatives here in my locale were so great and not even one first cousin there. As they would say, the Rice "genes" must be real strong! Then "lo and behold" they lead me right into the news editor job. Keep the mail coming!

## IN APPRECIATION

Even though Mr. Ray Lowther Ellis is not your News Letter editor now, it doesn't mean he isn't working. He is responsible for getting the enclosed lineages in order for me, with more to come if he is able.

## In Memoriam

Mrs. May Rice Joslin (Mrs. Stanley G. Joslin) of 26 Nye Street, Manchester, Conn., died 24 March 1971. She was a member of our association.

Mrs. Marion Lincoln (Mrs. Leon Lincoln), Box 63, R.F.D. 1, Barre, Mass., died 24 July 1971. She was one of our directors.

Our deepest sympathy goes out to all in their loss.

## NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Burton H. Rice, 7 Baron Park Lane, Burlington, Mass. 01803  
Mr. James R. Bentley, 9708 Old Six Mile La., Jeffersontown, Ky. 40299  
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We hope to use lineages of the above at a future date if they have not already been used.

## CONGRATULATIONS

Llyn Severy Rice, son of Lonelle and Edgar W. Rice, was married to Dorothy Vance Brown on 14 August 1971 in Wellesley Hills, Mass. Dorothy is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Vance Brown. Llyn's father has held several offices in the Rice Association. He and Lonelle have been very active and helpful members.

## PERSONAL NEWS

John Mitchell Plummer is in college at Arundel, Sussex, England, but will be back in the summer. His descent papers are being processed by Mr. Ellis. This will be his descent through his father. He is descended twice from Edmund Rice through his mother, he writes.

Our secretary's (Mrs. Campbell) parents, Mr. and Mrs. Vincent F. Rice have sold their Concord, Mass., home and have gone to Ft. Myers, Florida. Note: Vincent is our 1st vice president.

## BOOKS

A list of available books are given in your June 1971 News Letter. These same books are still available:

"A Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants" (new) ....\$25.00  
"Rice Family" by Andrew Henshaw Ward (reprint).....\$20.00  
"Supplement to Rice Family" .....\$ 3.50  
"Index" .....\$ 1.25

Send orders to: Mrs. Constance Campbell, Secretary; 1361 Main St.; Concord, Mass. 01742. Make Checks payable to "The Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc." and mail with orders to the Secretary. Send all correspondence, orders and monies to Mrs. Constance Campbell, Secretary.

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## AN INTERESTING LETTER

August 24, 1971

I was privileged last week to have a visit in my home in Fargo, North Dakota, with Mr. and Mrs. Stanley Rice who were on a journey from Massachusetts to Oregon and the Pacific Northwest.

Since I had twice visited with them at Rice Reunions and ALL Rices are cousins, and also have written letters about the new genealogy, they did not seem as strangers. I was telling them of an interesting experience I had just had in regard to a Bible belonging to my great grandfather Reuben Rice which they felt of sufficient interest to pass on to the Rice Association. After they left I thought it over and got out my book written by Elsie Smith "More About Those Rices" and decided to take their advice as from family research my fifth and sixth generation Rices seemed colorful.

Ithamar Rice (fifth generation) lived in Sudbury and died there. He was married four times so had bad luck in losing three wives by death. Two of his wives were sisters and he is the only Ithamar listed among



all the Rices. This should have made research easy when my sister began her hunt twenty-five years ago. However, she had a problem and searched several years, about a generation off in age, due to the fact Ithamar had two boys named Reuben and Obed about 1774 and the Ward book listed Obed drowned and presumably Reuben died young as there was nothing more about him.

Ithamar had two or three children with each wife but with Sally in his later years he had many, ending with about eighteen. As was often the custom then, he named the last children Reuben and Obed after the sons who died long before. For some reason, perhaps because he's just gotten tired of vital statistics, he did not register the last three children.

When visiting Old First Church, Sudbury, in 1948, my sister and I were told by the minister that W.P.A. had copied all the old parish notes and we could see the records at the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston. Here we found another Reuben, Obed and Sumner, sons of Ithamar and Sally baptized in the church, with the right dates for my great grandfather Reuben and the Obed who married and lived in Hudson, Massachusetts. His son William Ball Rice, Quincy, and owner of Rice Hutchins Shoe Company, was the honored man a few years ago with his picture on the Rice Annual Meeting Program. A descendant of Obed, Ann Rice Elfers is a member. She is a tenth generation person of a branch which has always stayed in the vicinity of where Deacon Edmund settled.

Not so with Reuben, my great granddad, who must have had a restless nature. Ithamar, although married, was a soldier in the Revolution. He was a member of Sudbury Company which had been training to be prepared for service. He was one of the many who answered the alarm given by Paul Revere in April of 1775 and although the Sudbury Company did not arrive at Concord Bridge in time for the battle there, they were among the farmers who for three days chased the redcoats from behind hedges, etc. Ithamar returned home but later enlisted and at war's end was a sergeant according to the book "Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors in the Revolution". So much for Ithamar. But his next to youngest son, Reuben, began a trek west that ended on the banks of beautiful St. Croix River just where it joined the lordly Mississippi at Prescott, Wisconsin. He was born in 1807 in Sudbury and married when age twenty-one, a neighbor girl, Mary Ann Goodnow, whose ancestor Lt. Edmund Goodnow was a first settler and his grave is very near to Edmund Rice's in the old cemetery. They had two daughters and then for some reason decided to try their luck in New York City. Here the census lists him as a carpenter and two more children were born, my grandmother Sarah Jane and a son. Here also he added the name James before the Reuben and twenty years later began signing just James R. Rice and it proved to be quite a problem for us to prove he was Ithamar Rice's Reuben. They left New York and lived in Alhambra, Illinois, where five more children were born, three girls who died young, a son Virgil who was the only one interested in seeing New England and died in Boston of smallpox, and a son Theodore who was a drummer boy, age sixteen, and killed in the Civil War. With this family he set out again by steamship up the Mississippi where government land was available. Here he had one other son named David born in Prescott, Wisconsin. He established a home on the bank of the St. Croix River and although he and Mary Ann had to pass through two camps of friendly Indians - Sioux and Chippewa - to get to the tiny settlement,

they found satisfaction as this was country like New England with hills and valleys and rivers. Reuben was aged forty when he became one of the original settlers of Prescott. He was a carpenter and farmed some and got a contract to carry the mail for a few years until there was a post office. He got the mail at Hastings on the Minnesota side, via ferry in summer and over the ice in winter, and carried mail as far as Northfield, Minnesota, where his son James Reuben Rice, Jr., later settled. His eldest daughter married a few months after coming to Prescott and early histories say her wedding to George McMurphey was the first one of white people in Prescott and that his son David was the first white boy born there.

The Rices were typical Puritans and members of the Congregational Church. Reuben was always interested in horses and had a race horse named Susie who set a pacing record at the Minnesota State Fair. He also took Susie east and raced at Saratoga Springs, New York, where she won laurels. He was offered \$10,000 for her but did not sell.

We have a copy of the newspaper story of his golden wedding party listing some gifts - gold spectacles for her, a gold-headed cane for him. This is now in the possession of Marilyn Rice Slack in Columbus, Ohio.

In early August Marilyn came to meet me and see the places from which her forbearers came. We walked through the cemetery overlooking the Mississippi River and I pointed out Reuben's gravestone. And here is a humorous note. On it Sudbury is misspelled as Sudbrey. I am sure that his daughter had the stone engraved as she remembered her parent's pronunciation. When I visited Boston I learned that they do not say a broad "bury" like we do here. But in the Bible it is spelled correctly and Mary Ann wrote beautifully, even giving the name of the minister in Sudbury Church who married them, and she did the same for all their children. Only three were living at her death and it made us feel sad that no one had ever entered the death of Mary Ann Goodnow Rice in the Bible so after nearly 100 years this was done. Marilyn Rice Slack is the last of her line, hence brought the Bible, a lovely one in good condition with a heavy brass clasp, and deposited it at the Area Research Center, Wisconsin State University, River Falls, where it will be available to genealogical researchers. This Bible had been missing for many years. It had been in the possession of Major Horace Rice, Seattle, Washington twenty or more years ago but he left no children and only recently was it located. We felt good about leaving it in the care of the Historical Society.

Also we drove a mile up the St. Croix River to the spot where Reuben Rice had his home. It has long since burned out but the stone fence he had built around it still stands and I was glad to show this to some of the younger people, my daughter Charlotte among them. Fine summer homes now stand all along the banks, as well as on the original Rice spot. This ends the Trek West.

Marjorie Cole  
Fargo, North Dakota



## THE RICE DESCENT OF BURTON HAMILTON RICE

### VIII. 5044 (p-290 Ward's)

**ANDREW JACKSON RICE** b 4 Jul 1832, Auburn, Mass.; d..... Worcester, Mass., m Worcester? Mary Emma Sadler; b 18 Aug 1842, Georgetown, Me.; d Worcester, dau Harvey and Jane (Stevens) Sadler.

RICE Children IX. 5044.1 thru 5044.7

- 1 Minerva, m Carl Wagner, d Port Huron, Mich.
- 2 James b 10 Apr 1864, Boston; d 1945, Cambridge, Ma.; m Ada Currie.
- 3 Arthur, d ....., Chicago; m Susan Campbell
- 4 Walter, d Calif.; s.p.
- 5 Harvey, d N. Carolina
- 6 Alice, m Edward Newton; d Worcester
- 7 Gus, m.....; d Worcester

### IX. 5044.2

**JAMES ANDREW RICE** b 10 Apr 1864, Boston, Mass., d 1945, Cambridge, Mass.; m 1883 Cambridge, Ada Knight Currie, dau John and ..... (Knight) Currie; b 3 Jun 1864, Newfoundland; d 1956, Cambridge.

RICE Children X. 5044.2 (.1, .2, .3) born in Cambridge.

- 1 Herbert Andrew b 9 Jun 1884; d 1936, Arlington; m Olive Pryor; deceased.
- 2 Edith Mable b 30 Jul 1886; d 9 Jun 1961, S. Weymouth, Mass.; m 16 Nov 1912, Boston, William W. Grieves.
- 3 Burton Hamilton b 2 Aug 1907; m 1 Mar 1937, Louise Sadler.

### X. 5044.2.3.

**BURTON HAMILTON RICE**, b 2 Aug 1907, Cambridge, Mass.; m 1 Mar 1937, Cambridge, Louise Sadler, b 11 Mar 1916, Brunswick, Me.; dau Charles and Alice (Daisley) Sadler; d 3 Apr 1969, Brookline, Mass.

RICE Children Xi. 5044.2.3 (.1, .2, .3).

- 1 James Sadler b 12 Mar 1938, Portland, Me.; m 26 Nov 1968, N. Andover, Mass., Rita Bentley.
- 2 Alice Ann b 28 Feb 1942, Winchester, Mass.; m 16 Dec 1962, Cambridge, Richard J. Plunket.

PLUNKET CHILDREN XII.

- 1 Wendy Louise b 17 Jun 1963, Boston, Mass.
- 2 Jonathan Rice b 27 Mar 1966, Concord, Mass.
- 3 Geoffrey Hamilton b 22 Feb 1968.
- 3 Charles Burton b 1 Aug 1952, Winchester; unmm 1971

## THE EDMUND RICE DESCENT OF WILLIAM THOMPSON RICE

### VII. .2745 (p-184, Ward's)

**ROYAL RICE** b 20 April 1800 in Warren, Mass.; d 5 Mar 1888; m (1) 27 Sept 1822 Sarah Heminway, b 11 May 1798 Williamsburgh, Mass.; d 16 June 1853 Williamsburgh, dau of Richard Heminway; m (2) Maria Nash, no issue.

RICE Children (All born at Williamsburgh)

- 1 William Brainbridge b 12 Jan 1824; d 10 Mar 1917; mar Caroline Pamela Hitchcock 20 Nov 1851 in Great Barrington, Mass.
- 2 Royal Baxter b 26 Nov 1825; d 3 Nov 1907; m 29 May 1850 Sarah A. Drury.
- 3 H.B. b 26 Nov 1826
- 4 Charlotte Elisa b 25 Aug 1827; d 16 Oct 1916; mar. Charles H. Mills 7 Sept 1854.
- 5 Newell Draper b 3 Oct 1832; d 11 Sept 1862 New London, Conn.; mar. Olive Jane Luce 28 Nov 1855.
- 6 Amelia b 9 Aug 1835; d 29 Oct 1886 Westfield, Mass.; mar. 29 Nov 1855.

### VIII. .2745.1

**WILLIAM BRAINBRIDGE RICE** b 12 Jan 1824 Williamsburgh; d 10 March 1917, Pittsfield, Mass.; mar. 20 Nov 1851 Caroline Pamela Hitchcock, b 22 Oct 1828 Great Barrington; d 1 July 1918 Pittsfield; dau of Augustus and Amelia J. (Hurlbert) Hitchcock.

RICE children (born at Norfolk, Ct.):

- 1 Arthur Hitchcock b 24 Dec 1854; d 3 Dec 1927 Atlantic City, N.J.; res. Pittsfield; mar. Alice Clark Thompson 28 Oct 1885 in Ellington, Ct.
- 2 William Brainbridge b 16 Feb 1858; d Dec 1863.

### IX. .2745.1.1

**ARTHUR HITCHCOCK RICE** b 24 Dec 1854 Norfolk, Conn.; d 3 Dec 1927 Atlantic City, N.J.; mar 2 Oct 1885 at Ellington, Ct. Alice Thompson; b 19 Nov 1862 Melrose, Conn.; d 21 Jan 1929 N.Y.; dau of Joseph Abbot and Alice (Clark) Thompson.

RICE child x. (born at Pittsfield)

- 1 William Thompson b 25 Jul 1891; mar. Agnes van Santvoord m. 5 June 1915.

### X. .2745.1.1.1

**WILLIAM THOMPSON RICE** b 25 July 1891 Pittsfield, Mass.; mar. 5 June 1915 at Bennington, Vt., Agnes van Santvoord; b 8 Aug 1892 Bennington; dau of Seymour and Caroline Hart (Shields) van Santvoord.

RICE children born at Pittsfield:

- 1 John H. b 16 Apr 1919; mar. 16 July 1949 Nancy Ann Kynoch.
- 2 Peter van Santvoord b 13 Jan 1923; mar. 24 Oct 1943 Jane A. Gidley.



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XI. 2745.1.1.1.1.

**JOHN H. RICE** b 16 April 1919 Pittsfield, Mass.; mar. (1) 28 June 1941, Eleanor Talbot, divorced; mar. (2) 16 July 1949 in Ann Arbor, Mich., Nancy Ann Kynoch, b 8 June 1926 Montreal, Canada; dau of William Ewart Gladstone and ~~Rebecca~~ (Wyse) Kynoch.

RICE children XII.

- .1 Michael T. b 31 Aug 1942 (Name changed to Michael T. Barr).
- .2 Heidi Kynoch b 4 Nov 1950 Pittsfield, Mass.
- .3 Rebecca Kynoch b 13 June 1954 Pittsfield, Mass.

XI. 2745.1.1.1.2.

**PETER VAN SANTVOORD RICE** b 13 Jan 1923 Pittsfield, Mass.; mar. 24 Oct 1943 in Kinderhook, N.Y., Jane Ann Gidley, b 8 Oct 1921 Schenectady, N.Y., dau of Everett Fenton and Marion (Gordon) Gidley.

RICE children XII.

- .1 Peter Gidley b 17 Sept 1945 in Hudson, N.Y.
- .2 Anthony Gidley b 15 Feb 1951 in Pittsfield, Mass.