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## In Memoriam

Mrs. Joseph A. Sommers, 2 Daniel St., Arlington, Mass. 02174 died September, 1971. She was a member of our association for several years. Mrs. Sommers did the first typing for the new book, "The Rice Register" in 1966-67. She was a niece of Mrs. Mary S. Ball. Our belated sympathy goes to her family.

Mrs. DeWitt Lyle (Grace Alberta Nagler Lyle) 202 Spring St. #23, Pasa Robles, Calif. 93446 died 7 November 1972. Our sympathy goes to her daughter Mrs. Beverly Tornquist of Paso Robles, Calif. and her sister Mrs. R. E. (Marjorie) Cole of Fargo, North Dakota, both members of our association.

### FREDERICK ROGER RICE

It is with deep sadness that we learn of the death, last January 1st, of one of our members who gave so much of his time and talents for the advancement of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc., and for the collection and the organization of that vast amount of Rice material that resulted in the publication of "A Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants, 1970."

Frederick R. Rice, the son of Leslie Ethelbert and Nellie Francis (Vose) Rice, was born in Springfield, Mass., 17 January 1895. He was a direct descendant of Constance (Hopkins) Snow and her father, Stephen Hopkins both of whom came over on the Mayflower.

He received his LLB degree from Columbia University; served World War I in the Signal Corps. He was President of Our Rice Association, 1960-1963 and a member of the Mayflower Society; #67287 and #74634.

He married Wilna Carolyn Vermillion, 29 November 1917, in Cambridge, Mass. She was a devoted and ardent helper to Fred in his "Rice" research. Together, they spent years of inestimable time in checking, proving and typing the great accumulated data on the Rice descendants. She is a descendant of Samuel Stone who left England in 1633 and became a founder of Hartford, Connecticut.

Besides his wife, he leaves a son, Frederick Roger Rice, Jr., of Arlington, Virginia, and a grandson, John Wendell Rice of California.

Fred had an extensive correspondence from which he became well known to our members and to many genealogists. To the members of the Association, for years, he was "Cousin Fred".

From his Rice records, The Edmund Rice Association has published the following:

1. "Supplement to Ward's Rice Family" 1967
2. "Index to Rice Names", 1970 (Names not found in Ward's Rice Family)
3. "A Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants" 1600 pages, in 1970

Probably one of the most valuable contributions made by Mr. Rice was the founding of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc. News Letter. It included, among other things, aids for readers wishing to establish descent to Edmund Rice, newly discovered lines of descent, also corrections and errors were printed for the genealogical records. For ten years he was editor and publisher of the New Letter, for three years Ray Lowther



Ellis was the editor of the paper. The Newsletter is now under the editorship of Louise Rice Trudeau, Chester, Mass. The readers have had this uninterrupted news service over these years.

The unpublished notes and papers given to the Edmund Rice (1638) Association in 1969 are now on deposit in the New England Historical and Genealogical Society Library, Boston, where they may be used on request. Under the supervision of Miss Jeneve M. Melvin, then president of the Association, these papers were classified and methodically arranged so members of the Association have access to this valuable source of Rice genealogical records.

We extend our sympathy and prayers to his widow.

Wilna Carolyn Rice resides at 4-A Bayside Blvd., Bayside Estates, Ft. Myers Beach, Florida 33931.

- RAY LOWTHER ELLIS -

## NEW MEMBERS

Mrs. Marion Rice Colvin, 21 Collins Ave., Waban, Mass. 02168

	Generation	(Married Earl B. Colvin)
Mrs. Marion Rice Colvin	10	#1400.7.3.1.6 in Rice Register
Dudley Newman Rice	9	#1400.7.3.1 in Rice Register
Newman Dennison Rice	8	#1400.7.3 in Rice Register
Dennison Rice	7	#1400.7 in Rice Register
Joel Rice	6	#1400 in Rice Register
Jonas Rice	5	#604.6 in Ward
Azariah Rice	4	#193.1 in Ward
Benjamin Rice	3	#32.10 in Ward
Edward	2	#3.2 in Ward
Deacon Edmund Rice	1	

Mr. Rudolph Rice Malone, 1201 Bradbury Cove, Memphis, Tenn. 38122

	Generation	
Rudolph Rice Malone	10	(Married Ella Louise Carrothers)
Martha Rebecca Rice	9	(Married Clarence J. Malone)
William Henry Rice	8	(Married Mary Jane Sterling)
William Emerson Rice	7	#856.5.7 in Rice Register
Abel Rice	6	#856.5 in Rice Register
Ebenezer Rice	5	#856 in Ward
Elijah Rice	4	#272.6 in Ward
Elisha	3	#46.13 in Ward
Thomas	2	#4 in Ward
Deacon Edmund Rice	1	

I have been told that Sarah Taintor was Abel's mother, but as Ebenezer remarried in 1791 and Abel was born 5 Sept 1792, then his mother must have been Ruth Eveleth.

According to my grandfather, Ebenezer came from Vermont to settle on the Duck River, in Maury Co., near Columbia, Tenn. Abel moved to Stokes Station, White Co., Ill., in 1825. William Emmerson was born there 17 March 1826. My grandfather William Henry was born there 31 Dec 1851.

In 1856 William Emmerson with his family and brother Allen moved to Equality, Ill., and established Saline Salt Works. They moved back to Stokes Station in 57 or 58.

In August of 62, William Emmerson volunteered for S. S. Service Company G which was the Union Army. In 1863 he was in Memphis, Tenn., recovering from the measles and was to rejoin his unit the next day. During the night he got up to get another soldier a drink of water. He died the next day, 7 March 1863. His body was sent home and buried on the old home place. Fifty years ago this cemetery was known as the Stokes Station Graveyard. There is no longer any trace of Stokes Station, and the cemetery is now known as the Rice Cemetery.

My grandfather passed away in 1942 and is buried in the Rice Cemetery. My father passed away 23 April 1964 and my mother 11 July 1966. Both are buried at Mcleansboro.

- RUDY MALONE -

Mrs. Annabelle Sylvester Moore, 360 Lowell St., Peabody, Mass. 01960

	Generation	
	11	(Married George Albion Moore)
Frank Augustus Sylvester	10	(Married Ada Augusta Davis)
Dr. William Sylvester	9	(Married Clarissa A. White)
Hannah Parker	8	(Married William Sylvester)
Hannah Godding	7	(Married Scarboro Parker)
Jonathan Godding	6	(Married Hannah Learned)
Martha Spooner #335.1	5	in Rice Register
Rebecca Coolidge #335	4	in Rice Register and Ward
Martha Rice #67.2	3	in Ward
Joseph Rice #7.6 & Mercy King	2	in Ward
Deacon Edmund Rice	1	

Mr. Eugene William Rice, 1306 Wolf Hill Rd., Cheshire, Conn. 06410

	Generation	
Eugene William Rice	11	
William Everett Rice, Jr.	10	(Married Lois Rosalie Mansfield)
William Everett Rice, Sr.	9	(Married Emma Josie Fox)
George W. Rice	8	(Married Elizabeth Bullock)
Jonas Rice III	7	(Married Lucy Lindsey)
Jonas Rice II	6	(Married Ruth Bickford)
Jonas Rice, #746.4 in Ward	5	(Married Mary Stearns)
John Rice, #236.8	4	in Ward
Ephraim Rice #40.7	3	in Ward
Thomas Rice #4.3	2	in Ward
Deacon Edmund Rice	1	



Mr. Robert Wallace Rice, P.O. Box 476, Lisle, Illinois 60532

	Generation	
Robert Wallace Rice	11	(Married Patricia Joy Seibert)
Benjamin Willis Rice	10	(Married Pearl Elizabeth Letts)
Wallace DeGroot Rice	9	(Married Minna Hale Angier)
John Asaph Rice	8	(Married Margaret Van Slycke Culver)
Anson Rice #2616.2	7	in Ward
Asaph Rice #1353.2	6	in Ward
Amos Rice #583.7	5	in Ward
Jacob Rice, Jr. #185.7	4	in Ward
Jacob Rice, Sr. #29.7	3	in Ward (Married Mary Barrett)
Edward Rice #3.2	2	in Ward
Deacon Edmund Rice	1	

## CORRECTIONS.& ADDITIONS TO RICE REGISTER

XI. .2600.1.1.1.2 (3-25-94-224-451) Page 1296 Rice Register

**DR. VERNE LOUIS RICE SR.** b 19 Mar 1911 Brattleboro, Vt.; mar. 22 Mar 1936 Eula Mae Hayward; b 9 Aug 1917 Kirksville, Mo.; dau of Dolph R. and Margery (Brown) Hayward.

RICE children born at Bangor, Maine:

- 1 Rebecca Mae b 7 October 1943; mar. 27 August 1965 Arthur William Schlieper, Jr.
- 2 Verne Louis, Jr. b 10 October 1946; mar. 3 July 1967 Jacqueline Marie Shumway.

XII. .2600.1.1.1.2.1

**REBECCA MAE RICE** b 7 October 1943 Bangor, Maine; mar. 27 August 1965 in Portsmouth, N.H. Arthur William Schlieper, Jr. b 11 May 1943 Portsmouth, N.H. son of Arthur William Schlieper, Sr. and Doris Campbell. SCHLIEPER child XIII.

- 1 Kelly Ann b 16 Jan. 1970 Falls Church, Virginia

XII. .2600.1.1.1.2.2

**VERNE LOUIS RICE, JR.** b 10 October 1946 Bangor, Maine; mar. 3 July 1967 in Portsmouth, N.H., Jacqueline Marie Shumway, b 3 January 1947 Portsmouth, N.H., dau of Chandler J. and Germaine (Brilliant) Shumway. RICE child XIII.

- 1 Kirsten Mae b 2 April 1968 Portsmouth, N.H.  
(Note: Verne Louis Rice, Jr. served with the armed forces in Vietnam, 1968-69.)

## RESTORING OLD HOUSE

A letter from Mrs. Hubert L. Rice of Woburn, Massachusetts, reveals that her daughter, Mrs. Doris Rice Hussey, has bought and is restoring a 300-year-old salt box house in Salisbury, Massachusetts.

Any other Rice's doing the same thing? It is a wonderful way to carry on our heritage.

## ANNUAL REUNION

Don't forget to save the last Saturday in September for our annual reunion, September 29th, this year. Further information will be mailed to you at a latter date.

## EDITOR'S NOTE

"To help us save our time and postage, please send us a card with your change of address."

"Win a few - lose a few." Still can't locate:

Mrs. Ella Heywood Kvist, 716 S. Manhattan, Los Angeles, Calif. 90005.

Mrs. C. A. Reynolds, 1071 Colony Hills Lane, San Jose, Calif. 95129.

But we did locate Mrs. Mary S. Ball at P.O. Drawer A.Q., Atascadero, Calif. 93422.

Pleas note all the valuable materials in this issue that have been compiled and contributed by our faithful members Margaret S. Rice, Ray Lowther Ellis and Stanley I. Rice.

## WHO WERE THEY?

If anyone can throw any light on the identity of the following Rices, will he or she please let the Association Historian know?

In the ill-fated silver service of the First Church of Boston was a silver tankard, engraved with the initials of previous owners "W" and "B & S" (the initial "W" appeared directly over the initials "B & S"). The initials were for Benedict Webber and his wife Sarah Rice Webber, and inscribed: "The gift of Sam'l More to ye First Church in Boston, 1717". Samuel More, donor of the vessel, a mariner; married Sarah Rice on September 10, 1702. She was the widow of Benedict Webber whose initials are on the tankard. Who were her parents?

Notes in an ancient Bible, printed in London in 1603 by Robert Barber, "Printer to the King's most excellent Majesty", read: "Joel Rice, of Marlborough, his book, 1733," and elsewhere, "Elizabeth Rice, deceased, October 13, 1733, in the 49th year of her age." In Ward's book on the Rice Family, Joseph Rice #70.5, is said to have married as his second wife, Elizabeth Robinson, on December 4, 1728. She died October 13, 1733, aged 48. Joseph Rice's children by his first wife were: Jesse, Eleazar, Mercy, Elizabeth, Mary and Ruth. No children are listed by his second wife. Who was Joel?

Early historical records of Amesbury, Massachusetts, speak repeatedly of Rice Edwards, mariner and ship builder, and an early student in Hampton Academy at Hampton, New Hampshire, was Rice Whitney. Does anyone know who they were and where they got their first names? We believe that their mothers may very likely have been Rice girls, but who?



Robert Rice was in Boston in 1637 and was one of those banned from carrying arms, because of his unorthodox religious views. Some records (unofficial) claim that Deacon Edmund Rice had a twin brother named Robert who is said to have come to America before Edmund. Could this be that man?

Who was Peter Rice of Keene, New Hampshire, in 1761? He signed the Alarm List, served in the militia, and died in the Continental Army Service of the Revolutionary War. His wife at that time was Phebe - widow of Ellis. He was the ancestor of Miss Dorothy Vincent of Rochester, New York, a new Associate member.

- MARGARET S. RICE -

## INFORMATION

From "Genealogical Records of John French Johnson":

"Not to know what took place before one was born, says Cicero, is to remain forever a child, caring nothing for the destiny of the future.

The genealogy of a family is comparatively barren unless enriched by the intermingling of biographical sketches which may stand as landmarks in the history of a race. Mere names and dates do not in any sense make history or biography, and the living generations must do their duty by themselves that posterity may have those authentic records and memorials that no other source can supply."

Many people are confused and dates often misconstrued by "Old and New Style dating". According to Old Style, the year began on the 25th of March and 1751 was the last year of Old Style. Often, in recording dates of events which occurred from the first of January to the 25th of March before 1751, double dating (in both old and new Style) has been practiced. According to New Style dating, the year begins on January 1st, and the first practice of this was January 1, 1752. The day following the second day of September, 1752, was called the 14th of September, omitting 11 days in order to adjust the calendar.

- MARGARET S. RICE -

CALEB RICE - Caleb Rice made recognition in this clipping from an article by Edward Rowe Snow. This was given to me by a neighbor who may have cut it short.

VI Caleb Rice: (7-55-160-350) 964.5) was born 5 Dec 1784; unmarried; Harvard Univ. 1803; d. Hingham. He was the son of Nathan Rice V, 964.5 who was born 2 Aug 1754; Harvard 1773; d 26 Sep 1812

V Nathan Rice: m. Mariel Leavitt, 12 Feb 1781; resided in Hingham; where she died 7 Jan 1790 - aged 31 yrs-10 months; bpt 5 Mar 1758. She was the daughter of Elisha Leavitt, Jr. (The Hingham Tory of Hingham)

IV Caleb Rice, b 13 Dec 1712; d 1759. Harvard 1730. He m Priscilla Payson

III Caleb Rice, b 19 May 1666; d 5 Jan 1738 /9; He married Mary Ward, 21 May 1696.

II Joseph Rice, bpt 13 Mar 1637 /8; d 23 Dec 1711. He married Mercy King about 1638; d 4 Jan 1668-69.

I Edmund Rice and Thomasine Frost.

NEWSPAPER CLIPPING: "Hannah became owner of the island and on her death in 1765, Elisha Leavitt, the famous Hingham Tory, bought it at auction. In turn he bequeathed George's Island to his grandson, Caleb Rice, in 1790. In 1825 Caleb Rice, who also owned Gallop's and Lovell's islands, sold Lovell's and George's islands for \$6,000 to the city of Boston, which transferred them at once to the federal government. It remained in federal custody until 1957.

- RAY LOWTHER ELLIS-

## MORE NEW YORK RICE'S

References: "History of Anondaga County, New York" by Capt. G. K. Collins, 1917 NY-112-25-36

Thorn Hill

Mary, wife of Christian Rice, died 14 Feb 1831, ae 56 yrs. 4 mo. 2 d. Christian Rice settled on Lot 71, Marcellus, West of Lake Ostica, prior to 1815.

Mary A. (Norton), wife of Orrin Rice died 27 Jul 1862, ae 19 yr, 6 mo. Orrin Rice, son of Levi Rice, m Mary A. Norton, dau Seymour and Sally (Lyman) Norton. Spafford

Laura Rice, dau Christian and Mary Rice, d 9 Mar 1830, ae 15 yr, 5 mo, 6 da. Thorn Hill

Samuel Rice, son of Christian and Mary Rice, d 17 Oct 1839, ae 37 yrs. Thorn Hill After his decease, his widow Elizabeth (Davis) Rice, daughter of Farrand and Esther Davis, m (2) William Patten as his 2nd wife.

Marquen D. Rice d 14 Feb 1864, ae 22 yr, 9 mo 10 d. Spafford Hollow

Lucretia (Norton) Rice, wife of Stephen Rice, died 12 Dec 1865, ae 28 yr, 1 mo, 17 da.

Stephen Rice, son of Levi Rice, m Lucretia Norton, dau of Seymore and Sally (Lyman) Norton. Near her grave, Lucretia's, are the unmarked graves of infant children, Stephen and Lucretia. Spafford

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References: "Gazeteer of Jefferson County, N.Y. 1890" NY-102-9

p-361 Town of Champion

Capt. Joel P. Rice, b Greenfield, Mass., 11 Feb 1781; d Town of Champion. He left Greenfield with four oxen, 1802 and 20 days later was at Champion. He married Elizabeth Crowner by whom he had seven sons and four daughters. In the War of 1812. He was a Methodist.

p-326 Town of Lyme

Daniel Rice, a Vermonter, removed to the Town of Lyme where he died at the age of 90 years. He married Phoebe Barrett, who bore him 10 children. One son was Leander.

Leander Rice, son of the above Daniel, was born in Vermont and came to the Town of Cape Vincent in 1837 and remained here til his death in 1853.



Everett of Orleans. They had five children, viz. 1. Albert E., 2. Charlotte S., 3. Orrin, 4. Betsey C., 5. Brainard. Leander's widow survived him and died at 83 yrs. Their son, Brainard m Electra A., dau of Philetus and Eliza (Holcome) Judd. They had: 1. Albert E., 2. Charles O.; and 3. Jessie A.

p-333 Town of Cape Vincent

George Hilts, a native of Herkimer County, N.Y., came to Jefferson County in 1842 and located in Orleans where he died in 1864, ae 84 yrs. He m Lydia the dau of Tyrus Rice, Salisbury Township, Herkimer County, N.Y., etc....Tyrus Rice, before mentioned, served in the Revolutionary War.

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Reference: "History of Lewis County, N.Y." by Frank B. Hough, 1883 Personal Statistics, vol. XVII

Charles Rice, Post Office Lowville, Farmer, 300 acres; Born in Lowville 1822; wife, Elizabeth dau of Joseph and Mary (Snell) Loucks of Lewis County, born 1820; m 1848. Three children. 1. Allen A.; 2. Leonard C.; 3. Mary D. Rice

Abel Rice, father of the above Charles Rice, b Berkshire county, Mass., 1792, served in the War of 1812. Abel built and opened a carding mill that is supposed to be the first in that section and is now being used as a feed and cider mill.

Amos Rice, Post Office Lowville, retired gentleman, b Green County; 22 Aug 1800. Settled in this county 1 Apr 1857; Wife, Loretta S. Andrews of Green County, b 23 Feb 1804. They m June 1824. Six of their ten children living: 1. B. Blair Rice, 2. Sarah H., 3. Yale, 4. William W., 5. Lucy Buell, 6. Rev. Francis Fenelon Rice.

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#### MORE RICES NOT FOUND IN THE RICE REGISTER

Reference: "History of Jefferson County, N.Y."; by E. C. Emerson 1898, Personal Sketches p-165

See: p.208, Rice Register:

834.2 VI (4-36-135) Seth Rice, Jr. b 22 Feb 1775 who m Abigail (Nabby) Chase, 7 Oct 1804 Guilford, Vt. Children: Henry, Jarvis Barney, Seth, William Chase; resided in Guilford.

The above reference states: "Seth and his family came from Guilford, Vt. and settled in Ellisburg, New York in 1810. His son, Henry, born in Guilford, Vt., lived in the Town of Henderson, Jefferson County, N.Y., and had a son, William H. Rice, born in the Town of Henderson where he settled and had a son William S. Rice, who was born in 1865 and was living here in 1890."

## RESEARCHERS

Researchers for early New England families, and especially for the Rices, should purchase a paperback copy of "Puritan Village", by Sumner Chilton Powell, 1965; published as a Doubleday Anchor Book, #A-441. It can be purchased at \$1.30 to \$1.60 per copy.

The original publication was made by Wesleyan University. It was a winner of the Pulitzer Prize in History, 1963. It has a very valuable bibliography and index.

- RAY LOWTHER ELLIS -

## BOOKS

### THE FOLLOWING BOOKS ARE AVAILABLE:

"A Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants" (new) \$25.00  
This is the continuation of the descendants found in A. H. Ward's "Rice Family" of 1858 and in the "Supplement" to that book.

"Rice Family" by Andrew Henshaw Ward (reprint) \$20.00  
A genealogical history of the Rice Family; descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice who came from Berkhamstead, England, and settled at Sudbury, Massachusetts, in 1638 or 9.

"Supplement" to "Rice Family" \$3.50  
In 1967 the Rice Association published from its records a compilation of additions and corrections, bringing the 1858 edition up-to-date.

"Index" \$1.25  
Names in the Ward book which were not included in the Ward index.

"More About Those Rices" by Elsie Hawes Smith \$3.50  
Still a few more left, copyright 1954.

"You are Heir to Millions!" by Margaret S. Rice \$1.50  
This seven page speech was made by Margaret S. Rice at the 1971 Rice Reunion.

Send orders to: Mrs. Constance Campbell, Secretary, 1361 Main St., Concord, Massachusetts 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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