

EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION, INC.

NEWS LETTER

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All Past Presidents

1975 REUNION

Here in Massachusetts it rained, rained, and rained, then came Saturday morning the 27th of September. "Lo and behold" it was the Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc. reunion day and it quit raining!

Over 50 cousins and friends gathered at the Peter Rice Homestead, now a meeting place and Museum of the Marlborough Historical Society on Elm Street in Marlborough, Massachusetts. (A more descriptive article on the homestead was in our news letter #28-June 1974.)

As the registration and social hour progressed in the morning, Sue and A. Sidney Brigham and members of the society gave us a guided tour of the home with explanations of what had been done and what is being done. Not very often does one get such an opportunity to see what has been hiding behind walls for so many years.

At lunch time everyone gathered round with their box lunches. The society had a scrumptious surprise for us - gingerbread for dessert. They also supplied us with coffee, too.

REUNION (cont.)

By 1:30 P.M. we started our annual meeting. Reports were read by our recording secretary, Mrs. Beatrice W. Johnson and treasurer, John E. Rice.

The election of officers was held. Please note the new list. We were so very pleased that Seaver M. Rice, our 1st. vice president, could become our new president. At 83 years young he is one of our most active members.

A cousin, Eugene W. Rice of Hamden, Conn., attending for the first time, read us a poem "Grit and Wit" by William H. Rice that will be included in this news letter.

As a bicentennial project it was decided upon to update our by-laws. This has not been done in some years.

Margaret S. Rice discussed mini-reunions. An article appears in this news letter on this subject.

Token gifts were presented to the oldest member present, 88 year old Edwin W. Proctor of Northborough, Massachusetts and the youngest present, 5 year old Gana Marie Kauffman of Worcester, Massachusetts. Also a gift was presented to Mr. & Mrs. Elden L. Brigham for coming the furthest distance from Evart, Michigan. Another couple that we should mention was Joanne Rice Bounsall and her husband Edwin Bounsall who came from Windsor, Ontario, Canada.

Our new president Seaver M. Rice expressed a wish that someday he would like to see a book of children stories about the Rices published.

After the annual meeting concluded, much more visiting was done by everyone. Then we proceeded to the Old Sudbury Road Cemetery in Wayland for our annual service of placing a wreath on Deacon Edmund Rice's grave.

"Can you imagine - the 337th year of Deacon Edmund Rice's family in America!"

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Cousins:

It is a signal honor to be elected the President of the Edmund Rice Association, at Marlborough on September 27th.

I marvel at what Edmund Rice accomplished as I read through the genealogical register with its more than 60,000 names of descendants of this remarkable man.

May we his offspring keep alive the memories and traditions of the Rices who helped also to bring into being the United States of America.

The military records of Massachusetts alone contain the names of more than 400 Rices who served in the American Revolution.

We are a part of this great country.

Seaver M. Rice

TREASURER'S REPORT

From September 27, 1974 to September 27, 1975

Our assets at present consist of one service charge free checking account at the First National Bank, Marlboro, Mass..

Balance on hand 9/27/74	1812.99
Deposits (12 during year)	1205.50
Total Balance plus deposits	<u>3018.49</u>
Checks drawn during year (16)	<u>1052.53</u>
Bal. on hand 9/27/75 checking account	1965.96

We also have one \$2000.00 term deposit savings account at 6½% for 1 year. Interest as of September 10, 1975 on savings account was \$190.41.

Total cash assets as of 9/27/75 = \$4156.37

John E. Rice, Treasurer

NEWS ITEMS

Our corresponding secretary and historian Margaret S. Rice received many letters from members that could not attend the reunion this year. Folks like; Elizabeth Travis McGowan of Steubenville, Ohio; Chester and Lillian Doe of West Boylston, Mass.; Gay Rice Kreider of Dunkirk, N.Y.; Dana Rice of Warren, R.I.; Florence Sanford of Clementsvalle, Annapolis County, Nova Scotia, Canada; Eugene J. Graebner, Col. U.S.A.F.(rt.) of Winfield, Kansas; Mrs. Callie L. Wiley of Waukegan, Illinois; Ella (Adams) Johnson Knapton of Quincy, Mass.; Roger E. Rice of Oklahoma City, Okla.; Grace Ransom of Freeport, Kansas; Charles L. Hayward of Portland, Oregon; and Barbara Rice Herndon of Pondicherry, South India(formerly of Spain). —Thank you all for your letters—

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Ted Perry of Neenah, Wisconsin writes us, "In order to keep occupied in retirement last winter, I made a private publishing of the civil war letters of Edwin Rice who was born on Mechanic Street in Marlborough". — Sounds interesting, Cousin Ted.—

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We read in "The Berkshire Eagle"(a Pittsfield, Mass.newspaper) on June 30, 1975 that one of our members, Peter Van S. Rice of Pittsfield is co-president of the "Tanglewood Council of the Boston Symphony Orchestra". This group and groups in other cities aid the Boston Symphony Orchestra in all its activities. This group has reached a membership high of 1,527 members.

NEWS ITEMS (cont.)

---Excerpts from a letter from a member - far - far away---

"Gordon and I have been enjoying our life in Spain tremendously, and although we have traveled a great deal on the coast and a wide swatch toward the interior we have barely scratched the surface. We continue to read about the country and to follow itineraries such as those written about by authors like Gerald Brenan, and never fail to have wonderful adventures. One time being lost in the total black of a moonless night we kept going for several hours up, up, hairpin turns, an endless road which finally at 10:30 P.M. brought us to a religious sanctuary. We sat quite astonished for a little while while we gathered strength to ask if we might stay the night in whatever broom closet might be available. We were not only warmly received, but given supper, a tiny room with equally tiny beds, and breakfast. When we woke in the morning and looked out the window we discovered we were perched well above 4,000 feet overlooking a glorious valley beautifully colored by the rising mists and golden sun. Far below the goat herders were collecting their animals from each farmhouse, and tiny people were moving in and out of their yards getting the day started as wisps of smoke came from the chimneys, or perhaps we imagined it, we were so entranced with the scene. Driving down the mountain was more than repayment for our rather frightening and seemingly hopeless work of the night before. One hesitates to drive at night on strange roads because as I am sure you know, washouts, landslides, etc. leave their unannounced imprints.

But Rices being what they are, adventurers since 1638, Gordon (who, married to a Rice, might just as well be a Rice) and I are leaving for a trip to India of some duration."

—How exciting ! ? —

Barbara Rice Herndon
now of, Pondicherry, South India

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Our president, Seaver M. Rice has made another discovery!

In the September 1975 issue of the "Yankee" magazine there is an article by Ruth M. Rasey Simpson titled, "UP ON APPLE HILL", which is just a few miles north of Bennington, Vermont.

She describes the founding of the farm. She writes as follows; "In the spring of 1767, the 25-year old Zachariah Harwood brought his bride Lovina Rice from Hardwick, Massachusetts, to his newly acquired farm "out toward the Shaftsbury Hills" in Vermont."

Seaver noticing the name of Lovina Rice (page 109 in Ward) from Hardwick remembered his ancestors lived there back in the middle 1770's before they went also to Vermont. So he got out his Rice genealogy books and discovered Ruth Simpson was a sixth cousin and subsequently wrote her at North Tonawanda, N.Y. where she now resides.

Ruth answered his letter and sent him an autographed copy of her book, "But of the Saltbox, the Savor of Old Vermont". She is quite a noted author and lecturer on historical subjects. She has won eleven awards in National League of American Pen Women contests.

—We're sure you will want to read this article in "Yankee", maybe "Lovina" is on your family tree branch !—

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NEWS ITEMS (cont.)

Charles L. Hayward (a Rice Assoc. member) formerly of Minneapolis, now of Portland, Oregon writes us, "I have married to: Ruth Elizabeth Bailey. She is a native of Hyde Park, Massachusetts, and a descendant from the Howland family (Mayflower)."

—Congratulations—

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A letter from Ella (Adams) Johnson Knapton of Quincy, Mass. tells us she was born and brought up in Southboro. "My ancestors on my fathers side "Johnsons" were among the first four families to petition the town of Marlboro to set aside land enough for them to raise their cattle and make a living. Hence the south part of the town was set aside (called Southboro)." Ella's mother was a Rice. Her mother was one of twelve children, eleven married and had children so Ella is one of 36 cousins to carry on. ---"Carry on" she does!-In Quincy there is the Rice Eventide Home for the Elderly. She belongs to their Auxillary that meets once a month. In June she had lunch there one day to help cheer the folks only to find she was older than some of them. She is 80 yrs. old. She says, "It was lots of fun for me, anyway." —Keep up the good work, Ella—

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Someone ? at the annual reunion inquired about the book "Letters of Viola Rice" by Mrs. Helen Perry Smith. Well, Mrs. Smith says she has some copies left and that she will send free to relatives only, provided they are genuinely interested and will tell her how they are related to her. She is not interested in selling any. Her address : Mrs. Helen Perry Smith, 3 Ruxview Court, Apt. 101, Ruxton, Md. 21204.

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One of our members, Mrs. Leta V. Olson of Shamrock, Texas, a teacher in the commercial department of Shamrock High School was selected as "Business Education Teacher of the Year for District 16, Texas State Teachers Association in November 1974. She was honored at the Texas State Teachers Assoc. in Houston in March 1975 for this achievement.

In May 1975 she was selected as Business and Professional Women's Club Woman of the Year for Dist. 9.

Then in July she was notified she had been named "Outstanding Secondary Educator in America", many are given this honor each year but she was the first person in her area to receive it.

Mrs. Olson is a member of the First Baptist Church of Shamrock. She is also a member of the B.&P.W. Club, Emerald Study Club, National Society of Daughters of the American Revolution, and National Genealogical Society, and has had one book and two articles accepted for publication.

—Please be sure to read her article "Information Needed - Urgent" in this news letter—

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NEWS ITEMS (cont.)

Mrs. Florence Sanford of Clementsvale, N.S., Canada tells us she has a painting of the old "Rice Home" in Wayland showing the same house used on our "Rice" letterheads. This picture is large (46"x 32" with a 5" heavy gold frame) showing the oxen pulling in the grain, a white horse in the pasture, stonewalls, etc., large house and barns with a river in the background. The painting, now badly cracked, was handed down to her grandfather, George Damon Rice (born 11 Feb. 1835, died 1892).

Her mother was Maude Washington Rice. —Sure would like to see it one day. We wonder if there are any more in existence like it? —

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Our past president Margaret Allen sent us an item about her cousin Marion (Buchan) Gutsche (XI 4967 .1.2.5 page 1155 in Rice Register). Marion works in a doctor's office in St. Paul, Minn. during the day but in the evening and on weekends she turns into an "excellent musician" in Birchwood as her husband claims and does all the proof-reading on his scores. You see her husband is an internationally known composer, Gene Gutsche (pen name). He was named as one of 11 composers commissioned by the National Orchestra to compose special music for the Bicentennial. Gutsche is now putting finishing touches on ICARUS which the world will probably hear for the first time when Antal Dorati raises his baton and the music written by Gutsche is played by the National Orchestra in the spring of 1976. —We'll all be waiting to hear ICARUS —

IN MEMORIAM

Word has been received of the death of the following members. The Rice Association extends its deepest sympathy to the families:

Mr. Malcolm F. Cummings, P.O. Box 1627, Orleans, Massachusetts 02653

Mr. George E. Hull, 9 Florida Road, Towson, Md. 21204
died 3 Nov. 1974 (X 656 .2.6.3.6.5.) Page 1043 in Rice Register.

Dr. Howard B. Randall, 12 Berkshire Rd., Framingham, Mass. 01701
died 5 August 1975 (Page 859 in Rice Register, husband of Helen Irene Rice (IX 971 .5.2.2.2) Helen was our assoc. secretary for many years.)

Mr. Cleaveland J. Rice, P.O.Box 1846, New Haven, Conn. 06508
died 26 January 1975.

Col.(ret.army) Walton Smith, 6258 N. Campbell Ave., Tucson, Ariz. 85718

Mrs. Hugh D. Stevenson (Dorothy Palmer Soanes Stevenson), 1341 Bullis Rd., Elma, N.Y. 14059 died 18 August 1972 (name mentioned on page V - front of Rice Register)

Mrs. Arthur Wakeling (Florence Marguerite Rice Wakeling), 16 Midway Dr., Bethel, Conn. 06801 died 22 Dec. 1974
(IX 2141 .6.3.8) Page 917 in Rice Register.

MINI-REUNIONS FOR YOUR LOCAL AREA

It has been suggested that regional meetings of descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice might arouse interest in our family association and bring greater attendance at the Annual Reunion. Some have also complained that, with the children in school, and the weather uncertain, they are not able to come to the meetings in the autumn from any great distance, whereas they would gladly attend a gathering nearer home.

Are there some nice new people in your town by the name of Rice? Do you know of other Rice families in nearby towns whom you do not know, but might like to? Why not get acquainted? Hold a pot-luck supper with all of them,-- a cook-out, a picnic, or any other kind of a get-together that may appeal to you.

A number of most successful regional meetings have been held for Rices in southern New Hampshire and northeastern Massachusetts. At one of them a few winters ago, despite frigid temperatures and a threatening northeaster, about twenty of the family gathered at the home of one of them to enjoy music and games and good conversation before blazing fireplaces, and a real New England supper of baked beans and brown bread, baked ham, green salad and Indian pudding.

Some of those present had never met before; some learned that they were close cousins; lasting friendships were made and new members of the Edmund Rice Association were recruited. Even those who couldn't decide they were descendants of the Deacon joined as contributing members. Best of all, younger members of the family who, till then, had shunned the Association as being "corny", learned that such gatherings can be real fun, and that their relatives are really nice folks!

Those attending this particular meeting enthusiastically endorse such an approach to family unity and recommend to other members of the family that they try it. If you think "Who could I invite?" the Association Secretary will gladly send you lists of interested persons in your vicinity. Consult the 'phone book and your town's list of residents. Make a magic circle on your map and include all the towns within a twenty-five mile radius.

Try it. You'll like it. And do let us know how it works out.

Margaret S. Rice

EDITOR'S NOTE

By now you must realize our news letter looks much like it did a few years ago. Due to rising cost in printing, paper, etc., we deemed it necessary to go back to the original form. Hope everyone finds it suitable.

I personally hope that everyone will still continue sending in their interesting material. We do have limited space, so if it doesn't appear in one issue, we'll try to put it in another.

At present we have a mailing list of over 350 addresses which receive our news letter that goes out only twice a year, June and October. Please do remember to send us any changes of address.

Louise Rice Trudeau

FROM THE ELLSWORTH AMERICAN
Date uncertain, about 1927 - 8

Copied from a clipping in possession of Ellis Holt, 3/1/67
Sent to us by Eugene W. Rice, Hamden, Conn. 9/30/75

REUNION OF THE RICE FAMILY AT BIRCH HARBOR

"The 21st reunion of the Rice family was held at the Rice homestead, Birch Harbor, Aug. 22, with attendance of about 60. About 20 years ago a large tent frame was erected on the old home farm and a tent covering made and put on each year. After all these years the frame was down so a special effort was made and a fine new cedar frame was put up by the men living near. The covering was tacked on, the tables lengthened, the fish caught and everything made ready. A fine day came to bless us and everybody was happy. The chowder was the best ever and all that went with it left nothing to be desired. Ages ran from 1 to 80 years with a good sprinkling of children to perpetuate the name and the blood. Lester Young was made president in place of W.H. Rice who resigned after serving 21 years, and Ivy Rice was made vice president; Olive Crane, secretary, and Fannie Rice, treasurer. The following verses were read by W.H. Rice and contain family history:

GRIT AND WIT

In the time of war-eighteen hundred and twelve,
Our ancestors quietly dwelt
In a fishing hamlet, Birch Harbor, Me.
Where hardships were keenly felt.

'Twas a trying time for those fisherfolk;
For the British were all about,
And all up and down coast tars were seen
Sailing in harbor and out.

There was no defense for those little towns,
And firearms very few;
Powder was scarce, we may well suppose,
So what could those poor folks do ?

One day a British barge hove in sight;
She was coming up the bay.
"We'll steal and we'll plunder all we can,"
Was the plan of the crew that day.

But very little they knew that Yankee wit
Could sometimes make a stay,
And be a match for those English guns
And keep John Bull away.

"Alas! What shall we do?" they cried,
"We've not a gun at hand,
And see! that barge is sailing right in;
The crew will surely land."

They'll come and take our things away
Our cattle, our geese and hens,
And all of our garden sas destroy
And our pigs within their pens.

Children are frightened, the women cry,
And the men even shake their heads,
And pandemonium sets in,
Because they must face the Reds.

But out of chaos came a word - a charge
"Be still," was the calm reply,
" 'Tis not a time to lose our heads,
We'll turn back that barge or die."

"Have courage all, we must now face the foe,
Shall we not be brave and true?
I have a plan, let us carry it out,
And see what we can do."

It was grandfather - Jonas Rice, who spoke;
A man of no great height:
His physique was small, but pluck he had
To help in every plight.

"Now women and children, you go right home
And keep as still as mice,
And we men will down the harbor go
And do for them in a trice.

"We have no arms, and our men are few,
So a bluff we must surely make,
We'll pretend we're armed, 'twill be as well,
If our ruse the British take.

"We'll cut some rods, and pretend they are guns,
Then up the sea-wall shin,
And hide behind that huge old bluff
And wait till the barge comes in."

On, on she came, well armed and equipped,
A thing to dread and fear,
Were those men alarmed? Oh, no! Oh, no!
But perhaps they did feel queer.

"Let go the anchor," the captain commands,
And over the bow it fell,
While those brave men, we have no doubt,
Brought out a lusty yell.

The hearts of the soldiers came into their throats.
And they cry, "This is enough!"
"See! See! They are armed", as they saw the rods
Sticking out above the bluff.

GRIT AND WIT (cont.)

"Not one inch further", the heroes cry out,
"Get away you bloody foe,
Or in a jiffy we'll fire our guns
And off your heads will go."

"Oh, merciful Heaven, the captain exclaimed,
"Get every man to his oar;
Cut off the cable - heave anchor aground."
Was heard above ocean roar.

The trick had worked, those fishermen won,
Without any pay or bonus;
Rejoicing now they homeward go,
Led on by grandfather Jonas.

The people well knew to whom honor was due;
'Twas the man who wouldn't be downed.
The 'General' they called him, and day by day
His name became renowned.

Be it known to all in our family today
As so pleasantly here we sit,
That when trials come, and means are scarce,
You should use your Yankee wit.

Those dear old braves have gone to their rest,
And their good deeds now we tell,
But be it ours to act our part
As faithfully and as well.

NEW MEMBERS

Mr. Henry Brigham Adams, 465 Pleasant St., Marlboro, Mass. 01752

Mr. Elden L. Brigham, Route 1, Evart, Michigan 49631

- 1 Deacon Edmund Rice m. Thomasine Frost
- 2 Henry Rice m. Elizabeth Moore
- 3 Thomas Brigham (1) m. Mercy Hurd
- 4 Thomas Brigham (2) m. Mary Rice
- 5 Gershom Brigham b.1680 m. Mehitabel Warren
- 6 Benjamin Brigham b.1714 m. Hannah Merrill
- 7 Gershom Brigham b.1750 m. Sarah Allen
- 8 Elisha Brigham b.1792 m. Sophronia Ryder
- 9 Elisha Aldis Brigham b.1821 m. Celia Baxter
- 10 Ziba Whittier Brigham b.1850 m. Martha Jane Clark
- 11 Guy Herbert Brigham b.1883 m. Anna Jane Elder
- 12 Elden L. Brigham b.1907 m. 1. Joyce R. Payne
2. Margaret K. Lee

Mr. Roland P. Cummings, Box 207, Gloucester, Massachusetts 01930

Mr. & Mrs. Robert Rice Estabrook, Bolton, Massachusetts 01740

Robert Rice Estabrook (XI 1221 .5.3.5.2.3) Page 1075 Rice Reg., member.

Mrs. Robert Rice Estabrook, contributing member.

NEW MEMBERS (cont.)

Mr. & Mrs. Arthur M. Fitts, Jr., 873 Grove St., Framingham, Mass. 01701
Arthur M. Fitts, Jr. (XI 132 .4.1.1.1.1.1.3) Page 1014 and 1204 in
Rice Register, member.

Mrs. Arthur M. Fitts, Jr. (Margery Lord Fitts) (XI 2194 .3.2.1.2) Page
1112 and 1204 in Rice Register, member.

Mr. Paul A. Hillman, 283 Lowell St., Lynnfield, Mass. 01940

Mr. John P. Hull, 108 Tunbridge Rd., Baltimore, Md. 21212
(XI 656 .2.6.3.6.6.1) Page 1043 in Rice Register.

Mrs. Anne Rice Jacobsen, 72½ Algonquin Ave., Saranac Lake, N.Y. 12983

Mrs. Ivan R. Johnson (Virginia Dare Johnson), 7439 Prospect Rd.,
Westfield, New York 14787

Lt. Col. & Mrs. Francis Michael Kauffman, 42 Chamberlain Parkway,
Worcester, Mass. 01602

Lt. Col. Francis Michael Kauffman, contributing member.

Mrs. Francis Michael Kauffman (Gayna Rice Kauffman) (XI 1221 .5.3.7.3.3)
Page 1076 in Rice Register, member.

Dr. & Mrs. Lyn C. Makeever, 40 Briar Lane, Rockford, Ill. 61103

Dr. Lyn C. Makeever, (XI 999 .3.8.2.3.4.2) Page 1069 and 1255
in Rice Register, member.

Mrs. Lyn C. Makeever, contributing member.

Mr. Harry C. Rice, 130 Water Row, Sudbury, Massachusetts 01776
(IX 3816 .6.3) Page 753 in Rice Register.

Mr. & Mrs. Nelson Royce, 15 Mac Arthur St., Plainville, Conn. 06062
Nelson Royce, member

Mrs. Nelson Royce (Margaret Palladino Royce), contributing member.

(2 lines to Edmund and Thomasine)

- 1 Deacon Edmund Rice m. Thomasine Frost
- 2 Thomas Rice m. Mary King
- 3 Gershom Rice m. Elizabeth Balcom; James Rice m. Sarah Stone
- 4 Abishai Rice m. Frances Rice (dau. of James)
- 5 Abishai Rice, Jr. m. (2nd) Elizabeth Watson
- 6 Erastus Rice m. Mary Hulbert
- 7 Hurlbert Rice (Royce) (#3149.6 in Ward) m. Irene Munson
- 8 Frank Royce m. (2nd) Sarah Blinn
- 9 Nelson Edward Royce m. Margaret Palladino

Mrs. Treasure Irene Hotchkiss Traxler, 503 B Jamestown Dr.,
Winter Park, Florida 32789

- 1 Deacon Edmund Rice m. Thomasine Frost
- 2 Thomas Rice m. Mary King
- 3 Ephraim Rice m. (1) Hannah Livermore
(2) Mary Noyes
- 4 Josiah Rice m. Sarah
- 5 Cyrus Rice m. Elizabeth Eaton
- 6 Stephen Rice m. (1) Mrs. Lucy Baker Harvey
(2) Mrs. Abigail Freeman Hamilton
- 7 Harvey Rice m. (1) Fannie Rice (Page 443, Rice Register)
(2) Mrs. Emma Maria Fitch Woods "
- 8 Roswell Rice m. Nancy Keyes
- 9 Henry Rice m. Elizabeth Silvernail
- 10 Mrs. Treasure Irene Hotchkiss Traxler

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INFORMATION NEEDED - URGENT

In August of 1971 our oldest son was told he had a rare disease of the nerve system. Let me tell you a little about his problem.

The condition is peripheral neuropathy and in our son's case is of the hereditary-congenital variety. This is a condition commonly referred in literature as Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease. It can also be caused by lead poisoning.

Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease can run in families in a variety of ways. In order for our doctor to provide the best possible information, he asked that an extensive family history be obtained and that it must include medical history--even family stories of unusual deaths or illnesses of family members.

At this writing, no record of the disease in the family has been found. I have prepared family records for the past 25 years but seldom recorded medical records. Therefore, I am asking you to help me.

First, I must tell you that little is known about the disease and only in recent years has the medical field started research on it. Therefore, the name may not ring a bell with you. I am listing what small amount of information I have in hope you will recognize the symptoms.

1. The symptoms usually appear after age forty. (In my sons case, they were advanced at age nineteen.)
2. Numbness occurs in hands and feet as the nerves die. The numbness spreads over the body and the victim loses control of his body. The progression varies in families and this is one point of information I need.
3. In the early stages--following numbness--the victim begins to stumble about and to drop things. Some symptoms are much like M.S..Also, the victim has hand tremors.
4. No known drug will arrest or control the progress of Charcot-Marie-Tooth disease. However, by studying the pattern of the disease in the family, doctors can help the family prepare for the future of the victim.
5. If anyone in your family had any of these symptoms or died with unusual diseases, please write to me. Did they have hand tremors? Were they paralyzed? Were they extremely nervous? What about an unusually high and double bone on the top of the foot?

Your help may make our doctor's work easier and faster. Too, it may help our other children as well as families across the country because doctors say the disease may have been dormant for seven generations or more.

Send your letters to:

Mrs. Leta Olson
714 South Main
Shamrock, Tx. 79079

INFORMATION WANTED

Robert F. Royce of 137 Hemlock St., West Haven, Ct. has been doing some research on the Rices that settled the area extending from Avon to Simsbury, Connecticut covering an area known as Barkhamstead. The Colonial Records of Conn. state that in 1730 Benjamin Rice purchased, along with some other Rices, a large tract of land from an Indian Chief named Toto. This was the first white settlement of this area.

Royce's own theory is that they named the area Barkhamstead after Edmund's Berkhamstead. The people of Barkhamstead are writing a history of the area, spearheaded by Messrs. Hilton and Wheeler, and found this information interesting. Unfortunately the 1955 flood so devastated the area that many old records were literally washed away. —We're sure if any Rices have any information on this general area they will want to send it on to Robert Royce—

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During Robert Royce's research work in Barkhamstead he met an aged woman by the name of Dorothy Rice Post. Mrs. Post, who is 86, is interested in knowing if she is related to Edmund Rice. Her great grandfather was James Quackenbush Rice, his mother was a Quackenbush. He was born about 1820 or so, she couldn't remember, and was killed at the 2nd Battle of Winchester in the Civil War. She still has his saddle and the watch that was found on him at his death. He came from New York State. Mrs. Post would like to pass any information she might find on to her nephew - James Quackenbush Rice III. —Robert Royce (address above) will forward any information to her—

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

Some additional information from Mrs. Anne Rice Jacobsen, 72½ Algonquin Ave., Saranac Lake, N.Y..

A quote from a letter her father, Fred W. Rice sent her years ago:

"My father's name was Caleb Hall Rice named after his grandfather Caleb Hall - a distinguished clergyman (Presbyterian, I think) father of my grandmother Rice. She had eleven children. Grandfather Rice was a very strict old fashioned Methodist farmer who believed in not sparing the rod. He gave my father such a whipping that he ran away from home and learned to be a plumber. Father enlisted in the Civil War and wrote to me once from a hospital in New Orleans. He has never been heard from since. Your mother can tell you about some of the Rices she has met."

—You see, sometimes old letters we find, tell us so much—

ADDITIONS TO RICE REGISTER

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Beverly Jane Justice (XI 1705b .4.3.1.2.2) m. 30 April 1966
Los Angeles, California, Ronald Lewis Moore b. 12 July 1938
Moore children

- .1 Todd Justice b. 19 March 1972 Inglewood, California
- .2 Tami Nagler b. 19 November 1974 Seattle, Washington

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Janet Lynn Tornquist (XI 1705b .4.3.5.2.2) m. 20 April 1974
Paso Robles, California, Rogan William Thompquist, (b. 24 Feb. 1949-
Rogan was born "Thompson" but he legally changed his name before
the wedding and it was filed 23 May 1974 in the office of the
Sec. of State of Calif.. They chose the first 5 letters of his
name and the last 5 letters of her name to make a new name for
their new life.)

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Amber Tornquist (no middle name) b. 27 October 1974 San Luis Obispo,
California.
Second child of Lyle Robert Tornquist (XI 1705b .4.3.5.2.1)
and Janet Cook.

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Pamela Joyce Warner (XI 1705b .4.3.5.1.2)m. 17 May 1975 Paso Robles,
California, Carl Edward Rogers b. 12 July 1936 Los Angeles, Calif.

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