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BOARD MEETING

The officers and directors of our association will meet Saturday, June 26th at the home of Charles W. Rice in Wrentham, Massachusetts. Seaver Rice, our association president, will preside.

At that time the 1976 reunion plans will be made. The annual

BOARD MEETING (cont.)

reunion usually is planned for the last Saturday in September. This year it would be September 25th. Reunion notices will be mailed when the final arrangements have been completed.

NEWS ITEMS

Joseph and Ruth Brown of Sudbury, Massachusetts were sorry to miss our last reunion. Their reason was certainly a very valid one. Joe was the Massachusetts coordinator for the reenactment of Benedict Arnold's march to Quebec. They took off for Pittston, Maine on the 26th and were gone nine days. Quote -"What a grand experience that was!"

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A newspaper clipping from the 9 November 1975 South Middlesex News tells us about a small 84 year old woman, Marian Rice Hart, dubbed "the Flying Grandmother" from Washington, D.C.. She had just completed a solo flight around the world and landed in Cairo. She flies a 14 year old single engine Beechcraft. She has logged more than 5000 hours flying time in the past 30 years and has flown the Atlantic about 10 times.

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Our Christmas message from Charles and Ruth Hayward of Portland, Oregon included a great list of places they had visited during the past year like Hawaii, Florida, Southern Calif.; a 17 day trip to Spain, Morocco and Portugal; Minnesota, a two-week Shrine Tour to Norway, Denmark, Germany and Austria; a fall trip to Wisconsin, Ohio, New York and the New England states. I do believe I would like to have been one of their "suit cases"!! Hope you two will always be able to travel and enjoy.

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Elden L. Brigham of Leesburg, Florida and Evart, Michigan, a member of our Rice Association is writing a new book entitled "From Whence We Came" and it will be published very soon. Seaver Rice, our association president, tells us Mr. Brigham will be using the cut of the Rice homestead on this new book.

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A picture of our historian Margaret S. Rice appears on page 106 of the March '76 issue of "Yankee" magazine. An article on said picture starts on page 108 and continues on page 111. Her "Historic Country Weekends" sound like a wonderful idea for those traveling east this bicentennial year. Margaret decided to face rising taxes and inflated living costs by offering meals and lodging to paying weekend guests with a special slant to the history buff.

AN ADDITION TO THE RICE REGISTER

Lawrence Rice Colvin and his wife Barbara have had a second daughter, SARA ELIZABETH COLVIN born 3 October 1974. Grandparents are Dr. Earl Colvin and Marian Rice Colvin of our association.

PROGRESS REPORT

Suzanne Brigham has sent us the following update on the progress of restoration of the Peter Rice Homestead....

A recent Bicentennial Grant from the state has enabled the Marlborough Historical Society to continue the restoration project. The face of the building now looks much as it did when it was built sometime early in the 18th century. We know that Peter Rice married in 1688 and at that time it appears that he and his wife, Rebecca How lived on the property, probably in a smaller dwelling. The present house was built a few years later and parts of that earlier house have been incorporated into the present house which was built we believe on the site of the first.

The pannelled wall of the parlor reflects the charm of the "best room" and its fireplace and hearth are now complete.

In the leanto, hidden behind a functioning fireplace, the massive kitchen fireplace and beehive oven was uncovered and has been rebuilt in its massive proportions. It is easy now to imagine the several generations of Rice children who have gathered in its warmth to heard tales of Indians and brave ancestors.

Since the Family visit in the fall of 1975 the Society has corresponded with Mrs. Glenna Simmons, Mt. Dora, Florida and she has provided personal items which had belonged to members of the Abraham Rice family. She is a descendant of the Russell's who lived in the homestead from 1850 until 1900.

The Society would enjoy hearing from Rices who feel they might be connected with the family of Peter Rice and his descendants:

1. Peter m. Rebecca How
2. Abraham m. Persis Robinson
3. Peter m. Levinah Howe
4. Eli m. Lucy Brigham
5. Levinah Rice m. Otis Russell

The work is far from complete but anyone interested in touring the Homestead may contact Mrs. Virginia Johnson, Elm Street 485-3406, Mr. Sidney Brigham 485-2332 or Mr. Henry Adams 485-0734.

IN MEMORIAM

Edward L. Gargan, Washington Mountain Road, Becket, Mass. 01223 died 11 March 1976 following an automobile accident, husband of Mae Elsie Rice (XI 999 .2.2.7.1.2.1, page 1251 in Rice Register). Mae is a member of our association. We extend our deepest sympathy to her and her family.

NEW MEMBERS

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P.O. Box 573, Laurel, Mississippi 39440

- 1 Deacon Edmund Rice m. Thomasine Frost
- 2 Henry Rice m. Elizabeth (Moore) Rice
- 3 Mary Rice m. Thomas Brigham
- 4 David Brigham m. Mary (Leonard) Newton
- 5 Capt Jonas Brigham m. Persis Baker
- 6 David Brigham m. Lucy Harrington
- 7 Rev. David Brigham m. Elizabeth Durfee
- 8 Thomas Russell Brigham m. Delia H. Larrimore
- 9 David William Brigham m. Gertrude E. Bocker
- 10 Grace Mary Brigham m. William Franklin Horne

Mr. William S. Miller, 1626 S. Berry Rd., Norman, Oklahoma 73069
(1st line to Edmund and Thomasine)

- 1 Deacon Edmund Rice m. Thomasine Frost
- 2 Edward Rice m. Agnes Bent
- 3 Daniel Rice m. Bethia Ward
- 4 Daniel Rice, Jr. m. Elizabeth Taylor
- 5 David Rice m. Love Moore
- 6 David Rice, Jr. m. Abigail Reed
- 7 Nathan Rice m. Cynthia Derby
- 8 Lizzie D. Rice m. James Hervey Miller
- 9 Harry Winslow Miller m. Maud Isabel Hayward
- 10 Henry Hayward Miller m. Rena Rosamond Rice
- 11 William Stephen Miller

(2nd line to Edmund and Thomasine)

- 1 Deacon Edmund Rice m. Thomasine Frost
- 2 Thomas Rice m. Mary King
- 3 Elisha Rice m. Elizabeth Wheeler
- 4 Zebulon Rice m. Susanna Allen
- 5 Reuben Rice m. Sarah Metcalf
- 6 Reuben Rice, Jr. m. (2) Charlotte Stearns
- 7 Charles Stearns Rice m. Catherine Louise Brown
- 8 Frederick Fremont Rice m. Carrie Melvina Chadwick
- 9 Rena Rosamond Rice m. Henry Hayward Miller
- 10 William Stephen Miller

Mrs. Charles W. Mohrman (Mary Frances Hubka Mohrman), 1747 South
Seventh Street, Fargo, North Dakota 58102

- 1 Deacon Edmund Rice m. Thomasine Frost
- 2 Thomas Rice m. Mary King
- 3 Gershom Rice m. Elizabeth Balcom
- 4 Matthias Rice m. Mary Boyden
- 5 Bathsheba Rice m. John Underwood
- 6 Isaac Underwood m. Zilpha Castle (Holton?)
- 7 John Underwood m. Cylena Halliwell
- 8 William Underwood m. Eliza Ann Hewett
- 9 William Hewett Underwood m. Hannah Marie Johnson
- 10 Thelma Marie Underwood m. Ernest Alfred Hubka
- 11 Mary Frances Hubka m. Charles William Mohrman

NEW MEMBERS (cont.)

Mr. Henry Clair Outzen, 1677 Yalecrest Ave., Salt Lake City,
Utah 84105

- 1 Deacon Edmund Rice m. Thomasine Frost
- 2 Samuel Rice m. (1) Elizabeth King (8 November 1655)
- 3 Samuel Rice, Jr. m. Abigail Clap (30 October 1693)
Note: Samuel Rice, Jr. legally adopted by his Uncle Peter King,
and was known as Samuel King alias Rice. Alias Rice
dropped next gen.
- 4 Ezra King m. Silence Bond (1719)
- 5 William King m. Elizabeth Cushing (1754)
- 6 Thomas King m. Ruth Hyde (15 January 1795)
- 7 Thomas Rice King m. Matilda Robinson (25 December 1831)
- 8 John Robinson King m. Helen Maria Webb (23 September 1860)
- 9 Lydia Rosella King m. John Bertelsen (19 December 1888)
- 10 Ila King Bertelsen m. Martin William Outzen (30 June 1913)
- 11 Henry Clair Outzen m. June Gilbert Barnett (8 October 1938)

Mrs. Wilma Sadler Shull, 1504 Glenmore Drive, Norfolk, Nebraska 68701

Mrs. Ruth Rasey Simpson, 286 Goundry St., No. Tonawanda, N.Y. 14120
Notation on her page 4, # 31 News Letter.

Mr. James Vandergriff, 5209 Bradley Blvd., Bethesda, Md. 20014

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION

A letter from Francis I. Jacobs, 90 Moss Lane, Winter Park, Florida states the following:

I am a ninth generation descendent of Edmund Ingalls who settled at Lynn, Mass. in 1629. Some weeks ago I looked for the name Rice in my Ingalls Genealogy and found the following:

Everett Augustus Ingalls,⁸ b. Pelham, Mass. June 21, 1834; m. Amboy, Ill., Feb. 5, 1861, Eliza Ann, daughter of Horace and Juliana (Wheat) Rice, b. Canandagua, Mich., Jan. 29, 1837, res. Chicago. He was an expert accountant, d. Chicago Jan. 23, 1871. Ch: Juliana Dunklee,⁹ b. Oct. 22, 1865; n. m. is now teacher in public schools in Chicago; Augustus Rice,⁹ b. Dec. 27, 1867; He was employed in the wholesale drygoods business at Chicago until 1896, is now engaged in horticulture at New Plymouth (post office Payette) Idaho.

My Ingalls Genealogy was published in 1903. The Eliza Rice in the above is listed at the top of Page 704 in the Rice Register. The fascinating thing to me is that Amboy, Ill. is where my grandfather, Mary Rice's son, lived in 1857. My parents were married there. I was born there and lived there until I was 18.

ADDITIONAL LINEAGE

Mrs. Theresa Jemison, 776 Bloomingdale Rd., Basom, New York 14013
Lineage of Mrs. Theresa Cook Jemison, descendant of Silas Rice, taken prisoner by the Indians, August 8, 1704, when nine years old, at Marlboro.

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| 1 | Deacon Edmund Rice | m. | Thomasine Frost |
| 2 | Samuel Rice | m. | Elizabeth King |
| 3 | Edmund Rice | m. | Ruth Parker |
| 4 | Silas Rice | m. | ? |
| 5 | Mary Josephine Rice
(Kanihanonkwas) | m. | Peter (Tharonhiakenton) |
| 6 | John (Atawahknon) | m. | Mary (Kawennitake) |
| 7 | Charles (Tanientakaion) | m. | Ann (Katsitsienhawe) |
| 8 | John Cook(Tekaionwannontere) | m. | Mary Ransom (Karenaatsi) |
| 9 | Charles Cook (Tekaroniaahen) | m. | Anna McDonald (Kaiention) |
| 10 | Theresa Cook | m. | (1) Ralph Leaf
(2) Edmund Jemison |

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Mrs. Joseph Massara (Frieda Antoinette Heywood Massara), 203 Las Marias Dr. S.E., Corrales Heights, Rio Rancho, N.M. 87124

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| 1 | Deacon Edmund Rice | m. | Thomasine Frost |
| 2 | Samuel Rice | m. | Elizabeth King |
| 3 | Hannah Rice (pg.3 Rice Reg.#57) | m. | Jonathan Hubbard |
| 4 | Elizabeth Hubbard (pg.34 Rice Reg.#297) | m. | Samuel Heywood |
| 5 | Jonas Heywood, Sr. | m. | Ann Prescott |
| 6 | Jonas Heywood, Jr. | m. | Mary Soper |
| 7 | Humphrey Barrett Heywood | m. | Martha Willard Merritt |
| 8 | Henry Willard Heywood | m. | Eliz (Elizabeth) Lozier |
| 9 | Francis Jerome Heywood | m. | Phila Evelyn C. Hill |
| 10 | Frieda Antoinette Heywood | m. | Joseph J. Massara |

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Mrs. Alden Olson (Leta Gleason Olson), 714 South Main, Shamrock Texas 79079

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| 1 | Deacon Edmund Rice | m. | Thomasine Frost |
| 2 | Thomas Rice | m. | Mary King |
| 3 | Gershom Rice | m. | Elizabeth Balcom |
| 4 | Matthias Rice | m. | May Boyden |
| 5 | Bathsheba Rice | m. | John Underwood |
| 6 | Isaac Underwood (Rev. War) | m. | Zilpha Castle |
| 7 | Alanson Underwood | m. | Elizabeth Fauble |
| 8 | Catherine E. Underwood | m. | James Simpson |
| 9 | Anna Zilpha Simpson | m. | William Gleason |
| 10 | Charley Ray Gleason | m. | Maude Hillebran |
| 11 | Leta Gleason | m. | Alden Olson |

OLD LETTER

Rudolph (Rudy) Rice Malone of Memphis, Tenn. is in the process of compiling all the descendants of his grandfather William Henry Rice.

"Rudy" thought our association might be interested in the following letter, written by his great grand father, (Page 211 of the Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants) William Emmerson Rice while he was in the hospital in Memphis, Tenn. with the measles. He had joined the S.S. Services Ill. Co. G. August of 1862. On March 6th 1863 he was told that he would be released from the hospital the next day to rejoin his unit. During the night he got up to get another soldier a drink took a backset and died the next day. He was buried on the home farm at Stokes Station, White County, Ill..

In 1856 he and his brother Allen had opened the Saline Works at Equality, Ill.. They sold their interests in 57 or 58 and returned to Stokes Station where he was living when he joined the Union Army.

The following is a letter written by him to his wife Martha A. Gossett Rice three days before his death, just as he wrote it.

Dear Martha

Memphis, Tenn. Mar 4 1863

I now seat myself to inform you that I am well as common, though I am weak yet. I don't hardly know how to write a letter this morning for I have wrote seven times since I have been here and I am afraid you have not got any of them. I started a letter yesterday to Carmi and maybe you will get it. I have no doubt but what you are very uneasy. But I intend to keep writing anyhow. I will quit paying the postage and if the letters don't go they will have to loose it. I received your letter the other morning and was glad to hear from you but was very sorry to learn that you had not received any of my letters. I have been in the hospital here with the measles every since I have been here, but I am going to the regiment in a few days, I think I am as well as ever and have been for several days but I have been very careful about exposing myself to take cold, I am quite hardy and can eat as much as any well man though I don't gain strength as fast as I would like to. I think it is for the lack of exercise. There has been nine deaths in here from our regiment, but there has only been two deaths in our company, that were the two Wicker boys. I don't Pony Wicker will live until night he is so low. William Cherry in John Sterling's mess died this morning. (W.E. Rice's son married John Sterling's daughter Mary Jane) Our regiment moved about a mile and a half yesterday and have got a beautiful place to camp and we are to stay here and guard Memphis. There have been five or six brigades left here and gone to Vicksburg. We are attached to General Beacher's division and he is commander of the post so I think we will not be moved any further south very soon if ever.

Martha you have no idea how I felt when I read your letter and found that you had not heard from me and that you thought I had forgotten you, there is never an hour but what I think of you and it does hurt me to think that I can't get a letter to go to you. I want you to keep in good heart and write to me as often as you can. You think it strange that I did not pay the postage on this but the reason that I did not is if the letter don't go through they will have to loose it and I think they will be apt to send it on. I must now bring my letter to a close hoping it may reach you and find you all well and better satisfied and trusting you will continue to pray for me. No more at present, but remain your until death.

William E. Rice to Martha A. Rice

OLD LETTER (cont.)

Martha A. Gossett was born in Sumner Co. Tenn. March 17, 1826. Married W. E. Rice and died at the home of her son William Henry Rice, near Enfield, Ill. August 26, 1901.

SEAVER'S SUNDAY COLUMN

One of Seaver Rice's (our association president) most popular SUNDAY (newspaper in Southbridge, Mass.) columns entitled "Melanie" is reprinted below.

MELANIE

The doorbell rang.

I peered through the window. Two little girls were outside.

"Girl Scouts taking orders for cookies," I thought. "A good cause, the girls won't be disappointed, I will buy as always."

I opened the door. She stood there, a slim, lovable little girl with shoulder length blonde hair and blue eyes that looked up directly into mine, and below was a firm, uplifted, determined chin.

She was Melanie, and her younger sister, Margo, waited anxiously behind her.

As I say, her name was Melanie, but on account of my partial deafness, the name sounded like "Melody," which I was to be corrected on later.

"Do you take the Evening News?, she asked politely.

"Yes," I answered. "I pick it up every day at the store."

"If you take it from me I will deliver it every day."

She stood there waiting. This was her first experience in the business world, I was her first customer.

She was not pleading her case in the role of a begging medicant. She had a product to sell without the cleverly rehearsed blandishments of salesmen who call at your door selling vacuum cleaners, brushes, books and other household articles.

She was just a little girl without guile and with a determination to complete a transaction.

My experience with paper carriers had not been pleasant through the years. It was much easier and convenient to pick up the paper at the Elm Spa where I went daily for my smoking tobacco.

I looked down at her again. She looked up with expectation. I yielded. "Yes, you can start Monday."

She thanked me and departed with her sister Margo. This is how I met Melanie.

She and the family had recently moved to the neighborhood. She came faithfully every day, and if at home, I would talk with her about things kids understand.

Unusual rapport

We soon established an unusual rapport, unusual in the sense that she was 10 years old and I was 80.

I think perhaps what more than anything else drew me close to Melanie was her respect for older people. She was a well brought-up child.

During my life I have generally gotten along well with adolescents, but there had been occasions--particularly when I was superintendent of Oak Ridge Cemetery-- when a few youngsters had called me names for interfering with their imagined rights, such as riding

bicycles and playing ball over cemetery graves and indeed, pushing over the gravestones themselves.

Any student of child psychology knows how kids act and sometimes a child will say, "If you don't give me that ice cream cone I want, I will make your life miserable" and indeed they do for a time.

A cemetery, in my mind, is holy ground. Here lie in well-earned rest our loved ones, many who have died on beds of pain; the greats; and those who never scaled the heights; but all children of God.

Thomas Gray, the English poet, expressed it so beautifully in his great poem, "Elegy in a country church yard."

"For them no more the blazing hearth shall burn,

"Or busy housewife ply her evening care;

"No children run to lisp their Sire's return

"Or climb his knees the envied kiss to share."

One day in October, Melanie did not come. I had seen a moving van backed up to the door where she lived.

Never saw her again

"Oh well, the family is moving somewhere else in town and she will come and tell me if she is going to continue to deliver the paper," were my thoughts, but no, I never saw Melanie again.

She and the family had departed for a city on the West Coast.

The facts of the hurried departure were learned later. They had contemplated moving out there for some time to be with relatives and the van had come several days before the expected time and there was no time for goodbyes. They had to leave immediately.

A month later Melanie wrote me and explained the situation and asked me to write her and tell about her former playmates and the neighborhood.

I did write and told her, among other things, about the beauty of the first New England snowfall and especially the incident of the stolen rabbit.

The children next door, Paula and Danny, had a lovely large Belgian hare. Melanie and the other kids in the section loved the rabbit, helped feed it, would take it out of the cage, hold it and caress it and sometimes would let it free to romp around the yard. It never ran away.

Kids were heartbroken

One night someone came, broke open the cage, and took the rabbit. Paula and Danny were heartbroken, as were the other kids.

I wrote again to Melanie several days later and explained about the happy ending to the neighborhood near-tragedy. When the rabbit was recovered and restored to the cage, whether by police or the repentent thief, I never learned.

I had not heard from Melanie for several months. Last week a letter came. All the feeling, all the honest expression, all the appreciative thoughts of a young soul were poured out in the contents of that letter.

Here is the letter:

Again I am so sorry about being so late in writing. I could never forget you even if I tried. Thank you for the picture I asked for. You can still be my boyfriend and I can be your girlfriend, no matter what the age difference.

I'm glad they found the rabbit. I miss being on that route. You were my favorite customer. I would always look forward to seeing you when you came out to get your paper.

When I grow up, I will come to visit you. I can't wait til then. I miss you.

With lots of love,

Melanie

BIOGRAPHY OF HARVEY RICE

(copied from HISTORY OF THE WESTERN RESERVE)

See Rice Reg. Page 443

At this point it is appropriate to make hearty mention of the splendid services of Harvey Rice in the cause of popular education and to briefly state the facts of his life. As collated from his own auto-biography, he was born at Conway, Mass. June 11, 1800. (# 1585b.1 in Rice Reg.) He was of New England and Puritanic ancestry and had the misfortune, when he was but four years of age, to lose his mother. Soon afterward, his father discontinued house-keeping and placed the little boy in the care of strangers, and, as Mr. Rice says, "Instead of being brought up with parental care, I brought myself up, and educated myself at Williams College, where I graduated in 1824, then went west." He traveled from Williamstown, Mass. to Buffalo N.Y. by stage coach and canal boat. His trip to Cleveland was made by way of Lake Erie on a schooner, and after a rough voyage of three days the boat cast anchor off the bank of the Cuyahoga River on Sept. 24, 1824. At that time the entire population of Cleveland did not exceed four hundred.

Mr. Rice states that he came to this new town with no other weapons than a letter of introduction to a leading citizen, and a college diploma printed in Latin, which authorized him to claim the collegiate title of A.B.. Thus armed, the second day of his arrival he secured the position of teacher and principal of the old Cleveland academy, which was afterward used as headquarters for the fire department of the city. In the spring of 1826 the young man resigned his position in the academy and went to Cincinnati, where he continued the study of the law with Bellamy Storer. Disappointed in his expectations of being able to sustain himself during his studies by teaching a classical school, he determined to take passage on the "Galliopolis", a steamboat whose ultimate destination was Pittsburg. Instead of going to that city, he remained at Gallipolis for some time, teaching English grammar and delivering lectures on that subject, and then returned to Cleveland where he was admitted to the bar. He commenced the practice of his profession in partnership with his friend, Reuben Wood, who afterward became chief justice and governor of the state. In the course of a few months he married, and paid the poor clergyman, for his services, the last penny which he possessed in the world.

As he philosophically remarked many years afterward, "This left me penniless, but I thought a wife at that price cheap enough. She proved to be a jewel above price. Soon after my marriage I was employed by a gentleman, who had tired of the "silken tie" that bound him, to obtain for him a divorce. If I succeeded, he agreed to pay me a hundred dollars. I did succeed, and in the evening of the same day the divorce was granted, he married another woman. The fee I received enabled me to commence housekeeping."

Mr. Rice served as clerk of county courts from 1833 to 1840. As stated, he accomplished his great work in the cause of common school education during the early fifties. During the succeeding forty years his accomplishments for the general public good were beyond measure. In 1871 Williams College conferred on him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws. During many of the later years of his long and event-

BIOGRAPHY OF HARVEY RICE (cont.)

ful life, Mr. Rice was the president and moving spirit of the Early Settlers' Association of Cuyahoga County. His death occurred on the 7th of November, 1891, in the ninety-second year of his age.

The public schools of Cleveland, whose progress and present excellence so largely rest on the efforts of Mr. Rice, now consist of seven high schools and more than ninety grammar schools; about 1,900 teachers and 55,000 pupils. Over \$2,000,000 annually is the amount expended on the cause of public education in this great city. The public school property is valued at about \$8,500,000.

NEW DISCOVERY

Did you ever attend church for three years 1959-1963 and hear your pastor preach each Sunday (Becket Mass. Federated Church) and not know he was one of your "Rice" cousins? Your news letter editor did !!!

In our last news letter Oct. 1975 #31 Eugene W. Rice of Hamden, Connecticut sent us the copy of a clipping "Grit and Wit" which we published. Eugene also read it at our last reunion. It was written by William H. Rice (Rev.). We also mentioned the fact that the clipping was in the possession of Ellis Holt. That little statement set your editors' mind wondering. So with additional correspondence to Eugene W. Rice - much to my surprise I found our former pastor Jordon A. Holt was a "Rice" cousin !!!

I knew our former pastor Jordon A. Holt's father's name was Rev. Ellis Holt but little did I know Rev. Ellis Holt's mother was Shirley Rice Holt and his grandfather was W. H. Rice (Rev.). Thus Rev. Jordon Holt's great grandfather was the W. H. Rice of "Grit and Wit".

Dr. William S. Holt, Newton Upper Falls, Mass., another son of Rev. Ellis Holt did much research on his Rice family line which he related to Eugene W. Rice.....

"William H. Rice's grandfather was Jonas Rice originally of Sudbury, Mass. migrating to Birch Harbor, Maine in 1803 or so with his sister, Thankful Rice Stratton whose father was also Jonas Rice #746.4 in Wards Rice genealogy. Much research on this subject was done in the town of Weston but for some reason Jonas who migrated to Maine and a brother Ezekial are not listed in Ward's but research supports strongly the fact they should be."

When the Jordon Holts left my area for another church contact was lost - but another surprise - a very recent news article showed Jordon Holt and Donald French as "Holt-French Builders" of Center Berlin, N.Y.. Their company has sold or erected more than 40 log structures from Amenia, N.Y. to Dorset, Vt.. They also live in a log cabin home.

"Always remember - your next door neighbor may very well be a "Rice" cousin and you don't know it !!!

THE ANCESTRY AND DESCENDANTS OF CURTIS RICE
by Mrs. Elizabeth A. Logan

The search for my elusive great-great-grandfather, Curtis Rice, began in 1967, when I first became interested in genealogy. My mother, who was living with us, remembered him when she was a child, and gave me all the information she could. When I sent for his death certificate, the return information listed his father as "Suther" (which turned out to be "Luther"), and indicated (by deduction) that he was born 22 June 1795 in Boylston, Mass., but the town clerk of Boylston had no record of his birth, nor did any of the local churches have a record of baptism.

By the fall of 1969 I had almost given up finding his ancestry, but an ad in the New England Register brought a letter from Dr. Claude W. Barlow of Clark University, Worcester, Mass., a professional genealogist, who started checking through deeds, etc., and came up with the ancestry of Curtis RICE, which is as follows:

Edmund¹ RICE and first wife Thomasine FROST
Henry² RICE, who married 1 Feb 1643, Sudbury, Mass., Elizabeth² MOORE
(daughter of John¹ MOORE and Elizabeth² WHALE)
Jonathan³ RICE, who married third, 12 Feb 1690-1, Sudbury, Elizabeth
WHEELER (whose ancestry I have not found yet)
Abraham⁴ RICE, who married 1 Feb 1721-2, perhaps Sudbury, Patience³
EAMES (Samuel² Thomas¹)
Samuel⁵ RICE, who married 10 Apr 1754, Lancaster, Mass., Mary⁴ BENNETT
(Sgt. Joseph³ Samuel² George¹)
Luther⁶ RICE, Revolutionary War veteran, of whom more later
Curtis⁷ RICE, born 22 June 1795, Boylston, Mass.; died 11 Nov 1882
Holden, Mass.; married 25 Nov 1818, Worcester, Mass., Elizabeth⁶
WILLINGTON (Daniel⁵ Ebenezer⁴ John³ Benjamin² Roger¹)

Luther⁶ RICE was born 5 or 15 March 1757 in Shrewsbury, Mass. He served as a private in the Revolutionary War for the periods of 1 May 1775, for eight months; 25 Feb 1777 for three years; and 1 Sep 1781 to 20 June 1783.

According to information found by Dr. Barlow, Luther RICE of Boylston had 14 acres seized by the sheriff 6 Sep 1810 to pay debts awarded against him in court. At this time Curtis RICE must have been aged 15, and apparently went off on his own, for Luther RICE next appears in Maine, where on 26 Feb 1822 he appeared at the Circuit Court of Common Pleas in Oxford, aged sixty-five years, stating "by reason of my reduced circumstances in life, I stand in need of assistance from my country for support." His inventory of real and personal estate (excluding clothing and bedding) was "One cow, five dollars worth of household furniture, total amount of Property seventeen dollars." His family was listed, besides himself, as "Elizabeth RICE, wife, aged 69; Dorcas RICE (daughter), age 40, sick; Elizabeth RICE (daughter), age 36, sick most of the time; Lucy RICE (daughter), age 30."

On 3 May 1818 Mary RICE of East Andover, Maine, age 85 years, had given a deposition that her son had served in the Continental Army during the Revolution. (Dr. Barlow stated this was the first time he had ever heard of a mother's testimony being taken in Revolutionary War pension claims!) Luther RICE was inscribed on the Roll of the District of Maine to commence on the 20th of April 1818, Luther RICE, his wife and three daughters were shown on the 1820 census of East Andover, Maine; the 1830 census showed Luther and the three daughters, but I could not find any of them in the 1840 census.

I have not yet discovered why Luther RICE (or his mother, Mary

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(BENNETT) RICE) were living in Maine; can anyone shed any light on this? Has anyone seen any tombstones in Oxford County, Maine, for any of Luther's family or mother?

The children of Curtis⁷ RICE were as follows:

1. Daniel⁸, born 16 Mar 1819, Worcester, Mass.; died 8 Mar 1889, Holden, Mass.; married 17 Mar 1847, Worcester, Emeline THAYER. He had one daughter Lizzie.
2. Harriet Elizabeth⁸, born 16 Feb 1821, Worcester, Mass.; died 12 Apr 1888, Worcester; married Willard (?) CHENEY.
3. Rebecca Putnam⁸, born 14 Nov 1822, Worcester; married 13 Nov 1848, Worcester, Henry Addison BARNUM, born 1822, Salisbury, Conn.; she, her husband and three children (Willie, Frankie & Charlie H.) are all buried in the Worcester Rural Cemetery.
4. Clarissa Warner⁸, born 3 Jul 1825, Worcester; died 7 Jan 1903, Worcester; married Cyrus D. WINN. Had one son Frank.
5. Austin Curtis⁸, born 10 or 17 Jun 1827, Worcester, Mass.; died 12 Oct 1902, Holden, Mass.; married first (where?) Mary A. MARSHALL; married second, 10 Apr 1856, Buffalo, N.Y., Margery Ann BOYDEN.
6. Charles Augustus Goodrich⁸, born 5 Apr 1830, Worcester; died in Andersonville Prison, Andersonville, Georgia. He had served as a corporal in Company G., 2nd Regiment of Mass. Artillery in the Civil War; he was wounded at the battle of Plymouth, N.C. in April 1864, admitted to the Andersonville Hospital 30 May 1864, and died there 13 July 1864. (was he married?)
7. Maria Watson⁸, born 5 Feb 1833, Worcester; died 13 Dec 1919, Piedmont, California; married (where?) Daniel WELLINGTON.
8. Elbridge Merrick⁸, born 23 Nov 1834, Worcester; died 18 Apr 1906, Worcester; married first, about 1862, Caroline B. HALEY (divorced 1870); married 2nd, 29 Aug 1878, West Boylston, Mass., Irene R. KNOWLTON, daughter of Thomas H. & Elizabeth B. (Lazell) RICE. No children. Married third, sometime before 1898, Annie BREWSTER. He served in the Civil War from 22 Apr 1861 to 2 Aug 1861, and was unable to earn a living by reason of malaria poisoning, chills and fever, and heart and lung troubles (but this did not affect his desire to marry!)
9. George Clark⁸, born 13 Oct 1837, possibly Worcester; found in the 1880 census of Crittenden County, Kentucky, with wife Lou, aged 39, born Kentucky; and daughters Carrie, age 10, and Bessie, age 7, both born Kentucky. I have no further data on this family; does anyone?

Austin Curtis⁸ RICE was a tailor by profession, but was fond of horses and other farm animals, and in later years was often called on for veterinary services. He lived in Blissfield, Michigan for many years, but returned to Holden, Mass., his second wife's birthplace, around 1880 and bought the "Old Abbot Tavern", where he lived with his daughters until his death. The children of Austin Curtis⁷ RICE were; By his first wife:

1. George Custis⁹, born 3 Apr 1849, Worcester; died 14 Feb 1920, Vernon, Conn.; married (when?) Emma Jennie MINNETTE. They had one child, Daisy, who married Pete HILOW, and died 22 Sep 1945.
2. Edward Thomas⁹, born 8 Jun 1850, Holden, Mass.; died 27 Jan 1930 (where?); married Ella POORMAN. They lived in Wasseon, Ohio, and adopted a child, named Margery.

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3. Mary Jane⁹, born 9 Aug 1852, Holden, Mass.; married Charles BANNING; they had one son, Marshall Parker BANNING, who married Edith _____; he died 2 July 1959 in Long Beach, California.

By his second wife;

4. Harriet Rebekah⁹, born 29 Mar 1857, Blissfield, Mich.; died 10 Sep 1857, Blissfield.
5. Harry Cyrus⁹, born 6 Aug 1858, Blissfield, Mich.; died 9 Feb 1864, Blissfield.
6. Margery Austin⁹, born 2 Mar 1860, Blissfield, Mich.; died 3 Sep 1933, Holden, Mass.; unmarried. She was a school teacher for 43 years in Holden, Mass., where one of the schools is named after her.
7. Nellie Eunice⁹, born 14 Oct 1864, Holden, Mass.; died 26 May 1946, Lynn, Mass.; married 7 Jan 1886, Holden, Mass., William Clark SHELDON. Their daughter, Marion Elizabeth SHELDON, was my mother.
8. Isabelle Maria⁹, born 18 Jul 1867, Worcester, Mass.; died 6 Dec 1945, Holden, Mass.; married 24 Dec 1889, Holden, Mass., Wallace Francis LYON. No children.
9. Jane Boyden ("Jennie")⁹, born 9 Sep 1870, Blissfield, Mich.; died 27 Apr 1926, Methuen, Mass.; married 23 Aug 1891, Holden, Mass., Walter H. DRURY; one daughter, Margery, who died 23 Mar 1907, age 6.
10. Silence Elizabeth⁹, born 30 Dec 1873, Blissfield, Mich.; died 16 Oct 1969, North Andover, Mass.; married 5 Feb 1896, Holden, Mass., Charles Leon BUSH. One son, Curtis Rice BUSH, born 16 Mar 1908, died 21 Sep 1970.

Compilation of the above has taken several years of work (including, gratefully, all the data supplied by Dr. Barlow). Correspondence regarding descendants of any of the children of Curtis RICE or Austin Curtis RICE will be answered promptly by Mrs. Logan.

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Beside the line noted in the above article, Mrs. Logan has another RICE line as follows:

Edmund¹ Rice m. Thomasine Frost
Henry² Rice m. 1643 Elizabeth² Moore
Lydia³ Rice m. c1692 Samuel³ Wheelock
Lydia⁴ Wheelock m. 1718/9 Richard⁴ Ward
Lydia⁵ Ward m. 1756 Thomas Dryden*
*Artemas² Dryden m. 1781 Susanna(h)⁶ Perry
Silence³ Dryden m. 1820 Comfort⁶ Boyden
Margery Ann⁷ Boyden m. 1856 Austin Curtis⁸ Rice
Nellie Eunice⁹ Rice m. 1886 William Clark⁸ Sheldon
Marion Elizabeth⁹ Sheldon m. 1922 Frederick Arnold⁸ Doane
Elizabeth Ann Doane m. 2/ 1957 Curtis Demitt Logan

*Revolutionary War soldiers

Mrs. Elizabeth A. Logan, 721 Briarwood Drive, Denison, Texas 75020 would be extremely happy to hear from any descendants of any of the above, or any persons listed in the article. If desired, she will be glad to furnish copies of Luther⁶ RICE'S Revolutionary War record, and copies of the data provided her by Dr. Barlow in tracing Luther⁶ RICE'S ancestry.

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