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FRONT COVER: At this last Fall's reunion Rices registered and enjoyed coffee and donuts in the newest addition to the Woodcock Garrison Compound, the one-room Schoolhouse #7. It was built in 1850 and moved from Adamsdale to the Compound, as a means of preserving an important part of our heritage.

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#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Cousins:

A most agreeable reunion, our recent gathering there in North Attleboro; all concerned, including the cook, certainly are to be congratulated.

Yes, and typical Rice prudence (A multi-car trek, in Rte. 128 traffic!) led to the placing of our wreath by one who lives near our common ancestor's memorial. Standing beneath that old horse chestnut tree in Wayland -- Heck! Even that turned out to be a mite risky; No hat or hair to speak of, and suddenly a large nut (burr and all) barely missed me.

Seriously, all I missed was the by now familiar chorus of, "See you next year."

Henry E. Rice, Jr., President

#### TREASURER'S REPORT

Balance of <u>checking account</u> 9/27/75	\$1,965.96
10 deposits	<u>+1,455.09</u>
Totalling	\$3,421.05
14 checks drawn	<u>- 640.43</u>
New Balance, checking account	\$2,780.62
Term-deposit <u>savings account</u>	\$2,000.00
Plus interest from inception, 9/10/76	<u>+ 337.46</u>
New balance, savings account	\$2,337.46
Plus checking account	<u>+2,780.62</u>
<u>Total cash assets, 9/10/76</u>	<u>\$5,118.08</u>

Under the up-dated ByLaws the fiscal year now runs September first through August 31st of the next year.

John Rice, Treasurer

## SECRETARY'S MINUTES

For the Bicentennial year of our great country, what more appropriate place for the Edmund B. Rice (1638) Association to have their annual reunion, than at the Woodcock Garrison Compound in North Attelboro. Here on the 25th of September, 1976, there gathered 74 or more members and guests to enjoy good fellowship; discussion of lineage; a fascinating tour of the beautifully restored Garrison house; a delicious dinner at the Brook Manor Restuarant and the business of this Association.

After a cordial welcome by our President Seaver Rice, we had the pleasure of having RUTH RASEY SIMPSON of North Tonawanda, NY speak to us briefly (and with a touch of humor) on her book, Out of the Saltbox, giving some of her experiences and findings.

The business session found our reports acceptable; our treasury in good, sound state, and a new slate of officers was duly elected to fill positions for the coming year.

Our youngest member present was DEBBIE APPLETON, granddaughter of ALLEN and EDITH RICE; our oldest member was EDWIN W. PROCTOR of Northboro, MA (soon to celebrate his 89th in Oct.) and a bit of a question arose as to the distance prize, but it was finally resolved to be MARGARET and DAVID SMITH of Bedeck, Nova Scotia. Gifts were presented to each.

There being no planned program of entertainment a general introduction of each one present proved very interesting and informative. A second spot of interest came with JANET FARRAR ROYCE displaying and explaining the rubbings of several Rice gravestones that she has done. Fascinating!

The caravan to the Edmund B. Rice (1638) gravestone concluded the events of the day as many remarked as the engines hummed, "See you next year!"

## A TEACHER'S MEMORIES AND THE WOODCOCK GARRISON COMPOUND SCHOOLHOUSE

(Along with her dues and regrets at not being able to attend our reunion this year, ELLA A. KNAPTIN sent this little story to our Secretary, Margaret. It was so charming I just had to pass it on)

"I would like to see the Garrison Compound and the School House. How well do I remember my first day of teaching (1915) in a one room school house. All the grades, one through six, where in the same room. At 1 P.M., when I rang the cowbell at the door for the pupils to come in only the girls appeared. I put them to work then went outside to look for the boys and found them all lined-up against the back of the school, all smoking cigarettes. I simply said, "Put them out boys, and step on them good, as we don't want to start a fire." Then we all went inside. I never scolded or said a word. At closing time I said I would like to see the sixth grade boys for just one minute. I asked them if they instigated the smoking affair, which they said they did. I asked if they would do it again and they said, "No.". So, I said, "Good, go on home." No more trouble. I knew they were only trying me out for they had run out three teachers the year before. Would we could squelch our school problems so easily today."

## EDITOR'S LETTER

Dear Cousins -

If things look a little different it is because things are a little different. That is, you have a new News Letter Editor.

I am happy and honored to take over the post but a little overwhelmed with all the new things I must learn to do the job. So, please be a little patient with me for awhile. I will always be trying to be the best News Letter Editor I can.

Let us hope that I can equal the ability that LOUISE TRUDEAU has achieved over the past five years. LOUISE has been a wonderful News Letter Editor and we are sorry to see her resign, but glad to have her help and assistance to carry on with; and especially happy to see her elected a new Director.

If you listen to the name of our publication it tells you its purpose: NEWS LETTER.

I want ours as not only an Association's newspaper, but an open letter between our 300+ cousins in which we share our good and bad times, adventures and personal interests and talents.

I am sure we would all like to know more about our kin who live far away. Being long distances from one another does not have to mean being far removed from each other.

As News Letter Editor I plan to make it my mission to help bring us closer together as a family - and as friends.

So, let me encourage you to send us news of yourself - and include pictures.

Together we can be the succession - and the success - of a great family and tradition.

Janet Farrar Royce, News Letter Editor

## CONGRATULATIONS!!

...to cousin ALICE RICE BRANSON, who has remarried to become ALICE M. HINKLEY. We wish you and your husband the very best.

...to MR. & MRS. EDWARD C. BECKER of Ponte Verda Beach for the birth of their daughter LAURA ELIZABETH BECKER, last August. LAURA is the great granddaughter of our late past president STURGIS C. RICE and great grand niece of our just past president SEAVER M. RICE. LAURA and her mom KAREN KELLY BECKER our new members of our association.

## OUR THOUGHTS ARE WITH YOU:

FREDA RICE CONNORS, who suffered a major stroke last Spring and is in a Nursing Home. Cheerful mail and Christmas cards from cousins would be eagerly awaited:

Lincoln Nursing Home  
299 Lincoln Street  
Worcester, MA

Condolences to the family of MRS. LOUIS P. BOLGIANO who died since our last News Letter. We grieve for your personal loss.

#### BOOK REVIEW

Since our Reunion I have read two books, each so exciting that it is hard to decide which to tell you about first! Both books center around New England living and both are written by cousins!

Along the Quinebaug is a compilation of tales by our just past president SEEVER M. RICE. And, they are charming stories, indeed, with plenty of human insight. Reprints of twenty of SEEVER'S essays written for his weekly column in the Sunday edition of the Evening News of Southbridge, MA these wonderful short stories have been read by so many of SEEVER'S neighbors, they should not be missed by his family.

One of my favorites, "Christmas Past" make Along the Quinebaug a perfect stocking stuffer for the holidays this year. Send three dollars to Seaver M. Rice, 97 Everett Street, Southbridge, MA for your copy.

Cousins who live far away from the backwood country life of Vermont, as well as those of us who cherish our New England heritage will tingle with the vividness with which RUTH M. RAMSEY recreates life in the Saltbox house built on Windy Summit by her great great grandfather, in her book, Out of the Saltbox. Added to memories of her own early life in the then 150+ year old home, RUTH has drawn upon the dairies, journals, family papers and letters to help write her book.

Her stories are told in excellent writing style, as would be expected from a woman who has won eleven awards in the National League of American Pen Women contests.

Out of the Saltbox puts you back into the Saltbox with a pleasant, homey feeling.

Published by Academy Books, Rutland, VT.

#### MISSED YOU, TOO

A few members who could not make our 1976 Reunion seemed sincerely sorry not to be able to greet their cousins this year. So, here is their greeting to us.....and of course, our greeting to them.

THELMA R. JACKSON, 83 years young from Yarmouth Port, MA. Even though she could not come this year she promised to think of us. THELMA, we thought of you, too.

MRS. MALCOLM E. MCGOWAN of Steubenville, Ohio has never been able to make a Reunion but sure seems to have the Rice spirit. We will look for you next year MRS. MCGOWAN. At least send us a picture!

A loud "wish you had been there" to RAYMOND ALVRA RICE of Bakersfield, CA who sent his regrets at missing the reunion.

Our sincere condolences to DORIS J. WAKELING who recently lost her mother. We hope happier times will accompany you to our meeting next year.

CALLIE BURRS WILEY wrote that, "Sadly, we are gradually losing all of our cousins." But that is not altogether true, CALLIE. You have a very big family, and we are all thinking of you.

Here's hoping that MILDRED RICE BOONHOUR can make it to our next year's meeting, as she plans to. Poor MILDRED mentioned how she was looking forward to the September News Letter. Think of this (very) late News Letter as a Christmas present, MILDRED.

#### FROM WHENCE WE CAME

A new book, containing information on Rices, has recently been published. It is the one which I spoke of at the Reunion, From Whence We Came, by Elden Brigham. This book has a great deal on Edmund Rice, his second wife Mercy (Hurd) Brigham and the descendents of Thomas Brigham, Jr. and Mary Rice, a granddaughter of Edmund

Miss Margaret S. Rice, Historian  
and Corresponding Secretary

(If you want to order this book write to Margaret for details; Lion's Mouth Road, Amesbury, MA 01913.)

#### KEEPING UP WITH THE RICES

Cousin CLIFFORD EUGENE RICE, 86 years young was the recipient of the chair presented to the oldest man present at the Wyoming (Co., NY) Pioneer Historical Association on August 1, 1976, at their annual Pioneer Picninc. CLIFFORD, who retired at 72, keeps himself busy as a local artist, gardener, and member of the Senior Citizens, which he did not join until he was 80 years old. He enjoys being young.

Did you know that cousin ROGER E. RICE, of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma prepared a paper, tracing his Rice lineage and presented it to the Rice clan in his area; as his contribution to the bicentennial?? Well, now you know. And, I think we will all agree that it is a very special way of celebrating our heritage.

VERDA CORNUTT and GERTRUDE A. SMITH have also been made new members of the Mayflower Society. We are proud of you.

CHARLES and RUTH HAYWARD of Portland, Oregon visited EUGENE and LOUISE TRUDEAU to celebrate our two hundredth birthday, this last July 4th. I take it, a good time was had by all.

## CORRECTION

In the 1974 June News Letter we printed, in the lineage of GERTRUDE A. SMITH, that Benjamin Easton married Sarah Hopkins. He actually married Sarah Hoskins. Their son was Ebenezer Eaton, omitted from our list. We are terribly sorry.

## NEW MEMBERS

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WELCOME ONE AND ALL!

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FROM NOTABLE AMERICANS

RICE, WILLIAM WHITNEY: representative, B: at Deerfield, MA 7 March, 1826, son of Benjamin and Lucy Whitney Rice; grandson of Caleb and Sally Abbott Rice and of Phineas and Bethiah Barrett Whitney. A descendant of Edmund Rice, who settled in Sudbury, MA 1638, and of John Whitney, who came to America from England in 1635. He was educated at Gorham Academy, Maine and graduated from Bowdoin College in 1846. Preceptor at Leicester Academy, MA 1847-1851; studied law in Worcester, MA and admitted to the bar in 1854. Elected a Republican representative from Massachusetts, serving from 1877 to 1887. Honorary degree of LL.D. from Bowdoin, 1886. Married, 21 November, 1855 to Cornelia A. Moen, daughter of Augustus R. and Sophia A. Moen. She died in Worcester, 1862. He married again on 2nd of September, 1875 to Alice Miller, daughter of Henry W. and Nancy Merrick Miller of Worcester. She died in Washington, D.C. in March, 1900 at the home of her sister, Mrs. George M. Hoar. William Whitney Rice died in Worcester, first of March, 1896. (#VIII 4655, Rice Register, P. 764)

RICE, WALLACE (DeGrott, Cecil); Author, editor and critic. Born, Hamilton, Canada, 10 November, 1859, a son of John Asaph and Margaret Van Sycke (Culver) Rice; grandson of Anson and Lucy (Sherman Rice) and of Lewis Halsey and Ann Eliza (Sebring) Culver. A descendant of Deacon Edmund Rice. Harvard, class of 1883. Admitted to the Chicago bar in 1884. Married, 1889, to Minna Hale Angier of Chicago.

FROM THE SEPTEMBER 17, 1975 CEDAR RAPIDS GAZETTE • Don't be confused by the football game between Rice university and Utah next Saturday night at Houston, Texas.

Each School has a stadium named Rice. The one in Houston is named that for obvious reasons; the one in Salt Lake City has been renamed Rice because a Utah booster named Robert Rice contributed \$1 million to renovate the stadium.

Rice's new head coach is Homer Rice, apparently no relation

to William Marsh Rice, who willed \$10 million to the school that bears his name.

## BOOKS

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. About 300 copies still available.

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 1639. About 215 copies still available.

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. About 100 still available.

MORE ABOUT THOSE RICES - by Elsie Hawes Smith.....\$ 3.50

Still some left, copyright 1954.

YOU ARE HEIR TO MILLIONS! - By Margaret S. Rice.....\$ 1.50

This seven page speech was made by Margaret at the 1971 Rice Reunion. Moving.

Additional NEWS LETTERS.....each \$2.00

very limited supply.

Not all copies available.

Send all orders, correspondence and dues to Miss Margaret Rice, Historian, Lion's Mouth Road, Amesbury, MA 01913. Make checks payable to The Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc. and mail with orders and dues to Margaret, also.

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