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FRONT COVER: Rubbing of the Deacon Edmund Rice monument in Sudbury, Massachusetts by Janet Farrar Royce. See article on "Gravestone Rubbing".

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TREASURER'S REPORT

A midyear note: We have opened a second six and one half percent Term-deposit savings account for \$2,000.00. This new account will mature six months after our first Term-account. We have about \$1,000.00 still left in the checking account.

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FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear Cousins -

I want to thank the many cousins who wrote and called in support of my first issue of the News Letter. Your enthusiasm has given me the courage to begin work on several projects that I hope you will be seeing added to our News Letters to come.

One person cannot write a family News Letter, though. We need support from all of you in the form of ideas and contributions.

I am glad to say that many cousins are already contributing to our print. Now it's your turn. I'll be waiting for your letter.....

Janet Farrar Royce, News Letter Editor

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CONGRATULATIONS...

...CLARK T. RICE of Perry, New York who became the proud grandfather of CHRISTOPHER DAVID RICE last September 28th. DAVID is preceded by his brother JONATHAN PETER. We are sorry that we could not locate the names of the proud parents.

WE ARE SADDENED...

...to hear of the death of CLARA W. (MRS. JOHN S.) RIDENOUR a long-time and faithful Rice family member from Smithtown, New York. Our sincere condolences to her daughter SHANA CHESELTON, and the rest of CLARA'S family.



remarriage of ALICE  
had it backwards!  
Please excuse our  
pain.

## T COUSINS

s Letters for PATRICIA HUNT and HARRIET IRENE LAKE have been  
ing back to the Editor's office with no forwarding addresses.  
you know the whereabouts of either of these cousins, please  
us know.

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## E ANAGRAM

ERT ROYCE has sent us a tricky puzzle to test your Rice  
ily knowledge. If you do not know all the answers right off  
top of your head (shame on you!) you can find them in the  
e Family by Andrew Henshaw Ward, More About Those Rices by  
ie Hawes Smith and recent past News Letters.

1 in the appropriate Rice family member's names. Unscramble circled letters to finish the anagram.

- |   |           |
|---|-----------|
| First Rice in the mining business:                                      | -0-0-     |
| Edmund's last surviving child:  | 0---      |
| Middle name of the Rice who wrote<br>the first American musical comedy: | -----00   |
| First American born Rice:   | -----0-   |
| Second settler of Worchester, MA:                                       | -----0--- |
| Built the meeting place of our<br>1975 reunion:                         | 0-----    |

What Rices in the American Revolution were: \_\_\_\_\_

answers to this Anagram will be printed in the next News Letter. And, if you are clever enough to finish this quiz please send your answers into us. We would love to announce "winners" in our next issue, too.

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## KEEPING UP WITH THE RICES

Wish you could all see the December letter that cousin PEGGY DRAKE and family send out. It is four pages long and includes pictures of all the family on each page. It is practically a Drake News Letter of its own. And, sure is a fun way to share family news.

We were sorry to hear that DENNISON D. RICE could not make our last reunion but it was certainly understandable with all the excitement of moving and retiring from his own business just around the time of our meeting. We hope DENNISON and wife MARY are enjoying their new-found leisure and hope they can make another reunion. Did you know that DENNISON and MARGARET S. RICE (our Historian) went to school together? I'll bet there could be some good stories to tell there!

JUNE OUTZEN has sent along a very interesting Rice tidbit:

"Did you know that a Rice descendent was at one time, many years ago, the Governor of California?

Deliah King (daughter of Thomas Rice King and Matilda Robinson) married a George David Olsen. One of their sons, or possibly grandsons, became Governor Olsen of California."

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## RICE RECIPES

One of the nice things that family has always meant to me was the trading of those 'special' recipes that could only be made that way at home. And, particularly with the Bicentennial last year it seemed every organization, school and family compiled cook books of their own. From the kitchen of HARRIET WILSON RICE comes the first contribution to our very own recipe file.

### HOLIDAY RICE PUDDING

1/2 cup rice	1/2 teaspoon vanilla
1 3/4 milk	1 envelope plain gelatin
4 egg yolks	2 tablespoons cold water
1/2 cup sugar	1 1/2 cup finely chopped mixed
3/4 cup milk	candied fruit
	1/3 cup kirsch
	1 cup heavy cream, whipped

Cook rice in 1 3/4 cups milk until tender. Combine egg yolks, sugar, milk and vanilla in the top of a double boiler. Cook over boiling water, stirring constantly, until thickened. Soften gelatin in cold water and stir into egg mixture. Add rice and mix well. Chill until mixture begins to set, then fold in 1 cup fruit, kirsch and whipped heavy cream. Arrange another 1/2 cup of cand-



ied fruit on the bottom of an eight inch ring mold. Spoon rice mixture into mold and chill at least four or five hours. Unmold into chilled serving dish and garnish with red and green jellies.

This is good to eat and pretty to look at. Very festive for Christmas or New Years.

#### 'Lasses M'Cookies

1 cup shortening	3/4 cup sour cream
1 cup sugar	2 tablespoons baking soda
1 egg	3 cups all purpose flour
1/2 cup molasses	1 teaspoon salt
3/4 teaspoons vinegar	1 teaspoon cinnamon

Cream shortening and sugar; add egg and molasses. Beat well. Stir in vinegar and sour cream. Mix and sift together dry ingredients and drop bt dessert spoon onto greased baking sheet. or roll to 1/2" thickness on lightly floured board and cut out cookies. Bake at 350° for about 15 minutes.

HARRIET WILSON RICE was, of course the grandmother of our own historian MARGARET. MARGARET had this comment to add about the 'Lasses M'Cookies:

"When my Dad was little he called his mother's molasses cookies "'Lasses M'Cookies". Grandma always had a full cooky jar and somehow they never taste the same as hers when I make them!

Grandma was Mrs. Augustus Luther Rice and one of the world's best cooks - at least so say her grandchildren."

Editor's note: Maybe those cookies never tasted the same as "Grandma's" but after trying out this recipe in our Rice News Letter testing kitchens I'll vouch for them as the best 'Lasses cookies I ever ate!

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#### GRAVESTONE RUBBING

by

Janet Farrar Royce

Since becoming involved with the Edmund Rice Association, I have found an entertaining diversion in gravestone rubbing. My first rubbing was of the monument in Sudbury, MA for the Deacon Edmund Rice but since then my husband Bob and I have visited many of the resting places of Rice descendents in his line, and taken rubbings of several of them.



Gravestone rubbing is a satisfying hobby, particularly for an individual with a personal connection to his subjects. It is inexpensive and requires more care and patience than talent to produce a displayable work of art. I enjoy spending a relaxing, sunny day communing with nature and adding tangibility to the connection between myself and my heritage.

Spending a day tending to the resting place of a forebearer, in the surroundings he knew in life, you really feel as if you can develop an understanding of what his life, feelings, beliefs and dreams were about. The reality of the existence of our past helps put the present into perspective.

It is nice to know that you are taking part in preserving the only artistic expression of the beliefs and emotions of the Puritan generations, since artistic expression for its own sake was forbidden by the ethics of these people. Besides unintentional expressions of self as their furniture and clothing, these gravestones are the only substantial connection we have with the Puritan era.

Gravesites or Rices can be found in practically every city of Massachusetts. In Wayland we find the actual gravesite of Deacon Edmund Rice. And Marlboro has some five graveyards you can find Rice relatives in. Rubbings are allowed in both Wayland and Marlboro graveyards. Rubbings are not allowed in the graveyard at the center of Sudbury but there are exceptionally worthwhile sites to visit there.

You may have hear of vicious vandalistic attacks on headstones or of the damage done to stones by careless rubbers. This has made gravestone rubbings of some older and more precious stones difficult and sometimes impossible to obtain. This is truly a pity since these stones, with even the most scrupulous care, will not last much longer under the ravages of exposure. When they are gone we will have lost forever these examples of American art and our heritage. Gravestone rubbing done properly leaves the chosen stone clean of lichen, built up dirt and underbrush which work from both ends to corrode and crush the stone. And, attended to and appreciated, the memory of a person has been paid homage to....the original purpose of the gravestone.

When I first began gravestone rubbing family and friends wiggled their noses as such a "morbid" hobby. But when you have considered the historical interest, the preservation and involvement with art and the healthiness in being out of doors, gravestone rubbing can be viewed as a pretty lively hobby.

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#### A TREATISE ON THE RICE FAMILY

Perhaps you remember - that, in our last issued of the News Letter, under the heading of "Keeping Up With The Rices" we mentioned the "paper" cousin ROGER E. RICE of Oklahoma City, Oklahoma was preparing in celebration of the bicentennial. Well, cousin ROGER was kind enough to send the Newsletter office a copy of his finished product and it is far more special a celebration than we ever imagined!

With help from the American Bicentennial Commission ROGER has published in limited edition (alas!) a seventy-five page scholarly



research thesis tracing the genealogical history of Edmund Rice through Oren D. Rice of Iowa, his progeny and their issue to the present.

The Treatise is divided into four basic sections: "Section A - The Rice Treatise" which attempts to trace Rice ancestry up to Edmund Rice; "Section B - Rice Genealogy" which continues with Edmund Rice and his immediate family and traces the Rice lineage through Oren D. Rice; "Section C - Rice Graphics" is a particularly interesting section containing a collection of maps, pictures and articles concerning the same before mentioned lineage; and "Section D - Addendum" is a Rice genealogy update with room for additions by present family members.

Because A Treatise on the Rice Family is not available to purchase ROGER has kindly consented to allow the News Letter to reprint excerpts that would be of most general interest. And, in the next two or three News Letters we will be running a continuing series from ROGER'S Treatise.

But, what this Editor has to say about MR. RICE'S efforts is not half so interesting and adequate as what he has said himself. So, let us begin our series of excerpts with the:

#### FOREWARD

After three years of concentrated effort, the deed is done. This Rice genealogy is completed, or as near as was possible if it was to be an accomplishment as a bicentennial year contribution. It started out to be a record of the family line of my grandfather Jabez Judson Rice. Motivated by a desire to honor him and my father Clarence E. Rice, it was also to be a project to correct, update and continue the entries of our clan for the next Rice Register. Ancestry prior to great grandfather Oren D. Rice (1808-1872) is already in accepted print; extraction of our line presented no problem to this point. It became obvious that all progeny from Oren D. Rice needed much work and deserved equal treatment. My sights were reset to include not only the families springing from Jabez Judson Rice, but for all his brothers and sisters - Elia Maria, John Sherman, Sylphina Eve, Alvin L and Adelbert Rufus - who were reproductive. Therein lies the story - that this finished deed was preceded by a work triad of pleasure, exhaustion and frustration.

Some wished me luck, with a slight under chuckle, when the gathering processes were launched, they no doubt believing the whole project would falter along the way. There were many anxious moments and much discouragement when contacts dallied time or failed to respond. Obversely there were many rewarding times when material flowed in from those with an interest, understanding of the urgency and a sincere desire to help. On the sections from Oren D. Rice forward assistance has come from family records, from people unrelated, and from sources which went above and beyond any line of obligation. For all of them and, yes, even some of the dalliers and skeptics, the completion of this undertaking is a



joint accomplishment. It could not have culminated without the support of every single person and source which responded to hundreds of pieces of correspondence and forms, and a grateful thank you goes to each who contributed to the whole.

There are three people who have been especially helpful during the long period of research: Mrs. Marian (Rice) Akin, Rolland V. Crane, and Glen H. Rice. Without their extra efforts this Rice treatise may well have failed to materialize. For their work and intense industry this project is deeply indebted. A special thanks, too, goes to my wife Fern Rice for her patience with the lights of many midnight sessions, her beautifully typing of the final draft, and for her assistance in proofreading.

Every effort has been made to have this genealogical information as correct possible. Errors no doubt will have crept in or evaded detection in spite of all caution and care taken from earliest formation to final production. Your spotting and substantiation of any mistakes in fact or figure, be it spelling, date or place, should be reported so that the master file may be put right.

We are saddened by the circumstances of death which has taken several members during the interim between the beginning and the issuance of this work, and regret they did not get to see it completed and to enjoy the results of their share of contributions. We are disappointed, also, that, for various reasons, we were unable to uncover illusive and much needed information concerning Oren D. Rice and his wife Elizabeth, and to solve the mystery of the disappearance after 1900 of Alvin L. Rice and his family, both of Iowa. The search will go on. If anyone has knowledge of or unearths any facts or leads on these members, or any other missing data, report it with dispatch, and with certification, so it can be recorded and shared with all.

It is hoped each family member will continue to chronicle on-going Rice history in order to keep this record up to date, and that each family will exchange its happenings with others. In so doing remember to be specific about full names, dates and places of all births, marriages, divorces and deaths. Pay close attention to accuracy and spelling. Further generations will thank all of us for such journaling of the things that make for family heritage.

Yes, after three years of concentrated effort, the deed is done, and it is, indeed, an additional pleasure to present it to you.

ROGER E. RICE

Oklahoma City, Oklahoma  
October, 1976

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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

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

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

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