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FRONT COVER: Replica of the original North Bridge that spans the Concord River, and in the background Daniel Chester French's statue The Minute Man.
"By the Rude Bridge that arched the flood, Their flag to April's breeze unfurled, Here once the embattled farmers stood, and fired the shot heard round the world." - from Ralph Waldo Emerson's "Concord Hymn".

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear cousins:

So it rained! A mighty cold rain, too, that Sunday in late September. At the North Bridge, in that tangle of cars below Aurthor's Ridge, under the familiar horse chestnut tree beside our common ancestor's grave site at Wayland; A passer-by might think we didn't know enough to get in out of the rain, but of course we all recognize this as further proof of that legendary Rice fortitude.

The Association welcomes our new members and wishes to include them in a hearty, "See you next year."

Henry E. Rice, Jr., President

TREASURER'S REPORT

Report from September 1, 1976 through August 31, 1977

Balance on hand August 31, 1976	
in the <u>checking account</u>	\$2,780.62
10 deposits	<u>1,246.70</u>
Totalling	\$4,-27.32
14 checks drawn	<u>-3,003.12</u>
New <u>checking account</u> balance	\$1,024.20
Two term-deposit accounts, plus interest	\$4,580.67
<u>Total cash assets, August 31, 1977</u>	<u>\$5,604.87</u>

John E. Rice, Treasurer

SECRETARY'S MINUTES

Naushatuck Country Club
Concord, MA

September 25, 1977 *Sunday for 1st time*

The annual business meeting of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc. was called to order at 1:45 P.M. by the President, Henry E. Rice, Jr., with a warm welcome to all.

The report of the Recording Secretary's minutes of last year's business meeting were read and accepted.

The Treasurer's annual report was read and accepted.

The Nominating Committee present their slate of officers for the coming year. There being no further nominations from the floor the motion was made and carried that the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate as read. The officers will serve for the 1977-78 term.

As per custom at our meetings, those coming from the furthest distance, the eldest and the youngest members were recognized. Our distance winners for this year were five people from Oregon. Close runner-ups came from Idaho, Arkansas, Wisconsin, Minnesota and Florida. Our eldest member present was Edwin W. Proctor from Northborough, MA, who will celebrate his 90th birthday on October 5th. There was no "real young" people this year and the award of a Concord, MA coloring book went to a girl in her twenties.

Janet Farrar Royce, News Letter Editor asked for members to make contributions for the News Letter. She indicated that no bit of information was too small to be of interest to cousins far away.

As the last new item our President spoke about the Concord-Lexington Area and its many historically interesting places and then mapped out our car caravan tour for the afternoon.

The meeting was then adjourned at 2:15 by our President so that we could get an early enough start on our tour of Concord and for the placing of the wreath on Edmund Rice's monument.

Respectfully submitted,

Beatrice W. Johnson,
Recording Secretary

THOUGHTS CONCERNING THE 1977 RICE FAMILY REUNION

by

Patricia P. MacFarland

The day was cold, dark and dreary. The sun scarce showed and then was bleary. The rains came down enough to give spur to our activities "RELATIVE".

The buffet lunch was devoured - fitted any diet. The champagne glow took the place of the sun. The many desserts were lovely. There seemed to be three kinds on my plate! With plenty of time to visit before and during lunch and conversation flowed and joy overrun!

Seaver Rice had his books displayed, Rice Genealogy Books were on hand and copies of the Edmund Rice Will were available.

The youngest member of our reunion was in her twenties this year. All of which proves you are not bringing up your children in the way they should go -- to reunions! Ed Proctor was the eldest, to be ninety in another week. Surely some of you could compete.

The rains cleared enough so that a caravan could fight lights and Sunday traffic to the North Bridge. Several Rices took souvenir pictures of our family members gathered around the Minute Man statue. It was difficult to tear bodies away from that site to wend their ways into the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. There we saw the resting places of Emerson, Thoreau, Louisa May Alcott and the narrator of Puritan life: Nathaniel Hawthorne. A real problem came in wending out, again. There was a great deal of backing and shifting to let Henry lead the way.

We arrived at the Antiquarian on time, more or less. The collection is really worth a trip to Concord. Think of your forebears living in those rooms!!!

The hostesses were delightful, patient and generous with their time.

With the promise of sunshine, the caravan headed for Wayland. Methinks our leader showed us a little extra of the charming countryside and winding roads! We arrived at the cemetery and all paid respects to the Rice Memorial and all our ancient Sudbury forefathers. It was truly fitting to stand there in icy winds and think back over one hundred years to the modes of transportation and living known then.

All in all a good day to remember.

HENRY E. RICE, JR., our PRESIDENT again this year, has submitted a poem he wrote himself, inspired by the history of his home in the Concord, MA area. I agree with him that this is a perfect time to share it with you.

SLEEPY HOLLOW

In this vale each year we gather,
at the plaintive bugle's call,
To extol our men of wartime,
ask our God to guide us all.

On "their ridge" in trim assemblage
lie our poets of long ago.
Truly ours, for here in Concord
these are Emerson, Thoreau,

With the Alcotts, "Sidney," Hawthorne,
And from each God-given tongue,
Issued songs of life so wondrous,
Words which half the world has sung.

There by Author's Ridge, so hallowed,
With the horses safe away,
And the taps of bugles fading
in the waning of the day,

Low sun's rays gleam on the barrels
of the cannons chocked below;
On the bronze which seems symbolic
of their words which ever glow.

A man's arm is raised. The signal!
All is still. The arm flails down:
With the flame, a roar like thunder.
Clouds of smoke roll toward the town.

This old ridge is jarred, left trembling.
One can feel its thrashing wings.
Yes, and not alone the motion
but the thoughts this pageant brings.

Why this glimpse of Sleepy Hollow?
Though for you mere sight unseen,
May it ease that which surrounds us,
Make this moment more serene.

LIBRARIAN'S LETTER

Dear cousins:

I would like to express my sincere thanks at being elected to the newly created post of Librarian.

In the past this position has been divided between our Historian and the Secretary; one taking the orders and the other keeping the stock. By consolidating these two steps into one office we hope that the process of buying books will be speeded up and benefit all.

Send all orders or inquires concerning Rice Association publications to:

Robert F. Royce
346 High Street
Milford, CT 06460

Checks or money orders may be made payable to: The Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc. No tax or postage is necessary.

As of now the Rice publications we have available are:

RICE FAMILY - by Andrew Henshaw Ward (reprint) \$20.00
A genealogical history of the **descendants** of
Deacon Edmund Rice.

INDEX. \$ 1.25
Names which were not included in the
Index of the Rice Family.

SUPPLEMENT TO RICE FAMILY. \$ 3.50
The Rice Association 1967 publication
of additions and corrections in the
Rice Family; as compiled from the
records of the Association.

A GENEALOGICAL REGISTER OF EDMUND RICE DESCENDANTS \$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.

MORE ABOUT THOSE RICES - by Elsie Hawes Smith. \$ 3.50
A compilation of anedotes and short stories
about several of the descendants of Edmund
Rice. Delightful reading.

YOU ARE HEIR TO MILLIONS! - By Margaret S. Rice. \$ 1.50
This seven page speech was made by our Historian
at the 1971 Rice Reunion. Moving.

Back issues of the NEWSLETTER.each \$ 2.00
copies of all issues are now available.

Robert F. Royce, Librarian

FROM THE EDITOR'S DESK

Dear cousins:

Well, I think we really have an interesting issue of the
News Letter this time. Our reunion a month ago was particularly
enjoyable and inspiring, as you can tell for yourself by reading
BEA JOHNSON'S account of that day and HENRY'S poem about
Concord, MA.

We had not received any lineages of new members by press time
of last issue so this time we have two publications' worth of
genealogies. Are any of them in your line?

In this issue also is an interview with the Opera singer,
and Rice descendant ALEXANDRA HUNT and Part II of our excerpts
from ROGER RICE'S "Treatise".

It was agreed at the Board of Directors' meeting in Concord
that in order to include the most news and information possible
concerning the past or upcoming reunions, we would publish the
News Letters in the FALL and the SPRING, approximately one month
after each of the biannual Directors' meetings.

Along with our tax exempt status comes the privilege of
non-profit organization reduced postage rates, as you may have
already noticed.

Still, the cost of printing so many copies of the News Letter
and the postage to all of our members, some who live very far
away, is an expense that cannot be held back. And, we may quickly

be reaching that point where two News Letters a year may not be enough to hold all the news there is to share!

Among the privileges of your annual dues is your subscription to the News Letter and that contribution goes a long way to help us keep costs manageable and still produce a publication that we can all be proud of.

And, it seems unfair to those members who do pay their dues regularly to continue to send News Letters to non-dues paying Rices.

Therefore, as of the upcoming SPRING issue the News Letter will only be sent to those Rices who have paid their 1977-78 dues.

At \$2.00 an issue your \$3.00 annual dues delivers your News Letter to your door at a bargain rate!

If you have not yet sent in your 1977-78 dues please use the registration form on the last page of this issue of the News Letter to do so.

Don't miss out!!

**** Robert and I would like to take this space to deliver a personal message of a very happy holiday season to all our cousins all over the world. By our involvement with the Rice Association, and particularly with the News Letter, we have had contact with many relatives we may never meet and communicated with countless more who may not even be aware of how they touch our lives. Particularly with people we care for all over America-and the world-it makes us wish even harder this year for peace on earth and goodwill toward all mankind. ****

Janet Farrar Royce
Newsletter Editor

LOST & FOUND....

MRS. LOUIS I. JAFFEE of Norfolk, VA sent us a letter recently and told the story of how her father had been a member of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc. but how, when she became interested in her genealogy herself, she could not find the names or addresses of our officers to resume contact with. Her suggestion that we keep an updated list of officers at libraries and genealogical societies is a good one, and one that is already in practice, as is best possible.

Among our subscribers is the NEW ENGLAND HISTORIC GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY in Boston, MA, the NORTH ATTLEBORO HISTORIC SOCIETY in North Attleboro, MA, and the GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY LIBRARY ACQUISITION SECTION from Salt Lake City. Also many libraries, particularly in the Massachusetts area have bought copies of one or more of our own library's offerings.

It sounds like the FENNER'S had a lovely trip in their camper this summer, visiting such states as Utah, Idaho, Wyoming, and, of course, Colorado, where their son PETER FENNER is now living.

Some of us may add our name to the list of Mayflower descendents with this next piece of news:

Elizabeth Wheeler, who married Elisha Rice (#46, page 3) is a proven Mayflower descendent, detailed in The New England Historical and Genealogical Register, 1933 edition, Volume 87, pages 115 - 120.

SOMETHING TO SMILE ABOUT....

It has been recently discovered, by DORIS RICE FOX of Clifton, NJ that we have a three generation streak of dentists in our family:

Dr. Merritt E. Rice, b. April, 1845-d. Feb., 1883
(son of Stebbins Rice of Rome, MA)

Dr. Charles Albright Rice, b. May, 1866-d. July, 1930
(Dr. Merritt's nephew)

Dr. Frank Wilder Rice, b. Oct., 1896-d. May, 1977
(Dr. Charles' son)

Dr. Charles Berdan Rice, b. Sept., 1930-

HOPE YOU'RE FEELING BETTER....

We were sorry to hear that Past President MARGARET ALLEN was not feeling well enough to attend our Board of Directors' meeting las Spring. But, we were even more dismayed to learn that she spent the rest of the summer fighting off double pneumonia. Even though we still missed MARGARET'S cheerful presence at this year's reunion, we are very glad to hear that she is finally feeling better again.

It was a difficult summer also for the author of The Rice Treatise, ROGER RICE, who suffered a stroke in August and then had to undergo surgery on his neck. But, as ROGER relates, "By the grace of God the clot dissolved and cleared without any apparant damage and I am recovering fine at this point and expect to be as good as new within a short time. I consider myself a most fortunate person indeed."

AT PEACE....

MRS. SYLVESTER (ANNABELLE) MOORE, 81, died last September 15th. Besides being an active Rice Association member, ANNABELLE was a member of the New England Genealogical Society of Boston and the Connecticut Society of Genealogists, Inc. She was active in several other worthwhile organizations and was a teacher in Lynn, MA for several years.

COLONEL (RET.) JOHN L. RICE, who led a troop of cavalry across the Isthmus of Panama in 1918, died at 88 last September at his home in California. Among his immediate family surviving him are his wife, LUCILLE RICE, two sons, JOHN L. RICE, JR. and WILLIAM RICE, a sister, EDITH BUTLER, five grandchildren and four great-grandchildren.

MR. DEWEY G. FORCE of Willmar, MN departed this life last October 8th. DEWEY descended from Ebenezer Force and Rhoda Rice (page 100 in the Rice Family). Rhoda Rice Force was daughter of John and Susannah Rice of Brookfield, MA, where Ebenezer and Rhoda Force also made their home.

DANA RICE, a member of numerous historical societies and an avid boatsman passed away last June in Warren, RI. He was also a life member of the Providence Art Club, which he joined in 1924.

MRS. FREDERICK (WILMA) RICE also died last February, in the same month as EMILY ELIZABETH RICE, whose father BURTON RICE is listed in the Rice Register (IX, 3762.1.3,pg 955).

RICE ANAGRAM: ANSWERS

Here are the answers to ROBERT ROYCE'S puzzle from last May's News Letter.

Congradulations to our Treasurer, JOHN RICE for being the first send in the correct answer. And, JOHN claims, he didn't have to use any sources!

1. First Rice in the mining business: J (O) N A S
2. Edmund's last surviving child: (R) U T H
3. Middle name of the Rice who wrote the first American musical comedy: E V E R E (T) T
4. First American born Rice: B E N J A M (I) N
5. Second settler of Worchester, MA: G E R (S) H O M
6. Built the subject of "The Wonderful One Hoss Shay": (A) M A (S) A

What Rices in the American Revolution were: P A T R I O T S

AN INTERVIEW WITH ALEXANDRA HUNT, OPERA SINGER

A discreet inquiry, last June, from Rice Association member ALEXANDRA HUNT, concerning a change of address and a missed News Letter turned into the very exciting news of a real live opera star in our family.

ALEXANDRA, who made her Metropolitan Opera debut last April in the title role of Berg's demanding and difficult vocal drama, "Lulu" received what can be termed as no less than "rave reviews" from New York Times critic Donal Henahan.

"Alexandra Hunt as Lulu at the Metropolitan Opera on Monday night found herself put to tests that she would not have had to face in most leading parts. Miss Hunt, an American who has enjoyed European successes in operas by Berg and Janacek among others, sang intelligently with vocal and dramatic projection..."

While singing in a production of Tosca in upstate New York last summer, ALEXANDRA granted our News Letter an interview by mail in which she talked about opera and the descendants of Edmund Rice:

Tell me, ALEXANDRA, how did you become interested in singing?

My sisters and I always sang. We had a trio with material arranged and written by my mother - who had a beautiful voice and was a well-trained pianist, as well. I started performing with my sisters when I was three, I was the youngest. They let me sing the melody, although mother told me I was always able to harmonize, and soon (age four?) I did share the harmony. Both my sisters are very musical, obviously, but I was the only one who became a singer. PATRICIA is a doctor, and KENNA, an honor graduate of the Royal Academy of Dramatic Art in London, is an actress in California.

When did you decide to pursue a vocal career?

At 14, after singing my first opera in High School in DeKoven's Robin Hood I decidedly definitely to be an opera singer

Where did you get your musical training?

I went to Vassar as a language major and took my Junior year in Paris, ostensibly to study at the Sarbonne, but my real desire was to study with a great singer, the late Marya Freund. I took the musical part of my training (ear training, etc.) at Julliard where I was also in the Opera Theatre. But the best training is doing and I started performing as much as I could after leaving Julliard.

Tell us about your early career.

The most opportunities to perform came in contemporary music, since there were not so many sopranos vying for those parts. It seemed I had an ability to perform this music and I came to find it satisfying - more interesting to me at that time than the standard repertoire. So in 1969 I had a wonderful opportunity: I was chosen by audition to sing the leading role of Marie in Berg's Wozzeck in a student production at Tanglewood, conducted by Erich Leinsdorf. That was real beginning, because a year later I sang for Claudio Abbado, music director of LaScala and was hired by him to sing Marie in LaScala's first production of Wozzeck in German in 1972. That production was an enormous success, as well it deserved to be because that production itself was a great work of art. This also led to other wonderful things for me - I sang Berg's other great opera Lulu in France the next year, and Janáček's two great operas

Katya Kahanova and Jenufa both in the original Czech at the Wexford Festival in Ireland and the York Festival in England. I made my New York debut as Jenufa in 1974, again sung in Czech. At that point in my career I began to accept roles in the standard repertoire.

Most young opera hopefuls spend years in less prestigious companies doing small parts. How do you feel about your unique 'tour de force' approach to your career, ALEXANDRA?

I'm glad it happened that way. I find the roles in classical operas more interesting and fulfilling now than I would have when I was very young. Classical roles in my repertoire now include the lead role of Tosca as well as Santuzza in Cavalleria Rusticana and this year I will sing my first Verdi: Lady Macbeth, in Louisville, KY.

What are some of your professional plans for the future?

I've been invited to Prague for the 1977-78 season to sing Katya Kahanova with the Prague National Opera and I will be the first westerner to sing a major Czech role in Czechoslovakia in their own language (Which, incidentally I do not speak, but understand I studied it very assiduously to prepare for singing the Janáček roles.)!

Is it true that you will be cutting a record soon, too?

Yes, my first recording should be released this Fall - Orion Master Recordings - it has American songs from the early part of the century by Edward MacDowell, Charles Griffes and John Alden Carpenter. Some of these songs have never been recorded before.

ALEXANDRA is very interested in other Edmund Rice descendents with exceptional musical talents and we talked about two other such relatives.

I was so interested to read about Edward Everett Rice, the 'father of American Musical comedy'. I have never seen or sung any of the songs of Evangiline yet, however. We Rice's have another ancestor: Hiram Rice, Sr. who had a singing school in Kentucky. He lived from 1778-1844. Hiram's father, James Rice (b. 1736) was written out of the family bible for reasons PATRICIA and I are determined to discover. He was the second child of Absalom Rice (b. 1709), who was a great-grandson of Edmund, I believe. We Hiram fell into family disfavor for having given funds to the Revolutionary war.

This has been a longer letter than I had intended. May I wish you all well in all your activities - musical as well as otherwise.

And, of course, greatest hopes for ALEXANDRA'S continued success follow this lovely and talented cousin of which we can be very proud, indeed.

NEW MEMBER GENEALOGIES

Zella E. Daily and Zelia E. Davis, 460 Horizons West, Apt. 101,
Boynton Beach, FA 33435

- 1 Edmund Rice
 - 2 Thomas Rice
 - 3 Elisha Rice
 - 4 Elijah Rice
 - 5 Ebenezer Rice
 - 6 Abel Rice
 - 7 Abel Rice
 - 8 William Jasper Rice
 - 9 Nellie Rice Edington Daily
 - 10 Zella Edington Daily
 - 10 Zelia Edington Davis
- *Zella and Zelia are 83 year old
twin sisters!

Franklin L. Davenport, 240 N 1100 W, Provo, Utah 84601

- 1 Edmund Rice m. Thomasine Frost
 - 2 Thomas Rice m. Mary King
 - 3 Mary Rice m. Josiah White
 - 4 Josiah White m. Abigail Whitcomb
 - 5 Ruth White m. Elisha Sawyer
 - 6 Elias Sawyer m. Hannah Farrar
 - 7 Hannah Sawyer m. James Badger
 - 8 Lydia Ripley Badger m. Jerome Napoleon Remington
 - 9 Helen Badger Remington m. Jeremiah Franklin Davenport
 - 10 Franklin Remington Davenport m. Kate Naomi Lufkin
 - 11 Franklin Lufkin Davenport m. Lovenia Ellen Miller
- We have four children:
Alice M. Davenport m. Paul Charles Wright
Howard Miller Davenport m. DeeAnn Adamson
Byron Franklin Davenport m. Anita Brownlee
Edmund Lester Davenport m. Sharlene Field

We also have 19 grandchildren and two great grandchildren.

Carroll Clarke Gleason, Jr., RFD #3, Friendship Street, ME 04572

- 1 Edmund Rice m. Thomasine Frost
- 2 Joseph Rice m. Mercy King
- 3 Caleb Rice m. Mary Ward
- 4 Josiah Rice m. Thankful Rice
- 5 Azubah Rice m. Phineas Gleason
- 6 Elijah Gleason m. Lucy Fay
- 7 Zebina Montague Gleason m. Caroline B. Clarke
- 8 Leslie Carroll Gleason m. Georgia Conary
- 9 Carroll Clarke Gleason m. Beatrice Faythe Wray
- 10 Carroll Clarke Gleason, Jr. m. Grace Miriam Rae
- 11 Couglass Charles Gleason
- 11 David Clarke Gleason m. Gayle Elizabeth Brookings
- 12 Angela Barbara Gleasn
- 12 Christopher Clarke Gleason
- 11 Stephen Rae Gleason m. Jane Ellen Beattie

Lydia Outzen Johnson, Marysvale, Utah 84750

- 1 Edmund Rice m. Thomazine Frost
- 2 Samuel Rice m. Elizabeth King
- 3 Samuel Rice, Jr. m. Abigail Clapp
- 4 Ezra King m. Silence Bond
- 5 William King m. Betsey Cushing
- 6 Thomas King m. Ruth Hyde
- 7 Thomas Rice King m. Matilda Robinson
- 8 John Robinson King m. Helen Maria Webb
- 9 Lydia Rosella King m. John Bertelsen
- 10 Ila King Bertelsen m. Martin William Outzen
- 11 Lydia Outzen m. Johnson

Dawn W. Morgan, 1228 West Saginaw Street, East Lansing, MI 48823

- 1 Edmund Rice m. Thomazine Frost
- 2 Thomas Rice m. Mary King
- 3 Jonas Rice m. Mary Stone
- 4 Jonas Rice m. Jane Hall
- 5 Jonas Rice m. Bathsheba Parmenter
- 6 Joel Rice m. Lydia Farmsworth
- 7 Zebina Rice m. 1. Joel Fellows 2. Ann Rior Dutton
- 8 Orrin R. Rice m. Lucy Brown
- 9 Emma Leona Rice m. Francis S. Caswell
- 10 Queenie Estrella Caswell m. Lloyd B. Wood
- 11 Dawn Carol Wood m. Robert M. Morgan

Winifred Blackmer Reynolds, 3 Pleasant View Road, Wilbraham, MA
01095

- 1 Edmund Rice m. Thomazine Frost
- 2 Joseph Rice m. Mary Beers
- 3 Joseph Rice m. Mercy Kerley
- 4 Jesse Rice m. Beulah
- 5 Elerzar Rice m. Elizabeth Darling
- 6 Sally Rice m. Antipas Maynard
- 7 Lambert Maynard m. Luseba Locke
- 8 Josephine Maynard m. Edward Sawyer
- 9 Ethel Sawyer m. Frederick Blackmer
- 10 Winifred Blackmer m. Reynolds

Gerald O. Rice, 2100 North Petty Road, Muncie, IN 47301

- 1 Edmund Rice m. Thomazine Frost
- 2 Edward Rice m. Ann
- 3 John Rice m. Tabitha Stone
- 4 Capt. Moses Rice m. Sarah King
- 5 Aaron Rice m. Freedom French
- 6 Aaron Rice, Jr. m. Lona Thompson
- 7 Moses Rice m. Amy Dunshay
- 8 Wilson D. Rice m. Martha B. Corran
- 9 Ora O. Rice m. Lydia Conklin
- 10 Leon W. Rice m. Marie Porter
- 11 Gerald O. Rice m. Clara Birt

Children of Gerald and Clara:

- 12 Eric L. Rice
- Judith F. Rice
- Sally M. Rice
- Jeffrey B. Rice

Hanford Craig Rice, 91 Church Lane, Cloverdale, CA 95425

- 1 Edmund Rice m. Thomazine Frost
- 2 Edward Rice m. Agnes Bent(of Thomas Rice m. Mary King)
- 3 Benjamin Rice m. Mary Rice(Samuel Rice m. Mary Dix)
- 4 Azariah Rice m. Hannah Barttett
- 5 Oliver Rice m. Lucy Rice(Peter Rice m. Dinah Wolcot)
- 6 Nathan Rice
- 7 Thomas M. Rice
- 8 Oliver H. Rice
- 9 William Henry Rice
- 10 Jesse James Rice
- 11 Hanford Maurice Rice m. Emily Ann Schmidt
- 12 Hanford Craig Rice

Leon Harold Rice, 27 Church Road, Bedford, NH 03102

- 1 Edmund Rice m. Thomazine Frost
- 2 Thomas Rice m. Mary King
- 3 Thomas Rice m. Anna Rice
- 4 Charles Rice m. Rachel Wheeler
- 5 Elijah Rice m. Sarah Shattuck
- 6 Elijah Rice m. Margaret Patterson
- 7 Isaac Rice m. Elizabeth Sibley
- 8 Hiram Rice m. Augusta Vose
- 9 John Henry Rice m. Janet Cameron
- 10 Leon Hiram Rice m. Abbie Turney
- 11 Leon Harold Rice m. Margery Miller
- 12 Sally Rice m. Joseph Matzinger
- Doris Rice m. Richard Baron
- June Rice
- Donna Rice
- Leon S. Rice
- Joan Rice

Samuel Robert Steele, 125 Stock Farm Road, Sudbury, MA 01776

- 1 Edmund Rice m. Thomazine Frost
- 2 Thomas Rice m. Mary King
- 3 James Rice m. Sarah Stone; also Gersham Rice m. Elizabeth Haynes
- 4 Frances Rice m. Abisha Rice
- 5 Lucy Rice m. Enoch Cook, Sr.
- 6 Solomon Cook m. Charlotte Scott
- 7 Elizabeth Cook m. John Mandeville
- 8 Mary Charlotte Mandeville m. Jared Baker White

- 9 Harriet Newell White m. Clarence R. Steele
- 10 Samuel Robert Steele m. Marguerite Mildred Ham
- 11 Dana Holly Steele m. Dennis Lorenz

Rosalie Steele Bolene, 2116 Juanito, Ponca City OK 74601

lineage is same as Samuel Robert Steele, her brother.

Marian Louise Rice Vanden-Bosch, c/o Associated Diamond Products, Inc,
41 W. Peel Street, P.O. Box 326, Paterson, NJ 07524

- 1 Edmund Rice m. Thomazine Frost
- 2 Thomas Rice m. Mary King
- 3 Elisha Rice m. Elizabeth Wheeler
- 4 Elijah Rice m. Huldah Keyes
- 5 Ebenezer Rice m. Ruth Eveleth
- 6 Abel Rice m. Lydia Gholson
- 7 William Emerson Rice m. Martha Gossett
- 8 William Henry Rice m. Mary J.
- 9 Arthur Lincoln Rice m. Ruby Lee Stuart
- 10 Marian Louise Rice m. Henry Vanden-Bosch

Welcome, new members, one and all!

A TREATISE ON THE RICE FAMILY

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PART II

OUR EUROPEAN AND ENGLISH DEVELOPMENT

A megalithic culture, perhaps brought by Iberians, and ancient people believed to have migrated from Africa in the New Stone Age, must have existed in Britian (the British Isles), for it was this culture which the expanding CELTS (Japhetic in genes) encountered in their first invasion of the islands. Evidence was in the massive stone structures, such as Stonehenge, located near Amesbury, Devon, in the Salisbury Plains of England, and which were built with stone types which occur naturally close together in a remote small area in the Prescelly Mountains of Wales - and only there. According to Gerald S. Hawkins in his books on Stonehenge, this megalithic monument dates to 1680 B.C. and implies sun worship. There is evidence that people in northern Wales still show signs of Iberian strains, even though most of the Iberians and Italic tribes were later crowed to the southern peninsulas of the European continent.

The Celts, according to Encyclopaedia Britannica, 1939 (Volume 23), as one source of information, were the group of people first identified in the second millennium B.C. in Southwest Germany and France, appearing to be a fusion of diverse stocks, united probably

by a common language and by mastery of bronze-working techniques. By 1200 B.C. they had spread across Central Europe in a broad band reaching from Denmark to Britain. They adapted to developing industries, and their wealth from trade and raiding helped them maintain their dominance during the Iron Age. A secondary expansion from circa 700 to circa 400 B.C. completed their conquest of Gaul, the central Danube Valley, threatened Italy, penetrated Spain and brought another invasion to Britain. A last important Celtic invasion from the Continent in 75 B.C. brought the deep plow and a practice of coining money to the islands. Thus the Celts were established in Britain.

Greek influence which stimulated Celtic culture included, among other but later things, writing. Art flourished, they lived in semi-fortified villages with tribal organization, and became increasingly hierarchial as wealth was acquired. Priests, nobles, craftsmen and peasants were clearly distinguished, with powers of the chief becoming knightly. According to The Columbia Encyclopedia (Columbia University Press, 1950) as one source of further information, the Celts believed in a demon-possessed universe, recognized no idols, believed in immortality of the soul and its passing onto another, not earthly body, and relied on the ministry of the Druids highly educated monks who handed their knowledge down from one generation to another by memory.

By the time Romans arrived in Britain in 55 B.C., and later conquered the land in 43 B.C., all the Britain tribes were Celtic - the Celtic invasions from the Continent having been supported by their presence. The peak of the Roman civilization in Britain was the first half of the third century A.D. Roman engineering and architecture changed the face of Britain and left certain traditional influence, but little else. Celtic resistance, along with Frankis and Saxon invaders and pirates, saw to that. The Romans brought worship of their pagan gods, but did not oppose -- in fact, adapted the worship to some of the local Celtic deities. . . . this demonstrating, as with the Druids ministry earlier, that "Christianity was early at home in Britain." Following the end of the Roman occupation in 446, the system inherited from Rome gradually broke down and warring tribal kings again took over.

The Saxon raiders became more numerous and by the end of the fifth century Anglo-Saxons and Jutes were not only raiding but settling in Britain, causing some Britons (Celts) to migrate to Brittany, a peninsula in the northwest of France. The Anglo-Saxons, a name given to the Germanic-speaking people, and denoting non-Celtic, ruled Britain for about five centuries, leaving their marks and an infiltrated blood line.

Britain was to see still more blood intermingling. After conquering Normandy, in Northern France bordering the English Channel in the tenth century, the Norsemen (Scandinavian Vikings who raided the coasts of Europe during that and the earlier century) accepted Christianity and the customs of France and became Normans,

we learn from the reference encyclopedias. Though they lost all connection with their original Scandinavian homeland, they lost none of their raiding prowess and its attendant cravings, and in 1066 the Norman conquest of England made the Duke of Normandy king of England as William I (William the Conqueror) . . . much to the displeasure of displaced Anglo-Saxon nobility.

The Norman conquest brought about broad social, political and administrative changes in England. The introduction of the French language relegated the English tongue to the lower classes for 150 years, following which English again emerged as the predominant language, though inflicted with many French words and phrases. Norman architecture was introduced to England, accounting for the construction of castles, which in turn changed the methods of warfare. Excessive tensions marked the relationship between this fusion of Normans, Anglo-Saxons and Celts.

The Hundred Year War in France (1337-1453) started as a conflict of interest between Edward III of England and Phillip VI of France because of a state lying on both sides of the English Channel. Though with no ultimate gain, conquest was heavily in favor of England in France until, torn by the internal strife of its own War of the Roses, England lost ground and made no further attempt to conquer France. Where a new France rose from the devastating 100-plus years, so the results were as decisive for England, which turned its expansion to that of sea power and colonization.

By now most of the distinguishable Celtic people were refuged in the mountains and moors of Western England in a territory called Wales. They spoke a Gaelic language, which had been the language of All Britain and Ireland before the Romans. Though the brooding costal plains and those of the south of England have been used as invasion routes since pre-historic times, the rough Welsh hills through the centuries served as a fortress, difficult for the foot soldiers, and most impregnable by heavily mailed horsemen. Here in the forests of the Celts, later the Welsh, stood fast against Romans, then Saxons and lastly, for a long time, against the Normans, fiercely opposing encroachment of king after king. They persisted in this even through long years of their own petty tribal differences. It wasn't until 1282 that the conquest of Wales was completed by Edward I of England, who later placated the Welsh by establishing his son Edward II as prince of Wales in 1301, a custom carried out to this day by every succeeding monarch to the throne. The Welsh were soon an integral part of England, becoming English subjects, even to finding lines of intermarriage in both high and lower ranks of class. One Welsh, Owen Tudor, later in the 15th century, had a grandson who ascended the English throne as Henry VII.

From earliest times name calling has undergone many adaptations. At first it was a specific vocative sound or call to identify and differentiate members of a family. Later most surnames came from occupations, localities and personal character-

istics - names such as Miller, Mead, Carpenter, Tucker, Wright, Small, Little, Short, Brown, Black, White, Green, even Woodmonger, a person eking a livelihood selling firewood. Most Europeans were known first only by a given name, later by their given name prefixed to their place of birth. The Welsh, for one, had no surnames but added a father's given name to a son's given name, a custom used until the reign of Henry VIII in England (1509-1547). The prefix "ap" before the name meant "son of," coming from an ancient Greek word "apo," meaning "proceeding from" or "coming from." Thus a son named John who had a father named Rhys would be called John ap Rhys. Names like Upjohn (ap John), Pwell (ap Howell) and Price (ap Rice) later originated as surnames.

The surname RHYS (RICE), a Welsh word meaning "bold" (some say "ardour" - among them Rosemary E. Bachelor, Machias, Maine, editor and publisher of the quarterly Rice Family News-Journal (recently combined with the monthly Epistle to carry four-family genealogical data*), offers the first identifying clue to our origin. It was the prefix era that the Rice (Rhys) name began to show up in the history books, in such distinguished company as Rhys ap Tewder (Theadore), one of the Tudor rulers of South Wales; Rhys ap Gruffydd, a ruler of South Wales called Lord Rhys; and Sir Rice ap Thomas, Knight of the Garter, to name a few. It is said HENRY VII brought Welsh people with him, including some of the Rhys families, to be in court and to receive grants of land. After that time, however, the transition and removal, the Rices were established in England as well as Wales. In the course of time other modifications in name calling followed and hereditary surnames achieved a clearly defined order, a system transferred eventually to the American Colonies - that of the hereditary surname being bequeathed to each generation of children in the same and similar form. The Rice surname is an example of the further evolving nature of names, exemplified in Rice becoming Reece, Reese, Reis, Royce and Price, all derivatives of a common source.

From all the Rice names that emerge from English history and that of the early New England colonies, there is one to be pursued EDMUND RICE, a Puritan dissenter and farmer who immigrated from Suffolk, England, to Massachusetts in 1637-38, landing at Watertown on the Charles River, proceeding west a short way to help found and settle Sudbury in 1638 and later to remove from there to help found and settle in 1660 the town of Marlborough (carried as Marlboro on today's maps). It is this man - Deacon Edmund Rice - through which the Rice lines of this treatise have propagated.

* - See our article in the Spring NEWS LETTER on The Epistle, edited by Rosemary E. Bachelor.

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