

## NEWS LETTER

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### Officers for 1982 – 1983

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Charles W. Rice, Wrentham, MA	1955-56 & 1974-75
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William H. Hoefler, Geneva, NY	1963-65
Ray Lowther Ellis, Boston, MA	1965-67
Jeneve M. Melvin, Swampscott, MA	1968-69 pro-tem
Allen F. Rice, Englewood, FL	1969-73
Margaret E. Allen, Holden, MA	1973-74
Seaver M. Rice, Southbridge, MA	1975-76
Henry E. Rice, Jr., Framingham, MA	1976-78
C. Whiting Rice, Jr., Sheldonville, MA	1978-80
William H. Drury, Chelmsford, MA	1980-82

### COVER

Deacon Edmund Rice's grave is marked by a slate monument designed by a descendant, Arthur Wallace Rice of Boston, Massachusetts. It was dedicated by the Rice Association on 29 August 1914.

It is located in the old cemetery – North Graveyard, Sudbury Rd., Wayland, Mass.  
This picture was taken by William H. Drury – August 1982.

### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Dear Cousins,

Many thanks to Bill Drury for his great work as President, and to his wife Jane for all her good work including the floral decorations at the annual meeting.

It was good to see you all again. Now we must all get to work:

(1). Margaret Rice *needs* your Rice Family sheets *now* so that she can prepare a new book.

You that gathered at the annual meeting hopefully all pinned the Trail on Edmund. What is needed now is to know where the trail went. So, please send me – P.O. Box 234, Northborough, MA 01532 your ancestral list with *dates* and *towns*.

(2). In 1984 I'm conjuring up a bus tour that you may know where your ancestors slept, waved at Geo. Washington, voted for Abe Lincoln, prayed, wed, learned their A.B.C.'s – not necessarily in that order. This takes time. Many left, many have returned to ancestral haunts – Marlborough, Westborough, Southborough and Northborough.

For 1983 we have good things planned.

There is also a need for a museum committee to be responsible for such artifacts as we acquire from time to time. Volunteer!

Sincerely,  
Pat MacFarland

### EDITOR'S NOTE

We are beginning our 345th year of the Deacon Edmund Rice's Family in America and it gives me great pleasure to announce to you that a man and wife team – Charles W. and Harriett Rice will be your new editors beginning with the next issue in the spring of 1983.

Since I have been a member of the association 15 years, I have edited 15 issues with your help and knowledge for which I say "Thank You". Also at this time I would like to express another big "Thank You" to my friend, Martin Laine at PDQ Printing and Publishing Services in Westfield, Massachusetts, who has worked so diligently with me.

Louise Rice Trudeau

*(It's been a pleasure working with you Louise – M.L.)*

### CAN YOU HELP?

Can any of your members help me identify the parents and place of birth of Rachel Rice, who is reputed to have been married to my ancestor, Winslow Perry, in Bennington County, Vermont, at the time of the Battle of Bennington – 1777.

Margaret S. Rochford  
15 Wyndwood Road  
West Hartford, CT 06107



MINUTES OF THE EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION  
ANNUAL MEETING

Sunday, September 26, 1982

The annual meeting of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association was held at the Hilton Inn, Natick, Massachusetts on Sunday, September 26, 1982, with registration from 10:00 a.m. to 12 noon. The Board meeting was held at 10:30 a.m. and luncheon was served at 12:30 p.m.

President William Drury called the business meeting to order at 1:40 p.m.

Mr. Drury reported the results of the survey of descendents of the children of Edmund Rice. The members had been asked to bring to the meeting their genealogical lines of descent from these second generation Rices and a large chart had been prepared with the names of Edmund's children as headings across the top. Gummed labels were provided and the members inscribed their names thereon and pasted them under those children from whom they are descended. The winners in this "Most Prolific" contest were Edward Rice with 18 descendents, Thomas, with 14, and Henry, with 12.

Due to the death of her father, our recording secretary, Cindy (Cynthia A. Blomstrom) was absent. Janice Parmenter was appointed to act as secretary pro-tem.

The report of the Annual Meeting of September 26, 1981 was accepted as read.

Treasurer John E. Rice, Jr. reported a total cash balance of Thirty-Six Thousand, Twenty-Six and 44/100 Dollars (\$36,026.44) to date. His report was also accepted as read.

President William Drury is the Book Custodian and reported that all the books for sale by the Association are in his custody and that he had some of them at this meeting to sell, including a number of slightly damaged reprints of Ward's "Rice Family" on special sale for \$5.00 each.

Publications Chairman Margaret Rice requested all members to cooperate in the publishing of the current Rice book by sending their genealogical lines to Margaret, using the Rice Family Genealogical forms. Forms may be obtained from Miss Margaret S. Rice, Lion's Mouth Road, Amesbury, MA 01913. A separate form should be used for each ancestor in the line of descent. Margaret also made a strong appeal for an Assistant Historian to assist her in gathering and cataloguing material for publication.

The Finance Committee reported that negotiations are still continuing with the executors of the Dana Rice bequest and that the Association may receive approximately \$350.00 soon, in addition to the monies that have already been turned over to us, deposited in the Dana Rice Fund.

A moment of silence was observed in memory of those members who have died since our last meeting.

The president announced that our ranks have been increased by the addition of eleven (11) new members.

The slate of officers for the coming year was read by Mr. Drury. There being no nominations from the floor, upon motion duly made and seconded, it was:

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: that nomination be closed.

Upon motion duly made and seconded, it was:

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: that the Secretary cast one ballot for the officers as read and the following slate was declared to have been duly elected for the year 1982-1983. (List on Page 1)

Mr. Drury then introduced the newly elected president, Patricia P. MacFarland, who spoke a few words of greeting and then thanked past president Drury for a job well done.

Corinne Snow, author of the book, "The Deacons" announced that she had with her copies of the book and order blanks for any who might wish them.

Janice Parmenter presented the Association with Thomas Jefferson Rice's account book which came to us many years before from a descendent of said Thomas, from Michigan, along with his seal. Mrs. Parmenter found the notebook among the papers of her father, past president John A. Bigelow. She suggested that the Association should adopt a policy for safe-keeping of its valuables to prevent loss or damage.

Prizes were presented to the *oldest member* present:

Ralph H. Barton of Sudbury, aged 88

*The youngest:* Christopher Channing Rice, infant son of C. Whiting Rice and Larisa Lemkins Rice:

*Farthest traveler:* Charles Hayward, Portland, Oregon

The president called our attention to the attractive and interesting display of family pictures and mementoes set up by Mr. and Mrs. Fletcher Rice from Peoria, Illinois. They are descendents of Civil War veteran Elisha Rice, son of Western pioneer Jonathan and grandson of Martin and Sally Rice of Marlborough, Mass.

Bill announced that Jane and he would lead the way to the grave of Edmund Rice in Wayland.

John Rice told of a pair of horse-shoes given him by Mr. Barton, present owner of the Edmund Rice home site and said that Mr. Barton is willing to have members visit the spring.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 2:10 p.m.

The speaker of the day Daniel Farber, whose remarkable photographs are displayed in 115 museums throughout the country, including Winterthur and Worcester Art Museum, was then introduced. Mr. Farber's talk on early gravestone art was fascinating and we also had the pleasure of viewing his beautiful slides. During the question period that followed, Mr. Farber was able to give many helpful suggestions for the preservation of our ancient cemeteries and headstones, as well as information on the stone cutters who had carved the stones. In addition, he told us about the founding of the settlement at Worcester, Massachusetts, by Jonas Rice and his brother Gershom.

All in all it was a most delightful day.

Janice R. Parmenter

Rec. Secretary pro tempore



## REPORT OF THE COMMITTEE ON PUBLICATIONS

If you wish your family's descent from Edmund Rice brought up-to-date in the forthcoming publication of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association, it *must* be submitted to the publication committee in the form shown, - "Rice Family Information" for each generation, following the last one given in present genealogies, i.e. in Ward's "Rice Family", "The Supplement to Ward", or "The Register of Descendants of Edmund Rice."

A deadline for receipt of data has been set as *April, 1983*. Hopefully we may be able to place the books by the time of the next annual meeting in September of 1983. Prices and order information will be announced in later News letters.

Margaret S. Rice

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### RICE FAMILY MINI-REUNION IN MARYLAND

Descendants of George Emory Rice (No. VIII 656.2.6.3 Pg. 627 in Reg.) eighth generation from Deacon Edmund, held a reunion on the Eastern Shore of Maryland over the weekend of September 10-12, 1982. The gathering, arranged by Mrs. Atlanta Rice Moore, was a great success and all present agreed they wanted to do it again next June.

Attending were:

Lloyd L. Dorsey, at age 96, the oldest present. He married Atlantis Hull, daughter of Abbie Rice Hull, (Mrs. Americus Hull) who was a daughter of Geo. Emory Rice.

Mrs. Moore, of College Park, Maryland with her sons Emory, Ed, and Robert; Emory's wife; and Robert's oldest daughter, Claire, from Milwaukee, Wisconsin. Mrs. Moore is daughter of Lewis Clark Rice, a son of George Emory Rice.

John Polk, step-son of Emory Moore, brought his wife, his 3½ year old daughter, Yianna, and 2 month old son, William.

Lewis P. Bolgiano, Jr., from Newark, Delaware, with his wife. Lewis is son of Amanda Shippee Rice, also daughter of Lewis Clark Rice.

Lewis Clarke Rice, 2nd, of Oxford, Maryland, son of Duane Ridgely Rice, older brother of Atlanta and Amanda Rice, and Emory C. Rice, Jr., son of Emory C. Rice, their younger brother. With the latter were his wife and younger daughter, Ann Bowie.

Josephine, their older daughter, her husband, Peter Herring, and their six-weeks old daughter (who was youngest present).

Near the Boarding House where the group stayed, Lewis Clarke Rice had a cottage from 1909 to 1939, so the area was familiar to all the older family members. In a way, the reunion was a nostalgic "sentimental journey".

The Edmund Rice Association encourages such regional gatherings and hopes to hear more of them. Thanks goes to Atlanta Rice Moore for her report of the Maryland reunion.

## OUR MEMBERS WRITE . . .

Many notes and letters come in when our members send in their annual dues and sometimes this is the only way we know how our members are and what they are doing.

Those expressing regrets for not being able to attend our annual reunion were: Elden L. Brigham and his wife Margaret of Evart, Michigan; Atlanta R. Moore of College Park, Maryland; Raymond A. Rice of Bakersfield, California; Ella A. Knapton of Quincy, Massachusetts; Mrs. M. Ellen Powell of Northfield, Vermont in Europe at the time; surgery and angina keeping Janet W. Rice-Sturgis of Pinellas Park, Florida, from being with us; Bill Hoefler wants to be remembered to all of the Past Presidents who were much help to him during his two years 1963-65, also to John E. Rice, whose father so graciously accepted him as a descendant as all of you have; and John Perry of Neenah, Wisconsin says, "He will miss New England - sure enjoyed it during the 3 years located here but that is part of corporation living."

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It seems to me that all Brighams and most Rices, particularly the Rices who are descended from Deacon Edmund and Mercy Rice, might be interested in the following item.

About the first of April (1982) as I was rather casually perusing the social activities columns of the Orlando Sentinel-Star's (Florida) "Lake Country Little Sentinel" my eyes focused on a notice to members of the Mercy Hurd Chapter Colonial Dames of America XVII Century of a meeting to be held on the coming week end at the home of a Mrs. O'Neill. In a flash my cursory interest became intense interest. I phoned Mrs. O'Neill, and she confirmed my belief that this had to be our Mercy Hurd Brigham Rice.

Having a Southern Chapter of Colonial Dames named after my great-grandmother ten generations removed struck me as a notable honor and a singular coincidence. I immediately sent a copy of my book, *From Whence We Came* and received a gracious acknowledgement from Mrs. Mabel Wingfield, Corresponding Secretary of the Chapter.

My information is that the Chapter with a present membership of 30, more or less, was organized by a Mrs. Hart three or four years ago and on her recommendation adopted the name Mercy Hurd Chapter. Further, I was told that Mrs. Hart is also a descendant of Mercy's about ten generations removed. Mrs. Hart died fairly recently, her husband informed me.

The Mercy Hurd Chapter draws its membership from the Golden Triangle Area, whose vertices are Tavares, Mt. Dora, and Eustis, Florida. The cities of Leesburg, Howie-in-the Hills, and Umatilla are also represented in the organization.

Rice and Brigham cousins might be interested to know that Mt. Dora is a typical New England village which to all appearances has been lifted whole and transplanted bodily from New England to central Florida. The terrain around Mt. Dora is flat as a pancake so it is natural that residents' proudest boast (tongue in cheek) is, "I have climbed Mt. Dora"



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I read with interest Seaver M. Rice's, "The Apple Butter Winter" in the Spring 1982 News Letter. It seems that Seaver and I have many more things in common in our boyhood than I had been aware of. I remember him well, my first acquaintance with him dating from my first attendance at Rice Family reunions in 1975, where he was charming a number of small boys with his stories of captured Rice's in King Philip's War. Later he sent me a record of some of his graveyard discoveries.

Best wishes to a good friend.

Elden L. Brigham

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Evart, Michigan

Almost fifty years ago, I traveled with my father to Massachusetts, where he was born, to visit some of the historic sites of his paternal ancestry, including Framingham and Sudbury. In Framingham, he went to the public library in search of background material and information. The librarian, learning his purpose, said, "The person you should see is Mr. Harry Rice". My father, startled, replied, "I am also Mr. Harry Rice!"

"Cousin" Harry was summoned by telephone. He and my father had a happy time together.

Both Harry Rices were descended from Edmund's son Henry and, as Mr. Rice of Framingham had two lines of descent, they also shared Hezekiah as an ancestor. As a young man, my father changed his name legally to Henry but was known as Harry all his life.

His line of descent was: Edmund, Henry, Jonathan, Hezekiah, Jonathan, Phinehas, Lawson, Warren, Harry Lawson. I was his only child, Alice and married Louis I. Jaffe. Our only son is Louis I. Jaffe, Jr.

After the meeting described above, Harry Rice of Framingham sent some fragmentary family documents to my father and me, such as the inventory of Jonathan's estate (1725) and a partial copy of his will, legal notes on loans, receipts, bills, etc. If there are any town or state or Rice archives where these might now be appropriately deposited, and preserved, I should like to donate them, keeping only photocopies for myself and my son. Persons delving into social history would find them interesting!

Any ideas on this possibility would be most welcome.

Mrs. Alice Rice Jaffe  
7440 Pinecroft Lane  
Norfolk, Virginia 23505

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Enjoyed the comments in the No. 43 issue concerning the Rices in Wilmette because we lived there from 1912-1915 and 1922-1931. Seymour Burge was a Boy Scout friend of mine and in 1923 or 4 we rode our bicycles with Mr. E. H. Burge from Wilmette to Madison, WI.

The roads were pretty rough in those days and it took us 3 days to make the trip. Mr. Wheelock was an officer of the Wilmette State Bank. Bertha Wheelock was the head of the Congregational Church Sunday School.

We spent our usual week at Eagle Camp out in the middle of Lake Champlain, the camp which was started in 1890 by the husband of Mary Alice Rice Perry who was the daughter of Abel Rice (No. 3760) and Mary Bigelow. There were at least a dozen of the descendants of the Good Deacon there and before the summer was over there will be twenty-five or thirty more.

Ted Perry  
712 Congress Place  
Neenah, WI 54956

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Margie Rice Hazen had a query in our news letter no. 42 - Fall 1981. Margie has moved. Her new mailing address for those interested is Route 1, Box 322, Keystone Heights, Florida 32656.

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The Rice Association now has a lovely color photo that was presented to our historian of "The New Jersey Rices, Sept. 1981", descendants of Prof. Samuel Wilder Rice and Sophia Payne Rice. Prof. Rice was a son of Stebbins Rice of Rowe, Massachusetts (8th generation of Edmund and Thomasine).

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Delighted to hear our new member, Mrs. Margaret Davis of Yakima, Washington is the current Washington State President for the Colonial Dames of the XVII Century.

#### CAN YOU HELP?

Edwin B. Frost was a very famous astronomer. He is credited with many discoveries and for 30 years or more, beginning in 1904, was the Director of Yerkes Observatory in Williams Bay, Wisconsin. Yerkes, built in 1897 boasted what is still the largest refracting telescope in the world.

In his autobiography, *An Astronomer's Life*, published in 1933, he states:

"The line of descent of my branch of the Frosts is Edmund, Samuel, Joseph, Jonathan, Elijah, Benjamin and my father Carlton Pennington Frost. This would place me in the 8th generation from Edmund Frost. I learned a few years ago that both my wife Mary Elizabeth Hazard and I are descendants from Edmund Rice and his wife, Tamazine, who settled in Sudbury, Massachusetts, in 1639. At the same time, we discovered that my brother, Gilman DuBois Frost, and his wife, Margaret Thurston, traced the same connection. Edmund Rice was my ancestor on the Frost side."

I have not been able to trace his line of descent from the Deacon and would welcome any assistance from our membership. I don't doubt Mr. Frost's statements, but I'd just like to see the lineage.

William H. Drury  
24 Buckman Drive  
Chelmsford, MA 01824



## NEW MEMBERS

The following people have joined our association since our last News Letter No. 43.

Mrs. Margaret Davis – Yakima, Washington  
Ruth Emily Ellison – Northfield, Massachusetts  
Lewis R. Hawthorne – Olympia, Washington  
Robert D. Jones – Maplewood, New Jersey  
Mrs. Bennie S. Stone Larj – Spartanburg, South Carolina  
Mrs. Yvonne E. Martin – Lansing, Michigan  
Mrs. A. Iris Hart Milne – Phoenix, Arizona  
Mrs. Gertrude H. Newton – Concord, Massachusetts  
Mrs. Nadeane Pemberton – Lakewood, California  
Mrs. Gertrude A. Ramos – San Dimas, California  
William F. Rice – Kirkland, Washington  
Mrs. Jean Hutchinson Sheridan – Halifax, N.S. Canada  
Mrs. Marlea Rice Warren – St. Louis Park, Minnesota

## IN MEMORIAM

*Drury Ap Rice*, Woolwich, Maine (No. XII 5935.3.1.2 in Rice Register Pg. 1332) died 12 December 1976 in an automobile accident (struck by a car).

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*Mrs. Mary Mildred Hunt Rice*, born 23 April 1907 of 4010 Tony Street, Bakersfield, California 93306 died 10 May 1982.

Our sympathy goes to her husband of 53½ years and member of our Association, Raymond A. Rice.

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We were saddened to learn at our Rice Reunion that our association recording secretary, Cynthia A. Blomstrom lost her dad, *Adolph J. Blomstrom* this summer. He was also husband of association member, Shirley Connors Blomstrom of 38 Indian Hill Rd., Worcester, MA 01606.

We will miss him as he always attended the reunions with the family.

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Senior member, Mrs. Ella A. Knapton of 74 Glendale Road, Quincy, Massachusetts 02169 lost her husband, *Alfred T. Knapton*, born 21 November 1889, this fall.

Our sympathy is with Ella at this time.

## MEMBER GENEALOGIES

*Mrs. Fay E. Hunting Bennett*, 7 Lucia Drive, Milford, Massachusetts 01757

(Two lines from Edmund)

- 1 Edmund Rice m. Thomasine Frost
- 2 Henry Rice m. Elizabeth Moore
- 3 Mercy Rice m. Elnathan Allen
- 4 Anna Allen m. Amos Pratt
- 5 Mary Pratt m. Solomon Fay
- 6 Jonas Fay m. Anna Raymond Ward
- 7 Beriah Ward Fay m. Harriet L. Ballard
- 8 Beatrice A. Fay m. Nathan J. Hunting
- 9 Fay E. Hunting m. Ehrmann B. Bennett

- 1 Edmund Rice m. Thomasine Frost
- 2 Henry Rice m. Elizabeth Moore
- 3 Mary Rice m. Thomas Brigham, Jr.
- 4 Nathan Brigham m. Elizabeth Maynard
- 5 Elizabeth Brigham m. John Stow
- 6 Hannah Stow m. Beriah Ward
- 7 Alpheus Ward m. Molley Raymond
- 8 Anna Raymond Ward m. Jonas Fay
- 9 Beriah Ward Fay m. Harriet L. Ballard
- 10 Beatrice A. Fay m. Nathan J. Hunting
- 11 Fay E. Hunting m. Ehrmann B. Bennett

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*Mrs. Margaret Davis*, 1322 South 38th Ave., Yakima, Washington 98902

- 1 Edmund Rice m. Thomasine Frost
- 2 Thomas Rice m. Mary King
- 3 Gershom Rice m. Elizabeth Balcom
- 4 Gershom Rice, Jr. m. Esther Haynes
- 5 John Boyden m. Elizabeth Rice
- 6 Joseph Boyden m. Molly Knowlton
- 7 John Barstow m. Lucinda Boyden
- 8 Joseph Barstow m. Nancy Robbins
- 9 Francis Marion L. Lee m. Nancy Lucinda Barstow
- 10 William Thomas Jaques m. Hallie May Lee
- 11 Cyril William Davis m. Margaret May Jaques



Ruth Emily Ellison, 8 North Lane, Northfield, Massachusetts 01360

- 1 Edmund Rice m. Thomasine Frost
- 2 Edward Rice m. Agnes Bent
- 3 John Rice m. Tabitha Stone
- 4 Prudence Rice m. Joseph Stevens
- 5 Eleazer Heywood m. Azubah Stevens
- 6 William Heywood m. (2) Joanna Wetherbee
- 7 William Heywood m. Mary Egery
- 8 Chauncey Frye m. (2) Mary Ann Heywood
- 9 William Allen m. (2) Luvia Frye
- 10 Oscar Ellison m. Mary Egery Allen
- 11 Ruth Emily Ellison

Col. John William Rixham, Jr. 1907 Burnwood Rd., Baltimore, Maryland 21239

(Four lines from Edmund)

- 1 Edmund Rice m. Thomasine Frost
- 2 Edward Rice m. Agnes Bent
- 3 Daniel Rice m. Bethia Ward
- 4 Bethia Rice m. Jonathan Newton, Sr.
- 5 Jonathan Newton, Jr. m. Tabitha
- 6 Lydia Newton m. Joseph Graves
- 7 Thomas Graves m. Persis Bellows
- 8 Nixon Graves m. Sareptia Hunting
- 9 Henry Edwin Graves m. Betsey Goddard
- 10 Pliney Edwin Graves m. Eliza Jane Butterfield
- 11 Benjamin Augustus Graves, M.D. m. Catherine C. Leahy
- 12 Elizabeth Grace Graves m. John William Rixham, Sr.
- 13 John W. Rixham, Jr. m. Mary Ellen Buterbaugh

- 1 Edmund Rice m. Thomasine Frost
- 2 Joseph Rice m. Mercy King
- 3 Martha Rice m. Jonathan Coolidge
- 4 Rebecca Coolidge m. Peter Spooner
- 5 Martha Spooner m. William Goding
- 6 Jonathan Coolidge Goding m. Hannah Learned
- 7 Jonathan Goding m. Ruth Sargent
- 8 Jonas Goding m. Patience Tolman
- 9 Lydia Hathaway Goding m. Benjamin Butterfield
- 10 Eliza Jane Butterfield m. Pliney E. Graves
- 11 Benjamin Augustus Graves M.D. m. Catherine C. Leahy
- 12 Elizabeth Grace Graves m. John William Rixham, Sr.
- 13 John W. Rixham, Jr. m. Mary Ellen Buterbaugh

- 1 Edmund Rice m. Thomasine Frost
- 2 Edward Rice m. Agnes Bent
- 3 Jacob Rice m. Mary Barrett (not Banister)
- 4 Jacob Rice m. Hannah How
- 5 Hannah Rice m. James Goddard
- 6 James Goddard, Jr. m. Keziah Fairbank
- 7 James Goddard, 3rd m. ~~Henry Edwin Graves~~ BETSEY SPOFFORD
- 8 Betsey Goddard m. Henry Edwin Graves
- 9 Pliney Edwin Graves m. Eliza Jane Butterfield
- 10 Benjamin Augustus Graves, M. D. m. Catherine C. Leahy
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Through James Goddard who married Hannah Rice, Col. John William Rixham, Jr. traces back to Sarah (Towne) Cloyes who, with her two sisters, Rebecca (Towne) Nourse and Mary (Towne) Estey, all daughters of William Towne of Salem Village (now Danvers, MA), was convicted of witchcraft. Rebecca and Mary were both hanged in Salem in 1692.

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#### ON GRANDPA

"Ye old'e, mouldy rat-cheese"  
across his knees is spread -  
I swear! - like a golden blanket.  
Hot mince halo 'round his head.

That's Grandpa in his rocker.  
In dream, and that's for sure.  
Of what, you ask? I'm guessing  
at what his dreams conjure:

A tender, juicy ham-hock,  
fresh greens in pepper sauce,  
The grits with red-eye gravy,  
hot spoon bread, applesauce.

Just look at that expression!  
Pure joy. Withal, enrapt.  
No doubt, no doubt whatever  
for his lower jaw is "drap't."

If you had known my Grandpa,  
known the way he loved to eat,  
Food would indeed look proper  
in great piles upon his feet

by Henry E. Rice, Jr.  
Framingham, MA  
Past Association President



DICTIONARY OF AMERICAN BIOGRAPHY

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RICE, EDMUND, JR. (Rice Register pgs. 197 and 363) (No. VII 653.1.4) (Feb. 14, 1819 — July 11, 1889), railroad vice president, congressman, has been called the father of the Minnesota railroad system. He was born in Waitsfield, Vermont, the son of Edmund and Ellen (Durkin) Rice, and a descendant of Edmund Rice who settled at Sudbury, Massachusetts, in 1638. He received a limited common school education and worked as a farm-hand and as a clerk in a country store. In 1838 he went to Kalamazoo, Michigan, where he studied law, and in 1842, was admitted to the bar. In 1841 he was register of the court of chancery, and subsequently he was master in chancery and clerk of the state supreme court. During the Mexican War he served as first lieutenant in a Michigan regiment. In July 1849 he settled in St. Paul, Minnesota, where he became senior member of Rice, Hollinshead & Becker, a law firm which during its existence was the most prominent in the territory. During the 50s there was a great agitation in Minnesota for railroads. Rice was a leader in that movement, and in 1856 he abandoned his law practice to devote more time to railroad projects. He was a director of the Minnesota & Northwestern Railroad Company, chartered by the legislature of 1854 to receive the lands that Congress was expected to grant to the territory. The importunity of persons interested in the company, who went so far as to tamper with the phraseology of the bill in Congress, deprived the territory of the grant. When Congress made a generous grant of lands for Minnesota railroads in 1857, Rice took the lead in working out a plan for railroad lines, which became the basis of the state's present railroad system. As president of the Minnesota & Pacific, one of the companies sharing in the grant, and its successors, the St. Paul & Pacific and the St. Paul & Chicago, Rice labored, in the face of the many disasters that marked the history of the early Minnesota railroads, to build the roads in advance of settlement, relying upon future development to pay for them. In spite of his success in interesting eastern and foreign capital in obtaining additional grants of land, the St. Paul and Pacific, after completing some 300 miles of road, was unable to survive the panic of 1873. The St. Paul & Chicago, after completing its line from St. Paul south to Winona, was sold in 1872 to the Milwaukee & St. Paul Railroad. Rice later shared in the prosperity that came in the wake of the railroads, but his financial gain was due, not to his railroad activities, but to fortunate investment in real estate. He was a member of the legislature at intervals from 1851 and 1878, served two terms as mayor of St. Paul, was defeated for the governorship by John S. Pillsbury in 1879, and was a member of Congress from 1887, to 1889. In politics he was an uncompromising Democrat.

Rice married Anna M. Acker of Kalamazoo, Michigan, November 28, 1848, and they had 11 children. He was an able executive, tactful and discerning in his business dealings, and had a large amount of practical knowledge. Tall, well-formed, dignified in bearing and courtly in manner, he was spoken of in the legislature as "the Chesterfield of the House." He died at White Bear Lake, Minnesota in his 71st year. Henry Mower Rice (qv) was his brother.

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