

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

This newsletter will introduce to you our new editor, Historian Corinne ("Mickey") Snow, of 47 Sunset Drive, Delmar, N.Y. 12054. Please send your news items to her from now on. As historian, Mrs. Snow will also be happy to receive your family information and stories about your ancestors.

At the board meeting held February 26, 1984, it was unanimously voted to incorporate the duties of editing the newsletter with those of the historian. Thus Corinne Snow, our historian elected at the 1983 meeting, has also become the newsletter editor. Since she is an experienced writer and author, we look forward to reading her newsletters. Incidentally, she is the author of "The Deacons", a novel about the Rices.

Please keep in mind, however, that our Rice family editor and publisher, Margaret S. Rice, Lion's Mouth Road, Ameshury, Mass., 01913, is still collecting genealogical material, and may be waiting to receive yours, to be included in the next supplement to the Rice Register, now being readied. Please do take the time to send her any information you can. We want to know the names of your parents, grandparents, great grandparents, etc., as far back as you can go, along with birth, marriage and death dates and places. Include your children and grandchildren, and see that these names are included in our printed history so that your children may have a record of their heritage.

Our past treasurer, John E. Rice, Jr., who served us faithfully for many years, has not been well this winter. We hope that spring will restore his health.

Did you know that Seaver Rice is still writing a

newspaper column in Southbridge, Mass.?

Does anyone know anything about Ray Lowther Ellis? We cannot get in touch with him, and mail sent to him at his last known Cambridge, Mass. address has been returned as undeliverable.

Our annual meeting is to be held in Northborough, Mass., on Saturday, September 15, 1984. A bus tour to Rice home sites in the area will be offered. As you may know, Northborough was once part of the second Town founded by Edmund Rice, Marlborough. Hope to see you there.

Cordial Greetings,
Janice R. Parmenter

SPECIAL NEWS NOTES

Publications

The long-awaited day has arrived, and our latest book of Rices is now available! This book is called *THE RICE FAMILY - Supplement 2 - Part 1*. It includes new material and new entries through generation #VIII, and lists the children of that generation, who are in generation #IX. These generations are already in the *Genealogical Register*, but the information in this supplement is additional.

As can be guessed from the title, "Part 1", there will be a "Part 2", which will include generations #IX through the present (#XIII or #XIV). All of you who so cooperatively sent in information may rest assured that that information is not only on file, but is in process of being organized into Part 2.

Cousin Margaret Rice reports that she expects to have Part 2 available in time for the Annual Meeting in September, 1984.

In order for her to do this, the deadline for submitting new information is July 1. Any information which has not appeared in former Rice genealogies is solicited, in order to make this document as nearly complete and up to date as possible. Lineages must be submitted on the family group sheet found in this issue. (Please have the blank sheet copied and use one sheet for each new person you are reporting.) Also, please make the data as complete as possible, giving sources for your information, (e.g., Bible record, vital statistics, personal knowledge, etc.)

A list of all the books available from the Association, and their prices, follows:

Books available from the Rice Association

1. THE RICE FAMILY: by Andrew Henshaw Ward (1858). A genealogical history of descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice who came from Berkhamsted, England, and settled at Sudbury, Massachusetts in 1638.
\$20.00 plus \$2.50 postage and handling.
2. SUPPLEMENT TO THE RICE FAMILY: Published by the Association in 1967, additions and corrections bringing the 1858 edition up to date.
\$3.50 plus \$1.00 postage and handling.
3. INDEX TO RICE FAMILY: 34 pages.....\$4.00 postpaid
4. INDEX TO SUPPLEMENT: 18 pages.....\$2.50 postpaid
5. BOTH INDEXES.....\$5.00 together
6. A GENEALOGICAL REGISTER OF EDMUND RICE DESCENDANTS: Published in 1970 by the Association. A continuation of A.H.Ward's RICE FAMILY and the supplement to that book.
\$25.00 plus \$2.50 postage and handling.
7. SUPPLEMENT #2, Part 1; The NEW book: Published in 1983 by the Association, it contains and continues lines of descent from Edmund Rice that have not been previously published in the above books.
\$25.00 plus \$2.50 postage and handling
8. MORE ABOUT THOSE RICES: by Elsie Hawes Smith. Still a few left, copyright 1954.
\$3.50 plus \$1.00 postage and handling.
9. YOU ARE HEIR TO MILLIONS! by Margaret S. Rice. This seven page speech was made by Margaret S. Rice at the 1971 Rice Reunion: \$1.50 postpaid.
10. Additional Newsletters: \$2.00 each postpaid.

Annual Meeting Planned

This year's Annual Meeting will be held at the Northborough Historical Society Museum, Northborough, Mass., on Saturday, September 15, 1984, instead of the customary last weekend in September. The museum will be open for our browsing. Mark your calendar now, so that you won't forget the new date.

The full schedule for the meeting is:

10:00 A.M.	Registration
10:30 A.M.	Board Meeting
12:00 Noon	Luncheon; followed by a short business meeting. At this time we will hear about a new publication of the Rev. Luther Rice's diaries. (Luther Rice was the first American foreign missionary)
1:30 P.M.	Bus tour of places of interest in the area.
3:00 P.M.	Pilgrimage to Edmund Rice's Grave in Wayland.

Please fill out and return with check made out to Edmund Rice (1638) Association, to:

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Mrs. Janice Parmenter
15 Hudson St.
Northborough, MA 01532

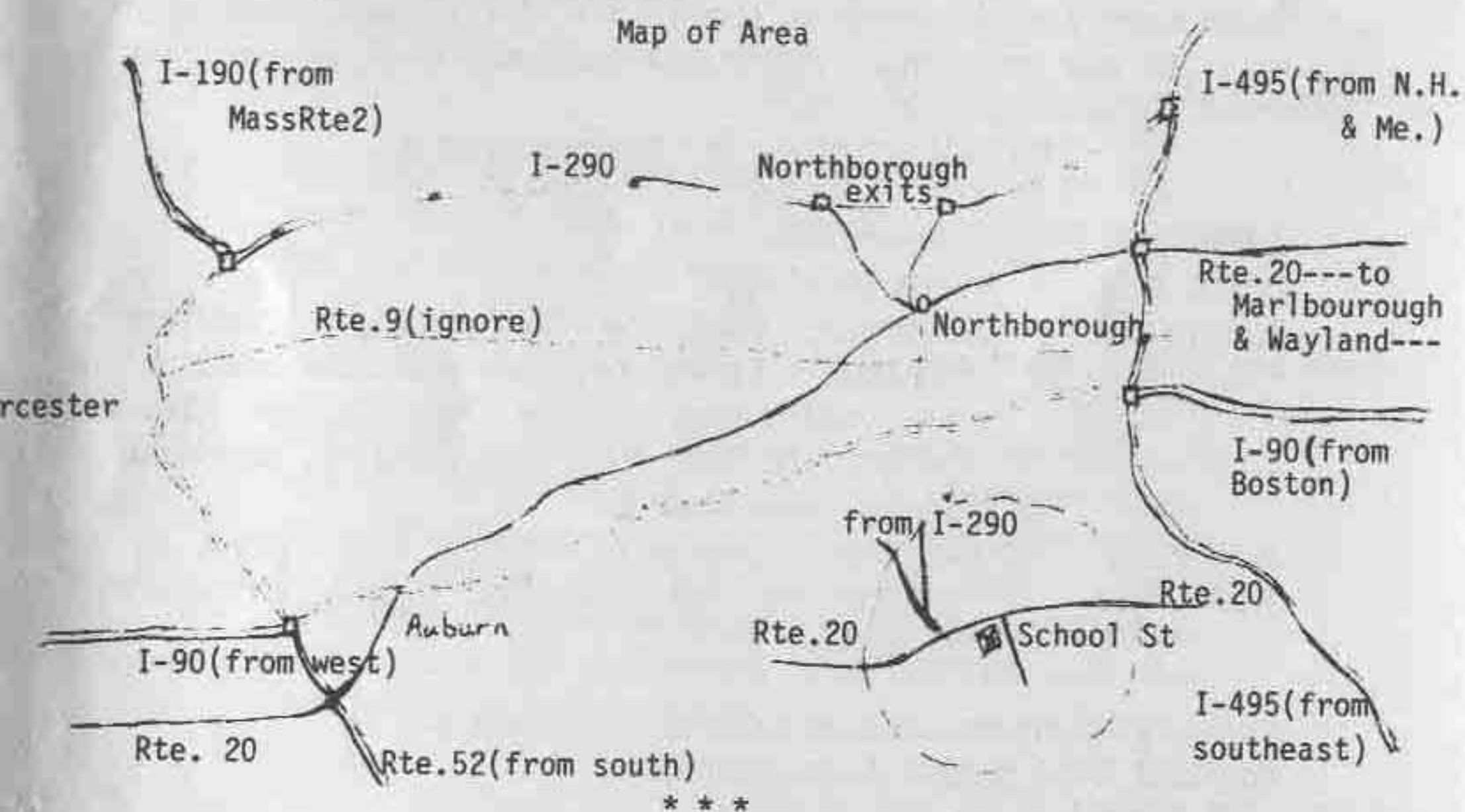
Please make _____ reservations for me for the Annual Reunion on September 15, 1984:

Name(s): _____
Address: _____

Dues: _____ (\$5.00/member) _____ (\$3.00/Age 70-75) _____ (\$0 /Senior)
Luncheon: _____ (No.) at \$5.00 each: _____
Total: _____

How to get there:

The Historical Society Museum is on the south side of Route 20 in Northborough, at the corner of School St. It was formerly a Baptist Church.



Filled-out genealogy blanks should be sent to:

Miss Margaret S. Rice, chairman,
Publication Committee,
Lion's Mouth Road,
Amesbury, MA 01913

Orders for books should be sent, along with a check made out to Edmund Rice (1638) Association, to:

Mr. William H. Drury
24 Buckman Drive,
Chelmsford, MA 01501

EDITORIAL

Greetings to all of the cousins that I know, and to the many of you whom I don't know!

Let me introduce myself. Formally, I am Mrs. Alex W. Snow, my first name is Corinne, and my friends call me "Mickey". As the new editor of your newsletter, I wish I could know you all personally, as well as from a list of names on a mailing list. There are more than three hundred of you, scattered from Canada to Florida, and from the Atlantic coast to Hawaii. What fun if we all could get together some time!

Since all of us must budget time and money, that, obviously, is physically impossible. There are at least three ways in which we can approach that togetherness, however. The first, of course, is through my efforts to let you know what is happening to your other cousins in the columns of this newsletter. That I shall try earnestly to do.

The second is for you to communicate with me, and with each other, in these columns. In this issue you will find a "Letters" column, in which are questions and items of interest from letters I have already received. Please consider this a cordial invitation to join the activity: - If you can answer any of the questions, do so, and if you have questions or information to share, let me help you to share them.

The third way for us to experience more "togetherness" is through "mini-reunions", organized geographically or by smaller family groups. An example of this type of reunion is reported in another article.

Meanwhile, greetings again to you all, and I hope you enjoy reading this letter.

"Mickey"

RICE FAMILY INFORMATION

Husband's Full Name
 Date Born Where
 Date Deceased Where
 Father's Name
 Mother's Maiden Name
 Husband Married wife . . . Date Where
 Wife's Maiden Name
 Date Born Where
 Date Deceased Where
 Father's Name
 Mother's Maiden Name
 On reverse side list subsequent marriages and children, also any military record and/or other outstanding honors.

Names of Children	Born				Died			Place of Death or Present Residence
	Day	Month	Year	Place	Day	Month	Year	
No. 1								
No. 2								
No. 3								
No. 4								
No. 5								
No. 6								
No. 7								
No. 8								

Marriages of These Children	To Whom Married	Date				Present or Last Address
		Day	Month	Year	Place	
No. 1						
No. 2						
No. 3						
No. 4						
No. 5						
No. 6						
No. 7						
No. 8						

*One Rice Mini-Reunion;
an example*

It was nearly a year ago, on June 24, 1983, to be exact, that the second annual reunion of the descendants of George Emory Rice (1820-1898, desc. of Thomas and Edward) was held. The first was written up in the Fall, 1982 Newsletter, and your correspondent, being a great-great grand-daughter of George Emory Rice, boldly wrote and invited herself and her husband to the second. It was the most successful such act of boldness I have ever committed.

The party was held at a 180-year-old Inn at Wade's Point, Md., on the Eastern Shore of Chesapeake Bay. It began with supper Friday night, and continued until after Sunday dinner. Not everyone stayed for the entire time, but on Saturday there were forty family members and spouses present, comprising four generations.

The time was spent becoming reacquainted with people whom we, at least, hadn't seen in fifteen or twenty years, and getting to know cousins whom we had never met. In addition to such conversation, there was opportunity for swimming, sailing, walking and bicycling, as well as a short drive around the area for sight-seeing, which was well worth while.

Although George Emory Rice spent his entire lifetime in Vermont, your correspondent was the only one present who was a true "Yankee" (even my husband was born in Virginia), the others having been born and raised in and around Baltimore, Md. On Saturday evening I imposed myself upon the group and entertained them by reading a few paragraphs I had written about George and his wife, Eliza Rice, as well as a piece about their son, Lewis, who was father or grandfather of most of those present. The reading was well received and, as I had hoped, stirred up memories which gave me much additional information, especially about "Uncle Lew".

Early in the recital, the simple sentence, "Abraham Lincoln was elected president," stirred up a furor among the southerners, who only half in jest warned me, "Be careful what you say next! You're in the South, now!"

What I said next was non-partisan, but reminded them that the North suffered as much loss in the ensuing war as the South did. This episode seemed to cement our new friendships, for we came away the next day feeling a real part of a family whom we had never truly known.

There is a poignant end to the story, however. Later that summer the Inn, which had been in the same family since 1812 and which had been a summering place for Lewis and his immediate family since 1908, was sold. It will be rehabilitated and continued as an Inn, but it can never be the same. Then, just before Thanksgiving, 1983, Atlanta Rice Moore, Lewis' daughter and the prime organizer of the reunions, passed away unexpectedly. We shall miss her, but we shall be eternally grateful that we were part of that second, and last, such reunion.

This story is told at length for two reasons. First, the last paragraph illustrates the evanescent and illusory nature of time, and the precious memories one may miss by procrastinating. Second, the entire story illustrates the essential ingredients of such a successful reunion. They are:

- *Advance publicity. The columns of this newsletter will be available to anyone who wishes to plan such a local, mini-reunion.*
- *A site where a variety of recreational opportunities are available, and, ideally, one which holds pleasant memories and emotional significance for some, at least, of the people who will be attending.*

- *Timing. One can only pray for good weather, but the season of the year may be significant where you live. A full weekend is not essential if all of your expected guests live nearby, but it is helpful in attracting people from a distance.*
- *Entertainment. Organized entertainment is unnecessary. We Rices are very capable of entertaining ourselves. (Even a business meeting would be out of place, in my opinion.) However, my "impromptu" (actually it had been privately planned in advance) and amateurish readings on Saturday evening served to point up the reasons for the reunion, and gave several of the spouses a new understanding of the family into which they had married. Wisdom, therefore, indicates that planning for some such group activity is warranted to fill an empty hour or two and give the group a sense of purpose and "belonging".*

To repeat, this story is told at length to help others to have a similarly enjoyable experience. For example, cousins from Oregon and Nova Scotia have written to say that there are many Rices in their areas whom they would like to bring into closer relationship with the family. A party such as this might be an excellent way to accomplish their aim. A note in your local paper, and one in this newsletter about your plans, should give you adequate publicity. Also, if you wish, we are prepared to send you a list of names and addresses of Rice Association members living in your area. Just include a SSAE when you write about your plans. Go to it, organizers!

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Dear Cousins,

Since one of the purposes of our association is to exchange information about individuals in our lineage, a medium for such exchange seems desirable. This column, therefore, is intended to be that medium. Questions, answers, and any tidbits of information that seem to be of general interest will be published here. (For example, any questions you may have about an ancestor whose linkage you cannot exactly prove.) Send them to me,

Corinne M. Snow
47 Sunset Drive
Delmar, NY 12054

Several letters already received follow, with apologies to those who sent SSAE's for not answering them personally. Ed.

Dear Corinne,

I have a question concerning Samuel Rice otherwise known as Samuel King alias Rice #49 pg.38 in "Rice Family" (Book I) [Ward - ed.] In the account it lists Samuel as "Lt." which would indicate he had some military service. The fact that he died at age 46 - in 1713 when Queen Anne's War & French and Indian Wars were going on [would suggest this possibility].

Are there any records....concerning any military service for him with references for proof?

I would appreciate greatly any help you can give me.

Thanks, Verda.

Mrs. Clifford E. Cornutt
600 S.E. 26th Avenue-Box 355
Hillsboro, OR 97123

Dear Ms. Snow,

I am wondering about the Nova Scotia Rices, especially those who lived in Bear River, Annapolis and Digby Counties.... [Some of] these have not been continued. I notice other lines in Nova Scotia were continued...

Sincerely, Timothy L. Sanford

Dear Cousin Timothy,

Under separate cover, I will send you some family information blanks. Perhaps you, or someone else in your area, would be interested in filling them out. (Check the newer supplements first - your ancestors may be there) I, too, have noticed a dearth of later Nova Scotia Rices. Ed.

Dear Mrs. Snow,

I am trying to find some ancestors for a Kendrick Rice b 29 Sept. 1831 who m Emma Jane Reed who was b in Maine and as a small child came in a covered wagon to Ohio - on way to California. They had a dau Margaret b 15 June 1866 in Michigan.

Not much information to go on but any suggestions will be appreciated.

Sincerely,
Helen J. Kilborn
1600 East Mitchell Road
Petoskey, MI 49770

Dear Ms. Snow,

...My great great grandfather, John W. Rice, came from Oswego or Onandaga County, New York, to Lapeer County, Michigan, about 1870. He married a Priscilla Reynolds from Richland, N.Y., Oswego County, about 1850. They had four children:

John A. Rice	b. 1852 N.Y.
Loren W. Rice	b. 1856 N.Y.
George L. Rice	b. 1860 N.Y.
Frank H. Rice	b. 1866 N.Y.

I do not know the father of John W. Rice, but from the census his father was born in New York and his mother in Germany. I would appreciate any help you can give me.

Thank you
Donald Rice
4437 N. Genesee St.
Flint, MI 48506

Dear Ms. Snow,

I am searching for the Rice lineage of Edward Rice, who d 1804 in Dutchess County, N.Y., and who married Charity _____.

...Edward and Charity's children were William, John, Edward, Azuba, Hannah, Charity and Samuel, Pelletreau's "History of Putnam County, New York" lists among the tenants in possession on Lot No. 8 of the Philipse Patent a Morrison Rice, as well as Edward. However, I've found no further record of Morrison.

...I shall appreciate any information you have to share...

Sincerely,
Mrs. Ann Sheldon Callow
98 St. Lucie Avenue
Sarasota, FL 33582

Please send any answers directly to the questioner. You may also send a copy to this newsletter if you wish. Thank you all, Ed.

A FAMILY

A family is like a link chain,
Each link a person,
All connected, all important.
Past, present, future.

Genes are the molecules,
Passed from one to the other.
Sharing, strengthening, supporting.

The outer surface is seen and touched by many.
The inner circle touches only a few -
The family's soul.

Gretchen L. Schlenger

Ed. note: Mrs. Schlenger is not a Rice descendant,
but a soul-cousin nevertheless. She wrote this poem after a
recent mini-Rice-McLaughlin reunion.

