

Cover picture:

One of the sites which was included in the bus trip, the home of Amos Rice is of particular interest.

Jacob Rice, the seventh child of Edward, was born in Sudbury a few years before the founding of Marlborough. He moved as a child to Marlborough when his father helped in the establishing of that Town, and he grew up there, and lived there to a great old age (86 yrs., 9 mos.). He had nine children, the seventh and eighth of whom were Jacob and Gershom. (More about Gershom elsewhere in this issue)

Jacob Jr. married Hannah Howe, granddaughter of the John Howe who first established a tavern where "Longfellow's Wayside Inn" now stands. They settled in Westborough, which later was divided, placing them in Northborough. Jacob prospered, and left a large estate. He bought land in Henniker, New Hampshire, for his son, Jacob III. This Jacob was a graduate of Harvard, and the first minister of the Gospel in Henniker.

Another of Jacob, Jr.'s sons, Amos, inherited the land which the father owned in Northborough, and lived there, in this house, with his wife, Sarah and their ten children. Between the fifth and seventh of his children, Amos found time to beget the sixth, be a member of the Committee of Correspondence, and to answer the alarm at Lexington. Later (1777), he was an officer in Col. Job Cushing's regiment.

After the Revolution was over, Amos begat his ninth child, a son, Luther. Luther Rice was born in 1783, grew up in this house, and graduated from Williams College in 1810. He followed his Uncle Jacob and became a minister. Early in 1812 he left for Calcutta as one of a group who were the first American foreign missionaries.

More about Luther's adventures in the Orient in the next issue.

The 1984 Annual Meeting

This year's Annual Meeting was held at the Northborough Historical Society Museum, Northborough, Mass., on Saturday, September 15, 1984. The museum was open for our browsing, and we are most grateful to its curator for her work in preparing the Rice memorabilia for display, and for her friendly and informed way of answering our questions and helping us to appreciate the material.

A new book, a selection of the Rev. Luther Rice's diaries and letters, was made available in conjunction with the museum visit. Your scribe has skimmed this book with interest, and an article about the Rev. Mr. Rice's career will appear in a future issue.

While some were visiting the museum and others were attending the Board of Directors' Meeting, others of us went on a bus tour of Northborough. Those of us who missed it in the morning took the same tour in the afternoon. In spite of the rain, which made visibility difficult, and the narrow winding roads, which created a complete disorientation for us but an unlimited admiration for the bus driver, the tour was fascinating. We saw, not only the homes and lands where our Rice ancestors lived and worked, but also the homes and lands of others who are also the ancestors of many of us. The Brighams, the Eagers, the Fays, the Hows, the Sawins, and the Wards are all people whose children married Rices, and bore or begat our ancestors.

Our heartfelt thanks to Pat MacFarland who organized and conducted the bus tour, and gave us much interesting information under difficult circumstances.

Between the two bus tours was a delicious luncheon, organized by our president, Janice Parmenter.



The friendly fellowship which accompanied the luncheon was warm and enjoyable as usual. It is always fun to meet new cousins. Also, believe it or not, the business meeting was short. The full minutes of the meeting will be published in a later issue, for lack of space in this one. A few items will be mentioned here, however.

- The present slate of officers was reelected, with the addition of Alex W. Snow as a director, and Margaret S. Rice as vice president.
- The progress of Supplement II, part 2, was discussed in detail, much of which is repeated elsewhere in this issue. However, another reminder to those of you who have procrastinated seems in order here. Cousin Margaret Rice,

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is still waiting for your updates. Also, in answer to several questioners, yes, she does want information about recent marriages and new births. (See page 14 for details)

Margaret Rice



The second bus tour went out after the meeting, and those who stayed behind helped to clean up the luncheon area. Cousin Janice would like to thank, warmly, all of those who did stay to help.

Last came the annual pilgrimage to place flowers on Edmund Rice's memorial, and a very pleasant day came to and end.

Your scribe was delighted to meet interesting and friendly people from all over the country, and hopes that they enjoyed the day as much as she did.

ANOTHER STORY

At the annual meeting, someone handed me a polaroid photograph of one of the pictures in the museum - a picture of a man named Louis Chaffin, dated 1836.

Who on earth was Louis Chaffin?

Assuming some relationship to the Rice family, I studied all the Rice books, and, at the last minute, had some serendipitous assistance.

On the next page is the tale which I gleaned:

Louis Rice Chaffin; 1806 - 1891

Gershom Rice, mentioned in the cover story, lived in Marlborough all of his long life (80 years). His eighth son, Solomon, married a girl named Mary Binney in 1782, when he, Solomon, was 25 years old. They lived first in Stow, Mass., (north of Marlborough) and then settled in Princeton, Mass. For those of you who have only heard of Princeton, N.J., Princeton, Massachusetts is a tiny town between Fitchburg and Worcester, nestled among some of the prettiest mountains in Massachusetts. It's about 15 miles northwest of Marlborough as the crow flies, and when Solomon Rice moved there, he was moving into the wilderness.

It was a hard life, and Solomon lived for only 12 years after his marriage. He died in 1794, leaving his widow with two young children, Elizabeth (Betsy), 11 years old, and her younger brother, John.

Meanwhile, back around 1700, a man named Robert Chaffin came to Massachusetts from England. He married a girl from Concord, Mass., and settled in the general area of Marlborough. His son, David Chaffin, married a girl from Westborough, named Elizabeth Chamberlain, and they, too, settled in Stow. A son, Leonard, was born to them there, in 1781. He may have known Betsy Rice as a child, and when he was grown he followed her to Princeton and courted her. Leonard Chaffin married Betsy Rice in 1805, when he was 24 and she was 22. Their first child, a son, was born in 1806, in Princeton. They named him Louis Rice Chaffin.

Louis grew up with the wanderlust that is one part of the Rice heritage. When he was in his early twenties, he left home and headed west. He may have travelled on the then-new Erie Canal, and eventually he found himself in Illinois. Ward left him there, saying that Louis Rice Chaffin "now resides at the west."

Our Mormon cousins have continued the story. Louis settled in LaHarpe, Illinois, a farming community where, after the land was cleared, the rich black topsoil was several feet deep beneath the plowshare. Ten miles to the west, across almost imperceptibly rolling hills, was the Mississippi River, surging ever southward to carry the harvest to market. It seemed a goodly place to live. In 1836, someone made this picture of Louis; perhaps he sent it home in a letter to let his family know he really was alive.



In LaHarpe Louis met the Widow Sarah Maria (Cossett) Mayfield, and in 1837 he married her. They had eight children, two of whom, Henry, born in 1839, and Mary Adelia, born in 1843, had families which are continued in the Register. While these children were babies, a group of people came from Missouri and settled on the banks of the nearby Mississippi.

These people called themselves "The Church of Jesus Christ of the Latter Day Saints", and other people called them "Mormons", after the name of their unique prophet, Mormon. They called their town Nauvoo, and for a while they prospered. Nauvoo is now, and probably rapidly became, the largest town in the region, a town where produce could be sold for shipment, and goods brought in by river boat could be bought in exchange.

Many were jealous and suspicious of the strange sect with its "strange" Christian ethos. As so often happens to "different" people, especially people who succeed in living according to precepts which others have not been able to follow, the jealousy and suspicion grew to resentment and violence. Soon the Latter Day Saints were forced to leave Nauvoo and begin a trek almost unparalleled in history. (The Exodus of Israel from Egypt comes to mind, and the sagas of the "boat people" in our own day.)

It is uncertain, but quite possible, that Louis and Sarah Chaffin joined the Mormons in this first long and difficult trek, for we find the family again in 1860-'61, settled in Salt Lake City. (This was some 14 years after Brigham Young and his first hardy followers arrived there.

"This is the place," Brigham Young had said, and he named the river flowing from Utah Lake to the Great Salt Lake the Jordan, thus completing the parallel with the Children of Israel.)

In 1860, Henry Chaffin married Harriet Keatz, and in 1869 he married Leatha Jane Crow. He had thirteen children, all of whom survived to adulthood. One of them, Lily May (Chaffin) Gifford, had two daughters, Velma and Ornela, who married, respectively, Harry and Abraham Postma. (cont. on pg.13)

On the other side of this page is a "genealogy blank".

Please use it according to the instructions on pages 14 & 15 if you have any new information to submit about your ancestors or descendants.

Send completed sheets to:

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

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						

- 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 packing.
- SUPPLEMENT TO THE RICE FAMILY: Published by the Association in 1967, additions and corrections bringing the 1858 edition up to date (soft cover).
\$3.50 plus \$1.00 postage and packing.
- INDEX TO RICE FAMILY: (computer printout) 34 pages.
\$4.00 postpaid.
- INDEX TO SUPPLEMENT: (computer printout) 18 pages.
\$2.50 postpaid.
BOTH INDEXES together...\$5.00 postpaid.
- 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 packing.
- SUPPLEMENT #2, Part 1 - Additional lines of descent through the first eight generations which were unknown at the time of publication of the above book. Published by the Association in 1983.
\$25.00 plus \$2.50 postage and packing.
- MORE ABOUT THOSE RICES: by Elsie Hawes Smith (1954).
\$3.50 plus \$1.00 postage and packing.
- YOU ARE HEIR TO MILLIONS! by Margaret S. Rice. This seven page speech was delivered by the author at the 1971 Rice Reunion.\$1.50 postpaid.

Checks, payable to THE EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION, INC., should be sent with orders to:

William H. Drury, Book Custodian
The Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc.
24 Buckman Drive
Chelmsford, MA 01824

Chaffin Story, cont.

As this is being written, a timely letter has come in the mail from Velma Gifford Postma, adding much information for the earlier part of this story, especially about the Chaffin family. Thank you, Cousin Velma!

Back to Salt Lake City: In October, 1861, Henry's sister, Mary Adelia Chaffin, married Joseph Weiler. She bore him nine children, six of whom survived. (Mary herself survived until 1921, dying at the age of 82) One of Joseph and Mary Weiler's children was Lydia, born 1878 in Salt Lake City, and died in 1963 in Bountiful, Utah. Her daughter, Mary Rosslyn (Brazier) Beesley, is living in Bountiful now, with her husband and their daughter. They were our delightful table companions at the Annual Meeting luncheon. It was a pleasure to meet them, and to tell this little story about their background.

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Mr. Albert Woody, a delightful Cousin who lives on Bainbridge Island, Washington, has sent a story about two turn-of-the-century dentists who practiced in Chicago. That story will be in the next issue.

If you enjoy these stories, and if you have any anecdotes or pictures of Rice ancestors, please send them to:

Rice Newsletter,
%C.M. Snow
47 Sunset Drive,
Delmar, NY 12054

SPECIAL NEWS NOTE: Publications

As readers of this newsletter should know by now, THE RICE FAMILY - Supplement 2 - Part 1, is now available. (See book list, page 12.)

Supplement 2 - Part 2

Part 1 ends with the children in generation #IX. As you must also know, there will soon be a "Part 2", which will include generations #IX through the present (#XIII or #XIV).

Those of you who have not yet sent in your family's information should get busy and send it to Margaret Rice as soon as you possibly can. The material on hand is already being organized for printing, but Cousin Margaret has extended the deadline for submitting new information, in order to have the book as complete as possible. Any information which has not appeared in previous genealogies is solicited.

You will need to have copies made of the genealogy sheet in the centerfold of this paper, using one sheet for each new individual or young family. It is very important that you include all of the children that you know of for each couple; for example, on your grandparents' sheet, list your aunts and uncles, not merely your father or mother, and on your great-grandparents' sheet(s), list all of their children, not merely your grandparent. If you know anything about your cousins and second cousins, (recent marriages, new babies or even existing children not before listed,) add a sheet for them, too, but again, be certain that each child's parents and siblings are identified so that he or she can be given his rightful place in the record.

Some help for those of you who are uncertain about how this is to be done:

- If you are reporting the birth of a new baby, the Rice-descendant parent of the baby should be named in the blank marked "Descendant". The other information should be added, to the extent that you can. Then add the names of all of the children, in birth order, lastly adding the newest child.

- If you are reporting a marriage, there are several considerations;
 1. The "child" now deserves a sheet of his or her own.
 2. If the "child" is already listed in the Register, a single sheet, giving the identifying number of the child as well as the parents' names, may be used. Add the information about the spouse, date of wedding, etc.
 3. If the "child" was not listed in the register, start with a sheet for the most recent person already in the register (might be a parent, grandparent, or even a great-grandparent). List all of the children of that person that you can, then add another sheet for the individual in the next generation. Be sure to include all of the children, not just the one in the direct line.

This sounds like a lot of work, and it is. Think of the work Cousin Margaret has done in compiling all of this information! Think of the value to your children to have a full record of their heritage!

Last but not least, a repeated hearty thanks to the many of you who have already sent in your information.

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LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Has anyone been able to answer Verda Cornutt's question about Samuel King alias Rice and

his military service? I know of no formal records before the Revolution. Does anyone? Ed.

For this issue, Verda sends us another interesting item "on a very dear cousin here in Hillsboro, Oregon - Naomi Rice Mohr, (1283.7.8.1.1).

"In 1977 my husband and I took Naomi and two other cousins with us to the Rice reunion in Concord, (Mass.). We had a wonderful time, and I wish we could be with you again this year. Charles Hayward of Portland told us he is going next month.

"Naomi is a very active 83 year old senior citizen. She is active in several organizations including offices in several genealogical societies.

"Cordially, Verda
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Hillsboro, OR 97123"

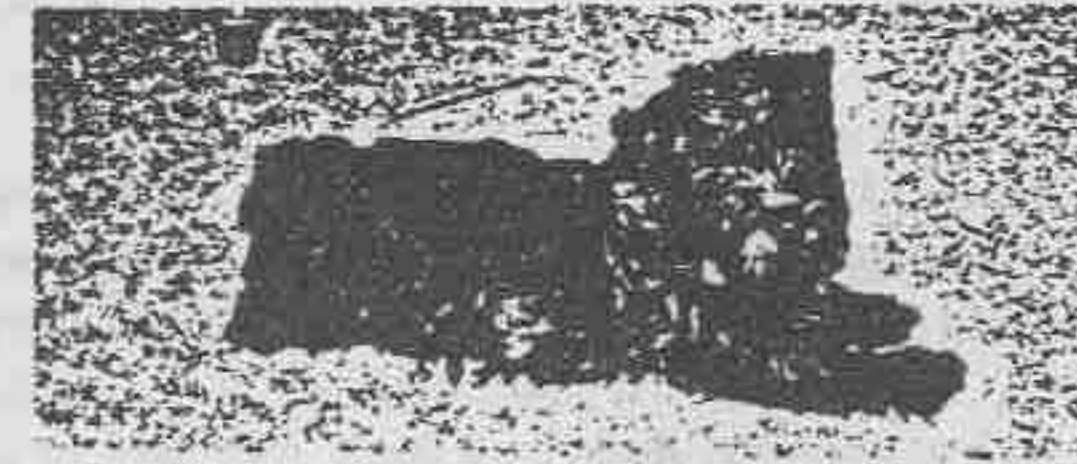
Thanks, Verda. We'll have more about Naomi in a future issue. And Cousin Charles Hayward did come to the Annual Meeting. We met him and his wife found them very pleasant and friendly.

Keep up the good work of trying to get your Rice friends to join us! Ed.

Hillsboro Argus

Naomi Mohr runs the senior center's

Argus photo by Hans Holznagel
gift shop in Hillsboro. (CR)



"Dear Cousin,

"I have just returned from Leicester where I got my second 'Hearing Ear Dog' from the Hearing Ear Dog Program.... Now I have a small, 8 #, Yorkshire Terrier Mix by the name of 'Honey', and she IS a honey.

"Many people who need dogs need financial help....Each dog costs \$1,800, which includes two weeks stay by the new owner at the training residence for training with their new dog. Clients have to pay \$150 themselves and then the balance can be raised thru family, friends, fraternal organizations, church affiliates, etc.

"If I could I would bring Honey to demonstrate what a Hearing Ear Dog can do to help the master/mistress. Since this is impossible I hope some of the cousins will write and ask for information about the dogs. I am sure many will be surprised what they can do....

"To each of you, the very best in the coming year.

"Fondly,
Cousin Janet Rice-Sturgis
5041 82nd Ave. N. #502
Pinellas Park, FL 33565"

Allen D. Rice of 4011 Bel Air Drive, Kearney, Nebraska, asks for names of Rice cousins in his area ("1733 miles from [BOTH] Boston and San Francisco")

Sorry for the delay, Allen; the list is in the mail now. Meanwhile, maybe readers in your area might like to get in touch with you! Ed.

Timothy Sanford continues to try to line up information about the Nova Scotia Rices, especially those who lived in Bear River, Annapolis and Digby Counties. I believe he has sent some of this information to Margaret Rice. Now he writes that he is entering college, planning to major in history. Good luck, Timothy, and keep in touch!

Note to Mr. and Mrs. Leon Rice: Yes, please send details about your three grandchildren, and about Joan's marriage to Miss Margaret Rice, Lion's Mouth Road, Amesbury, MA 01913. (See article beginning on page 14)

Editorial Comment

Did you know that there are between 10,000,000 and 20,000,000 people in the United States with hearing problems severe enough to make them eligible for one of these Hearing Ear Dogs? These dogs are trained to let their master or mistress know when the alarm clock goes off, when the teakettle comes to a boil, when the doorbell rings, or for that matter whenever anything makes an unusual noise which their owner can't hear.



Although the Rice Association cannot, as an organization, contribute to other organizations, your editor can vouch for this one as a worth-while cause for any of you who would like to contribute individually. The address is:

Hearing Ear Dog Program
P.O.Box 273 West Boylston, MA 01583

As some of you may have guessed from reading these newsletters, your editor is not a Genealogist as such, and makes no claim to the expertise needed to answer genealogical questions. Such questions will be included from time to time, as space permits, for others to answer.

To me, genealogy is a springboard to the study of history. I am particularly interested in the folks who moved West in the mid-eighteen hundreds, Mormons, gold-seekers, or homesteaders. For example, does anyone know anything about the Rice brothers who worked at or ran the trading post at Fort Bridger, Wyoming, probably around 1850-1860?

I would also be interested in anything that interests you; Nova Scotia, for example, and how did so many of our cousins end up in Michigan? It would be great if Mary Beesley or Velma Postma would send us some information about when their ancestors joined the Latter Day Saints.

Now, my warmest greetings to you all, and I hope you have enjoyed reading this newsletter.

"Mickey"

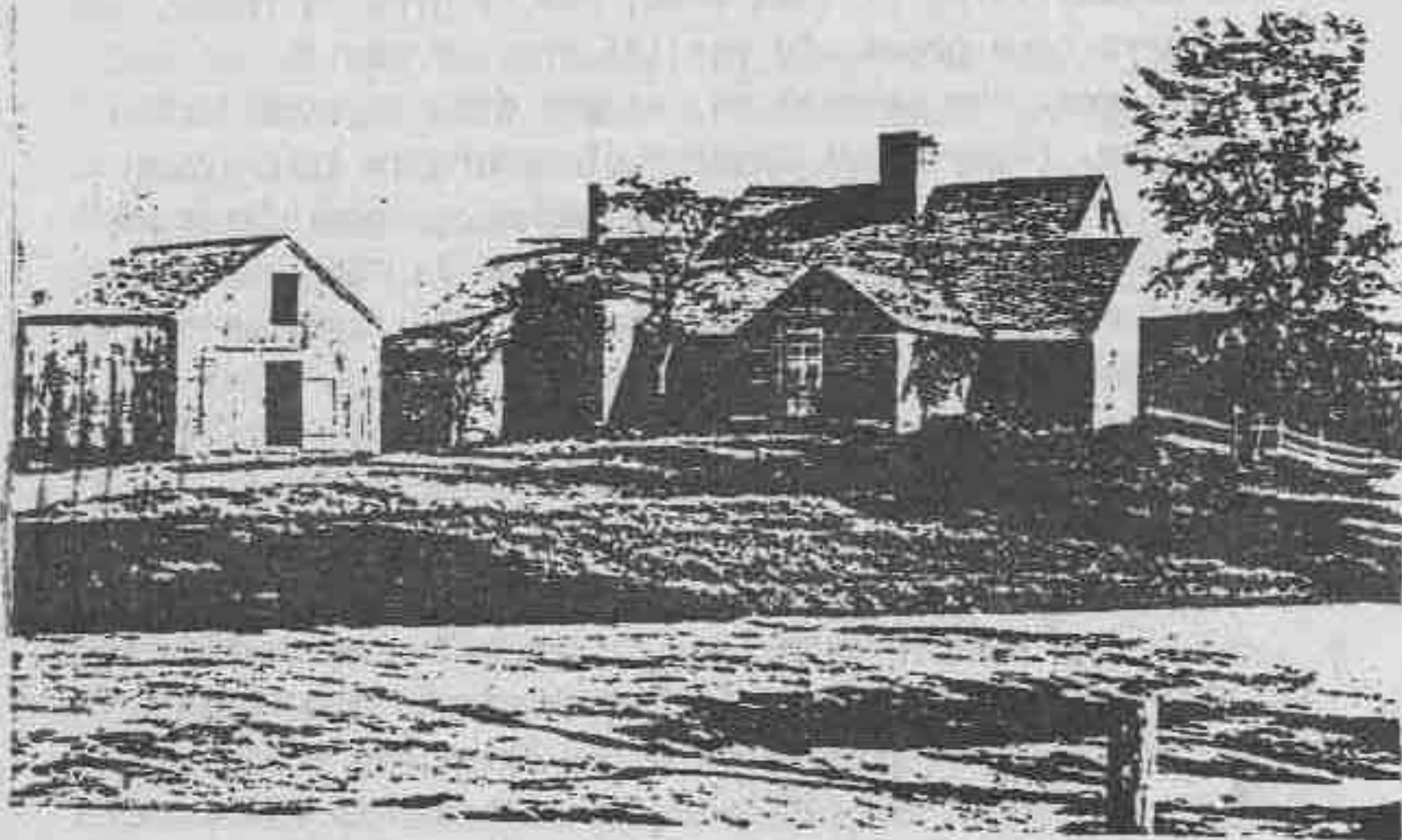
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