

Dear Cousins;

This newsletter comes to you rather late in the Spring. My apologies; there are several excuses, but none worth repeating.

In the meanwhile, I have been happily swimming in a deluge of letters! Keep them coming!

This issue, therefore, will be made up entirely of material from the letters, plus the minutes of last Fall's Annual Meeting. I promise another issue this Summer, with information about the Annual Meeting to come in the Fall, stories omitted from this issue and whatever other goodies come across this desk.

Affectionately,

"Mickey" Snow

Minutes of the 1984 Annual Meeting

Saturday, September 15, 1984

President Janice Parmenter welcomed about seventy members of the Edmund Rice(1638) Association to the Annual Meeting on Saturday, September 15, 1984 in the Northborough Historical Society Headquarters, a former Baptist Church in Northborough, Massachusetts.

Registration was at 10:00 A.M. with warming coffee and coffee-cake for a cool, rainy day. The first sightseeing bus trip through Northborough and Marlborough left at 11:15 A.M. to visit the Rice homes still standing. Librarian Drury had our books displayed for sale and the Curator-Hostess, Christine Fipphen of the Northborough Historical Society, had prepared charts with the Rice lineage displayed, including a list of the members present. Her husband was ready also to assist with information about the many historical displays, some of Rice origin, in the museum upstairs.

At 10:50 A.M. the Board of Directors held their meeting, and after the bus tour returned, a most tasty buffet was catered in the Historical Society Hall.

Following this, the Annual Meeting began at 1:20 P.M., with a moment of silence observed for those who had died during the past year.

Our President presented the Northborough Historical Society (through the Fipphens) with a book, DISPENSATIONS OF PROVIDENCE (Luther Rice's Diaries) as a token of appreciation for permitting our use of the museum as a meeting place.

Stanley and Katrina Rice were presented with a dried flower arrangement from all members present, in honor of their 56th wedding anniversary. Congratulations were given to Ed and Grace Rice for their 38th anniversary. Patricia McFarland, our tour guide, was rewarded with a gift of Luther Rice's Diaries.

At a motion made, seconded and unanimously voted, the reading of last year's minutes was omitted due to shortness of time.

The Treasurer's Report for the past fiscal year, September, 1983 to August 1984, was read by William Drury. A motion to file the report of audit was made, seconded and unanimously carried. Our total assets as of August 31, 1984 were \$57,659.67. A copy of the treasurer's report is attached to the original minutes.

Whiting Rice, Chairman of the Budget, could not be present due to the advent of an addition to his family.

The Membership Report was given by Chairman William Drury. There are over 270 members on the mailing list, and with eleven new members we now have over three hundred members in all.

The following members were deceased during the past year:

- Col. Albert S. Rice
- Atlanta Rice Moore
- Lewis Clark Rice
- Col. Allen F. Rice
- Henry E. Rice, Jr.
- Prescott W. Baston

The Membership Report was approved as read.

Book Custodian, William Drury, stated in his report that 68 books were sold as of the end of August. It was moved, seconded and voted to adopt the report as read.

Historian and Newsletter Editor, Corinne Snow, asked for clippings and information about families, beyond genealogy. If a clipping is sent, she would like to know how the individual is related to the Rice Family. "Letters to the Editor" will be published as long as there is interest shown.

Publications Manager, Margaret Rice, repeated her plea for information about the ninth through the fifteenth generations from Edmund Rice. (This includes most of us, our parents, our children and grandchildren. A copy of the form to use and Margaret Rice's address are on page -7- of this Newsletter.-Ed.)

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Our President then presented the following slate of new officers:

- President: Janice R. Parmenter (Phone: 617-393 8277)
- 15 Hudson St, Northborough, MA 01532
- 1st Vice President:
Margaret S. Rice (Phone: 617-388 1420)
- Lion's Mouth Road, Amesbury, MA 01913
- 2nd Vice President:
Henry A. Sawin
- 21 Buckingham Rd. Worcester, MA
- Secretary: Calista H. Vickery (Phone: 617-464 2618)
- 258 Mountain Road, Princeton, MA 01541
- Treasurer: William H. Drury (Phone: 617-256 7469)
- 24 Buckman Drive, Chelmsford, MA 01824
- Historian-News Editor:
Corinne M. Snow (Phone: 518-439 5387)
- 47 Sunset Drive, Delmar, NY 12054

- Directors:
- Cynthia Blomstrom
 - 38 Indian Hill Drive, Worcester, MA 01606
 - John E. Rice
 - 4 Pleasant St. Marlborough, MA 01752
 - Larisa L. Rice
 - Box 298F, Sheldonville, MA 02070
 - Alex W. Snow
 - 47 Sunset Drive, Delmar, NY 12054
 - Louise R. Trudeau
 - William St. Chester, MA 01011
 - Alfred G. Hough
 - 15 Columbia St. No. Chelmsford, MA 01863

It was moved, seconded and unanimously carried that the Secretary cast one ballot for the slate of Officers as read.

Gifts were presented to the following:

To the oldest members present:

- Ralph Barton (age 90) of Sudbury, who deferred to
- Ella Knaption (to be 90 in January), of the William B. Rice Retirement Home in Quincy.

To the youngest:

Daniel Rice

For the longest distance travelled:

Charles and Ruth Hayward of Oregon.

The meeting was adjourned at 1:50 P.M. so that the second bus tour of Northborough could begin.

After the bus tour there was the annual pilgrimage to Wayland to place flowers on Edmund Rice's grave.

Respectfully submitted,

Calista H. Vickery, Sec'y

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

Please use it 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

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Incidentally, a complimentary copy of this issue of the Newsletter will be sent to each of the people who have inquired about membership in the Rice Association.

To receive the Newsletter whenever it is published, one must be a DUES-PAYING member of the Edmund Rice(1638) Association. Members include individuals who can trace their ancestors to Edmund Rice, and their spouses. Annual dues per member per year are \$5.00 for those under the age of 70, \$3.00 for those aged 70 to 75, and a note showing continuing interest (no money) for those over 75.

For those of you who are not yet members, and you members who have not yet paid your dues, and want to continue to receive this Newsletter:

Membership applications may be obtained and dues may be paid to:

Mr. William H. Drury,

24 Buckman Dr., Chelmsford, MA 01824.

RICE FAMILY INFORMATION

Generation # _____

Most recent ancestor already in Register or Supplements:

Name:.....Number:.....

DESCENDANT's Full Name.....

Date Born.....Where.....

Date Deceased.....Where.....

Father's Name.....

Mother's Maiden Name.....

Spouse's Full Name.....

Married..Date.....Where.....

Date Born.....Where.....

Date Deceased.....Where.....

Father's Name.....

Mother's Maiden Name.....

Names of Children	Born			Place	Died			Place or Current Res.
	Day	Month	Year		Day	Month	Year	
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2.								
3.								
4.								
5.								
6.								
7.								
8.								

Marriages of These Children	To Whom Married	Date			Place	Present or Last Address
		Day	Month	Year		
1.						
2.						
3.						
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6.						
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Note: A. On reverse side list subsequent marriages and children, also any military record and/or other outstanding honors. B. Please fill out a separate copy of this form for each individual not already in publications.

PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE THROUGH THE ASSOCIATION:

- 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

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

Verda Cornutt (Mrs. Clifford E. Cornutt, 600 S.E. 26th Avenue-Box 355 Hillsboro, OR 97123) continues to report fascinating information about Samuel King alias Rice. She includes a copy of THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL REGISTER, Volume CXXX, October 1976, pp.301-304, with an abstract from one Norman Thomas King Newton of Cambridge, Mass. What follows is a very brief synopsis of this abstract.

As some of you may not know, Samuel King was the sixth son of Samuel Rice, sixth son of Edmund, and Elizabeth King Rice (daughter of Thomas King). Elizabeth King Rice died in childbirth, and Samuel gave his infant son to her brother, Peter King and his wife, Sarah (Rice) King to adopt and raise. Samuel King alias Rice grew up and married one Abigail Clapp. Their son, Ezra, married, according to our Register, one Silence Bond.

However, Mr. Newton has found Silence's gravestone in Templeton, Mass., which reads, "Silence Bond, wife of John and Relict of Ezra King and only daughter of Jonas Rice, Esq., 8 Dec. 1763, in her 61st year.(Vital Records of Templeton, Mass., 177)." Silence, then was actually a Rice; her last name, Bond, was acquired by a second marriage after Ezra's death.

Jonas Rice, Esq. was a son of Thomas Rice and Mary King (and also a founder of Worcester, Mass.). Thus, Ezra King alias Rice and his wife Silence were double cousins; their grandfathers were brothers, and their grandmothers were sisters.

This information is in Part I of our new supplement, but is repeated here because it may be as fascinating to others as it is to me. It does bring up another question; does anyone know anything about the Sarah Rice who married Peter King and adopted Samuel King alias Rice?

Thank you again, Verda!

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A Post Script about Louis Chaffin

Velma Postma, of 609 South "C" St. Rupert, ID 83350 has sent a full genealogical record of the several branches of her family.

Among the gems in this mine of information is a hand-written note concerning Louis Rice Chaffin, about whom we wrote in the last issue.

"Louis Rice Chaffin and his wife and seven children came to Utah in 1852 and settled in Salt Lake City. He adopted the religion of the Mormons, enduring many of the hardships of pioneer life and remaining up to his death an earnest worker in the religion he had espoused.

...In 1856 he fulfilled a mission in Australia, being absent for four yrs. He was a pioneer to St. George, Utah in 1861 and an alderman there. He was a heavy loser at The Muddy, the town being entirely destroyed by fire in 1865 or 66. He located at Cedar City, was notary public and Justice of the Peace for 10 yrs and held many other offices of trust.

"Sarah Marie Cossett & her husband lived together for fifty three years. She was a woman of refinement and of strong nerve and courage like her husband, a loving mother and devoted wife."

Thank you, Velma.

Velma also has a question about an Abigail RICE, who was born in Concord, Mass., in 1645, the daughter of Richard Rice and his second wife, Mary____. Abigail married Philip Read, son of Ellis(?) and Lucy. Philip was supposed to be a Doctor, of Concord.

Any information about Abigail would be appreciated.

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Marjorie K. Compton, of 1556 Boiling Springs Rd., Boiling Springs, PA 17007, has a similar question. Her great-grandfather, Cyrus Byron Rice, was born in 1825, possibly in Blakeley, Luzerne Co., NY. Later he lived in

Clinton, Wyoming Co., NY. He married Angelina Taylor, daughter of Benedict Taylor and Zilpha Pedrick. Cyrus and Angelina Rice had five children, the youngest of whom was Frank Grove Rice, Mrs. Compton's grandfather. Mrs. Compton is seeking information about Cyrus' parents.

Mrs. Diane Kirkland of 7500 Haynes Rd. So., Beulah, CO 81023 asks about a Jacob Rice who was born in the 1760's and married Barbara _____ about 20 years later. They lived in Bradford Co., PA from 1783 to 1790, ... and had five children. Jacob died in 1804 in Washington Co. MD. His third child was named Anna; b1787, m1806 to Samuel Boyle. She died in Oct. 1837.

Ed.note: If anyone has information about Cyrus Rice or Jacob Rice, the questioners would be delighted to hear from you directly. My suggestion is that they write to the New York State Library, Genealogy Dept, Empire State Plaza, Albany NY 12207.

Unfortunately, the early records in New York State are woefully inadequate, possibly because so many people merely stopped there on their way farther west. Many of the New York Rices whom I have been able to find, however, turned out to be descended from Robert Rice, a contemporary of Edmund, who came to America from England at about the same time and is not known to be related.

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Another questioner, James B. Daniels, of 7539 E1 Rancho, Houston, TX 77807, has successfully traced his lineage back to Edmund, through Thomas°, James°, who married Sarah Stone, Zebadiah°, 1698-1778, who married Elizabeth Earle(sic), Samuel°, 1742-1804, who married (1) Hepzibah Flint, and (2) Mary Davis, 1771-1820, dau. of Nathan and Mary Davis. Samuel's son by Mary, Amos°, 1797-1859, married Betsy Fairbanks and moved to Pompey, NY in 1821. In 1843 they moved on to Tecumseh, Michigan, where they both died in 1859.

Amos's son, Samuel Leonard Rice, b. 1819, m. Charlotte Tracy in 1844 in Vernon, CT, moved to Michigan, and finally settled in Delavan, WI. Their son, Charles H. Rice (1854-?) became a tinner and moved to Marengo Illinois. He operated a hardware store in Chicago. His daughter, Irma, was Mr. Daniel's grandmother.

Mr. Daniels would like information about the various wives and mothers mentioned above.

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Tidbits of Information

Iris Milne, of 5620 W. Verde Ln. Phoenix, AZ 85031, wants us to know that she is starting a Hart Family Newsletter. The Harts are related to the Rices through Thomas and Samuel, coming down through Gershom Rice Jr. to Comfort Rice to Betsy Rice who married Thomas Hart. The Hart who came to America was James, of Scotch-Irish descent. He was born in Ireland in 1700. Any of our readers who are interested in this branch of the family tree should contact Mrs. Milne. And yes, Iris, we would be delighted to receive copies of your Newsletter for our files! Thank you very much.

Back to New England

Many migrating Rices did not go west. Many "escaped" to the Republic of Vermont; so many, in fact, that nearly every "pre-ski-era" native of Southern Vermont seems to be related to us in some way. Our beloved Margaret Rice was born in Brattleboro, and "Pat" Vickery (our secretary) and your scribe share a common great-great grandfather in West Dover, VT. Now Jane C. Armbruster of 3036 S. Lakeshore, St. Joseph, MI 49085, writes to ask about one Perez Rice, b 4 Jan. 1794 in Somerset, VT, and married Hannah Alden. This part of Somerset is now West Dover; indeed, the lad was born where Mt. Snow Ski Area is now. So we end with a story, after all.

Daniel Rice, (son of Ephraim, son of Perez, son of Thomas son of Thomas and of Anna dau. of Edward) came to Vermont from Hardwick, MA, after fighting at Bunker Hill. He soon found himself fighting at Bennington. After the war his two younger brothers, Perez and John, followed him to Vermont. All were married, and settled down to raise their families. Daniel had a large family, Perez had no children of his own, and John had at least three sons; John, Willard and Perez. John died young; probably around 1802, and Perez must have helped raise his children. Perez died shortly afterwards (1805), however, by falling off a hay wagon and becoming impaled on a hay rake. In his will he left an inheritance to "'Bro. John's widow' and children, specifically mentioning their son, Perez, his namesake." (ERMCL)

John's widow was the former Sarah (Polly) Woods of Petersham, Mass. Their son, Perez, was born ca. 1798 and married 2 June 1822 at Stratton, Vt. to Emily Pike. He died at Stratton in 1863.

Daniel Rice also had a son named Perez. He was born 8 Jan. 1794, married Hannah Moore on 1 Jan. 1816, and died, also at Stratton, 5 June 1818.

These details were gleaned by my father, E.R. McLaughlin, from Town records and gravestones, apparently too late to be included in the first "Register". (Sorry, Cousin Margaret, I didn't know you didn't have them for the Supplement.)

Jane, it is possible that "Hannah Moore" and "Hannah Alden" were the same woman (see first item in this section). If your great great grandfather was conceived before June, 1818, it is also possible that he was the son of this Perez Rice, son of Daniel.

I hope to spend some time in Stratton this summer, searching the Town records for Pikes. If I find anything more, I will let you know about it.

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NEWSLETTER

Pioneer Monument-Emigration Canyon, Utah
(see pg. 12)



A memorial to all who have the courage and fortitude to make
a new life in a strange and hostile land.

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