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Dear Cousins;

The agenda for this issue consists mostly of items missed during the long and overly-busy winter. First, however, there is one important bit of information which many of you have been watching for:

The Annual Meeting of the Edmund Rice(1638) Association will be held on Saturday, September 28, 1985, at the Park West Hotel in Marlborough. This is a new hotel, situated near the Route 20 exit from I-495. From Rte. 20 you immediately turn onto Felton St., and there you are. Registration will begin at 10:00 A.M., and the entire cost, including luncheon, will be about \$6.00 per person.

You will receive another, more detailed, notice of this meeting later in the summer, with an opportunity to inform the planners whether or not you are coming, and also to pay your dues. This advance notice, however, will give you who live farther away an opportunity to plan a vacation trip around the Annual Meeting, which is always an enjoyable time to visit with congenial people; old friends and new friends, all cousins!

### Stories about Uncles and Cousins

Now we bring you the long-promised stories of the Rev. Luther Rice and of Mr. Albert L. Woody's uncles. My apologies, especially to Mr. Woody; he has been waiting a long time for this.

Albert Woody is a Rice cousin. Retired, he lives on Bainbridge Island in the State of Washington and pursues his hobbies of making music on the violin and the mandolin and of ham radio broadcasting. He was a pioneer in radio, working commercially in the broadcasting field from 1920 to 1923. In addition to his life-long interest in broadcasting, he is a devoted Mason. Recently he was appointed librarian of the King County (WA) Masonic Library and has spent much of his life's spare time doing research on Masonic literature. He is considered one of Masonry's "scholars of distinction."

Mr. Woody's "working" life was spent in Chicago, where he conducted his own engraving business for 41 years. He cherishes many happy memories of childhood and youth in Chicago, especially of his uncle, Dr. Ogilvie Allen Rice, who practiced dentistry in Chicago around the turn of the century. The story of Uncle Ogilvie and his uncle, Dr. Loomis Rice, follows.

### A Story about Uncles

To begin before the beginning, once upon a time there was a young man named Martin Rice, descended from Thomas/ through Ephraim/. He married a young lady named Phebe Barker in 1823, and lived in Brookfield, Vt., which is near Montpelier. They had five sons, the oldest, Jeduthan, and the youngest, Loomis H. Rice. Jeduthan eventually had three wives. By the second wife, Eliza Ann Fitzgerald, he had two daughters; Armanella Olivia was born in 1851, grew up, married William Hoyt and had a daughter, Mary Elizabeth Hoyt. Mary Elizabeth was Mr. Woody's mother. By Delissa Sally Bates, his third wife, Jeduthan had five more children. The oldest of these, born in 1857, was named Ogilvie Allen Rice. Thus Ogilvie Allen Rice was half-brother to Mr. Woody's grandmother.

In the same year that Ogilvie Rice was born, Jeduthan's youngest brother, Ogilvie's Uncle Loomis, married Mary Elizabeth Wyman. They had one son, named Loomis, born in Hartland, Vermont, five years later, in 1862. Now the story really begins.

All of these people lived in northern Vermont. During the summer of 1861, the year before his brother Loomis' son was born, Jeduthan moved his family to Racine, Wisconsin. Meanwhile, I suspect that Loomis' wife and son died soon after the baby's birth, for Mr. Woody reports that Loomis "was a widower, and my mother, his grand-niece, was his housekeeper and office assistant." I imagine that Loomis, lonely and grieving for his wife and child, left Vermont to follow his brother, Jeduthan, to Wisconsin.

When and where Dr. Loomis H. Rice received his dental education is not known, but let Mr. Woody finish the story. "In the late 1880's he was practicing dentistry in Chicago with his office in the Central Music Hall on Michigan Avenue.

"In those days it was the practice to administer laughing gas (nitrous oxide) for dental operations, and the clothing was loosened to enhance breathing. On one occasion the lady involved, being on the brink of consciousness, stood up, much to the chagrin of the dentist and his assistant. It required quick work on their part to clothe and restore her into position for the operation.

"I regret that I do not have further information about one who was undoubtedly another typical Rice individual."

Ogilvie, (Jeduthan's son) was a little boy when his family moved to Wisconsin to be joined later by his Uncle Loomis. He grew up to be another "typical Rice" personality. "He was a brilliant and scholarly individual who wrote poetry, sang with a rich sonorous voice, and, in keeping with the times, cast horoscopes. It is probable that his knowledge of dental science was gained by apprenticeship in the office of his uncle, Dr. Loomis Rice, D.D.S. in Chicago.

"Around the turn of the century he went to British Honduras in an unsuccessful attempt to obtain interest in a banana plantation. As a result [of his lack of success? Ed.], upon his return Ogilvie was estranged from his family and lived alone at the location of his dental office."

Ogilvie could not have been too far estranged from his family, for his great-nephew Albert cherishes his memory. In fact, Mr. Woody has recently "placed some of his dental instruments in the keeping of my dentist in Seattle, who will pass them along to those individuals and organizations which are interested in preserving dental memorabilia."

We will let Albert Woody finish the story. Dr. Ogilvie Rice "practiced dentistry at 1926 Milwaukee Ave. (Chicago) until his death during the flu epidemic in 1918. He was, indeed, a master of dental science and did all of his own laboratory work.

"He was full of Rice anecdotes and delighted in telling the Rice TM story (TM, ''Tis mince' and TM ''Taint mince') and he spoke a bit in several languages like Spanish, German, Russian, etc. As a young child I would ask him, 'Uncle Ogilvie, what languages do you speak?' And he would reply, 'Oh, I speak a little Spanish.' Then I would say, 'Please say something in Spanish for me'... He would reply with a few words or a little poem and tell me their meaning. This little game would go on through each of the languages until the last one which...(was) 'Oh, I speak a little Profane.' ...It always ended with some excuse which my childish mind could not fathom, such as 'Today is Thursday and I never speak Profane on Thursday!'

"SIC TRANSIT GLORIA MUNDI"

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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To receive your copy of the Newsletter whenever it is published, you 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 anyone who is not yet a member, for you members who have not yet paid your dues, and for ordering any of the books listed on page 10:

Membership applications may be obtained from and checks made out to Edmund Rice(1638) Association should be sent to:

Mr. William H. Drury,

24 Buckman Dr., Chelmsford, MA 01824.

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			Died			Place or Current Res.
	Day	Month	Year	Day	Month	Year	

Marriages of These Children	To Whom Married	Date			Present or Last Address
		Day	Month	Year	

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.)

## Rev. Luther Rice, Cont. Part II

Another "typical Rice personality" and in a sense uncle to all of us, was Luther Rice. Last Fall we began a review of the book, Dispensations of Providence, a publication of Luther Rice's edited diaries. We mentioned his genealogy, and told about his feeling a call to enter the ministry.

The first portion of the book (diaries from 1803 to 1806) is a vivid and lengthy portrayal of the anguish of a young man trying to find himself and his place in the world. Luther Rice was deeply religious, going to meeting twice on Sundays and also in midweek. Nevertheless he suffered the typical self-doubts and self-centeredness of youth, accentuated no doubt by the emphasis in those days on the dangers of Hell-fire and Damnation for all but the truly "saved".

Gradually, however, we see him becoming more concerned about such a fate for others, rather than dwelling on his own "miserable state." By 1812 he had completed his studies at Williams College and Andover Seminary. He had courted, somewhat diffidently, Miss Rebecca Eaton of Framingham, Mass., but in the end he chose a religious life instead of marriage.

The second part of the book concerns the two years which made Luther Rice famous. In February of 1812, we find him in Salem, Mass., being ordained and commissioned to join the Rev. Adoniram Judson and three others on an historic mission to India. Their mission had an ecumenical sponsorship. In New England, where the primary denomination was Congregational, this group sponsored the mission, along with some Presbyterians. In Philadelphia, where the group went in order to embark on their voyage, they found a large group of Presbyterian supporters, along with several Baptists and Quakers. During the time spent in Philadelphia waiting for their ship to set sail, Rice met with the leaders of these groups and preached in their churches, raising a considerable amount of money for his mission.

This contact with people of slightly different religious persuasions left its mark on Luther Rice; he began again to question, this time, the "correctness" of every detail of his own hard-won beliefs. His account of the long (nearly four months) voyage is a mixture of vivid descriptions of the journey, the text of every sermon preached on the way, and his own questionings about childhood versus adult Baptism.

The account continues in a similar fashion during the year that the Missionary group remained in India. There are fascinating glimpses of the life-style and natural beauty of India, but only glimpses. There were some conversions, much preaching, and many political difficulties. During the early nineteenth century the world was in a turmoil, differing only because of slowness of travel and communication from the turmoils we know today. England was at war with France and its dictatorial leader, Napoleon. By the time Luther Rice arrived in India, England was also at war with the United States. Various sects in India were at war with each other. It was difficult if not impossible for the little group of missionaries to find a place where they could settle for any length of time and get down to their proper business. They worked in Calcutta, and in Serempore, a few miles upriver from Calcutta. Eventually, however, in November of 1813, a scant year and a half after their arrival, they gave in to the British authorities and returned to America.

To be concluded

## Editorial Note:

We hope that you have enjoyed these stories. In the next issue we shall conclude the tale of the Rev. Luther Rice, and come back to the present to report on a recent Rice "mini-reunion".

Right now we welcome several new members:

Ann Avery Gopel (Mrs. Robert A.)

descended through Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Grace<sup>3</sup> and Nathaniel Moore, Sybil Moore<sup>4</sup> and Isaac Ward.

James B. Daniels

descended through Thomas<sup>2</sup>, James<sup>3</sup>, Zebediah<sup>4</sup>, etc.

Mr. Daniels' query about the wives of these men and their descendants was printed in the Spring Newsletter.

Mrs. Darlene Chaffin Law

of West Bountiful, Utah,  
a descendant of the Mormon emigrant, Louis Chaffin, whose story was told in recent issues of this Newsletter.

We are delighted to have you a more formal part of us, and hope that your interest in the Association will continue and grow.

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There has been some correspondence with Mr. Joseph Neff of H.C.-75 Box 1390, Camp Verde, AZ 86322, regarding his lines of descent from Edmund<sup>d</sup> through Samuel<sup>2</sup>, and Edward<sup>3</sup>, who was Samuel's first son by his second wife, Mary Dix Brown. Edward had nine daughters and a son, Gideon<sup>4</sup>. Gideon married Esther \_\_\_\_\_. They had one child, a daughter, whom they named Easter<sup>5</sup>. [sic, according to Mr. Neff, Ed.]

Easter Rice married Antipas Bouker on 25 Aug. or 6 Oct. 1757. [The earlier date may be the date of filing of intent; Ed.] Antipas Bouker was born 3 Oct. 1733, the son of Josiah Bouker and Hazadiah Eager. (So far, all of this information may be found in Ward's book.)

However, Mr. Neff has sent new information about this couple's children. They had eight, two of whom, Antipas, Jr. and Esther, are in the Register. Five were girls, about whom nothing is known but their names. The youngest child was a son,

James Bouker<sup>6</sup>, b. 14 Feb. 1777, Westboro, Mass.;

m. Sarah Estes, (1780-1827) dau. of Benjamin Estes and Sarah Littlefield, 1798;

d. Waterville, N.Y., 22 Dec. 1856.



## Generation VII:

## Children of James and Sallie Bouker

1. Esther, b. 4 July 1800
2. James, b. 15 June 1807, d. 2 Nov. 1826
3. Sallie, b. 2 May 1809; m. Elijah Howe, 1 Aug. 1830;  
d. 8 Aug. 1884, Deansboro, N.Y.

There were two more girls who died young, and three boys who "were casualties of the Civil War."

Mr. Neff was born in 1905, in Madison, N.Y., the great grandson of Sallie and Elijah Howe. His brother still lives there in the family farmhouse which was built in 1793, with an addition in 1835. He asks if anyone has information about this branch of the Howe family - Elijah was the son of Jonathan Howe and had a sister, Abigail Howe Dodge.

Mr. Neff also asks about the early ancestors, since his family records are unclear about places of birth, and the various towns in eastern Massachusetts.

Thank you, Mr. Neff, for this interesting information. For those of you who, like Mr. Neff, would also like more information about the beginnings of our family and of their friends and neighbors, a readable, slightly fictionalized account will be found in The Deacons, written by your scribe. To get your copy, send \$24.45 to HARMON ASSOCIATES, 34 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, NY 12054.

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Do keep the letters coming. I know many of you have questions, and also stories like Mr. Woody's which your cousins would enjoy sharing.

Do also let this column know of the births of children or grandchildren, and of the deaths of any Rice relatives.

Lastly, thanks to the many of you who have already written; I hope we have done justice to your letters.

Sincerely,  
Your cousin,

"Mickey" Snow

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