

President's Page

As the new president of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association, I shall solicit the help of all of our members in promoting our organization.

During the next months I would like to see more activity of the organization — more regional reunions for those Rices who cannot, for one reason or another, attend the larger Annual reunions; increase in our membership roles, especially by young people in our families; and benefits of various sorts for our Association members — perhaps a college scholarship in American History for a youthful member of the Association, and Genealogical aid for all who need it.

If anyone who receives this News Letter feels that he or she can, and would like to help, please contact me at the address given in the listing of Association Officers. (Page 27)

I look forward to hearing from you,

Margaret

ANNUAL MEETING, September 28, 1985

"Gloria" scraped the east coast of the United States and finally made landfall on Long Island on September 27, 1985. She did as much damage as she could to both Long Island shores, and then cast her eye on Connecticut. Not being one to stand still for long, she moved her eye on to Worcester, Mass., Keene, N.H., and finally disappeared over the forests of northern Maine.

The winds had calmed, but rain was still falling over much of the hurricane's path when the morning of September 28th dawned. Undaunted by the storm, all but a handful of the Rice cousins who had planned to come arrived at the Sheraton Lincoln Hotel in Worcester, Mass. for the Annual Meeting. By the time the events of the day began, the sky had cleared and the day was perfect.

Registration began at 10:00, followed by the pleasures of meeting old and new friends, and of consuming coffee and excellent pastries. After a meeting of the Board of Directors, a delicious lucheon was served at noon. After lunch the President, Janice Parmenter, called the meeting to order with a moment of silence for those of our members who have died during the past year.

Annual Meeting, cont.

She then announced that Lois Rice McWilliams has, with the help of Ilee Rice Welch and others, put together a booklet which is a transcription of the diary of Oscar Rice, then age 19, and the saga of his voyage on the ship "Peruvian", sailing from Boston to San Francisco, July 19, 1862 to January 6, 1863. Copies of this book are available for \$5.00 (possibly plus postage) from Mrs. McWilliams. (See review elsewhere in this issue.)

After the reading of the minutes of last year's meeting, William Drury presented the Treasurer's report and the Book Custodian's report. We have \$655.82 in a checking account, \$37,249.55 in savings funds, and the books in stock are valued at \$22,416.00. This gives us total assets of \$60,321.37. We still have about 500 copies of the new Supplement 2 part I, and will soon have a stock of the newest, Supplement 2 part II. See pages 16 and 17 for ordering your copies of these helpful new books.

Speaking of books, Margaret Rice announced plans to publish, in one volume, "Descendants of Edmund Rice" and "They Sought the Wilderness".

Annual Meeting, cont.

As Membership Chairman, Mr. Drury reported that we had been informed of three deaths during the year, and have acquired 15 new members. Our membership is now nearly 400!

The following officers were nominated and elected for 1985-1986:

President: Margaret Rice

First Vice-President:

Alex W. Snow

Second Vice-President:

Louise Trudeau

Secretary: Calista "Pat" Vickery

Treasurer: William H. Drury

Historian: Corinne "Mickey" Snow

New Directors: Alfred G. Hough

Frederick H. Rice

Earle Vickery

The final order of business was to present the traditional awards. These were given to:

The oldest member present;

Ella Knapton, age 90.

The youngest member present:

Jeffrey Rice, age 15 mos.,

son of C. Whiting and Larisa Rice.

The member who had come the farthest:

Margie Rice Hazen, from Jacksonville, Florida.

Annual Meeting, cont.

After the business meeting Mr. George Hamilton, History Teacher at the Northborough and Southborough Union School, presented a well-illustrated report of the bi-centennial re-enactment of Benedict Arnold's heroic march through the Maine wilderness in an ill-fated attempt to capture the city of Quebec.

Volunteers from all over the northeast, 660 in all, took part in this adventure, which was the principal event of Maine's Bicentennial Celebration. These men dressed and lived and acted out specific roles as nearly as possible like their counterparts of 200 years ago, with time out for interaction and celebration with the residents of towns and villages which did not exist in Arnold's time.

Mr. Hamilton succeeded in making his audience sense the harshness of the struggle which he and his comrades shared with Benedict Arnold and his men. He succeeded in making us share his admiration for Arnold, and the excitement of Victory in the face of defeat, where merely to have survived was a victory.

Annual Meeting, concl.

Following the Meeting, a delegation of members of the Association visited the North Burying Ground in Wayland, as is customary. Included in the group were descendants of Edmund Rice from Florida, West Virginia, Virginia and New Hampshire, as well as from nearby Massachusetts towns. A large chrysanthemum in full bloom was planted before the towering slate stone marking the grave of our common ancestor.

The newly elected president of the Association offered a brief prayer: "Dear God, Please help us to live up to the hopes and ideals of those forefathers who have left us a Goodly Heritage."

Words About Books

Earlier in this issue (Page 5) we mentioned Oscar Rice's diary of 1862-63, and the booklet prepared and edited by Lois Rice McWilliams. The research and effort that went into the creation of this little book is impressive, and the results reward these efforts. There is a fascinating preface which

contains information about the construction and the history of "Clipper Ships", including a section about shipwrecks. This preface is worth reading for its own sake.

Oscar Rice's diary has been literally and faithfully transcribed. The young man wrote well, and his version of an ocean voyage under sail is more detailed and contains more clear images of the adventure than did Luther Rice's diary. (See earlier 1985 issues) Oscar was a boy when "The Peruvian" set sail, and he was a man when he disembarked in San Francisco. The diary sets forth the inner thoughts and reactions to the events which caused this transition as well or better than many novels do.

Anyone with any nostalgia for nineteenth century sailing ships will enjoy spending an evening with this little book. (See page 17 for how to contact Mrs. McWilliams.)

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COVER PICTURE:

This little oaken box (25"x11"x10") of pure medieval design was made in England in the early 1500's. The decorated hasp and lock are missing, but the space left for them "was planned for the standard chest lock of the early sixteenth century." "Several generations of nails" have been added to keep the chest together; in fact, "at some point, the lid was nailed shut, a common practice when a chest or box was used as a packing crate during an ocean voyage or long overland journey. The bottom is an old replacement of white pine in New England."

This box, a gift of Thomas Brigham Rice to the Worcester Historical Society in 1910, "is the earliest known piece of furniture with a New England history".[1]

"It is Mercy Hurd's hat box...[Mercy brought it with her from England in 1635, when she was 16 years old.]...Two years later she was married to Thomas Brigham, who accompanied her across the sea....Their children were: Thomas, 1641; John, 1644; Mary, who married John Fay; Hannah, 1651, who married William Ward, and Samuel, 1653.

"Mr. Brigham was constable, 1639 and 1642; selectman 1640-1647, and died December 8, 1653. The widow, Mercy, married March, 1655-6, Edmund Rice, Senior, of Sudbury, and settled in Marlboro, where Mr. Rice died in May, 1663. By him Mercy was the mother of Ruth, born 1659, who became the wife of Samuel Wells, and Ann, born 1661, who, it is said, married Nathaniel Gerry, of Roxbury." [2] Mercy died in Marlboro, December 22, 1693.

Many, many thanks to Mrs. Luella Evans, of Syracuse, N.Y., a Rice Association member and also a Brigham descendant, for passing this fascinating information along to us.

1. Worcester Historical Society Catalog #469; Sept. 16, 1985, pg. 510
2. Librarian's Report for the Year 1910, pg. 308; Worcester Society of Antiquity (Now Worcester Historical Museum)

NOTICE!

On page 19 is a list of new members. These people will continue to receive the Newsletter, as well as notices of meetings, etc. To those of you individuals who have not yet joined, but have been receiving courtesy copies for some reason; we cannot continue to keep you on our mailing list unless we hear from William Drury that you have applied to him for membership.

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 ancestry 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 you who are NOT YET members, and for you members who have NOT YET paid your DUES for 1985-86:

Checks should be made out to "Edmund Rice (1638) Association", and sent to:
Mr. William H. Drury, Treasurer,
24 Buckman Dr. Chelmsford, MA 01824.

NOTE:

On the following page is a "genealogy blank". This is for you to use if you have any new information about your ancestors, and also about members of your immediate family; i.e. marriages, births, etc.

If you own copies of the Register and Supplement 2, you can easily find the information asked for on the top lines.

In the case of a marriage, the name of the person getting married goes in the blank "DESCENDANT's full name", and the person he or she marries goes, naturally, in the "spouse's" blank. The woman's name should be her maiden name, and all the additional information that you know about each partner should also be added, please.

In the case of a new baby, the parents' names go in the DESCENDANT's and spouse's blanks, and the child's name goes, along with the names of brothers and sisters, if any, in birth order in the column beneath the parents' information. Please do include dates and places, wherever possible.

All of this information will be put on computer, so that when the time comes for Supplement 3, the material will be readily available.

Please send completed blanks to
Corinne M. Snow, Historian,
Edmund Rice (1638) Association
47 Sunset Drive,
Delmar, NY 12054

Thank you.

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.
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4.								
5.								
6.								
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Marriages of These Children	To Whom Married	Date			Place	Present or Last Address
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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.)

How to Order Books:

1. The books on the previous page may be ordered by sending a check made out to "Edmund Rice (1638) Association" to
William H. Drury, Book Custodian
24 Buckman Drive,
Chelmsford, MA 01824.
2. Inquiries about Oscar Rice's Diary, "The Voyage of 'The Peruvian'" (page 10) may be sent to
Mrs. Lois Rice McWilliams,
40 Powers Rd.,
Littleton, MA 01460.
3. Orders for THE DEACONS, (page 11) with a check for \$22.50 each made out to "Corinne M. Snow", may be sent to
Windy Hill Words,
P.O.Box 564,
West Dover, VT 05356.

Notice of publication and pre-publication price of THE QUEST for FREEDOM will be given in these pages.

Obituaries

- Stanley I. Rice; Thursday morning, October 31, 1985, in Manchester, N.H., after a brief illness. Cousin Stanley and his wife, Katrina Davies Rice, owned an "Airstream" R.V. and spent their retirement years happily traveling between their winter home in Dade City, Florida, and their summer home in Epsom, New Hampshire, and visiting relatives and friends in many parts of the country. With this news, your scribe feels as if she has lost an old friend, having had the good fortune to visit with Stanley and Katrina not only at the Annual Meetings, but also at interim meetings during the past several years.

A copy of the newspaper clipping was sent to us by Winona Flood, who feels the same way, saying that "Stanley was my first correspondent in 'The Assoc.' and helped me find my line."

Our deepest sympathy to Katrina, and to their sons, Stanley I. Rice, Jr. of Palm Harbor, Florida, Richard E. Rice of Greenville, N.H. and Frederick H. Rice of Burlington, VT, and to Stanley's brother, Herbert A. Rice of Barre, Mass.

- Floyd Rice, Sr.; Word comes from Mrs. Rice, in answer to a query about continuing her membership in "The Assoc." that Floyd Rice, Sr. passed away on the 21st of December, 1984.

We still consider you a cousin, Mrs. Rice, and extend our sympathy to you. We hope that the coming Christmas Season brings you comfort and warm memories.

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NEW MEMBERS:

The following cousins have joined our membership during the past year:

- Adam Barton Ames and Lois Ames,
- Mrs. Mary Aline Austin,
- Charles R. Ayer,
- Mrs. Maxine T. Crawford,
- James B. Daniels,
- Ann Avery Gopel,
- Peter B. Hayward,
- David A. Knapton,
- Mrs. Sandra Leighton,
- Mr. and Mrs. John C. Lovewell,
- Mrs. Ruth McCorison,
- Mrs. Lois Rice McWilliams,
- Mrs. Clarinda Rice Palmer,
- Alan B. Rice,
- Edward G. Rice,
- Frank E. Rice,
- Frederick H. Rice,
- James W. Rice,
- Stewart J. Rice,
- Mrs. Gertrude Smith,
- Richard L. Tower and
- Mrs. H. Geraldine Winczner.

We extend a fond and hearty welcome to all of you. It is gratifying to realize that some of you have become members because of the newsletter, and we thank you.

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A NEW New Member: Robert and Nancy Serozynsky announce the birth of Pamela Anne Serozynski on the 22nd of August, 1985.

CHIT-CHAT about Cousins:

Marriages: Katherine Rice Joyce to Gardner L. Brown; October, 1985, in Rockland, Maine. Much future happiness to you both.

- Philip Martin Rice to Linda _____, June, 1985. Philip is the grandson of Philip M. Rice, of Peoria County, Illinois, who sends us this information. The elder Philip lives on a farm originally owned by his grandfather, James C. Rice, on Rice Road, in Peoria Co. On their honeymoon, the younger Philip and his bride traveled in Massachusetts, and visited Edmund Rice's grave.



Mrs. Ella Knapton (second right), of Quincy, Mass. has been active in the Rice Association for many years. In July, 1985, she celebrated her 90th birthday, and to her surprise was honored by the Quincy City Hospital for 34 years of volunteer service. Congratulations, Ella; may you and the patients you visit continue to enjoy each other for a long time to come!

CHIT-CHAT, cont.

Wava S. Rice, of Colfax, Ill, has sent us information about ancestors, etc. in the past. Now she writes a fascinating note about herself. She is an artist, and has been "Painting like mad. Have had one Mall show, and another in 2 weeks....Also 2 more 1-day shows coming up. Also later in the month, a trip to Wisconsin where I have crafts in a shop (in an old barn) [which is] open from May to mid-October. So have to pick up what's left.

"In August, [we were at a reunion] in Youngstown, Ohio. After, we met my Ohio Pen pal and hubby in Penn. and we camped a few days in Amish country....We're now traveling in a 25' Winnebago Mini and love it. In May we went to Washington, Oregon and Vancouver Island....And now it's Fall - and we remember fondly our New England trip."

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Ruby Jordan McKelvey, daughter of Jessie Rice Jordan, sends her sympathy in learning about Allen Rice's death. When she was a student at Smith College, he was a "beau" of hers. He was also a classmate of her brother, Donald Rice Jordan.

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QUERIES and RESPONSES

In the last issue we mentioned Robert Rice (Royce), a contemporary of Edmund. He also came to America in the 1630's, and settled in Connecticut. Some of the older literature suggests that the two were brothers, but there is no proof of this. Most genealogists today believe that the two men were unrelated.

Robert's descendants migrated northward and westward along the same routes that everyone else used at the time; up the Connecticut River, and along the Erie Canal when it opened.

Thus, there are many Royces (or Rices, descended from Robert) in Vermont and in upstate New York, and, of course, onward into Pennsylvania and Ohio, and westward. Anyone who has difficulty connecting the Edmund Rice line with an ancestor who lived for a time in the states mentioned (especially late 1700's and early 1800's), might find a connection to the Royce Family.

Mr. Royce has kindly offered to work with your editor as a "clearing-house" for these problem searches. For you who would like to contact him directly, his address is:

E. Allen Royce, Publisher,
Royce Family Association,
6136 Woodthrush Drive,
Charlotte, North Carolina 28212.

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For example, a Mrs. George Lasch of 31143 Hilliard Road, Westlake, Ohio 44145, writes to ask if anyone has information about a Lydia F. Rice b.ca 1795-1800 in Cortland County, N.Y. She married Edward Wing before 1825. In 1850 Edward and Lydia (Rice) Wing were living in Veterau, Chemung County, N.Y.

Edward died in 1852, and Lydia later married Asa E. Newman, and lived with him in Steuben County, N.Y. This Lydia is not listed in any of our publications. Does anyone have any information? Perhaps the Robert Royce Association could be of help here.

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Another who might find the Royce Association of help is Marge Carlton, who asked in the last issue about Mr. Carlton's greatgrandmother, Elizabeth Rice, b.p. in Kingsville, Ashtabula County, Ohio, and married Chauncey Tinker in 1818. In the Kingsville cemetery they found a Samuel Rice, 1771-1853 who married Corinna _____, d. 1851. Does anyone have any information about this couple, or about Betsey Rice, who married Chauncey Tinker? Incidentally, the Carltons' address, again, is Mr. and Mrs. Chester Carlton, 32512 Bertram Dr., Westland, MI 48185.

Verda Cornutt, one of our active correspondents, is descended from the other couple whose graves the Carltons found, Cyrus and Abigail Rice. She remembers the grandson of this couple, Horace Rice, and his wife, Eliza Jane, very well. They were her greatgrandparents, and crossed the plains from Iowa to Oregon in 1851, when Horace was barely 22 years old.

Thank you, Verda, for adding another thread to the great tapestry of the Rice Family History.

A query about a non-Rice but related line comes from William Rice of 608 S. Central Blvd., Broomall, PA 19008. He is interested in the background of John Snow, whose daughter, Hannah (or Harriet, according to Ward) Snow, married Jotham Rice (Ward: #296) in Lancaster, Mass. in 1766. It would seem, from the number of descendants of this Jotham Rice in the Register, that someone must have an answer to this question.

For those who would like more help in finding ancestral links than this newsletter can provide, our President, Margaret Rice, has offered her assistance. Her address is:

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

Others who might be of help are:

Verda Cornutt (Mrs. Clifford E. Cornutt),
600 S.E. 26th Ave. Box 355,
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Mr. Roger Rice,
1121 Woodlawn Pl., Oklahoma City, OK
73118; and

Mrs. Rosalie Steele Bolene,
2116 Juanito, Ponca City, OK 74601.

Books, cont.; A Personal Note

First, a heartfelt thank you to all of you who have read and enjoyed *THE DEACONS*. Many of you have received a letter from its publisher, telling you that he is no longer associated with the project. This note is to assure you that the manuscript of the sequel, *THE QUEST FOR FREEDOM*, is in my possession and will definitely be published as soon as another publisher is found.

For you who have not read it, *THE DEACONS* is an historical novel with a difference; all of the names and vital statistics of the people in it are factual. The only fiction is in the personalities and the day-to-day interactions of the characters, of whom the principal ones are Edmund Rice and his family. The sequel follows some of Edmund's descendants as they continue to settle the wilderness, take part in the French and Indian War, and in the American Revolution.

Last but not least, Holiday Greetings to all of you!

Some of us have ancestors who celebrated the very first Thanksgiving; all of us have ancestors who joined the traditional celebration less than twenty years later; and all of us have other ancestors who dreamed of freedom and had the courage and fortitude to make that dream come true, whenever they came to these shores. Let us give thanks for all of these forebears of whatever era, and pray with President Margaret Rice, "Help us to live up to the hopes and ideals of those forefathers." Amen.

"Mickey" Snow

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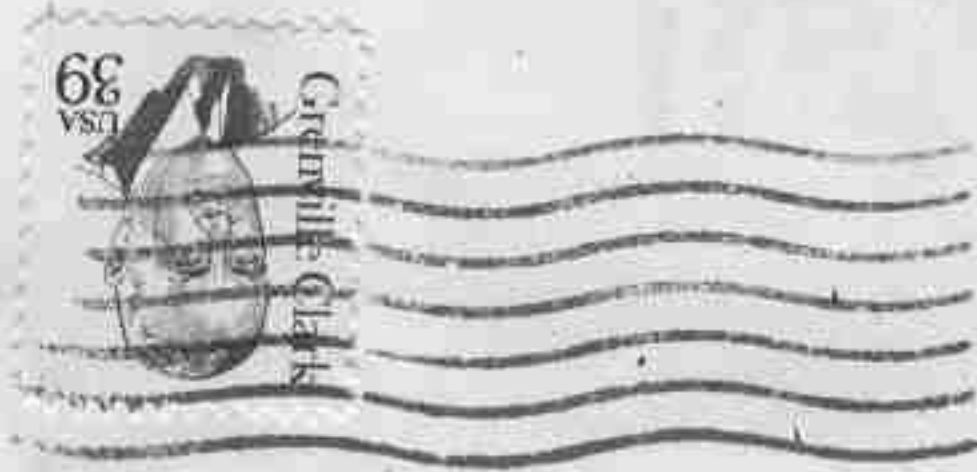
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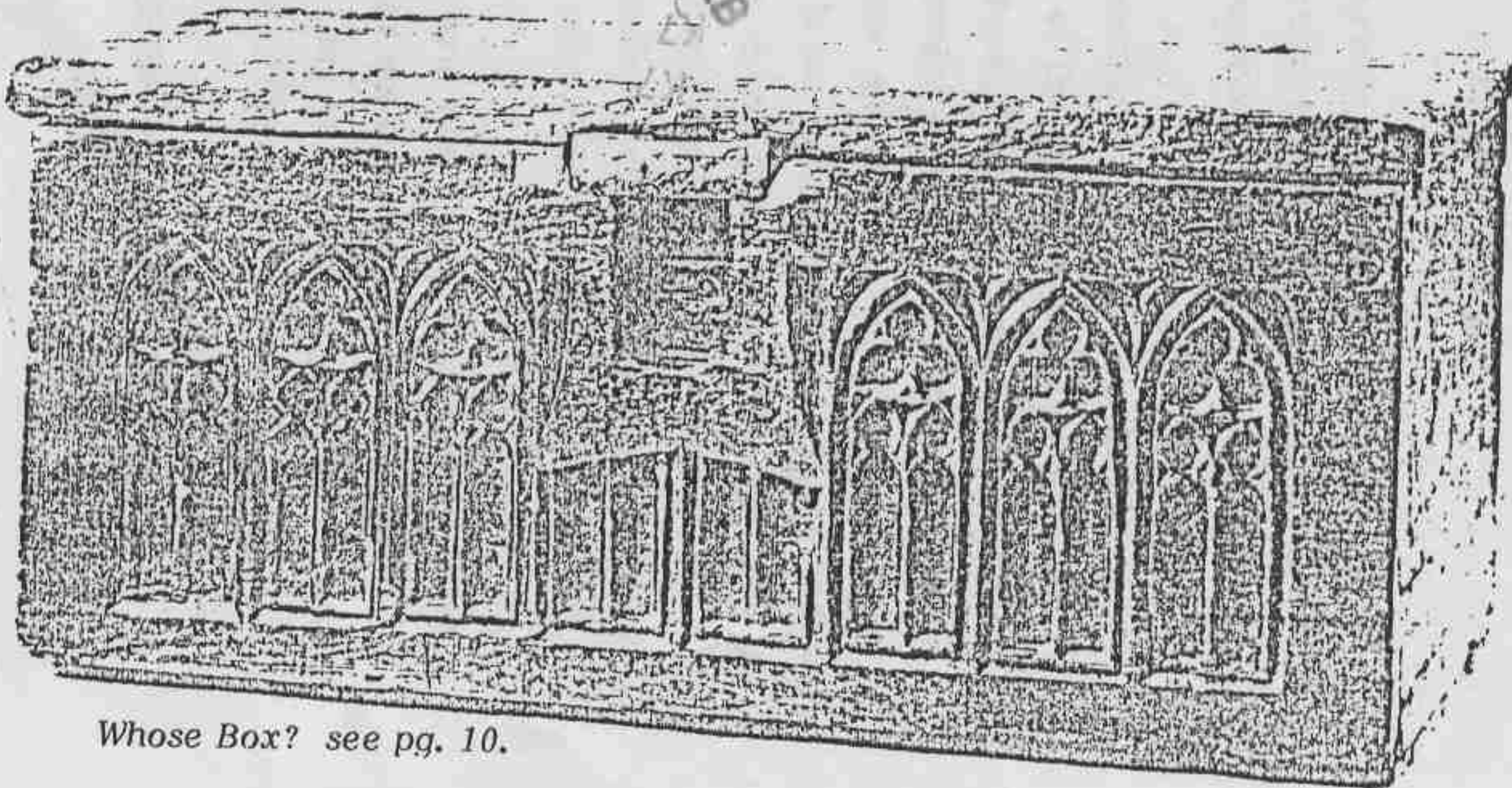
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