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President's Page

Dear Cousins:

This is a report on a recent Board of Directors' meeting, written by your editor for Cousin Margaret, who is busily preparing for a Florida vacation.

First, Cousin Margaret's suggestion of establishing a scholarship, which she mentioned in the last issue of this Newsletter, was discussed. Our tax status does not permit us to create an established scholarship fund. However, there is a possibility that the Association might provide a small gift or an interest-free loan on a private, informal basis. If you or a child or a grandchild are interested, please drop me a note. It will be treated in confidence, and discussed only with the other members of the board.

The second subject is the Annual Meeting, which will be held, as usual, on the last weekend in September, 1986. It was suggested that some place in New England more centrally located than the Boston area might be pleasant for a change, and a committee was appointed to make the necessary arrangements. At present we are considering either Mt. Snow, Vermont, or Deerfield, Massachusetts. All of the details, as they are determined, will be reported in subsequent issues of this Newsletter. (see page 17)

Wishing you all a happy Spring and Summer,

"Mickey"  
for Cousin Margaret

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## COVER PICTURE:

Our cover for this issue comes to us through the courtesy of Henry Sawin (see pages 20-21). It is a print from an original woodcut by the artist John Warner Barber, made about 1837. (The original woodcut is in the possession of the Society for the Preservation of New England Antiquities.)

The picture is of the Town Center of Wrentham, Massachusetts, a town whose history closely parallels that of Sudbury and Marlborough. (See The Deacons- "plug"- ed.) Wrentham was first settled in 1662-63, on land purchased from the infamous "King Philip". When this Meeting House was built I don't know, but Samuel Mann (Harvard, 1665) was called to be its first minister in 1669.

In 1673 the Town was chartered as Wrentham by the General Court, and King Philip was having second thoughts about friendship with the white men. Two years later, the bloody war named for him broke out, and in the spring of 1676 Wrentham was plundered and burned. Fortunately its inhabitants had been warned of the attack, and most of them escaped in time to take refuge in Dedham.

Like Marlborough, Wrentham was rebuilt from its ashes, and the Rev. Mann continued to minister to the people until his death in 1719. Among the leaders in the area in the next generation was a young man whose parents, Thomas and Deborah Rice Sawin, had moved from Sudbury to Sherborn (now South Natick, just north of Wrentham). Their daughter, Ruth, was the first white child born in that Town, and the young man, their son, John, was the first white boy. John Sawin, like his Rice cousins in Marlborough, Worcester and elsewhere, was active in organizing several new Towns in the wilderness west-south-west of Boston.

Note: This information taken from the material accompanying the picture, and from the Rice Register.

### QUERIES and RESPONSES

Bill Drury has forwarded a letter from Mrs. Jessie Mae Sanderson, of Livonia, Michigan, telling about Adam and Lois Rice, who lived in Hanover, New Hampshire, in the early 1800's. They had at least three children, Ephraim, Polly and Josiah. These three left home and travelled to Michigan in 1839, where they were among the first settlers in Leslie, near Lansing. Josiah married Laura Stone, of Vermont, and Polly married a Dr. Benjamin Meeker. Josiah and Laura Rice were ancestors of Mr. Sanderson.

Your scribe finds this family of interest because of their migration from New England, and the marriage to Laura Stone. Unfortunately, we are unable to find Adam Rice in any of our publications.

Mrs. Sanderson, any more details you could give us would be greatly appreciated. Also, could any of you other cousins from Michigan be of help? Please send any information you may have to the Rice Newsletter, 47 Sunset Drive, Delmar, NY 12054.

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For Edward G. Rice, fairly recently transplanted from Eastern Massachusetts to Palo Alto, California, we can do a bit more, thanks to Ward's book in addition to the Register. The descent you asked for, Cousin Edward, with identifying numbers and dates, is as follows:

- Edmund; 159?-1663, m. Thomasine Frost; (I)
- #4. Thomas; 1626-1681, m. Mary King, 1640; (II)
- #4-30. Peter; 1658-1753, m. Rebecca How, ca. 1688; (III)
- #4-30-114. Peter; 1700-1759, m. Dinah Wolcott, 1730; (IV)
- #4-30-114-697. Timothy; 1736-1813, m. Elizabeth Howe, 1771. (V)

Timothy<sup>o</sup> and Elizabeth Howe Rice lived in Belchertown. They had eight children, the youngest of whom, Horatio, b.1787, and m.ca.1808 to Elizabeth Allen, is followed in our Register.

Horatio's<sup>o</sup> third child, named Lyman<sup>o</sup>, was born in 1812 in Belchertown, and married Nancy Bugbee in 1837. By Nancy, Lyman Rice had two daughters. The second girl, Jeraine Catherine, married Henry E. Brown. The Browns' first-born was named Nellie; more about her later. Nancy Bugbee Rice died in 1847, and in 1850 Lyman married (2nd) Sophia A. Rice.<sup>o</sup>

Sophia Rice was the daughter of John Rice (#4-32-123-282-540) and Joanna Warriner, of Springfield, Mass.

The numbers identify this John<sup>o</sup> as the son of Nathan<sup>o</sup>, son of another John<sup>o</sup>, son of Ephraim<sup>o</sup> (#4-32), brother to the elder Peter Rice, their father being Thomas<sup>o</sup>(#4). Thus we have two lines to Edmund, through Thomas. (see page 16)

By Sophia, Lyman Rice had two sons. The first, Edward, died in his 21st year. The second, George Allen Rice, married Emily Gray (Gary?) of Palmer, Mass. in 1886.

George and Emily Rice had three children; Sophia Emily Rice, b.1889, m.1915 to George L. French; Edward G. Rice, 1892-1958; and Clarence Lyman Rice, who was born in 1898 and married Ruth Evelyn Scheibler in 1926. We presume that their son, Edward Gary Rice, is none other than our correspondent.

Both Edward and Clarence Rice served in World War I, Clarence seeing active duty at St. Mihiel Argonne. Their cousin, Nellie Brown, deserves a  
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further note. Born in 1864, Nellie graduated from Mt. Holyoke College and went on to Chicago to study Kindergarten Teaching. (All of this when few women had higher education, and kindergartens were few and far between.) Her life was spent teaching others her skills, as Director of the Bangor (Maine?) Kindergarten Training School, and as Supervisor of Public Kindergartens in Bangor. She was also, according to Cousin Edward, the "family genealogist."

We hope that others find these little bits of information about people as interesting as we do.

We also hope that Cousin Edward can make sense of all this, and that he will send us more information about himself and his children so that we can keep these records through future generations.

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#### Letters from our Cousins

A letter from our dear cousin, Seaver Rice, who is the Garrison Keihllor of the Adirondack Mountains (NY). Seaver's town and lake are real, however, not imaginary like Lake Wobegon. They are both named Saranac Lake. Seaver's roots are deep in this most beautiful mountain country, although he now lives in western Massachusetts.

Seaver's story is about his brother, Bugs, and a friend, George. They were very young men in April of 1906, when they were hired by the State to work on a reforestation project, planting seedling pines on abandoned land. Now Bugs and George were assigned to cook for the 50 hungry pine-planters. One afternoon one of them suggested that they cook rice for dinner. They talked it over and "decided that each worker in the field would normally eat in two helpings a pound of rice. They figured that 50 to 55 pounds of rice would suffice."

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Space does not permit us to continue the full quote and belabor the classic events which transpired when the rice started to boil. When Bugs and George had used up every container in camp, "panic set in. They feared the blunder would be discovered momentarily and were certain it would mean the termination of their jobs with the state. They decided to...keep enough to feed the fifty men, (and) bury the rest.

"Falling over each other in their haste, they began lugging out the pots and pans of steaming rice, and in a small clearing fifty yards back from the cook shed they dug a hole and buried the glutinous mass." In the center of the hole they planted three pine seedlings, and around the perimeter they set out ten or fifteen more. "They raked dirt and leaves over the spot. For once fate had blessed them. They left no clues."

The rest of the story is about the three pine seedlings which the boys planted in the hole, trees which became known as the "Rice Pines". For reasons which only Bugs, George and Seaver could guess, the three trees grew much faster than the others, reaching a height of 35' when the others were only about 15' tall. Even expert botanists could not figure out why the "Rice Pines" were so huge.

By 1934, when the CCC was assigned to prune the trees in that region, these three had continued to grow much taller than their neighbors. They "had become the three most dominant trees in the North Elba skyline." visible for many miles.

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### Reminder About Dues:

You will always be a descendant of Edmund Rice, but membership in the Rice Association requires some active show of interest. Any individual who can trace his or her ancestry to Edmund Rice may be a member, as well as his or her spouse.

Annual dues for each member are:  
For those under the age of 70, \$5.00;

For those aged 70 to 75, \$3.00; and

For those over 75, a note showing continuing interest (no money).

Checks, made out to "Edmund Rice (1638) Association", may be sent to:

Mr. William H. Drury, Treasurer,  
24 Buckman Dr. Chelmsford, MA 01824.

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### NOTE:

On the following page is a "genealogy blank". This is for you to use whenever you have any information to send us, not only about your ancestors, but also about members of your immediate family such as marriages, births, and deaths.

The information asked for at the top can be found in the Register and/or Supplement 2.

In the case of a marriage, the name of your relative 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.

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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.

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 if you know them.

Death notices need not be so elaborate, but the relationship of the deceased to other family members should be clear. This not only makes it possible for us to find the person's record, but also enables us to write a respectful obituary.

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 all genealogical information to:  
Corinne M. Snow, Historian,  
Edmund Rice (1638) Association,  
47 Sunset Drive, Delmar, NY 12054.

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#### How to Order Books:

The books on the next 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.

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Thank you, one and all.

#### 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.)

*Letters from our Cousins, cont.*

Unfortunately, the huge pines were cut down, apparently because they were suspected of infection with some kind of blight(!). Before they were destroyed, however, a study determined that indeed they were the same species of pine as all the others, but the botanists were unable to identify "the strange ground cover" which surrounded them. It was unlike anything found elsewhere in the Adirondacks!

Until he told the story, only Seaver, his brother and their friend, George, knew that the "Rice Pines" were not named after the family, but after their unique fertilizer!

Seaver, do you suppose it would work on balsam firs in Vermont?

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Mrs. Doris Long Mettler writes to send greetings from Colorado to all of you. She also invites you to join her in a little game:

Doris is descended from Henry, Edward and Thomas. However, there are three distinctly different lines from Thomas, and two different lines from Edward. This adds up to six distinct lines of her family tree which go back to Edmund.

Not including our president, Margaret Rice, who claims descent from each of Edmund and Thomasine's children, can anyone top this?

Let us know if you know of five or more ways in which you are descended from Edmund Rice.

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Ruth Brown from Sudbury writes that she couldn't get to the Annual Meeting because it conflicted with the Sudbury Minute(men) and Militia Fair, where her husband and daughter both had exhibits. As it turned out, the tail of the Hurricane that morning prevented her from attending either affair, but she asks if we could hold the meeting "on a Sunday now and then?"

We are particularly sorry you missed this meeting, Ruth, because we discovered, while perusing old issues of the Newsletter, that your husband, Joseph Brown, was the Massachusetts coordinator of the reenactment of Arnold's March, and that you missed the meeting that year, also, because of the March. This year's program would have brought back a lot of good memories!

In some years we have held the Annual Meeting on Sunday, and it seems as if there are as many conflicts on that day as on Saturday.

To all of you who are able, geographically, financially and physically, to attend a reunion:

Please drop us a postcard, to 47 Sunset Drive, Delmar, NY 12054, telling us which you prefer; the last Saturday or the last Sunday in September, and how do you feel about holding the meeting away from the Boston area? If away, would you like to have the meeting last overnight? Members could attend for either or both days, and motel reservations would be made for those wishing to spend the night.

We will be happy to pass the results of your comments on to the Committee.

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From our Canadian cousins:

Mildred Boombour of Morrisburg, Ontario, sends us a genealogy update and some unused U.S. 20¢ stamps.

Thank you, Mildred; the names will be added to the special files of Canadian cousins, and the stamps will bring you this copy of the Newsletter.

Mildred also tells of her daughter and son-in-law, who visited Wales last summer and attended the "Eisteddfod" in Rhyl. As a souvenir they brought her "a small wooden eggcup, handcrafted and stamped RHYS (pronounced Reece) but known to the many descendants as Rice."

"Rice" like "Snow" is a common name in Britain, especially in Wales. We know that Edmund Rice came from the exact opposite side of the British Isle; Bury-St. Edmunds and Berkhamsted are very near the east coast of England. We do not know where Edmund was born or what his background was.

According to my father, Erwin R. McLaughlin, who went to England some years ago to research this question, "Rhys" was a royal family name in Wales for centuries. He could find no trace of Edmund beyond Bury-St. Edmunds, however.

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Several of our Canadian cousins have shown interest in Timothy Sanford's work, reported in the last issue, on the descendants of the three Rice cousins who went to Nova Scotia in 1760. A progress report is in order.

Almost half of the names on Timothy's sheets are on computer, and work on the transfer continues. When this task is complete, a printout showing the various relationships and inter-relationships will be made.

Since Timothy is quite busy as a college student, and has already sent all of his material here, those of you who have information or questions about any of these descendants, please send them directly to me. Timothy's address, however, for those who would like to have it, is:

Timothy Sanford  
%Mrs. Loretta Sanford  
R.R.#4  
Annapolis Royal, N.S. Canada  
BOS-1A0

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To Philip Martin Rice: Our apologies for making false assumptions. Are we OK now?

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Henry Sawin sends us a copy of his grandfather's business card, which is reproduced here:

**C. H. SAWIN,  
GUNSMITH.**

Would inform his friends and the public, that he has resumed  
business at

**554 Main Street, Franklin Building,  
ROOM 12.**

**MANY KINDS OF LIGHT JOBBING.**

*All kinds of Gun Repairing, Keys Fitted, Scissors and Shears Sharpened, &c.*

The Business Card Of  
**CHARLES HORATIO SAWIN**

b. April 12, 1811 - d. July 28, 1888  
and whose descendants in the direct male line  
are

William Alphonso Sawin  
b. Feb. 22, 1846 - d. Aug. 30, 1919

Henry Alphonso Sawin  
b. April 21, 1914

David Arnold Sawin  
b. July 25, 1937

Paul Gordon Sawin  
b. Jan. 19, 1940

James David Sawin  
b. July 12, 1963

Stephen Wdoten Sawin  
b. July 30, 1965

Jason P. Sawin  
b. July 17, 1979

The Sawin family has been part of the Rice family since the second and third generations. Thomas Sawin was born in Watertown, Mass. in 1657, and married Deborah Rice in January, 1683-4. Deborah was the daughter of Matthew, Edmund's fourth son. Their son, John (See Cover Story, page 5), was born in 1689. One of John Sawin's grandsons was Charles Horatio Sawin, Hank's grandfather.

Hank, thanks for reminding us of this branch of the family tree. Rest assured that your grandchildren are definitely in the files and will not be left out.

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NEW MEMBERS:

The following cousins have joined our membership since the last issue went to press:

- Danielle, Deborah and Carole Appleton,
- Kimberley Martin,
- Mrs. Paul F. Armbruster and
- Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Neff.

Welcome to all of you. It is heartening to see our membership grow, and to sense that the "torch" will be carried on through future generations.

Welcome, also, to a new bride, Elyse Maxwell Knapp Nicholson, recently married to Allen Rice Nicholson, son of Col. Robert Kirk and Carolyn Rice Nicholson. Carolyn is a daughter of the late Col. Allen F. Rice and niece of our president, Margaret Rice.

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## Editor's Page

Speaking of future generations, we have a comment to add to our earlier request for information about marriages, new babies, etc.

Frequently in Ward's book, and occasionally in The Register, notes are added about the person's activities during his lifetime; where he lived, worked, or some other item of information. These notes give a third dimension to the bare vital statistics.

Our comment is to those of you who have information to send. Please don't hesitate to add similar notes about yourself or your relatives. Most of us do not feel that our own lives are that interesting; however, our generations are people on the move, much as our great-great grandparents were more than a hundred years ago. Those of us who have tried to trace them know how important a place-name, or a date other than birth and death, can be in locating a "missing link". We are also fascinated when we come across some item which gives us a glimpse of them as real people!

Information about where you live, where you came from and when, and what you are doing or have done, can make our work of even greater value. It is amazing, but such things which seem commonplace to us may be fascinating to future generations!

Thanks to all of you who are contributing to the Newsletter,

Mickey Snow

## Past Presidents of the Association

1954-1955:	Charles W. Rice	+ 74-55	61	Sgt 30
			62	Sgt
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			65	Sgt
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			69	Sgt
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			71	Sgt
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			74	Sgt 28
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			78	
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			80	Sgt 28 SA
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