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Dear Cousins;

As we mentioned in the September issue, we hoped to be, and now at last are, completely moved to West Dover, Vermont. We enjoyed the cook-out supper on Saturday, September 27, as much as any of our cousin-guests!

Now we are well enough settled to get back to "work" and bring out this issue of the Newsletter in time to wish you all a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!

You will need to take note of our changed (again!) address. It is a different box number:

P.O.Box 151,
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You will find in this issue a story about one of our cousins, Mr. Albert Lee Woody. As I transcribed his words I thought, "How nice to be telling everyone about this now, instead of summarizing it in an obituary!"

So, a word to the "wise" - don't be modest. If you've done anything in your life besides vegetate (and what Rice descendant ever "vegetated"?), write and let us know about it. If we're flooded with letters, we'll bring out more frequent issues of the Newsletter.

If you do have information to send about your ancestors or living relatives, please don't hesitate to add similar little notes about them. Our generations are people on the move, just as our great-great grandparents were. A place-name or an anecdote, or a date other than birth and death, can be of great importance in locating a "missing link", and also gives us and future generations a fascinating glimpse of these otherwise empty names as real people!

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

Mickey Snow

Summary of Minutes of the Annual Meeting

The Annual Meeting was held at the Town Hall in Dover, Vt., on September 27, 1986. With coffee in hand, cousins greeted cousins and enjoyed the camaraderie of the day, the historical surroundings and the excellent pastries. After a meeting of the Board of Directors, a gourmet luncheon was served at noon.

The meeting was called to order at 1:45 P.M. by President Margaret Rice, who extended a warm welcome to all, some from as far away as Georgia and Michigan.

The Secretary's report was read and approved. The treasurer's report was submitted by William Drury. It shows, in summary:

Total Income;	\$3,839.50
Total Expenses;	\$4,247.80
Balance on Hand; 8/31/86;	\$ 247.52
Assets;	31,829.31
	(Savings Funds)
	31,547.00
	(Value of Books)
Total Assets:	\$63,623.83

Our President, as Chairman of the Publishing Committee, announced that the new Rice book, Elsie Hawes Smith's EDMUND RICE AND HIS FAMILY, and Clayton S. Rice's WE SOUGHT THE WILDERNESS, published together in one volume, is now available. Supplement II, Part 2, still needs proofreading.

Further information from Bill Drury as Book Custodian will be found on pages 8 and 9.

Margaret Rice also announced a new chairman of the Membership Committee, Corinne (Mickey) Snow. The Ad Hoc Committee for the 1986 Annual Meeting consisted of Alex Snow, chairman, Mickey Snow, and Earle and Pat Vickery.

The Nominating Committee submitted the slate of officers which appears on the inside front cover. They were elected unanimously.

The traditional awards were given to the following:

Youngest member present;

Jeffrey Rice, age 2 1/2

Oldest member present;

Herbert Rice of Michigan, age 82

Member from the farthest distance;

Jane Rice McPherson, from Atlanta, Ga.
1150 miles.

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Our guest speaker was Mr. Stephen Sanders, an architectural historian from Halifax, Vt. Mr. Sanders assists the state in preparing detailed recommendations for places to be included in the National Historic Register. On September 20, through his efforts, the Village Area of West Dover was dedicated as a National Historic Area, and now Mr. Sanders is in the process of preparing similar recommendations for the "Old Town Hall", the building in which our meeting was held. It was built in 1825, and has certain architectural details which, if it can be proved that they were not added later, make it architecturally unique. In the West Dover Historic Area, all of the included buildings are in the Federal or Greek Revival style of architecture. They were built between 1805 and 1885 and, since the village center has changed little in the last century, the Historic Area is a microcosm of 19th century Vermont.

The first settler in the village came from Colrain, Mass., in 1796 and built a sawmill in what became the village center. The mill prospered, but it burned down in 1901. During the nineteenth century the village was a bustling center of rural commerce, with a church, a school, a general store, a post office, and mills which made lumber, furniture stock, potato starch, potash, and processed the Merino wool which was Vermont's largest industry at the time.

In the second half of the twentieth century the village has had a renaissance with the development of the Mt. Snow ski area. The very first settler in the area was one Daniel Rice, of the 7th generation from Edmund. In 1782 he settled where the ski area is now. The family homestead which his son, Ephraim, built in 1854 still stands, surrounded by condominiums and ski lodges. At both ends of the Village Historic Area are active commercial establishments and shopping malls. It is good that at least one part of this town is set apart to remind us of how the village used to be.

As a postscript, Mr. Sanders told us of the first settler on the land he now owns in Halifax, one Abner Rice of Worcester, Mass., who came there in 1761. Soon after settling in, poor Abner was "shot for a bear while sitting under an apple tree with friends." A Benjamin Henry bought the house in 1762, but Abner's burial place is unknown. Abner is not in the Rice Register, and both Mr. Sanders and your scribe would like to know if any of you can claim him or know anything about him?

After the meeting many of those present stayed to explore the area and enjoy the beautiful Fall scenery. In the evening these people came to your scribe's new home for a picnic supper, which was much enjoyed. Some stayed overnight at an Inn in the Village Area and joined us at the church service on Sunday morning. A very good time was had by all who attended.

Marian Wheeler (Mrs. Russell W.) sent an enthusiastic thank-you note, and, more important, reports that

"Russ and I did the honors of placing a wreath on Edmund Rice's grave on Wed. of that following week - a grapevine twined with bittersweet and a large gold 'velvet' bow to accent the red and yellow berries, which we thought was colorful and seasonal against the gray slate stone."

Thank you, Marian. It's good to know that our ancestral ties were properly memorialized. For this same reason, we have chosen to re-use a cover picture from the Fall, 1982 Issue; Louise Trudeau, editor. The picture was taken by William Drury.

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Report of Book Custodian, William H. Drury:

BOOK SALE !!! BOOK SALE

We goofed! When Supplement 2, Part 1 was printed, we got carried away. As a result, we are heavily over-stocked and our storage facility is bulging.

In an effort to reduce the inventory, we have decided to sell 100 copies of the book at HALF-PRICE.

While the supply lasts, you may purchase a copy of Supplement 2, Part 1, for \$12.50 plus the normal \$2.50 packing and shipping charge. This is a good chance to bring your library up to date. If you are still looking for Christmas presents, the book also makes a fine gift for your cousin who already has the Genealogical Register of Rice Descendants.

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The total retail value of all of the books on hand as of August 31, 1986, is \$31,547.00. To store these books properly costs \$400.00 a year. It was suggested and approved by the board of directors that the price on Supplement II part 1 be reduced so that more people may buy it.

Following is a list of all of the 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.)

cont.

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.

(\$12.50 plus \$2.50 postage and packing.)

MORE ABOUT THOSE RICES: by Elsie Hawes Smith (1954).

(\$3.50 plus \$1.00 postage and packing.)

EDMUND RICE AND HIS FAMILY: by Elsie Hawes Smith, and WE SOUGHT

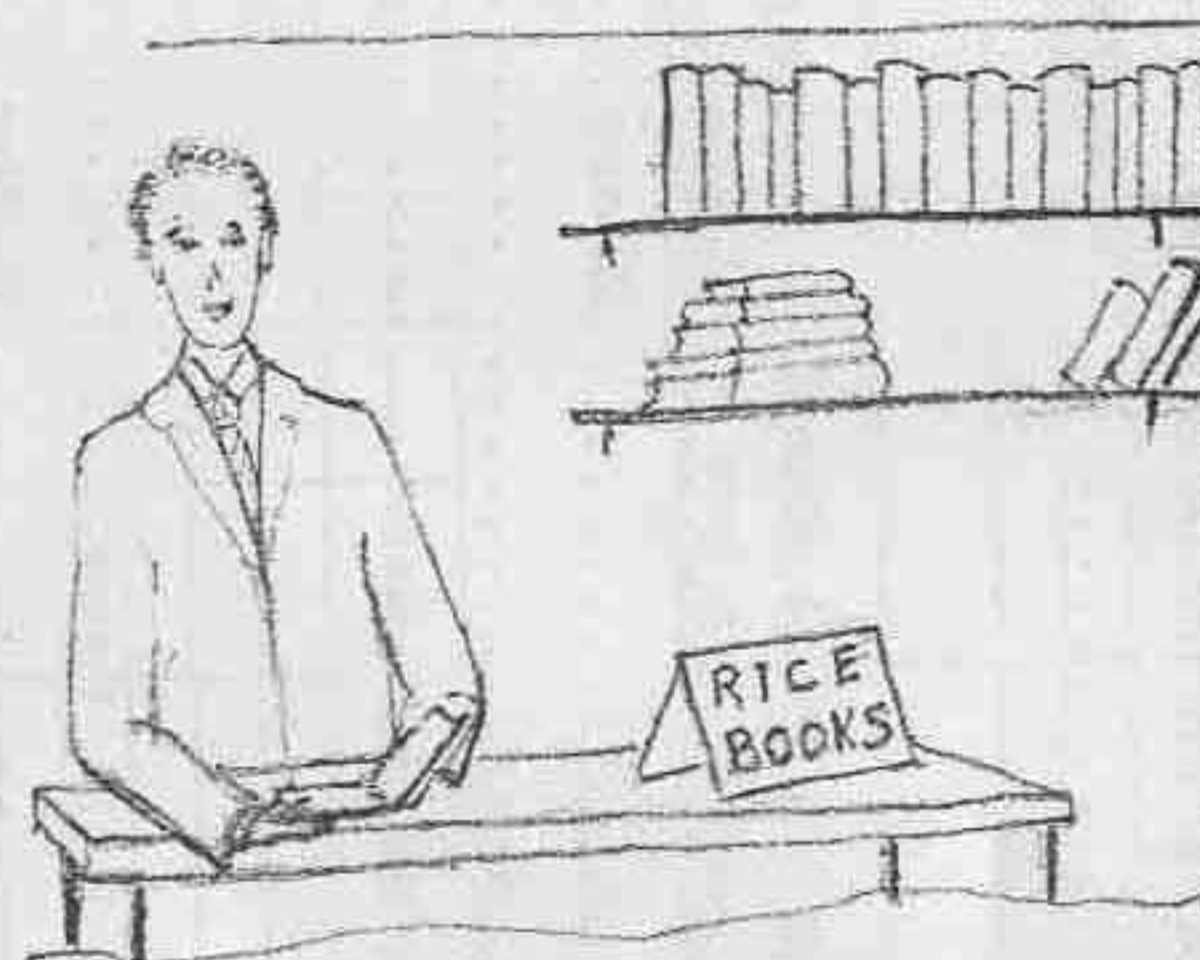
THE WILDERNESS: by Clayton S. Rice. (1986).

\$17.00 plus \$2.50 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.)



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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3.								
4.								
5.								
6.								
7.								
8.								

Marriages of These Children	To Whom Married	Date			Place	Present or Last Address
		Day	Month	Year		
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2.						
3.						
4.						
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Note: A. On reverse side list subsequent marriages and children, also any military service. B. Please fill out separate copy of this form for each individual in public lists.

NOTE:

To order books from the list on pages 8 and 9, send your check, made out to "Edmund Rice (1638) Association", to:

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

Dues should be sent to Mr. Drury at the same address.

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).

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In the center-fold 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.

Please return these forms and any inquiries about membership to:

Corinne M. Snow, Historian,
Edmund Rice (1638) Association,
P.O.Box 151,
West Dover, VT 05356

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Thank you, one and all.

Albert Lee Woody

Those of you who read this newsletter faithfully will remember a story about Mr. Woody's great-uncle, who was a dentist in Chicago at the turn of the 19th century. At our invitation, Mr. Woody has sent us the story of his own life and background, which we now present, with a few alterations demanded by space.

"When Jeduthan Rice (Mr. Woody's great grandfather, ed.) brought his family to Racine, Wisconsin, he was blind. He had been offered the job of Sexton for a church, and to augment his income he travelled about the country by horse and buggy peddling small household articles including Grandpa Rice's Salve. The motive power for his carriage was Old Molly, who is said to have known the routes with very little guidance. One of the girls in the family always went with Grandpa, and my mother, Mary Hoyt, was one of these. Once when they were travelling with Old Molly, Grandpa suddenly pulled up the reins and said, 'Bees!' Stopping to locate the source of the buzzing, they found a house nearby in which a group of people were engaged in a prayer meeting!

"One evening, after Grandpa had eaten his supper, he fell asleep, never to awaken."

Mr. Woody goes on to tell about himself, although he quotes Abe Lincoln, saying, "The world will little note nor long remember..."

"I was born February 15, 1901, in Chicago, Ill. My father, Thomas B. Woody from Richmond, Va., was a finish carpenter, and my mother had worked

as housekeeper and dental assistant to her great-uncle, Dr. Loomis Rice... When I was about one year old, my father...accidentally knelt on a tack and...not only lost his left leg but was an invalid for the rest of his life.

"In this situation the family was reduced on the social scale to becoming janitors of a building. In those days there was only one degree below that of janitor -- that of garbage man. Our local garbage man was named Mr. Johnson, a real gentleman, and his wife was the neatest housekeeper in the neighborhood.

"Although always conscious of my low social status, I led my class through Grammar school and played the violin at my graduation.... Following grammar school, at which time I had to go to work, my education was obtained in continuation schools and special classes, and in the High School and College of the Y.M.C.A. in Chicago. My first job was with Swift & Co. as yards messenger in the Union Stockyards at a salary of \$5.00 a week. A fortunate transfer to the City Office in downtown Chicago gave me some valuable business experience, especially on the Board of Trade.

"During these years...I became interested in telegraphy and then wireless. Studying on my own, I passed the Government examinations for amateur, Second Commercial and First Commercial Radio Operator at age 17. Being too young to join the Navy, I spent several years operating [radio communications] on ships on the Great Lakes and the oceans, with travel to Europe and South America, and very briefly at a broadcasting station.

"Finally, while employed in a radio supply store in Chicago, I found my great love--- the pantograph engraving machine. The operator of this machine wanted to quit, and my employer asked me if I wanted to learn to engrave. I jumped in with both

feet, and it became my life's work until I retired 41 years later.... Being inventive, I developed equipment and obtained three patents. On retiring I had one customer for whom I had worked continuously for 40 years.

"In his best years, my father had been an Oddfellow. Although too young to understand, I always remembered that when he was hospitalized at the end a fellow Oddfellow visited him every Sunday. This thought stayed with me, and I noticed that in business some persons were 'different'. So at age 24 I became a Freemason. This was the missing link, and has been my avocation for 60 years. After 'passing the chairs', I became a Grand Lecturer and in turn secretary of the Committee on Masonic Education and editor of the ILLINOIS MASONIC ENLIGHTENER, official publication of the Grand Lodge.

"Both my wife and I had family obligations... When these were finally discharged we were able to marry at 57 and 59 years. For a short time we had a Hobby Shop. When I retired I was holding down three jobs -- my engraving shop in the rear of the Hobby Shop, and giving three 12-hour days to the Committee on Masonic Education. (Then), seeking milder winters, we came to this (Bainbridge) Island in Puget Sound, across from Seattle. Here I discovered the Masonic Library in Seattle which needed the experience I brought from many years in the field of Masonic Education in Illinois. And here I am presently acting as Librarian until we can find young blood to carry on when we have gone on."

Thank you, Cousin Albert. We wish you many more years of happily busy retirement in the beautiful spot you have chosen.

Obituaries

January 10, 1986. J. Lawrence Kelly of Wellesley, Mass., was born in Ogdensburg, N.Y. and graduated from St. Lawrence University. He participated in four major naval engagements in the Pacific in World War II, and he remained active in the Naval Reserve throughout his career as an independent insurance broker until his retirement in 1972. He was also actively engaged in education and church work. In addition to his wife, who is a sister of Charles W. Rice, Mr. Kelly is survived by three sisters, three sons, one daughter and four grandchildren.

September 23, 1986. Rebecca McLaughlin Ulrich, of Hopkinton, N.H., was the granddaughter of Justina RICE Fessenden. She, also, graduated from St. Lawrence Univ. with a degree in Religious Education, and married Gustav H. Ulrich, a Universalist Minister. Together they gave their lives to helping others, from upstate New York, to rural North Carolina, to West Berlin, Germany, where they worked with refugees after World War II. Rebecca is survived by four sons and daughters-in-law, eight grandchildren, and many nieces and nephews, one of whom is your scribe.

Our faithful northwestern correspondent, Bill Barnard, has sent notice that Laredo Rogers Rice, of Bainbridge Island, Wash., husband's first name not given, died on October 10, 1986. This magnificent lady was born in 1892 in Arlington, Wash., and is survived by two sisters, a brother, a son, Bernard Bertrand Rice, four daughters, "15 grandchildren, numerous greatgrandchildren and one great great grandson." Can any of you Washingtonians identify this family?

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Letters from our Cousins

We have received several notes of regret from those who could not attend this year's Annual Meeting. Among them, for Ruth Brown of Sudbury it again conflicted with the Sudbury Minute(men) and Militia Fair. Kristina Rice (Mrs. Stanley), Doris Rice Fox, Mr. and Mrs. Robert Dansted (we hope your recovery from surgery is proceeding well, Lucille), Louise Rice McWilliams and Ruth McGuyre also sent delightful notes. Mrs. McGuyre, who lives in Wichita, Kansas, is active in the Mayflower Society, and will be in Massachusetts in September of 1987.

Janice Gleason Fenner, who lives on Long Island, N.Y., writes that she had hoped to visit her daughter in New Hampshire and come to the meeting. However, complicated circumstances prevented her from coming. She will attend next year, she says, "Wherever it is held!". Janice also has two sons, one in California and one in Michigan, and grandchildren scattered equally widely.

More fortunate was Jane Rice McPherson, of Atlanta, Ga. who also has children scattered all over the country (This situation is normal for many of us; the Rice chromosomes carry very strong genes for "moving out"). Jane was able to gather six family members, some who had not been together since childhood. It was a special treat to have her family group with us.

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About our Canadian cousins:

To those of you have asked about the genealogy of the Nova Scotia Rices; unfortunately, preparing for the Annual Meeting and then moving to Vermont precluded your scribe from putting all of the material on computer. You will be notified in these pages as soon as that task is complete and printouts are made.

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Other Notes from and about our Cousins

In the February, 1986, issue there was an article about Wrentham, Mass. based on information sent to us by Henry Sawin. Now Charles Whiting Rice, who has lived in Wrentham for more than sixty-five years, sends us some more information. There is so much of interest in Charles's letter that we must save it for another issue. Meanwhile, Cousin Charles, we would greatly appreciate copies of pictures and more details about the "Angle Tree Stone."

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Many thanks to those of you who have sent your updated genealogies, down to the most recent divorces, remarriages, and children. We again invite all those who have not, to do so. Don't be concerned that we may already have the information; we may, but we'll figure that out soon enough. We may NOT have some information which you think we do have, and we do want to keep our records as complete as possible.

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NEW MEMBERS:

A heartfelt welcome to the following cousins have joined our membership since the last issue went to press:

Carl C. Dexter, Linda Penfold,

Edward G. Rice, Rita Brugato and Sharon Naseck

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Past Presidents of the Association

- 1954-1955: Charles W. Rice
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