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President's Page

Unfortunately, President Margaret Rice's message did not arrive before we "went to press". Therefore, we shall use this space to tell you a little bit about our cousin, Margaret S. Rice.



Amesbury's Renaissance Woman

from "Seacoast Scene", July 23, 1986

Our president, Margaret Rice... Born in Brattleboro, Vermont, where her grandfather was



business manager of the Estey Organ Co., Margaret early learned the value of a trade or craft. When she was very little, her family moved to Amesbury, Massachusetts. Here Margaret grew up, a tomboy with two brothers, in that golden era when suburban living was rural living and a child could play in the woods and swim or fish in the creek without excessive concern for safety.

Amesbury is, historically, a manufacturing town. Ship-building and carriage-making were among its industries, and the little girl fell in love with the bright, shining carriages drawn by spirited horses parading down the main street at the Annual Horticultural Fair. She felt a great respect for her neighbors who were among the artisans who built these carriages. This respect continued into her adult life, when she spent many years working for Towle Silversmiths as manager of their "1690 House" in Amesbury, and as public relations director. In the latter job she traveled throughout the nation and into Europe, spreading the word about Towle silver and New England History.

She felt then, and now, that "a man who could engrave silver was just as valuable as, say, a doctor or a writer." Today her interest in history permeates her life, from her barn, where many of the old carriages are lovingly kept, to her house, which is NOT a "museum," but a well-kept, well-lived-in 200-year-old farmhouse furnished with beautiful old pieces.



Besides her activity in the Rice Association and the DAR, she has positions of leadership in at least a half-dozen local historical groups, including the Amesbury Improvement Association. She is quoted as saying that the residents of Amesbury should take great pride in their past. "Oh, sure," she remarked, "Newburyport has always looked down on Amesbury. Newburyport, after all, had the sea captains, and Amesbury had the mill workers....In the 1800's,...President Monroe [visited] the factories. Monroe was surprised to learn that the mill superintendent's daughter had worked in the mill. -It epitomizes the closeness of the community." Moreover, "the people who worked in these mills were very often artisans."

This insight and attitude epitomizes Margaret Rice.



Pictures from the Annual Meeting, Sept. 1987.



### Annual Meeting being planned for 1987

Our President, Margaret Rice, has invited us again to her charming home in Amesbury, Massachusetts, for the 1987 Annual Meeting. There has been enough response from you, our members, to warrant changes in the date set for the meeting. So note it now, and plan your vacation around it!

The date of the next Annual Meeting will be the weekend of August 22 and 23, 1987.

Your committee wishes to make this reunion a family occasion. Although the details will be announced later, it can be said now that since Amesbury is only a few miles from the ocean and some very nice beaches, it is a great place for a family beach party on Sunday! Bring your bathing suits!

The formal meeting will be held on Saturday at Cousin Margaret's. Hopefully, the weather will allow a picnic, followed by the formal program. The program itself will be brief and entertaining enough so that those of you who bring your children will not be distracted by too much restlessness.

Hoping to see you at a "real, old-fashioned family reunion!"

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### Notes from our Cousins

Velma Postma, who lives in Idaho, has discovered a genealogical gold mine in the Idaho State Genealogical library in Boise. She writes that she has "found my other Rice family - Abigail, daughter of Richard Rice. ...He settled close to where Edmund Rice was. No data shows they are related, but the possibility is there."

Velma also has information about Samuel King alias Rice for Verda Cornutt. Verda, if you're still looking for that, write to Mrs. Postma at 2233 Almo, Apt. 5 Burley, ID 83318. Velma also has learned that "Virginia Gowaty, of Gadsden, AL, has the same Rice line as James B. Daniels of Houston, Tex." She found data on the wives of that line when she was in Boise. If anyone is interested in the details, Mrs. Postma will be glad to answer your inquiries.

Phebe Lemon Shelby, of Valencia, California, is a Rice descendant and an active DAR member. She has generously sent us a copy of her "Christmas, 1986, Letter to Relatives", which contains news about Phebe's brothers, Steen and "Sammy J." Lemon, and her sister, Annabel Lemon Enslow, as well as some first cousins, all of whom, of course, are Rices. These people, who are all in their 70's, have been sick but are well again. Phebe, speaking of health and longevity, quotes her grandmother, Mary Charlotte Mandeville White (her "Rice" ancestor, who, incidentally, lived to be 89), as saying, "Don't wear out and don't rust out." Phebe herself adds, "I've always been the 'worst tomboy' in the family. 'Blessed are the Tomboys, for they shall inherit the kingdom of health.'"



Cousin Phebe also has grandchildren who deserve notice. Our congratulations to Karen Forbes, ("the straight A student") who will graduate from the University of Washington this June and marry soon afterwards. Karen's sister, Robin, will be graduating from high school, and so will Phebe's grandson, Douglas Stewart Shelby. Best wishes to all of you for a sound and happy future!

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Note to Cousin Charles Whiting Rice, Sr.: We are waiting for the pictures of the Angle Tree Stone; hope they're not lost in the mail!

As a personal "aside", we are grateful for the interest shown by several of you in THE DEACONS. The price of this semi-fictional novel about the Edmund Rice family is \$22.50, including postage, for a personally autographed copy. If you wish to give a copy as a gift, include the name of the recipient in your note, and the book will be personally inscribed to that person. Send your check with a note to your scribe,

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Thank you, one and all.

#### NEW MEMBERS:

A heartfelt welcome to the cousins who have joined our membership since the last issue went to press! Their names are:

- Ida Rice Abbott, of Baldwinsville, NY
- John W. Brink, of Whittier, Cal.
- Donald W. Birge, of Kenilworth, Ill.
- Carl C. Dexter, of Leslie, Mi.
- Tony Fusco, of Hamburg, NY.
- Patricia Goitien, of Peoria, Ill.
- Mrs. W.E. McCormack, of Walnut Cree, Cal.
- Sharon Nasack, of Forest Grove, Ore.
- Linda K. Penfold, of Brighton, Col.
- Mr. and Mrs. Emory Rice, Jr., of Annapolis, Md.
- Burdette Sallans, of Salem, NY, and
- Martin B. Thiede, of Sun City West, Ariz.

We welcome all of you; those who have been members in the past, and those who are "brand new." For some of you who are "brand new", we have only the brief genealogy you sent with your application. It would help greatly if you would send me as much information as you can, dates of birth, marriage and death of the ancestors who are not yet in our records, and whatever you know about their brothers and sisters, also.



Now that Supplement 2 part 2 has gone to the printers, we are no longer asking for material on a special form, nor are we placing that form in the centerfold. Therefore, write out your information any way you like, but do please write it!

All of the new information which we receive, not only about ancestors but also about members of your immediate family such as recent marriages, births, and deaths will be put on computer, so that it will be easy to compile another "Supplement" when the time comes again to update our family records.

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One of the important things which your dues pay for is this Newsletter, which goes regularly to members only. We do, however, send copies of one or two issues to people who are interested but not yet members, as a way of inviting them to join us. The rest of this note is for them, and for any of you who know someone who would like to join our Association.

The descendants of Edmund Rice were holding annual reunions as early as 1851, but it was not until 1912 that the Edmund Rice (1638) Association was formed. Incorporation under Massachusetts law took place in 1934.

The purposes of the Association are the sharing and dispensing of knowledge about Edmund Rice and his descendants, and the promotion of fellowship among its members and friends.

Membership is open to anyone who claims to be a lineal descendant of Edmund

Rice. It should be noted that rigorous proof of descendancy is not required. In fact, many members have been able to ascertain their pedigree only after access to the books and files of other members. (Spouses are also eligible for membership, incidentally.)

Here is a form which you may fill out if you are not yet but would like to be a member of the EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION.

#### MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

I wish to become a member of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc.

Enclosed are annual dues of \$\_\_\_\_\_ for the year September 1, 1986 to September 1, 1987.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

The list of my lineage follows:

1. Deacon Edmund Rice & Tamazine Frost
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- 3.
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*Further Information:**Annual Dues 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).

To pay dues or to order copies of books published by the Association, (see page 14) please write, enclosing a check for the appropriate amount, to:

Mr. William H. Drury, Treasurer,  
Edmund Rice(1638)Association  
24 Buckman Drive  
Chelmsford, MA 01824

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All other correspondence should be sent to:

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**BOOKS!...BOOKS!...BOOKS!**

Our publications committee has been diligently working on "the dissemination of historical and genealogical information." First, they have reprinted two interesting books in one volume: Elsie Hawes Smith's *EDMUND RICE AND HIS FAMILY* and Clayton S. Rice's *WE SOUGHT THE WILDERNESS*.

Second, Supplement II, part 2, is at the printers, and should be available this summer. This is the book which so many of you helped to write, by sending in your genealogies and information about yourself and your own descendants. This will be a book to buy for your grandchildren, so that they may know their heritage.

Supplement 2, Part 1 is admittedly not for everyone. However, those of you who have worked long and hard to find your connection with the previously-known Edmund Rice descendants, and finally found and sent in information about your grandparents, etc., will find all of that information here. As we have reported, we are having an inventory-reducing sale of this book. Those of you whose link to Edmund Rice is documented here should send for your copy now, at \$15.00, including mailing costs.

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## Books Available from the Rice 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.  
(Special Price: \$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.  
(reprinted in one volume, 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.)

*Paradise Lost? An Historical Tale*

*Our story this time is about the beginnings of Boston and the Towns around it. This all took place before Edmund and Thomazine brought their family here; so it is not about our Rices as such. However, it provides a glimpse of the social climate which they found when they arrived. We are indebted to Mrs. Phebe Shelby and to Mr. Allen Royce of the (Robert) Royce Family Association for much of the information.*

*In 1630, a group of English Puritans, in the grip of a "dynamic religious revival with a burning desire to do the will of God,"[1] gathered under the leadership of John Winthrop and the Rev. John White. On the day after Easter they embarked from Southampton, England, and on June 12 they dropped anchor in Boston Bay. Winthrop, inspired by the scripture; "a city set upon a hill cannot be hid," hoped to plant a new Zion in the wilderness.*

*Among the nearly 1,000 people who accompanied or followed Winthrop that year to what was to become Boston were Robert Royce and his wife Elizabeth. They settled on Beacon Hill, near the Meeting House, and struggled to survive the remainder of the summer and the privations of the harsh winter which followed. Only in the Spring of 1631 were they able to plant crops, catch fresh fish and begin to get enough to eat. Every ship that sailed into the bay brought not only welcome provisions, but also new immigrants to the colony. The "City on the Hill" could not contain them all, and in rapid succession Roxbury, Newtown, Charlestown and Dorchester were settled.*



In 1634, an ancestor of Phebe Shelby named Richard Baker arrived and settled in Dorchester. He found the area rife with controversy and not at all like "Zion". During the previous year the famous preacher, John Cotton, had come to Boston, and in the Fall of 1634 the charismatic Anne Hutchinson arrived. "The orthodox Puritan belief...was that God's grace manifested itself publicly so that all could see it. Anne Hutchinson claimed that God's grace was an internal affair between each person and God." [2] Cotton, refusing to disavow her, apparently agreed with Anne Hutchinson. He also was pressed by his admirers to usurp the position of the Rev. John White. A petition to that effect was circulated and signed by many, including Robert Royce.

Rev. White and John Winthrop reacted to the petition with bitter resentment. As so often happens in such controversies, the principals forgot their principles and remembered only that their opponents were WRONG. Winthrop exerted his political power and called on Cotton's followers to "recant". Those who refused followed John Cotton into exile to establish the colony of Providence in Rhode Island.

Royce, a shoemaker with a family to support and a business which was just becoming successful, withdrew his signature from the "guilty" document and stayed in Boston. A few years later, however, he took his family to settle in Stratford, and later in Wallingford, Conn. (Robert Royce is no relation to Edmund Rice, but because they were contemporaries and are frequently confused with each other, your scribe finds Robert interesting.)

Meanwhile Richard Baker found that on a secular level the community was quite lawless. Boston from the beginning attracted seamen, merchants and riff-raff who knew nothing of the high ideals of Puritanism. Baker thereupon founded what he called "The Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company", named after a centuries-old organization in England. This was a "Volunteer emergency-help group or fire brigade." They rescued people who were lost or in trouble, fought fires with a bucket brigade, and even on occasion fought Indians. This "Company" remained active for nearly two decades until the Bay Colony finally organized itself well enough to provide official, paid help. [3]

This was the atmosphere that Edmund Rice encountered when he arrived in Boston in 1638. It is no wonder that he went directly to Watertown, and as soon as possible out to Sudbury, where he could help to establish the kind of freedom he was looking for!

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1. from the Royce Newsletter
  2. same
  3. from Phebe Shelby



## Obituaries

On July 10, 1985, Carol Alice Rice Matheson, age 45, the daughter of Herbert and Hazel Rice. We met Herbert and Hazel at the 1986 Annual Meeting, and learned of this there. Our belated sympathy to your family.

In August, 1985, Ethel Rice Lewis, a long-standing, enthusiastic member of the Association, in Lafayette, La.

On July 14, 1986, Mrs. Frances Louise Rice Collins, age 60, of Natick, Mass., died suddenly. She is survived by her husband, Russell B. Collins, one daughter and two grandsons, two sisters and a brother. Much sympathy to this family.

On December 10, 1986, Irene I. Rice Butler, age 94, of Waltham. This lady is survived by two sons and a daughter, six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren!

On December 19, 1986, Elizabeth Randall Rice Churchill, age 86, died in Rehoboth (near Attleboro) Mass. She is survived by a daughter, Nancy Hammond, and a daughter-in-law, with whom she lived, and seven grandchildren.

On December 31, 1986, Hellen A. Rice Yetton, age 80, of Framingham, Mass., died after a brief illness. This lady was the daughter of Charles and Mary Hooper Rice, and was born in Sudbury. She is survived by four sons, two daughters, 24 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren!

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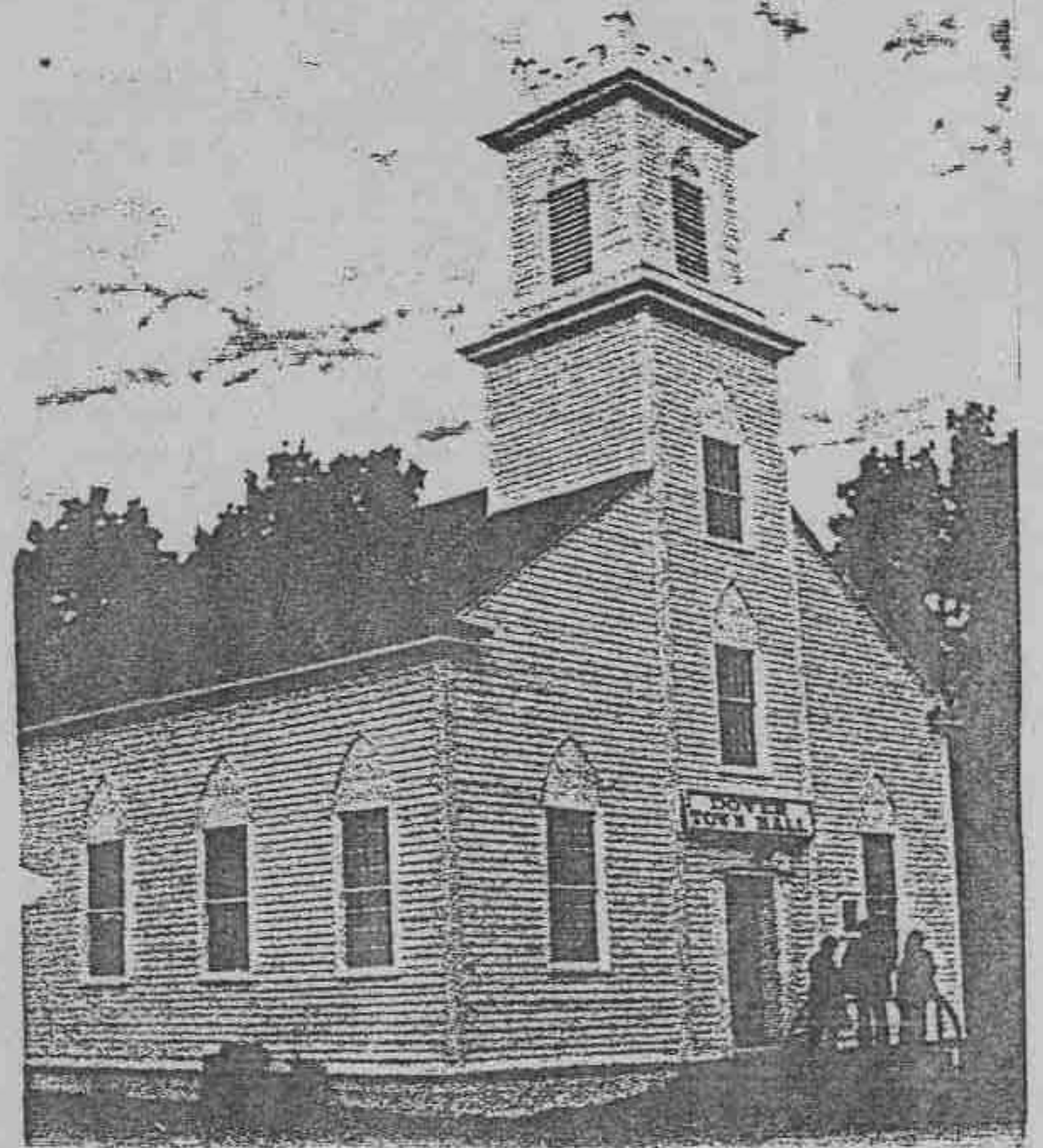


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NEWS LETTER

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Scene of 1986 Annual Meeting

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