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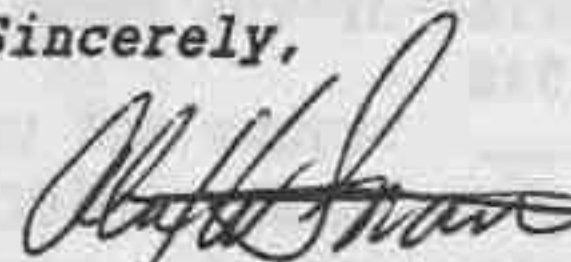
Dear Cousins,

Spring has come at last to our mountain top. Many of you are already into summer, and some of you are still recovering from winter storms; but it is definitely spring here. Now we are finishing plans for this year's reunion, which will be this summer, on the weekend of August 20 and 21. Save the dates!

The meeting will be in Westborough, Mass., and from there we will move on to Concord. There is Colonial history there (17th century), Revolutionary history (18th century), literary history (19th century) and even fun things to do right here and now!

So we are really looking forward to seeing you in August!

Sincerely,



Alex Snow, president

EDITOR'S NOTE:

A word of thanks to everyone who has sent in material for the Newsletter. From comments we receive, it seems as if our readers enjoy the stories as much as we enjoy reading and transcribing them! Keep the stories coming! Almost anything goes, as long as the subject is a Rice descendant. For example, in this issue we range from early marriages to someone as recent as a nineteenth-century grandfather. Also, since your scribe is not truly a genealogist, we also hope that you who are properly equipped will take the queries seriously, and that someone will have the asked-for information to share.

Before we go on to the fun part, a word about dues. Nearly all of you have paid for 1988; a few have been removed from membership because of failure to pay for three years or more; some still are in arrears for one or two years. If you are one of these, and if you enjoy receiving this Newsletter, don't let any more time go by before you send your check! (Over 70 years young, \$3.00/year, over 75, \$0, but a note would be nice.)

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Now for a sneak preview of the Reunion.
August 20 and 21, 1988

It is time to think about including a trip to Massachusetts in this year's vacation plans - the Reunion this year should be not only interesting, but fun for everyone.

The meeting itself will be at the Indian Meadows Country Club in Westborough, where many of the second and third generation Rice's lived. Our speaker will be Cousin Marian Wheeler, of Concord. If you have always thought of Concord as some far away place with a

bridge where someone fired a shot somehow "heard round the world", you will learn that Concord is indeed where the Revolutionary War started, but it is also much, much more.

For you who stay over Saturday night and join us in Concord Sunday morning, there will be a bus tour of the town. Afterwards you may stay as long as you like and spend as much time as you like visiting the places which interest you the most.

(Your scribe is hoping to go canoeing on the Concord River, and there is swimming at Walden Pond, to say nothing of shops and historical sites, which open at 1:00 P.M.)

All of the details will be in the next issue of the Newsletter. For now, to give us an inkling of how many of you might join us, please clip out and return the coupon below if you hope to come. If you do plan to stay Saturday night, on the next two pages is a list of places to stay so that you can make timely reservations.

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Yes, I/we hope to come to the Rice Annual Reunion ____.

I/we expect to stay for supper ____, overnight ____.
There will probably be ____ (number) in our group.

Name _____
Address _____

(This is not a commitment.)

LIST OF PLACES TO STAY

INNS in and near CONCORD:

Anderson Wheeler Homestead, 154 Fitchburg Tpke, at "Nine-Acre Corner", 3 1/2 miles south of Concord. Five rooms. Tel.617-369-3756

Col.Roger Brown House, Rte.62 at Damon Mill Square 3 miles west of town in the area of the old train station. Tel.617-369-9119

Colonial Inn, in Town Center, Monument Square and Bedford St.(Rte. 62). 60 rooms. Tel.617-369-9200

Hawthorne Inn, 462 Lexington Road, across from "The Wayside." Seven rooms. Tel.617-369-5610

MOTELS near CONCORD:

Sheraton Boxborough, on Rte. 2 at I-495, Exit 28. We will have supper and breakfast here. Tel.617-263-8701

Howard Johnson's, on Rte.2 also, but nearer Concord than the Sheraton. Tel.617-369-6100

15 cent stamp

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P.O.Box 151
West Dover, VT 05356

MOTELS in LEXINGTON: (ZIP 02173)

Sheraton Lexington Inn, 727 Marrett Road.

Day's Inn, 440 Bedford St. Tel.617-861-0850

Battle Green Motor Inn, 1720 Massachusetts Ave, Tel.617-862-6100 (outside Mass.) 1-800-343-0235

Bed & Breakfast in LEXINGTON:

Ashley's B&B; Joan & Fletch Ashley, 6 Moon Hill Rd

BEDFORD is 4 miles north of Concord on Rte.4 - not too far, and probably less expensive. (ZIP 01730)

Bedford Travelodge, 285 Great Road - Route 4 & 225 Tel.617-275-6120

Stouffer Bedford Glen Hotel, 44 Middlesex Turnpike off Rte. 3 & 62. Tel.617-275-5500

Bedford Motel, 30 North Road - Rte 4 & 225. Tel.617-275-6300

Lord Bedford Motor Inn, 340 Great Road -Rte 4& 225 Tel.617-275-6700

Bedford B&B; 48 Springs Road Tel.617-275-9025

Old Stagecoach B&B; 36 Old Stagecoach Road Tel.617-275-1312

An agency with B&B in both LEXINGTON and BEDFORD:
"Bed and Breakfast in Minuteman Country"
Tally Carruthers, director,
Box 665, Cambridge, MA 02140 Tel.617-576-2112

CAMPGROUND: Crystal Springs, Bolton, MA 01740
On Rte. 117, 2 miles west of I-495

A QUERY

Cousin Anthony Fusco has sent the following:

"RICE - GOODENOE/GOODENOUGH/GOODNOW - GATES - LAWTON researcher is interested in contacting other descendants of these lines.

"Abigail Rice[5]

(Adonijah[4], Judge Jonas[3], Thomas[2], Edmund[1]) married David Goodenough in 1776. I have considerable information on GOODENOUGH and LAWTON to share. Would like additional information on Abigail's ancestors. Will accept all LAWTON information especially Noyes and Amos Sheffield LAWTON.

"The first issue of 'LAWTON ISSUE', a quarterly family journal for LAWTON researchers will be available early in 1988."

Anyone able to help or sharing Cousin Anthony Fusco's interest in the Lawton and Goodnow families, please contact him at

6010 McKinley Pkwy
Hamburg, NY 14075

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PERSONAL NOTES:

- Mr. and Mrs. Albert Kump have completed their two year's mission for the L.D.S. in Palmyra, N.Y., and have returned to their home in Jerome, Idaho.
- Bill and Jane Drury report the arrival of their first grandchild, a girl, Abigail Rebecca, daughter of Robert Boyd and Kathleen Ledger Drury, on March 18, 1988. Congratulations to the proud parents and grandparents!

PERSONAL NOTES, cont.

- John E. Rice reports the marriage of his nephew, Richard A. Wood, to Peggy Couan on August 15, 1987. Richard is the son of John's sister, Harriet Ellis Rice Wood and Joe Frank Wood. The couple will be residing in Juneau, Alaska.
- To Mike King: Have misplaced the great pictures you sent; I hope to find them and use them in a special story next issue.

NEW MEMBERS:

- Ornelda Postma, great-granddaughter of Louis Rice Chaffin. (See Winter, 1984-'85 Newsletter for the story of Louis Chaffin's trek to Utah with the Mormon pioneers.)
- Arla Rice Staublin, daughter of Philip M. Rice, and great-great granddaughter of Jonathan Rice. (See Story in Winter, 1988, issue, and also in this issue.)
- Eric D. Rice, son of Clarence Depew Rice, descendant of Edward, and brother of Gayna Rice (Kauffman).

A warm welcome to all of these cousins!

P.S. In the last issue we asked to hear from oldsters in New Jersey who are tenth generation Rices. We have not heard from any; so we must conclude that Mrs. Fox and Marian Vanden Bosch are tied for the honor of being the only ones!

BOOK LIST

The following books are published by the Rice Association, and may be purchased at the prices indicated by sending a check to:

William H. Drury, Treasurer,
EDMUND RICE ASSOCIATION
24 Buckman Drive,
Chelmsford, MA 01824

THE RICE FAMILY: by Andrew Henshaw Ward (1858) reprint.
A genealogical history of descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice, who came from Berkhamsted, England, in 1638, and settled at Sudbury, Massachusetts. - 379 pages.
\$20.00 plus \$2.50 postage and packing.

SUPPLEMENT to THE RICE FAMILY: Published by the Association in 1967. Additions and corrections to the above volume. (soft cover) 110pp.
\$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 RICE DESCENDANTS: (1970)
A continuation of A.H.Ward's RICE FAMILY and the Supplement, bringing it up to date at the time of publication. 1594 pages. \$25.00 plus \$2.50 postage and packing.

SUPPLEMENT #2, Part 1. (1983) Additional lines of descent through the first eight generations, unknown at the time of publication of the above books. - 224 pages. \$12.50 plus \$2.50 postage and packing.

SUPPLEMENT #2, Part 2. (1987) Continuation of the above books into the 14th and 15th generations.- 663 pages. \$30.00 plus \$2.50 postage and packing.

BOOK LIST cont.

The following books are "historical narratives", mostly factual, but told as a story. Much genealogical information is woven into the story line.

EDMUND RICE and HIS FAMILY: by Elsie Hawes Smith (1938)
A charming story of the early days of the Rices in Massachusetts.

WE SOUGHT THE WILDERNESS: by Rev. Clayton Rice (1949)
A story of some of the Rices who pushed westward after short stays in Vermont and New Hampshire.

These two books are reprinted in one volume (1986) - 357pp
\$17.00 plus \$2.50 postage and packing.

MORE ABOUT THOSE RICES: by Elsie Hawes Smith (1954)
A sequel to *Edmund Rice and His Family*, with information about Rices who migrated from New England, as well as some of the more famous Rice "cousins" - 109 pages.
\$3.50 plus \$1.00 postage and packing.

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There are still a few copies left of *The Deacons*, (1980) the full-length novel about Edmund Rice and his family, notably his sons, Thomas and Edward, by your scribe, Corinne Snow. This book was not published by the Association, and may be obtained by writing to me at

Windy Hill Words,
P.O.Box 151, West Dover, VT 05356.
\$20.00 plus \$2.50 postage and packing.

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OBITUARY; Seaver Rice

On February 21, 1988, after 95 years of observing, loving and commenting about the vagaries of humanity, your scribe's pen pal and role model said goodbye to this world. We saw him only once; a memorable occasion at a Rice reunion. Seaver was called for the "umpteenth" time to accept the prize for being the oldest person present. Wiry, a little bent, with a smile which animated every motion, he walked to the front of the room.

"I won't take it," he said in a voice that carried to the back of the room. "'Tain't fair. Ella Knapton's near as old as I am, but she's never gotten the prize, because I'm always here."

His eyes sought Ella Knapton in the audience, and when he found her he took the prettily wrapped package. With a flourish and a bow, gentleman that he always was, he handed the prize to Mrs. Knapton.

Seaver was born in 1893 in Saranac Lake, N.Y., where his father, Walter Rice, ran a "rest cure" home for tuberculosis patients. He graduated from Dean Academy in Franklin, Mass. in 1912, and soon after went to work for the American Optical Co. in Southbridge, Mass. In World War I he served as a sergeant in the First Division, participating in five separate battles in France and Germany.

Seaver's home was in Southbridge all of his adult life. He loved Southbridge, and was active in just about everything in which a person can be active in such a town. He was also devoted to the Rice Association, and served as its president in 1975-'76.

His claim to fame for your scribe, however, was his avocation of writing delightful pieces which appeared

weekly in the Southbridge News. Some of these have been reviewed in this Newsletter.



News file photo
Seaver Rice on a visit to the The News, where he "held court" each week as he turned in his column.

Seaver Rice is survived by a nephew, Charles W. Rice, Sr. of Wrentham, two nieces, Laura Rice Kelly and Judith Rice Vandergriff, and ten grand-nieces and nephews.

The Southbridge News said of Seaver Rice: "Southbridge's most beloved storyteller, writer, historian, philanthropist, neighbor and friend died peacefully, with his trademark beret perched on his head."

Amen.

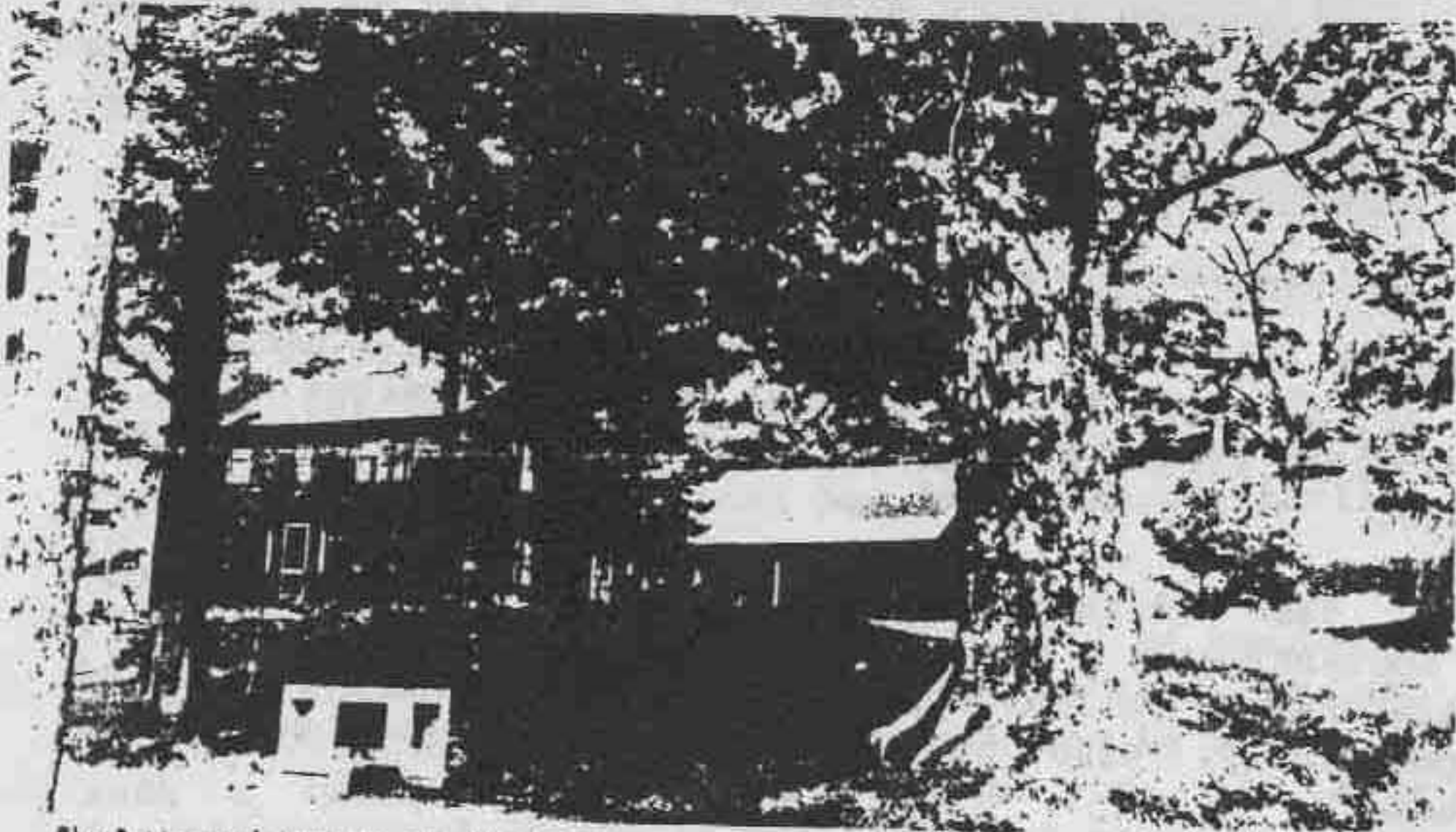
STORIES

The Buttonwood Tree

If you come east for Reunion this summer, and have a few extra hours for the trip from Albany to Westborough, don't take the Massachusetts Turnpike but rather come by way of Route 2, the "Mohawk Trail". It is a scenic trip, well worth the extra time.

When you come down from the Berkshire Mountains into the Town of Charlmont, where the road runs along the Deerfield River for a spell, keep your eyes peeled for the Moses Rice Homestead and the Buttonwood Tree.

Moses Rice (son of John, son of Edward) was the first settler of Charlmont, and when he first visited his land in 1741 to clear it, it is reported that he "slept under the Buttonwood tree."



The Buttonwood tree spreads its branches over the Moses Rice Homestead; to the right in the background is the monument, and in the left foreground is the Captain Moses Rice fountain.

Captain Moses had finished his house and brought his family from Worcester to live there in 1743. In 1746 the town was raided and destroyed by Indians. Moses Rice escaped with his family just in time to avoid massacre, but when he returned he found his homestead in ruins. He rebuilt his house under the Buttonwood tree, and continued to raise his seven children there. "Having previously been a prominent man in two towns (Sudbury and Worcester) before he moved to Charlemont, he was there looked upon and looked up to, as the head and father of that infant plantation." (Ward: pg.51)

However, on June 11, 1755, the Indians returned. From ambush, while Moses and a friend were out plowing, they shot and scalped both men, and took Moses' 8-year-old grandson, Asa Rice, into captivity. The men are buried on the hillside above the tree and the site marked by a monument, "but more fitting than other, while it remains, will be the living monument of the Buttonwood tree."

We are very grateful to Cousin Burton Rice, who lived in Charlemont for a couple of years some 55 years ago, for this story. (Cousin Burt now lives in Baribeau, Maine, in a place with the intriguing name of "Mallard Pond Apartments")

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More about Illinois Rices

In the last issue we told about Jonathan Rice, son of Martin and descendant of Joseph through his son, Caleb. Jonathan, born in 1811, left home as soon as he was grown and moved west, going as far as Peoria County, Illinois, settling in the town of Dunlap. In Dunlap he met and married Sarah Dennis, a young lady who had come with her parents from Ohio.

They were married in 1841, and by 1845 they had two sons, Elisha and James. Jonathan enlisted in the Civil War in 1861 (at the age of 50!) and saw action at Vicksburg and Jackson, Miss. He was mustered out in 1864 in Springfield, Ill, while sixteen-year-old James joined an organization for men too young to enlist, and "rendered valuable service to the cause of the Union".

Now Wava Rice writes to tell us of Elisha, James' brother. On August 27, 1861, Elisha, then 15 years old, enlisted in Co. A, 47th I.V.I., forming part of the Army of the Mississippi. He took part in the siege of Vicksburg and most of the action in that area. He was mustered out at Springfield, Ill, on October 6, 1864, at the age of 18!

Elisha settled on a farm near Dunlap, Ill., where he had been born, and on December 27, 1866, he married Elizabeth Stewart. They had five sons and two daughters, and eventually ten grandchildren.

Elisha owned 315 acres of farmland. As each son came of age he was given the farm to manage for one year, keeping all of the profit. This gave the sons a good start in life; and each girl received the equivalent in money in her turn. (Did they run the household for their mother, as their brothers ran the farm, in order to earn the money? ed.)

In addition to farming, Elisha Rice was School Director, a Republican, and a member of the Presbyterian Church in Dunlap. He wrote home frequently during his service in Mississippi, and Wava's husband, Fletcher Rice, Elisha's grandson, has preserved many of his letters. Wava tells of visiting the National Cemetery in Vicksburg, and of the thrill of reading Elisha's name on the Illinois monument to those who fought there.

Thank you, Wava, for this additional view of our migrating ancestors.

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Meanwhile, Back East, in Albany, New York:

Lois Pickering, of King Ferry, N.Y., sends the following vignette about her great-great-grandparents, which we reproduce here *verbatim*.

Jean Cumming(s) and Joseph Taft Rice were married September 4, 1811. He was a silversmith in Albany, the son of Silas and Elizabeth (Taft) Rice; she was born on September 20, 1793 in Strathspey, Scotland, the daughter of Gilbert and Anna (Taylor) Cumming(s).

Gilbert Cumming(s) came to Albany, N.Y. from Scotland in October 1803, with his daughter Jean, his wife Anna having died, and followed the goldsmith's trade. The story has been handed down relating to the

austerity of that early Albany household in which Gilbert Cumming(s) - a strict Scotch Presbyterian-reigned supreme. Jean's marriage to the strapping six-foot-three Joseph Taft Rice, who worked for her father, in no way ended parental discipline. Just a few weeks after her marriage, Jean Cumming(s) Rice was coming down the staircase, her hands resting on the shoulders of her husky young husband, who preceded her. In exuberant spirits, the girl-bride so far forgot herself as to jump over the last few steps in view of her disapproving father. The father called his daughter into the library, slipped off his heavy house slipper, and administered the ageless corrective measures of parents for this 'unseemingly frivolity.' Indignant at this treatment of his wife, young Rice threatened to take her and leave the house, but a repentant and doting father slipped out and brought home an exquisite \$50 shawl as a peace offering.

There is a silver pitcher decorated with borders of agrarian motifs made by Joseph Taft Rice in the vault of the Albany Institute of History and Art.

Thank you, Lois, for this delightful tale.

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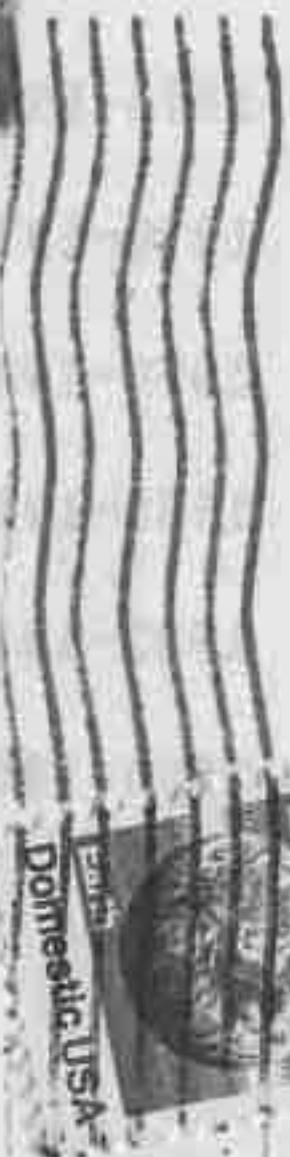
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