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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

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Dear Cousins,

All of a sudden it's summer! And the Annual Reunion is less than two months away!

Special greetings to all those of you who will not be able to join us in August; we will miss you, and you will miss a good time, but we understand.

To those of you who will be coming to Westborough and Concord, we have tried to plan an interesting and enjoyable weekend. We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, August 20, and to exploring Concord with you on Sunday, August 21.

Sincerely,

### LETTER

Ruth Cummings of Jensen Beach, Fla. writes to inform us that her uncle, Frederick R. Rice, has been omitted from the list of past presidents. We are aware that the list is imperfect, and ask anyone else who notes an error to write and tell us about it.

Cousin Ruth also reminisces that during Fred Rice's tenure the First Volume of the Register of Rice Descendants was in preparation. "Uncle Fred and Aunt Wilna compiled the names and pertinent data for the book. Their dining room was large, and a good thing, too, for at least one-third of it became devoted to boxes and boxes of cards for all of the names which subsequently became the Register.

"Fred published the Newsletter for some period of time in which he asked for names, descendants, and addresses of Rice relatives. He wrote many letters, answered many, went to Court Houses, Cemeteries, State Houses and wherever else he could verify anything about "those Rices", including Salt Lake City. It must have taken him ten years, if not more, to gather all the information. After a while, Fred and Wilna could only use one half of the dining-room table. Too many boxes. Seating became a real problem when the family gathered there for Thanksgiving - we always joked that we had a 'great many relatives' for dinner."

Thank you, Cousin Ruth, for this little vignette, and for the copy of the 1973 Newsletter which contains your uncle's obituary.

And thank goodness for computers today! This, Cousins, is why we ask for any and all new genealogical data now; so that when the time comes to publish another supplement, no one's dining room will have to fill up with boxes!

QUERIES

First we welcome a new member:

Julie Helen Otto, of Somerville, Mass., is descended from Edmund's son Joseph, through women who married Stone, Fiske, Fay, and Follett. We welcome you warmly, Cousin Julie, and hope that someone has some answers to your questions.

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Cousin Julie's great-great grandmother, Eugenia Everest, married George Follett, a known Rice descendant. Eugenia's sister, Helen Armenia Everest (daughters of David D. and Parmelia Everest) married one Albert Rice, who was born in 1822 or '23 in Vermont, and died at Keesville, Essex Co.N.Y. on 15 Feb. 1881. His father was born in Massachusetts, his mother in Vermont, and he ran a "country store" at Por Kent, N.Y., near Keeseville.

The children of Albert and Helen (Everest) Rice were: 1. Frank W. Rice, b.1852, d.1914 unm.

2. Kittie Tallmadge Rice, b. 1862, m. Cornelius D.Hoagland, living in Bellrose, L.I. in 1914.

Edward Albert Rice, b.1864, d.1884, unm.

For anyone who knows anything of the forebears of Albert Rice or the descendants of Cornelius and Kittie Rice Hoagland, the address is:

Julie Helen Otto 188 Lowell St. Somerville, MA 02144

The cover picture was taken in the early 1860's, and shows Helen and Albert Rice playing cards with friends Dr. and Mrs. H.O. Tallmadge while Eugenia Everest looks on.

1.to r: Helen (Everest) Rice. 1832-1878; Mrs.Catherine Tallmadge. 1828-1906; Eugenia Everest. 1839-1928; Dr.Tallmadge. 1819-1917; Albert Rice. 1822-1881. QUERIES, cont.

Mrs. Priscilla Gadzinski wants to know something of the ancestry of her ancestor, Solomon Rice, b.1 Oct. 1791, place unknown, m. Theodotia Bragg 16 Jan. 1814 in Chester, Vt., and d. 1 May 1843 in Greensboro, Vt.

For anyone with information about this particular Solomon Rice, the address is:

Mrs. C. Gadzinski, P.O.Box 545 White River Jct. VT 05001

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And Cousin Phil Rice of Saranac, N.Y. is interested in more information about certain descendants of the Jonas Rice (#4-28-36) who helped to found Worcester, Mass. As listed in Ward, they are Jonas' son, Jonas, who married Jane Hall; their son, Thomas, who married Hannah Wright; and their son, Rufus Rice, who settled in Grafton, Vt. in 1795. This Rufus had a son, Rufus, Jr. who married Lucinda Palmer, and had two sons, Oscar and Henry, "and others", according to Ward. Cousin Phil is particularly interested in Oscar.

He also wonders if there are any copies of prints or paintings of early Rice family members?

If anyone can be of help, the address is
Philip Rice
Box 100
Saranac, N.Y. 12981

ANNUAL MEETING

Saturday, August 20, and Sunday, August 21, 1988 Westborough and Concord, Massachusetts

## Program:

Saturday, At Indian Meadows Country Club,
275 Turnpike Rd. (Route 9),
Westborough, Mass.

9:30 A.M. Registration, coffee and pastries.

11:00 A.M. Directors' meeting.

12:00 Noon. Luncheon. \$8.00 per person Choice of Sirloin tips or Broiled schrod.

1:00 P.M. Business meeting, followed by speaker: Marian Wheeler - "All About Concord."

3:30 P.M. Cavalcade to Wayland (formerly Sudbury) to lay wreath at Edmund Rice's memorial.

Saturday evening at Sheraton Boxborough Inn; Rte. 2 at exit from I-495

6:00 P.M. "Deli" Supper

\$6.00 per person

Sunday morning in Concord.

9:30 A.M. Church Service; Unitarian/Universalist Church on Main St.

11:00 A.M. Bus Tour of Concord, by Marian Wheeler.
Meet at U/U Church. \$4.00 per person

12:00 Noon. Shops, restaurants and places of interest are open, and you are on your own.

ENJOY!

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Places to stay, summarized:

Small, Probably Expensive Inns in Concord:

- Anderson Wheeler Homestead, 154 Fitchburg Tpke. Five rooms. Tel. 617-369-3756
- Col. Roger Brown House, Rte. 62 at Damon Mill Square Tel. 617-369-9119
- Colonial Inn, in center of town. Tel. 617-369-9200 60 rooms.
- Hawthorne Inn, 462 Lexington Road. Seven rooms. Tel. 617-369-5610

Motels - Near Concord:

- Sheraton Boxborough, Rte.2, Exit 28 from I-495. Tel. 617-263-8701
- Howard Johnson's, Rte.2 & 2A. Tel. 617-369-6100 Motels in Lexington, MA 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)

In Bedford, MA 01730:

- Bedford Travelodge, 285 Great Road (Rte.4 & 225) Tel. 617-275-6120
- Stouffer Bedford Glen Hotel, 44 Middlesex Tpke, off Rte.3 & 62 Tel. 617-275-5500

Less expensive possibilities:

Efficiencies:

- Bedford Motel, 30 North Road, Bedford, Mass Route 4 & 225 Tel. 617-275-6300
- Lord Bedford Motor Inn, 340 Great Road, Bedford, Mass. Tel. 617-275-6700

"Bed and Breakfast"s:

- Ashley's B&B; Joan and Fletch Ashley 6 Moon Hill Rd., Lexington, Mass.
- Bedford B&B, 48 Springs Road, Bedford, Mass. Tel. 617-275-9025
- Old Stagecoach B&B, 36 Old Stagecoach Road, Bedford, Mass Tel. 617-275-1312

Also; "Bed and Breakfast in Minuteman Country" Tally Carruthers, director, Box 665, Cambridge, MA 02140 617-576-2112

Campground:

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

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Please reserve:

Luncheons at \$8.00 each . . . . \$\_\_\_\_\_ Suppers at \$6.00 each . . . . . \$\_\_\_\_

will take Bus tour at \$4.00 each \$\_\_\_\_

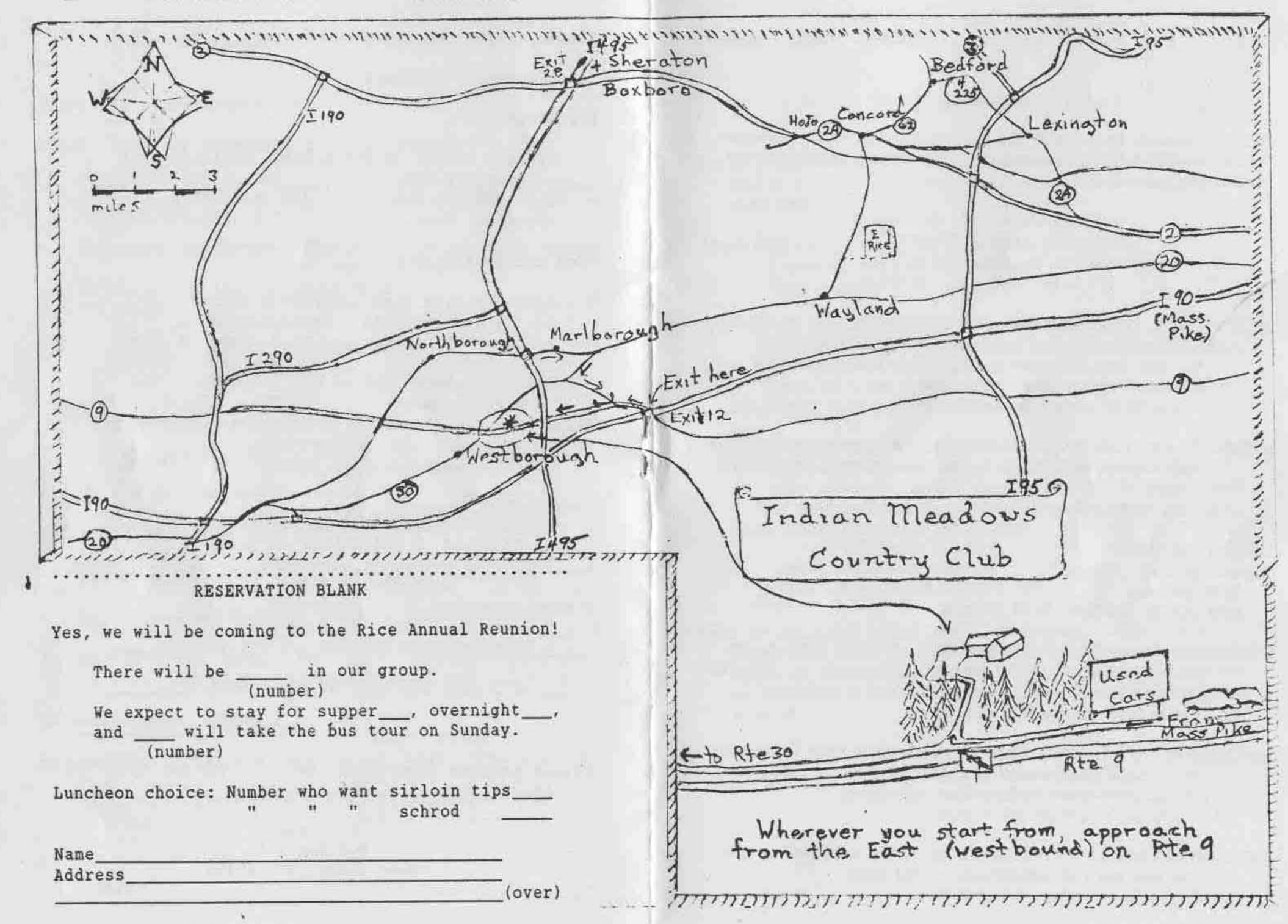
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Please enclose check made out to Edmund Rice (1638) Association, and mail this before August 1 to

> C.M. Snow P.O.Box 151 West Dover, VT 05356

Thank you.

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### 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 SUPPLEMENT INDEX to RICE FAMILY computer printout, 18 pages computer printout, 34 pages \$2.50 postpaid \$4.00 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 to it, 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 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.

There are still some copies left of The Deacons, (1980) a fulllength 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.

## A STORY with a QUERY

Cousin Shirley Fritsche sends us the story of a family who settled very early in the midwest, that of Rev. Ebenezer Rice (#4-38-139-856). Ebenezer was born in Shrewsbury, Mass., in 1756, and married Sarah Taintor (also a Rice desc.) there in 1780. She bore him four children, the youngest of whom died in infancy. Sarah died in 1790, and Ebenezer married (2nd) Ruth Eveleth, of Stow, Mass, in 1791. He took his new wife and three children, Ro(w)land, Ebenezer Jr. and Sally, and moved to Vermont where he had served during the Revolution. In Vermont Ruth bore him three children, Abel, Martha and Joel, the last b. 1799.

By the summer of 1800 the family was moving again; across the mountains to the headwaters of the Ohio River, and by flatboat down that river onto the Mississippi until they reached Tennessee. There they made their way overland by ox-cart to their destination, the Duck River in Maury County, Tenn. where Rev. Ebenezer Rice served as minister to a Baptist Church and missionary to the Chickasaw Indians.

All six children grew up in the Tennessee wilderness and married there. Ebenezer Jr., Abel and Joel moved to Illinois between 1824 and 1832, settling in different towns and each raising large families. (Cousin Shirley has a lot of material about the descendants of Abel and Joel, and would like more

Sarah ("Sally") Rice married James (Isaac?)
Ma(y)son in 1806, and the other daughter, Martha
("Patsy") married Alan (Allen?) Moore in 1816. Neither
the Rice books nor Cousin Shirley has any further
information on these families.

information about Ebenezer, Jr's children.)

The real subject of this story is the oldest of the six children, Ro(w)land Rice. Born in Shrewsbury, Mass. in 1781, Rowland married Pheraba (Phoebe) Warner in Bedford County, Tenn. in 1809 or

1810. She had a brother, Richard Warner, who was living in Lewisburg, Tenn. in 1856. We quote Cousin Shirley for the rest of the story.

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"On 15 June 1814 Rowland was drafted as a private in Capt. Newlin's company of the First West Tennessee Militia in the Was of 1812, under the command of General Andrew Jackson. In Alabama.... Jackson had a fort built on the Coosa River, at Cedar Creek in Talladega County, which he named Ft. Williams. He left Fort Strother with 2,000 volunteers and marched overland to this new fort, cutting a road later called 'Jackson's Trace'. On 27 March 1814 he fought the Creek Indians at the decisive Battle of Horseshoe Bend in Tallapoosa County. Five days later Jackson's command arrived back at Fort Williams bringing the wounded in green cow skins in lieu of litters, with accounts that from 99 to 146 of the volunteers were sick or wounded. There were many deaths resulting from sickness, measles, malnutrition and wounds. During the latter part of 1814, 3,000 hungry and destitute Indians were fed at Fort Williams.

"Rowland Rice died at Fort Williams 8 Nov.

1814. His was one of at least 82 graves of Tennessee volunteers who were buried there. Those graves and all of Fort Williams were buried by the backwaters of the Coosa River when Lay Dam was built. The Ft.Williams Historical Society succeeded in getting 82 markers placed on an acre of donated land, along with a boulder memorializing the site. It is very sad testimony to the men who gave their lives for their country, however, because this overgrown area is accessible only by gravel and dirt back roads with no sign posts denoting whether the roads even have names, and no markings to indicate directions to the site...

Rowland and Pheraba had two children, Ebenezer and Sally... Rowland's father, Rev. Ebenezer Rice, took in both children and named them in his will of 21 Jan. 1831, leaving Sally 'one-half share when she arrives at the age of eighteen years or is legally married.' Of Rowland's son, Ebenezer, however, he states,'I intended to have given an equal share with his sister Sally

Rice, but as he was bound to me until he should arrive at the age of Twenty-one, and has left me upwards of two years before his time was out, I feel disposed to bequeath him only one dollar to be paid to him by my executor when he is twenty-one years old.'"

Meanwhile, "Pheraba applied for pensions and bounty land....She lived at times in Sarepta, Miss., Limestone Co., Ala., (where she married Joseph Abel in 1833), and Pikeville, Marion Co. Ala. " Abel died in 1853, and Pheraba died intestate in 1868, "leaving two daughters, old and poor" but unnamed.

One supposes that these daughters were by the second husband; but does anyone know anything about young Ebenezer Rice and his sister Sally?

# OBITUARIES

The Obituary which follows is a story in itself, another tale of a family who settled in the midwest, and a son who was born there and lived all of his life on the family homestead. Glen Harold Rice's passing may be a symbol of the passing of a way of life; certainly the present drought is not exactly encouraging to the family farmer!

We send our compassion and prayers for a good soaking rain to all of our cousins who till the land for a living.

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Glen Harold Rice, of Eureka, Kansas, died on May 22, 1988, just 4 1/2 months short of his 90th birthday.

The third of five children of Ervin Leslie and Frances (Nelson) Rice, Glen spent his entire life on the farm where he was born, having purchased it when his father retired. A few years ago he decided he "no longer needed the exercise" of raising crops and cattle, and leased his land to neighbors. Then he was

able to enjoy some travel with his wife of 68 years, Kathleen ("Kate").

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When the Baptist Church of Eureka was torn down some years ago, Glen, a member, rescued the bell and mounted it in his dooryard. Later he joined the First Christian /Congregational Church in Eureka.

Glen Rice was a long-time member of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association, and a Mason, both he and his father receiving 50-year pins from the Climax Lodge - the only father-son team to do so. He was also active in town and county agricultural and community organizations.

Glen is survived by his wife, Kate; two sisters, Doris Barb and Josephine Smith, both members of the Rice Association; a daughter-in-law, four grandchildren and one great-grandson.

We extend our sympathy to the family and to the people in and around Eureka - they have lost someone important to all of them.

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Marie Rice Stafford passed away on November 19, 1987, at Georgetown University Hospital, Washington, D.C., age 76.

She was the daughter of Mary Carhart and Col. Edward De Lapointe Rice, and a native of Washington, D.C. She was a member, in addition to the Edmund Rice (1638) Association, of the Abigail Hartman Rice chapter of the D.A.R. and many other genealogical societies. Her father founded the newspaper, Stars and Stripes, of World War I and II fame, and she was an officer of that corporation for many years.

"Marie was a delightful and interesting person, gently and proudly reared by her devoted parents in an atmosphere of refinement and graciousness; loyal to her friends, generous to a fault, a good storyteller, a sense of humor in her eyes and a keen business woman."

Her husband, John Michael Stafford, died in August, 1987, just three months before her. We are indebted to his brother, Edward T. Stafford, for this information.

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A WORD about the ANNUAL REUNION of the EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION:

In the beginning of this Newsletter is a program for the meetings, and a list of places which you can call for reservations if you plan to stay over for "Sunday in Concord, Mass."

And in the centerfold is a map which you can save to bring with you, after you have returned the filledin coupon with your check. (Besides needing the count of people to give to the restuaranteurs, we do need to know how many wish to take the bus tour so that Marian Wheeler can make appropriate arrangements.)

For the first time in several years our meeting is close enough to Wayland (Sudbury) for a real pilgrimage to Edmund Rice's Memorial, and we hope to make this pilgrimage a special part of the meeting.

The meeting will not be all solemnity, however. There are "fun" things as well as interesting things to do and see in Concord; so come along and have a great time with the family!

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1956-1957: Edgar W. Rice

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