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President's Page

Dear Cousins,


The EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION is thriving. If you've had any doubt, please look inside this Newsletter - you'll see lists of new members, and a few of the children and grandchildren of our older members, showing that we continue to grow in numbers and also in enthusiasm.

Many of you have asked about this year's reunion. It will be held. Although we have not made any decision about time or place as yet, keep the end of August and the beginning of September open. There will be more information and details in the Spring issue of this Newsletter.

In closing, we want to add a word of sympathy to the families of our cousins who have passed away during the past year. They were all good friends, and will be missed!

And lastly, a warm welcome to all of our new members!

sincerely,


Alex Snow,
President

Letters and Queries:

Note: Thanks to everyone who has written to us. We really enjoy your letters! We try to keep track of all the queries and publish them in the next issue of the Newsletter. However, we, and our "system", are fallible. If your question has not appeared, or not drawn any response, don't hesitate to send it in again!

Mickey

Recently your scribe enjoyed a fascinating correspondence with Dr. Laurence Patterson who is now living in St. Eugene, Ontario. He adds a bit of life to the story of "Our Canadian Cousins" by telling us:

"On the *Charming Molly* May 17, 1760, were Stephen, Benjamin and Beriah Rice. The latter brought 2 oxen and 2 cows with him. On the same boat were Abner and Samuel Morse and also Michael Spurr and wife, 3 sons and 3 daughters." Dr. Patterson is descended from the Morse family as well as the Rice, and is related to the Spurrs.

These three families intermarried frequently; so there are Morse and/or Spurr genes in most of our Canadian cousins.

Thank you, Cousin Laurence.

One topic of our correspondence was the identity of the men on the *Charming Molly*. There are several different versions in the *Register*, and your scribe feels that Benjamin, born in 1749, was too young to be counted, if indeed he did accompany his Uncle Beriah. Other names mentioned are John, and Ebenezer, Jr. All of this will be discussed in the "Nova Scotia Rices", the compiling of which is almost complete. Nearly all that remains is to format it into a booklet and decide how to distribute it.

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Queries:

Joseph Comstock
650 West Harrison Ave. Claremont, CA 91711

- needs to know more about **Rachel Rice**, born 11 Nov. 1751, daughter of Zebulon Rice (4-28-105-238) and Abigail Forbush. Rachel married **John Hill** (D.A.R. # 93283), 25 Feb. 1773. Cousin Joseph wants to know;

"Was Rachel Rice the only wife of John Hill?"

She "died per. Ogden(sburg?) Area, NY," date unknown.

Hill "died 1834, N.Y.State."

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James B. Daniels
7539 El Rancho, Houston, TX 77087

- has "hit a dead end on one spouse and would like to request help." James Rice (#34) and his wife Sarah Stone settled in Worcester in 1716. Their son, **Zebadiah Rice** (#129) is said to have married one **Elizabeth Flint**. They had eight children born in Worcester 1737-1753. Can anyone tell him who were the parents and grandparents of Elizabeth Flint?

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Mrs. Harry Layton,
369 Avery Rd. Chehalis WA 98532,

- needs information on **Tamesin Rice**, born 20 April, 1782, place unknown. Married **Joseph L. Collins**. Parents of fourteen children, they lived at Groton, Tompkins Co., New York, and also at Norwalk, Ohio, and Ionia Co., Mich.

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More Queries

Carrie Butler (Mrs. Thomas)
847 Forest Ave.
Fulton, NY 13069

- is interested in the family of **Lucy Rogers**, b.p. in Stockbridge or Rochester, Vermont, on 16 July, 1803, the daughter of Benjamin and Ann Hodkin(s) Rogers.

Lucy married **Luther Rice** (24/11/1799 - 26/3/1876), and had at least three children. She died 15 Jan. 1872, and is buried with her husband and two of the children in Stockbridge, Vt.

Cousin Carrie would like to correspond with anyone who is interested in the Rogers family.

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Mrs. Velma Gifford Postma
2233 Almo, Apt. 5, Burley, ID 83318

- would like to correspond with a descendant of **Elizabeth "Betsey" Rice**, daughter of Solomon Rice. Betsey married Leonard Chaffin in Princeton, Mass. on 28 Nov. 1805. Their son, Louis Rice Chaffin, married **Sarah Maria Cossett**, daughter of Dr. Epaphroditus and Laura Hill Cossett. Cousin Velma wants to know if anyone has data on **Dr. Cossett's** wife and family?

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Anna Marie LaChance, of Fort Smith, AK, has sent us some tempting tid-bits of information about her family. Yes, Cousin Anna, we can use all of your information (including copies of what you hand-delivered 6 years ago), and including dates and ID nos. when possible. Thank you for the interesting letter!

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New Members

In this issue we can report a veritable wealth (sixteen, to be exact) of cousins who have recently become members of our Association.

Some of these are the grown children of members who wished to make a gift of membership to their offspring. Among them are: **Mrs. Richard Davis, Mrs. Roger Maples and Marcia Kneeshaw**, sisters who were given memberships by their mother. (Ladies, please do send me your information!)

Also, **Carl Fritsche** received a gift membership from his parents, Cousin Shirley and Paul Fritsche; and **David and Laura Staublin** received one from their mother, Cousin Arla Staublin.

Three more are cousins of your scribe, descendants of our Dover, Vermont, Rices. They are Cousin **Peggy Grosser**, now living in Kerrville, Texas, and Cousins **Merton and Harold Rice**, who were born and still live here in Southern Vermont.

The rest and not the least important, all joined independently. Their homes are spread:

from Northampton, Mass., - Cousin **Robert T. Rice** - ,
to Sunnyvale, Cal., - Cousin **Richard Shepherd** - ;
from Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia, - Cousin **David Allen** - ,
to Pampa Texas, - Cousin **Leta Olson**.

In between are Cousins **Martha Cieglo** and **Gaylene Johnson**, who hail from Chelsea and Leslie, Mich., respectively, and Cousin **Ranson Clark**, who lives in Ithaca, New York.

An enthusiastic welcome to all of these people. We hope that as you learn more, your interest in the details of your heritage will increase, and that you will enjoy a long and worth-while membership with us.

BOOKLIST

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,
EDMUNDRICE (1638) 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) - 110 pages \$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 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.

- 24 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.

BOOKLIST cont.

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

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.

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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.

Obituaries

Donald Hollis Whittemore was born in Boston, Mass., in October of 1894. He was living with his wife, Dorothy Wood (Graham) Whittemore, in the Masonic Home in Charlmont, Mass. when he died in September, 1988, just short of his 94th birthday.

Cousin Donald was passionately interested in the Rice Association, and served as its President in 1960, when this organization was busily gathering information for the epic publication of the Rice Register. A pleasant note from Dorothy, earlier in 1988, expressed his continuing interest and affection for the Association of which he had been so long a member.

We send our sympathy and affection to Dorothy, and our thanks to Donald's brother, John, for this information.

Janice Gleason Fenner, also a devoted member of the Rice Association, passed away on Sept. 20, 1988.

Cousin Janice was born in Scotch Plains, New Jersey, in 1911, and married John David Fenner in 1933. She is survived by two sons, George Gleason and Peter David Fenner, a daughter, Pamela Fenner Kellett, and six grandchildren.

Our sympathy to this entire family.

Also in September, 1988, we learned belatedly of the death on September 9, 1986, of **Gordon Alton Doe**, son of Chester and Lillian Peirce Doe.

Gordon, born in October, 1943, in Worcester, Mass., married Della Dahlquist in Yuma, Arizona, in 1966. He served in the Navy for four years, much of this time in Viet Nam. He received the Exped. Medal for 67, 27 and 25 days out at sea at one time. Gordon is survived by his widow, Della Dahlquist Doe, and two sons, Bryan Wayne and Andrew Noble Doe, as well as his parents, two brothers, a sister, and several nieces and nephews.

Our belated sympathy and concern to Della, Bryan and Andrew, and the rest of the Doe family.

For lighter fare.....

A "Game" continued:

Some of you may remember that a few issues back we challenge you to report the number of "lines" you can trace back to Edmund. More people have entered the game.

1. **Virginia (Mulholland) Lewis** claims descent from Edward and Samuel, viz. Edward. Daniel . . Daniel, Jr . . . David; Samuel. Hannah, m. John Hubbard . . Hannah Hubbard
m. Paul Moore . . . Love Moore m. David Rice.

Virginia's score is 22

2. **Patricia Mitchell** of Columbus, Ohio, traces her roots four ways, to three of Edmund's children: Twice through different children of Henry Rice and Elizabeth Moore (David, and Elizabeth, who married John Brewer), once through Matthew Rice's daughter Martha, who married John Bent, and once through Samuel Rice's daughter, Esther, who married Daniel Hubbard.

Patricia's score is 43.

3. **Arthur McClelland Fitts, III**, begins with the advantage of both parents being descended from Edmund Rice. He traces his mother's line four ways, to Henry, Samuel, and to Thomas' through two children, Frances Rice Allen and John Rice. Arthur's father's line goes back to Henry in two ways, through daughters Tamsen and Rachel. Since Rachel married Thomas Drury, grandson of Lydia (Rice) Drury, that makes three lines.

Arthur's score is 74.

One of the interesting results of this little game is to notice the number of marriages between fairly close cousins, and the interweaving of other families with the Rice line. Most of this, of course, is due to the

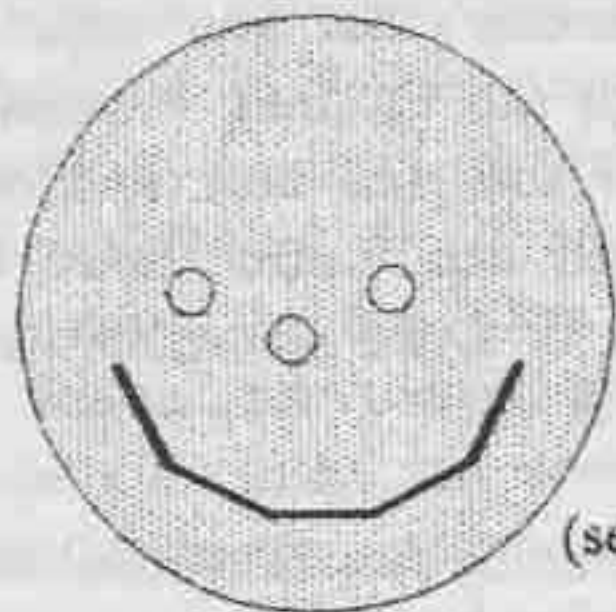
smallness of the towns and the lack of easy transportation. We must also remember that cousins with different last names, such as Love Moore and David Rice, may not have realized that they were related to each other. Nevertheless, much of this knowledge could be missed if we did not try to learn as much about spouses as possible. In this issue most of the queries are about non-Rice spouses. We and the questioners hope that others share this kind of interest.

Some Comments on Genealogy:

Many of you have already sent in your detailed genealogies. Many, many thanks! Some of them were gratifyingly complete, but others lacked information desirable in a future "Supplement #3". Some of you have already received (and answered, thank you) letters requesting further details. As time permits, others of you will receive personal letters, also, asking for such details of births, marriages and deaths, etc. which we would like to have. Thank you in advance for your replies!

Those of us whose lines are already on record in the various books of the Association do not need to send in that information, but we all need to take note of developments in future generations. (Marriages and births)

Indeed, it is because we have received such information from some of you, that we are able to pause here for a message:



(see next page)

We wish a very happy first birthday to the following children and their parents, grand- parents and great- grandparents:

Aurora Lynn Colson, daughter of Barry and Emily Colson, born December 3, 1987, at the U.S.Army Hospital in Nuremburg, Germany. The Colsons are still in Germany, and we have received word from Emily's Aunt Jane Kirk that they are well and happy and celebrated a joyful Christmas.

Abigail Rebecca Drury, daughter of Robert Boyd and Kathleen Ledger Drury, born on March 18, 1988. Abigail is the granddaughter and the "apple of the eye" of our Treasurer, Bill, and Jane Drury.

Garret Clark Doe, son of Paul Clark and Susan Moll Doe, born on December 30, 1987. Garret is the grandson of Allen Peirce and Nancy Ann Clark Doe, and great-grandson of Chester Curtis and Lillian Peirce Doe.

Just before going to print we received a model update on her genealogy from Bessie Burris Hunt, of Hendersonville, N.C. Cousin Bessie has five grandchildren, one of whom, **Ryan Arthur Hunt** of Columbus, Ind., will be two years old on March 24. Thanks, Cousin Bessie, very, very much.

HAPPY BIRTHDAY, Ryan!

And Many Happy Returns to all of you!

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GENEALOGY, cont.

So-o-o- What do we Want?

The following outline covers all of the details we need:

LD.# (the long number which identifies each person in the Register and Supplements - Give the number (and the name) of the most recent person in your line who is in the books.)

For each generation not in the books:

Generation #: _____

Descendant's Name: _____ born _____; died _____ (dates & places)
married in/on: date and/or place,

to: _____ born _____; died _____ (dates & places)

Descendant's Parents: (Father's name; dates born/died)
(Mother's maiden name; born/died) date married :
Spouse's Parents: (Father's name; dates born/died)
(Mother's maiden name; born/died) date married:

Children's Surname: _____

First names in order of birth, with dates of birth, marriage, (to whom?)
and death.

Comments: Anything of interest, from 'captured by Indians' to 'served in Viet Nam' or any special accomplishments.

Cover Picture

Your scribe accidentally came across this old post-card while composing this Newsletter. There is no indication of the age of the picture, but it certainly pre-dates the 1961 date when my father received it from Fred R. Rice. Today the hills are covered with suburban homes - nice homes, with large lots, but suburbia none-the-less. The pond itself has become overgrown with swamp plants. This, of course, is the natural evolution of a pond, and the increase in human habitation seems to be a part of nature, too.

Today there is a bronze plaque on a boulder, marking the spot where the pond and Edmund Rice's homestead once stood. A picture of this plaque, taken at the time of the 1988 Reunion, is shown below.

The legend reads, in part:

DEACON EDMUND RICE
BORN IN
BUCKINGHAMSHIRE, ENG.
1594

SETTLED IN SUDBURY 1636
BUILT HIS HOUSE BY THE
SPRING NEAR THIS SPOT
APPOINTED TO APPORTION
LAND (date) ELECTED(?)
TO THE GENERAL COURT



Those of you who were at the reunion, and some of you who were not, may enjoy seeing some of the pictures taken there. Those on this page were taken at the meeting itself. Those on the next page were taken at the cemetery during the wreath-laying ceremonies.



Cynthia Blomstrom



McPhersons



Mmes. Drury and Hough



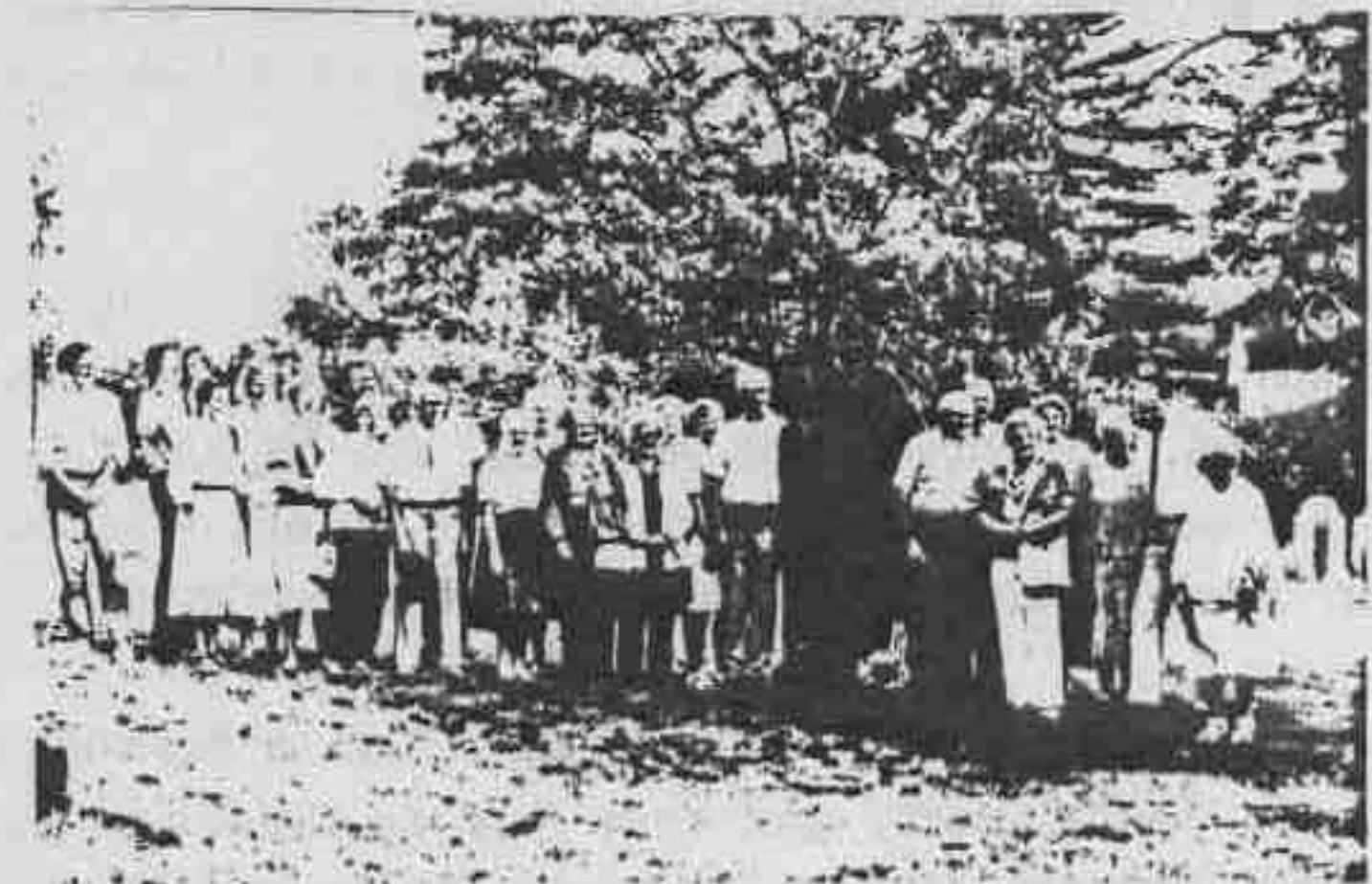
Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Fox



Snow & Hough, and Oretta Mae Rice



The Trudeaus and Bill Drury



We apologize for the quality of the reproductions here; they are beautiful color photos, but color does not reproduce well in black and white. Pictures were taken by Shirley Fritsche and Al Hough. Thanks very much to both of you.

Some notes from people unable to attend the reunion:

Myra Rice (Mrs. Edward G.) writes from McMinnville, Ore. that at age 79 she is kept busy just trying to keep track of the 95 people in their immediate families. Ed and Myra will celebrate 60 years of marriage on February 19! Congratulations! Consider this a special anniversary card, lovingly sent.

Doris Rice Barb, of El Dorado, Kansas, writes that the mid-west Rices expected to have a "mini-reunion" in October of 1988. Cousin Doris, please write us and tell us all about it. Mini-reunions are a lot of fun, and help keep families together and acquainted with each other in this vast country of ours!

Jessie Mae Sanderson, of Livonia, Mich., on the other hand, is a traveler. She and her husband spent two weeks in Europe this fall, touring Holland, Belgium, France, Germany, Austria and Italy. Then back to Michigan for a few weeks, and then off to Arizona with their camping trailer. Jessie, many of us envy your great mobility!

Speaking of touring Europe, **Jane Seaver Kirk** spent Thanksgiving with **Emily, Barry and baby Aurora Colson** in Germany. They also toured Germany, visiting Nurnburg, Oberammergau, the Zugspitze (a 9,000 ft. mountain climbed in a cable car), Salzburg, and East and West Berlin. Cousin Jane has recently been transferred from Boston to King of Prussia, Penn., and her condo there overlooks the Valley Forge National Park. She misses her real "home" in Keene, N.H. Let us know the next time you come home, Jane!

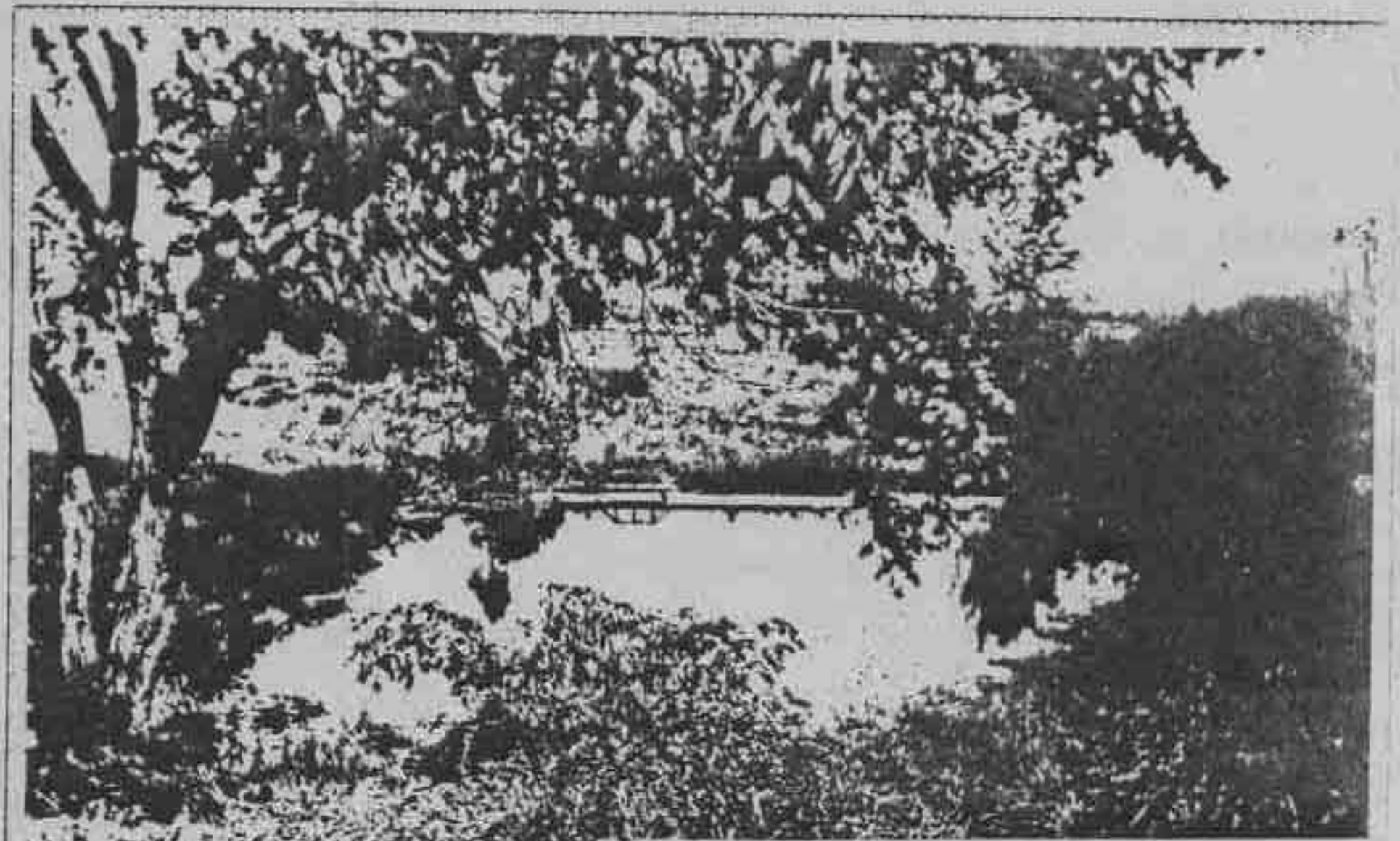
PAST PRESIDENTS of the ASSOCIATION

1954-1955:	Charles W. Rice
1956-1957:	Edgar W. Rice(1879-196?)
1958-1959:	Stanley I. Rice(1898-1985)
1960:	Donald Whittemore(1894-1988)
1961-1963:	Frederick R. Rice(1895-1973)
1964-1965:	William H. Hoefler(1893-197?)
1966-1967:	Ray Lowther Ellis(1901-1982)
1967-1968:	Erwin R. McLaughlin(1893-1968)
1969:	Jeneve R. Melvin
1969-1973:	Col. Allen Foster Rice(1904-1984)
1973-1974:	Margaret E. Allen
1974-1975:	Charles W. Rice
1975-1976:	Seaver M. Rice(1892-1988)
1976-1978:	Henry E. Rice, Jr.(1895-198?)
1979-1980:	C. Whiting Rice, Jr.
1980-1982:	William H. Drury
1982-1983:	Patricia MacFarland
1983-1985:	Janice Parmenter
1985-1987:	Margaret S. Rice

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Established 1851

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The Spring at Edmund Rice Homestead, Sudbury, Mass.

From Mr F. R. Rice

Edmund Rice Assoc.

10/30/61

Site of Edmund Rice's Homestead

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