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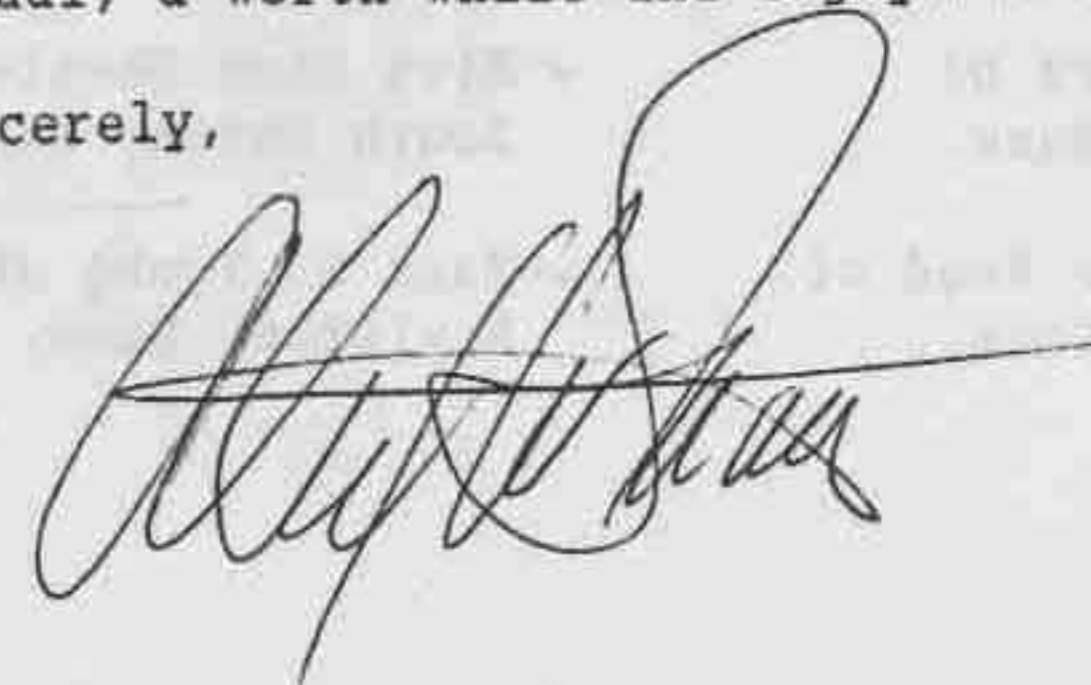
Dear Cousins,

There has been a lot of talk about "the new decade", but, as with birthdays, today doesn't seem to be much different from yesterday. Just the same, we are looking forward to a great decade for the Edmund Rice (1638) Association. We have attracted a lot of enthusiastic and interested new members, some of whom are quite young from the vantage point of your present officers. This means that there will be a group of active and willing people to take over from the old "war horses" when the time comes.

One of these newer members deserves a special introduction. He is John S. Bates, who lives in Ashland, New Hampshire, and is among other things a free-lance writer. Descended from both Henry and Thomas, Cousin John was born and raised in the Sudbury/Wayland area. He has a knowledge of the land and a feeling for the life of our early ancestors matched by very few of us. He is so enthusiastic about our Association that he not only willingly agreed to be our vice-president this year, but he also has already given yeoman effort to the planning of our 1990 Annual Reunion. Thanks, Cousin John!

All we can tell you now is that the Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 25; so save the day! It will be, as usual, a worth-while and enjoyable meeting.

Sincerely,



## NEW MEMBERS:

Since our last Newsletter we have had another avalanche of new members. We welcome:

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| - John R. Brooks of<br>Bronxville, N.Y.         | - Walter H. Reed of<br>Avon, Conn.            |
| - Anne Rice Elfens of<br>Wellesly Hills, Mass.  | - George E. Rice of<br>Belchertown, Mass.     |
| - Joan Rice Franklin of<br>New York, N.Y.       | - Grant LeRoy Rice of<br>Dearborn Hts., Mich. |
| - Elizabeth W. Innes of<br>Moncton, N.B. Canada | - Howard Rice of<br>Belmont, Mass.            |
| - Vicki Kaufmann of<br>Wilton, Iowa             | - Robert T. Rice of<br>Northampton, Mass.     |
| - Lynn McLaughlin of<br>Kirkland, Wash.         | - Wolcott F. Rice of<br>Denver, Col.          |
| - Rick Miller of<br>Atlanta, Ga.                | - Gus Ulrich of<br>Holden Beach, N.C.         |
| - Gale Stickney Oliver of<br>Lakewood, Col.     | - George Ulrich of<br>Herndon Va.             |
| - Lloyd Peavey of<br>Bloomingburg, N.Y.         | - David Ulrich of<br>Richmond, Cal.           |
| - Miriam Peterson of<br>Seattle, Wash.          | - Glendyne Wergland of<br>Pittsfield, Mass.   |
| - Roy C. Powers of<br>Wilbraham, Mass.          | - Elva Rice Wheeler of<br>South Haven, Mich.  |
| * Marian Baker Reed of<br>Southbury, Conn.      | - Mark R. Young of<br>Boylston, Mass.         |

A warm welcome all of these new-found cousins; we hope you will enjoy your membership with us!

It has been suggested that the descent or genealogy of our new members be indicated. Space does not adequately permit this, and besides, some of these people are still searching for their link to Edmund. They have joined the Association in hopes of finding that link, and any help anyone can give will be greatly appreciated.

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## QUERIES ?

Any questions about Rice ancestors and their spouses are welcome in this column. You may get a lot of answers or you may get none - it's worth a try! If you have ever sent in a query which was not printed, we apologize and ask you to send it in again.

Two of our new members have questions whose answers may lead to finding their "missing link" to Edmund Rice.

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## QUERIES, cont.

One of them is G.L.Rice, whose husband, Wolcott Rice, is descended from a man named William Rice, who settled (or was born) in Maryland in 1732; he died in 1788. His wife's name was Ann \_\_\_\_\_. They had a son named Peregrine (Perry) G.Rice, born 1767 in Maryland, and died in 1841. G.L. wonders if anyone has an ancestor or family member who moved south around 1700, who might be related to this William Rice, or has any information which might be of help?

G.L.Rice  
939 S. Ellipse Way  
Denver, CO 80209

The other is Grant LeRoy Rice, who is descended from one Silas Adelbert Rice, born on 18 October, 1837, in Michigan, and married Mary Cottrell in 1865. They set out by covered wagon to Utah, and settled in the Cache Valley, near Logan.

Later they moved to Oregon, and were among the first settlers in Condon, Ore. Here Silas died in 1922. His son, Adelbert Silas Rice, was born in the Cache Valley and married Lillian Grider in 1887. Their son, Fred Clarence Rice, was born in Condon, Oregon in 1892, married Gladys Ethel Moorman, and died in Dearborn, Mich.

Fred and Gladys Rice were the parents of Grant LeRoy, who was born in 1934 and is now searching for the origins of Silas Adelbert Rice. Can anyone help?

Grant LeRoy Rice,  
5625 Edgewood St.  
Dearborn Hts, MI 48125

Please send answers directly to the questioner.

## BOOK LIST

THE RICE FAMILY: by Andrew Henshaw Ward (1858) 379 pages.  
\$20.00 + \$2.50 handling.

INDEX (computer printout, 34 pp.) \$4.00 postpaid.

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EDMUND RICE & HIS FAMILY: (1938) Elsie Hawes Smith (both:

WE SOUGHT THE WILDERNESS: (1949) Rev. Clayton Rice (357 pages.

\$17.00 plus \$2.50 handling.

MORE ABOUT THOSE RICES: (1954) Elsie Hawes Smith 109 pages.  
\$3.50 plus \$1.00 handling.

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"The" REGISTER:	\$27.50	_____	_____
Ward's THE RICE FAMILY:	\$22.50	_____	_____
Indexes:	\$5.00	_____	_____
SUPPLEMENT #1 (Ward's)	\$4.50	_____	_____
SUPPLEMENT #2, Part 1:	\$22.50	_____	_____
SUPPLEMENT #2, Part 2:	\$32.50	_____	_____
EDMUND RICE & HIS FAMILY, and WE SOUGHT THE WILDERNESS:	\$19.50	_____	_____
MORE ABOUT THOSE RICES:	\$4.50	_____	_____

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*To those of you who have recently joined the Rice Association:*

On the previous page you will find the list of books, published by the Association, which we promised. For "starters," Ward's books (including the supplement) are most helpful in establishing the details of your particular descent through the first five generations, especially.

To find an individual who moved away from the Sudbury/Marlborough area or who lived after Ward (after 1858) the basic REGISTER is the first source. The two parts of SUPPLEMENT #2 contain names and family members unknown to Ward, and indeed unknown to the compilers of the REGISTER until after it was published. The other books are interesting narratives, with much factual information, some of which is questioned today.

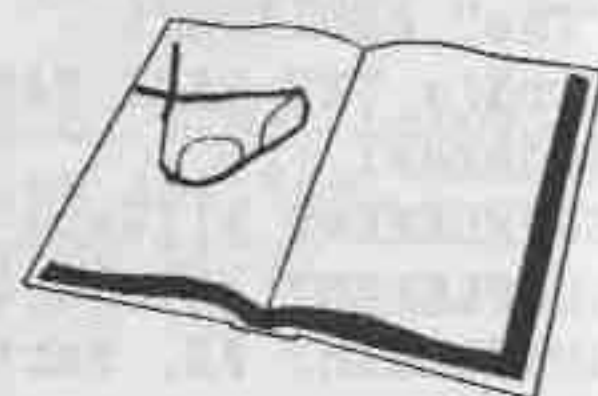
*To all who have recently sent in genealogical material:*

Many, many thanks. All is being compiled, and some of you may receive letters in the future asking for further details. Keep your records handy, and thanks in advance!

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All of these books are available to Association members from the Association. To order books, please fill out the other side of this blank, clip and send, with your check for the total, to:



William H. Drury, Book Custodian  
EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION  
24 Buckman Drive,  
Chelmsford, MA 01824 (over)

*Post Script on BOOKS;*

There are no plans at present to publish another Supplement, but when the time comes, the information will be ready. Meanwhile, the information on the "Nova Scotia Rices" has been put together, and "proof" copies sent to Timothy Sanford and Dr. Laurencé Patterson, both of whom have had much to do with gathering the material. More will be reported in these pages when there is more to report.

Last but not least, your Association has received, from Jolene S. and George E. Rice, a gift of a xero-copy of a book, *Journey Across Plowed Ground*, written by a Mrs. Cyril Edmunds, and published in 1973. This book concerns the descendants of Joel Baker, whose connections to the Rice family include Azuba Rice, Dinah Rice, and Albert Smith Rice. When space and time permit, this book will be reviewed in a later issue. Meanwhile, if those Rice names represent your "missing link", drop us a line. We will be happy to share the information with you.

The Genealogy of Edmund Rice (1594-1663)  
 if his grandfather were proven to be "William Rice, of Boemar, Buckinghamshire"

Gen.#	Name:	dates	place	son/dau. of	married
xviii	Edmund Rice	b.1594	Stanstead	Thomas Rice	Thomazine Frost
xvii	Thomas Rice	b.1568	Stanstead	William Rice ?	
xvi	William Rice ? "of Boemar, Buckinghamshire"			Sir Rice ap Griffith Fitz Uryan	
xv (xci)	Sir Rice ap Griffith Fitz Uryan, beheaded by Henry VIII in 1531/2.			Sir Griffith Rice	Katherine Howard

Sir Griffith's line goes back to North Britain in the 6th Century A.D., at which time his people were expelled to Wales by the Saxons (see text). Katherine Howard's line is more pertinent for those interested in "royalty". Both are continued here, with a change in generation number for the Welsh line.

Gen.	Name	Dates, etc. ("ap"=son of)	Gen.	Name	Dates, etc.
xci	Sir Rice ap Griffith Fitz Uryan		xv	Katherine Howard	ca.1500-1550?
xx	Sir Griffith Rice,	Knight of the Bath, 1501	xiv	Thomas Howard	2nd Duke of Norfolk
xix	Sir Rice ap Thomas Fitz Uryan,	fought at Bosworth Field, 1485; Capt. of Light Horse, 1513	xiii	John Howard	1st Duke of Norfolk "slain 22/8/1485 at Bosworth Field"
xvii	Thomas ap Griffith Fitz Uryan		xii	Margaret Mowbray	m. Sir Robert Howard of Norfolk.
xvii	Griffith ap Nicholas Fitz Uryan	a Yorkist, slain at Wakefield	xi	Thomas Mowbray	d. Sept. 1399
xvi	Nicholas ap Philip Fitz Uryan		x	Elizabeth de Segrave	d. 1375
xv	Philip ap Elider Fitz Uryan				m. John de Mowbray, b. 1328, d. 1368 in Crusade.
xiv	Sir Elider Fitz Uryan		ix	Margaret Plantagenet	1320-1339
xiii	Elider ap Rice				m. John de Segraves, who d. 1353
xii	Rice, Lord of Kidwelly and Iskennon		viii	Thomas Plantagenet	1300-1338 buried in Bury St. Edmonds
xi	Gronwey, " " "		vii	Edward I	1239-1307
x	Eynion, 1st " " "		vi	Henry III	1207-1272
ix	Lloarch		v	John, King of England	b. 24 Dec. 1167
viii	Kynbathwe		iv	Henry II	1133-1189
vii	Gurward		iii	Matilda, Queen of Eng.	1102-1164
vi	Cecilt		ii	Henry I	
v	Rhyme		i	William the Conqueror	1027-1087
iv	Llarch				
iii	Morr				
ii	Pasgen				
i	Ury Reged; 6th century. Prince of North Briton.				

Expelled by Saxons to Wales.  
 His wife, Margaret LaFaye, was a daughter of the Duke of Cornwall.

A SKETCHY GLIMPSE of ENGLISH HISTORY

"Once upon a time, in a kingdom far away" there lived a man called Ury Reged. This man was an aboriginal Briton and lived in what is now the north of England in the sixth century, A.D. His people had been driven northward by the Romans, and during Ury's lifetime they were attacked again, this time by the Saxons. Being outnumbered by a more sophisticated foe, they fled; across the hills and the rivers and the moors until they came to the craggy hills of what is now Wales. Here they found snug valleys where their enemy was loathe to follow, and here they settled. Whether Ury was a leader in this migration I do not know, but if his second name, Reged, is derived from Roman influences, it means "king". Somewhere in his travels he met and married Margaret LaFaye, whose father was the Duke of Cornwall.

These people remained in Wales for five centuries, and about a dozen generations passed. (The "begats" are in the chart on the opposite page.) While the given names of the sons sounded increasingly like what we think of as Welsh, the family became more sophisticated in the ways of the world. In the tenth generation we find Eynion, the "First Lord of Kidwelly." His son, Gronwey, added "Lord of Iskennon" to his title, and passed both titles down to his son, Rice. These people must have kept a careful record of their lineage, for Rice's son, Elider ap (son of) Rice, had a son who added Ury, the original known ancestor, to his name, becoming Elider Fitz (descendant of) Uryan. It probably was during one of these generations that William the Conqueror came across the Channel, bringing the Norman "polish" to the still rather savage Saxons and other inhabitants of the British Isle. Fitz Uryan continued as a surname, and gradually the descendants became involved with English society and its wars.

Good old pre-Norman Rice was not forgotten, however, for in the mid-fifteenth century we find a Thomas naming his son, "Rice." Rice Fitz Uryan was almost an Englishman, and received more honors than are indicated in the chart. It was Sir Rice's son, Sir Griffith Rice (made Knight of the Bath in 1501), who married Katherine Howard, descendant of William the Conqueror and also of the Plantagenets.

Were these Rices our ancestors? When one considers how many of us can claim Edmund Rice as ancestor, after only three and a half centuries, one has to say that Ury Reged, and possibly his sons down to Rice,\* Lord of Kidwelly and Iskenon, could well be our progenitors. When one considers that some of these men had younger sons, and that there are other Rice families in America who bear no close relationship to Edmund, one cannot say with certitude, "We are descendants of Sir Griffith Rice, and through his wife, descendants of English Kings."

Your scribe's apprenticeship in genealogy and history for the Rice Association was under the tutelage of our beloved Margaret S. Rice, our hostess at several most enjoyable reunions. We have always given the "stock" answer she gave us to queries about Edmund Rice's English heritage; "No one has found concrete evidence of Edmund's birth and parentage which could link him definitely to the royal lineage which some writers have attributed to him."

Now someone has found something!

Carl E. Ulrich, of Peers, Alberta, Canada, son of Rebecca (McLaughlin) Ulrich and first cousin of your scribe, has been burning up the telephone wires between Alberta and Vermont and Alberta and Salt Lake City, Utah, and also contributing to reduce the deficits in both the Canadian and U.S. Postal Services.

It seems that the L.D.S. Genealogical Library has recently acquired, on *micro-fiche*, the parish records from most of the parishes in England, going back to the early sixteenth century. Carl has received copies of the records from Suffolk, accompanied by the usual caveat, that the accuracy of the hand-copying of the original records is not guaranteed. Indeed, with nothing but first names, repeated many times in different families, different generations and different centuries, it is difficult to call this print-out "proof" of anything. However, your scribe is willing to accept this as a "missing link", one piece of evidence, in writing, of

the parentage and ancestry of Edmund Rice, 1594-1663. Cousin Carl plans to investigate these items in further detail; further information will appear in these pages as it is received.

Meanwhile, for your personal evaluation, the pertinent portions of the print-out are reproduced on page 15. Other entries of interest, some of which illustrate the difficulties of taking this material at face value, are reported here.

Almost all of Edmund and Thomazine Rice's children are on the list. Mary, the eldest, was baptized on 23 August, 1619, in Stanstead, Hertfordshire. There is an entry for a Henry Rice who married Elizabeth Frost on 12 November, 1605, in Stanstead, and for a Henry Rice whose son, also Henry, was baptized in February, 1609, but there are no entries regarding the first Henry's birth to give a clue to his parents. (legend has it that this Henry might be brother to Edmund.) Elizabeth Frost, however, is known from other sources to have been Thomazine's sister. Her husband, Henry Rice, died in Jan, 1621-2, and Elizabeth then married Philemon Whale, who died soon after. Then she married John Moore, who brought her and their children to Sudbury, Mass. Our Henry, son of Edmund Rice and Thomazine Frost, married their daughter, Elizabeth Moore. Henry is shown in this list as being baptized on 13 February, 1621, in Stanstead, but two other Henrys, sons of Edmunds, are noted as baptized on 23 August, 1619, and 13 February, 1620, respectively, also in Stanstead. (Either 1620 or 1621 could be correct.)

On to the second son, Edward. He was baptized on 26 October, 1622, and so was a son named "Edmund". Carl Ulrich suggests that they are one and the same person, and that this may be the original source of confusion about the apparently non-existing son, Edmund, reported by Ward. All of these entries are included in the reproduction, as is another Edward, son (possibly) of the Henry mentioned above.

Thomas, the third son, has a relatively simple entry; baptised in Stanstead on 26 January, 1625, as the son of Edmund Ryce, or on 26 January 1626, son of Edmund and Thomasine Frost Rice.

Matthew (bp. 28 Feb. 1629 in our records) is not here. The list goes from "Mary Ann" to "Philip", causing one to suspect a significant loss in the transcription. Lydia is on the list, however, as baptised 9 March, 1627, in Berkhamstead. This is correct, and shows that Edmund and Thomasine moved from Stanstead to Berkhamstead in 1626. The entry on the first page of the Register giving Lydia's birth as 9 March 1737 is probably a misprint.

Samuel, too, is missing, but there is a Joseph, born to "Edmund Rice/Thomasina Frost" on 13 March, 1613, in "Burkhamsted". Our records indicate that Joseph was baptised on 13 March, 1637.

In fact, on page 11 of Ward's book, at the end of the SECOND GENERATION, is a footnote with a quote from "the Parish Registry of Barkhamstead (sic) in the county of Hertfordshire, England: -

"Baptized, 1627, Mar. 9, Lydia, dau. of Edmund Rice.  
 " 1629, Feb. 28, Mathew, son of Edmund Rice.  
 " 1632, Nov. 1, Daniel, son of Edmund Rice.  
 " 1634, Nov. 12, Samuel, son of Edmund Rice.  
 " 1637, Mar. 13, Joseph, son of Edmund Rice.  
 Buried, 1632, Nov. 10, Daniel, son of Edmund Rice."

Lastly, there is Benjamin, born in Sudbury, Massachusetts Province, on 31 May, 1640. A Benjamin Rice, son of Edmund, is in this *micro-fiche* record as having been baptised on that day in Stanstead, England!

Let no one think your scribe is being critical of the people who made these lists. We are quite expert ourself at making "typos" and putting inaccurately remembered information into print - see the Obituaries for a glaring example. But these inaccuracies (whose? Ward's? or the more recent, weary transcribers' who tried very hard to read accurately the dusty, crumbling pages of antique manuscripts?), these differences make one pause before taking the information on the print-outs as literal truth.

Reproduction of part of a micro-fiche printout, apparently showing the immediate ancestry of Edmund Rice, 1594-1663, of Stanstead, England and Sudbury/Marlborough, Massachusetts.

COUNTRY: ENGLAND		COUNTY: SUFFOLK		AS OF FEB 1988		
NAME	SEX: M MALE F FEMALE	HUSBAND WIFE	TYPE	EVENT DATE	TOWN, PARISH	
FATHER/MOTHER OR SPOUSE						
RICE, THOMAS		WILLIAM RICE /	M	B	1594	STANSTEAD
RICE, THOMAS		REYNOLD RICE /	M	C	23 MAR 1588	SUDBURY
AP RYCE, THOMAS		HUGH AP RYCE /	M	C	17 JUN 1593	WILLOW, SUDBURY, ALL SAINTS

A son, Thomas, born to a William Rice in 1568 in Sudbury, England. Also, two other Thomas's, sons of Reynold Rice and Hugh Apryce, and contemporary with our Edmund Rice.

NAME	SEX: M MALE F FEMALE	HUSBAND WIFE	TYPE	EVENT DATE	TOWN, PARISH	
RICE, EDMUND		THOMAS RICE /	M	B	1594	STANSTEAD
RICE, EDMUND		THOMASINE FROST	M	M	15 OCT 1618	BURES SAINT MARY
RICE, EDMUND		THOMASINE FROST	M	M	15 OCT 1618	BURY SAINT EDMUNDS, ST
RICE, EDMUND		THOMASINE FROST	M	M	15 OCT 1618	STANSTEAD
RYCE, EDMUND		EDMUND RYCE /	M	C	26 OCT 1622	STANSTEAD
RYCE, EDWARD		HENRY RYCE /	M	C	MAY 1608	STANSTEAD
RYCE, EDWARD		EDMUND RICE / THOMASINE FROST	M	C	26 OCT 1622	STANSTEAD
RICE, EDWARD		EDMUND RICE /	M	C	26 OCT 1622	STANSTEAD

Edmund Rice was born in Stanstead in 1594, son of a Thomas Rice. The dates are consistent with this Thomas being the one born in Sudbury, England, in 1568. The marriage of Edmund and Thomasine in Bury St. Edmund's, and some births which are discussed in the text, are shown.

MAP of SOUTH-EASTERN ENGLAND  
received and adapted from Carl E. Ulrich



Enlarged portion, showing counties of origin and residence of some 17th century immigrants to Massachusetts.

There were other immigrants who are important to many of us, because we are descended from them also.

The Bent family, who came to America in April, 1638, on the ship, *Confidence*, was mentioned in the last issue. It seems well to repeat more clearly and succinctly what was said then. We begin with

1. John Bent, b.about 1540 in England, m.Edith \_\_\_\_\_
2. Robert Bent, b.about 1570, m.Anne \_\_\_\_\_
3. John Bent, b.about 1596, in Wayhill, England,  
 . d.27 Sept. 1672 in Sudbury, Mass.  
 . m.in 1624, Martha Blanchard, b.1600,d.1679.
4. Agnes (one of eleven or twelve children)  
 . b.about 1630, in Penton-Grafton, Eng.  
 . d. 4 June, 1713, in Marlborough, Mass.  
 . m.about 1746 or 47, Edward Rice,  
 . b.22 October, 1622, d.25 September, 1719.

Cousin Mary L. Jamison,  
 (3431 Horton Rd., Newtown Square, PA 19073),  
 has offered to follow up on this information, but needs to know the County, or Shire, in which the towns are located. Weyhill (correct spelling), is in Hampshire, or "Hants" (sic), but your scribe can't help with Penton-Grafton. Can anyone else?

A source of information about the Bent and the Rice families and others, and their way of life in the old and new worlds, is *Puritan Village*, by Sumner Chilton Powell, pub. 1965 by Anchor Books, Doubleday. Here one finds that John Bent came to America on the ship *Confidence* with Peter Noyes, who was a fellow yeoman from Weyhill, Hants., and the man who, with Edmund Rice, established Sudbury. There is no indication here that John Bent ever lived elsewhere in England, but such details are admittedly beyond the scope of the book.

Thomas King (father-in-law of Thomas, Samuel and Joseph), and John Moore (father-in-law of Henry and husband of Thomasine's sister, Elizabeth) are mentioned in the same book as being part of the Sudbury, Mass. settlement, but their background is not given. We repeat our request for information about these families, also.



## OBITUARIES:

On a cold day in December, 1989, December 10, to be exact, a tragic accident occurred. Margaret Grammer Vallejos was driving, alone, westward on the Massachusetts Turnpike, when her car went out of control. Margaret apparently was killed instantly.

Margaret was the daughter of Virginia Grammer, and both had just joined the Rice Association at the Reunion in September. We recall her as a young, vibrant and enthusiastic person, who had just returned from South America with her delightful young son. In fact, she received the prize for having come the farthest.

Our sympathy is with the family of this lovely young woman. Her loss is a loss to all of us, for her potential for future achievements was great. Although we had no opportunity to get to know her well, we shall miss her greatly.

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Loretta Verona Rice Estes was born on 2 November, 1896, in a log cabin on the Young Ranch, (Sec.14-TWP 15, Range 22) Custer County, Nebraska. The cabin, which was also the first courthouse of Custer County, was later moved and is now on display in Morgan Park in Callaway, Neb. When Loretta was born the cabin on the Young Ranch was 15 miles southeast of Calloway, near Lodi, Neb. Loretta Rice Estes died Nov. 21, 1987, at Broken Bow, Nebraska, age 91 years.

Her father, Charles Henry Rice, came to Nebraska in about 1885 (age 8) after the death of his parents in Rochester, NY, and lived with his aunt and uncle, Esther Anne "Annie" Johnson and Daniel Samuel Dickinson Rice.

We thank Cousin Dolores Mandeville for this information.

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## OBITUARIES, cont.:

We have learned, with no details, of the passing of two of our members, Jeri Smith, of St. Paul Minn., and Mrs. C. Aubrey Granzin, of Fullerton, Calif.

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## Correction:

A year or so ago we reported, falsely, on the passing of Eric Depew Rice. His sister, Gayna Caroline Rice, has written to correct this gross error.

It was Eric's wife, the former Pauline Benoit, who passed away on April 27, 1988.

Cousin Gayna and we are happy to report, two years later, that Cousin Eric has remarried and continues to live happily in El Centro, California.

Our deepest apologies to Cousins Gayna and Eric for getting the facts all mixed up.

## COVER STORY:

Cousin David G. Allen, of Mahone Bay, Nova Scotia, sent us a beautiful color photograph of an oil painting in his possession. This photograph, reproduced as well as a photocopier can reproduce it, is shown on the front cover of this issue.

Cousin David writes that the painting, titled "The Wayland Farm," once belonged to George Damon Rice, and asks if anyone can identify the farm.

George Damon Rice (Generation VIII) was a descendant of Edward, through his son Edmund, his son, Jason, and a succession of three Edmunds down to Moses, George's father. Jason inherited his father's estate, including a farm in Sudbury, and it passed down in turn to the third Edmund (1785-after 1858). This Edmund moved to Brighton, Mass., where he was living when Ward compiled his Rice genealogy. Ward takes pains to mention "the farm" in footnotes to each generation. When one goes back to the first Edward, one finds "Dea. Edward Rice and wife, Anna (sic; Agnes) of Marlboro', conveyed, April 1, 1686, half of the farm (he purchased of his father Edmund.....) lying within the bounds of Sudbury, 'near the spring'." The other half went to Edward's older son, John. In later footnotes we find the Selectmen of Sudbury laying out a right-of-way for younger brother Edmund to get to the spring, and even later John selling his portion to Edmund. Although Ward never states that the land in question, and the building on it, were the homestead of the first Edmund Rice, he clearly implies it and seems to believe that they were.

The pictures of the Edmund Rice Homestead previously published in various issues of the Newsletter and in the *Rice Register* are (I believe) from photographs taken during the later life of this house, before it finally crumbled to be replaced by a modern development. The house in those old pictures looks remarkably the same as the house in this painting. So now we have a picture of the house and a barn and a shed, painted very likely during the prime of the house's life.

Thank you very, very much for sharing this treasure with us, Cousin David Allen!

## EDITOR'S NOTE:

Greetings to all of you!

This issue is given over mainly to "beginnings" - beginnings not only of English settlement in the New World, but also the possible beginnings of our families ten and fifteen centuries ago. In a future issue we shall swing forward again to the nineteenth century, and spend some time considering the War Between the States. Any contributions to this topic are welcome!

The reason for choosing this topic is that Cousin Ronald Santurjian, who has spent much time and effort researching Brig. Edmund Rice, has sent us a wealth of material. We will be gathering this material together, and reporting on this career soldier's noteworthy service as a Captain and a Lieutenant-Colonel in the Civil War.

It would also be of interest to learn of other ancestors who served in that War. Please send in any material you may have, including the veteran's name, details identifying him as a Rice descendant, and his regiment and the battles in which he fought. Any communication with enough information to fit into a story, received here by the beginning of June, will be included in the "Civil War Issue".

Finally, another reminder that the 1990 Annual Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 25, at the Marlborough Country Club in Marlborough, Mass. Full details of the program plus a reservation blank will be in the next issue.

Till then,

your cousin,

*Mickey*

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