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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Rice Family Members,

"Hewing to the line" is one of my favorite expressions from old New England. It means that when squaring up timbers with broad-axe and adze the guidelines marked on the log have to be watched very carefully, so as to make sure the purpose and fit of the log will be achieved. It's a good experience, doing this, because it teaches you to watch very closely just exactly what and where you are cutting so you can accomplish your goal. It isn't easy, believe me!

With this in mind, I read over the By-laws of our Association. The lines drawn by this document are meant to be "hewn to", so that the purpose of the organization will be realized. To quote from the By-laws, Article 2:

"This Association is consitituted for the purpose of encouraging antiquarian, genealogical and historical researches, especially with reference to the times, the ancestors and the descendants of Edmund Rice, who settled in Sudbury in 1638 and died in 1663."

I believe everything we do as a family encourages these activities. They are pleasant and fascinating studies, and help us to build esteem for self and for others.

My reason for mentioning all of this has to do with the readiness and willingness of the Rice Family to engage the challenges of the new century, and to use effectively the creations of technology, such as the computer, in "hewing to the line." We may be able and willing, but are we ready? - A challenge for the 21st century!

John S. Bates



REUNION 1991:

The Annual Meeting of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association was held on Sunday, September 22, 1991, at the Salem Cross Inn, West Brookfield, Mass. Between 70 and 80 people (we lost count toward the end) attended, enjoying a delicious luncheon, a pleasant social time and a most interesting talk by our president, John Bates.

The Salem Cross Inn is in a building which dates from the 1700's. The land was first cleared and worked, and a homestead built on it, by one John White, of Concord. In 1707 he brought his bride, Prudence Hayward, to live there, and in 1708 their son, John, was born. The little family thrived in spite of the isolation and hardships of frontier life, for the land on which they lived was fertile, and John was a hard worker and good provider.

In 1710, just after baby John's second birthday, the senior John went out to join his neighbors in a joint project in the fields. While working, the men were set upon by Indians. The men defended themselves, and most escaped. John White, however, stumbled and fell, and was killed by the Indians where he lay.

This is the gist of the story John Bates told us, with much more eloquence and detail than can be given here. He promises to continue the story at next year's meeting. Meanwhile, we can tell you that young John Jr. grew up and married, and that more than one of our members count him as an ancestor.

The business of the meeting can be summarized briefly. Our accounts balance, we have plenty of books on hand to be sold (see BOOKS, page 17), and the Association is thriving. Subtracting from new members those who have died or dropped out for lack of interest, our net membership continues to climb toward 450. Counting spouses who are active members, the number is above 450!

REUNION 1991, cont.

The usual little gifts were given to:

The person who had come the farthest;
Bennie Larj, from South Carolina.

The oldest person present;
Ruth McCorison, age 88, from Worcester, Mass.

The youngest person present;
Sarah Ann Labrie, 9 mos., from Manchester, N.H.

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Speaking of family reunions, it has come to our attention that at least two regional reunions are held annually in two separate regions.

Cousin Doris Barb, the lady from Kansas who wins prizes at county fairs for her cooking, writes to report that their Kansas reunion will have been on the second Sunday in October - the 13th. Write us again, please, Cousin Doris, and let us know how it went.

At the same time, William F. Rice of Yuma, Ariz. reports that "we have our own reunion each year in Seattle with approximately 60 people attending."

We are delighted to learn of these reunions! If any of you feels inspired, and would like to hold a regional reunion in your area, we would be happy to help with names and addresses of members who live in the region.

NEW MEMBERS:

First of all, a belated but warm welcome to the Brigham family from St. Louis, Missouri. They include David William Brigham, Jr. and Reginald Alfred Brigham (St. James, Mo.), brothers of member Grace Brigham Horne, and also her niece and nephew, Carol Brigham Door and Dr. David W. Brigham, III.

Others who have joined the Association this past summer and fall are:

- ✓Helen Ellis, of Keene, New Hampshire,
- ✓Beatrice Hites, of Douglasville, Georgia,
- ✓Shaun Livingston Kelly, of Greenwich, Connecticut,
son of long-time member Laura Rice Kelly,
- ✓June (Dunton) Koeppe, of Kearney, Nebraska
- ✓Marshall Meeks, of Acton, Massachusetts,
- ✓Dan S. Rice, of Oberlin, Ohio,
- ✓Elizabeth J. Sander, of Plymouth, Massachusetts
and her mother,
Mrs. Barbara Sander, of Exeter, New Hampshire,
- ✓Virginia R. Theberge, of Washington, D.C.
- Audrey Van Wyck, of Chicopee, Massachusetts,
and
- ✓Robert Wood, of Hardwick, Massachusetts.

We earnestly request that those of you who have not yet sent in your genealogies do so at your earliest convenience. Meanwhile, we warmly welcome you all to our membership!

QUERIES:

Note: The queries in this column are printed in the hope that one or more of our members may have relevant information. If you have such information, please correspond with the questioner directly. Also, if your query was not published, or if you wish to try a second time, do not hesitate to send it in again.

The first query is from Mrs. Helen L. Cropley
114 Quarter Horse Dr.
Scott Depot, WV 25560

Mrs. Cropley wonders "whether any branches of the Edmund Rice family would have been in Kentucky between 1800 and 1830." Her great-great-grandfather, Peter Rice, was born in Kentucky about 1827.

I wrote her about the Thomas Rice who came to Virginia as an "adventurer", and then I found, in Supplement 2, Part 1, a Charles^{1548a} Rice, b. 1763, descended from Edmund, Thomas⁴, Peter³⁰, Peter¹¹⁴, and Peter²⁶⁰. Charles married Sarah Bryant, in Lincoln Co. Kentucky, and lived in Madison Co. Ky. Although none of his sons were named Peter, a grandson named Peter would be the same generation as Mrs. Cropley's great-great-grandfather.

Does anyone have more information about this family, or any other Edmund Rice descendant who may have migrated to Virginia before or after the Revolution?

The second is from Cousin June Koeppe
2017 Avenue B,
Kearney, NE 68847

A new member, Cousin June needs to find her "link" to Edmund. Her great grandfather was James F. RICE, birthdate unknown. On 11 Feb. 1862 he married Clara HAYES in Woolwich, Maine.

Their daughter, Margaret Emma RICE, was born 8 May 1868, and married Francis B. DUNTON on 1 Jan. 1886. She died on 1 Jan. 1936, and is buried in Woolwich, Maine.

QUERIES, cont.

Next, another cousin, June Layton

369 Avery Rd. E.

Chehallis, WA 98532,

is still looking for the parents of her great-great-grandmother, Tamesin (RICE) COLLINS. She was born on April 20, 1782, and lived in Groton (Tompkins Co.) N.Y. Here she married Joseph L. COLLINS, and here their fourteen children were born. The family later moved to Ionia, Mich., where Tamesin died March 13, 1859.

This is a tough one, and Cousin June would appreciate any help or suggestions.

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The next two queries are big ones, on a subject we have mentioned before - wives.

Cousins (M/M) Howard and Sylvia Maynard

39 Allendale Rd.

Binghamton, NY 13903

are interested in the ancestry of

Elizabeth Moore, m. Henry Rice

Mehitable Warren, m. Gershom Brigham

Hannah Merrill, m. Benjamin Brigham

Dorothy Hayden, m. John Maynard

QUERIES, cont.

and lastly, Ms. Emma Bauks,

R.R.2, Box 2374

Litchfield, ME 04350,

is seeking information about several families, among them **BENNETT** and **GRAVES**. Josiah **Bennett** m. Abigail **Graves** ca. 1750. Their daughter, Elizabeth, married a Luther **RICE** in 1780. Meanwhile, Luther's mother was Mary **BENNETT**, who married his father, Samuel **RICE**, in 1754.

Ms. Bauks also asks about the following families:

Ross, Perry, Goodnow, Twitchell and Eames.

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Your scribe has long felt that not enough is known or recorded about our female ancestors; mostly because women were not considered important as individuals in the 17th and 18th centuries, but also because we tend to be less concerned about the non-Rice spouse, male or female. These other lines are of equal importance in many cases, whether they lead to the Mayflower or to some homeland elsewhere in the world.

Simply for the sake of completeness, the parents of the spouse and the dates, should always be included when known.

OBITUARIES:

Our hearts go out and we extend our deepest sympathy to the families of the following members who died during the past several months:

Mrs. Glen H. Rice of Eureka, Kansas, widow of Glen Harold Rice who died in 1988, passed away some time during the summer of 1991.

Philip Carlton Rice, son of Philip M. Rice and father of Philip Martin Rice, died suddenly of a heart attack on March 2, 1991.

Cousin Carlton, aged 53, had been Principal of the Eastview School in Waterman, Ill. for 23 years. He is remembered by the school as an administrator whose "trust, encouragement and support led his staff to new ideas and horizons." As "an educator who genuinely cared about children and learning, his values influenced and enhanced the lives of all those around him."

At the death in 1989 of his father, Philip M. Rice, Carlton received custody of the "Edmund Rice" chest which carried the Rice family's possessions to this country in 1638. Now the chest is in the custody of Carlton's son, Philip Martin Rice, who treasures it.

Erwin Philip Rice, of Athol, Mass. died suddenly on April 21, 1991, just short of his 90th birthday.

"Doc" Rice, the son of Eugene H. and Addie (Comeau) Rice, was a pharmacist. After graduating from Massachusetts College of Pharmacy, Boston, in 1923, he went to work for Liggett Drug Stores on Long Island, N.Y. In 1942 he returned to Athol, where he also worked for Liggett until he opened his own store, the (naturally) Rice Drug Store. He retired in 1972.

His wife, Alice (Glassett) Rice, died in 1982. "Doc" was a member of Our Lady Immaculate Church, several professional societies, the Athol Historical Society and the Edmund Rice (1638) Association. He lived a long and worthwhile life of service to his community, and was active until five days before he died. He is survived by a son, Eugene Rice of Oviedo Fla., who is a member of our Association. His survivors also include two sisters and a granddaughter.

We extend our sympathy to Eugene, and through him to the rest of the family. We also would like to thank Doc's sister, Ella Martin, of Athol, for sending us the information.

OBITUARIES, cont.

Gertrude Aileen (Brown) Smith, Yamhill, Oregon, mother of Barbara A. Bodeen of McMinnville, Oregon, died on the second of May, 1991.

Gertrude was born in Dufur, Oregon, on June 22 1901, the daughter of George Wilson Brown and Anna Gertrude Powell. In 1928 she graduated from Oregon Normal School (Teachers' College), and on Christmas Day, 1929, she married Perry C. Smith. Cousin Gertrude continued to teach school, and was very active in the Methodist Church, teaching Sunday School, playing the organ, and serving as its treasurer. She was also interested in gardening and was active in the Yamhill Garden Club and the 4-H. In addition to the Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Cousin Gertrude was a member of The General Society of Mayflower Descendants, the D.A.R., the Oregon Historical Society and the Yamhill Co. Historical Society. A few years ago, your scribe was privileged to have a delightful correspondence with this alert and sprightly lady.

Our sympathy to her daughter, Barbara, her four grandchildren and five great-grandchildren. Thank you, Cousin Barbara, for your note.

Ellen E. Cash died peacefully at home in the early morning hours of Sept. 28, 1991.

The wife of Ben L. Cash of Albuquerque, N.M., Cousin Ellen had suffered a stroke and, while aware of her surroundings, was bedridden for some time before her death.

Thank you for your letters, Ben, and our love and blessings to you.

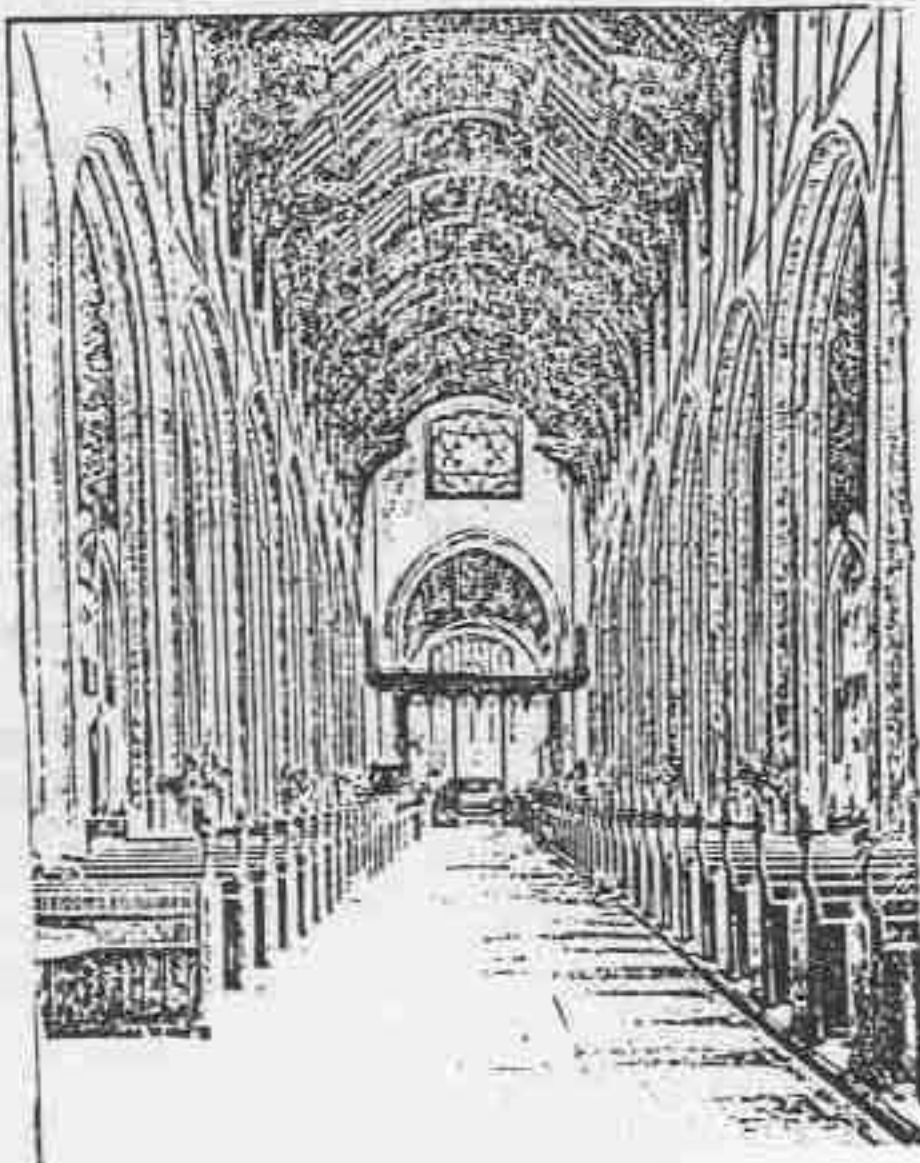
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COVER STORY:

Regardless of Edmund Rice's ancestry, whether royal or common, his personal background carries an enormous amount of tradition, of events most important to our heritage. The cover picture shows the facade of St. Mary's Church in Bury St. Edmunds, West Suffolk.

The first building known on this site was a monastery, built around 640 A.D. Two hundred years later East Anglia had become a wealthy kingdom until overrun in the ninth century by the Danes. The king at that time was named Edmund. He was slain in 870 A.D. by the Danish invaders, died a martyr's death, and was buried in the monastery. So many miracles were attributed to him that he was canonized, and the name of the town changed forever to Bury St. Edmund's.

By the year 1200 William the Conqueror had come, the Danes had gone, and England was becoming England. The urge for freedom is ever strong, and the noble Barons of England refused to be ruled by a dictatorial king. Thus, in 1214, they gathered one night in St. Mary's Church, wrote the Magna Carta, and vowed to force King John to sign it. This they accomplished the next day, and thus began to evolve our heritage of freedom.



St. Mary's Church and Bury St. Edmunds hold other claims to historical fame.

Perhaps the most significant for us is that Edmund Rice may have grown up in Bury St. Edmunds, and did, in 1618, marry Thomasine Frost in St. Mary's Church.

This picture shows the interior of St. Mary's.

Many thanks to Cousin Grace Ransom for sending us these pictures.

OTHER STORIES and PICTURES:

Here are some interesting, if not definitely identified, Rices. I don't know if all of these men are Edmund Rice descendants; they all deserve remembrance.

1. Near Burlington, Vt.

Nathan Rice³⁵⁰ was born in Sturbridge in 1754. He graduated from Harvard in 1773, and was an officer in the Revolution and during the "quasi war with France, 1799 and 1800". He lived in Hingham, Mass., but soon after 1800 he moved to Burlington, Vt. with his second wife, Sophia, and four youngest children, one of them hers. Sophia died in 1814, and Nathan died in 1834. - Ward.

I don't know that this is the same Nathan Rice, but it's a close match. In 1818, a Colonel Nathan Rice, "an officer in the Revolutionary Army," came to Winooski, a town outside of Burlington, and purchased "several lots of land consisting of 103 acres each." Here, on a little dirt road which is now Main St., Nathan built "Mansion House", the second oldest building in Winooski. He lived there until 1828, when he sold the property and moved into Burlington, "where he later died."



"The Mansion House"

109 Main St.

about 1818

It is pleasant to imagine Col. Rice, his one unmarried daughter keeping house for him, using this big country home as a haven for his other children and grandchildren.

Quotes are from the text with the picture. Thanks to Tom Rice for this tidbit.

OTHER STORIES and PICTURES, cont.

2. Cape Girardeau, Mo.

The stone reads:

"Rev. D.E.Y. Rice
born
Aug. 23, 1813
died
June 2, 1854
He graduated
at South Hanover College
1836
at Theological Seminary
1839
Was licensed to preach
the Gospel
1840
and installed Pastor of
The Pleasant Hill Church
1843"



On the flat stone it reads:

"He came to
Cape Girardeau, Mo.
1849 and was principal
of the
Washington Female Seminary
1849 ---- 1854
He organized
The Presbyterian Church
Cape Girardeau, Missouri
June, 1850
and was its stated supply
1850 - 1854
during which time its first church building was erected."

Thanks to Cousin Leta Olson for the excellent photograph.

OTHER STORIES and PICTURES, cont.

3. Near Bismarck, North Dakota

James Clay Rice⁴⁰⁵⁰, a soldier, was born in Worthington, Mass. in 1829. He graduated from Yale, entered the study of law, and was admitted to the Bar in New York City in 1856. He enlisted in the Civil War as a private, and rose to Colonel of the 44th New York Regiment. He led his regiment in the battles of Yorktown, Hanover Court House, Gaines's Mills, Malvern Hill, Manassas, Fredericksburg and Chancellorsville. At Gettysburg he commanded a brigade which secured Round Top against a flanking movement. On 17 Aug. 1863 he was commissioned a brigadier-general and served in the Battles of the Wilderness. He was killed near Spotsylvania on 11 May, 1864.

In 1864 part of the Union Army was diverted to the west for several reasons. Many of the fur-company employees were pro-Confederate in sympathy; discontent was spreading among the tribes in the northern plains; and Indian agents, miners, settlers and peaceful Indians sought the protection of the military. The expedition was assigned to build forts as outposts and keep pacified the entire area first explored by Lewis and Clark.

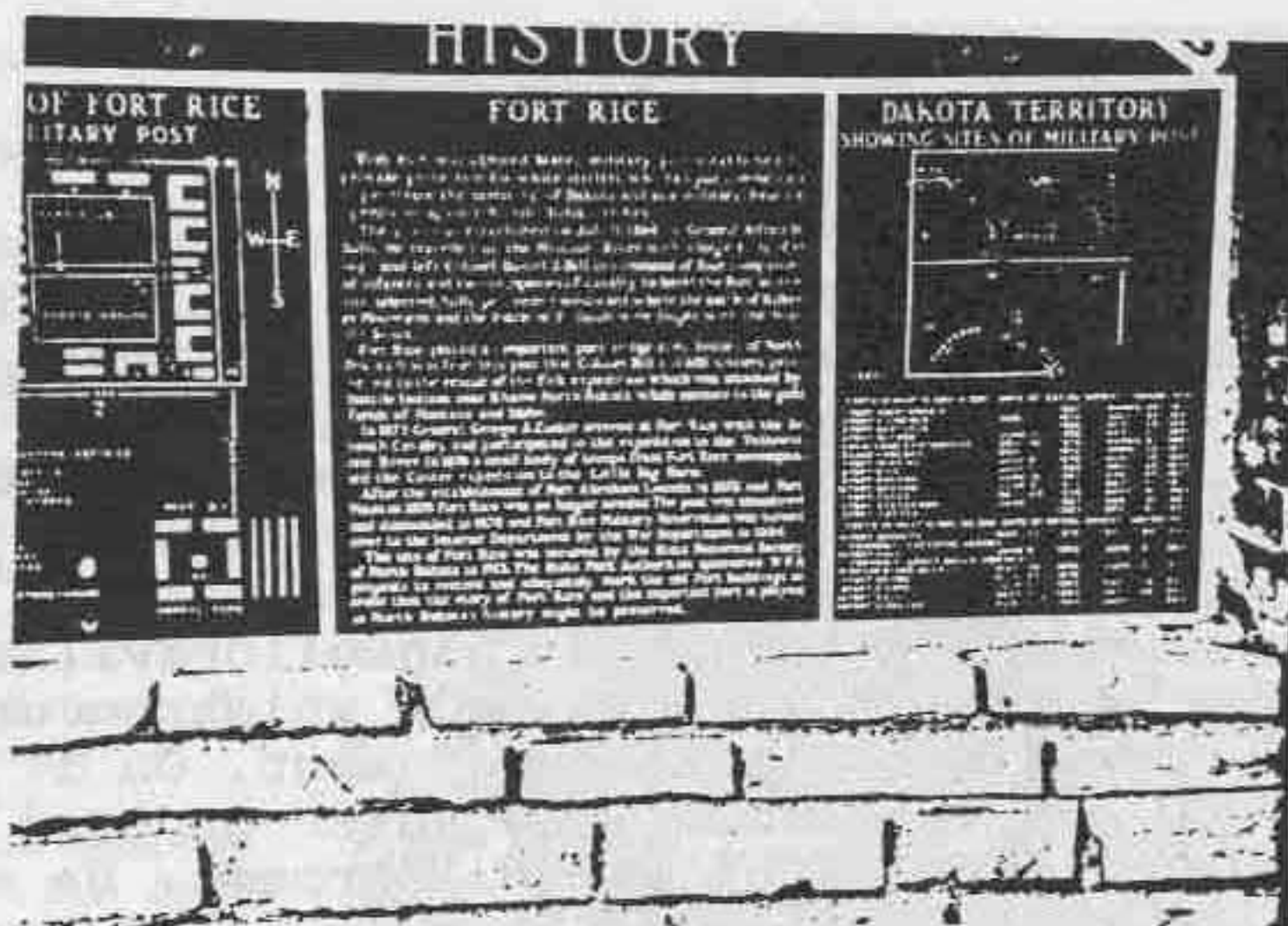
Sign commemorating

Lewis & Clark

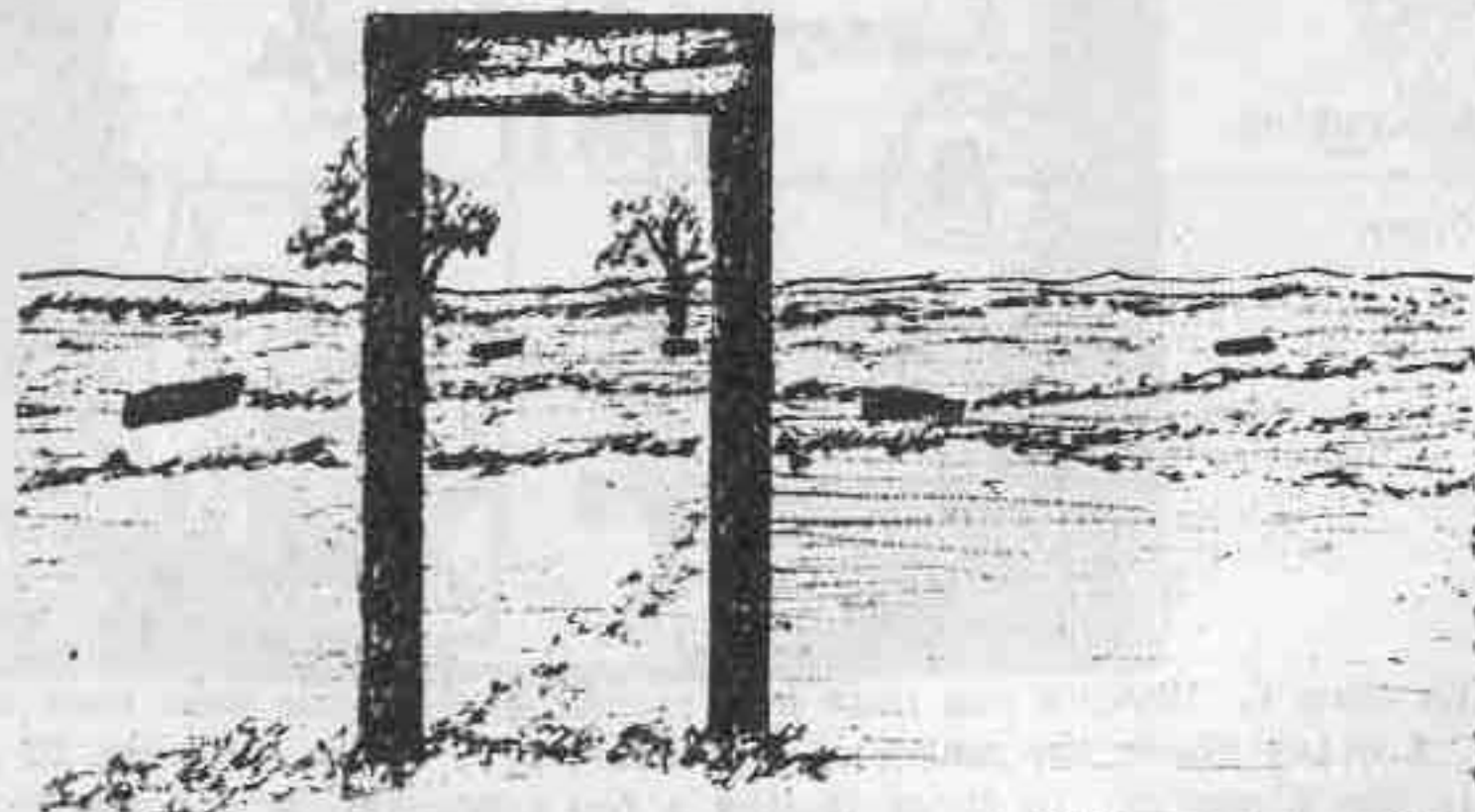


On July 7, 1864, a new post was established on the west bank of the Missouri, 8 miles above the mouth of the Cannonball River and some 30 miles south of what is now Bismarck. In three months a few companies of Wisconsin Volunteers built "what was considered at the time the best military post on the Missouri above Leavenworth." This fort, and some 175 square miles of military reservation, was named for the recently slain hero, James Clay Rice.

OTHER STORIES and PICTURES, cont.



Fort Rice remained in active use until 1878. Here peace treaties were signed with the Sioux, treaties soon abrogated by the coming of the railroad and the Indians' resentment. From here units were sent out to escort wagon trains of settlers crossing the plains into Montana and Idaho. From here, also, in 1876, Custer led his men out toward the Little Big Horn. After this, other forts were built in more strategic locations, and on November 8, 1878, Fort Rice was abandoned. The land was turned over to the Department of the Interior in 1884, and is now preserved as a State Historic Place.



Sketch of Fort Rice today. Note remains of buildings and earthworks.

Thanks to Winona Rice Flood for the photos and information.

BOOK LIST

The following books are published by the Rice Association:

- THE RICE FAMILY:** by Andrew Henshaw Ward (1858) reprint. 379 pages.
A genealogical history of descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice.
- SUPPLEMENT to THE RICE FAMILY:** (1967) (soft cover) 110 pages.
Additions and corrections to the above -
For both: \$20.00 plus \$2.50 postage and packing.
- A GENEALOGICAL REGISTER of RICE DESCENDANTS:** (1970) 1594 pages.
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BOOK LIST, cont.

In this issue, a word about the "Supplements". Hardly a month goes by that we don't hear from someone whose line goes back to Edmund through one or more of Edmund's children and grandchildren, but somewhere in the line is someone whose existence was not known by Andrew Ward. Or, if Ward was aware of that individual, he knew only the child's given name.

From the beginning members of the Rice Association have been asked to submit their genealogies. These submissions revealed some of Ward's omissions, and also some errors. For a whole century this information accumulated, and was finally published as the Genealogical Register. There were still many unknown names waiting to be discovered, however.

More than 30 years have gone by since the Register was published, and people have continued to submit genealogies which revealed new individuals in the early generations. There were so many of these that in 1983 Supplement 2 part 1 was published to record them.

Meanwhile, two more generations had come of age. These individuals are recorded in Supplement 2, Part 2, published 5 years later. Anyone curious about these lines, and what may be lacking in Ward's book or the Register, will find these Supplements worth the price.



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EDITOR'S NOTE:

On Genealogies

On the opposite page we recommend the purchase of Supplement 2 parts 1 and 2, for completeness sake and for special interest. At the time of publication of Part 2 your editor inherited the task of keeping track of information submitted subsequently. This information continues to flow in, with nearly 200 families now indexed. That doesn't count the genealogies which have arrived too recently to be transcribed.

It seems to your scribe that we will soon have enough material to consider another supplement. It will take several years to complete the task of organizing the material and preparing it for publication, and we will need the help of many people.

In his letter on page 3 our president speaks of being "ready" for the 21st century. In this age of communications people can work together even though miles separate them, forming committees, such as one already at work, headed by Director Laurence Patterson. Cousin Pat is working with other Canadian members to find out more about our Canadian cousins.

Therefore, following Cousin John, your scribe would like to ask for volunteers, especially from among those of you who have some expertise in genealogy. If you would be interested in helping with organizing and verifying the entries for a new Supplement at some future date, please drop me a note.

There is no immediate commitment here; just an expression of interest so that at some future date we may ask you for help.

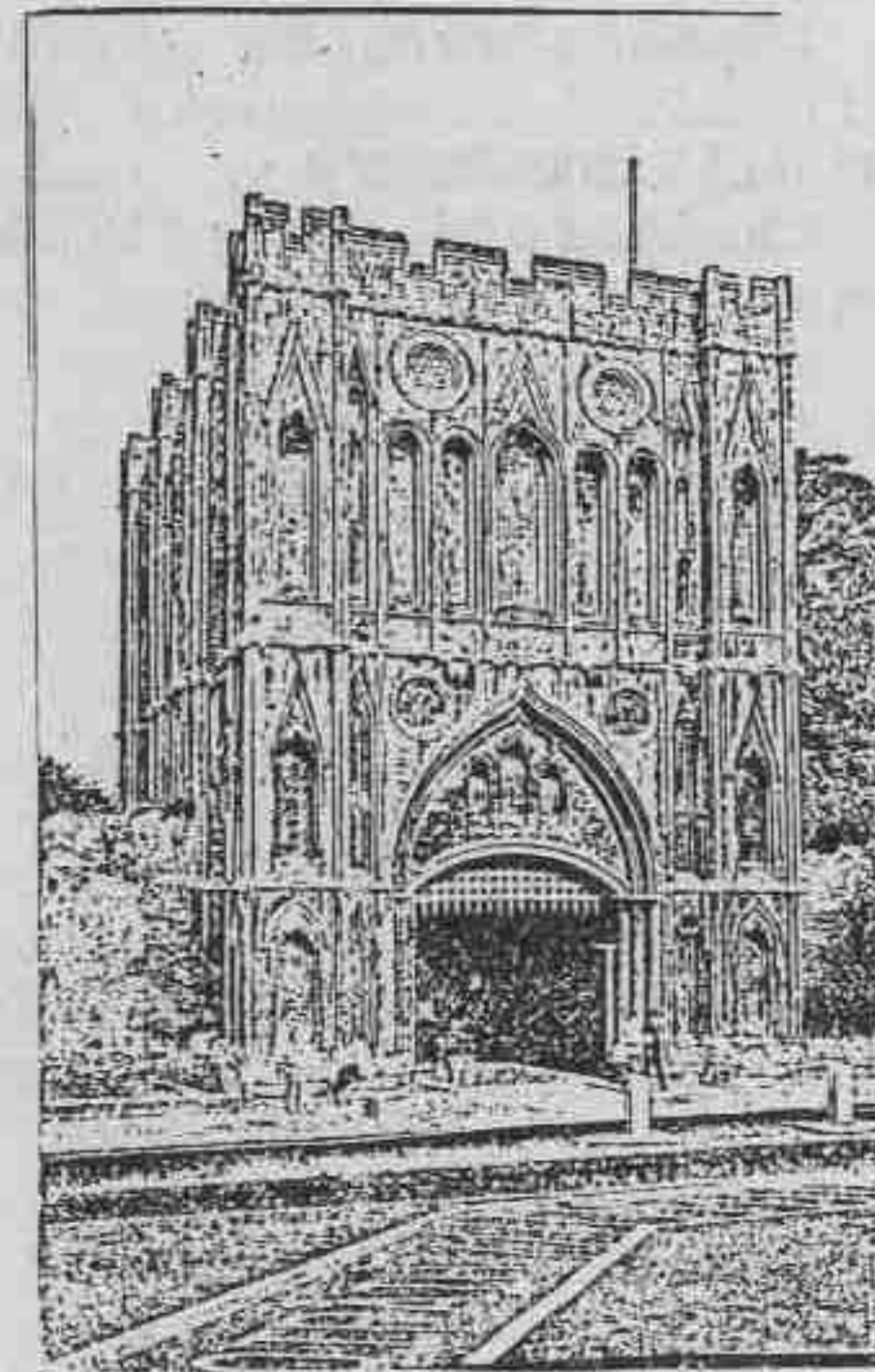
On to the twenty-first century!

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