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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Rice Family members,

I keep saying it's Spring, in spite of the recent snowfalls in New England. But it will clear up, I hope, in time to get the peas planted.

Our garden provides a goodly part of our food. It would probably give us more if we'd only believe it could. It's vegetable organic with a light fertilizer supplement, and cultivated with a hoe Mary got for two dollars at a yard sale eleven years ago. With a hand scythe I mow about an acre of meadow, gathering up the hay with a home-made rake that looks like a medieval weapon. The hay is used for mulch and compost. Pest control is done with a tin can half full of water with a few drops of dish detergent, and a fly swatter to convince the bugs to take a bath. Certain areas of the garden, which is the size of two tennis courts, are solarized with clear poly film laid directly on the ground. This controls most diseases and parasites. We freeze, can or dry the harvest after a summer and fall of eating fresh right from the garden.

So, despite recession, ruinous scandals in the greatest institutions of our society, and the press of daily cares we go on with our little passive solar house and our pretty good garden, coaxing life from the nature we serve.

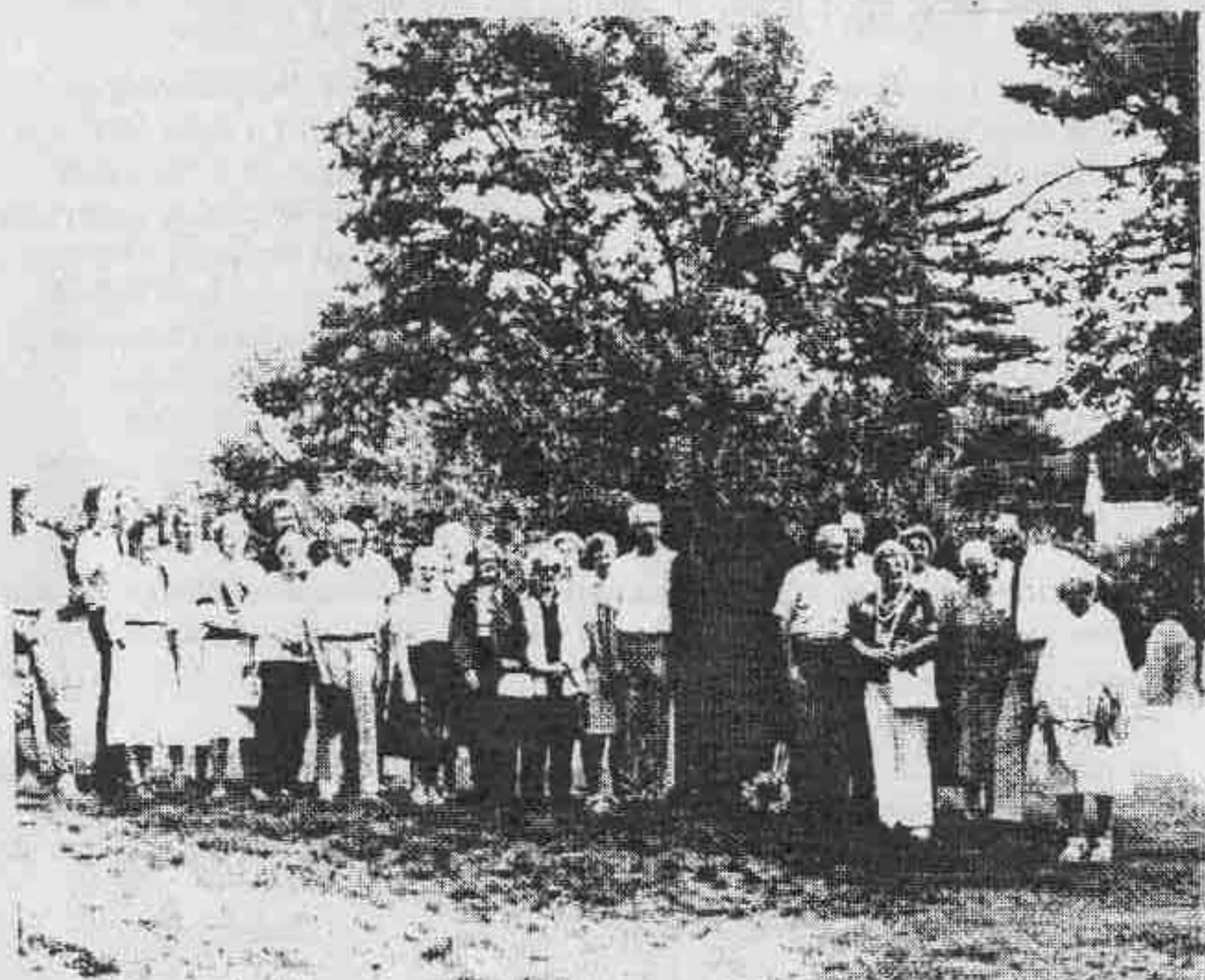
I'm puzzled as to why so many people work so hard for such a very long time just to make life complicated. We've found that living is as much a matter of what you don't do as what you do, and that simplicity and self-reliance are the surest ways to real success and happiness.

Time to get going.

Happy Spring!



From the 1988 Reunion:



Group assembled at Edmund Rice's memorial stone.

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Cover picture: The plaque on the boulder marks the site of the Edmund Rice Homestead in Wayland, Mass. Although the house no longer stands and new development has sprung up nearby, the site is accessible and has been left in Nature's care.

Unfortunately focus and reproduction are poor.  
The top line says "Deacon Edmund Rice".

## ANNUAL REUNION, 1992

The Annual Meeting of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association will be held on Saturday, September 19, 1992, at the Sterling Inn in Sterling, Massachusetts.

The photographs accompanying this article were taken on a recent "pilgrimage", following the Annual Meeting in 1988. This pilgrimage is an annual event for those wishing to take part.

Sterling is north of Worcester and south of Leominster, on State Rte. 12, not far from I-190, an arterial entering Worcester from the north. This is not too far from such points of interest as Sudbury and Wayland, and also Lancaster and Concord, so that you history buffs and Rice folk, who want to see where our mutual ancestor actually lived and did his bit to establish freedom and democratic political institutions in the New World, can plan a pleasant weekend of exploring and discovery.

More will be forthcoming about the detailed program, including an opportunity to send in your reservations, in the next issue - hopefully, toward the end of July.

One detail which can be announced now is the identity of the speaker of the day. He is Jere Danielle, Ph.D, a person well-versed in the history of New England in general and the Rice family and their friends in particular.

Dr. Danielle is a true New Englander, coming from Millinocket, Maine, I suspect of French Canadian stock. His present post is as Professor of History at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H. We are looking forward to hearing him speak, and to learning new bits of information and new insights about the lives of our ancestors.

So, make your plans now to come to Massachusetts for a delightful Fall weekend.



# **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.

For this issue, we have two queries which, because they both originated in Connecticut, your scribe believes should go to the Robert Royce Family Association. We have referred the questioners to this organization, but just in case we are mistaken, we include the queries here, also. (June Dahlenberg, take note!)

Wilbur Devens Raymond,

RR #1 P.O.Box 2640, New London, NH 03257

is looking for the parents of Violetta Rice, who married his great great grandfather, Comfort Raymond, in New Canaan, Ct. before 1765. Their son, Samuel Rice Raymond, was born in 1765 and emigrated to Canada in 1783, settling first at St. John, New Brunswick.

Russell M. Comrie,

P.O.Box 22311, Carmel, CA 93922

is looking for a John Rice who married a Mary Eastman in Glastonbury, Hartford Co., Conn. and had a son, Eliphalet Rice who moved to Homer, Cortland Co., N.Y. in 1797. Eliphalet died in Homer, N.Y. on 18 November, 1819.

A third questioner, I suspect, is looking for the "Virginia Rices", whose ancestor, Thomas Rice, was discussed in several issues last year. At any rate:

Debbie Meaney

4821 Pemberton, The Cc'ony, TX 75056

asks about two different Rices in her background.

1. Denis Jane Rice lived in Kentucky and went to Missouri after the Civil War. Married ? Morrison.
2. Rebecca Rice, b. 1796, lived in Roane Co. Tennessee, married James S. Flatt. Her father was John Rice, who may have come from North Carolina.



"Hmm... Wish I could find some answers!"

# **QUERIES, cont.:**

A fourth questioner, Virginia Moore,

1849 El Pedro Dr., Livermore, CA 94550

is looking for the parents of William Rice, who married Mary Anger on 13 September, 1784 in Royalston, Worcester Co., Mass. She does not know where and when William was born, but believes it was before 1755.

At any rate, around 1790 William and "Polly" moved to Pompey, Onandaga Co., N.Y., where their son, Hubbard, was born in 1795. In 1811 the family moved to Genesee, Orleans Co. N.Y. Hubbard Rice was Virginia's great great grandfather, and "probably had one brother and two sisters. He stayed in Orleans Co. and died there 24 August, 1888."

Virginia has found several Edmund Rice descendants living in Pompey, N.Y. at the time of the 1800 census. Among the first names she mentions are Zebulon, his sons, Elisha, Luke, Benjamin "plus others not mentioned", and a Chester Rice and a Caleb Rice.

If any of these names "ring a bell" with anyone, and can be connected to William, please write to Virginia Moore.

Lastly, Roderick C. Rice,

201 Prospect Parkway, Burlington, VT 05401

has sent in additional information regarding his great grandfather, Clinton B. Rice, born in 1812 in either Holbrook, Mass. or Colebrook, N.H. (family records differ). Clinton's father's first name may have been either Frederick or Almon. Clinton was married twice, first in 1832 to Elvina Auringer, who died in 1841. In 1843 he married Jane McNeil, from whom Roderick is descended. At this time the family lived in Melbourne Ridge, Quebec, a small town near Richmond, but the eldest son, Frederick, at least, eventually moved down to Vermont.

Clinton Rice lived, died (1896) and was buried in Melbourne Ridge.

Does anyone recognize Clinton Rice's family?



One of our new members, William Mustatia, Jr., has sent us an interesting tid-bit, and a question. A career serviceman, Cousin Bill was with the 5th Special Forces, operating in Laos in 1966-67. He has also been a Park Ranger and has worked in drug enforcement. His wife, Susan (Mettert) Mustatia, is in the National Guard and served for 6 months in the Middle East in 1991.

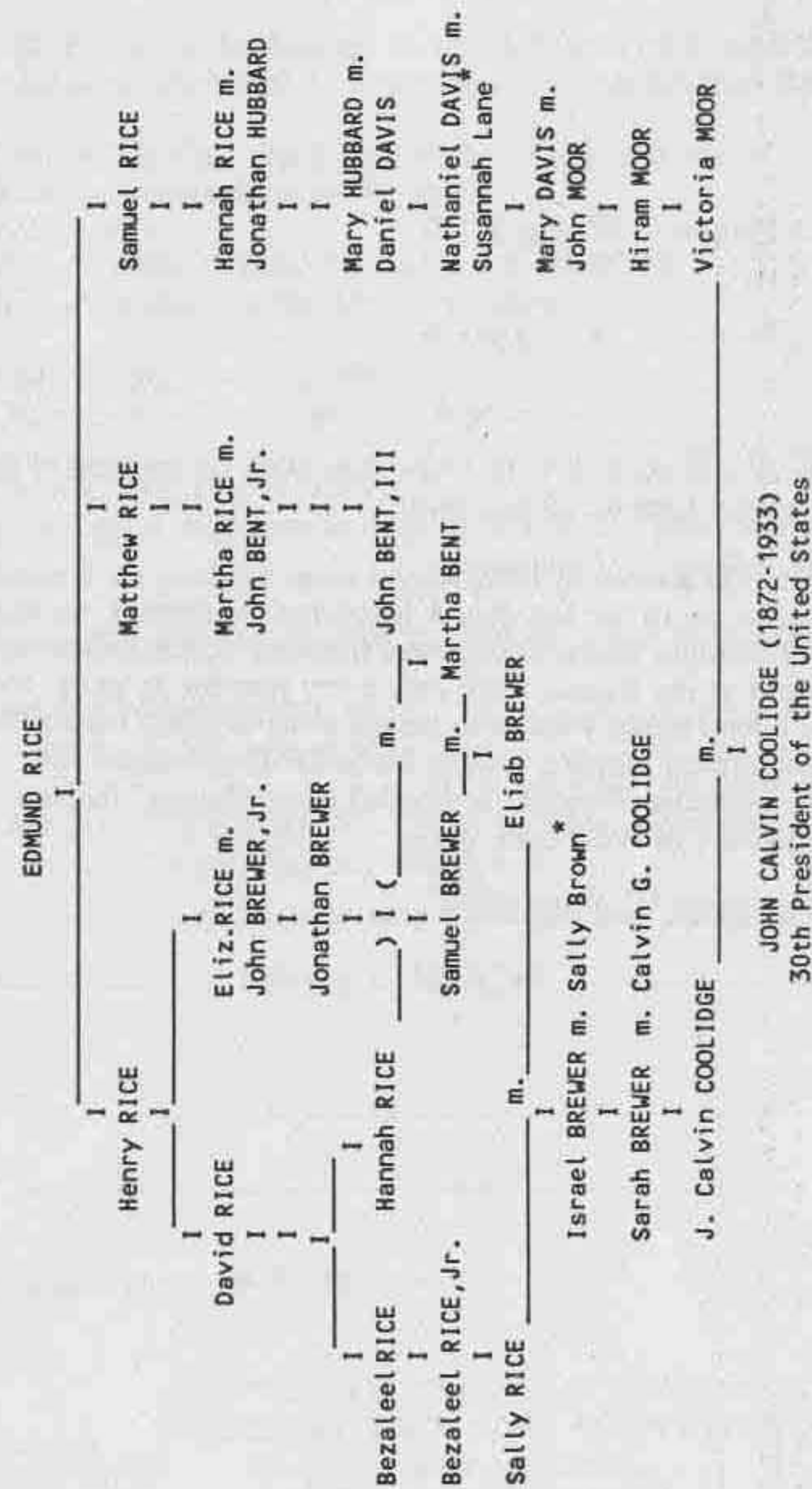
Cousin Bill sent, along with his bio, an interesting chart showing the various ancestors and lines of descent to President Calvin Coolidge. The Rice lines include Henry, Matthew and Samuel, with Bents and Brewers mixed in. Now, President Coolidge's paternal grandmother was a Sarah (Brewer) Coolidge, granddaughter of Eliab and Sally (Rice) Brewer. A \* by this Sally Rice's name in Bill's chart indicates a note saying she is "not a known relation of the Rice's above." Cousin Bill wonders if she might be related after all.

Your scribe has a fondness for President Coolidge, not only because he is among the more prestigious Rice descendants, but also because he is THE prestigious Vermonter of the twentieth century. (Our other potential "heroes" faded away in scandals and infamy, not necessarily of their own making.)

So I scrounged through Ward's book, the *Register*, and *Supplement 2 part 1*, and found that each book says that she is related, but there are discrepancies in the numbering which make tracing the line difficult. In the Supplement, however, the numbers are corrected and the trail becomes clear. The Sally Rice who married Eliab Brewer, and whose granddaughter Sarah Brewer married the first Calvin Coolidge (grandfather of the President) was a granddaughter of Bezaleel Rice, whose father, David, was a son of Henry Rice.

A version of Cousin Bill's chart is on the next page, revised to add Sally Rice's link and to place emphasis on the Rice lines. Spouses are omitted unless there is a name change or other reason to include them.

Chart showing some of the ancestry of Calvin Coolidge, 30th President of the United States



\* Both Susannah Lane and Sally Brown are descendants of Matthew Whipple (ca. 1560-1618), of Bocking, England. Two sons, Matthew and John, emigrated to America, and were progenitors also of a large and noteworthy family, including the poet, James Russell Lowell, Capt. William Whipple, signer of the Declaration of Independence, and Franklin Delano Roosevelt.



## OBITUARY:

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Our heartfelt sympathy and warm love to Doris Rice Barb on learning of the death of her sister, Josephine Cozette (Rice) Smith.

Cousin Josephine, born in Kansas in 1902, passed away suddenly on December 27, 1991, having been active up to the last day. A long-time member of the Rice Association, she and her younger sister, Doris, were first-rate cooks, exhibiting prize-winning baked goods at the Kansas State Fair every year for 36 years! She was also a sister of the late Glen Harold Rice, who passed away in 1988. Their father, Ervin Leslie Rice, was a farmer, rancher, banker and a life-long Mason. His children followed in his footsteps. They are descended from Thomas<sup>4</sup> through Gershom, one of the founders of Worcester, Mass.

God bless you, Cousin Doris, and thanks for your lovely note.

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## 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;  
and the
- SUPPLEMENT to THE RICE FAMILY: (1967) (soft cover) - 110 pages.  
Additions and corrections to the above.  
For both books: \$20.00 plus \$2.50 postage and packing.
- A GENEALOGICAL REGISTER of RICE DESCENDANTS: (1970) - 1594 pages.  
Continues the above to the 12th generation.  
\$25.00 plus \$3.50 postage and packing.
- SUPPLEMENT #2, Part 1. (1983) - 224 pages.  
New information through the first 8 generations.  
\$12.50 plus \$2.50 postage and packing.
- SUPPLEMENT #2, Part 2. (1987) - 663 pages.  
Continues all of the above into the 14th and 15th generations.  
\$30.00 plus \$3.50 postage and packing.
- EDMUND RICE and HIS FAMILY: (1938) by Elsie Hawes Smith,  
and
- WE SOUGHT THE WILDERNESS: (1949) by Rev. Clayton Rice.  
These two books are reprinted in one volume (1986) - 357 pages.  
\$17.00 plus \$2.50 postage and packing.
- MORE ABOUT THOSE RICES: (1954) by Elsie Hawes Smith - 109 pages.  
A sequel to Edmund Rice and His Family  
\$3.50 plus \$1.00 postage and packing.

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## OTHER BOOKS of INTEREST

For those who may have missed it, we repeat the item from the Winter issue about

Cousin Herbert S. Whitman,  
P.O.Box 186, Cornwall, CT 06753.



Cousin Herbert is the grandson of Alfred Whitman, 1833-1905, and his wife, Sarah Angelina Andrews, 1833-1912. In 1979 Herbert compiled and published, for the Whitman family, a book about his grandparents and "Their Ancestors and Descendants." A decade later, in 1989-90, he published a sequel, with pictures and other material contributed by family members; *WHITMAN REVISITED*.

Recently Cousin Herbert sent us copies of these books. They are beautiful books, but their big excitement for us is that Alfred Whitman is not only descended from Edmund Rice but from many of the other families (just one example, BENT) who were in New England at the time. And so was his wife, Sarah Andrews, one of whose ancestors was Robert Royce. All of the known ancestors of this couple are listed in a "Fan Chart", and each family is discussed in detail in the text.

The significance of this is that those of you who are interested in families other than Rice may find valuable information here. Please write to Cousin Herbert to ask about obtaining a copy of one or both books.

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Book	Price (includes mailing)	No.copies	Amount
THE RICE FAMILY (Ward) and SUPPLEMENT:	\$22.50	_____	_____
"The" REGISTER:	\$27.50	_____	_____
SUPPLEMENT #2, Part 1:	\$15.00	_____	_____
SUPPLEMENT #2, Part 2:	\$32.50	_____	_____
EDMUND RICE and HIS FAMILY, and WE SOUGHT THE WILDERNESS:	\$19.50	_____	_____
MORE ABOUT THOSE RICES:	\$4.50	_____	_____
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## WE WELCOME NEW MEMBERS:

A total of ten cousins and one spouse have joined us since the last issue was published. Because there is space in this issue, we can tell you a little bit about each of them. They are:

✓ R. Sherwin Drury, of Leominster, Massachusetts.

Cousin Sherwin, like all of the Drury's in our family, is a descendant of Edmund's daughter, Lydia, through her son, John, and his son, Thomas, who married Rachel Rice, daughter of Henry.

✓ K. Anne Larkin, of La Verne, California.

Cousin Anne is also a Drury descendant.

✓ Howard L. Hamilton, of Charlottesville, Virginia.

Cousin Howard is a descendant of Thomas and Mary King Rice, through Gershom, one of the founders of Worcester, Mass., as is

✓ Wendy (Cavanaugh) Marani, of Constantia, New York

Cousin Wendy is listed on page 1289 of the *Register*, is married to Daniel F. Marani, and has one child, Kelly, born 1978.

✓ Geraldine Rice Foty, of West Brookfield, Mass.

Cousin Geraldine, whom you met in the Winter, 1992, issue, is a descendant of Thomas and Edward, through their son, Thomas, and daughter, Anne, respectively, and through their son, Beriah, who emigrated to Nova Scotia.

Geraldine is married to Nicholas Foty, and has two children.

✓ Kathy Kline, of San Diego, California

Cousin Kathy is a descendant of Henry Rice, through his daughter, Mary, who married Gershom Brigham. She has two sons, aged 7 and 14.

✓ Priscilla Warren Scudder, of Cotuit, Mass.

Cousin Priscilla is also a descendant of Gershom and Mary (Rice) Brigham. She has three children and two grandchildren.

✓ Dorothy L. (Neilson) Hyden, of Edina, Minnesota, 55435

Cousin Dorothy is a descendant of Matthew. She is married to Howard E. Hyden and has three children.

✓ Wm. Mustatia, Jr., of Grand Marais, Michigan

Cousin Bill is a descendant of Thomas through his son Ephraim, and is listed on page 238 of *Supplement 2 part 2*. (see COVER STORY for more)

✓ Mr. and Mrs. Roderick Rice, of Burlington, Vermont

Cousin Rod is a descendant of Clinton B. Rice, born in 1812. (see QUERIES)



## POST SCRIPT

Happy Spring!

Yes, we in northern New England are still having snow and frost; 8" of snow during the end of April, below-freezing nights well into May, snow still brightening the mountain tops, although the skiers have long since gone.

And yet, when we visited Tucson in April the temperature was above 90°F., and the locals were still calling it "winter", although the desert was greener and more full of flowers than our wet meadows are as I write this, three weeks later.

Spring is a state of mind as much as it is a season. It varies with each individual, just as the climate varies among all the places in this land where our many cousins live. Because it is a time of rebirth, spring can also be a time of new beginnings, of pausing to look around at Nature's beauty (and man's inhumanity to man) and think about where we've been and where we're going.

It is easy to get discouraged, as one looks out at gray skies, brown grass and six inches of mud atop still-frozen ground, (and listens to daily repetitions of bad news). It is easy to wonder if the world will ever turn bright and green again. Then one remembers the desert, blooming in response to "winter" rain showers. This is our heritage; a land blessed with variety, a land dedicated to freedom, a land where life is often a struggle. To live in rhythm with nature, to struggle when struggle is demanded, and then to blossom and bring forth fruit when the time is right, this, too, is our heritage.

God bless us all!



A reminder about dues:

Dues are payable as early as possible in the fiscal year, which runs from September 1 of one year to the next September 1.

The basic dues are \$5.00 per person.  
Interested spouses of descendants are welcome  
to join as full members simply by paying another \$5.00.

For those of us who are Seniors, the dues are;  
between ages 70 and 75, \$3.00

for those over 75, simply a note expressing continuing interest.

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A boulder in the woods,  
on the edge of a swamp:  
with a plaque attached  
(see page 4).

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