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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Rice Cousins,

Much is said about Hope springing forth eternal, but mention is seldom made of the idea that what makes a person hope is dissatisfaction with the way things are. Hope mandates change. Setting aside the rhetoric of contemporary politics and looking back to the social and economic conditions in England during the early 17th century, we can see the reasons why Edmund Rice and others left for New England. England was especially sensitive to economic recession, and the ponderous monarchies of Britain and Spain made conditions no better as the competition for power reached a peak of frenzy.

Our tendency to idealize what our ancestors accomplished may be an expression of hope and of gratitude we feel toward them for having wrought changes.

Hope and Change, watchwords of the current political season, are applicable to the family of Edmund Rice as well. We're only a few years away from the end of a great century and the beginning of an even greater one. Questions run through my mind now. Can we draw closer as a family? Can we express our values constructively? Can we learn to apply our resources so as to benefit our progeny? Can we turn over to our descendants a Family Association that's well and strongly structured and financed? Can we remain in the van of technological evolution?

As I think of these, I ask myself, "Would Edmund Rice have expected all of these things from his family?"

ANNUAL REUNION, 1992

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

The land that is now Sterling was home to native Americans as far back as 7,000 B.C. These "Nashaway"s, as they called themselves in the 1600's, sold tracts of their land to the founders of Lancaster. The first to move out from Lancaster to the area now Sterling was Gamaliel Beaman, who in 1720 settled near the road which now bears his name.

Gamaliel Beaman's daughter, Eunice, was born here in 1712. She married Jonas Wilder, a descendant of Thomas Rice⁴ through his daughter Mary (Rice) White, thus indirectly making the first settlers of this town, also, Rice descendants.

In 1781 this section of Lancaster separated from its "parent" and was incorporated as Sterling, named after Lord Stirling, a Scottish lord who helped the colonists during the Revolutionary War. Agriculture and cottage industries were the main occupations of the townspeople, there not being adequate water power for larger industries. The railroad came to Sterling in the 1850's, opening up new markets and giving the town a new spurt of growth. Several inventors, including Ebenezer Butterick, who first developed dress patterns, flourished in Sterling in the latter nineteenth century.

And then there was Mary Sawyer, whose pet lamb inspired the familiar nursery rhyme, which tells a true story. Her house is pictured on the cover of this issue. Does anyone with Sawyers in their line know of any Rice connection to this very real little girl?

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After a brief social hour and registration, the business meeting began at 10:30. After a moment of silence in memory of those who have passed away during the past year (see Obituaries, page 8, and previous issues), the minutes of last year's meeting were read and approved.

The treasurer's report showed that most of our assets are stored, as so much of value often is, in books. Although we have sold 82 books in the past year, there are still plenty of copies available! See BOOK LIST for details, and consider that one or more of the volumes offered would make a good Christmas present for a Rice relative on your list!

REUNION, 1992, cont.

The historian reported that the task of "membership chairman" has been transferred to Bill Drury. Meanwhile, work progresses on codifying the genealogical material that we have in our files. Do not be surprised if one of our committee members contacts you, asking for more details on the genealogical material you sent in when you joined the Association. We need to have all these details available for future publications; please respond as fully as your knowledge allows.

Plans for the future were discussed, including the formation of committees, chaired by Board members but including as many of the general membership as possible. If you would like a "hands on" role in your Rice Association, write either to your Newsletter scribe or to our president, John Bates. (Addresses on inside front cover.) From time to time we shall also be informing you of specific needs of specific committee chairmen.

Other suggestions for the future include the celebration of Edmund Rice's 400th birthday in 1994 with a trip to Bury St. Edmunds, England. This town, where Edmund was (possibly) born, married and spent most of his life until he moved his family to Berkhamstead and thence to the New World, is a present-day resort town, and is reputed to be a great place to visit. A claim to historical fame greater than that of Edmund Rice includes the fact that it was here (in the church where Edmund and Thomasine were married) that the nobles gathered to plan and produce the Magna Carta and from here that they went out to take King John and persuade him to sign it. If you are interested in this trip, start saving your money for it. A committee is already working on detailed plans for a group package, and we shall keep you informed through this Newsletter.

Still other projects include; more complete tracing of our Canadian cousins, finding ways to identify women with no recorded last names, make a collection of recipes from Rice "mothers", inventory historic properties with Rice significance, collect spoken histories from venerable members using video or audio tapes.

REUNION, 1992, cont.

Election of officers:

The following slate was presented, and approved by vote that the secretary cast one ballot for the entire slate.

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You will notice that the post of secretary, ably held by Virginia Grammer, is not included. Cousin Virginia resigned after adjournment of the meeting, with many thanks from the board for the good work she has done for the past several years.

The Board of Directors appointed Bertyne Rice Smith to be our new secretary. Cousin Bertyne is the daughter of Herbert Arthur Rice, and first cousin of our 2nd vice-president, Fred Rice. We are delighted to welcome her to our Board of Officers.

Lastly, Cousin Bill McGilpin called our attention to the "Prodigy" bulletin board for users of computers and modems. A lot of worth-while information is available here, and Cousin Bill suggested that a list be made of the call letters of our members. Your scribe is willing to create such a list - those of you subscribers who wish to be included, please send me your call letters. We will publish the list in the next issue as soon as we receive enough of them.

A delicious luncheon followed the business meeting, and then Dr. Jere Daniell, Professor of History at Dartmouth spoke most delightfully and informatively on "America's Love Affair with the New England Town". He was mainly concerned with "images", rather than reality. Those of us familiar with New England towns could see how "image", abetted by poets, essayists and novelists, followed reality; from the dying, impoverished days immortalized by poets such as Robert Frost to the renaissance of the white-painted Church and the Common, which form today's image of New England Towns.

After his talk, many people enjoyed the opportunity to converse with Dr. Daniell.

REUNION, 1992, cont.

Then the customary awards were presented to:

Those who came the farthest; Lewis and Edna Hawthorne, from Washington state.

The youngest; Joan Labrie, mother of last year's youngest child.

The oldest; Ruth McCarrison, of Worcester, 89 years old.

Runners-up; Laurence Patterson and Katrina Rice.

Eleanor Brissette presented informal personal gifts to people in other categories.

Seven new members introduced themselves. (See NEW MEMBERS)

Fred Rice reported that the Goodenow family has formed an organization, and holds a week-long reunion every two years. This year's reunion was held in Manhattan, Kansas, and the one two years ago was held in Sudbury, Mass. The Goodenows are closely related to many of us. They emigrated to New England, and settled in Sudbury and Marlborough along with the Edmund Rices, and there were seventeen marriages between the two families in the first two generations.

The possibility of holding a joint reunion with the Goodenow family was suggested.

Meanwhile, others took advantage of the beautiful fall weather to explore Sterling, with its many well-maintained old houses. Your scribe and several others spent much time in the Historical Society's house, which is beautifully furnished and contains many fascinating relics, including mementoes of Mary Sawyer and her little orphaned lamb. Mary "adopted" the lamb in the spring of 1816, and to her family's surprise raised it successfully. In the fall, when school started, the lamb was so "imprinted" that it followed Mary everywhere, even to school. A neighbor observed the event and wrote the poem that we teach and sing to our children today.

At 3:30 a group of our members took part in the traditional pilgrimage to the Edmund Rice memorial in Sudbury.

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.

"Old Business"

Cousin Jon Lee, P.O.Box 479, Sunderland, MA 01375

is still looking for connections to Anna Rice, born on 27 March 1764, died 17 September, 1833. She married Jonathan Fuller, who was the son of Shubael and Sarah (Chapman) Fuller. Jonathan and Anna (Rice) Fuller's first child was Hannah, born on 1 April 1786 in Hawley, Mass. Sorry, Jon, we can't find anything in our books, either.

Mrs. June Layton, 369 Avery Rd. E, Chehallis, WA 98532,

is also still looking for information about Tamasin Rice, born 20 April, 1782. She married M. Joseph Collins and lived in Groton, Tompkins County, N.Y. through the 1830's.

Children: Delaney, Lucy, Jesse, Moses, Anna, Tamesin, Lucinda, Ruth Elizabeth, Emily, Phebe, Jopseph, Lois, Sarah, George.

In the last issue Cousin Joe Comstock, Jr. of Claremont Cal. asked for information about Charles Rice¹⁰⁵, of Westborough and Marlborough, and his son, Zebulon²³⁸, of Westborough and Brookfield. Cousin Joe would like to know "What are their birth and death dates? Are their homes - farms still intact? Other descendants around?"

Cousin Joe has sent us a copy of a letter received from the Local History Librarian of the Westborough Library, describing Charles Rice's two houses as being part of the Westborough Historic Area. Charles, son of Thomas²⁸ and Anna (Rice) Rice, was born in Marlborough 7 July 1684, and married Rachel Wheeler. They had ten children. Zebulon, the oldest, was born on 27 Feb. 1711, and died in Boylston, Mass. in 1797. He "married Abigail Forbes in 1737. They had nine children. It was their daughter, Persis, who became the wife of Major Rufus Putnam of Revolutionary fame." The Putnams "were the leaders of the pioneers in Ohio."

Charles's entry is on page 61 of Ward's book, and entries for Zebulon, (born 27 Feb. 1711/12) and four siblings are on pages 107, 108 and 109. The remainder of the paragraph above, including quotes, is from a copy of a 1937 article sent to Cousin Joe from Ms. Tidman of the Westborough Library. Many thanks to Ms. Tidman for this information.

QUERIES, cont:

And a lot of "New Business":

Cousin Carolyn (Rice) Ibelle, Walnut Hill Rd. Barre, MA 01005

has an interesting question about burial sites. The "Father of Worcester (Mass)", Jonas Rice, is buried by the City Hall in Worcester. His son, Jonas II (1747-1753) moved to Barre, Mass. with his family, which included a son, Thomas, and eventually a grandson, Francis. Francis and his family and descendants are buried in "the family plot" in Barre. Cousin Carolyn wonders where the others (Jonas II, Thomas, wives, other children) are buried. Have any of you local "gravestone mavens" located these graves?

Cousin Richard Capen, P.O.Box 2226, Avila Beach CA 93424

wants to know more about Letetia Rice (dau of Beriah III, of the "Nova Scotia Rices"). She married John McKillop in Nova Scotia around 1790. On 6 Dec. 1806, Letetia McKillop (presumably dau. of Letitia and John) married Samuel Locke. They were Cousin Richard's great-great grandparents.

Cousin Howland Taft, 210 New Street, New Bern, NC 28560

has been reading "Lossing's Pictorial Field Book of the Revolution" and was interested to read about Isaac Rice, Lossing's guide around the ruins of Fort Ticonderoga, ca. 1850. The vignette... contains a sketch and a facsimile signature of Isaac Rice and ... a footnote mentions his father, 'a lieutenant in the English service and belonged to the Connecticut troops that were with Amherst when he took Ticonderoga.' Isaac and his older brother served in the Revolution."

Can anyone identify this Isaac Rice?

Your scribe has two questions. To have served in the Revolution the man would have to have been over 90 by 1850 - a right old codger to be a guide! Secondly, if he served with the Connecticut troops the chances are good that he is of the Robert Royce line, not Edmund at all. However, we will be happy to be corrected if anyone knows anything about this Isaac Rice.

QUERIES, cont:

Next we have a several more queries about "questionable" relatives - the question being "Are they descended from Edmund, or from one of the other Rice patriarchs?"

Waneta Febus Stephens, 310 S. Vine Street, Mount Pulaski, IL 62548-1338 asks about a Susan Rice, born 25 Dec. 1819 in Virginia, married in Ohio 28 Feb. 1844 to William Phebus (Febes, Febus, Phoebus), and died 6 Oct. 1889 in Mt. Pulaski, Ill.

Marilyn S. Dufresne, 5052 Toulouse Dr. La Palma, CA 90623 has two queries. She is looking for Asa Rice, Jr., born 1 Sept. 1754 in Cheshire, Conn. and died 22 Aug. 1823 in Hannibal, Oswego Co. N.Y. He married Elizabeth Merriam, born about 1780 in Cheshire Conn. and died 11 Aug. 1819 in Hannibal. They had seven children.

The clue here is a quote from one of their sons, Arvin, that "my ancestors on my father's side were Welch. In the early settlement of NE 3 brothers by the name of RICE emigrated to the 'new world'. One of them settled in NH and one in RI and the other (whose name was Isaac and from whom our family descended) in CT. Robert Rice, the son or grandson of said Isaac, was a farmer. His son, Asa, was my father."

We know that Robert Royce (or Rice) settled in Conn. around 1630 and is probably the true ancestor of this line. Could the "3 brothers" have been sons of Robert? So much for "oral history"! Something new every day!

Can anyone unscramble this and identify Asa Rice?

The second query is about one "Luther RICE Cantrell, born 7 Oct. 1818. His mother we believe to be Catherine RICE who married Martin Cantrell in Spartanburg, SC."

We suspect that Catherine Rice was descended from the Thomas Rice who also emigrated to Virginia in the 1600's. If anyone has info about a Cantrell family, Ms.Dufresne would appreciate it.

John E. Nettles, 524 Feemster Lane, Rock Hill, SC 29730 is looking for information on a Miss ___? ___ Rice who married Andrew Smoak of Revolutionary War fame in Colleton County, S.C. Their daughter, Lavenia, married Mark Nettles, and is a direct ancestor of John. Another Thomas Rice descendant?

BOOK LIST

The following books are published by the Rice Association:

THE RICE FAMILY: by Andrew Henshaw Ward (1858)

A genealogical history of descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice (reprint)- 379 pp.
- \$20.00 + \$2.50 postage & packing

SUPPLEMENT to THE RICE FAMILY: (1967) (soft cover)

Additions and corrections to the above. - 110 pages.

- \$3.50 postpaid

INDEX TO THE RICE FAMILY

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INDEX TO "SUPPLEMENT"

Computer printout, 18 pp.

\$2.50 postpaid

BOTH INDEXES together:

- \$5.00 postpaid

A GENEALOGICAL REGISTER of RICE DESCENDANTS: (1970)

Continues the above to the 12th generation. - 1594 pages

- \$25.00 + \$3.50 postage & packing

SUPPLEMENT #2, Part 1. (1983)

New information through the first 8 generations. - 224 pages.

- \$12.50 + \$2.50 postage & packing

SUPPLEMENT #2, Part 2. (1987)

Continues all of the above into the 14th and 15th generations. - 663 pages.

- \$30.00 + \$3.50 postage & packing

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BOOKS cont.

EDMUND RICE and HIS FAMILY: (1938)

by Elsie Hawes Smith,

An historical narrative about the early days of the Rices; contains much genealogical information, as well as being a charming story; and

WE SOUGHT THE WILDERNESS: (1949)

by Rev. Clayton Rice.

Another historical narrative, but based on those Rices who pushed Westward to the prairies after short stays in New Hampshire and Vermont.

These two reprints are combined in one volume, printed by the Association in 1986 - both: 357 pages. - \$17.00 plus \$2.50 postage & packing

MORE ABOUT THOSE RICES: (1954) by Elsie Hawes Smith

A sequel to EDMUND RICE AND HIS FAMILY; contains information about Rices who migrated from New England, as well as some of the more famous "cousins".

- 109 pages. - \$3.50 + \$1.00 postage & packing

CIVIL WAR LETTERS OF EDWIN RICE: (1975, soft cover) edited by Ted Perry

A collection of letters written to his mother and aunt in 1861-1862,

- 84 pages. - \$3.00 postpaid

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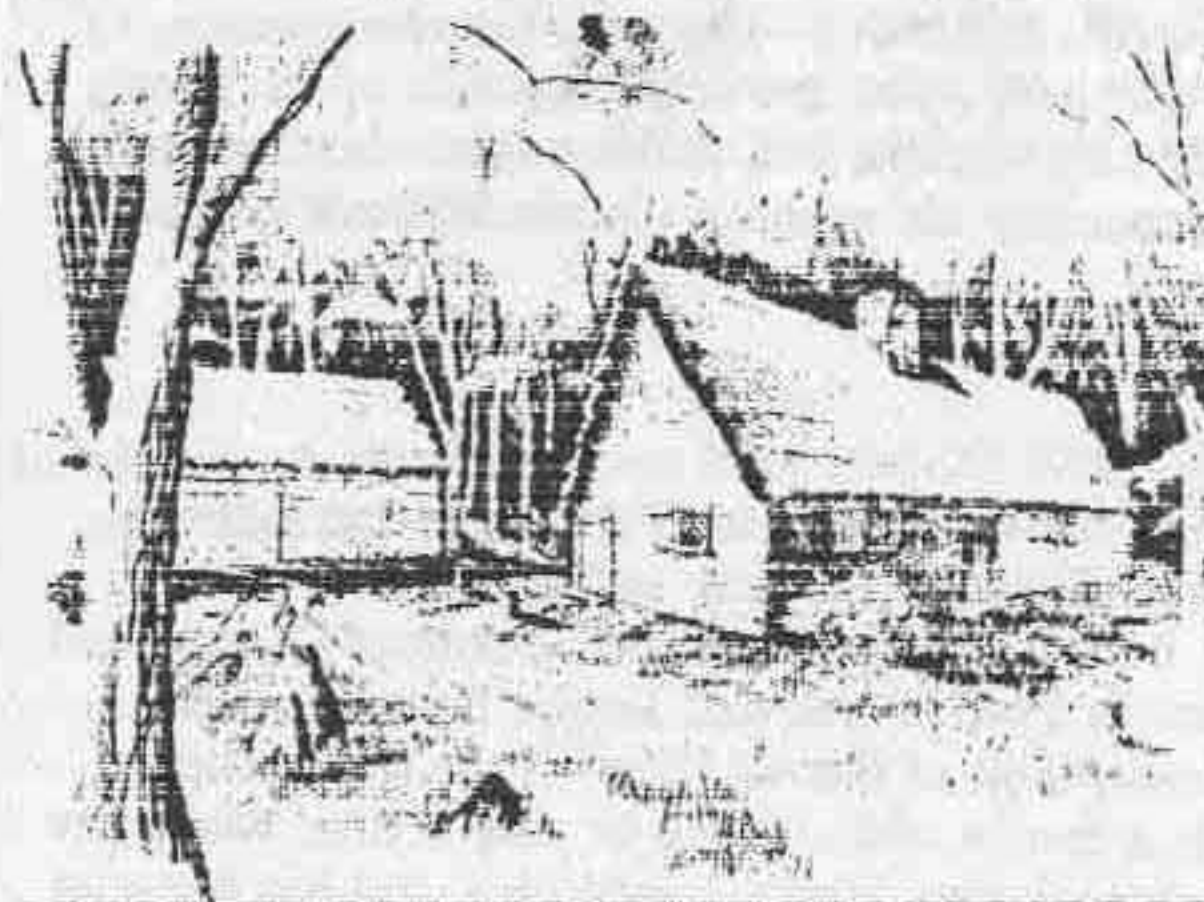


OTHER BOOKS:

Cousin Laura Rice Kelly has sent us a note touting one of your scribe's favorite books, *Puritan Village*, by Sumner Chilton Powell, published by Wesleyan University in 1963, and by Doubleday in paper-back in 1965.

As Cousin Laurie says, it is a "most authentic and definitive work on Edmund Rice, his background in England, and the formation here of the towns of both Sudbury and Marlborough." The primary purpose of the book is to examine farming and land-holding practices in the counties of England from which Rice and his colleagues in America came, comparing them with the practices which they established and evolved in the new world. The result is a fascinating study, with revealing glimpses of the attitudes, life-styles and personalities of our ancestors. In fact, it was this book which inspired your scribe to write *The Deacons*, and much of the information in it about non-Rice characters was gleaned from *Puritan Village*.

Cousin Laura fears that this book is now out of print, but a check with our local book store reveals that it is indeed available, although "it will take some time" to order and receive it. We heartily recommend *Puritan Village*, *The Formation of a New England Town*, to all who are interested in getting a real "feel" for the life and times of Edmund Rice.



Edmund Rice's first house
and barn, Sudbury, 1638.
(from *Puritan Village*)

Speaking of *The Deacons*, there are still some copies available, although the response to these Newsletter notices has been most gratifying.

It can be ordered from your scribe;

Corinne M. Snow, P.O.Box 440, West Dover, VT 05356.

Please enclose a check, made out to me, for \$22.50.

OBITUARIES:

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Charles C. Jamison, of Newtown Square, Pennsylvania, died December 7, 1991. He is survived by his widow, Mary L. Jamison and his son, Thomas C. Jamison, who has inherited his father's membership in the Rice Association. We welcome Cousin Thomas to our ranks, and extend our sympathy to the entire family.

Carlisle M. Rice, originally from New York State but recently of Florida, died on April 14, 1992. Born in Whallonsburgh, N.Y. in 1901, Carlisle Rice was a graduate of Syracuse University. The son of James Heman and Lillian (Mather) Rice, he was twice married and twice widowed. His wives were Margaret Nolte and Margaret Winslow. Although not a member of the Rice Association, Carlisle lived a long and valuable life, and we salute his passing. Our sympathy to his relatives, especially his nephew, Cousin William J. Rice, who sent us the information.

Verne Mitchell, of Shelburne, Mass., died on April 16, 1992. Verne was born in Halifax, Vermont, and grew up in Shelburne. Owner and operator of Springdell Farms in Shelburne, he was a member of the Shelburne Grange and the Massachusetts Farm Bureau. In 1940 he married Louise Snow, of West Dover, Vermont. Louise is a descendant of Daniel Rice⁶⁵⁶, the first settler in what is now West Dover, and is a cousin and a friend of your scribe. When she became a member of the Rice Association, Verne joined also, and has been an active and supportive member. He is also survived by a son, Robert, a daughter, Nancy M. Peckham, and a sister, and six grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Our heartfelt sympathy to Cousin Louise and the other members of this family.

OBITUARIES, cont.:

Zelia Edington Davis, of McLeansboro, Illinois, born October 13, 1893, died on March 18, 1992. The daughter of James P. and Nellie (Rice) Edinton, she was an elementary school teacher until her marriage in 1910 to Marshall Davis. She is survived by a son, three daughters, seven grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren, as well as a twin sister, Zella Daily, now aged 99 and also of McLeansboro. Both sisters were members of the Rice Association and contributed much valuable information to the Genealogical Register.

Robert Victor Bolene, M.D., of Ponca City, Oklahoma, born August 31, 1925, passed away on May 18, 1992. He also was the husband of a Rice descendant, and a member of the Rice Association. Our warmest sympathy to his family.

Frederick Daniel Rice, son of Roy and Lena Rice, and brother of Cousin Bertha Mustatia, died on August 5, 1992, at the age of 71. Buried at Ft. Custer Cemetery in Michigan, he is survived by a wife, Waneta, and a son, Daniel. Cousin Frederick received the purple heart and 4 battle stars - and an 18 gun salute at his funeral.

In addition to the above, we have recently learned of the passing of Hilary Wentz, who died June 2, 1991. We extend our sympathy to the Cousin Hilary's family.

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Note: We try to keep track of all of our cousins, and to keep a permanent record when death occurs, as it will to all of us. We particularly appreciate receiving enough information to compose a brief and appropriate obituary. Our thanks in this issue go especially to Cousins Louise Trudeau, Bertha Mustatia and Shirley Fritsche.

OTHER REUNIONS:

From time to time we have mentioned "mini-reunions" which are held with some regularity in various parts of the country, and suggested that people let us know about theirs. For example, we have heard that people in the Northwest have reunions of Rice descendants who live in Washington and Oregon. We would like to learn more of these reunions, whether before or just after the event occurs. It need be only a short note, sharing a bit of the event with the rest of us.

For example, Doris Rice Barb sends us a note saying among other things, "As always, the Rice family in my area of Kansas will have a reunion in October." Please, Cousin Doris, or anyone else who was there and wishes to write, tell us about it. How many were there, and what did you do in addition to chatting about everything that has happened since you were together last?

These reunions need not be general, "all descendants of Edmund" - type affairs to be interesting. They may well be get-togethers of more closely related family branches, people who have known each other all their lives and want to keep in touch and let their children and grand children get to know each other.

To start you thinking of your own experiences, here are three examples of the kind of affair we have experienced.

The first was nearly ten years ago, and took place at an ancient Inn on the Eastern Shore of Maryland. Basically, it was a reunion of the descendants of Lewis Rice, great-grandson of the Daniel Rice who settled in what is now West Dover. Lewis had moved to Baltimore, Md., soon after the Civil War, and became highly successful in the bakery business. At any rate, his daughter, an old lady who had long been active in the Rice Association, invited us to join them, although our own descent is from Lewis's older sister.

The affair started with supper on Friday night, and there was all day Saturday to get better acquainted with the others, swim in Chesapeake Bay and explore the old fishing villages nearby. On Saturday evening your scribe was able to bring a taste of their Yankee New England ancestors to those Southerners, describing life in the 19th-century-Vermont ways of their great-grandparents. On Sunday friendships were reinforced, and then we parted, having had a marvelous experience few of us will forget.

Incidentally, the Edmund Rice (1638) Association gained at least ten new members directly and indirectly from that weekend, some of whom are very active.

OTHER REUNIONS, cont.

The second is an annual affair which takes place every summer here in West Dover. It consists of the descendants of one Weston Snow who, through his mother, was a descendant of the same Daniel Rice. Since we have moved to West Dover we have been honored to be invited to the party, although we have not attended every year. This is a simple, Vermont picnic - pot luck - attended by sisters, brothers, cousins, and their offspring from all over New England. It is held on the side lawn of the old Vermont farmhouse now owned by Weston's grandson and in the family since all of the land in this part of town was owned by Daniel Rice.

It was here that your scribe got reacquainted with Louise (Snow) Mitchell, a friendship reinforced by our common membership in the Rice Association.

Lastly, earlier this month (which is why the Newsletter is so late in coming out this time) we attended a "McLaughlin" family reunion on the North Carolina seacoast. Our grandmother, Cora (Fessenden) McLaughlin was the daughter of Justina (Rice) Fessenden, the older sister of Lewis Rice mentioned above. So, while billed as "McLaughlin", it is just as accurate to call it a "Rice" reunion, including all of the descendants of Justina Rice. There were 40 people there, including spouses, and included two of Cora's sons, aged 97 and 87 respectively, almost all of her living grandchildren and their offspring, down to a 10-month old great great grandson.

The affair lasted a week, during which people got to know each other better, played on the beach and swam, played golf, and went sailing. While some only came for a part of the time, everyone was there for the big banquet held on Friday night and followed by the showing of a video-copy of home movies taken by your scribe's father as long as 65 years ago. What fun it was for the children to see their parents and grandparents when they were children! And what fun for the rest of us to renew acquaintance with people we had not seen since that childhood, to meet again with people we do see fairly often and love dearly, and for the younger ones to get acquainted with cousins they barely knew! We hope that if Uncle Harvey can maintain his health for three more years, we shall have another similar reunion to celebrate his 100th birthday!

These are three very different types of reunions, and only the first included anyone named Rice! Nevertheless, these gatherings are vital in maintaining the strength and support of family ties. The life of each family unit strengthens and supports the larger family which this Newsletter represents. Write and tell us about your family doings!

TID-BITS:

Cousin Doris Barb, whose note introduced the previous article, is a fabulous cook and baker. In her note she tells us that she "entered exhibits at the State Fair for my 37th consecutive year. (Doris is 84 years old this September) I got 5 ribbons and a special award from the Wheat Commission and the Honey Producers."

Cousin Doris, we love you dearly, and look forward to hearing of the results of your 38th baking competition.

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Cousin Al G. Hough gave us the following note about his son:

Alfred A. Hough, Ph.D., formerly of North Chelmsford, was a doctoral degree recipient at the commencement ceremony held at UMass Amherst on May 23 (1992).

He was in the computer and information science department when he presented a dissertation entitled "Debugging Parallel Programs Using Abstract Visualizations." Professor Jamie E. Cury was his director.

A 1976 graduate of Chelmsford High School, he went on to the University of Lowell for a bachelor's degree, magna cum laude, in mathematics. He then earned a master's degree and finally his doctoral at the UMass Amherst.

He is presently employed by Amerinex A.L. in Amherst, in research and development.



ALFRED HOUGH

"LITTLE" TID-BITS:

Cousin Christine Banvard-Fox "would like to add my daughter to your records."

Seneca Dawn Fox was born to Marc R. and Christine (Banvard) Fox on August 14, 1991 at Morgantown, W.Va.

Cousin Winona Flood reports the arrival of another grandchild, daughter of her son, Thomas Edward Flood; his second child: Cymry Ann Flood, born September 2, 1992 at Columbia, Mo.

Cousin George Ulrich reports two grandchildren in 1991, and another in 1992:

Children of Miles and Kathleen (Savage) Ulrich:
Caleb Joseph Ulrich, born March 23, 1991 at Monroe, Wash.
and
Sarah Emily Ulrich, born August 1, 1992 at Monroe, Wash.

Child of Douglas and Robin (Ulrich) Exner:
Jacob Ryan Exner, born December 2, 1991 at Bellvue, Wash.
("Jake" was the youngest child at the N.C. reunion described above)

AND A "TEASER":

We have received enough material in the past three months for two issues of the Newsletter. (We're not complaining - keep it all coming!) The next issue will include articles about some new (1990) information about the ancestry of Thomazine Frost, and more material about the Goodenows, inspired by Cousin Fred Rice's talk at the Goodenow Family Reunion (see page 7). Cousin Christine Banvard-Fox reports that "he was enjoyed immensely."

Cousin Christine also votes in favor of a "multi-New England-surnames reunion".

Between now and New Years (time flies), any additional information about Goodenow descendants connected to Rices will be more than welcome.

A WEALTH of WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Since our last issue, and especially since the Reunion, we have been blest with a host of new members. We have not yet received genealogies from many of them; so we shall simply list them alphabetically. They are:

- ✓ Mrs. Keith C. Allen, of Tulsa, Okla.
- ✓ Sandra Altamura, of Hopkinton, Mass.
- ✓ Kathleen Bond, of North Stonington, Conn.
- ✓ Cindy Hayostek, of Douglas, Ariz
- ✓ Nancy F. Jackson, of North Stonington, Conn.
- ✓ Thomas C. Jamison, of Newtown Square, Penna.
- ✓ Doris King, of Hopkinton, Mass.
- ✓ Kenneth King, of Hopkinton, Mass.
- ✓ Doris Knisley, of Douglasville, Ga., an aunt of Cousin Bea. Hites
- ✓ Barbara Nieman, of Wayne, Penna.
- ✓ Howard D. Rice, of Florissant Mo.
very recently moved to Amagansett, N.Y.
- and
- ✓ Joyce Bingham Roy, of Newport, Va.

We are more than delighted to have all of you become a "part of the family," and hope you all find satisfaction and enjoyment in being one of us.

POST SCRIPT

Wow! This has been quite a paper!

To go from trying to spread the news about the exciting plans for the Edmund Rice Association, to looking for answers to queries about people probably not even descended from Edmund, to reporting on the death of a dear friend's husband, and ending with a trip "down memory lane" regarding family reunions has been a strong mental exercise!

The plan for this section was to add a few words about the "people probably not descended from Edmund." Just as "all that glitters is not gold", all people by the name of Rice are not Edmund Rice descendants. And, most Edmund Rice descendants are not named "Rice". In fact, the strength of our family lies in the fact that we don't let nuclear families become "daughtered out" - we include all descendants regardless of the surname, and as such have collected nearly a full "rainbow coalition" of surnames. A minority of our members bear the surname Rice. Only in America!

Well, the myths include "three brothers", a twin brother to Edmund, and most recently, to your scribe, the tale that a Thomas Rice came from England (or Wales) and acquired property in Virginia (all of this probably true) and then somehow married his cousin Anna in Virginia and proceeded to beget all of the children known to be born to Thomas (Thomas's son) and Anna (Edward's daughter) in Massachusetts! The truth is that three men with the surname Rice or Royce (Edmund, Robert, and Thomas) did emigrate to America at about the same time, between 1630 and 1640. There is no proof that they ever knew each other, much less were closely related. It is also known that Edmund had a brother, who died in England. His widow remarried and came to America later. Other people by the name of Rice came later also - we have had inquiries from people whose Rice forebears came to America in the 1820's!

The point of all this is to warn people that a lot of work is involved in identifying an isolated person or an object as belonging to the Edmund Rice line. Those who come across relics should realize that their significance to the Edmund Rice family needs to be proved before they can be considered a valuable addition to our memorabilia.

Thanks for listening,

Mickey

NOTE

The committees formed to date, and their chairmen, are;

1. "Canadian Rices" Dr. Laurence Patterson
2. Inventory historic properties Henry Adams
3. Codify genealogies Corinne Snow
4. Edmund Rice's 400th birthday trip
Jane Kirk

Anyone desiring to help with a specific committee should contact the committee chairman; anyone desiring to help in general should contact our president, John Bates.

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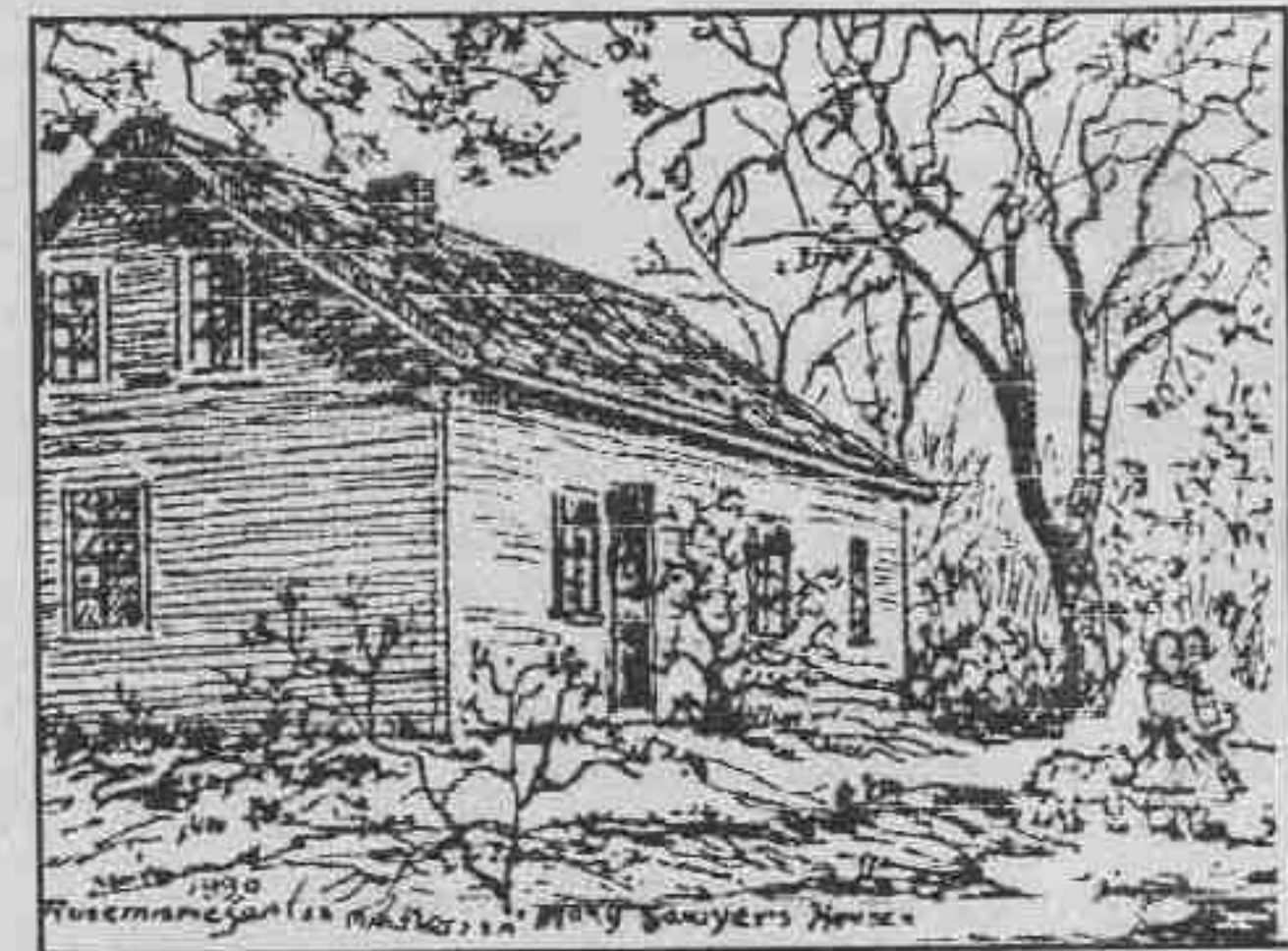
from 1954 to present

1954-1955:	Charles W. Rice	
1956-1957:	Edgar W. Rice	(1916-196?)
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.	(1907-1984)
1978-1980:	C. Whiting Rice, Jr.	
1980-1982:	William H. Drury	
1982-1983:	Patricia MacFarland	
1983-1985:	Janice Parmenter	
1985-1987:	Margaret S. Rice	
1987-1990:	Alex W. Snow	
1990-	John S. Bates	

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