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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Rice Family Members,

I don't usually say much about it, but every now and then I take a scolding from various members. Subjects are diverse, and perhaps the criticism is deserved. If it is, then the membership, in turn, deserves to hear words of reassurance from me.

First, it's my belief that the Association is eminently worth having. Not only because we're kin, or that we share the traditions of a great family, but also because by interacting with each other we derive a sense of belonging to something greater than ourselves.

Second, if we agree that the Association is worth having, then it's not a presumption to say that it is worth working to keep.

Now, we can codify our ideas in nice by-laws, and we can elect nice people to be officers and directors, and we can put on a nice reunion every year. But none of these things means much or can go on very long if the basic engine isn't running. That, if you'll go back over these little missives, has been my focus all along.

So, I'll take the place of Edmund again, and say that the Association can be no better than the sum of the efforts of all its members. We are a living family because we think of ourselves as one, and you are a Rice because you want to be. That's the engine that drives everything else. Add in our Rice Family Values for guidelines, and we are unstoppable!

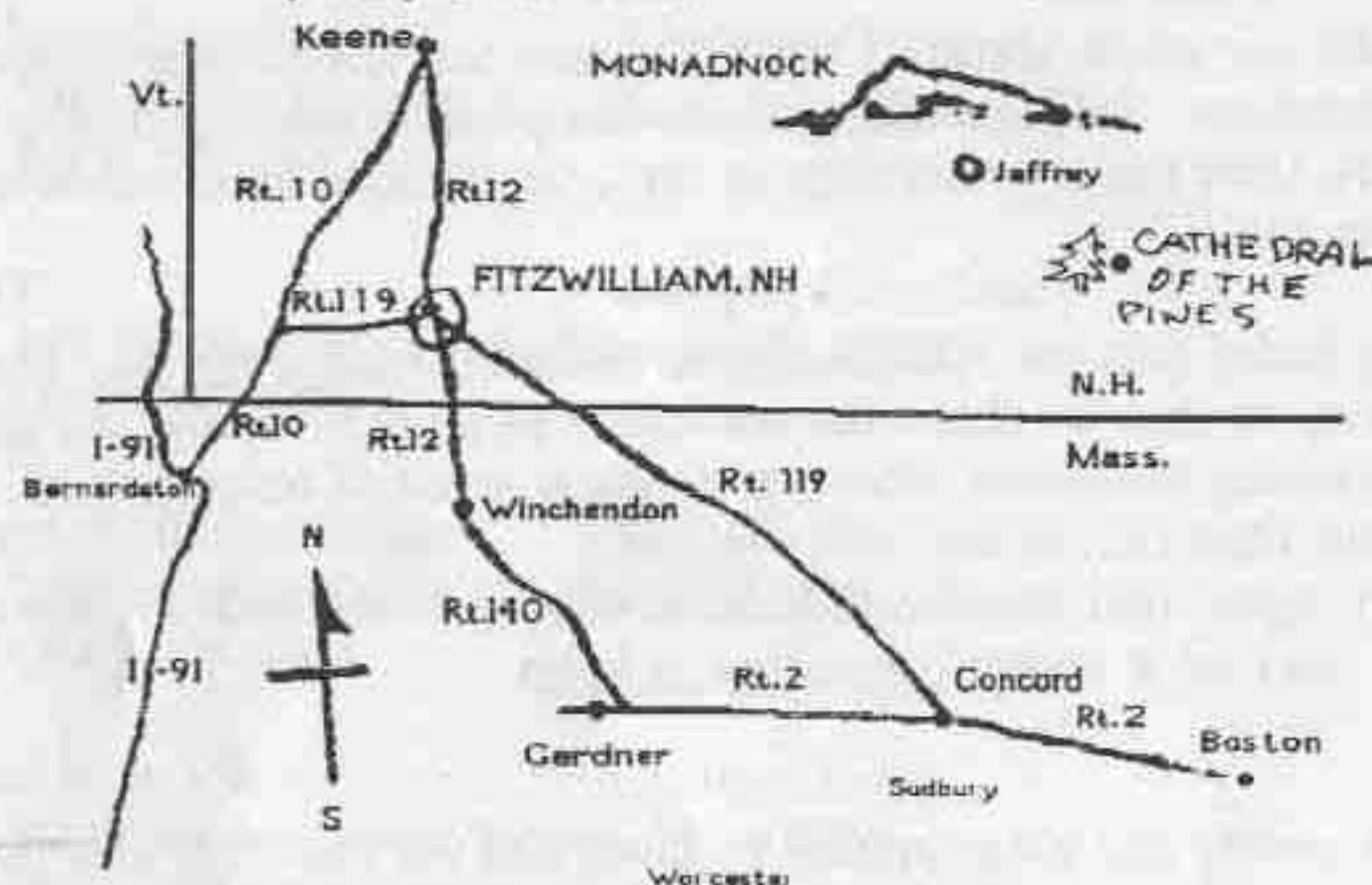
Best regards,



ANNUAL REUNION, 1993

Fitzwilliam Inn

FITZWILLIAM, N.H. 03447
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PREVIEW

Although the details of the program have not yet been worked out, I can tell you now that the 1993 Annual Reunion and Meeting will be held at the Fitzwilliam Inn, Fitzwilliam, New Hampshire, on the weekend of September 17, 18 and 19.

Fitzwilliam is a "typical New England town", 1992 fashion, as those who were at the 1992 reunion and heard our speaker discuss that subject will recognize. The Fitzwilliam Inn is equally attractive and "New England-y". The best part of it is that we shall have the entire premises all to ourselves that weekend, with plenty of opportunity for outdoor activity as well as sightseeing.

Another of the good parts is that the rooms are reasonable. There are 28 rooms, enough to handle just about every one who will want to spend one or both nights there.

We're letting you know about this now so that you can start planning early. As soon as you decide to come and stay overnight, we recommend making a reservation. The address and phone number are on the Inn's logo - above.

The list of room rates follows:

Rooms with Private Bath

Large (2 double beds) 2 pers. \$55.00 1 pers. \$45.00

Standard (1 double bed) 2 pers. \$45.00 1 pers. \$40.00

Rooms with Bath in the Hall 2 pers. \$40.00 1 pers. \$35.00

Each additional person, \$10.00

Crib, \$3.00 extra.

Reservations should be made as soon as possible, and a deposit of a full night's rate including tax is requested. New Hampshire "rooms and meal" tax is 8%.

Deposit is refundable if cancellation is received more than two weeks before the date. On less than 14 days notice, the deposit is NON-REFUNDABLE.

In the next issue (probably in mid-May) we will repeat the map, complete with verbal directions. Also, details of the program schedule will be available then.

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.

Isa, (no other name) a new member whose winter address is
3115 Chateau Way, Lemon Grove CA 91945,

is looking for the ancestors of her maternal great great grandmother, SUSANNA RICE. Susanna married James Sprague, who was born in 1761 in Smithfield, Rhode Island, and died before 1845 in Otsego, Muskingum Co., Ohio.

Isa's address after March will be 1205 South Morgan, Olney IL 62450

Jim Holmes, 244 Flanders Road, Westborough MA 01581,

is looking for the source material for the information in the Register (p.471) regarding CATHERINE RICE, b. 1763 in Wayland, Mass., d.1849 in Princeton, Mass.

Catherine was not on the records available to Ward, but is listed in the Register as the daughter of Daniel Rice, a sixth generation descendant of Henry, and Sarah (Rice) Rice, a fifth generation descendant of Thomas. Catherine Rice married Daniel Mills, son of Richard Mills and Dorothy Bent. They had a son, Daniel Rice Mills, b. in 1785 in Wayland. According to Mr. Holmes' letter, the information regarding Catherine and her parentage was supplied by Mrs. Harold Mills of New Jersey, since deceased. Mr. Holmes wonders if anyone now active has any information about this family, and about the source of the above information about Catherine.

Gaylin Carpenter, 620 N. 9th, Lander WY 82520,

is looking for the ancestry of RACHEL RICE, born 1 April 1782. She was the second wife of John Perrin, married 10 December 1803 in Charlemont, Franklin Co., Mass. She died in 1875 in Council Bluffs, Neb.

QUERIES, cont.

Stephen Kyner, 232 Underwood St., Holliston, MA 01746

is interested in corresponding with other descendants of Lt.JONAS³¹⁶ RICE (1755-1839) and/or his daughter, HARRIET⁶⁰⁶ (RICE) BOND (1789-1863), descendants of Thomas⁴'s son, Jonas³⁶, founder of Worcester, Mass.

AND SOME ANSWERS:

Cousin Frederick Wichman, of Hanalei, Hawaii, writes to confirm that the Asa and Elizabeth Royce/Rice queried about by Mrs. Sue DuFresne are indeed "descendants of the Robert and Mary Royce who first are heard of in Stratford, New Haven Colony in the mid 1630s." Cousin Frederick adds that "there is another Royce family, Robert and Elizabeth, who came across with Winthrop's fleet in 1630, just to confuse things more."

Thank you, Cousin Frederick. To answer your question about the Canadian Rices, the material I received from Cousin Timothy Sanford is all "on disc", and Cousin Pat Patterson is working on more. As for the three Beriah Rices, they were father, son and grandson. Beriah I was the son of Thomas²⁸ and was the emigrant to Nova Scotia. The confusion arises because Beriah III was also called Beriah, Jr. This info is all in the *Register*.

(Dr. Laurence Patterson, R.R. 1, St. Eugene, Ont. K0B 1P0 Canada)

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A second answer, this time to the query of Cousin Howland Taft about one Isaac Rice who served as a guide to the ruined Ft. Ticonderoga back in 1850. The material Cousin Howland referred to also said that this Isaac's father served in the Revolutionary War.

Now, Cousin Alice Wareham, of Saranac Lake, New York, has in her possession the sword and the official abstract of the Revolutionary War Service Record of her ancestor, Isaac Rice of Northborough, Mass. Cousin Alice is descended from this Isaac's granddaughter, but Isaac also had a grandson named Isaac. Cousin Alice wonders if this man could have been the guide, Isaac Rice. He would have been about the right age, but he lived in Framingham, Mass., a far cry in 1850 from Ticonderoga, N.Y.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Again, a host of new members. They are:

- ✓ Juanita Conlee, of Seymour, Tennessee.
- Bruce L. Coutu, of Epsom, New Hampshire, and his daughter, Michelle Lee.
Bruce is a nephew of the late Estelle E. Herington, and has asked to inherit her membership.
- ✓ Edward and Catherine Heckbert, of Montgomery, New York,
and
✓ Thomas Heckbert, of Orlando, Florida.
- ✓ Meredith A. Hmura, of Lockport, Illinois.
- ✓ Charles Wadsworth Hollister, of Maynard, Massachusetts.
- ✓ Gay Johnson, of Lubbock, Texas.
- ✓ Richard Jones, of West Newbury, Vermont.
- ✓ Julie Lynn Morris, of Oxnard, California.
- ✓ Jean Pettypool, of Shelby Township, Michigan.
- ✓ Mr. and Mrs. Dennis Ray Rice, and Kenneth Ryan and Randall Scott
Rice of Richardson, Texas,
and his mother,
- ✓ Doris Ethel Rice, of Van Nuys, California
and other relatives,
- ✓ Dorothy Ann Krause and Kevin Eugene Krause of Avilla Beach, California.
- ✓ Gina Sessions, of Ellicott City, Maryland.
- ✓ Herb Yost, of Los Alamos, New Mexico.

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.

LINDA PATE
Phyllis Simeone
June DeBorja
Kathy Clay
M. J. [unclear]

Maynard Key
Theresa [unclear]
Jean [unclear]
Jen

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
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| INDEX TO THE RICE FAMILY
Computer printout, 34 pp.
\$4.00 postpaid | 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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Your name _____

Address _____

Send, with your check for the total, to:

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

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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

ORDER BLANK

Book	Price (includes mailing)	No.copies	Amount
THE RICE FAMILY (Ward) and SUPPLEMENT:	\$22.50	_____	_____
SUPPLEMENT only:	\$3.50	_____	_____
INDEXES:	\$5.00	_____	_____
"The" REGISTER:	\$28.50	_____	_____
SUPPLEMENT #2, Part 1:	\$15.00	_____	_____
SUPPLEMENT #2, Part 2:	\$33.50	_____	_____
EDMUND RICE and HIS FAMILY, and WE SOUGHT THE WILDERNESS:	\$19.50	_____	_____
MORE ABOUT THOSE RICES:	\$4.50	_____	_____
CIVIL WAR LETTERS OF EDWIN RICE:	\$3.00	_____	_____

Total:

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OTHER BOOKS:

In the last issue we noted Cousin Laura Rice Kelly's enthusiasm for *Puritan Village, The Formation of a New England Town*, by Sumner Chilton Powell. This book, published by Wesleyan University in 1963, is the result of a doctoral study comparing farming practices in seventeenth-century England with the corresponding practices of the English settlers in Massachusetts. The Town which Powell chose for his comparisons was Sudbury. The book describes the evolution of life in Sudbury, from its founding in 1638 through the settlement of Marlborough in 1660.

Although the description of agricultural traditions sometimes threatens to become as dry as the dust which blows across the fields in mid-October, it never actually does. Always it is lightened by a more personal description of life in England, or an anecdote showing how life in America was different and therefore required different approaches to one's work.



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

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."

For those who are interested, the book is still definitely available. You or your neighborhood book store can order it for \$12.50 from:

University Press of New England, 17 1/2 Lebanon St. Hanover, NH 03755

Thank you, Cousin Laurie. Please consider the book a "thanks" and Christmas gift

OBITUARIES:

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Indirectly we have learned of the deaths of several of our cousins in the past few months. We do not know the dates or circumstances, but feel strongly that some recognition should be given of the many years of faithful and interested membership of these people. They are;

Gordon H. Rice, Glenna Sherman Simmons, and Velma Postma.

We extend our heartfelt sympathy to the families of these people; they all will be missed.

On November 12, 1992, Merton Rice, a not-too-distant cousin of your scribe passed away. Merton Rice was the grandson of Willard Rice, who was the son of John, brother of the Daniel Rice who first settled here in Dover. (John came to Dover with his older brother, and some of their descendants remained in the area. Merton lived about ten miles and a couple of mountains away from your scribe.) He is survived by his widow, and a son, Harold Rice, of Wilmington, Vt., also a member of the Association, and one other first cousin that I know of, Peggy Rice Grosser, of Kerrville, Texas.

Our sympathy to this family, also.

STORIES

RUDYARD KIPLING was not a Rice descendant. However, he married an American girl and built a home just north of Brattleboro, Vermont, where he lived from 1892 to 1896. He called his home "Naulakha", also the name of one of his novels, featuring a most precious diamond from India. While in Brattleboro he wrote some of his more famous works, among them the two *Jungle Books* and *Captains Courageous*.

At any rate, this story is not really about Kipling, but rather about a gentleman named Howard Rice. Howard Rice's father was the editor of the Brattleboro *Reformer* (our local newspaper) while Kipling was living here, and when Kipling and his family left, Editor Rice became custodian of the Kipling papers. Howard Rice was, at the time, "the rare books librarian at Princeton University. He returned to Brattleboro and devoted his life to documenting Kipling's time in Vermont. The 13-foot-thick collection (which) includes notes, photos and 65 books" is now in the possession of Marlboro College, Marlboro, Vt., along with other Kipling memorabilia. (Quote is from a recent issue of the *Reformer*.)

The occasion for the publicity includes the fact that Kipling's home, pictured at the right, is being refurbished and will soon be open to the public. It is a beautiful rustic turn-of-the-century house on a hillside overlooking the Connecticut Valley and Mount Monadnock. An idea for a future reunion site? Or at least a suggestion for any of you who are Kipling buffs for an interesting visit.



ARCHITECT'S DRAWING OF NAULAKHA, 1892

The picture is from a pleasant little book, *Rudyard Kipling in New England*, by Howard C. Rice. (Published 1951 by the Book Cellar, Brattleboro, Vt.)

This information was given to me by a friend, who asked, "Is this Howard Rice one of 'your' Rices?" I don't know. We do have a member, Howard F. Rice, who lives in Westminster, Vermont, who might be a relative, and we have two other Howard Rices, Howard D. and Howard C., neither of whom live in New England.

Please, Cousins Howard, and anyone else for that matter, if you can tell us more about Howard C. Rice of Brattleboro, we would be delighted.

STORIES, cont.

In the last issue we promised some new information about the ancestry of Thomasine Frost. We have received a copy of a newer article by Harold F. Porter, Jr. from *The American Genealogist* Vol. 65, October, 1990. The material in his first article (TAG 61:161-166) has been abstracted by your scribe, and many of you have sent for copies of this information. Now that booklet will be updated, and copies will eventually be available for \$1.00, sent to me. Note the "eventually"; that means not before the next issue, at least. We'll let you know when it's ready.

Briefly, the new information brings in a new family, "THE BIGGS FAMILY OF GLEMSFORD, CO.SUFFOLK". This family is not in a direct line to Thomasine, but its relationships with her immediate forebears were close. It is particularly interesting to your scribe, because the connection involves the women. Trying to trace the men without tracing their wives led to dead ends and confusion of one individual with another. Only when Thomasine (Frost) Rice's female relatives were traced did this connection appear and cleared up some of the confusion about the Strutt family. To summarize:

Edmund Rice's first wife, Thomasine FROST¹, was the daughter of Edward Frost and Thomasine Belgrave.

Edward Frost (1560-1616) was a son of John Frost of Glemsford (d.1609/10) and Ann SCOTT (d.1588)

Thomasine BELGRAVE², b.1561/2, d.after 1616, was a daughter of John Belgrave and Joanna STRUTT (d.1577)

Joanna (STRUTT)^{3a} Belgrave was the daughter of John Strutt (d.1591) and his first wife, Catherine^{4a} _____ (d.1578)

John Strutt's second wife was Julian SCOTT^{4b}, and by her he had another daughter, Anne^{3b}, b.1585, d.1607/8.

STORIES, cont.

Here is where the BIGGS family comes in, for John Strutt's second wife, Julian^{4b} (Scott) Strutt, who lived until 1620, married second, and as his second wife, Ambrose Biggs, Sr. who d.1621.

Meanwhile, Anne^{3b} Strutt, stepsister to Joanna^{3a} (Strutt) Belgrave and aunt of Thomasine² (Belgrave) Frost, married Ambrose Biggs, Jr., son of Ambrose, Sr. by his first wife.

Thus, although there is no direct blood relationship between Thomasine Frost and the Biggs family, there were close social relationships. The real significance of the "Biggs connection", however, seems to be in clarifying the details of the Strutt family and their various marriages.

Your scribe wonders about the relationship between Julian (SCOTT) Strutt, Anne (Strutt) Belgrave's mother, and Ann (SCOTT) Frost, Edward Frost's mother. The material we received is incomplete and the text does not mention any connection between them.

Any further contributions to this information will be welcome.

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We had also planned to put together a summary of the Goodenow family as it is related to Rice descendants. The Goodenows turn out to be as big and complex a family as the Rices, and time does not permit sorting them all out for this issue. Always something to look forward to!

POST SCRIPT

Happy New Year!

January, 1993

Even though that greeting will be rather stale by the time you receive this, it is nevertheless intended with sincerity and hope.

Two weeks ago our nation celebrated what can be called a miracle of our "civilization" - the peaceful, undisputed although in some ways poignant, passing of power from one man, one political party, one generation to another. Nowhere else in the world does this occur with such explicit public awareness and acceptance. Nowhere else in the world is such a transfer of power celebrated with such happy, almost ingenuous exuberance!

In the inaugural speech one sensed not only a pulling together of all that is good in our past, but also an infusion of a spirit of hope for the future, a spirit described as the breath of spring which can be felt stirring in the earth even during the depths of a harsh winter.

While watching and listening to the President as he spoke, I quickly scribbled one quote which seemed memorable.

"We rededicate ourselves to the very idea of America."

This may not be as poetic as "... this nation, of the people, for the people and by the people ...", but certainly that is what the word "idea" stands for.

What purpose do these comments serve in a Rice Newsletter? This, indeed, is our heritage we are talking about! Long before the Founding Fathers declared that "men are endowed with certain inalienable rights", Edmund Rice, his children and his children's children were living that philosophy. We who have studied and immersed ourselves in our genealogies know that each generation gives way to the next, and circumstances change, but the genes and the spirit go on, we hope, forever.

The theme of this issue is renewal. Even as our Nation is now facing the realities of a New Beginning, so we in the Rice family continue to pass our heritage to those who follow us.

POST SCRIPT, cont.

The twin babies on the cover symbolize this renewal. They are the sons of Cousin Edward Erdman and his wife, Helen, born on October 16, 1992. Their names are James Francis Erdman and Jonathan Edward Erdman. They represent all of the new cousins of this newest generation, and as such point up one reason for keeping our heritage alive. For their sakes this heritage of freedom with responsibility must be kept alive, through our actions and example as well as through our teaching and record-keeping.

This Association is dedicated to the search for our roots, to the past and to history, a history brought alive because we are kin to and know something about the people who lived through various eras of that history. But roots are meaningless without a strong stem, branches, buds and leaves. The Association itself is the stem, and we are the branches and leaves. The young children are the buds. Will they become new branches, leaves, flowers and fruit?

Whatever they may become, every new baby is evidence of the continuity of life in general and of our heritage in particular. Each child demands of his parents a new focus on the future, as his demands include not only his needs for present survival but also the need for planning for his best possible growth and development. We must nurture these children well, for it is they who will carry our heritage on into the twenty-first century.

What is asked of us, to keep the stem and branches strong and flourishing?

First, a very mundane concern. As we prepare to go to press, we have compared mailing lists with Bill Drury, our treasurer and membership chairman. He tells us that a fairly large number of members have not yet paid their dues for this year, and some have not paid for two or three years. Some, for one reason or another, have lost interest. Others have just let it slip. Your scribe understands perfectly well how easily this can happen, but now is the time to let your interest be known, and demonstrate that by paying whatever you may owe. If you have lost interest, OK, but also if you have just "let it slip", this is the last issue of the Newsletter you will receive.

POST SCRIPT, cont.

Second, offer your talents and interests to the Association. There are many ways in which people can take an active role, and you don't have to live in the Northeast to do so. The mail, the telephone, faxes and modems make cooperative work relatively easy. One job your scribe would like to see created and filled is that of "corresponding secretary." This would involve letting your address be the address made public for correspondence to the Association, and then either answering the letters which arrive or distribute them to the appropriate committee chairman. If you enjoy being a "pen pal", this job will keep you in touch with a surprising number of fascinating people.

Third, volunteer to serve on a committee. For example, you Canadian cousins as well as those who are descended from Beriah Rice and the John Rice who emigrated to Nova Scotia on the "Charming Molly" might be interested in getting in touch with Dr. Pat Patterson, who is gathering all of the information he can obtain about our Canadian cousins.

Lastly, you computer/modem users who use the "Prodigy" bulletin board, remember to send me your call letters, so that we can publish a list for you to use to communicate with each other.

And don't forget the celebration of Edmund Rice's 400th birthday in 1994 with a trip to Bury St. Edmunds, England.

Our vice president, Jane Seaver Kirk, 555 W. Madison St. Chicago, IL 60661, is the person to contact if you are interested in making this trip.

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.

"Failure to pay dues or express interest may result in your being removed from the Newsletter mailing list." As a matter of fact, there is a real possibility that those who have not been heard from by the end of April, 1993, will be dropped from membership. That means that you will not receive the next issue of this Newsletter!

Checks for dues and notes about continuing interest should be sent to:

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