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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Rice Family Members,

The Board of Directors has launched an effort to bring about more timely and efficient information transfer between members of the Association and with inquirers outside. A barrage of complaints reached me during 1992 regarding poor communication, and the plan we have put in motion will concentrate on two basic themes.

First, it was agreed that the members of the Association should know each other, and as silly as it seems we do not. A list of all members is being sent out to the entire membership. Our intention is that people in different regions of the world will find common ground enough to consider forming REGIONAL CHAPTERS of ER1638. We hope, too, that having such a list of names will increase the warmth and friendliness of the reunions, and make our name tags more meaningful to others.

Second, we affirmed the need for a Corresponding Secretary, or "contact person". This person will facilitate communications wherever needed, and will be the spokesman for the Association. We advertised in the Newsletter and are pleased to report success in finding a nicely qualified and articulate person, Gail M. Sirse of Oberlin, Ohio, who has been appointed to be the Corresponding Secretary, effective immediately.

In tune with our effort to sharpen up on communications, we are having new letterheads with logo and matching envelopes made up by Rice cousins Fred B. Estabrook Co., of New Hampton, New Hampshire.

Have a delightful spring and summer!



ANNUAL REUNION, 1993

The 1993 Annual Reunion and Meeting will be held on Saturday, September 18, 1993 at the Fitzwilliam Inn, Fitzwilliam, N. H. (phone 603-585-9000).

Registration begins at 9:00 A.M., with coffee and muffins made fresh on the premises. Some of you may wish to arrive Friday evening. If so, reservations can be made by calling 603-585-9000. The room rates (for 2 people) range from \$55.00 for a room with two beds and a private bath, to \$40.00 for a room with a shared bath in the hall.

During the morning, rather than scheduling a formal after-luncheon speaker, there will be a session discussing genealogical research. The discussion will be led informally by our secretary, Bertyne Smith, who has had experience doing such research in England. Bring your questions, and also your own expertise and experience to share with others.

Luncheon will be served at noon. We have three choices for the entree, fresh scrod, baked stuffed breast of chicken and vegetables *prima vera* over pasta. Below is a Reservation Blank. Please let us know if you expect to come, and how many will be in your party. Also mark your choice(s) of entrees below and send in the filled-in blank along with the registration fee of \$10.00 per person, which covers the cost of the luncheon and the "continental breakfast".

RESERVATION BLANK

To: William H. Drury, 24 ^{BUCKMAN} ~~Buckland~~ Dr. Chelmsford, MA 01824

Dear Cousin Bill,

Please make reservations for _____ people for the Rice Reunion. Our choice of entree is (#) _____ fish, _____ chicken, _____ vegetables on pasta.

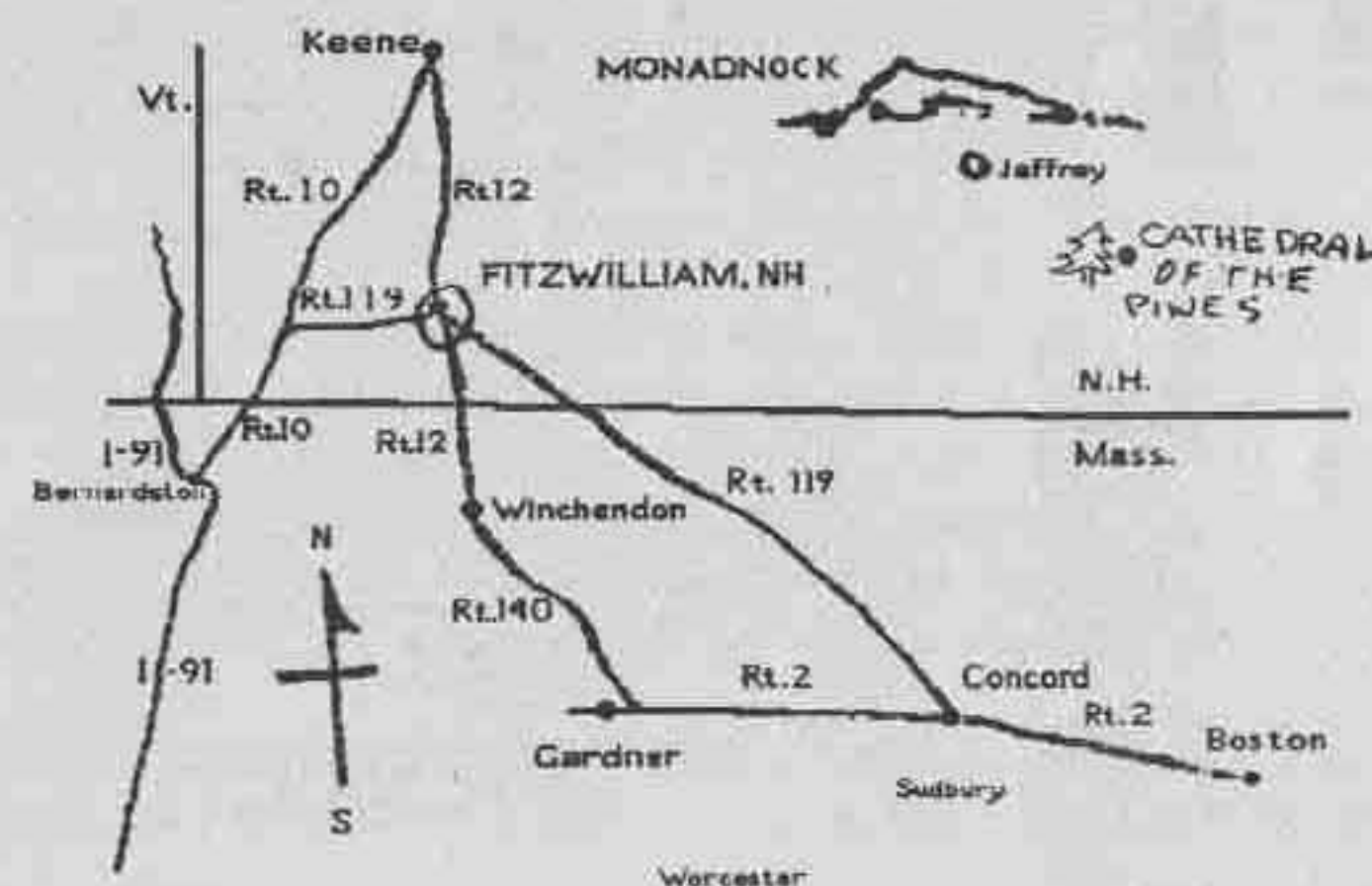
Enclosed is my check for \$10.00 per person; total, \$ _____

My name _____

The usual business meeting will be held after lunch, with more time being allowed for getting to know each other better. There will also be time, weather permitting, for outdoor activities and for local sightseeing, and, for those who wish, the trek to Wayland and a pilgrimage to Edmund Rice's memorial.

Fitzwilliam is a "typical New England town" in southeastern New Hampshire. It can be reached from Keene, N.H. by Rte.12. From places in Massachusetts it can be reached from Rte.2 (the Mohawk Trail) via Rte.140 which joins Rte.12 in Winchendon, Mass, or via Rte.119 from Concord. Those coming from farther away may prefer to take I-90 to I-91, head north, and exit onto Rte.10 at Bernardston, the last exit in Massachusetts. (Rte.10 parallels the Interstate; so wait for the Bernardston exit before exiting.)

Directions to the Edmund Rice sites in Wayland by way of Concord will be available at the meeting.



We hope that this will be a relaxed, loosely-structured and enjoyable day for everyone; so plan to come and have a good time!

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.

Bill Couch,

P.O.Box 1551, Arkansas State University, AR 72467

is looking for information about the "Rice family from Muhlenburg Co. Ky." The progenitor of this family in Kentucky is William Rice, who moved there from Prince Edward Co., Va. in 1809. He has 14 sons, one of whom was the father of Claiborne Rice, who married one Elizabeth Walker. She died in Muhlenburg Co., Ky. in 1855.

Margaret King,

104 Montclair Ct. E. Peoria, IL 61611

is seeking information on EUINCE (EUNICE?) RICE, who married Timothy KNOWLTON, Jr. in Rowe, Mass. on June 2, 1791. She drowned August 12, 1808, possibly near Rowe, Mass. They had a son Ephraim KNOWLTON b. June 7, 1795, who married Sally Eldridge April 1, 1816. Cousin Margaret is a direct descendant of this family.

She also would like information about a family named Crosier, who lived in Halifax, Vermont, in the 1760's. They are related to the Rices through the above-mentioned Euince (Rice) Knowlton. (Halifax, VT is directly across the state line from Rowe, MA) Three brothers, John, Arthur and Robert Crosier settled in Halifax between 1760 and 1763. John Crosier married Thankful ? and had a son, John, Jr., b. Oct. 4, 1780, who married Peggy Lee, August 17, 1801.

Cousin Margaret would like to contact other descendants of the Crosier, Lee and this branch of the Rice families. She is also seeking further information about their ancestry.

June D. Koeppe,

2017 Avenue B, Kearney, NE 68847

asks for information about her great grandfather, JAMES E. RICE, born 1839 and married Clara Hayes on 11 Feb 1862. Cousin June's grandmother, Margaret Emma Rice, was born in Woolwich, Maine; so she assumes James and Clara were married there also.

Sandra L. Lewis,

3205 Rocky Fork Rd. Otway, OH 45657

wonders if anyone knows anything of a ROXANA RICE, born 4 Oct 1830 and died 12 Feb 1924 in Clinton, Iowa, who married Reed Wilbur BOSLEY in Geauga County, Ohio on 21 June 1845. Roxana may be the daughter of SAMUEL RICE, whose name is listed in the Ohio censuses of 1820, 1830 and 1840.

Barry J. Merrill,

218 E. 36th Place, Kennewick, WA 99337

wants information about one AMY RICE, born in 1791 in either Cumberland, R.I. or Sterling, Ct. She married Oliver CHASE in East Killingley, Ct. Amy may be the daughter of Abraham¹⁰⁶³ Rice and Cynthia (Miller) Rice (dau. of Peter Miller). This Abraham was the son of Abraham¹⁷⁴ Rice and brother of Silas¹⁰⁶⁰ and David^{1064a} Rice. Both of those brothers' descents are continued in the *Register*, and perhaps someone in one of those lines has information about the younger Abraham.

Gail M. Sirse,

45569 Russia Rd. Oberlin, OH 44074-9773

traces her male ancestry through the LOKER family, two of whom married Rice daughters. (John Loker 1650-1719 m. Sarah Rice⁵⁻³⁹ 1655-1702; and their son, Henry Loker⁵⁻³⁹⁻²⁷⁶, 1684-1716 m. MARY RICE⁴⁻³²⁻³⁷⁴ b.1695.) Cousin Gail would like to correspond with other descendants of the Loker family.

Cousin Gale has another fascinating query: "Can someone please explain the relationship of James Russell Lowell to this line?" The relationship includes Bents and Brewers, and a possible connection with the Lokers, but Cousin Gail doesn't know the details. A real challenge to those of you with descent from these families!

Spouses are IMPORTANT:

E. Jean Miles Noble

358 Collett Court, Brentwood, CA 94513

has established her descent from Edmund through Aaron Rice³⁻²⁴⁻⁸⁸⁻²⁰⁹⁻¹²⁵⁷ (1768-1822), who married Sarah Whipple in Greensboro, Vt. Their daughter, Harriet, was married in 1829 in Milton Township, Ohio, to Justin Miles, who was born in Randolph, Vt. Cousin Jean has information about Harriet's sister, Sabrina, also.

However, her main query concerns Aaron Rice's wife and his mother. Does anyone have information about the parents of Sarah Whipple (born 1776)? Aaron's parents were Jabez and Miriam (Morse) Rice; does anyone have information about Miriam's father, Joseph Morse, and mother, Abigail Barns?

Dorothy L. Fay

P.O.Box 213, Chapel St. Newbury, VT 05051

is looking for information about Benjamin Allen, of Weston, Ma., who married Frances, b.1670-1, daughter of Thomas, granddaughter of Edmund Rice. Not even Ward's book has any mention of Benjamin Allen's parents. Can anyone enlighten us?

Renee Monroc,

20 Annabel St. Dorchester, MA 02125

is seeking information about Martha Lamson, 1633/4 - 1717, who married Matthew Rice, son of Edmund, on 7 July 1654. Does anyone know where Martha Lamson Rice was buried?

James B. Daniels,

402 Tuam #9, Houston, TX 77006

wants information about the wife of Samuel Leonard Rice (#1784.1, p.459 in *Reg*), son of Amos and Betsey (Fairbanks) Rice. Samuel was born in 1819 in Peru, Mass. and grew up in Pompey, Onandaga Co., N.Y., where his parents resided between 1821 and 1843. In 1843 Amos and Betsey moved west to settle in Tecumseh, Mich. Samuel, however, moved east, to Vernon, Tolland Co. Conn. In Vernon, on 31 March 1844 he married Charlotte H. Tracey. The 1850 census shows Samuel as a mill operative in Vernon, but in 1851 Samuel and Charlotte were in Michigan, where a child was born to them. In 1853 they settled in Delavan, Wisc., where they remained.

Can someone please help Cousin James trace the parents and ancestry of Charlotte H. Tracey?

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Yes, spouses are important, whether male or female. Your own spouse is a parent of your children, too, and his/her ancestry will be of as much interest to their descendants as yours. While we cannot keep detailed records of everyone's spouse, we do try to include the name, dates and possibly parents of each spouse in our records.

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SPECIAL for Computer/Modem/Bulletin Board fans:

Cousin Charles W. Hollister,

15 Charles St., Maynard, MA 01754

is coming close to the "cutting edge" of the "state of the art." He has been taking VCR images and downloading them to his computer. He sends a printout of Joseph Rice's gravestone in the Penobscittut Cemetery in Stow, Mass. The following is a photocopy of his printout:



Cousin Charles is linked with INTERNET on Compuserve, and is thinking of joining PRODOGY. For those who are interested, his INTERNET address is:

>internet:75250:1627@compuserve.com

A reminder that we welcome (ordinary mail) comments from bulletin board users, and are prepared to create a directory of their electronic addresses.

WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

The following cousins have joined our membership since the last issue of the Newsletter:

✓ Evelyn S. Christoff,
Lancaster, California

✓ Kathy Cleary,
Portland, Michigan

✓ Juanita Conlee,
Seymour, Tennessee

✓ Bill Couch,
Arkansas State Univ. Arkansas

✓ Helen DePlonty,
Midland, Michigan

✓ Robert S. Duggan,
Jr. Atlanta, Georgia

✓ Beverly Farrington,
Crofton, Kentucky

✓ Martin E. Hollick,
Somerville, Mass.

✓ James M. Holmes,
Westborough, Mass.

✓ Isa,
Olney, Illinois

✓ Margaret C. Smith King,
E. Peoria, Illinois

✓ Steve Kyner,
Holliston, Mass.

Marion Whitney Leska,
Fort Myers Beach, Florida

Mary Rhae McBride,
Rossville, Illinois

Barry Merrill,
Kennewick, Washington

Barbara F. Niemann,
Wayne, Penna.

E. Jean Miles Noble,
Brentwood, California

M/M John J. & Barbara Osgood,
Holyoke, Mass.

Jonathan Rice Plunkett
South Harpswell, Maine

Linda Pate,
Elrod, Alabama

Larry Rice,
Hinesburg, Vermont

Randell S. Rice,
Richardson, Texas

Gail M. Sirse,
Oberlin, Ohio

James Michael Warren,
Tobaccoville, N.C.

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*

Computer printout, 34 pp.

\$4.00 postpaid

BOTH INDEXES together:

INDEX TO "SUPPLEMENT"

Computer printout, 18 pp.

\$2.50 postpaid

- \$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

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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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OBITUARIES:

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A lovely letter from Hazel Rice and Helen M. Bell informs us of two of our cousins;

Herbert Rice, age 88, of Quincy, Michigan, died Jan. 1, 1993 after a six-week illness from congestive heart failure. He is survived by his wife, Hazel, to whom he was married for 66 years as of Dec.19,1992. He is also survived by five daughters and three sons, thirty-three grandchildren, forty great-grandchildren, five great-great-grandchildren and nine step-grandchildren. An avid fisherman and hunter, Herbert was one of the last surviving sons of Civil War veterans - only three survive now.

Raymond H. Bell, age 72, son-in-law of Herbert Rice, died Sept.30, 1992 at his home in Fremont, Mich. after a prolonged illness. He is survived by his wife, Helen H. (Rice) Bell, three children and eight grandchildren, and was preceded in death by his parents and a daughter, Sally Jean Sousa. Raymond and Helen had been married 47 years on July 31, 1992. He was a veteran of World War II.

Raymond and Herbert were hunting and fishing buddies for 47 year and were the best of friends. Their families are missing them very much.

We have also received a note from Harriet Kilborn, advising us that her sister, Helen Kilborn, of Petoskey, Mich. passed away on January 24, 1993.

We extend our deepest sympathy to all of these families.

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We also apologise to our friend and cousin, Velma Postma, whose death was erroneously reported in the last issue. Velma is very much alive, but her daughter,

Lily May (Postma) Sanders, born May 7, 1936 in Idaho Falls, Idaho, died on Dec. 15, 1992, leaving two daughters, one son, eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

You and all of your family have our deepest sympathy, Cousin Velma.

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COVER STORY

In this issue we celebrate the *grande dame* of the Rice Association. She is not the oldest living member, and she probably won't appreciate the title, "great lady" but she has served the Association in many capacities, and is, indeed, well loved. Your scribe wants to tell her so publicly now, not many years from now in an obituary.

The occasion for this story is the awarding of the 1993 "Spirit of Massachusetts Hospitality Award for the North of Boston Convention and Visitors Bureau region" to Margaret S. Rice. Cousin Margaret received the award from the governor of Massachusetts at a dinner on April 1. The following is excerpted from a news article in the *Amesbury Daily News*, written by Sonya Vartebedian.

"Bring up the past to Margaret Rice and her face brightens.

"The 86-year-old Amesbury woman's love of history goes beyond the roots of a simple family tree. For years, she has helped scores of people trace their backgrounds and has been a self-proclaimed promoter of New England, especially the 'treasures' of Amesbury, Salisbury and its neighbors.

"If people don't remember anything before them, then nobody will remember them," Rice said. 'Anyone without roots is lost.'

"Rice admits she's 'hooked on' genealogy. It is something she was born into and has been immersed in since she was young, having lived in her ancestral home, ca.1780, on Lion's Mouth Road for more than 70 years.

"Ancestors are the foundation of our lives," she said. 'It's nice to know where you come from and what your people were like.'

Cousin Margaret "has written several books on the (Amesbury/ Salisbury) area, including a history of Salisbury, a history of the Bailey Company of Amesbury, 'Legends of Lion's Mouth' based on Amesbury folklore, 'You Are Heir to Millions', a manuscript about genealogy, and 'Tales of Two Amesburys,' which contains material on the town and its counterpart in England. She has also written a history of the carriage industry in Amesbury and Salisbury, and houses the collection of carriages maintained by the Amesbury Carriage Museum in the barn at her house."

Cousin Margaret traces her descent from several of Edmund Rice's sons, and one branch of the family obviously owned the homestead in Amesbury. However, Margaret was born and spent her childhood in Brattleboro, Vt. where her grandfather was a department manager for the Estey Organ Company, a company as important to Brattleboro as the carriage industry was to Amesbury, and her immediate Rice forebears grew up in what she calls the "family homestead" in Watertown, in upstate New York.

Margaret grew up attending Rice Annual Meetings, and eventually became president of the Association and also its historian. The two recent books, *The Rice Family, Supplements 1 and 2*, are products of her hard and dedicated work.

In January, 1993, Cousin Margaret sent us a poem, "which my grandfather's brother, Arthur Alanson Rice, wrote after he had returned from California for the funeral of his father in 1804.... The people he refers to in the poem are his parents, Luther and Mary Skinner Rice, and his brothers Francis Skinner Rice and Frederick Avery Rice. Both Fred and Arthur went West after graduation from college...

"When I was about five or six, Uncle Arthur came East again to visit us in Vermont --- the only time I ever saw him. I remember him as a tall, dark-haired man with a well-groomed beard. I suppose I had just begun to learn about Jesus in Sunday School, and I was sure that Uncle Arthur looked just like Jesus!"

The poem:

BACK TO THE FARM

Back to the dear old farm today -
Full many years we've been away -
Back to the scenes of early life,
Back to the days when hope was rife.

The house remains as it was of yore.
Its dwellers now have gone before.
The feet once used to walk its floors
Have passed forever from its doors.

The fields are here which once were tilled
By him whose voice is henceforth stilled,
And flowers, too, we still can see
Where she we love was wont to be.

How guilty once we shirked their word
And thought all their commands absurd!
"Let Frank do this, I did the last"
Or, "Fred's done nothing some days past."

If they were in the flesh today
We'd vie to see who'd first obey --
Slip to the barn, harness the horse,
Bring in the wood, -- their wish endorse.

We'd rise to chores at early morn
Or hoe the quack from out the corn;
Pick up the stones beyond the lane,
E'en pull the mustard from the grain!

Old Farm, from thee our strength was drawn
To meet the world in varied form;
Again that strength wilt thou renew
As well-known scenes pass in review.

The blackcaps grew along the fence
As for a swim we boys went thence;
And strawberries, too, we used to hunt
In patches near that big pine stump.

Cool mandrakes found 'neath broad-leaved shade
While passing through the wooded glade.
Black River flows 'twixt lime rock walls
With dizzy plunge o'er Jim Wood's Falls.

Fish to be caught in that chub hole --
A dive to take from rock to pool
Into the cave, with string tied tight,
Thus to ensure return to light.

At last, Old Farm, when flesh is dust,
With Father, Mother, and the rest,
In spirit then thy fields we'll roam.
Thou evermore shalt be our home.

Arthur Alanson Rice

Cousin Margaret, we congratulate you on your well deserved award, and thank you warmly for this living glimpse into a world too often forgotten.

MORE STORIES

Response to the Kipling story:

In the last issue we included a little story about "Naulakha", the home which Kipling built and lived in near Brattleboro, Vermont, between 1892 and 1896. We were curious about Howard Rice, Kipling's friend and conservator of the Kipling papers, and about his son, Howard C. Rice. The article brought an unprecedented response!

First, Cousin Bob Jones, of Maplewood N.J. confirms that these Rices do indeed "belong" to us. On page 981 of the *Register* we find:

" IX 5814.1 HOWARD CROSBY RICE b 16 Sep 1878 Wor; d 14 Feb 1965
Brattleboro, Vt; m Amy Stetson Jones 21 May 1902....."

Their children are listed as Howard Crosby Rice, Jr. b 24 Oct 1904, Marion Stetson Rice, m John Simpson Hooper, and Eleanor Fannie Rice, m James Osborn Sampson.

"Howard Crosby Rice, Sr. was publisher of the Brattleboro (VT.) Daily Reformer for 46 years. He was a Legislator for six terms and president from 1946 to 1961 of the (Brattleboro) Memorial Hospital."

After giving us this reference, Cousin Bob goes on to report that "Amy Stetson (Jones) Rice was a first cousin of my grandfather, Orrin Harvey Jones... Their mutual grandfather was William Harvey Jones who was owner and proprietor of the general store in West Dover from 1832 to 1871. My great-grandfather, Walter Franklin Jones joined him in the business in 1864." Cousin Bob continues with other details of the Dover (Vt.) connections of these families, all of whom are familiar to those of us who knew Dover in simpler times, and several of whose descendants live in Dover today. He fails to mention his own Rice connection, however, through his great-grandmother, Annette (Snow) Jones, daughter of Nancy (Rice) Snow. Some of you may recall reading about the "Snow family reunion" in a recent issue of this Newsletter. This rather extensive Snow family is also descended from Nancy (Rice) Snow through Annette's brother, Julian.

Thank you, Cousin Bob, for this glimpse of Dover from a perspective new to me.

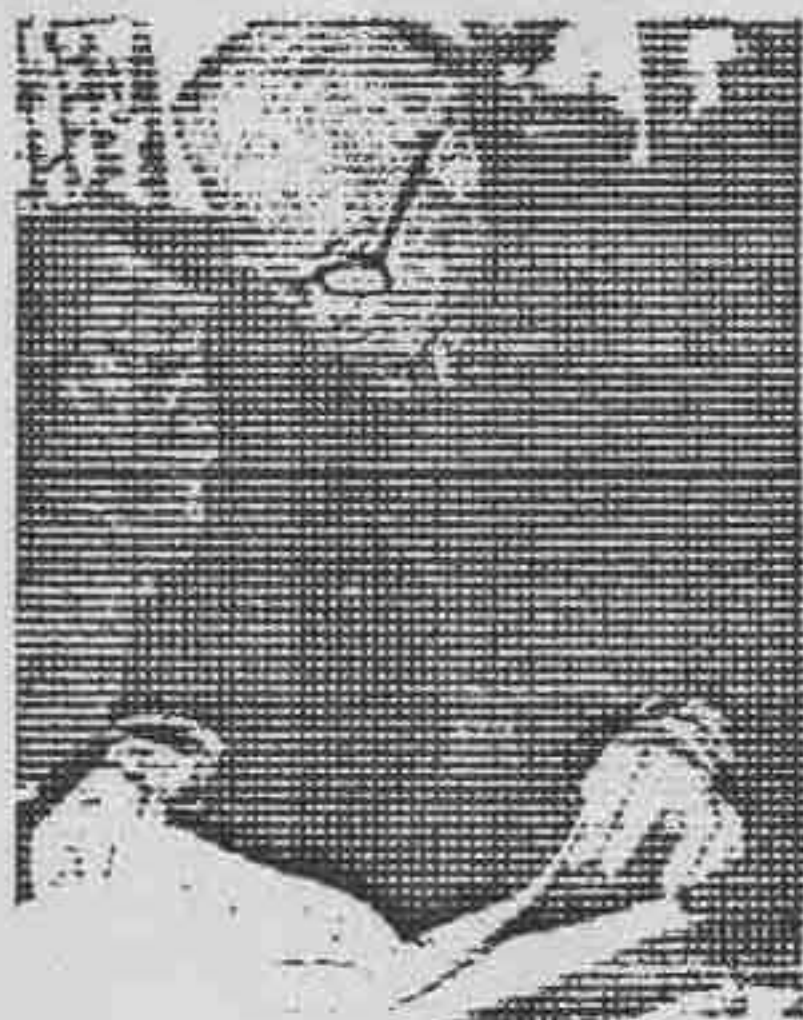
From genealogy and relationships, we move to other letters reporting personal acquaintance with Howard C. Rice, Jr. Cousin Elva Turner, who lives in Dover, remembers him well. A graduate of Brattleboro High School, "he was a very studious (bookish) person. I think he did act as manager for some or another of the athletic teams, but he was not much for sports activity. He was well liked, I think, and went on to study and work in France, where he married before returning home. I believe he and his wife lived for a time in Brattleboro, but she did not find the climate agreeable."

From Cousin Ruth Ellison of Northfield, Mass., we catch a glimpse of Howard Rice, Jr. as a grown man. After high school, he enrolled at Dartmouth College, spending one year of independent study in France at the Universities of Grenoble and Paris. He received his A.B. from Dartmouth in 1926. After a semester of graduate study at Harvard, Mr. Rice became instructor of French in Windsor, Conn.

and then returned to France where he taught English at several institutions. He obtained the degree of Docteur de l'Université de Paris in 1933.

In 1934 he married France Chalufour, and they returned to the United States, where his career began to blossom. He became an instructor in French and tutor in history and literature at Harvard, and was associated with the French language programs of the World Wide Broadcasting Foundation (radio station WRUL, Boston). From there he went to work for the Office of War Information in New York, London and France. After the war he remained in Paris, serving as director of the U.S. Information Library there.

In 1946 Cousin Ruth "happened to be in Paris too, and helped in setting up the Library." Thus she "came to know both Howard and France Rice; they were both delightful people and I enjoyed them very much." From 1948 until his retirement in 1970 Howard Rice was an assistant professor at Princeton, serving as assistant librarian for rare books and special collections. During this time he took at least two leaves of absence to study in Europe, and spent what vacation time he had at his home on Chestnut Hill in Brattleboro. Cousin Ruth, who taught French in Brattleboro, continued her friendship with the Rices, seeing them more often after his retirement in 1970. Cousin Bob Jones says "My father and mother visited Howard Crosby Rice Jr. in 1976, after he retired, in their Chestnut Hill home which according to my mother must have had a similar view of the Connecticut Valley as the one from the Rudyard Kipling place."



HOWARD C. RICE JR.

In addition to his writings about Kipling, Howard Rice was an in-depth student of Franco-American relations in the 1780's, including the works of Thomas Jefferson. In 1978 he was honored by the Thomas Jefferson Memorial Foundation with its first "creative scholarship award" for his book, *Thomas Jefferson's Paris*, published in 1976.

Howard Crosby Rice died in 1980, and was survived by his widow, his sisters, and several nieces and nephews.

Many, many thanks to all three of you for sending the clippings and comments about this Rice descendant, a man who helped to preserve our heritage by making the fruits of his studies more readily available to others.

POST SCRIPT

Communication is a growing phenomenon in today's world. Moreover the state of the technology is growing more rapidly than the state of the art. Every month we receive letters reporting that information about the Rice Association was obtained from an electronic bulletin board, and we are beginning to compile a list of the electronic addresses of some of our cousins. Although your scribe has not invested in a modem, and therefore not subscribed to a bulletin board, we do use a computer, a scanner, and a laser printer to prepare this Newsletter.

There is a real problem in sorting out and keeping track of all of the information that finds its way along cables and even through the U.S. Postal Service! It is for this reason that our president, John Bates, has appointed a Corresponding Secretary, to funnel mail addressed to our Association, sort it, answer it and/or forward it to the appropriate committee chairman. This, we hope, will stream-line our Association's business so that each committee chairman can concentrate more freely on the work of his/her committee.

Communications regarding dues, membership and book purchases should still be sent to Cousin Bill Drury:

William H. Drury, 24 Buckland Dr. Chelmsford, MA 01824

and material for the Newsletter and genealogical information should be sent to me:
Corinne M. Snow, P.O. Box 440, West Dover, VT 05356

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