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## PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Rice Cousins,

We are now well into the 400th year since Edmund Rice's birth. To celebrate this quadricentennial, we are planning some special events. One of these is the trip to England in May, with a tour of some of the places of special significance to Edmund's youth. The schedule of the trip is published elsewhere in this Newsletter, but it is important to note certain details. Half of the time will be spent in and around Bury St. Edmunds, where Edmund and Thomasine were married and spent the early years of their married life. While there will be many places to visit and things to do, you will have the same room throughout your stay, with a minimum of packing and unpacking. The same is true of the second half, which includes many interesting and enjoyable experiences in London itself.

This sounds like the opportunity of a life-time, and I strongly urge all of you who can manage it to come along. The deadline for reservations is March 1. There is still time, and plenty of room for you!

We are already thinking about and making tentative plans for our Annual Reunion in September. We will tell you all the details in the next Newsletter, but we can tell you now that we are planning to hold the meeting in Sudbury, probably at the church which is pictured on the cover.

Hoping to see many of you there,





### *MORE ABOUT THE 1993 ANNUAL REUNION:*

We have received comment, favorable and otherwise, about the meeting in Fitzwilliam, N. H. last September. A., it was not structured enough, or B., it was delightfully informal.

Cousin Betty Rice, from Perry, N.Y. was one who wrote, "We wanted to tell you how much we enjoyed the reunion. We realize it is a lot of work for someone to arrange all those things which went together so well." Cousin Betty also sent some snapshots, a few of which are reproduced in these pages.

Our immediate past president,  
John Bates,  
conducting the business meeting.



Front view of the  
Fitzwilliam Inn,  
built in the late 1700's.



And a group of cousins enjoying the conversation and fellowship.

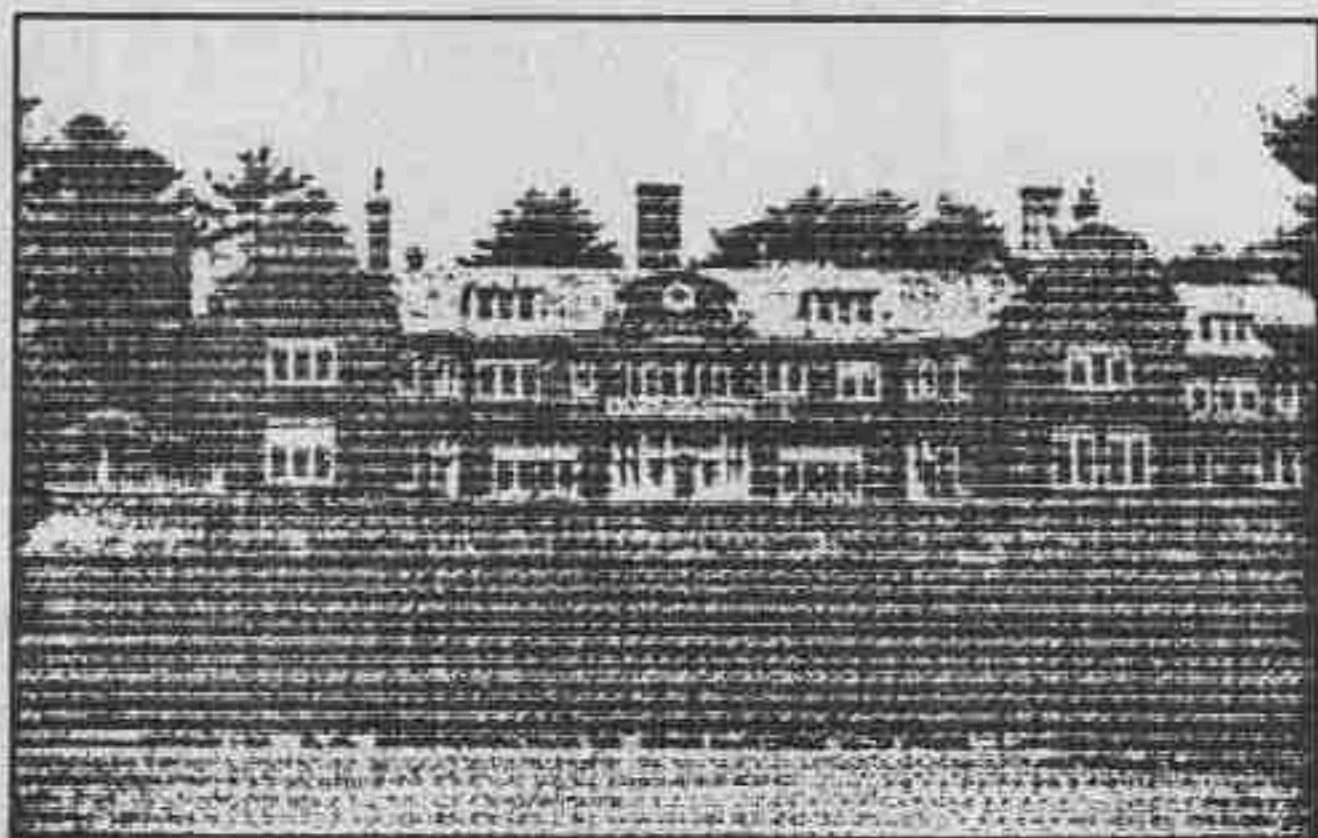
Thank you, Cousin Betty, for these photos.



## STORIES

## MiniReunion

Cousin Jane Rice, of Moultonborough, N.H. sends us a copy of an invitation to a reunion of the descendants of Anne Steele Proctor and Charles Goodenough Rice, held last summer at "Turner Hill", the family home in Topsfield, Mass. The property is now owned by the LaSalette Fathers, who very graciously opened the entire building to tours of many interested guests.



The property included extensive grounds, where Mrs. Rice used to hold "Outing Classes", to which all the children in town were invited to play games. There were ball fields, squash and tennis courts, and a riding stable, as well as large gardens, cottages for many of the staff, and a large farm which used to produce all kinds of vegetables, fruits, maple syrup, honey, etc. Some of the playing fields have now been taken for parking areas and for a large church which has been built on the grounds.

The reunion was attended by about 150 people, including a number of those who had attended the Outing Classes as children. A booklet describing the mansion, with photos of many of the rooms with the original furnishings, is available. If anyone is interested, Cousin Jane's address is:

Jane Rice, P.O.Box 5, Moultonboro, NH 03254

## 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.

and

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

Additions and corrections to the above. - 110 pages.

both

- \$20.00 + \$2.50 postage & packing

**INDEX TO THE RICE FAMILY**

Computer printout, 34 pp.

\$2.50 postpaid

**BOTH INDEXES together:**

**INDEX TO "SUPPLEMENT"**

Computer printout, 18 pp.

\$1.50 postpaid

- \$3.50 postpaid

**A GENEALOGICAL REGISTER of RICE DESCENDANTS:** (1970)

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

- \$27.00 + \$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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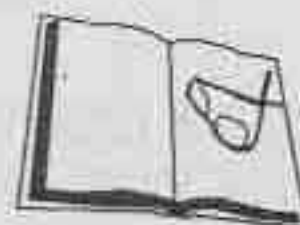


## BOOKS cont.

**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	No.copies	Amount
	(includes mailing)		
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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## NEW MEMBERS:

The following cousins have recently joined the  
Edmund Rice (1638) Association:

- Molly L. Anders, Parker, CO
- Mrs. Gordon Adamson, Evanston, IL
- Dana M. Hastings, Dover, MA
- Nancy Keller, Westlake, OH
- Leon P. King, Sacramento, CA
- Margaret B. LaBarge, Randolph, VT
- Patricia A. Maddox, Alexandria, VA
- Pliny Norcross III, Southborough, MA
- Dr. Pliny Norcross, South Amherst, MA
- Richard R. Rice, Sarasota, FL
- Richard W. Rice, Portland, OR
- Rodger Reid Rice, Grand Rapids, MI
- Rolland Paul Rice, Jr. Concord, CA
- Ruth E. Rice, Wakefield, MA
- Warren E. Rice, Anaheim, CA
- Kenneth H. Stadtman, Hemet, CA

We welcome all of you most warmly, and hope you will find your membership enjoyable and worth while.



## LAST CALL . . .

### TO JOIN YOUR COUSINS

on our EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION TOUR

celebrating the

FOUR HUNDREDTH ANNIVERSARY OF OUR

FOUNDING FATHER

MAY 18 to 28, 1994

Here is the once in a life time event we all have been waiting for:

A carefully planned tour that follows the footsteps of Edmund Rice through England and New England. Many of our members have put their heads together on this and research will continue up to the last minute to ensure that nothing known of importance is missed - no stone left unturned.

Briefly, our program will be as follows: May 1994

- 18 We fly into Boston and meet in MARLBOROUGH for a welcome banquet.
- 19 A day of visiting Sudbury, Wayland (with a memorial service at the cemetery) and other spots. Depart Boston this evening.
- 20 Arrive in London. Motor to BURY ST. EDMUNDS for three full days exploring the town and area. Attend the local music festival and our highlight:

THE BIRTHDAY MEMORIAL SERVICE  
in ST. MARY'S CHURCH  
and other special events.

Program, cont.:

- 24 We explore Suffolk and Berkshire on our way to LONDON. Here three full days are spent with sightseeing, tickets to the Chelsea Flower Show, visit to Kew Gardens; also for independent genealogical sleuthing. All culminating with a festive farewell dinner at Simpsons followed with a London hit show.

- 28 We fly home via Boston.  
Or, remain in Europe as long as we wish.

Our tour will include full English breakfasts daily, some fun pub lunches and other special meals, our own comfortable motor coach, local guides and the many unique events making this tour so special for us.

We have to stop taking reservations on Tuesday, March 1.

Therefore, you must call us today:

Ms. Jane Seaver Kirk

Rex Fritschi, President

OR

Anniversary Festival Coordinator

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Fax: 312-641-6641



## COVER STORY:

In this issue we begin the celebration of Edmund Rice's birth, 400 years ago. We do not know the exact date of his birth, nor do we have any definitive information about his parents or the place of his birth. He was probably born in Stansted, Suffolk, a small town outside of Bury St. Edmunds, to a man named Thomas Rice, son of one William Rice. Modern investigators discount the opinion that this William was "William of Boemar", a descendant of royalty.

At any rate, Edmund Rice grew up and married, in St. Mary's church in Bury St. Edmunds, Thomasine Frost, a daughter of the then-emerging middle class. They lived in Stansted until the politics of the post-Reformation era became too onerous, when they removed to Berkhamstead. In Berkhamstead it is presumed that Edmund was a farmer, but from what we know of his later life, he took an interest in the changes in local affairs and the power struggles in high places. Before these struggles erupted into a revolution (Cromwell; 1640) Edmund Rice brought his family to America.

In America Edmund found that seven-year-old Boston had already become a thriving city, bursting the bounds of its island-like hill surrounded by swamp (Beacon Hill; the Fens). Already satellite settlements were developing inland and forming distinct Towns. Having come a long hard way for the sake of freedom, Edmund did not want to "blend in" with these established Towns. In Watertown, where he paused for a few weeks, he met a kindred spirit in a man named Peter Noyes, recently come from East Anglia, a county near to but quite different from Suffolk. These two men enlisted the help of Rev. Edmund Brown, a non-conformist clergyman who shared their interest in freedom. Together the three men, Noyes, Rice and Brown, petitioned for and received a grant for a new Town, located west of Watertown. They named it "Sudbury", after the town in England which had been the Rev. Brown's parish.

By 1639 a viable settlement was developing rapidly along the west Bank of the Sudbury River and among the hills to the east. A log meetinghouse was built, and the "First Parish of Sudbury"

was officially organized in 1640. In time a better building replaced the log structure, and in 1722 a new site was selected and an entirely new meetinghouse rose on a hill overlooking the Town Common and the valley of the Sudbury River. This building lasted until 1797, when a new building was erected on the foundation of the old. This building, now nearly 200 years old, still forms the heart of this church, although modernizations and additions have been made from time to time. A sketch of the present church is reproduced on our cover. Today its neighbors are the Town Hall and several other churches, but the First Parish Church dominates the scene. A half-mile to the south, on the main road, is the cemetery where Edmund's memorial stone is erected.

Edmund Rice was a deacon of that First Parish of Sudbury. Dedicated to freedom, he and his fellow townsmen engaged in an ongoing argument with the Rev. Brown regarding the power of the Church to order secular affairs. Twenty years later he and several similar-minded younger men left Sudbury to establish another town to the west, Marlborough.

Today Marlborough is a large, busy, modern town, suffering all the ills of the late twentieth century. Sudbury has managed to retain some of its rural character, although it lost a significant amount of territory when the south-western portion split off to become Wayland. We hope to hold the 1994 annual reunion at the First Parish Church in Sudbury - full details will be in the next Newsletter. For those of you for whom this very short introduction to the history of Sudbury is a teaser, we look forward to learning more at the annual reunion.

For those of you intrigued by the brief references to places in England, you will have opportunity to visit many of these on the Festival tour in May. Those of you who have hesitated, come on! Join in the fun!



## QUERIES:

Note: As of this writing, we find no genealogical queries. If you have sent a query which we somehow missed, please do not hesitate to send it in again. We have, however, had correspondence regarding computerization. Therefore:

## INTO THE NEXT CENTURY:

As we enter the fifth century of Edmund Rice and, very soon, the 21st century A.D., the electronic era beckons more and more clearly. A year ago we asked our computer buffs to send us their e-Mail addresses, so that we could provide a clearinghouse for such communication.

To date we have received two:

Charles W. Hollister  
15 Charles St.  
Maynard, MA 01754  
(508) 897-3358  
>internet:75250:1627@compuserve.com

Dennis Rice  
3105 Canyon Creek  
Richardson, TX 75090  
(214) 680-8299  
MCI Mail - Dennis Rice/333-9211  
via Compuserve or Internet

Cousin Dennis is involved in several Rice-related projects, and would like to hear from other cousins who have similar interests. He would like to "establish a round-robin communications by a common forum. Several items which could be reviewed are 1) common communications mode, 2) information format, file transfer format, and (diversified) centralized repository system."

"My first project is to cross index the Deacon Edmund Rice lineage. I am doing this in dBase 4 format, showing the Ward Reference number for the Ward Book, a Genealogical dotted notation and the birth/marriage pages for the direct lineage. To date, I have over 12,000 entries - with MANY more to go! I would hope the group could establish a "standard" data transfer format for inter-exchange of this and other data. The information I have generated is available to those interested in floppy disc format if desired."

Cousin Dennis's other projects include family data trees - he uses Banner Blue Software's FAMILY TREE, and would like to coordinate with others who are interested, along with developing family trees of "those who are

## INTO THE NEXT CENTURY, cont:

special in our family lineage." Lastly he would like to "establish a centralized computer photo image repository of the multitude of historical photos."

Meanwhile, Cousin Warren "Tuck" Forsythe,  
Box 1299,  
Ellensburg, WA 98926

has found multiple errors in the file on the computers of the LDS ANCESTRAL FILE. He is working with Cousin Dennis on this.

He asks, "How can we include the recent additions and corrections that you have?"

Answers:

1. Although all of us who have worked on these genealogies know that there are errors, We do not have a file of any corrections to the first five generations. The supplement (paper cover) to Ward's book does contain many additions and corrections to that early book.
2. The additions which are in our files range from the 7th generation down to the 13th and 14th, and comprise many hundreds of entries, if not thousands, which mostly remain on paper, in the form in which they were submitted. They should be computerized and prepared for printout.

My own priorities have been to try to concentrate on the additions, so that more living descendants may be represented in the Association's publications. Unfortunately, personal problems have prevented proper continuation of this work.

We would be most happy to transfer this responsibility to anyone interested in taking it on! Can you who have access to electronic communications include this as one of your projects?

C.M.S.



## OBITUARIES:

- \* **Howard D. Rice**, son of Joseph and Ethel Damery Rice, passed away on February 2, 1993 in Florissant, Mo. Howard was born in 1918 in Blue Mound, Ill. and enlisted in the Army Air Corps in 1941. He participated in the invasion of Normandy, and served as personal pilot to General Patton in 1944-45. A graduate of Millikin University, he received his M.A. in accounting and business administration from the University of Illinois in Champagne.

In 1949 he married Barbara Jean Schroth and lived in Decatur, Ill., moving in 1965 to Florissant, Mo., where he worked as an accountant and financial director for various firms until his retirement in 1981.

He is survived by his wife and five daughters; Doona Schuler of Decatur, Ill., Marilyn Gnad of Homer, Alaska; Linda Collins of Chesterfield, Mo.; Cynthia Rice of Indianapolis, Ind.; Nancy Tomlins of Houston, Texas; and six grandchildren; Aaron Moore of Decatur; Henry and Michael Gnad; Lisa and Gina Collins and Renee Rice; and also a brother, Wayne Rice of Blue Mound. Burial was in the Bethel Cemetery in Blue Mound.

Our sympathy to all of the members of this family.

- \* **Delma (McLaughlin) Erdman**, granddaughter of Justina (Rice) Fessenden and aunt of your scribe, died December 3, 1993, after a long illness. The first daughter and third child of Cora (Fessenden) McLaughlin, Delma was born in 1897. She is survived by a son, Donald A. Erdman, a daughter, Marjorie (Erdman) Roesch, four grandchildren and several great-grandchildren as well as three generations of nieces and nephews too numerous to count, and two brothers, Harvey and Kenneth McLaughlin.

Aunt Delma was a loving, vivacious person who had a great store of memories about growing up around the turn of the century. One of these was being raised as a "baby-sitter" for her four younger brothers and sisters, a task she did not enjoy. The training was worth while, however, for many of the above mentioned nieces and nephews experienced her home as a "home away from home", and learned from her the value of cherishing family ties. Thank you, Aunt Delma, for adding a significant structure to the family heritage.

## OBITUARIES, cont.:

- \* **Katrina Davies Rice**, widow of Stanley I. Rice, died on December 28, 1993, after a brief illness. Born in Northhampton, Mass. in 1906, she married Stan Rice in 1928 and lived in Worcester, Mass. for over 50 years. They had four children; Stan, Jr. who passed away in 1989, Richard E. Rice, Frederick H. Rice and Dorothea Ann, the youngest, who died in the Worcester tornado in June, 1953.

When Stan and "Tene" retired in 1963, they bought a home in Epsom, N.H. that served as a base for their new career as Airstreamers. They traveled the entire country and wintered in Florida at Travelers Rest near Dade City, and when Stan died in 1985, Tene continued the annual commute between Epsom and Travelers Rest. In November, 1993, she suffered a setback and had to give up her Airstream and move into Longwood Retirement Center. She celebrated Christmas at the home of her son, Richard, in Winter Springs, Fla., along with her other son, Fred. On December 26 she entered the hospital and died peacefully on December 28.

A memorial service was held on Jan 8, 1994, and her ashes were buried in Barre, Mass. A memorial bench will be placed at Travellers Rest. with a brass plaque inscribed:

In Loving Memory

STANLEY I. RICE  
Oct. 3, 1898 - Oct. 31, 1985

KATRINA "TENE" RICE  
June 23, 1906 - Dec. 28, 1993

Our sympathy to Richard, Fred, and Stan Jr.'s widow, Karen, and their families.

- \* Word has been received from Sue Currie, of the death of Cousin Shirley Cantrell, of Canby, Ore. some time before November 13, 1993.



## POST SCRIPT

Dear Cousins,

Elsewhere in this issue is a list of our most recent new members. The Rice Association is flourishing, and we welcome all of you. Also elsewhere in this issue is an article on electronic communications, the "wave of the future", as it pertains to the purposes of the Association. Your scribe would love to dive into this "wave" and join those of you who are already enjoying the luxury of instant communication.

It occurs to us that some of you newest and also you not-so-new members might be interested in working on these projects. Indeed, if there is interest, let's form a network to work together on all of them!

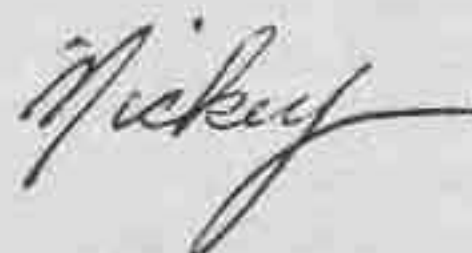
Yes, let's computerize the entire genealogy.

(The data base for Supplement 2, Parts 1 and 2 [1983 and 1985], was computerized, and that material may be available from Margaret Rice, Lion's Mouth Rd., Amesbury, MA 01913.)

And in doing so, let's put in all of the newest entries, which are not yet published in any form, either electronically or on paper.

Let me know if you're interested!

Affectionately,



Corinne Snow

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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)
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1974-1975:	Charles W. Rice	
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