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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Cousins,

I was most honored and pleased to be elected your president at the 1994 annual meeting. My father served as president in 1958-59, and both he and my mother were faithful supporters of the organization for many years. I must admit I had contemplated getting more active, but had thought I would wait a few more years until after I retired, when I could give it my full attention. Also the distance from Kansas might make it difficult to remain on top of things.

About 36 hours before the reunion was to start, Cousin Alex Snow reached me at my cousin Bertyne Smith's house in Barre, Mass. explaining that the nominating committee felt that either Bertyne or I should accept the presidency. I told him we would discuss it and get back to him. After much discussion we decided to try a shared responsibility, where Bertyne as first vice president will handle many of the details and I will try to do as much as I can through correspondence and telephone.

In my acceptance speech I spoke about how anyone can cut a tree down, but to plant a tree requires someone with faith in the future, someone who feels that his children and grandchildren will be around to enjoy it. Deacon Edmund Rice planted many trees through his well-documented life of service, and I accept the responsibility of planting a few trees of my own to help perpetuate the organization and preserve the history of all who have gone before us. We won't it all in one year, but getting started has always been the first step of any great accomplishment.

I wish to extend my heart-felt thanks to all who have worked so hard over the years to get us to our present position - a firm foundation for what we have to accomplish in the future.

Sincerely,

Frederick H. Rice
President

REUNION, 1994

The Annual Meeting and Reunion of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association was held on Saturday, September 24, 1994, at the Best Western TLC Hotel in Waltham, Mass. It was a stormy, rainy weekend, but in spite of some locally heavy rains, some ninety people braved the weather to attend.

The meeting began with registraion and a "Continental breakfast" at 9:30 A.M., During this social time the Board of Directors met to choose the slate of officers for the coming year and to conduct other Association business.

After a delicious luncheon there was a brief business meeting, followed by three very interesting speakers. Reports of these speeches will follow. But first, the important points of the business meeting:

Membership: We have 64 new members. There were nine deaths reported, and 29 were dropped for non-payment of dues. This brings our current membership to 492, including 21 "spousal members." Speaking of dues, there is now an initial fee of \$10.00 for all new members, and \$10.00 each year until age 80, after which the annual dues are \$5.00. Life memberships remain at \$100.00.

Gifts of Vermont maple syrup were presented to

The oldest member present, Alfred G. Hough, 91 years,

The youngest, Seneca Fox, 3 years - granddaughter of
Theodore J.T. Banvard, and

From farthest away, Mrs. Alden Olson, of Panpa, Texas.

Election of officers

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* Emeritus; Dr. Patterson submitted his resignation after the meeting, and it is accepted with understanding and regret.

REUNION, 1994 - BURY ST. EDMUNDS

After the business portion of the meeting, three of our cousins spoke briefly. Their talks are summarized here. The first speaker was Jane Seaver Kirk, chairman and arranger of the tour to visit England on the occasion of the 400th anniversary of Edmund Rice's birth.

In the Footsteps of Edmund Rice

Twelve Rice cousins went on the Edmund Rice (1638) Association's tour to England May 18-28, 1994, honoring the 400th birthday of Edmund Rice.

The tour began with a gathering in Marlborough, Massachusetts exploring where Edmund Rice and his family lived and worked in his early American days in the 17th century in the Sudbury/Wayland area, and included a welcoming reception and dinner at the Holiday Inn in Marlborough. The group really appreciated several cousins, not part of the tour, coming to join these festivities. They were John Rice, Chips Norton, and Bill and Jane Drury.

The next day we visited the Wayside Inn, made famous by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, and the schoolhouse of "Mary Had a Little Lamb" fame. Joining us for a delicious luncheon at the Wayside Inn were Cousins Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Pope and their daughter, the Rev. Deborah Pope-Lance, minister of the First Parish Church, Sudbury. That afternoon we visited Deborah's church, which Edmund had attended, and then went on to Wayland to the cemetery, where the Rev. Pope-Lance conducted an impressive memorial service at Edmund's memorial, beautifully decorated with red geraniums by her parents.

(A copy of Cousin Deborah's prayer is on the next page)

That evening we flew on a British Airways 747 plane to London's Heathrow airport. Being on a plane with about 450 people is quite an experience in itself! On May 20 we were met at Heathrow by our English tour agent, Michael Price, who escorted us to our private bus for the 2 1/2 hour ride to Bury St. Edmunds. Arriving before noon, we enjoyed a welcome reception of coffee and cake at the Angel Hotel, mentioned by Charles Dickens in *The Pickwick Papers*. In the heart of town, across the street from the old abbey, an old "coaching" inn was first located on this site in 1452, and medieval vaulting can still be seen in the basement.

Bury St. Edmunds was founded in the 7th century by Saxons, and the Benedictine Monastery was the center of activity for the next 1000 years. The town was named for King Edmund who was killed by the Danes in the 9th century when he refused to renounce his Christian faith. By the time of the Norman Conquest in 1066, the Benedictine Abbey was known as St. Edmundsbury. The abbot at that time, named Baldwin, was an astute administrator. He laid out the town in a grid pattern which still exists, and there were 342 homes there. One of his successors, Abbot Anselm, built the Norman Tower in the 12th century as well as the original St. James Church.

Edmund Rice Gravesite Prayer, 5-19-94; Rev. Deborah Lance-Pope

The human family is bound together not only and not even by the institutions which organize us, not only by states and governments, by times and cultures, but by the personal face to face relationships between us, in which we know others and are known in return, are cared about and give back love and concern, in which one generation bestows upon the next a bounty and a blessing, with which that next generation and the next and the next and the next in turn by honor and by memory bless all the generations past and yet to be. We are all related to Edmund Rice in this way, by blood or by blessing. And so four hundred years having passed since our forebearer's birth, we meet today in his honor, to celebrate his legacy to us and his presence yet in our lives.

Let us be in the spirit of prayer and meditation:
Spirit of Life,

our dwelling place for all these generations,
whose blessings have been our good fortune,
and whose presence has been our comfort,
we give thanks for the gift of life and liberty that Rice secured for us,
for his honorable character, his vision and wisdom,
and his noble accomplishments which assured not only our lineage
but in no small way the quality of our common life
and the lives of so many in Sudbury and in what this land he loved has become.
His life was as a pebble dropped in a clear pond, the ripples extending,
similar in shape but, as time passes, larger and wider in their effect.

We live at the far outer reaches of those rippled circles
and yet know well from whence we came.

We do honor all those persons known and unknown
who were faithful in their day and place, and whose labors have made the earth
and this life more beautiful for those who follow.
May we have the grace to live worthily, and to hold our inheritance as a sacred trust,
that we may leave it, as Edmund did,
with increase and good will to all who shall come after us.

Beneath a splendid spring sky, we re-dedicate this special corner of the universe,
a place he fashioned and loved,
to all that is precious and honorable in his memory.

Let it be for us, his descendants, and for all who in gratitude and respect visit here,
a place of quiet and inspiration.

May we go in quietness of spirit and live honorably and lovingly,
more so for his having led the way.

Amen and Blessed be.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, cont.

known today as St. Edmundsbury Cathedral. After Anselm's death in 1211, King John took more than three years to approve a successor. It was during that time that twenty-five barons met on the Abbey grounds to accept the Magna Carta.

The 14th century was a period of turmoil, including the epidemic of bubonic plague, or "Black Death". The 15th century, then, was a time of rebuilding. It was in 1427 that St. Mary's Church was completed. Henry VI visited there often. A century later, during the reign of Henry VIII and the conversion to Protestantism, the power of the Abbey was threatened by the arrival of Henry's agent, Thomas Cromwell. In 1530 the Abbey was stripped of its gold and silver and all valuables. The flintstone/limestone ruins became a quarry for the townfolks.

In 1603 there was a great fire which destroyed most of the town. The rest of the 17th century and into the 18th saw the rebuilding which gives much of Bury St. Edmunds its present character. Despite changes, Bury retains the atmosphere of a quiet, charming market town, with high-tech industries on the outskirts supplementing the typical monastic occupations of brewing and agriculture. Around 30,000 people live in the city and 100,000 in the greater Bury St. Edmunds area.

In the early morning of May 21 we enjoyed an excellent tour of the Abbey grounds, led by a volunteer guide, John Marshall, who was very proud of his city. Later we boarded our private coach to visit Favenham, the finest of all medieval towns. We were impressed with the 12th century Church of Saints Peter and Paul, with its stone and flint tower looming over the horizon. A tour of the Guild Hall which faces Market Square was most interesting. By this time it was pouring, but we were not daunted in our sightseeing. Some of us stopped by a crafts fair where I bought a beautiful sweater knitted locally.

We had lunch in a pub in another small medieval village called Kersey, and spent the afternoon driving around exquisite countryside on one-lane roads, enjoying the beauty of the spring flowers, newly planted fields and the gentle rain. That evening we were delighted to attend a concert by the Westminster Cathedral choir from London, a part of the annual Bury St. Edmunds music festival. The choir members, all men and boys, wore scarlet robes, a perfect contrast to the gray interior of St. Edmundsbury Cathedral where the concert was held.

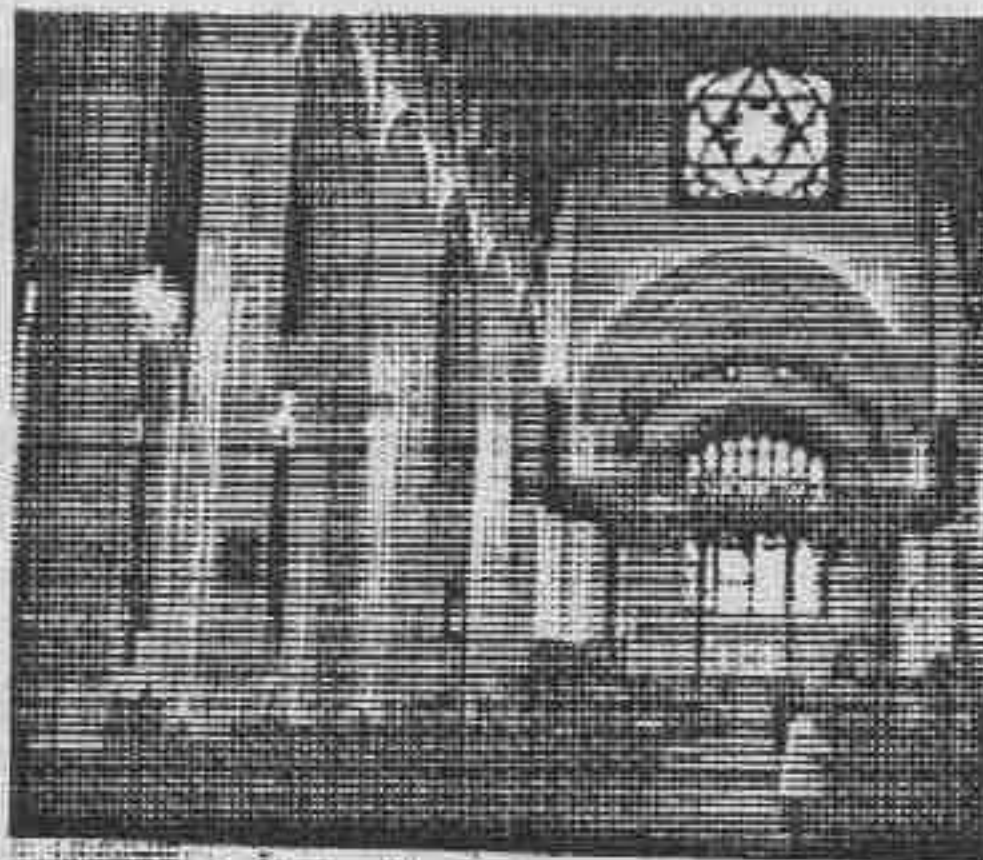
BURY ST. EDMUNDS, cont.

May 22 was outstanding, beginning with the Edmund Rice Birthday memorial service at St. Mary's Church. The Rev. Ian Tweedie-Smith made numerous references to Edmund during the service, and also walked down the aisle to greet each of us personally. St. Mary's Church is one of the finest parish churches in England. The current building, which was completed in 1427, is the fifth church built on the site since the 7th century. It was here that Edmund and Thomasine were married. How excited we were to walk up this very long central aisle, imagining what it must have been like for Edmund and his bride!

Each of us was given a copy of the page in the church records book, noting the Rice-Frost marriage in 1618.

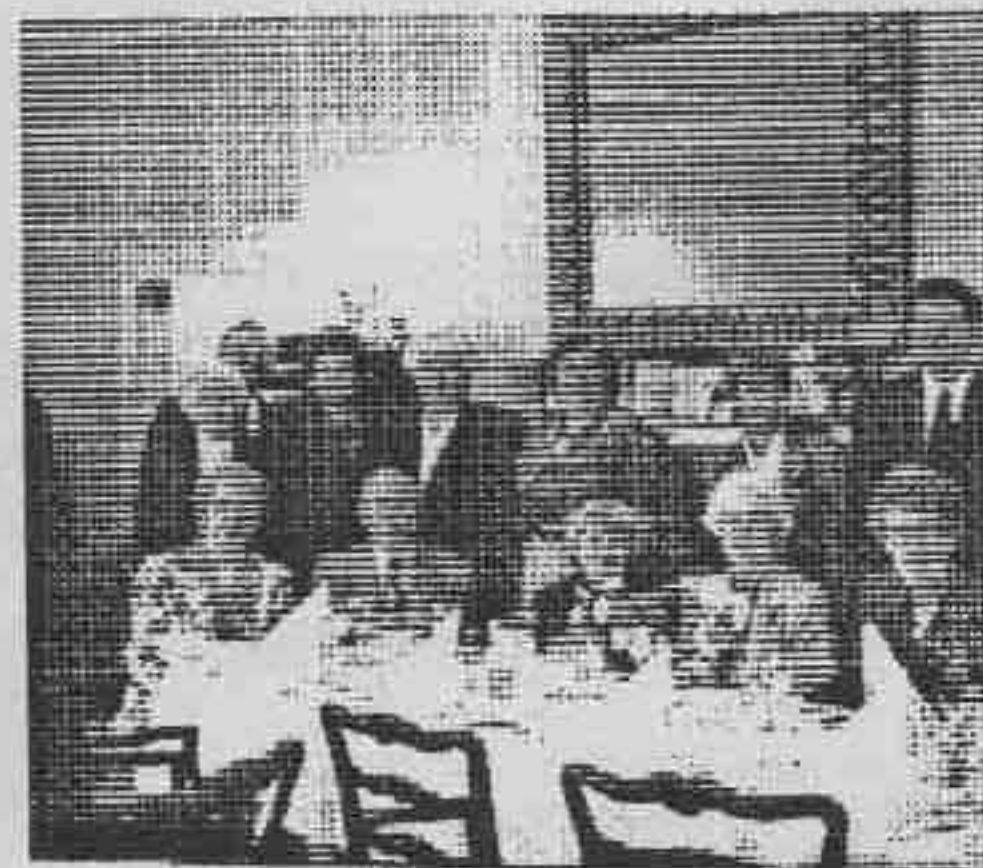
The building features a spectacular hammerbeam angel roof in the nave. There are twelve life-size angels, each separated with arch brace trusses. In the chancel there is a painted waggon roof which is magnificent. The tomb of Mary Tudor, sister of Henry VIII, is there. Following the death of her first husband, Louis XII of France, she married the Duke of Suffolk and lived in the Bury St. Edmunds area.

The Lady Chapel was converted into a chantry in 1467 by John Baret, a wealthy clothier. It contains a most elaborate ceiling. Within the intersection of each of the lozenge patterns is a star of gold, in the center of which is a small circular piece of mirror glass which gives the effect of stars twinkling in heaven.



BURY ST. EDMUNDS, cont.

After church we returned to the Angel Hotel for the fabulous Edmund Rice 400th birthday party/dinner, which lasted over three hours!



Bill Rice served as toastmaster. The Rev. Ehrmann Bennett offered grace. Bill Horn gave the official birthday toast and the birthday cake was cut by Fay Bennett. Of course we sang "Happy Birthday dear Edmund!"

The event concluded with Bill Horn reading Deborah Pope-Lance's prayer offered at the Edmund Rice memorial site in Wayland a few days earlier.

Seen in the above picture at the birthday party are:
(standing)

Lucy Cosby, Bill Rice, Mary Austin, Jane Kirk, Bennie Larj, Johanna and Bill Horn
(seated) Fay and Ehrmann Bennett, Virginia O'Neal, Virginia Falch, and Sue Elliot

On May 23 Dr. Joanna Martin, genealogist, spent the day with us, taking us to four churches prominent in the lives of Thomasine Frost's family. All of the 16th century churches were fascinating. First was a lovely church in the tiny village of Hartest, now attended by a dozen people, then on to Stansted to a very isolated little church which caused us to wonder how it survives. The third church, in Glemsford, seemed to have a much more active congregation. Lastly we went to St. Gregory's in Sudbury, a small industrial city.

On May 24 we left Bury St. Edmunds to go to London via Ely and Cambridge. The Ely Cathedral was very impressive. The founder was Ethelareda, wife of a Northumbrian king, who established a monastery on the site in 673 A.D. The present structure dates from 1081. Visible for miles around, the landmark octagonal lantern is the crowning glory of the cathedral. Erected in 1322 following the collapse of the old tower, it represents a remarkable engineering achievement.

BURY ST. EDMUNDS, cont.

Scholars began coming to Cambridge University in the early 13th century. Here we were able to visit King's College Chapel, which dates from the middle ages and is one of the architectural jewels of England. After a delicious lunch at the Old Spring Pub, we went on to visit the American Cemetery on the outskirts of Cambridge. The pouring rain did not deter us from paying our respects to the 3900 Americans who are buried here.

Back in London we stayed at the Westbury Hotel in Mayfair, right off Bond Street, a location allowing us to walk to many places of interest. We spent the morning of May 25 on a guided tour of London. In the afternoon we visited the Royal Botanical Gardens at Kew, which date back to the 18th century and cover a 300-acre site encompassing lakes, greenhouses, walks, garden pavilions and museums. There are 50,000 plant species there. The next day was "free", and members of the group went in various directions, some to do genealogical research, others to museums or to Harrod's for shopping.

On May 27 a visit to the Chelsea flower Show was a very special treat. There were hundreds of displays in the Great Marquee as well as various types of gardens outside. Being one of the most famous flower shows in the world, we were thrilled to be able to visit it. That evening our coach took us to Simpsons on the Strand for a delicious roast beef dinner, complete with Yorkshire pudding and plenty of horseradish! Then we walked across the street to attend the smash hit, "Sunset Boulevard."

At last, on May 28 we said our goodbyes, as half of the group went to Heathrow Airport for the flight home, while the rest continued their European vacation. Thus our tour ended, leaving us with grand memories we shall cherish always when we remember the 400th birthday of our ancestor, Edmund Rice.

REUNION, 1994, cont.

The second speaker was Dennis Rice, who has just been elected to assume the post of Historian/Information Manager of the Rice Association. A portion of his message follows:

First, and most important, I desire to help the Association in its furtherance of documenting our heritage. . . I know I will need the assistance of many of you to insure that I continue in the excellent tradition that you have set.

I presently utilize several computer systems both at work and at home, including family lineage programs and electronic mail communications with several of our cousins. Activities which I am presently working on include the generation of a cross index of the five books already produced by the organization and the generation of a family documentation tree. I am working on this with several of our cousins, and together we are working on the next generation of publications for the Association.

Finally, I desire to establish a computerized photo image repository of any photos which may be of interest to our family for preservation by the Association.

Cousin Dennis presented a demonstration of the work which he has done so far, including taking individual pictures of most of the members present.

The third speaker was our newly elected president, Frederick H. Rice. His message is well summarized by himself on the "President's Page" (pg.3). In this place we shall simply list for you the specific "trees" President Fred looks forward to "planting."

1. Update and correct the by-laws.
2. Declare that the Rice Association has officially moved into the computer age with the help of our new historian.
3. To write a book on Rice Monuments such as:
college buildings, museums, city parks and other places of interest which have been named for members of the Rice family.
4. Research the Rice coat of arms and establish which one we want officially to select.
5. Have the next year's annual meeting at the Worcester Historical Museum with the program focused on the Rices of Worcester County and perhaps and exhibit of Rice archives and artifacts.
6. Design storage boxes for our newsletters.
7. Establish closer relations with the Goodnows, whose ancestors came to Sudbury at about the same time as Edmund Rice.
8. Find a permanent home for all of our Rice memorabilia.
9. Honor John E. Rice as a Life Member in recognition of his many years of service and dedication to the organization.

The meeting was adjourned at 3:25 P.M., and at 4:00 P.M. the pilgrimage to the Edmund Rice Memorial set out, led by Cousin Bill Drury.

OBITUARIES:

We have received word since last Spring of the passing of the following cousins:

Frances Culp Soule, 90, died Aug. 24, 1994 in Coldwater, MI. Funeral services Sat. were held on Saturday, Aug. 27. Burial was at Oak Grove Cemetery, Coldwater, MI. Cousin Frances was born on Nov. 8, 1903 to Charles and Harriet (Rice) Culp at the family home, Culp's Hill. She married Von D. Soule, a widower with two small children, June 14, 1941 in Coldwater. He preceded her in death Jan. 29, 1980.

Cousin Frances graduated from Coldwater High School and attended Albion College, Albion, MI. She also attended Ypsilanti Normal College and Wayne State College in Detroit, and the University of Wisconsin. She also acquired a degree in music. She taught elementary education, science and music and was principal at Longfellow Elementary School and later director of art in Coldwater schools. She retired in 1966. She loved children and had many interests, genealogy, painting, gardening, knitting and sewing and nature studies. She had made a donation of Indian artifacts to Branch County Courthouse, Coldwater MI. The artifacts were taken from her father's farm at Culp Hill.

She is survived by her daughters, Janice Helmer and family and Connie Shaw and family, a sister-in-law Louise Culp, niece and nephew, six grandchildren and nine great grandchildren. She was descended from Edmund Rice 10th generation, and also from Priscilla Mullens and John Alden 9th generation.
submitted by Hazel Rice, 18 West St., Quincy, MI 49082

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Margie Rice Hazen passed away Sept. 28, 1993. She was born in Wisconsin in 1923 and married Floyd Hazen there in 1939. They had two sons, Harry and Steven, and five grandchildren.

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Elden Leslie Brigham passed away Sept. 1, 1994 at his home in Evart, Mich. He was born in Evart Mich in 1907, married twice, no issue.

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Our warmest sympathy to the families of these cousins.

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.

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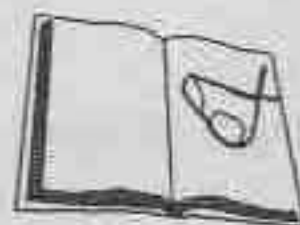
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*BOOKS cont.**EDMUND RICE and HIS FAMILY: (1938)*

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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THE RICE FAMILY (Ward) and SUPPLEMENT:	\$22.50	_____	_____
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INDEXES:	\$5.00	_____	_____
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NEW MEMBERS:

The following cousins have joined the Edmund Rice (1638) Association since the Spring newsletter was printed:

- Stephen A. Barnhoorn, Hemlock, N.Y.
- Dana Bliss, of Langhorne, Penn.
- Erica Blumenfeld, of Kingston, N.Y.
- Amy Chapman, of Weston, Mass.
- Mary E. Colonel, of Moscow, Ohio
- Barbara Rice Cummings, of Barre, Mass.
- Gerald J. Rice, of Windsor, Vermont
- Dennis C. Rice, of Oakham, Mass.
- Donald Edmund Rice, of Acton Mass.
- Douglas W. Rice, of Ridgecrest, Cal.
- Mr. and Mrs. Richard C. Rice, Sr. of Strafford, Vermont
- Patty Newman Turner, of Odessa, Texas
- Martha Wood, of Lexington, Mass.

We welcome you all, and look forward to a warm and worth-while relationship.

GENEALOGY NOTE

One of our new members, Stephen A. Barnhoorn, of Hemlock, N.Y., sends us, along with his genealogy, a detailed account of how he established his "missing link" between known Rice ancestors and Edmund Rice. Cousin Stephen was able to obtain complete documentation up to his "maternal third great-grandfather, Addison Rice of Howard, Steuben County, N.Y." There he ran into the familiar "missing link" which so many of us have found, often in the early 19th century when our ancestors joined the westward migration. (Even Steuben County, N.Y. was a fair distance west of eastern Massachusetts then.) Cousin Stephen's tale of how he established the linkage is worth recounting, as an example and an inspiration to the rest of us. Cousin Stephen's narrative, somewhat abridged, follows.

"To begin, the paper trail commences with two handwritten letters addressed to James Halpin [the cousin, now deceased, who originally compiled the information about Addison Rice's descendants]. In a letter dated 2 Dec. 1937, from Adah Rice Dixon to her nephew James [Halpin], there was a notation that Addison Rice was born on 26 Oct. 1805 at Barre, Worcester Co. MA. It was also written that he married Anna Mitchell on 30 April 1844 at Howard, NY. Addison Rice died on 29 April 1871.

"Another letter sent to James Halpin, from his great uncle George D. Rice of Prattsburg, Steuben Co. NY includes 'Jonas Rice was my own uncle. He was a brother to my father's (Addison Rice's) mother. Father took his mother's name of Rice.' - a euphemism for an illegitimate birth."

Cousin Stephen now checked the Vital Records of Barre, and also Ward's book. On page 131 he found the Jonas Rice referred to, and confirmed that he was born on 3 Dec. 1784. Jonas had the following three sisters: Sarah Rice, (b.4 Oct. 1775, m. John Clark); Hannah Rice (b.20 April 1778, m. John Partridge); and Jane Rice, (b.19 Feb. 1780, m. Ezra Peck).

"The next question is, which of these women may have been Addison Rice's mother? Sarah Rice Clark must be ruled out because she is listed in the 1800 census as living in Chester, Vt. with her husband. Hannah Rice Partridge must also be ruled out because she gave birth to a daughter, Sarah Partridge, in May of 1805, just five months before the date of Addison's birth.

"This leaves Jane Rice, who married Ezra Peck in 1818 at Barre. In the 1820 census at Barre, there was one free male of between 10 and 16 years of age living in the Peck household. Addison Rice would have been about 15 years old at that time. Now Ezra Peck had two sons by a previous marriage, but they were 21 and 19 years old in 1820. Furthermore, by 1830 these two young men were married and living elsewhere (in Hardwick and Hubbardston).

GENEALOGY NOTE, cont.

"In the 1830 census at Barre, there was one white male of 20 and under 30 in the Ezra Peck household. Addison Rice would have been about 25 when this census was enumerated.

"On 26 June 1855, now head of a household, Addison Rice told the New York State Census enumerator that he had been a resident of Howard, Steuben Co. NY for 20 years. This places Addison's arrival in that locality some time in 1835, and also explains who the young white male of 30 and under 40 was in the Jonas Rice household in the 1840 census in Howard. To reinforce this point, the 8 July 1840 Steuben Farmers' Advocate published a list of individuals who had mail remaining at the Post Office at Howard. Addison Rice appeared on that list.

"Finally, Ezra Peck was a blacksmith at the time of his death on 5 Sept. 1845 at Barre, MA. Interestingly, for the years 1850 through 1865, Addison Rice's occupation was listed as a blacksmith in the New York and U.S. Census returns at Howard, NY. It is a safe bet that Addison Rice followed his step-father's trade.

"Based on the best evidence available, the present writer is reasonably convinced that Jane Rice was the mother of Addison Rice. the identity and whereabouts of Addison's father remains at large. This also places Addison Rice as a direct line descendant of Deacon Edmund Rice (1594-1663) of Sudbury, Middlesex Co. Mass."

Congratulations, Cousin Stephen, and thank you for sharing this with us. You have done a remarkable job of research as well as logical reasoning. Again we welcome you to the Rice Association.

POST SCRIPT

August, 1994

Dear Cousins,

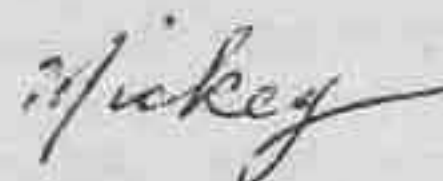
It is with great pleasure that we use this space to announce two significant changes in the officers of the Rice Association. If you started reading this copy from the beginning, this news will come as no surprise, but many of us start reading magazines from the back! Interestingly, these changes accomplish two things - first, a firm base in tradition is reestablished by the election of our new president, Fred Rice, a man who not only bears the surname Rice, but whose parents and family have been deeply and enthusiastically involved in the organization for many years. Under Cousin Fred's leadership, the Rice Association will move forward on a firm foundation.

A word here of thanks for the yeoman service performed over the past several years by Cousin John Bates and Alex Snow. This was a time of transition, a time when it became obvious that the torch must be passed to a new generation, but to whom? These men worked hard to keep the torch lit and to carry it faithfully until new leaders appeared to carry it forward. We thank them both for their dedication and hard work for the cause of maintaining our heritage.

The second change builds on this foundation and propels us into the next century, appropriately now, since we have just celebrated the 400th year since Edmund Rice's birth. Your scribe is delighted to announce that we have found the person to organize and maintain our rapidly growing collection of genealogical records and other memorabilia. Dennis Rice is enthusiastic and knowledgeable, and eager to get on with the task of computerizing and saving all of this information in a readily usable and retrievable form. We welcome Cousin Dennis most heartily!

Because so many of us look at the last page first, we have placed Cousin Dennis's message on that page. Let us all do what we can to support his efforts!

Affectionately,



Corinne Snow

HISTORIAN'S NOTE

It is with great pleasure that I have taken on the responsibility of Historian and Information Manager for the Edmund Rice Association. This is a major task. I am looking forward to your support and enthusiasm. I was very surprised and pleased with the response and interest in computer assisted genealogy and imaging at our annual meeting. Many showed a lot of interest in using a computer and quite a few indicated that they are already using a computer. This is a growing interest and I hope more will want to join us.

In the coming months we will establish standards for data input and transfer between the various systems and prepare instructional documents to assist those who desire assistance in transferring data. Most important, I need to hear from everyone that is presently doing computer assisted genealogy and those who wish to learn more, we need to establish a list of those interested. Please send a postcard indicating 1) Do you presently have an interest in computer genealogy? 2) What software do you utilize? 3) What system do you utilize (IBM/Mac)? 4) What other questions do you have? Please contact me.

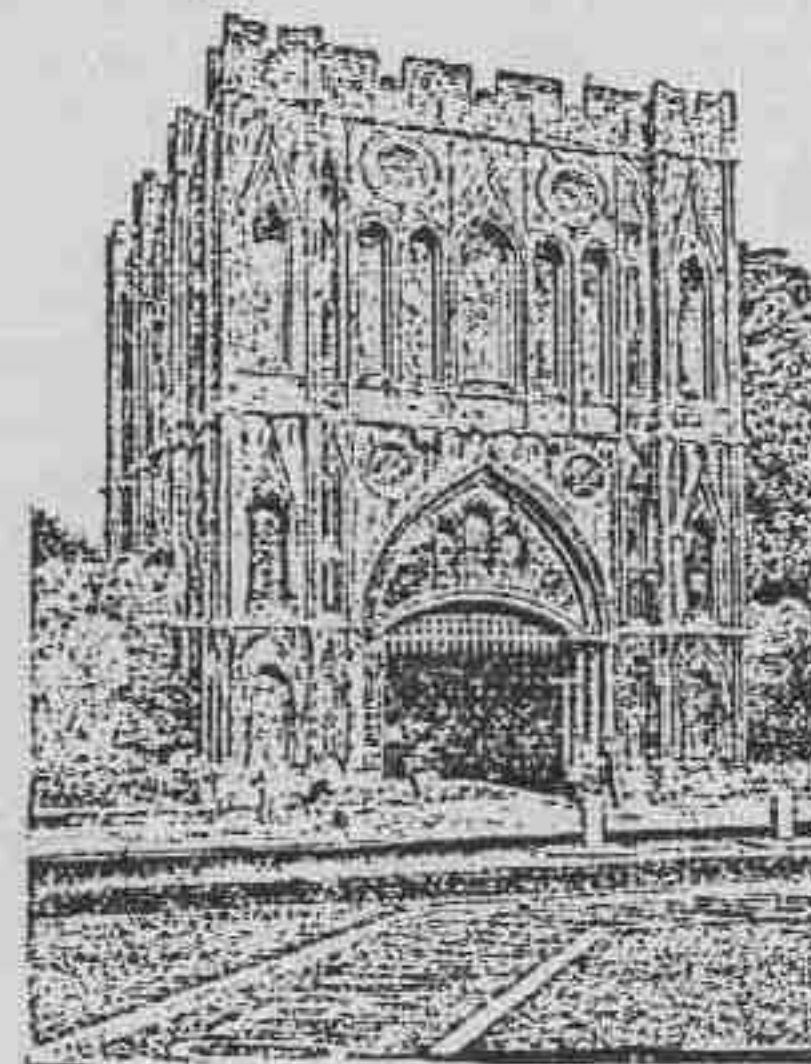
My objective is to establish a centralized system where everyone can input data and derive information for their research. Since our family line numbers about 60,000 this will take some time to build up all of the data. When we have the updates complete, a new book will be issued which will replace the previous five books. At the reunion we were able to see the excellent results of work done by our Goodenow cousins, our work should be something similar. I look forward to hearing from you in the near future.

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