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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

What follows is a "digest" of the letter our president wrote to your officers and directors at Christmas time.

Dear Cousins,

I am sending this to all of you and William Wallace, Executive Director of the Worcester Historical Museum as a way of keeping all of you abreast of the plans being made for the 1995 reunion. Bill Wallace met with Bertyne and I to discuss the possibility of holding the reunion at the Museum and planning some special event to coincide with the Rice trek to Worcester. All plans are tentative, but we hope to firm them up in the next few weeks. A tentative schedule might be:

Friday, Sept. 15

Tour of Rice homesteads in Barre
Reception and dinner at the Marriott Inn in Worcester.

Saturday, Sept. 16

Brunch and registration, Worcester Historical Museum
Lunch at nearby restaurant
Meeting at Worcester Museum; speaker, William Wallace on "The Rices of Worcester County."
Reception, 4 pm - to mark the opening of the special exhibit.
Dinner, 7:30 pm - pizza most likely.

Sunday, Sept. 17

1 to 4 pm - tour Salisbury Mansion.

Other possible events

Pilgrimage to Edmund Rice grave
Visit Higgins Armory - leading North American display of military weapons and armor.
Visit Association for Gravestone Studies
Visit American Antiquarian Society

A block of rooms will be reserved at the Marriott, with "backups" at the Hampton Inn and Clarion Suites.

We are researching the Rice Coat of Arms. The Boston Public Library has a book on heraldry that lists 23 different coats of arms and Rice Univ. uses a different one with 3 owls. Under the old English Common Law the punishment for using an improper device or armorial ensign was the cutting off of one of the offender's ears. The laws have been considerably relaxed to the point that you can now buy almost anything with anyone's coat of arms on it. My feeling is that we as an association are free to pick whatever coat of arms we feel is most appropriate and adopt it as our official design.

PRESIDENT'S PAGE, cont.

Storage Boxes - I have found some but they are the wrong size. I will contact the manufacturer to see if other sizes are available.

In recent travels I was in Hutchison, KS and discovered a Rice Park and a "Rice Swim Pool". We also have a Rice County in Kansas named after a Civil War general. I was invited to judge a "Lincoln look alike" contest in Lincoln, KS in February, and planned to do some research on General Rice and go to Lincoln in costume to portray him. However, I will be in Nashville on that date so will have to wait till next year.

Please let me know your feelings or reactions to any of the above topics.

Sincerely,

Fred Rice
Frederick H. Rice
President



Fred Rice (far right) accepting the presidency of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association from Alex Snow.

NEW MEMBERS:

In this issue we have seven new members to report:

Fred R. Harris, of St. Louis, Missouri

Mrs. Leonard Purdy, of Ft. Myers, Florida

Robert Larry Rice, of Fayetteville, N.C.

Stephen H. Rice and Daniel R. Rice, of Smyrna, Tenn.

Annette Thurston, of Kansas City, Kansas

Betty Newman Wauer, of Victoria, Texas

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

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.

We have two queries for this issue.

Barbara Richards, 2939 Country Club Blvd. Stockton, CA 95204, is "seeking info on Sarah Crosby who married Nathan Brewer. Nathan is a descendant of Elizabeth Rice (Henry's daughter) and John Brewer. Died 1832, age 77. Buried Wendell, Mass. Also desire info re place and date of marriage of Sarah and Nathan."

Nathan Brewer (2-13-94.1.4), is in the *Register*, page 59; born 10 Aug 1747, and in Supplement #1 (pg.36) we find Nathan's younger brother, Eliab, born 6 April 1760. This is the ancestral line of President Calvin Coolidge. We hope someone in the Brewer line has more information about Nathan.

A new member, Mrs. Leonard Purdy, 5660 Baden Ct. S.W., Ft. Myers, FL 33919, is descended from Edmund through Thomas, Thomas, Charles and Zebulon. Zebulon's daughter, Zerviah, married ALEXANDER OLIVER, and their daughter, Sophia, married JOSEPH WHITNEY.

The Whitneys had a daughter, Zervah (1812-1891), who married STEPHEN ROLPH (1811-1876). The Rolphs had six children, one of whom was Mrs. Purdy's great-grandmother. The married surnames of the daughters include:

EATON, RAYMOND, RHODES, AND SMITH
(also Leonard, Gardner, Van Stryker, and Collins)

Mrs. Purdy hopes that someone may recognize this line and have information about the ancestors of Stephen Rolf.

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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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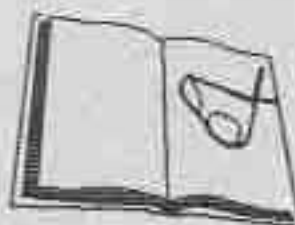
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BOOKS cont.

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	_____	_____
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OBITUARIES:

Since the Autumn issue we have received word of the passing of two cousins, both of whom were long-standing and loyal members of the Association.

Word comes from Jane D. Humphrey, Morgantown, W.V. of the passing of George Louis Humphrey very suddenly October 18, 1994 in Morgantown. He was born in Belleville, W.V. October 5, 1921, and married Rhoda Jane Davis in California in 1946. They had one son, Denton Dinsmore, and two daughters, Melissa Lynn and Alita Jane and two grandchildren.

Our warmest sympathy to Mrs. Humphrey and her family.

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We have just learned that Alfred G. Hough of North Chelmsford died on Christmas Eve, 1994. A long-standing member of the Rice Association and a valued Director, Al was truly a good friend. He was at the reunion in September, and apparently active up until the end.

Al was born in White River Junction, Vt. 1/22/1913, son of Arthur H. and Elizabeth (Edson) Hough. He graduated from Lebanon, N.H. High School in 1931, and from the University of New Hampshire in 1935. In 1968 he received a master's degree from Fitchburg State College. On December 29, 1942, he married Yanina Kluszewski, and served in the Navy during WW II, stationed in Panama and Lido Beach, N.Y. He served as port commander in Japan during the occupation, and remained in the reserves for a total of 32 years, retiring as a lieutenant commander. After his active service, Cousin Al was Store Manager at W.T. Grant's Dept. Stores in Franklin and Cambridge, and of the Giant Store in Lowell, and Brown's Dept. Store in Gloucester. For about 9 years, until retiring in 1991, he was a technician for the Bay Bank A.T.M.

In addition to his activity in the Rice Association, Al was also a member of the Dustin Family Association and the Chelmsford Lodge of Elks.

He is survived by his wife, two daughters and their husbands, Carol (Mrs. Robert) Lafortune, Nancy (Mrs. Stephen) Fabbri, a son and his wife, Alfred A. and Cynthia (Thomson) Hough, and five grandchildren.

Our love and sympathy are with you, Yanina, and with your family, in this time of grief.

STORIES

A GHOST STORY

From Windsor, Ontario, from Conrad Reich, the husband of Cousin Joanne Rice, comes a Hallowe'en story and poem. Perhaps in this crazy January weather such a story will not be out of place. The poem was written by a friend of Mr. Reich, Judy MacDonald, who lives in a house purchased from a family named Rice. Records indicate that a Thomas M. and Hattie Bondy Rice purchased the house in 1934. It was inherited by their children, Murray and George Rice, and sold to the MacDonalds in 1974.

After they moved in, the MacDonalds noticed a "creaking of the stairs to the upper level, (which) occurred quite regularly between 10 and 10:30 p.m." The family would announce humerously that "it must be old Mr. Rice going up to bed", and wish him a pleasant "good night." Those stairs rise from the dining room, which "is always at least five degrees cooler than other portions of the house." This was confirmed by the local gas company who advised against putting a thermostat in that room "because it would continually register a low reading."

Judy MacDonald had other experiences with their resident ghost, saying, "In addition to that mystery (of the cool room) the presence of something unexplained has made itself known to several people, including myself." Ms. MacDonald wrote a poem and submitted it to a contest in the local paper. "The very week that I finished the poem, a registered letter arrived for - hold your breath - Mr. George Rice." Ms. McDonald "thoughtlessly had it returned to sender, but still wonder to where it was returned and give myself a boot for not" at least checking on who the sender was.

The poem, which won first prize, is printed on the next page.

Joanne Rice Reitz, incidentally, is a Life Member of the Association, and daughter of past president Henry E. Rice, Jr.

RICE HOUSE

As the hands pass surely 'twixt ten and a half,
And the shadows of ghost trees finger the walls,
Our resident spirit climbs the stairs with certainty,
While issuing a creak that both alarms and alerts
Those who listen in Rice House.

Don't risk to question if this wandering soul will respond,
For no one can dare speak without mortal substance,
Only make presence known in a hazed glimpse
Of filmy form, stately attired in black and white,
He who lingers in Rice House.

Not a curse but cajoling echoes of the past,
For many have laid foot, yet only one remained
To claim eerie dominion over the nocturnal mores
Of ascension and regulation that must be served by
Those who dwell in Rice House.

Feel the intricate chill of the room that resists warmth.
Here begins his journey leading to the upper chamber,
Where he sleeps in shroud, but never rests,
A phantom host who bids his guests retire, lest
Any should wander in Rice House.

What is it he searches for day and night,
As footsteps announce he is roaming again his path?
An audible trek of one who is lost,
Probing, even in sunlight, that one familiar face among
Those who live in Rice House.

If your name is called but no flesh is there,
He is but summoning those who have no fear,
To dance lightheartedly in the essence of specter,
Ever aware that they are the only visitors allowed to
Stay with him in Rice House.

STORIES. cont.

Our late Cousin Frances (Culp) Soule (see obituaries, Autumn, 1994) was, according to her friend and cousin-in-law, Hazel Rice, a fount of interesting stories about the numerous cousins who migrated from New York State to Michigan in the early 1800's. Cousin Hazel has sent us one of them.

"A Widow Rice believed to be Harriet and son came from New York State on their way to Michigan where they had cousins near Homer. When they arrived at Erie Canal the ferry was overloaded and the widow and family refused to get on the ferry. The widow said they would drive their rigs to Michigan. In the meantime the news came that the ferry had sunk and all were lost. The Homer, Mich. relatives grieved.

"About two months later Widow Rice and family arrived at their cousins near Homer. Everyone was overjoyed at the reunion. The Rices had brought about 100 mince pies with them for the journey. The pies kept well.

"The Widow Rice and family settled near Coldwater, Mich. - in fact near Culp Hill, where Rices lived all along the road to Girard. In fact the last Rice descendants just (1994) sold their farm there and moved near their children, Mr. and Mrs. Warren King; Mrs. King was Deana Rice."

Thank you, Cousin Hazel for this good story. And to anyone else who has stories handed down through generations - we would love to print them - send them in!

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Another story, of people who didn't emigrate from New York State, comes from Cousin Leta Olson, of Pampa, Texas. On the way to and from the Reunion, Leta and her husband spent two months touring "Rice Country", and in Oswego, N.Y. (a small town on Lake Ontario) found this story in the Marine Museum.

"There is more than one large photo on the wall of the museum of the Pease House and Barn. Mrs. Pease was Mariam Rice. This homestead remains in the family.

"Another document read: 'ASA and ELIZABETH RICE and two children were the first settlers in Oswego Town. They came in October 1788 and started to build their cabin on Rice Creek, a mile west of Oswego Harbor. Only the floor and wall stringer were in place when on November 5 a sever winter storm struck them. Mr. Rice erected a tarpaulin cover and the family spent their first winter here under a tent fly sixty yards off Lake Ontario. A quote from his diary for February 2, 1799(sic) tells the story. [My wife and I stood all night long, holding the baby between us in the hope that the warmth of our bodies might keep him safe. But in the morning he was dead, frozen.]"

A sad tale, indeed. Thank you, Cousin Leta, for sharing it with us.

NOTICE!

Belatedly we present the following:

Cousin Ted Banvard is a descendant of the Goodenow family who came from England in 1638, possibly with Edmund Rice and his family.

Cousin Ted has compiled "An attractive, illustrated, indexed, 952 page, buckram cloth covered family genealogy containing 17,000 names and stories of descendants of the family who came from England in the good ship CONFIDENCE in 1638. There are scores of allied lines, and many variations of the name GOODENOW. It has an extensive bibliography and is formatted in the Record or Modified Register Plan."

*GOODENOWS WHO ORIGINATED
in
SUDBURY, MASSACHUSETTS 1638 A.D.*

was scheduled for publication 22 September, 1994. All proceeds go the the sponsor, the GOODENOW FAMILY ASSOCIATION; Gateway Press, Publisher.

The book, which is priced at \$75 plus \$3.50 postage and handling, may be ordered from and checks made payable to:

Goodenow Family Association
Route 2, Box 718
Shepherdstown, WV 25443

Our apologies for not getting this notice out sooner.

COVER STORY:

Occasionally serendipity brings us unrelated stories that seem to belong together, and in this issue that has happened. We have received several batches of pictures, some from the reunion last fall, and some of people who would like to attend but because of distance and other factors, cannot. One of those factors is age.

Cousin Charles Lewis Hayward, whose photo appears on our cover, will be 100 years old on November 11, 1995! Born in Holyoke, Mass., Cousin Charles now lives in Portland, Ore. He is descended from Edward, Edmund who married Joyce Russell, Jason, another Edmund, and Mary who married Caleb Hayward, and then through four generations of Haywards. When he was younger (in his eighties, I believe), Cousin Charles used to attend reunions every few years, coming all the way from Oregon!

In nearly the same mail which brought Cousin Charles' picture we received notice of a mini-reunion to be held in early September to celebrate the 100th birthday of your scribe's Uncle Harvey McLaughlin.

There was an article about him in the Spring, 1994, issue, and we reprint his picture here.



We congratulate both of these centenarians - if a recent article about longevity in the *Scientific American* has any validity, we are not amiss in wishing you both many more years of happy and fruitful lives!

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COVER STORY, cont:

When your scribe's grandmother fell and broke her hip at the age of 84, her hundred-year-old aunt who lived in Brattleboro and was a true "Vermont" commented, "Oh, Cora is a young thing - she'll come along all right!" It seems fitting to include in this section some of these "young" people.

Cousin Doris Rice Barb, of El Dorado, Kansas, is one of these youngsters, admitting, according to the newspaper clipping, to being "in her 80s." Cousin Doris, an enthusiastic baker of prize-winning bread, rolls and cookies, has been entering her productions in the Kansas State Fair for 39 years. "I wasn't going to do so much this year, but I just got going again," she is quoted as saying. The story continues, "She doesn't just bake for the fair but shares her culinary abilities with family and friends year-round."

Cousin Doris "began her teaching career in a one-room schoolhouse in Greenwood County and later moved to El Dorado, where she taught elementary school for 42 years. She is one of those rare teachers who began with a 'teaching certificate' and kept going to school during the summers until she attained a bachelor's degree and finally a master's degree.

"That kind of perseverance has kept her entering the fair for 39 years and has her looking forward to next year, when she expects to spend a 40th anxious but fulfilling day waiting for the judges to complete their 1995 judging."

Kathleen Kelly, from the *Wichita Eagle*

Thank you, Cousin Doris, for sending us the clipping. And yes, please send me a copy of your personal account of the 8th, 9th and 10th generation of your family. Thanks!

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and MORE PICTURES:

Shortly before he died, Cousin Al Hough sent us copies of pictures taken at the Reunion in September. We include a few of them here, people who have not yet reached a "ripe old age" but deserve recognition because of their devotion to the Edmund Rice Association. They include past presidents William Drury, Janice Parmenter and Patricia MacFarland.

Bill Drury was president from 1980 to 1982, when Alex and I first became active in the organization. His enthusiasm and interest were contagious, and led many of us into active roles in the Rice Association. All of us are grateful to Bill for his almost daily chores of keeping the Association well organized.



Pat MacFarland (far left) and then Janice Parmenter followed Bill into the presidency, while he took over the post of treasurer. Both ladies kept the organization moving forward - their graciousness and friendliness kept us all eager to do our best.

and MORE PICTURES:

I first met Pat and Russ Vickery at a reunion at Margaret Rice's homestead in Amesbury, Mass. It didn't take long to learn that Pat and I shared a common ancestor only 6 or 7 generations back, and that the area around Dover, Vermont was special to us both. She became secretary of the Association on that day, and soon afterward Russ became a director. They both served the Association well, and we value their friendship.



Calista and Earle Vickery

In closing this piece, one more tribute is needed. That is to Margaret Rice, whose picture is missing because she was unable to attend the reunion. Cousin Margaret, whose presidency followed that of Janice Parmenter, will be remembered by many as the delightful lady who twice opened her "farm" for meetings of the Rice Association. To me she is the epitome of this organization; vitally interested in her roots, friendly and outgoing, and young at heart. We missed you at the Reunion, Margaret, and hope all continues to go well with you this winter.

Corinne Snow

POST SCRIPT

January, 1995

Dear Cousins,

As we write this, the sun has been shining all day, for the first time this winter, reminding us that Spring can not "be far behind." What better time to go through files and find bits and pieces of things that were somehow missed in past issues? What we have found will make this somewhat of a "catch-up" issue, and we may still have missed some items. If anyone has been missed or ignored, please submit your stories and/or queries again.

To reiterate information about what to send where; genealogies and updates should go to

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although questions about genealogy for the Newsletter should still come here.

Questions about and applications for membership should go to

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24 Buckman Dr.
Chelmsford, MA 01824

as well as dues payments. As most of you know, dues are payable as early as possible in the fiscal year, which runs from September 1 of one year to the next September 1.

All new memberships: \$10.00

Renewals: Under 80 years of age: \$10.00

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Interested spouses of descendants are welcome to join as full members simply by paying another \$10.00.

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Till spring, affectionately,

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