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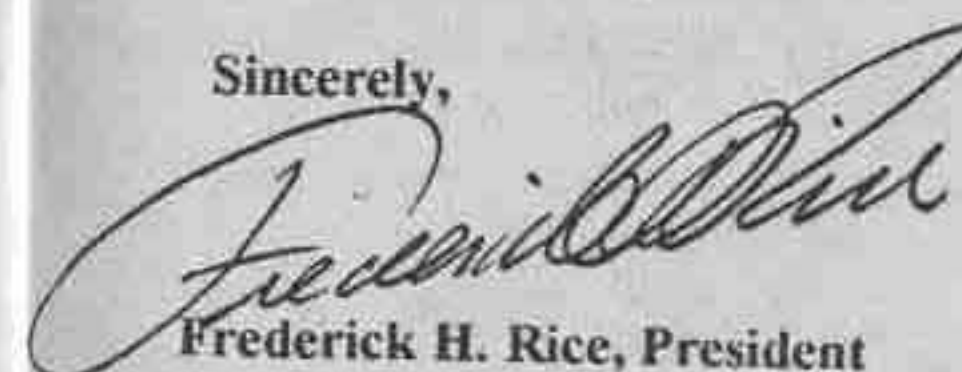
Dear Rice Cousins,

I recently received the inaugural edition of a newsletter from the Thomas McClure Rice Association. Cousin Thomas moved from Ohio to Texas in 1836, soon after Texas had declared its independence from Mexico. He was killed on Sept. 18, 1842 in the Battle of Salado Creek and was buried on Monument Hill in LaGrange, Texas. He left behind his widow, Elizabeth Wilson Rice, born in Ireland in 1805 and five children. Many of their descendants still live in DeWitt County, Texas.

Do you suppose that Edmund Rice had any idea of the profound affect that his coming to America would have on this country. As his children and grandchildren spread out to Marlborough, and Worcester, and Barre, and Ohio, and Texas, and all the other States they had a lasting impact on history. Rice cousins have fought in every battle to save our growing nation. We have started businesses, invented machines, built churches and universities, raised apples and cattle and pineapples and a hundred other crops. We have tended to the sick, preached the gospel, donated to help the less fortunate and served at every level of government from President to fence viewer. And we have taken time to record our trials and tribulations for the education and benefit of future generations.

I applaud our Texas cousins for taking the time to commemorate one of our cousins who paid the supreme sacrifice for his country. Edmund would have asked no less.

Sincerely,



Frederick H. Rice, President

REUNION SCHEDULE, 1995:

FRIDAY, SEPTEMBER 15; BARRE, MASS.

- 1:30 - 2:30 Talk about Rices in Barre by Al Clark, historian at the Barre Historical Society.
- 2:30 - 4:00 Driving tour of interesting sites.
- 4:00 - 5:00 Tea and refreshments at Barre Historical Society.
- 6:30 - To the Marriott in Worcester for dinner and socializing (or other places of your choice) The Marriott will provide a reception room for us.

SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 16, WORCESTER, MASS.

- 9:00 - 12:00 Registration and continental breakfast. Time to visit, listen and learn.
- 11:00 - 12:00 Meeting of the Board of Directors.
- 12:00 - 1:30 Luncheon by reservation. Please see reservation form for choice, and return form as soon as possible with your check.
- After luncheon the meeting will move to the Worcester Historical Museum, 30 Elm St. Worcester.

- 2:00 Annual Meeting, reports and election of officers.
- 3:00 - 4:00 William Wallace, Director of the Museum, will talk about the Rices of Worcester.
- 4:00 - 5:00 Viewing of Special Exhibit of Rice memorabilia.
- 5:00 - 6:00 Driving tour of Rice Square and Jonas Rice marker.
- 6:30 - Supper in the area; after this you are on your own; suggested activities for those staying through Sunday:
- Visit Salesbury Mansion Higgins Armory Museum
Worcester Art Museum Old Sturbridge Village

Directions to the Edmund Rice Memorial in Wayland will be available.

ANNUAL REUNION, 1995:

This year's reunion will be held on Friday and Saturday, September 15 and 16, in Worcester, Mass., at the Marriott Hotel and the Worcester Historical Museum. We have planned a two-day event for those who wish to attend.

Worcester is in the heart of Massachusetts and is the second largest city in New England. Jonas Rice (third son of Thomas) was living in Worcester in the time of its second settlement, which was attacked by Indians and abandoned soon after the start of Queen Anne's War in 1702. He returned to the site October 21, 1713, and lived there alone with his family in the forest until the spring of 1715, when others joined him. He has been called the "first settler" of Worcester.

Barre is a small New England town 22 miles northwest of Worcester on Route 122. Among the early settlers of this town were many Rices, and the Barre Historical Society has invited our group to be their guests on Friday afternoon, Sept. 15. The local Historian, Al Clark, will talk about the Rices in Barre and lead us on an interesting driving tour over some of the back roads to sites formerly owned by Rices. We will return to the Historical Society for refreshments at the end of the tour. The talk will begin at 1:30 P.M., and the tour and refreshments should be over by 5:00.

Please indicate on the reservation form if you plan to join us in Barre for this interesting side trip Friday afternoon. If you wish to arrive early and have lunch in Barre, I recommend the Col. Isaac Barre Restaurant on the Common, or The Jenkins House Inn, 7 West St., Barre.

Edmund Rice (1638) Association September 15 & 16, 1995 Family Reunion

Please make Saturday luncheon reservations for _____ people.
Choices: Breast of Chicken _____ Baked Scrod _____ Vegetarian Platter _____

Enclosed is my check for _____ (\$13. each)

____ Yes, I/we would like to join the group in Barre on Friday afternoon

Name _____

Address _____

(over) _____

ANNUAL REUNION, 1995, cont.

From Barre we will go on into Worcester for dinner ("Dutch treat") and socializing at the Marriott Hotel, where a reception room will be provided for us.

The next morning, Saturday, September 16, the meeting begins in earnest, with registration and a continental breakfast at 9:00 A.M. Throughout the morning there will be time for conversation, and a meeting of the Directors, followed by lunch at noon.

At 1:30 P.M. the Marriott portion of the meeting will end, and we will move on to the Historical Museum, a few blocks away (adequate parking nearby). Here we will have a short business meeting, followed by a fascinating program put on by the Museum. This includes a special exhibit, already planned by the Museum, of Rice memorabilia, and a driving tour of Rice Square and the Jonas Rice Marker.

If anyone has any items of interest which they would like to lend to the Museum for this exhibit, please contact Bertie Smith (508) 355-4403, to make the necessary arrangements.

The \$13.00 per person cost covers the use of the facilities at the Marriott, and the coffee, tea, and "breakfast pastries", as well as the luncheon. For other meals you are on your own.

Cousin Bertie

Edmund Rice (1638) Association

September 15 & 16, 1995

Family Reunion

Please fill out and clip this reservation blank and send it with your check to:

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

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Because many people will come from too far away to make a day trip, we have added a list of possible accommodations in Worcester.

Hotels: A block of rooms has been reserved at the Marriott for Friday and Saturday nights at a special rate of \$84 a room. For those coming from a distance and desiring to stay one or both nights, reservations must be made with the hotel by August 25 to get the special room rate. Be sure to mention that you are coming to the Rice Reunion when you call or write.

Worcester Marriott 10 Lincoln Square Worcester, MA 01608
phone 1 (800) 628-4240 or (508) 791-1600
FAX 1 (508) 791-1796

Please indicate you are with the Edmund Rice Association and reserve prior to August 20, 1995, to get the special room rate - \$84.00 per night.

Other places to stay in the downtown area:

Clarion Suite Hotel 70 Southbridge St. Worcester, MA 01608
Phone 1 (800) CLARION or (508) 753-3512
FAX 1 (508) 755-7104

Hampton Inn Phone (508) 757-0400

Away from downtown:

Holiday Inn Phone (508) 852-4000

Days Lodge " (508) 852-2800

Beechwood Inn " (508) 754-5789

Howard Johnson " (508) 791-5501

Econolodge " (508) 852-5800

Bed and Breakfasts in area

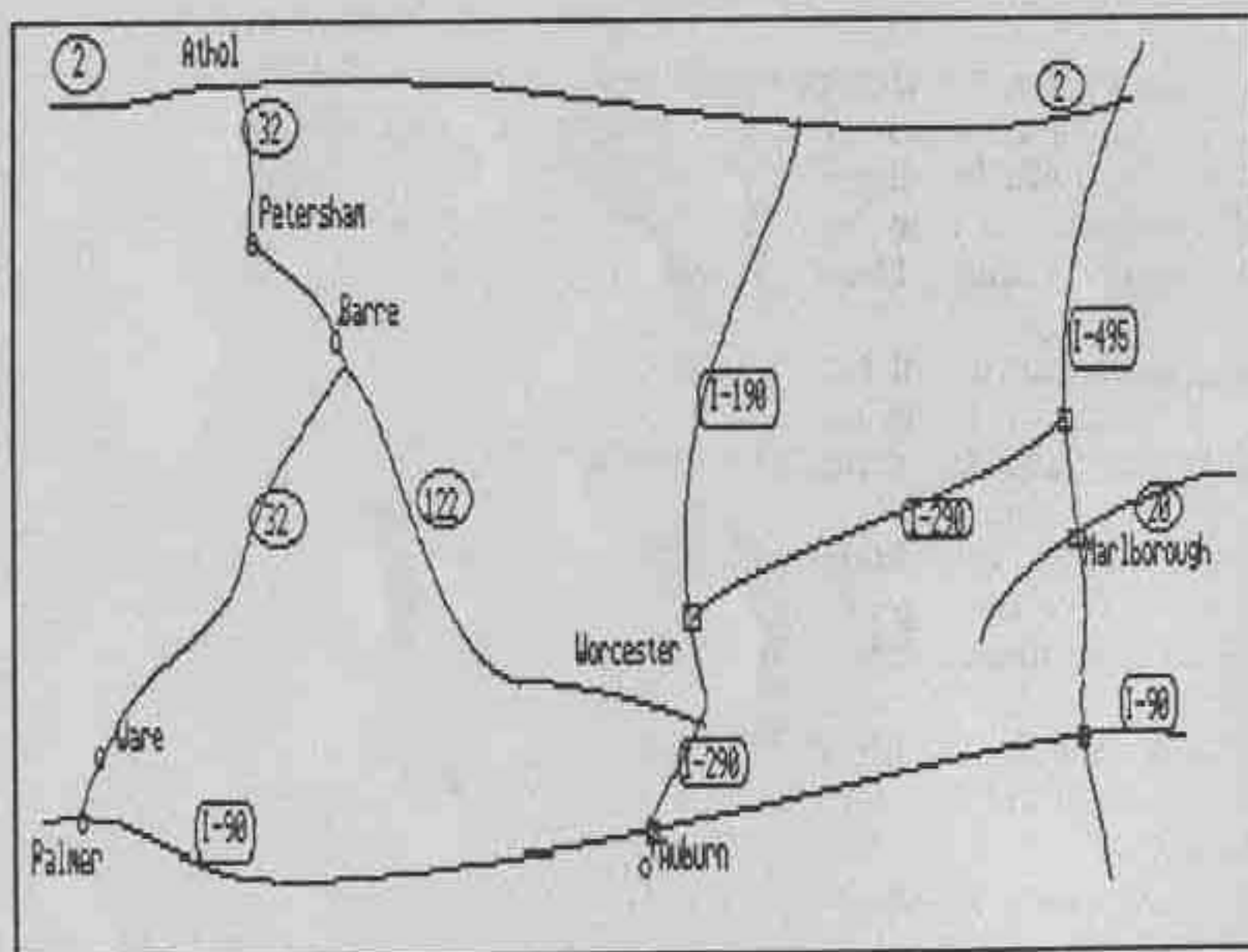
Folkstone Reservation Service 1 (800) 762-2751

ANNUAL REUNION, 1995, cont.

Directions and other pertinent information:

Barre is a small town northwest of Worcester, in an area that was settled by farmers, grist millers, sawyers and metal-workers in the early to mid eighteenth century. Needless to say, Rices were among the earliest settlers in most of these towns, and Barre is no exception. For those of you unfamiliar with central Massachusetts, Barre is on Rte. 32, which can be reached from either Rte. 2 (the Mohawk Trail) on the north or the Mass. Pike (Rte. I-90) on the south. The town has a large central Common, and all of the places mentioned by Cousin Bertyne are easy to find.

Worcester is on I-290, which can be reached from the same two east - west roads mentioned above, or from I-495 from the Boston area. From Barre, Worcester is 22 miles southeast on Rte. 122.



The above map shows the routes described above, and location of various towns. In the next issue we will include specific directions to the Marriott Hotel and the Historical Society Museum. We are looking forward to an enjoyable weekend and hope to see many of you there.

If you have any questions, please call Bertyne Rice Smith in Barre (508) 355-4403.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

Cousin Sandra Hewlett, of Wayne, Pennsylvania, is also, like many of you, a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society, or NEHGS, and is Chairman of its Sesquicentennial Celebration. Cousin Sandi has sent us the following announcement and invitation, directed to all Rice cousins, whether members of NEHGS or not.

NEHGS is celebrating
150 Years
Exploring Our Heritage
with a
Sesquicentennial Conference to be held
13 - 15 July 1995
at the
Westin Copley Place
Boston

The conference begins with a reception the evening of Wednesday, July 12, and continues through three days of exhibits, lectures, computer presentations and discussions, ending with luncheon on Saturday, July 15. Topics include everything from Church records and cemeteries to computer software, modems and available sources of information, and DNA analysis. In short, there is something for everyone, and all of it fascinating.

On Friday night there will be a banquet, featuring as Keynote Speaker David McCullough, well-known historical writer and familiar to anyone who watches PBS. The luncheon on Saturday will feature Laurel Thatcher Ulrich, Professor of American History at the University of New Hampshire, a student of the everyday lives of women in early New England. Her talk on "Self and Family" will breathe life onto the pages of everyone's genealogy lists.

The cost of the conference is

Registration: Members, \$200, Non-Members, \$225
Banquet July 14 with David McCullough, \$55
Luncheon July 15 with Laurel Ulrich, \$25

Information and reservation blanks may be obtained from
NEHGS

Sesquicentennial Conference
101 Newbury St.
Boston, MA 02116-3087
(617) 536-5740
(617) 536-7307 (FAX)

NEHGS cont.

THE AMERICAN FAMILY: SHARING OUR HERITAGE

In addition to the Conference described on the preceding page, NEHGS is also celebrating its Sesquicentennial with a major exhibit at The Museum of Our National Heritage, in Lexington, Mass. from July 2 through December 31, 1995. (A visit to this exhibit could easily be planned along with attending the Rice Reunion in September.)

A few paragraphs quoted from the introduction to the prospectus for this exhibit will give a good idea of what it is about.

Family history is not just about those who arrived on New England shores aboard the Mayflower. It is very much the totality of all our families and the contributions of our ancestors that makes us what we are today as individuals and a nation.

Indeed, most contemporary Americans are combinations of several colonial (Puritan New England, Native American, Quaker, New York Dutch, Pennsylvania German, Tidewater planter, African-American, Scots-Irish) and 19th and 20th century ethnic strands (Irish, Italian, Jewish, Slavic, French-Canadian, Hispanic, Asian, among others.)

The American Family: Sharing Our Heritage will introduce visitors to the concept of family history research, delineate its techniques and demonstrate its centrality to the nation's history.

For further information, contact Ralph J. Crandall, Ph.D., Director, at the NEHGS address and phone numbers given on the previous page.

This sounds like an excellent opportunity to broaden our vision of where our family stands in the entire tapestry of our nation, and how we as individual members of this family fit into it. Thank you, Cousin Sandi, for sending us the information and the invitation to participate. Best wishes for a successful conference!

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	INDEX TO "SUPPLEMENT"
Computer printout, 34 pp.	Computer printout, 18 pp.
\$2.50 postpaid	\$1.50 postpaid
BOTH INDEXES together:	- \$3.50 postpaid

A GENEALOGICAL REGISTER of RICE DESCENDANTS: (1970)
Continues the above to the 12th generation. - 1594 pages
- \$25.00 + \$3.50 postage & packing

SUPPLEMENT #2, Part 1. (1983)
New information through the first 8 generations. - 224 pages.
- \$12.50 + \$2.50 postage & packing

SUPPLEMENT #2, Part 2. (1987)
Continues all of the above into the 14th and 15th generations. - 663 pages.
- \$30.00 + \$3.50 postage & packing

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Your name _____

Address _____

Send, with your check for the total, to:

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

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BOOKS cont.

EDMUND RICE and HIS FAMILY: (1938)

by Elsie Hawes Smith,

An historical narrative about the early days of the Rices; contains much genealogical information, as well as being a charming story; and

**WE SOUGHT THE WILDERNESS:** (1949)

by Rev. Clayton Rice.

Another historical narrative, but based on those Rices who pushed Westward to the prairies after short stays in New Hampshire and Vermont.

These two reprints are combined in one volume, printed by the Association in 1986
- both: 357 pages. - \$17.00 plus \$2.50 postage & packing

MORE ABOUT THOSE RICES: (1954) by Elsie Hawes Smith

A sequel to EDMUND RICE AND HIS FAMILY; contains information about Rices who migrated from New England, as well as some of the more famous "cousins".

- 109 pages. - \$3.50 + \$1.00 postage & packing

CIVIL WAR LETTERS OF EDWIN RICE: (1975, soft cover) edited by Ted Perry

A collection of letters written to his mother and aunt in 1861-1862,
- 84 pages. - \$3.00 postpaid

ORDER BLANK

Book	Price	No. copies	Amount
	(includes mailing)		
THE RICE FAMILY (Ward) and SUPPLEMENT:	\$22.50	_____	_____
SUPPLEMENT only:	\$3.50	_____	_____
INDEXES:	\$3.50	_____	_____
"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	_____	_____
(over)	Total:	_____	_____

NEW MEMBERS:

This Spring we are delighted to welcome the following cousins:

- Harriette Rice Dally, of L'Amable, Ontario, Canada
- Dr. Carl A. Flegel, of Los Angeles, California
- Geneva McCown Garrett, of Santa Anna, Texas
- M. Elizabeth Hicks, of Wichita, Kansas
- Evelyn Jensen, of Ogden, Iowa
- Mrs. Connie Lowe, of Valencia, California
- Alvin S. Rice, of Seabrook, Texas
- Frank O. Rice, of Tulsa, Oklahoma
- James Allen Rice, of Martinez, Georgia
- Nina I. Rice, of Claremore, Oklahoma
- Robert T. Rice, of Castro Valley, California
- Cynthia Rice Reyerson, of Jamestown, North Dakota
- James and Nora Sumner, of Asheville, North Carolina
- Dr. A. David B. Woods, of Mijas Costa (Malaga) Spain

We welcome you all, and look forward to a long, invigorating relationship.

STORIES

In the last issue there was a story about Cousin Doris Rice Barb, the prize winning bread-cake-cookie maker from Kansas. In response to our request, Cousin Doris has sent us information about her pioneer ancestors. We thank you, Doris, for this glimpse of the personalities of those who left civilization as they knew it and ventured into the wilderness.

MEMORIES

The Golden Chain of Memories
with every link so dear
Is treasured as a precious jewel
and cherished more each year.

The secure chain of our heritage
is a strong and blessed tie
Binding kindred hearts together
as the years go passing by.

Jabez Rice was born on August 7, 1836, in Delaware Co. New York, the second of eight children born to Oren D. and Elizabeth (Garrison) Rice. When Jabez was a young man (around 1850) the family moved to Lynn Co. Iowa, where the eighth child was born. The family grew up, and Jabez married Sarah Jordan. Jabez and Sarah had two children, Ervin (Doris' father) and Cora, in Iowa, then moved to Greenwood Co. Kansas, homesteading a farm southeast of Climax, where two more sons were born. Sarah died in 1888, leaving Jabez with the care of his half-grown family. Ervin, the oldest, helped to raise his younger brothers and sister, and continued to make a home for his father after the children were all grown.

Jabez Rice enjoyed good health until a few days before he died in 1931 at the ripe old age of 94. His sons had moved on to homesteads in Oklahoma, and the daughter, Cora, lived in Cheney, Kansas. Although he lived in Climax, Kansas, with Ervin and his family, Jabez enjoyed traveling by train to visit his other children for short periods of time. Doris became his traveling companion to assist him on these trips.

He was a neat person, and as he wore whiskers, he was very careful to keep them neatly trimmed. He had a small pair of scissors to use for that. He also had a very sharp little pocket knife, with which he cut off a "neat little chew" of "Horsehoe" brand chewing tobacco. This habit was a bit distressing to Doris's mother, "Katie", due to the need for spitting often. "Katie" was also a bit distressed when "Uncle Jabe", as many called him, tried to help her in her garden. When hoeing weeds he would often, unknowingly, hoe some of her flowers. Jabez attributed his long life and

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good health, in part, to the small dose of quinine he took each morning. Doris recalls the little blue bottle on a shelf above the sink. He would use his little tobacco knife to dip in the bottle and take out as much as would stay on the point of the blade. This was followed by a big drink of water.

Doris, meanwhile, grew up and became a schoolteacher. Her first position (1926-1928) was in the Buck School District, where Jabez first settled, and about four miles from Climax. She lived at home and commuted by Model T. On a few occasions when the Model T couldn't make it, she walked, taking a short cut and hoping to get to school in time to have the room warming with the round oak stove in the center of the room. One morning a few years later, when Doris was teaching farther away from home and packing to return to her school, Jabez got his suitcase, put in a cold biscuit left from breakfast, and asked her to take her home. Before she left, she listened to him make a political speech to some people he thought were there. She reports it actually was a very good speech. Very soon after she returned to school, Doris received word of her grandfather's passing.

Ervin Leslie Rice was the first son born to Jabez and Sarah Rice on October 25, 1863, in Lynn County, Iowa. He came with the family to Kansas when he was about 15 years of age. The move was by covered wagon, and cattle were driven along with the other family possessions. Ervin walked the greater part of the distance from Iowa to Kansas in order to move the cattle. After the passing of his mother, he had added responsibilities in helping to care for the younger brothers and sister. At one period during his young adult years, he attended the Eureka Academy, which was at the north end of Main Street, now the site of the Greenwood County Hospital.

Ervin was married to Frances Catherine "Katie" Nelson on October 4, 1890. She also had moved, when a child, with her family in a covered wagon from Miami County, Kansas, to the Neal Community in Greenwood County. Also in 1890 Ervin, in partnership with his uncle, Adelbert, went into farming on land northeast of the village of Climax, Kansas. Over a period of years he added more tracts of land until he had a total of 520 acres in Fall River Township, a part of it along Fall River.

Between 1892 and 1908, Ervin and Katie had two sons, one of whom died at age two, and three daughters. Their first house was small; kitchen, living room, and a steep stairway to two bedrooms above. After Josephine was born in 1902, the house was not adequate. Ervin built a large, two-story, four-bedroom house, completing it in 1906. Doris was born in this house in 1908.

Ervin Rice, "E.L." as he was often called, was a dedicated farmer, and with wise management he prospered with diversified farming and as a stockman. He provided well for his family. He was a highly respected man in the community, known for his

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integrity in a time when "his word was as good as his bond" was a standard for respect. Active in church and community affairs, he served as president of the Climax State Bank for a number of years, and his advice was frequently sought. He, and later his son, Glen, were both members of the Masonic Lodge in Climax. The entire family were members of the Climax Baptist Church. On Sunday no unnecessary work was done. It was a day for rest, worship and family activities.

Ervin had time for fun, but not much foolishness. He was a rather quiet man, not one for idle chatter. He disciplined his family firmly, but with reason. A quick reprimand and/or a stern look was all that was necessary. He was the first in the community to purchase a Victrola (record player, to those of you too young to remember the device with the large horn that emitted a scratchy version of "his master's voice") The neighbors would come to listen and enjoy the various music and comedy records. Birthdays and holidays were celebrated, and company was often present for Sunday dinner. On one occasion when the preacher came, little Josie, noting his full plate of food, said, "Papa will make you down it." "Papa" often required her to do so.

Special treats included the annual visits to the County Fair, and season tickets to the Chautauqua series that came to Eureka. One very special treat took place the summer before Doris's 6th birthday. The entire family went by train to California to the World's Fair and to visit her mother's relatives. They started out with a huge box of food, and the way the seats were arranged, Doris recalls riding backward most of the time.

All was not work interspersed with social life, however. Early in his life, Ervin was in an accident, injuring his foot, which did not heal properly, requiring the removal of a bone from his heel. As a result of this he wore a built-up shoe and walked with a limp, which in no way seemed to hamper his activity. Later, when Doris was 8 or 9, he had a very serious accident while the whole family was working in the hayfield. The loose hay was carried up to the stack on a large fork, pulled by a horse. Josie or Doris worked with the horse while Father shaped the hay into a proper stack. When the stack was finished, he would ride down on the fork from the top of the stack. On this day, for some reason he did not get a firm grip on the fork and fell to the ground, causing many injuries, including broken bones and a concussion. He was unconscious until the next day. Josie ran to the nearest phone to call the doctor (doctors made house calls in those days). She was so nearly exhausted, she could hardly talk. The home nearest was Uncle Delbert's, so Aunt Eva called the doctor. As it was warm summer weather, a bed was prepared for Papa on the south porch, and, although we could not be sure for several days, time seemed to heal his injuries and he slowly became more active again.

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In 1918, Ervin "retired" and moved with his wife and two youngest daughters to the Village of Climax, about three miles from the farm. On most days he would be found back at the farm, helping Glen, since his desire was to spend his time at the farm for as long as his health permitted. He lived 27 more years, until, following a stroke and failing health, his death came on January 20, 1946.

A few words about "Katie", Frances Catherine Nelson Rice. Her mother, Cintella, had first been married to a man named Wagoner, who was killed in the Civil War. She had two children by this marriage, and later married Charles Thomas Nelson. Katie and her twin brother William were born of this marriage.

Most people knew her as Katie Rice, a quiet patient lady, devoted to her husband and family. Her life was a busy one, providing and caring for her family at a time when living was not easy. She enjoyed involvement in community activity and church work, including playing the old pump organ for church services. She and all of her daughters were members of the Eastern Star. She was frequently called on to serve as a midwife for families in the community, and at various times she housed and boarded school teachers. After the family moved to Climax, there was usually at least one teacher living in the home.

Having developed the art of cooking, she was recognized as an excellent cook and known for her home-baked breads, pies, jellies, etc. She encouraged her daughters to carry on the tradition, and in later years would often say she was pleased that all of her daughters were good cooks. She had a talent for writing poetry, and was always busy with quilting, crocheting or just visiting with neighbors and helping those in need; a loyal wife, mother and friend. After a time of illness she passed away on November 23, 1947, just 15 days after her 80th birthday.

Thank you, Cousin Doris, for this vignette of life in the nineteenth and early twentieth centuries. The sections about your brother and sisters will be included as soon as space permits.

POST SCRIPT

Now back to the twenty-first century! Progress is indeed being made in updating and computerizing our genealogies. Because this project is so important, we are turning the pages usually used for our own comments over to our information chairman, Dennis Rice.

COMPUTER INFO UPDATE

Cousins,

A quick report on the status of our updating of the family documentation.

To reiterate, this is a very long and slow process. The first requirement is to convert the existing five books published by the Association into a computer format. After this is done, and updates are completed, a new book will be generated. We have now completed the first four generations.

So far I have received about 8 computer generated files from various cousins who are helping me to generate our family documentation. To date, our database has 5500 entries with another 5000 ready to be merged. When complete I estimate we will have approximately 60,000 family members documented.

Now I need to request help from more of you. Several efforts are needed. First, I need to hear from any of you who are documenting your family using a computer, and what work you have done so far. This is very important since we do not want to duplicate work that has already been completed. I am keeping track of who has documented various parts of our family, so that you may share information if you desire.

Second, we need those who desire to help to assist in the data entry by keying in the data presently in the five books. Updates and corrections to the books will be made later, unless we are aware of such when you are entering data.

Third, in the near future I will develop a procedure that I will request be used for data entry. The important issue is documentation of the data that is entered. The right choice of program is essential for good documentation and clear format. I use a program called THE MASTER GENEALOGIST (TMG) and recommend it very strongly. This is a program that I believe is the most advanced of all programs on the market. It is not really hard to learn, it promotes good format for data entry, and allows for extensive documentation of an individual's life. Anyone wishing more information, please contact me, as this is a very important issue.

COMPUTER INFO UPDATE, cont.

Fourth, even though I am placing a great deal of emphasis on using a computer, do not let the lack of one or of using a computer to maintain your information be a detraction. I use a computer because it is a tool, just like you use a hammer to drive a nail. In this case, the computer is excellent for organizing our family data and generating reports, but it is not worthy if you do not help with the latest updates. To assure that we can input the latest information we must have information from you. Please send these updates to me. Also please remember, that any information that I have and can track on my computer is available to everyone.

Lastly, I need your assistance in confirming data within our books. For example, Samuel Rice (W.61) "was given by his father to his 'brother and sister King...' ". (Peter King and Sarah Rice) Unfortunately, Peter and Sarah are not specifically identified. I would appreciate further input if someone has additional knowledge.

And finally, how to get in touch with me. I have recently added on a new e-mail access using Internet -- the Information Super Highway. For those interested, I recommend that you investigate the use of a local Bulletin Board System (BBS) for sending electronic mail. If you are lucky enough to have a BBS in your area which serves genealogy, or maybe something else of interest, you can have lots of fun doing research and other things. Most important you can communicate with your other e-mail cousins at a VERY low cost - lower than the US Mail (snail mail), and delivery is anywhere from immediate to several days world wide. There are many options if you are interested, so please investigate.

Dennis Rice, Historian/Information Manager

(snail mail): 3105 Canyon Creek Dr, Richardson, TX 75080
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Thank you, Dennis, and the other people who have been working with you. We can only stress the importance of having as many of you as possible volunteer to help with this project.

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