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PRESIDENT'S PAGE

Dear Rice Cousins,

The Rice reunion of 1995 was a fascinating return in the history of my branch of the family. Edmund Rice was instrumental in the founding of Wayland and Marlborough, Massachusetts. It was therefore fitting that his grandson Jonas became the first permanent settler of Worcester. His son Jonas and grandson Francis moved even farther west in Worcester to an area that became known as Barre. On Friday, September 15th historian Al Clark took us back in time with a fascinating lecture on the influence of the Rices in the early history of Barre. He then led us on a motor tour of Rice Village and several interesting locations including a visit to an 1881 one-room schoolhouse where at one time 9 out of 61 students were named Rice.

On Saturday we returned to Worcester, the place of my birth, for socializing, the Board of Directors' meeting, lunch, the Annual Meeting, and an illustrated lecture on the Rices in Worcester County. We had a tour of a special exhibition of Rice artifacts at the Worcester Historical Museum. Several of us ended the day with visits to some of the Rice monuments in the city.

In the board meeting we discussed many changes that we hope will result in more two-day meetings in the future in the hopes of attracting even more cousins who wish to spend time visiting the historical sites and getting to know their cousins better. We are embarking on two fact-gathering projects that should enable us to publish things of interest. One is the collecting and cataloging of data from Rice gravestones so that we can verify information in our publications. The other is a collection of information about Rice monuments, parks, buildings etc. so that anyone interested can easily locate and visit these places of historic significance to the family.

I was very pleased and honored to be elected to another year as president of the Association, and I wish to express my sincere appreciation to Vice President Bertyne Rice Smith and all of the other volunteers who made the reunion so successful.

Sincerely,



Frederick H. Rice
President

REUNION, 1995:

The reunion began with a very meaningful day in Barre, Mass. on Friday, September 15, 1995. Following a talk by Barre Historian Al Clark about the early Rices in Barre, a cavalcade of cars made a driving tour of places where these early Rices had built their homesteads, their mills and their workshops.

Many old foundations were explored, as well as buildings still standing and in use.



The last stop on the tour was at an old one-room school-house, which is awaiting the results of a fund drive for badly needed restoration. This picture shows historian Al Clark sitting at a bench in the old school house.

The tour ended with refreshments at the Barre Historical Society, and an opportunity to browse among the displays of fascinating artifacts.

The main part of the meeting took place on Saturday at the Crown Plaza, with registration, a "Continental Breakfast" and opportunity to socialize, to view the memorabilia brought by our president, Fred Rice, to examine and purchase books displayed by Bill Drury, and to interact with Dennis Rice and his computerized materials. A board of Directors' meeting was held, followed by a delicious luncheon. After luncheon president Fred Rice gave greetings to all 72 members present, and gifts to certain special ones.

The oldest: Margaret Rice (88 years) of Amesbury, Mass.

The youngest: Sarah Labrie (4 years) of Manchester, N.H.

The one from farthest away: G. Edwin McLaughlin III of Fairbanks Alaska.



Bertyne Smith & Margaret Rice



Sarah Labrie & her mother, Joan, with Fred Rice.



Fred Rice & Ed McLaughlin

Other business included an announcement that forms for recording Rice data - one a "grave site data base" for recording cemetery locations of Rice tombstones, and second, a "Rice family monument registraion form" - were available.

The Formal annual meeting was held at the Worcester Historical Museum. After reports by the various committee chairmen, we were told of a new Chapter of Rices "Thomas McClure Rice Association" (see Summer, 1995 issue) located at 3001 15th Ave.No., Texas City, TX 77590, with Anita Cooper, President.

Expressions of gratitude were given Vice-President Bertyne Rice Smith for all her work arranging the "Barre Day" and this Annual Meeting, and also to Al Clark, Historian of the Barre Historical Society and to all the folks who put on the refreshments after our tour. President Rice also noted that we will still be working on the **official seal** of the Association.

The business meeting ended with the election of officers, listed on the inside front cover of this issue.

Following this the Executive Director of the Worcester Historical Museum, William D. Wallace, presented a very interesting illustrated talk about the "Rices of Worcester." Upon completion of the talk, President Fred Rice presented Mr. Wallace with a stone (used by the Indians to kindle fire) which he had found when he went to Boy Scout Camp at Paxton, Mass. in 1950.

After sharing a moment of silence for the Cousins who have departed, the meeting adjourned at 4:15 P.M. Then there was time to view the soecial exhibit of Rice memorabil in the museum, and to take part in a driving tour of Rice Square and the Jonas Rice marke

Photos contributed by Clark and Betty Rice, THE LITTLE STUDIO, Perry, N.Y.

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.

June Layton, 369 Avery Road East, Chehalis, WA 98532,

Is still looking for **Tamesin Rice**, born 20 April, 1782 in Tompkins Co. N.Y. She married Joseph L. Collins ca. 1798. Tamesin died 13 March, 1859, in Ionia, Mich.

Fourteen children were born in Groton, Tompkins Co. N.Y. They were:

1. Delaney, b. Mar. 1799, m. Samuel Hobbs Rose, d. 20 Oct. 1877 in Mich.
2. Lucy, b. 2 May 1801
3. Jesse, b. 17 Feb. 1803
4. Moses, b. 18 Jan. 1805, m. Abigail Howe, d. 12 March 1851 in Mich.
5. Anna, b. 5 April 1807, m. Curtiss d. 11 Jan. 1888
6. Tamesin b. 4 Feb. 1809, m. William Alger
7. Lucinda, b. 24 Feb. 1811, m. Frederick B. Race, d. 3 Jan. 1864 in Mich.
8. Ruth Elizabeth, b. 2 Aug. 1813, m. #1. Stephen Rowe, #2 John F. Weld
d. 26 Aug. 1876, Nauvoo, Iowa.
9. Emily, b. 4 July 1815
10. Phebe, b. 4 June 1817
11. Joseph, b. 13 June 1820, d. 4 Aug. 1839
12. Lois, b. 15 June 1821, m. William Gilson Bradish, d. 1 April 1861 in Mich.
13. Sarah C. b. 22 March 1823, m. Hiram Baxter, d. 10 April, 1903 in Mich.
14. George W. b. 12 June 1826, m. Sarah E. Winnegar, d. 1905 in Mich.

Amy Chapman, 15 Myles Standish Rd. Weston, MA 02193, seeks confirmation of the parents of

Abigail Rice, b. 1689, (dau of Timothy, son of Richard), m. 1722 Palmer Goulding, son of Peter and Sarah (Palmer) Goulding.

This might be a simple matter of replying that, as a granddaughter of Richard, Abigail is not a descendant of Edmund, and therefore we know nothing about her. However, Cousin Amy has found a couple of other 'Abigails'; one is on page 8 of Ward's book, daughter of Samuel Rice and Mary Dix, and born 10 March 1673, a bit too old to have married Palmer Goulding in 1722; the second is listed by the LDS as born 1703 in Concord and died 1773 in Holden, Mass.

The confusion is multiplied when we follow Ward to page 39 and find the same Palmer Goulding, who "m. Abigail Rice at Concord, Dec. 4, 1722. She was not Abigail Rice, [64.9] (the one cited on page 8) but Abigail Rice of another race.... She was the daughter of

Timothy Rice, (whose father, Richard Rice of Cambridge and Concord, d. June 9th, 1709, aged 100 years) and Abigail Marrett, who were m. 27th of April, 1687." (cont.) Timothy Rice died, apparently, in 1692, when the child, Abigail, was 3 years old. In 1701 her mother's brother, Amos Marrett, became her legal guardian. (Could this fact be related to the LDS's apparent discrepancy in the date of Abigail's birth?) After her marriage to Palmer Goulding in 1722, the couple settled in Holden, a suburb of Worcester, where he died in 1770 and she died at an unspecified date.

Ward also mentions four "of their children", Palmer, Ignatious, Peter and Abel, who married or whose children married descendants of Edmund Rice. Cousin Amy states that there were ten children, but she doesn't name them.

Cousin Amy would also like information on the relationship, if any, between **Edmund** and **Richard Rice**.

Can anyone clarify this confusion of Abigail's identity and/or provide information about Richard Rice?

Noreen Pramberg, 59 Washington, Newburyport, MA 01950,
unwittingly adds to the confusion by inquiring about another **Abigail Rice**.

This Abigail "was born in 1795 in Maine. She later married Richard Parker and they lived in the Farmington, Maine, area. Their daughter, (Abigail Rice Parker) was my husband's great grandmother. Abigail Rice (1795) died and is buried in Exeter, New Hampshire.

"Any help or ideas you can give me would be greatly appreciated."

Linda E. Scanlon-Hayton, 9004 240th St. S.W. Edmonds, WA 98026,
has yet another **Abigail Rice**.

This Abigail married Nathan Hall, and lived in Vermont in 1830, and in Boston by 1840. They had at least five children; Darwin T., Mary, Caroline who married Moses Church, Eveline/Evelyn who married Daniel O. Dodge and moved to Paw Paw Michigan, Ellen who married a Burkham, and Abigail Adelaide who married Edwin G. Luther. The first four were born in Vermont, but Abigail Adelaide was born in Boston in 1836.

Abigail and Edwin Luther were married in Boston and had three daughters; Alice Lillian, b. 1857 in Boston, Anita Evelyn born in Illinois, and Fanny Florence born in Iowa. The family was in San Francisco in 1878. At least two sources give either San Francisco or Iowa as the place of death for Edwin G. Luther.

Linda hopes that with this background someone will be able to identify or give some information about Nathan Hall and Abigail Rice.

Jim Cook, 7615 Summer Glen, Houston, TX 77072-3129,
is looking for the parents of a **Mary Rice** who is his 4th-great-grandmother.

Mary (1789-1825) married Robert Dickson (1787-1874). One of their six children was Elizabeth Rice Dickson (1817-1879), who married Nathan P. Cook (b.26 Oct 1809 - d. 17 Dec 1850). He was a "forty-niner." (The others were Carolina (b.1811), James (b.1814), Esther Ann (b.1819), Mary Jane (1821-1853), and Charles Robert (b.1824))

Nathan and Elizabeth Cook also had six children: Collins Chidsey (1838-1920), Mary Caroline (1840-1854), Robert Dickson (1842-1843), James Rice Dickson (1844-1932), Charles Granville (1846-1848), and Ella Louisa (1848-1876).

James Rice Dickson Cook married Ella Mary Little and had two children, one of whom, Frederick William (b. 21 Jan 1869 - d. 20 Jun 1956), was Jim's great grandfather. The descent continues; Thomas Richard Cook (b.7 Mar 1899 - d. 1974), to James Bunker Cook (b.5 May 1925) to Jim.

In the Summer issue Jim had a query about a Joel Rice, born in Stanley, N.Y. in 1840 and died there in 1910. He is curious as to how this Joel Rice fits into his family, but is most interested in information about the Mary Rice who married Robert Dickson.

Harry Iverson, 5800 Hammer #598, Mira Loma, CA 91752,
is seeking information about one **Anna Rice**, who was born 27 Mar 1764.

She married Jonathan Fuller about 1785, and resided in Lenox Mass. For several years, then moved to Daws Grant in South Hawley, Mass., where they were living in 1804.

Anna (Rice) Fuller died 17 Sept 1833 in Hawley, Franklin City, Mass.

Anyone who has any information about any of these lines, please correspond directly with the questioner. Good luck!

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

- \$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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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 1981
- 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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WHOOPS!

We goofed! After the summer issue of the Newsletter had gone to press we unearthed the information we had received regarding the ordering of Ruth Rasey Simpson's books,

OUT OF THE SALTBOX and HAND HEWN IN OLD VERMONT.

They have to be ordered from the publisher;

Crane Hill Publishers, 2923 Crescent Ave. Birmingham, AL 35209
and the price is \$12.95 plus postage.

We apologize for any confusion and difficulties our oversight has caused any of our cousins, including Cousin Ruth herself and also the Post Office at Manchester, Vermont. Also, Bill Drury may still have a few copies available, so contact him first.

OTHER NOTES:

Videotape available:

A videotape of the reunion is now ready for distribution by Cousin Bertyne Smith. This tape has been well received, and copies are available from her,

Mrs. Donald Smith, 149 Hubbardston Rd. Barre, MA 01005.

Checks for \$20.00 should be made out to "Bertyne Smith",

Cover picture:

Our president, Fred Rice, standing beside the Historical Monument to Jonas Rice in Worcester.

The memorial reads:

"JONAS RICE

"ON THE SLOPE OF THE HILL ONE-HALF MILE WEST STOOD THE HOUSE OF JONAS RICE, THE FIRST PERMANENT SETTLER IN WORCESTER, BUILT IN 1713. HE SERVED AS SCHOOLMASTER AND HIS SON, ADONIAH, WAS THE FIRST WHITE CHILD BORN IN WORCESTER"

Some Book Reviews ---

Our historian, Dennis Rice has sent us three book reviews for your enlightenment.....

A CONFEDERATE SOLDIER AND HIS DESCENDANTS

by Norman Lee Cooper

Norman Cooper, a cousin and co-founder of the Thomas McClure Rice Association, published a book of Sylvester and Harriet (Marshall) Cooper, depicting his life during the War Between the States and his descendants. We know that many of our cousins were involved, and here we have a story of one who fought on the Confederate side. Various battles and life at war are depicted, with many excellent photos of that era. Also included are photos of many descendants of the Cooper family.

Published by The Norm Cooper Associates, Bowie, MD - 1982 (\$20),
it may be obtained from Lee & May Cooper, 1113 Alan, Deer Park, TX 77536

CITE YOUR SOURCES,

A Manual for Documenting Family Histories and Genealogical Records
by Richard S. Lackey, Fellow, American Society of Genealogist

For those interested in properly documenting their research of their family history, it is recommended that this book be reviewed - short and direct. Proper procedure and format are documented and examples given on how to cite your source of information so that you or others may return to the information for further clarification or to just review an important document. This book is use by the professionals, and its format is utilized by the program THE MASTER GENEALOGIST.

Published by University of Press of Mississippi - 1980 (\$15),
it may be obtained from most genealogical bookstores or other bookstores

GENEALOGY ONLINE, Researching Your Roots

by Elizabeth Powell Crowe

For those interested in obtaining information from various computer on-line services such as CompuServe, America Online, Internet, or a local Bulletin Board System (BBS) and others. Examples of what information is available and how to gain access to it, including a list

of BBSes that were active in late 1994 (for a current list of genealogical boards, please contact Dennis Rice). The book also includes a floppy disk with a copy of the shareware program Brothers Keeper, an excellent program for documenting your family and an inexpensive way to get started.

Published by Windcrest / McGraw-Hill - 1995 (\$28),
it may be obtained from most genealogical bookstores or other bookstores.

Thank you, Dennis, for all this worth-while information.

Another Book to Look Into:

Zebina's Kin The Descendancy of a Puritan People, by Lana DeLong Davis.

Zebina Rice, born in 1787 in Conway, Mass., was the son of Joel Rice who was born in Barnstable and moved on to Conway, a direct descendant of the original Jonas Rice of Worcester. He married Jael Fellows (1789-1822, according to the *Register*). "At the heart of this book are forty-nine letters written from 1808 to 1846 to Jael Fellows Rice and Zabina Rice, descendant of Edmund Rice. Included with the letters is a narrative giving background information and relationship to historical events, as well as charts showing relationships and chronology." The book is published by

HERITAGE BOOKS, INC. 1540-E Pointer Ridge Pl. Suite 301, Bowie, MD 20716
and the price is \$27.00 plus \$6.00 shipping and handling.

OBITUARIES:

We have recently received word of the deaths of several cousins.

Roy Rice was born Sept. 4, 1914, and died on March 19, 1994 in Donna, Texas.

He was the father of Richard Rice, and brother of Bertha Mustatia, Eva Barnes, Isabel Dellabaugh, Ethel Brown, and Fred Rice, dec. and also half-brother of Carl Galbreath and Duane Galbreath. He is also survived by two grandchildren and one great grandchild. Our sympathy to Cousin Bertha and the others in this family.

Dana Bliss passed away on August 20, 1994. His son has taken over all genealogy files for future reference, but at the present time has not started a full interest in his ancestors. We extend our sympathy to his wife, Patricia, and hope that she will pass this Newsletter on to the son.

Also, **Walter Edward Bruso, Sr.** of Puyallup, Washington, passed away on Aug. 6, 1994, and **Walter H. Reed** of Avon, Connecticut, passed away on July 2, 1995.

Much sympathy to the relatives of all of these cousins, and our apologies for not having more complete information about some of them.

CELEBRATIONS

Back in September we received an announcement and invitation to a birthday party for **Cousin Charles Hayward**. Cousin Charlie was 100 years old on November 11, 1995, and the party was to be held on the afternoon of that date at the Red Lion Hotel in downtown Portland, Oregon. Your scribe wishes to apologize to Charlie and Ruth, and to all of Charlie's friends and cousins who may be disappointed by not getting this notice in a timely manner.

Better late than never! And for those who may wish to send belated greetings, the address is

1717 SW Park Avenue, #409, Portland, OR 97201.

As for your scribe, no one could be more devastated at this delay! (See POST SCRIPTS for an explanation.) Nevertheless, please accept my belated personal congratulations and wishes for many more times of reasonable health and happiness.

Also in early September your scribe was privileged to be part of another centennial celebration, the 100th birthday of **Cousin Harvey McLaughlin**, our very own uncle. The party took place near Wilmington, Delaware, over the entire weekend preceding the Rice Annual Reunion. Forty-two people, including his son and daughter, nieces, nephews, grandchildren and great grandchildren spent that weekend enjoying the "family reunion" as well as sharing Uncle Harvey's big day. Among those present was Cousin Ed McLaughlin from Alaska, who, with his wife, combined the birthday party with attending the Rice Reunion a week later. A great "mini-reunion"!



Uncle Harvey, flanked by daughter, Martha, and son Bob.



Some of the great-grandchildren

NEW MEMBERS:

We are delighted to add to the record the following cousins who have joined us this Fall:

- Adeline Beier, of Park Ridge, Illinois;
- Marian R. Colvin, of North Ferrisburg, Vermont
- Sandra L. French, of Bothell, Washington
- Susan Goldsmith Getz, of Hubbardston, Mass.
- Carole L. Gibson, of Vancouver, Washington
- Carol Rice Goldsmith, of Barre, Mass.
- Sharon Goodman, of Houston, Texas;
- William D. Howe, of El Paso, Texas
- Lois L. Hupfer, of Denver, Colorado
- Philip E. Johnson, of Greenfield, Mass.
- Helen M. Kramer, of Boca Raton, Florida
- J.L. Ockunzzi, of Sun City, Arizona
- John Pobst, of Barre, Mass
- Chester G. Rice, of Lafayette, Georgia
- Denise J. Rice, of Annapolis Royal, Nova Scotia
- Marian H. Rice of Randolph, Vermont
- Dr. Robert V. Rice, of Falmouth, Mass.
- Mrs. Hughes Schroeder, of Atlanta, Georgia
- James H. Tyler, of Syracuse, N.Y.
- Elaine Wing, of Farmington, Maine

Texas continues to be well represented, but we also still continue to spread and grow from sea to sea! Welcome to you all!

Historian's Message

Cousins,

Our 1995 Reunion was a fantastic success. For those who could join us, we learned part of our family history, including a few stories that commonly go unsaid. Very interesting. The Barre tour was presented by Al Clark, local historian for the Barre area. His presentation will hopefully be available in the near future as text, tape and video. We also learned more of our family in the Worcester area. I personally look forward to more reunions like this one and hope to greet more of my cousins.

Speaking of cousins, have you ever wondered if you lived next door to your cousin? It turns out while going through our roster, I saw one of our cousins, Richard Capen, lived in the same town as my sister, Dorothy Krause. Naturally I called her and to see if she would be interested in getting to know them better. As it turns out - they both live on the same the same "hill". I haven't gotten a report back yet on how the introductions went, but I am looking forward to it.

To support more cousins getting together, I will be preparing a roster of our membership for publication in conjunction with our Membership Chairman, Bill Drury. Hope to have it out around the first of the year. Meanwhile, how do we learn of our family history? Dedicated work by many of our cousins who must carry a special shovel for digging up facts in their rear pocket must be a good start. Many of our cousins are recording their research for their own enjoyment and for the rest of their family - our Association family.

And where do these family cousins come from? The best I can say here is it is your efforts to let all of our family know that we exist and to get them to join. We all want to learn more of our family, and it is done by having more family involved. So get out there and encourage all of our cousins to join with us and expand our ranks.

What are some ideas for getting more family involved? First, let's encourage our immediate family to join. Then go on to cousins. How about giving a gift membership for a year to someone in our family. Let our cousins know that we exist so that they might learn of their heritage, and hopefully learn to enjoy. Make sure our children are aware of the family, for they are our future. Hopefully more of our family will learn of our efforts to and wish to help us in our search. Please help us expand our family.

As historian, I now have over 10,000 individuals recorded. This includes direct descendants of Edmund, spouses and ancestors of spouses when known - only 50,000 or so to go! The first five generations are complete and I am building descendants from that on out to the present as documented in the Association books, not including any updates since 1985. Several cousins have forwarded their family lines to me in electronic format and several in text format. I am very appreciative of everyone's work and look forward to more assistance. Towards this, the Association has a special offer for members who wish to purchase the genealogical program, THE MASTER GENEALOGIST. This will be a great assistance to me and the Association by saving me time and effort, plus you will be able to be a part of our

documentation. Those members purchasing the program will be eligible for a rebate, please contact me for more details if interested.

One of the extras that I am working on is to create a special database of those of Rice descendency who played a special part in our history. I want to document all of the Rice lines that have connection to the Mayflower, governors, senators, presidents and others. If you have information on these family members, please let me know so I make a special document for all to share.

If you have photos that you would like to share with the rest of the family, please let me know. I now have a scanner that I can use for recording our family photos. This is another 'book' that I would like to see generated for the family.

Would you like to know what is in the past issues of our newsletters? I have nearly all issues and I am sure many of you also have a great many back issues. Are you able to help me generate an index? Please come up with ideas of what we would like to do, and maybe help document this resource.

When you research your family line, noting all of the information about your lineage, how often do you record the source of your documentation? Information may be fact, but how do you prove it without documentation? This is another one of my goals as historian, to improve our family documentation. At present, very few organizations are willing to accept our family books as documentation of family lineage. So please help me when supplying information - please provide the sources of your information. If you are able to help document any other information that our books presently present, please assist me.

I recently received a letter from a person who questioned whether former President John Quincy Adams was of Rice descendency. Unfortunately, I have only lineage statements and no actual documentation at this time. If someone can help document that John Quincy Adams is a Rice, it is appreciated.

Last January I submitted several GEDCOM files from various cousins for our family work for inclusion in a CD-ROM. I finally received several copies for our family. Any Association member may borrow a copy for their use if they desire. Please contact me for more details.

For those who have access to the Internet World Wide Web, our Association now has a presence - our own HomePage. Although I am still learning how to do all of the extras, it is there. Please come look and comment. Suggestions for more ideas and content are much desired. Address "<http://www.airmail.net/~drrice/>". I may also be contacted on internet at drrice@iadfw.net.

Dennis Rice
Historian

POST SCRIPT

Dear Cousins,

Here in Vermont Summer exploded into Fall with a blaze of color even more dramatic than usual. The cheerfulness was ushered in for us by the opportunity to go to and enjoy two reunions, both of which are described elsewhere in this issue. Then we came home, enjoyed the ever-changing vistas, and started work on this Newsletter.

About half-way through, my old Tandy-computer workhorse balked and, in the language of today, crashed. (It could have been worse, I learned later.) Anyway, thinking to make an omelet out of spilled eggs, I went shopping for a new computer. I had already spoken with Dennis about this, and knew what I wanted. So far so good, but it took most of October to get set up to finish the Newsletter. OK. Everything going fine, except there was so much new to learn, so many little mistakes to make before finding the best way to get everything right!

Then daylight savings came to an end, and we changed all the clocks in the house, including the one in the new computer. One of my "little mistakes" (I have no idea what went wrong) resulted in the new computer going into a balk, which was fixable, but a week later something else made it "crash" completely. You might say the omelet curdled!

The salesman/technician who helped me solve all my problems has been very patient with me, but I in turn have had to be very patient with him and his busy schedule. So here we are, into December, with two things left to say. If you sent in something that got lost in the crazy shuffle, accept my apologies and send it in again.

The second thing is,

Merry Christmas !!!



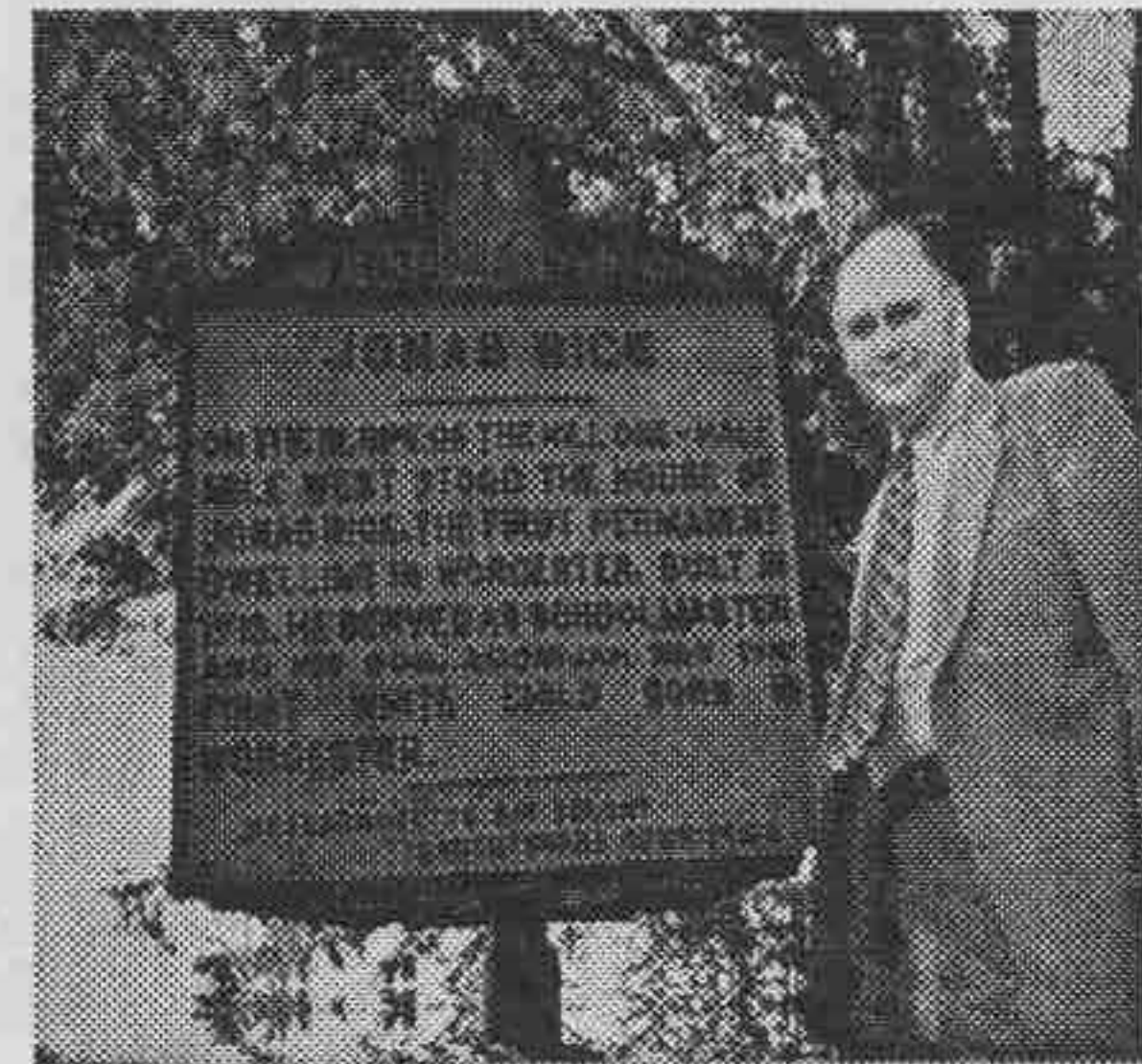
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