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President's Column

Dear Cousins,

I would like to begin by extending my sincerest appreciation to cousin Corinne M. Snow who has served for over ten years as our Newsletter Editor. She continued in the fine tradition of service to the organization that was set by previous editors Margaret S. Rice, Louise R. Trudeau and many others who saw us move from hand written notes to typewriters to computers. We are deeply indebted to Corinne and her husband, Past President Alex Snow, for literally holding the association together with all their hard work over the years.

With the use of modern technology, we are able to include more input into our board meetings with conference calls. Last year's spring board meeting linked Kansas and Texas with Barre, Mass. and this year we added Oklahoma.

This issue of the Newsletter marks the breakthrough into the new era of electronic communications that Deacon Edmund Rice could not have imagined in his wildest dreams. Through the magic of E-mail, scanners, fax machines, and computer modems, our new Editor, Mrs. Keith Allen of Tulsa, OK, composed the newsletter and sent the camera-ready copy to Dennis Rice in Richardson, TX. He printed and assembled it and mailed it with labels that Bill Drury compiled in Chelmsford, Mass. and sent to Dennis by E-mail. I hand drew the logo, adapting part of it from art work that Dennis sent me over the Web. We are still learning, but I envision a future where most of our research and communications will be speeded by electronic links. This letter, for example, is being written on a computer and will be sent electronically to Keith for editing and compiling into the finished edition.

I met with Dennis on a recent trip to Dallas and made a side trip to meet Keith in Tulsa on the way home. We are extremely fortunate to have someone with her capability and enthusiasm to take over as Editor.

Make plans now for joining us for the Rice reunion, September 6-7, 1996, in Sudbury and Marlborough. Cousin Donald E. Rice assures me that the planning for a two day event is moving ahead well. There are many important Rice sights to see in the Sudbury and Marlborough area so I am hoping that lots of cousins will plan to take a few days vacation to join us in seeking out our roots and meeting new cousins.

Don is still looking for a volunteer to act as a guide or "Wagonmaster" for the Friday afternoon tour of Marlborough. The board of directors meeting will be held Friday evening so that the board members will have more time for visiting and sharing information on Saturday morning. On Saturday afternoon after lunch, the annual meeting and program, we are planning an organized pilgrimage to Edmund's grave. Following that I hope we can organize a Dutch treat dinner for those of us who are from out of town and will be staying over Saturday evening.

If you can't make it this year, start planning for next year.

Sincerely,

Frederick H. Rice, President

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A New Look To Our Association

The Edmund Rice (1638) Association newsletter is entering into the new age of electronic information. We are learning to produce it electronically and hope that by using this format we can provide an expanded interchange of information and visiting among cousins.

If some things seem to be a little rough at first, please excuse the bumps as we learn how to navigate more smoothly through this new medium. You will see graphics and photos in future issues and notice a more coherent format with less white space as we learn.

We welcome your thoughts and suggestions!

New England Planter Ancestors

Beriah Rice (b 1702, Marlboro, MA); Ebenezer Rice (b 1709, Sudbury, MA) and his wife Anna Rice (b 1722, Westboro, MA); and John Rice (b 1738, Worcester, MA) were New England Planters who emigrated from Massachusetts to the Annapolis Valley of Nova Scotia in 1760. Together with several of their children, they accepted offers of free land from the Royal Governor to expand the English influence in what are now Nova Scotia and New Brunswick. Although many Rice descendants still live in the Annapolis Valley, association members who are Planter descendants live all across North American and as far away as Spain and Hawaii.

According to the Planter Studies Centre, Acadia University, Wolfville, NS, between 1760 and 1774, approximately 8000 Planters from the New England colonies emigrated to Nova Scotia. Although the English government had begun deporting French Canadian Acadians in 1755, Governor Charles Lawrence felt that until a significant English community was established, the Nova Scotia colony would not be secure. Governor Lawrence issued proclamations in October 1758 and again in January 1759, inviting loyal subjects from New England to relocate in Nova Scotia. Rice Planter ancestors were among the first permanent English-speaking settlers to the mainland of present day Canada. (Cousins who have access to the Internet will want to visit the Planter Studies Centre at: <http://ace.acadiau.ca/history/plstcntr.html>).

Until very recently, The Edmund Rice (1638) Association had little information about Rice Planter descendants. Thanks to the enthusiastic interest of Director Emeritus Dr. Laurence Patterson and other association members we now have quite a bit of information about Planter descendants from about 1800 to the mid-20th century. However our database lacks dates, places, and comments about family events that will make our family history come alive from the printed page.

If you are a Planter descendant, you can help your association by adding your family information to our records. If you will send me a brief description of your line to one of these Rice Planters, I will send you printouts from our database of the information for your line. You may mark up these printouts in you own hand with your additional information. No computer experience is necessary. (If you are a computer user I welcome inputs in GEDCOM or The Master Genealogist format.) In appreciation for your help, I will send you a computer generated narrative of all the descendants of your Planter - later in 1996 - as soon as I receive all of your inputs.

My address is: George W. King, 264 Nottingham Road, Williamsburg, VA 23185-5012. If you have Internet access, my e-mail address is gwk@widomaker.com.

-George W. King

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On The Net

Our family continues to grow. Dennis Rice has a list of 39 cousins, members of the Association, and 32 maybe cousins, not yet members, who can be contacted via the Internet. If you become active, please drop him a note at drrice@airmail.net.

The Edmund Rice (1638) Association even has a Web site on the Internet at <http://web2.airmail.net/drrice/>. Dennis updates our site occasionally, especially with images and past newsletters. So, please drop by and check it out.

Membership

The Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc. is governed by a Board of Directors of twelve members who are elected at the annual reunion and meeting, usually held on a weekend in September. Descendants of Edmund Rice were holding reunions as early as 1851, but it was not until 1912 that the Association was formed and officers elected. Incorporation under Massachusetts law took place in 1934.

Membership is open to anyone who claims to be a lineal descendant of Edmund Rice. Rigorous proof is not required and many members have been able to ascertain their pedigree only after access to the books and files of other members. Spouses are also eligible for membership.

Annual dues, payable September 1, are:

Initial dues.....\$10.00

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Under 80 years of age.....\$10.00

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If you wish to become a member, please send a check made out to the EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSN., INC. to:

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Proofreaders Needed

Any volunteers out there with sharp eyes who can help Dennis Rice by proofreading the data on the 15,000 individuals he has entered into our computer database of Edmund Rice descendants?

He needs the work checked for typographical errors and also to flag any inconsistencies he might have missed in the information among the five association books he is using to compile the database.

Please contact Dennis if you can help.

Thomas McClure Rice

Anita Cooper, 3001 15th Ave. N., Texas City, TX 77590; E-mail: NitajeanC@aol.com

The Thomas McClure Rice Association had its second annual meeting on May 4th. About 60 members were in attendance. Some members brought handmade and other articles for auction. We raised \$600. Work goes on for our book of all Thomas and Elizabeth Rice's descendants.

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Individuals Linked Into Families

Many of us have used the Family Group Sheet to record all the information, relevant details and supporting documentation surrounding the birth, marriage and death events of related individuals.

The Master Genealogist computer program takes a different perspective. It records information and events first through the life of an individual.

The program has room for as many events as we have, such as baptismal dates, education, residence, travel, military service and occupation. We are encouraged to enter as much data and documentation as possible to enrich our insight into a person's life. Individuals are then easily linked together into family groups or descendant charts.

Is John Quincy Adams A Cousin?

Last year I asked if anyone had proof on whether or not John Quincy Adams was a descendant of Edmund Rice, as I had received a query questioning our facts. Several cousins have provided documentation that shows that Adams was NOT a descendant. I am now in possession of pages from a copy of a book which shows the Adams family line. If, however, you believe that Adams WAS a Edmund Rice descendant and you have

documentation to prove your position, please forward a copy of it to me.

Anyone have lineage proof on Samuel Morse and Clara Barton? Both are claimed as Rice descendants but I do not have documentation.

If you are aware of someone else in our family who deserves special recognition, please forward their names, lineage and some personal detail, if known. These make great articles for our newsletter and could be incorporated into our family book.

Any assistance is greatly appreciated.

-Dennis R. Rice

We Are Not Kidding When We Say We Are Cousins

Did you know that descendants of between 50 and 200 of the 10,000-25,000 Pilgrim and Great Migration immigrants to New England between 1620-1650 may be related to almost all of perhaps 100 million living Americans with considerable New England ancestry? This is according to Gary Boyd Roberts in his book, Ancestors of American Presidents (1995). Mr. Roberts is a scholar, author and a researcher, editor, lecturer with the New England Historic Genealogical Society.

According to Robert's, "considerable New England

ancestry" can be traced through a single revolutionary soldier or a 1750-1850 New England pioneer ancestor who moved west. This greatly extended New England family of about "100 million Americans is the largest group of probably genealogically related individuals in the country, mostly eighth to twelfth cousins" (p. xi)

Doesn't this help explain why sometimes it seems that lines of descendant go sideways as often as down!

Historian's Report

Our TMG [The Master Genealogist] database is growing. By the time this goes to press, I will have entered the ancestry of over 14,000 descendants and spouses; over 8000 of whom will print out in a descendant report. Many cousins are stepping up to help, so in the near future we can look to major increases in our database. This is very much appreciated. Also our list of cousins who are online and able to converse via the Internet is growing.

Anyone wishing a copy of the data, or a subset of the data, in TMG format on a floppy disk, may obtain it for a nominal cost to cover material and shipping. Unless a small subset is desired, I prefer not to produce a printout of the full descendant report as it is now over 800 pages, not including the index! Within the limitations of using the existing five books, it is my pleasure to assist you in reviewing our information.

Along with tracking who begot whom, I also want to have stories about the lives of our ancestors. This makes them more real to us and gives us an insight as to how they lived. Please send me your stories and you may see them in future issues of the newsletter.

If you are a member of the DAR, SAR, Mayflower Society or other genealogical associations that require documented lineage, please let me know. I wish to collect these to share with other cousins.

Again, thank you to the many cousins who are assisting this effort by compiling their genealogies either on paper or in a computer program.

-Dennis Rice

Let Me Introduce Myself

My name is Keith Capen Allen and I have agreed to edit the Association newsletter. It all happened because I made a phone call to Dennis Rice.

The reason I called him was to find out how to qualify for the Edmund Rice Association member rebate when purchasing The Master Genealogist software program. I explained that I was upgrading my computer equipment, installing Windows 95 and adding e-mail, but somehow in the course of our conversation I found myself swept away by Dennis'

enthusiasm and accepting the challenge of learning how to produce a newsletter via electronic media.

I joined the Association a few years ago when I discovered my Mayo and Drury maternal great-grandparents are half -first cousins and probably some other degree of kinship because they are both direct descendants of Edmund's children, Henry Rice and Lydia Rice and these lines come together not once, but twice. Just recently, I learned I also descend directly from Samuel, yet another child of Edmund, via the Drurys. I am fascinated by how our families interconnect and how they tell the social history of our evolving, expanding country.

My Capen father is pure Yankee—Mayo/Drury/Smith. And Reed/Brewster/Marston to name a few. My mother is 100% southern on her maternal side back to Jamestown. They are quite a combination! I am a female with a male name. In my mother's family, Keith (originally a surname) is traditionally given to girl children. But that is a whole other story....

-Keith Capen Allen

Hereditary Societies

We are very interested in recording the data of cousins who have joined hereditary societies such as the DAR and the Mayflower Society. These data are especially helpful because hereditary membership groups require primary source documentation.

I am currently working on my Francis Cooke Mayflower line. The Rice connection enters through John Drury (1780-1860) [Henry (2) /Edmund (1); Lydia (2) /Edmund (1)] who married Susannah Willard Reed (1781-1852) [Samuel (2) / Edmund (1)]. After I prove this line, I may tackle the John Alden, Thomas Roger and William Brewster lines that also include descent from Edmund Rice. Anyone else working on these lines? Other lines?

If you are a member in a hereditary society, please contact Dennis Rice so he can record any data and information you wish to share with other cousins.

-Keith Capen Allen

Obituaries

Mrs. Howard Ibelle of Barre, MA, died in November of 1995.

William F. Rice of Yuma, Arizona and formerly of Kirkland, Washington, died Sept. 9, 1994. He leaves his wife, Marjorie, two sons, three daughters, seven grandchildren and a sister, member Mary French. Bill became interested in genealogy and was learning the use of the computer. He left a great record for family members and also sent our family information to the Edmund Rice Association. He is missed by us all.

We extend our sympathy to the relatives of this cousin.

Query

Sue Roe,
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Hi everyone! I'm in Seal Beach, California and a fairly new member. Would love to hear from anyone connected to the Rices in Windham Co., VT or connected to my line in any way. My line is: Edmund Rice and Thomasine Frost/ Thomas Rice and Mary King/ Gershom Rice and Elizabeth Balcom AND James Rice and Sarah Stone (brothers whose children married each other)/ Abishai Rice and Frances Rice/ Lucy Rice and Enoch Cook (who moved to Windham Co., VT)

Mark Your Calendars Now for The 1996 Reunion

This year our cousins reunion will be held at the Radisson Inn in Marlborough, Massachusetts on Friday Sept. 6 and Saturday Sept. 7. Don Rice and Bill Drury are hard at work helping to ensure the weekend is a big success.

Friday, Sept. 6

1:00 - 4:00 Tour of Rice sites in the Sudbury/Wayland area

Saturday, Sept. 7

9:00 - 12:00 Registration and continental breakfast

Renew old friendships

Make new ones

12:00 - 1:00 Luncheon by reservation

1:00 - 2:00 Annual meeting

Reports

Election of officers

Vote on new bylaws

2:00 - 2:30 Speaker [TBA]

2:30 - 5:00 Pilgrimage to Peter Rice house in Marlborough

The Radisson Inn (75 Felton St., Marlborough MA 01752; Tel 508-480-0015) is holding a block of 20 rooms for Friday night until Aug. 23. The charge is \$79 plus tax for either a single or double room. Members must make their own reservations. Be sure to mention you are with our group in order to qualify for the special rate. After Aug 23, the rates will be standard and requests accepted on an availability basis. Check-in is 3:00 p.m. and check-out is 12 noon. The hotel is at the junction of I-495 and US-20.

Lunch on Saturday costs \$14 for each entree and will be available by reservation only.

Anyone who plans to bring display material needs to get in touch with Don Rice as soon as possible so he can make the necessary arrangements.

Rice Reunion: September 6 - September 7, 1996

_____ Number of persons attending reunion

_____ Number of lunch entrees at \$14 each. Each entree includes salad, beverages and desert:

_____ Baked Boston scrod with herb crumbs

_____ Grilled lemon-herb chicken breast

_____ Vegetarian plate

_____ Total amount enclosed

Return reunion and luncheon reservations, with payment, by August 15 to:

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Grave Site Registration

Help us preserve the past. Our cemeteries are disintegrating. Before your ancestors' stones succumb to the elements we are asking for your help in preserving their memories. To accomplish this the Edmund Rice Association is compiling a data base of the locations of our ancestors. This will be cross-referenced to the master association data base.

We are asking you to send any information you have to our grave site registry data base at the address below. We want to include photographs or descriptions of the stones, particularly any text, and detailed directions to the location. Maps of the cemeteries are very helpful. These records will be available to all association members.

I have developed a form to help you include the important information. Contact me for copies.

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-Donald E. Rice

[Editor's Note: This summer I am taking copies of Don's excellent form with me to Indianapolis to record the graves of my Capen grandparents and Mayo/Drury/Smith great-grandparents.]

New England Historic Genealogical Society

Perhaps some of our cousins outside New England do not know much about the NEHGS in Boston and what a tremendous research/education resource it is for family genealogists. Upon joining, a member has unlimited use of the excellent research library and access to its expert staff, can borrow from the circulating book collection, receives a discount on NEHGS-published books and invitations to lectures, tours and seminars as well as a subscription to the quarterly genealogical journal, Register and bimonthly news bulletin, Nexus. One can also subscribe to the bimonthly The New England Computer Genealogist, purchase CDs, etc.

To quote the Society's brochure, "For ...a century and a half, our outstanding collection of genealogical books and manuscripts – and our distinguished member services – have drawn members from throughout the United States and Canada to enlist our help in their research." More information is available at 101 Newbury St., Boston, MA 02116-3007. Tel: (617) 536-5740, ext. 215.

Queries

Jerry Lacy, 4522 Walnut Hill Ln., Dallas, TX 75229; E-mail: roadhand@connect.net

Looking for ancestors of **Joseph Manson Rice**, born about 1798 in Hampton Court House, Virginia; married Elizabeth Gresham in 1821, Lauderdale Co., Virginia.

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Lou Pero, 1602 East Beach, Yakima, WA; E-mail: LouPero@aol.com

Lou publishes a general newsletter on the **King** families of New England that costs \$12 a year for six issues. He also has a booklet on the **Thomas King/Anne Collins** family for \$17.70. This contains information mainly derived from the LDS archive files that was submitted by George Oscar King of Cory, Pennsylvania. Contact Lou for more information if interested.

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Dora B. Sumner, 116 Hemphill Rd., Asheville, NC 28803-9656 E-mail: statebird@prodigy.com

My husband is a descendant of Edmund Rice and I would appreciate any information that can be given on the Rice descendant who migrated to North Carolina, probably in the early-mid 1700s. I need to make this connection before I can pass on North Carolina Rice information.

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PUBLICATIONS AVAILABLE FROM THE ASSOCIATION

GENEALOGICAL REFERENCES

THE RICE FAMILY by Andrew Henshaw Ward, 1858, 379pp. [Reprint] \$22.50

A genealogical history of descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice who came from Berkhamstead, England and settled in Sudbury, Massachusetts in 1638.

INDEX to THE RICE FAMILY, 34pp. [Computer printout] \$2.50

SUPPLEMENT to THE RICE FAMILY (1858), 1967, 110pp. [Soft cover] \$4.50 or included free if purchase Ward

INDEX to THE SUPPLEMENT to THE RICE FAMILY (1858), 18pp. [Computer printout] \$1.50; both indexes together \$3.50

GENEALOGICAL REGISTER OF RICE DESCENDANTS by the Association, 1970, 1594pp. \$28.50

An updating of Ward's *The Rice Family* (1858) and its *Supplement* (1967).

SUPPLEMENT #2, PART 1., by the Association, 1983, 224pp. \$27.50

Additional lines of descent through the first eight generations.

SUPPLEMENT #2, PART 2, by the Association, 1985, 720pp. \$33.50

Additional lines of descent from the ninth generation to 1985.

HISTORICAL NARRATIVES

EDMUND RICE AND HIS FAMILY by Elsie Hawes Smith, 1938. [Reprint]

An historical narrative about the early days of the Rices; a charming story with much genealogical information.

-Bound Together With-

WE SOUGHT THE WILDERNESS by the Rev. Clayton Rice, 1949, 357pp. [Reprint] \$19.50

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

Printed by the Association in 1981.

MORE ABOUT THOSE RICES by Elsie Hawes Smith, 1954, 109pp. \$4.50

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

CIVIL WAR LETTERS OF EDWIN RICE, ed. by Ted Perry, 1975, 84pp. [Soft cover] \$3.00

A collection of letters written to his mother and aunt in 1861-1862.

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