



# Edmund Rice (1638) Association Newsletter

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## President's Column

Dear Cousins,

Fred Rice said he was not old enough when he was asked some years ago to be president. I can't say the same but I can tell you I do not feel knowledgeable enough. However it is obvious to me that the team already in place is quite able. Bill Drury with his various functions of collecting dues and reservations and looking after our funds, Dennis Rice who has taken on the tremendous task of building the ERA data base and printing and mailing our newsletter, and Keith Capen Allen who edits the newsletter all deserve the greatest respect and gratitude. Presidents are expendable, but without these we couldn't function.

At the annual meeting when Fred Rice handed me the copy of Ward's, *The Rice Family*, which Elsie Hawes Smith had corrected, I felt a rush of awe for she was legendary in our society and as I mention in my thumbnail sketch, she was also from my hometown Barre. I will do my best to live up to her standards while I am your president. I thank Bill and Jane Drury for assuming the major role of hospitality during the annual meeting.

Al Clark's talk after dinner was fascinating with details of the large numbers (129) of Rice families in the Brookfields. Also, he brought original letters from Edgar Rice Burroughs concerning Burrough's family origins in Brookfield. I hope to be able to include some of these in future issues of the newsletter. Al also turned over to us a complete listing of all gravestones in Barre cemeteries that include many Rices.

Two things which I would like to see done in the coming year are (1) poll our members for their preferences, broadly stated, for where and when to hold our annual meeting and (2) make an attempt to find and document Edmund Rice's parents. Both items were discussed at the board of directors meeting on September 19.

The board of directors concluded that, in the meantime, for the coming 1998 year the annual meeting will be held the 18 and 19 of September within a ten mile radius of the Sudbury-Wayland area. The possibility of a group tour of the New England Historical Genealogical Society's newly renovated building at 101 Newbury Street, Boston is being investigated. Such a tour would be by chartered bus from our 1998 meeting site.

We also authorized the employment of a professional English genealogist to at least begin the search for the records of Edmund's parents. One reason for an English genealogist is his or her ability to read old English script. I have initiated a search for such a person and will keep you informed. Cousin Reginald Rice sent me an extensive folder containing details of his search from a few years ago. If any other cousin has suggestions for the search please let me know.

The Bylaws require that I appoint the following committee chairs:

Annual Meeting Planning	Richard Gariepy of Barre, Massachusetts
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Book Custodian	Bill Drury of Chelmsford, Massachusetts
Information Manager	Dennis Rice of Richardson, Texas
Membership	Bill Drury of Chelmsford, Massachusetts
Newsletter Editor	Keith Capen Allen of Tulsa, Oklahoma

Any member interested in serving on the committees should contact the above chairs. Bertyne Rice Smith who has served on the board so ably has retired but she will continue to host the spring board meeting.

Sincerely,  
Robert V. Rice, President

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## Membership

The Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc. is governed by a Board of Directors of at least five 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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Age 80 and above.....\$5.00

Life membership.....\$100.00  
(single payment)

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## Editor's Column

I thought I should include a photo of myself to clear up the understandable confusion over whether I am male or female. Here I am with my husband, Tom, who is long since resigned to this problem!

What can I say? My mother's maternal side is 100% Deep South and no proper southerner 'loses' a surname but continues it with daughters. My name is Keith, I have an Aunt Keith, my grandmother's cousin (female) was Keith....



It has been very enjoyable receiving your letters and e-mail. Thank you *everyone* for sending me your lineage sketches, queries, newspaper articles, items of interest, wacky doggeral, jokes -- all this input is what helps make our newsletter interesting and valuable.

In mid-October, Tom and I drove from Tulsa to medical meetings in San Antonio. For both of us, the trip was enhanced by a stop in Richardson to say hi to **Dennis and Gail Rice** and by spending a delightful afternoon with **Peggy Rice Grosser** in her home in Kerrville where she shared some of her extensive genealogical research. Among other points of interest, Peggy and I discovered we both descend from Simon Willard through the Rice line.

Do any of you have photographs you think would be interesting to include in the newsletter? Photographs can add so much to an article and, besides, it is fun putting faces to names of cousins. You can send them either by computer or the post office. If you mail photos, I promise I am very reliable and will return them to you safely!

- Keith Capen Allen



# All About Robert Vernon Rice

The Rice Reunion of 1997 was highlighted for me by the visit to Old Sturbridge Village and the tour of Rice places in Brookfield. I was lucky enough to accompany Hope Johnson Pobst and her husband John to see, among other buildings, the Bixby house that had been moved from Barre. Al Clark, from Barre, took us on the car caravan to nearby Brookfield after his lecture on the Rices of Brookfield.

I was born in Barre and grew up there on James St. with Hope, her sister Elaine and my two sisters, Dot Lou and Carol. Our fathers, Roscoe Johnson and Laurence Rice also grew up on that street. There were many other Rices in Barre but all the Rices were distant cousins for we had no first cousins.

When Fred Rice passed on to me Ward's *The Rice Family* edited by Elsie Smith, I was very pleased to become its careful custodian as her books on the Rices started my interest in Rice genealogy. My father, Laurence, gave me the first one upon graduating from college and the second when I got my Ph.D. Years before, I had dated Elsie's niece, one of three sisters. I dated the youngest and her sisters teased by calling me cousin. That was probably my first awareness of the extent of the Rice clan.

In later years while traveling I would check telephone directories to see how many Rices they contained. I still do. (In Japan, clerks at hotels and stores giggled when I told them my name.) Gradually, I became aware that there is more than one Rice family.

It is my experience that Rices are everywhere though not in large numbers. I encountered one student named Rice while teaching chemistry at the University of Wisconsin. At Carnegie Mellon University while I was Head of Biology, a Rice was also the Dean of Fine Arts and another was a Professor of Engineering. When I checked recently, there were none on the faculty. When I first arrived, there was a Robb V. Rice who got all my mail for a while.

I retired ten years ago as Professor Emeritus from the Biology and Chemistry departments of Carnegie Mellon University. While there, my professional life was spent in bio-medical research on viruses, collagen, muscle, and nerve at the molecular and cell level, much of it using electron microscopy. I also served as head of biology for seven years.

After retiring, we had a greenhouse built and connected to what was our summer cottage in order to do research with plants. There are now about 200 camellias planted outside to test their cold hardiness in the USDA zone 7 of Cape Cod. These plants give beautiful flowers fall, winter and spring depending on variety. This may not mean much to cousins in the south and California but zones 6 and 7 are at the edge of hardiness for camellias.

I live in the Sippewissett area of Falmouth which is between the village of Woods Hole and Falmouth center. I had been doing summer research at the Marine Biological Laboratory in Woods Hole since 1964.

My own genealogy research interest got off to a bad start when, on a trip to a Cambridge England lab in 1961, I stopped in Stanstead. I had no luck finding anything connected to the Rices, only to discover back home after reading Elsie's book that I had been in the wrong Stanstead! Last year, my niece, Susan Goldsmith Getz videotaped the way from Sudbury to Stanstead, Suffolk so that on a future trip I can find the correct Stanstead!

In 1990 I bought my first notebook computer and used a genealogy program from Parsons for a while. My sister, Carol Rice Goldsmith, revived my interest with her hand-written genealogy of our Rice branch.

Later, I attended the annual reunion held in Worcester and Dennis Rice was there with The Master Genealogist computer program and I was hooked. My lineage follows.

1. Edmund Rice m Thomasine Frost
2. Thomas Rice m Mary King
3. Jonas Rice m Mary Stone
4. Jonas Rice m Jane Hall
5. Thomas Rice m Hannah Wright
6. Thomas Rice m Catherine Gates
7. Nathaniel Rice m Lucy Fessenden
8. Carlo Rice m Lenora McNeill
9. Ernest Rice m Grace Walker
10. Laurence Rice m Edith Middlemiss
11. Robert Rice m Betty Marts

I have two sons, Lee Robert Rice and Paul Vernon Rice. Paul recently married Marybeth Freeman. In the above lineage, Nathaniel was an only child as were Ernest and Laurence. Carlo had a brother who never had children. Both my sisters Carol and Dorothy have children and grandchildren. So the pressure is on Paul!

Falmouth has a very active genealogy society with monthly meetings and weekly help sessions in the genealogy section of the Falmouth Public Library. It is there that I am gradually learning to search out my ancestors.

I have been concentrating on the women who married my Rice ancestors with considerable success, mostly due to an eight volume genealogy of Woodstock, Connecticut where my fraternal grandmother, Grace Walker, was born. These volumes, started by Clarence Bowen and completed by D. L. Jacobus and W. H. Wood, are in the New England Historical Genealogical Society in Boston. It must be the luck of the beginner, but I have traced Grace Walker's lineage back to the 1600's in England. My maternal grandmother's line has been traced back to Scotland. We have good bus service for the 75 mile trip and I am rediscovering the Boston "T" subway system.

- Robert (Bob) Vernon Rice



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## REPORT OF THE MEMBERSHIP SECRETARY AUGUST 31, 1997

Activity since 9-1-96:	
New Members	26
Dropped for non-payment of dues	43
Died	4
Life members	53
Total membership	470
(includes 16 "spousal members")	

Respectfully Submitted,

William H. Drury

## REPORT OF THE BOOK CUSTODIAN AUGUST 31, 1997

	Sold since 9-1-96	In Stock
The Rice Family, by Ward (red cover)	0	1
The Rice Family, by Ward (blue cover)		
w/ Supplement #1	18	400
Suppl. #1 to The Rice Family	3	318
A Genealogical Register....	7	49
Suppl. #2, Part 1	7	386
Suppl. #2, Part 2	7	366
More About Those Rices	11	0
We Sought....etc.	11	413
Civil War Letters of Edwin Rice	5	93
Out of the Saltbox	1	2
Hand Hewn in Old Vermont	0	1

Respectfully Submitted

William H. Drury

## All About Wendy Wesen

Wendolin (Wendy) Estabrook Wesen is currently the corresponding secretary of the Association. She is a lifetime member and has attended the annual meetings with her husband, Bob, for the last several years. As a teenager she came to meetings with her maternal grandmother, Nina Rice Estabrook.

Bob and Wendy have been married for 47 years and have five children (four of whom are married with families of their own) and 10 grandchildren. Wendy was born in Massachusetts and graduated from Framingham State College in Home Economics. Bob was born north of Seattle, Washington and graduated from Harvard. Wendy taught school and Bob was an electronics engineer for Westinghouse in Baltimore, Maryland where they still reside. Both are now retired and spend four months a year as snow birds in Venice, Florida with Wendy's 92-year-old mother; four months in Maryland and four months elsewhere.

They have been doing a great deal of genealogical research and have recently discovered that Wendy's mother is also a Rice descendant. Wendy is descended from six of Edmund's sons and from Edward three different ways. Wendy is a second cousin once removed from Margaret S. Rice, past president and compiler of one of the Association books. When Wendy was younger, she and her family visited with Margaret's parents in Englewood, Florida.

Bob and Wendy enjoy traveling and visited Scandinavia this summer and were especially interested to see the area in Sweden from where Bob's paternal grandparents immigrated to America in the latter part of the 19<sup>th</sup> century.



## Queries Answered

**Dorris Smith**, 965 N. 827, Angola, IN 46703 went the extra mile by sending the following information on **Sylvester Rice** in response to an inquiry by **Kathleen McManus**, 19575 Waubascon Rd, Battle Creek, MI 49017; e-mail: [mcmanus@fc1.gln.org](mailto:mcmanus@fc1.gln.org), in the October 1996 issue:

"I could not find a phone listed for Kathleen McManus; my letters did not return and I received no answer; my granddaughter is on the Internet and Kathleen's e-mail address was rejected, too. So, I am sending the information on Sylvester Rice to you for your records. Thank you, Dorris Smith"

The **Sylvester and Harriett (Warner) Rice** families moved from Walworth, New York to Homer, Michigan in 1844 where members of their families were already living. Syvester died on 14 Aug 1845, age 58, from pneumonia. In 1846 the Rice families moved to Branch Co., taking up land all along the Marshall Road in Coldwater Twp, way into Girard Twp. In 1978 only the **Eber Rice** place, near Coldwater was still occupied by a Rice descendant.

In 1906, Emogene, one of Sylvester's children, recounted some how her grandparents, **Phineas and Merial (Dinsmore) Rice** of Conway, Massachusetts were married in 1784. Their oldest living child, Sylvester, married Harriett Warner at 28. The couple lived first in Phelps, New York, then later in Parma before moving to Walworth. They had 11 children: **Philetus, David, Lucinda, Luther, Eber, Samuel, Amanda, Russell, Emogene, Sylvester Jr., and Lucien**. Sylvester served in the War of 1812.

- Excerpted from "Sylvester Rice", in *History of Branch County, Michigan, Coldwater, 1979*.

By the way, a question for **Doyle Rice**, a cousin from Jackson, Michigan -- Are any of these Rices connected to your branch? - the Editor

**Adeline Beier**, 1234 S. Cumberland Ave., Park Ridge IL 60068-5238 answers the query of **Robert Goodnow**, M.D., 4017 Indian Summer Dr., Southeast, Olympia WA 98513-4281; e-mail: [rwgoodnow@msn.com](mailto:rwgoodnow@msn.com) in the Winter/Spring 1997 issue on whether **Benjamin Rice** married **Mary Graves** or **Mary Rice**:

Adeline says she had a deed of a land sale of Benjamin Rice that she recently sent to her ancestor, John Death, Framingham, Massachusetts. It includes the information that Benjamin Rice married **Mary Browne**, daughter **William Brown** who had given land to his daughter and son-in-law.

She also goes on to say, " Since I have two other Rice deeds and a copy of **Henry Rice's** will in which he names his two sons and seven daughters, I thought other descendants might like to see them. I shall bring them to the Rice Reunion in September, but perhaps if you mention them in the next Newsletter those not attending the reunion might like to write to me. The two other deeds are: **Henry Rice to John Bent**, 16 Mar 1662, and **Edmund Rice to Henry Rice**, 1659."

## Past Presidents of the Association, 1954 to Present

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2. Edward Rice m. Agnes (Annis) Bent
3. John Rice m. Tabitha Stone
4. Abigail Rice m. Uriah Wheeler
5. Thankful Wheeler m. Isaac Gibbs
6. Abigail Gibbs m. Micah Goodenow
- 7.7. Abigail Goodenow m. Nathan Bent
- 8.8. Harry Bent m. Sylvia Gould
- 9.9. Nathan Bent m. Sarah T. Smith
- 10.10. Franklin P. Bent m. Clarabel Dickens
- 11.11. Walter A. Bent m. Jennie Kuper
- 12.12. Iva Mae Bent m. Harold Bainter
- 13.13. Nancy E. Bainter m. Joseph F. Popeilarski
4. John Rice m. Sarah Frost
5. Sarah Rice m. Daniel Goodenow
6. Micah Goodenow m. Abigail Gibbs

### Additional information and comments:

It was especially interesting to read Keith Capen Allen's article on becoming a member of the Mayflower Society. I had just received news that my own line to William White had been accepted by the *Society of Mayflower Descendants in the State of New Jersey*.

Like Keith, the task seemed pretty daunting at first! I had 13 piles laid out in my office. My co-workers decided I was nuts!

Since my line also includes Rice descent lines, I wanted to share my news with my Rice cousins. If any other cousins share these lines, please contact me. I'd love to hear from you!!

My Mayflower ancestor is William White. His 5 year-old-son, Resolved was on board and another son, Peregrine was born on the ship. Here's how it looks:

1. William White m. Susannah [General #63827; New Jersey # 1926]
2. Resolved White m. Judith Vassall
3. Elizabeth White m. Obadiah Wheeler
4. Uriah Wheeler m. Abigail Rice



I hope if other cousins tie into this line, they will pursue membership in the Mayflower Society!

## Are You Descended From John Rice & Sarah Smith?

Recently we discovered in Sudbury, Massachusetts the marriage record of John Rice and Sarah Smith, New England Planters in Nova Scotia about 1761. Our previous Association records had assumed that the marriage took place at Annapolis, Nova Scotia.

We have also civil and church records about Sarah Smith's family at Sudbury.

If you are a descendant of John Rice and Sarah Smith, we offer to share copies of these records with you. Just give us a brief description of your line of descendant from John and Sarah (Smith) Rice.

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3. Elisha Rice m. Elizabeth Wheeler
4. Zebulon Rice m. Susanna Allen
- 5.6. Reuben Rice m. Sarah Metcalf
- 6.7. Reuben Rice m. Dorcas Polley
- 7.8. George P. Rice m. Clarissa Goodrich Angell
- 8.9. Charles E. Rice m. (2d) Ellen Hynes
- 9.10. Henry E. Rice m. Grace Marie Beaudette
- 10.11. Gerald Henry Rice m. Evelyn M. Jarvis
- 11.12. Gerald Jarvis Rice m. Shirley E. Humphreys
- 12.13. Michael H. Rice m. Anong Tomarongwong (Thailand)
- 13.14. Michelle Jaruni Rice
- 13.14. David Michael Rice
- 12.13. Peter Alan Rice m. Maria Lucinda Ramos (Panama)
- 13.14. Shirley Marie Rice
- 13.14. Peter Demetrio Rice
- 13.14. Maria Lucinda Rice
- 12.13. Susan Marie Rice m. Kevin James Anderson
- 13.14. Benjamin Rhys Anderson
- 12.13. MaryBeth M. Rice m. Kevin Scott Hammond
- 13.14. Bethany Marie Hammond
- 13.14. Winston Davis Scott Hammond
- 13.14. Tyler Erwin Hammond
- 12.13. Gerald Matthew Rice
3. Frances Rice m. Benjamin Allen
4. Zebadiah Allen m. Mary Hoar
5. Susanna Allen m. Zebulon Rice

### Computer genealogy program: Family Tree Maker

### Profession, occupation, and/or hobbies:

Retired owner of general insurance agency; formerly, special agent, Hartford Insurance Group; golf, fishing, Civil War buff, genealogy and family history (6600 names), histories of New England, England, Ireland, Wales, Canada, and France

### Additional information and comments:

I read somewhere that at the present time about 80% of the people living in England are descendants of Edward III. While the connection of Edmund to Rhys Ap Gruffydd and Katherine Howard is uncertain, (according to the Mormon computer and Word Family Tree CDs), I connect to those people through my Metcalf to Shattuck to Whitney to Baskerville to Touchet to De Holand to Plantagenet, etc. lineage. This does not add a penny to my place in life, but since there is a chance that I am descended from some of the players, it does make it more interesting now to go back and study the history that I paid so little attention to the first time around.

Being part French-Canadian and part Irish and having traced most of these lines to the immigrant ancestor, I find many of my ancestors were at war with one another. How wonderful that so many ancient hatreds are now a thing of the past. Would that Northern Ireland could soon say the same.

I have information about the descendants of the Rice boys captured by the Kanawaka Mohawks from Marlboro in 1704, if anyone is interested. \*\*

**\*\*Editor's Note:** Watch for a future article on the captured Rice boys, including descent charts, based on Gerald's research.



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  3. Edmund Rice m. Ruth Parker
  4. Seth Rice m. Dorothy Robinson
  5. Edmund Rice m. Hannah Gassett
  6. Samuel R. Rice m. Lucy Brigham
  - 7.8. Lucy Rice (1791-1871) m. Charles Malcom (1792-1887)
  - 8.9. Eliza Malcom (1827-1907) m. Reuben Penoyer (1824-92)
  - 9.10. Reuben Penoyer (1865-1943) m. Nettie Forward (1868-1960)
  - 10.11. Frances Penoyer (1905-91) m. Clifford F. Bush (1904-75)
  - 11.12. Clifford F. Bush (1927-) m. Alice Beemer (1930-)
  - 12.13. Laurie Bush (1950-) m. Jack Lightfoot
2. Henry Rice m. Elizabeth Moore
  3. Mary Rice m. Thomas Brigham
  4. Gershom Brigham m. Mehetabel Warren
  5. Joseph Brigham m. Comfort Bigelow
  6. Joseph Brigham m. Lydia Arnes
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Family Origins

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### Additional information and comments:

My Rice ancestral line has only recently been given to me by a "cousin". I can confirm descent from Lucy Rice and Charles Malcom.

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4. Josiah Rice m. Sarah
5. Cyrus Rice m. Elizabeth Wright
6. Ezekiel Rice m. Hannah Billings
7. Erwin Rice m. Diadema Bishop
8. Charles B.M. Rice m. Caroline Offut
9. James E. Rice m. Margaretta Pitman Beck
10. Victoria Corydon Rice m. Robert A. Mercer
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6. Noah Rice (1760-1821) m. Mary Thomas
7. John Thomas Rice (1784-1839) m. (1807) Susanna Bigger (-1841)
8. John Frank Rice (1809-89) m. (1835) Mary Elizabeth Morton (1813-77)
9. Alexander Bell Rice (1859-1932) m. (1884) Mattie Ann Thomas (1865-1922)
10. Alexander Gibbs Rice (1890-1967) m. (1913) Emma Pearl Barlow (1892-1973)
11. William Rufus Rice (1917-1971) m. (1943) Marguerite Bailey Hall (1921-)
12. William Stephen Rice (1945-) m. (1976) Carolyn Ann Wohlford (1949-)
13. Valerie Elizabeth Rice (1978-)
13. Mark Alexander Rice (1980-)
12. Pamela Ann Rice (1948-) m. (1970) Wiley Jackson Faircloth, Jr. (1949-)
13. Amanda Caroline Faircloth (1978-)
13. Emily Jackson Faircloth (1981-)
12. Melinda Hall Rice (1953-) m. (1977) Thomas Loftis Peters (1953-)

Computer genealogy program: Parsons Technology Family Origins

### Profession, occupation, and/or hobbies:

CPA; corporate officer of family-owned building materials, multi-branch retailer; amateur radio, computers, and genealogy

### Additional information and comments:

I am interested in learning how my family migrated from Massachusetts to Virginia and finally to West Virginia.

## Caroline Foty

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### Lineage:

1. Edmund Rice m. Thomasine Frost
2. Thomas Rice m. Mary King
3. Thomas Rice m. Anna Rice
- 4.4. Beriah Rice m.(1730/31) Mary Goodnow [Nova Scotia in 1760]
- 5.5. Beriah Rice m. -- McSweeney
- 6.6. Asaph Rice (-1860) m.(1803) Nancy Elderkin
- 7.7. John Rice (1808) m.(1840) Lucy Hicks
- 8.8. Edward Rice (1841) m.(1865) Martha Woodroffe [Ret'd to Worcester MA]
- 9.9. Leonard D. Rice (1869) m.(1893) Elizabeth Cronin
- 10.10. Leonard S. Rice (1903) m. Marie Hallihan
- 11.11. Geraldine E. Rice (1926) m. Nicholas Foty
- 12.12. Caroline C. Foty (1958)
2. Edmund Rice m. Anna ?, Agnes Bent?
3. Anna Rice m. Thomas Rice



## Obituaries

**Patricia Hunt**, M.D. of Richmond, Virginia died in April 1997.

**Anne Rice Jacobsen**, born 2 Nov 1903, died 12 May 1997 in Saranac Lake, New York. She was the daughter of Fred W. Rice and Harriette (Todd) Rice. A long-time member of the Association, Mrs. Jacobsen's father was the nephew of William Marsh Rice, founder of Rice Institute, now Rice University, in Houston, Texas. She is survived by five nieces, Emily Jorstad of Lincoln, California, Alison Rice Howe of Newark, Ohio, Eleanor Rice Stearns of Saranac Lake, and Alice Reome and Lois Rousseau, originally from Saranac Lake.

**Patricia A. Mitchell**, a member of the Association, died 30 Jun 1997 in Columbus, Ohio.

**David Goodridge Proctor**, well-known educator and community theater leader, died 10 May 1997 in Beaver Dam, Wisconsin. He was born on 2 Jul 1913 in Framingham, Massachusetts to Fred and Hattie (Haskell) Proctor. He is survived by his wife, Bertha and two sons, David and Allen. [See Rice Register, p. 1177]

**Alex W. Snow** of West Dover, Vermont, long-time member of the Edmund Rice Association and president from 1987-1990 and 1993-1994, died 16 Aug 1997 in Albany, New York after a brief illness.

Born in Norfolk, Va., March 29, 1923, he was the son of Harry P. and Mary F. (Wilson) Snow. He received his education in Norfolk, Brooklyn, N.Y., and Albany where he graduated from Albany High School. Following high school he furthered his education at Sienna College in Loudonville, N.Y., and Albany Law School. He worked as an agent and broker in the insurance business in the Albany-Delmar area for 30 years.

Mr. Snow was a World War II veteran assigned with the Tactical Air Force in the Signal Battalion near the French Alps. He was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Brattleboro, a former selectman for the town of Dover, and active in various civic organizations.

He and his wife, the former Corinne McLaughlin, whom he married June 18, 1950, in Roslyn, N.Y., retired to West Dover in 1986. Corinne ("Mickey") Snow, was editor of the Edmund Rice Association for many years.

He is survived by his wife of West Dover; two daughters, Nanci S. Bockelie of Sandy, Utah, and Marit S. Sawyer of Lander, Wyo.; and five grandchildren. He was predeceased by a daughter, Karen S. Larsen, in 1994.

Contributions in Mr. Snow's memory may be made to the Nature Conservancy in care of the Covey & Allen Home, 44 Main Street, Wilmington, Vt. (Excerpted from the *Brattleboro Reformer*, 17-21 Aug 1997)

### Murder Figure Texas Suicide

BAYTOWN, Nov. 17 (UP)—A sensational murder case of 54 years ago was recalled today in the gun death last night of an 80-year-old recluse.

Justice of the Peace Walter Queen returned a verdict of suicide in the shooting of Charles F. Jones, a recluse who confessed in 1900 that he chloroformed his employer, William Marsh Rice.

Rice, a millionaire philanthropist, lived in New York at the time, and Jones was his valet. Rice is the founder of the institute here which bears his name.

After Rice was found dead in his New York home 54 years ago, Jones was arrested. He confessed he gave his employer chloroform but said the plot was instigated by Albert Patrick, Rice's attorney, to gain control of the Rice estate, records of the case show.

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### Has Your Address Changed?

Please let Bill Drury know if your address has changed.

Bulk mail saves the Association a great deal of money to send, but, unfortunately, that advantage is lost when issues are returned, then re-mailed.

Specifically, each copy of the last issue cost 14 cents to mail, 78 cents for each return, and 96 cents to resend.

### For Sale: Association Tee Shirts, Girl Size....

Shirts are \$8.00 plus \$3.00, shipping & handling, per shirt. The color is blue. Allow six weeks. Contact Wendy Wesen, 213 Delight Rd., Reisterstown MD 21136-6217.





Keith Capen Allen with Dennis Rice examining the latest printout of his computerized Rice data...



...and, with Peggy Rice Grosser looking at her Mayflower lineage papers and her compilation of over 200 Rice family letters and papers from 1848-1948 that she plans to publish.

## Visiting With Cousins In Texas



## Queries

**Lois Rice Blankenship**, 5696 Starkey Rd., SW, Roanoke VA 24014; E-mail:

Own *The Dreamer Cometh: the Luther Rice Story*. What are the names of **Amos Rice's** (Luther's father) siblings? My gggrandfather, **Thomas Rice**, was a circuit rider preacher during the time of Luther.

**J.B. Comstock, Jr.**, 650 West Harrison Ave., Claremont CA 91711-4536

I am searching the Brintnall family Sudbury and Boston. **Lt. Phineas Brintnall**, d. 23 Oct 1772, m. **Sebella Rice**, 29 May 1716. Phineas was grandson of **Thomas Brintnall** who m. **Esther--**. What was Esther's maiden name?

**Caroline Foty**, 172621 Amity Dr., Gaithersburg MD 20877; E-mail:

I wish to contact anyone with information on the women who married my **Rice** ancestors in **Nova Scotia**. Also would like to hear from anyone who shares my descent from **John Rice** and **Lucy Hicks**, Gen. 7. [SEE p.10 for lineage]

**Lillian Stueber**, 8800 Walther Blvd #1401, Baltimore MD 21234-9005

**Dorcas Rice**, b.ca 1661, d.14 Apr 1748, Windham CT, m. **John Walden** in Wenham MA in 1680 (Wenham VR). Who were her parents?

## Query From A Schoolgirl

**Megan Moses**.

A student, Megan Moses, recently wrote the following e-mail to Dennis Rice:

"Hello. My name is Megan Moses. I was searching on the internet for a class. My project is to do a family tree and I typed in Edmund Rice. I got your internet web site. My grandpa was **Hugh Rice**. His father was **Warren Marcellus Rice** and Warren's father is **Ebenezer Rice**. Ebenezer's father is Rev. **Warren Rice** and Rev. Warren's father was **Ebenezer**. He was born in 1786 in Conway, Mass. Ebenezer's father was **Benjamin** born in 1745. Benjamin's father is **Ebenezer** born in 1709. Ebenezer's father is **Ebenezer** born in 1698 and resided in Sudbury Mass. Ebenezer's father is **Benjamin** born in 1640. Benjamin's father was **Edmund Rice**, the deacon."

Megan asked a number of questions about Edmund Rice and the family.

Both Dennis and George King responded with information. George also told Megan. "...we have only the birth date of your grandfather, Hugh Rice.... We would be indebted to you and your parents if you could give us as much information as you can about Hugh Rice and his descendants."



## Genealogist's Prayer

by Sid Russell

Dear Lord, Thank You for the many blessings bestowed upon me, including those precedent ancestors who made it possible for me to follow after -- To live, to love and enjoy this wonderful world. And Thank You for the curiosity that prompts this probing Pinocchio nose to poke into statistics and records, which if the people were living, would be none of my business.

Dear Lord, I ask that you will guide my questing proboscis into appropriate channels, that I may amass the facts and figures to foliate my family tree too better understand and appreciate our lineal heritage and history. Bar me from being a bore when the unwitting ask about my intriguing hobby.

Give me the patience of Job, Lord, to withstand the frustration of barren research and to continue my sleuthing through detour and empty cul-de-sac.

Let me be properly indignant at those who have reached too far and included names for the prestige factor on insufficient evidence. ('Tis said that royal blood is often anemic!)

In my search, lead me not into pathways of unproductive peeking and poking as I continue (pardon the expression) "to dig up" ancestors for my opus of origin -- honor my desire to know. As divinely and retroactively as possible, make my ahnentafel tree free from horse thieves, con men, and other assorted scoundrels, so that I am not skulduggery's offspring.

In my seeking as I wander among Stonehenge Cemetery rows, toward the granite marker which will bear my name and year of demise, grant me time to finish my search, one hundred years such as old Lawrence Copeland enjoyed will suffice if you can manage. Is that too much to request for one wide-eyed and curious about heretofore?

For myself and every fellow genealogist, Lord, I ask it all.

- Submitted by Sue Roe

## Attendees at the 1997 Reunion

Bill & Jane Drury	Chelmsford, MA
M&M Donald Rice	Contoocook, NH
Robert Estabrook	Dorchester, NH
Joan and Sarah (age 6) LaBrie	Manchester, NH
M&M Leon H. Rice	Bedford, NH
Bennie Larj	Spartanburg, SC
Jim Rice	Rochester, NY
Fred Rice	Manhattan, KS
John & Hope Pobst	Barre, MA
M&M Edward Niemann	Wayne, PA
M&M Philip Lombardi	Ivoryton, CT
M&M Dana Hastings	Dover, MA
M&M Gary Rice	Carleton Place, Ontario
Marie Negrelli	Deep River, CT
M&M Eugene Trudeau	Chester, MA
Jeanette Pollard	Marlboro, MA
John Chandler	Harvard, MA
Cindy Blomstrom	Worcester, MA
M&M Robert Wesen	Reisterstown, MD
John E. Rice	Marlboro, MA
M&M Donald Smith	Barre, MA
M&M Cummings (Barbara)	Barre, MA
M&M Brown (Ruth)	Sudbury, MA
Bob Rice	Falmouth, MA
William J. Rice	Broomall, PA
M&M Russ Vickery	Princeton, MA
Adeline Beier	Park Ridge, IL
Peggy Grosser	Kerrville, TX
Margaret Rice	Amesbury, MA
Betty Pike (non-member)	Amesbury, MA
M&M Rudy Schultz	Tucson, AZ
(non-members)	
George Rice	Norfolk, MA
Marion Wheeler	Concord, MA

## New Members

Albert Watts	Camarillo, CA
Sharon C. Brown	Woodbine, MD
Mrs. Lylas G. Smith	Custer, SD
Helen Capen Reeves	Pasadena, CA
Susan H. Herb	Maumelle, AR
Mrs. Wilma Darbyshire	Moultrie, GA
Joan C. Sickles	Southfield, MI
Margaret P. Stradley	Vestal, NY
Lois A. Kendall 556	East Falmouth, MA
Caroline C. Foty 557	Gaithersburg, MD
Ralph J. Pitts 565	Mount Pleasant, MI
Lester & Beverly Boyer 566	Barre, MA



## Report of the Treasurer August 31, 1997

### Checking Account:

Balance	9-1-96	\$ 1708.77
Income:		
Meetings		380.00
Publications		1246.95
Miscellaneous		410.26
Dues		<u>4690.00</u>
Total Income		6727.21

### Expenses:

Publications	692.27
Transfer to Savings	4000.00
Meetings	903.26
Miscellaneous	112.74
Postage, Telephone, etc.	<u>282.64</u>
Total Expenses	5990.91

Balance	8/31/97	2445.07
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### Other Assets:

Bank Savings Account - Baybank @ 2.02%	11212.67
Cert. of Dep. -Baybank - due 11/1/98 @ 6.00%	11506.92
Cert. of Dep. -Massbank -due 10/3/97 @ 5.15%	23113.28
Retail Value of Books in Inventory	38305.50

<u>Total Assets</u>	8-31-97	<u>\$86583.44</u>
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Respectfully Submitted,

William H. Drury, Treasurer

### REPORT OF THE AUDITOR

An audit for the Edmund Rice (1638) Association was performed by me on September 18, 1997 at treasurer, Bill Drury's home to review the books for September 1, 1996 through August 31, 1997. Credit and debit accounts were checked with corresponding documentation and all were found to be in order. All arithmetic was found to be correct and the Association assets were correctly totaled as of August 31, 1997, including the sales value of the current stock of books.

Respectively submitted,

*C. Robert Wesen*

C. Robert Wesen, Auditor

## Correction

Bill Drury writes that "Ted Rice of Greenville, SC, has pointed out to me that my article in the last newsletter on the Rices of Kauai [Winter/Spring 1997, p.3] possibly implied that THOSE Rices are connected with OUR Rices. The Kauai Rice family is descended from Robert Royce of New Haven, CT, and I intended to clearly state that we know of no relationship between the Royce clan and Edmund Rice."

## Owed To The Spell Checker

I have a spelling checker -  
It came with my PC.  
It plane lee marks four my revue  
Miss steaks ay can knot sea.  
Eye ran this poem threw it.  
Your sure reel glad two no.  
Its vary polished in it's weigh.  
My checker tolled me sew.

A checker is a bless sing.  
It freeze yew lodes of thyme.  
It helps me right awl stiles two  
reed.  
And aides me when aye rime.

To rite with care is quite a feet  
of witch won should be proud.  
And wee mussed dew the best we  
can.  
Sew flaws are knot aloud.  
And now bee cause my spelling  
is checked with such grate flare,  
Their are know faults with in my  
cite.  
Of nun eye am a wear.

Each frays come posed up on my  
screen  
Eye trussed to be a joule  
The checker poured o'er every  
word  
To cheque sum spelling rule.  
That's why aye brake in two a verse  
By righting wants too pleas.  
Sow now ewe sea why aye dew  
prays  
Such soft wear for pea seas!



## MINUTES OF THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE EDMUND RICE (1638) HELD SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 1997 IN THE STURBRIDGE HOST HOTEL, STURBRIDGE, MA.

President Frederick H. Rice called the annual meeting of the Edmund Rice (1638) Assoc. to order at 1:10 P.M. Saturday, September 19, 1997 at the Sturbridge Host Hotel, Sturbridge, MA.

The business meeting was postponed until 1:50 P.M. in order that the speaker, Al Clark, historian from Barre, MA could make his presentation about Rice Family connections Brookfield, MA before the business meeting.

Reading of the minutes of last year's meeting were dispensed with by proper motions.

The treasurer, William H. Drury read the treasurer's report. The report was accepted as read by proper motions. A copy of that report is included in these minutes. The treasurer's books had been reviewed by C. Robert Wesen the previous day. He found them to be in order and read a report to that effect. A copy of that report is enclosed.

The treasurer, William H. Drury, also read the membership report, which was filed with the secretary. A copy of that report is included with these minutes. There were 49 who paid for lunch and 1 guest (the speaker), who were at this year's annual meeting.

William H. Drury, the book custodian, read his report, a copy of which is included in these minutes. He urged members to purchase the books, since at the present purchase rate, we have many years supply.

Blue cotton tee shirts with the Rice logo were available for sale. Thanks were given to Wendolin E. Wesen and her cousin, Dawn Estabrook Chicoine by President Frederick H. Rice. Most of the 7 dozen available shirts were sold to attendees.

Next year's annual meeting will be held September 18 and 19, 1998 (third weekend in September). The location of the meeting and the details will be announced in the newsletter. The date was accepted by proper motions.

A suggestion was made to ask in the newsletter for opinions of members regarding the best date for the meeting to be held. John Rice said that in past years the best date for attendance was in September. A discussion followed. The new slate of officers will make the final decision.

By proper motions the organization will purchase a tape recorder for use by the secretary in recording events of the annual meeting and directors' meetings. Mrs. Wesen will purchase the recorder and send the bill to the treasurer.

Gifts were given to the oldest member in attendance, Margaret S. Rice; the youngest, Sarah La Brie, 8 years old, and the member who had traveled the farthest, Jo Schuly from Arizona.

Frederick H. Rice announced that 3 members of the organization had passed away in the past year, Harvey McLaughlin, Mertel Grece and Alex Snow. A letter of condolences will be sent to Mickey Snow. Both Alex and she have made great contributions to the Association. Alex served in many capacities over the years including being president. Mickey was editor of the newsletter for several years.

Following the meeting membership chairman, William H. Drury provided a list of 6 other members who passed away in the past year. Anne Rice Jacobsen of Saranac Lake, NY, Patricia A. Mitchell of Columbus, OH, Dr. Laurence Patterson of Saint Eugene, Ontario, Canada, David G. Proctor of Beaver Dam, WI, Edward G. Rice of Palo Alto, CA, and Arla Staublin of Charlevoix, MI.

The slate of officers for the year 1997-8 was nominated and unanimously elected by the membership:

President	Robert V. Rice
1 <sup>st</sup> Vice President	Donald E. Rice
2 <sup>nd</sup> Vice President	Richard R. Gariepy
Treasurer	William H. Drury
Recording Secretary	Wendolin E. Wesen
Historian	Dennis R. Rice
Directors	Keith Capen Allen, Ruth M. Brown, William H. Drury, George W. King, Frederick H. Rice, Gary H. Rice, James A. Rice, John E. Rice, Margaret S. Rice, Mr. & Mrs. Earl R. Vickery, Jr. and Anita Cooper, Liaison

Retiring president, Frederick H. Rice made a few remarks to the membership and presented a book to the incoming president, Robert V. Rice.

A short directors' meeting was called by the elected president, Robert V. Rice for immediately after the adjournment of the annual meeting. With proper motions the annual meeting of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association was adjourned at 2:45 P.M.

Following the meeting a family photograph was taken and then a car tour of Brookfield sites of significance to the Rice Family was led by Al Clark, the speaker at the annual meeting.

Respectfully Submitted,

Wendolin E. Wesen, Recording Secretary