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Mrs. Plews, a volunteer leader, writer and lecturer, was born at Kalapaki, the home of her parents, Charles Atwood and Grace King Rice, in Lihue, Kauai.

She received her education at several private schools, including Punahou School, and studied history and the history of art abroad.

She became a secretary to her father and her grandfather, William Hyde Rice, during the period from 1919 to 1927, assisting her grandfather with the preparation of Hawaiian Legends which was published by the Bishop Museum in 1923. She also served as a substitute teacher on Kauai and has been the manager of her own real estate holdings since 1941.

She married John Christopher Plews on September 7, 1927 and they had two children, John Harry Rice Plews and Anne Hyde Rice Plews (Mrs. David R. Moncrief).

Mrs. Plews traces the history of the Rice family from the early seventeenth century to the present and relates interesting stories about some of its members. She also tells about her mother's family, the Kings, who came to Hawaii in 1882.

Mrs. J. A. Veech, Interviewer

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INTERVIEW WITH EDITH JOSEPHINE KAPIOLANI RICE PLEWS

(MRS. JOHN CHRISTOPHER PLEWS)

July 12, 1971

P: Edith Rice Plews

I: Mrs. John Alexander Veech

I: Wait a minute, I've got to start this (the recorder).

P: Now we're going.

I: Now, I'm sorry, you have to start all over again.

P: All right. My name is Edith Rice Plews. My full name is Edith Josephine Kapiolani Rice Plews. I was born at Kalapaki, Lihue, Kauai on April 10, 1900. It was the home of my parents, Charles Atwood Rice, who was born in Honolulu on September 12, 1876; and Grace Ethel King Rice, who was born in Oakland, California on August 8, 1880.

She came to Hawaii in 1882 with her mother and older sister, Juliet Margaret King, later Mrs. Clifford Kimball. A few weeks later her father, Thomas James King, who had married Josephine Wundenberg King, born in Hanalei [Kauai] on April 16, 1848, in 1870 in California, joined them with his two older children, Mary Josephine King, later Mrs. C. M. B. Foster, and Thomas Victor King.

I: Let's stop just long enough to be sure this is going right. It really is. It sounds great.

P: All right. Thomas James King--is it going?

I: Um hm.

P: Thomas James King was born in New Brunswick, Canada in 1838 and had his twelfth birthday while crossing the continent on horseback to California with his father, whose name was Richard King.

My father's parents, William Hyde Rice, who was born at Punahou on July 23, 1846, and Mary Waterhouse Rice, who

was born in Hobart town, Tasmania on July 26, 1847, were married in Honolulu by the Reverend Daniel Dole. I have their wedding certificate. They were married on October 17, 1872 and celebrated their golden wedding with all their eight children present in October of 1922.

[The Reverend Daniel Dole and his wife, Emily Hoyt Ballard Dole, were members of the Ninth Company and arrived at Honolulu on May 21, 1841. He served as principal of Punahou School until 1855, when he resigned and became a pastor and teacher at Koloa, Kauai. He remained there until his death on August 26, 1878.]

Their elder daughter, Mary Eleanor Rice--Mrs. Walter H. Scott--died in January 1923, leaving five daughters. The youngest of these, Eunice. . . (Counter at 81 on the first side of a short demonstration tape)

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. . . Eunice Hyde Scott, was adopted later by her mother's sister, Anna Charlotte Rice Wilcox--Mrs. Ralph L. Wilcox--who had no children of her own.

The William Hyde Rices, on their marriage in Honolulu, moved to Lihue, Kauai where they lived in what was known as The Old Cottage on the point at Halenani. The old house, really Halenani, was built in 1873 and named that by the Hawaiians.

I: Oh, by the Hawaiians. I didn't know that.

P: Yes. My own house in Honolulu has been given that name, which was given it by my father, his two then-living brothers, and sister.

I: And Halenani didn't go down until after the war, did it?

P: Halenani was destroyed after the war--the second World War. Its last useful purpose was to be the headquarters of the Women's Air Raid Detection Services [also known as WARDS, Women's Air Raid Defense group. In HAWAII'S WAR YEARS, Gwenfread Allen states: "The William Hyde Rice home at Lihue, first a headquarters for the WARDS, later provided overnight accomodations for GI's on leave."]

Mrs. Philip L. Rice, the wife of the William Hyde Rices' youngest son, Philip [La Vergne] Rice, was the head on Kauai. She and her husband had lived at Halenani after my grandmother's death in May of 1931.

I: And he was the youngest, now. We started out with. . .

P: He was the youngest. The eldest son was William Henry Rice, named after his father and his maternal uncle, Henry

Waterhouse. He married Mary Agnes Girvin in 1897 and they had, altogether, six children, the eldest son only living a week in January of 1898.

I: And Mrs. Scott was older than. . . ?

P: Oh, no. He was the eldest child.

I: That's what I thought.

P: They had three sons and then two daughters and then two sons and then a daughter; and I'll tell you all about them. But the William Henry Rices had six children, as I have said.

Their eldest living child is William Harrison Rice, born on January 26, 1901. [He married Olivia Le Bosquet and, after her death, Virginia Gale Hackett.]

Next came Paul Girvin Rice, who was born on April 14, 1904. No, I'm wrong. 1903.

And then Richard Hans Rice, who was born on May 20, 1906. [He married Virginia Craig Pemberton.]

Their eldest daughter was Mary. . . (Counter at 81 on the second side of the short demonstration tape)

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. . . Mary Dorothea Rice Wallis [also known as Mary Dora]. Her husband is Dr. Samuel Rossiter Wallis and they were married in April of 1940.

The younger daughter is Helen Flora Rice Ellis, the wife of Wayne [E.] Ellis.

Both daughters live in Lihue, [Kauai] at present. I am speaking on July 12, 1971.

Of these children, only the first baby and Richard Hans Rice are dead. Harrison Rice has been married twice. His first wife was Olivia Le Bosquet and by her he had two sons--William Hyde Rice and William Henry Harrison Rice. Henry Harrison and his wife [Johanna Yundt Rice] and two children are now living in Hawaii. His second wife was Virginia [Gale] Hackett. They are now divorced.

The second son, Paul Girvin Rice, has only been married once. His wife was Kathryn Edwina Osborn Rice and they had two children--Paul Isenberg Rice [who married Joyce Schanhaar] and Edward Osborn Rice, [the latter] now living in Hilo, [Hawaii]. And Paul lives on Kauai with his wife and three children. Eddie has two adopted children, a little boy and a girl. His wife is Martha Ann McCorrison Rice.

Richard Hans Rice was married twice and his first

wife was Virginia [Craig] Pemberton and by her he had two daughters--Mary Agnes, called Maile Rice, married [James Robert] Fraser and has two children; and Sheila Rice Zir-etski, who has two little boys. His second wife and widow was Francelia Knapp--K-N-A-P-P. (She says, "Now speaking," and chuckles. Mrs. Plews says, "Yes, because your voice is on it too," and also chuckles.) They had one son, Richard Knapp Rice, now in Vietnam. He is twenty-three. The girls are in their early thirties.

Dora Wallis has three children--Carolyn [Rice Wallis], now Mrs. Stephan Montague Cooke, Junior; and Samuel Rossiter, Junior. Each of them has one son. And the youngest daughter, Mary Margaret Wallis, called Penny, is not married [and is doing graduate work in medical technology at Scripps College].

Helen and Wayne Ellis have three children--Bobbie, whose name is really Helen Kuulei [Ellis]. I can't tell you what her husband's name is. (Someone says, "Alfred Inlay or something.") And Richard Wayne Ellis, who is married to Martha Reese. And Michael Willis Ellis, who is now in Korea. (Someone says, "Should be home next month.")

The next child was my father, Charles Atwood Rice, [who married Grace Ethel King] and I have one sister, Juliet Atwood Rice Goodale Wichman, who has been married twice. She was born on October 23, 1901 on Kinau Street in Honolulu.

Her first husband was Holbrook March Goodale, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and the son of Mr. and Mrs. W. W. Goodale of Waialua, Oahu. [William W. Goodale married Emma March Whitney.]

They had two children--Holbrook [Wichman] Goodale and Charles Rice Goodale [Wichman], who was adopted by his step-father, Frederick W. Wichman and is called Charles Rice Wichman.

My sister married for her second husband Frederick Warren Wichman on September 12, 1927 and they had one son, Frederick Bruce Wichman, who married Lorita [Gladys Leialoha] Brandt of Kauai in 1950, I think, and they have five children--Warren, age 15; Randolph, 14; Anthony, 12; Stephen, 11; and Lisa, 10.

(the recorder is turned off and on again)

Holbrook [Wichman] Goodale married Nancy [Wilcox] Sloggett, the elder daughter of Richard Henry Sloggett and his first wife, Susan Reynolds Sloggett, [who died in 1968. He then married Anna Scott Penhallow Bishop in 1969]. They have four children, having lost their last and fifth child, James. But their eldest son, David Whitney Goodale, will be twenty-two in September [1971]. Their second child, Catherine, is nearly--Cathy will be twenty-one. And Joan is now eighteen; and Richard, sixteen.

The Charles Wichmans have four children--Wendy, 15;

Chipper, who is Charles, Junior, 14; Michael Whitney Wichman, who will be 12 on July 23; and Jonathan Wichman, who is 8.

The next child of Mary Waterhouse Rice and William Hyde Rice was Arthur Hyde Rice, who married Elizabeth Forrest [also known as Marie Bessie Forrest] in Oakland, California. They had two children--Harriet Elizabeth Rice, now Mrs. George H. Moody; and Arthur Hyde Rice, Junior.

The Moodys have one daughter, [Elizabeth] Bebe Moody Sumner, who married George Wilson Sumner, Junior and has three children--a daughter called Heidi, whose name is Elizabeth Hyde Moody and who is fifteen; Georgie [George W. III]; and Evanita.

Arthur H. Rice, Junior's first wife was Elizabeth Cooke, his second cousin. They have one daughter, Sharon, married to Thomas D. [Deering] King, Junior. Sharon and Timmy have one child, a little boy named Peter.

Beba [Elizabeth] Rice died several years ago and Arthur, known sometimes as Beau, married again. His second wife was Wendy Thompson and they have one little girl, Cindy.

The fourth child was Mary Eleanor [Kaonohilani] Rice Scott. She was married in 1901 or '02 [to Walter Henry Scott] and had five daughters.

The eldest was Eleanor Mary Scott--Mrs. A. W. Boyden--who lost her first son in the second World War. His name was Richard Webster Boyden [who was killed in action on April 17, 1945]. Her second son is Blaine Scott Boyden, who is a well-known eye specialist in San Francisco. He is married and has four children. His wife's name is Patty [Patricia] and they have a daughter and three sons. The daughter is about ten years old.

I don't think I mentioned Eleanor's wonderful husband, Dr. [Alfonso] Webster Boyden, a retired eye specialist. They live in San Francisco now, but he lived here and practiced on this island [Kauai] many years.

The second daughter was Gertrude Leilani Scott, whose first husband was Lindsay A. [Anton] Faye. (Someone says, "Manager, Kekaha Plantation.") Later, he was not manager when they were married, but very shortly afterwards. And they had four children.

Linda [Leilani], Mrs. [Thomas Desmond Collins]. She lives in California. And the eldest daughter is Mary [Scott Faye], [who married Robert J. Ballentine]. They lived here for a number of years. (Someone says, "Now they live in Modesto, California. They lived here for a while.") And the third daughter is Anna [Margaret], who has been married twice, [once to Theodore Ralph James], and has four children. And the only son is Lindsay A. Faye, Junior--known as Tony [who married Barbara Grace Cleghorn]. He has three or four children and now lives

on Kauai. [He has married again and his second wife is Diane Guslander.]

Leilani [Scott Faye] married twice again and is now widowed.

[This part of narration, Counter 141-145, regarding Anna Charlotte Rice, appears later in its chronological order.]

I: We didn't finish the rest of the Scott girls.

P: Yes, that's true. Alice Elizabeth Scott married first [Gordon See Young, now deceased]; and now is married to John W. [William] Anderson, Senior. She had two children by her first marriage, who were adopted by Johnny, and a son by him.

Her daughter [Patricia Anderson] is Mrs. Richard [Munroe] Towill. [She says Towill-Patsy but his name is listed as Towill in the Telephone Directory and in the Punahou School Directory.]

And her eldest son, Jimmy [James Scott Anderson], lives in Australia.

The younger son, young Johnny [John William Anderson, Junior], is married for the second time [to Patricia Jean Soule] and works for the Bank of Hawaii. [His first wife was Eve Glover.]

I: Um hm. Nice kid.

P: Yes. (dog barking in background) The third daughter [or fourth, after Alice] of Mary and Walter Scott, Anna, has been married more than once.

Her first husband was [David Pearce] Penhallow by whom she had two children.

Marion [Scott Penhallow] now married and a son, David [Pearce Penhallow], Junior and he now lives in California, but has taught at Kamehameha School and we hope he will return to the Islands.

I: The thing to say about Marion is that she was a nun for several years.

P: Yes, she was a nun for twenty years and she married an ex-priest.

I: That's right, and they're very happy together.

P: And her name is Mrs. Sneed. Mrs. Richard Sneed. And they live in California. She has been Dean of Women on an around-the-world cruise, a floating college, and her husband is also an educator. While she was a nun, she was sent abroad by the teaching order of Dominicans to which



she belonged and she's been very highly educated and is a gifted teacher, as was her mother.

I: I was going to say, Anna herself was one of the finest teachers this island [Kauai] ever had.

P: Yes. Yes. Anna, to help educate her children when she was married to her first husband, taught at Punahou and was particularly gifted in doing remedial reading for children. When she moved to Kauai, she taught in the public schools here and has only recently retired.

Her husband, Herbert Bishop, and she made their home in the Wailua Homesteads until his death, and she is now happily married to Richard Henry Sloggett, whose first wife, Sue, died some years ago. [Susan Reynolds Sloggett died in 1968 and he married Anna Scott Penhallow Bishop in 1969.]

Richard and Anna live at what remains of the old Pihanakalani that belonged to Fred and Juliet Wichman and have a beautiful place. The old Pihanakalani house is now a monastery for yogis.

I: Yeh, Christian Yoga, they call it.

P: Christian Yoga, yes.

I: And a conference center.

P: And a conference center. It has been a hotel in the years between.

The fifth child was Anna Charlotte Rice, who married Ralph [Lyman] Wilcox and was widowed in 1913. They had no children but, as I've said before, she adopted her niece, Eunice, who was Mrs. Walter H. Scott's daughter [and who married Dr. Rogers Lee Hill].

Mrs. Ralph Wilcox, who was known as Aunt Daisy--Anna Charlotte Rice--died on September 12, 1948. I remember the date because it was the first day that I ever saw Larkin's Hundred, which was my husband's and my home for nine years in Maryland. It was also my father's birthday.

I: I didn't know that. We haven't gotten to you at all but I think we should finish all the other generation, then come back to you.

P: Yes, then we'll come back with me. The next child was Philip La Vergne Rice who married Flora Benton in Coronado, California. She was the daughter of a cattle rancher in the San Diego and northern Mexico part of the United States. [Harold Waterhouse Rice was the sixth child and Philip L. Rice was the seventh child, she says on p. 8.]

I: She was a very gifted horsewoman.

P: Yes, and a wonderful tennis player. She was also very much interested in gardening and was the commissioner for the planting of the Kaumualii Highroad, for which there was a federal grant of \$10,000. The mango trees, the poinciana trees, which you see from Lihue over through Lawai, were planted under her direction. Also the shell ginger.

I: I knew about the ginger.

P: Yes. Two other daughters-in-law of the William Hyde Rices were also gifted gardeners--Mary Agnes Rice and Grace King Rice.

My father, Charles [Atwood] Rice, married as his second wife Patricia Smith in April of 1941, my mother having died in March of 1940.

They had one son, Robin C. A. Rice, who is now serving in the Air Force as an electronics specialist in Thailand. He will be twenty-six on September 11th of this year. Like all our boys, he volunteered to serve his country.

I: That's right. Yeh. We haven't done Uncle Harold or Aunt Emily.

P: No, I skipped Uncle Harold inadvertently. [Harold Waterhouse Rice.] His first wife was Charlotte [McKinney] Baldwin Rice and they were married in 1907. My father was their best man. He was younger than Aunt Daisy and older than Uncle Philip and he was the sixth child. And Philip Rice was the seventh child. He had, by his first wife, four children.

Charlotte Emily, known as Chaime, who was first Mrs. John C. [Cornwell] Walker and then Mrs. Hugh Dalton. She had two children by Jack Walker.

Johnny [John Cornwell Walker, Junior], who is married [to Marion Jeanne Makin] and has four children.

I: Is he still on the Big Island?

P: No. Oh, no. He lives on Oahu. Oh yes, he's been there for many years. . They lived here [on Kauai] and then. . .

I: Yeh, I know they did but they went to the Big Island [Olaa, Hawaii].

P: Yes. Yes. And a daughter, Jill [Rice Walker], who is married to a perfectly charming man whose first name is George [E. Stevens]. I can't remember his second name. And they had three sons and he is the Master of the Country Day

School in Connecticut. He was a Buffalo [New York] person and Jill comes out every once in awhile.

I: She's delightful.

P: She's a delightful person. The second child was Harold Frederick Rice, known as Oskie, who married Betty--Elizabeth Flower--of Kansas City, Missouri, and they have two sons.

Harold Frederick, Junior, who is called Freddie and whose wife is Sally [Sarah Baker Hamilton], a girl he met at Cornell and who is also interested in animal husbandry. He is the manager of the Kahuku Ranch on the Big Island [in Naalehu, Hawaii]. They have two children, a boy of about twelve and a daughter.

Their second son--Oskie and Betty's second son--is Henry [Flower] Rice, who is married to a girl from near Pittsburg, [Pennsylvania] whose nickname is Sandy, [Sandra Sue Goodfellow].

I: I don't know any other name but Sandy.

P: No, her maiden name, I think, was Hamilton. [Sally's maiden name was Hamilton.] And her father was a banker. They have two children--a darling little girl called Wendy and a son whose name is Philip.

I: That's right. And he was named before Uncle Philip. . .

P: He wasn't named for him.

I: He wasn't?

P: No.

I: Uncle Philip thought so.

P: No, he was mistaken. He's named for somebody in her family. The third child of Harold Waterhouse Rice and Charlotte Baldwin Rice was Maud [Baldwin Rice] Milne, who [married John Milne and] has two very beautiful daughters, Heather and Leslie, and a very handsome son who is now about seventeen. The two girls are married and neither has children as yet.

The fourth child of Harold and Charlotte Rice is Mary, who was named after her Aunt Mary Scott and who is married to Garfield King. He has a daughter by his first marriage named Sheila, who is married and has children and lives away. And they have two sons, Charlie [Charles Garfield King], who married my goddaughter, Judith Wilcox Bryan. He is her second husband. She has three children by her

first marriage.

I: And she's the daughter of Sam. . .

P: And she's the daughter of Sam Wilcox--Samuel Whitney Wilcox II and Edith [Anne] King Wilcox, who is also my first cousin. Sam is my second cousin on my father's side.

The youngest child of William Hyde Rice and Mary Waterhouse Rice was Emily De La Vergne Rice Sexton. She married Dr. L. L. [Leo Lloyd] Sexton in Lihue in 1909 and I was one of the attendants.

I: Flower girl, huh?

P: My sister and I and the two oldest Scott girls held white satin ribbons to make an aisle at Halenani from the dining room to the music room where they were married under the famous bell of flowers. This alcove in the music room was used for about thirty weddings.

I: And what's the famous bell of flowers?

P: Why, it was a wire frame that Grandma Rice always had stuck full of white flowers for any wedding and it hung on the little latticework that was at the top of this alcove.

I: Oh, that's lovely.

P: These alcoves were in that music room and in the back room, that was the library in later years but was originally built for Mary Sophia Hyde Rice, the widow of William Harrison Rice. She was the eldest of all the missionaries when she died in 1911 at the age of ninety-four, she having been born in what is now known as Buffalo, New York but was then known as Eden. [Seneca Village, New York was her birthplace according to the Missionary Album, 1820-1970.]

Her father, the Reverend Javis Backus Hyde, translated The Gospels into the Seneca Indian language. He was a Presbyterian minister and she was born in October of 1816.

I: Was she the one they called Mother Rice, who was blind?

P: No, no, that's my Grandmother Rice. She was called Mother Rice but the second Mother Rice was Mary Waterhouse Rice. Great-grandmother didn't die until 1911, you see. The first funeral I ever went to and the brass band in Lihue, which was led by one of the Portuguese Souza family, played the Chopin "Funeral March" as we went from the old Hawaiian Church to the Rice plot in the Lihue graveyard.

At that time, that was the only graveyard for haoles

and there are a good many Rices there. The first Rice to be buried there was Edward Hubbell Rice, the brother of William Harrison Rice, who died of tuberculosis in the 1850's and was buried there. My great-grandmother never marked his grave. She could not forgive him for giving her husband and two of her daughters tuberculosis, of which they died, but her granddaughter, Dora Rice Isenberg, marked his grave about 1920. My cousin Harrison Rice and I, who are very near of an age, used to speculate why his grave wasn't marked and we thought he must have been a disgrace in some way. But (chuckling) all he was a disgrace in was bringing the disease of tuberculosis. Yes.

Great-grandfather William Harrison Rice died in 1862. He was the first manager of Lihue Plantation and installed the first irrigation system ever used by any but the ancient Hawaiians. He built tunnels and was a very good farmer. [Paul Isenberg, who married W. H. Rice's daughter, Hannah Maria Rice, was provided with enough workers to complete the irrigation ditch in about 1857 and in 1862 he became manager of the Lihue Planatation when W. H. Rice, one of its owners, died, according to William A. Simonds in KAMAAINA - A Century in Hawaii.]

His family, the Rices from Oswego County, New York State, were all landowners, as they had been in Connecticut and Massachusetts. I have been to his ancestor's grave, Edmund Rice Deacon, who founded what was known as Newe Towne, but is now Cambridge, Massachusetts, in 1626. He lies in the old burying ground at Sudbury, Massachusetts beside his wife, Tamathene, and seven of their children.

The old Rice homestead now belongs to a Mrs. Sears and my son and I have visited it. It is two miles from the burying ground.

My great-grandfather William Harrison Rice's father was Joseph Rice and his wife's name was Sarah Hubbell.

Joseph Rice was the son of Asa Rice, who was the son of Oliver Cromwell Rice and his wife, known variously as Hannah and Anna Barrett. I have a letter from her to her son, Asa, written in 1816 in the ninetieth year of her life. This was given to my father by his cousin, George H. De La Vergne.

Now I will go back to the children of William Harrison Rice and Mary Sophia Hyde Rice, William Harrison having been born in Oswego County in 1809. [October 12, 1813 according to the Missionary Album, 1820-1970.]

On their marriage in 1840 [September 28, 1840], they became missionaries to the Sandwich Islands and came out on the brig Gloucester, leaving Boston in October of 1840 and arriving in Honolulu in April of 1841. [The Missionary Album shows that they left Boston on the Gloucester on November 14, 1840 and arrived at Honolulu on May 21, 1841.]

Their first station was Hana, Maui but after two years [1841-1844], because she was a gifted teacher and had been educated as a teacher and taught in New York State before her marriage; and William Harrison Rice was a gifted speaker, teacher, and farmer, they assisted the Reverend Daniel Dole and his wife [Emily Hathaway Ballard Dole] in founding Punahou [School, which was incorporated on June 6, 1849, with William Harrison Rice as one of seven trustees,] in Honolulu.

This land had been given to Hiram Bingham by Liliha and Boki [Governor of Oahu until 1830] and was assigned by Hiram Bingham and his wife [Sybil Moseley Bingham] to the mission as a school for the children of missionaries, they having had the sad experience of their own children being sent home at very early ages to New England to be educated.

Punahou School was conducted originally in Old School Hall, still standing and built under the supervision of William Harrison Rice by native labor. It is made of stone plastered with adobe and is one of the best proportioned buildings in Honolulu. It is the only building of his construction still standing in Honolulu, the old Moiliili Church having unfortunately been pulled down two or three years ago. It was supported, as were many native ministers, by the trust fund of Mary Sophia Hyde Rice for many years. This was administered first by Great-grandmother's granddaughter, Mary Dorothea Rice Isenberg, and William Hyde Rice.

When William Hyde Rice died, my father was appointed as the second trustee. When Aunt Dora died, Holbrook Goodale was appointed as the second trustee and when my father died, Charles Rice Wichman became the second trustee. These two men, now in their late forties, administered the trust, which has an income of around \$6,000 a year, and it is spent entirely on Hawaiian churches and augmenting Hawaiian ministers' salaries.

I think this should be a record, you see. Very few people know it. You see, they don't know it.

I: This is the reason for the project, you see, little details like this.

P: Yes. Yes. Yes. Now, William Harrison. . . (She is unable to continue due to weak batteries in the recorder)

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## GENEALOGY

## RICE - KING

- (1) Edmund Rice, Deacon, founded Newe Towne, Massachusetts in 1626. In 1638, Newe Towne was renamed Cambridge. Edmund Rice and his wife, Tamathene, and seven of their children are buried in the old burial ground in Sudbury, Massachusetts. The old Rice homestead, two miles from the burial ground, belonged to a Mrs. Sears in 1971.
- (2) Oliver Cromwell Rice married Hannah/Anna Barrett. A letter from Mrs. Rice to her son, Asa, dated 1816 when she was ninety, establishes her birthdate in 1726 and is in the possession of Edith Rice Plews of Honolulu, Hawaii.
- (3) Asa Rice, about whom there is no information.
- (4) Joseph Rice married Sarah Hubbell.
- (5) Edward Hubbell Rice died of tuberculosis in the 1850's and was the first member of the Rice family to be buried in the Lihue graveyard on Kauai. Until 1920 when Dora Rice Isenberg had a marker placed on his grave, it was unmarked.
- (5) William Harrison Rice married Mary Sophia Hyde, the daughter of the Reverend and Mrs. Javis Backus Hyde, on September 28, 1840 in Wales, New York.
- (6) Hannah Maria (1842-1867) married Paul Isenberg
- (6) Emily Dole (1844-1911) married George De La Vergne
- (6) William Hyde (1846-1924) married Mary Waterhouse
- (6) Mary Sophia (1849-1870) never married
- (6) Anna Charlotte (1853-1934) married Charles Montague Cooke

- (5) William Harrison Rice  
 Born: October 12, 1813, Oswego, New York  
 Married: Mary Sophia Hyde, September 28, 1840, Wales, N. Y.  
 Died: May 27, 1862, Lihue, Kauai

Mary Sophia Hyde Rice  
 Born: October 11, 1816, Seneca Village, New York  
 Died: May 25, 1911, Lihue, Kauai

Mr. and Mrs. W. H. Rice were members of the Ninth Company of missionaries that left Boston on November 14, 1840 on the Gloucester and arrived at Honolulu on May 21, 1841. They were stationed first at Hana, Maui (1841-1844) as teachers, then at Punahou School (1844-1854), where Mr. Rice was also on the Board of Trustees when the school was incorporated on June 6, 1849. During his ten years at Punahou School, Mr. Rice held a variety of positions such as business manager, instructor, secular superintendent, English teacher, and superintendent of grounds. Mrs. Rice taught English and served as matron of the school. Both were gifted teachers and Mr. Rice was also a gifted speaker and farmer.

When Mr. Rice retired from mission support in 1854, he became the first manager of Lihue Sugar Plantation on Kauai and, with the help of Paul Isenberg, installed the first irrigation system used on a sugar plantation in the Islands. Upon the death of Mr. Rice in 1862, Paul Isenberg, who married Mr. Rice's daughter, Hannah Maria, became manager of the plantation.

Before her death in 1911, Mrs. Rice established a trust fund to benefit Hawaiian churches and Hawaiian ministers.



- (6) William Hyde Rice  
 Born: July 23, 1846, Punahou School, Honolulu, Hawaii  
 Married: Mary Waterhouse, October 17, 1872, Honolulu  
 Died: 1924

Mary Waterhouse Rice  
 Born: July 26, 1847, Hobart town, Tasmania  
 Died: May 1931

- (7) William Henry Rice married Mary Agnes Girvin in 1897

(8) Son, lived one week in January 1898

- (8) William Harrison Rice (b. 1/26/1901) married first  
 Olivia Le Bosquet and by her he had two sons

(9) William Hyde Rice II

- (9) William Henry Harrison Rice married Johanna  
 Yundt and they have two children

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William Harrison's second wife was Virginia Gale  
 Hackett. They are now divorced.

- (8) Paul Girvin Rice (b. 4/14/1903) married Kathryn  
 Edwina Osborn

- (9) Paul Isenberg Rice married Joyce Schanhaar  
 and they have three children

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- (9) Edward Osborn Rice married Martha Ann McCor-  
 riston and they have two adopted children

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- (8) Richard Hans Rice (b. 5/20/1906) married first  
 Virginia Craig Pemberton

- (9) Mary Agnes (Maile) married James Robert Fraser  
 and they have two children

(10) ?

(10) ?

- (9) Sheila married Mr. Ziretski and they have two  
 sons

(10) ?

(10) ?

Richard Hans Rice's second wife, and widow, is Francelia Knapp Rice. They had one son.

(9) Richard Knapp Rice

(8) Mary Dorothea Rice married Dr. Samuel Rossiter Wallis in April 1940

(9) Carolyn Rice Wallis married Stephan Montague Cooke, Jr. and they have one son

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(9) Samuel Rossiter Wallis, Jr. is married (name unknown) and has one son

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(9) Mary Margaret Wallis (Penny) was doing graduate work in medical technology at Scripps College in July 1971 and was unmarried

(8) Helen Flora Rice married Wayne E. Ellis

(9) Helen Kuulei (Bobbie) Ellis married (name uncertain) Alfred Inlay

(9) Richard Wayne Ellis married Martha Reese

(9) Michael Willis Ellis

(7) Charles Atwood Rice (b. 9/12/1876, Honolulu) married first Grace Ethel King (b. 8/8/1880, Oakland, Calif.; d. March 1940)

(8) Juliet Atwood Rice (b. 10/23/1901, Kinau St., Honolulu) married first Holbrook March Goodale, son of William W. and Emma March (Whitney) Goodale

(9) Holbrook Wichman Goodale married Nancy Wilcox Sloggett

(10) David Whitney (b. 1949)

(10) Catherine (b. 1950)

(10) Joan (b. 1953)

(10) Richard (b. 1955)

(10) James (deceased)

(9) Charles Rice Goodale was adopted by his stepfather and is now Charles Rice Wichman. He is married and has four children

- (10) Wendy (b. 1956)
- (10) Charles Rice Wichman, Jr. (b. 1957)
- (10) Michael Whitney (b. 7/23/59)
- (10) Jonathan (b. 1963)

Juliet Rice Goodale married her second husband on September 12, 1927. She and Frederick Warren Wichman had one son.

- (9) Frederick Bruce Wichman married Lorita Gladys Leialoha Brandt of Kauai in 1950 (date uncertain)

- (10) Warren (b. 1956)
- (10) Randolph (b. 1957)
- (10) Anthony (b. 1959)
- (10) Stephen (b. 1960)
- (10) Lisa (b. 1961)

- (8) Edith Josephine Kapiolani Rice married John Christopher Plews [no information about Edith Rice Plews was recorded on July 12, 1971] [See page 21]

Charles Atwood Rice married his second wife, Patricia Smith, in April 1941 and they had one son

- (9) Robin C. A. Rice (b. 9/11/45)

- (7) Arthur Hyde Rice married Elizabeth (Marie Bessie) Forrest in Oakland, California

- (8) Harriet Elizabeth Rice married George H. Moody

- (9) Elizabeth Bebe Moody married George Wilson Sumner, Jr.

- (10) Elizabeth Hyde (Heidi) Moody (b. 1956)
- (10) George
- (10) Evanita

- (8) Arthur Hyde Rice, Jr. married first his second cousin, Elizabeth Cooke (Beba), and had one daughter

- (9) Sharon Rice married Thomas Deering King, Jr.

- (10) Peter

Arthur Hyde Rice (Beau) married again, after his first wife's death, Wendy Thompson

- (9) Cindy

- (7) Mary Eleanor Kaonohilani Rice married Walter Henry Scott in 1901 or 1902
- (8) Eleanor Mary Scott married Dr. Alfonso Webster Boyden, an eye specialist
  - (9) Richard Webster Boyden (d. 4/17/45 in action during World War II)
  - (9) Blaine Scott Boyden, an eye specialist, married Patricia (Patty's maiden name unknown) and they have four children
    - (10) Daughter (b. 1961)      (10) Son
    - (10) Son                              (10) Son
- (8) Gertrude Leilani Scott married three times and in July 1971 was a widow. Her first husband was Lindsay Anton Faye (other names not recorded)
  - (9) Mary Scott Faye married Robert J. Ballentine (number of children and names not recorded)
  - (9) Linda Leilani Faye married Thomas Desmond Collins and lives in California (number of children and names not recorded)
  - (9) Anna Margaret Faye married twice and had four children by her first husband, Theodore Ralph James (names of her second husband and children not recorded)
  - (9) Lindsay Anton Faye, Jr. (Tony) married first Barbara Grace Cleghorn and his second wife is Diane Guslander and he has three or four children (names not recorded)
- (8) Alice Elizabeth Scott married first Gordon See Young and they were divorced after having two children who were later adopted by her second husband, John William Anderson
  - (9) Patricia [Young] Anderson married Richard Munroe Towill
  - (9) James Scott [Young] Anderson

Alice Scott Young married her second husband, John William Anderson, in 1936

  - (9) John William Anderson, Jr. married first Eve Glover; then Patricia Jean Soule

(8) Anna Scott married three times. Her first husband was David Pearce Penhallow by whom she had two children

(9) Marion Scott Penhallow, a Dominican nun for twenty years, married an ex-priest, Richard Sneed, and both are educators

(9) David Pearce Penhallow, Jr.

Anna Scott Penhallow's second husband was Herbert Bishop, who died while they were living in the Wailua Homesteads on Kauai

Anna Scott Penhallow Bishop's third husband is Richard Henry Sloggett, Sr. who had three children by his first wife, Susan Reynolds Sloggett, who died in 1968. They were married in 1969

(8) Eunice Hyde Scott Wilcox was adopted by her maternal aunt, Mrs. Ralph Lyman Wilcox (Anna Charlotte Rice, known as Aunt Daisy), and married Dr. Rogers Lee Hill

(7) Anna Charlotte Rice (Aunt Daisy) married Ralph Lyman Wilcox (b. January 1876, Kauai; d. 1913), the first child of Samuel Whitney and Emma Washburn (Lyman) Wilcox. They had no children but they adopted Eunice Hyde Scott, fifth child of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Henry Scott. Anna Charlotte Rice Wilcox died on September 12, 1948

(8) Eunice Hyde Scott Wilcox married Dr. Rogers Lee Hill (number of children and names not recorded)

(7) Harold Waterhouse Rice married Charlotte McKinney Baldwin in 1907 and they had four children

(8) Charlotte Emily Rice married first John Cornwell Walker by whom she had two children

(9) John Cornwell Walker, Jr. married Marion Jeanne Makin and they have four children

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(9) Jill Rice Walker married George E. Stevens and they have three children

(10) ? (10) ? (10) ?

Charlotte Emily Rice Walker's second husband was Hugh Dalton

- (8) Harold Frederick Rice (Oskie) married Elizabeth (Betty) Flower of Kansas City, Missouri and they have two sons
  - (9) Harold Frederick Rice, Jr. (Freddie) married Sarah Baker Hamilton (Sally) and they have two children
    - (10) Son (b. 1959)      (10) Daughter
  - (9) Henry Flower Rice married Sandra Sue (Sandy) Goodfellow of Pittsburg, Pennsylvania and they have two children
    - (10) Wendy      (10) Philip
- (8) Maud Baldwin Rice married John Milne and they have two daughters and one son
  - (9) Heather Milne
  - (9) Leslie McCombie Milne
  - (9) Son (b. 1954)
- (8) Mary McKinney Rice married Garfield King who has one daughter, Sheila King, by his first wife
  - (9) Charles Garfield King married Judith Wilcox Bryan, daughter of Samuel Whitney Wilcox II and Edith Anne King Wilcox, and she has three children by her first marriage
    - (9) Son (name not recorded)
- (7) Philip La Vergne Rice married Flora Benton, the daughter of a cattle rancher, in Coronado, California
- (7) Emily De La Vergne Rice married Dr. Leo Lloyd Sexton in 1909 in Lihue, Kauai. Their marriage took place beneath the famous bell of flowers in an alcove of the music room in Halenani, the old Rice home.
  - (8) Leo Lloyd Sexton, Jr., a prominent island artist, married Eleanor Wishard (number of children and names not recorded)
  - (8) Harold Miller Sexton married Audrey Grace Boynton (number of children and names not recorded)

## (1) Richard King

(2) Thomas James King was born in New Brunswick, Canada in 1838 and at the age of twelve was taken to California on horseback by his father, Richard King. In 1870, he married Josephine Wundenberg, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. G. F. Wundenberg, in California. She was born on April 16, 1848 in Hanalei, Kauai. They had four children

(3) Mary Josephine King married C. M. B. Foster  
(number of children and names not recorded)

(3) Thomas Victor King (no other information recorded)

(3) Juliet Margaret King married Clifford Kimball and they later established the Halekulani Hotel on Kalia Road in Waikiki

(4) George Pulsiffer Kimball married Margaret Reddington Murchie

(4) Richard King Kimball married Mary Lawrence Webb

(3) Grace Ethel King (b. 8/8/1880, Oakland, Calif.; d. March 1940) married Charles Atwood Rice (b. 9/12/1876, Honolulu), the son of William Hyde and Mary (Waterhouse) Rice, and they had two daughters

(4) Juliet Atwood Rice (b. 10/23/1901 on Kinau Street, Honolulu) married first Holbrook March Goodale, a graduate of the United States Naval Academy and the son of Willaim W. and Emma March Whitney Goodale, and they had two sons  
[See page 16]

Juliet Rice Goodale married her second husband, Frederick Warren Wichman, on September 12, 1927 and they had one son [See page 17]

(4) Edith Josephine Kapiolani Rice was born on April 10, 1900 at "Kalapaki," Lihue, Kauai, the home of her parents. She married John Christopher Plews [and unfortunately no other information about Mrs. Plews was recorded by her on July 12, 1971]

Francelia Knapp Veech

(Mrs. John Alexander Veech)

(Mrs. Veech, an interviewer for the Watumull Foundation's Oral History Project on the Island of Kauai, recorded her own life history in July 1971 at her home in Kapaa, Kauai, 96746.)

This is Francelia Veech, born Francelia Knapp in Jackson, Michigan, August 17, 1912; a graduate of the University of California in 1934, with graduate work at the New York School of Social Work, specializing in the field of group work [1935-1936]; was the consultant on group work and recreation for the San Francisco Community Chest prior to the war [1941-1944] but arrived in these islands early in 1944 to be the home service secretary for the Red Cross on Kauai.

I think that my reason for being in these annals is that I was married then in 1945 [August 10] to Richard Hans Rice, son of William Henry Rice, the Sheriff of Kauai. Dick and I were married for twenty years. He was killed in an automobile accident January 30, 1966.

A year later I married John Alexander Veech, who was a civilian in the Planning Department at Pearl Harbor, a civil engineer, formerly a teacher of civil engineering at William and Mary College in [Williamsburg], Virginia. He was a commander in the Seabees during World War II. He came to the Islands right after the war and was with the Public Works Department at Pearl Harbor and then moved up so that he was, as I said, the civilian consultant to the Public Works Director, or whoever does the planning for the Pearl Harbor development, and was working on long range plans for the Pacific under Pacific Naval Command. Alec died last September [1970] after he had retired and we moved to Kauai.

My first experiences on this island were during wartime. As you probably know, the Home Service Department works with the families of servicemen and it was my job to deliver messages, many of them from Japan, through Red Cross channels to families on this island. Also it was my duty, and often, to take the prisoner-of-war messages and the needs of servicemen to come home on emergency leave and investigate those and also to help the families with their problems that developed because the men were overseas. It was a rare, but not always happy, experience but, fortunately, it gave me an early understanding of what life on Kauai was like because I went into many of the plantation camps in what was still the early days and it was a very interesting experience.

Dick and I were married on August 10, 1945 and moved to



Honolulu in September of that year. Dick had graduated from the University of Hawaii in sugar technology [1928] but before the war had been working with the Dillingham Company. He was head of the trucking department of the railroad [Oahu Railway and Land Company, 1936-1941] and he was also a reserve officer, so that when the war came he was in uniform by nine o'clock on December 7th.

He was then attached to the military governor's office [headed by Lieutenant General Walter D. Short] and the Army Port and Service Command and stayed at the Honolulu Harbor throughout the war, working with both David Penhallow and Ernest Gray in that command that supervised all of the coming in and going out of ships in all Hawaiian harbors during the war.

After the war he moved into the Cooke Trust Company. He and Charlie [Charles Montague] Cooke [III] had been raised together as great friends and during the war Charlie had had a heart attack--not a serious one but enough so that he had to retire--and Dick took his place at the trust company, where he was until his death.

Dick was very active in community affairs. We both of us had jobs with the Central Union Church, he as chairman of the board of trustees and, later, I as the first woman on that board of trustees.

He was very active in the Aloha Temple of the Shrine and was its potentate in 1956 and shortly thereafter went on the national line of the Royal Order of Jesters, which is a small group of Shriners. He was working up the line toward the national head office of that when he died.

He also was active in the Community Chest and in all of those things that one does when one is a community-minded, active businessman.

Because of his background at the University of Hawaii, he was well-known to the local people. He had played football there, was on the Wonder Team as a guard, I think, at least in the line; had been also a reserve officer and knew many people in the service that way and was very popular with the local people, so much so that he was the first haole member of the Hawaiian Golf Association.

He was also active in and was the past-president of the Oahu Country Club and, at the time of his death, was the USGA [United States Golf Association] representative in the Islands.

His nickname was Bayao and many people still call him Bayao Rice. He got the nickname because he was one of the early experts in all kinds of pidgin [dialect English] and when he was at the university he used to talk Filipino pidgin and he got to be known as that Filipino Rice, Bayao.

We had one son, Richard Knapp Rice, born October 7, 1946. Richard is now in Vietnam, having graduated two years ago from Hillsdale College in Michigan, which is the college that my maternal great-grandfather founded [in 1844] in Hillsdale; a small Baptist college, still the only college of its size--

coeducational--which refuses to take federal aid and is quite famous for that.

Richard went into the service as a draftee because he didn't want to waste the time waiting to be an officer, although he had been in ROTC [Reserve Officers' Training Corps] earlier, and will be out we hope in October of this year.

[Update 1979: After returning from Vietnam, Richard worked and went to school in Boston and received an M.B.A. He now works for the Bank of Hawaii. He is married to Catherine Hills of Traverse City, Michigan and has two children, Leigh and Richard William.]

I have a son by my first marriage to Dr. John Steelquist and that boy's name is John Steelquist also. He is a captain in the Air Force, a navigator, and has a Distinguished Flying Cross and several air medals from his service in Vietnam.

[Update 1979: John is now a lieutenant colonel in the Air Force. He is married to Laura MacDowell of Denver City, Texas and has two children, Leilani and John Forrest.]

Dick had two daughters from his first marriage to Virginia [Craig] Pemberton. The two girls, Maile--Mary Agnes, named for her grandmother Mary Agnes Rice--is now Mrs. [James] Robert Fraser, living in Orinda, California; and the younger daughter, Sheila, is now Mrs. Sol Zaretsky, living in New York City. Her husband is an art supervisor in the New York school system and Robert Fraser, Maile's husband, is with IBM in Oakland.

[Update 1979: Maile is divorced from Robert Fraser and is now married to Warren Arnold of Berkeley, California and is living in Sebastopol, California. She has two daughters, Virginia and Karen. Sheila and her husband still both teach in New York City but live in Teaneck, New Jersey and have two boys, Jordan and Jacob.]

Dick went all the way through school on Kauai, graduated from Kauai High School, and then, as I said, went to the University of Hawaii and then went for a year and got his M.B.A. from Harvard Business School [1930].

Dick loved hunting and fishing and all the outdoor sports. He and Charlie Cooke did a lot of developing of reef casting in the early days before anybody else was using a light bass rod. Dick loved casting off the reef at Haena where the family had a beach place and was one of the finest fishermen in the Islands. He preferred the casting from shore to deep sea fishing, although he did that also. One year he won the deep sea fishing tournament with a 391 pound marlin which he brought in in nineteen minutes.

We also did a great deal of hunting. We raised pointer dogs and we used to hunt at Waiki'i, Hawaii and on Maui and Molokai and my memories of being with Dick are many, many happy weekends and trips away, learning these islands because he knew so many people on all the islands and we had relatives on most of them, so that we had many happy times with many people on all the islands.

Because of my professional background, I had no sooner moved to town from this island than I was immediately involved in many different things. As a consultant at the San Francisco Community Chest, I had been in the developing of some of the first budget review committees, so that when I was a volunteer on Kauai I became active in the Community Chest on Kauai and helped develop the first budget review committee here, along with some of the plantation people, like the former manager Caleb Burns of Lihue Plantation. Then when I went to town, I immediately went on the budget review committee and helped form the budget review committees in Honolulu and was the first woman member of the Community Chest, along with Nellie (Mrs. Peter) McLean. The two of us were the first women ever elected to the board of the Community Chest.

I was also active in the Y.W.C.A., was the Y-Teen chairman first and then filled many positions on that board, but also at the same time became active in the Girl Scouts and on their board and became president of the Girl Scouts Council of Oahu in, I think it was, 1952 [1953-56], dropping out of my Y.W.C.A. activities while I was active in the Girl Scouts. And then after leaving that presidency, I became a member of the Girl Scouts regional committee, helping to make policy for the western region. And then I returned to activity with the Y.W.C.A. and was its president from 1958 or '59 through '61 or '62 [1959-62]. I don't know, I'm bad on dates. I was the president at the time the beach club was built and also helped raise the money and completed the building of the University of Hawaii building. And then following that I was elected to the national board of the Y.W.C.A. and served one full term, six years, retiring just last spring when we had moved to Kauai and I was no longer able to give the amount of time that I should have to the present job. I didn't take a second term.

And then just before Dick was killed I had become president of the Outdoor Circle and was active in that for several years prior to that presidency but gave that up when we moved to Kauai.

On this island I had done some work for the Y.W.C.A., a little with the church, a little with the Mokihana Club, and am now membership chairman for the newly developing Friends of the Kauai Museum but am not giving the amount of time to the community service that I used to because I think I've had it at this point.

[Update 1979: I became a trustee of the Kauai Museum, worked as a volunteer for as long as I lived on Kauai, was also active with the Concert Association and helped form the new branch of the Outdoor Circle on Kauai. I moved back to Honolulu in 1977.]

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END OF ORAL HISTORY

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## THE WATUMULL FOUNDATION ORAL HISTORY PROJECT

In May 1971, the Watumull Foundation initiated an Oral History Project.

The project was formally begun on June 24, 1971 when Katherine B. Allen was selected to interview kamaainas and longtime residents of Hawaii in order to preserve their experiences and knowledge. In July, Lynda Mair joined the staff as an interviewer.

During the next seventeen months, eighty-eight persons were interviewed. Most of these taped oral histories were transcribed by November 30, 1972.

Then the project was suspended indefinitely due to the retirement of the foundation's chairman, Ellen Jensen Watumull.

In February 1979, the project was reactivated and Miss Allen was recalled as director and editor.

Three sets of the final transcripts, typed on acid-free Permalife Bond paper, have been deposited respectively in the Archives of Hawaii, the Hamilton Library at the University of Hawaii, and the Cooke Library at Punahou School.