



# Edmund Rice (1638) Association Newsletter

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## President's Column

Dear Cousins,

The following query from **Lillian Stueber** appeared in the Fall 1997 issue.

"**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?"

Deciding to search for the answer, I quickly checked the ERA computer database that our historian, Dennis Rice has created that now includes most of the first five generations of Ward [Ward, Andrew, *The Rice Family*, 1858] and the other Rice books. Then, I turned to primary sources for verification. This what I found.

Ward says a **Dorcas Rice** (dau of Edward and Anna) b. 29 Jan 1664 in Marlboro m. **Thomas Forbush**, but gives no date (*Ward*, pp.6, 21). Sudbury Vital Records confirm the birth date but place it in Sudbury. (*Sudbury VR*, p. 120) No marriage is listed for Dorcas in the vital records of Sudbury, Marlborough or Westborough but Wenham Vital Records list **Dorcas Rice** m. **John Walderne** 22: 7 m 1680 (*Wenham VR*, p. 162). In addition, **Ebenezer Walderne** b. 26 Jun 1696, son of **John** and **Dorcas Walderne** is found (*Wenham VR*, p.80).

Further, Ward lists **Thomas** and **Dorcas Forbush's** children as born in Marlboro in 1693, 1695, 1699, 1700, and 1705 (*ibid.*, p.21). It seems quite clear that these are not children of **Dorcas Rice**. Thomas Forbush apparently did marry a Dorcas but of unknown maiden name.

**Dorcas Rice** had a sister, **Abigail** who married **Samuel Forbush**, a brother of **Thomas**, on 8Mar 1698 in Marlboro (*Marlborough VR*, p. 300), according to Ward. So apparently, Ward seeing the marriage record of Thomas Forbush and a Dorcas assumed that she was a Rice also.

Therefore, the parents of **Dorcas Rice** b. 29 Jun 1664 in Sudbury who married **John Walderne**, were **Edward Rice** bp. 26 Oct 1622, Stanstead, Suffolk Co., England and **Ann** (*Sudbury VR*, p. 120) Edward was the second son of **Edmund Rice** and **Thomasine Frost**. The parentage of **Thomasine** has been documented to the 15<sup>th</sup> century. (*TAG 10:133-137,11:14-21,15:227*)

Lillian Stueber responded,

Dear Mr. Rice:

If at first you don't succeed try again....

Your letter of 16 January 1998 confirming that Dorcas Rice who married John Walden was the daughter of Edward Rice was a most welcome belated Christmas gift. Thank you, too, for the chart on the ancestry of Thomasine Frost. John and Dorcas named their first daughter Tamesin, who married Benjamin Chaplin, and I descend from them as well as son John who married Abigail Cutter. My records indicate that John and Dorcas had 9 children.

Let me know if you want pedigree charts, or family group sheets, or I can send you a GEDCOM disc from my computer program which is PAF...the notes for the family group sheets carry the documentation.

I am so happy that my long search for the parentage of Dorcas Rice is finally at an end. Thanks so much for taking the time to research your records.

Sincerely,  
Lillian Stueber

Mrs Stueber sent the corrected, documented data to Dennis Rice. So, please continue sending your queries into the newsletter. Help might be at right at hand!

Sincerely,  
Robert V. Rice, President

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in  
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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.

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## Editor's Column

Before we know it, it will be September and time for the **annual gathering of Rice cousins**. This year it will be held at the Crowne Plaza in Natick, Massachusetts. Inside is detailed information about the reunion, including prices on motels, a map and a reservation form so everyone will have plenty of advanced planning time.

The Board of Directors understands it can be difficult and expensive for those of us scattered across the country and Canada to travel to Massachusetts for the reunions. On the back page, below the reservation form, is a reunion survey form for members to fill out and return with their opinions on when and where reunions should be held. I urge you to let the board know your thoughts and preferences. We want as many cousins as possible at every reunion!

The chart from **Bill Drury** shows why he is his own cousin eleven times through descent from five of Edmund Rice's children. He challenges any cousin to beat his five-child descent. I feel like a piker with a mere three! I have lateral connections among my three descent lines and I have noticed from the lineages sent me that many other members also have interconnections. Tracing links among collateral lines is one reason I find myself so drawn to social history, as I describe in my research column.

**Lillian Stueber's** query was answered thanks to our president, **Bob Rice** checking the ERA computer database of Rice books, then researching primary sources for verification and correction. Even though **Dennis Rice** is still entering the Rice books data, most of the first five generations are entered and Bob's work is a good example of how using the database speeds up the search process.

I have enjoyed hearing from **Doyle Rice** and **Carol Jackson** recently and look forward to future articles about all the twins in Doyle's line, including his twin daughters, and Carol's first visit to Sudbury and how **John Rice** helped make it such a memorable one.

**From the Mailbag** is a new column in which board members can share some of the interesting mail and e-mail we receive. Thank you all and keep in touch!

-Keith Capen Allen

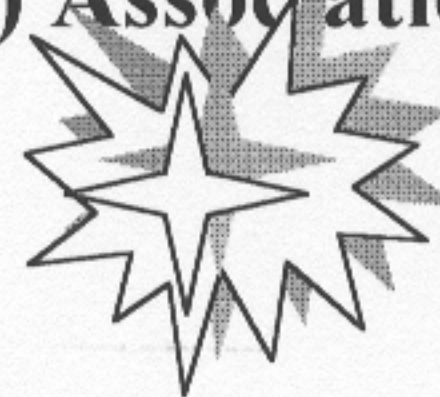


# Annual Reunion of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association

September 18 & 19, 1998

Natick Crowne Plaza Hotel

Natick, Massachusetts



This year our meeting returns to eastern Massachusetts very near our ancestors' original farms in Sudbury and Marlboro. Natick borders the town of Wayland. Wayland, formerly part of Sudbury, was where the Rices first settled. Natick is on Rt 9, also called the Worcester Road.

Although the Crowne Plaza is the most expensive hotel in the area, it gave us the best conference room rates. We will meet in Hamilton A&B.

## Lodging

Rooms at the Crowne Plaza (Rt 9, 1360 Worcester Rd) start at \$159 but the Travelodge next door (Rt 9, 1350 Worcester Rd, 800-578-7878) offers rooms at \$84 S, \$89 D, minus AAA discount. The Travelodge is immediately adjacent to the Sherwood Mall where the Go Fish restaurant is located. We will have our Dutch treat dinner there Friday night. The Travelodge will not hold a block of rooms so make reservations with the motel as soon as possible.

For even more economical lodging try: Motel 6 (S \$56, D \$60, less AARP discount, 800-4- Motel 6, Rt 9, 1668 Worcester Rd. in Framingham), 1 mile east of Mass Turnpike (Exit 12) about 5.3 miles from Crowne Plaza, or, the Econo Lodge (1or 2, \$65; Senior Discount \$59, Rt 9, 1186 Worcester Rd. in Framingham) at Exit 12 of I-90.

## Directions

Take the Mass Turnpike to Exit 13. Bear right after tollbooth. At second traffic light turn left. Follow signs to Rt 9 East. Crowne Plaza on right, Travelodge next on right.

## Schedule

### Friday

- 1~5pm Trip to NEHGS library in Boston on chartered bus. Reservations necessary.
- 5pm Dutch treat meal at Go Fish restaurant, Sherwood Mall, Natick (adjacent to the Travelodge)
- 7~9pm Board of Directors Meeting, Crowne Plaza, Hamilton A

### Saturday

- 9 am Continental breakfast, Crowne Plaza, Hamilton A & B.  
Good time for us to gather, talk, examine computer print-outs, databases, Rice books and exchange genealogical information.
- 12~1pm Lunch (by reservation only), Hamilton A&B
- 1~2pm George W. Lewis, speaker, "Bridges and Boundaries: Travel in the Sudbury Valley from the time of Edmund Rice"
- 2~3pm Annual Meeting, Hamilton A&B
- 3:30pm Visit Edmund Rice's grave in Wayland via motor caravan
- 6pm Computer meeting

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## **Schedule Detail**

### **Friday**

1~5pm Tour New England Historic Genealogical Society Library, 101 Newbury St., Boston

Boston is only minutes away from Natick but because parking in the city is difficult we have hired a bus. It will pick us up at the Travelodge at 1pm. We will be able to tour the NEHGS and its newly renovated six story building in about an hour, then return to the Travelodge before 5pm in time for our Dutch treat supper at the Go Fish.

The library tour is free of charge. There will not be time for research. Upon arrival, we will each sign in at the reception desk and wait for the tour guide.

### **About the NEHGS**

Founded in 1845 as a private, nonprofit corporation, the Society was the first organization specifically dedicated to the study and preservation of family history and currently has over 17,000 members worldwide.

It has one of the country's preeminent genealogical libraries with researchers in many disciplines using its facilities. Its holdings include a genealogical collection of more than 200,000 volumes, over one million manuscripts, and a rare book collection of genealogy and local history not found elsewhere in the country. Although there is a special emphasis on early colonial New England and English records, the library also has a great deal of material covering the rest of the U.S. and foreign countries.

There is an experienced staff of librarians to help patrons use the collections on the fourth, fifth and sixth floors. The recently renovated fourth floor is dedicated to the computer and microfilm collections, including access to over 1 million records of the Mormon repository in Salt Lake City. Members may borrow books through the circulating library of 25,000 volumes for a small processing fee. Soon the library catalog will be in online and the just-hired Internet Services Coordinator will expand research capabilities on the Internet.

There are monthly seminars and lectures at Newbury Street. Every year the NEHGS holds numerous genealogical conferences in Boston and across the U.S. A sales catalog of 3,000 books, CDs, microfilm and research aids is issued twice a year. Books, charts, and computer software are on sale on the first floor.

Dues are \$50 per year or \$70 per family. Membership includes the quarterly *Register* and bimonthly *Nexus*. A one-day research pass is \$15 with a \$2 discount for AAA members and for WGBH members. Only members can view rare books and manuscripts. Membership: 1-888-286-3447. E-mail: [nehgs@nehgs.org](mailto:nehgs@nehgs.org). Homepage: <http://www/nehgs.org>

Library hours are 9am~5pm Tuesday, Friday and Saturday; 9am~9pm Wednesday and Thursday.

(For those who wish to come earlier in the week and combine the Rice Reunion with research at NEHGS, the Holiday Inn, Newton (Exit 22 of I-95 and 0.3 mile south of I-90 at Exit 23/24) is about 10 miles from Natick at the end of the T subway Green line which goes to the Copley T station two blocks from the NEHGS. \$135 was the weekday rate quoted (617-969-5300), with AAA or AARP discount. This is lower than the 800 number reservation rate.)

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## Saturday

1~2pm Speaker, Dr. George K. Lewis

Our meeting speaker, Dr. George K. Lewis, 74, was born of Wayland parents and still lives there. Prof. Lewis received his PhD in geography from Harvard and made his career teaching in the Department of Geography at Boston University where he was also department chairman for a time. For many years he has been a member of both the Wayland Historical Commission and the Wayland Historic District Commission. His favorite topic is old houses. Dr. Lewis's talk, "Bridges and Boundaries: Travel in the Sudbury Valley from the time of Edmund Rice", will focus on the barrier effect on travel of the Sudbury River in colonial Sudbury. Through extensive use of maps, he will describe the network of roads developed in Sudbury that enabled the early settlers and their descendants to visit their fields and pastures, woodlots, mills and churches.

3:30pm Visit to Edmund Rice's grave

After our annual meeting, we will form a car caravan and drive to Edmund Rice's monument in the Wayland cemetery on Rt 27 and also stop at the stone marker beside Connecticut Path, now part of Rt 126, just off Rt 27. A number of people have asked to see the marker and this year we want to be sure all the cars reach it.

6pm Computer meeting

Dennis Rice, ERA Historian, using The Master Genealogist computer software, has been entering raw data from the Rice genealogical books published by our association as well as that submitted by numerous Rice cousins. He is now at a point in this work that some decisions must be made about editing the database entries for accuracy and consistency. All those using genealogy computer programs, especially TMG, are encouraged to attend and discuss possible solutions.

## Peggy Rice Grosser

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### Lineage:

1. Edmund Rice
2. Thomas Rice (1622-81) m. Mary King
3. Thomas Rice (1654-1747) m. (2d) Anna Rice
4. Perez (1698-) m. Lydia
5. Ephraim (1729-) m. Susannah?
6. John Rice (c. 1760-) m. Sarah Polly Woods
7. Willard Rice (1802-) m. Bathsheba Kelley
8. Freeman Orestus Rice (1834-1927) m. Sarah Slee
9. Edwin Roy Rice (1874-) m. Mary Cone (Davis)
10. Peggy Mary Rice (1916-) m. Everett Ernest Grosser (d. 1984)
11. Joella Mary Grosser (1937-)
11. Susan Barbara Grosser (1941-)
11. Kent Edwin Grosser (1945-)



Freeman Orestus Rice

## Twelve Names Too Many

An attempt by a German mother to give her 10-month-old baby son 12 forenames was recently blocked by a court in Dusseldorf, Germany which ruled that a child could only have a maximum of five names.

A 27-year-old housewife wanted to name the boy Chenekwahow Migiskau Nikapi-Hun-Nizeo Alessandro Majim Chayara Inti Ernesto Prithibi Kioma Pathar Henrike so that he would grow up "in the cultural spirit of the times."

The Dusseldorf court said that in choosing the names, the mother, whom it did not name, had not fulfilled her "Vornamenbestimmungspflicht" -- an obligation to make clear what people should call her child. This decision by the higher state court confirmed earlier rulings, but diverged on one point in accepting Kioma as a valid name. Two other courts had decided that the name, which the mother had invented, was illegal.

If this happened in your family, would your present genealogy [computer] program handle an entry for someone named Chenekwahow Migiskau Nikapi-Hun-Nizeo Alessandro Majim Chayara Inti Ernesto Prithibi Kioma Pathar Henrike?

*Yes, according to Joe Woerdeman, who successfully experimented using TMG.*  
-the Editor

Peggy Rice Grosser has compiled a book of the letters of her grandfather, Freeman Orestus Rice entitled, *Grains of Rice ~ with an Occasional Dash of Salt; a book of letters, 1847 - 1947*, published by Gateway Press which will be available for sale at our September reunion.



# HOW TO GET TO THE RICE HISTORICAL SITES IN WAYLAND

Start at Wayland Center, the junction of Routes 20 and 27 by the traffic light in front of First Parish Church.

For the gravestone: (A)

Go northwest from the traffic light on Route 27 about 0.7 miles. The cemetery is on the right. Drive in and park at the top of the knoll. The stone will be on the hilltop between you and Route 27, standing more or less alone.

For the boulder: (B)

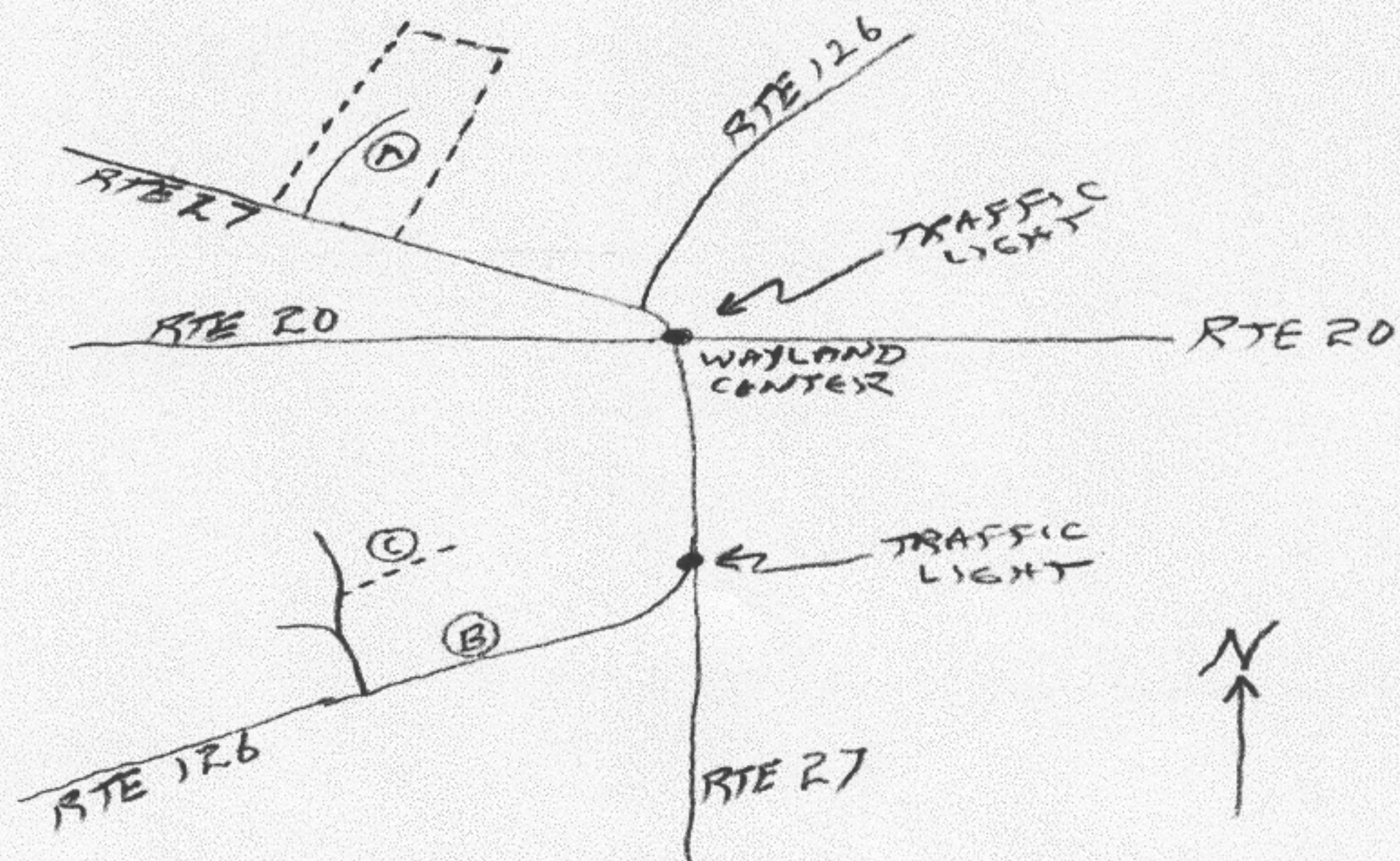
Return to starting point. Go south on Route 27 1.0 miles to the junction with Route 126. Go right on 126 for 0.5 miles. The boulder is on the right, in front of #224, sort of buried in the bushes.

For the spring\*: (C)

Continue along Route 126 for 0.1 mile, and turn right into Charena Road. Go 0.1 mile, bearing right at the fork, you will find a small unmarked (but paved) street (alley?) on the right. Turn into it, and very soon on the left will be the remains of the spring, now just a swampy area. I think that Edmund's farm extended from this point up to Route 126. Close your eyes and imagine his house on this site!

-Bill Drury

\*I researched this site for the reunion two years ago. As you go along the unmarked road, the spring is about fifteen feet down the embankment on your left and, depending on the water table situation, may be running quite well. It is the source of that swampy area. Proceed until you are standing on the manhole cover. You are now roughly in the middle of the original homestead. Much of the foundation is still there two to three feet under the existing surface. The original farm ran from Rt. 126 approximately west to the river. I spoke with the present owner of this property who lives in the house up the hill on the right. He built the road and discovered the foundation in the process. He gave me a horseshoe that he found during excavation. - Don Rice





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1. Edmund Rice of Marlboro
2. Thomas Rice of Sudbury
3. Elisha Rice of Marlboro
4. Zebulon Rice of Lancaster
5. Reuben Rice of Asburnham
6. Reuben Rice of Asburnham
7. Charles Stearns Rice of Asburnham
8. Frederick Freemont Rice
9. May Edna Rice
10. Edna Joslin m. Woodbury

### Additional information:

I was so thrilled when my cousin Bill Miller of Norman, Oklahoma sent me a copy of the Fall 1997 Rice Association Newsletter....A few years ago... my brother Frederick Rice Joslin wrote to the Wayside Inn in Sudbury, Massachusetts to see if the Rice Association still met there. The answer was that it hadn't had any meetings there for years. He and I remember Rice Association meetings at the Wayside Inn in the 1930's as we went to many of them with our parents. In fact I have a picture of me in costume portraying Lydia Rice and John E. Rice of Marlboro portraying my father Deacon Edmund.

I will definitely come to the reunion.

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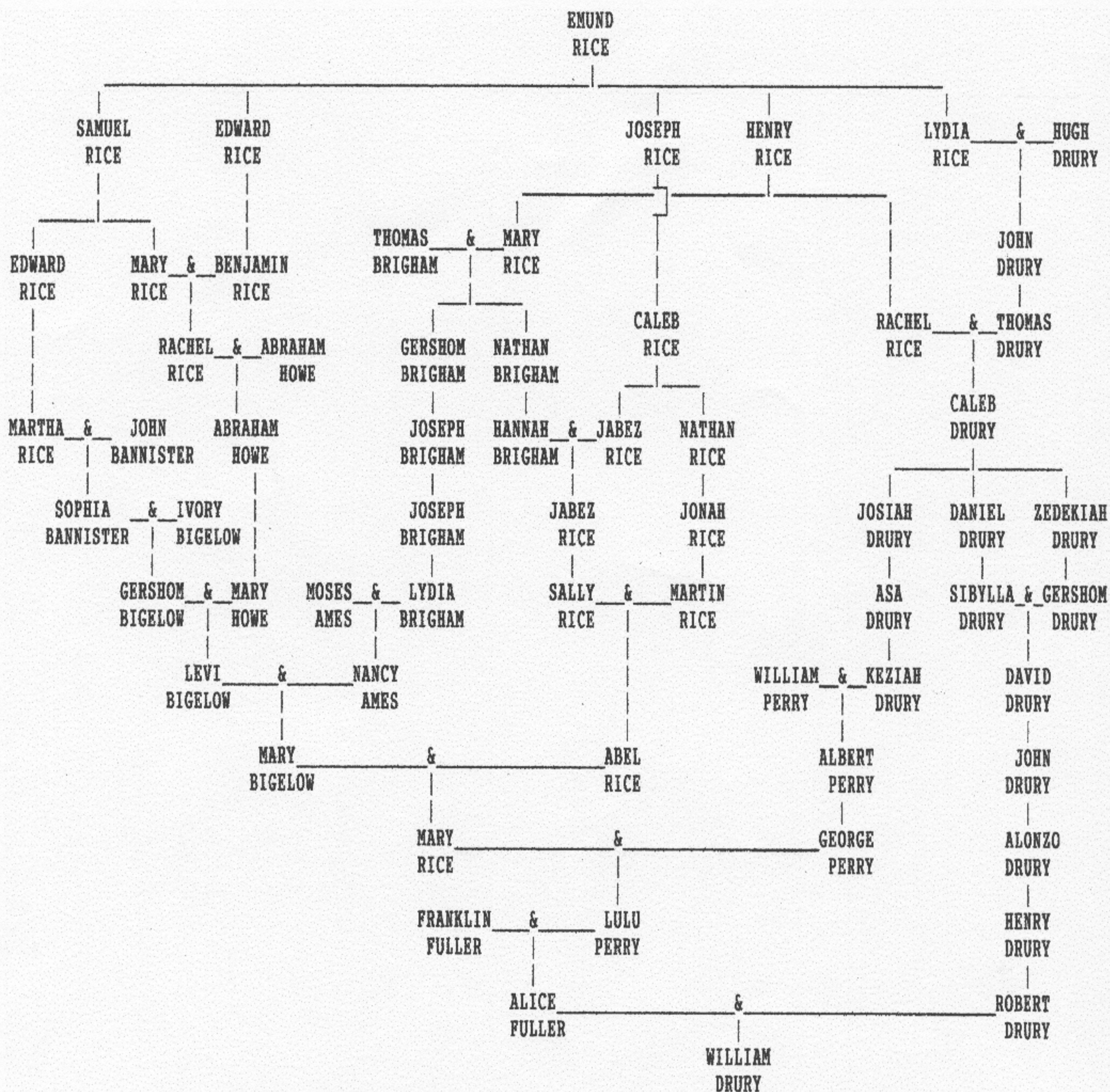
1. Edmund Rice
2. Thomas Rice (1662 -) Suffolk, England
3. Gershom Rice (1667-) Marlboro, Mass
4. Mattias Rice (1707-) Groton, Conn
5. Capt John Rice (1738-) Worcester, Mass
6. William Rice (1774-) Annapolis, Novia Scotia
7. Stephen H. Rice (1797-) Clements or Annapolis, Nova Scotia
8. Stephen Rice (1842-) Robbinston, Maine
9. Warren Edwin Rice (1883-) Rock Port, Missouri
10. Delmar Stephen Rice (1911-) Indiahoma, Oklahoma
10. Mary Oneida Rice (1914-) Noble, Oklahoma (*My aunt*)
11. Warren Van Lue Rice (*My brother*)
12. Brandon Rice
11. Ruth Roberta [Robbie] Rice Gries

### Additional information:

We have a "Rice Reunion" for the descendants of Warren Edwin Rice every three years and will have it this year, 1998, in Missouri. Usually have about 60-65 in attendance. Warren Edwin and wife, Grace Emma Lamirand, had 7 children, 6 survived adulthood and had a total of 23 grandchildren -- [but] only 2 [to] carry on the Rice name, Warren Rice, my brother here in Colorado and my cousin, Ronald Rice who lives in Alaska. Now, from these two, [there is] only one Rice to carry on the Rice name, Warren's son, Brandon.



## Can You Top This?



There used to be a song entitled "I'm My Own Grandpa". I can't claim such a relationship, but I guess I can say that I'm my own cousin eleven times. I'm also a tenth, eleventh, and twelfth generation descendant! By doing some rather involved math, I have determined that approximately 1.3% of my blood is Edmund's. Are any of our readers descended from more than 5 of ER's children or is this a record?

-Bill Drury



# Musings of a Social History Addict

## ~Research Column~

It is all the fault of Ralph Crandall, Executive Director of the NEHGS. Once I mentioned to him that I had a hard time sticking to lateral genealogy research and kept getting lost, wandering off horizontally into collateral lines. "You're a social historian," he told me, "I suggest you read *Albion's Seed* by David Hackett Fischer." Being called a social historian impressed me so I read the book and was immediately hooked into exploring the social context of our ancestors' lives.

Social histories have stretched my understanding of colonial New England and England. I never know when I might stumble across important genealogical information or an unexpected discovery. Here are a few I have enjoyed.

Wondering about the motives behind the Indian raids on frontier towns in colonial New England and why the captives were taken to Canada, some returned, some not, I learned about "captivity literature". An excellent history on this topic is *The Unredeemed Captive* by John Demos in which he describes the February 1704 raid on Deerfield. After reading it, I gained a much better understanding why the geopolitics of France and England caused such misery in the lives of many New England settlers.

In *The Unredeemed Captive*, the author quotes a contemporary source, "And 'Mr.' Edmund Rice of Sudbury: also a town leader, whose two sons (born Silas and Timothy) were now Kahnawakes." (p. 221) It made writing about the Rice boys who were captured in Westborough [Winter 1998] especially poignant.

Genealogical surprises can appear in the most unexpected places. I read *Fire from Heaven; life in an English town in the seventeenth century* by David Underdown that is about Dorchester where my paternal ancestor came from.

"The Mary and John carried two daughters of the shoemaker Bernard Galpin....Bernard Galpin was the centre of a remarkable family network of emigrants." (pp. 135-6)

"In the New England sources Galpin is usually spelt Capen or Cawpen. I use the English spelling to avoid confusion, because of the Galpins left behind in old Dorchester." (p.283)

Galpin?? Never heard of the name! I thought the Capens, their background and their arrival in New England in the early 1630s had been researched every which way to Sunday and that I was familiar with about all of it.

It's like an itch I can't quite scratch. How/why did Galpin change to Capen? Does the author know what he is talking about? Well, probably yes, the book cover says he is a history professor at Yale and that this book won a number of awards, including being "selected by the New England Historical Association as the best work of historical scholarship of 1992".

What possessed Bernard Capen/Galpin, a man in his late sixties to uproot himself, his wife and sail into uncertainty? I can understand the religious and economic reasons that brought many of Bernard and Joan's children to New England, but surely the elderly Capens could have stayed in Dorchester with the children who remained.

Name variations do not come up in *Puritan Village* by Sumner Chilton Powell, the story of the founding of Sudbury. As far as I know, Edmund Rice was called Edmund Rice no matter which side of the Atlantic he was on. The author is interested in land use patterns in England and how they affected the development of early New England. Happily for us, Sudbury is the town he chooses to illustrate his research.

Many cousins have read this book that tells the story of how Edmund Rice and others, coming from different areas in England, accustomed to different land use traditions overcame these differences and worked together to establish Sudbury.

Until I read this book I had not realized that some parts of England were steeped in centuries of communal land ownership patterns while others practiced individual land distribution. I thought that was only a white settler/Native American dilemma.

Where did men like Edmund Rice from modest backgrounds with no experience find the wisdom to successfully establish and manage a town? How did they arrive at workable compromises? The author explores these questions but as with any good history raises more issues to pursue.

Guess I will just have to keep reading and searching for answers. New questions keep popping up....

- Keith Capen Allen



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## Queries

**Robbie Rice Gries**, 6887 West Bennett Pl, Lakewood CO 80227; 303-296-3435, email: rrgries@aol.com

Interested in any writings about **Capt.**

**John Rice**, b. 1738, Worcester MA, immigrated to Nova Scotia. His son, **William Rice** and grandson, **Stephen H. Rice** emigrated from Nova Scotia to Robbinston ME. Why did they return?

Interested in information on **Lt. Stephen Rice**, b. 1842, Robbinston ME. Did he lead black troops in the Civil War? Where was he from end of Civil War until c. 1882 when m. **Diantha Rand** (descendant **Francis Rand**, b. Eng.c.1600, Piscataqua VT c. 1630, massacred by Indians in 1691), Rock Port MO.

**John M. Pellicano**; e-mail: JP39@aol.com

I am writing a biography of **Brig. Gen. James Clayton Rice** (1828-1864), b. Worthington, MA, m. **Josephine Thorp** 10 Dec 1862. I am having great difficulty locating any personal papers and letters of his that might exist. Some of his brother, John's papers were donated by a Maude Dickerman in 1949 to Yale University. Another group of John's papers was donated to the Historical Society of Wisconsin by William G. Rice in 1949. Does anyone know of any such papers?

**Sid Sandifer**; email: SRSandifer@aol.com

I'm trying to find supporting information for my Rice family line which I believe to be as follows:

1. **Aaron Rice** was son of
2. **Mathias Rice**, b. 1-26-1707, m. Mary, 9 ch., was son of
3. **Gershom Rice**, b. 5-9-1667, d. 12-19-68, m. **Elizabeth Balcom**, b. 8-16-1672, d. 1752, 7 ch., was son of
4. **Thomas Rice**, b. Eng. 1622, d. MA 11-16-1681, m. **Mary King**, 13 ch., was the son of
5. Deacon **Edmund Rice**

I have some information on the Edmund/Thomas/Gershom link but nothing on the Gershom/Mathias and Aaron link. Any information (or clues) on this particular line would be greatly appreciated.

## Rice Information on the Internet

Here is a good resource for discussing and sharing information on the Rice surname. Mailing address for postings is rice-l@rootsweb.com. To subscribe send the word "subscribe" (without the quotes) as the only text in the body of a message to rice-l-request@rootsweb.com (mail mode) or rice-d-request@rootsweb.com (digest mode).



## From the Mailbag

Mr. [Dennis] Rice,

My name is Angela Rice and I am interested in more information on the history of The Rice Family as I am doing a family tree for school. My Great Aunt (Jacqueline Rice McGregor) gave me some past newsletters from your association. Please let me know how I can become a member. I am using a program called "Family Tree Maker Deluxe III" if you have any files that may help me.

Thank you,

Angela Rice  
65 Hostetler Rd.  
New Hamburg Ont. Canada  
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Dear Mr. Drury,

My maiden name was Judith Jay Rice. My father was Irving Jay Rice. Two of father's brothers were active in the Rice Association. My Uncle Sturgis Rice, was president [1940-1941, 1954] for a few years, as was my cousin Whiting Rice [1978-1980]. My Uncle Seaver Rice...president [1975-1976]...is best known for his activities as a historian in the Southbridge, Massachusetts area. ....The Episcopal church in Southbridge, just down the road from Sturbridge, has a stained glass window...dedicated to Seaver....The window is behind "Seaver's Chair" where Uncle Seaver used to sit and pass out candy to the children. The window is a modern rendering of "Suffer the little children to come unto me" ....Also, there is a fine portrait of Seaver in the main council room of the Southbridge Town Hall.

Regards,  
Judy Vandegriff  
4069 Sentinel Dr, #304  
Bethesda MD 20816

From - Fri May 08 11:28:00 1998

To: kcallen@ohm.cc.utulsa.edu

Subject: Rice Assoc. Newsletter Winter '98

Now that we have email access it is much more convenient to let you know how very much we enjoyed your Samuel King alias Rice article that served to illuminate our pg 12 query for information on a potential Mayflower connection for Marian Phillips Jones.

We received correspondence from two cousins but unfortunately neither could contribute any information other than their own lineage. It now appears our only avenue is to continue to pursue Connecticut town records on the off chance that the Hyde/Washburn marriage occurred in that colony between 1768 and 1775, (the year we believe their first daughter was born in Whitingham, VT). We came up empty with the most logical CT towns,,, Stafford and Lebanon....

We discovered and joined the Rice Association only last year as I began researching Marian's ancestry and found the linkage through LDS files at a local, newly formed FHC [Family History Center]. The Rice books, along with *Puritan Village*, have provided many hours of enjoyable reading..... and now your most interesting newsletter has us looking forward to the next issue.

Thanks for doing such a great job!

Sincerely,  
Marvin and Marian (Phillips) Jones

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# Story of the Missing 1890 Federal Census

The 1890, Eleventh Census of the United States of America just seemed jinxed. We are missing a wonderful snapshot of our country because of its ill fortune.

In June of 1890, over 47,000 enumerators distributed the schedules in advance to give residents time to complete the forms. The collected, completed forms showed that the population of the U.S. topped over 62 million individuals.

Problems began in 1896. Shortly before their publication, the original special schedules for mortality, crime, pauperism and benevolence, special classes, and portions of the transportation and insurance schedules were damaged and eventually destroyed by the Department of the Interior. In 1903, though, the general population schedules seemed to be in good shape, according to a census clerk. Disaster struck less than twenty years later.

On the afternoon of January 10, 1921, smoke was reported in the Commerce Building. The fire department located and extinguished a fire before it reached the basement level of the building where many federal schedules were stored. In the process, however, most of the area was unavoidably flooded and the records were allowed to remain soaking in water overnight. It was not until the next morning that was a survey done and the damage assessed.

Sam Rogers, Census Director said in his damage assessment report to the Secretary of Commerce, "a cursory examination shows that the census schedules from 1790 to and including 1870, with the exception of those for 1830 and 1840, are on the fifth floor of the Commerce Building and have not been damaged. The schedules of the censuses of 1830, 1840, 1880, 1900 and 1910 have been damaged by water, and it is estimated that ten percent of these schedules will have to be opened and dried and some of them recopied." The latter schedules had been located in the a basement vault considered at the time to be fire and waterproof, but the archivist discovered a small broken pane of glass had allowed water to seep in, damaging the schedules located on low shelves.

The surviving 1890 census schedules did not fare as well. They were located outside the basement vault. Approximately 25 percent of the schedules were destroyed and it is estimated another 50 per cent were damaged by water, smoke and fire. The remaining schedules were abandoned by the government

After the fire, it was rumored that Sam Rogers recommended that what remained of the 1890 schedules should be destroyed. The public and historians were outraged and began a letter writing campaign, resulting in the announcement that the records were NOT going to be destroyed and the government was planning a suitable archive. Yet, in May of 1921, the census schedules still remained in temporary storage. Finally, the new census director, William Steuart had them returned to the census building to prevent gradual deterioration.

Ten years passed and in December of 1932, the Chief Clerk of the Bureau of Census sent the Librarian of Congress a list of papers that Congress authorized destroyed, including Item 22: "Schedules, Population-1890, Original." The librarian gave his permission and all the listed papers, along with the 1890 Census Schedule, were destroyed. Ironically, just one day before Congress authorized the destruction of the census, President Herbert Hoover laid the cornerstone of the permanent National Archives building.

Somehow, small pieces of the original schedules survived. In 1942, during the move to the new archives building, a bundle of the Illinois schedules appeared in a shipment. In 1953, more fragments were discovered, including some from Alabama, Georgia, Illinois, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, North Carolina, Ohio, South Dakota, Texas and the District of Columbia. The remnants of the 1890 census have been filmed. Only about 6,000 names on three rolls of microfilm remain of these precious pieces of our past.

The cause of the 1921 fire was never determined. Some speculate that a worker in the basement was smoking and set off the blaze; others believe that the bundles of papers spontaneously combusted.

*-Edited by Keith Capen Allen from This and That Genealogy Tips web pages by Shirley Hornbeck  
(<http://www.geocities.com/Yosemite/5643/tandt.html>)*



## Resources Found on the Internet

### ❖ General Register Office for Scotland Internet Service

This should be on line from 6th April. It will provide world wide web access to a fully searchable index of births/baptisms and banns/marriages from the Old Parish Registers dating from 1553 to 1854, and births, marriages and deaths from the Statutory Index for 1855 to 1897. Searching will be possible in a number of fields and will constitute one of the world's largest databases of genealogical information.

There will be charges for certain services. The venture was initiated and will be operated by OMS Services Ltd.

Further information from:

General Register Office for Scotland  
Brian Philip, Deputy Registrar General,  
New Register House, Edinburgh EH1 3YT, UK  
Tel: +44(0) 131-314 4434  
Web: [www.open.gov.uk/gros/groshome.htm](http://www.open.gov.uk/gros/groshome.htm)

OMS Services Ltd  
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Tel: +44(0)181-866 5830  
email: [ian@aecserve.com](mailto:ian@aecserve.com)  
Web: [www.aecserve.com/oms/who.html](http://www.aecserve.com/oms/who.html)

### ❖ General Land Office Records

I'm sure you know about the General Land Office Records. For the past few years they have been issuing state land record files on CD which the various genealogy suppliers have been selling for prices of \$19 and up. I found that I could purchase them directly from GLO for \$15 each and have made a collection of most of them. So far, there are eleven states listed: Alabama, Arkansas, Florida, Indiana, Louisiana, Michigan, Mississippi, Missouri, Minnesota, Ohio, and Wisconsin.

Yesterday I received a flyer from GLO announcing that they were now on the net and that I could search for any land grant that was on file and download an image of the exact grant.

One woman said "I did a search for a man named Samuel Boley in Carroll Co., Mo. One hit!!!! I downloaded the grant and printed it out in its entirety. WOW!!! What a breakthrough. GLO says that if I wish them to send me a certified copy it will cost me \$1.50."

No longer will we need to buy the CD's. It's right here--- FREE!!

<http://www.glorerecords.blm.gov>

Tim Doyle  
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<http://www.doit.com/tdoyle/>  
<ftp://ftp.doit.com/pub/tdoyle/>

## The Art of Collecting Ancestors

"Persons who do genealogy must learn forms of speech used with employees in the courthouses and record offices.... Charts are drawn...family group, pedigree, and Ahnentafel. Middle names are never skipped. They know how names get transformed into nicknames, converse fluently about the child-naming patterns of the various immigrant groups, and keep soft-lead pencils and blank paper in the car for tracing gravestones. They can load ten different kinds of microfilm readers faster than a projectionist can thread a projector."

-Luther, Kem, *Cottonwood Roots*, Univ. of Nebraska Press, 1993, p. 38

Want to have your family history traced at absolutely no charge?

Run for public office!

-Submitted by Anita Cooper



## Reservations for 1998 Annual Reunion

**Lunch: 12 PM Saturday, September 19th**

<u>Number</u>	<u>Entree</u>	<u>Cost</u>
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-----	Grilled Chicken with Wild Mushroom Sauce	\$15
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-----	Boston Baked Scrod	\$15
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-----	NEHGS Library Trip Friday, September 18th	\$10
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-----	Dutch Treat Supper Friday, September 18th	At table
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-----	Edmund Rice Gravesite Excursion, Saturday, September 19th	None
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Send reservations and payment to William Drury, 24 Buckman Dr., Chelmsford MA 01824-2156 before *Sept 11, 1998*.

## EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION POLL

ANNUAL MEETING DATES LOCATIONS

DATE	OPTIMUM	DESIRABLE	AGREEABLE	NOT GOOD
3rd wk Sept....				
Early Sept.....				
Last half Aug...				
Anytime Aug...				
Anytime July...				
Late June.....				
Early June.....				
Other write in..				
LOCATION				
Near Sudbury..				
Anywhere MA.				
New England...				
California.....				
Other write in..				

Member Name-----

Address-----

Have you attended any of the last three Annual Meetings? Yes---- No----

Have you attended any Annual Meeting? Yes---- No----

Comments -----

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Please make your choices and return to William S. Drury, 24 Buckman Dr., Chelmsford MA 01824-2156. Thank You.