

Edmund Rice (1638) Association Newsletter

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Annual Reunion

September 18 and 19, 1998
Natick, Massachusetts

*Meet Your Rice Cousins! Renew Past Friendships!
Find New Ancestors!*

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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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
Renewals:
 Under 80 years of age.....\$10.00
 Age 80 and above.....\$5.00
Life membership.....\$100.00
 (single payment)

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President's Column

Dear Cousins,

There is no doubt in my mind that taking advantage of computer technology is the best way to preserve our ancestral lines for future generations. As you know, we are in the process of integrating all our published and unpublished Rice data into The Master Genealogist (TMG) program. There are several important reasons to do so.

We need to bring our data up to today's research standards by checking them against available primary source material and documenting the sources.

There are numerous genealogies of early American families that can give very useful clues in seeking out Rice cousin connections especially since so many of our ancestors intermarried with other early 17th century Great Migration immigrant families to New England. Most of these genealogies can be found on the library shelves of the New England Historic Genealogical Society (NEHGS). However, many were compiled when primary sources were not so rigorously sought nor necessarily documented when they were found. Our own Rice books are examples of undocumented genealogies.

We need to work toward publishing a documented, corrected Rice genealogy.

Computers simplify publishing by making light work of repetitive tasks as well as editing, creating reports, charts, and bibliographies. The mistakes and errors in Ward's *The Rice Family* were well known before the Association started publishing genealogies with corrections and additions. Unfortunately, none of the latter included documented sources, either. Having our Rice data on computer will make it easy to add and edit on an ongoing basis. Also, it will be possible to produce our Rice genealogy both in book form and on CD-ROM.

For almost three years I have been using The Master Genealogist (TMG) computer database to record my branch of the Rice family. Dennis Rice, the ERA historian, sent me floppies of the first five generations of the whole Edmund Rice line to display at last year's Annual Reunion. The ERA database generated a great deal of interest and was in constant use during the meeting.

The ERA gives a substantial discount to members who choose TMG with its superior research and report capabilities. To date only a few cousins have taken advantage of the offer. We know that many are using other genealogy software for Dennis has incorporated their data into TMG. It is understandable that someone who has spent years using a given program does not want to change and Dennis can handle many conversions directly. However, I urge cousins who are just starting to convert their genealogies into a computer database to take advantage of the discount and buy this powerful program at an excellent price and at the same time help simplify Dennis' data entry task.

We are now at a point in this project where some hard questions need to be asked about editorial guidelines for entering data, citations and sources for accuracy and style. What editorial standards? Who decides? Who writes them? Reviews policy periodically? What about conversions from Mac programs? Several ERA officers and directors who use TMG have been discussing some of these issues by e-mail recently but we want to enlarge the discussion group. What we probably really need is a whole weekend but we are going to have to settle for a few hours at the end of the 1998 reunion. The exact location of the computer meeting will depend on the numbers wishing to attend but it will be at 6:00 PM Saturday.

All cousins who are using computer programs or want to use computers for genealogy are urged to attend. Some who are unable to attend in person will be connected via telephone. Please check the reservation form to reserve a place in this forum.

Sincerely,
Robert V. Rice, President

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)

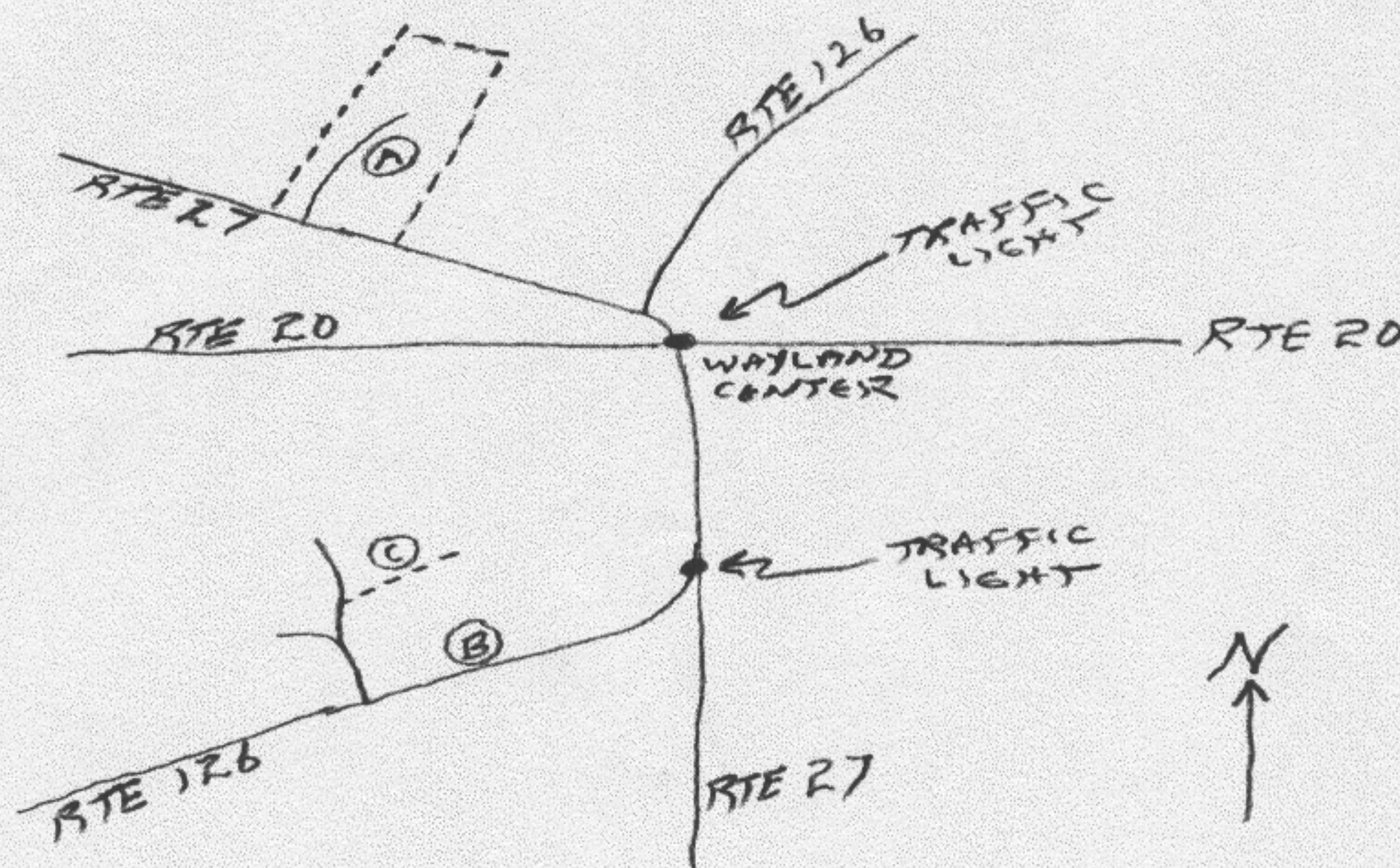
Return to starting point. Go south on Route 27 1.0 miles to the junction with Route 126. Go right on 126 for 0.5 miles. The boulder is on the right, in front of #224, sort of buried in the bushes.

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



Attention Computer Users!!!

Dennis Rice, ERA Historian, is making great progress in entering the raw data from the Rice genealogical books and data submitted by Rice cousins into The Master Genealogist (TMG) computer software.

Why has the Association asked Dennis to undertake this huge project?

First and foremost, a computer database that consolidates all our genealogical information will make it easy to make additions and corrections. Also, computerized data can be used in a number of ways: downloaded onto another computer or printed out or written onto a CD. Dennis is now at a point in this work that some decisions must be made on the issues of accuracy of the data and consistency of style.

Come hear the latest progress report and add your suggestions for possible solutions

Reservations for the Annual Reunion September 19th & 20th, 1998

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 |
| ----- | Boston Baked Scrod | \$15 |

Activities:

| <u>Number</u> | | |
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| ----- | NEHGS Library Trip Friday, September 18 th | \$10 |
| ----- | Dutch Treat Supper Friday, September 18 th | At table |
| ----- | Edmund Rice Gravesite Excursion, Saturday, September 19 th | None |
| ----- | Meeting on ERA Computer Database, September 19 th | None |

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Send reservations and payment to William Drury, 24 Buckman Dr., Chelmsford MA 01824-2156 *before September 11, 1998.* (E-mail: wdrury@world.std.com)