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does not include personal information  
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business information about our  
association.

### President's Column

Dear Cousins,

Up to now our Y DNA study has been tied inextricably to our computer database. Dennis Rice had started transcribing Rice genealogical data from ERA published books and contributions of Rice cousins before I met him at the Worcester-Barre annual reunion in 1995. By then Dennis had already settled on *The Master Genealogist* as the best genealogy computer program. He has continued to work on this monumental task and some time ago finished transcribing all of Ward's *The Rice Family* and is well into other Rice books. I think he deserves a medal or some other tangible recognition for his years of devoted work!

Several other Rice cousins, especially George King and John Chandler, have also contributed to the database, principally by checking the accuracy and completeness of the genealogical data in the database against published primary records such as early vital records of town clerks. This meant that when we started the Y-chromosome DNA study we had accurate Rice data for the first 5 to 6 generations. Now, it is true that most living male Rices are in the 9<sup>th</sup> to 12<sup>th</sup> generations, but knowing the reliability of half or more of their pedigrees was of great help.

The Board of Directors discussed the future of the ERA database at its recent spring meeting in Sudbury. Dennis has decided that because of the pressure of his studies for a master's degree he will turn over the database to George who will merge and consolidate a large set of data he has validated and that is ready to be incorporated into the master database. Hopefully, at some time in the future, Dennis will return to the Herculean transcription task.

The Genetics Committee uses the database to prepare pedigrees of living male Rices who are prospective candidates for the Y DNA study. This is how we established the Edmund Rice Haplotype relatively quickly, but refinements are in order particularly concerning mutations. We can have additional loci tested for some of the Rice set of markers but other Rices have contacted us who have pedigrees close to those showing mutations.

It is the so-called 'Other Rices' who present a problem for the Genetics Committee. How do we handle someone who wants to submit a DNA sample for analysis that cannot connect, at least for now, to Edmund Rice? After discussion, we decided that through our arrangements with the FTDNA laboratory to let such males pay for their own samples and we will include the results in a table similar to many such posted on the Internet. That is, at least until it becomes too unwieldy.

If a male Rice/Royce, etc. turns out to have a different set of genetic markers from those attributed to Edmund Rice he may want to start his own Internet site. But if one or more Rice/Royce males turn out to have Edmund's haplotype then we will need to do a lot of genealogical detective work. This is where we need more help.

Anyone wanting to help research early records and document lines of descent should get in touch with George King. (See p. 4) Finally! Do not forget to make your reservation for the Rice Reunion, September 20<sup>th</sup> and 21<sup>st</sup> at Longfellow's Wayside Inn, Sudbury, Massachusetts.

Sincerely,

Robert V. Rice, President

### Editor's Column

My thoughts have been running along the lines of relatedness recently. With Y chromosome testing, we established the Edmund Rice haplotype. With mtDNA testing, I learned I belong to Clan Helena, stretching back thousands of years in an unbroken line.

What about much more immediate relatedness, though; what about marriages between first or second cousins? Any increased medical or genetic problems? According to researchers, the risk of birth defects to children born to first or second cousins can be nearly twice that of children born to unrelated parents, but lower than many people, including family doctors, believe. An unrelated couple has about a 3 to 4 percent of having a child with a significant birth defect or genetic disease. Close cousins have an additional risk factor of 1.7 to 2.8 percent.

"The common sense point of this is that there is a definite risk, but the risk is rather small," said Dr. Arno G. Motulsky, professor of medicine and genome sciences at the University of Washington and one of the researchers.

Marriage of first cousins is illegal in 30 states but in some Middle East, Asia and Africa countries up to 60 percent of the population is blood related and cousin marriages are preferred to unrelated ones. Immigrants from those areas of the world continue that tradition in the U. S., so understanding the relative risks is important.

These results of an analysis of six published studies involving thousands of related couples appear in the April 2002 issue of the Journal of Genetic Counseling.

Interesting. I have great grandparents who were half first cousins.

(Loviglio, Joann, "Study: birth defect risk lower than expected for cousins", *Tulsa World*, 4 Apr 2002, p.D 8)

## Rice Reunion

September 20 & 21, 2002 Longfellow's Wayside Inn, Sudbury

Space is limited so it is important that we know well in advance how many will be attending each day. (Final reunion reservation forms that include the menu and cost of the Saturday luncheon will be mailed in August.). Let [Ms. Jeanette Pollard](#) know if you are planning to attend.

We are returning to Longfellow's Wayside Inn in Sudbury after an absence of many years. The Howe family of Sudbury founded the inn and, as we know, many Rice cousins have Howe connections. The grounds around the inn are extensive and include a working water wheel driven gristmill, a schoolhouse, gardens, a stone bridge, and a typical New England church.

Here are the activities planned for the reunion.

On Friday afternoon of the 20<sup>th</sup>, we plan to meet at the Wayland Historical Society in Wayland Center. Wayland was separated from Sudbury many years ago but it is the main location of the original Sudbury Plantation of 1638. (The old North Cemetery on Route 27 where Edmund Rice is buried and the boulder marking his homestead on Old Connecticut Path, now Route 126, are both in what is now Wayland.)

Professor George Lewis spoke at our reunion several years ago on the geography of old Sudbury and he has now prepared a remarkable, annotated map showing the location of many old Rice properties along Rice Road as well as elsewhere in present day Wayland. Using our ERA computer database, possible Rice ancestors have been connected to each house location, so after meeting at the Wayland Historical Society we plan to take a car caravan tour of these locations. The visits will include the Edmund Rice Homestead and Edmund's gravesite.

We have a room set aside in the Wayside Inn for our use during the afternoon. At 5:30 p.m. we will gather for a Dutch treat supper in the Wayside Inn dining room. (*The Board of Directors meeting will be at 7:30 p.m. at the nearby Clarion Carriage House Inn, 738 Boston Post Road.*)

Saturday morning, the 21<sup>st</sup>, we will meet in the Wayside Inn Ballroom where coffee and pastries will be available starting at 9 a.m. Cousins can socialize, buy Rice genealogy books and check out the Rice database set up on laptop computers. About 10:30 there will be a discussion of the Rice computer database and an opportunity to ask questions about adding individual lineages to it.

At 11:30, we will break to allow the staff to prepare for our noon luncheon. Our annual business meeting will begin at 1 p.m., followed by a discussion of our Y Chromosome study and a chance for cousins to ask further questions about the Rice Haplotype results.

Finally, those who were not able to take the long car tour on Friday can visit Edmund's grave in the old North Cemetery in Wayland.

- *Bob Rice*

Note: A very limited number of rooms have been set-aside for ERA Reunion attendees in the Wayside Inn. You must make reservations directly with the Inn (978.443.1776). There are also rooms available at the nearby Clarion Carriage House Inn (978.443.2223). The nearest budget motel is the Marlborough Super 8 (508.460.1000).

## Ahnentafel of Elias Howe, Jr.:

1. Edmund Rice = Thomasine Frost
2. Edward Rice = Agnes Bent
3. John Rice = Tabitha Stone
4. Deliverance Rice = John Howe
5. Jassiniah Howe = Damaris Eager
6. Elijah Howe = Deborah Smith
7. Elijah Howe = Fanny Bemis
8. Elias Howe = Polly Bemis
9. Elias Howe (1819-1867)

--- 1st Generation ---

1. Elias HOWE Jr.  
Birth\* Jul 09, 1819 Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR, Ency. Britannica, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 2)  
Anecdote\* 1846 He received a patent for the invention of the sewing machine. (Ency. Britannica)  
Death\* Oct 03, 1867 Brooklyn, NY. (Ency. Britannica)

--- 2nd Generation ---

2. Elias HOWE  
Birth\* Dec 27, 1792 Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 2)  
Marr (intention)\* Sep 29, 1816 Polly BEMIS; Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 2)

3. Polly Bemis

Note\* Another Polly Bemiss, d. Joesph and Jemima b. Feb. 22 1785. (Spencer VR)

Birth\* Apr 26, 1787 Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR)

Baptism: Dec 24, 1800 Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 2)

Marr (intention)\* Sep 29, 1816 Elias HOWE; Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 2)

--- 3rd Generation ---

4. Elijah HOWE Jr.

Birth\* c 1769 Leicester, MA. (Rice Suppl. 2 Part 2, not found in Leicester VR)

Marriage\* Mar 18, 1790 Fanny BEMIS; Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 2)

Death\* Jan 09, 1816 Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 2)

5. Fanny BEMIS

Birth\* Jul 24, 1771 Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 2, Watertown Genealogies)

Marriage\* Mar 18, 1790 Elijah HOWE Jr.; Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 2)

6. David BEMIS (might not be father of Polly; see above)

Birth\* c 1755 (Based on age at death)

Marriage\* Nov 01, 1781 Mary LAMB; Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR)

Death\* Oct 13, 1836 Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR)

7. Mary LAMB (might not be mother of Polly; see above)

Marriage\* Nov 01, 1781 David BEMIS; Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR)

--- 4th Generation ---

8. Elijah HOWE

Birth\* Dec 07, 1731 Southborough, MA. (Southborough VR, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 1)

Marriage\* Jun 24, 1759 Deborah SMITH; Leicester, Ma. (Southborough VR, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 1)

Death\* Feb 25, 1808 Spencer, MA. (Southborough VR, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 1)

9. Deborah SMITH

Birth\* c 1741 (Based on age at death)

Marriage\* Jun 24, 1759 Elijah HOWE; Leicester, MA. (Southborough VR, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 1)

Death\* Aug 25, 1816 Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR)

10. Joshua BEMIS

Birth\* Jul 14, 1729 Leicester, MA. (Leicester VR, Watertown Genealogies)

Marriage\* Sep 18, 1755 Sarah WHITE; Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR, Watertown Genealogies)

Death\* Mar 24, 1789 Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR, Watertown Genealogies)

11. Sarah WHITE

Birth\* Jun 22, 1737 Framingham, MA. (Framingham VR and Ancestry.com - but is this the right Sarah White???)

Marriage\* Sep 18, 1755 Joshua BEMIS; Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR, Watertown Genealogies)

Death\* Jun 02, 1791 Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR, Watertown Genealogies)

--- 5th Generation ---

16. Jassiniah HOWE

Marriage\* \_\_\_\_ Damaris Eager (Rice Gen. Reg, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 1)

Birth\* May 30, 1704 Marlborough, MA. (Marlborough VR, Rice Gen. Reg, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 1)

Death\* 1762 (Rice Gen. Reg, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 1)

17. Damaris Eager (Southborough VR confirms her first name only)

Marriage\* \_\_\_\_ Jassiniah HOWE (Rice Gen. Reg, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 1)

Birth: Sep 11 \_\_\_\_ Marlborough, MA. (Marlborough VR)

Birth\* Sep 01, 1707 (Rice Gen. Reg, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 1)

20. Samuel BEMIS

Anecdote\* He was the second settler of Spencer, MA, moving there in 1721 from Sudbury. Refer also to Draper's History of Spencer for information about him and his children.

Birth\* Aug 07, 1690 Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

Marriage\* Apr 12, 1716 Sarah Barnard; Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies, Watertown VR)

Death\* Aug \_\_, 1776 Spencer, MA. (Watertown Genealogies, Spencer VR)

21. Sarah Barnard

Birth\* Jan 25, 1694 Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

Marriage\* Apr 12, 1716 Samuel BEMIS; Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies, Watertown VR)

Death\* Sep 30, 1756 Spencer, MA. (Watertown Genealogies, Spencer VR)

22. Lieutenant John WHITE (Might not really be the father of our Sarah; see above)

Birth\* Aug 22, 1695 Framingham, MA. (Ancestry.com; date fits OK with age at death)

Marriage\* Jan 24, 1728 Sybilla Buckminster; Framingham, MA. (Framingham VR)

Death\* Aug 20, 1778 Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR)

23. Sybilla Buckminster (Might not really be the mother of our Sarah; see above)

Birth\* Aug 13, 1707 Framingham, MA. (Ancestry.com; date fits OK with age at death)

Marriage\* Jan 24, 1728 Lieutenant John WHITE; Spencer, MA. (Framingham VR)

Death\* Oct 23, 1794 Spencer, MA. (Spencer VR)

--- 6th Generation ---

32. John HOWE Jr.

Note\* Two John Howes were born close enough to the same time to be this one, one to John, Sr. and one to Isaac. Argument for John Sr. is that this John is referred to as Jr. in marriage record. Argument for Isaac is John Jr. and Deliverance named a son Isaac.

Birth\* Sep 09, 1671 Marlborough, MA. (Marlborough VR for son of John Sr. and Elizabeth)

Birth\* Sep 16, 1682 Marlborough, MA. (Rice Family, Marlborough for son of Isaac and Frances)

Marriage\* Nov 03, 1703 Deliverance Rice; Sudbury, MA. (Sudbury VR, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 1)

33. Deliverance Rice

Birth\* Aug 14, 1681 Sudbury, MA. (Sudbury VR, Rice Family)

Marriage\* Nov 03, 1703 John HOWE Jr.; Sudbury, MA. (Sudbury VR, Rice Suppl. 2 Part 1)

34. Ensign Zerubbabel Eager

Marriage\* Mar 23, 1698 Hannah Kerly; Marlborough, MA. (Marlborough VR)

Death\* Jan 09, 1747 Marlborough, MA. (Marlborough VR)

35. Hannah Kerly

Note: Two Hannah Kerlys were born close enough together to be this one, one of William and Jane, the other of Henry and Elizabeth.

Birth\* Jan 08, 1670 Sudbury, MA. (Sudbury VR for daughter of William and Jane)

Birth\* Mar 20, 1678 Marlborough, MA. (Marlborough VR for daughter of Henry and Elizabeth)

Marriage\* Mar 23, 1698 Ensign Zerubbabel Eager; Marlborough, MA. (Marlborough VR)

40. John BEMIS

Birth\* Aug \_\_, 1659 Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies, Watertown VR)

Marriage\* 1680 Mary Harrington; Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

Death\* Oct 24, 1732 Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies, Watertown VR)

41. Mary HARRINGTON

Birth\* Jan 12, 1664 Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

Marriage\* 1680 John BEMIS; Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

Death\* Sep 08, 1716 Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

42. John BARNARD

Occupation\* Watertown, MA; a housewright. (Watertown Genealogies)

Birth\* Nov 15, 1654 Watertown, MA. (Watertown VR)

Marriage\* Nov 17, 1692 Elizabeth STONE; Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies, Watertown VR)

WillDate\* Aug 12, 1727 (Watertown Genealogies)

Probate\* Mar 27, 1732 (Watertown Genealogies)

43. Elizabeth STONE

Birth\* May 05, 1672 Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

Marriage\* Nov 17, 1692 John BARNARD; Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies, Watertown VR)

Death\* May 06, 1694 Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

--- 7th Generation ---

64. Isaac HOWE

Birth\* Aug 08, 1648 Sudbury, MA. (Sudbury VR)

Marriage\* Jan 17, 1671 Frances WOODS; Marlborough, MA. (Marlborough VR, Rice Family)

Death\* Dec 09, 1724 Marlborough, MA. (Marlborough VR)

65. Frances WOODS

Marriage\* Jan 17, 1671 Isaac HOWE; Marlborough, MA. (Marlborough VR, Rice Family)

Death\* May 14, 1718 Marlborough, MA. (Marlborough VR)

or 64a. John HOWE

Marriage\* Nov 03, 1686 Elizabeth WOOLSON; Sudbury, MA. (Sudbury VR)

or 65a. Elizabeth WOOLSON

Marriage\* Nov 03, 1686 John HOWE; Sudbury, MA. (Sudbury VR)

66. John RICE

Birth\* Dec 20, 1651 Sudbury, MA. (Sudbury VR, Rice Family)

Marriage\* Nov 02, 1674 Tabitha STONE; Sudbury, MA. (Sudbury VR, Rice Family)

Death\* Sep 06, 1719 Sudbury, MA. (Sudbury VR, Rice Family)

67. Tabitha STONE

Birth\* May 29, 1655 Sudbury, MA. (Sudbury VR)

Marriage\* Nov 02, 1674 John RICE; Sudbury, MA. (Sudbury VR, Rice Family

70. Captain Henry KERLY

Marriage\* Nov 02, 1654 Elizabeth White; Sudbury, MA. (Sudbury VR)

Death\* Dec 18, 1713 Marlborough, MA. (Marlborough VR) 71. Elizabeth WHITE

Marriage\* Nov 02, 1654 Captain Henry Kerly; Sudbury, MA. (Sudbury VR)

Death\* Apr 16, 1710 Marlborough, MA. . (Marlborough VR)

or 70a. William KERLY

Marriage\* Jane (Sudbury VR).

or 71a. Jane (--?--)

Marriage\* William KERLY (Sudbury VR)

80. Joseph BEMIS

Residence\* before 1640 Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

Marriage\* 1640 Sarah (--?--); Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

Death\* Aug 07, 1684 Watertown, MA. . (Watertown Genealogies)

81. Sarah (--?--)

Marriage\* 1640 Joseph BEMIS; Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

82. Robert HARRINGTON

Anecdote\* His name was on the list of Watertown proprietors, made between 1642 and 1644. (Watertown Genealogies)

Marriage\* Oct 10, 1648 Susannah GEORGE; Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies, Watertown VR)

Freeman\* May 27, 1663 Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

Death\* May 17, 1707 Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

83. Susannah GEORGE

Birth\* 1632 (Watertown Genealogies)

Marriage\* Oct 10, 1648 Robert HARRINGTON; Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies, Watertown VR)

Death\* Jul 16, 1694 Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

84. John BARNARD Jr.

Birth\* c 1632 England (Watertown Genealogies)

Emigration\* Apr 10, 1634 from Ipswich, England (Watertown Genealogies)

Marriage\* Nov 15, 1654 Sarah FLEMING, Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies, Watertown VR)

85. Sarah FLEMING

Birth\* Sep 01, 1639 Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

Marriage\* Nov 15, 1654 John BARNARD Jr, Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies, Watertown VR)

86. Deacon John STONE

Birth: Mar \_\_, 1635 England (Watertown Genealogies)

Birth\* Aug 15, 1635 Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies; not sure which is right)

Marriage\* Sarah (Watertown Genealogies)

87. Sarah (--?--) (Watertown Genealogies has "Bass" written in as her last name)

Marriage\* Deacon John STONE (Watertown Genealogies)

--- 8th Generation ---

128. John HOWE

Marriage\* \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Mary (--?--) (Sudbury VR)

129. Mary (--?--)

Marriage\* \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ John HOWE (Sudbury VR)

132. Deacon Edward RICE

Baptism\* Oct 20, 1622 Stanstead, England (Rice Gen. Reg.)

Marriage\* c1647 Agnes BENT; Sudbury, MA. (Rice Gen. Reg.)

Death\* Aug 15, 1712 Marlborough, MA. (Marlborough VR)

133. Agnes BENT

Name-Var: Ann (Marlborough VR)

Birth\* \_\_\_\_ 1631 Southampton, England (Rice Gen. Reg., Marlborough VR)

Immigratn\* \_\_\_\_ 1638 Sudbury, MA; on Confidence with parents & 4 brothers, at age 8. (CD: Early N.E. Settlers)

Marriage\* c \_\_\_\_ 1647 Deacon Edward RICE; Sudbury, MA. (Rice Gen. Reg.)

Death\* Jun 04, 1713 Marlborough, MA. (Marlborough VR)

134. John STONE

Marriage\* \_\_\_\_ \_\_\_\_ Ann (--?--) (Sudbury VR)

Birth\* c 1619 (Rice Family)

135. Ann (--?--)

Marriage\* \_\_\_\_ \_ \_\_\_\_ John Stone (Sudbury VR)

168. John BARNARD

Marriage\* \_\_\_\_ \_ \_\_\_\_ Phebe (--?--)(Watertown Genealogies)

Birth\* c 1604 England (Watertown Genealogies)

Emigration\* Apr 10, 1634 from Ipswich, England. (Watertown Genealogies)

Freeman\* Mar 04, 1635 Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

Burial: Jun 04, 1646 Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

Burial\* Jun 23, 1646 Watertown, MA. (Watertown VR)

169. Phebe (--?--)

Marriage\* \_\_\_\_ \_ \_\_\_\_ John BARNARD (Watertown Genealogies)

Emigration\* Apr 10, 1634 from Ipswich. (Watertown Genealogies)

Death\* Aug 01, 1685 (Watertown Genealogies)

170. John FLEMING

Marriage\* \_\_\_\_ \_ \_\_\_\_ Anna (--?--)(Watertown Genealogies)

Death\* Jun 01, 1657 (Watertown Genealogies)

171. Anna (--?--)

Marriage\* \_\_\_\_ \_ \_\_\_\_ John FLEMING (Watertown Genealogies)

Name-Var: Hannah (Watertown Genealogies)

Probate\* Dec 29, 1657 (Watertown Genealogies)

172. Deacon Simon STONE

Marriage\* \_\_\_\_ \_ \_\_\_\_ Joan (--?--)(Watertown Genealogies)

Birth\* c 1585 (Watertown Genealogies)

Emigration\* Apr 15, 1635 from Ipswich, England. (Watertown Genealogies)

Freeman\* May 25, 1636 Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

WillDate\* Sep 07, 1665 Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

Probate\* Oct 03, 1665 Watertown, MA. (Watertown Genealogies)

173. Joan (--?--)

Marriage\* \_\_\_\_ \_ \_\_\_\_ Deacon Simon STONE (Watertown Genealogies)

Name-Var: Jane (Watertown Genealogies)

Birth\* c 1597 (Watertown Genealogies)

Emigration\* Apr 15, 1635 from Ipswich, England. (Watertown Genealogies)

--- 9th Generation ---

264. Deacon Edmund RICE

Birth\* c 1594 England (Rice Gen. Reg.)

Marriage\* Oct 15, 1618 Thomasine FROST; St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, England (Rice Gen. Reg.)

Death\* May 03, 1663 Marlborough, MA. (Marlborough VR)

Burial\* May \_\_, 1663 Marlborough, MA. (Marlborough VR)

265. Thomasine FROST

Baptism\* Aug 11, 1600 St. James, Suffolk, England. (Rice Gen. Reg.)

Marriage\* Oct 15, 1618 Edmund RICE; St. Mary's, Bury St. Edmunds, England. (Rice Gen. Reg.)

Death\* Jun 13, 1654 Sudbury, MA. (Sudbury VR)

266. John BENT

Birth\* 1603 Penton-Grafton, England. (CD: Early N.E. Settlers)

Marriage\* 1624 Martha BLANCHARD (Ancestry.com)

Immigratr\* 1638 Sudbury, MA; on the Confidence. (CD: Early N.E. Settlers)

Freeman\* May 13, 1640 (CD: Early N.E. Settlers)

Death\* Sep 27, 1672 Sudbury, MA. (Sudbury VR)

267. Martha BLANCHARD

Birth\* c 1600 Penton-Grafton, England. (CD: Early N.E. Settlers)

Marriage\* 1624 John BENT (CD: Early N.E. Settlers)

Death\* May 15, 1679 Sudbury, MA. (Sudbury VR)

268. Deacon Gregory STONE

Birth\* c 1590 (Cambridge VR, Rice Family)

Marriage\* \_\_\_\_ \_ \_\_\_\_ Lydia (Cambridge VR)

Death\* Nov 30, 1672 Cambridge, MA. (Cambridge VR)

268. Lydia (--?--)

Marriage\* \_\_\_\_ \_ \_\_\_\_ Deacon Gregory STONE (Cambridge VR)

Death\* Jun 24, 1674 Cambridge, MA. (Cambridge VR)

**Howe, Elias** (b. July 9, 1819, Spencer, Mass., U.S. d. Oct. 3, 1867, Brooklyn, N.Y.)

U.S. inventor whose sewing machine provided an impetus for the revolution of garment manufacture in the factory and in the home. Interested in machinery since childhood, Howe learned the machinist trade and worked in a cotton machinery factory in Lowell, Mass., and later in Cambridge. During this time it was suggested to him that the man who invented a machine that could sew would earn a fortune. For five years Howe spent all his spare time in the development of a practical sewing machine, and in 1846 he was granted a patent for it. The machine attracted little attention in the U.S. at first, and, when a fortune was not forthcoming, Howe sold the patent rights in England for £250 (\$1,250). He moved to England and worked for £5 a week to perfect his machine for use in sewing leather and similar materials. As his financial condition worsened, he managed to send his family back to the U.S.; but when he finally returned destitute, he found his wife dying. Years of disappointment and discouragement followed. He found that, while he had been abroad, sewing machines were being widely manufactured and sold in the U.S. in violation of his patent. After much litigation, his rights were finally established in 1854, and from then until 1867, when his patent expired, he received royalties on all sewing machines produced in the U.S.  
(From The Encyclopaedia Britannica, Micropaedia, 1985)

- Researched and compiled by Lynn McLaughlin

Our thanks to Lynn for her excellent research on the ancestry and life of Elias Howe. Another source on Elias, as the man "whose sewing machine prefigures the apparel industry and ready-to-make clothes", is found in a book by Gary Boyd Roberts in a chapter on Yankee inventors. (Gary Boyd Roberts, Notable Kin, Volume Two, 1999, p. 40)

- Editor

## **Correction to Winter 2002**

### **Births:**

Alexandra Hill, daughter of Jason Hill and Katherine Sanford, was born September 14, 2001. Katherine is the niece of Timothy Sanford of Toronto and granddaughter of the late Loretta (Rice) Sanford.

### **In Memoriam**

Charles W. Rice Sr., 87, of Wrentham, Mass. and a former president of the Edmund Rice Association, died April 2, 2002. Mr. Rice, husband of Harriet (Kelly) Rice and son of Walter and Marion (Whiting) Rice, was past president of the family company, Whiting and Davis Co., a jewelry/accessory firm. Mr. Rice had been active in town and civic affairs in Wrentham and had served the Town of Wrentham on the Finance Committee and Housing Authority. In addition to his wife, he is survived by three sons, Walter Rice II of Rocky Hill, Conn., C. Whiting Rice Jr. of West Wrentham and William Rice of Plainville; a sister, Laura Rice Kelly of Eastham and 11 grandchildren.

### **Ann Theopold Chaplin**

Center Barnstead NH 03225

Edmund Rice = Thomasine Frost

Thomas Rice = Mary King

Gershom Rice = Elizabeth Balcom

Abishai Rice (1701-) = Frances Rice (1702/3-)

Abishai Rice (1740-1787) = Elizabeth Watson (1747/8-1828)

Erastus Rice (1783-1864) = Mary Hurlburt (1792-1827)

Augustus Erastus Rice/Royce (1817-1904) = Elizabeth N. Taylor (1820-1898)

Harrison Augustus Royce (1840-1920) = Mary Eliza Cornerais (1840-1908)

Frederick Page Royce (1868-1933) = Katie Evelyn/Evelyn Ames (1872-1944)

Harriet Evelyn Royce (1904-1982) = Philip Huntington Theopold (1902-1989)

Ann Huntington Theopold (1929-) = Duncan Dunbar Chaplin III (1928-)

According to Ann's research, "At some point in time he [Augustus Erastus Rice] changed his surname from Rice to Royce. It is not clear if he started the change or his father. His father's tombstone [in the Royce plot, Newton Cemetery, Newton, Mass.] reads Erastus Royce, yet the owner of [the lot] is given as "A.E. Royce."

### **Wanda Eaton Hinojosa**

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Edmund Rice = Thomasine Frost

Edward Rice = Agnes Bent    Thomas Rice = Mary King

John Rice = Elizabeth Clapp    James Rice = Sarah Stone

Comfort Rice = Jacob James Moore    Jotham Rice = Mary Earl

Asa Moore = Sarah Heywood    Violata Rice = John Gates

John Moore = Persis Gates    Persis Gates = John Moore

Asa Moore = Rebecca Smith    Asa Moore = Rebecca Smith

Smith Moore = Sarah Meade

Marian Jemima Moore = John Orton Hooker

Royal Smith Hooker = Lora Viola Denniston

Florence Hooker = Henry Joseph Eaton

Wanda Eaton

Wanda is a new member who descends through Edmund's sons Edward and Thomas. She writes, "I am currently Vice Regent and Registrar for my DAR chapter in Dearborn, Michigan under my mother's Hooker name for Daniel Hooker, Revolutionary War soldier."

### **Marilyn Skinner**

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1. Edmund Rice = Thomasine Frost
2. Henry Rice = Elizabeth Moore
3. David Rice (1659-1723) = Hannah Walker (1669-1704)
4. Hannah Rice (1691/2-aft 1736) = John Bent (1689-)
5. Hannah Bent (1714-1774) = (2) Jeremiah Belknap
6. Jeremiah Belknap = Hepzibah Stone
7. Martha Belknap = Jotham Haven
8. Jotham Haven (1787-1865) = Elizabeth Spear (1787-1867)  
(She was Mayflower & Rev. War descendant through father, Samuel Spear)
9. Erastus Otis Haven (1820-1881) = Mary Frances Coles (1825-1921)  
(Pres., Univ. Michigan, Northwestern Univ. & Syracuse Univ.; Methodist bishop)
10. Frances Elizabeth Haven (1854-1937) = Charles Melville Moss (1853-1926)  
(Prof., Univ. of Ill.)
11. Alida Helen Moss (1896-1978) = Bertram Eugene Skinner (1896-1988)
12. David Haven Skinner (1927-) = Marilyn Joan Michael (1927-)  
(MBA, Wharton, Univ. Penn.)
13. Michael Haven Skinner (1952-) = Jennifer Tabora Anderson (1959-)  
(M.D., PhD; Prof, Stanford Univ. Med & Univ. Texas; Drug Researcher, Lilly)
14. Haven Blake Skinner (1989-)
14. Miles Alden Skinner (1992-)
13. Janet Elaine Skinner (1954-) = William Boice Wells (1948-)  
(MBA, Wharton)
14. Grace Angela Wells (1982-)
14. Julia Joy Wells (1985-)
13. Linda Suzanne Skinner (1959-) = Rex Thomas Brittsan (1954-)  
(Stock car racer)
14. Trevor Thomas Brittsan (1980-)
14. Holly Joan Brittsan (1986-)

"I joined the Association recently when my granddaughter, a southern California gal, entered ... Williams College as a freshman in the current school year. My thought was that all my grandchildren might now take extra interest in their eastern roots and our country's colonial history ... . I received my first Newsletter and found the DNA Haplotype article especially interesting."

#### **Max Carl Rice**

Shoreline WA 98133

Edmund Rice = Thomasine Frost  
 Edward Rice = Agnes Bent  
 Jacob Rice = Mary Barrett  
 Jacob Rice = Hannah Howe  
 John Rice = Rebecca Fay  
 Jacob Rice = Nancy Barber  
 Lysander Barber Rice = Abigail Moore  
 Palmer Z. Rice = Harriet Eliza Phillips  
 Lee Carl Rice = Esther A. McCloy (Lee Carl was a member of Teddy Roosevelt's *Rough Riders*)  
 Lyle E. Rice = Josephine Marcella Dugger  
 Max Carl Rice

#### **Roberta Carol Huntington**

Oshkosh WI 54904

Edmund Rice = Thomasine Frost  
 Edward Rice (1622-1712)  
 Daniel Rice (1655-1737)  
 Daniel Rice (1684-abt 1734)  
 David Rice (1717-1801)  
 Benjamin Rice (1764-1834)  
 Moors Rice (1806-1879)  
 Moors Myrick Rice (1850-1934)  
 George Wilfred Rice (1876-1958) = Cora Ellen Shipley  
 Robert George Rice (1907-1992) = Elizabeth Bertha Bender  
 Roberta Carol Rice (1935- ) = Darrel Huntington

#### **New Members:**

Dell A. Rice	Weare	NH
Wanda Hinojosa	Dearborn	MI
Elouise Rice Woolworth	Sparta	MI
Sharon Rice Glenn	Lowell	MI
Gerald Rice	Grand Rapids	MI
Kay Rice Prevatt	Racine	WI
Sarah Rice Franklin	West Olive	MI



Max C. Rice	Shoreline	WA
Ann Theopold Chaplin	Ctr. Barnstead	NH
Roberta Huntington	Oshkosh	WI
Patricia M. Leslie	So. Windham	ME

### **Keeping Up With the Rices**

*Needed: Enthusiastic, Nimble-fingered Volunteers*

One thing we know about descendancy-based genealogy is that it has an unlimited field as new generations come along. It is a comfort to know that we will always have more lines to follow. However, it is a daunting task to create a computer database with all of Edmund Rice's descendants in it, with names, dates, places, and documentation for all. It is this project that Dennis Rice and others have undertaken.

We have the many Rice books as a starting point for data entry, but the books do contain some mistakes, and a great deal of effort has been devoted to cross-checking, flagging likely errors, and making corrections where possible -- so much so that the extended family of Edmund Rice (which numbers in the millions) is undoubtedly growing as fast as the database.

One way to tip the balance is to get more people involved. The growth of the database has benefited from cousins (mostly members, but some non-members as well) who have contributed their computer genealogy files to the project. However, there is a great deal of genealogical material only on paper that has not been entered into the database and that has caused a large backlog. This is where volunteers can make a big difference. We need your help to enter material from such sources as pedigrees published in past newsletters and perhaps other notices that may or may not have been printed.

As a volunteer, you can work at your own pace with whatever genealogy software you like best, and electronic copies of the old newsletters will be supplied (ok, that's not exactly on 'paper', but the point is that it isn't in database form). If you have a computer (and preferably access to email), you can help. We will send you scanned images of the pages of interest; you enter the data (following the guidelines of a simple 'operator's manual') and send back the results. In addition to the manual, we will have a training session at the September reunion for those who are interested. Meanwhile, those who are eager to get to work can start immediately. Anyone interested in helping, please contact John Chandler <jchbn@cuvmb.columbia.edu>.

