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President's Column

Looking back to just before we instigated the Rice YDNA Project it appeared that several genealogical problems that had been with the ERA for many years were intractable. We did not know Edmund Rice's ancestors. People still asked if William Marsh Rice, founder of Rice University, was a descendant of Edmund Rice. Although our former historian, Elsie Hawes Smith, had clearly written in one of her books that the Robert Royce family was not connected to us, many still used the two surnames interchangeably. Perhaps a major assumption that most, if not all, Rices in America were connected to Edmund was held by most of us. We certainly thought that the Rice name in New England probably belonged to our Rice family. True, there were a few Rices found here and there in vital records and perhaps some published genealogies that no one had yet connected to Edmund, but it might be just a matter of time before someone would connect them. It was thought that Rice was a Welsh name, perhaps because Ward had so stated.

Now, in 2004, we still don't know Edmund's ancestors but we do know that there are well over THIRTY totally biologically different Rice families. There is no evidence that the surname Rice is Welsh, and it may be simply patronymic or a first or given name that has become a surname. To me, this result is the most startling of all. It may well mean that we will never know Edmund's antecedents.

The Robert Royce family, the John Rice family of Rhode Island, John Rice of Dedham Massachusetts (Mar. 1649), and the David Rice family of colonial Weymouth, Massachusetts (now connected to William Marsh Rice) are all totally different Rices. It is not possible that any are biologically related, at least back to the beginning of surname usage sometime in 1200s. The same is probably true of most Southern Rices, many of whom came to America via Virginia.

We know of incomplete records of at least three other New England Rices: Richard Rice of Concord, Robert Rice of Boston (1630), and an Essex County Rice family of colonial Massachusetts. We may have YDNA from descendants of the first, but cannot yet be sure.

However, we continue to get Y DNA results from Rice males living all over the United States and Canada that clearly show they are descendants of Edmund Rice. We reached 13 results relatively quickly in the first year of testing and now know of 28, with several more in the pipeline.

Although YDNA verifies only male Rices, anyone with a Rice pedigree can select a living male Rice cousin, uncle, etc. for the analysis. Numerous women have made such arrangements. After results proving connection to Edmund Rice, George King will want details from a computer genealogical program for our master database. Of course he is still incorporating cousins' lineage from conventional genealogy as well.

We are also making some progress finding the generation in which several surnames changed either from Royce to Rice or Rice to Royce. These two biologically distinct surnames are well mixed up, and have been for several hundred years.

Edmund's descendants have by and large been undistinguished as far as public office or world renown goes. We are not connected to many presidents (only to Coolidge?) and certainly not to royalty. Edgar Rice Burroughs of Tarzan fame is a descendant. And now we know we are not as prolific as once was thought, for there may only be 10 million descended from Edmund Rice! (smile)

I still greatly admire all the work Edmund did in colonial Sudbury and Marlborough that contributed to our democracy. I bask in the knowledge that some of my DNA was his. – **Bob Rice**

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Edmund Rice (1638) Association Newsletter

Send articles, corrections, member news, items of interest,
obituaries, queries, etc. to the newsletter editor:

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Membership

The Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc. is governed by a Board of Directors, of at least five members, 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.....\$ 15.00
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Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Editor's Column

My farewell column--

Time sure flies, doesn't it? Summer, with its fun in the sun, then the Rice reunion, and now the leaves are putting on their colorful show.

The reunion was wonderful, both in terms of the two excellent speakers, and the people I met this year or was reunited with. I was thrilled to have my aunt and a few of her cousins join us, and to continue the party at my place for the rest of the weekend. I know those of them who were attending a Rice function for the first time greatly enjoyed it, and hopefully they'll keep returning. And I hope those of you who have never been will consider it in the near future.

I was overjoyed that Perry Bent agreed to take over the newsletter-editing task and I'm sure she'll do a great job. I have enjoyed getting to know the board members and other members, and communicating upon occasion with various members and others with questions about the ERA. I am particularly grateful for how easy everyone made my job by sending plenty of contributions, and always on time.

– Lynn McLaughlin

On behalf of the entire membership, I'd like to thank Lynn McLaughlin for her time and expertise in editing our newsletter, and for her generosity in teaching your next newsletter editor the ins and outs!

– Perry L. Bent

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Report of the Genetics Committee

Members are John Chandler, George King, and Bob Rice

We now have about 120 male Rices who are in the process of having their Y-DNA analyzed (edmund-rice.org). All except the most recent sample submissions have results for 9 or 12 loci reported. Many have had 25 and a few 37 markers reported by FTDNA. Only about 25 % are descendants of Edmund Rice. Sixteen are descendants of Robert Royce but most are from what has come to be called Southern Rices. None of the latter has completed their conventional genealogies as yet but Y DNA has helped form four groups. Another group, descendants of David Rice of colonial Weymouth, Massachusetts, has been started with those who include kinship to William Marsh Rice the founder of Rice University.

Over thirty Rice DNA results refer to descendants of individual Rice immigrants that do not fit into any group as yet. A few of them have what may be the beginning of a group but none have any conventional common genealogy. These results probably reflect the historical fact that while early immigrants to New England were English families many immigrants to southern colonies were single men without nuclear families.

As previously reported two Rice Mohawk males have YDNA results. We now have a third with somewhat better conventional genealogy being analyzed.

Rice/Royce Surnames

We continue to explore the confusion of Rice and Royce surnames especially as it pertains to descendants of Abishai and Matthias Rice, grandsons of Edmund and sons of Gershom Rice.

When we got the results of our very first Y DNA analysis of samples contributed by thirteen male volunteer Rice cousins it was instantly apparent that something was amiss. We had tried very hard to vet their individual pedigrees that they had provided by referring to vital records and otherwise comparing their births, marriages and deaths going back to Edmund Rice. Two of us had unpublished material in the Edmund Rice computer database that helped but in the last analysis we also depended on their own genealogical research.

We had tried to find and use Rice descendants of each of Edmund's sons but ended up with only five of the eight. Some descendants we did not use because we could not verify their pedigrees. For various reasons most Rices around New England descend from Thomas, the third son, and we had nine of his descendants. Two of these descended from Gershom Rice, son of Thomas and grandson of the patriarch Edmund.

Report of the Genetics Committee (continued)

These descendants were both highly regarded members of the Edmund Rice Association and their set of DNA markers agreed with each other but did not agree with all the other eleven male Rice analyses! Ten of the Rices had exact or nearly exact genetic markers. The two descendants of Gershom had markers that disagreed with the majority in so many places that it was obvious there could be no biological connection.

We immediately set out to find another descendant of Gershom Rice using the ERA database and quite quickly found one who was willing to submit a DNA sample. To be certain of the actual DNA analysis another lab was chosen to which six samples were submitted- the two old and one new Gershom descendants, two who had small differences from the majority and one of the majority.

Results showed the new Gershom descendant agreed with the majority, not with the old Gershom descendants who still agreed with each other. The remainder along with the original analyses formed the Edmund Rice Haplotype. One of us submitted a sample to a third lab and the results were in agreement.

So we were faced with three supposedly verified descendants of Gershom. They descended from three of Gershom's sons, Abishai, Matthias, and Gershom, Jr. The outlanders were from the first two. The descendant of Gershom, Jr. agreed with the majority of Edmund's offspring.

We concluded that probably a non-paternity event had occurred involving Abishai and Matthias. In retrospect we were perhaps too hasty but just as we seemed forced to the conclusion another DNA sample from a man named Rice but who could trace his pedigree back to Robert Royce of colonial Connecticut was reported. His set of markers agreed exactly with the two descendants of Abishai and Matthias Rice! Furthermore we knew Gershom had migrated to Groton, Connecticut next door to New London where the Royces had settled. It was too good a clue to miss!

Recently to aid our investigation we also found more descendants of Matthias and also of Abishai Rice who were willing to submit DNA samples

.All such results have so far agreed with the Rice majority but not with the old Gershom Rice "descendants".

We now are quite sure that a non-paternity was NOT involved, at least with Elizabeth Balcom Rice, the mother of Abishai and Matthias, but that many Rices and Royces were mistaken for each other right up to this century.

Chart 1 shows Abishai and Matthias descendants with their respective Royce or Rice Family genetic markers noted.

Note the Question Marks are indicating doubt that a connection to Abishai or Matthias existed.

We located another "descendant" of Solomon Rice, father of Oren Rice but were not able to obtain his DNA sample. We suspect that in this case he may well have a Royce haplotype. It turns out that Solomon Royce and Oren (Orrin) Royce existed in the same part of New York- Sullivan and Delaware Counties- at about the same time frame as did the Rices with the same given names. Still another descendant of a Solomon, either Rice or Royce, is being analyzed. His results (#25714) will help us.

Chart 2 summarizes our conventional genealogical findings mostly from US censuses.

Delaware and Sullivan counties NY are due west of Connecticut where Royces originated.

ERA funds have been used ONLY for researching the Royce/Rice mix-up and for Mohawk Rices. No such funds are used for Southern Rices. The 2004 Annual Rice Reunion voted \$1000 to add to the remaining \$600 that the 2002 meeting had voted.

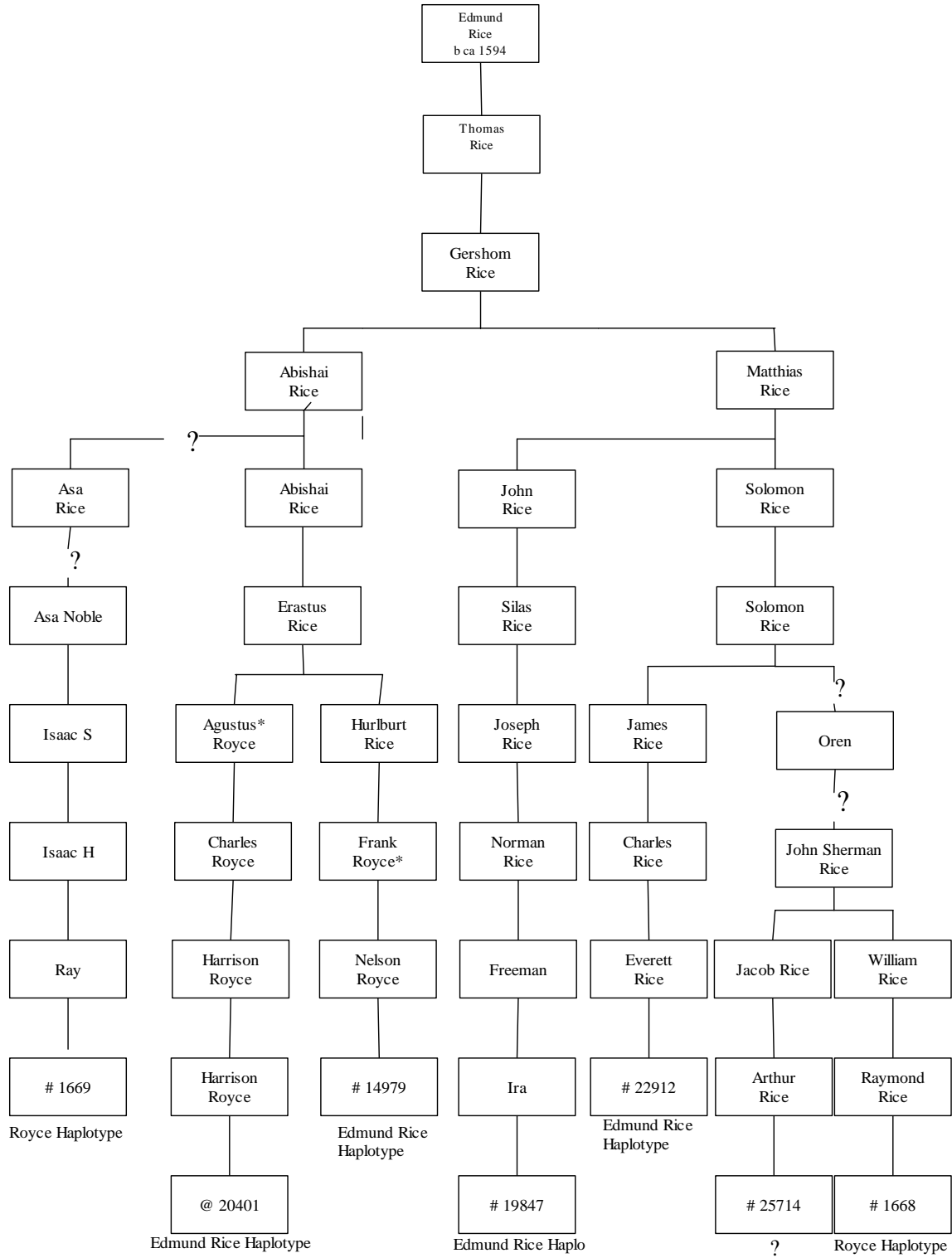


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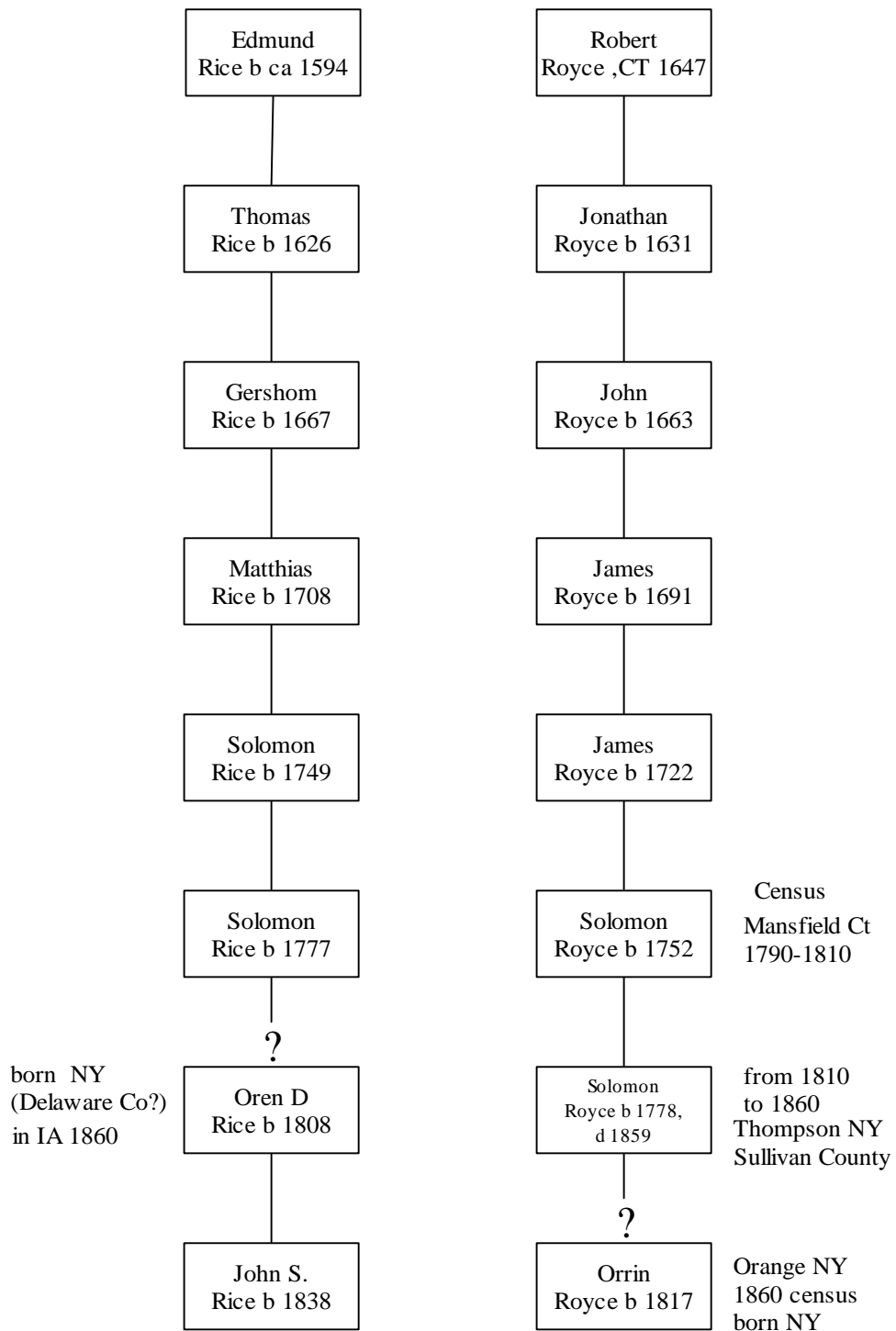


Chart 2

The Family Thicket, Part IV

John Chandler

For the first time in this series, I turn to someone who is not my own ancestor. Because of that, I cannot present a really recent connection “off the top of my head,” but I am sure that many of you could find one such if you looked in your own lines. The subject of this article had so many name variants that I scarcely know what to call him, but I will settle on what seems to be the most popular: **Daniel Forbush**.

Daniel's arrival in Massachusetts is not recorded, but it was probably a relatively short time before the first public record of him: his marriage in 1660 to Rebecca Perriman in Cambridge. It is probably significant that he was warned out of Cambridge in 1668 (Ward, p. 22) with a reference to his having been a servant of Edmund Wigley; if he had been an indentured servant for the typical term of seven years starting in 1660, it would be up to the town to warn him out as soon as he became free, or else allow him to become an inhabitant by default.

The Cambridge records give his name as FARRABAS, and it may seem hard to believe he's the same person, but there is a whole continuum of variants connecting this one with FORBUSH. I imagine he spoke with a brogue of some kind, leading his interlocutors to invent complicated spellings for the name. (He himself could not write his own name, since the deed of sale for his property in Cambridge carries only his mark.)

His death in Marlborough is recorded under the name FARABUSH, and the variants also include FIRBUSH, FIRBIS, and FORBES, among others. Between residing in Cambridge and Marlborough, he also sojourned in Concord for a time.

Another break with the pattern of previous articles: I do not have connections to show for all of Daniel's children who lived to adulthood. There are various reasons in each case, as I will explain.

Another noteworthy point is that all of Daniel's children are included in the Master database, despite the lack of connection for some of them. Only three are mentioned in the on-line descendancy report, however.

1. **Daniel** (1664-1745) moved to Maine. It seems likely that his descendants there mingled and intermarried at a later date with Edmund Rice descendants who eventually moved there, too, but probably too late to be of interest in this sort of survey.

2. **Thomas** (1667-1738?) married Dorcas³ Rice (Edward², Edmund¹). Note that the connection is in the third generation of Rices -- Daniel Forbush was definitely a late-comer compared to the founders of Massachusetts.

3. **Elizabeth** (1669-1746) married Roger Bruce and had a son Abijah whose granddaughter Olive married Enoch⁶ Rice (Zebulon⁵, Charles⁴, Thomas³, Thomas², Edmund¹).

4. **Rebecca** (1672-?) married Joseph Byles. However, there seems to be no record of any children.

5. **Samuel** (c1674-1766?) married Abigail³ Rice (Edward², Edmund¹). Again, the connection is in the third generation.

6. **John** (1681-1731) married Martha Bouker and had a son David, whose great granddaughter Rebecca married Joshua⁸ Wood (Patty⁷ Rice, John⁶, John⁵, Edward⁴, John³, Edward², Edmund¹).

7. **Isaac** (1682-?) probably died young.

8. **Jonathan** (1684-?) married Hannah Holloway and had a daughter Abigail who married Zebulon⁵ Rice (see section 3) and a son Jonathan who gave rise to two links: a son Jonathan married Sarah⁷ Brigham (Moses⁶, Nathan⁵, Nathan⁴, Mary³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹), and a grandson Elijah (known as Forbes, rather than Forbush) married Lovice⁷ Warren (Anna⁶ Forbush, David⁵, Thomas⁴, Dorcas³ Rice, Edward², Edmund¹). Note that the latter line connects through section 2.

As in previous articles, the clear message here is the dense web of interrelation among the Rice descendants. Rather than a family TREE with an orderly progression from trunk to branch to twig, we have something much more like a thicket with many stems, all growing in close proximity and intertwined.

Database Update

At the September reunion your officers demonstrated the association database using a report on the first nine generations of Edmund Rice's descendants. Five officers brought their laptop computers for members to view copies of this report in web page format. Unlike flipping pages in a book, the web "pages" from name index to person, from parent to child, and from child to parent appeared at the click of the computer mouse. Cousins kept all five computers busy all of Saturday morning.

John Chandler and I reported to our members that the association database now has 89,000 names. With your help we will be at 100,000 names next year. We are building from the 89,000 names to YOUR generation. You can help us by submitting your documentation on your family line to the database project. This is your legacy to future generations. If you are uncertain about how you can contribute, please contact John or me. --George King

-- George W. King

Historian, Edmund Rice (1638) Association [www.edmund-rice.org]

Nine Generation Rice Database Available on CD

Your Board of Directors (BoD) agreed that we would offer the nine-generation report and database to our members. The BoD approved a charge of \$10 postpaid for a CD-ROM containing both documents. Bill Drury, our book custodian, agreed to make copies of the CD-ROM for ERA members upon request. Bill's postal address is included in this newsletter.

The BoD placed three caveats on the distribution of these documents:

- 1) The information is copyrighted by the Edmund Rice (1638) Association and is restricted to the personal use of association members.
- 2) The CDs will be available only to association members who agree to its terms of use.
- 3) The association master database is an ongoing effort. We expect to add an additional 25,000 names and 20,000 updates during the next three years for generations six and more recent generations. This CD-ROM represents our database effort as of September 2004.

Queries

Steve Hollands wrote asking if anyone knows anything about the parents, grandparents, etc. of Lydia Rice, b. about 1799 in Cortland County, NY and died Jan. 14, 1877 in Campbell, NY, who married Edward Wing, who was born April 18, 1795 in East Sandwich, MA and died Sept. 28, 1852 in Veteran, NY. If anyone can help him, they can write to him at 812 Greenwood Circle, Apt. 2, Takoma Park, MD 20912.

Universalist Ministers?

At the Rice reunion in 1996 at Marlborough I sat at a round table with as many as five (or more) men who later said they were all Universalist ministers. I assume they were retired. Presumably they were also Rice cousins. If anyone knows their name(s) and how to communicate with them I would greatly appreciate knowing.

Bob Rice, 30 Burnham drive, Falmouth, MA 02540; 508-548-4960; rvrbarre@aol.com

Buy a Book. Or Several!

If your home library already has a full set of Rice books, what about the Family History section of your favorite local libraries? Consider donating a copy or two!
Contact Bill Drury to purchase books.

Minutes of the Annual Meeting of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association

About 80 members of the Association gathered at 8 am on Saturday, September 18, 2004, at the Radisson Hotel in Marlborough, MA, for informal discussions and brief presentations about the ERA database, the means of making contributions to it, and recent progress in the DNA project. Lunch was served at noon. At 1 pm, Bob Rice introduced the speaker, Prof. Francis Bremmer, who spoke on the religious reform movement in the Stour Valley in the 16th and 17th centuries, and its effects on the settlement of New England. He also dealt with social conditions ranging from literacy to politics, and mentioned the place of Edmund Rice in this context. There were so many questions from the audience afterwards that the business meeting was delayed by a half hour.

Bob Rice called the business meeting to order at 2:30 pm. George King moved to dispense with reading the minutes of the 2003 annual meeting - passed unanimously.

Bill Drury gave the Treasurer's report, copy attached. Total assets as of August 31 were [reported]. Dana Hastings gave an auditor's report, indicating that the Association's books were in order. Kathy Bond moved to accept both reports - passed unanimously. Bill also gave the Book Custodian's report, copy attached. The Association has sold 17 books in the past year. Kathy Bond moved to accept the report - passed unanimously. Bill then gave the Membership report, also attached. The membership stands at 490. Kathy Bond moved to accept the report - passed unanimously.

Bob Rice reported the deaths of seven members in the past year: Arthur I. Rice, William F. Rice, Janet Poe, Verda Cornutt, Marian Colvin, Shirley Gibbons, and Emory Rice.

Bob also gave a brief report from the Genetics Committee. George King moved to appropriate \$1000 for the DNA project - passed unanimously.

Bob Rice announced the appointment of a new Newsletter Editor: Perry Bent.

The next annual meeting will be held at the Wyndham Hotel in Westborough on September 16-17, 2005.

Corinne (Mickey) Snow announced her intention to produce a follow-on to her book The Deacons, to cover the years after 1704.

Bob Rice presented prizes to the attendee who had traveled the farthest, Reg Rice (from San Francisco); the oldest, John Rice (90); and the youngest, Paul Rice (14).

The meeting proceeded to the election of new officers and directors. The Nominating Committee presented the following slate: President - Robert V. Rice; Vice President - George L. Rice; Vice President for Arrangements - H. Jeannette Pollard; Treasurer - Henry C. Trombley; Recording Secretary - John F. Chandler; Historian - George W. King

Directors: Perry L. Bent; Kathleen Bond; Ruth M. Brown; William H. Drury; Beth McAleer; Gary H. Rice; Wendolin E. Wesen; Linda J. Wilson

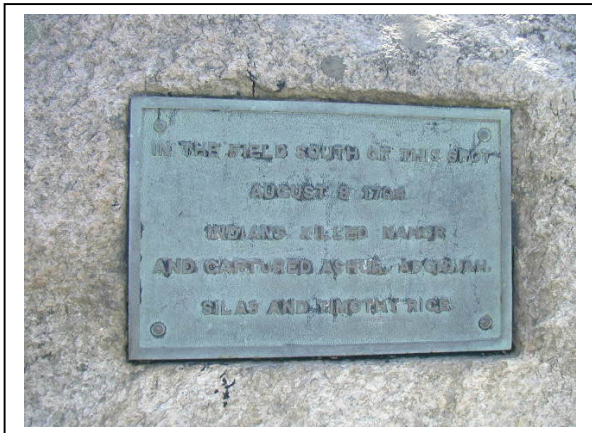
No further nominations were made from the floor. All nominees were elected unanimously.

Meeting adjourned at 2:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted,
John F. Chandler
Recording Secretary

Meeting Attendees

Barbara Fair	FL	Joan & Donald Miller	PA
Peter & Candace Bundgard	MS	Nancy Murphy	MA
Virginia Grammer	MA	Nancy Nicol	MA
Dollena Wolfe	MA	Alice Pierce	MA
Perry Bent	MA	John & Hope Pobst	MA
Earl & Kathy Bond	CT	Jeanette Pollard	MA
Nancy Jackson	CT	Roy & Marilyn Powers	MA
Nancy Boulter	OH	Dell & Wendy Rice	NH
Ruth Brown	MA	Douglas & Doreen Rice	Alberta
Barbara Carlson	RI	Muriel Jeffrey	Alberta
John Chandler	MA	Fred Rice & Georgia Howe	ME
Jean Danielson	MA	George Rice	MA
Janet McKeon	MA	Reginald Rice	CA
Bill & Jane Drury	MA	Robert Rice	MA
Rebecca Fairbank	MA	Max & Sandi Rice	WA
Natalie Eaton	MA	Stephen & Lynne Rice	MI
Rogers & Barbara Finch	MA	William Rice	PA
Marjorie & Anne Gibson	MA	Robert & Janet Royce	CT
Sharon & Michael Glenn	MI	Robert Spofford	MA
Shirley Johnson	MA	Richard Spofford	SC
Jacqueline Rice-Sessa	MA	Henry & Alayne Trombley	NY
Paul Rice	MA	Gus & Marit Ulrich	NC
George & Anne King	VA	Marian Wheeler	MA
Beth McAleer	MA	Linda Wilson	MA
Lynn McLaughlin	MA	Martha Woods	MA
Mickey Snow	UT	Jean Groves	VA
Nanci Bockelie	UT	Dana Hastings	MA
Marjorie Roesch	NY	Elizabeth Rice-Smith	MA
Martha McLaughlin	DE	Timothy Sanford	Ontario
Donna & Steve Meszaros	AZ	John Rice	MA



Rice Cousins Gather at the Capture Site



Rice Reunion at stone marker of Rice boys' capture 8 August 1704 in Westborough, Massachusetts.

Michael Allen Rice, high school teacher of Kahnawake Mohawks in Canada has his left hand on the stone marker. Beth McAleer in blue squats low on the other side of the stone. At the left, Bob Rice stands in front of the Robert Royce family at the far left, Jeannette Pollard is to the right of Bob. The woman to the right of Jeannette is Marit Ulrich. Mickey Snow is the woman on the right of the stone standing in front on the sidewalk looking back at the stone. Lynn McLaughlin is between Mickey and the woman with the striped blouse. At center back the head of John Chandler. With the blue bag on right is Perry Bent. **Where are YOU?**

Below left, Michael Allen Rice stands by the marker. Below right, Rice cousins at Edmund Rice's gravestone.



Member Notes

New Members

Susan Berger	(GA)	David M Krencik	(MI)	William Rice	(WI)
Stephen Bergstrom	(MD)	Dr. Pamela B. Matheson	(NJ)	Jacquelyn Rice-Sessa	(MA)
Debra A. Brownhill	(HI)	John E. Newton	(NY)	Robert F. Royce	(CT)
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Barbara Fair	(FL)	Mrs. Helen Rice Reefman	(MI)	Penelope T. Smith	(GA)
Stephen J. Hollands	(MD)	Dan H. Rice	(MI)	Tyler Thomas	(CA)
Virginia R. Ibaugh	(VA)	Herbert H. Rice	(MI)	Arthur F. Young, Jr.	(NY)
Charlene K. Keith	(MA)	Jolene S. Rice	(MA)		
Forrest King	(VA)	Paul M. Rice	(MA)		

Lineages Of Some New Members

New member **Virginia (Ginnie) Rice Ibaugh**'s descent from Edmund:

Edmund Rice & Thomasine Frost
 Thomas Rice & Mary King
 Ephraim Rice & Hannah Livermore
 Gershom Rice & Elizabeth Battell
 Moses Rice & Sarah Walker
 Nahum Rice & Ruth Tuttle
 Ransom Rice & Ruth Burdette
 Leverett T. Rice & Sarah Newell
 Ernest A. Rice & Emily Winter
 Virginia Louise Rice & Warran G. Ibaugh

New member **John Newton** sent a letter showing his grandmother Florence Delamarter Curtis's descent from Jesse Brigham and Bethiah Rice. Jesse's great-grandmother was Mercy Hurd Brigham, the second wife of Edmund. I've added Bethiah's descent from three of Edmund's sons, Edward, Joseph, and Samuel.

