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President's Column

This is my last President's message. My first ERA meeting was at Worcester-Barre in 1995 where Fred Rice admonished people wandering about with Rice University sweat shirts that it was not known if William Marsh Rice was a descendant of Edmund Rice. Through YDNA we now know for certain that he was not!

After two members of the ERA Board of Directors were found by YDNA analysis to have the Royce haplotype rather than the Edmund Rice reconstituted ancestral haplotype, some of us were greatly relieved that our Newsletter masthead had the caveat that "rigorous proof is not required" for membership in ERA. We have NEVER removed anyone from membership to my knowledge, but in the past life has been made unpleasant for a few whose surname was Royce rather than Rice. We now know via YDNA that many many Rices have Royce surnames and a like number of descendants of Robert Royce have Rice surnames.

Descendants of all eight of Edmund son's YDNA markers agree with what we call Edmund's reconstituted ancestral haplotype. This was suggested after only 12 markers and confirmed with 25 and 37 markers when they became available. This year descendants of two sons of Edmund agreed with 30 additional making 67 markers total. Many results include descendants of all eight Edmund's sons who had male offspring down to the present. Fine. That is all well and good. But living male Rices are a very small portion of ERA membership-- and what about all the women Rice males married?

Each generation is a jumble of chromosome mixes. Each of the regular chromosomes from each parent may cross over or recombine portions of DNA giving the resulting child varying and indeterminate parts of DNA from each parent. Current DNA analysis does NOT utilize regular DNA-- only Y and mitochondrial DNA-- and the parts used for analysis do not engage in such mixing. We are all products of BOTH mothers and fathers back through time. And genealogical time means not much before 1200 AD, if then. If and when matriarchal genealogy blossoms we can trace mtDNA for some of the wives but so far this is very limited.

Perhaps we should also consider other facts that, although well known, have been brought to the fore by YDNA analysis. This is quite simply that all human beings on earth are connected. FTDNA automatically lists matches to each participant's DNA markers that only DNA administrators and participants see if they have previously agreed.

In many cases there are more matches of 12 markers with non-Rice surnames than with other Rices. Some of us have over one hundred of non-Rice surname exact matches for 12 markers. These generally disappear with 25 and more markers. In all likelihood this means that before surnames were generally in use we had common ancestors, who, for various reasons, acquired particular surnames that survived along with Rice to the present day.

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Edmund Rice (1638) Association Newsletter

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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
Renewals:
Under 80 years of age.....\$ 15.00
Age 80 and above.....\$ 5.00
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(single payment)

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Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Editor's Column

It's that time of year—REUNION!

I remember my grandmother, who was born in 1900, telling me about attending the Rice Reunion with her mother and sisters when she was a small child. The reunion was usually at an outside location in the Sudbury area, and everyone brought a picnic lunch. I wish she were still with us, so that she could see that the Association is still gathering each year, breaking bread together, and sharing news and family information. But I'm carrying on for her, as each generation follows the previous ones.

Every year, I love our annual meeting. It's a wonderful chance to meet new cousins, catch up with cousins I've met before, learn new things from members and our great speakers and presenters.

I hope you can all join us this September 22nd and 23rd for the 2006 Annual Reunion. And if you do, please don't miss the bus tour! The bus tour is one of the highlights of the meeting. Last year's was replete with an informative narration by the team of George Rice and John Chandler, and we had a great time (despite a brief "rest stop" for a flat tire).

See you there!

– Perry Lowell Bent

Membership Address Lists:

Member lists are available to MEMBERS ONLY. Please send \$1.50 to cover printing and postage, and specify alphabetic or zipcode order.

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Edmund Rice (1638) Association

www.edmund-rice.org

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In Memory

It is with great sadness that I report the death of my mother, Frieda Heywood Massara. Frieda was born 28 Jan 1912 in Groton, Tompkins Co., NY, to Frances and Phila Hill Heywood. She was graduated from SUNY at Potsdam, NY in 1934 and received her BS from William Paterson College (NJ) in 1955. Frieda died at her home in Rio Rancho, New Mexico on April 25, 2006. She is survived by her son Heywood Crane Massara of Brandon, FL, her daughter Virginia-Kay Massara of Tijeras, NM, four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. -- Virginia-Kay Massara

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Memorial Gifts

Consider donating to the Edmund Rice Association in memory of a loved one.

President's Column - continued

We do not descend from royalty and almost certainly never had a real coat of arms, but Edmund Rice played a large role in starting our democracy in Sudbury and Marlborough, Massachusetts. I am rather proud of his role, even though today Puritan religious restrictions are repugnant. For those who regret not having royal history, it may be instructive to consider the Shakespeare family attempts to acquire a coat of arms. William Shakespeare died a few miles and only two years from Edmund and Thomasine's marriage at Bury St. Edmunds. William's father tried to obtain a coat of arms but was denied one until Will was a success in the London theatre. It seems one had to be politically connected for a coat of arms. Puritans like Edmund Rice were persecuted and not connected to royalty in sixteenth and seventeenth century England.

There is still a chance that we may unearth connections to Edmund in present day England when less expensive analyses can be used. One new machine is now being used with the prospect of obtaining the entire genome of a human for about \$1,000! Extrapolation to the far simpler task of 25 markers gives hope that large numbers of living Rice male markers in today's England can be obtained for just a few dollars. A survey of the 1841 English census shows relatively large numbers of Rices concentrated in southwest Suffolk County that may indicate that the Rices of 1600s remained around Stanstead and Glemsford area, even though Edmund left for America two hundred years before.

Thank you for allowing me to serve as president of ERA. It has been a wonderful experience!

– Bob Rice

ERA ANNUAL MEETING

This year the Edmund Rice Association will be holding its annual meeting on September 22 and 23 at the Hampton Inn in Natick, Massachusetts. We hope many of you will attend. It is the fall season and a beautiful time to visit New England.

Our schedule of events follows.

Please be sure to return the sign up sheet in a timely way so we can plan the needs for this fun time.

HOTEL

The Hampton Inn is located at: 319 Speen Street, Natick, MA 01760.

Their telephone number is 1-508-653-5000 or 1-800- HAMPTON.

They have a website, if you want more information: www.hampton-inn.com/hi/boston-natick.

DIRECTIONS TO HOTEL

Directions to the hotel are as follows: Take exit 13 off Mass Pike (I-90) to Route 30 east, Natick. Go 1/4 mile to Speen Street at light and turn right. Get in left lane, go 1/4 mile to second light. Go through light and make first left 100 feet after light. Turn left at next light and Hampton Inn will be on your right.

ROOMS

Rooms have been reserved for ERA attendees at a special price of \$99 per room per night. The price includes breakfast in the morning. Please mention the Edmund Rice Association or code ERC to receive the special rate. There is a Red Roof Inn and a Travel Lodge near by for those on a tight budget.

AGENDA

Friday

12:45p – 5:00p

Join our bus tour of interesting Rice and other historic sites in near by Wayland and Sudbury. The tour leaves the Hampton Inn at 1 pm and returns by 5 pm. Gather in the lobby at 12:45. The cost is \$ 11 per person so please sign up and reserve your space early for there is limited space on the bus. The coach bus, with air conditioning and tour narrator, will take us to Rice Homes, old foundations of former rice homes, Edmund's homestead site with a new finding of its location, the Never Ending Spring, Edmunds burial cemetery, and other interesting local historic markers and sites. Be sure to sign up before the conference!

6:00p

At 6pm there will be a Dutch treat dinner at O'Leary's Restaurant in the Hampton Inn for all of those wishing to meet and socialize with other cousins. Individuals pay at the table.

7:30p **Board of Directors Meeting**

There will be a meeting of the ERA Board of Directors in the Suffolk Room on the second level.

Saturday Middlesex Room, Second Level

9:00a

Gather for socializing with Rice cousins. Coffee and pastries will be served. Computers with the ERA genealogy database will be available for your viewing and people will be there to answer any questions. Books and other ERA info will be available for sale.

10:30a – 11:30a

George King, ERA Historian, will present tips and techniques for working with census data. He will also take questions from members, so if you have a confusing census-related problem, or a general question on how to work with various census formats, this is the working session for you!

11:30a – 12:00n

Beth McAleer, an ERA director, presents the pedigree of Theresa Jemison, a longstanding ERA member who is a native American descendant of Edmund Rice through the captive Silas Rice. This was quite a feat, requiring French and Latin translations of microfilm as well as native American names. This deduction did not use YDNA since she descends via Rice women.

12:00n – 1:00p Luncheon buffet. Please be sure to sign up before the conference.

1:00p – 2:00p

Our guest speaker will be Dr. Robert J. Allison, who will speak to us about the social history of colonial Middlesex County. Professor Allison is the Chair of the History Dept of Suffolk University, Boston, MA. Dr Allison received his A.L.B. from Harvard Extension and his Ph.D. from Harvard University. He teaches American History, Constitutional History, Cultural Contact in World History, and the History of Boston, and has authored and edited several books of history. Dr. Allison is involved with numerous museums and historical societies in Boston, and is an elected life member of the Colonial Society of Massachusetts and a fellow of the Massachusetts Historical Society.

2:00p – 3:00p **ERA Business Meeting**

We will be presenting the past year projects (database and DNA studies, etc), presentation of the Association's finances, and other matters, including election of new officers.

3:00p **Meeting Adjourns**

Edmund Rice Association 2006 Reunion

Name: _____

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SIGN UP:

_____ # of people will be taking the bus tour; please enclose \$11 per person.

_____ # of people will be at the Friday dinner. This is for planning purposes only, and you may change your mind at any time.

_____ # of people will be attending Saturday's sessions. There is no cost and all are welcome, this is for planning purposes only.

_____ # of people for lunch; please enclose \$20.00 per person.

Remember to make your hotel room reservations, if necessary, as soon as possible for the special rate.

Please return this form as soon as possible... no later than September 11.

Make payment check out to:

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Return this form and payment to:

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Storage for Our Books

We are looking for someone who has dry storage space available within 100 miles of Tyngsboro. If you can save the Association some money, please email or write the Book Custodian, William Drury.

Rice Books Available – ON SALE!

The ERA offers many Rice books at reasonable prices. Buy one, get another of the same title for up to 75% off list price! (If you've purchased a book in the past, you qualify for additional copies!) Pick up extra books for holiday presents, your local library, or your local genealogical or historical society. Contact the Book Custodian.

The Rice Family, by Andrew Henshaw Ward [**\$5**] 110 pages
Hard-cover reprint. New, unused. A genealogical history of descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice who came from Berkhamstead, England, and settled in Sudbury, Massachusetts, in 1638. 379 pages. Includes a soft-cover supplement (1967) containing additions and corrections.

The Rice Family, Supplement 2 (Part 1) [**\$7**] 224 pages
Supplement Number 2 (Part 1) to *The Rice Family*, compiled by Margaret S. Rice (1983). Hard-cover reprint. New, unused. Additional lines of descent through the first eight generations, which were unknown at the time of publication of *The Rice Family* and the 1967 supplement.

The Rice Family, Supplement 2 (Part 2) [**\$8**] 720 pages
Supplement Number 2 (Part 1) to *The Rice Family*, compiled by Margaret S. Rice (1985). Hard-cover reprint. New, unused. A continuation of *The Rice Family Supplement 2 (Part 1)* from the ninth generation to the present (1985).

Edmund Rice and His Family and We Sought the Wilderness [**\$5**] 357 pages
Two manuscripts in one binding. Hard-cover reprint. 1986. New, unused.
Edmund Rice and His Family, by Elsie Hawes Smith (1938) An historical narrative about the early days of the Rices. Contains much genealogical information, as well as being a charming story.
We Sought the Wilderness, by Rev. Claton Rice (1949) An historical narrative based on those Rices who pushed Westward to the prairies after short stays in New Hampshire and Vermont.

More Books... by our cousins

Peggy Jo Brown is the author of **Hometown Soldiers: Civil War Veterans of Assabet Village and Maynard, Massachusetts**, a collection of short biographies of 125 Civil War veterans who lived in Assabet Village (later called Maynard) either before, during, or after the war. The histories of each soldier and their families were researched over a period of four years. Data was collected from federal and state census records, cemetery files, headstones, newspaper death notices, state vital records, and pension files from the National Archives in Washington, D.C. 512 pp., softcover, indexed, illustrated, footnotes. \$19.95 plus shipping. The book can be purchased from the author at: PO Box 3, Maynard, MA 01754 or through the website at www.hometownsoldiers.com. See the excerpt "Francis A. Rice, Company A 15th Massachusetts Volunteer Infantry" in the 2006 Fall issue of the ERA Newsletter (Vol. 79, No. 4).

Frederic A. Wallace is the author of "**Ancestors and Descendants of the Rice Brothers of Springfield, Mass.: David Rice, William Marsh Rice, Caleb Hall Rice, Frederick Allyn Rice, Seven Generations – 1704 to 2004**". This is a serious genealogy and history of the family descended from David Rice, who first appeared in the records of Milton and Weymouth, Mass., around 1725. Special attention is given to four brothers, born in Springfield, Mass., who went to Texas in the early to mid-1800's to seek their fortunes. One, William Marsh Rice, became the founder of Rice University in Houston. Their story is a classic example of a family torn apart by the Civil War. DNA evidence, obtained through the ERA's Rice Family DNA Project, is presented to resolve longstanding questions about the origins of this line. From the author, \$30 (includes postage to the continental US): Frederic A. Wallace, 53 Eaton Road, Framingham, MA 01701.

Peggy Rice Grosser is the author of "**Grains of Rice—with an occasional dash of salt, a Rice family Chronicle from 1847-1947**"—a compilation of family letters and photos and documents which would be of interest to Vermonters and history buffs of that time period, in general. Contains 338 pages, 68 illustrations, 30 photos. This book is available from her at 333 Water Street, Apt. D5, Kerrville, TX 78028-5232 for \$24.00 (\$20 book plus \$4 postage). You can order by telephone at 1-830-896-3270, also.