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President's Column

Greetings, cousins!

You have been hearing a lot about DNA studies over the past few years, but most of the discussion has focused on the Y chromosome, which is present only in males. One reason for this narrow focus stems from a quirk of molecular biology-- humans (and many other types of living things) have two independent copies of nearly every bit of DNA, and only one copy is passed from each parent to each offspring. As a result, almost any distinctive sequence of an individual's DNA could have come "ultimately" from any of the ancestors in the top generation of the pedigree chart, including the ones whose names are not known. There are only two exceptions to this inconvenient ambiguity. One is the Y chromosome, which passes from father to son, as I mentioned before. The other is the mitochondrial DNA, usually abbreviated mtDNA, which passes from mother to child.

I recently got the test results for my own mtDNA, and my case can give you an idea of what to expect if you decide to join in. First of all, note that both males and females have mtDNA. Anyone can take this test. My test report consists of a list of nine differences between my mtDNA and the standard sequence. Out of 1,122 bases tested, only these nine are different from the standard, but these are enough to set me apart. I have checked two databases containing tens of thousands of mtDNA results and found nobody who matches me. Now, of course, if my siblings had been tested, they would have the same results as mine, but let's see who else might. My mother's only sister had no children and is no longer living. My grandmother's only sister had five children, but they are all dead, and her daughters died without issue. My great-grandmother did have a sister who lived to adulthood and married, and, as it happens, I have not traced her descendants.

In other words, I might have some third cousins I've never met who share my mtDNA. (Don't worry -- they aren't descendants of Edmund Rice, as far as I know, and so they are not being sorely missed from the ERA database!) Continuing back on my matrilineal ancestry, I find only one more ancestor who definitely had sisters, and I reach the end with Tahpenes Ward, who was born around 1730, probably in Cumberland County, Virginia, daughter of Richard Ward. If I had found a match for my mtDNA somewhere in the Old South, I would right now be digging into the Virginia land, church, and probate records in hopes of finding the link to my presumed new-found cousin.

Of course, there's still a chance I might find a match as time goes on. I entered my test results in Mitosearch, a public database, and I imagine that a matrilineal cousin who tests in the future will stumble across my entry and get in touch. The field of genetic genealogy is still young, and mtDNA especially has room to grow.

Meanwhile, there is also an ethnic angle to mtDNA. Even though mtDNA comes from only the female line, it does trace the background of that one line. When I first saw the unfamiliar forename "Tahpenes" in my lineage, I wondered if that might indicate some type of unexpected ancestry. Of course, I looked it up and found it was merely an unfamiliar (to me) Biblical name, but still I could not help but wonder where my ancestors came from. The mtDNA haplogroup could perhaps give me a clue. When I got my results, I found that my mtDNA haplogroup is U3, which is typically European, though not the most common type. Thus, I conclude that, as far as I can tell, my lineage on that side is typical colonist.

But all of these prospects for serendipitous discoveries are passive. What about taking an active role? Now that I have a genetic tracer, I can perhaps revisit the question of who was the mother of my Tahpenes Ward. There are candidates, and if I can find sisters of the candidates, I can try tracing the female-line descendants of those sisters and see if any match me. One of these days.

--John Chandler

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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

Greetings from Massachusetts!

Here's our annual pre-Reunion newsletter, where all of the info you'll need to know for our 2007 cousinly get-together is listed.

Our regular features will return with the next newsletter, which will also have photos of the conference and the annual Association reports.

I'd like to welcome all of our new cousins who have joined since the last newsletter—many of you joined using PayPal on our Association website. We're glad you found that an easy and quick way to join us!

Thank you to everyone who drops me mail—both traditional and email—to let me know what you like to see in the newsletter. All of your suggestions are taken to heart. Please keep those cards, letters, and email coming in.

I'd also like to ask each of you to look in your family photo albums and find a photo of one of your Rice ancestors—it could be you, your child, one of your parents, grandparents—and send me a copy of the photo with a short write-up about or lineage of that person for our Meet the Ancestor feature!

Hope to see you at the Reunion!

– 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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In Memory

*Hazel Viola Rice (1922-2006),
widow of Herbert Rice, a long-
time member of the ERA and
beloved mother of lifetime
member Rosemary Rice Bailey.*

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The ERA Reunion

Our Guest Speaker

Paul Hogman is from Billerica, Massachusetts. Paul is a member of The Arlington Historical Society, serves on the Board of Directors, and was Past Vice-President. He is also a member of the Billerica Historical Society, and is an original member of The Menotomy Minute Men, and Past Captain. The Company was activated in 1971. Other organizations he has served on are: Arlington 350th Celebrations Committee, Arlington Bicentennial Celebrations Committee, and Arlington Patriot's Day Committee. He has been involved in Living History Programs in schools, narrations of historical battles and reenactments, and teaches Colonial History in various towns. Paul has also written articles pertaining to 18th Century history in this area.

Some of the Places We Will See



Wayside Inn



Grist Mill



Martha-Mary Chapel



Little Red Schoolhouse

The ERA Reunion

- WHEN** **September 28 & 29, 2007** -- a beautiful time of the year in New England!
- WHERE** **Clarion Inn, Sudbury, Massachusetts**
- LOCAL SIGHTSEEING** The Clarion Inn is about a mile from the historic Longfellow's Wayside Inn, the old Grist Mill, Martha-Mary Chapel, and the Little Red Schoolhouse.
- <http://www.wayside.org/>
- Sudbury's Goodnow Library is a few miles to the east, and contains an excellent historical and genealogical room, both offline and online.
- <http://www.sudbury.ma.us/archives/>
- http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/services/department_home.asp?dept=Library
- HOTEL** The Clarion Inn is located at 738 Boston Post Road (Route 20) in Sudbury, Massachusetts.
- <http://www.choicehotels.com/hotel/ma097>
- Each person is responsible for his/her own room reservations, and should call the Clarion directly at 978-443-2223.
- Special room rates at the Clarion have been arranged for attendees of our reunion that plan an overnight or longer stay, so mention the Edmund Rice Association when reserving your room. The cost per night is \$94.49 and includes a nice breakfast each day. This special rate is guaranteed only until August 24th, after that you pay full price-- so reserve early. Remember New England is a popular tourist destination during the Fall foliage season.
- SIGN-UP FORMS** Included with this newsletter is a sign-up form that must be returned Jeannette Pollard. Remember to include any payments along with your sign-up.
- The Wayside Inn would like an indication of interest to know how many tables to set aside for us for our Friday night Dutch Treat dinner. Sign-up or pre-payment (Dutch treat) is not required for attendance, however, and you can change your mind at any time.
- DEADLINE** Due by September 18. Please return the form as soon as possible, for we have limits to all our events.
- PAYMENT** Checks should be made out to: Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc.

ERA Reunion Agenda

Friday Sept 28

- 1:00p - 5:00p What would our reunion be without our famous narrated bus tour? We will be visiting local Rice historical landmarks and other sites of interest. The bus leaves and returns to the Clarion Inn. Sign up and enclose your payment (\$12 per person) with the form included with this Newsletter. The bus tour is popular and space fills up quickly!
- 5:30p - 6:30p Join us for our Dutch Treat Dinner at Longfellow's Wayside Inn (a National Historic Registered site). The Wayside Inn is about a mile west of the Clarion Inn, just off Route 20. This is a great opportunity to meet your Rice cousins over good food and good wine, as well as tour the Inn and peruse the book nook in the gift shop.
- 7:30p Board of Directors meeting at the Clarion.

Saturday Sept. 29

- 9:00a Gather at the Clarion Inn in the Longfellow Room for socializing with fellow cousins, reviewing the books and other items for sale, and viewing the extensive database of our ERA genealogy on the computers. This is the time to fill in blanks in your genealogy, connect with cousins researching the same lines, and learn more about the ERA. A light continental breakfast will be provided.
- 10:30a John Chandler, ERA President, will give a presentation of the on-going DNA project we are managing, and explain how DNA helps us find out more about our ancestors. He will be taking questions, so this is a great time to find out how DNA projects work, and what can be learned from them.
- 11:15a George King, ERA Historian, will give a presentation about 19th and early 20th century ships' passenger lists, and how we can use them to find our immigrant ancestors. George will use the Internet for examples from Castle Garden and Ellis Island in New York City, Boston, and other ports of entry.
- 12:00a Reservations are required for a catered luncheon buffet (turkey, fish, and side dishes). Cost is \$20.00 per person, and you must pre-pay, sign up, and return the form in this Newsletter. No need to make a selection in advance.
- 1:00p This year, Paul Hoagman will be our featured speaker. Paul will give a presentation on the "Post Road History". The Boston Post Road, the most traveled road between Boston and the western part of Massachusetts and to NYC, is rich with history. Sudbury was about a day-long ride from Boston in early times, and the Boston Post Road is still in existence today as US Route 20.
- 2:00p-3:00p Edmund Rice Association Annual Business Meeting.

SIGN-UP FORM

NAMES OF ATTENDEES

Telephone Number (in case of questions) () _____ - _____

FRIDAY NIGHT (Dutch-Treat) DINNER

Please give us an idea of how many tables to set aside for the Dutch Treat Dinner by indicating your interest. You may change your mind at any time.

- YES, I may be attending with # _____ of people.
- NO, I'm not attending.

FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUS TOUR RESERVATION

- YES, # _____ of people at **\$12 per person** (please attach check).
- NO.

SATURDAY LUNCHEON RESERVATION

- YES, # _____ of people at **\$20 per person** (please attach check).
- NO.

RETURN THIS FORM AND YOUR CHECK OR MONEY ORDER TO:

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NO LATER THAN SEPTEMBER 18th