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President's Column

Greetings, cousins!

I've been musing about the different styles of genealogy. I think the basic and original style is lineage genealogy, where one founding couple, or possibly just one founder with an unspecified mate, would occupy the first position, and, at each successive generation, only one primary offspring would be followed into the future. Siblings might be mentioned, but their descendants would not be. This is pretty much what can be expected by default for the genealogy of hereditary rulers who practice primogeniture or draconian weeding out. This is also the sort of genealogy that remains in mythological lists of rulers, even without the institution of primogeniture, after enough time has passed to forget the messy details of the actual successions. We can see this pattern in the familiar "begats" of the Bible, with a few notable exceptions.

Despite that ancient example of a multi-branched family tree, I suspect that the next development in genealogy was the pedigree. When a strongly hierarchical society develops hereditary positions of power, there is bound to be an opportunity and a motivation for the aristocrats to compete with each other in boasting of their many illustrious ancestors. The same is true, by the way, of pure-bred animals of various sorts (horses, dogs, cattle, and so on). The pedigree is the direct expression of one's heritage, and is the framework for analyzing Mendelian genetics. It is also the embodiment of the fundamental rule of genealogy -- to work from the known to the unknown -- when anyone first takes up the challenge.

As individual genealogists, most of us stick to this style of genealogy, but it's basically a solitary pursuit because each of us has many ancestors who are not held in common with whoever might be collaborating with us today. As soon as we turn our attention to a different line, we have to look for a different set of collaborators. Even so, there is always the need, sooner or later, to come back to the same line again and pick up where we left off.

It is this need that forms the basis for long-term cooperation among genealogists, as well as for the collective research done by family associations like the ERA. We can (and do) have lots of fun at our annual reunions, but there is also a serious side to our meetings, where we compare notes, share tips on computer-aided genealogy, and work toward expanding the collective descendancy-style genealogy of the Association. As each member submits information to the central database, we get one step closer to our ultimate goal of documenting all of Edmund Rice's descendants. Needless to say, our task is made much easier by letting computers take care of as much of the drudgery as possible. At the same time, the availability of computers has given us the ability to step back from the ever-branching family tree and observe the interconnections, not only between branches of our own descendancy, but also between our tree and others. (See within for my latest effort in the "Thicket" series.) There is room in genealogy for new styles to be invented -- as they surely will when computing power opens up more possibilities.

--John Chandler

MARK YOUR CALENDARS FOR THE 2008 REUNION - September 19th to 20th, 2008 in Sudbury, MA

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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.

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Address Corrections:

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Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Editor's Column

Greetings from Massachusetts!

I'm writing this as I wait for the Super Bowl game to start (Go Pats!) with the ~~possibility~~ ~~certainty~~ heartbreak of an ~~un~~undefeated season for the New England Patriots.

I'm pleased to be able to share several "Meet the Ancestor" stories from your cousins who so generously shared their time in preparing and submitting them for the newsletter. We learn about Eliza Jane (Rice) Sweet, Stephen and Warren Rice, and John Daniel Earl Rice.

We continue with the diary of Mary W. Rice and her love match, Frank.

John Chandler's "Thicket" article takes a look at John Parmenter and his children.

We also have an article on the first generation descendants of Matthew Rice, and another article on Noah Rice of Saratoga County, NY.

In other words, it's a fully packed newsletter! But please remember that jam-packed newsletters are thanks to our members—how about YOU? We'd love to hear about your parents, grandparents, or other ancestors in our Meet the Ancestor feature. Or if you have another idea for an article, please send it in... and THANKS!

– Perry Lowell Bent

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Memorial Gifts

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

In Memory

Robert W. Luce, II, died December 23, 2007.

WELCOME, NEW MEMBERS!

We want to welcome all of our new members!

Dr. Kathryn Brown of Cedar Rapids, IA
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Paul Piatkowski at the American Embassy in Amman
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A Special Thank-You

Correction: The Association received a gift to ERA for \$1,000 from **Grace V. Rice** of Brooklyn Center, MN "In appreciation for getting me on to the road to finding and understanding my heritage". On behalf of all Grace's cousins, we thank her for her extraordinary generosity to the Association's endeavors!

Website Update

You may have noticed that we've updated the look of the ERA website. We think that the new navigation makes it easier to find your way around the site and locate the information you need. We'll be adding content and information over time, and your suggestions are always welcome.

Please let us know if there are any problems with the website during this re-construction phase at era1638@hotmail.com

The ERA Database

In early January Wholly Genes announced the release of Version 7 of The Master Genealogist. Many of you know that The Master Genealogist is the genealogy computer program that our Association uses to keep the master file of the descendants of Edmund Rice. The Wholly Genes announcement claims that there are new features to make the program easier to use for computer beginners. We have not tested the new version yet but hope to have a review for you in the Spring newsletter. The Master Genealogist continues to feature direct imports from most popular genealogy programs - without going through an intermediate GEDCOM format.

Our computer database has been and will continue to be essential for DNA studies for Edmund Rice descendants and the descendants of other early Sudbury families. We need your continuing support. If you have not submitted your family line to us, why wait any longer?

Questions? Contact our Historian at: gking5 at cox.net

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. Please order from the Treasurer by sending a check or money order for \$10 to him with a request for the CD-ROM.

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. This CD-ROM represents our database effort as of September 2007. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

Research and Submit Your “Umbilical Lineage”

The women whom Rice men married have contributed to our genetic heritage in equal proportion, and also have a very special set of genetic markers passed down to us today.

Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) is passed solely by mothers to their children, both to males and females. However, only mothers can pass mtDNA: fathers only pass their YDNA to their sons.

Research your lineage through your mother->grandmother->great-grandmother and onward, and submit it to the ERA.

Consider having your mtDNA tested, too!

Contact the DNA Project coordinator at rvrbarre at verizon.net for more information.

BOOKS

Rice Books Available

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., soft-cover, 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.

Mildred L. Henschel is the author of **Lickiss Families and English Ancestors** consists of 292 pages and is spiral-bound with laminated covers. It consists of 3 parts: the first is English Ancestors, which includes Rice, Towne, Ball, Boland, Bullard, Mellen, Southworth, Whale, French, Fox, Frost, Moore, and Hancock. The second part starts with Hancock-- Sarah Jane who married the first John Lickiss to come to America and their descendents. The 3rd part consists of other Lickiss families, and includes a Table of Contents and Index. Price is \$45, postage and handling included. Mailing address is: 835 Valentine Dr., Dubuque, IA. 52003-0211.

MEET THE ANCESTORS

Eliza Jane (Rice) Sweet

*Submitted by Bryan Penfold, on behalf of his wife,
Linda K. Penfold, life member ERA*

Eliza was born 01 Mar 1846 in Caroline, Tomkins County, NY, and married 05 Nov 1865, Schuyler County, MO, to Charles L. Sweet. Eliza died 05 Jul 1935, near Kirksville, Adair County, MO, and was buried in Willmathsville Cemetery in Willmathsville, Adair County, MO.

Eliza and Charles L. Sweet had twelve children.

Ancestry of Eliza Jane Rice:

Edmund->Edward->Benjamin->Azariah->Jonas->Simeon->
Asa Amos->Thomas Henry->Eliza Jane (Rice) Sweet
Eliza was my wife's great-great-grandmother.



Stephen Rice (1842-1907) and Warren Edwin Rice (1883-1964)

By Ruth Roberta (Robbie) Rice Gries, January 2008, daughter of Delmar Rice and granddaughter of Warren Edwin Rice



*Photo: Stephen Rice with wife,
Diantha Rand Rice and their only son,
Warren Edwin Rice.*

The Civil War, if you survived it, led many Maine enlisted men to never return when they were introduced to milder winters away from the travails of the upper New England climate. Stephen Rice was one of them.

Stephen Rice was born on November 7, 1842 in Robbinston, Maine. His father, Stephen H. Rice (b. 1797) was a ship builder there, having moved from Nova Scotia Canada, where his branch of Rices had moved prior to the American Revolution. (Lineage: Stephen Rice Jr.> Stephen H. Rice>William Rice>John Rice (moved from Worcester, MA to Annapolis Royal)>Matthias>Gershom>Thomas>Deacon Edmund Rice.

Stephen Rice enlisted for the Civil War on July 15, 1861, and served briefly in the 6th Regional Maine Volunteers and participated in one of the battles of Bull Run. On September 14, 1862, he was sent to a General Hospital. And on November 16th, the same year, he was discharged at Ft. McHenry for general disability. We read some papers that indicated he later served in a Union Marine unit and went to sea. After the Civil War was over, he served in the Merchant Marines for almost 20 years. We know nothing about this period of his life. But sometime around 1880 he went to Detroit, Michigan, where one of his sisters (Lydia) was living.

From there, he must have heard of land available in the west. He traveled further west to Rock Port, Missouri, where he resided long enough to meet and marry Diantha Rand in March of 1882. He took his bride and young son, Warren Edwin (b. 1883), to some land

in western Nebraska near Beaver City, where they lived in a dugout while he tried to farm. Farming skills did not come easily to a former marine, and he did not make a go of this venture. Diantha died trying in 1894, when Warren was 11 years old.

When Warren was a teenager, one of his Rand relatives in Rock Port, Missouri, died and left him a small inheritance. Warren apparently rode a bicycle from western Nebraska back to Rock Port (about 300 miles!) to claim his inheritance, and then used it to obtain a high school education, though he was an older student. In about 1906 he moved to Lawrence, Kansas, to start college in Manhattan at Kansas A & M. However, during his first or second year, he had a message from his father that he was terribly ill and begged him to return to take care of a farm in western Oklahoma near Indianhomah, Oklahoma. Stephen had bought this land from someone who won it in a lottery after he was unsuccessful in the lottery.

Warren quit school and went to his father, where the “farm” was a futile operation. Shortly thereafter, he took his father to Sulphur, OK, hoping the hot springs would help “cure” him, but to no avail. His father died in November, 1907. Warren tried briefly to rescue the farm, but finally gave up and went to work in Indianoma.



In 1909 he married Grace Emma Lamirand in Snyder, OK.

They had seven children.

Warren eventually found a job with the Southern Pacific Rail Road, where he worked all over Oklahoma (Noble, Shawnee, Purcell) and briefly in Kansas City. He retired after World War II.



*Children of Warren Edwin Rice 1924:
Back: Jessie Louise, Hal Anthony
Patrick, Delmar. Front: Twins—
Alverna Isabelle and Alberta Idabelle on
either side of Mary Oneida who is*

John Daniel Earl Rice was born February 8, 1907, at Orchard, NE.

He lived with his mother Stella Hamilton and father Charles E. Rice until about age 8 (1915) when they divorced. Then he lived with cousins for a while and stayed at Walter Hausworth's home, which was west of Osmond, NE.

He attended lower elementary grades at Orchard, NE, and finished the eighth grade at Osmond.

At age 17 he went to the army at Fort Omaha, in Omaha, NE, for a year. He was in Company K, 17th Infantry, Fort Omaha, Omaha, NE.

After the army he helped farmers around Osmond.

On May 27, 1928 he married Elizabeth Mary Green; she was born to Noah and Mary (O'Brian) Green on October 2, 1902. After marrying they moved to Yankton, SD, where J. D. Earl worked at a dairy barn and then operated a service station until 1933. Then, due to the ill health of Elizabeth's parents, they came back to Osmond, NE, and stayed with the Green's and farmed, so her parents would not lose their farm. In 1935 they built and operated a service station and cafe, called Rice's Service, east of Green's farm. Earl and Lizzie operated it 24 hours a day. In 1940, they sold Rice's Service and moved to a farm east of Osmond for a few years. In 1946, they purchased a farm northeast of Pierce, NE, and farmed there until retiring in September of 1975, when they moved to Osmond to be by their son James D. Rice, wife Theresa and their grandchildren, Jimmy, Kathy, Patsy and Mary Beth. In 1976 they helped start the Senior Citizen Center in Osmond, NE and were very active in it.



John Daniel Earl Rice
1950

Earl died December 25, 1990 at the Osmond General Hospital. He had cancer of the liver. Lizzie died May 2, 1992, at home. She wandered outside one night and was found dead the following morning.

Article taken from the "Osmond Republican" newspaper in 1929 "Young Couple Wed Year -- Keep Secret the Many friends of Miss Elizabeth Green daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Noah Green, and Mr. Earl Rice were surprised to hear of their marriage, nearly a year ago, in Council Bluffs, Iowa. They certainly succeeded in keeping a secret until this week. Both of the young people are well known here, the bride having been graduated from Osmond High School and for the past six years has been one of Pierce County's efficient rural schoolteachers. The groom is engaged in farming near Creighton, Nebr. and is well and favorably known about the people of this vicinity. The many friends of the young couple hasten to add belated congratulations and best wishes."

Article taken from the "Norfolk Daily News" newspaper dated 1953 RFD by George B. "JOHN D. EARL RICE I've known Earl Rice for a good many years but when I drove to his farm north of Pierce and saw the name, "John D. Earl Rice" on the mailbox I said to myself, "How come?" Earl had the answer. As he tells it his grandfather, John Hamilton said he was a big baby and they'd have to give him a big name. So, they started out with John, after the said grandfather, then they added Daniel at the request of an uncle, and finally the name Earl for another uncle. The John and the Daniel were dropped, except for legal signatures, and Earl has been the monicker that stuck for all around purposes. I asked about the "big baby" part and Earl informed me that he weighed twelve and one half pounds when born. That's rather surprising in as much as Earl isn't a large fellow when it comes to height but he makes up for it in a big way especially when it comes to farming. He and his wife, Elizabeth operate 440 acres and Lizzie, as I know her, also is raising 900 chickens this year. She usually raises around 1800 chickens but with their son, Jim, in the service, someone had to run that other tractor, so Lizzie gets behind the wheel of one tractor and Earl operates the other and together they get the work done. On top of that, Earl milks over a dozen cows, so with that kind of activity I didn't even ask them if they played golf for exercise. Pfc. James Rice, known as Jim, started out blowing a cornet when he was a small farm boy and now he's one of the top musicians in the 91-piece band at Ft. Smith, AR. While at Camp Breckenridge, KY, Jim was honored as the "outstanding trainee" 101st Airborne Division Band. Jim didn't apply for band work when he joined the army, but one night he and two other fellows were having a private jam session and one of the officers heard it and forthwith let it be known that Jim belonged in the band. Jim is happy about the whole deal now, and is glad he learned to blow a cornet down on the farm. G.B. German" WNAX Inquiring Farm Reporter

Article taken from the "Osmond Republican" newspaper dated Jan. 2, 1991. OBITUARY "Earl Rice, 83, buried Thursday Services for Earl Rice, 83, of Osmond were held at 10 a.m. on Thursday, Dec. 27 at St. Mary's Catholic Church in Osmond with Father Duane Lukes officiating. Congregational singing was led by St. Mary's adult and youth choirs with LaDonna Blecha as organist. Lector was Gerald Petersen, communion ministers were Dallas and Helen Stekelberg and servers were Mark Gudenkauf, Walter Wagner and Terry Hoffman. Offertory gifts were presented by great-grandchildren of Mr. Rice. Burial was in St. Mary's Cemetery with Steve Korth, John Korth, Steve Manzer, Randy Jochum, Doug Schmit and Warren Hoebelheinrich as pallbearers. Mr. Rice died on Tuesday, Dec. 25, at Osmond General Hospital. John D. Earl Rice was born at Orchard on Feb. 8, 1907, to Charles and Stella (Hamilton) Rice. He was united in marriage to Elizabeth Green on May 27, 1928, at Council Bluffs, IA. He worked at the Yankton State Hospital and then owned a filling station and cafe three miles west of Osmond. Later the couple bought a farm north of Pierce and farmed there until 1975 at which time they retired and moved into Osmond. Mr. Rice's hobbies were riding his three-wheeler, making beaded baskets and spending much time with his son and daughter-in-law, Jim and Theresa, and their families. Survivors include his wife, son Jim of Osmond; sister Genevieve Pochop of Norfolk; four grandchildren and nine great-grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his parents and two brothers."

From Kathy (Rice) Hoepfner, who happens to be a granddaughter: "Grandpa and Grandma were the best. They gave my brother, Jim, and me horses, saddles, bridles, the works, but most of all they gave all four of us a lot of love. They also would take us to horse 4-H, Ruff Riders (saddle club) meetings and trail rides. We spent many summers out at their farm. My sisters weren't into horses. On Sundays, we all would go to Grandma & Grandpa's for dinner, and Grandma would make fried chicken, potatoes, homemade noodles, cherry pie (for me), and chocolate cake (for dad). After dinner grandpa would play with the kids. Mom and Dad, Jimmy and I lived with Grandma and Grandpa Rice until I was 4 years old. Lizzie was quite a lady, and Earl quite the gentleman. They are missed every single day."

Kathy (Rice) Hoepfner<-James D. Rice and Theresa Windeshausen<-John Daniel Earl Rice and Elizabeth Green<-Charles E. Rice and Stella Hamilton<-James Austin Rice and Clarrisa Clark<-Comfort Rice and Lucinda Wood<-Darius Rice & Anna Stevens<-Comfort Rice and Martha Morris<-Gershom Rice Jr. & Esther Haynes<-Gershom Rice & Elizabeth Balcom<-Thomas Rice and Mary King<-Edmund Rice and Thomasine Frost

THE FAMILY THICKET, PART XIII

by John Chandler

This is the latest in a series of articles highlighting the complex relationships among the descendants of Edmund Rice. Each article focuses on one early Massachusetts immigrant and his wife (or wives) and offspring and uncovers some of the ways in which the offspring are connected by marriage to the extended Rice family within a few generations. Many of the people mentioned here are included in our Association's database, but some of those are omitted even so from the on-line 6-generation descendancy report because the latter concentrates on Edmund Rice's descendants and ventures only as far afield as their spouses and spouses' parents.

The subject of this article is John Parmenter -- or perhaps we should think of him as "Pmtr" because each of the vowels in his name has been known to vary, and the first "r" was sometimes dropped, in line with New England pronunciation, and even the "n" was sometimes dropped. In principle, then, there are 32 different ways to spell this surname, but, in fact, only 6 of them are found in the Sudbury vital records, and one must look far afield to find some of the more extreme variants. In any case, this man came to New England about the same time as Edmund Rice, and, although he lived briefly in Watertown at first, he soon settled in Sudbury (by 1639). Like Edmund Rice, he was designated a Freeman of the colony in 1640 (the same day, in fact), subsequently served the town as selectman and the church as deacon, and eventually moved away from Sudbury (in his case, to Roxbury). He also had brought a wife and family to the New World and, when the first wife died, married a widow. In his case, the first wife, Bridget, has not been traced to her antecedents and, indeed, might have been preceded by another wife not yet discovered. The next wife, however, is well documented: she was Annis (Bayford) (Chandler) Dane, who had been previously married to William Chandler and John Dane, who had each in turn been married previously as well.

The dense web of family connections is certainly made all the more dense by the strong tendency for widows and widowers to remarry. As a matter of fact, Annis was only 68 when her third husband died, and so it is a little surprising that she did not go on to marry a fourth, especially considering the encomium entered in the Roxbury church records when she died: "Old Mother Parmiter, a blessed saint."

About the Parmenter family, there is some uncertainty. Savage, in his *Genealogical Dictionary*, remarks that John had brought from England his son John, "and perhaps other ch[ildren]". The only other child he is known to have had was his daughter Mary, who is mentioned in his will, along with her husband. This, then, is the striking difference between John Parmenter and Edmund Rice -- family size. Turning now to the family, we will see that both children are enmeshed in the family thicket.

1. **Mary** (c1610-1690) married John Woods and raised a large family in Sudbury and Marlborough. This close proximity to the Rices gave plenty of opportunity for intermingling, but there is some uncertainty about whether all of the Woods in the area belonged to the same family. For example, Savage mentions a daughter Catherine, and it is widely supposed that she was the one who married Joseph Newton of Marlborough, but John Woods' will makes no mention of any daughters. Also, Savage mentions a possible child Francis, and it is often asserted that the Frances Woods who married Isaac How of Marlborough in 1671/2 was a daughter of John Woods. If we leave aside these uncertain offspring, the connections of John and Mary Woods to the Rice thicket are as follows: First, their son John married Lydia³ Rice (Edward², Edmund¹). Second, their great granddaughter Mary Newton married Asa⁵ Brigham (David⁴, Mary³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹). Turning to the tentative daughter Frances, we find that two of her children married descendants of Edmund Rice: Elizabeth married Nathan⁴ Brigham (Mary³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹), and John married Deliverance⁴ Rice (John³, Edward², Edmund¹). The other tentative connection is a grandson of Catherine Woods, Micah Balcom, who married Thankful⁵ Smith (Amos⁴, Abigail³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹).

2. **John** (c1611-1666) married Amy and had a large family. Their tightest entanglement in the thicket was their son Benjamin, who married Tamasine³ Rice (Henry², Edmund¹). Also, four of their

grandchildren find their way into our story: first, Joseph Parmenter married Lydia⁴ Rice (Edmund³, Edward², Edmund¹); second, Thomas Burk married his first cousin Mercy⁴ Parmenter (Tamasine³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹); third and fourth, Lydia and Daniel Pratt (siblings) married, respectively, siblings Jonathan⁴ and Elizabeth⁴ Rice (Jonathan³, Henry², Edmund¹). I didn't find any great grandchildren who married into the Rice clan, but three members of the next generation after that added to the ranks: Eunice Gibbs married Abijah⁵ Moore (Tamar⁴ Rice, John³, Edward², Edmund¹); Rebecca Parmenter married William⁶ Smith (Hannah⁵ Rice, Daniel⁴, Daniel³, Edward², Edmund¹); Bathsheba Parmenter married Elijah⁶ Dadmun (Lois⁵ Pratt, Elizabeth⁴ Rice, Jonathan³, Henry², Edmund¹); and, finally, another great great granddaughter Rebecca Parmenter (cousin of the above Rebecca) married twice, and both husbands were Edmund Rice descendants: Richard Rice⁶ Hemenway (Hannah⁵ Rice, Richard⁴, Jonathan³, Henry², Edmund¹) and Jesse⁷ Belknap (Jeremiah⁶ Belknap, Hannah⁵ Bent, Hannah⁴ Rice, David³, Henry², Edmund¹).

Just to round out this tale of family interconnections, I should mention here what the astute reader has no doubt already guessed: John Parmenter's wife Annis, and Annis' husband, William Chandler, are both my ancestors and therefore have their own independent tie-in to the thicket. In particular, their fifth-great grandson Leonard B. Chandler married a Rice descendant (but that's another story). Not to be outdone, Annis' second husband, John Dane, was the sixth-great grandfather of this same Leonard B. Chandler, thus having a connection as well.

There is no escape from the thicket!

The Diary of Mary W. Rice

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Read about a young Rice woman of Des Moines, Iowa, embarking on her new life as a soon-to-be bride in the year 1870—where we left off...

May Sunday, 1 1870

Went to church all day. Came home after S. School and wrote a long letter to Frank. Expect to see him in one week. Gathered some violets and sent him. Went to church in the evening. Had quite a large congregation.

May Monday, 2 1870

Was at home all day sewing as fast as possible. Nothing happened of consequence.

May Tuesday, 3 1870

Went to town in the morning to the dressmakers. Met Matie Newton there. Did not get home until noon and sewed all the afternoon. Played croquet part of the afternoon.

May Wednesday, 4 1870

Was at home all day. Did not go to meeting in the evening. Alice Beatty came up in the afternoon and we played croquet for a little while.

May Thursday, 5 1870

Went down to Mrs. Haynes? in the afternoon. Had a splendid time. Alice and Ella came home with us and I gave them ___ to take home with them. Mrs. Battelle called in the evening.

May Friday, 6 1870

Sewed very busily all day and accomplished considerable. Only a few days more and there seems so much to do before going away. Expect Frank day after tomorrow. Oh what joy in the thought.

May Saturday, 7 1870

Oh what a busy day. I have hardly had time to think a moment. In the afternoon Mrs. McCann came out with her baby and we had extra work but I am almost tired out that's a fact.

May Sunday, 8 1870

Frank drove us down to church. Poor fellow! He got there just too late for breakfast. How glad I was to see him! After church he went down town to dinner and I went out home. After S.S. we came home and did not go out again. I made up my mind after church this morning to go tomorrow morning so shall have to hurry. What a dear delightful evening Frank and I had together. So very happy we were yet sorry that we must be so long separated.

May Monday, 9 1870

Mother and Mrs. McCann packed my trunk and I got my duds together. At quarter past eleven I was all ready and Frank drove me down. Lizzie went too. We stopped at the bank then told Ed Saygue? good bye and stopped at the Hilberts a moment. The cars were a little late so we had to wait. I had a few moments longer with my Frank. We got to Davenport? at nine. Took a sleeping car there and arrived at Chicago the next morning.

May Tuesday, 10 1870

After breakfast at Mr. Murphy's went out shopping and rode some. Took dinner at the Tremont House then went to the circus. Went back to Mr. Murphy's to tea then to the opera in the evening. Came home or rather to Mr. M's completely tired out.

May Wednesday, 11 1870

Started after a nice ride for Washington. Met a General Reed of Keokuk who was good company. Also a Rev. McMonigle? of California. We took a sleeping car reached Pittsburgh at night about 2 o'clock.

May Thursday, 12 1870

Early in the morning the view began to be beautiful. We passed through the long tunnel and round the horse shoe. The mountains and Juniata river make the view very picturesque. Now and then a deserted house at the foot of the mountains and the canal boats add to it very much. Reached Harrisburg at eleven. Changed cars for Baltimore. Reached B. about three. Rode over to the Washington depot and took the cars. Reached W. about 6 o'clock. Found Uncle P. there. Aunt M. had a good many callers in the evening.

May Friday, 13 1870

Sewed in the morning and after lunch intended to go out but a shower came up so sewed until three thirty. Then took a ride in the open carriage out to Soldier's Home. Enjoyed it very much. Was very tired so went to bed in pretty good season.

May Saturday, 14 1870

Rosa went on excursion and Aunt M. and I went down town shopping. Got some shoes and slippers and button for dress. After lunch sewed for a little while then at 4 went to ride. Had a delightful ride to Rock Creek and got home for dinner at 6. Was quite warm and we sat on the piazza for a while.

May Sunday, 15 1870

Went to church in the open carriage. Heard a very good sermon from Mr. Rankin, Mark 10:47. Came home and had lunch directly then took off our dresses and I wrote to Mother and my dear Frank. At dinner time got dreadfully homesick for a few minutes, but got bravely over it. Went to walk a little way in the evening. Oh how I have longed for my dear Frank today!

May Monday, 16 1870

Got up dreadfully sick and almost fainted away but got over it and staid in bed all the fore noon. Went to ride in the afternoon to the Shnitzentfest? but I felt wretchedly and was glad to go to bed early.

May Tuesday, 17 1870

Quite a memorable day in my life. Sewed all the morning but in the afternoon went to the White House to Mrs. Grant's reception. Shook hands with the President and Mrs. Grant and one or two other notables. Came home and played croquet or rather Mrs. Sawyer called in the evening.

May Wednesday, 18 1870

Went down town in the morning. Sewed some in the afternoon. Played croquet in the afternoon after dinner and in the evening went to some private theatricals which were very good. Came home just about tired out.

May Thursday, 19 1870

Went down town in the morning. After dinner went out and played croquet with several of the neighbors and friends. One side beat but I came in and cried dreadfully. Guess I was just a little homesick and beside felt hurt that Dr. Root thought I did not play fairly. Lizzie Parker and Mrs. Bigelow called in the evening. Was so glad to see Lizzie.

May Friday, 20 1870

All the morning Rosa, Aunt M. and I were down town in the carriage. Aunt M. gave me some handkerchiefs. I bought some face powder the first in my life. Played croquet after dinner.

May Saturday, 21 1870

Staid at home in the morning. In the afternoon practiced etc. After dinner Mr. Chipman invited Rosa and myself to the President's grounds to hear the music. Enjoyed it very much. Met Miss Pomeroy, Mrs. Riley there. Came home and found a letter from Lizzie and one from Mother.

May Sunday, 22 1870

Wrote Lizzie a letter before church. Went to church in the morning in the open carriage. Heard a sermon from the text Heb 12:10. In the afternoon went with Rosa and Miss Lily Nickols to St. Aloysius church (Catholic) and heard some splendid music all operatic. Sang some with Dr. Root after dinner and walked a little way. Oh how I long to see my Frank.

May Monday, 23 1870

Was at home all the morning. At two I went to Mrs. Bigelow's and had a splendid time with Lizzie all the afternoon. Miss Annie Thorp and her brother were there at dinner. In the evening Mrs. B. had some company and we had a very pleasant time. I played some and sang. We came home in the carriage and I did not get to bed till 12:30. It makes me think of the many nights Frank and I have kept such late hours and I was almost homesick for him.

May Tuesday, 24 1870

At home in the morning Mrs. Ketchum called. Aunt M. went out. Rosa and I sewed until after lunch then went down to the Post Office Department. Saw Mrs. Riley etc. It became to look so threatening that we hurried home but the rain commenced before we got there. Met Mrs. Nichols in the car and went into the Arlington and waited until it was over. Read some in the evening.

May Wednesday, 25 1870

Spent the day with Lizzie Parker. Uncle went down with me to find the house. Staid there until afternoon then went with Lizzie to call on Mrs. Dr. Bigelow and Mrs. J. P. Bigelow then came home in time for dinner. Lizzie gave me quite a laughable present for future use maybe. After dinner went to ride out to the insane asylum. Did not get home till quite late.

May Thursday, 26 1870

Went to Mt. Vernon with Mr. Chipman, Rosa and Mr. Baker. Started from home about 9, took a carriage and went to the boat. Had a lovely sail down the Potomac. Reached there about lunch time. Walked around and saw the mansion. The very room where General Washington died. The gardens, Spring House, etc. Ate our lunch on the porch. It rained a little but we enjoyed it. Mr. B. gave us all some flowers from the garden. We got home just at dinner time. Felt very tired but played croquet some.

May Friday, 27 1870

A very rainy day. Did not go out at all. Rosa went out to lunch and got home just before dinner. In the evening we were both invited out but I not feeling well did not go. Think I took a little cold in going to Mt. Vernon. Rosa went again in the evening but I staid at home and went to bed in good season. Took a good drink of whiskey and felt some better.

May Saturday, 28 1870

At home in the morning Mrs. Col. Chipman spent the morning and took lunch. In the afternoon Mrs. Corbett came and although it was still rainy we went out to ride to Colored Orphans home of which Aunt Mattie is president. Enjoyed looking around very much. Drove up to ___ then home. Stopped and got some strawberries.

May Sunday, 29 1870

A rainy day. Went to church in the morning with Uncle and Rosa. A memorial sermon from Dr. Rankin from Rom 14:7 In the afternoon wrote a long letter to Frank then read until dinner time. After dinner took a little walk and went to Mrs. Palten's. Had quite a pleasant call. Rosa went afterwards to Mademoiselle for a call.

May Monday, 30 1870

Went out shopping early in the morning. Met Mrs. Ketchum and Henry. About 11 went to Arlington to the decoration of soldier's grave. Enjoyed it so much. I never saw anything in my whole life to compare with it! 21,000 unknown soldiers lie buried there beside 2,150 remains of bodies under one tomb. General Lee's place must have been superb but the poor brave ones of one army rest there now. I could not help thinking at what a great cost our freedom and emancipation has been purchased. In the evening Mr. Baker and Mr. Chipman came up and we played croquet, then sang some. I was so disappointed for I did not get a letter from my Frank.

May Tuesday, 31 1870

Had the closed carriage about ten in the morning then went to the Treasury Department, patent office, Smithsonian Institute besides shopping and calls. Called on Mrs. White and Mrs. Sawyer. Got home at two. Staid at home in the afternoon and in the evening went with Dr. Root up to Mrs. Ketchum's to a euchre party. A gentleman from Kansas was here at dinner. Did not get home from the party until very late and was dreadfully tired. Met the ugliest crowd in the horse cars. A great time over voting for "Mayor Emery V. Bowen."

June Wednesday, 1 1870

Received a letter from my darling Frank. Auntie put it under the plate at breakfast. Was so glad for began to fear something was the matter. Came up and answered it then went to Congressional open house with Rosa. Got some lovely flowers. Came home and then went with Aunt Mattie to lunch at St. Mark's festival. Came home again and lay down and slept until dinner time. After dinner dressed for evening and went to a fair at Congregational church. Got wretchedly tired. Met a Mr. White of Lowell who was very pleasant.

June Thursday, 2 1870

After breakfast came up to my room and packed. Got everything all ready in about an hour. Then put on my traveling dress and held myself in readiness for anything that should come along. In the afternoon went up to Mrs. Ruker's and took dinner. Met Mr. Baker there and had a very pleasant chat and sing with him. He brought me home in a carriage as it was so rainy. Afterward Lizzie sent home a bouquet which I had forgotten. Rosa was away at a festival.

June Friday, 3 1870

Started away about 8 o'clock. Met Mrs. White near the depot and we traveled together. Took a compartment car and enjoyed it very much. Arrived in New York about 5 in afternoon. Did not meet Mrs. Flagg so took cars to south seventh street ferry. Picked up a strange gentleman on the ferry who offered to escort me. Allowed him but thought he had taken a drop too much. On Bedford Avenue he almost insisted on my taking his arm. Arrived all safely and found them glad to see me. Mrs. Flagg had gone over to New York but missed me in some way.

June Saturday, 4 1870

Staid at home all day. In the morning wrote two letters. After lunch helped Mrs. Flagg on Abbie's dress then got dressed myself. Played some on piano then we played croquet. Went to bed pretty early.

June Sunday, 5 1870

Went to Mr. Bucher's morning and evening. Enjoyed the sermons very much. It seems singular how he can hold such crowds all the time but his sermons were very fine today. Passed by Mrs. Hastings and stopped for a few moments. Shall go there Tuesday and spend the day.

June Monday, 6 1870

Went to New York quite early in the morning. Crossed the Roosevelt ferry. Went up to Stuart's and all around fifth avenue. Went to sixth avenue and saw Mrs. Davis. Mr. D. sent us in some cake and ice cream. Had a real pleasant call but we were glad to come home for were so tired. Played croquet then went to bed in good season.

June Tuesday, 7 1870

Was at home all day and it rained most of the time. Felt very tired and a little lazy too I think but the trip yesterday was almost too much.

June Wednesday, 8 1870

Went over to Mrs. Hastings in the morning and expected to find Mary there but she did not come. In the afternoon went out with them to Prospect Park. Had a very pleasant drive. Played some in the evening then retired with the most homesick feeling. Oh Dear. I could have cried all night. I longed so much for my darling. Dreamed of meeting his mother. It does seem that if I could get back to him I never would leave him again.

June Thursday, 9 1870

In the morning went over to Mary's. Went up in her room but she was not there. Helped ourselves to cake etc. then went back to Mrs. H.'s and staid to lunch. Julie was there. After lunch took the cars for Williamsburgh and in the evening went to a fair and festival at Y.M.C.A. rooms. Had a very pleasant evening. Did not get home until after twelve. Had a dear letter from my precious one.

June Friday, 10 1870

In the morning went down with Mrs. Flagg to help wipe the dishes at the hall when to my surprise Mary E. came in. We went home and I got dressed then I went over with her to South Brooklyn and spent the day. Enjoyed it ever so much but it made me homesick for my dear one again. How shall I stand it all these months. I went home in a shower but had waterproof and umbrella.

June Saturday, 11 1870

Rainy again! I staid in the house in the morning but in the afternoon Mrs. F. and I went out to do some shopping and marketing. After tea went again with Myra and took a walk. Came home tired all out. Went to bed in good season.

June Sunday, 12 1870

Woke up before day and I felt so sad and lonely that I could not even shed a tear to relieve the pressure. I want and must have my precious one all to myself. I'm jealous of every one who sees him while I am denied the happiness. Went to Mr. Bucher's all day. In the afternoon went to S. School at south ninth street church. A missionary Sunday so they had speaking and no lessons. In the evening I saw Mary ___ and told her good bye.

June Monday, 13 1870

Staid at home in the morning but in the afternoon went to Central Park. Stopped at the school and got Myra. Had a splendid time. Got home before tea then played croquet for a little while. Felt pretty well tired out. Such style as we saw in New York. One carriage was drawn by 4 horses. The coachman, footman behind etc. and two lone gentleman riding!

June Tuesday, 14 1870

Started for Springfield. Went over to New York at ten. Took the cars for New Haven. Came across a cousin of mine in a singular way. After we got into the cars she discovered that I was "Mary Washburn's daughter" and ___ that she was Mrs. Butler of whom I had often heard. It seemed singular. I did not meet Lizzie Fitch at the depot so went up there alone. In the evening went to meeting. Met there Frank Stickney? a brother of Laura's and he came home and made quite a call.

June Wednesday, 15 1870

In the morning went to the art gallery with Frank and round to his room. Had a very pleasant morning. In the afternoon started for Springfield. Met Laura on the cars and had a nice little chat as far as Hartford. Met M. Lizzie at S. Found my trunk all right and was glad enough to get to another stopping place.

June Thursday, 16 1870

In the morning Mr. Thomson came from Brookfield and went up to Greenfield. I sent word to Albert that I was here. In the afternoon we went out to walk and then down to the depot to meet Susie Jones. Susie staid all night and we had a nice time. Got three letters, one from my darling Frank! How I do long for him all the time.!

June Friday, 17 1870

Rain in the morning but we went out expecting to go to court but did not. Did some shopping and went out again in the afternoon. Met Mr. Thomson who said the case was postponed so came home and I felt miserably. Went and lay down and took a nap. Got up feeling better but did not feel very well all the evening. Susie went home tonight.

June Saturday, 18 1870

Did not feel very well all day. In the afternoon Albert came down from G. to Springfield and I saw again for the first time in almost three years my own best loved cousin. It seemed strange but I fancied I should not be so fascinated with him as in times past. He's a dear good fellow at any rate. A terribly warm day.

June Sunday, 19 1870

Went to church in the morning to hear Mr. Tonjet? hold forth an address on music as part of worship. Got very tired and it was rather tedious. I staid at home in the afternoon and wrote a letter to Frank. Albert staid in the other room most all the afternoon. At tea time he spoke of not having seen me for so long and being so glad when I came and yet he hardly knew how I should feel toward him. Bless his dear heart! He is my darling cousin and always will be. In the evening he went to the Unitarian church.

June Monday, 20 1870

Went to court in the morning but it was postponed until afternoon. Came home at noon with Albert and he went back at noon for the others. In the afternoon we all went back and had quite a pleasant time. Albert and I acting as audience. M. Lizzie and Susie Jones testified, etc. very well. A heavy shower came up while we were there. I received a letter from Frank and read it there. Dear Frank and best loved of all and yet it is strange to have one come so near?

June Tuesday, 21 1870

Albert and I left Springfield in the noon train for West Brookfield. In the morning I was busy ironing. Albert cut the grass around the house. In the afternoon after we got here we played croquet etc. until time to retire. Enjoyed our ride together immensely.

June Wednesday, 22 1870

Played croquet in the morning together and in the afternoon again, Albert and I. Then went to walk in the graveyard and had the dearest little talk of old times, etc. Late in the evening we went down to the depot to meet M. Lizzie and Charlie who had been up to South Hadley. We all came home together and had a nice time.

June Thursday, 23 1870

Played croquet in the morning and in the afternoon Albert asked me to go and ride with him. We started and got about two miles when the shaft broke so had to jump out and were wondering what we should do when a good Samaritan came along in the shape of a gentleman with a buggy who took us in and we fastened the horse behind and so got home all safely.

June Friday, 24 1870

Entertained ourselves in various ways in the morning and in the afternoon too. Reading, sewing, etc. After tea Albert took me and Charlie took M. Lizzie to ride. Albert and I had hardly started before the wheel came off. We seemed fated actually but after waiting a while we had our ride after all. Went over to North Brookfield. Got some soda and got home about nine after one of the very pleasantest of drives.

June Saturday, 25 1870

The anniversary day of Frank and my engagement! Dear precious Frank how I would love to see you today! In the morning we all went down and took a boat row and did not get home until dinner time. In the afternoon sat and read and enjoyed ourselves quietly at home. It is immensely warm.

June Sunday, 26 1870

Went to church in the morning. Albert, M.L. and I sat together. In the afternoon Albert and I went to walk up Foster's Hill where we used to go. What a pleasant time we had! Then in the latter part of the evening we went to Susie's and played and sang some. Came home pretty tired.

June Monday, 27 1870

In the morning washed out some things. Mr. and Mrs. Cushman called on their way back to S. In the afternoon called on Mr. Dunham. Came home and had been invited to Susie's to tea but did not go. Went with Dr. Blodgett to ride and got caught in a thunderstorm. Drove into a rain and went into the house and got dry. Got home at half past nine. I begrudged every moment of the time. Sat up and talked pretty late with Albert.

June Tuesday, 28 1870

In the morning played croquet, read, etc. In the afternoon Annie Brown came up and we played croquet again. We went down to the depot with Albert and saw him off. How I shall miss him! Well he will write often at any rate. Went over to Mrs. Storell's? and

played some then to Susie's where we spent the rest of the evening. Oh how lonely it seems! Had three letters. One from my own Frank.

June Wednesday, 29 1870

Went down to Annie Brown's to dinner. After staying there several hours went down and got some soda. Then down to the depot. Got a paper from Albert the dear boy. Was so glad that I could almost have kissed it for I have missed him so much. Went over to Mr. Thomson's and played croquet. Got beaten too. Came home and wrote a letter to Albert. Was very tired but did not retire until late.

June Thursday, 30 1870

Went over to Susie's and practiced our duets in the morning. In the afternoon Susie came to Auntie's and we all went down to the ice cream saloon. Enjoyed it hugely. After tea went over to Susie's to play croquet. Got caught in a shower so went in for a while. Then it was time to go to the depot with M. Lizzie. Borrowed a waterproof and we all went down with her. Had a good time. After I got home did up Albert's diary and then retired. Felt a little sick.

July Friday, 1 1870

Got up very late and did not feel very well. Ironed some in the morning. After dinner washed the dishes for Auntie then packed up my trunk and dressed for the afternoon. It is rather lonely without either Albert or M. L., but guess I shall survive until tomorrow. Went over to Mr. Thompson's and played croquet. Mr. T. and I against Charlie and Susie. Afterward Susie and Mary came over to Aunt R.'s and we played Authors. Charlie wrote to M.L. saying that I should not go until the 7 p.m. train tomorrow.

July Saturday, 2 1870

Got up very late but did not feel very well. Hardly knew what to do with myself. Helped Auntie fry some doughnuts then worked on my slippers. Saw Susie at noon. Said she should come home at four so we can play a game of croquet before tea. Played croquet after tea and Mr. V. and I beat Charlie and Susie. Started for Springfield at 7. Arrived at 8-1/2. Found no one at the depot so came up alone. Found five letters waiting for me. One from Frank. Another among the number from Albert. Also a beautiful book as a present from Albert. I shall prize it ever so much. Feel pretty much tired out.

July Sunday, 3 1870

Did not go to church in the morning but wrote two letters and commenced a third to Frank. Dressed for dinner and in the afternoon went to the Olivet church with M. Lizzie. It was communion Sunday so we staid and took it. After we came home, eat supper then sat and talked a while. I went to my room and finished Frank's letter. Dear Frank! May I always be as faithful and good as he deserves! Had a little talk with Lizzie. Went downstairs and read then retired. Have felt a little lonely somehow today. Hope Albert can come tomorrow.

July Monday, 4 1870

Albert came down this morning much to my surprise but I was glad enough. We all went on a picnic to Somers, Conn. and did not get home until nearly 11. Had a splendid time. Went in two carriages over to Mrs. Woods and she went with us to the grounds. Another picnic from the place went too, but we enjoyed it all the more. Enjoyed the ride home ever so much. It was cool and pleasant generally. Sat up but a little while after we got home.

July Tuesday, 5 1870

Got up early in the morning and went to the depot with Albert. Then to the post office and got a dear letter from Frank. Came home and made Albert's cravat. In the afternoon went out shopping. Had some pictures taken. Got some gloves etc. Some hats too. Felt very tired in the evening. Mrs. Cushman came down in the parlor a little while.

July Wednesday, 6 1870

In the morning washed out some of my things. In the afternoon wrote to Frank and to Albert. After tea went down the street but the stores were closed so could not get my hat as I wanted. Sprinkled my clothes in the evening. A terribly suffocating day I think. Had a letter from Aunt Mary saying that she wished I would go to Northampton this week.

July Thursday, 7 1870

Ironed almost all the morning and got pretty tired too! In the afternoon went out and bought my hat for best. Called on Miss Savage. Came home and in the evening cousin Lizzie had some company. Played Authors and one thing and another. Had ice cream and cake. After company had gone cousin L. and I trimmed my black hat. Did not go to bed till 1 o'clock.

Does Mary marry her "dear Frank"? ... to be continued...

Descendants of Matthew Rice

Generation One

1. **MATTHEW¹ RICE** was born circa 1629 at Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire, England.¹ He was baptized on 28 Feb 1628/29 at Saint Peter's Church, Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire, England.² He married Martha Lamson, daughter of Barnabas Lamson and Mary Liggett, on 7 Jul 1654 at Sudbury, MA.³ He died in 1717 at Sudbury, MA; about 89 years (not found in the published records).⁴ He and Martha Lamson resided circa 1655 at Sudbury, MA.⁵ He left a will on 14 Oct 1716, proved 30 December 1717. The will mentioned wife Martha; daughters Deborah Sawin, Dorothy Ware, Patience Leland; four (unnamed) children of Sarah Loker, deceased. Inventory £112.8.2 on 29 November 1717. Son, Isaac Executor.⁵

Children of Matthew¹ Rice and Martha Lamson all born at Sudbury, MA, were as follows:

- i. **SARAH²** was born on 9 Sep 1655; (15th per Ward).⁶ She married John Loker.⁷ She died on 9 Mar 1702/3 at Sudbury, MA; (literally 1702) under the name Looker.⁸
She and John Loker resided in 1677 at Sudbury, MA.⁹
- ii. **MARTHA** was born on 17 Aug 1657.¹⁰ She married John Bent, son of John Bent and Martha (--?--), circa 1687 at Sudbury, MA; (not found in the published records).¹¹ She died before Oct 1716; as she was not mentioned in her father's will.⁵
She and John Bent resided in 1691 at Framingham, MA.⁹
- iii. **DEBORAH** was born on 14 Feb 1659/60; (literally 1659).⁶ She married Thomas Sawin, son of John Sawin and Abigail Munning, on 23 Jan 1683/84 at Sudbury, MA; (literally 83).¹² She died on 23 Aug 1727 at Sherborn, MA; under the name Sawin.¹³
She and Thomas Sawin resided at Sherborn, MA.⁹
- iv. **RUTH** was born on 2 Apr 1662.¹⁴ She married Joseph Hastings, son of Deacon Thomas Hastings and Margaret Cheney, on 21 Nov 1682 at Watertown, MA.¹⁵ She died on 28 Jan 1682/83 at Watertown, MA; (literally 1682) under the name Hastings.¹⁶
She and Joseph Hastings resided in 1683 at Watertown, MA.⁹
- v. **ELIZABETH** was born on 20 May 1663.⁶ She married Samuel Ware, son of Robert Ware and Margery Hunting, on 21 Jul 1690 at Dedham, MA.¹⁷ She died on 18 Nov 1719 at Dedham, MA; under the name Ware.¹⁸
- vi. **DOROTHY** was born on 14 Feb 1664/65; (literally 1664).⁶ Dorothy Rice married 1st Eleazer Wood, son of Nicholas Wood and Mary William, circa 1685 (RICE FAMILY indicates that Dorothy married Samuel Ware. Considered to be typo).¹⁹ She married Capt John Ware, son of Robert Ware and Margery Hunting, on 21 Dec 1709 at Sherborn, MA; listed as John of Wrentham.²⁰ She died on 10 Dec 1728 at Sherborn, MA; under the name Ware.¹³
Dorothy was John's third wife.²¹
- vii. **MARY** was born circa 1666; (not found in the published records).⁴
She died young.⁴
- viii. **ISAAC** was born on 1 May 1668.¹⁴ He married Sybil Collins on 27 Sep 1690 at Concord, MA; both of Sudbury.²² He died on 4 Feb 1717/18 at Sudbury, MA; aged 49y (not found in the published records).²³
He and Sybil Collins resided at Sudbury, MA.⁹ He left a will on 3 Feb 1717/18, lodged for probate, 11 March 1717/18. Sybilla Rice and Phineas Brintnal, Executors. The will mentioned mother Martha; wife Sybilla; three unmarried daughters Martha, Mary, and Abigail; daughter Sybilla and her husband Phineas Brintnal; daughter Ruth and her husband John Goodenow. 22 Feb 1717/18, will contested by heirs, including William Rice (WRN 171) and wife Martha, desiring appraisal.²⁴
- ix. **PATIENCE** was born on 5 Mar 1671.²⁵ She married Ebenezer Leland, son of Henry Leland and Margaret Badcock; The marriage is proved by a marriage agreement in which Ebenezer gave half his land to Patience, daughter of Matthew Rice of Sudbury.²⁶ She died on 1 Jun 1720 at Sherborn, MA; under the name Lealand.²⁷
There is a long-standing confusion about the husband of Patience Rice. Two possible candidates have been named: Ebenezer and Hopestill Leland, two brothers who both lived in Sherborne and who both had wives named Patience. In his book *The Rice Family*, Ward said that Patience Rice married Hopestill Leland as her second husband (the record of Hopestill's marriage shows the bride's name as Patience Holbrook). Ward was silent on the subject of Ebenezer Leland. Meanwhile, Morse's *History of Sherborn* asserts that Ebenezer's wife was Patience Sabin while Hopestill's was Patience Holbrook. More recently, the Rice Genealogical Register and Supplement 1 to *The Rice Family* concluded that Patience Rice's husband was Ebenezer Leland and cite a marriage agreement between Ebenezer and Patience to substantiate the relationship. According to the Supplement, that agreement gave half of Ebenezer's land to Patience Rice, daughter of Matthew and Martha Rice. Unfortunately, the description in the Supplement is clouded by a careless error: Ebenezer's date of baptism is inserted without the 'bp' notation, thus appearing to give this as the date for the marriage!
The Sherborne and Sudbury vital records do not include any marriage of Patience Rice, nor any marriage of Ebenezer Leland to some other Patience, nor, indeed, the death of any male Holbrook in the period shortly before Hopestill Leland married Patience Holbrook. However, the Sherborne vital records do record the births of children to both Hopestill and Patience and Ebenezer and Patience. Your authors believe that Ebenezer Leland is the most likely husband and have included his family here as the family of Patience Rice. See under Hopestill Leland for the family as described by Ward.²⁸

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Noah Rice of Saratoga County, New York: A “Lost” Descendant of Edmund Rice

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In Andrew Henshaw Ward’s 1858 genealogy of Deacon Edmund Rice,ⁱ Noah Rice (#1486) is listed as born in 1760 in Sutton, MA to Phineas Rice (#654) and Hannah Cummins. In the intervening years since Ward’s landmark publication, little more has been reported about the life of Noah. Using vital records of various towns, the 2006 five-generation online genealogyⁱⁱ of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association, reported Noah was born on 5 Mar 1760 in Sutton, MA and he was married in Barre to Prudence Luce of Hardwick on 30 Aug 1781. Noah’s male line ascendancy is as follows: Noah Rice b. 1760>Phineas Rice b.1724 d.1777>Perez Rice b.1698 d.1782>Thomas Rice b.1654 d.1747>Thomas Rice b.1625/26 d.1681>Deacon Edmund Rice.

Noah is listed in *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors*ⁱⁱⁱ as beginning military service 10 July 1777 at Providence, RI at the rank of Private in Capt. Ebenezer Newell’s Company, Col. Danforth Keyes’s Regiment; enlistment, 6 months from July 1, 1777; serving as fifer until 1 Dec 1777; roll dated Providence; pay abstract for bounty allowed for service from 3 mos. After date of enlistment, July 10, 1777 to Jan 4 1778, 2 mos. 25 days, at Rhode Island. The discovery of key documentary evidence from the Saratoga County, New York about Noah’s military service in the Revolutionary War has allowed a considerable expansion of our knowledge of his life after his move from Massachusetts. In 1832, Noah Rice of Saratoga County New York applied to receive a pension for his Revolutionary War service. As part of his application he swore out an affidavit^{iv} in the Chancery Court of Saratoga County as follows:

Application for Rev War pension, dated 18 May 1833. Was a fifer. 11 Sept 1832, court of Chancery, now sitting at Saratoga Springs, personally appeared Noah Rice, a resident of the town of Northumberland, in said county, aged 70 years. Born in town of Bany (sic Barre) in Co of Worcester in St of Mass on 5 Mar 1762. Enlisted in Hardwich (sic Hardwick), Mass, 10 July 1777 (age 15) under Samuel Dexter of Hardwich (sic Hardwick) Discharged 4 Jan 1778. His mother was a widow. After Bany (sic Barre), Mass - moved to Somerset, VT, then Easton, Washington Co in NY, then to Saratoga Co NY. Sworn, 11 Sept 1832. Had a son Noah Jr.

Noah was denied his petition for a pension for reason of less than six months of service.^v Never the less, information in this 1832 affidavit is consistent with his records of military service in Rhode Island, but there is a number of inconsistencies with documentary evidence from other Massachusetts vital record sources. The major discrepancy is that Noah appears to have believed that he was born on March 5, 1762 in Barre rather than March 5, 1760 in Sutton. This may be understandable in that Noah’s parents moved from Hardwick to Sutton sometime between 1755 and 1758 based upon the birth records of his siblings, and their time in Sutton was short. The family moved to Barre (Rutland district) circa 1760, when Noah was newborn, and Noah grew up there, enlisted in the military in Hardwick and married in Barre. Thus the confusion about birth place and year could be explained.

The 1832 affidavit interestingly mentions that his mother (Hannah) was a widow, which may be a reason why Noah did not complete his full six months of military service. Noah’s statement suggests that his father Phineas died in 1777. This was just the case. According to records of the probate court in Worcester County^{vi}, Hannah Cummins Rice was appointed as administratrix on May 12, 1777, but no actual date of Phineas’s death was given:

Know all Men by these Presents, That we, Hannah Rice, widow, Benjamin Lee, gentn., & John Mason, yeoman, all of Barre in the County of Worcester within the State of Massachusetts Bay in New-England, are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto Levi Lincoln, Esq., Judge of the Probate of Wills, and granting Administrations within the County of Worcester in the full sum of Four hundred Pounds, in Lawful Money of said State, to be paid unto the said Levi Lincoln, Esq., his Successors in the said Office or Assigns: To the true Payment whereof, we do bind ourselves, and each of us, our, and each of our Heirs, Executors, and Administrators, jointly and severally, for the whole and in the whole, firmly by these Presents.

Sealed with our Seals. Dated the Twelveth Day of May Anno Domini, One thousand seven hundred and Seventy Seven.

The Condition of this present Obligation is such, That if the above-bounden Hannah Rice who is appointed Administratrix on the Estate of Phineas Rice, late of said Barre in said County, deceased, do make or cause to be made a true and perfect Inventory of all and singular the Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits of the said deceased, which have or shall come to the Hands, Possession or Knowledge of her and said Admx. Or into the Hands and possession of any other Person or Persons for her and the same so made, do exhibit, or cause to be exhibited, into the Registry of the Court of Probate for the said County of Worcester, at or before the Twelveth Day of August next

ensuing; and the same Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits, and all other the Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits of the said deceased, at the Time of his Death, which at any Time after shall come to the Hands and Possession of the said Administratrix or into the Hands and Possession of any other Person or Persons for her de well and truly administer according to Law: And further do make or cause to be made a just and true Account of her said Administration upon Oath, at or before the Twelveth Day of May which will be in the Year of our Lord One thousand seven hundred and Seventy Eight and all the Rest and Resieve(sic) of the said Goods, Chattels, Rights and Credits, which shall be found remaining upon the said Administratrix Accompt (the same being first examined and allowed of by the Judge or Judges for the Time being of Probate of Wills and granting Administrations within the County of Worcester aforesaid) & she shall deliver and pay unto such Person or Persons respectively, as the said Judge or Judges by his or their Decree or Sentence pursuant to Law shall limit and appoint: And if it shall hereafter appear that any last Will and Testament was made by the said Deceased and the Executor or Executors therein named, do exhibit the same into the Court of Probate for the said County of Worcester, making Request to have it allowed and approved accordingly; if the said Administratrix within bounden, being thereunto required, do render and deliver the said Letter of Administration (Approbation of such Testament being first had and made) into the said Court: Then the before written Obligation to be Void and of none Effect, or else to abide and remain in full Force and Virtue,

*Sealed and Delivered Hannah /her mark/ Rice
in Presence of Beulah Ball, Benjamin Lee, John Mason*

The Phineas Rice's offspring included oldest child Nathaniel (b. 18 Sept 1745) and Noah as his only sons and six daughters. Unfortunately Nathaniel also died in mid-1777, making Noah the only direct male heir to Phineas's estate.^{vii}

Know all Men by these present, That we, Elisabeth Rice, Widow, & Denison Robinson, Yeoman, of Barre, & Stephen Johnson of Hardwick, all in the county of Worcester, are holden and stand firmly bound and obliged unto the honorable Levi Lincoln, Esq; his successors or assigns, in the full sum of three hundred pounds, in lawful money of the State of the Massachusetts Bay, to be paid unto the said Levi Lincoln or his successors or assigns, in the office of Judge of the Probate of wills, and for granting letters of administration on the estates of persons deceased, in the said County of Worcester, to the true payment whereof, we jointly and severally bind ourselves, and our several and respective heirs, executors and administrators, firmly by these Presents. Sealed with our Seals. Dated the 2d day of June Anno Domini 1777.

The Condition of this Obligation is such That if the above-bounden Elisabeth Rice, nominated and allowed to be Guardian unto Phineas Rice, a Minor of the age of seven years, son of Nathaniel Rice, late of Barre in the County of Worcester, deceased, shall and do well and truly perform and discharge the Trust and Office of Guardian unto the said Minor, and that in and by all Things according to Law; and shall render a plain and true Account of his said Guardianship upon Oath, and all and singular such Estate as shall come to his Hand and Possession by Virtue hereof, and of the Profits and Improvements of the same, so far as the Law will charge him therewith (when he shall be thereunto lawfully required) and shall pay and deliver what and so much of the said Estate as shall be found remaining upon his Account (the same being first examined & allowed of by the Judge or Judges, for the Time being, of the Probate of Wills, etc. within the County of Worcester aforesaid) unto the said Minor, when he shall arrive at full Age; or otherwise as the said Judge or Judges by his or their Decree or Sentence pursuant to law shall limit and appoint: Then this Obligation to be void, otherwise to remain in full Force.

*Signed, Sealed and Delivered /s/ Elisabeth Rice
in Presents of us
/s/ John Haskell /s/ Denison Robinson
/s/ Eli Freeman /s/ Stephen Johnson*

With Noah reportedly ending his military service in Providence on 1 Dec 1777, he saw no military action at all. The Battle of Rhode Island occurred on 29 Aug 1778 in the town of Portsmouth with his regiment participating in an effort to dislodge the British forces from Newport. After Noah's marriage to Prudence Luce in Barre on 30 Aug 1781,^{viii} they remained in Barre and their first son Nathaniel (undoubtedly named for Noah's deceased elder brother) was presumably born there on 18 June 1784. Noah appeared on the Census of 1790 in Barre^{ix} with a household consisting of himself, one male child under 16 years of age (presumably his eldest son Nathaniel), and six females. This is further evidence that Noah undertook the task of caring for his mother Hannah and his unmarried sisters.

According to the 1832 pension application affidavit, Noah moved his family to Somerset, Vermont after living in Barre. This must have been some time during the decade of the 1790s, because Noah and his family next appeared on the 1800 Federal Census in Easton, Washington County, NY.^x In this census, Noah's household consisted of himself, one male between 16 And 26 years of age (presumably son Nathaniel), another male less than 10 years of age (either son Noah Jr. mentioned in 1832 affidavit or son Mayhew b. Feb 1800), and seven females below the age of 16, one female between the age of 16 and 26, and one female over 45 (most probably his wife, Prudence). Noah's mother Hannah, if she were still with the family at this point in 1800, would have been 79 years old because it is known that she was born in 1721.^{xi} Noah then appears on the 1810 Census in Greenfield, Saratoga County, NY^{xii} and in the 1820 Census^{xiii} in Northumberland, Saratoga County, NY with household members that included in addition to him, three males between 10 and 26 (presumably sons Noah Jr., Mayhew, and Henry b. 1805) as well as one 45+ year old female (presumably Prudence) and two other females between 16 and 45 years old. Noah's eldest son Nathaniel appears in the 1820 Census in the adjacent household in Northumberland. In the 1830 Census,^{xiv} Noah's household in Northumberland consists of only five persons: himself, a female between 60 and 70 years old (presumably Prudence), two males between 20 and 30 years old, and one other female between 40 and 50 years old.

According to Noah Rice's gravestone at the Thompson Cemetery in Northumberland, NY (Figure 1), he died on 9 Nov 1834 at the age of 72 years, 8 months and 4 days.^{xv} If back calculated, this age works out to a 5 March 1762 birth date that matches the mistaken date to which Noah stated in his 1832 pension affidavit two years earlier. Noah's descendants lived in Saratoga County New York for at least two generations, with many of his grandchildren joining the great westward migration across America.

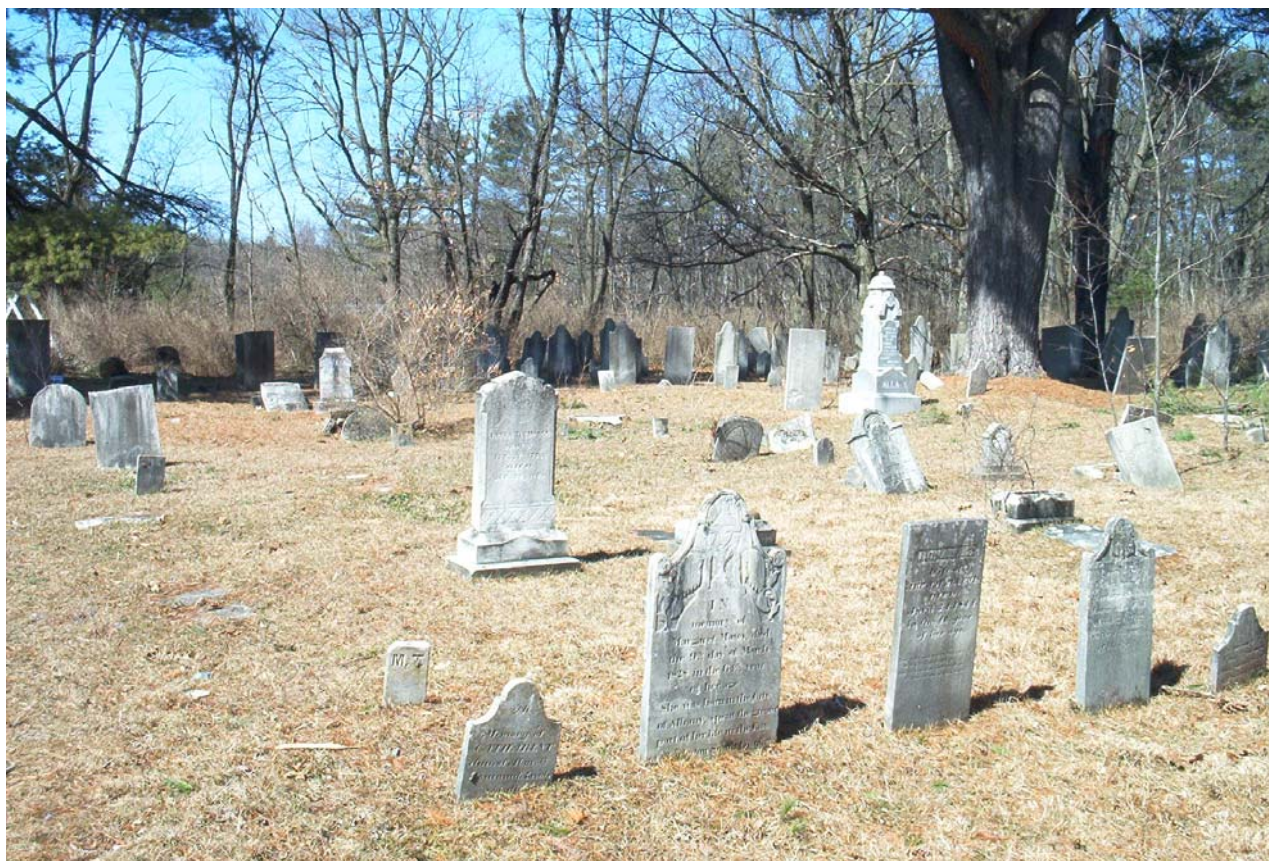


Figure 1. *The burial place of Noah Rice (1760-1843) is at Thompson Cemetery, Northumberland, New York. It is located on River Road about 100 yards from the west bank of the Hudson River between Peters Road & Purinton Road.*

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