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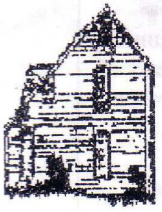
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President's Column

Greetings, cousins!

As I was shoveling snow from my driveway yesterday, I was reminded of some passages in my great great aunt Ella's diaries from the 1870's. On several days one winter, she mentioned that her father and brother had gone to "break out roads". She used the same phrase every time and never gave any explanation of what, exactly, that entailed, but I gather that they had built themselves a snowplow of some kind and gone into business. It's not clear to me whether they were clearing roadways for the town or driveways for their neighbors, but it must have been one or the other, or maybe even both. (By the way, it was her brother, my great grandfather, who married a Rice descendant and thereby "acquired" ERA eligibility for me.)

At any rate, I have to wonder what their snow-removal device was like. It would have to be powered by draft animals (assuming it wasn't simply a pair of shovels!), but that would be awkward for the animals, since they would have to wallow through the snow drifts ahead of the plow. Of course, the device could be attached to a long tow line and reeled up on a capstan, but that would require setting and pulling up stakes in frozen ground to reposition the capstan. Equally awkward would be a scheme to lug the plow by hand over the snow and then have a horse team then drag the snow out. I have visited lots of museums that re-create and present "life as it used to be" -- places like Old Sturbridge Village and Plimoth Plantation and Williamsburg -- but I don't recall ever seeing any old-fashioned devices (other than shovels) for dealing with snow. That may have something to do with the fact that I've visited these sites only during warm weather.

As for shovels, they are very versatile tools. The same device can be used for both filling the coal bucket and emptying the driveway, although modern, specialized shovels are now available for pushing snow that would be useless for stoking. Of course, Edmund Rice would have had no use for a coal shovel anyhow, since wood was the fuel of choice in his day. And, come to think of it, an agricultural shovel suitable for digging in a garden would need to have a sharp, narrow blade for cutting the soil and would not be the best device for moving snow around.

Speaking of warm weather, I realize that, by the time this newsletter reaches you, we will have left behind the worst of the winter chills. In fact, even as I write this, the flower bulbs in the ground are probably responding to the first hints of rising temperature and starting to sprout. On the other hand, I heard just now a weather forecast for the next major snowstorm. They're predicting 6-12 inches of snowfall in my area. However, I feel sure that all this snow will be a distant, and perhaps even fond, memory when the time rolls around for the next annual reunion. I hope to see you there, sans shovel!

--John Chandler

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – THE 2009 REUNION WILL BE SEPTEMBER 19-20, AT SUDBURY.

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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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Editor's Column

Greetings from Massachusetts!

Little did I know, when I wrote the President's column for the front page, that I would be called upon to write an Editor's Column as well. But so it is. Perry Bent has resigned as Editor, due to growing time conflicts. I am therefore filling in as interim editor, since the "show" must go on. Please excuse any infelicities you see in the present issue, on account of my inexperience in this role. You may already have noticed that this issue is a bit late for "Winter," but I can assure you that the newsletter will at least go to press during the winter season, even if the delays of printing and mailing prevent it from reaching your hands within the designated season.

Obviously, we need a new Editor, and the sooner the better. I will certainly try to find one by the time you read this column, but please consider volunteering, just in case, if you have the time and skills needed for the job.

Also, even if you don't have the time to take over as Editor, please consider writing an article on any even remotely ERA-related topic to contribute to a future issue of the newsletter. The Editor-to-be will certainly be grateful.

– John Chandler

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Memorial Gifts

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

We regret to report that Calista (Howe) Vickery, long-time active participant and honorary life member of the ERA, formerly of Princeton, MA, died on February 10. Also, Rebecca Fairbank of Sudbury, MA, died at her home on February 24.

The ERA Database

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 @ 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 (only). 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 @ verizon.net* for more information.

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We hope to see you all at a future Reunion!

Meet some new officers

Those of you who carefully read each issue from cover to cover may have noticed that the list of officers printed on page 3 looks a little different from previous lists and from the announced results of the election at the general meeting of the association last September. Due to the press of other commitments and to other circumstances beyond their control, some of our officers have had to relinquish their duties. One, in particular, was an elected officer, and so your association's board of directors held a special, electronic meeting to choose a replacement, as directed by the by-laws. So many things are made easier by the Internet! Three rounds of emails among the directors sufficed to open the meeting, conduct the business, and adjourn. Our new Treasurer, Michael A. Rice, was chosen unanimously in this special election. His name, at least, will be familiar to the members as one of our association's directors since 2007. He has also taken on the duties of Book Custodian and is responsible for a significant savings to the association by providing storage for our books at no cost. Fortunately, the Book Custodian is an appointed officer, and it was not necessary to hold yet another special meeting. The other new officer is our Membership Chair, Susan R. Berger (another appointive office). Both new officers have taken hold of their respective duties, and the business of the association continues apace. One office, however, is now vacant, or more precisely is being filled by a temporary person – and this office is another important one, namely, that of Newsletter Editor. Anyone who aspires to this exalted position is welcome to come forward. Please note: although the term “exalted” is often used in jest, I am quite serious in so describing the Editorship – it is the “public face” of our association and the communication link for the entire membership, whether they attend the reunions or not. The Editor, in fact, sets the tone of discourse for the association (and gets to browbeat the officers and directors to supply material for the newsletter).

At the same time as welcoming the new officers, I would like to thank the “old” ones, who have collectively given many, many years of service to the association in one role or another (and in some cases, many roles all at once). As President, I have accepted their resignations with deep regret: Perry Bent, outgoing Newsletter Editor and Membership Chair; Bill Drury, outgoing Book Custodian; and Henry Trombley, outgoing Treasurer.

Sources for your Family Quest

by George King

In recent months a number of books of published vital records and town and county histories have become available on the Internet. Two of these sites are: www.books.google.com and www.archive.org. If a book is out of copyright protection; that is, an older book, you can view and download a copy in Adobe pdf or in plain text (txt) format. If the book still has copyright protection you will need to create a Google account so that you can view the book. Copyright protected books are not available at archives.org.

The Adobe PDF versions are usually not indexed by name. The plain text version often contains a lot of scanning errors. However, using the text version you can try the search function of your word processor to find family names. When you find a likely record in the text version, the page number will be nearby. Now download the Adobe pdf version and go to the cited page. There's the image of your record!

The published vital records include birth, marriage, and death records. They offer a very high level of confidence for the information that they provide. Note that some deaths were not recorded and that some records were lost between the time of the event and the time that the vital records were published. However, they are the "gold standard" for Massachusetts vital records before 1850.

Histories often include family genealogies. Search for: Framingham Massachusetts history. Town and county histories offer less confidence but are invaluable when you begin to put together an old family. Some have commented that these histories were funded by people who wanted their names published. I have found that not to be a problem. However, a town history may imply, by including a name in a genealogy, that the person was born, married, or died in that town. Such is not always the case.

At our annual reunion last September we searched for the published vital records of several towns near Sudbury, MA. We also searched for the History of Rice County, MN. To build your confidence visit both of these sites and search for:

- Athol Massachusetts vital records
- Framingham Massachusetts History
- Rice County Minnesota history – may not be on the first page of results

Can't find your book on line? Do not overlook the LDS Family History Library in Salt Lake City. You can search their library catalog of books on microfilm at: www.familysearch.org. Click on the tab: Search Records, then click on Library Catalog. Be sure to note the LDS film number. For a nominal fee you can order the microfilm copy at your local LDS Family History Center. Don't know your nearest Family History Center? Look it up while you are searching these web pages.

Now you are ready to search for your ancestors. Be sure to use the source citing capability of your genealogy computer program to cite the source for each event that you find in these great resources. And --- be sure to offer a copy of your computer records to our association for our master database of Edmund Rice descendants. Questions? Contact George King or John Chandler. You will find their e-mail addresses in the officer listings in this newsletter.

THE FAMILY THICKET, PART XVI

by John Chandler

This is the latest in a series of articles attempting to convey some of the complexity of family relationships among the descendants of Edmund Rice. Each article focuses on one early Massachusetts immigrant and his wife and offspring, showing how most of them are connected by marriage to the extended Rice family within a few generations. Most (though not quite all) of the people mentioned here are included in our Association's database, but some of them are not shown in the on-line 6-generation descendancy report because the latter focuses on Edmund Rice's descendants and ventures only as far afield as their spouses and spouses' parents.

In *The Family Thicket, Part VIII*, published in the Winter 2006 issue of the newsletter, I featured Richard Newton of Sudbury and Marlborough. Ordinarily, that would be that, but I have recently run across more Newtons while doing research for the ERA database and have decided that Richard deserves a supplementary article showing just how additionally convoluted and variegated the family connections are. I will not repeat the discussion of Richard himself and his wife, but will focus on his children who have additional connections.

1. **John** (1641-1723). In the original article, only one of his children was presented as being entangled in the family thicket, by way of three offspring, designated as sections A, B, and C. I now present three more of John's children with connections to the Rice clan. It is worth noting that these connection tie into three different sons of Edmund Rice. (D) John's son Zachariah became doubly entangled. First, he married Mary Axdell, a granddaughter of Thomas Axdell whose wife was supposedly Mary Rice, possibly the daughter or niece of Edmund Rice. Because of the "supposedly" and "possibly" in that statement, we really cannot call that marriage a clear connection, but the next generation supplies one: Zachariah and Mary had a daughter Sarah Newton who married Pelatiah⁴ Rice (Peter³, Thomas², Edmund¹). (E) His son Thomas had a daughter Persis who married Eleazer⁴ Rice (Edmund³, Samuel², Edmund¹). (F) His daughter Sarah had a daughter Sarah Rugg who married Hachaliah⁵ Bridges (Sarah⁴ Brewer, Elizabeth³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹).

2. **Mary** (1644-). Again, I offer three connections that were omitted in the original presentation. As it happens, these three also tie into three different sons of Edmund Rice, though not exactly the same three. First, her grandson Timothy Johnson had a daughter Dinah who married Ephraim⁵ Woods (John⁴, Lydia³ Rice, Edward², Edmund¹). Second, her grandson John Matthews had a son Paul who married Lucy⁵ Rice (Abraham⁴, Peter³, Thomas², Edmund¹). Third and last, her granddaughter Lydia Matthews, sister of the aforementioned John, had a son Jonathan Witt who married Dinah⁶ Brigham (Nathan⁵, Nathan⁴, Mary³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹). Note that the Brigham connections were presented in *Thicket II* (Fall 2003).

3. **Moses** (1646-1736). Yet again, I have three more connections to weave into the thicket (or four, or even six, depending on how they are counted). First, Moses' grandson Elisha Newton had two sons, Ezekiel and Timothy, who respectively married a pair of sisters, Persis⁵ and Huldah⁵ Wheelock (Samuel⁴, Lydia³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹). This, of course, could be counted as two connections instead of just one. Then again, it could be counted as four connections, since Persis⁵ and Huldah⁵ Wheelock were doubly descended from Edmund Rice: their mother was Huldah⁴ Rice (Edmund³, Samuel², Edmund¹). Second (or perhaps third or fifth), the same Elisha had another son Solomon who married Lydia⁵ Rice (Zebediah⁴, James³, Thomas²,

Edmund¹). Finally, Moses' grandson Amos Newton had a son Moses who married Elizabeth⁶ Horn (Thankful⁵ Moore, Sarah⁴ Haynes, Elizabeth³ Rice, Samuel², Edmund¹). Note that Sarah⁴ Haynes was the link mentioned in *Thicket IX*, section 9C (John Moore, Spring 2006), as well as the mother of one of the links given in section 3 of the original article on Richard Newton. Need I point out that these connections tie into three different sons of Edmund Rice? The three-ness of the foregoing sections is almost overpowering (shades of Arthur C. Clarke?), but it ends here. Numerological genealogists may now relax.

4-8. **Joseph** (c1650-1727) through **Elizabeth** (?-1718): nothing to add.

9. **Isaac**. In the original, I commented that no marriages or children of Isaac were entered in the vital records of Sudbury or Marlborough and cast some doubt on this Isaac's existence. However, as I also noted, Savage does report Isaac. I find that casting the net a bit further afield reveals an Isaac Newton who had a daughter Rebecca born in 1683 at Concord. Although it is not certain that the Isaac in question was the son of Richard, it seems likely, since there was no other known Newton family in the area at the time. In any case, this Rebecca Newton had a son Benjamin Mixer who had a granddaughter Levina Mixer who married Jeremiah⁷ Newton (Elizabeth⁶ How, Matthias⁵, Deliverance⁴ Rice, John³, Edward², Edmund¹). Needless to say, Jeremiah⁷ Newton was already connected to the Newton family: his father Solomon was mentioned as the link in *Thicket VIII*, section 3E. Also, note that Deliverance⁴ Rice was one of the links mentioned in *Thicket III*, section 1 (John How, Winter 2004).

This supplement does make one change in the conclusions presented at the end of the original article: instead of saying that one of Richard's children probably died young (Isaac), we now see that there is some evidence he survived to adulthood and had one child, and, although it took more generations than usual, that child did eventually wander into the family thicket

QUERIES

LaRain Hudson <gramsgot7@cox.net> writes:

I am looking for anyone who is researching the Rice families in Cambridge, New York. Specifically I am looking for Sally Rice who is given in the Fitch Gazette as married to Ezekiel Adams and daughter of Daniel Rice. She is also listed in the Adams Biography as married to Ezekiel. There are many Rices in the Cambridge cemeteries, but I need to find the parentage and children of Sally.

Phyllis Rickard <prickard@dmci.net> writes:

I am the Registrar of the Lucy Wolcott Barnum DAR Chapter in Adrian, MI. Lucy RICE SICKLES [*Lucy Matilda Rice, found on p.704 of the Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants – ed.] was one of our Charter Members. Our 100th anniversary will be in April and we are trying to locate living descendants of our Charter Members. If you have any contacts who are descendants of this person, I would appreciate being given contact information for them. Or, please forward this message to them.*

Our purpose is to invite them to our 100th anniversary, to be held Apr 19, 2009, at Adrian, MI.

Meet the Ancestors

The Life of Herbert Rice (1904-1993)

by Hazel Viola (Willmer) Rice

submitted by Rosemary (Rice) Bailey

Herbert Rice was born September 20, 1904, in Grand Rapids, Michigan, to Minnie (Farrell) Rice and Henry Woodward Rice. He was the eldest of four children. He was four years old when the family moved to rural Howard City, Michigan. Herbert's sister Daisy (died in 1917) was born in Grand Rapids. His brother Hiram and an infant sister Helena were born at Howard City. Helena died the day after birth in 1921. Herbert's father was almost blind and so it was Herbert's responsibility to cut wood and hunt for food to help feed his family. He was only 10 years old when he took on this awesome job. Herbert's grandmother Emma Farrell lived with the family and helped raise the children. He and his grandmother walked several miles to Sunday services at Pine Grove School. His mother and grandmother went berry picking, and he was their guide so they wouldn't get lost. His mother died in December, 1956. His father died January, 1928. He attended White Plains and Pine Grove rural schools and started high school in Howard City, at the age of 18 years. He was riding his bicycle 5 miles to school and, when winter came on, that was impossible. He had missed so much school during his childhood, doing his duty, he couldn't keep up on his studies. He had a wonderful teacher, Sylvia Norwood, who helped him pass his 8th-grade exams. He worked for neighboring farmers hoeing corn and beans, or husking corn at a very early age. He also hunted and trapped to earn extra money to help out and to put food on the table.

Herbert was a born outdoors-man. He loved any and all activities, hunting, fishing, trapping, even harvesting all kinds of nuts, berries, fruits, etc. When he was in his teens, he went to northern Michigan (Upper Peninsula) to work in the lumber woods when he was 19 years old. He took care of the horses for the wood cutters and loggers. The boss's wife took a liking to him and hired him for her assistant in the camp kitchens. He kept fire wood stacked for the kitchen and peeled apples and potatoes by the bushel. At his camp they got a new cook finally, so the boss's wife could retire. This cook was an Irish Catholic, and he was preparing for Lent, but he hadn't consulted his calendar, and when the logger crew came in, his date was a week off, so the loggers had a good laugh on him.

Herbert worked at many jobs during his lifetime. He never turned down a job, no matter how menial. He waited on friends and neighbors when needed.

Rosemary adds:

My mother, Hazel V. Rice, wrote this shortly after my father passed away. He was in a nursing home the last three weeks of his life, and she was there almost constantly. They were married on Dec. 19, 1926, and so they had their 67th anniversary while he was in the nursing home. We had a small anniversary party there. Mom lived alone for a few years, then with a daughter and then with a son. She passed away on Nov. 15, 2006.

[ed.: Herbert and Hazel are also the grandparents of our new Membership Chair, Susan Berger.]

Lineage of Kenneth Sargent Casanova

Edmund Rice (c1594-1663) and Thomasine Frost (1600-1654)

Thomas Rice (1626-1681) and Mary King (1630-1715)

Thomas Rice (1654-1747) and Anna Rice (1661-1731)

Ashur Rice (1694-1773) and Tabitha _____.

Jedidiah Rice (1755-) and Jemima Hastings (1750-)

Edmund Rice (1784-1829) and Ellen Durkee (1792-1847)

Edmund Rice (1819-1889) and Anna Acker (1830-)

William Acker Rice (1862-1946) and May Sargent (1866-1937)
Margaret Sargent Rice (1892-1920) and Marshall Henry Williams (1894-1979)
Margaret Sargent Williams (1920-1979) and John Kartsounis (1902-1946)
Kenneth Sargent Casanova

[*ed.: We have these ancestors through William Acker Rice in the database. The next task is to coordinate with Ken the addition of the three further generations in electronic form.*]

A Case Study

Bruce Meinsen <brprivate@hotmail.com> writes:

I am attempting to conduct what I thought was the fairly simple task of documenting my family history and after two months of strenuous effort have come to the conclusion that putting together a family tree is about the most un-simple task I have ever gotten mixed up in! If I knew what I was in for at the beginning, I might not have taken the task on for it appears the work will be never-ending (although delightfully satisfying). As a private detective in Connecticut, I've run across some difficult cases, but attempting to track down dead people over hundreds of years is the most difficult assignment I've ever taken on. I've read through 18th century documents, and it's like learning to read all over again.

After consulting with family members and conducting some of my own research, I have been able to track down a maternal great-great grandmother, Martha S. Wilder, born around 1856 in either Templeton or Winchendon, Mass. Using the LDS website, I can then move back rather quickly until I reach Edmund Rice. I can see by your website that the LDS cannot be wholly trusted to publish accurate data. If this is the case, my question is, at what point can I stop the process of proving my own ancestry and hook up to your proven ancestry?

Here's the line of descent (ascent?) from my great-great grandmother to Edmund Rice:

Martha S. Wilder (husband John S. Saunders)
Alonzo Wilder (Sarah Cobleigh)
David Cobleigh (Martha Stickney)
David Cobleigh (Sally Lamb)
John Cobleigh (Mary Wilder)
John Cobleigh (Mary Whitcomb)
John Cobleigh (Hannah Ward)
Eleazer Ward (Hannah Rice)
Samuel Rice (Elizabeth King)
Edmund Rice (Thomasine Frost)

All that data comes from the LDS site. Now then, how do I proceed? At what point up the tree will you recognize the connection (if there is one) from Martha S. Wilder to Edmund Rice?

[*ed.: The most obvious weak link in this chain is the John Cobleigh who supposedly married Mary Wilder. He is said to have been born in one town, married in a second town not bordering on the first, and spent the rest of his life at a third town not bordering on either of the first two. There is no record of his death, or of his wife's, in the town where they lived, and thus no corroborating link via the age at death to show that he was the same John Cobleigh. Note that the names of this couple are John and Mary – the worst possible combination for running into a coincidence with another couple of the same names. I would certainly start here to look for evidence confirming the proposed link from the birth in Littleton (which is in the ERA master database) to the subsequent career in Templeton.*]

The Children of Edmund Rice – A Brief Review

In this issue, we resume a series of articles begun in 2007, each one giving a report of the family of one of the children of Edmund Rice, based on the association database. This material is approximately the same as the on-line descendancy report on our web site edmund-rice.org, but we present it here for the convenience of members who prefer to see it on paper. For brevity, we omit here the source citations (which are, of course, a very important part of the database, but which greatly increase the bulk of the text). If you need the citations, they can be found on-line or on the 9-generation report on CD which is available for purchase by our members. Needless to say, we are always seeking additions and corrections to this information. If you have comments on the following report, please get in touch with our Historian, George King.

Family of Deacon Edward Rice

I. Deacon Edward¹ Rice was born circa 1622, (1619 per Ward). He was christened on 27 Oct 1622 at Stanstead, co Suffolk, England; 26th per TAG, 20th per Rice Gen'l Register, under the name Rise. The 1622 baptism record gives the child's name as Edmund, not Edward. Nonetheless, your authors are convinced that Edward was the child baptized (and of course born) that year, and that he exaggerated his age in later life. He married Agnes Bent, daughter of John Bent and Martha (--?--), circa 1647. He received one lot in the Sudbury Two-Mile Grant in 1655. He resided in 1664 at Marlborough, MA, where he was a Deacon of the church. He declared age 47 in a paper filed in court on 2 Oct 1666 at Middlesex County Court, Cambridge, MA. He was assessed 8s 7d in the 1688 Marlborough tax roll. On 1 April 1686 at Sudbury, MA, Edward and Agnes Rice gave to their son Edmund Rice of Sudbury, half of the farm lying within the bounds of Sudbury, "near the spring". (Edward had purchased some of this land from his father Edmund and some of the land from his brother Benjamin. John Rice of Sudbury, a brother of Edmund, had the choice half.) Deed recorded 16 August 1734. He was elected deacon in 1687. In the year 1692 he was questioned in court - aged 70y. A 1712 obituary in the Boston News Letter gave the death year as 1711 and said he had been born in Berkhamstead in 1618. It also said he had 142 descendants at that time, of which 119 were living. It further said that Edward's brother Henry, who had died in Framingham in 1711, had a similarly large number of descendants. He died on 15 Aug 1712 at Marlborough, MA; at about age 93.

A. Lydia² Rice was born on 30 Jul 1648 at Sudbury, MA. She died on 30 Jul 1648 at Sudbury, MA; (not found in the published records).

B. Lydia² Rice was born on 10 Dec 1649 at Sudbury, MA. She married Deacon John Woods, son of John Woods and Mary (--?--); John of Marlboro. She died on 24 Sep 1723 at Marlborough, MA.

C. John² Rice was born on 20 Dec 1651 at Sudbury, MA, (about 1647 per Ward, 22 December per Supplement). He married Tabitha Stone, daughter of Deacon John Stone and Anna (--?--), on 2 Nov 1674 at Sudbury, MA; (WARD indicates date of marriage as 27 November 1674). He resided in the part of Sudbury that is now Wayland, on the easterly side of the road leading from Weston to Saxonville, and on part of the homestead of his grandfather Edmund Rice, not far distant from 'the spring,' near which was the residence of his brother, Deacon Edmund Rice. He was a subscriber for Prince's Chronology, and fond of historical reading. He was named guardian for five children (not named) of Samuel King, alias Rice on 27 Jan 1718/19. He died on 6 Sep 1719 at Sudbury, MA; (5th per Supplement). John Rice's estate was probated on 29 Jan 1719/20 at Wayland, MA. He died intestate. His widow Tabitha and son Moses were appointed Administrators. Inventory taken Sept 17, 1719, "Widow Tabitha, being aged and infirm, made oath at Weston."

D. Deacon Edmund² Rice was born on 9 Dec 1653 at Sudbury, MA. He married Joyce Russell, daughter of William Russell and Martha (--?--), on 13 Oct 1680 at Sudbury, MA. Edmund Rice was a member of the church at Sudbury where he was a Deacon. He represented the Town of Sudbury in the Massachusetts General Court (legislative assembly) in 1707 at Boston, MA. On 6 June 1710 John Rice surrendered to his brother Edmund Rice, by deed, all his right to land "by the spring, and on which some part of Deacon Edmund Rice's house then stood"
"... at the request of Mr. John Rice and Deacon Edmund Rice, we have stated a way from John Rice's house by the southerly side of Deacon Edmund's house to THE SPRING, May 10, 1710.

Signed

John Brigham	Hopetill Brown	David Haynes
Thomas Frink	John Balcom	Selectmen.

On 14 Nov 1718 Edmund and Joyce Rice convey to their son Jason: "...for love and good will, convey unto our son Jason Rice, all of Sudbury," their homestead, viz: "half the house, half the barn, two-thirds of the meadow land, orchard and pastures." He died on 25 Sep 1719 at Sudbury, MA. The inventory of his estate, £451.1.0, was taken by Jonathan Rice, Richard Parks, and Edward Sherman on 19 November 1719. On 24 November 1719, Samuel Abbot and Joyce his wife; Joseph Parmenter and Lydia his wife; and William Rice and Martha his wife "convey all our right to Hon'd father Edmund Rice's estate in Sudbury or elsewhere to our brother, Jason Rice."

E. Daniel² Rice was born on 8 Nov 1655 at Sudbury, MA. Daniel Rice married 1st Bethia Ward, daughter of Deacon William Ward and Elizabeth (--?--), on 10 Jan 1681 at Marlborough, MA. He married Elizabeth Wells on 9 Mar 1725 at Marlborough, MA; (May per Ward) registered as Elizabeth Wheler. He left a will on 5 May 1729, proved 19 Dec 1737, Edward Wilson, Executor. The will named sons Daniel, Luke, Eleazer; son-in-law Edward Wilson and Hopetill, his wife; daughters Bethiah Newton and Judith Rice. Ward speculates that wife Elizabeth was not living as she was not named in the will. He died on 14 Jul 1737 at Marlborough, MA; (6th per Ward) aged about 82.

F. Caleb² Rice was born on 8 Feb 1657 at Sudbury, MA. He died on 27 Apr 1658 at Sudbury, MA.

G. Jacob² Rice was born on 2 Feb 1660 at Sudbury, MA, (not found in the published records). He married Mary Barrett, daughter of John Barrett and (--?--) (--?--), in 1693. He and Mary Barrett resided in 1694 at Marlborough, MA. On 12 October 1733, Jacob Rice conveyed for £60, land in Brookfield to his son, Amos, that was laid out to said Amos, on the right be, Jacob, purchased of John Parsons of Brookfield. He left a will on 23 May 1741, proved 10 November 1746. The will mentions wife Mary; sons Amos, Obediah, Jacob, and Gershom; daughters Martha Rice, Esther Jennings, and Bethiah Brigham. Son Gershom Rice executor. He died on 30 Oct 1746 at Marlborough, MA; aged 86y 8m 28d. He was buried at Old Common Cemetery, Marlborough, MA.

H. Anna² Rice was born on 19 Nov 1661 at Sudbury, MA. She married Thomas Rice, son of Thomas Rice and Mary King, on 10 Jan 1681/82 at Marlborough, MA; (literally January 1681 per vital records, 11th month 1681 per Ward, but November 1717 per Rice Gen'l Register, apparently due to careless copying from Ward, who speaks of the 1717 division of Marlborough in the very next phrase). Note that the marriage is found in the published vital records of Marlborough and not those of Sudbury, contrary to the assertion in Rice Supplement 2 Part 1. However, the marriage entry came from the county records and gives only one surname between groom and bride. In any case, the 1717 date is inconsistent with the known children born to this couple. She and Thomas Rice lived in the portion of Marlborough that became Westborough. She and Thomas Rice resided after 1717 at Westborough, MA, when part of the Town of Marlborough was set off as Westborough. She died on 2 May 1731 at Westborough, MA; wife of Thomas.

I. Dorcas² Rice. There have been suggestions that Dorcas Rice first married a John Weldon or Walderne (see, for example, the LDS Ancestral File). Indeed, the marriage of a Dorcas Rice and John Walderne appears in the published vital records of Wenham, MA on 22 Sep 1680 (transcribed from the Essex County court records). The marriage is also entered in the Salem vital records, but with a date of 25 Sep 1679. Further, that marriage resulted in at least two children, sons Edward and Ebenezer, recorded at Wenham in 1686 and 1696, respectively. However, there is no evidence that the Wenham Dorcas is the same Dorcas shown here. Indeed, since Ebenezer Walderne was born at Wenham after our Dorcas had begun raising a family in Marlborough, we must conclude that they are different. Our Dorcas was born on 29 Jun 1664 at Sudbury, MA, (January per Ward). Dorcas Rice married 2nd Thomas Forbush, son of Daniel Forbush and Rebecca Perriman, circa 1693 at Westborough, MA. She was admitted to the Westborough Church on 25 July 1725 after being dismissed from the Marlboro Church. She died on 24 Mar 1753 at Westborough, MA; widow of Thomas.

J. Benjamin² Rice was born on 22 Dec 1666 at Marlborough, MA. He married Mary Rice, daughter of Samuel Rice and Mary Dix, on 15 Nov 1692 at Marlborough, MA. He left a will on 31 Dec 1744, naming sons Azariah, Zerubabel, and Matthias; daughters Lydia Rice, Elizabeth How, Rachel How, Priscilla Partridge and Damaris Brigham; and grandchild (of son Simon, deceased) Ebenezer. Zerubabel Rice, Executor. He died on 23 Feb 1748/49 at Marlborough, MA; (literally 1748) aged 82y 2m. He estate was probated on 27 Mar 1749. He was buried at Old Common Cemetery, Marlborough, MA.

K. Abigail² Rice was born on 9 May 1671 at Marlborough, MA. She married Capt. Samuel Forbush, son of Daniel Forbush and Rebecca Perriman, on 8 Mar 1698/99 at Marlborough, MA. She died after 1709.

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Book Review

Born in Controversy, History of Halifax, Vermont

Reviewed by Martha Crosier Wood

Abner Rice was the first settler in Halifax, Vermont. His story, and that of other Rices, are chronicled in the 2008 history of Halifax researched and written by members of the Halifax Historical Society *Born in Controversy, History of Halifax, Vermont*. This is volume 1 of the town's history with research on the second volume well underway.

Abner settled in Halifax by 1761, moving there from Worcester County, Massachusetts.

Other folks by the name of Rice include Abner, Jr., Andy, Anna, Archibald, Benjamin, Barzillai, C.M., Charles, Daniel, Edmond, Elias, Elizabeth, Isachar, Jesse, John, Linda, Martha Daniels, Peletiah (another of Abner's sons), Rachel, Rachel Wheeler, Rebekah Dean, Reuben, Thankful, Thomas and William. In addition, several names that have Rice family connections are documented such as Goodenow, Stow and Crosier.

This is a well-written town history. For one thing, it sets various events in context of what was happening in the area, state and nation. For another, it is told in such a way that one ends up reading the entire book word for word, not just checking out the specific names. Although written and researched by a committee during a period of more than 15 years, the book flows flawlessly in a single voice. Much of the research is original and the book has many endnotes and resources including the Edmund Rice Association.

I came away from this book with a much better understanding of the New York, Massachusetts, New Hampshire feud about who owned/controlled various pieces of Vermont – and the fights to actually form the state. (In 1771 New York conducted a census of what it considered its Vermont territory and listed Abner Rice as head of a family in Halifax, Cumberland County, New York.) And it paints a far different picture of Ethan Allen than I learned in grade school!

This book costs \$35 plus \$5 postage and handling for the first book ordered and \$1.50 for each additional copy. It may be ordered from the Halifax Historical Society, Inc., PO Box 94, VT 05358 or www.halifaxvthistory.org.