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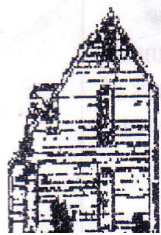
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The Edmund Rice Association publishes the newsletter four times a year: winter, spring, summer fall. The summer newsletter is devoted to the annual September reunion and includes both a description of the program and registration information. The other three newsletters include information of more general interest to our members. We invite cousins to submit their genealogical information, newsletter corrections, items of interest, family articles and pictures, obituaries and queries. Send them to our newsletter editor: Susan Berger at editor@edmund-rice.org

President's Column

Greetings, cousins!

I write this shortly after the spring meeting of the ERA board of directors. I can report that we spent the greater part of the meeting going over the arrangements for the upcoming reunion. It promises to be another interesting occasion, with a bit of something for everyone. Our new newsletter editor was in attendance by teleconference (it's a bit far to come from Georgia for the occasion). Many thanks to Susan Berger for coming forward to take over this role, in addition to filling the membership chair. (See Susan's self introduction inside this issue in the editor's column.) I think it speaks very well for our Association that we have recovered so quickly from the various crises that deprived us of the services of so many officers in the short time since the last annual meeting. Still, there are some gaps we need to fill:

the Association needs a permanent webmaster to take over from George King, who is filling in on a temporary basis. Volunteers should write to me or to George. Also, I regret to report that our Vice President for Arrangements, Jeannette Pollard, is resigning. My thanks and best wishes go to Jeannette for her service to the Association. Meanwhile, we could use some help at the reunion, particularly from "experienced" Association members, to greet participants both first-time and returning, and keep track of who has showed up. Volunteers should write to me or to George Rice, our all-purpose Vice President. George has performed nobly in preparing for the reunion, and special thanks go to him!

--John Chandler

MARK YOUR CALENDARS – THE 2009 REUNION WILL BE SEPTEMBER 18-19, AT SUDBURY, MA. REUNION DETAILS AND REGISTRATION FORM WILL BE INCLUDED IN THE SUMMER NEWSLETTER.

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

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Membership

The Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc. is governed by a Board of Directors, of at least five members, elected at the annual reunion and meeting, usually held on a weekend in September.

Descendants of Edmund Rice were holding reunions as early as 1851, but it was not until 1912 that the Association was formed and officers elected. Incorporation under Massachusetts law took place in 1934.

Membership is open to anyone who claims to be a lineal descendant of Edmund Rice. Rigorous proof is not required and many members have been able to ascertain their pedigree only after access to the books and files of other members. Spouses are also eligible for membership.

Annual dues, payable *September 1*, are:
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Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

Editor's Column

Thanks Perry for your many years of service as membership chair and newsletter editor.

My name is Susan Berger. I'm the new membership chair and newsletter editor. I'd like to introduce myself and my ancestors.

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Thomas Frost m. Mary King

Ephraim Rice m. Hannah Livermore

Ephraim Rice m. Sarah Whitney

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Gardiner Rice m. Lydia?

Ezekial Woodward Rice m. Betsy Jane Lovewell

Henry Woodward Rice m. Minnie Farrell

Herbert Rice m. Hazel Viola Willmer; my grandparents had 10 children, their second child Marian Grace is my mother

My husband and I have 5 children and 13 grandchildren

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Memorial Gifts

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

IN MEMORY

Jane B. Drury, 77, a resident of Chelmsford for 50 years, died at her home March 28 after a long battle with ALS. She was the wife of William H. Drury, with whom she celebrated their 53rd wedding anniversary on Oct. 9th 2008. The Drury's joined the Edmund Rice Association in 1975. Bill is a Past-President (1981-1982) and currently serves as a member of the association's Board of Directors. Jane enjoyed visiting with the cousins at our yearly reunions, where she could often be found manning the registration table.

She was born in Waterbury, CT on May 6, 1931, daughter of Elizabeth R. (Holden) and Harmon S. Boyd. She attended schools in Woodbury, CT, where she graduated as valedictorian. In 1952 she received a degree in chemistry from the New Jersey College for Women (Rutgers). After graduation, Mrs. Drury was employed by Flako Food Products and Merck Pharmaceutical Co.

Mrs. Drury was a Girl Scout for over 50 years and especially enjoyed camping and the out of doors. She became interested in local history around 1970 and was known for her historical research of the old buildings in Chelmsford. In 2004, the Chelmsford Historical Society presented her with its Guardian Award and in 2006 she was chosen to be one of two marshals for the 4th of July parade. She was a member of the Middlesex Canal Association for over 40 years and served as Chelmsford's delegate to the Middlesex Canal Commission. As a member of the First Parish Unitarian-Universalist Church, she was active in the choir and was a past-president of the Women's Alliance. She also chaired the Archives Committee of the Church. She and her husband square danced for 36 years, and enjoyed traveling, especially to Kauai and on small ship cruises. She was a member of the Middlesex Women's Club until illness prevented her participation. Since childhood Mrs. Drury has enjoyed music, singing many years in church choirs, and listening to operas. A highlight of each summer was vacationing at Eagle Camp in Vermont where she first met her husband over sixty years ago.

Besides her husband, she is survived by a daughter, Elizabeth F. Benson and her husband Peter of Saranac Lake, NY; a son, Robert B. Drury and his wife Kathleen of Nashua, NH; four grandchildren, Michael Benson of Syracuse, NY, Emily Benson of Fairbanks, AK, Abigail Drury and Christopher Drury of Nashua, NH.; and a half brother, Austin Boyd of Chapin, SC. She was predeceased by her sister, Helen Steele of Tigaard, OR. A memorial service was held on April 11 at the First Parish Unitarian-Universalist Church of Chelmsford.

WEBMASTER NEEDED

Due to personal responsibilities, our webmaster, Perry Bent has resigned. George King (ERA) Historian) stepped up and took over on a temporary basis, but, the Association needs a volunteer to be our permanent webmaster so George can get back to his ERA database and genealogy projects.

Thanks to both Perry and George for their outstanding years of service to our Association.

I'm going to reiterate a plea that John Chandler has made in the President's column. We are in need of someone to step up and volunteer to be the ERA Webmaster. Our web site is the public face we show to the world, and it brings in new members as well as contributions of genealogical information about other Edmund Rice descendants, so it is very important to keep it up to date and well-policed. Volunteers should be able to use a web page authoring software program such as Adobe's DreamWeaver or WordPress and needs a rudimentary knowledge of HTML, the underlying code that these programs generate for a browser like Internet Explorer to generate the image on your computer screen. If someone is interested, please write to John Chandler or George King to discuss your experience. John and George's mailing and email addresses can be found in the 2008-2009 Officers listing on page 2.

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.

Descendants of Edmund Rice Outside of North America?

The ERA YDNA Project continues to attract Edmund's descendants as well as descendants of other Rices. So far we have not found any living Rices outside of North America that have the haplotype of any Rice families here. This has been a disappointment to say the least. In all our innocence some of us thought that with the help of DNA we would surely make connections to English branches of the Edmund Rice greater family when we started YDNA analyses in 2000. We now have had 225 living male Rices analyzed for their YDNA.

We have had three Rice males submit their DNA from outside America but none turned out to have Edmund's Haplotype or set of genetic markers that have been deduced to be those of Edmund or any other Rice family. They have been unique.

The first such DNA submission of a Rice living today in England had an enticing family tradition of using Edmund as their middle given name but his YDNA did not come close to matching that of our Edmund. The next one did not come from England but from Australia. That Rice family had a detailed genealogy showing an origin fairly close to Berkhamstead, England where we know Edmund's family lived for about ten years before coming over here. But upon analysis that Rice male's YDNA was far removed from Edmund's reconstituted haplotype.

About Christmas time last year we got a request from another male Rice who had a fairly detailed genealogy showing that his Rice family had had a Rice male who at least lived in Wales while he was Rector of an Anglican church there. This was intriguing because for years the tradition had been that Rice was a Welsh name although Edmund Rice was a Puritan not an Anglican. More importantly their conventional genealogy went back to 1650. We even arranged an expedited analysis with FTDNA but again the result just gave us another English Rice family haplotype separate from all other Rices.

Over the nine years of our DNA project a number of Rices have told us that they thought their Rice ancestor came from Ireland, Scotland, Wales, or Germany, as well as from England but none had any documented genealogy showing this to be true. If they followed through by submitting a DNA sample some found connections to Rice families now living in the southern United States. One Rice group member remains convinced that his ancestors came from Ireland but can only document through YDNA a location in Pennsylvania.

Because we now have definite YDNA evidence for a much larger number of Rice families than many of us imagined possible just a few years ago it diminishes our hopes of finding definite connections to Rices in Great Britain or any European origin. However because of the nature of probability we know this could change with the next Rice submitting a DNA sample.

We do need more DNA submissions from overseas. We actually got one just about the same time as the descendant from the Welsh Rice clergyman but from the beginning he made clear that he was born in America and was living in southern England temporarily. He also was quite sure he was an Edmund descendant and YDNA proved that to be so.

A major problem is that it is very difficult to be able to document genealogies in Great Britain from the time of their 1841 census back to the 1630s. We, Edmund descendants, were very lucky in that genealogists found Original Parish Records in Stanstead and Glemsford, Suffolk, England dating to 1600s and earlier. Edmund's connection to Berkhamstead was well known to early genealogists and then in the 1930s there was a breakthrough via a tip from one genealogist to another to look at Stanstead and Glemsford records.

However, YDNA can change the chance that connections across the Atlantic are found. We just have to get many more DNA submissions from abroad. Because Edmund had parents for certain (that are unknown to us) his YDNA could very well turn up from descendants of his uncles or grandfather, etc. in his Rice line in England. Then too, that male Rice line could have died out.

Details of ERA DNA Projects are found at our web site, edmund-rice.org.

Bob Rice

WELCOME NEW ERA MEMBER

Barbara A Pogoda of Sand Lake, NY

We hope to see you at a future reunion.

THE FAMILY THICKET, PART XVII

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 focus of this article is Gregory Stone, brother of Simon Stone, who was featured in *Thicket XV*. The two brothers emigrated about the same time and settled not far from each other in the Massachusetts Bay Colony. Indeed, J. Gardner Bartlett, compiler of a pair of extensive genealogies of the two brothers' families, argued that the two probably emigrated together on the same ship, the *Increase* out of Ipswich. However, Simon and his family are on the passenger list, while Gregory and his family are not. Since Gregory does not appear on any other passenger list either, we are all free to believe whatever we wish.

Like Edmund Rice (and like his elder brother Simon Stone), Gregory was married twice and had children by both wives, as well as step-children through his second wife. Furthermore, he lived for a time in Watertown and then moved on to a nearby town, where he served as a deacon of his church (in this case, Cambridge). Unlike Edmund Rice, he was already married to his second wife when he emigrated and had no more children born in the New World. Also, the two step-children came along with him, effectively part of his family, though retaining their paternal surname (Cooper). Both step-children are mentioned in Gregory's will, but, in the interest of simplicity, I will leave the step-children out of the picture. This article, therefore, will cover only Gregory's seven biological children.

Gregory's first wife was Margaret Garrard (1597-1626). She bore him four children, but the youngest, and the only girl, died as a toddler shortly before Margaret herself died. Gregory soon remarried and had three more children. His second wife Lydia's maiden name is unknown. Gregory died in 1672, listed as age 82 in the Cambridge records, though he must really have been 80, since he was baptized in 1592. Lydia survived him by two years.

The earliest record of Gregory in Massachusetts is his admission as Freeman of the colony in 1636, on the same day as his brother Simon. Gregory's presence in the colony at this time is also attested by his grants of land in Watertown, as described in the second land inventory of that town. Despite his early residence in Watertown, Gregory soon purchased land in Cambridge and settled there on a homestead that is now the site of the Harvard-Smithsonian Center for Astrophysics. Let us turn now to his children and see how their family trees intertwined with that of Edmund Rice.

1. **John** (1618-1683) married Anne, probably a Treadway, and had no fewer than six children who played a part in this story. (A) Hannah's immediate connection to the thicket is indirect. She married John Bent (son of the immigrant featured in *Thicket XII*), who married as his second wife Martha³ Rice (Matthew²,

Edmund¹). (B) Daniel's daughters Sarah and Mary married two brothers, respectively, James³ and Jonas³ Rice (Thomas², Edmund¹). Indeed, Jonas³ and Mary (Stone) Rice were the grandparents of Lois⁵ Rice, who was mentioned in *Thicket XV*, section 6B, as the connection point for a descendant of Simon Stone. By an amusing coincidence, section 6 of that article covered Simon's son **John**, just as section 1 here covers Gregory's son **John**. I should also mention that Daniel's son Daniel Jr left a widow Patience who subsequently married Nathaniel³ Rice (Thomas², Edmund¹), brother of James³ and Jonas³. That is admittedly an indirect connection, but it lines up so well with the other connections in this section that I couldn't pass it by. (C) David's grandson David Stone married Sarah⁵ Rice (Bezaleel⁴, David³, Henry², Edmund¹), and grandson Ephraim Curtis married Mary⁴ Rice (Isaac³, Matthew², Edmund¹). (D) Elizabeth's daughter Rachel Stow married Luke⁴ Rice (Daniel³, Edward², Edmund¹), and son John Stow married Elizabeth⁵ Brigham (Nathan⁴, Mary³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹). It is worth noting that the grandmother of Luke⁴ Rice (wife of Edward²) was Agnes Bent, sister of the John Bent mentioned in 1A above. Agnes was also the mother of all Edward²'s other children mentioned below. (E) Tabitha married John³ Rice (Edward², Edmund¹). (F) Nathaniel's granddaughter Eunice Stone married Charles⁶ Bouker (Martha⁵ Eager, Lydia⁴ Woods, Lydia³ Rice, Edward², Edmund¹); grandson Jonas Stone married his second cousin Rachel⁵ Rice (Luke⁴, Daniel³, Edward², Edmund¹) (see section 1D above); grandson William Ward married Elizabeth⁶ Moore (Comfort⁵ Rice, John⁴, John³, Edward², Edmund¹); granddaughter Mary Ward married Samuel⁵ Curtis (Mary⁴ Rice, Isaac³, Matthew², Edmund¹); and granddaughter Hepzibah Stone married Jeremiah⁶ Belknap (Hannah⁵ Bent, Hannah⁴ Rice, David³, Henry², Edmund¹). Incidentally, Hannah⁵ Bent had previously been married to her first cousin once removed Richard⁴ Rice (Jonathan³, Henry², Edmund¹) and had borne him a namesake daughter Hannah⁵ Rice, not to be confused with Hannah⁴ Rice. Also, see section 1C above for a reference to the parents of Samuel⁵ Curtis, who was a second cousin once removed to his wife on his father's side.

2. **Daniel** (1620-1687) married Mary _____. Their granddaughter Hannah Walker married David³ Rice (Henry², Edmund¹).

3. **David** (1622-1704) married Dorcas _____. Their great granddaughter Sarah Stone married Jonathan⁵ Heywood (Elizabeth⁴ Hubbard, Hannah³ Rice, Samuel², Edmund¹).

4. **Elizabeth** (1624-1626) had no issue.

5. **Elizabeth** (1629-1712) married Anthony Potter and had seven children. There is some uncertainty about this identification because there is no record of the marriage, but Gregory's will clearly refers to his daughter Elizabeth Potter, and the age at death of Anthony Potter's widow matches Elizabeth Stone's. In any case, Anthony and Elizabeth and their immediate descendants lived in Ipswich and therefore did not mix socially with Edmund Rice's family. However, they had a great grandson Daniel Potter who may have removed to Brookfield and there married Abigail⁵ Wheelock (Gershom⁴, Lydia³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹).

6. **Samuel** (1631-1715) married Sarah Stearns and had two children who found their way into the thicket. (A) Samuel had a son Samuel who in turn had yet another Samuel who married Mindwell⁵ Stevens (Prudence⁴ Rice, John³, Edward², Edmund¹). I'll give you three guesses at the name of the eldest son of Samuel and Mindwell. (B) Joseph had a granddaughter Abigail Stone who married Matthias⁵ Bent (Hannah⁴ Rice, David³, Henry², Edmund¹), a grandson Isaac Stone who married Persis⁶ How (Abigail⁵ Hubbard, Joseph⁴, Hannah³ Rice, Samuel², Edmund¹), and three grandsons Joseph, Benjamin, and Abner Blodgett who married, respectively, sisters Hannah⁵, Rebecca⁵, and Beulah⁵ Haynes (Joseph⁴, Elizabeth³ Rice, Samuel², Edmund¹). Incidentally, the father of these three sisters, Joseph⁴ Haynes, had been previously married to Dinah⁴ Rice (John³, Edward², Edmund¹), who died soon after giving birth to a first and only child. Joseph⁴'s second wife, not a Rice descendant, was the mother of the three sisters.

7. **Sarah** (1633-1704) married Joseph Merriam. Their grandchildren Joseph and Hannah Merriam married siblings Mary⁵ and John⁵ Brewer (John⁴, Elizabeth³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹).

Thus, all six of Gregory Stone's children who survived to adulthood managed to wander into the thicket. These are of course just the most obvious connections. Since Gregory happens to be one of my ancestors, I happen to know of an addendum to section 1D above -- Elizabeth's great great grandson Peabody Houghton married Betsey⁷ Tuttle (Lucia⁶ Brewer, Peter⁵, Jonathan⁴, Elizabeth³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹). And the cross-links keep on coming.

MEET THE ANCESTORS

LUTHER RICE (1783-1836)

By Michael A. Rice (excerpted from Wikipedia entry 1-May-2009)

Luther Rice (born March 25, 1783 in Northborough, Massachusetts, died September 25, 1836 at Edgefield, South Carolina), was a Baptist minister, missionary in India, and founder of numerous Baptist seminaries and colleges in America. As a young man at Williams College he became part of a group of young ministers and aspiring missionaries who called themselves "the Brethren" (Rice was a leader in this group famous for the "Haystack Prayer Meeting," although he was not present that day.). In 1812 after ordination in Salem, MA, he sailed to India with Adoniram Judson, as Congregationalist missionaries. But after meeting William Carey, the pioneering Baptist missionary in India and Burma, both Rice and Judson became Baptists.



Luther Rice Silhouette (1830).
Artist unknown

With Judson remaining in India, Rice returned to America to break ties with the Congregationalists and to raise support for Judson's work with the Baptists. Rice worked to unite Baptists in America to support foreign missionaries and organized the "The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in United States of America, for Foreign Missions," (also called "the Triennial Convention") in 1814. He spent the rest of his life garnering support for missionaries and Baptist work, traveling across America by horseback raising funds and awareness for Baptist missions. He also helped form a missionary-recruiting body that became the modern Cooperative Program of the Southern Baptist Convention.

Rice also founded the non-denominational Columbian College in 1821, the original unit of George Washington University (GWU) in Washington, D.C. after securing \$7,000 in funds from Congress with the help of President Madison, thus fulfilling the dream of George Washington to have an institution of higher learning in our nation's capital. The main administration building at GWU, Luther Rice Hall, is named in his honor. Luther Rice was unmarried, with no children and he died while traveling through South Carolina while raising funds for the missions and seminaries that he founded. He was interred at Pine Pleasant Cemetery, Saluda County, South Carolina.

Although his life was not without controversy, Rice's contribution to the support of missions work was invaluable to the early years of the Triennial Convention. During the Rice's lifetime the Triennial Convention's membership grew from 8,000 to 600,000, and the convention supported 25 missions and 112 missionaries. By the time of his death, 15 Baptist universities and colleges had been formed. Luther Rice University, originally founded in 1962 and located in Lithonia, Georgia, USA, was named after Luther Rice in recognition of his work in the Baptist missions and seminary education.

Luther Rice's male line ascendancy to Edmund Rice, is as follows: Luther Rice (1783 – 1836); Amos Rice (1743 – 1827); Jacob Rice (1707 – 1788); Jacob Rice (1660 – 1746); Edward Rice (1622 – 1712); Edmund Rice (1594 – 1663).

MEET THE ANCESTORS - CONTINUED

In our winter newsletter we published a Meet the Ancestors article about Herbert Rice which was submitted by his daughter Rosemary Rice Bailey. His granddaughter Susan Berger, has furnished, a continuation of the article written by her grandmother Hazel Willmer Rice.

In 1926 Herbert attended a spring revival at a church in Morley, Michigan with a friend and her mother. He was introduced to Hazel Viola Willmer along with several other girls during the revival. Herbert and Hazel met a few more times and in the fall of 1926 while Herbert was rooming with Hazel's boyfriend, the three spent every Wednesday evening together at her boyfriend's home. Hazel's boyfriend had a sister that Herbert was attracted to, but fate had other plans.

In the fall of 1926 Hazel left her home. She asked Herbert for assistance. Herbert rescued Hazel and took her to his parents' home on Friday evening. They lived near Howard City, MI. The next morning Hazel, Herbert and his brother Hiram went to Muskegon for the day to find Hazel a rooming house. At random they picked the place. It was run by really nice people who told Hazel she could help with the cooking and cleaning for her room and board. After getting Hazel settled, Herbert and Hiram departed for home. Besides helping her landlady at the boarding house, Hazel secured a job the following Monday at a window shade factory. On Wednesday evening when Hazel got off work, Herbert was waiting at the factory door. They went out for supper and he said he was going to Chicago to take a mechanics course and asked if she would like to go along. He proposed saying of course they needed to get married for her to go. It took only moments for Hazel to accept. Herbert's mother had talked to Hazel about staying with them until Herbert had gotten settled in Chicago. He was there 3 weeks, enrolling in the course, finding a place to live and a job washing cars. He found he could not earn enough to keep himself so decided to come back home where he and his brother could cut wood all winter to earn money. After Herbert returned from Chicago, on December 19, 1926 he and Hazel were married at the Methodist parsonage in White Cloud, MI after Sunday services. They were very happy together. Hazel thought God must have guided them to each other. They were married 67 years and had 10 children. The children were born in different parts of the state because they moved several times. Herbert passed on January 1, 1993 and Hazel passed on November 15, 2006.

Their first child was born in Morley, MI. where Herbert was employed at the Ford garage. They lived in a grey house near Hazel's foster parents. Herbert's father Henry Woodward Rice died in 1928 so he took his little family to Howard City, MI. where he helped support his brother Hiram and mother Minnie Farrell until she began receiving her civil war widow's pension. Henry Rice had served in the Michigan 6th Calvary during the war.

Herbert and Hazel moved from his mothers in the spring of 1929. Their second child was born in Howard City, MI. Herbert worked for neighbors and drove a school bus route. White Plains and Pine Grove schools consolidated for that year. He used his car but in the winter had to use a horse and covered sleigh to haul the children in. That year Hazel's 15 year old brother Raymond Silas lived with them and attended school.

In 1930 Herbert got a new job in Newaygo County, MI on the construction crew for the Hardy Dam at the 'OXBOW' on the Big Muskegon River. The construction lasted until the fall of 1931. Their third child was born in White Cloud, MI. while Herbert was working construction the Dam. Herbert and Hazel had bought 40 acres of land with a 2 bedroom house in Birch Tree Missouri. Hazel's father Charles Percy Willmer persuaded them to stay in Michigan so they never went to Missouri. They went into business with her father for a short time but Herbert was no business man.

The family moved to Stanwood Village near Alpena, MI where their fourth child was born. Herbert trapped and hunted that winter and helped neighbors harvest their crops. In the spring, they moved back to Howard City, MI near his mother's home and farmed acreage at the 'OXBOW' for a friend who was ill. Their fifth & sixth children were born in Howard City, MI. Their seventh child was born in Pearson, MI. Then they moved to the southern part of the state. Their eighth child born near Homer, MI lived only one day. Then their ninth and tenth children were born in Litchfield, MI.

QUERIES

1) I am interested in submitting information to the ERA line on the descendants of Thomas Eaton (10/21/1776) and Mercy Bannister, info unknown. Research compiled by his great grandson was compiled into a handout currently on file at the Saginaw Library's historical society, with additional copies given to the family. Unfortunately, this was not sourced as it was based on conversations at the time with the principals (Thomas & Mercy's grandchildren).

I do have photos of several of his daughters as well as the family bible of one, Syrena, who recorded her marriage to Thomas Symons (of Michigan) and descendants thereafter. I attach a scan on that - if any of this information is of interest, please let me know.

Liz Montgomery

Hi Liz,

Many thanks for your offer. Our preferred method of adding information is for a cousin to submit information in genealogy computer program format, such as Master Genealogist or Family Tree Maker. This helps me to use my limited time more productively to edit, in computer format, the information to conform with our association publication conventions. I assume that you gained my e-mail address from our web page report of the descendants of Edmund Rice.

If you have recorded the information in a genealogy computer program, which program are you using? If you are not using a genealogy computer program, we welcome a copy of the paper compilation. I will attempt to find a volunteer to do the data entry. Do you have a computer scanner and are you comfortable attaching the scanned files to an e-mail?

By the way, I see the Thomas and Syrena Symons family in the 1860, 1870, and 1880 US census at Flint, MI. We would add confidence to your information by finding and citing the families in the 1860 - 1920 US Census.

Best, George
George W. King, Historian
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2) I have found the following information since my posting that was carried in the last newsletter.

My ancestor was Silas Rice b. 1736 -- the son of Eleazer Rice and Persis Newton. Silas Rice married Sarah Wilder. He was buried in Cambridge NY.

It was their daughter, Sally Rice b, 1785 who married Ezekiel Adams of Cambridge. However, there seems to be total blackout of information from Rice and from Adams genealogies as to what happened to Sally Rice Adams.

Ezekiel Adams was listed on the 1790 NY census with 3 children, but his will in 1835 is unclear - giving a son as Augustus and no other children listed, nor is his wife's name listed. I need documentation that will verify this Rice/Adams connection and information.

Silas Rice m. Sarah Wilder

Sally Rice m. Ezekiel Adams (what happened to her?)

Sally Adams m. Ephraim Morrison NY > Chicago IL

Charles Morrison m. Nancy Parker

Sarah Elizabeth Morrison m. Matthew Hagerty IL > ID

Nancy Eleanor Hagerty m. Frank Jones

Bonnie Bess Jones. M. Ray Merriman ID > CA

LaRain Merriman (adopted by Cox) m. Jerry Hudson CA > ID > OH

It may be that a member of the Rice Association, Richard Spofford, could trace his lineage to Chicago Morrisons. (Hannah Morrison m. George W. Spofford) If so, I would like him to contact me.

LaRain Hudson

Nice to hear from you again LaRain. I believe Dick Spofford is a Massachusetts native and so is probably not closely connected to the family in Chicago. Hope to see you in September.

John Chandler,
ERA President

3) I have traced my ancestry back to Edmund Rice and would like to obtain information about membership and the Annual Reunion in Sudbury this September.

It appears from the membership page of your website that the membership year runs September to August. I would like to join for the coming September 2009 to August 2010 year, but I would also like to obtain the summer newsletter and details to register for the Annual Reunion.

Dale C. Gunn

Welcome cousin! I'm Susan Berger the membership chair and newsletter editor for the Edmund Rice Association. It's nice to hear from you. I'll send our membership form. You can return it to me anytime and I'll add you to our roles effective Sept. 2009. I'll also send you complimentary copies of our spring and summer newsletters when published.

Susan Berger,
ERA Membership

Rice Books Available

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

Frederic A. Wallace, Framingham's Town Historian, 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.

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 descendants. 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.