

## **EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

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The Edmund Rice Association publishes the newsletter four times a year: winter, spring, summer and 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 all cousins to submit their

genealogical information, newsletter corrections, items of interest, family articles, marriages, births, obituaries, pictures, and queries. Send them to newsletter editor: Susan Berger at <a href="mailto:editor@edmund-rice.org">edmund-rice.org</a>

## **President's Column**

#### Greetings, cousins!

I am reminded of the old adage that everybody talks about the weather, but nobody does anything about it. In my column last winter, I wrote about snow (among other things), and now I am going to write about rain. Starting on Memorial Day, I opened a new season of visiting cemeteries. Instead of visiting the family plots in Princeton or Everett, where my kin from my great-great-great-greats down to my daughter are buried, I went on a research "trip" to the neighboring towns of Bolton and Stow, where I figured I would find the gravestones of various descendants of Edmund Rice. Some of you may recall that the town of Stow was the home of a certain Solomon Rice who was once believed to have moved to Vermont and upstate New York and founded a line of Rices there, but who was discovered to have lived instead in Stow for most of his life, as shown by his presence there in the Federal census from 1810 through 1850 and the record of his death there in 1854. I

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figured it would provide a nice bit of "closure" to find his grave and verify that he is still right there in Stow. As it happens, though, the Solomon Rice I found was a different one, who died in 1842 and was probably the son of the object of my quest. (I need to check on this -- he was born about 1807, presumably in Stow, but the town has no record of his birth, and neither does any other Massachusetts town with published vital records.)

So, what does this have to do with rain, you may ask. Well, the fact is that I have made a couple subsequent visits to the cemetery in Bolton, but I have been deterred by the recent spate of rainstorms from going back to Stow and searching other cemeteries for the older Solomon and others who might be there. I realize that some dedicated cemetery researchers think bad weather is no barrier to the exploration of graveyards, and, indeed, some people believe in spraying water on stones (in good weather, that is) to make the inscriptions more legible. (I won't mention the other things that people sometimes spray or smear on stones for legibility, since I don't want to start a ruckus here.) For that matter, I can recall one occasion when I posted a query and got a response (in the dead of winter) from someone who had apparently trudged through the snowbanks to verify the dates of birth and death for a man I thought was related to me (and it was true). I suppose, though, that that occasion was at least a sunny January day. Rain is another matter. It is very awkward to balance a clipboard and an umbrella while trying to copy down gravestone inscriptions in the rain. The umbrella, of course, is needed not only for me but also, and even more importantly, for the paper on the clipboard, with its precious data from the field. Well, maybe keeping me dry is very important, too, since my motivation will certainly flag if I find myself getting drenched. In any case, the re is always plenty of indoor research to be done, and so the rain has just shifted my priorities temporarily. One of these days, I'll surely be back in Stow looking for the elder Solomon Rice. Surely?

Speaking of rain: we sometimes do have rain during our annual reunion, but the track record is pretty good for sunshine during the celebrated bus tour portion of the reunion. Hope to see you on the bus!

- John Chandler

# Edmund Rice (1638) Association Newsletter

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

Susan R. Berger email: editor@edmund-rice.org

# **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 Septema	ptember 1, are:		
	Initial dues	\$	15.00	
	Renewals:			
	Under 80 years of age	\$	15.00	
S	Age 80 and above	\$	5.00	
	Life membership	\$	200.00	
	(single payment)			

Checks To: EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSN., INC.

#### **Membership Mailing Address:**

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#### **Address Corrections:**

The Post Office does NOT forward bulk mail. The return postage and re-mailing postage costs the Association nearly \$1.50 per copy.

Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

#### Editor's Column

Sometimes cousins ask how long our association has existed, so I thought I'd reprint the following article I found in a 1968 newsletter.

- **5 Sept 1851** First known meeting of the Rice family at Wayland, Deacon Edmund Rice of Brighton, moderator. Scriptures read by Edward Rice of Wayland and an address by Abner Rice of Woburn.
- **2 Sept 1852** Letter written by Abner Rice of Natick, dated Aug 1852, stating the annual meeting would be held on September 2<sup>nd</sup>.
- 27 August 1856 Letter signed by Marshall P. Rice, evidently for the newspapers, calling attention to the annual meeting to be held in the usual place, a grove on the Rice homestead in Wayland.
- 7 October 1903 Dedication of marker at the site of the home of Capt. Jonas Rice, first permanent settler of Worcester, MA. after the ceremonies the Rice family met in a room at the Worcester Society of Antiquity.
- 13 Sept 1913 Descendants met in Wayland Unitarian Church. At that time they unveiled the Edmund Rice Memorial marker on the Connecticut Path.
- 29 Aug 1914 Mrs. Nellie Rice Fiske was elected president of the Association. At this time a state marker, designed by Arthur Wallace Rice was placed in the old cemetery at Wayland honoring Deacon Edmund Rice.
- **10 Jan 1934** Rice Association was incorporated and we hold a charter from the State of Massachusetts under the name of Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc.

Now, July 2009, our membership has grown from only New England to cousins in

# Website

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1960-1963	Frederick R. Rice
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1976-1977	Seaver M. Rice
1977-1978	Henry E. Rice, Jr.
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1984-1985	Janice R. Parmenter
1986-1987	Margaret S. Rice
1988-1989	Alex W. Snow
1990-1993	John S. Bates
1994-1995	Alex W. Snow
1995-1997	Frederick H. Rice
1998-2006	Dr. Robert V. Rice

## IN MEMORY

Florence Dewkitt of Mineral Wells, TX passed away.

## **Memorial Gifts**

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

#### **NEW MEMBER**

Patricia Stithem

## IN CELEBRATION

## Please, join me in wishing the following cousins a Happy Birthday!!

Beatrice V. Fitts of Florence, MA., Dorothy Rice Miller of Panorama City, CA., Kenneth H. Stadtman of Huntington Beach, CA., Harriet Ellis Rice Wood of Madison, CT., Mary A. Soliday of Wooster, OH., Joseph B. Comstock of Claremont, CA., Ruth M. Brown of Sudbury, MA., Patricia P. McFarland of Portsmouth, RI., Edith Gay Rice Krieder of North East, PA., Alice E. Wareham of Saranac Lake, NY., Robert Huntington Rice Sr. of Eugene, OR., Priscilla C Craig of Phoenix, AZ., Barbara J. O'Neill of Peru, NY., Mrs. Robert V. Bolene of Coral Springs, FL., Nora G. Belfay of North Grafton, MA., Nadeane Pemberton of Boise, ID.. I Douglas Rice of Westlock AB, Canada, Barbara P. Lucas of East Sandwich, MA., Alice M. Branson of South Portland, ME., Betty C. Jones Seacord of Santa Rosa, CA., Doris L. Ronald of Taunton, MA., George Edwin McLaughlin III of Fairbanks, AK., Robert Weston Goodnow of Olympia, WA., Marlea Rice Warren of St. Louis Park, MN., Jane Seaver Kirk of Munsonville, NH., Sylvia Charlotte Rice Reed of Rockport, MA., Robert S. Duggan Jr. of Stone Mountain, GA., Helen K. Taylor of Glassboro, NJ., Marian Grace Rice Wolfe of Coldwater, MI., Nancy J. Boulter of Rockport, MA., Mary Sullivan of St. Catherines ON, Canada, Faye E. Bennett of Woodstock, CT., Alice E. McCoy of Brier, WA., Mary A. Austin of Houston, TX., Jane C. Armbruster of Sudbury, MA., Amy Chapman of Weston, MA, Nancy J. Seibert of Sun City West, AZ., Francis M. Rice of Princeton, MA., Gerald J. Rice of Windsor, VT., Rosemary Lois Rice Bailey of Allen, MI., Shirley Malone Fritsche of Oakland, TN., Carroll A. Rice Jr. of Orangevale, CA., Adele Rice Spidahl of Dent, MN., Barbara J. Rice of Florissant, MO., S. Craig Talley of Joplin, MO., Judith L. Hayes of Seneca Falls, NY., Carl Fritsche of Eatonton, NJ., Lynn McLaughlin of South Hadley, MA., William Forrester Rice of Ridgeville, WI., and *Michael V. Tidd* of Riverside, CA.

Hope to see you all at the reunion!

#### WEBMASTER NEEDED

We are still 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 WorldPress 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.

# **ERA Reunion Overview**

WHEN September 18 & 19, 2009 – come see the beautiful fall colors in New England!

WHERE Clarion Inn in Sudbury, Massachusetts

LOCAL SIGHTSEEING The Clarion Inn is about a mile from the historic Longfellow's Wayside Inn, the old Grist Mill, Martha-Mary Chapel, and the Little Red Schoolhouse

http://www.wayside.org

Sudbury's Goodnow Library is a few miles to the east, and contains an excellent historical and genealogical room, both offline and online.

http://www.sudbury.ma.us/archives

http://www.town.sudbury.ma.us/services/deptment home.asp?dept=Library

HOTEL Clarion Inn is located at 738 Boston Post Rd (Route 20) in Sudbury, MA

http://www.choicehotels.com

Special room rates at the Clarion Inn have been arranged for reunion attendees that plan an overnight or longer stay, so mention the Edmund Rice Association when reserving your room(s). The cost per night will be \$104.00 for room with a nice buffet breakfast included.

Each person is responsible for his/her own room reservation, and should call the Clarion directly at (978) 443-2223. *Remember New England is a popular tourist destination during the fall. Reserve your room early.* 

**RESERVATIONS** Included in this newsletter is a reservation form that must be returned with all

applicable payments. Reservations and payment in advance are required for

the bus tour, Friday dinner and Saturday lunch.

**DEADLINE** Payments and registration form due by September 1<sup>st</sup>. Please return your

payment and registration forms as soon as possible, for we have limits to all our

events.

**CHECKS** Checks should be made payable to: Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc.

# ERA REUNION AGENDA

# Friday Sept 18

1:00p -- 5:00p We will be departing on our famous narrated bus tour! The bus will leave from the Wayside

Inn parking lot at 1pm and will return there about 5pm. We will be visiting local Rice historical landmarks and other sites of interest in the Sudbury area well as the Marlborough

cemetery and Peter Rice home. George Rice will be our tour guide.

You must be prepaid. Sign up and enclose your payment with reservation form included in

this newsletter. The bus tour is popular and space fills up quickly!

5:00p – 6:00p Social time at the Wayside Inn ----- Pick a seat for dinner, have a drink, meet your cousins.

6:00p Join us for dinner and drinks, the world-famous Wayside Inn ballroom and adjacent bar area.

7:30p - Board of Directors board meeting in Wayside Inn Museum Room.

# Saturday Sept 19

9:00a Gather at the Clarion Inn Longfellow Room for socializing with fellow cousins,

reviewing the books and other items for sale, and viewing the extensive database of our ERA genealogy on the computer. This is the time to fill the blanks in your genealogy, connect with researching the same lines, and learn more about the ERA. Rice books will be available to purchase. The Clarion Inn will furnish coffee and

Danish pastries will be available in the morning.

9:50a John Chandler, ERA President, welcomes cousins to the 2009 Reunion.

10:00a Life and Times of Edmund Rice (1638) Michael A. Rice

Edmund Rice was born about 1594 in all likelihood in the village of Stanstead in Suffolk, England, and immigrated to Massachusetts Bay Colony in 1638. He and his family were early settlers of Sudbury, first residing near the site of the First Sudbury Meeting House. Edmund became one of the wealthiest residents of Sudbury by land acquisition and farming. Edmund and several other families from Sudbury petitioned the General Court of Massachusetts and founded the village of Marlborough in 1656. Much of our understanding of the life of Edmund Rice was through research done by Sumper Chilton Powell who wrote. Puritan Village: The

through research done by Sumner Chilton Powell who wrote. Puritan Village: The Formation of a New England Town, published by Wesleyan University Press in 1963. This book won the Pulitzer Prize for History in 1964. In it Powell wrote. "Not only did Rice become the largest individual landholder in Sudbury, but he represented his new town in the Massachusetts legislature for five years and devoted at least eleven of his last fifteen years to serving as selectman and judge of small causes." The probate record of Edmund's estate in 1663 showed his real estate holdings to be valued at 743 pounds, eight shillings and four pence, a substantial amount of money for that time. The life of Edmund Rice and his role in transforming land tenure and

farming practices in Massachusetts Bay Colony will be discussed.

Noon Reservations are required for a catered luncheon (Minestrone soup, mixed green salad, various deli platters with rolls or bread and one dessert. Cost is \$15.00 per person. You must be prepaid. Signup and return the registration form in the newsletter.

1:00p This year, our speaker will be Diane Rapaport author of "The Naked Quaker"

2:00p-3:00p Edmund Rice Association Annual Business Meeting

# **RESERVATION FORM**

NAMES OF ATTENDEES
Telephone Number (in case of emergency)
FRIDAY AFTERNOON BUS TOUR RESERVATION
Yes No Number of people at \$15.00 per person (please attach check)
FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER RESERVATION  Dinner includes a three course dinner (Jerusha Peach Mold, Grist Mill Bakery Basket, <i>choice of Pot Roast or Scrod</i> Oven Roasted Potatoes, Whipped Butternut Squash, and the traditional New England desert Indian pudding with vanilla ice cream), tax and gratuity. <a href="Dinner will be \$30.00 per person">Dinner will be \$30.00 per person</a> . A cash bar will be available. (Please attach check)
Yes will be attending, #Number of Pot Roast Number of Scrod #
No, not attending #
SATURDAY LUNCHEON RESERVATION
Lunch will be Minestrone soup, mixed green salad, various deli platters with rolls or bread and one desert (not yet selected), with sodas and water. <u>Please pay in advance</u> , \$15.00 per person (please attach check)
Yes will be attending #
No, not attending #

# RETURN THIS FORM WITH CHECK OR MONEY ORDER NOT LATER THAN AUGUST 24<sup>TH</sup>

George Rice 940 Old Post Rd Cotuit, MA. 02635-2922

## 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 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.



#### Edmund Rice(1638)Association, Inc

## Susan R. Berger ERA Membership Chair 416 Shirley Place Valdosta, GA 31605-6422

Dear Cousin,

It's that time again! Please check your membership card-if your membership date is "for the year ending September 1, 2009", then your membership runs out shortly!

If you have already paid your 2009-2010 dues WE THANK YOU!

To resign, remove my name as member	
The Edmund Rice Association has an informal registration/rendout this form. Annual dues for year 2009-2010  Payable by September 1, 2009  Additional voluntary contribution	\$ \$
Total	\$
The schedule of dues is as follows:	#1F 00
Under age 80	\$15.00
Age 80 and above	\$5.00
Life membership (in a single payment)	\$200.00
Please include your date of birth so we can add to our membe  Birthday	rship records
Phone Number ()	
Email address	
Name	
Address	
City/Town/Province	
State Zip Code/Postal Code	
Country (if not USA)	

**Note:** Dues rate is per person; there is no discount for a spouse or children. The Board of Directors voted to insert the "Additional Voluntary Contribution" line in an attempt to off/set the erosion of our treasury due to the current low interest rates. Your additional contributions are appreciated.

Please make check/money order payable to <u>The Edmund Rice (1638) Assn., Inc.</u> and send payment with form to: Susan R. Berger

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