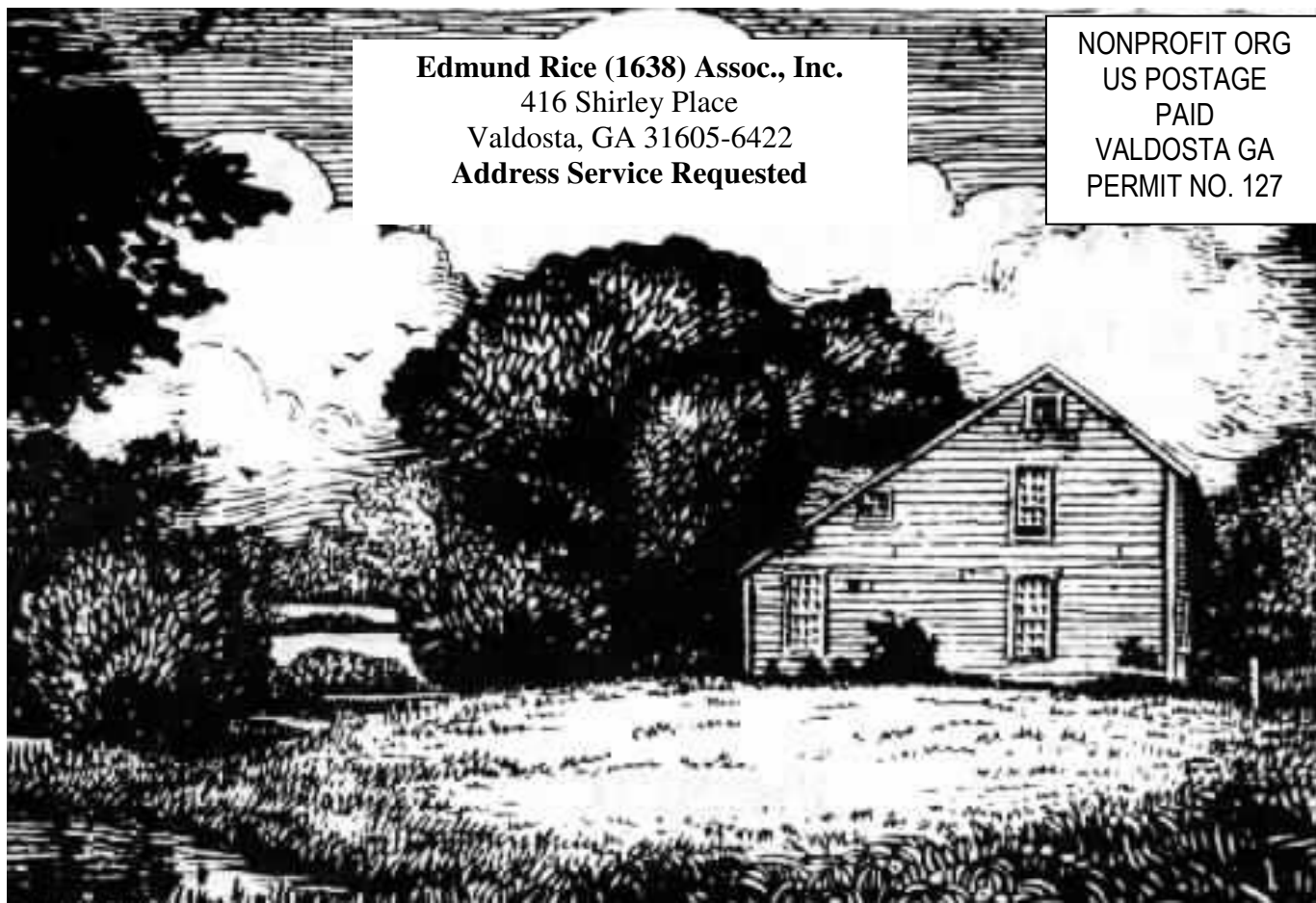


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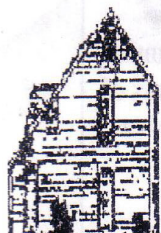
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The Edmund Rice Association publishes the newsletter four times a year: 1) winter, 2) spring, 3) summer and 4) fall. The summer newsletter is devoted to the annual September reunion and includes a description of the program and registration information. 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 and pictures, obituaries and queries. Send them to our newsletter editor: Susan Berger at [editor@edmund-rice.org](mailto:editor@edmund-rice.org)

## **President's Column**

Greetings, cousins!

As I write this message, we have just passed the winter solstice in the northern hemisphere. Last Sunday, my daughter and I took a walk in the nearby Oxbow National Wildlife Refuge in the aftermath of a snowstorm that swept the east coast, and the only sign of wildlife we saw, other than a few other hikers, was a group of three small birds, possibly sparrows, who retreated from the path as we approached. True, we passed an old beaver lodge, but it was long since abandoned and not even surrounded by water anymore. Of course, if the lodge had been in use, it is likely that the beaver would have been inside, not out in the cold for us to see. There is a lesson here for us -- it's time to turn to indoor activities ... such as genealogy.

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I took a look just now at my first president's column, which I wrote a little over two years ago. In it I made a promise to help get more members included in the ERA database and, in particular, to check up for any member to see whether he or she is indeed included. At that time, there were only 140 members identified in the database. I am happy to report that, as of September that number had climbed to 256 in the master file, and there are nearly 100 more in my pending update queue. Let me now renew that promise: if you are wondering whether you are in the database, drop me a line, and I will find out for you. If you (or your parents) are in the *\_Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants\_* or in *\_The Rice Family: Supplement 2\_*, you can be added to the database without the need for organizing and submitting your genealogy. We just need to be sure which "Mary Johnson" is which (fictitious example) and which "James Rice" is which (real example).

Of course, if you have corrections and additions to the information in the published books, we are always glad to see those. When you read the preface to almost any genealogy book, you find that the compiler confesses to the likelihood of mistakes appearing in the work. The great and wondrous thing about modern, computer-aided genealogy is that mistakes are now easy to correct. As always, avoiding mistakes in the first place is the difficult part.

Computers haven't helped in that department. Admittedly, computers and the Internet in particular have made it possible to compile lineages faster and more extensively than ever before, and the information sources available

on line have continued to increase dramatically, but every step forward includes an unavoidable quota of new errors. I have recently been making use of a service provided by the state of Utah -- an on-line repository of images of the death certificates filed with the state from 1904 through 1956 (and lately extended to 1958). There is an index showing the name, date of death, age in whole years, and county, and searches can be done by name or by date. The search report is an "instant web page" and can in turn be searched via the web browser tools if it is too large to take in at a glance. Best of all, this service includes a built-in mechanism for reporting errors in the index and a staff that carefully examines error reports and fixes the mistakes (and thanks the reporter for pointing out the mistakes). Not all of the indexed death certificates are on line yet, but the same mechanism used for reporting errors can be used to ask for expediting the upload of a particular certificate. The one thing this mechanism cannot do, however, is to correct mistakes made by the clerk and/or informant in filling out the original death certificates. Ultimately, it is the genealogist who has to weigh the data and arrive at a conclusion.

*--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](mailto: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 *September 1*, are:  
Initial dues.....\$ 15.00  
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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

I received a special email from a cousin this Christmas. I want to share it with everyone. It appears following the birthday wishes. I hope you enjoy it as much as I did.

I also want to let everyone know that the spring newsletter will be late.

I'm going into the hospital for hip surgery within the next month and will be homebound afterwards for a minimum of 3 months so instead of mailing the spring newsletter in mid April I'll have to postpone the mailing until May.

Please continue to send me articles, newsletter corrections, member news, children or grandchildren's births, obituaries, family items of interest and any queries etc. to me at [editor@edmund-rice.org](mailto:editor@edmund-rice.org).

Susan Berger

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## Memorial Gifts

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

## IN MEMORY

It was with heavy heart that Doug Vickery informed us his father, Earle Russell Vickery, Jr. passed away on October 16, 2009. He was a former Board member and Honorary Life Member of the Edmond Rice Association.

Robert Huntington Rice Sr. passed away on December 1, 2009. He was the beloved husband of Helen E Rice, and father of Robert H Rice Jr. and Gregory A Rice Sr.. His death was unexpectedly fast. Helen and Robert have been members of the ERA for many years and Robert enjoyed each and every newsletter.

## MEMBERS LOST IN 2009

Elizabeth Rice-Smith – life member  
Benjamin Ballard – life member  
Peter Bundgard  
Patrick H Miller Jr.

*Newsletters were returned as undeliverable for these individuals, if you know them please help me find them.*  
Contact me at: [srberger@bellsouth.net](mailto:srberger@bellsouth.net) or Susan Berger 416 Shirley Place Valdosta, GA 31605

## NEW MEMBERS

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**We hope to see you at a future reunion.**

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## IN CELEBRATION

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

“HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU” – “HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR COUSINS”  
WE HOPE YOU HAVE MANY MORE

*“A Special Wish” goes out to our oldest cousin - Beatrice V. Fitts was 99 in December*

## October

Jess Rice of Gilmer, TX; Dorel Kump of Idaho Falls, ID; Bertnye R Smith of Barre, MA; John B Davidson of Pleasantville NS, Canada, Leta Olsen of Pampa, TX; James Tyler of Syracuse, NY; Robert Spofford Jr of Granby, MA; Joella Schultz of Tucson, AZ; Norman L Cooper of Canyon Lake, TX; John Flood of Burlington, NC; Sheree K Brown of East Longmeadow, MA; Betty Fairchild of Atlantic Beach, FL; Geneva Garrett of Santa Anna, TX; Dennis H Rice of East Douglas, MA; Barbara Bodeen of Yamhill, OR; William W Rice of Parkville, MO; Dan S Rice of Ames, IA; Eleanor Lockington of Norfolk, VA.

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## December

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Have a Blessed New Year!!!



**It's winter before we know it....**

Time has a way of moving quickly and catching us unaware of the passing years. It seems just yesterday that we were young, just married and embarking on a new life with a mate and babies. And yet in a way, it seems like eons ago, and we wonder where all the years went. **We know that we lived them all...**

We have glimpses of how it was back then and of all our hopes and dreams... But, here it is the winter of our life and it has caught us by surprise... How did we get here so fast? Where did the years go? Where did our youth go?

**We remember...**seeing older people through the years and thinking that those older people were years away from us and that winter was so far off that we could not fathom it or imagine fully what it would be like... But, here it is...our friends are retired and getting gray...they move slower and we see an older person now. Lots are in better shape than us...but, we see the change. We remember them as young and vibrant... but, like us, their age is beginning to show and we are now those older folks that we used to see and never thought we'd be. Though winter has come and we're not sure how long it will last... we know, when it's over it's over...

There are things we wish we hadn't done, things we wish we could have done, and indeed there are many things we're happy to have done. It's all in a lifetime....

If you're not in your winter yet...it will be here faster than you think. So, whatever you would like to accomplish in your life please, don't put things off too long!!

"Life is a gift. The way you live your life is your gift to those who come after you. Make it a fantastic one."

**LIVE IT WELL!!----ENJOY TODAY!!!!-----**

**DO SOMETHING FUN!!!----BE HAPPY!!!----BE THANKFUL!!!!**



## 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? Have Questions? Contact our Historian at: [gking5@cox.net](mailto: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 plus \$5 shipping and handling postpaid for a CD-ROM containing both documents. Please order from the Treasurer by sending a check or money order for \$15 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 2009. 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](mailto:rvrbarre@verizon.net) for more information.

## Report of Dr. Joanna Martin

*Dr. Martin was hired by ERA about ten years ago to continue the search for the parents of Edmund Rice in England.. We thought that enough new members have joined since then to warrant again publishing her results. Johanna Martin has a PhD in History from Cambridge University and was the original researcher who found records of the Frost family going back to the fifteenth century in Stanstead and Glemsford (mostly probate records). This report was first published in a 1999 newsletter.*

*[This report abstracts the highlights of the report of Dr. Martin, genealogist from Suffolk, England. She rechecked the parish registers for Stanstead and found some dates that differ slightly from previous reports. (OPR = original parish reports) RVR]*

**Stanstead, Suffolk:** Rice baptisms 1600-30; marriage 1605; burials 1605-1635 (from OPRs)

12 Nov. 1605	Henry Ryce and Elizabeth Frost married
8 May 1608	Edward, son of Henry Ryce, baptized
23 Sep. 1608	Henry, son of Henry Ryce, buried
20 Feb. 1610	Henry, son of Henry Ryce, baptized
18 Nov. 1612	Elizabeth, dau of Henry Ryce, baptized
20 June 1615	Mary, dau of Henry Rice, baptized
10 Mar. 1618	Ann, dau of Henry Ryce, baptized
18 Aug. 1619	Marie, dau of Edmund Rise, baptized
13 Feb. 1621	Henery, son of Edmund Rise, baptized
16 Nov. 1621	Henery Rise buried
27 Oct. 1622	Edmund, son of Edmund Rise, baptized
26 Jan. 1626	Thomas, son of Edmund Rise, baptized

For Glemsford which is next to Stanstead no sign of Edmund's baptism or of Henry Rice but there is a John Rice who could be another brother.

**Glemsford, Suffolk:** Rice baptisms 1570-1600, and 1612-38; marriages 1612 and 1635 from original register; and burials 1612-30 from modern transcript.

24 Sep. 1612	John Ryce and Katherine Wyatt married
4 July 1613	Frances, dau of John and Katherine Rice, baptized
17 Sep. 1615	Katherine, dau of John and Katherine Rice, baptized
16 Nov. 1617	Christian, dau John and Katherine, Rice, baptized
9 June 1620	John, son of John and Katherine Rice, baptized
9 June 1622	Alice, dau of John and Katherine Rice, baptized
1 Mar. 1625	Rose, dau of John and Katherine Rice, baptized
18 Nov. 1627	Ann, dau of John and Katherine Rice, baptized
26 June 1629	John Rise, buried
19 Jan. 1630	Katherine Rise, buried
24 May 1635	Thomas...[blank in register and Archdeacon's transcript) and Thomasina Rice, married

**Long Melford, Suffolk** (between Stanstead and Sudbury)

11 Feb. 1620 John Rice buried

My notes indicate that a fairly quick search through the Long Melford registers from 1570 to 1600 produced no Rice baptisms. It appears from his will that the John Rice who died in 1619/20 came from Bures, and had no children of his own.

**Bures, St. Mary**

I found two marriages at Bures St. Mary, which is about 10 miles from Stanstead.

Bures is one of the parishes which had apparently not been searched already: the registers are difficult to read and are not on the IGI. I therefore searched as follows:

**Bures, St. Mary (continued)**

23 Feb. 1581	Margaret Rice baptized
12 Jan. 1584	Elizabeth Rice baptized
18 Sep 1586	Robert Alise and Margret Ryce married
19 May 1589	Thomas Rice and Agnes Ingham married
16 Apr 1590	Jone Rice baptized
23 Aug 1590	Jefferye Rice baptized
24 Aug 1590	Ann Rice baptized
9 Oct 1591	M... [illegible] Ryce baptized
2 July 1592	Bridget Rice baptized

11 Nov 1593	Thomas Rise baptized
14 July 1594	Rose Rice baptized
25 Mar 1595	Triphena Rice, a base, baptized
6 June 1598	John Rice baptized

I had already covered the following parishes: Stanstead, Glemsford, Bures St. Mary. Also Long Melford (quickly) this time I have searched as follows:

**Boxted** – OPR – no Rice; **Hartest** – OPR – no Rice; **Shimpling** – OPR – no Rice; **Alpheton** – OPR and modern transcript [parts of fiche illegible] – no Rice; **Cavendish** – OPR 1594-1600 [registers start 1594]  
**Long Melford** – OPR – no Rice; **Lavenham** – OPR – no Rice; **Sudbury All Saints** – OPR – no Rice;  
**Sudbury St. Gregory** – registers start 1653; **Sudbury St. Peter** baptisms checked 1593-6 in OPR – then gap to 1639;  
**Lawshall** – OPR – no Rice; **Somerton** – OPR – register partly illegible due to damp – checked as far possible  
**Great Barton, Bradfield St Clare, Bradfield Combust, Bradfield St George, Brockley, Chevington, Clare, Cockfield, Fornham All Saints, Fornham St Martin, Hawstead, Horringer, Ickworth, Nowton, Poslingford (OPR), Rede, Roughham, Rushbrooke, Little Saxham, Somerton, Stanningfield, Stansfield (OPR), Timworth, Great Welnetham, LittleWelnetham, Westley, Whepstead (OPR)** no Rice baptisms found.

The following parishes have no surviving registers for the relevant period: **Acton, Fornham, St. Genevive, Hawkedon, Hundon**. As far as possible, I have searched **Acton, Hawkedon, and Hundon**, together with **Cavendish, Sudbury St. Gregory, and Sudbury St. Peter**, which are within the area previously searched, using the Archdeacons' transcripts of the registers. These were sent to the Archdeacon every year, and exist for the following years within the period 1570-1600 (the years run from Easter to Easter): **Acton:** 1571-3, 1575-6, 1577-9, 1580-3, 1585-7, 1588-9, 1592-6, 1598-9 **Cavendish:** 1571-3, 1575-6, 1577-9 1580-2, 1585-7, 1588-9, 1592-7, 1598-9 **Hawkedon:** 1570-2, 1574-6, 1578-82, 1587-92, 1593-5, 1596-7, 1598-1600 **Hundon:** 1594-6, 1598-1600 **Sudbury St. George** 1571-3, 1575-6, 1577-9, 1580-3, 1585-7, 1588-9, 1592-7, 1598-9 **Sudbury St. Peter:** 1571-3, 1575-6, 1578-9, 1580-3, 1585-6, 1592-7, 1595-7, 1598-9

This latest search did not produce a single Rice baptism. I have now searched the Suffolk parishes within a roughly 8-mile radius of Stanstead, together with the parishes immediately around Bury St. Edmunds, and the parishes between Stanstead and Bury St. Edmunds. And I have found absolutely no trace of Edmund Rice's baptism.

*[Dr. Martin extended the search to the county of Essex, next to Suffolk where she contracted with genealogist, Peter E. Nutt of Wickford, Essex. Mr. Nutt reported:]*

**COGGESHALL original registers ERO D/P36/1/1**

Marriages

1563 Nov 28 Rowland Rice and Mary Webb  
 1579/0 Feb 7 John Rice and Joan Spencer  
 1583 Sep 24 John Rice and Jane Hudson

Baptisms 1584-1600 [Note baptisms have not survived before 1584]

**SHALFORD transcript of registers ERO T/R214/1**

Marriages

1577 May 2 John Ryce the younger was married unto Alice Bridgeman the seconde daye of Maye anno p'dict  
 1590/1 Feb. 8 John Ryse widower was married unto Joane Grayeoose the vijth daye of Februarye anno p'dict  
 1593/4 Feb 18 John Ryse was married unto Susanna Halden the xvijij daye of Februarye anno p'dict

Baptisms

1578 Dec 7 Alice Ryce dau of John the younger  
 1580 Dec 4 John Ryce dau of John the younger  
 1582/3 Mar 10 Richd Ryse son of John the younger

1584/5 Feb 4 Sus Ryse dau of John  
1587 Oct 15 Eliz Ryse dau of John the younger  
1590 Aug 9 Geo Ryse son of John  
1591 Dec 12 Wm Ryse son of John  
1594 May 14 Eliz Ryse dau of John  
1599 Sep 9 Ann Ryse dau of John

**THAXTED transcript of registers ERO T/R250**

Marriages

1551 Nov 8 Robertus Royce and Ursula Sanes  
1561 Jul 22 Rowland Rice and Margaret Tomson  
1588/9 Jan L') Robert Rice and Cecilia Hollande  
1590 Sep 17 Rowland Rice and Dorothea Lamas  
1592 Mar 29 Robert Rice and Jane Comell

Baptisms 1570-1600

1570/1 Mar 4 Franciscus Rice  
1573/4 Jan 6 Pamella Rice  
1589 Dec 26 Anna Rice fill Robt  
1593/1 April 8 Jana Rice  
1594 –

The following baptisms 1570-1600 - No entries for the name Rice or variant spelling:

**ROMFORD** transcript ERO T/R 18/1  
**ROWELL** transcript ERO T/R81  
**HELION BUMPSTEAD** original registers ERO D/P331/1/1  
**RIDGEWELL** original registers ERO D/P405/1/1  
**TWINSTEAD** original registers ERO D/P212/1/  
**STAMBOURNE** original registers ERO D/P24/1/1  
**TILBURY Juxta CLARE** original registers ERO D/P164/1/1  
**GREAT YELDHAM** original registers ERO D/P385/1/1  
**CASTLE HEDINGHAM** original registers ERO D/P48/1/1  
**SIBLE HEDINGHAM** original registers ERO D/P270/1/1  
**LITTLE YELDHAM** original registers ERO D/P 8 511/1  
**LAMARSH** original registers ERO D/P222/1/1  
**TOPPESFIELD** original registers ERO T/R 147

The following list of parishes in our area (Essex), have no surviving registers for the period in question.

**STURMER** baptisms start 1733  
**STEEPLE BUMPSTEAD** baptisms start 1676  
**BIRDBROOK** baptisms start 1633  
**GESTINGTHORPE** baptisms start 1629  
**BORLEY** baptisms start 1653  
**WICKHAM ST PAULS** baptisms start 1609  
**MIDDLETON** baptisms start 1700  
**GREAT MAPLESTEAD** baptisms start 1697  
**LITTLE MAPLESTEAD** baptisms start 1690  
**HEMPSTEAD** baptisms start 1693  
**FINCHINGFIELD** baptisms start 1617  
**PEBMARSH** baptisms start 1648  
**ALPHAMSTONE** baptisms start 1705

## **RICE/Ryce**

### **PENTLOW original registers EPO D/P23/1/1**

Baptisms 157n-1600

1595 Nov 4 Elizabeth Riche the daughter of William the iiiij of November

No entries for the name Rice/Ryce etc.

### **FOXEARH original registers EPO D/P368/1/1**

Baptisms 1570-1600

1590 Dec 9 Johanes Rise ? filius Richardi Baptizatus fuit nono Decembris

1592/3 Mar 15 Richardus Ryse filius Richardi bapitzatus fuit 15 martis

No entries for the name Rice/Ryce etc.

### **LISTON transcript of registers ERO T/R188**

Baptisms 1509-1600 [Note checked to 1630] [No registers have survived before 1509]

No entries for the name Rice/Ryce etc.

### **BELCHAMP ST PAUL original registers EPO D/P408/1/1**

Baptisms 1570-1600

No entries for the name of Rice/Ryce etc.

### **BELCHAMP OTTEN original registers EPO D/P214/1/1**

Baptisms 1578 June 12 – 1600 [NOTE no registers survived before 1578]

1579 Apr 23 Marye Rice the daughter of John Rice was christened the 23 daye of Aprill

1579 Apr 23 Elizabeth Rice the daughter of the sayde John Rice was christened the same daye and year

1581 Dec 10 Mar~jaret the daughter of John Rice was christened the 10<sup>th</sup> daye of December

### **BELCHAMP WALTER original registers ERO D/P215/1/1**

Baptisms 1570-1600

15n7/8 Feb 4 Richard son of Robert Rice baptized

15,4 Jun 24 Thomisen the daughter of Robert Risse baptized

1589/0 Mar 15 Jane the daughter of Robarte Risse baptized

1592 Oct 29 Robert sone of Robarte Risse ? Baptized

159ri Sep 11 Steven sone of Robart Risse baptized

### **BULMER original registers**

Baptisms 1570-1600

No entries for the name Rice/Ryce etc.

### **HENHAM original registers ERO D/P604/1/1**

Baptisms 1570-1600 – No entries for the name Rice or variant spelling

### **WIMBISH original registers ERO D/P313/1/1**

Baptisms 1570-1600 [part of 1596 & 1598 are missing page torn]

No entries for the name Rice or variant spelling

### **DEBDEN transcript ERO T/R261**

Baptisms 1570 -1600

1573 Sep 13 Elizabeth Rise daughter of Johnis

1574 Apr 4 Barnabas Rise son of Thomas

No entries for the name Rice or variant spelling

Baptisms 1570-1600 for the following:

**CHICKNEY transcript ERO T/R52**

**STANSIED MOUNTFITCLIFT original registers ERO D/P140/1/1**

**ASHDON original registers ERO D/P18/1/2**

**GREAT SAMPFORD original registers ERO D/P289/1/1 [around 1573 registers not too clear]**

**LITTLE SAMPFORD original registers ERO D/P122/1/1**

**SAFRON WALDEN original registers ERO D/P192/1/1**

The following parishes have no baptism registers for the period in question.

**BROXTED** registers have not survived before the year 1654

**ELSENHAM** registers have not survived before the year 1731

**TILTY** registers have not survived before the year 1673

**WIDDINGTON** registers have not survived before the year 16

*[Dr. Martin arranged to have the Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire records examined by C.A. Ellis because Edmund Rice brought his family there after living in Stanstead. His report:]*

Berkhamstead St Mary is, in fact, 'Northchurch, otherwise known as Berkhamstead St Mary'. When I looked at The Northchurch registers, I found that the register starts at 1655, with a note in the index that at the beginning of the microfilm there is a 'transcript by the rector of extracts from the earliest (lost) register, found in volumes in the library of Sir John Sebright'.

There are actually very few entries but the latest edition of Phillimore's Atlas shows that there is now a copy of the register from 1604 at the SOG. I hoped that this would include the earlier children, proving a connection with Berkhamstead before 1628, and raising the possibility that Edmund's baptism had been included in the lost register before 1604. I have examined this microfilm of a transcript of the early register but~ sadly, the Rice baptisms are not shown, although there was a marriage of Robert White and Agnes Rois in 1607 – no entries between 1607 and 1615.

I looked at William Urwick's Nonconformity in Hertfordshire, which refers to the Dean Incent's school in Berkhamstead in 1523, and includes a list of excommunicate persons there in 1607. The town was an area of early Puritanism, but I have not yet found any connection with Sudbury, Mass. I also checked Boyd's Marriage Index since Berkhamstead is included.

### **Transcript of Register of Berkhamstead St. Peter**

#### **Baptisms**

Lydia ye daughter of Edmund Ryce was baptized the same day [ye 9 of march, 1628]

Matthew ye sonne of Edmunde Rice was baptized the 28 of februarie [1630]

Daniefl ye sonne of Edmund Rice was baptized ye firste of November [1632]

Samuell the sonn of Edmund Rice was baptized ye 12 daye of November [1634]

Joesph the sonne of Edmund Risse was baptized the xiiij of march [1638]

#### **Marriage**

William Robens and Anne Rise were married ye xxviiij of November [1637]

#### **Burial**

Danniefl the sonne of Edmunde Rice was buried the 10 of November 1632

[It would seem that there is no record of either Edmund or Henry Rice before their marriages to the Frost sisters. Certainly not even a hint of their parent has turned up. We do not even know for sure that they were brothers.

*The original report of Dr. Martin will be put in the Rice Archives in the Sudbury, Massachusetts library. We are publishing this summary to help cousins check for town Parishes in case they want to do some searching*

*on their own. There are many hundreds of parishes in England that have not been examined although the LDS IGI does cover much of Great Britain.]*

*--Bob Rice*

## QUERIES

### 1) Herbert H Rice wrote:

I am a descendant of Edmund Rice via his son Thomas. I know the correct lineage of my ancestors but I would like more information on a few of them. I know Edmund Rice settled in Sudbury, Mass. and that his son Thomas helped settle Marlborough, MA. I would like more information on Thomas's son Ephraim, his grandson Ephraim and his great grandson Amos Rice. I have had the DNA test and connected all the dots so I know these Rices are my ancestors but I would like to know more of the details. Does anyone know more details about these Rices? Where they lived, where and when they moved on.

### 2) Eddie Bishop wrote:

I just joined your organization. I'd like to take a few minutes of your time to tell you my amazing (at least to me) story, and end with a request for a little information.

First my story, I was researching a line on my father's side of my family tree this week when I got back to John Loker and Beulah Rice. A quick internet search brought me to your organization's web site. As I was navigating my way back to Deacon Edmund Rice, I was noting to myself how wonderful your site is. It's easy to jump from family member to family member, and all the sources are listed right on the same page (oh, and there are sources!!!!). The more I navigated the site, however, the more I started to think it looked familiar. I quickly checked my bookmarks, and sure enough, I had a person bookmarked on the site. That person was Daniel Pike (b. 1725). My heart immediately jumped into my throat! Why? Because Daniel Pike is a person of interest on MY MOTHER'S side!! It only took me a few clicks and a quick check of my Family Tree Maker to confirm that my parents are indeed 9th cousins twice removed!! I say confirmed, but that's really only partially true. The reason I had bookmarked the site but not spent much time there on the Pike side is that I'm still struggling to confirm the Pike connection. I have one fairly long unbroken male line on my mother's side (Bardwell) that's well researched, but many of the wives are still speculative. In particular, I'm trying to confirm the parents of Hannah Davis, who married William Bardwell in 1827. I know that Hannah was the daughter of Paul Davis of Mason, NH. I've seen many un-sourced internet genealogies showing her mother as Lucy Pike, but I've been unable to confirm it. If Lucy is indeed Hannah's mother, then she is a descendant of Edmund Rice, because I know that Lucy's parents were Joseph Pike and Abigail Sawtelle. I am getting very close, and hope to see Mason NH birth records as soon as next week when my microfilm loan from the Family History Library arrives.

But in the meantime, if you could check your records and let me know if you show any of the children for Joseph and Abigail Pike (the last generation you have on your web site). I know their daughter was Lucy, and Lucy married a Paul Davis. But, did they have a daughter Hannah? If they did, my Mom and Dad are cousins! They were pretty shocked when I broke this news to them today!!

You are probably familiar with the Loker Rice connection, so it won't be a surprise to you that I'm descended from at least 3 and possibly 4 (pending confirmation of Hannah's parents) of Deacon Edmund Rice's sons. Here are the 2 lines as I have them.

From John Loker and Beulah Rice (with 3 lines back to Edmund from here):

Ebenezer Loker m. Betsey Jenkinson

Loring Loker m. Hannah Smith

Helina M. Loker m. Lorenzo Chamberlain  
George W. Chamberlain m. Pearly M. Teabo  
Bertha Chamberlain m. Eddie Bishop  
Victor Bishop (my father) m. Frances McArdle

On my mother's side (pending Hannah's confirmation)

Edmund, Henry, Rachel, Lydia Drury, Daniel Pike, Joseph Pike then:  
Lucy Pike m. Paul Davis  
Hannah Davis m. William Bardwell  
George W. Bardwell m. Risphia Miller  
George W. Bardwell m. Mary Dwyer  
Mary Bardwell m. William Redmond  
Frances Redmond m. Joseph McArdle  
Frances McArdle (my mother) m. Victor Bishop

Thanks for listening, and I look forward to hearing from you.  
Sincerely, Eddie Bishop

George King wrote:

Hi Eddie,  
Welcome to the Edmund Rice (1638) Association. We appreciate your kind words and support as a new member. We are very conscientious about finding and citing authoritative sources to our records. We do not always succeed as you will see in the next paragraph.

We have your Joseph Pike and Abigail Sawtelle but nothing about their offspring or children. Also no sources. Ouch! Our records say Mason and Brookline, MA. There is no Mason, MA. Further, I find a Joseph Pike at Brookline, NH in the 1800 US census. I have downloaded the Brookline, NH history ([www.Archive.org](http://www.Archive.org)) and will add information and cites about the Joseph Pike family. You can find Abigail in the Groton, MA, vital records under the name Sawtell.

The Brookline, NH, history, p 593, says:

... Children; According to Tradition  
... Lucy, b about 1784, m Paul Davis of Mason Oct. 30, 1806; res. Warren.  
... Hannah, b about 1785, m Samuel Peabody; res. Milford; died 26 Sep 1876.

We have your Loring Loker and Hannah Smith with marriage cited to the vital records of East Sudbury (Wayland), MA. We have the births of two of their children but not your Helena Loker. I find Loring and Hannah in the 1870 and 1880 US census but not in the 1860 census.

Would you be willing to share a copy of your FTM file with us. Our program, The Master Genealogist, can do a direct import from FTM, primary or backup file. Let's try the FTM back up file as an attachment to an e-mail note.

When I get a file from a cousin I make a new file in TMG of the most recent persons common to our and your records, the descendants of those folks, their spouses, and parents of spouses. This gives me a much smaller file to edit. I then edit the new file to conform with the editing conventions of our association. You can see the edit results on our web pages.

When I have completed the edit I will return to you a journal report of the descendants of your most distant ancestors in the new file. This gives you the opportunity to make corrections and to delete any



very personal anecdotes that I have failed to edit. When you and I agree on the content of your file we will include it in our annual update in August 2010.

A word about privacy. We hope that our work will survive long after we have departed this life. Therefore, we encourage cousins to submit information for living people. Knowing that some are sensitive to the privacy of living people we commit to not exchange information about living people with others. We define living as having a birth year of 1915 or later and no death record.

George W. King, Historian  
Edmund Rice (1638) Association  
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**3)** Patricia Blood wrote:

I found the website for the ERA while doing research on my Great Grandmother Sarah Rice. I'm hoping to find some cousins from Michigan that can help me with some questions!

My lineage is as follows:

Edmund Rice m Thomasine Frost  
Joseph Rice m Sarah Prescott  
Phineas Rice m Elizabeth Willard  
Joseph Rice m Hannah Leland  
Caleb Rice m Lucy Leland  
Caleb Rice m Polly Brockway  
Nelson F Rice m Cythesa Alrena Sprague  
Sarah A Rice m Jerome Bonapart Andrews  
Charles Thomas Andrews m Clarice Irene Goodemoot  
Phyllis Lenore Andrews m Glen Ray Carigon  
Patricia Irene Carigon m Grant Michael Blood

On my father's side, the interesting thing is – his mother is related through the Frost line!

**4)** Daphne T Stevens wrote:

Hi George, I love being a new member of the Rice Association.

My line is well documented but I want to catch it up to me. My grandfather John Edward Rice was mentioned twice in the last newsletter, both as president and a picture of him role playing Edmund. I sure wish I had a video of that. John E had 6 children. You may remember John Jr. who was thrilled a few years ago when he was the oldest member present. My mother was the youngest, Shirley J Rice who married Charles Thurlow III. I was their first Child, Daphne Thurlow. I have since married Michael Donne Stevens. I have a sister Tania Thurlow Chandler and a brother Charles Thurlow. I wish I could have come to the reunions with Uncle John. He always enjoyed them.

Hi Daphne,

It is good to know of the enthusiasm of our members! Your enthusiasm gives us who volunteer our time an incentive to continue our work. I can not find your recent family line in our association data base. I would appreciate a very brief description of your line back to Edmund Rice. Are you keeping your family records in a genealogy computer program? Which program?

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**5) Cristine Muir wrote:**

I am including the info I have collected, that shows my husband's connection to Edmund Rice. Hoping you can verify or at least get me to where I need to start to show connection. My husband is Craig Cameron Muir 11<sup>th</sup> generation out of the Ebenezer Rice lineage I have much of the info that also includes other siblings am interested in confirming with you and will plan to send membership for my husband.

Pathway from Edmund Rice to Craig Cameron Muir:

Edmund Rice (1594- 1621) and Thomasine Frost  
Thomas Rice (1626-1714) and Mary King  
Ephraim Rice (1665 - 1732) and Hannah Livermore  
Gershom Rice (1703-1751) and Elizabeth Battle  
Ephraim Rice (1733 - 1818) and Mary Battle  
Ebenezer Rice (1781 - 1857) and Sally Glazier  
Jason Curtis Rice (1808 - 1900) and Adelia Gleason  
Jason Arland Rice (1837-1916) m Hannah Lilly Jenkins  
Ned Clayton Rice (4/24/1871 - 8/25/1951) m Lilla Mae Eddy  
Jesse Kathleen Rice (Feb 7 1895 - Dec 9 1978) Joseph Rezin Hoy  
Dorothy Rowena Hoy (Nov 20 1926- )m George Cameron Muir  
Craig Cameron Muir (11/16/1951 - ) m Cristine S Grillion  
Scott Cameron Muir (7/5/77) m Cassie Veatch Todd  
Richard Muir (5/30/80)  
Matthew Craig Muir (10/8/82)

Thanks for the note. You and/or your husband are certainly welcome to join the Edmund Rice (1638) Association. I imagine you have already visited our web site, but, just in case, here is the URL: <http://edmund-rice.org>. You can join on line at the web site if you have PayPal, or, if you prefer, by sending a check to our membership chair, Susan Berger, as shown on the web site.

We already have your husband's lineage as far as his mother, Dorothy Rowena Hoy, though we have only her birth and not her marriage to George Muir. We also lack details on Joseph Hoy, aside from his name. I am now adding the seven new people to the database.

If you can furnish the additional details, including the dates and places of birth, marriage, and death, it would be very helpful. It is not necessary to supply certificates for documentation, but, if you have them, the registration numbers would be useful for future reference.

John Chandler, president

**6) George Rice wrote:**

I have been using the FamilySearch.org website for research beyond my great-great-great grandfather David Rice, the results seem to lead back to Edmund Rice. I have visited the grave sites in West Wardsboro, Vermont of my great-great grandparents Ezra L Rice and Sarah E Witt and great-great-great grandparents David Rice and Melinda Estabrook. I would like to join the ERA YDNA project. There are seven Rice boys behind me- two sons and five grandsons.

George,

Any living male Rice is welcome to join our YDNA project. To do so just send me your full name including middle and your street address for delivery of the DNA kit. You also must tell me how many

markers you will pay for. Familysearch.org would not be a primary site. Our web site, edmund-rice.org, does have some of your Rice names but that VT location has had a history of mixing Royce and Rice surnames so a YDNA analysis is the best way to differentiate. A 12 marker analysis would probably show whether you are Rice or Royce. You are, of course, welcome to join our Edmund Rice Association without the DNA analysis but the Rice DNA Project through FTDNA requires YDNA analysis. Our web site has many more details.

Robert V. Rice  
Rice DNA project

George,

We have your Ezra Leonard Rice in our association records. I see the family in the 1860-1900 US Census records at Wardsboro, VT. Is your Grandfather Myron Rice? If you are keeping your family records in a genealogy computer program we would like to exchange more detailed information with you. Which program?

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## 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



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