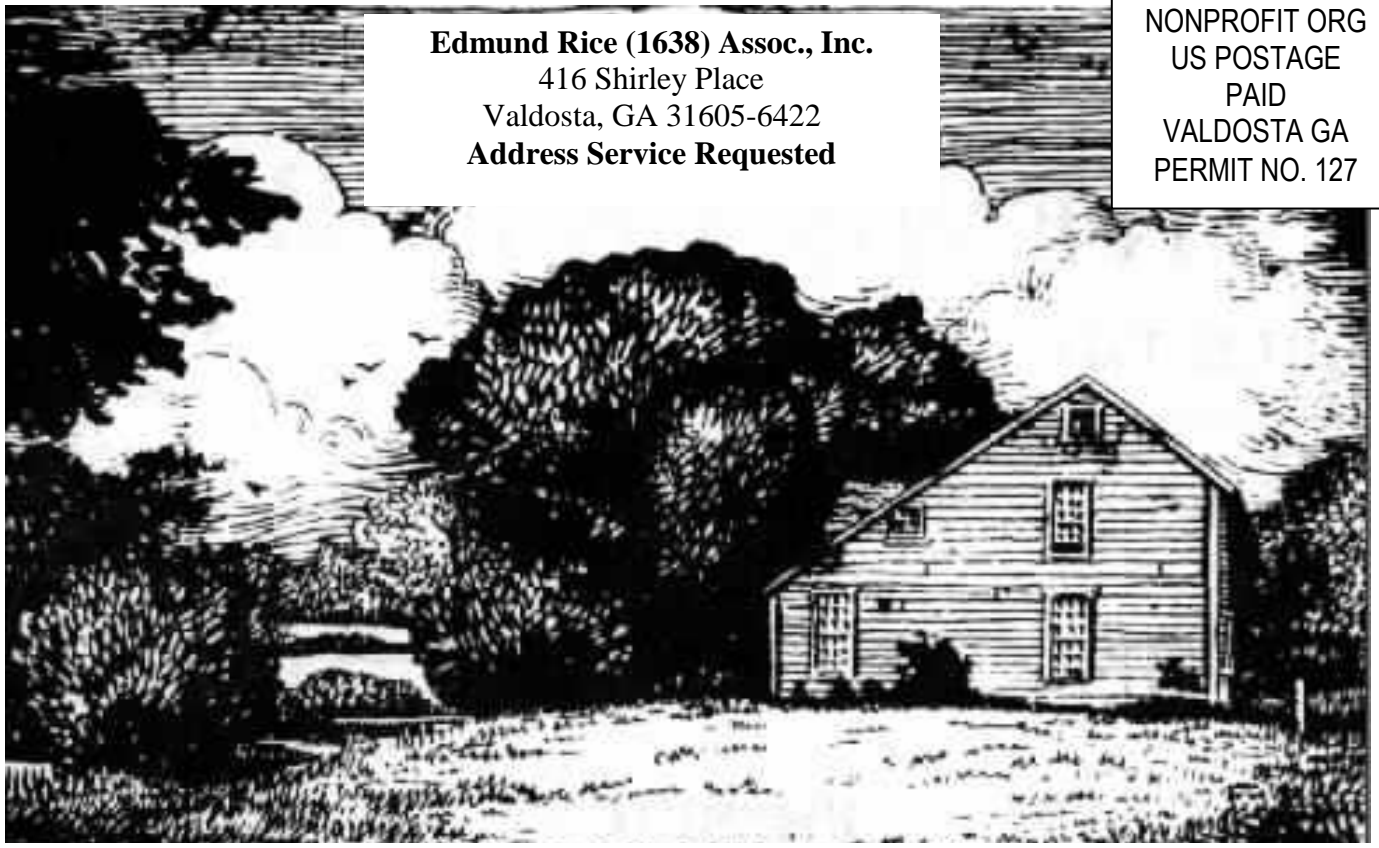


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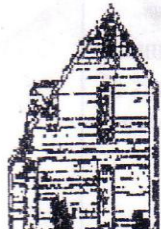
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# *Edmund Rice (1638) Association Newsletter*

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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!

They say that seeing is believing. Then again, a lot depends on what you see and where you see it. That little reservation expresses in a few words the fundamental reason why careful recording and reporting of sources is so important in genealogy. The sad truth is that different sources for the same topic do not always agree, and, worse, some sources do not even agree with themselves. A common complaint among serious genealogists today is that the Internet is poisoning the field by spreading falsehood faster than refutation: novices who go to an on-line database are apt to fall into the trap of "majority rule" and accept as truth the version that seems to be reported most often.

However, it turns out that a great many of the most common errors in these public databases come from printed sources of the past. Serious genealogy has followed a path over the past century and a half that resembles the development of individual genealogists as they grow in experience -- the early compiled works seldom mentioned their sources, and it was only later, when contradictions became increasingly troublesome, that a need was felt for keeping track of (and reporting) the sources. Unfortunately, even as serious genealogists became more and more meticulous, the growing popularity of genealogy gave rise to a market for compendia of assorted genealogy -- the print equivalent of modern grab-bag databases. These hefty works were compiled under the aegis of genealogists with some degree of name recognition, but the sheer volume of material was such that the genealogists could not possibly have verified the information published under their names. In other words, these books were precisely the same as the modern databases in many ways -- they were packed with information, contained many interesting clues, and were rather unreliable for things of importance. You can depend on it: the errors broadcast to the world by these books are still reverberating and showing up in the user-contributed databases.

We recently reviewed a "fact" in the ERA database going back to the early days of modern genealogy -- the name of Edmund Rice's second wife. If you go to our on-line report, you'll find her listed as "Mercy Hurd (?)".

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There is absolutely no evidence to back up the Hurd surname, but we have followed this very popular trend for a long time. The name Hurd was ascribed to her by the Brigham genealogy published in 1907, but the compiler laid the entire matter at the door of Abner Morse, who about a half-century earlier published a multivolume work on the Puritan Fathers and stated that "family tradition" gave Hurd as her maiden name. Interestingly, Ward's book on the Rices, written about the same time, used very similar language, but gave the name as Hunt! It seems clear to me that confusion between Hunt and Hurd is the product of written transmission, not word-of-mouth. The so-called "tradition" was very likely a manuscript compiled by an earlier family historian who may or may not have appreciated the fact that Mercy's third husband was William Hunt. The next release of our database, to appear at the coming reunion, will leave Mercy's surname blank.

See within for details about the reunion. Hope to see you there!

- John Chandler

## **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*

## **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. The September 2010 database will be available at and after the 2010 reunion. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

## 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

Renewals:

Under 80 years of age.....\$ 15.00

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#### Address Corrections:

The Post Office now forwards mail for 12 months if a member has submitted a forwarding address to the post office. The post office also returns the forwarding address to the association for a .65 fee. If a member has no forwarding address or 12 months forwarding has expired the post office returns the mail. Return postage and re-mailing postage costs the Association nearly \$1.50 per copy.

### EDITOR'S COLUMN

As I was trying to decide what to put in my column I was reading the paper and came across the following in the Today in History - August 2nd article and thought you might also enjoy it.

In 1610, Henry Hudson sailed into what's known today as Hudson Bay.

In 1776, the Continental Congress signed the Declaration of Independence.

In 1876, Wild Bill Hickok was shot and killed in a saloon in Deadwood, Dakota Territory.

In 1909, the Lincoln 'wheat' penny first went into circulation.

In 1943, Navy PT109 commanded by John F Kennedy sank off the Solomon Islands after being rammed by a Japanese destroyer.

We had another day with heat advisories above 100 degrees. At 2pm it was 110 degrees. I was so happy to be inside finishing the Summer Newsletter.

I hope everyone is enjoying their summer. My husband and I are! We're preparing for the birth of grandchild #14, it's going to be a boy and he's due on September 1<sup>st</sup>.

I hope you're planning on attending the reunion this year. It's going to be a lot of fun. We're having a presentation about the Rices who went to Nova Scotia and then visiting the Rice Boys capture site.

I'm out of articles submitted by members. Please send in articles, newsletter corrections, member news, children or grandchildren's births, obituaries, family items of interest and any queries etc. to [editor@edmund-rice.org](mailto:editor@edmund-rice.org)

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*Linda Wilson recently married  
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resigned as an ERA Director due  
to other obligations. Please  
join us in saying 'Thank You'  
for her years of service to the  
ERA Association.*

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## Memorial Gifts

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

## **IN MEMORY**

R. Sherwin Drury from Leominster, MA passed away August 9, 2009. He was born on January 9, 1918. He was a longtime member of the ERA. He will be missed.

Alan “Andy” Douglas Rice husband of Shirlee Rice passed away on April 2, 2010 in Tuthill, SD.

Helen Rice wife of the late Robert Huntington Rice Sr. and mother of Robert H. Rice Jr. and Gregory A Rice Sr. passed away on May 24, 2010 in Eugene, OR.

Alice Branson from South Portland, ME passed away on March 26, 2010

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Elizabeth Belcher of Merrimack, NH

Fern Holloway of Bloomfield Newfoundland, Canada

William Griffith of Anchorage, AK

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Gay Takaoshi of Oakton, VA

Lisa Quijano of Morgan Hill, CA

## **NEW LIFE MEMBERS**

Amy Hall of Framingham, MA

*Hope to see you at a future reunion!*

## **MEMBERS MAKING ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Grace V Rice

Patricia LaRock

Virginia Ibaugh

Barbara Bodeen

Lois Hess

Jeanette Pollard

## **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

In the spring newsletter, I accidently left the following individuals out of the list of cousins having birthdays. Also, Ruth Brown of Sudbury, MA – birthday in June and Roy Powers of Wilbraham, MA- birthday in September were reported in the January list of cousins by mistake.

## **January**

Michael Willer of Creston, CA and Judith Hayes of Seneca Falls, NY

## **February**

Rodney Rice of Waterman, IL; Joan Schacht of Chesterfield, MO and Earl Rice DeRidder, LA

## **March**

Beatrice Hites of Douglasville, GA; Robert Howe of Springfield, MA; Pamela Speciale of Charlestown, MA and Patricia LaRock Vancouver, WA

## **April**

Kenneth Casanova Jamaica Plain, MA; Audrey Flanagan of Casco, ME; Nadeane Pemberton of Boise, ID; Warren Rice of Bellingham, WA and William F Rice of Forestville, WI

## **May**

Gay Takakoshi of Oakton, VA; Dr. Andrea Engel of Greenwich, CT; Donald Peirce of Sudbury, MA and Robert H Rice Jr of Milwaukie, OR

## **June**

Dorothy L Rice Miller of Panorama City, CA; Thomas Jamison of Newton Square, PA; Col. Gary Rice of Carleton Place, ON Canada; Scott Huntsman of Walnut Creek, CA; Kenneth Stadtman of Huntington Beach, CA; Doris Ronald of Tauton, MA; Diane Young of Palm Bay, FL; Carolyn Heydinger of Mansfield, OH; Robert-Cave-Browne-Cave of Langley BC, Canada; Ruth Brown of Sudbury, MA; Louise Trudeau of Chester, MA; William Drury of Chelmsford, MA; Doug Schueths of Lincoln, NE; Michael Tidd of Riverside, CA; Frederick Wichman of Hanalei, HI; Rosemary Bailey of Allen, MI; Robert Goodnow of Tacoma, WA; Phoebe Glaze of N. Hollywood, CA; June Perry of Victoria BC, Canada; Shirley Fritsche of Oakland, TN; Barbara Kennedy of Junction City, KS; Harriet Wood of Madison, CT; Joan Franklin of New York, NY; Robert Jones of Maplewood, NJ; Reginald Rice of Menlo Park, CA;

## **July**

Marilyn Nee of Tullahoma, TN; Marlea Warren of St. Louis Park, MN; Joanne Rice of Windsor, ON Canada; Rodger Rice of Grand Rapids, MI; Pricilla Craig of Phoenix, AZ; Evelyn Jensen of Delran, NJ; LaRain Hudson of Rocky River, OH; Linda Waterkotte of Quincy, IL; Winona Flood of Burlington, NC; Peter Meigs of Danville, NH; George Six of Hurricane, WV; Dr. A. David Woods of Fuengirola, Malaga, Spain; Virginia Carothers of Centerville, MA; Carl Fritsche of Eatonton, NJ; Lisa Quijano of Morgan Hill, CA; John Chandler of Harvard, MA; George McLaughlin III of Fairbanks, AK; Dorothy Wells of Baltimore, MD; Max Rice of Shoreline, WA; Virginia Farmer of Casselberry, FL; Robert Maxey of Salem, OR; Faye Bennett of Greenfield, MA; Winston Rice of Norwell, MA; Abbott Rice Sr. of Hudson, NH; Jane Armbruster of Sudbury, MA

## **ERA Reunion Overview**

**WHEN** September 17 & 18, 2010 – come see the beautiful fall colors in New England!

**WHERE** Doubletree Hotel Boston/Westborough

**HOTEL** The Doubletree Hotel is located at 5400 Computer Drive in Westborough, MA

<http://www.bostonwestborough.doubletree.com>

Those choosing to stay overnight at the Doubletree are responsible for calling in their own room reservation and should mention the Edmund Rice Association to receive the special rate of \$89.00. The block of rooms at this rate will only be held until August 28<sup>th</sup>. After that date the hotel removes the block and anyone can book a room, there is no guarantee of special rates from that day on. Call the Doubletree directly at (508) 366-5511. **The cost per night of \$89.00 per room does not include breakfast.**

*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 Friday dinner and Saturday lunch.*

**DEADLINE** We must receive back from you the Registration Form by September 4<sup>th</sup> so we can properly set up our menus at the hotel. **Please remember these dates allow for mail delivery time.**

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



## ERA REUNION AGENDA

George Rice injured his shoulder this summer so is unable to put together a 4 hour guided bus tour as was done in previous years. George will host two car caravans, one Friday afternoon at 3:30pm from the Doubletree Hotel to Westborough Center and one Saturday afternoon after the meeting (around 3pm) to Wayland Center. Maps will be provided to drivers at the reunion. ***The caravans are at no cost; however for planning purposes please indicate your interest.***

*If anyone has questions or needs to make a change, after sending in their reservation form, please call George Rice at (508) 428-3243.*

### Friday Sept 17

**3:30p**            **CAR CARAVAN** - Members gather at the Doubletree Hotel. From there we will caravan over in our own vehicles to Westborough Center about 3 miles to the Indian capture site of the Rice boys in 1704. We will also walk along Main Street past several old Rice homes dating back to the early 1700's and other points of interest, returning to the hotel around 5pm in preparation for our evening meal. ***Sign up form included in this newsletter.***

**5:30p till dinner**    Social time ---join us and meet your cousins.

**6:00p**            Join us for dinner in the Edgewood Room - Pick a seat for dinner. Cost is \$20.00 per person. ***You must be prepaid. Signup and return the registration form in this newsletter.***

**7:30p**            Board of Directors board meeting in Edgewood Room.

### Saturday Sept 18

**9:00a**            Gather at the Edgewood 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. Coffee, Tea and bagels will be available in the morning.

**9:50a**            John Chandler, ERA President, welcomes cousins to the 2010 Reunion.

**10:00a**            15-20 minute presentation by Mike Rice of his new Wikipedia articles on Edmund Rice and descendants, Tim Sanford will give a 30-45 minute presentation about Nova Scotia and the Rices who went to Nova Scotia. Tim will give a brief history of Nova Scotia before the Rices arrived, what the Rices found when they arrived and how they and their descendants have continued on to today. George King aided by John Chandler will discuss the current database status.

**Noon**            Reservations are required for a catered luncheon (soup, salad, various deli platters with rolls or bread and one dessert. Cost is \$20.00 per person. ***You must be prepaid. Signup and return the registration form in this newsletter.***

**1:00p** This year our guest speaker will be John Lund from Keene State College. The title of his talk is “Seventeenth Century New England Legalities and Conflicting Visions of Empire”. It will be about the legal aspects of life in colonial Massachusetts Bay Colony.

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

**3:00p** **CAR CARAVAN** - Members gather after the ERA Annual meeting and depart on our car caravan to Wayland Center the Old North Cemetery and the original Town center where ERA erected a grave marker for Edmund Rice. We might expand the adventure depending upon interest that will be discussed during our Saturday meeting. *Sign up form included in this newsletter.*



## 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. Clayton 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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Welcome Cousins,

The Edmund Rice (1638) Association has an informal registration and membership renewal process, just fill out form.

Annual dues are payable by September 1 <sup>st</sup>	\$ _____
Additional voluntary contribution	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

The schedule of dues is as follows:

Under age 80	15.00
Age 80 and above	5.00
Life membership (in a single payment)	\$ 200.00

Phone Number & area code (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

Email address \_\_\_\_\_

Birthday MM/DD/YYYY \_\_\_\_\_

*(Will be added to membership file, kept confidential and used for "Birthday Wishes")*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

*Due to duplicate first & last names: Please include First, Middle, "Maiden" Last, Suffix*

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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State/ Province \_\_\_\_\_ 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 offset the erosion of our treasury due to the current low interest rates. Your additional contributions are appreciated.

Please make your check/money order payable to The Edmund Rice Assn., Inc. and send it along with this form to:

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