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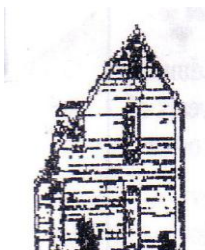


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The Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc. 24 Buckman Dr. Chelmsford, MA 01824 was established in 1851 and incorporated in 1934 to encourage antiquarian, genealogical, and historical research concerning the ancestors and descendants of Edmund Rice who settled in Sudbury, Massachusetts in 1638, and to promote fellowship among its members and friends.

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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

President's Column

Greetings, cousins!

First, let me say to all who came to the reunion that it was great to see you there. As usual, there was a mix of repeat attenders and newcomers. The crowd was a bit smaller than usual, but that worked very well with the caravan tour we took through Westborough instead of a bus tour. Partly because of the smaller numbers and partly because of the excellent organization provided by George Rice, no one was lost during the tour.

One unusual aspect of this reunion was that we had no extended presentation about DNA -- just a brief report during the business meeting. To make up for that omission, I'd like to talk now about the broader state of genealogical DNA testing, not restricted to our two projects. For almost any surname, there are multiple origins, such that a Y-DNA project like ours will turn up many different lines sharing the surname, but not related within the time span of genealogy. Our Rice surname project certainly found this to be true. At this point, even though the group of Edmund Rice descendants is the largest single group in the project, it is now just a modest portion of the project as a whole. Still, the other groups provide a useful service by showing what other DNA patterns exist within the Rice surname.

Now that surname projects have sprung up for literally thousands of surnames, which same service is increasingly available to ERA members, whatever their surname is. Take CHANDLER, for example: there is a Chandler DNA project with over 200 participants, including me. The primary focus of this project is, of course, to sort out the various Chandler families, but there is another component, just as in the Rice project. Within each separate family, the DNA testing bolsters the paper genealogies constructed by the participants, including the descendancy from recent ancestors, as well as ancient ones. Although Y testing doesn't provide proof of descent, it does provide a "hurdle" to surmount, and lineages that pass the Y test are all the more convincing for having done so.

The Chandler project will soon include a second cousin of mine. As it happens, my great grandfather married a Rice descendant, and so my Chandler second cousins are the most distant kin for whom Y DNA can test both the Chandler and the Rice heritage. When my cousin's results come, I expect they will closely match mine, and, in so doing, they will add that much more assurance to the paper genealogy of our particular branch. Some ERA members have Y DNA that goes much further back towards Edmund Rice, such as Bill Drury, whose male-line ancestor married a daughter of Edmund. However far back your connection, a Y test of two or more male-line descendants of the connecting couple can strengthen that portion of your lineage from Edmund Rice.

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

Susan R. Berger

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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:

Initial dues.....\$ 15.00

Renewals:

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

Age 80 and above.....\$ 5.00

Life membership.....\$200.00
(single payment)

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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

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer and are looking forward to the cooler fall weather as much as I am. Of course, I live in South Georgia and we are still having 85 to 90 degree days.

Welcome Brian C. Rice the newest member of our Board of Directors. Brian has also volunteered to assume the task of ERA Webmaster. He has set up an Edmund Rice page on Facebook.

<http://www.facebook.com/EdmundRiceAssociation>

Reunion photos, 2010 and former years can be seen on our Facebook page as well as the www.edmund-rice.org website.

Please join me in thanking George King our ERA Historian for the many years he has also been the ERA Webmaster because we had no other member able or willing to do the job.

I missed the reunion this year. I really wanted to be there to visit with everyone, but I couldn't get away. Instead, I went to my daughter's. Her baby was due on Sept. 1st. I went up to help her before she had the baby and to watch the other 7 children while she was in the hospital. I stayed to help out after the baby came home. Mark Gabriel Edwards was born August 28th at 11:32pm.

Susan Berger

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1990-1993	John S. Bates
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1995-1997	Frederick H. Rice
1998-2006	Dr. Robert V. Rice

Memorial Gifts

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

IN MEMORY Join me is saying a final goodbye to the members, former members and family members that passed away during 2009 and 2010: Calista Howe Vickery, Earl Russell Vickery Jr., Henry Trombley Jr., Rebecca Fairbank, Florence Dewkett, Jean O'Hara, Marjorie Gibson, Jane Drury, James Wadsworth Rice, Alice Branson, Sherwin Drury, Howard Eggleston, Lawrence LaChance, Alan D. Rice, Robert Huntington Rice Sr. and his wife Helen E. Rice, Catherine Royce, Amy Scannell, and Robin Smith.

NEW MEMBERS

Richard Austin of Lake Forest, CA
Dr. Philip Loe of Seattle, WA
Stanley Thompson of Hazlet, NJ
Ruth Ryser of Sarasota, FL
Richard Haughton of Pataskala, OH
Cynthia Johnston of Cleveland, GA
William Amidon of Laconia, NH
Paul J. Rice of Sudbury, MA
Virginia Rice of Broomall, PA

Hope to see you at a future reunion!

MEMBERS MAKING ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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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

Beatrice V. Fitts of Florence, MA will be 100 years young in November

Cuma Drury Schofield and her twin brother Carma Drury of North Fork, CA will be 99 years young in December

August

Katherine J. Brown of Rockland, ME; Delilah Moody of Butler, PA; James K. Rice of N. Ridgeville, OH; Wanda Hinojosa of Dearborn, MI; Gerald Rice of Windsor, VT; Joyce A. Walker of Hot Springs, AR; Tim Sanford of Toronto ON, CANADA; Lois Hess of Ft. Wayne, IN; William J. Rice of Broomall, PA; Katherine L. James of Springfield, IL; Jeanette Pollard of Marlborough, MA; Joan Roe of Belgrade, MT; Katrina Rice-Schmidt of Ojai, CA; Dr. Robert V. Rice of Falmouth, MA; Grace Horn, Laurel, MS; William R. Wesen of Apple Valley, MN; Nancy Nicol of Wellfleet, MA; Mary Hicks of Wichita, KS; Judith Atkinson of Westphalia, MI; Emma Lu Fischer of St. George, UT; John W. Brinton of Centereach, NY; Donald Rice of Concord, NH; Anita Cooper of Houston, TX; Ellen Blanchard of Carver, MA; John Newton of East Aurora, NY; Linwood Erskine Jr. of Paxton, MA; Peggy Ross of Madison, WI

September

Sharon Cadieux of Kingston, ON, CANADA; Macy Courtney of Dallas, TX; Alice Wareham of Saranac Lake, NY; Betty Seacord of Santa Rosa, CA; Paul J. Rice of Sudbury, MA; Marlene Janssen of Ormond Beach, FL; Donald Timmons of Harrisonburg, VA; Betty Gilmore of Wayne, NJ; Shirley Johnson of Greenfield, MA; Jeffrey Smythe of Freeburg, IL; Lewis Hawthorne of Olympia, WA; Ruth Gries of Lakewood, CO; Barbara Niemann of Willow Street, PA; Alice Pierce of Lexington, MA; Alan Rice of Tuthill, SD; Daniel Williams of Houston, TX; Mary Austin of Houston, TX; John Bates of Thorndike, ME; Elizabeth Sander of Plymouth, MA; Eddie Bishop of Lacey, WA; John Campbell of Dollard-des-Ormeaux, QC, CANADA; Susan Berger of Valdosta, GA; Patricia Young of Elk Rapids, MI; Suzanne Kadiff of Watertown, MA; David Bohrman of Ben Lomond, CA; David King of Nauvoo, IL; Lois Kendall of East Falmouth, MA; Iris Milne of Glendale, AZ; Roy Powers of Wilbraham, MA

October

Bertyne Rice Smith of Barre, ME; John B Davidson of Lunenburg County, NS, CANADA; Leta Olsen of Pampa, TX; Maribeth Rice Delgiudice of East Greenwich, RI; Robin Pewtress of Boise, ID; Vicki Kaufmann of Wilton, IA; Dorel Kump of Idaho Falls, ID; Bonnie Wiley of Cambridge, IL; James Tyler of Syracuse, NY; Joella Grosser Schultz of Tucson, AZ; Norman Cooper of Canyon Lake, TX; Bruce Coutu of Miami, FL; John Flood of Burlington, NC; Gregory Rice Sr. of Eugene, OR; Dorothy Marsh of Southbridge, MA; Betty Fairchild of Atlantic Beach, FL; Sheree Brown of East Longmeadow, MA; Bernadine Rice Cascarano of Lake Forest, IL; Geneva Garrett of Santa Anna, TX; Dennis H. Rice of East Douglas, MA; Barbara Bodeen of Yamill, OR; William W. Rice of Parkville, MO; Rita O'Connell of Duxbury, MA; Mary Sullivan of St. Catherines, ON, CANADA; Lucille Casby of Springdale, AR; Eleanor Lockington of Norfolk, VA

November

Jeanette Ockunzzi of Niceville, FL; Yaquiah Rice, Jackson, MI; Dr. Kathryn Brown of Cedar Rapids, IA; Frances Rice of Princeton, MA; Henry Snyder of Kensington, CA; Jean Danielson of Holden, MA; Daniel M. Rice of Crown Point, NY; Galt Grant of Cohasset, MA; Elizabeth Alcorn of Worcester, MA; Creighton Nichols of Framingham, MA; Laurel Rice of Windsor, CA; Linda Bryant of Winter Park, FL; Rowena Huber of Horseshoe Bay, TX; James R. Rice Jr., of Concord, NH; Betty Adams of Stayton, OR; Armine Cooper of Becket, MA; Warren Lynse of Monument, CO; James P. Rice Jr. of Westport, NY; Anna LaChance of Fort Smith, AR; Cheri Heeren of Sedalia, MO; Russell Belcher of Merrimack, NH; Amy Chapman of Weston, MA; Elizabeth Johnson of Delran, NJ; Donna Murphy of The Villages, FL; Lewis Olson of Port Allen, LA; James P. Rice Jr. of Westport, NY; John A. Parker, MD of Newton, MA; Charlene Keith of Keene, NH; Melinda Crawford of Moscow, ID; Dennis Griffith of Post Falls, ID; Stephen Hollands of Takoma Park, MD; Helen G. Brinton of Centereach, NY; William Miller of Norman, OK; Amanda Haynes of Amarillo, TX; Jennifer Edwards of Colonial Heights, VA; Heather McPherson of Indianapolis, IN

December

Doyle Rice of Jackson, MI; Jean Drury Groves of Falls Church, VA; Norman Mills of Fjerdingby, NORWAY; Ann O'Rourke of Pukalani, HI; Cuma Drury Schofield and Carma Drury of North Fork, CA; Lucile Rice of Rochester, NY; George Rice of Malverne, NY; Dr. Philip R. Loe of Seattle, WA; Julia McClure of Port Townsend, WA; Helen Rice Reefman of Freemont, MI; Donna Barnes of Ortonville, MI; Betty Fredericks Pacheco of Chelmsford, MA; Barbara O'Neill of Peru, NY; Virginia L Rice of Broomall, PA; Paul Piatkowski of York, PA; Thomas B. Rice of Burien, WA; Marilyn Skinner of Brea, CA; Martha Wood of Lexington, MA; Susan Rice-Ridgeway of LaJolla, CA

**Edmund Rice (1638) Association
Annual Meeting and Reunion
September 18, 2010**

The Meeting was called to order at the Doubletree Inn, Westborough, MA by the President, John Chandler, at approximately 10:30 AM after coffee and pastries. About 35 members were present.

Life of Edmund Rice: Mike Rice reviewed his Wikipedia article on Edmund Rice¹ that he presented last year. Several members questioned the process by which others may edit previously posted articles. Mike elaborated on the group of people who regularly vet such material and he has great confidence in the intelligence and skill by which these people add to the credibility of posted information and sometimes expand upon it from their own knowledge. The Edmund Rice article has been similarly vetted by others.

Rices in Nova Scotia: Tim Sanford described the Rice family in Nova Scotia from 1760 when 3 Rice families emigrated from New England. Today these families are represented throughout the province in all walks of life. A copy of Tim's report is filed with these minutes.

Annual Meeting of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association. At 12:45, after a delicious buffet lunch of chowder, soup and sandwiches, President John Chandler called the meeting to order. He introduced our speaker, Dr. John M. Lund, adjunct professor of history, Keene State College, Keene, NH. He is a specialist in colonial history and in the legal structures of the time. He spoke on "Legal Aspects of Massachusetts History as Related to the British Empire".

British legal systems were formal and highly structured; by contrast, colonial systems were much more informal and geared to more swift action. Deacon Edmund Rice was an example of this informality as he was selectman, a delegate to the Mass. Legislature, and a judge of small causes. New England was much more casual and frequently without use of lawyers. Justice was practiced close to home. Primogeniture was the practice for estate distribution in England while equal distribution was the rule in the colonies. Slavery was present throughout the colonies.

Because dichotomy between the British and the colonial legal styles had become so prevalent, proceedings were begun in the 1680's by those loyal to the British systems of justice to eliminate the Mass. Bay Charter and to restore structure and more authority to appointed representatives of the King. In 1684 the Mass. Bay Colony lost its charter and the "Dominion of New England" was decreed to centralize authority and legal practices. The "Dominion" was contested at every turn and was finally overthrown in 1689. By the 1690's, most legal practices had returned to the informal system and the times were full of political and social turmoil. This was resisted by Britain and shortly the hated Navigation Acts were passed.

Business Meeting. After a buffet lunch, the business meeting was convened at 2:15 PM and reading of the minutes of the annual meeting of September 19, 2009 was waived by vote. It was Moved and Voted: that the Minutes of September 19, 2009 are approved.

Treasurer's Report: Treasurer and Director Michael Rice presented the financial results for the year ended August 31. Income was \$9,689.04. Expenses totaled \$7,220.38, thus leaving a positive figure of \$2,468.66. Total bank and CD assets were \$72,892.07, versus \$70,423.41 last year. It was Moved and Voted: To receive the report for audit.

Membership: In the absence of Susan Berger, President Chandler estimated membership at same as last year after approximately 20-30 members dropped for non-payment of dues and the same number received as new members. During the year, the following members or former members died: Alice Branson, Sherwin Drury, Howard Eggleston, Marjorie Gibson, Lawrence LaChance, Alan D. Rice, Robert H. Rice

& wife Helen, Catherine Royce, Amy Scannell, Robin Smith, and Russ Vickery. A moment of silence was observed in memory of these individuals.

Door Prizes: Prizes were awarded for three members present: Oldest member present: Ruth Brown; Youngest: Brian Rice; and the members who traveled the farthest to attend: Robbie Rice Griese from Colorado.

Book Custodian: Mike Rice reported a number of books and CDs sold during the year with 4 copies provided gratis to the Mayflower Society Library at their request. Copy of report filed herewith.

Nominations: After a brief discussion, it was recommended by the nominating committee that present Officers and Board members be continued in office as directors and to ask for additional recommendations from the floor. It was Moved and Seconded: That Brian Rice is added to the recommended list for election as director. It was then Voted: To accept this nomination and that further nominations be closed. It was then Moved and Voted: That the nominations previously made including the nomination of Brian Rice as director be approved. List of elected officers and directors follows:

Officers and Directors:

President, John F. Chandler

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Treasurer/Book Custodian, Michael A. Rice

Historian, George W. King

Recording Secretary, Dana M. Hastings

Membership/Newsletter, Susan R. Berger

DNA Project, Robert V. Rice

Kathleen H. Bond

William H. Drury

Beth McAleer

Col. Gary H. Rice, Ret.

Timothy L. Sanford

Wendolin E. Wesen

Pamela Speciale

Brian C. Rice

Database: George King said that there are now 148,523 person records in the database (vs. 100,000 in 2002) with data from 14 additional cousins edited and merged during the year. The 9-generation database CD was updated. John Chandler has 18,000 additional records which will be merged in due course. All data is regularly backed up on disks for security purposes. Again, volunteer help is needed in this area.

Genetics/DNA: Bob Rice reported 265 y-DNA participants in the database, all FT-DNA originated; from all sources we have 300 participants, identifying 18 different Rice families and 83 unmatched names, representing additional families not currently identified. The mtDNA study shows 2 matched groups, one of 4 individuals and one of 6 plus 6 others not yet matched. The report was gratefully received.

2011 Reunion: President Chandler told the meeting that various sites were under consideration but that the likely location would again be the Sudbury/Wayland locale. Members suggested topics for presentation such as: history of the Rice Association, some prominent Association families from the past, the use of Facebook for ERA pictures and information, and emailing the Newsletter vs. postal mailing. George Rice then asked for volunteers to assist in next year's Reunion and for comments on locations.

Old Business: None.

New Business: Brian Rice suggested that a compilation or summary of new ideas and previous presentations to the Association might be an interesting opening segment to the 2011 meeting. Feedback from members would be urged.

At 3:15 PM it was Moved and Voted: To adjourn.

Respectfully Submitted:

Dana M. Hastings, Recording Secretary



Dana Hastings, ERA President John Chandler and Michael Rice at Annual Meeting



Marker at Rice Boys capture site in Marlborough, MA

AWARD WINNERS:



Ruth Brown: oldest member at reunion



Brian Rice: webmaster, youngest member at reunion, new to the Board of Directors



Robbie Rice Gries: traveled longest distance to reunion



George King and George Rice



William Drury and Anne King



Attendees at 2010 reunion

How we (ERA) use Genetics for Rice Genealogy

NOTE *(The ERA 2010 Reunion business meeting had a lively discussion about the ERA DNA Projects. This is a contribution to the discussion for ERA members who don't use computers or don't access our web site, edmund-rice.org. Much more information is on our website.)*

YDNA STUDIES

We primarily use Y DNA to follow the passage of the Rice surname from father to son down through the generations. Our fathers contribute the Y chromosome only to their sons and since it is the male surname that most civilizations use for family identity we thus confirm our heritage. This can be done because changes (mutations) in DNA are infrequent although they do occur. If mutations didn't happen over the years all males would have the same DNA sequence as Adam!

We are interested in the YDNA passed down in genealogical time that means a few hundred years. In our western civilization it is generally not possible to obtain authentic paper documentation of generations before say-1200 AD. However YDNA sequences sometimes go essentially unchanged much farther back than that so we get YDNA matches from people with different surnames. When that happens some of us become confused and perhaps think DNA tracing is not particularly accurate but that is not true.

The first published study using YDNA for tracing surnames is usually attributed to the study of the surname Sykes. That work appeared in 2000 in the American Journal of Human Genetics but only FOUR so-called markers were used. (A marker is a *distinctive subunit of DNA*). We now routinely start with twelve markers and can then order twenty five, thirty seven or even sixty seven markers if necessary. The odd numbers have no significance and are just those that the DNA laboratory has developed for convenience. We use Family Tree DNA Company whose website, www.ftdna.com, is filled with lots of background material about DNA and its use in genealogy. When more markers are used the number of other surnames usually drops off to nothing leaving just our surname Rice for matches.

Thus we can confirm our connection back to Edmund Rice or another Rice patriarch for by using YDNA we now have some eighteen totally genetically different Rice families. Those are groups of male Rice YDNAs that match each other; only a very few have completed conventional genealogy. In addition there are currently over sixty unmatched male Rices, who's YDNA has been analyzed. From time to time some of these find matches and are added to our list of Rice groups. The Edmund Rice Association web site, www.edmund-rice.org, has all of this information in great detail and is updated several times per year. Please read it regularly.

One group, that of Robert Royce, who landed in Connecticut about 1640, had been confused with our Edmund Rice group for several hundred years, The Royce YDNA is so different from that of Edmund Rice that 12 markers are more than sufficient to delineate them. It is interesting that most Royces who have had their YDNA analyzed currently have RICE for a surname. This may be a reflection of the much larger Edmund Rice family of sons who thus flooded New England with the Rice surname so that town clerks or ministers assumed the spelling of Rice when they heard the name of the newborn Royce child.

Other New England Rices who have been delineated include that of the founder of Rice University, the Rices of Rhode Island, and a Rice family from Dedham, Massachusetts dating from 1649. These are all separate from each other and from Edmund Rice.

Although YDNA requires a living male Rice to contribute his DNA many Rice women actually instigate their Rice family study by finding a male Rice relative.

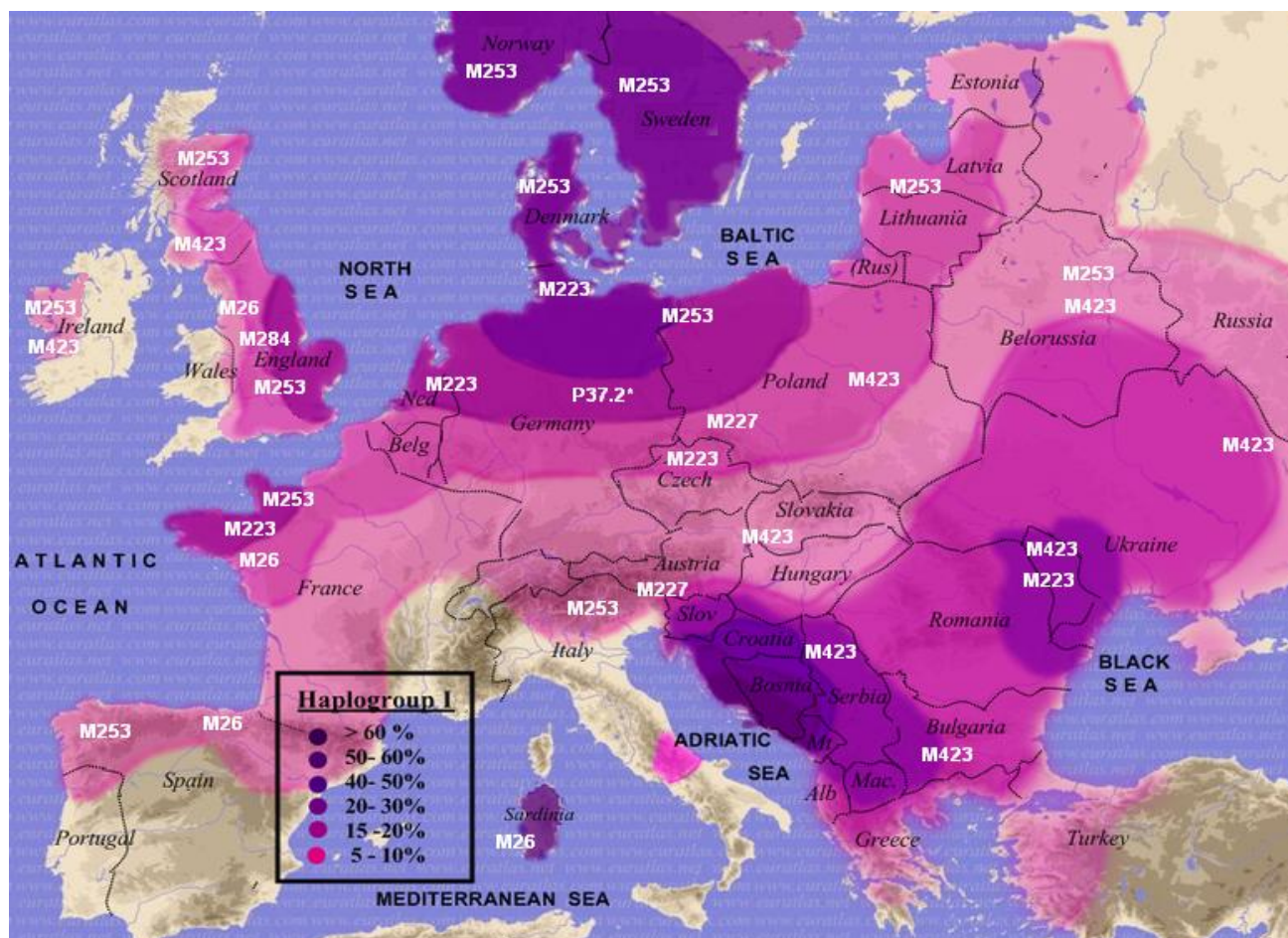
Y Haplotypes

A set of markers from one male that has persisted over many years is called a haplotype and identifies male descendants of that male. We have posted the haplotype of Edmund Rice at the beginning of the table of his descendants and show *mutations* with a different color. These occur infrequently and could be helpful delineating different Rice branches. When the founder is known for other Rice groups their haplotype is listed in the same way for each Rice group and deviations are also indicated by color changes. Only a few descendants, if any, have more than two or three (for 67 markers) mutations

Y Haplogroups

These are designated according to mutations that are passed down over thousands of years and are not useful for genealogy. But in conjunction with other population studies can tell us something about the general location of our ancient ancestors. For example all of Edmund Rice's male descendants have his Y Haplogroup I1 (Letter I and numeral 1). A population genetic survey across the British Isles recently (2004) found that Y Haplogroup I was essentially absent from Wales and most of Ireland but found in large amounts in East Anglia. East Anglia includes Suffolk, England where Edmund first lived after marrying Thomasine Frost. Her family had lived there from at least 1400. This is interesting since folklore had it that Rice was a Welsh surname. We still don't know where Edmund's family came from for sure but evidence with this study points to somewhere in East Anglia.

The following map of the distribution of I Y Haplogroups in Europe. The designations of the various subclades such as M253 found in certain regions are also depicted. These refer to specific mutations within the I Haplogroup. Note that essentially no I is found in Wales or Eastern Ireland, Note also that M253 is found in Scandinavia, northern Germany and in East Anglia. This distribution may reflect numerous Viking Raids known to occur particularly in East Anglia.



Adapted from S. Rootsi et al. (2004), [Phylogeography of Y-Chromosome Haplogroup I Reveals Distinct Domains of Prehistoric Gene Flow in Europe](#), American Journal of Human Genetics **75** 128–137. Transferred from [en.wikipedia](#); transferred to Commons by [User:Dmitri Lytov](#) using [CommonsHelper](#). Released into the public domain (by the author).

Mitochondrial DNA (mtDNA) Studies

We have more recently started an mtDNA project called Colonial Sudbury. Again this is fully described on our web site, www.edmund-rice.org, so please read it there. It is based on the testing of umbilical genealogy or matriarchal genealogy of our mother's, mother's, mother's, ... pedigree back to Colonial Sudbury before 1700. Two ERA members found that they could trace their umbilical pedigree back to Martha-----Bent, wife of John Bent who was a 1638 settler of Sudbury. They found that their chemical analysis of mtDNA matched at HVR1 exactly. When their HVR2 results were reported they also matched and a quirk in the analysis was explainable. Within the past year both obtained their complete full sequence of their mitochondrial DNA and again it was an exact match. In addition two other matches have been discovered from the Sorenson Database that also have conventional genealogy back to Martha-----.

One other set of eight matches was also found in the Sorenson database but this time going back to Mary Collins, Sudbury 1672. We have six other individual submitters waiting for matches. Again these are all fully described in our ERA web site.

An e-mail to rvtbarre@verizon.net, phone call to me at 508-548-4960, or letter to 12A Woodview Dr., Falmouth, MA 02540 is welcome.

Robert V. Rice

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 through September 2010. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

QUERIES:

- 1) I am a Rice descendant from the Rice's that left for Nova Scotia. I am interested in attending the reunion in Sept. and would like to know what I have to do in order to attend.

Fern Rice Holloway

Fern,

Thanks for the note. The simplest way to proceed is to join the Association. That way, you will receive the newsletter, and the summer issue will include all the necessary details about the upcoming reunion in addition to the registration form you'll need to fill out. You can join on-line at our web site using PayPal, or you can send a check (for \$15 US) by mail to our membership chair:

Susan Berger
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Valdosta, GA 31605-6422

I look forward to meeting you at the reunion.

John Chandler,
President, Edmund Rice (1638) Association

- 2) I recently came into the possession of an old family bible (printed c.1872) that was originally owned by my great-great grandparents. It was recently found after spending at least the past 45 years in a basement in Denver, Colorado. This is not from my Rice family line, but from another branch of my family tree. The bible measures 10" wide, by 12.5 " tall, by 4" thick and weighs 9.5 pounds.

The inside pages are in pretty good condition, though the hand-written notes are fading. The leather covers have become detached from the rest of the book.

I'm hoping that some member of ERA can offer me some advice as to the proper care of it to minimize its further degradation.

Scott Huntsman

Scott,

The proper conditions for preservation are cool and dry (but not too dry). Basements and attics are not great places for books, since basements tend to be humid, and attics tend to swing between too hot and too cold. I gather that the handwritten notes were written in ink, since pencil doesn't generally fade. Cool and dry will help to slow down the fading, but probably won't stop it altogether. You might want to photograph the written-on pages now, just in case.

John Chandler
President, Edmund Rice (1638) Association

- 3) I have been doing some research online regarding one branch of my ancestors, and in doing so came across your website. I have some questions regarding this branch that perhaps you can answer up for me.

These are as follows:

- a) The book "Genealogical History of the Rice Family, Descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice" states on page 125 that Martha Rice, daughter of Comfort Rice, married James Hart and died in Worcester at the age of 68. However, the vital records of Auburn state that James Hart married Patty Rice, not Martha, and the Birth, Marriage and Death records for Worcester, as well as the vital records for Auburn, list Patty Hart, widow of James and daughter of Comfort Rice as dying at the age of 68. Are Patty Rice and Martha Rice one and the same?
- b) The father of James Hart, husband of Patty Rice, is also named James Hart. He is listed in the vital records of Oxford as marrying Lydia Bellows on March 16, 1675. After she died in 1807 (per Auburn vital records), he married again to Mary Marsh in Auburn in 1809. The birth records for Worcester list James Hart as the father of Thomas, Sarah, Mary and James. For all but Thomas, the mother is listed as Mary, while Thomas' mother is given as Lydia. Are these records incorrect as shown and Lydia is in fact the mother of all four, or is there another explanation for the apparent discrepancy in these listings?
- c) Do you have any information as to the parentage of Lydia Bellows?

Mike Woodworth

Mike,

- a) Absolutely! Patty was the standard nickname for Martha in those days.
- b) Actually, that's 1765, and it's only the intention to marry, but it was rather uncommon for intentions not to be carried through. After she died in 1807 (per Auburn vital records), he married again to Mary Marsh in Auburn in 1809. The birth records for Worcester list James Hart as the father of Thomas, Sarah, Mary and James. For all but Thomas, the mother is listed as Mary, while Thomas' mother is given as Lydia. Are these records incorrect as shown and Lydia is in fact the mother of all four, or is there another explanation for the apparent discrepancy in these listings?

Actually, those Harts are not in the birth records of the town. They are found in the baptism records of the 1st Church of Worcester. The church records tend to be more reliable than town records, and so I think you should depend upon them being correct. The simplest explanation would be that Lydia (Bellows) Hart died soon after the birth of her child, whereupon James married again. The early Worcester death records were so spotty that they weren't deemed worth the effort of publishing -- instead, the cemetery inscriptions were collected to fill that need. Indeed, the Worcester Society of Antiquities published in its "Collections" series a list of deaths found in the town records and not echoed on gravestones, but the list is pretty short. We can't assume that the lack of a surviving gravestone means she didn't die then. Note that the Lydia who died in 1808 had no age recorded, and so there would be no way of figuring out whether she could be Lydia Bellows or not, even if we knew when Lydia Bellows was born.

- c) I'm afraid not.

Good luck in your search.
John Chandler
President, Edmund Rice (1638) Association

- 4) I believe that I'm a descendent of Timothy or Silas Rice. My father, Paul Rudolph Ryce, was from the Kahnawake Reserve originally. His father changed his name from Rice to Ryce. I'm looking for more family history as we have none to share with my children and they are as curious about my side of the family as am I. My father was sent to Residential School in Northern Ontario at a very young age along with his siblings and never went back to the reserve. Please can you provide additional information?

Regards,
Carolyn Ryce Laude

Carolyn,

I am fairly certain that you are a descendant of Silas and our cousin. I've found a baptism of Paul Rudolph Rice in the Kahnawake Records (1933). The records are all on Ancestry.com. I need a little more information such as dates to see if this is the correct Paul Rudolph Rice (The middle name is unusual).

Beth McAleer
Director, Edmund Rice (1638) Association

Beth,

I'll contact the lawyer settling my dad's estate to get the information re: my dad's birth date. Please understand that my dad originates from the Kahnawake Reserve in Quebec. He was sent to a Residential School in Northern Ontario at a very young age. Therefore my knowledge of siblings is quite limited as we did not have too many family connections since my dad did not return to the Reserve.

The aunts and uncles that I remember are as follows: Edna, William, Elizabeth, Holly, Peter, Paul, Leanore, Marie or Mary, etc. It is quite limited since I only met some of them once in my life but at a very young age. My dad was born in 1933 thereabouts but I will need Indian and Northern Affairs Canada to confirm the exact date as it was conflicting with the baptismal certificate.

Please note that I've checked through items and materials that were sent to me concerning the estate and have not found a birth certificate or other information to give any additional insight.

Thanks for helping me,
Carolyn Ryce Laude

Carolyn,

I found a baptism of Paul Rudolph Rice in the Kahnawake Records (1933) and found your father's name in the parish registers, which are now online, and I connected him to Silas from my personal database. I have about 400 Mohawks in my personal database from the research I did a few years ago on Michael Rice of Kahnawake and Theresa (Cook) Jemison of St. Regis, both descendants of Silas.

Beth McAleer
Director, Edmund Rice (1638) Association

- 5) I am reviewing a line which goes through Rachel Rice (1664-1774) as my 7th great grandmother, wife of Arthur Humphrey (1663-1752). My research shows Rachel's father as John (1624-1688) son of Edmund. However, I can find no son of Edmund named John and I find no other references to John. I see on your website you have Rachel and Arthur but I do not see Rachel's parents. Can you help me resolve this?

Thanks,
PZ Horton

PZ,

Rachel is not a descendant of Edmund Rice. Her father was indeed John Rice of Dedham, but three male-line descendants of John's presumed son Samuel have been tested and found to have a Y chromosome distinct from that of Edmund Rice. You can see a discussion on our web site edmund-rice.org/haplotype.htm#group17

John Chandler
President, Edmund Rice (1638) Association

- 6) My husband and I are trying to trace his genealogy and have hit a brick wall. We believe he may be a descendant of Edmund Rice and are hoping you can help us make the connection. Here is what we can tell you:

My husband's great grandfather was Harry Hand Rice (b. 22 June 1865 in Cape May, NJ and died 9 May 1922. Harry was a well-known contractor and builder in Ocean City, NJ. Harry's father was William Rice, Jr. born 24 April 1831 in Clermont, Cape May County, NJ and died 21 January 1903.

William Rice Jr.'s father was, of course, William Rice Sr. born in Goshen, Cape May County, Nj circa 1797 and died 8 March 1872 at the age of 75. He was an oyster planter.

William Rice Sr.'s father was Arthur Rice. This is where we are stuck. He was a cooper by trade and died in the vicinity of Goshen. Is it possible for you to make the connection to Edmund Rice? We do not know anything else about Arthur. (his parents, where born, spouse, other children). We anxiously await hearing from you. Thank you.

Sincerely,
Gail and Paul W. Rice III

Hi Gail,

From the information that you provided it is unlikely that your husband, Paul, is a descendant of Edmund Rice. Almost none of Edmund's descendants lived south of New York in the 18th century.

In recent years our association has been a leader in using YDNA to help folks like your husband to connect with other Rices who share common ancestors. YDNA has helped us to establish a number of these Rice family groups, many of them are referred to as Southern Rices.

Two suggestions:

... go to our association web pages at www.edmund-rice.org and follow the link for our DNA project. If your husband has a direct biological male Rice line he is a good candidate for a YDNA test. Paul will want to order 25 or 37 markers from FTDNA.com to help identify him with an existing Rice group or form the basis for a new group. ... If Paul is indeed an Edmund Rice descendant, the reconstructed YDNA for Edmund is well established and Paul will have the Edmund Rice haplotype.

... send an e-mail to Martha Rice at: ricesouthern@comcast.net and ask Martha to help you learn more about the southern Rices project.

George W. King, Historian
Edmund Rice (1638) Association

Gail,

If you do decide to have the YDNA test it would be best to do it via our DNA project for we have a group price that saves money. Please email me at rvrbarre@verizon.net for particulars.

Bob Rice,
FTDNA Rice DNA project administrator

7) I'm Don Hanson in Chatfield MN. I was at the reunion in 2001, but am not sure if I submitted my descent from Edmund Rice. This is what I have.

1. Edmund Rice 1594-1663
 - + Thomasine Frost 1600-1654
 2. Edward Rice 1622-1712
 - + Agnes Bent 1630-1713
 3. Edmund Rice 1653-
 - + Joyce Russell 1660-
 4. Jason Rice 1692-1729/30
 - + Abigail Clark 1703-
 5. Edmund Rice 1725-1796
 - + Margaret Smith
 6. Edmund Rice 1755-1841
 - + Abigail Cutting 1760-1813
 7. Isbella Rice 1789-1838
 - + Torrey Hancock 1778- 1852
 8. John Torrey Hancock 1820-1900
 - + Harriet Caroline Johnson 1831-1912
 9. Charles Edward Hancock 1863-1949
 - + Cora Cordelia Best 1866-1960
 10. Allene Amanda Hancock 1899-1983
 - + John Hanson 1895-1994
 11. Vera Audrey Hanson
 - + John Denten Hanson
 12. Donald Martin Hanson
-
2. ThomasRice 1625/26-1681
 - + Mary King 1629/30-1714
 3. Gershom Rice 1667-1768
 - + Elizabeth Balcom 1672-1752
 4. Gershom Rice 1696-1781
 - + Hester Haynes -1770
 5. Keziah Rice 1734-1802
 - + Absalom Cutting 1731-1767
 6. Abigail Cutting 1760-1813
 - + Edmund Rice 1755- 1841
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3. Elisha Rice 1679- 1761
 - + Elizabeth Wheeler 1685/86-
 4. Eliakim Rice 1708/09-

- + Mehitabel Livermore 1711/12-
- 5. Elizabeth Rice 1744-1820
 - + Ebenezer Johnson 1741-1823
- 6. Josiah Johnson 1782-1842
 - + Lorena Stone 1797-1869
- 7. Harriet Caroline Johnson 1831-1912
 - + John Torrey Hancock 1820-1900

- 2. Benjamin Rice 1640-1713
 - + Mary Browne 1643-1689/90
- 3. Ebenezer Rice 1670-1724
 - + Bethia Williams 1676-1721
- 4. Grace Rice 1711/12-1789
 - + Charles Johnson 1693-1777
- 5. Ebenezer Johnson 1741-1823
 - + Elizabeth Rice 1744- 1820

Hi Don,

We have the births of your John Torrey Hancock and Harriet Caroline Johnson cited to the vital records of Cambridge and Wayland, MA respectively. We have nothing about their marriage or offspring. I do find this couple in the 1870 and 1880 US census at Orion, Olmstead County, MN. son Charles is in the household. Do you have a source cite for John and Harriet's marriage? Are you keeping your family records in a genealogy computer file? Which Computer program? We would welcome a copy of your file so that we can take your family forward in time from 1850.

George W. King, Historian
Edmund Rice (1638) Association

Hi George,

They were married on Nov 4, 1851 in Cambridge MA. It is listed in the vital records here. Their first son, Alfred Johnson Hancock, was born Sept 5, 1852. They moved to MN in 1856. I have my records in Family Tree Maker version 10. If I can figure out how to do it I will send it to you. Would you prefer it in an e-mail or on a disc?

Don

Don,

Try attaching a copy of your FTM 10 back up file to an e-mail. If you do not have a large number of entries in the FTM scrap book, the file should go OK via e-mail. My The Master Genealogist will read an FTM file directly without going through a GEDCOM export/import. When I receive your file I will make a new file in TMG of just John Torrey Hancock, his descendants, spouses, and parents of spouses. The points of merge with our master database will be John and his wife Harriet. With the new file I will try to find and cite the families in the 1860 - 1920 US Census - I have already found the family in the 1870 and 1880 US census. I will also edit your work to conform with the editing conventions of our association. When I have completed my edit I will return to you a journal report of the descendants of John and Harriet Hancock so that you can make corrections. When you and I agree on the final edit I will include your file in the next update to our master database in August 2010.

George W. King, Historian
Edmund Rice (1638) Association

- 8) I happily discovered your website as I was doing research on my Rice ancestry. You do not include most of my Rice branch that settled in Hubbardston, MA. My great-grandmother, Hannah Rice (1833-1868) married Sidney Sargent who died during the Civil War in 1862. Hannah's father was Ralph Rice (1793-1847) and his father was Abel Rice (1760-1837), who you do include. I also have a great-great grandmother by the name of Betsey or Betsy Rice (1793-1848), married to Daniel Sargent (1788-1871) who lived in Petersham. Her father is William Rice (1762-1836) and grandfather is David Rice (1717-). Both of these lines descended from Deacon Edmund Rice.

I live in California so do not have direct access to primary sources at this time. Other family members have been to Hubbardston, and I found verification of the information online under History of Hubbardston. I hope this email is helpful.

Lindy Perez (Rice-Sargent-Alexander descendant)

Lindy,

The on-line database extends only to the sixth generation (where Deacon Edmund Rice is counted as the first). Since Hannah above was in the eighth generation, and Sydney was in the seventh, it is not surprising that you don't see them at our web site. We do have both of them in our files, as well as three children, but we don't have any of their grandchildren. I'm guessing that their daughter Harriet must have married an Alexander and been your grandmother. If you care to share your information on the descendants of Sydney and Hannah (Rice) Sargent, we would be pleased to include them in our database (though not in the on-line portion of it).

John Chandler
President, Edmund Rice (1638) Association

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

October 24, 2010

Cousins,

The Officers and Directors, at the annual meeting discussed the delivery of quarterly newsletters via email for those members that prefer receiving them by email. Since there are a lot of our members who don't have email or would rather continue getting a hard copy paper newsletter, we won't give up the hard copy printing and mailing completely.

At this time we are only conducting a survey so members can indicate their preference by writing in the preferred medium.

Beginning with the 2011 Winter Newsletter, in addition to the normal mailing, I will send out an email copy of the newsletter to members that have indicated email is their preferred medium. The membership form now contains a new field:

Preferred Newsletter Delivery Method: Paper via US Mail____ Email____

It's also time to verify the accuracy of data in the ERA database and membership files. To accomplish this, each annual and lifetime member must fill out a new membership form at this time.

The form will also be available on our website www.edmund-rice.org. You'll be able to download and complete the form using Word.

Prior to mailing: *Annual members, if you have already paid your 2010-2011 dues write "Paid 2011" and Lifetime members write "Life" on the Total line.*

We now have 1266 present and former members in the membership files and as you can imagine we have many duplicate names and birthdays.

Please provide all the requested information. It is, in some instances, necessary to use all the requested data (name and birthday) to identify a member.

Thank-You, in advance, for your time and cooperation in this effort

Susan Berger



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Dear Cousin,

October 24, 2010

Annual dues are payable by September 1st \$ _____
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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 payable to The Edmund Rice (1638) Assn., Inc., send with form to:

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