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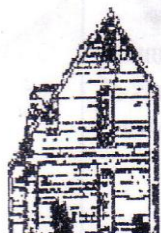
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The Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc. 24 Buckman Dr. Chelmsford, MA 01824 was established in 1851 and incorporated in 1934 to encourage antiquarian, genealogical, and historical research concerning the ancestors and descendants of Edmund Rice who 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](mailto:editor@edmund-rice.org)

## **President's Column**

Greetings, cousins!

I would like to expound on George King's message about the amazing updates to the FamilySearch.org web site, printed in the winter newsletter and repeated in this one, in case anybody missed it the first time. There are two components to the site update: first is the uploading of many collections of digitized images, and second is the indexing of the information on those images. These two aspects are running along roughly in parallel, but my observation is that one or the other can be "ahead" at any given time. For example, in January and February, as I was searching for information to validate and expand upon some of the families in our ERA database, I found literally hundreds of items (mainly births, marriages, and deaths in Massachusetts in the late 1800's) that had been indexed, but were not linked to on-line images. In most cases, the index items referred to LDS library film numbers corresponding to the Massachusetts State Archives collection of vital records from 1841 to 1915, and so I carefully noted these references along with the information, planning to visit the Archives with a long, organized list of things to look up and verify.

To my surprise and delight, I found in March that virtually the entire collection had appeared on line, and the index items were rapidly being linked to the images. That meant I could skip the hour-long drives to the Archives and do my "microfilm" viewing at home. Indeed, yes, the on-line images are digitized copies of the microfilm that was produced in cooperation between the Massachusetts Archives and the Genealogical Society of Utah and made available both at the Archives and at LDS centers throughout the world. But, of course, all these centers are open only at certain hours, while the Internet is (almost) always up.

Getting back to my story, I now find that the uploading project seems to be ahead of the indexing for the Massachusetts vital records, since there still seems to be unindexed events that I can find and verify by browsing the on-line collection. Meanwhile, other state collections are coming on line as well. The index has led me to images from Arizona, Illinois, New Hampshire, Rhode Island, Texas, and Utah (not all of them inside the FamilySearch.org web site, but all of them accessible from the index).

Let me close by reminding you all to mark your calendars for the Annual Meeting this fall, which will be held on September 16 and 17 at the Hampton Inn in Natick. I hope to see you there!

- John Chandler

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## Edmund Rice (1638) Association Newsletter

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

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### Membership

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

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

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

Annual dues, payable *September 1*, are:

Initial dues.....\$ 15.00

Renewals:

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

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

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(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

The National Archives and Ancestry.com published newly digitized Civil War records online for the first time on April 6, 2011, allowing users to trace family links to the war between the North and South.

I had everyone in my prayers, as I watched it snow and snow and snow some more and then saw homes and buildings collapse under the weight in the Midwest and New England, then watched the flooding in the Midwest, and the rain and mudslides destroy homes in California.

The 2011 Fall Reunion will be held on September 16<sup>th</sup> and 17<sup>th</sup> at the Hampton Inn Boston-Natick in Natick, MA. Guest room rates will be \$ 99.00 per room.

Natick is located 17 miles west of Boston, south of Wayland and MA Route 9 at the intersection of MA Routes 27 and 135.

I'll have more information about registering, where to send your registration forms and checks, our agenda and menus for the Friday Night dinner and Saturday annual meeting in the Summer Newsletter.

Hope to see you at the reunion!

I'd also like to thank everyone for the many notes and well wishes I received while I was sick this spring.

*Susan Berger*

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## Memorial Gifts

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

## 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 for a CD-ROM containing both documents. Please order from the Treasurer by sending a request for the CD-ROM with a check or money order for \$15 dollars to:

Michael A. Rice  
201 Old Post Rd  
Wakefield, RI 02879-3908

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!

### **IMPORTANT NOTES:**

Members who use Windows 7 and Internet Explorer will find that the 9-generation CD of Edmund Rice's Descendants, does not work with the Windows 7 & Internet Explorer combination. The CD does work with Windows 7 and the Firefox browser that is available free for download at: [www.mozilla.com](http://www.mozilla.com). CDs purchased after the September 2011 reunion have been updated to work with Windows 7 and Internet Explorer.

### **FAMILY SEARCH.ORG**

FamilySearch.org has changed. Recently the LDS church began an ambitious effort to transcribe a host of important records into computer-searchable format. The church has redesigned their host web page to reflect that effort. You can see their ambitious task by scrolling down to: USA, Canada, and Mexico and clicking on that link.

We encourage you to try the [Advanced Search] function for their Historical Records. Try a few searches for ancestors for whom you have credible information.

This is a work in progress. If you note the numbers for the US census 1850 - 1930 it is apparent that there is more progress with the 1860 census, 27 million, than with the 1930 census, 8.5 million. Also we learn that the 1900 US census transcription is complete.

George W. King, Historian  
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# WEBMASTER

Please join me in saying thank you to our newest director, Brian C. Rice, for stepping up and taking on the important task of being our Webmaster. Have questions? Contact our webmaster at: [web@edmund-rice.org](mailto:web@edmund-rice.org)

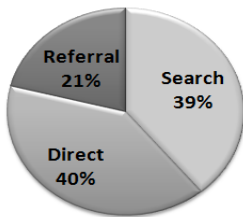
***Thank You Brian!!***

## Edmund Rice Online

[www.edmund-rice.org](http://www.edmund-rice.org)

For many years, the Edmund Rice (1638) Association has had an online presence with our website. We always knew that our site was an important tool for people who were researching Edmund Rice, his descendants and other genealogical endeavors. But we didn't know which parts of the site were being used, how they were being used and where we should put resources in enhancing the site.

### Site Traffic Sources



At last year's family reunion, we decided to start tracking usage to better understand how we should deploy our resources and make the site even more useful to our members and other interested in Edmund Rice, and his descendants.

In the last six months, we've had visitors from 6 continents, 51 countries and over 1200 different cities. 40% of our traffic comes from search engines like Google and Bing and 40% of the visitors come directly to the site. The rest of our users come from referring sites that link to our site like Wikipedia, Ancestry.com and other sites.

### Top Referring Sites

1. Wikipedia
2. Ancestry.com
3. George-King.com
4. Twitter

*George King is also the ERA Historian*

Outside of the home page of the site, it is very clear that most users are navigating to the ERA Online Database to use the 6 generation database that we have available for free. After this, the next most popular area of the site is the DNA project related pages and subsequent results. Other areas that show activity include the past newsletter catalog and reunion section of the site.

We've been posting the newsletters on the site now for over 10 years, after we mail it out to you. Starting with our last newsletter, as you've read on these pages, we're trying something new for members who want to receive it electronically. For those that have indicated they want the electronic version, we are emailing a notification that the latest newsletter has been posted and available for review. We have a membership form available online, in the Join ERA, section of our website that can be filled out to update your newsletter preference, in the membership file.

### Site Re-Design

We are working on updating the look and feel of the site and looking for feedback. If you have any thoughts on the current site or ideas for a new site, send a note to Brian Rice at [web@edmund-rice.org](mailto:web@edmund-rice.org). Our goal is to keep the ease of getting to the ERA Online Database and DNA Project, but add relevant new sections like "Notable Descendants" or an indexed list of past newsletter articles by association members.

### Edmund-Rice.Org Website

- More than 4200 visitors
- Over 16,000 page views
- Average 21 unique visitors a day
- Visitors from 51 countries and 1200 cities
- Most non-US city visits are from Perth, Australia
- Busiest day on the site: The day the winter newsletter was released in March 2011

*6 months of stats from 10/2010-4/2011*

### Top 10 Visiting Countries

1. United States
2. Canada
3. Australia
4. United Kingdom
5. Ireland
6. New Zealand
7. India
8. South Africa
9. Norway
10. China

**LOST MEMBERS** - Mail has been returned as “undeliverable” for the following members. Do you know them and their address? Please contact me if you do!

Nancy Seibert                      Patricia MacFarland                      Cosas Bonitas

## **NEW MEMBERS**

Russell Belcher of Merrimack, NH	Doris Denny of Arlington, VA
Jason Adams of S Burlington, VT	Timothy Rice of Richmond, VA
Brenda Drury of Harrisonville, MO	Betty Fredericks Pacheco of Chelmsford, MA
Alison Geoller APO, AE	Karen Kluska of Canning, NS Canada
Jeriann Medenblik of Savanna, IL	Charles B Rice of Santa Barbara, CA
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Mary Anne Sullivan, Manchester, NH	Doris Denny of Arlington, VA
Ted K Rice of Oakdale, MN	

## **NEW LIFE MEMBERS**

Joan Rice Franklin of New York, NY

## **MEMBERS MAKING ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS**

Barbara Lucas	Charles Thurlow IV	Larry L Rice	Mary L Swanson
Elizabeth Hicks	Helen K Taylor	Beth McAleer	Grace V Rice
Stephen G Rice	Penelope Nolte	Alice E McCoy	Rosemary Rice Bailey

## **IN MEMORY**

Nels E. Johnson, his son-in-law, notified me that Donald P Peirce of Sudbury, MA passed away on March 20, 2011. Donald will be missed.

## **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

## **APRIL**

William F Rice of Forestville, WI; Jennifer Farmer of Parkville, MO; Patricia Unruh of Sedgewick, KS; Virginia Sloan of Whitney, TX; Joyce Haycock of Falmouth, MA; Warren Rice of Bellingham, WA; Kenneth Casanova of Jamaica Plain, MA; George A Rice of Malverne, NY; William Lawrence of Moraga, CA; Frederick Rice of Cape Elizabeth, ME; Barbara Fair of Vero Beach, FL; Robert T Rice of Castro Valley, CA; Mary Soliday of Wooster, OH; Dennis Rice of Richardson, TX; Barbara Lucas of East Sandwich, MA; Marie Negrelli of Essex, CT; Barbara Pagoda of Sand Lake, NY; Mary Harris of San Diego, CA; Charlotte Spinney of Westboro, MA; Alice Branson of S Portland, ME; Marian Rice of Williamstown, VT; George L Rice Sr of Cotuit, MA; Jim Griffin of Gresham, OR; Audrey Flanagan of Naples, FL; Anne DiBuono of Hubbardston, MA; Grace V Rice of Brooklyn Center, MN; Roger Hughes of Normal, IL; Sandra McDonald of Hampton, VA; Pliny Norcross of Southborough, MA; Marian Wolfe of Coldwater, MI; Penelope Smith of Sandersonville, GA



## **MAY**

Beth McAleer of Brookline, MA; Jill Cochrane of Marlborough, MA; Nora Belfay of North Grafton, MA; Susanne Loetterle of Berne, NY; Dr. Andrea Engel of Greenwich, CT; Roger Busch of Greenwich, CT; Jeriann Medenblik of Savanna, IL; Nadeane Pemberton of Boise, ID; Marian Wheeler of Concord, MA; Albert Watts of Camarillo, CA; Arthur Young Jr of Delmar, NY; Celia Lewis of Vancouver, BC CANADA; Carolyn Terry of West Linn, OR; Jane Kirk of Nelson, NH; Virginia Ibaugh of Moneta, VA; Alice Bernet of Keene, NH; Maj Carroll Rice Jr of Orangevale, CA; Adele Spidahl of Dent, MN; Helen Johnson of Jackson, TN; Robert H Rice Jr of Milwaukie, OR; Charles Bourland Jr of Savannah, GA; Shirley Fritsche of Oakland, TN; Dana Hastings of Westwood, MA; Jeri Lyn Smith of St Paul, MN; Edna Woodbury of Manchester, CT; Harold Rice of Lake Corner, BC, CANADA; Gary Rice of Carelton Place, ON, CANADA; Patricia Kaufman of Conshocken, PA

## **JUNE**

Thomas Jamison of Newton Square, PA; Dorothy Rice Miller of Panorama City, CA; Scott Huntsman of Walnut Creek, CA; Kenneth Stadtman of Huntington Beach, CA; Ted Rice of Oakdale, MN; Lana Davis of Crossville, TN; Doris Ronald of Taunton, MA; Diane Rice Young of Palm Bay, FL; Carolyn Heydinger of Mansfield, OH; Patricia Rice of Belchertown, MA; Warren Forsythe of Ellensburg, WA; Charles Doty of Dunstable, MA; Robert Cave-Browne-Cave of Langley BC, CANADA; Cynthia Johnston of Cleveland, GA; Ruth Brown of Sudbury, MA; Louise Rice Trudeau of Chester, MA; William Drury of Chelmsford, MA; Doug Schueths of Lincoln, NE, Douglas Vickery of Framingham, MA; Michael Tidd of Riverside, CA; Frederick Wichman of Hanalei, MI; 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 and Reginald Rice of Menlo Park, CA; Mary L Swanson of Fremont, NE

### ***Join me in Congratulating cousin Timothy L. Sanford on the publishing of his new books.***

Searching for the Forgotten War – 1812, Canada, Publication Date February 15, 2011, and Searching for the Forgotten War - 1812, United States of America, Publication Date March 2011.

Just in time for this war's 200th anniversary, these two volumes provides valuable information to those interested in the War of 1812 and those who wish to learn about the people, places, and the battles fought between North American neighbors in the early nineteenth century.

The War of 1812 was a battle for territory and recognition by an emerging nation that gained its independence through an armed conflict with Great Britain; sometimes referred to as America's Second Revolution or the final chapter of the First Revolution of 1776. Through the pages of these books, readers will find information about the war—the location of battlefields; historic plaques and markers; churches and cemeteries; and more sites.

The quest to write these geographical books began in 2006, with the goal to visit as many historical sites as possible. "We started searching for roadside markers, plaques, monuments, cemeteries, the tombstones to the fallen, fortifications, battlefields, and those who fought in this war, and to tell the readers the stories behind them.

Searching for the Forgotten War – 1812, Canada, and Searching for the Forgotten War - 1812, United States of America, was an experience that was more than we expected in terms of the



wonderful people we met along the way,” the authors share. For more information on these books, interested parties may log on to [www.Xlibris.com](http://www.Xlibris.com).

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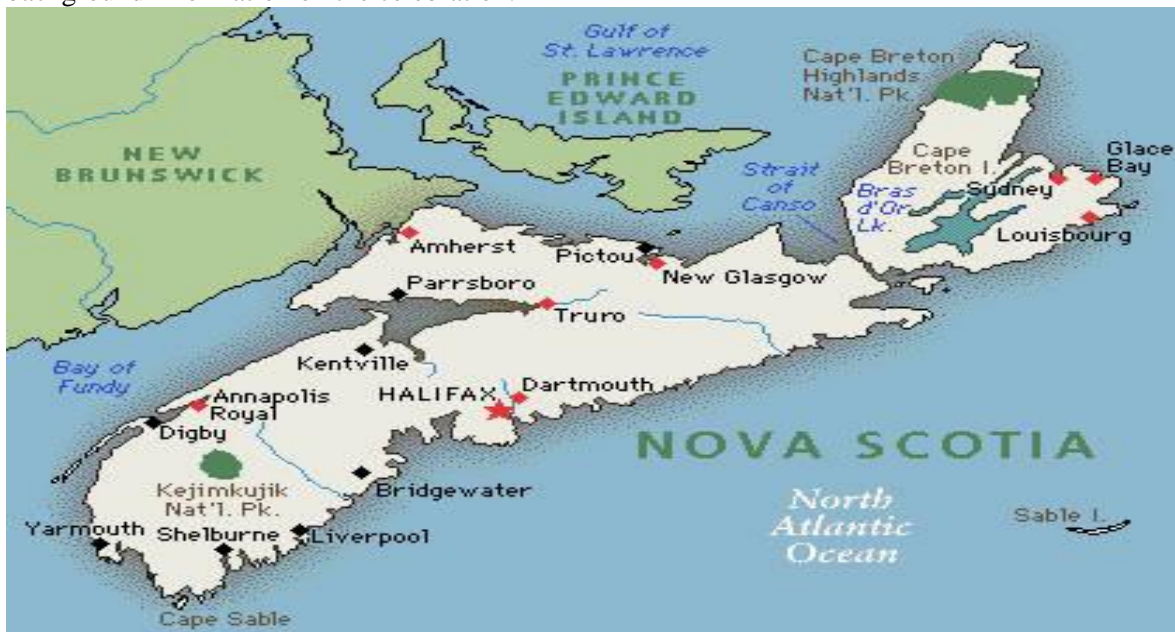
**Patrick Richard Carstens** is a historian with an interest in both ancient and modern history, the researcher author of the books - Searching for the Forgotten War – 1812, Canada and Searching for the Forgotten War - 1812, United States of America. He is semi-retired with a military and engineering background, and with training in the field of archaeology. He has worked in the Egyptian Delta, Sinai Peninsula, and Luxor with a number of archaeological teams, and a frequent visitor to Egypt since 1982. His previous publication is a book on genealogy, The Carstens Family in South Africa, University of Toronto Press (1988), Toronto, Ontario, Canada. He is a contributor in Ancient Egypt, Foundations of a Civilization.

**Timothy L. Sanford** is a researcher and editor of the books - Searching for the Forgotten War – 1812 Canada and Searching for the Forgotten War - 1812, United States of America. He is also an archivist at the Archives of Ontario since 1990. Prior to this assignment, he worked at the Nova Scotia Archives and Records Management from 1985 - 1990. Tim has also provided much information on the Nova Scotia Rices to the Association for inclusion in the database.

## MEET THE ANCESTORS:

### The Rice Family of Nova Scotia by Timothy L. Sanford

The year 2010 was a bench mark in North American history. The year was a celebration to all those that came to this new country. I am referring to Nova Scotia, a newly formed province which would later become a part of the country of Canada. Before I continue on though, I have to give you some background information on the celebration.



In June 2010, a Planter’s Conference took place at Acadia University in Wolfville, Kings County, Nova Scotia to celebrate the 250<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the groups of people who came to and settled in Nova Scotia in the year 1760. These groups of people are called **Planters**.

I was not able to attend the Planter Conference, but I was able to do a presentation at the annual Edmund Rice Family Reunion in Westborough, Massachusetts. My presentation was on the three Rice Family members that went to Nova Scotia in 1760. The Rice Family is one of the groups of people who are called Planters that went to Nova Scotia after the expulsion of the Acadians (French settlers), which occurred in 1755.

Along the eastern seaboard of North America as we know it, explorers sailed the Atlantic and discovered this new land. Christopher Columbus was here in 1492, followed by Sebastian Cabot, in 1497, and John Cartier twice, first in 1524, and again in 1534.

In the spring of 1605, Samuel Champlain and the remaining survivors, after a hard winter spent on St. Croix Island, located near the Maine - New Brunswick border arrived in the Annapolis Basin. Here they were greeted by the Mi'Kmaq people who resided in the area.

Construction of the fort took place and the "French" and "Natives" worked side by side. It was here, as a suggestion by Samuel Champlain, and chartered by Baron de Poutrincourt, L'Ordre du bon-temps, or the Order of Good Cheer began. This weekly event helps to pass the long winter evenings. In 2006, the Order of Good Cheer celebrated its 400<sup>th</sup> anniversary.

In 1608, Samuel Champlain and others sailed into the St. Lawrence River and established a fort at present day Quebec City. And Champlain continued on with his exploration further inland into the Great Lakes.

Known as l'Acadie, life continued on, more exploration taking place, and in 1621, the land between New England and Newfoundland received its name, Nova Scotia and was granted to Sir William Alexander by King James VI of Scotland, and also known as James I of England. Port Royal became the capital of this new land, and in 1625, Nova Scotia received its coat of arms.

The year before, in 1620, the *Mayflower* arrived at Plymouth Township. In 1631 John Sanford arrived in Massachusetts on the ship *Lyon*; Ile Royale or Cape Breton Island was granted to Robert Gordon and his son Robert.

In 1632 Pierre Comeau, founder of the Comeau family arrived in l'Acadie; also the colony, under English rule, was ceded to the French under treaty, Port Royal was re-located to present day Annapolis Royal, but still called Port Royal.

In 1638 Edmund Rice arrived in Massachusetts; in 1649 Daniel LeBlanc, founder of the LeBlanc family arrived in Acadie; in 1670, the Hudson Bay Company was founded on the continent of North America; in 1704, the Rice boys were captured by the natives.

Times were not easy, battles were being fought. Settlers were coming to the new world. England and France were fighting over this new land, as well as fighting the Aborigines for their land. In 1711, the Battle of Bloody Creek, a tributary that flows into the Annapolis River, located east of Annapolis Royal/Port Royal, near Bridgetown took place. Another battle took place on the same site in 1757. And some Rice relatives acquired land in this area after they arrived in this new land.

After the Treaty of Utrecht was signed in 1713, France established a fort at Louisbourg on Ile Royale or Cape Breton Island.

In 1749, the city of Halifax was established as the new capital for Nova Scotia.

The next year, from 1750 to 1752, more settlers were arrived from Europe and started to settle along the Atlantic coast of Nova Scotia. These settlers are referred to as the "Foreign Protestants", coming from the

area Montbéliard in France, the upper Rhine in Germany, parts of Switzerland, and the Netherlands. As well there were settlers arriving in the ports established along the eastern sea coast in Massachusetts, New York, and Pennsylvania.

This was all happening at a time when England and France were at war. In America, this conflict is known as the French and Indian War.

In the year of 1755, by order of Charles Lawrence, a British Governor, the French settlers, also known as the Acadians, were rounded up, placed on ships and sent to Massachusetts, and the Louisiana Territory. The Acadians were living their lives in harmony and did not want to swear allegiance to the British Crown, just live their lives. This tragedy in history has been written about by Henry Wadsworth Longfellow in his poem, *Evangeline*.

This expulsion is followed in 1758 with the Siege and capture of Louisbourg by the British; and the battle of the Plains of Abraham in Quebec City in 1759. The French control of the new world finally ends and control falls under British rule.

The year is now 1760, a ship by the name, *Charming Molly*, sails from Massachusetts and arrives in Annapolis Royal on June 25<sup>th</sup>. One of the families on this vessel is the Rice family. Like the ancestors before them, they have come to start a new life in a new land. Other vessels with settlers, which include the Sanford family, have come to this province too and are settling along the Minas Basin in townships that are being established. Two other settlers, also on the *Charming Molly*, whose descendants marry into the Rice family, are Michael Spurr and David Bent.

This wave of people to come to Nova Scotia we call the “Planters.” They have come to a land that was previously occupied by the French, other non-French settlers, and the Mi’Kmaq who still live there, hunting, fishing and harvesting the land; some of the land that the French had claimed from several rivers, like the Annapolis River and the Avon River in present day Hants County by building a dike system.

The three Rice’s that came to Annapolis Royal are: Beriah Rice, Ebenezer Rice, and John Rice.

Beriah Rice - he receives land, located just east of Bloody Creek. It appears that one of the sons of Beriah, Beriah Jr., settled on Cape Breton Island or Ile Royale, and raised his family. One of his descendants is the Canadian Arctic Hero, George Rice, of the Lady Franklin Bay Expedition, 1881-1884, with explorer, Adolphus Greeley. A book by Jim Lotz, titled *Canada’s Forgotten Arctic Hero, George Rice and the Lady Franklin Bay Expedition, 1881-1884* was published in 2009.

Another descendant of Beriah is Rev. Murray Armstrong, who served as pastor in several United Baptist churches in the Maritimes.

Ebenezer Rice is listed in the 1765 Annapolis Grant, an undated Granville Grant, on the north side of the Annapolis River, across from Annapolis Royal. One of Ebenezer’s sons, Jonas was one of the founders of the Smith’s Cove Baptist Church.

John Rice, who I descend from, settled in the Annapolis area. His son, Silas moved to Bear River, or Hillsburgh, as it was called and many of his descendants remain there today. A grandson of John, named John, in 1871 established an undertaking and carriage business in Digby, who was succeeded by his son, J. Frederick. J. Frederick was succeeded by his nephew Stanley Keen.

Israel Rice, another descendant of John, was one of several founders of the Bear River Baptist church. Apparently, there was a dispute over the “sleep of the dead,” Israel left the Baptist faith and became an Adventist and helped found the Advent Christian Church. He is also the great grandfather of Rev. Charles Pearl Henderson, an Advent Christian Minister.

Rev. Charles Pearl Henderson, son of Alanzo and Jessie (Rice) Henderson, was a minister in the Advent Christian Church, located in Bear River. The original church has since been replaced with a new modern facility located on the Lansdowne Road, not far from the home of my great grandparents, Freeman and Eva Rice.

Two of Rev. Henderson's daughters are Beryl and Goldie Henderson. Beryl's first year as a school teacher was in 1949, in the Lansdowne School. One of her students was Loretta Rice, my mom. After her first year as a teacher, Beryl went on to become a missionary in India for several years, later returning home to Nova Scotia and was a substitute teacher, teaching Loretta's children when their elementary school teachers were ill. Goldie became a pharmacist and worked in the Bear River Drug Store, her 40 year career as a druggist. As a note of interest, Rev. Henderson's children were all named after precious stones in the Bible: Ruby, Garnet, Pearl, Beryl, and Goldie. Since my presentation, both Beryl and her sister Goldie have passed away, Goldie on September 26, and Beryl on November 17, 2010.

More settlers were coming to the province, a group called the "Yorkshires", started arriving and settling in the northern part of the province in 1772, the ship, *Hector* sailed into Pictou Harbour, from Scotland in 1773.

Life continues on, the back and forth between the communities along the eastern seaboard. Then, there is the year 1776, and several years afterwards, another migration of people to the Maritime Provinces, as well as into Ontario and Quebec.

The year is 1783, and this group of settlers is called "Loyalists". New settlements of Digby, Weymouth, New Edinburg, Hessian and Waldeck Lines are created and settled.

Some of the people who came to this area, a lady referred to as the Widow Berry, the Potter family, the Tuchscherer [name anglicized to Dukeshire] family; Ruggles family, Ditmars family, Handspiker and the Van Tassell family. In 1789, under the direction of Bishop Charles Inglis, an Anglican Church, St. Edward's is built in Clementsport.

One of the members of the Potter family is Rev. Israel Potter, a Loyalist, who married Mary Rice, a Planter. Rev. Potter, about the year 1809, erected a meeting Hall, now called the Goat Island Baptist Church, where he and Mary now rest. In 1810, the Clementsvale United Baptist Church is built.

In 1812, the War of 1812 on the Great Lakes has begun, finishing in 1815.

1834, St. Mark's Anglican Church is built in Perrotte, Annapolis Co., a community outside of Annapolis Royal where some Rice's settled.

Starting the year 1838, Digby County is formed out of Annapolis County, and includes the towns of Digby and Weymouth, and numerous villages like Smith's Cove, Joggin Bridge, and Hillsburgh are cut off from the Township of Clements. Hillsburgh is part of the village of Bear River.

Also in 1838, many of the residents of the area also signed a petition wanting the incorporation of a company which plans to erect a saw, oat, grist and timber mills at the Bear River Bridge. Several other mills were erected in the area, lumber mills for the lumber used in the building of their homes, the ships used for transporting cargo, including the lumber sent to the New England States and the Caribbean; and a clothes pin factory, south of Bear River/Hillsburgh at Lake Jolly.

Richard Clarke, the husband of Ethelinda Rice, had five children of which three sons lived to adulthood. These three brothers, William Wallace (referred to as WW), Willard Graves (referred to as WG) and Bernard C. (referred to as BC) Clarke were in partnership, owning the Clarke Brothers Mill, the Bear

River Trading Company, and other business interests.

I will note that Willard's daughter, Annie married Frank Fraser, who was a High Commissionaire for Canada. Their son, Dr. Frank Clarke Fraser, was a noted geneticist at McGill University, Montreal, Quebec, he is now associated with Memorial University in St. John's, Newfoundland.

Malcolm Parker, son of Alfred and Lulu (Rice) Parker, operated the Bear River Trading Company. Malcolm was also a hunter and trapping guide for the tourist. His son, Mike Parker is an author of several history books.

Bear River is lucky; it sits on the Bear River which is used as the boundary dividing the two counties, Digby and Annapolis.

Another event in the lives of the people of Nova Scotia, New Brunswick, Quebec (called Canada East), and Ontario (called Canada West) is the formation of the country of Canada as of July 1<sup>st</sup>, 1867.

In 1873, the Royal Canadian Mounted Police (RCMP) was formed; and Prince Edward Island (PEI) joined Canada.

The year 1893, saw George Brooks starting an annual summer event, called the Cherry Carnival. This event was an opportunity for neighbors' and friends to get together for a summer gathering. The cherries were starting to ripen so why not have a celebration. Even today, the Bear River Fire Department still hosts this summer event, raising funds for the department.

Tragedies have also affected the Rice family. In 1880, a young girl by the name of Charlotte Hill was murdered. Her assailant is one, Joseph Nicholas Thibault, also called Joe Nick Thibault, who was captured, followed by a trial, and in February 1881, hung in Annapolis Royal. No doubt, some of the Rice's were there too to witness this.

Another tragedy took place sixteen years later on the night of January 27, 1896 in Bear River. Annie Kempton, daughter of Isaac Kempton and his wife, Mary Ann Parker, a granddaughter of Wilbur Parker and his wife, Charlotte Rice, was murdered in the family home by Peter Wheeler. Peter Wheeler was later captured and after a trial was hung.

The citizens of Bear River gathered together and raised money for a monument to be erected in the center of Mount Hope Cemetery.

Inscribed on this stone is:

Erected to the memory of Annie Kempton, aged 15 years when she lost her life Jan. 27, 1896, in her father's house, in a desperate struggle to preserve her honor.

The subscribers hereby expressed their profound respect for the departed one as a heroine in her maintenance unto death of the highest virtue of a Christian Civilization - The Sacred honor of womanhood.

Not far from the Kempton stone is the Kempton family lot where Annie rests.

A person, who may have been involved in the erection of this monument, is David Rice. David was a stone mason, and was succeeded by his son, Thelbert, who was succeeded by his son Willis. Otis Rice, son of Omar, a brother of Thelbert was also involved with Rice Monuments. Rice Monuments, as it was called was later purchased by Nixon's Memorials, is now part of Heritage Memorials, some of the monuments they created have been erected on the graves of our loved ones.

We have come into the twentieth century, and before we know it, it is 1914 and the Great War has started. Twenty five years later, World War II will begin, and more will lose their lives.

In 1947, Robert Davenport Rice and his wife, Mary Ann Darres lost their two youngest sons in the Bay of Fundy sinking of the freighter, *Nova Doc*. Also on the *Nova Doc* was Ralph Peters, son of Kenneth Harvey Peters and his wife, Clytie May Banks, a daughter of Israel Rice Banks and his wife, Annie May Frude, a granddaughter of Abraham Banks and his wife, Sarah Rice, a daughter of Israel Rice.

On December 6<sup>th</sup>, 1917, about 9am, the Halifax Harbour saw a great tragedy. Two shipping vessels, the *Mont Blanc* and the *Imo* collided. The next day a blizzard hit Nova Scotia. Today it is known as the Halifax Explosion. In 1918, a Christmas tree was sent by the Province of Nova Scotia to Massachusetts to say thank you for the help the state provided after the explosion.

In 1971, the sending of a Christmas tree was revived and done each year since. In 2008, a Christmas tree from the property of Marina (Rafuse) Cook was sent. Marina is the daughter of Marilyn (Wamboldt) Rafuse, granddaughter of Doris (VanTassell) Wamboldt, great granddaughter of Leo and Beulah (Rice) VanTassell.

As you can see, the Planter "Rice's" continue on, not only in Nova Scotia, but the rest of Canada and into the United States, and the world. These people are farmers, laborers, stone masons, ship builders, caulkers, fishermen, loggers, mill rights, store clerks, businessmen, soldiers, teachers, authors, professors, doctors, nurses, home support workers, secretaries, ships captains, ministers, engineers, "Indian Agent", RCMP Sergeant, carriage makers, undertakers, as well as husbands and wives, parents to their children and grandchildren.

Yes, life has been hard for all of them, but it is how you face these challenges. Freeman Brown Rice, a father of 11 left his family to go off to fight in the "Great War". Freeman was fortunate as he was able to come back home, but not his friends, as one Valentine Robbins, husband of Harriet Blanche Rice and brother of Clifford Robbins who married Freeman's daughter, Edna; or the only two sons of Captain Fenwick Rice and his wife, Harriet Spurr, who were serving in Belgium in 1917.

Today, Loretta Darleen Rice Sanford is a proud lady, her son Tim has made a presentation at the Edmund Rice Family (1638) Association. This presentation is dedicated to you "Mom".

The list below is surnames that have married into the Rice family, and a time line when they were in Nova Scotia:

Before 1760 - Chute, Harris, Jefferson, LeCain,  
Planters - Banks, Bent, Farnsworth, Foster, Langley, Spurr,  
Not Planter or Loyalist - Woodbury (Yarmouth)  
Loyalists - Beals, Bogart (Dutch settlers-New Amsterdam), Bowlby, Ditmars, Gates, Nichols, Purdy and Vroom.

## QUERIES:

### 1)

There are so many Sullivan's in the northeast and so many of them named Mary and a lot of William, too. Sullivan is my married name - I was born Mary Anne Tomlinson. I'm not related to the people you mentioned. About 2 months ago I started working on my mother's family tree and discovered much more information than I expected. Before I started, I expected her roots to be Nova Scotia (she was born there) and perhaps England & France (since the names on her family tree that she had given me were English names and a French Huguenot ancestor.) I was so surprised to find roots in the American Loyalist community and even ancestors who came over in The Great Migration. I thought I had no roots in

America - I've always told people I'm only second generation American. I have 3 grandparents of English ancestry born in the Maritime Provinces of Canada and one grandparent born in Ireland.

I just traced the direct ancestry of my mother generation by generation and one of my surprises was that we are direct descendants of Edmund Rice. I Googled his name and discovered your Association. My link to him goes as follows (I'll use only maiden names)- Mary Anne Tomlinson; Bessie Elva Longel; Avery Longel; Annie Jane Bell Hudson; Lucy Marshall; Margaret Eaton; Lydia Hardy; Aaron Hardy, Jr; Hepzibah Bradish; Damaris Rice; Anna Rice & Thomas Rice; Edward & Thomas Rice; Edmund Rice. I descend twice from Edmund - Anna Rice married her first cousin, Thomas Rice. One of their daughters, Damaris, is my ancestor. So I descend from Edmund's sons Thomas and Edward.

I have found some information on Edmund's wife's Thomasine Frost, forbears in England but I am at a dead end on Edmund. Does anyone in the association have information on the forbears of Edmund Rice? I have that he was born 1594 Sudbury, England. He married Thomasine Frost 15 Oct. 1618 at St Mary's Church in Bury St Edmunds, Suffolk, England. I have no information on his parents. I hope this helps to explain why I joined the association. Have a lovely Christmas season.

Best regards, Mary Anne

Hi Mary Anne,

Like you I trace my colonial Massachusetts Rice ancestry through the New England Planter migration to Nova Scotia in the 1760s. This is a different migration than the Loyalist migration to Canada in the 1780s. There was virtually no migration to the Maritime Provinces between 1775 and 1783 as a sea voyage was too dangerous during the American Revolution.

We have your Aaron Hardy in our association records. He appears in Annapolis, NS in 1765, 1768, and 1770. Although we do not have daughter Lydia in our records, we have a transcript of Aaron's will that names daughter Lydia (Heaton). The Heaton name is likely an error of the transcriber. If you are keen to check the probate court record, a microfilm copy may be ordered at your local LDS Family History Center.

If you are keeping your family ancestry in a genealogy computer program we would like to exchange more detailed information with you. What program are you using?

All of our documented information about the Edmund Rice family is included in our web pages - up through the first six generations and including your Aaron Hardy. Hope this answers your questions about Edmund Rice's ancestry.

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2)

Hi Jeriann,

We welcome you to the Edmund Rice (1638) Association. We have an active effort to record and document the more recent descendants of Edmund Rice. If you will give me a brief description of your line(s) back to Edmund Rice I will be able to identify your most recent ancestor(s) in our association records. With that information I can suggest how we can exchange more detailed information.

Are you using a genealogy computer program to record your ancestors? Which program?

Best, George

George,

Thank you for welcoming me into the Association. As I wrote in my first inquiry back in June of 2010 that I am not sure that I am a descendant of The Deacon Edmund. My 3rd gr- grandfather was Alonzo Rice. Until recently no one in our family had known anything about his ancestors. Then I found information on ancestry.com which has led me to believe he may be a descendant of Deacon Edmund. I am hoping that you may be able to help me prove or disprove this possibility. The following is some of the information I have.



According to family stories, Alonzo lived in Quebec, Canada in the 1840's where he married Charlotte Martindale. I have a transcription of a marriage record for the marriage taken from the Drouin records. It is dated 1847 and his age is 20 years. This would place his birth about 1826 or 1827. After this they came to America and settled in Illinois. On ancestry.com, I found an Alonzo Rice born about 1825. This Alonzo's parents were Amos and Susan Davenport Rice. I was able to trace this Alonzo back to Deacon Edmund. The following is the paternal bloodline from Edmond to Alonzo:

Deacon Edmund, Thomas, Ephraim, Ephraim, Amos, Gardiner, Amos, Alonzo

Is it possible that my ancestor is the Alonzo I found on Ancestry, the descendant of Deacon Edmund? Can you help me determine this? Any help you could give me would be appreciated. I am currently awaiting DNA test results to determine any possible relationship. And I have recently come into possession of a photo of Alonzo with Charlotte, although not very good, it may help in identification.

Thank you,  
Jeriann Rice Medenblik

- a) I am so sorry that it has taken me so long to respond to your last email. Time flies when you get busy with children and school activities.
- b) I would like to request the 25 marker DNA test that you recommended in your last email. I believe that you quoted at \$124 + \$4. Would I still be able to have you send me the kit and I pay the amount when I return the kit to you?
- c) I will be sending my membership through the mail.

Jeriann Rice Medenblik

- a) No problem. Genealogy is a long-term hobby, after all.
- b) Yes. I have placed the order for your test kit. It should be sent out tomorrow. You should also get an email from the lab confirming that the order has been placed. Looking back at your previous email, I see that you said you had a male Rice who was willing to take the test, and I assume that's still on. Since you didn't give me his name and address, the kit will be sent to you. In principle, we don't need to know his name. However, the lab will be sending out a printed certificate showing the results, in case you want to have a "tangible" report, and the name that goes on the certificate will be the name on the account as of the time the test is completed. If you want the certificate to have his name on it, you'll have to put his name on the account by then. There will be an invoice with the kit. You can indeed enclose the payment when you send the kit back to the lab. Note: the kit goes directly to the testing company, not indirectly through us.
- c) Ok. Glad to have you in the organization, too.

John Chandler, President

Hi again Jeriann,

I apologize that I misspoke about the YDNA test for your father. We will all anxiously await the test results. Following up on the Dummerston, VT connection I see that the LDS church has an active task to transcribe the Vermont vital records. For the Dummerston, VT transcription I see the marriage of Amos Rice and Susan Davenport in the vital records, also the birth of two daughters before 1825. However there was no record of the birth of Alonzo. I also checked the US census records for 1820 and 1830. There is an Amos Rice at Newfane, VT and also a Gardner Rice, (his father?) in 1820. There is

nothing at Dummerston in the 1830 US census. So your search of Dummerston records may come back negative.

Best, George

3)

Susan,

I have sent a couple of emails to members of the Rice Association, but have not had a response. I would like to purchase the two books written by Margaret Rice in hopes of making a family connection. My grandmother and her father were first cousins. I really don't know anything of that side of the family and would like to learn. Your newsletter doesn't say how to order the books or pay for them. Could you help?

Barbara Lezette

Barbara,

I made arrangements for your books to be shipped. They should go out in the mail this week. I've attached an Edmund Rice Association membership form in case you'd like to join. We publish a quarterly newsletter for our members and have an annual reunion in September. The newsletters have interesting articles about our Rice Ancestors and you can meet and get to know other cousins/members and research ancestry at the reunion.

I'm also forwarding your email to our Historian George W. King and ask him to contact you regarding your relationship to Margaret Rice.

Susan Berger  
ERA Membership Chair  
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Hi Barbara,

Susan Berger, our membership person, forwarded your e-mail exchange. First, let me apologize if an officer of our association failed to respond to any request for help in tracing your Edmund Rice ancestry. I keep a quite accurate record of e-mail exchanges and have no file from you.

Let's begin by your giving me information from yourself back as many generations as you know. Names, birth and marriage information (brief) is all that I need to identify your most recent ancestor(s) in our association records. With that information I can suggest how we can proceed.

Are you keeping your family records in a genealogy computer program? Which program?

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Hi George

I am a member of the DAR and am working on the Mayflower Society which looks like I can trace back to at least 7 whom were on board. My Rice connection is my great-grandmother Julia E. Rice (Born in Brewerton, NY June 12, 1957; died September 16, 1906 - buried at Natural Bridge, NY. Married George G. Wilson April 23, 1875 Natural Bridge, NY most of that from a genealogy written by my father and grandfather Evans. I do have their marriage certificate from the Wilson Bible. Other than that - I know nothing about the Rice family other than Margaret's father, Ernest, and my grandmother, Blanche Wilson, were 1st cousins. I have other Rice names - but don't know how they are related. Hence - I bought Margaret's books hoping to find something.

Ashamed to say, I'm not familiar with Edmund Rice other than what I read in your newsletter. I guess I was impatient in waiting to hear from John Chandler and Wendy - can't remember her last name at this time, but a director. Looking forward to hearing from you. No computer program

Barbara

Barbara,

The 1860, 1870, and 1880 US census provides compelling evidence that your connection with Margaret S. Rice is through your common Wilson ancestry. If your library has a subscription to either Ancestry.com or eritageQuest.com, search the census for Wilson and Jefferson County, NY. Look for George or Almeda Wilson. Your ancestor is son George and Margaret's ancestor is daughter Harriet Ameila "Hattie".

This leaves the question of George Wilson's wife, Julia Rice. She was enumerated in the 1880 census as Julia Wilson, age 22, born NY. The LDS church has an excellent project to transcribe the US census to computer searchable format. Go to familysearch.org. I get hits for Julia Rice in the 1860 census. The transcriptions will give you the names of New York towns to search in the 1860 and 1870 census.

I hope this gives you some clues about how to get your Julia Rice's ancestry back another generation. As you make progress, do keep us posted.

Best, George

#### 4)

My name is Norman Eaton, and I am the grandson of Virgil Chester Rice

Norman Eaton, Calais, Maine

Barbara Lee Rice born Sep 10 1932

Virgil Chester Rice born Oct 20, 1910, Eastport, Maine

Frank Leslie Rice born May 23, 1886, Calais, Maine

George Frisbee Rice born April 11, 1852, Gouldsboro, Maine

Jonas James Rice III born Nov 22, 1821, Gouldsboro, Maine

Jonas James Rice Jr born 1779 in Nantick, Mass

Jonas James Rice born Mar 1, 1747, Sudbury, Mass

John Rice born April 24, 1704, Sudbury, Mass

Ephraim Rice born April 15, 1665, Marlborough, Mass

Thomas Rice born Jan 26, 1625, Stanstead, Suffolk, England

Edmund Rice born 1594, Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire, England

I can say for certain that I have proved through census, marriage, birth, death records and personal knowledge the connections from myself back to Jonas James Rice Jr. and Ruth Bickford. The Gouldsboro, Maine death record of Jonas Rice dated Sep 16, 1896 stated that he was 74 years 9 months, and 21 days old at the time of his death. The death record also listed his father as Jonas Rice of Mass, and mother as Ruth Bickford of Gouldsboro, Maine. From this death record I then referred to the Edmund Rice Association to complete the ancestral tree back to Edmund Rice. I noted that the Edmund Rice Association does not list Jonas James Rice III born Nov 22, 1881 in Gouldsboro, Maine and his descendant's in their records.

Norman Eaton

Norman,

Thanks for the note. We are particularly interested in your information because the Association records of you great grandfather Frank Rice are somewhat confused. The Rice Family Supplement 2, both Parts 1 and 2, shows his birth as 1878, evidently confusing him with his sister Mabel, who was listed in the 1880 census, while Frank was not. Indeed, Supplement 2 Part 1 even mixes up the surname of that family and mistakenly shows them all as Bents, though Part 2 corrects the error. I am wondering whether the Supplement swaps the death dates between Mabel and Frank as well -- it shows them as 1963 and 1922, respectively. In any case, you wrote:

A few remarks: First of all, the name "James" is purely a mistake.

Modern amateur genealogists, not being familiar with the naming habits of earlier centuries, often cannot make out the names that are no longer popular, such as "Jonas", whether in original documents or in the

handwritten notes of other researchers, and it is quite common for Jonas to be mistakenly read as "James". Another all-too-common mistake propagated by the Internet is the insertion of nicknames, and even erroneous misreading's, as if they were middle names, despite the fact that middle names were virtually unheard-of before 1800 and still quite rare until 1850 or so.

Regarding Edmund Rice -- his birthplace is not known, but it almost certainly was not Berkhamstead, which is the place where he moved shortly after the birth of his son Thomas. He was probably born in Suffolk, where he lived before the move. Incidentally, the date you have for Thomas is his baptism, not his birth. There is, in fact, no record of the birth, but the baptism is found in the surviving church records.

Regarding Jonas III -- there are two commonly used methods of computing ages, the 30-day-month method and the true-length-month method. These two methods give birth dates for Jonas of Nov 25 and Nov 26, respectively. The former date is the one we have in our files. Do you have a birth record from Gouldsboro giving Nov 22 as the date?

Regarding the on-line descendency report -- it cuts off at generation 6. We have a 9-generation CD that is available to members of the Association. Needless to say, you are more than welcome to join. Also, as I said before, we are interested in exchanging information about your line, and I am cc'ing this message to our Historian, George King, and our newsletter editor, Susan Berger.

John Chandler, President

Hi Norman,

As John Chandler told you we are very keen to get information about your more recent Rice ancestors. Specifically we welcome information that you have for Jonas Rice 3rd, born 1852, and forward in time. What genealogy computer program are you using for your family history records? We use The Master Genealogist for our association records. TMG imports files from most popular genealogy programs without going through a GEDCOM export/import.

When I get a genealogy computer file from a cousin I make a new file in TMG of just the most recent generations, your Jonas Rice 3rd, his descendants, spouses, and parents of spouses. I then edit the new file to conform with the editing conventions of our association. When the edit is complete I will return to you a journal report of Jonas Rice so that you can make corrections and delete any very personal information that I have failed to edit.

To protect the privacy of living descendants, we do not release dates or event information for living people. We define living as having a birth year of 1915 or later and no death or burial event. We do show relationship information with the remark; "is presumed to be still living." With this caveat we do encourage you to provide us with event information as our effort will endure for future generations.

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5)

Hi John,

Attached is the Rice family genealogy our family has had since a genealogist friend of my grandfather, William Karl Rice, gave it to him as a wedding present around 1917. The attached information tracks to my father, Arthur Brownell Rice, so I am listed as one of his children. You will notice that my father's brother was also named Theodore Rice. Our family has never been certain whether all of this information is accurate beyond the information back to the two Seth Rice's shown on our line. They lived in our area of Northern NY during the Revolutionary War/War of 1812 periods and were buried there. As a side note, my son is named Seth Rice because my wife and I liked that name in looking through my grandfather's "Rice Book" before we had children.

I see that our information lists Henry as the father of Edmund. Materials I read on line over the last few days say that no one is sure who Edmund's father was and that Henry was his brother. Also, we show Thomasine Frost as Edmund's wife but someone by that name also as Thomasine Frost's mother, but the ages listed for them don't make sense - so some of that information cannot be right. Anyway, on the attachment you can see the Rice line entered for our family on Ancestry.com, as based on my grandfather's genealogy book (which my mother still has).  
By the way, I joined the Rice Project. I look forward to learning more of my family's Rice heritage.

Thanks, Ted

Ted,

Glad to hear from you so quickly. To join our project, you need to use the following procedure.

1. Go to your personal results page at FTDNA, using your kit number and password.
2. Click on the "Join Projects" button at the top of the navigation panel on the left. This will take you to a "Join A Group" page containing an alphabetical list of projects that recognize your surname.
3. Look down the list for the Rice project and click on it. This will take you to a deeper-level Join page focused on our project.
4. Look down the page to the dialog box asking for information about your ancestry. Enter a brief message.
5. Click on the "REQUEST" button beside that. This will enter your request and cause an email notice to be sent to me, so that I can complete the process.

Regarding your ancestry -- how far back can you follow your Rice line? Many of those who match or nearly match you are descended from immigrant Edmund Rice, who came to Sudbury, Mass., about 1638, but some are not (or at least are not sure). If your line goes back to New England, it seems likely that you belong to Group 1 in the project. If not, then there are other possibilities.

John Chandler, President

Ted,

Would you ask your sister Penelope to prepare a GEDCOM from her Ancestry.com file? A GEDCOM file of Henry Rice, b 1804, his wife, and descendants would be most helpful. If that is too difficult for Penelope, I'll take a GEDCOM file of her entire Ancestry.com file. I can easily make a new, file of just Henry Rice and descendants using our computer program, The Master Genealogist.

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When I receive a computer file from a cousin, my first step is to make a new file beginning with your most recent ancestor common to your and our files, Henry Rice, b 1804, and including his descendants, spouses, and parents of spouses. I then edit the new file to conform with the editing conventions of our association so that the result reads like the work of one author. I then check and add information from the US and Canada census and may ask you questions about any information that is not clear to me. To help assure that I have edited your information correctly, it is my practice to provide a standard journal report in Word format to that shows your information in edited form. This gives me corrections and allows you to identify any personal information that you want deleted. When you and I agree on the information I will merge your information with our association master database

If you or your sister would like a complimentary copy of our most recent association newsletter, I will be glad to request one for you.

Association membership by cousins like you encourages cousins like me to continue building our association records and managing our DNA research efforts.

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Hi George,

Attached is the complete GEDCOM file of our family genealogy from Ancestry.com. I hope this is helpful. In addition to the Rice line, you will also see, among others, the Brownell and Sweet lines, which do go back to Rhode Island.

Yes, my sister, who goes by Penny, and I would like a complimentary copy of the most recent association newsletter. At least one if not both of us will likely join the association.

Thanks, Ted

Hello George,

Thanks for the message. I am excited to learn more about our family's heritage. The information you are requesting should have been on the PDF attachment I sent earlier. From your message and also one I received from John, it sounds as if all the information was not viewable to you. A Word version of this information is attached to this e-mail. It shows our family's Rice line with birth and death dates. It also includes spouses and it goes back to Edmund Rice. Scroll down in the Word document to see the line traced back to Edmund Rice.

My sister, Penelope Rice Nolte, has set up and maintains our family's information on Ancestry.com. The Rice line is based on genealogy information my grandfather received as a wedding present about 1917. We do not use any other computer program to keep genealogy records. My father, Arthur Brownell Rice, and my mother, Faye Sweet Rice, and their families have had an interest in genealogy for many years. We have a good amount of genealogical records from both sides of my family based on written records/notes. My sister has loaded most of it on Ancestry.com. Personally, I am not very familiar with Ancestry.com. As I mentioned in a prior e-mail, our family has never been sure that the Rice family information prior to the Seth Rices (see attachment) was accurate. I hope this information helps. Please let me know any questions.

Thanks, Ted

Ted,

We would like to identify your most recent generation in our association records. I can open your pedigree chart from Ancestry.com. Regrettably there is not enough information in the pedigree chart. Would you please give us a brief description from yourself back to Edmund Rice to include Rice birth years and names of spouses? We have a very active effort to build a computer database of the recent generations of Edmund Rice's descendants so are very keen to follow up with cousins like you. Are you using a genealogy computer program, other than Ancestry.com, to keep your family history records? If so, which program?

Best, George  
George W. King, Historian  
Edmund Rice (1638) Association  
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6)

I have a research problem that I have been trying to solve for many years (19). Maybe you might have a suggestion. I am trying to find information regarding a Theresa Rice who was born in Connecticut or Massachusetts. She married a George Armstrong and was living in Hamilton County, Ohio during 1823 when their son, William, was born. George Armstrong immigrated from England.

Do you have any information on this Theresa Rice/Armstrong in your research files? I have no idea where they were married but assume it was somewhere between Connecticut and Ohio.

Thanks, Bobby Armstrong

I'm afraid we have no George Armstrong in our database. We do have a collection specifically of Rices (and Royces) from Connecticut, but there is no Theresa in it. I am forwarding your query to our historian and our newsletter editor in hopes that they might come up with something. Good luck in your search.

John Chandler, President

7)

I am trying to find Chester G Rice or any of his family. I am a cousin of, by the way of his mother. She was my father sister. My father was Walter B Wilson. I am trying to find info on the Wilson side. Any help if possible.

Thanks, Richard Wilson

Was your Chester Rice the son of Everett and Florence (Wilson) Rice? If so, he was a member of our Association, but he is no longer living. We have the names of his mother's parents, but nothing on any other members of her family. For her parents, we have their dates of birth and death. Would that information be useful to you?

John Chandler, President

8)

I just came from the Art Institute of Chicago and discovered a wing dedicated to Daniel F. and Ada L. Rice. Wondering if you have any information on their relationship to the Edmund Rice family?

Thanks, Sheryl Rice Mulder

Sheryl,

Thanks for bringing this question to our attention. There is no mention of a Daniel F. Rice in our database of Edmund Rice's descendants, but I am passing your message along to the other officers to see if anyone knows about him, one way or another.

By the way, I take it you are descended from Edmund, but I don't see you on the membership list of our Association -- you are welcome to join!

John Chandler, President

John and Sheryl,

I was able to find Daniel F & Ada L Rice in the 1930 Census living in Milton, DuPage County, Illinois. According to the census the father of Daniel was born in Ireland. Based on this, it is most likely that Daniel is from an Irish-Celtic Rice line & not a descendant of Edmund.

Mike Rice, Treasurer



## 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.

*The above books can be ordered from the Book Custodian. Send a request for the books you'd like to purchase along with a check or money order for books plus \$ 5.00 for shipping and handling to:*

Michael A. Rice  
201 Old Post Road  
Wakefield, RI 02879

## 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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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. We are asking all members to submit a new membership form indicating their preference by writing in the preferred medium.

In addition to the normal mailing for this newsletter, members that have indicated email as their preferred medium will receive an email copy of the newsletter. The new membership form now contains new fields:

**Membership Type: New \_\_\_\_\_ Renewal \_\_\_\_\_ Update \_\_\_\_\_**  
**Preferred Newsletter Delivery Method: Paper via US Mail \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_**

We are still attempting to verify the accuracy of data in the ERA database and membership files. To accomplish this, each annual and lifetime member, that has not already done so, must fill out the new membership form.

The membership form is available online at [www.edmund-rice.org](http://www.edmund-rice.org). Annual members if you have already paid your 2010-2011 dues please mark your form as UPDATE. All Lifetime members please mark your form as UPDATE. The website will send the form to me when you submit. Or you can mail the form to me via US mail or via email: [srberger@bellsouth.net](mailto:srberger@bellsouth.net)

Also, annual members you may pay your dues via PAYPAL and then complete and submit this form marked RENEWAL via our website [www.edmund-rice.org](http://www.edmund-rice.org).

Both websites send the form to me when you submit.

Any member that does not submit a new form will have their Preferred Newsletter Delivery Method set to US Mail.

Please provide all the requested information! We now have 1277 present and former members in the membership files and as you can imagine we have many duplicate names and birthdays. It is, in some instances, necessary to use all the requested data (name and birthday) to identify a member. Also, I may need to contact you by phone, email or mail if I can't read or need to clarify any of your information.

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

*Susan Berger*



**Edmund Rice (1638) Assoc., Inc.**

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Dear Cousin,

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

The schedule of dues is as follows:

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Age 80 and above	5.00
Life membership (in a single payment)	200.00

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*Added to ERA database for identification (kept confidential) and Birthday Wishes*

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

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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.

You may pay your dues via PAYPAL and then complete and submit this form via our website [www.edmund-rice.org](http://www.edmund-rice.org). Both websites notify me when you submit –OR– Make your check payable to the Edmund Rice (1638) Assn., Inc., and send with this form to:

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