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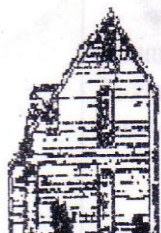
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The Edmund Rice Association publishes the newsletter four times a year: 1) winter, 2) spring, 3) summer and 4) fall. The summer newsletter is devoted to the annual September reunion and includes a description of the program and registration information. The other three newsletters include information of more general interest to our members. We invite all cousins to submit their genealogical information, newsletter corrections, items of interest, family articles and pictures, obituaries and queries. Send them to our newsletter editor: Susan Berger at [editor@edmund-rice.org](mailto:editor@edmund-rice.org)

## **President's Column**

Greetings, cousins!

I've been thinking about synonyms lately. It comes about because I've just completed the latest annual comparison and reconciliation between my version of the ERA database and George King's (the master database). You may have thought that the updates I submit to the database are a one-way flow, but in fact we try to close the loop by taking an annual snapshot of the master database and comparing it with my files. The flow of information is as follows: my database format is translated into GEDCOM, which is imported into TMG; then, annually, the data are exported as GEDCOM and translated from that to my data format for comparison. Note that GEDCOM is a powerful and flexible language for encoding genealogical data, which means there are many ways of saying the same thing. Therefore, over the years, we have carefully worked out a particular "flavor" of GEDCOM for data submissions that does two things: (1) it conveys all the information I have, and (2) it conveys the information in a way that can be imported and re-exported from TMG without loss. We have very little control over the internal conversions in TMG, and so the adjustments had to be made mostly in the arrangement of the GEDCOM.

Consider a simple example: a baptism. In general, such an event will have a date, a place, and perhaps a source citation or two. GEDCOM does not require these elements to be in any particular order, and so it would mean exactly the same thing to say "Griselda was baptized at Sudbury in 1687" or "Griselda was baptized in 1687 at Sudbury." Of course, a literal comparison by an idiot computer would complain that those two don't match, and that could be a problem. However, the order I stated above (the second version of the sentence) is generally followed in GEDCOM, and experiment shows that data imported with this order will be re-exported with the same order. So far so good, however, GEDCOM has two different tags for baptism (well, actually three, but that's a whole other story): one corresponding to the English word "baptism" and the other to the word "christening." Historically, of course, these are exactly the same thing, though the two words have picked up slightly different figurative meanings over the centuries (e.g., "baptism of fire" to signify any traumatic beginning, or the anthropomorphic "christening" of a ship). In the GEDCOM specs, the BAPM event is defined as a religious ceremony of baptism performed at infancy or later, while the CHR event is defined as a religious ceremony of baptism and/or naming of a child. I, for one, have never encountered an event that could be classed as one but not the other. In this case, I have sidestepped the problem by converting both GEDCOM tags into one tag in my data format. That leaves only the problem of ordering the source citations, which turns out not to be a problem anymore because TMG no longer shuffles multiple citations when it imports GEDCOM.

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 and children are also eligible for membership.

Annual dues, payable *September 1*, are:

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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 so please try to keep your address updated.

### EDITOR'S COLUMN

I'd like to apologize for this newsletter being late but I was out of town. My father-in-law passed away in February and I was in North Carolina helping my mother-in-law after the funeral.

#### DNA NEWS BRIEF

We are pleased to announce that the ancestral Y haplotype of Edmund Rice has been extended to 111 markers. See the web site for details. Any male Rice with an uncertain connection to Edmund, seeking genetic confirmation of the link, can now make use of this higher-resolution test.

The 2012 Annual Reunion will be held at Hampton Inn in Natick, MA on September 21-22, 2012. Mark your calendars and we hope to see you there. The agenda and reservation forms will be available in the 2012 Summer Issue.

Hope to see all of you at the reunion!!

*Susan Berger*

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

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<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Lost</b>	<b>Name</b>	<b>Date Lost</b>
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**IN MEMORY** Gordon V. Rice of Rocky River, Ohio, husband of Gerry Rice passed away on October 20, 2011 at the age of 90. Gordon, a son of Howard Newell Rice, was born March 20, 1921. He and Gerry were married on January 20, 1945.

### **NEW MEMBERS**

Benjamin J Rice	Anne Rice Ficke	James Fullerton	Don Carman
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### **IN CELEBRATION**

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

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

**The following life members were accidentally not included in the November birthday list in the Fall Newsletter:** Yaqirah Rice, Ariel Rice and Samuel Rice of Jackson, MI

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## **ERA Database**

Our computer database has been and will continue to be essential for DNA studies for Edmund Rice descendants and the descendants of other early Sudbury families. We need your continuing support. If you have not submitted your family line to us, why wait any longer? Have Questions? Contact our Historian at: [gking5 @ cox.net](mailto:gking5@cox.net)

## **Nine-Generation Rice Database Available on CD**

Your Board of Directors (BoD) agreed that we would offer the nine-generation report and database to our members (only). The BoD approved a charge of \$10 plus \$5 shipping and handling postpaid for a CD-ROM containing both documents. Please order from the Treasurer by sending a request for the CD-ROM, your name and mailing address and a check or money order for \$15 to:

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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 2011. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

## The Family Thicket, Part XX

### John Chandler

*This is the latest in a series of articles looking at the complex relationships among the descendants of Edmund Rice. Each article focuses on one early Massachusetts immigrant and his wife (or wives) and offspring and uncovers some of the ways in which the offspring are connected by marriage to the extended Rice family within a few generations. Many of the people mentioned here are included in our Association's database, but some of those are omitted even so from the on-line 6-generation descendancy report because the latter concentrates on Edmund Rice's descendants and ventures only as far afield as their spouses and spouses' parents.*

The focus of this article is Thomas Walker of Sudbury, the founder of a numerous tribe, but not one of the earliest immigrants to the Massachusetts Bay Colony. In fact, he was late enough that he might actually have been born there, and the rather generic nature of his name makes it difficult to pin down his origins. The earliest definite trace of him appears to be the birth of his daughter Mary in 1661 in Boston, but he must have been present before that, since his wife was Mary Stone, a granddaughter of immigrant Gregory Stone, featured in *Thicket XVII*. In fact, the Boston records also show the death in 1659 of a Thomas Walker who could conceivably be an earlier child of our protagonist. However, this death report gives no relationships of the deceased, and the obvious inference is that the deceased was an adult, not a small child.

Our Thomas must have been well-educated, since the town of Sudbury considered in 1664 offering him a grant of land to engage his services in keeping a public school in the town. There is no record of such land being granted to him, but it was about that time that he settled in Sudbury and had his second child there. In any case, he wound up keeping a tavern instead of a school. The colony records show Thomas renewing his tavern license in 1672. The vital records do not show his death, nor his wife's, but his will was proved in 1697.

In all, Thomas and Mary Walker had eleven children, but several of them died young, or, if they did survive, they had moved far enough that they have not been identified as coming from Sudbury. Needless to say, name ambiguity is a serious problem among Walker families. Let us now run down the list and see how this particular family is woven into the Rice tapestry.

1. **Mary** (1661-?) married Rev. James Sherman. Their grandson Bezaleel Sherman had in turn a grandson Bezaleel Sherman whose daughter Lucy married Seth<sup>8</sup> Dunham (Rebecca<sup>7</sup> Hitchcock, Joseph<sup>6</sup>, Abigail<sup>5</sup> King, Silence<sup>4</sup> Rice, Jonas<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>).

2. **Thomas** (1664-1717) married Martha How, a granddaughter of John How featured in *Thicket III*, and settled in what became Framingham. Three of their children figure in this story. (A) Their daughter Martha had two great-granddaughters who married into the thicket: Adeline Richardson married Rufus<sup>7</sup> Stow (Aaron<sup>6</sup>, Lucy<sup>5</sup> Goodenow, Persis<sup>4</sup> Rice, Edward<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>), and Harriet Richardson married Aaron<sup>8</sup> Howe (Sarah<sup>7</sup> Smith, Aaron<sup>6</sup>, Hannah<sup>5</sup> Rice, Daniel<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>). (B) Another daughter, Mary, formed an indirect connection by being the second wife of Elkanah Haven, who soon afterwards married as his third wife Patience<sup>4</sup> Leland (Patience<sup>3</sup> Rice, Matthew<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>). (C) Their son Samuel had a great-grandson Matthias Walker who married Lydia<sup>8</sup> Brigham (Ephraim<sup>7</sup>, William<sup>6</sup>, Nathan<sup>5</sup>, Nathan<sup>4</sup>, Mary<sup>3</sup> Rice, Henry<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>). Needless to say, that long line of Brighams stems from a connection described in *Thicket II*.

3. **William** (1666-?) married Sarah Goodenow, who incidentally was a female-line descendant of Mary (Rice?) Axdell, often said to be Edmund Rice's daughter. On that account, he may someday be included

in the Association database, but for now we lack the necessary evidence. Leaving aside that possible, but unproven, connection, we still find that his descendants found their way into the Rice story. First, his granddaughter Lois Walker had two sons who married Rice descendants: (A) Ephraim Potter married Susanna<sup>6</sup> Rice (Zebulon<sup>5</sup>, Charles<sup>4</sup>, Anna<sup>3</sup> Rice, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>) or (Zebulon<sup>5</sup>, Charles<sup>4</sup>, Thomas<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>); and (B) Abijah Potter married Mary<sup>7</sup> Tower (Hepzibah<sup>6</sup> Gibbs, Thankful<sup>5</sup> Wheeler, Abigail<sup>4</sup> Rice, John<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>). Note the dual lineage in (A) above, reflecting a spot where the Rice tree is entwined with itself.

William's grandson Thomas Walker had three granddaughters who also married Rice descendants: (A) Betsy Gibbs married Martin<sup>7</sup> Rice (Samuel<sup>6</sup>, Bezaleel<sup>5</sup>, Bezaleel<sup>4</sup>, David<sup>3</sup>, Henry<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>); (B) Nancy Walker married Reuben<sup>7</sup> Puffer (Silas<sup>6</sup>, Olive<sup>5</sup> Rice, Gershom<sup>4</sup>, Ephraim<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>); and (C) Hannah Walker married Martin<sup>8</sup> Dadman (Martin<sup>7</sup>, Elijah<sup>6</sup>, Lois<sup>5</sup> Pratt, Elizabeth<sup>4</sup> Rice, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Henry<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>).

4. **Hannah** (1668-1668) obviously died young.

5. **Hannah** (1669-1704) married David<sup>3</sup> Rice (Henry<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>). What could be simpler than that? Hannah is the only child of Thomas Walker who is included in the ERA database

6. **Daniel** (1672-1672) obviously died young.

7. **Daniel** (1674-1755?) married Dorothy Manning. Their grandson Daniel Walker had three grandchildren who married into the Edmund Rice clan: (A) Winslow Dustin Walker married Adeline Stevens<sup>9</sup> Brigham (Curtis<sup>8</sup>, Ebenezer<sup>7</sup>, Elijah<sup>6</sup>, Nathan<sup>5</sup>, Nathan<sup>4</sup>, Mary<sup>3</sup> Rice, Henry<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>); (B) Evelina Augusta Walker married Rufus<sup>8</sup> Howe (Jonah<sup>7</sup>, Thaddeus<sup>6</sup>, Ruth<sup>5</sup> Brigham, Jonathan<sup>4</sup>, Mary<sup>3</sup> Rice, Henry<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>) as his second wife; and (C) Angeline Elizabeth Walker married Abraham<sup>8</sup> Hyde (Rebecca<sup>7</sup> Fay, Nathan<sup>6</sup>, Thankful<sup>5</sup> Newton, Bethiah<sup>4</sup> Rice, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>) as his second wife.

8. **Sarah** (1677-?) probably died young, since she was not mentioned in her father's will.

9. **Abigail** (1679-?) married John Stevens, but apparently had no children.

10. **Elizabeth** (1680-?) probably died young.

11. **John** (?-?) probably died young.

Thus, we see that five of the eleven children apparently died young, and a sixth had no offspring, but the remaining five are all tied into the network of Edmund Rice descendants at various depths. In some cases, I looked as far as the ninth generation, deeper than I would ordinarily go, but that makes sense because of the late start Thomas Walker had compared to previously featured immigrants.

One final note: the emphasis of the *Thicket* series is the fact that so many families intermarried with Edmund Rice descendants, but these connections are reciprocal. The other way of looking at it is that Edmund Rice descendants have by now intermarried with practically every available family. It is no wonder that the ultimate expected size of our database is in the millions!



# Family Story of Carma Drury and his sister Cuma Drury Schofield

*Saturday, Nov. 19, 2011*

*Mike Tharp of the Merced Sun-Star: Key to reaching 100 -- 'Keep on the good side of life'*

The secret, that's what everybody wants to know about someone turning 100 years old. For Carma Drury, who reaches that milestone Dec. 5 with his twin sister, Cuma Drury Riggs Schofield, the answer is easy: "Only thing I can think of is I didn't die." The Delhi resident and Pacific Gas and Electric retiree adds a few more tips as he sits in son Keith's house in North Merced with his wife, Betty. "I have been fortunate," he says in a clear baritone. "I've had no serious illnesses." During a recent routine checkup, he asked his doc about "my chances" if he reached 100. "He told me, 'The average life span after that is two and a half years -- but I'll give you 10.'" A few more lessons for long life: If you see something bad, you stay away from it or do away with it. I've gone to church as long as I can remember. So far I think the good has outweighed the bad. I try to keep on the good side of life. He used to walk or run a half-mile, but now he confines his workout to sit-ups and calisthenics. He's on no major meds and I watch my calories and try to eat reasonably. I don't have diabetes. He thinks nothing of getting into his silver Camry and driving to Whiskey Creek near North Fork in Madera County to see his sister, who remains sharp as a tack but who is frailer than her brother. He's got three more years on his driver's license. One of his grandfathers lived to be 100 and eight months and a cousin made it to age 99 and on his mother's side, most lived into their 80's although one aunt lived to see age 94. Carma's and Cuma's extended family and friends celebrated their big day Dec. 4 at the Hoffmeister Center of Central Presbyterian Church in Merced, California.

The twins were born on the family farm in Ozark, Mo., in 1911. In a 200-page well-researched family history and genealogy containing 134 vintage and contemporary photos, Cuma records that the family moved to Clovis when she and Carma were 8 years old. That's where their grandfather lived. "Our first big event after coming to California was a trip to the ocean ... our family in Pop's panel truck," she writes. It was the first time either had been in a car or a truck. Back home they walked or traveled in a horse-drawn surrey with, of course, fringe on top. They both graduated from Clovis High and both started studies at Fresno State.

Cuma got married after a couple years to Howard Riggs who, with family partners, opened the Snow White Bakery on Yosemite Avenue. Carma graduated in 1935 with a teaching credential. There were 10 teachers for every job opening then," he recalls. I wasn't fortunate enough to be one of the teachers. But I was fortunate to get a job with PG&E. He worked there 40 years, retiring on Jan. 1, 1977. The company had moved him and the family to Merced in 1967 and, among other jobs he became a teacher at the giant utility's night school classes. He did that for 20 years, including five in Merced.

In Madera he was active in the Boy Scouts, served several terms on the board of the Madera Elementary School District and was an active member of the First Baptist Church. After her first husband died, Cuma continued to operate the business and in 1970 married Al Schofield, who died only a few months after their wedding. Both her husbands had been their senior class valedictorians.

Carma's first wife Alice died in 1980 at age 67. Betty had lost her own husband to cancer, and she and Carma, who met at church, were married three years later. Brother and sister have always been adventurous, whether traveling to Europe or pulling a fifth-wheel trailer around the United States. Cuma's family chronicle, which extends back to the 17th century, also records her own odysseys all across America and into Canada. Cuma has two children, four grandchildren and 10 great-grandchildren; Carma has three sons -- including Keith, a manager for San Luis Pump Co. in Merced -- six grandchildren and two great-granddaughters.

Three years ago Carma and Cuma, with some of their kids, returned to Ozark. They walked the land where their father had tried to grow cotton, raise sheep and bees and followed other agricultural pursuits. Carma showed his three sons the four generations of family headstones. The twins stay in

touch. Carma drove down Tuesday to see her. "We were always close," he says. Went to the same schools, all the same grades -- we have a good rapport with each other. Some years back Carma started a series of woodworking projects. He wound up making grandfather clocks for his three sons, a dozen or so more for other family members. I still piddle with clocks," he says. I clean them -- I don't replace them. Nearly a half-million hours have ticked by for the twins. A Bible verse in Cuma's book may capture the meaning of their long lives: The years are throughout all generations. Just had the big party!!!

Cynthia Schmidt - Great grand-niece

## QUERIES:

**1)** Hi Gail,

Recently the membership chair of our association forwarded a copy of your membership information for the Edmund Rice (1638) Association. You said that your grandfather was Edward J. Lowe, born Ypsilanti, Michigan. The Michigan birth records include an Edward Jay Lowe who was born 9 October 1883 to Austin Childs Lowe and Mary Angeline Davis. Regrettably we have no information in our records about this Lowe family. If you will give me a brief description of your line back to Edmund Rice, I will be able to identify your most recent generation in our association records. With that information we can exchange more detailed information.

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

**2)** John,

Thanks very much for your reply to my inquiry last week. I am thrilled that my preliminary research findings appear to be consistent with ERA's database and that I am a likely descendent of Edmund Rice. I intend to take your advice and begin my genealogical research in earnest with the aid of a software package to help with organization. I also plan to join ERA and look forward to sharing my results with other cousins "who are also in the game."

Best regards, Ben Rice

**3)** Dear Col. King,

This is from the headstone across lane from Josiah Whitney & family in the Spring Forest Cemetery, Binghamton, NY. It reads with / indicating new line:

Moses Brigham/born/April 21, 1786/died/Nov 25, 1874/in his 89 year I am sure this Moses Brigham is the same listed in the Edmund Rice data base as the son of Artemas Brigham and Keziah Rice. His wife's headstone reads: Mary Brigham/born/Nov 3, 1784/died/June 13, 1869/in her 86 year

I am trying to confirm that Mary (Polly) was the daughter of Fortunatus Brigham. Here's what I have so far: \*\*\*\*\* Brigham, W. I. Tyler. The History of the Brigham Family, Buffalo (NY) Central Library, CS71 B855 B8 following is my transcription from page 195:

168 FORTUNATUS5, son of Abraham4 and Phebe (Martin) Brigham; born in Marlboro, Mass., 29 Sept., 1759; died 4 Nov., 1834; married, 28 Aug., 1783, Martha, daughter of Daniel and Martha (Brigham) Barnes; born 9 May, 1766, in Marlboro, died 10 Oct., 1860. Resided in Northboro

Children, born in Northboro: i Polly6 (Mary), b. 3 Nov., 1783\*; m. Moses 6 Brigham, 219. \*  
Headstone at Spring Forest Cemetery, Binghamton, NY reads "1784" \*\*\*\*\* Do you have any record  
of Fortunatus?

By the way, the daughter of Moses & Mary Brigham was Fanny E who married Stephen  
Delamarter, my g-g-g-grandfather.

Happy Holidays, John Newton

John,

Many thanks for the new information. I have checked the published vital records for  
Northborough, MA and find no Mary or Polly Brigham listed. However, the Marlborough, MA VRs list  
Polly Brigham, b 3 Nov 1783, daughter of Fortunatus and Martha Brigham. This is quite compelling.

I see Moses and Mary Brigham in the 1850 US census at: Chenango, Broome Co, New York in the James  
Filmore household. Are you keeping your family information in a genealogy computer program?

We would like very much to add information about the Moses and Polly Brigham family:

Our genealogy program, The Master Genealogist, imports data files directly from most of the  
common genealogy programs - without having to go through the GEDCOM translation. TMG can also  
produce a GEDCOM file of the information in our association computer files. Your information from a  
computer file is a much more efficient use of my time than trying to enter information from paper copies.  
For information already in a computer file, I prefer to exchange information as attachments to e-mail. For  
paper documents and if you are not comfortable doing attachments to e-mail, we will use the USPS.

The Edmund Rice (1638) Association is very conscientious about recording sources for all of our  
information. As I write this, the ERA has an active program to document our early Massachusetts Rice  
ancestors from primary sources. All information that you provide will include a cite to you for your effort  
and encouragement. If you have any records of births, marriages, deaths, etc, either civil, church, or  
newspaper, I encourage you to make and send copies to me so that I can cite them with your new  
information.

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.

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 and including his or her 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 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.

Looking forward to a mutually useful exchange,

George W. King, Historian  
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

**Timothy L. Sanford** - *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 provide 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. Both books are available on Amazon.com.



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