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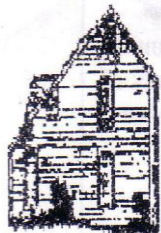


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The Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc. 24 Buckman Dr. Chelmsford, MA 01824 was established in 1851 and incorporated in 1934 to encourage antiquarian, genealogical, and historical research concerning the ancestors and descendants of Edmund Rice who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

President's Column

Greetings, cousins!

I'd like to tell you a genealogical cautionary tale, but first let me comment on the recent reunion. We had the usual mix of first-time and repeat attendees, and it was a great opportunity to catch up on cousinly news and to make fresh acquaintances. It's a pity we don't have more unscheduled time available for chatting during the reunions, but I don't see how we could manage that without running over into a third day. In any case, those of you who missed the reunion can at least view the slides prepared by Michael Rice for his Saturday morning presentations -- visit our website and click the "Library" button at the top.

Now for the cautionary tale, recently, I was doing some research on the Barretts of Concord, MA, and I came across an individual who should have been easy to pursue because he had a middle name despite being born in 1764 - - Jonas Prescott Barrett, son of Benjamin and Sarah (Merriam) Barrett. As you probably all know, middle names were very rare here before 1800. This boy's birth was duly entered in the Concord vital records, but nothing further. As it happens, some other research I was doing had led me to the town of Ashburnham, where that family had connections, and so it was inevitable that I should discover the record of Sarah (Merriam) Barretts death in the neighboring town of Ashby. Then I also stumbled across two marriage entries at Ashby, both clearly referring to the same marriage event, albeit with slight differences in spelling. That event was the 1804 marriage of Jonas Prescott Barrett of Ashby to Sally Fowle of Woburn.

I was sorely tempted to set aside my misgivings about the 40-year gap between occurrences of the name and call them the same person, but I wanted some verification beyond the firm link already established between Barretts of Concord and Barretts of Ashby. Sally Fowle had been born in 1782 and so was likely to bear some children, if not in Ashby, then perhaps in Woburn, but neither town showed any such births. Broadening my search to include marriage, death, and census records revealed a later Jonas Prescott Barrett, who lived in Woburn and was the son of James F. Barrett, whose death record reported his birth to be c1806 in Ashby and parents to be Jonas P. and Sally Barrett! Moreover, I found a J. Prescott Barrett whose death record (as Jonas P.) showed parents Jonas and Sarah and birth c1809. Here, then, was proof that the 1804 marriage actually led somewhere, but what about tracing it back? I found Sally's death record with an age confirming the 1782 birth, but no death for the first Jonas P. The answer finally came from a compiled genealogy of Concord families that showed the first Jonas P. dying in 1781 and asserted that his nephew Jonas born in 1783 was a full namesake, even though the Ashby records had no middle name for him at birth or death. It all fits neatly now, and I'm glad I resisted the temptation to equate the matching names. The only question is: how fully can I trust the compiled genealogy?

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:

Susan R. Berger

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Membership

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

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

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

Annual dues, payable *September 1*, are:

Initial dues.....\$ 15.00

Renewals:

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

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

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

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Address Corrections:

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

EDITOR'S COLUMN

George Rice led the bus tour thru Sudbury, Wayland and Framingham. After stops at the North Cemetery in Wayland and the Edmund Rice homestead site, the tour went to the Wayland Historical Society. Members had an enlightening tour of the house.

The 2012 reunion attendee group photo is on page 8 and other pictures will be available on our Facebook page.

Our webmaster, Brian Rice, has made some wonderful changes to our ERA website www.edmund-rice.org.

If you have access to the internet, I suggest you explore the new website. You'll find articles about the Descendants of Edmund Rice, the DNA Project and the Document Library.

All the newsletters from 1960 to present are available to view or print.

Please send your articles, family news, your children or grandchildren births, weddings, obituaries, other family items of interest and any queries to editor@edmund-rice.org

Susan Berger

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1988-1989	Alex W. Snow
1990-1993	John S. Bates
1994	Alex W. Snow
1995-1997	Frederick H. Rice
1998-2006	Dr. Robert V. Rice

Memorial Gifts

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

IN MEMORY *Please join me in a final farewell to all those who are now with the Lord.*

Mrs. Robert V. Bolene of Coral Springs, FL

Donald P Peirce of Sudbury, MA passed away on March 20, 2011.

Gordon V. Rice 90 of Rocky River, OH passed away on October 20, 2011 at the age of 90. He was born March 20, 1921 the son of Howard Newell Rice. Gordon is survived by his wife Geraldine K Rice.

Marian Huse Rice passed away November 14, 2011. Marian is survived by her son and daughter-in-law Robert and Sheila Rice.

Donald Francis Timmons 89 of Harrisonburg, VA and summer resident of St Lucie, FL. passed away suddenly on January 18, 2012. He is survived by his wife Eudrice Freitag Timmons, two daughters Carole Ott and Dr. Donna Timmons, two grand-daughters Donna Rhoton and Pamela Ott and two great grand-daughters Fiona and Abigail Rhoton.

True B. Rice died February 10, 2012 in North Orange, MA. He was born May 28, 1923 the son of True G. Rice and Florence French. He leaves his son Warren Rice of North Orange, MA; and his daughters and son-in-laws Arlene Wright of Northboro, MA; Carolyn and Robert Wright of Athol, MA; Irene Perkins of Petersham, MA; Laurel and Don Wilber of Barre, MA; Sylvia and Eugene Moriarty of Fitzwilliam, NH; Marjorie Parker of Sanford NC; and Betty and Michael Coletti of Hampton NH.

Dana Munroe Hastings 81 of Westwood, MA and lifelong summer resident of West Falmouth, MA passed away on October 4, 2012. Dana served as ERA Director since 2007 and as our Secretary since 2008. He was born on May 28, 1931 in Framingham, MA. He is survived by his wife Barbara J Arnold Hastings of Westwood, MA, his sister Alyce Hastings Rogers of Medina, Washington, his son and daughter-in-law Dana Christian Munroe and Billie Jean Hastings of Andover, MA, his daughter and son-in-law Amy and Glen Olsen of Midland, Texas, his stepsons David, Kenneth and Richard Arnold and eight grandchildren Hannah Hastings, Kristen, Timothy and Melissa Olsen and Matthew, Bethany, Kerrin and Lucas Arnold.

LOST MEMBERS - If anyone knows anything about these lost members, please contact me: Susan Berger 416 Shirley Place, Valdosta, GA 31605 or call me at (229) 560-5544.

Name	Date Lost	Name	Date Lost
June Berry	before 2003	Robert Riger	Nov 2010
Josephine P. Henderson	Aug 2004	Cosas Bonitas	May 2011
Steven R. Rice	Nov 2005	Patricia MacFarland	May 2011
Richard F. Larkin	July 2009	Amanda Collins	July 2011
Bob Larsen	July 2009	Kate Chiesa	July 2011
Chester G. Rice	July 2009	Edmund A. Rice	July 2011
Patrick H. Miller Jr.	Nov 2009	Evelyn O Jensen	Nov 2011

NEW MEMBERS (2011-2012)

MSgt Nathan Brownhill APO, AE; **Alda Kaye** Wakefield, RI; **Robert Perry** Marlborough, CT; **Kristina Stewart** St. Catharine's, ON, CANADA; **Richard E Rice** Anaheim, CA; **Jeanette Cossar** Ocala, FL; **Carol Belcher** Ocala, FL; **Andrea Wetzstein** Laughlin, NV; **Michelle Baldwin** New Carrollton, MD; **Julia Hofley** Bloomfield, MI; **Balis Dailey** Schertz, TX; **Larry Howe** Dansville, NY; **Benjamin J Rice** Keene, NH; **Donna Holloway** Anderson, MO; **William Weirick** Monroe, LA; **Donald Carman Jr** Aptos, CA; **James Fullerton** Toronto, ON, CANADA; **Rebecca Flanagan** Ashburnham, MA; **Rob Wood** Glen Rock, PA; **Douglas MacMillan** Medfield, MA;

Anne Ficke Bartlett, NH; **Jonathon Normand** Somers, CT; **Elizabeth McArthur** Aldergrove, BC, CANADA; **Mark Gottfredson** of Colleyville, TX; **Gwen King** Fair Oaks, TX; **Charlene Barlow Lantz** Greenwich, CT; **Judy Toffoli** Sault Ste. Marie, ON, CANADA; **Margaret Stehle** Palo Alto, CA; **Mary Ann Carney** Wilbraham, MA; **Sherri Gaines** Coeur D'Alene, ID; **Richard Cameron** London, ON CANADA; **Barry T Rice** Edmond, OK; **Wanda Watkins** Dawsonville, GA; **Maryanne Mueth** Howell, MI; **Rebecca Craven** Paoli, PA; **Keith Reeves** Arlington, VA; **Lorraine Jacobs** East Hartford, CT; **James W Murphy** The Villages, FL; **Daniel Hingley** Dawson Creek, BC CANADA; **George Sawin** Wellesley, MA; **Josef Moorehead** Gold River, CA; **Christopher I Rice** Newcastle, ME; **Geraldine K Rice** Rocky River, OH; **Jacqueline Rice** Lakeville, CT; **Jacquelyn MacKinnon** Temecula, CA; **Vici Foster** Flower Mound, TX; **Robin Rice** North Stonington, CT; **Henry Ball** Warrenton, MO

NEW LIFE MEMBERS (2011-2012)

Stephen Frael of Stow, MA; **Susanne Loetterle** of Berne, NY; **Neal P Rice** of Allston, MA; **Maj. Gen. Leon S Rice** Southampton, MA; **Brian C Rice** of New York, NY; **Pamela J Harrison** of Evanston, IL;

MEMBERS MAKING ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Katherine Truesdell	Marilyn Skinner	Doris Ronald	Frederick H Rice
Eugene R Rice	Barbara J Rice	Barbara F Niemann	Beth McAleer
Dorothy Marsh	Warren Lysne	Barbara Lucas	Emma Lu Fischer
Colin Fairn	Ruth Brown	Nancy Boulter	Alice McCoy
June Perry	Delores Mandeville	Dorothy Rice Miller	Wendy & Carl Wesen
Sandra Hewlett			

IN CELEBRATION

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

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

Beatrice V. Fitts of Florence, MA will be 102 years young in November

Cuma Drury Schofield and her twin brother Carma Drury of North Fork, CA will be 101 years young in December

October

Rebecca Craven of Paoli, PA; **Ruth Ryser** of Sarasota, FL; **Bertyne Rice Smith** of Barre, ME; **John B Davidson** of Lunenburg County, NS, CANADA; **Leta Olsen** of Pampa, TX; **Maribeth Rice DelGiudice** of East Greenwich, RI; **Robin Pewtress** of Boise, ID; **Vicki Kaufmann** of Wilton, IA; **Rev. Stephen Petrie** of Montreal, QC, CANADA; **Dorel Kump** of Idaho Falls, ID; **Bonnie Wiley** of Cambridge, IL; **James Tyler** of Dewey Beach, DE; **Joella Grosser Schultz** of Tucson, AZ; **Keith Allen** of Tulsa, OK; **Norman Cooper** of Canyon Lake, TX; **Bruce Coutu** of Miami, FL; **Gregory Rice Sr.** of Eugene, OR; **Dorothy Marsh** of Southbridge, MA; **Betty Fairchild** of Atlantic Bch, FL; **Sheree Brown** of East Longmeadow, MA; **Bernadine Rice Cascarano** of Lake Forest, IL; **Geneva Garrett** of Santa Anna, TX; **Dennis H. Rice** of East Douglas, MA; **Barbara Bodeen** of Yamill, OR; **William Rice** of Parkville, MO; **Rita O'Connell** of Duxbury, MA; **Mary Sullivan** of St. Catherines, ON, CANADA; **Jeffrey M Rice** of Wayland, MA; **Lucille Casby** of Springdale, AR; **Carol Kosicki** of Holliston, MA; **Dan S Rice** of Ames, IA; **Michele Rice** of Lincoln, NE; **Eleanor Lockington** of Norfolk, VA; **Katherine Truesdell** of Twenty-Nine Palms, CA

November

Jeanette Ockunzzi of Niceville, FL; **Yaqirah Rice**, Jackson, MI; **Ariel Rice** of Jackson, MI; **Samuel Rice** of Jackson, MI; **Galt Grant** of Cohasset, MA; **Dale C Gunn** of Hudson, MA; **Dr. Kathryn Brown** of Cedar Rapids, IA; **Frances Rice** of Princeton, MA; **David W Rice Jr** of Livermore, CA; **Henry Snyder** of Kensington, CA;

Edmund C Rice of Wayland, MA; **Jean Danielson** of Holden, MA; **Daniel M. Rice** of Crown Point, NY; **Armine Cooper** of Becket, MA; **Phillip D Rice** of Ashville, NC; **Elizabeth Alcorn** of Worcester, MA; **Creighton Nichols** of Framingham, MA; **Laurel Rice** of Windsor, CA; **Linda Bryant** of Winter Park, FL; **Rowena Huber** of Horseshoe Bay, TX; **James R. Rice Jr.**, of Concord, NH; **Betty Adams** of Stayton, OR; **Warren Lysne** of Monument, CO; **Anna LaChance** of Fort Smith, AR; **Kristina Stewart** of St. Catherine ON, CANADA; **Cheri Heeren** of Sedalia, MO; **Russell Belcher** of Merrimack, NH; **William Mills** of Bartlesville, OK; **Amy Chapman** of Weston, MA; **Elizabeth Johnson** of Delran, NJ; **Laurena McDermott** of Burlington, MA; **Michelle Baldwin** of New Carrollton, MD; **Donna Murphy** of The Villages, FL; **Sandra Hewlett** of Phoenixville, PA; **Lewis Olson** of Port Allen, LA; **James P. Rice Jr.** of Westport, NY; **Balis Dailey** of Schertz, TX; **John A. Parker, MD** of Newton, MA; **Charlene Keith** of Keene, NH; **Melinda Crawford** of Moscow, ID; **Rene Dart** of Appleton, WI; **Dennis Griffith** of Post Falls, ID; **Stephen Hollands** of Takoma Park, MD; **Helen G. Brinton** of Centereach, NY; **Elizabeth Rice-Smith** of Rockport, MA; **William Miller** of Norman, OK; **Amanda Haynes** of Amarillo, TX; **Jennifer Edwards** of Colonial Heights, VA; **William Deming** of Shelburne, VT; **Sheri Gaines** of Coeur D'Alene, ID; **Heather McPherson** of Indianapolis, IN

December

Doyle Rice of Jackson, MI; **Jean Drury Groves** of Falls Church, VA; **Norman Mills** of Fjerdingby, NORWAY; **Ann O'Rourke** of Pukalani, HI; **Betty Wauer** of Bryan, TX; **Benjamin Rice** of Keene, NH; **Lucile Rice** of Rochester, NY; **George Rice** of Malverne, NY; **Dr. Philip R. Loe** of Seattle, WA; **Julia McClure** of Port Townsend, WA; **Helen M Bell Reefman** of Fremont, MI; **Donna Barnes** of Ortonville, MI; **Betty Fredericks Pacheco** of Chelmsford, MA; **Barbara O'Neill** of Peru, NY; **Julie Ann Rice-Rollins** of Oklahoma City, OK; **Daniel Hingley** of Dawson Creek, BC, CANADA; **Donna Holloway** of Anderson, MO; **Richard Cameron** of London, ON, CANADA; **Virginia L Rice** of Broomall, PA; **Nancy Seibert** of Sun City West, AR; **Paul Piatkowski** of York, PA; **Dan H Rice** of Midland, MI; **Jacqueline Rice** of Lakeville, CT; **Thomas B. Rice** of Burien, WA; **Marilyn Skinner** of Brea, CA; **Martha Wood** of Lexington, MA; **Brian C Rice** of New York, NY; **Susan Rice-Ridgeway** of LaJolla, CA; **Warren Mahoney** of Auburn, WA

ERA Database

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

Nine-Generation Rice Database Available on CD

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

Michael Rice
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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 2012. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

**Edmund Rice (1638) Association
Annual Meeting
Hampton Inn, Natick, MA
September 22, 2012**

Approximately 40 members and guests of the Association gathered for informal discussions, including exploration of the new edition of the 9-generation CD, starting at 9 am. Formal presentations began at 10 am, covering several topics, with appearances by Michael Rice, George King, and John Chandler. A buffet luncheon was served at noon, and after that Prof. Kate Grandjean of Wellesley College gave an interesting talk on interactions between colonists and natives in early New England.

The meeting was called to order at 2 pm by President John Chandler.

Motion made and seconded to waive reading of last year's minutes
So voted

Michael Rice gave Treasurers report:

Bank summary:	Income	\$ 7,388.34
	Expenses	\$ 5,929.76
	Overall Total	\$ 1,458.58
Account Balances:	7 month CD	\$ 43,379.64
	9 month CD	\$ 8,697.25
	Checking	\$ 10,843.33
	Money Market Savings	\$ 13,105.06
	Overall Total	\$ 76,025.28

Moved and seconded to receive the report as given; So voted

John Chandler read Susan Berger's Membership report:

326 annual members - an increase of 35 annual members

155 life members – an increase of 3 life members

4 cousins died: Mrs. Robert Bolene, Gordon Rice, Marion Rice and Donald Timmons

53 people still owe 2011-2012 dues

Michael Rice gave Book Custodian report:

Sold 13 books and 11 CD's over the last year

Donated a complete set of books to: Framingham Historical Society
Genealogical Association of Nova Scotia

Next year's reunion: September 20 - 21, 2013

Suggestions - Marlboro, MA

Election of Officers

Slate presented by nominating committee:

President John Chandler

Vice President George Rice

Recording Secretary Dana Hastings

Treasurer Michael Rice

Historian George King

Directors: Kathleen Bond, Wendy Wesen, Daphne Stevens,

Brian Rice, Beth McAleer, Tim Sanford, Susan Berger, Bill Drury.

Additionally, Dale Gunn was nominated from the floor as a director.
Moved and seconded to add him to the slate.

Moved and seconded to cast one ballot for all nominees So voted

Nine Generation CD on sale

George King and John Chandler gave reports on the database: 171,000 people and growing with 22,000 new persons pending submission from John.

Incidentally, Lucille Ball is a Rice descendant and is now in the database.

Discussion

Bob Rice gave a report on Genetics: The number of people asking for information on DNA is declining. Bob went over the numbers on both the YDNA and the mitochondrial DNA projects Discussion
Moved and seconded to appropriate \$1000 for genetics committee So voted

Moved and seconded to adjourn So voted

2012 Reunion - Group Photo



The homestead of Thomas and Deborah Rice-Sawin

Written to the Editor of the Metro West Daily News in MA April, 2012 by George E Sawin

After reading with much interest and fascination Peter Golden's most recent story of the "Lost Freedom Riders of April 19th", I feel compelled to bring to greater light, a situation of serious concern to anyone who appreciates the legacy that the town of Natick proudly bears. Located on the grounds of the MA Audubon in South Natick, stands the homestead of the very first European settler and friend of the Natick Praying Indians, Thomas Sawin and his wife Deborah Rice. The existing structure, one of three original homes, has stood for centuries and is a symbol of spiritual and cultural cooperation that existed between divergent peoples and the land on which they inhabited. The saw and grist mills that were created there and whose foundations remain provided the first industry of Natick as they supplied the sustenance and the raw materials from which a growing community would prosper.

This homestead would later become the rallying point where Natick Militia would gather after being alerted by Abigail Smith before they headed to Lexington and Menotomy to engage in battle with the British regular army in its retreat from Concord on that April day in 1775. Capt. Thomas Sawin and many of the Sawin family and extended family marched that day and in the days that followed, some giving their lives. They were signers of the State Constitution, founders of the Eliot Church and remained an integral part of their growing community. Just a few years later, Moses Sawin was banished from that same Eliot church community for speaking out against human slavery. Thomas & Deborah Sawin and their successive generations were often the voice of reason and compassion for their vulnerable brethren, even in the face of hostile resistance and retaliation.

Now that homestead, the very symbol of Natick's cultural beginnings is being threatened by the very organization that was charged to take care for it. The Audubon received this homestead as a gift in the 1960's and have paid zero taxes to the town for it for nearly 50 years. While planning on spending several millions of dollars to expand their own visitor center in Natick, the Audubon has come to decide that they do not need to preserve the home of Thomas & Deborah Rice Sawin, at a small fraction of the cost expanding of their own barn. They are attempting to remove the home and thereby add another 1500 square feet to their already 800 acres of wilderness.

Audubon has done little to nothing to be caring stewards of what has been entrusted to them. In the early 1970's they removed by demolition, another Sawin home that dated to 1715. Their pattern of behavior and avoidance of dialogue indicates a blatant disregard for the cultural and historical significance of the town of Natick and the people that have made it and this region great. While I love the wilderness and the wildlife that inhabit those woods, and have enjoyed that property for decades, the Audubon's hostility towards the cultural landscape of Natick must be met with resistance. Don't let them take away, remove or destroy one more piece of our precious history and heritage.

George Eliot Sawin; 7th Great Grandson of Thomas and Deborah Rice Sawin

To learn more about the homestead of Thomas and Deborah Rice-Sawin, see:

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

CIVIL WAR LETTER

Port Hudson July 18, 1863

Harrison and Daniel Ballard Jr. are brothers and 6th great-grandsons of Edmund Rice. Daniel is the great uncle of long time ERA member Fay Emma Hunting Bennett. The following letter was found among her grandmother Hunting's possessions upon her death. Fay would like to share it with everyone.

Postmarked New Orleans, LA on July 28, 1863

To: Harrison W Ballard, Esquire; Rocky Hill, New Jersey

From: Daniel Ballard, Jr.

Brother Harry

I suppose you have been disappointed lately in not getting letters from me oftener, but the reason for it is because I have not had time and place to write them. The last letter I read from you was dated June 10th. I have read several from home and the girls since one from Lattie and Leucinda of July 4th.

We expected to have been at home by this time but it seems we have not started yet, though we expect to soon. Of course you have heard long ago of the surrender of Vicksburg on the 4th of July and at this place on the 8th and as you have had so many false reports that you do not believe it, you may dispel your doubts in regard to Port Hudson, for I can vouch for the truth of the report in regard to this place.

We made our triumphant entry into this rebel encampment on the morning of the 9th of July. Many of the rebs seemed glad to have the place surrendered so that they could get something to eat. Their corn was nearly exhausted and beef entirely. They freely confess that they had to subsist on dog and mule beef.

Maj. Gen. Gardiner sent out a flag of truce on the morning of the 8th and wished to know of Gen. Banks on what conditions surrender would be acceptable – who replied that nothing but an unconditional surrender would be accepted. The rebel commander accepted the terms and wished a little time to make preparations. 24 hours were given but was not all taken. During this time all was quiet and it seemed like Sabbath when compared with any other day we had had for a long time. The opposing forces came out from the trenches and mingled freely together trading canteens and eats (hard tack).

The prisoners (privates) have all been paroled and I think are all gone now. There was over 6,000 of them in all. They had a good many sick and wounded. They were allowed to stay at the camps till they left.

If you had been here a few days ago and seen the manner in which the two armies mingled with each other you never would have supposed that they could have been in such hostility to each other. They were kindly treated by us and seemed grateful for it. They were glad to get a chance to go home. Some may be found in the ranks again before they are discharged, but I do not think many of them will. I think the opening of the river must cause great joy at the north. It has already reduced the price of flour \$4.00 per barrel in New Orleans. We expect to go up the river home.

Our colonel has just returned from Baton Rouge and New Orleans where he has been to get our baggage and the convalescent soldiers. Expect we shall start soon.

Immediately after the surrender a lot of the men were sent down in the vicinity of Donaldsonville to clear out the rebs who have been raising hell lately under General Baylor. They had a large force down there and there has been some fighting. They were erecting batteries on the river to cut off our supplies, but they have been obliged to retreat.

Some boats came down the river the other day with loads of oats and cattle. I am very sorry to say that Baxter is pretty sick (their cousin Daniel Baxter Whitaker, who died 2 days later “not of battle wounds” but from malnutrition and dysentery. As indicated in other letters, his teeth were so bad he couldn't chew

the hard tack). He has been unwell for some time. I understand that the sick are to go across the big water, if so they will go across in hospital boats and will be well cared for. I have just been writing to Irene for him. I hope he will get able to go with us, but I am afraid he will not.

We have had a long and hard siege and it has been very wearing on the men. We are all anxious to hear news from the north. It seems that Gen. Lee has been doing considerable damage in Kentucky and Pennsylvania. The last accounts say that Hooker is surrounded by Gen. Meade and that Lee has been badly whipped. I hope it is so and that this accursed war is about at a close. Port Hudson is a rough place, there are only a few houses and they are riddled with shot and shell, with the exception perhaps of those over which the hospital flag floated. The bluff all along the river is some 60 feet above high water. It was commanded by some powerful Dalghren guns, some of them have been disabled by our gunboats. The works of shot and shell are visible in every direction. If they had not encamped their works would have been blown up in two places, as we had got them undermined, if another shot had been made I think we should have gone in for sure. They had but one line of fortifications most of the way, and when we overtake their west bank force it would be all up with them. But one and all are glad that the place was surrendered without more bloodshed. The chaplain has just been here and prays the sick are to be sent on a hospital boat as soon as possible. Don't know if this will reach you before you start for the west (i.e. Indianapolis where he had accepted a job at Indiana Institute for the Blind).

Yours, Daniel

I send this in a Port Hudson envelope. I don't know as I have written to you of the death of Col. Cyrus O. Stowell of South Deerfield. **NOTE:** Harry's (Harrison's) train was put on a siding so a troop train from Cairo, Illinois could pass. Another letter from Harry indicates he saw his brother, Daniel Ballard Jr., standing in the aisle of the troop train.

QUERIES:

1) Hi cousins,

I would like to ask for your help and additional information regarding the following subject. I would like to compile a work themed something like, "Pioneer Rice's of Michigan, being descendants of MA Bay Colony town founder Deacon Edmund Rice." As a rough outline, I have found Dr. Rice at Ft. Detroit in the early 1800's, but am uncertain of his relation. Followed by Zeba Rice in Oakland County and later removed to Ionia County. Thomas Jefferson Rice of Hamburg Twp., Washtenaw/ Livingston counties, who served as state legislator & his brother in Calhoun County and Josephus Rice of Monroe County. My branch in Leslie, Ingham County, three offspring of Sgt. Adam Rice, and nephews and a niece of General Rufus Putnam, father of Ohio, married to Persis Rice. George F and his half-brother Ethan Rice of Jackson in Jackson County, Timothy Franklin and Louisa Rice of Kent County, progenitors of the late Richard Rice, of Ann Arbor MI. Ezekiel Woodward Rice of Parma Twp., Jackson County, then removed to Webberville, Ingham County and progenitor of Susan Berger. Job & Squire Rice of Grass Lake, Jackson County & Albion, Calhoun County, I am uncertain if they are connected. Rice's of Stockbridge, Ingham County, uncertain of their connection. A lake & village street bears our last name. Possibly some Indians with last name of Rice around Sault Ste. Marie, their occupation was fishermen. Lastly some descendants of the Cowles family, Sgt. Adam & Lois's oldest daughter Elizabeth married to Reuben Cowles of Amherst, MA.

If anyone has others that are or might fit the criterion, I'd be glad to hear about them. Some settled while Michigan was still a territory and the latter ones prior to the Civil War.

Those interested in collaborating/ contributing/ or informing, can contact me: Doyle Rice, (Lucius Rice Family genealogist/ historian) at 1220 Fourth St. Jackson, MI 49203.

2) Do you have Waite Rice b 3 June 1814 in Barkhamstead, CT in your database; he married Laura Case (no marriage date); he died Boone County, IL 1848? Their daughter Laura M. Rice married Homer Bowen in IL. I don't know his parents' names.

Thanks, Ermine Payne

Ermine,

No we have none of the folks that you mentioned in our association records. Do you have compelling information that Waite Rice was an Edmund Rice descendant? I ask because there were other Rice/Royce families in Connecticut in the 18th and early 19th centuries.

George King, Historian

Ermine,

We have not been able to connect Wait Rice to his parents, but we do have documentation for his marriage. The Barbour Collection of Connecticut Vital Records shows two entries separated by almost a year, both in Barkhamsted and both listing him as "Wait Rice of Canton" marrying "Laura Case of Barkhamsted". It's possible that the earlier entry is the filing of intention to marry, but it's also possible that the year is wrong in one of the entries, in which case the "later" entry becomes the "earlier" entry in fact. The two dates are 1835 Oct 11 and 1836 Sep 18. There is no birth entry for Wait anywhere in the collection. What is your source for the 1814 birth?

John Chandler, President

3) *Descendants of James & Anna (Rice) McDormand of Brier Island, Nova Scotia, a Work in Progress to the 7th Generation*, approximately 150 pages, including indexes of 3,000 to 4,000 persons, maps, etc. and will be available perhaps by Feb 2013.

Anna Rice was the granddaughter of Beriah & Mary (Goodnow) Rice. Brier Island is in the Bay of Fundy with one village, Westport, two streets deep hugging the waterfront. As one might expect, most of the men were engaged in maritime interests - fishing and shipping, with the wives raising the numerous children born there and handling household duties. Inhabitants inter-married with neighbors, creating a tangled web of relationships, making everyone their own cousin in addition to sharing Rice and Goodenow ancestry.

Because of trade between Boston and Nova Scotian ports, a number of the descendants relocated to Massachusetts from whence their forebears came, in particular the communities of Medford and Everett.

Today Westport is still inhabited by some of James and Anna's descendants, although the population is smaller, and the lack of births has caused the closing of the only school. The few children get ferried over to Freeport, a short distance away. Lobstering and whale watching are the chief industries there now.

You may contact the compiler should you have further interest. Ross McCurdy, rwmccurdy@comcast.net

Rice Books Available

The Rice Family, by Andrew Henshaw Ward (1858) **[\$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. A soft-cover Rice Family Supplement 1 (1967) containing additions and corrections is included.

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. 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 2) to *The Rice Family*, compiled by Margaret S. Rice (1985). Hard-cover. New, unused. A continuation of *The Rice Family Supplement 2 (Part 1)* from the ninth generation to the present (1985).

Edmund Rice and His Family and We Sought the Wilderness [\$5] 357 pages

Two manuscripts in one binding. Hard-cover -reprint 1986. New, unused.

Edmund Rice and His Family, by Elsie Hawes Smith (1938) An historical narrative about the early days of the Rices. Contains much genealogical information, as well as being a charming story.

We Sought the Wilderness, by Rev. Claton Rice (1949) An historical narrative based on those Rices who pushed Westward to the prairies after short stays in New Hampshire and Vermont.

A Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants – 1594 pages, published by the Association in 1970. A continuation of AH Ward's Rice Family and the supplement to that book, bringing it up to date at the time of publication. This book is out of print but is available on CD.

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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