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The Edmund Rice Association publishes the newsletter four times a year: 1) Winter 2) Spring 3) Summer 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!

As I write this column, spring has officially arrived in the Northern Hemisphere, but winter persists in Massachusetts, where I live. As an astronomer (or, more precisely, an astrophysicist), I certainly have a motivation to honor the vernal equinox as the beginning of spring, but looking at the five-foot-high piles of densely packed snow lining my driveway gives me a different point of view. For that matter, a purely astronomical interpretation of the Sun's motion would ignore temperature altogether and designate seasons by the hours of sunlight (or potential sunlight in the absence of clouds) each day. By that type of reckoning, the summer solstice would truly represent its traditional name of Midsummer's Day, and the winter solstice would signal the middle of winter. Nonetheless, temperature and other aspects of the weather always tend to lag behind the signal provided by the Sun. You may be asking yourself what this topic has to do with the Association or the newsletter, aside from the not-too-subtle implication that this winter newsletter is not really late.

The answer, of course, is that the weather has a big impact on what genealogical activities we pursue. With snow still lying thick on the ground, it makes no sense to plan a trip to a cemetery to look for an errant ancestor or a mysterious cousin. Indeed, when the snow is flying, it can be a struggle just to get out to the street. One time this winter, when the conditions were a bit "iffy", I made an intrepid (i.e., foolhardy) trip to the library, only to find that the staff had just closed up so that they could get home before conditions got really bad. As if that weren't frustrating enough, I then got stuck in the snow on the way home!

Here is where the internet comes to the rescue. Aside from the occasional outage, the internet is always available for genealogical research. At night and on weekends, when the courthouse is closed, and perhaps even the library, the on-line databases are ready and waiting to be searched. The trick is to determine how reliable the stored information is. One of the on-line resources that I haven't written about before is the Internet Archive (www.archive.org), which contains digital images of many, many public-domain books. These books can be read on-line or, in most cases, downloaded either as images in various formats or as decoded text. The text form is especially valuable for works that lack an index (ugggh!), but it can be frustrating because of OCR failures. A word of caution: these books are no more (and no less) reliable in digital form than they were originally in print. For example, the Archive includes works by William R. Cutter, that prolific collector and publisher of unverified genealogy, and it also includes Charles E. Rice's book with the notoriously false claim of well-defined royal ancestry for Edmund Rice. At the same time, it also contains Andrew H. Ward's book on the Rice family, as well as the massive and monumental History of Watertown by Henry Bond. Take a look!

John Chandler

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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:
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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.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

The optimistic forecast inserted in this column in the last issue has not quite come true. Our editor has recovered from the respiratory illness that kept her out of action in the fall, but her computer is, if anything, in worse shape than ever, and the problems may turn out to be uncorrectable. In any case, this winter issue is as late as the fall issue was, and Susan apologizes for that. Indeed, a "life crisis" is now looming over her, in that she and her husband are in the throes of moving to a new home, and it's not clear yet when she can get back in action. The latest bulletin is that her possessions have arrived at the new location, and it's "just" a matter of fitting everything into an appropriate place.

Meanwhile, I have put together this issue in her stead, but I don't have a printer lined up, nor do I have a bulk mailing account, and so, for the time being, distribution will be via the internet.

- - - Interim substitute editor, John Chandler

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The Edmund Rice (1638) Association 183 Prospect Hill Rd Harvard, MA 01451 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.

The Association is an educational, non-profit organization recognized under section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

Memorial Gifts

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

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 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 2014. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

NEW MEMBERS

John Ward

Albert Hamby

James J. Quinn

IN CELEBRATION

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

January

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QUERIES

1.

From: Melissa Gervais

Sent: Monday, November 17, 2014 9:39 PM

To: editor@edmund-rice.org

Subject: My family..

My grandfather is Arthur Pray Rice, I believe he was the president of the Edmund Rice foundation back in the 50's. My Father is Alan. B. Rice and his brother was Edgar Rice. My Dad married Irene M. Rice. They had 5 children. I'm one of their daughters. Melissa Weld Rice. My name now is Melissa Weld Gervais. I'm looking into my family tree and want to get more info.

I would appreciate any info you can share. Thank you

Reply:

Our records do not show any Arthur Rice ever being president of the Association. However, the president in 1956-7 was named Edgar W. Rice. Could that be your uncle?

Also, we had a member named Alan B. Rice from 1985-2003 who lived in Brookline, MA. Is that your father? Unfortunately, we have no genealogical information on that particular Alan Rice, which is to say, no idea of his parents or whether he was married, or to whom, and no idea of whether he had any children.

We also have no one in our genealogical database by the name of Arthur Pray Rice. However, if you can give us a rough idea of when and where he was born, we might be able to trace him.

Sorry we can't help more.

John Chandler, president

2.

[query and reply interleaved]

Cousin Janie,

Thanks for the note. We are always glad to hear from cousins.

You wrote:

> I had goofed around on ancestry.com a year ago and saw that my lineage was pretty complete back to 1638
> originating in Sudbury. I didn't do further investigation until I got to Boston just days ago. I was looking at
> Suffolk University as a possible college for my daughter. I had told her that I was interested in going to Sudbury
> because I knew that I had some family connection there. We googled Edmund Rice and the Wiki page gave us
> enough info to actually find his dedicated monument at the old cemetery. We didn't have time to find the
> homestead marker, but would like to come back and see.

It's not far from the cemetery. Of course, the house is no longer there, having burned down about a century ago. In any case, the site of the house is well back from the main road, but the marker is just beside the road.

> I laugh now (since I have been reading more), my daughter and I thought that we would impress locals by saying
> that we were descendants of Edmund Rice. Seems there is a long line of descendants.

Well, you must remember that he had a dozen children, and most of them raised large families, too, and so on. We estimate that he has several million living descendants. By the way, you may not have noticed, but you have at least two separate lines back to Edmund Rice, and possibly more. I have three myself, and one of our members has six.

> Here is how we lay out:

> Edmund
> Thomas
> Elishia
> Zebulon
> Eliakim
> Steven
> Almond
> George

We have your lineage down to George in our database, which now includes over 200,000 people. As I was following the line down, I noticed that Zebulon's wife, Susanna Allen, was also a descendant of Edmund.

> Let me know if you have any interest in more information.

If you have your family info in a computerized form, we would love to get a copy to add to our database. I am cc'ing our Historian, who can work out the details of the data transfer.

> I am curious, how many usually attend the reunion?

I guess the average turnout is about 50. You are welcome to attend the next one, which will be held at the historic Wayside Inn.

John Chandler, President



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Cousins,

The dues year is September 1st to September 1st each year. Dues rates are 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. Additional contributions are appreciated.

Annual dues are payable by September 1 st	\$ _____
Additional voluntary contribution	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

The schedule of dues is as follows:

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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.

A Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants [**\$15**] 1594 pages, published by the association in 1970. A continuation of A.H. Ward's *Rice Family* (1858) and the supplement to that book, bring it up to date at the time of publication. *This book is out of print but is available for purchase on CD - Association members only.*

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More Books... by our cousins

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 and Searching for the Forgotten War - 1812, United States of America. 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

Jane Rice – Bob Fogg and New Hampshire's Golden Age of Aviation, consists of 220 pages. The book tells the story in words and numerous pictures of Robert S. Fogg, the pioneer who brought aviation to New Hampshire, beginning in 1920. Thomas Emerson Proctor Rice, the author's grandfather, flew in France during World War I and from 1936 to 1938 was a partner in Fogg's Winnepesaukee Air Service. Those interested in aviation history, or the history of Lake Winnepesaukee, N.H. will enjoy the book. Jane would be glad to personalize with any desired inscription. Jane Rice can be reached at PO Box 5, Moultonborough, NH 03254. **Price is \$19.95. The book is available on Amazon.**

The Family Thicket, Part XXI

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 John Coolidge of Watertown, who came from Cottenham in Cambridgeshire. There is a record of his baptism in 1604, and he is mentioned in his father's will of 1618. His wife, Mary Ravens, hailed from Watisfield in Suffolk, where her baptism is also on record, but I do not know of any record of their marriage. He is said to have come to Watertown as early as 1630, but his first appearance in the public record was in 1636, when he was admitted as a freeman of the colony. He was by then a proprietor of the town, and, like many early settlers, including Edmund Rice, he was active in acquiring real estate. His name appears first on the list of Watertown land grantees in 1636, receiving 30 acres. The first land inventory of the town shows him with eight separate parcels ranging in size from 2 to 119 acres. Also, like Edmund Rice, he was active in public affairs, serving as selectman, representative, constable, and surveyor.

His will, made in 1681, mentions his wife Mary and all of the known children surviving at that time, as well as two granddaughters borne by his then-deceased daughter Mary. As it happens, his wife died just a few months after he did, in 1691. By that time, the eldest son, also named John, had already died, but the will was not changed accordingly. In the meantime, the Rice and Coolidge trees had already become entangled, as John Sr's youngest son, Jonathan, had married a granddaughter of Edmund and produced five children by then. All of the other children who had any offspring also enter into the story sooner or later. Let us consider them one by one.

1. John (c1630-1691) married, first, Hannah Livermore in 1655 and, second, Mary (Wellington) Mattacks in 1679. Most of John's Rice connections that I found go through his eldest son, John (yes, in those days, some names were used and re-used past the point of confusion). However, I also found one through son Richard and one through Mary, a daughter of the second marriage. Two of the earliest cross-links came through two granddaughters of the third-generation John. One granddaughter, named Mary Coolidge (yes, another very popular name), married Benjamin⁵ Ware (Hannah⁴ Wood, Dorothy³ Rice, Matthew², Edmund¹). The other, named Mary Russell, married Hopstill⁶ Leland (Ruth⁵ Morse, Ruth⁴ Sawin, Deborah³ Rice, Matthew², Edmund¹). Two more of the connections came via a grandson of the third-generation John, also named John (of course!), who had two granddaughters marry into the family thicket. As an added complication, these two sisters married two brothers respectively. They were Hannah and Mary Coolidge, who married David⁷ and Nathaniel⁷ Haven (Abigail⁶ Prentice, Abigail⁵ Ware, Hannah⁴ Wood, Dorothy³ Rice, Matthew², Edmund¹). (Note that the Abigail⁵ Ware in this line was the sister of Benjamin⁵ Ware mentioned above.) A nephew of this same fifth-generation John Coolidge also figures in our story. This nephew was Joel Coolidge, who married Martha⁶ Ware (John⁵, Hannah⁴ Wood, Dorothy³ Rice, Matthew², Edmund¹). Need I add that, just as Joel was a first cousin once removed of the two Coolidge sisters, Joel's wife was a first cousin once removed of the two sisters' husbands? Another set of siblings (three in this case) played a part in the next generation, these being two nieces and a nephew of the same Joel Coolidge. Thus, we have (A) Betsy Phipps marrying Richard⁷ Gamage (Martha⁶ Rice, Richard⁵, Ezekiel⁴, Jonathan³, Henry², Edmund¹), (B) Sylvanus Phipps marrying his first cousin Mehitabel⁷ Coolidge (Martha⁶ Ware, John⁵, Hannah⁴ Wood, Dorothy³ Rice, Matthew², Edmund¹) (again, note that the Ware line here is the same as mentioned above), and (C) Eunice Phipps marrying Walter⁸

Holbrook (Milla⁷ Bridges, Hachaliah⁶, Hachaliah⁵, Sarah⁴ Brewer, Elizabeth³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹). Now, for variety, let's consider the links that did not come through the third-generation John. One was a grandson of Richard, Jonas Coolidge, who married Anna⁶ Harrington (Anna⁵ Bullard, Anna⁴ Rice, John³, Edward², Edmund¹). The other was a granddaughter of Mary, Abigail Livermore, who married Phineas⁵ Rice (Joseph⁴, Phineas³, Joseph², Edmund¹).

2. Simon (c1632-1693) married Hannah Barron and had a son, Obadiah, who makes an appearance in the thicket. Note that Simon shows up in the ERA database, even though none of his children married into the Rice clan. In keeping with our policy of including all of the lineage information in the Rice books, we have a Coolidge line mentioned by Ward in *The Rice Family* going back through Simon to the immigrant John. This policy has yielded a substantial (but by no means comprehensive) collection of Family Thicket material in the database, due to Ward's digressions. In particular, Simon is the only child of immigrant John Coolidge mentioned by Ward, besides the youngest son, Jonathan, who married a granddaughter of Edmund Rice (see below). In any case, Simon gets recognition from Ward on account of a granddaughter of his son Obadiah. This granddaughter was Rachel Coolidge, who married Seth⁵ Rice (Seth⁴, Edmund³, Samuel², Edmund¹). It is worth noting that Rachel died only six years later, and Seth⁵ then married a second wife, who happened to be a descendant of Edmund¹ Rice: Sarah⁶ Brigham (Jesse⁵, Jonathan⁴, Mary³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹). I should point out here that these Brigham's reflect a connection covered in section 1 of *Family Thicket Part II*. Another connection, rather more remote, came through a great great granddaughter of the same Obadiah, Sally Coolidge, who married David⁶ Stone (Nathaniel⁵, Ruth⁴ Stone, Mary³ Rice, Joseph², Edmund¹). At the risk of reaching an attention overload, I must note that the Stone line here stems from a connection covered by section 4 of *Family Thicket Part XV*.

3. Nathaniel (c1635-1711) married Mary Bright and had several children, of which two sons, John and Thomas, both entered into the maze. John had a grandson Elisha Coolidge who married Martha⁷ Stone (Martha⁶ Wilder, Josiah⁵, Sarah⁴ White, Mary³ Rice, Thomas², Edmund¹). Martha⁷'s other husband, by the way, was Ezra Willis⁷ Haynes (Reuben⁶, Israel⁵, Elizabeth⁴ Smith, Abigail³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹). Another grandson of John, named William Coolidge, entered indirectly by marrying a certain Mary Bridge whose second husband was Matthias⁶ Bent (Matthias⁵, Hannah⁴ Rice, David³, Henry², Edmund¹). Finally, a great granddaughter of Thomas, Sally Coolidge, entered by marrying Martin⁷ Stone (Persis⁶ Moore, Augustus⁵, Tamar⁴ Rice, John³, Edward², Edmund¹). Note that this Martin⁷ Stone was a descendant of immigrant Gregory Stone, who was featured in *Thicket XVII*, distinct from the other Stone line already mentioned.

4. Mary (1637-1660) married Isaac Mixer and had two daughters, both mentioned in John Coolidge's will. One of them, Sarah, married Samuel Hager and had a granddaughter Elizabeth Hager who married Ezra⁶ Newton (Jonathan⁵, Bethiah⁴ Rice, Daniel³, Edward², Edmund¹). Let me mention here that the Newton connection was covered in section 3B of *Family Thicket Part VIII*.

5. Stephen (1639-1711) married but had no children.

6. Obadiah (1642-1663) never married.

7. Jonathan (1645/6-1724) has the simplest connection of all. He married Martha³ Rice (Joseph², Edmund¹).

In summary, five of John Coolidge's seven children had offspring, and all five eventually found their way into the family thicket. As always, these are just the nearest and most easily discovered interconnections. As a descendant of the Sarah Mixer mentioned in section 4, I happen to know of a much more recent and less obvious cross-link, and I'm sure that many readers can spot their own favorite lines here. The deeper we delve into the genealogical web, the greater the complexity that becomes visible.

The Edmund Rice Family Homestead

Frederick H. Rice, Past President

Since the founding of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association in 1912 there has been an ongoing quest to find an appropriate logo for the publications of the Association. Based on some questionable research in 1910 a coat of arms granted to Sir Rhys ap-Thomas (Thomas Rice) based on his participation in the Battle of Bosworth Field in 1485 was considered. It featured a black chevron and three ravens on a silver shield. In 1937, under the direction of Association President Daniel H. Rice, it was decided to adopt a coat of arms granted to William Rice, of Buckinghamshire, England, by Queen Mary, on May 2nd, 1555 described as “Argent on a chevron engrailed between three reindeer's heads coupes gules three cinquefoils ermine” as the official seal of the Incorporated (1934) Association. It is registered with the American Heraldry Society. Continuing research, including our DNA project, was not able to connect Edmund to either Thomas or William. Based on that, your Board decided to experiment by having an artist create a drawing of the Edmund Rice homestead that played such a prominent role in our family gatherings from about 1643 until it burned in 1912. With approval, the new art will replace the rough images we have been using.

“Edmund Rice ... came to America early in the year 1638. He was settled in Sudbury, a proprietor of the town and one of the selectmen in 1639. The village plot of Sudbury, now Wayland, was laid out in the fall and he was one of the first to build his house there. His [original] house lot was on Old North Street, near Mill Brook. He received his share in the river meadows divided September 4, 1639, April 20, and November 18, 1640. He shared also in all the various divisions of uplands and common lands, receiving altogether two hundred and forty-seven acres. He built a second house in the south part of the town between timber neck and the Glover farm near the spring. He sold some land there to Thomas Axtell and Philemon Whale, both of whom built their houses there. He sold his home lot September 1, 1642, to John Moore, and, [on] September 13, 1642, took a six-year lease of the Dunster farm on the east shore of Lake Cochituate. He bought land between that of Mary Axtell and Philemon Whale and his own, thus locating his homestead at Rice's Spring. Then he bought Whale's house and nine acres forming the nucleus of the Rice homestead, which he sold finally to his son Edmund [Edward] and which was occupied by Edmund and his descendants down to a recent date.”

-- *Genealogical and Personal Memoirs of Worcester County Massachusetts, Vol.II. Ellery Bicknell Crane, Editor, 1907, Page 420.*

The Edmund Rice Homestead was built around 1643 by Rice in the saltbox style by the spring feeding the Sudbury River near the Old Connecticut Path in southeastern Sudbury (now Wayland). It stayed in the Rice family for many generations until it burned in 1912. The house was located off the present-day Charena Rd. in Wayland.

Descendants of Edmund Rice had been meeting annually (in a grove of trees) at the old Rice homestead in Wayland since 5 September 1851. On 30 August 1912, shortly after the old family homestead had been lost by fire, Rice descendants in Massachusetts formally organized the Edmund Rice (1638) Association (ERA), led primarily by Nellie Rice Fisk (1856-1934) a school teacher from Wayland. At that first ERA meeting Eustace Bond Rice (1871-1938) a professor of music theory at the New England Conservatory, and who had grown up in the old Rice homestead, was elected as the association's first president, and they set out to raise funds to erect the homesite and cemetery monuments.

-- *ERA Newsletter. Fall 1960, Winter 1960 and Fall 1961*

Ward wrote in 1858 (page18):

“John Rice surrendered , June 6, 1710, to his brother Edmund Rice, by deed, all his right to land ‘by the spring, and on which some part of Deacon Edmund Rice's house then stood.’

“It was here their grandfather Edmund Rice first settled after coming to this country. Here was his homestead in Sudbury. This early mention of *the* spring, and the subsequent ‘laying out a way to the spring,’ shows that here was a spring at *that time* of more than ordinary importance. It is highly probable a knowledge of it induced their grandfather to locate near it.

“Since that period, more than two hundred years have rolled away, and the spring continues to send forth its gushing waters from a hidden fountain, whence they flow in a crystal stream over a bed of small pebbles to the meadows below. The quality of the water discharged is said to be uniform at all seasons of the year; never frozen in the winter, and in the summer remarkably cold. This spring is on the northern declivity, and near the base of a high and gravelly range of pasture land, in which are many deep, but dry basins, whose formation cannot fail to attract the attention of the beholder. A few rods from the spring is a pleasant grove, in which the aged and the young, male and female, with annual recruits, descendants of the first settler, and others connected with them, have annually assembled in September for several past years, united to view and review the place where lived their pilgrim ancestor; to mark its elevations and depressions on the one side, and its broad meadows on the other, through which passes, and for a long distance to be seen, that sluggish stream, known as the Sudbury river, that is said to have but twenty-four inches fall in the same number of miles; they walk over the grounds he trod and cultivated, conversing and contemplating upon the privations and hardships he endured, and the dangers to which he was exposed, and contrasting them with the comforts and safety they themselves have freely to enjoy; not forgetting to visit ‘THE SPRING’ and to drink of its pure water, where and of which he drank two centuries and more ago. These gatherings are opened with songs of praise for happy meetings, and closed after refreshment, with prayers that all may live to meet again.

“Such family meetings awaken the best feelings of the human heart – a grateful remembrance of the dead, a kindred sympathy among the living – and call up abundant matter for meditation and reflection. Those who attend them, and rightly improve what they see and learn, cannot fail to go away better men [and women] and better Christians”.

-- *A Genealogical History of the Rice Family: Descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice*, by Andrew H. Ward, A.M. Boston: 1858

EDITOR’S NOTE

As far back as 1858, the public received an exhortation, as quoted above, to attend the annual September reunions. Ward’s style of writing is definitely old-fashioned, and the reunions are no longer held on the site of the old homestead, but we generally do visit the site, either collectively or individually, as part of the reunion activities. I hope to see you in September.

MEET THE ANCESTORS

More about the Children of Edmund Rice

In this issue, we resume a series of articles begun in 2007, each one giving a report of the family of one of the children of Edmund Rice, based on the association database. This material is approximately the same as the on-line descendency report on our web site edmund-rice.org, but we present it here for all to see, rather than to stumble upon while browsing that large report. For brevity, we omit here the source citations (which are, of course, a very important part of the database, but which greatly increase the bulk of the text). If you need the citations, they can be found on-line or in the 9-generation report on CD which is available for purchase by our members. Needless to say, we are always seeking additions and corrections to this information. If you have comments on the following report, please get in touch with our Historian, George King. Also, please note that Edmund Rice had a second daughter Lydia by his second wife, and she will be covered in a separate article later in this series. Comments on the second Lydia are also (and especially) welcome.

Lydia Rice, daughter of Edmund Rice by his first marriage

1. Lydia Rice was born circa 1627 at Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire, England. She was baptized on 9 Mar 1627/28 at Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire, England. She married Lieutenant Hugh Drury; though the marriage is not found in the vital records of Sudbury or Boston. She died on 5 Apr 1675 at Boston, MA; aged 47y, under the name Drury. She was buried at Kings Chapel Cemetery, Boston, MA, her stone (with husband, Hugh Drury) still stands, but Hugh's half of the stone is almost gone.

(See notes on the other Lydia from the Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants.).

Lieutenant Hugh Drury was born circa 1616, on 26 January 1674 at the Superior Court of Judicature he gave his age as 57 years. He married Mary (--?--) on 23 May 1676 at Boston, MA. He died on 6 Jul 1689 at Boston, MA. He was buried at Kings Chapel Cemetery, Boston, MA, his stone (with wife, Lydia) is still there, but the inscription with his name was no longer legible in 2000. Although numerous secondary sources list Hugh Drury as born c 1616 in London, England, and Hugh's father as Obed Drury, we have found no evidence to support Hugh Drury's birth or parents. Until we find compelling evidence, we will not list his birth place as London or his father as Obed Drury. Your authors note that Savage says Hugh had a son Thomas, but Thomas was actually a grandson, son of Hugh's only known son John. He became a member of the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1659 and was subsequently its Lieutenant.

Children of Lydia Rice and Lieutenant Hugh Drury were:

- 2 i. Lieut. John Drury, born 2 May 1646 at Sudbury, MA; married Mary Weare; died 1678 at Boston, MA; buried at Kings Chapel, Boston, MA.

Generation Two

2. Lieut. John Drury was born on 2 May 1646 at Sudbury, MA, (also recorded in Boston). He married Mary Weare, daughter of Peter Weare and Ruth Gooch, in 1667 at York, ME. He died in 1678 at Boston, MA; at age 32. He was buried at Kings Chapel, Boston, MA, location in question.

Mary Weare was born circa 1645 at York, ME. She died in 1678 at South Boston, MA.

Children of Lieut. John Drury and Mary Weare all born at Boston, MA, were as follows:

- i. Capt. Thomas Drury was born on 10 Aug 1668. He married Rachel Rice, daughter of Henry Rice and Elizabeth Moore, on 15 Dec 1687 at Sudbury, MA. He died before 11 Nov 1723 at Framingham, MA; (not found in the published records).

He was the first Town Clerk and first Representative to the General Court (Massachusetts legislature), also Selectman at Framingham, MA.

Rachel Rice was born on 10 May 1664 at Sudbury, MA. She died before 10 May 1730 at Framingham, MA.

- ii. Lydia Drury was born on 11 Jul 1670.
She died young.
- iii. Mary Drury was born on 10 Jul 1672. She married William Alden, son of John Alden and Elizabeth Phillips, on 21 May 1691 at Boston, MA. She died on 11 Feb 1727 at Boston, MA; (1726/27 per Drury manuscript) aged 56y.

William Alden was born on 10 Sep 1669 at Boston, MA. He died on 10 Feb 1728/29 at Boston, MA; (9-10 Feb 1728 per Rice Gen'l Register) aged 60y. He was a mariner.

- iv. Hugh Drury was born on 19 Jul 1674.
He died young.
- v. Elizabeth Drury was born on 9 Jul 1676.
She died young.
- vi. Mercy Drury was born on 25 Oct 1677.
She died young.
- vii. John Drury Jr was born on 26 Dec 1678. He died on 2 Nov 1702 at Boston, MA; from smallpox.

DATABASE BULLETIN

by John Chandler

I have just sent off another batch of updates for the database to George King, our Historian. This batch contains over 5,000 individuals, mostly new to the database. This may seem like a lot, but stop and consider that our ultimate goal is coverage of all descendants of Edmund Rice (on the order of 10 million individuals, including spouses and parents thereof). We currently have over 200,000 in the database, but there is room for plenty more, and there is also room for everyone to participate in the growth of the database. If you have already submitted your genealogical data for inclusion, you are probably aware that your data constitute one branch of the overall tree, descending from one particular ancestor and (with luck) covering all descendants of that ancestor. Very likely, though, that ancestor had siblings with descendants of their own, and those descendants are almost as closely related to you as many of the individuals you submitted. Why not expand your genealogical horizon to include those slightly more distant cousins? Of course, if you have not yet submitted your data, your "action item" is obvious, but it would still be reasonable to consider expanding your horizon before submitting the data.