



Edmund Rice (1638) Association Newsletter

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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!

First, let me give you a brief follow-up to my last column. I reported on the fragility of the familysearch viewing mechanism for the US census and ventured to hope that the problem would soon be fixed. Sure enough, the newsletter had no sooner gone to the printer that the census viewing became routine again.

Now, let's look at the competing interests of efficiency and redundancy in record keeping. Take the census for example. The census takers had to record enormous amounts of information, all hand-written, but at the same time highly repetitive. The members of a single household would generally have different forenames and ages and relationships to the head of the household, but their surnames would often be the same, and so would their birthplaces. Indeed, the birthplaces would often be the same over a whole page, or at least nearly all the same, so a great deal of time and effort could be used by using ditto marks or the equivalent in the repetitive columns. This efficiency of effort extends beyond the recording of the information to the reading as well – the eye can process a column of ditto marks much more quickly and easily than a column of fully-spelled-out words and can especially easily pick out the exceptions and transitions if they are visually very distinct from the repetitions. In the case of the surnames, the dittoing (or dashing) of repetitions gives an instant impression of the family sizes and calls attention to the presence of in-laws or employees (typically at the end of the household listing).

So what's not to love about efficiency? Here's an example. Although the use of ditto marks was (and still is) a commonly understood standard practice, the use of dashes is ambiguous, since a dash could actually mean "none", and I have seen many instances where it apparently meant "same surname as the head, despite an intervening exception".

However, the real downside of efficient transmission techniques is the risk of losing information altogether through the interference of noise, in the case of old handwritten records, the noise supplied by bad handwriting, faded ink, torn or crumbling pages, and the like. For that matter, any kind of paper records can suffer if written poor-quality paper. Microfilm and other photo reproduction processes run the risk of over- or under-exposure and bad focus. The list is endless.

On a brighter note, let me give you an advance notice of the featured speaker at our upcoming reunion, Prof. Linda Welters of URI, an expert on fashion history, who will give a talk entitled "Fashion History as seen in Rice Family Photographs". It promises to be an interesting introduction to the background that can be gleaned from old pictures. Don't miss it!

John Chandler

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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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Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

We will be holding our annual meeting and reunion at the Doubletree Hotel in Westborough, MA, on Friday and Saturday, September 23 and 24, 2016.

The schedule has not yet been set, but among the attractions of Westborough are a number of historic houses built by Rices and a commemorative marker at the site where four Rice boys were captured by Mohawks in 1704 and carried off to Canada, where their descendants can still be found.

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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

IN MEMORY

Please join me saying a final goodbye to:

Barbara J O'Neill passed away April 4, 2016 in Amsterdam, NY at age 94. Her son David and wife Ann O'Neill said she had been in a nursing home but really looked forward to reading the newsletter articles. She was born Dec 14, 1921 in Delanson, NY daughter of William and Lucy Wilson. She had been a member of the ERA since 1991 and will be missed.

Martha McLaughlin passed away April 9, 2016. Her son Bob, wife Lisa McLaughlin and daughter Lynn McLaughlin members of the ERA submitted her obit.

NEW MEMBERS

Susan Woodford	Suzanne Rice Swanson	Christopher S Proctor	Julie Rice Proctor
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MEMBERS MAKING ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Suzanne Rice Swanson	Lois Kendall	David R Clinton	Lu Fischer
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IN CELEBRATION

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

April

Kenneth Casanova of Jamaica Plain, MA; **Patrick Curran** of Halifax, NS CANADA; **Barbara Fair** of Vero Beach, FL; **Mark Gottfredson** of Colleyville, TX; **Mary E Harris** of San Diego, CA; **Naomi Hopperstad** of Lincoln, NE; **Roger Hughes** of Normal, IL; **Carol Jackson** of Arcadia, CA; **Dr. William Lawrence** of Moraga, CA; **Barbara Lucas** of E Sandwich, MA; **Sandra McDonald** of Hampton, VA; **Marie Negrelli** of Essex, CT; **Penelope Rice Nolte** of Montpelier, VT; **John Stewart O'Keeffe** of Worthington, OH; **Dennis R Rice** of Richardson, TX; **Frederick H Rice** of Lyman, ME; **George L Rice Sr** of Cotuit, MA; **Grace V Rice** of Brooklyn Center, MN; **Robert T Rice** of Castro Valley, CA; **Sarah B Rice** of E Moriches, NY; **Stephen G Rice** of Lowell, MI; **William F Rice** of Forestville, WI; **Penny Smith** of Sandersville, GA; **Charlotte C Spinney** of Westborough, MA; **Pamala Wadsworth** of Wayland, MA; **William Wheeler** of Spring Grove, IL; **David R Clinton** of Sequim, WA.

May

Henry Ball of Warrenton, MO; **Nora Belfay** of Chico, CA; **Alice P Bernet** of Keene, NH; **Charles Rice Bourland Jr** of Savannah, GA; **Roger L Busch** of Greenwich, CT; **Dixie Davis** of Boca Raton, FL; **Helen F Johnson** of Jackson, TN; **Patricia J Kauffman** of Delran, NJ; **Charlotte Kensil** of Milford, MA; **Gwen King** of Fair Oaks Ranch, TX; **Jane Kirk** of Munsonville, NH; **Susanne Loetterle** of Berne, NY; **Beth McAleer** of Brookline, MA; **Jaine Place** of Ypsilanti, MI; **Carroll A Rice Jr** of

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June

Rosemary Rice Bailey of Allen, MI; **Ruth M Brown** of Sudbury, MA; **Barbara Carlson** of W. Warwick, RI; **Lana Davis** of Crossville, TN; **William H Drury** of Nashua, NH; **Warren Forsythe** of Ellensburg, WA; **Joan Franklin** of New York, NY; **Shirley Fritsche** of Oakland, TN; **Diana Hamilton** of Livonia, NY; **Carolyn Heydinger** of Mansfield, OH; **Scott Huntsman** of Walnut Creek, CA; **Heather Kaye** of Saunderstown, RI; **Barbara Kennedy** of Junction City, KS; **Dorothy Rice Miller** of Panorama, CA; **Jonathan Normand** of Somers, CT; **Nancy Page** of Madisonville, TX; **Reginald W Rice** of Menlo Park, CA; **Doris Ronald** of Taunton, MA; **Doug Schueths** of Lincoln, NE; **Mary Swanson** of Fremont, NE; **Michael Tidd** of Yuba City, CA; **Louise Trudeau** of Chester, MA; **Douglas Vickery** of Framingham, MA; **Frederick Wichman** of Hanalei, HI; **Diane Young** of Palm Bay, FL; **Susan Woodford** of West Chester, OH; **Ray H Rice III** of Ft Washington, MD

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 2015. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

The following article was submitted by Cousin Warren ‘Tuck’ Forsythe:

For 150 years, the Edmund Rice 1638 Assn has compiled two brothers Dexter Rice and Ebenezer Rice, “2nd cousins of two-sisters-both-my gr gr gr grandmas” Dosha (Perin) Carpenter and Julia (Perin) Coshow. The two Rice brothers were born 1814 and 1815 in Brecksville, Cuyahoga, Ohio to parents who got married 1813 in Charlemont, Hampshire/now-Franklin County in NW Mass. and then, almost immediately, the parents made a beeline to the Old NW Territory, ten years after OH gained statehood.

For 150 years their wives have also been compiled by the Rice books, as Azubah CURRIER born 1820, married Dexter Rice 1841 in Cuyahoga Co OH—and Alpha R CURRIER married Ebenezer Rice 1844 Cuyahoga Co OH; for 150 years nobody seemed to take the bait to compile whether those CURRIER brides were actually sisters or not—and ?who were their parents and siblings?

The Rice compilation just indicates the locality of those brides 1860, decades after marriage, as Brecksville, Cuyahoga, Ohio but no locality or parents info before their marriages. I got involved because my trees, with 300,000 people, sit on internet, but not on ancestry.com, but rather on an old fashioned rootsweb.com family tree website.

So people rarely respond to me anymore about those trees, but 2 weeks ago a descendant of Dexter and Azubah Rice asked me to find one of their daughters in law (with unknown maiden name). I found her named in one Iowa marriage document of a child of the gal whose maiden name was the QUERY. But that took me a couple hours of searching—and by then I began trying to “even up” the compilation of the various kids of Azubah and Dexter—so there wasn’t immense detail on one kid VERSUS almost nothing on other siblings.

I did just a tiny bit of actual new research into actual documents created during those old-timers’ own lifetimes, mostly their 2 marriage records—and eventually (lousy indexing of names made search hard) I found the 1850 us census of the apparently closest CURRIER family to Brecksville OH, in the next township northward from Brecksville, i.e. Independence, Cuyahoga, OH—and the 1850 us census of those CURRIERS. i.e. [digitized in the index as these spellings] Wm and Azerba CURRIER born in VT and MA during 1780s [if surname Currier had been badly digitized, I’d never have found their census record] with one later child Henry C Currier aged 23 as of official census date of 1st of June 1850.

My big discovery, in that just 2 hours Wed morn was a previous compilation of a William Currier and wife Azubah Whipple, apparently both later of OH, who married 1808 and who appear on vital records of Rochester, Windsor County, VT, with birth dates in town vital records during 1780s as parents (could have been born elsewhere as babies). That previous compilation was posted at <http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=kbkeeley&id=I68962>

It lists 7 kids with mostly exact birth dates (but no locality where they were born) (I found one more sibling they omitted) --Including both sisters Azuba and Alpha Currier born essentially the same year as in the Rice family compilation above!

So for those brides who lived in Brecksville Ohio after their 1841-4 marriages, in just 2 initial hours I had jumped from 150 years of no single clue as to their maiden identities as Currier brides— Suddenly 2 hours later I had a solid conjecture about their maiden parents and siblings.

Maybe in another 150 years someone will gather more evidence for-and-against my conjecture, But these old-timers are such remote cousins to me, that I just posted my conjectural family, as my apparent answer, on all sorts of genealogy bulletin boards—

As that may be the best that searchers will have to go on—for the next 150 years.

The following article was submitted by Cousin Doyle Rice:

In south central Michigan, between Lansing and Jackson, descendants of Deacon Edmund met for a 51st annual Rice reunion. In attendance were 66, this year. Specifically they are descending generations of four sons and a daughter of Lucius Manley Rice (1863-1905), 2767.1.3.4 (his ERA ref. no.), and his wife Elizabeth “Lizzie” (Mitchell). His lineage is: Edmund, both Thomas, Sr. and Edward, Thomas, Jr.

married to his 1st cousin Anna, Charles, Zebulon, Sgt. Adam, Ephraim, Samuel T., Rollin G., then himself in the 10th generation. This is this contributor's great-grandpa.

A few that attended have been at every reunion, since the first in 1964, (my mom being one). Others, as my dad and me, have missed one or so, because of being confined to a hospital bed one fall; or in my case, I was away attending a university in the Dallas TX area, or at an ERA reunion in MA.

I do remember the very first one, when I was 4. After church, a hot dish and place settings were packed in our family station wagon. Then we went on a long ride (so it seemed to a preschooler). In a rented grange hall, there were so many people, most I knew, but others I'd never seen. My grandpa Floyd Manley Rice (his family's eldest), presided after the potluck dinner. His brother Rollin "Blaine" read a poem, "The Passing of the Outhouse," which when it was reread from minutes last year, I recalled having heard it the original time. There were many chuckles when Great-uncle Blaine read it. The youngest brother, Great-uncle Seger, arranged for his daughter and her husband to bring a team of ponies, to pull a wagon giving rides over the grounds. Older cousins than I organized a touch-football game.

Over the years, these annual reunions have been a great way for me to see, and get to know extended family on my paternal side. Other than occasional weddings or funerals, these have been the only time I see many of them. There were many who weren't there this year, who could have been. My dad's first cousin Bud Rice is in western North Dakota, driving semi in the oil fields, to generate income to pay off a farm he bought here.

Jonathan Lake (grandson of my grandpa's only sister), came from southern Illinois. He stayed at my place the evening before. With his wife's recent passing, and having recently retired, he had freedom to make the trip this year.

This year, there was more than enough food at the potluck (as there always is), and all was very good. Lots of great cooks in the family, and the variety was broad (some of the guys cook well too).

As assumed historian/ genealogist, I had a display set up of our branch's migration from England to Massachusetts, across the state (in over a century) to the Connecticut River by the time of the Revolution, later northward up the river to Hanover NH, then west and north into Vermont for a couple of decades. After the Erie Canal became a viable travel route, a group of around 40 family members went west on it presumably to Buffalo NY, boarded a steamship to Detroit passing over Lake Erie, then trekked on a new territorial road west to Jacksonburg, then north through woods and swamps to land recently purchased from the U. S. government in 1836. This area is located between Jackson and Lansing, now called Leslie, though originally it was named Meekersville (named after the Meeker family, my ancestor Ephraim's younger sister's married surname). Present U.S. 127 four-lane divided highway passes through land his son Samuel owned and right where our family grave yard was located beside Rice's Creek, on a corner of his property. My great-grandpa Lucius was born in a house 3/8 mile north of there, still standing on top of a high hill along Hull Rd., that parallel's on the east side of the highway. A barn Samuel built for his son Rollin, prior to 1860, is to the north of the house. A new Leslie High School is 1/4 mile north of this farmstead.

I also had photographs of our ancestor's 3 houses in the Historical District of Westboro MA, on display. They are just west of the rock that has a bronze plaque informing of the location where the Rice boys were captured by Indians in 1704. Two houses belonging to Charles on opposite sides of the road;

and one belonging to his parents, further west up to the top of the grade, being Thomas Jr.'s and his cousin/wife Anna's.

None of the relatives from our extended Rice clan came this year. Last year at our 50th, our ERA membership chair Susan Berger, family attended. Her Uncle John Rice and his wife Lemoyne; Uncle Herb Rice and his wife Clara and Aunt Rosemary and her husband Andy Bailey attended. (In the past her Grandma Hazel Rice, Uncle Dan Rice, Cousin Joyce Davis, and others have attended).

I will briefly explain how we became acquainted, which is two-fold. First, her Uncle John drove an asphalt delivery semi before he retired. While driving he saw "Rice" on my cousin's barn ½ mile south of my parent's farm, so he wrote a letter inquiring about any family connections. This was passed on to me, to which I responded. Secondly, her Uncle Herb was a salt salesman, handling accounts to feed elevators. He was at Mason Elevator (next city north of Leslie), and during a conversation with the Hummel brothers who worked there in the feed mixing area, he discovered they had each married a Rice sister, my dad's first cousins. I guess my dad was there at that time also. Herb said he thought we were related, but no one knew the connection at that time. Later I discovered our common ancestor is Thomas Sr., twelve generations back from me. John and Herb's predecessors were pioneer settlers in Jackson County, just south of Ingham County where my family settled. They settled in Parma TWP close to the western county line, then in the late 1800's relocated to the NE section of Ingham Co., near Webberville, where their ancestor Ezekiel Woodward Rice is buried. Though the two family branches lived not more than 30 miles apart for over a hundred years, I doubt if they were ever aware of the others existence until these past few years.

Last year Judy Atkinson and her husband Bill were there also. They have been attending regularly since our chance meeting at an Ingham County Genealogical Society meeting where her husband was a guest speaker (he being a past president of the Mid-Michigan Genealogical Society). We discovered there, our common ancestor is Samuel Tainter Rice, she being a fourth-generation descendent through his daughter Melissa (who married Simeon Carson). My dad is a fourth-generation descendent of Samuel, as well, so they are in the same generation.

Julia (Janiak) Hofley usually attends, but ran into a last moment conflict, she told me. We are related, as she is the 4-greats granddaughter of Samuel's Uncle Josiah (the youngest child of Sgt. Adam and Lois (Wood), who married in Westboro MA). We met ½ mile from where I reside in Jackson MI. I was following records, and was able to locate her mom (whose maiden name was Nancy Ann Rice, same as my sister's). I stopped to introduce myself and inform her of our being related. Only Julia's niece Molly was there with her, but I was invited back to meet with her daughter Julia. This daughter had been doing some investigating in Leslie's Woodlawn Cemetery on her ancestors buried there. (Some of my family's grave markers were relocated to this cemetery when U.S. 127 was constructed in the mid-50's, and our graveyard was destroyed without concern or documentation). Her mom was truly grateful to learn that she was not the last one left of her small family, but that the family was much bigger than she had imagined. Here again our families had lived up to only 20-30 miles apart for over a century and a half, and had not been aware of each other's presence.

When I attended an ERA reunion in Marlboro MA, years ago, I met Richard Rice there, who happened to be living in Ann Arbor MI, 30 miles east of Jackson. Before he died, he also was a guest at our annual Rice reunion. He descended from pioneer settlers that located in the Kent Co. area (where Grand Rapids is), in the 1850's. An ancestor of his fought for the Union during the Civil War, in a demolition unit (known as engineers) under Sherman's command as they cut across the South. Our

common ancestors are also Thomas Sr. and Mary (King). He follows from their descendent Louisa Rice 1790.4.5, who married Timothy Franklin Rice 3929.6. This is the couple that settled in Michigan, coming from Conway MA shortly before 1850. His brother Roger lives in the Grand Rapids area, and has been intending to come, but always has a conflict with that Sunday we meet in September.

Descendants from Samuel's brother Denzel Putnam Rice have also attended, (yes, they are great-nephews of General Rufus Putnam (the "father of Ohio") and his wife Persis (she being sister to Sgt. Adam, their grandpa)). Denzel's descendants reside in the Eaton Rapids area of Eaton Co. (which borders to the west of Ingham Co.), and from Lansing (in the NW corner of Ingham), so they are within a 30-40 mile range. The way I met them, is through my investigation of Denzel's son Melvin, who fought in the Civil War as an infantryman with the 7th MI Inf., Co. B, which was organized in Mason MI. He wrote his memoirs around the turn of the century (Jan. 1900 – Mar. 1902), from Charlotte, Eaton Co., MI, where he resided then, after moving away from Leslie. I was given a copy of this work in an unexpected manner, as follows: One of the largest Civil War re-enactments in the Midwest is held annually ½ mile from my residence, at Cascades County Park (Jackson Co.). The hosts of this event are re-enactors for the 7th MI Inf., Co. B. As a curious spectator, I acquainted myself with soldiers in their period re-enactment camp, when one of them heard my last name, and asked if I was related to Melvin Rice, who was in their original unit. To fast forward, I was graciously given a copy of Melvin's memoirs and was put in touch with one of his living descendants; this in turn made it possible for us to meet.

As a personal reflection, as I have finished what I intended to share with you cousins, I realize I have experienced some interesting adventures, and chance meetings. At times I have felt like an investigator while digging through varied records and visiting places. At other times like a time traveler, when I imagine what things were like then, and the specific individuals involved, being relatives who have lived before me. Then when I arrive at meeting a cousin who I can trace back to where we connect, and share what I've found, then hear what they've found, it makes the time I've spent discovering answers to my many questions very worthwhile. And all my questions aren't answered yet.

I like what Andrew Ward wrote on the title page of his 1858, *Genealogical History of the Rice Family*, "If you would know who you are, Learn whence you came."

I suppose my love for family history likely came from my grandpa. He was 70 when I was born, and I knew him for nearly 18 years. He had sold his farm to my parents (his only son), but came to the farm 6 days a week to help out, (then I'd also see him in church on Sunday). I fondly remember sitting on his lap as he told me stories of his past, who lived where in our rural community, and such. Occasionally I'd be quizative, asking him questions. Many of these stories I wish I'd written down, as I only remember bits and pieces now. Yet it served as a great time for me to bond with him. We spent lots of time working together too. He's the one who taught me to steer a tractor (the first one he bought, back in the 40's), when I was four. He'd put it in gear from the ground, and point to where I should go. Then he'd walk ahead to a stone pile he'd put together, throwing them onto the trailer I was pulling, as I was slowly coming and going. I thought it was a lot of fun, and responsible.

Any are welcome to visit and attend any of our upcoming annual Rice reunions; you don't even need to bring a dish to pass, as there is always plenty. The tradition has been that we meet the 3rd Sunday in September, which I've tried to change without success. However, there is no conflict with the ERA annual reunion in Massachusetts on September 23rd and 24th this year.

This coming year we'll again meet at Eden United Brethren Church, near the four-corners of Eden MI, one exit south of Mason along U.S. 127, being Barnes Rd. For added details, one can contact me

through our ERA newsletter editor, Susan Berger. I'm looking forward to seeing you there, if you should so choose to come.

Descendants of Joseph⁷ Smith --- s/o David & Lucy (Rice) Smith By Ross McCurdy

1. Joseph⁷ Smith (Lucy Rice⁶ Silas⁵ Edward⁴ John³ Edward² Edmund¹) was born at Rutland, Worcester County, Massachusetts 15 Feb 1784, s/o David & Lucy [vr], and died 1859 [t.s.]. He married (1) at Rutland, intentions filed 7 April 1811, Nabby Brigham [vr], born at Sutton, Worcester County 19 March 1789, d/o Amariah & Mary (Sibley) Brigham [vr]. Nabby died 1818 [t.s.]. Joseph married (2) 30 April 1822 at Templeton, MA, Cynthia Banks [vr], born 1785, died 1841 [t.s.]; (3) the widow Clarissa Wetherbee Howe 23 June 1842 [vr], born 1788, died 1853 [t.s. in Goose Hill Cemetery, Rutland, with all 4 names on the same stone. It is not known if he had issue by Cynthia. Known issue Smith by Nabby:

2. i. Moses⁸, b at Millbury, MA 9 Oct 1816 [vr]

2. Moses⁸ Smith (Joseph⁷ Lucy Rice⁶ Silas⁵ Edward⁴ John³ Edward² Edmund¹), b at Millbury, Worcester Co., MA 9 Oct 1816 [vr], d at Rutland 15 Jan 1887 aged 71 years [vr]. He married there 7 Nov 1836, Sarah Augusta Thompson, d/o Samuel & Sally [vr]. She was b at Hubbardston, MA 16 March 1817, with both her parent b there [vr]. She d at Princeton, Worcester Co. 28 April 1882 aged 65/1/12 [vr], d/o Samuel & Sally (Heald) Thompson [vr]. Issue Smith:

3. i. Clara Wetherbe, b c 1843 [b vr not seen]
4. ii. William Wallace, b at Rutland 11 Jan 1846
- iii. Moses Sidney, b 10 June 1849, d 30 Nov 1864 aged 15/5/20 at Royalston, MA, apparently as a result of "prisoner of war" status
5. iv. Lizzie Sarah, b at Rutland 25 April 1857 [vr]

3. Clara⁹ Wetherbe Smith (Moses⁸ Joseph⁷ Lucy Rice⁶ Silas⁵ Edward⁴ John³ Edward² Edmund¹) b c 1843 at Rutland, Worcester Co., MA [m vr, birth record not seen], still living at the time of the 1920 census when she is found with her son at Worcester. She married at Petersham, MA 31 Dec 1862, Charles Briant [vr], b at Rutland 25 April 1831, s/o Isaac & Rebecca B. (___) Briant or Bryant [vr]. Charles was deceased by the 1910 census when the widowed Clara is with her son. Known issue Bryant:

6. i. Sidney Smith, b at Rutland 23 Jan 1869 [vr]

4. William⁹ Wallace Smith (Moses⁸ Joseph⁷ Lucy Rice⁶ Silas⁵ Edward⁴ John³ Edward² Edmund¹) b at Rutland, Worcester Co., MA 11 Jan 1846 [vr], m (2) at Brattleboro, VT when of N. Brookfield, MA, Mary Electa Ward [vr], b there 8 July 1861, d/o William & Mary (Newton) Ward [vr]. William was a shoemaker in 1887. Known issue Smith:

- i. Arnold Ward, b at N. Brookfield, MA 24 March 1887 [vr], d 1912 [FindAGrave]. He was an accountant when living with his parents at Spencer in 1910.

5. Lizzie⁹ Sarah Smith (Moses⁸ Joseph⁷ Lucy Rice⁶ Silas⁵ Edward⁴ John³ Edward² Edmund¹) b at Rutland, Worcester Co., MA [vr], m at Hubbardston, MA 1 Jan 1878, Frederick J. Moulton, b at Templeton, MA c 1855, s/o Joseph S. & Marion M. (___) Moulton [vr]. In 1880 they live with her parents where the first child will have been born. They soon removed to Elgin, Kane Co., Illinois. Issue Moulton:

7. i. John Wallace, b 27 Feb 1879 [vr not seen in MA, and he's consistently stated to have been b in IL]
8. ii. Sadie B., b IL c 1882
9. iii. Moses S., b IL c 1885
10. iv. Joseph Manley, b IL c 1895
11. v. Velma, b IL c 1899, seen 1920

6. Sidney¹⁰ Smith Bryant (Clara⁹ Moses⁸ Joseph⁷ Lucy Rice⁶ Silas⁵ Edward⁴ John³ Edward² Edmund¹) b at Rutland, Worcester Co., MA 23 Jan 1869 [vr], m at Worcester 30 May 1901, Alice Mae Ross [vr], b there 10 Dec 1870, d/o William & Lucy (Ball) Ross [vr]. Known issue Bryant:

- i. Marion W., b at Worcester 1 June 1902 [vr], d unml4 March 1887
12. ii. Gertrude Alice, b at Worcester 22 July 1903 [vr]
13. iii. Charles W., b at Worcester 27 April 1906 [vr]

12. Gertrude¹¹ Alice Bryant (Sidney¹⁰ Clara⁹ Moses⁸ Joseph⁷ Lucy Rice⁶ Silas⁵ Edward⁴ John³ Edward² Edmund¹) b at Worcester, MA 22 July 1903 [vr], d before 1986. She, a stenographer, m 1927 at Worcester, Milton Arnold Thompson, a construction engineer b there 10 Jan 1903, d at Charlton, MA at the Masonic Home, s/o Charles Frank & Cora E. (Wetherell) Thompson who m at E. Woodstock, CT 22 Jan 1902, he s/o Charles & Edna A. (Arnold) Thompson, she d/o Vernon T. & Eliza (Hyde) Wetherell [vr]. Milton was a member of the Morning Star Masonic Lodge. Issue Thompson b at Worcester:

- i. Doris Louise, b Jan
- ii. Donald Bryant, b 22 Jan 1939, d Hyannis, MA 30 Oct 2009; m at Shrewsbury, MA 18 August 1962, Karen Marcia Ent, b at Trenton, NJ 1940, d/o Robert Servis & Frances Eliza (Leigh) Ent. Issue Thompson:
 - i. Melissa Ross, b at Worcester 1972

13. Charles¹¹ W. Bryant (Sidney¹⁰ Clara⁹ Moses⁸ Joseph⁷ Lucy Rice⁶ Silas⁵ Edward⁴ John³ Edward² Edmund¹) b at Worcester, MA 27 April 1906 [vr], m c 1928, Elizabeth J. Brigham, b at West Brookfield, CT 7 Nov 1906 [vr], d/o Lucius Samuel & Anna Laura (Fisher) Brigham [vr] (Warren⁷ Joel⁶ Capt. Tilly⁵ James⁴ & Anna Rice Jonathan³ Thomas² & Mary Rice Thomas¹). Anna Brigham, a widow aged 61, was with the family in 1940. Issue Bryant:

- i. Robert A., b c 1929
- ii. Charles, b c 1937
- iii. Nancy, b c 1939

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