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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!

As I gaze upon the current logo decorating the top of the front page of our newsletter, I am reminded of some of the discussions of what would be appropriate for the Association's logo. Lacking any contemporary portrait of Edmund Rice, we had no plausible options besides images of his property or abstract designs or -- and this is an interesting one -- his autograph. Like all of our other literate ancestors, he signed his name to various documents over his lifetime, and some of those survive to this day. One difficulty with specimens of old penmanship is that the style of handwriting has changed over the years, and signatures especially tend to be crabbed and/or idiosyncratic and otherwise difficult to read (John Hancock's signature on the Declaration of Independence being a notable exception).

Still, most of us have a great many literate ancestors, and collecting their autographs can be a useful exercise (as well as fun). As with handwriting, the styles of spelling change over the years, and our concept of the "correct" spelling of an ancestor's name is subject to the whims of a succession of clerks who had their own (and often variable) ideas of "correct" spelling. Therefore, a sample of the ancestor's own opinion (perhaps variable, but also habitual) can be illuminating.

For example, Laurence vs Lawrence vs Lorance, or Laura vs Lora vs Lura, or (and this is a tricky issue) How vs Howe and Green vs Greene. In recent times, another common example is whether the "real" name is of a form often considered a nickname (such as Willie) or the corresponding formal name (William or perhaps Willis or Willard).

One source of signatures that I've seen a lot recently is the collection at FamilySearch.org of US passport applications from 1795 to 1925. Of course, only a select few people actually acquired passports in those days, and so this source is spotty at best. However, another source gets close to full coverage for American men born 1870-1900, and that's the collection of draft registration cards for all men in World War I and for middle-aged men in World War II. Some care must be taken, since the name at the top of the card was generally written by a clerk, and that might differ from the signature at the bottom. Still, these cards were solemn legal documents demanding full attention of the registrants, and the signatures therefore tend to be carefully written.

See inside for information about the coming reunion. Save the date: September 23-24. Hope to see you there!

John Chandler

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1998-2006	Dr. Robert V. Rice

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Send your articles, newsletter corrections, member news, your children or grandchildren's births, obituaries, family items of interest and any queries etc. to the newsletter editor:

Susan R. Berger email: editor@edmund-rice.org

Membership

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

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

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

Annual dues, payable *September 1*, are:

Initial dues.....\$ 15.00

Renewals:

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

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

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

Checks Payable to: EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSN., INC.

Membership Mailing Address:

Susan R. Berger
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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 .75 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 \$1.75 per copy.

Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

I received a beautiful note from Dorothy Rice Miller that I'd like to share.

I was born on June 6, 1915 and on June 6, 2015 my children sponsored a luncheon and birthday party for my 100th birthday.

It was held at the Bethel Lutheran Church at Palisade, Minnesota where I usually spend my summers.

Over 150 friends, family and former pupils attended. I also received over 100 birthday cards and letters. People flew in from Oklahoma, California, Maryland, Arizona, Utah and Texas.

Susan Berger

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Published Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall by the Edmund Rice (1638) Association

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](mailto:gking5@cox.net)

Nine-Generation Rice Database Available on CD

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

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

The BoD placed three caveats on the distribution of these documents:

- 1) The information is copyrighted by the Edmund Rice (1638) Association and is restricted to the personal use of association members.
- 2) The CDs will be available only to Association members who agree to its terms of use.
- 3) The Association master database is an ongoing effort through September 2015. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

IN MEMORY Please join me in saying a final goodbye to:

Jane Armbruster passed away March 27, 2016. She always attended the annual reunion and will be missed by many.

NEW MEMBERS

Pamela J Ware	Donald Nelson	Carol Nelson	David Lawrence
George Six	Joan Schacht	George A Rice	Philip Loe

NEW LIFE MEMBER

Mildred T Rice	Morgan L Kernohan	William R Drury
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MEMBERS MAKING ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

Dorothy Rice Miller	Pamela J Ware
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IN CELEBRATION

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

Join me in wishing a “Special Happy Birthday” to Dorothy Rice Miller and F. Gorham Brigham Jr. They will be 101 years young this year!!

July

Elizabeth Rice Stevens of South Deerfield, MI; **Marilyn Nee** of Tullahoma, TN; **Daphne Stevens** of Fiskdale, MA; **Elizabeth Mahas** of Salt Lake City, UT; **Rodger R Rice** of Grand Rapids, MI; **Joanne Rice** of Windsor, ON Canada; **Douglas C Rice** of Dorset, United Kingdom; **LaRain Hudson** of Westlake, OH; **Linda Waterkotte** of Quincy, IL; **Alice McCoy** of Brier, WA; **Barbara Johnson** of Vienna, VA; **Dr. A. David Woods** of Fuengirola, Malaga, Spain; **Peter Meigs** of Danville, NH; **George Six** of Hurricane, WV; **Virginia Rice Carothers** of Centerville, MA; **Richard Cochrane** of Marlborough, MA; **Carl Fritsche** of Eatontown, NJ; **Lisa Quijano** of Morgan Hill, CA; **Stanley Thompson** of Hazlet, NJ; **John Chandler** of Harvard, MA; **Dana Cobb** of Ridgewood, NJ; **Dorothy Wells** of Baltimore, MD; **Max Rice** of Shoreline, WA; **Robert Maxey** of Salem, OR; **Fay Bennett** of Greenfield, MA; **Robert Hook** of Overland Park, KS; **Winston Rice** of Norwell, MA

August

James K. Rice of N. Ridgeville, OH; **Delilah Moody** of Butler, PA; **Timothy Sanford** of Toronto ON, CANADA; **Joyce Walker** of Hot Springs, AR; **Lois Hess** of Ft. Wayne, IN; **William J. Rice** of Broomall, PA; **Katrina Rice-Schmidt** of Ojai, CA; **Dr. Robert V. Rice** of Falmouth, MA; **William R. Wesen** of Apple Valley, MN; **Nancy Nicol** of Wellfleet, MA; **Judy Dailey** of Schertz, TX; **Helen DePlonty** of Midland, MI; **Alda Kaye** of Wakefield, RI; **Mary E Hicks** of Wichita, KS; **Thais Craine** of San Luis Obispo, CA; **Emma Lu Fischer** of St. George, UT; **Judith Atkinson** of Westphalia, MI; **John W. Brinton** of Centereach, NY; **Beverly Pelkey** of Rockville, MO; **Jason Adams** of Burlington, VT; **John Pannullo** of Ocean Isle Beach, NC; **Anita Cooper** of Houston, TX; **Mary Anne Sullivan** of Manchester, NY; **Ellen Blanchard** of Carver, MA; **John Newton** of East Aurora, NY; **Linwood Erskine Jr.** of Paxton, MA; **Peggy Ross** of Madison, WI; **Debra Mackay** of Sudbury, MA; **Debra Neuner** of Frisco, TX

September

Alice Wareham of Saranac Lake, NY; **Geraldine Rice** of Rocky River, OH; **Macy Courtney** of Louisville, KY; **Julie Proctor** of Santa Barbara, CA; **Betty Seacord** of Santa Rosa, CA; **Robin Rice** of N Stonington, CT; **Tammy Sanford** of Clementsport, NS, CANADA; **Margaret Stehle** of Palo Alto, CA; **Betty Gilmore** of Wayne, NJ; **Edmund Garno III** of Haverford, PA; **Jeffrey Smythe** of Freeburg, IL; **Ruth Gries** of Lakewood, CO; **Sharon Krisko** of Maple Grove, MN; **Barbara Niemann** of Willow Street, PA; **Christopher E Rice** of Dartmouth NS, CANADA; **Alice Pierce** of Lexington, MA; **Elizabeth Sander** of Plymouth, MA; **John Bates** of Thorndike, ME; **Kathy Jenkel** of Tamaroa, IL; **Susan Berger** of Blairsville, GA; **Patricia Young** of Elk Rapids, MI; **David Bohrman** of Ben Lomond, CA; **Suzanne Kadiff** of Watertown, MA; **David King** of Nauvoo, IL; **Nancy Colt** of Rockaway, NJ; **Lois Kendall** of East Falmouth, MA; **Kathleen Farrell** of Payson, AZ; **Iris Milne** of Glendale, AZ; **Anne L King** of Williamsburg, VA; **Ermine Payne** Rockford, IL



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Cousins,

PLEASE CHECK YOUR CARDS EXPIRATION DATE! 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:

Under age 80	15.00
Age 80 and above	5.00
Life membership (in a single payment)	200.00

Membership Type: New ___ Renewal ___ Membership Info Update ___
Preferred Newsletter Delivery Method: Paper via US Mail ___ or Email ___

Phone Number (____) _____ - _____

Email address _____

Birthday (MM/DD/YYYY) _____

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

Name _____

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

Address _____

City/Town/Province _____

State _____ Zip/Postal Code _____ Country (if not USA) _____

You may send this form and pay your annual dues via PAYPAL **-OR-** pay by Check/Money Order made payable to Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc. Please send check/money order with this form to:

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ERA Reunion Overview

WHEN: September 23 & 24, 2016 - *Come see the beautiful fall colors in New England!*

WHERE: Doubletree Hotel – Westborough, MA

HOTEL: The address and phone number of the Doubletree by Hilton are:
5400 Computer Drive Westborough, MA 01581, (508) 366-5511.

Those choosing to stay overnight at the Doubletree are responsible for calling in their own room reservations and should tell the hotel you are coming to the ***“Edmund Rice Reunion”***. There is no special rate for reunion attendees, though there may be discounts available to those that shop around on the internet and/or reserve early.

The meeting will be at (and bus tour will begin and end) at the Doubletree. However, there are other hotels that are close by: Red Roof Inn, Courtyard, Extended Stay and Residence Inn.

Remember New England is a popular tourist destination during the fall. Reserve your room(s) early.

Attendees please call the Doubletree directly at (508) 366-5511 to make your reservations as early as possible.

RESERVATIONS - Included in this newsletter is a reservation form that must be returned along with all applicable payments.

Reservations and payment in advance is required for the Bus Tour, Friday Night Dinner and Saturday meetings and catered luncheon.

DEADLINE - We must receive, back from you, the Registration Form by September 9th so we can finalize our menus with the hotel. ***Please remember these dates and allow for mail delivery time.***

CHECKS All checks should be ***made payable to: Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc.*** and mailed with your registration form to:

George Rice
940 Old Post Road
Cotuit, MA 02635-2922

If anyone has questions or needs to make a change, after sending in their registration form, please call George Rice at (508) 428-3243.

ERA REUNION AGENDA

Friday Sept 23

1:00 -5:00pm -- Narrated Bus Tour – Westborough / Marlborough Historical Sites.
We will meet in the parking lot of Doubletree.

You must be prepaid. Sign up and attach check with registration form included in this newsletter. The bus tour is popular and space fills up quickly!

5:30-6:30pm -- Social Hour, with cash bar --- join us and meet your cousins at the Doubletree.

6:30-7:30pm -- Join cousins for dinner. Pick a seat for dinner.

You must be prepaid. Signup, pick your entrée, and attach check with registration form included in this newsletter.

Saturday Sept 24

Registration required for meetings, presentations and catered luncheon. Sign up on Registration form.
Cost \$25 ERA members, \$40 for nonmembers.

You must be prepaid. Signup, attach check with registration form included in this newsletter.

Register early!!

9:00am - Gather for socializing with fellow cousins, reviewing the books and other items for sale, and viewing the extensive database of our ERA genealogy on the computer. This is the time to fill the blanks in your genealogy, connect with other cousins, and learn more about the ERA. One table will be set aside for members to bring and show Rice memorabilia to their cousins. Rice books will be available to purchase. Coffee, Tea and snacks will be available.

9:30am – Welcome remarks by John Chandler, ERA President; and brief introduction to ERA

10:00am – Queen Anne’s War (1702-1713)

10:45am – Lineage of the Mohawk Rices

11:45am – Group Family Picture

12 noon – 1:00pm - Luncheon - ***Must be prepaid, see Registration form below.***

1:00 – 2:00pm – Dr. Linda Welters – Using fashion to date photography

2:00 – 3:00pm – Annual Family Meeting and awards

ERA Reunion Registration Form
September 23 and 24, 2016

NAMES OF ATTENDEES:

Telephone Number (in case of emergency) (_____) _____ - _____

FRIDAY NARRATED BUS TOUR

The bus will leave from the Doubletree at 1pm and will return there about 5pm. We will be visiting Westborough / Marlborough historical landmarks and other sites of interest. George Rice will be our tour guide. *Please pay in advance, \$15.00 per person (please attach check)*

Attending, # _____ Total \$'s _____

Names: _____ Names: _____

FRIDAY NIGHT DINNER

Dinner will be a choice of Haddock, Chicken Marsala or Vegan. Coffee, tea or soda, other drinks will be served. Beer and Wine will also be available.

Please pay in advance for dinner, \$25.00 per person (please attach check)

Attending, # _____ # of Haddock _____ # of Chicken _____ # of Vegan _____
Total for Friday Dinner \$ _____

Names: _____ Names: _____

SATURDAY

Registration Fee of \$25.00 includes Continental Breakfast, meetings, presentations and lunch.

Please pay in advance, \$25.00 per person ERA members (\$40 per person for non-members)

(Please attach check)

Yes attending # _____ Total # for Saturday meeting _____

Names: _____ Names: _____

Total Amount included \$ _____

Make your check payable to: **Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc.**, and send your check along with this form to George Rice not later than September 9th.

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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

Alda Kaye - Conversations with a Curator -Understanding and Caring for Aged Textiles and Clothing". The soft cover is \$15.95 plus tax and the hard cover is \$25.95 plus tax. An e-book for \$9.99 is also available on Amazon. An autographed copy can be purchased from the author alkdsj@cox.net.

Ross W. McCurdy - Descendants of Francis Harris, United Empire Loyalist of Sandy Cove, Nova Scotia, a Work in Progress to the 7th Generation, 2015. Consisting of 270 pages, this book contains the compilation of several thousand Harris descendants scattered all over the North American continent, many of whom also descendants of Edmund Rice thru Judah Rice. The book may be purchased from the compiler at rwaltermccurdy@comcast.net.

Ross W. McCurdy - Descendants of James & Anna (Rice) McDormand of Brier Island, Nova Scotia, a Work in Progress to the 7th Generation, 2013. Consisting of 154 pages, the booklet contains the compilation of about 1500 descendants, all of whom are Edmund Rice descendants. The book may be purchased from the compiler at rwaltermccurdy@comcast.net.