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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!

The topic of adoption has taken on a new interest in the age of widespread DNA testing. Unexpected Y-DNA matches can provide a specific clue to the surname of the birth father of a male adoptee. As it happens, in modern times, the official machinery of adoption has aimed at obliterating the public record of birth parentage and replacing it with new documentation asserting that the adoptive mother had in fact given birth to the child in question. In many cases, the only clues to the fictitious nature of such documentation are the date of registration, which may be long after the date of birth, or perhaps a notation that the birth registration was recorded in compliance with a court order. Such court records, of course, are sealed.

In times past, however, officialdom took a much more relaxed attitude toward adoption. For one thing, everybody knew who was who, even if there wasn't any original, contemporaneous record of a birth at all. Of course, a baby born on a remote farm to an unmarried daughter living at home might be passed off as the child of the girl's mother, but even then the friends and neighbors would have known differently. Still, the disorganization or absence of official records can make difficulties in unraveling the stories of birth and adoption.

I recently ran across an example in the ERA database of a twisted pathway to the truth. Some years ago, as part of the campaign to locate authoritative documentation for the events recorded in the database, I followed a lead in the unofficial, but very reliable, genealogical portion of Blake's history of Princeton, Massachusetts, pointing to the marriage of Rice descendant Abram Everett to one Rebecca W. Grimes, born in 1831 in the town of Littleton. Looking in the published vital records of Littleton, I found an entry for the birth of this Rebecca Grimes, but the entry was credited to a family Bible, rather than the town records, and it didn't specify the parents. The marriage in 1860 was beyond the scope of the published book, and so matters rested there until I recently consulted the Massachusetts vital records on line and, in so doing, discovered the 1911 death certificate of Mrs Rebecca Everett. Indeed, I almost neglected this find because it gave her maiden name as!

Henderson, but on closer scrutiny I realized that subtracting the reported age at death from the date of death yielded the exact same date of birth as the one already

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in the database, and also the informant was her husband Abram Everett. Intriguingly, Abram reported that Rebecca's mother had been named Elizabeth GRIMES, surely an important clue.

At this point, I returned to the Littleton town records, where I found corroboration of Abram's report. Not only was there an official record of the birth of Rebecca Grimes Henderson on the correct date, but also the parents were recorded as Edward Henderson and Elizabeth Fletcher Grimes, in agreement with the death certificate. Further, I found a birth record for this Elizabeth and learned the names of her parents. In particular, her father was distinctively named (Thaddeus), and I discovered that he had had two successive wives. Finally, I looked up the 1860 marriage record and found the resolution of the conundrum: it gave the bride's name as Rebecca W. Grimes (not surprising), but it also stated that she was the adopted daughter of Thaddeus Grimes and his wife Rebecca. In other words, she had been adopted by her maternal grandfather and step grandmother. It seems that the parents' marriage must have broken up, since Elizabeth Fletcher Grimes died as a single woman in 1865. I never did find anything about Edward Henderson outside of his relationship to his wife and daughter.

John Chandler

Attention All Cousins,

I have received the following email from Kristina Allen of the Westborough Historical Society. This celebration will not conflict with our reunion, and so anyone who feels connected to Westborough should be encouraged to go. That would include not just those who descend from folks who lived in Westborough after it separated from Marlborough.

A notice in the newsletter would be appropriate.

John

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Westborough is celebrating its 300th anniversary this year with a big parade on Sunday, September 10. We hope to have some early settlers represented and wondered if there are any Rice descendants in Westborough or nearby who would like to march. It should be a memorable occasion.

If any of the Rice family is interested, please have them email me.

Regards,

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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:

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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.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN

I have no items of interest, family articles and pictures, obituaries or queries to put in future newsletters.

I'm asking cousins to please submit any items of interest, family articles and pictures, obituaries and queries to me for future use in the newsletters.

Send them to the newsletter editor:
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Thanks, Susan Berger

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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 the members we lost.

Evelyn Jensen passed away on April 17, 2008 in Ogden, IA

Grace Virginia Rice, age 92, passed away April 12, 2017 in Brooklyn Center, MN. Grace was preceded in death by her parents Kenneth and Ruth Rice and her brother Kenneth Rice Jr.

NEW MEMBERS

Peter A Newbould of Nova Scotia, CANADA;

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IN CELEBRATION

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

JANUARY

William Amidon of Laconia, NH; **Laura S Anders** of Fulton, IL; **Doris Austin** of Aurora, TN; **Stephen Bergstrom** of Fairfax, VA; **Kathy Bond** of N. Stonington, CT; **Nancy Boulter** of Berea, OH; **Emily Donovan** of Lexington, MA; **Geraldine Rice Foty** of W. Brookfield, MA; **Amy Hall** of Framingham, MA; **Stanley Heisler** of Ridgefield, CT; **Sandra Hyden** of Arlington, TX; **Wallace B King** of Beaverton, OR; **Stephen R Knowlton** of ; **Dolores Rice Mandeville** of Broken Bow, NE; **Lynn McLaughlin** of South Hadley, MA; **Bob McLaughlin** of St. Louis, MO; **Michael Willer** of Creston, CA; **Christopher I Rice** of Newcastle, ME; **Katharine Paranya** of Oneonta, NY; **Becky Rice-Leanna** of Elk River, MN; **Jane Rice** of Moultonboro, NH; **Susan Rice-Myers** of Sutton, MA; **Patricia Leslie** of S Windham, ME; **Laura Staublin** of Fulton, IL; **Lois Morlock** of Hastings, MN; **Jillaine Smith** of Bethesda, MD; **Julia Holfey** of Bloomfield Hills, MI; **Richard Gariepy** of Barre, ME; **Robert Duggan Jr** of Stone Mountain, GA; **Robert K Rice** of Morgan Hill, CA; **Robert M. Rice** of East Moriches, NY; **Donna Meszaros** of Phoenix, AZ; **Herbert H Rice** of Lowell, MI; **Robert T Rice** of Florence, MA; **James P Rice** of Pekin, IL; **Carl Ulrich** of Edmonton, AB CANADA; **Karen Davis** of Star Valley, AZ; **Barry Rice** of Edmund, OK; **Richard E Rice** of Anaheim, CA; **Nancy B Murphy** of E Hampstead, NH; **James P Rice** of Pekin, IL; **William S Rice** of Rensselaerville, NY; **William McNeil III** of Brockton, MA.

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MARCH

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ERA Database

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

Nine-Generation Rice Database Available on CD

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

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

- 1) The information is copyrighted by the Edmund Rice (1638) Association and is restricted to the personal use of association members.
- 2) The CDs will be available only to Association members who agree to its terms of use.
- 3) The Association master database is an ongoing effort through September 2016. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

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.**



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Cousins,

PLEASE CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATE ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD!

The dues year is September 1st to September 1st. **If not already paid, your dues for Sept. 2016 thru Sept.2017 are overdue!!** 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 1st \$ _____
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The Family Thicket, Part XXIII

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 descendency 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 another early Sudbury settler named Edmund who came over in 1638 and became a freeman of the colony in 1640 and went on to be a prominent citizen, this one being Edmund Goodenow. Unlike Edmund Rice, however, the passenger list for his emigration voyage still exists, and so we know exactly who was with the family at the time of departure. He came in the ship Confidence from Southampton, and the passenger list shows him as a husbandman, aged 27, from the town of Dunhead in Wiltshire, and he was accompanied by his wife Ann and their sons John and Thomas, as well as a servant named Richard Sanger. Besides that, his two brothers, also named John and Thomas, came over at the same time bringing their families as well. The brothers may be featured in future articles in this series. As can be seen from the listed age, Edmund Goodenow was nearly a generation younger than Edmund Rice, but, like him, had children both before and after emigration and was active in Sudbury affairs. Among other things, he represented Sudbury in the General Court for two terms and was captain of the town militia.

A word here about spelling: besides the spelling I have adopted for this article, there are many others that have turned up in public records. The published vital records in the town of Sudbury reveal the following: Gooddenow, Goodenew, Goodenough, Goodnew, Goodnoe, Goodnough, and Goodnow. If you don't like my choice of spelling, feel free to choose your own. Interestingly, the only one that my spell checker thinks is good enough is – you guessed it! Let us now turn to the family connections.

1. John (c1635-1721) was born in England and came over with his parents. He became entangled in the family thicket very soon, as he married Mary Axtell, daughter of Thomas and Mary (Rice) Axtell, but the exact nature of this connection is unclear, since the Mary Rice in question could have been Edmund Rice's niece instead of his daughter. Consequently, we need to examine John's descendants for other, more certain links. The search is complicated by the presence of so many different Goodenow families. Even within his own immediate family, there is some confusion over whether the Edmund Goodenow who married Deborah Mann and raised a family in Sudbury was John's son or his younger brother. For the purposes of this article, I will assume the younger Edmund was a son of the elder. In any case, three of John's children furnish connections for us. (I) his son John had in turn three sons who figure in this story. (Ia) John married Ruth⁴ Rice (Isaac³, Matthew², Edmund¹). (Ib) Nathan married Lois⁵ Cutler (Tabitha⁴ Rice, John³, Edward², Edmund¹). (Ic) Moses married Thankful⁵ Griffin (Lydia⁴ Parmenter, Tamasine³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹). (II) John's daughter Elizabeth had a grandson Deliverance Parmenter Jr who married Mary⁶ Osborn (Lydia⁵ Griffin, Lydia⁴ Parmenter, Tamasine³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹). (Note that Deliverance's wife Mary was a niece of the above-mentioned Thankful⁵ Griffin.) (III) John's son Joseph had two sons who both married into the clan. (IIIa) Daniel married Sarah⁵ Rice (John⁴, John³, Edward², Edmund¹). As an added bonus, after Daniel's wife Sarah died, he married again and had two children who also came into the picture. (IIIa1) A daughter Thankful married Asahel⁶ Wheeler (Elisha⁵, Abigail⁴ Rice, John³, Edward², Edmund¹). (IIIa2) A son Joseph married Dinah⁶ Moore (Augustus⁵, Tamar⁴ Rice, John³, Edward², Edmund¹). (IIIb) Peter married Dorothy⁵ Moore (Tamar⁴ Rice, John³, Edward², Edmund¹). (Note that Dorothy⁵ Moore was an aunt of the above-mentioned Dinah⁶ Moore.) While we're on the subject of added

bonuses, it is worth noting that Joseph Goodenow (*i.e.*, the one designated "III" above) had another grandson (and therefore a first cousin of Thankful Goodenow) named William Hunt who married a sister of Thankful's husband, Mary⁶ Wheeler (Elisha⁵, Abigail⁴ Rice, John³, Edward², Edmund¹). (I hope you're following this!)

2. Thomas (c1637-?) also came over with his parents, but does not appear in the records in Sudbury and probably died young.

3. Hannah (1639-?) married James Pendleton and raised a large family. However, they soon moved away from the vicinity of Sudbury and remained out of contact with the Rice clan. Inevitably, they ultimately connected in the American melting pot, but the earliest hint of a connection that I found was in the ninth generation.

4. Mary (1640-?) probably died young.

5. Sarah (1643-?) married John Kettle and had several children, and even some grandchildren, but I have not found descendants beyond that level, nor any connections.

6. Joseph (1645-1676) apparently never married or had children.

7. Edmund (?-c1727) was either the youngest son of the immigrant Edmund or a grandson. Since the eldest son, John, has already been intensively scrutinized for connections, I will consider this Edmund to be a younger brother of John, rather than his son. In any case, this Edmund married Dorothy Mann and raised a large family in Sudbury and developed his own connections to the Rice clan. I have found that three of his sons entered the thicket directly, and two other sons had children who did so. Two of the direct sons, Cornelius and Samuel, married two sisters of the above-mentioned Thankful⁵ Griffin: Abigail⁵ and Mary⁵ Griffin (Lydia⁴ Parmenter, Tamasine³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹). Meanwhile, the other direct son, David, married Mary⁵ Bent (Mary⁴ Drury, Rachel³ Rice, Henry², Edmund¹). The two grandsons, Ebenezer and Phineas, also married two sisters, Keziah⁵ and Lois⁵ Frost (Elizabeth⁴ Rice, David³, Henry², Edmund¹).

In conclusion, we can see that propinquity prevails. The families that lived in the same or neighboring towns were bound to intermarry sooner or later, or rather sooner **and** late.

Meet the Ancestors: Benjamin Rice (1640-1713) *by Michael A. Rice*

Benjamin Rice was the first of Edmund Rice's children to be born and live his life entirely in America. He was born on 31 May 1640 to Edmund and Thomasine Rice at the time the family was residing at their first residence in Sudbury, the four-acre home site on North Road (now MA Route 27, Old Sudbury Road), near the First Sudbury Meeting House (on the site of what is now the Old North Cemetery). Since Edmund had sold the North Road House to John Moore on 1 Sept 1642, Benjamin spent most of his formative years of his youth at the old Rice homestead near the spring near Old Connecticut path in southeastern Sudbury. Benjamin was the last of the children to be born to Thomasine who died on 13 June 1654, when Benjamin was 14 years old, with Edmund's second wife Mercy Brigham Rice becoming his stepmother on 1 March 1655.

Benjamin married Mary Brown, the daughter of William and Mary (Besbeth or Bisby) Brown about 1662 in Sudbury.¹ They had two children, Benjamin Rice Jr. (born about 1663 probably in Sudbury) and Ebenezer Rice, born 1 May 1671 in Sudbury. The first born son, Benjamin Jr., is listed in the ERA database but very little is known about his life. We know that he was alive in May 1676 when the will of William Brown, Benjamin's father-in-law, was proved in which it stated "to dau. Mary, wife of Benjamin Rice, and her son, Benjamin Rice."¹ In stark contrast to the dearth of information Benjamin Jr., there is a good record of the life of Benjamin's second son Ebenezer in Massachusetts vital records. Ebenezer married Bethiah Williams of Dorchester on 17 May 1698 and they had nine children.

Benjamin Rice was an original inhabitant of Marlborough having been granted 24 acres on 26 November 1660.² Although Benjamin was granted this land in Marlborough along with his father Edmund and his brothers Joseph, Samuel, Thomas, and Edward, Benjamin maintained his primary residence in Sudbury. According to Elsie Hawes Smith, Benjamin was traveling from Sudbury to Dedham in 1675 during the outbreak of King Philip's War when he suffered a frostbitten foot that had to be amputated at the ankle.³ Ten years later on 23 May 1685, Benjamin sued Dr. William Avery of Boston for medical malpractice in the case. In the suit, Daniel Pond of Dedham testified that Benjamin had arrived at his home with his feet frozen and he was lodged there. Pond's testimony indicated that Dr. Avery's son Benjamin was the actual person to perform the amputation so the court ruled in favor of the defendant, Dr. Avery.¹

Benjamin's wife Mary (Brown) Rice died on 3 January 1690/91 in Sudbury, and three months later on 1 April 1691 Benjamin remarried to the widow Mary (Chamberlain) Graves. Benjamin Rice died on 19 December 1713 in Sudbury. The following report is from our Association database. Any additional information (with documentation) is welcome. Send submissions to our Historian, George King.

Benjamin Rice and his Family from the ERA Database

Generation One

1. Benjamin Rice was born on 31 May 1640 at Sudbury, MA.^{1,2,3} He married Mary Browne, daughter of William Browne and Mary Bisby, on 2 Jun 1661 at Sudbury, MA; (not found in the published records).^{4,5} He married Mary Chamberlain on 1 Apr 1691 at Sudbury, MA; under the name Graves.^{6,5,7,8} He died on 19 Dec 1713 at Sudbury, MA.^{9,4,5}

He was assigned a house lot of 24 acres in 1660 at Marlborough, MA.¹⁰ On 29 September 1673 at Sudbury, MA, farm land was sold by written contract, naming Benjamin and Mary (Brown) Rice as the sellers of the land given to them by their parents, Edmund Rice and William Brown(e), were named as the father and father-in-law of Benjamin Rice; buyer was John Death.¹¹ Benjamin Rice sued Dr. William Avery, of Boston, for malpractice. Verdict for defendant on 23 May 1685.⁴

Mary Browne was born on 18 May 1643 at Sudbury, MA, (listed as the 28th in a secondary copy of the vital records).^{5,12} She died on 3 Jan 1690/91 at Sudbury, MA; under the name Rice.^{13,5}

Children of Benjamin Rice and Mary Browne both born at Sudbury, MA, were as follows:

¹ p.10 In: Ward, A.H. (1858). Genealogical History of the Rice Family: Descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice. Boston: C. Benjamin Richardson Publishers.

² Record #62 A meeting of the Inhabitants and Proprietors of the Town of Marlborough 26 November 1660 (see: <http://freepages.history.rootsweb.ancestry.com/~historyofmarlborough/record7to10.htm#COLONIAL>)

³ p.42 In: Smith, E.H. (1938). Edmund Rice and his Family. The Edmund Rice (1638) Association. 100pp.

i. Benjamin Rice was born circa 1663.¹¹

2 ii. Ebenezer Rice, born 1 May 1671; married Bethiah Williams; died 21 Jun 1724.

Mary Chamberlain was born on 30 Jan 1648/49 at Woburn, MA, (it has also been guessed that she was born c1645, possibly in Sudbury, but the Sudbury candidate's father, Richard Chamberlain, mentioned a daughter Mary Smith in his will of 1673, not Mary Graves).^{5,14,15,16} Mary Chamberlain married 1st John Graves on 1 Dec 1671 at Marlborough, MA.¹⁷ Your authors note that there is widespread confusion over the identities of the two Marys who married two Benjamin Rices (WRN 10 and 32). The marriage records give only the names and dates, with no additional details, so the identification must rest on circumstantial evidence. To begin, we have the two marriages: 1691 in Sudbury to Mary Graves and 1692 in Marlborough to Mary Rice. Almost exactly nine months after the Marlborough marriage, a child was born at Marlborough to Benjamin and Mary, and there is a gravestone at the Old Common cemetery in Marlborough for a Mary, wife of Benjamin Rice, with a reported age that indicates her birth to be about 1671 (consistent with the observation that the Marlborough couple had nine children at regular intervals starting in 1693). There are no births recorded in Sudbury for children of Benjamin and Mary there. We believe these facts provide a convincing case for the identifications presented here: the Sudbury couple were middle-aged widower Benjamin Rice and middle-aged widow Mary (Chamberlain) Graves, both of Sudbury, (rather than young Benjamin Rice of Marlborough and Mary Graves, daughter of Benjamin Graves of Concord), and the Marlborough couple were young Benjamin Rice and young Mary Rice, both of Marlborough. There is an unexplained discrepancy of two years between the recorded birth of Mary Rice (WRN 62) and the gravestone-indicated birth of the wife of Benjamin of Marlborough, but such discrepancies are relatively common (and Mary Graves of Concord is no improvement).

There were no children of Benjamin Rice and Mary Chamberlain.

Generation Two

2. Ebenezer Rice was born on 1 May 1671 at Sudbury, MA.^{18,5,19} He married Bethiah Williams, daughter of Stephen Williams and Sarah Wise, on 17 May 1698 at Dorchester, MA.^{18,20,5,21} He died on 21 Jun 1724 at Sudbury, MA.^{22,9}

He and Bethiah Williams resided in 1698 at Sudbury, MA.²² He left a will on 6 Apr 1723, which was proved 1 July 1724. The will mentions eldest daughter Mary Loker; seven other daughters: Sarah, Bethiah, Elizabeth, Katherine, Grace, Abigail, and Ann; son Ebenezer under 21. Loving brother John Williams of Roxbury, Executor. Inventory of £337, July 10, 1724, including meadow west side of River, bounded by John Rice. Stephen Williams, brother of the widow of E. Rice, was appointed guardian of Ebenezer Rice in his 18th year, July 12, 1727.²³

Bethiah Williams was born on 26 Apr 1676 at Roxbury, MA.^{22,24} She died on 6 Jul 1721 at Sudbury, MA; under the name Rice.^{22,9}

Children of Ebenezer Rice and Bethiah Williams were as follows:

i. Mary Rice was born on 3 Mar 1699 at Dorchester, MA.^{20,25} She married Henry Loker, son of John Loker and Sarah Rice, on 20 Feb 1716/17 at Sudbury, MA; (28th per Ward).^{19,26,27,28}

Henry Loker was born on 9 Mar 1684/85 at Sudbury, MA.^{29,30,27,19}

ii. Sarah Rice was born on 3 Feb 1700 at Sudbury, MA.^{20,31,19} She married 1st Joseph Reed on 26 Nov 1723 at Sudbury, MA.^{20,32} She married Ebenezer Humphrey, son of Arthur Humphrey and Rachel Rice, on 21 Apr 1732 at Oxford, MA; not listed as Ebenezer of Woodstock, CT.^{33,51} She died on 12 Mar 1784 at Oxford, MA; aged 83y, under the name Humphrey.^{33,34}

Joseph Reed died on 20 Dec 1731 at Oxford, MA; under the name Read.³³

Ebenezer Humphrey was born on 22 Aug 1692 at Woodstock, CT.^{34,35,36} He died on 19 May 1761 at Oxford, MA; under the name Humphey.^{33,34} He served several years as selectman of Oxford.³⁴ He was one of the 30 original proprietors of Oxford, MA.³⁴ He was a constable in 1723 at Oxford, MA.³⁴

iii. Bethiah Rice was born on 21 Jan 1702/3 at Sudbury, MA.^{22,19}

iv. Elizabeth Rice was born on 8 Sep 1705 at Sudbury, MA.^{22,19}

v. Katharine Rice was born on 18 Aug 1707 at Sudbury, MA.^{22,19} She was baptized on 31 Aug 1707 at First Parish Church, Sudbury, MA.³⁷

vi. Ebenezer Rice was born on 24 Nov 1709 at Sudbury, MA.^{22,38} He married Anna Rice, daughter of Charles Rice and Rachel Wheeler, on 23 Mar 1743 at Westborough, MA; Ebenezer of Southborough.^{39,40,41} He died in 1793 at Annapolis County, NS.⁴²

He and Anna Rice resided after Apr 1743 at Westborough, MA.⁴³ He and Anna Rice resided after 1760 at Annapolis Royal, Annapolis Co, NS, (Ward mistakenly has them moving to Conway, where some of their children settled).^{43,44,45} He appeared on the census of 1768 at Annapolis Royal, Annapolis Co, NS; with one male and three females in the household, all American-born. The three females are presumably wife Anna and daughters Sarah and Elizabeth.⁴⁶ He appeared on the census of 1770 at Annapolis Royal, Annapolis Co, NS; with four in the household, all American-born. The four are presumably Ebenezer, wife Anna, and daughters Sarah and Elizabeth.⁴⁷

Anna Rice was born on 6 May 1722 at Westborough, MA.^{48,49} She died after 1770 at Annapolis Royal, Annapolis Co, NS; The 1768 census for Annapolis lists Ebenezer Rice with 1 male and 3 females in the household. Sons Benjamin and Joseph are listed separately. (Cousin Beriah Rice's family had already moved away.) The three females can only be Anna (wife), Sarah (b1753), and Elizabeth (b1756) as daughter Anna died in 1751. The 1770 census lists four persons in the household, all American. Therefore, your authors believe that Anna was alive at Annapolis in 1768 and 1770.⁴⁴

- vii. Grace Rice was born on 23 Jan 1712 at Sudbury, MA.^{22,19} She was baptized on 9 Mar 1712 at First Parish Church, Sudbury, MA.⁵⁰ She married Charles Johnson circa 1730.²² She died in 1789.²²

Charles Johnson died in 1777.²²

- viii. Abigail Rice was born on 17 Jun 1714 at Sudbury, MA.^{22,20,51,19} She married Lt Daniel Bugbee, son of Edward Bugbee and Abigail (--?--), on 21 Jun 1733 at Roxbury, MA; (23 January per Ward).^{22,20,51,24} She died in Aug 1792 at Roxbury, MA; aged 79y, under the name Bugbee, according to a death notice in the *Columbian Centinel*.²⁴

Lt Daniel Bugbee was born on 14 Jul 1703 at Roxbury, MA, (1705 per Rice Gen'l Register) under the name Bugbey.^{51,24}

- ix. Ann Rice was born on 26 Jan 1716/17 at Sudbury, MA.^{22,19}

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