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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!

In the last issue, I wrote about the high incidence of marriage tags for couples in the ERA database and the fact that many of those tags are inferred rather than documented to specific dates and places. One of the reasons so much effort has been spent on inferring marriage tags is a software quirk in The Master Genealogist -- TMG doesn't report a couple as being a couple unless there is some event connecting them, such as the birth of a child or a marriage (or a divorce, but more on that later). In other words, the GEDCOM language and various database packages allow the direct assertion of spousal pairs as such with or without corroborating details, but TMG refuses to act on such assertions without some evidence. I should mention that TMG is broad-minded enough to allow the user to define any two-person event as a "marriage-type event", including such things as custom-designed "partner" events, as well as engagements, banns, and marriage contracts.

And, yes, divorces. I'm sure everyone has heard the statistic that in modern times half of all marriages end in divorce. There is some debate about how accurate that statistic is, but it seems to be at least approximately correct. Nonetheless, when I scanned the main portion of our database (the Rice descendants and their spouses/partners), I found divorce tags in fewer than 4% of the couples in the 9th generation or later. Can it be that Rice descendants are less likely to divorce than other people? I don't think so. Instead, I think it's just another manifestation of the difficulty of obtaining documentation.

There are many instances in the database of persons with a succession of two or more spouses, but no record of the death or divorce of the earlier spouse(s). When divorces were mostly difficult to obtain, people of means might travel to distant venues to obtain them, thus making it hard to find the direct documentation. In some cases, a subsequent marriage record or census listing may show the person's marital status as "divorced", but more often the subsequent marriage is merely inferred and has already occurred before the next census enumeration, or, worse, the status is shown as "single"! Then, too, there are many modern marriage records that have been released to public view only after careful removal of the parties' marriage histories. Of course, it may be possible to infer a prior marriage when the current surname doesn't match the maiden name, but that information may not always be available, and such an inference doesn't extend to the type of end of the prior marriage.

John Chandler

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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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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.....\$ 20.00

Renewals:

Under 80 years of age.....\$ 20.00

Age 80 and above.....\$ 10.00

Life membership.....\$300.00
(single payment)

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Address Corrections:

The Post Office now forwards mail for 12 months if a member has submitted a forwarding address to the post office. The post office also returns the forwarding address to the association for a .75 fee. If a member has no forwarding address or 12 months forwarding has expired the post office returns the mail for a fee. 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

Remember, the ERA will hold our annual reunion in Salt Lake City at the Family Search genealogy library! It will be held September 28th and 29th, with an optional special event Sunday morning the 30th.

The reunion will begin Friday afternoon with two workshops at FamilySearch followed by dinner. On Saturday morning, we will have a series of speakers. There will be various activities to choose from including: working in the FamilySearch library, touring Temple Square, or visiting many other venues in Salt Lake City. Saturday evening, we will gather for dinner and socializing, for those who wish to join us. Sunday we will listen to the Mormon Tabernacle Choir.

Hope to see you there!

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.

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:

Michael Rice
201 Old Post Rd
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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 2017. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

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 lifetime members that we have lost.

Dorothy Rice Miller of Panorama City, CA born June 2, 1915 passed away on May 26, 2017 just one week before her 102nd birthday. She will be greatly missed by her daughter Janice Sweet and family.

Marilyn J Skinner of Brea, CA, born Dec 26, 1927 has passed away at her home in California

Herbert Hiram Rice age 86 of Lowell, MI, born January 25, 1932 in Stanwood, MI passed away on March 21, 2018 in Grand Rapids, MI. He was preceded in death by his parents Herbert & Hazel Rice and sisters Marian Wolfe, Kathleen Bender and Carol Matheson. He will be greatly missed by his wife of 41 years Clara, children Linda Nelson-Rice, William Rice, Catherine Hevia, Rita Fox; grandchildren, great grandchildren; sisters Helen Bell, Rosemary Bailey, Elaine Rockey; brothers Dan H Rice, John R Rice and niece Susan Berger.

NEW MEMBERS

Thomas Ritchie
Carol Wakeley
Deryk Berger

Carl Rice
Wayne Stenquist
Otis Cather

Patrick Smythe
Dell Rice
Gerald R Rice

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Diana Stephens	Anita Cooper	Patrick Smythe	Betty C Seacord
Wayne Stenquist	David Clinton	Stephen Bergstrom	Stephen G Rice
Otis Cather	Doris Austin		

IN CELEBRATION

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

APRIL

William F Rice of Forestville, WI; **Charles R Stone Jr** of Orange, MA; **Penelope Rice Nolte** of Montpelier, VT; **Kenneth Casanova** of Jamaica Plain, MA; **George A Rice** of Malverne, NY; **Patrick Newbould** of Grand Pre NS, CANADA; **Frederick H Rice** of Lyman, ME; **Barbara Fair** of Vero Beach, FL; **John S O’Keeffe** of Worthington, OH; **Pamala Wadsworth** of Wayland, MA; **Robert T Rice** of Castro Valley, CA; **Edmund Garno** of Gladwyne, PA; **Dennis R Rice** of Richardson, TX; **David R Clinton** of Sequim, WA; **Marie Negrelli** of Essex, CT; **Thomas M Rice** of Prescott, AZ; **Mary E Harris** of San Diego, CA; **Carol Jackson** of Arcadia, CA; **Charlotte C Spinney** of Westborough, MA; **Russell Remund** of Appleton, MN; **George L Rice Sr** of Cotuit, MA; **Marcia Sanford** of Clementsvalle NS, CANADA; **Mark Gottfredson** of Colleyville, TX; **Richard Perry** of N Ridgeville, OH; **Roger D Hughes** of Normal, IL; **Stephen G Rice** of Lowell, MI; **Sandra McDonald** of Hampton, VA; **Sarah B Rice** of E Moriches, NY; **Penny Smith** of Sandersville, GA.

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JUNE

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Continuing Series on the Children of Edmund Rice: Joseph

Generation One

1. Joseph Rice was baptized on 13 Mar 1637/38 at Berkhamstead, Hertfordshire, England. He married Mercy King, daughter of Thomas King and Anne Collins, on 4 May 1658 at Sudbury, MA; there is some uncertainty about whether Mercy King died soon after her marriage to Joseph or whether she is the Martha Rice, wife of Joseph, who appears in the Marlborough vital records as having died on 4 January 1668. Ward lists both Mercy King and Martha (?) as wives of Joseph. The Rice Genealogical Register lists only wife Mercy King and takes the death record on 4 January 1668 to be that of Mercy King. There is no mention of a marriage between Joseph Rice and Martha (Eames) in the Sudbury vital records. On the other hand, the birth records of Joseph's first four children all list the mother as Martha. Joseph Rice married 3rd Mary Beers, daughter of Capt. Richard Beers and Elizabeth Firman, in 1670. He married Sarah Prescott, daughter of John Prescott and Mary Platts, on 22 Feb 1677/78 at Dedham, MA; (literally 12th month 1677) under the name Wheeler. He died on 23 Dec 1711 at Stow, MA; aged 76y. He was buried at Old Cemetery, Stow, MA.

He resided in 1675 at Marlborough, MA, (his house was one of the garrisons set up in Marlborough during King Philip's War). He resided between 1677 and 1681 at Watertown, MA. He was chosen one of the tithingmen in Watertown in 1680.

Mercy King was born on 26 Feb 1638/39. She was baptized on 10 Mar 1638/39 at Shaftesbury, co Dorset, England; listed as Martha. She died on 4 Jan 1668/69 at Marlborough, MA; (literally 1668) registered as Martha wife of Joseph Rice.

Children of Joseph Rice and Mercy King were as follows:

- i. Rebecca Rice was born on 6 Apr 1660 at Sudbury, MA. She died young.
- 2 ii. Martha Rice, born 14 Jan 1662 at Marlborough, MA; married Jonathan Coolidge; died 10 Dec 1695 at Watertown, MA.
- iii. Josiah Rice was born on 13 May 1663 at Marlborough, MA, (3 May per county records).
- 3 iv. Deacon Caleb Rice, born 19 May 1666 at Marlborough, MA; married Mary Ward; died 5 Jan 1738/39 at Marlborough, MA; buried at Old Common Cemetery, Marlborough, MA.

Mary Beers was born on 10 Mar 1642/43 at Watertown, MA, (literally 10(1)1642, but listed as 1633 by the Rice Gen'l Register). She died on 13 May 1677 at Watertown, MA; under the name Rice.

Children of Joseph Rice and Mary Beers all born at Marlborough, MA, were as follows:

- 4 i. Joseph Rice, born 5 Jan 1671; married Mercy Kerley; married Elizabeth Brigham; married Jane Corney; died 3 Dec 1745.
- ii. Eleazer Rice was born on 26 Oct 1672. He died before 1706.
- 5 iii. Mary Rice, born 15 Aug 1674; married David Stone; died 1745.

Sarah Prescott was born circa 1640. She married Richard Wheeler on 2 Aug 1658 at Lancaster, MA. She died on 20 Nov 1727 at Sudbury, MA.

Children of Joseph Rice and Sarah Prescott were as follows:

- 6 i. Deacon Jonathan Rice, born 26 Mar 1679 at Watertown, MA; married Anne Darby; died 7 Jun 1772 at Sudbury, MA.
- ii. Sarah Rice was born on 14 Feb 1680/81 at Watertown, MA, (literally 1680). She died on 20 Jun 1681 at Watertown, MA.
- 7 iii. Phineas Rice, born 24 Aug 1682 at Marlborough, MA; married Elizabeth Willard; died 4 Sep 1768 at Grafton, MA; buried at Old Cemetery, Grafton, MA.

Generation Two

2. Martha Rice was born on 14 Jan 1662 at Marlborough, MA. She married Jonathan Coolidge, son of John Coolidge and Mary Ravens, on 3 Dec 1679 at Watertown, MA. She died on 10 Dec 1695 at Watertown, MA; (25th per Ward) under the name Cooledg.

She and Jonathan Coolidge resided in 1680 at Watertown, MA.

Jonathan Coolidge was born on 10 Mar 1645/46 at Watertown, MA, (literally 10d 1m 1645, called 1647 per Ward). He died in 1724; at age 77. The estate was probated on 16 Mar 1723/24 at Middlesex County, MA. He left a will on 12 Feb 1723/24, the will mentions sons Jonathan and John, daughter Martha, and granddaughter Martha Spooner.

Children of Martha Rice and Jonathan Coolidge all born at Watertown, MA, were as follows:

- i. Martha Coolidge was born on 6 Jun 1683, under the name Cooledg. She died circa 1753; unmarried.
- ii. Rebecca Coolidge was born on 20 Apr 1685, under the name Cooledg. She married Peter Spooner. She died before 12 Feb 1723/24.
- iii. Mary Coolidge was born on 16 Apr 1687, under the name Cooledg.
- iv. Jonathan Coolidge Jr was born on 19 Jan 1688/89, (literally 1688) under the name Cooledg. He married Ruth Holland on 15 Aug 1718 at Boston, MA; listed as Jonathan of Watertown and Ruth of Dorchester. He died on 17 Feb 1730. He died on 29 Mar 1731.

Ruth Holland was born circa 1695, as calculated from the gravestone. She died on 1 Dec 1736 at Boston, MA; aged 41y, under the name Brown.

- v. John Coolidge was born on 4 Feb 1690/91, (literally 1690) under the name Coollidge. He was baptized on 17 May 1691 at Watertown, MA. He married Hannah Ingram on 14 Apr 1713 at Boston, MA. He died after 1738 at Boston, MA; (not found in the published records).
- vi. Josiah Coolidge was born on 11 Aug 1695. He died on 22 Apr 1699 at Watertown, MA.

3. Deacon Caleb Rice was born on 19 May 1666 at Marlborough, MA. He married Mary Ward, daughter of Samuel Ward and Sarah How, on 21 May 1696 at Marlborough, MA. He died on 5 Jan 1738/39 at Marlborough, MA; aged 72y 7m 17d. He was buried at Old Common Cemetery, Marlborough, MA.

He resided in 1696 at Marlborough, MA. He left a will on 1 Nov 1738, which was approved 19 Feb 1738/39. The will mentions wife Mary; eldest son Josiah; 2nd son Jabez; sons Nathan and Caleb; daughters Sarah Rice and Keziah Rice.

Mary Ward was born in 1676 at Marlborough, MA, the exact date of Mary's birth is not known, as it was not entered in the Marlborough vital records. Ward has confused Mary with her cousin Mary, born about the same time, whose birth is found there. She died on 18 Aug 1742 at Marlborough, MA; aged 64y, identified as the widow of Deacon Caleb Rice. She was buried at Old Common Cemetery, Marlborough, MA.

Children of Deacon Caleb Rice and Mary Ward all born at Marlborough, MA, were as follows:

- i. Martha Rice was born on 3 Jun 1697. She died before 1738; as she was not mentioned in her father's will.
- ii. Mary Rice was born on 30 Apr 1699. She married Lt Abraham Beaman, son of Thomas Beaman and Elizabeth Williams, on 16 Mar 1725 at Marlborough, MA; (simply 1726 per Marlborough church records, 9 Jun 1726 per Supplement, but the latter is instead the date of marriage of Mary's brother Josiah.) Note: Ward incorrectly asserts that Abraham and Mary Beaman were the parents of Abraham Beaman of Westborough (actually son of Eleazer). She died on 18 May 1790 at Marlborough, MA; aged 91y 18d, under the name Beeman. She was buried at Old Common Cemetery, Marlborough, MA.

She and Lt Abraham Beaman resided at Marlborough, MA.

Lt Abraham Beaman was born on 4 May 1692 at Marlborough, MA, under the name Beman. He died on 13 Nov 1750 at Marlborough, MA; aged 58y 6m 9d, under the name Beeman. He was buried at Old Common Cemetery, Marlborough, MA.

- iii. Josiah Rice was born on 30 Dec 1700. He married Thankful Rice, daughter of Edmund Rice and Ruth Parker, on 9 Jun 1726 at Westborough, MA. He died in 1792 at Northborough, MA; aged 92y (not found in the published records).

He and Thankful Rice resided in 1726 at Westborough, MA. He and Thankful Rice resided at Northborough, MA.

Thankful Rice was born on 4 Aug 1707 at Marlborough, MA.

- iv. Jabez Rice was born on 2 Feb 1702. He married Hannah Brigham, daughter of Capt Nathan Brigham and Elizabeth Maynard, on 7 Jun 1732 at Framingham, MA; both of Marlborough. This marriage can also be found in the published vital records of Marlborough, but that entry came from a manuscript compiled by Ward, not from Marlborough records. He died in 1783 at Marlborough, MA; aged 81y. He was buried at Old Common Cemetery, Marlborough, MA.
 He and Hannah Brigham resided after Jul 1732 at Marlborough, MA. He was named in the will of Rev. Caleb Rice; proved 3 Oct. 1759. He left a will on 13 Jul 1779 at Marlborough, MA, proved 2 April 1783. The will mentioned wife Hannah; sons Jabez and Noah; and heirs of son Caleb, deceased. Son Jabez, Executor.
 Hannah Brigham was born on 9 Mar 1706 at Marlborough, MA. She died in Mar 1781 at Marlborough, MA; under the name Rice. She was buried at Old Common Cemetery, Marlborough, MA.
- v. Nathan Rice was born on 11 Dec 1704. He married Elizabeth Witherby, daughter of Joseph Witherby and Elizabeth Johnson, on 3 Dec 1741 at Marlborough, MA. He died on 28 May 1764 at Marlborough, MA; aged 59y. He was buried at Old Common Cemetery, Marlborough, MA.
 He and Elizabeth Witherby resided in 1742 at Marlborough, MA.
 Elizabeth Witherby was born on 16 Sep 1714 at Marlborough, MA.
- vi. Rebecca Rice was born on 10 Dec 1706. She died before 1738; as she was not mentioned in her father's will.
- vii. Sarah Rice was born on 13 Mar 1708/9.
- viii. Rev. Caleb Rice was born on 13 Dec 1712. He was baptized on 19 Jul 1713 at Marlborough, MA. He married Priscilla Payson. He died on 2 Sep 1759 at Sturbridge, MA; aged 46y. He was buried at Old Cemetery, Sturbridge, MA.
 He graduated in 1730 at Harvard College, Cambridge, MA. He was ordained on 29 Sep 1736 at Sturbridge, MA. He left a will on 2 Aug 1754 at Sturbridge, MA, proved 3 Oct. 1759. The will mentioned wife Priscilla, sons Caleb and Nathan; daughters Priscilla and Mary Rice. Brothers-in-law Nathan, Thomas Payson and brother Jabez, Executors. According to Rev. Peter Whitney in his history of Worcester County: "He was a pastor after God's heart; sound in faith, a good preacher, endued with excellent ministerial gifts, and very exemplary in life, as well as social and benevolent in his deportment."
 Priscilla Payson was named in the will of Rev. Caleb Rice; proved 3 Oct. 1759. She resided on 22 Oct 1765 at Wrentham, MA.
- ix. Hepzibah Rice was born on 14 Jul 1715. She died before 1738; as she was not mentioned in her father's will.
- x. Keziah Rice was born on 10 Feb 1716/17. She died on 4 Mar 1740 at Stow, MA; aged 23y 23d. She was buried at Old Cemetery, Stow, MA.

4. Joseph Rice was born on 5 Jan 1671 at Marlborough, MA, (June per Ward) The Marlborough vital records show Joseph's mother as Martha. That appears to be in error as we have a death record for Martha, wife of Joseph Rice, in 1668. He married Mercy Kerley, daughter of Capt. Henry Kerley and Elizabeth (--?--), on 10 Nov 1708 at Marlborough, MA. Elizabeth Brigham married 2nd Joseph Rice on 4 Dec 1728 at Marlborough, MA, under the name Robinson. He married Jane Corney on 14 Nov 1734 at Boston, MA; (Oct 18 per Ward). He died on 3 Dec 1745 at Marlborough, MA; aged 74y 5m 28d. He was buried at Old Common Cemetery, Marlborough, MA.

He and Mercy Kerley resided in 1709 at Marlborough, MA. He left a will on 4 Sep 1744, proved 19 Dec 1745. The will mentioned wife Jane; son Jesse; daughters Elizabeth and Ruth; granddaughter Lydia Bond, only daughter of Mary Bond. Jesse Rice, Executor.

Mercy Kerley was born on 2 May 1681 at Marlborough, MA. She died on 16 Oct 1727 at Marlborough, MA; aged 46y 5m 14d, under the name Rice. She was buried at Spring Hill Cemetery, Marlborough, MA.

Children of Joseph Rice and Mercy Kerley all born at Marlborough, MA, were as follows:

- i. Capt. Jesse Rice was born on 8 Nov 1709. He married Beulah (--?--). He died in 1771 at Marlborough, MA; (incorrectly shown with his son Jesse's death date per Supplement) (not found in the published records).

He and Beulah (---) resided at Marlborough, MA. Jesse's two-story dwelling house at Marlborough was burnt in March 1769. He left a will on 10 Dec 1770 at Marlborough, MA, proved 1 October 1771. The will mentioned wife Beulah; sons Joseph, Eleazer, Jesse, Ashbel, and William; daughter Mary, wife of Samuel Morse, Ruth Rice, Elizabeth and Beulah Rice. ... "To sons Ashbel and William, 150 acres in Monadnock, Mason's patent, township No. 5, NH; to Mary, wife of Samuel Morse, Ruth Rice, Elizabeth and Beulah Rice, all right in 1100 acres in New Marlboro', County of Berkshire, formerly called Housatonic." Guardianship of Jesse's three youngest children was committed to his widow, Bulah Rice, on 1 October 1771.

Beulah (---) was born circa 1721. She died in Feb 1798 at Marlborough, MA; aged 77y (not found in the published records).

- ii. Eleazer Rice was born on 26 Dec 1712. He died on 14 Feb 1712/13 at Marlborough, MA.
- iii. Mercy Rice was born on 10 Nov 1714. She died before 4 Sep 1744; as she was not mentioned in her father's will.
- iv. Elizabeth Rice was born on 10 Nov 1714, (not found in the published records). She was baptized on 12 May 1728 at Marlborough, MA. She died on 29 May 1752 at Marlborough, MA; aged 37y 6m 19d. She was buried at Old Common Cemetery, Marlborough, MA.

Elizabeth Rice's estate was administered on 2 September 1752 by her brother Jesse with an inventory of £1335.1.4. Heirs were brother Jesse Rice and Lydia, wife of Benjamin Flood, Mary Bond's daughter.

- v. Mary Rice was born on 30 Jul 1718. She married Thaddeus Bond, son of Thomas Bond and Lydia Spring, on 24 Mar 1740/41 at Marlborough, MA. She died before 4 Sep 1744 at Sturbridge, MA; (not found in the published records).

Thaddeus Bond was born on 15 Jan 1716/17 at Watertown, MA. He married Prudence Warren, daughter of Deacon John Warren and Abigail Livermore, on 11 Apr 1745 at Weston, MA; listed as Thaddeus of Sturbridge and Prudence of Weston.

- vi. Ruth Rice was born on 1 Sep 1721. She married John Barnes, son of Deacon John Barnes and Hannah Howe, on 8 Jan 1750/51 at Marlborough, MA. She died on 1 Jul 1752 at Marlborough, MA; aged 30y, under the name Barns, second wife of John. She was buried at Old Common Cemetery, Marlborough, MA.

The published genealogies have consistently confused this Ruth Rice with her second cousin, the daughter of Edmund Rice. The correct identifications can be deduced from their ages at death, as shown on their gravestones. Another important clue is the reference to this Ruth in her father's will as an apparently unmarried daughter as of 1744.

John Barnes was born in 1716/17 at Marlborough, MA, (literally 1716). He married Elizabeth (---). He died on 23 Jan 1785 at Marlborough, MA; aged 67y. He was buried at Spring Hill Cemetery, Marlborough, MA.

Elizabeth Brigham was born circa 1685. She died on 13 Oct 1733 at Marlborough, MA; aged 48y, under the name Rice. She was buried at Old Common Cemetery, Marlborough, MA.

There were no children of Joseph Rice and Elizabeth Brigham.

Jane Corney died circa 1762. The estate of Jane Rice was settled on 11 February 1762 by her stepson Jesse with an inventory of £31.7.2.

There were no children of Joseph Rice and Jane Corney.

5. Mary Rice was born on 15 Aug 1674 at Marlborough, MA, (6th per Ward). She married David Stone, son of Simon Stone and Mary Whipple, on 12 Dec 1710 at Watertown, MA; (10th per Ward). She died in 1745 at Watertown, MA; under the name Stone. She was buried at plot 272, Arlington Street Cemetery, Watertown, MA.

She and David Stone resided in 1711 at Watertown, MA.

David Stone was born on 19 Oct 1672 at Watertown, MA. He died on 7 Oct 1750 at Watertown, MA; aged 78y. He was buried at plot 271, Arlington Street Cemetery, Watertown, MA.

Children of Mary Rice and David Stone all born at Watertown, MA, were as follows:

- i. Mercy Stone was born on 2 Feb 1713/14. She married Rev David Goddard, son of Edward Goddard and Susanna Stone, on 19 Aug 1736 at Watertown, MA; listed as David of Leicester. She died on 4 Jan 1751/52 at Leicester, MA; (literally 1751) under the name Goddard.

Rev David Goddard was born on 26 Sep 1706 at Watertown, MA, (not found in the published records). Rev David Goddard married 2nd Martha (--?--) on 20 Dec 1753 at Framingham, MA. He died on 19 Jan 1754 at Framingham, MA; aged 47y. He was buried at Church Hill Cemetery, Framingham, MA. He was admitted to the church on 5 May 1728 at Watertown, MA. He graduated in 1731 at Harvard University, Cambridge, MA. He was ordained on 20 Jun 1736 at Leicester, MA.

- ii. Mary Stone was born on 19 Dec 1716, (1715 per Ward). She married Lt Henry Fiske, son of Deacon Nathan Fiske and Sarah Coolidge, on 10 Jan 1737/38 at Watertown, MA; listed as Henry of New Medfield and Mary of Watertown. She died on 2 Jun 1805 at Sturbridge, MA; (3 June per town records, 2 June per church records and gravestone) aged 88y, under the name Fisk. She was buried at Old Cemetery, Sturbridge, MA.

Lt Henry Fiske was born on 24 Jan 1706/7 at Watertown, MA. He died on 1 Mar 1790 at Sturbridge, MA; aged 83y. He was buried at Old Cemetery, Sturbridge, MA.

- iii. Ruth Stone was born circa 1719, (not found in VR). She married Deacon Nathaniel Stone, son of Ensign Ebenezer Stone and Sarah Bond, on 19 Jun 1746 at Watertown, MA. She died on 18 Jul 1809 at Sturbridge, MA; aged 90y, according to the Fiske diary.

Deacon Nathaniel Stone was born on 7 May 1714.

6. Deacon Jonathan Rice was born on 26 Mar 1679 at Watertown, MA. He married Anne Darby on 25 Mar 1702 at Concord, MA; listed as Jonathan of Sudbury and Anne of Stow. He died on 7 Jun 1772 at Sudbury, MA; (not found in the published records).

He and Anne Darby resided in 1702 at Sudbury, MA. He left a will on 14 May 1772 at Sudbury, MA, proved 14 Jul 1772. The will mentioned wife Anne; son William; daughters Bethulia Gates, Persis Gibson, Dorothy Brintnal, Rebecca Haywood, Esther Maynard, and Hannah Brintnal; and grandson Jonathan Rice.

Anne Darby was born circa 1682. She died on 23 Dec 1773 at Sudbury, MA; aged 91y (not found in the published records).

Children of Deacon Jonathan Rice and Anne Darby were as follows:

- i. Bethulia Rice was born on 24 Mar 1704 at Sudbury, MA. She married Benjamin Gates, son of Simon Gates and Hannah Benjamin, on 5 Apr 1727 at Sudbury, MA; listed as Benjamin of Worcester and Bethulia of Sudbury. She died circa 1773 at Barre, MA. She was buried at Barre, MA.

Benjamin Gates was born in 1697/98 at Stow, MA, (not found in the published records). He died in 1756 at Rutland District (Barre), MA; (not found in the published records).

- ii. Persis Rice was born on 10 Jan 1706/7 at Sudbury, MA. She was baptized on 20 Apr 1707 at First Parish Church, Sudbury, MA. She married Capt Timothy Gibson, son of Deacon Timothy Gibson and Rebecca Gates, on 29 Dec 1725 at Sudbury, MA. She died on 22 Mar 1781.

Capt Timothy Gibson was born on 20 Jan 1702/3 at Sudbury, MA. He died on 18 Jan 1782 at Henniker, NH.

- iii. William Rice was born on 16 Mar 1708 at Sudbury, MA. He was baptized on 24 Jul 1709 at First Parish Church, Sudbury, MA. He married Mary Estabrook on 29 Mar 1737 at Sudbury, MA. He died on 29 Jan 1780 at Sudbury, MA; aged 71y.

He and Mary Estabrook resided in Apr 1737 at Sudbury, MA.

Mary Estabrook was born circa 1713. She died on 20 Apr 1801 at Sudbury, MA; aged 88y, under the name Rice (not found in the published records).

- iv. Dorothy Rice was born on 14 Oct 1711 at Sudbury, MA. She married Paul Brintnall, son of Thomas Brintnall and Hannah Willard, on 20 Apr 1738 at Sudbury, MA; his second wife.

Paul Brintnall was born on 20 Mar 1700/1 at Sudbury, MA. He married Mary Rice on 10 Nov 1724 at Sudbury, MA.

- v. Rebecca Rice was born circa 1713, as calculated from her death record. She married Jonathan Heywood, son of Deacon Samuel Heywood and Elizabeth Hubbard, on 23 Aug 1768 at Concord, MA; listed as Jonathan of Concord and Rebecca of Sudbury. She died on 1 Nov 1801 at Concord, MA; aged 88y, under the name Heywood.

She was his second wife.

Jonathan Heywood was born on 3 Dec 1717 at Concord, MA. He married Sarah Stone, daughter of Gregory Stone and Mary Converse, on 28 Aug 1744 at Concord, MA; both of Concord. He died on 18 Jul 1774; aged 56y. He was buried at Hill Cemetery, Concord, MA.

- vi. Katharine Rice was born on 16 Feb 1713/14 at Sudbury, MA, (6th per Ward). She died before May 1772; as she was not mentioned in her father's will.
- vii. Hannah Rice was born on 14 Dec 1714 at Sudbury, MA, (not found in the published records). She married (--?--) Brintnal.

Your authors note that this person may not have existed. There is no record of her birth or marriage and no record of any children born in Sudbury to a Brintnal family whose mother was named Hannah. The birth date given by Ward looks suspiciously like a miscopied version of the birth date of the "next" sibling Ann. Indeed, the only evidence for her is a reference in Jonathan Rice's will to a "daughter Hannah Brintnal." It is possible that the reference was meant for granddaughter Hannah instead.

(--?--) Brintnal was born circa 1711 at probably Massachusetts.

- viii. Ann Rice was born on 14 Dec 1716 at Sudbury, MA. She died young.
- ix. Esther Rice was born on 16 Nov 1719 at Sudbury, MA. She was baptized on 22 May 1720 at First Parish Church, Sudbury, MA. She married John Maynard, son of John Maynard and Elizabeth Needham, on 11 Mar 1746/47 at Sudbury, MA. She died on 30 Jun 1796 at Sudbury, MA; aged 76y 7m 14d, under the name Maynard.

John Maynard was born on 20 Apr 1721 at Sudbury, MA. He was baptized on 30 Apr 1721 at First Parish Church, Sudbury, MA. He died in 1809 at Sudbury, MA; (not found in the published records).

- x. Ann Rice was born on 22 Mar 1724 at Sudbury, MA. She died on 9 Oct 1740 at Sudbury, MA.

7. Phineas Rice was born on 24 Aug 1682 at Marlborough, MA, son of Joseph (Sr) and Martha Rice according to the Marlborough vital records. He married Elizabeth Willard, daughter of Daniel Willard and Hannah Cutler, on 2 Oct 1707 at Sudbury, MA. He died on 4 Sep 1768 at Grafton, MA; (1763 per gravestone transcription) aged 86y, from rose cancer. He was buried at Old Cemetery, Grafton, MA.

He and Elizabeth Willard resided in 1708 at Sudbury, MA. He and Elizabeth Willard resided circa 1726 at Stow, MA.

Elizabeth Willard was born on 10 Mar 1687/88 at Sudbury, MA. She died on 9 Mar 1761 at Grafton, MA; under the name Rice.

Children of Phineas Rice and Elizabeth Willard all born at Sudbury, MA, were as follows:

- i. Hannah Rice was born on 15 Feb 1710/11. She was baptized on 1 Jul 1711 at First Parish Church, Sudbury, MA.

Although the Sudbury vital records show only one marriage of a Hannah Rice to a John Barber, Supplement 1 to *The Rice Family*, ascribes that marriage to two different Hannahs of about the same age, daughters of Ephraim and Phineas, respectively. Ward gives the nod to Phineas' daughter. However, Ephraim Rice remained at Sudbury while Phineas Rice moved to Stow when both Hannahs were still teenagers. Compelling evidence that Hannah was the daughter of Ephraim is supplied by a letter written by John Barber on 11 July 1755, while at a military camp, to his wife Hannah in Sudbury (see NEHGR 27:286). In the letter, he reports that Isaac Rice is in the same camp with him and is well. Significantly, the end of the letter indicates it was actually sent (for transmittal to Barber's wife) to Gershom Rice, in Sudbury, New-England. Gershom and Isaac Rice, sons of Ephraim, would have been Hannah's brothers. Therefore, your

authors must conclude that the Hannah Rice who married John Barber was Hannah (WRN 238), daughter of Ephraim Rice.

- ii. Joseph Rice was born on 24 May 1712. He was baptized on 29 Oct 1712 at First Parish Church, Sudbury, MA. He married Sarah Bosworth on 7 Nov 1734 at Bristol, MA (RI). He married 2nd Hannah Leland on 16 Jul 1739 at Grafton, MA. He died on 12 Feb 1789 at Grafton, MA; aged 76y (According to Ward, Joseph died in the part of Grafton now Millbury, but your authors note that no part of Grafton ever became part of Millbury. His death is not entered in the vital records of Grafton. Still, the only reason his death appears in the published vital records of Sutton is that he was buried in that town.). He was buried at Sutton, MA.

He and Sarah Bosworth resided in 1735 at Grafton, MA. He left a will on 11 Sep 1787 at Grafton, MA, proved 4 May 1789. The will mentioned wife Hannah; sons Phineas, Israel, Timothy, Caleb, and Daniel; heirs of daughters Elizabeth Pulsifer and Sarah Prentice; and daughter Mary Goodale.

Sarah Bosworth was born on 2 Feb 1715/16 at Bristol, MA (RI), but the identification is uncertain. She died on 31 Dec 1738 at Grafton, MA; (illegible last digit of the year) under the name Rice.

Hannah Leland was born circa 1722. She died on 14 Jun 1794; aged 71y, under the name Rice (your authors note that her death record comes from a gravestone, rather than the Sutton town records). She was buried at Sutton, MA.

- iii. Ann Rice was born on 18 Oct 1717. She married Benjamin Chapin on 10 Jan 1738/39 at Grafton, MA. She died on 17 Jun 1750 at Grafton, MA.
- iv. Elizabeth Rice was born on 28 Apr 1723. She married Timothy Darling on 1 Jul 1756 at Grafton, MA.
- v. Israel Rice was born on 26 Nov 1724.

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