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Deacon Edmund Rice Homestead
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The Edmund Rice Association publishes the newsletter four times a year: 1) Winter, 2) Spring, 3) Summer, and 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: at editor@edmund-rice.org

President's Column

Greetings, cousins!

I've been thinking lately about the similarities between genealogy and journalism. In both areas, the goal is to collect as many facts as possible, especially ones that other investigators may not be aware of, and then to weld these facts together into a story. Along the way, it is necessary to keep track of sources, so that any apparent contradictions in the data can be resolved by further research. Hunches and serendipity can be important contributors to success, but also obsessive attention to detail can be the determining factor.

Of course, there are many differences as well -- journalists' sources are often hidden away from public scrutiny, and the bigger the story, the more protection is generally given to the sources, while genealogists at least try to give a full accounting, so that anyone else who may be interested can be led to the same conclusions. Moreover, journalists mostly expect to be paid for their work, even if the pay scales are pitiful, while genealogists tend to be amateurs. Another difference is that a journalist is under time pressure to finish a story and move on to another, while a genealogist's story is likely to be a work in progress that never gets completed. Even so, there are many electronic opportunities nowadays for amateur genealogists to self-publish their works in progress and to update as frequently as they choose.

In any case, there is another similarity that is troublesome in both fields, specifically, fake stories. I won't go into the topic of fake news here, since I am primarily concerned with genealogy, but the parallels are obvious. Fact checking is the crucial ingredient in both fields, and failure to secure reliable documentation is the downfall of many a story. Unfortunately, the ease of electronic publication gives tremendous "reach" to undocumented speculation, and amateurs, in particular, start out with more enthusiasm than caution and thereby are prone to collect a great deal of nonsense before they come up against the skepticism of experts. Indeed, this problem goes back to the earliest days of popular genealogy, when publication was limited to hard copy -- there were many compendia (often in four-volume sets) with complicated titles beginning "Historic" or "Genealogical", and the information varied from good to bad with no hint of documentation. On a scale of sources from "primary" to "secondary", such compendia should generally be regarded as "quaternary".

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~ 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:

email: editor@edmund-rice.org
Deadline for Spring Issue 2019 is April 26, 2019

Membership

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

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

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

Annual dues, payable *September 1*, are:
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Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

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Editor's Column

Hello cousins,

It came to my attention that the group photo of the reunion attendees in Salt Lake City published in the paper version of the last newsletter was not clear, and the faces were not recognizable in the black and white image. I appreciate the feedback, and will attempt to adjust photos for black and white print for future paper newsletters. The [color version of the photograph](#) appears digitally on the ERA website if you would like to see a "better" version of the photo. Also, please contact me at editor@edmund-rice.org if you would like to receive a digital image of any of the photos that appear in the ERA newsletters.

The membership is encouraged to opt for a digital version of the newsletter instead of being sent a paper copy, saving ERA the cost of printing, materials, and postage. Plus, there are active links to the web in the digital version. When the new issue of the newsletter is available, an email is sent to members who have submitted their email addresses, linking them to the newest issue on the website. Please send your email address to membership@edmund-rice.org in order to be added to the e-list.

~ Katrina Rice Schmidt

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EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

Published winter, spring, summer and fall by the Edmund Rice (1638) Association

The Edmund Rice (1638) Association, 183 Prospect Hill Road, 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 or USB flash drive containing both documents. Please order from the Treasurer by sending a request for the CD-ROM or USB flash drive (state your preference), 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/USBs 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 2018. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

New Members

Stephen Dowd Rice,
Boston, MA;
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DC

New Life Member

Hubert Lee Rice II,
League City, TX

Members Lost

A Iris Milne, Glendale,
AZ; **Mildred Rice**,
Portland, ME

In Memoriam

Leta Vern Olson, 86, of Pampa, Texas, passed away December 26, 2018 in Amarillo.

Leta was born to Charles and Maude Gleason on the farm southwest of Seiling, Oklahoma, on October 1, 1932, in the middle of the Great Depression and Dustbowl, as the last of twelve kids. She married Alden LaRue Olson December 28th, 1954 in Enid, Oklahoma. She lived a full and varied life. Her education had a bumpy start. She did not finish the 10th grade, but later went to Southwestern Oklahoma State where she earned a teaching degree and a masters. She taught at Shamrock High School, Pampa High School and Clarendon College. Subjects included typing, business and art history. She retired as a counselor at Clarendon ISD in 1991. She received Regional Teacher of the Year, Business and Professional Women's District Woman of the Year and Business Professional Women's Woman of the Year twice during this time.

Besides teaching, she had a job plucking chickens, ironing, an advertising business, was a travel agent and educational tour guide in Europe, and author of several genealogy/history books. She and her husband traveled all 50 states, Canada, Mexico and Europe during their life together. She enjoyed singing, reading, research and family.

She was preceded in death by her parents and husband. Also preceded in death by her siblings, Anna Link, Otis Ray Gleason, Winnie Mosley, Susie Winters, Dora Clow, Jocy Pannell, Norene Johnson, Frederick Gleason, Maxine Erickson, Lee Gleason and Lela Fern Gleason.

Leta was survived by children: Jack Olson and wife Linda of Weatherford, OK, Roxana Hamilton of Amarillo, TX, Lewis Olson and wife Christy of Port Allen, LA. She was also survived by grandchildren: Benjamin Ballard of Amarillo, TX, Amanda Haynes and James of Amarillo, TX, Angela Cheney and husband Chris of Walker, LA, Pike Olson and wife Nikki of Addis, LA. She has great-grandkids: Cheyenne Olson, Adyen Cheney, Grady Olson, and Ryan Hunter Haynes.

Memorial Gifts

Consider donating to the Edmund Rice (1638) Association in memory of a loved one, or consider a legacy gift, a planned future donation, given through a will or other form of designation.

In Celebration



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR COUSINS WE HOPE YOU HAVE MANY MORE!

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The Edmund Rice Homestead in Old Sudbury

by Michael A. Rice

When Edmund Rice (ca1594-1663) and his family first arrived from England in 1638, historian Sumner Chilton Powell speculated that he first resided in the port town of Watertown on the banks of the Charles River for a short time before Edmund and a group of Watertown residents set out to found Sudbury in 1639.¹ Edmund first appears

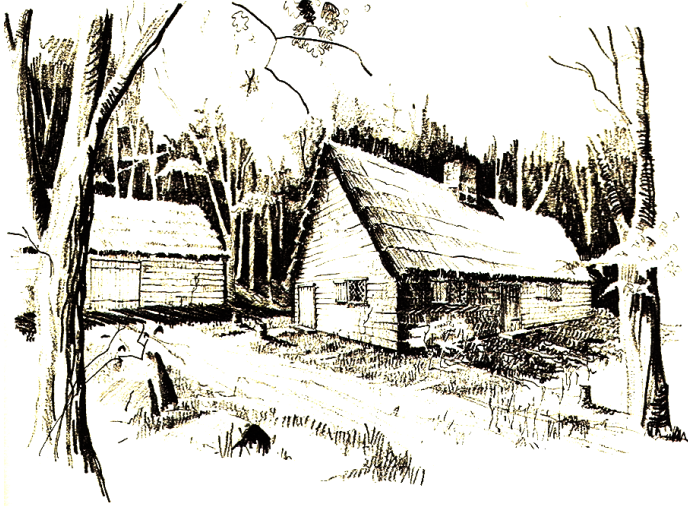


Figure 1. An artist's rendition of Edmund Rice's first Sudbury home near the original town meeting house, built about 1639. The design of the home is based upon the most common home design from the period, and the rendering is informed by the dimensions of the house and barn recorded in the Sudbury land records. Image from Figure 13 in Powell (1963).

in the Sudbury town records as serving as a town selectman by 4 April 1639.² In recognition of his expertise in land surveying, Edmund was appointed on 4 September 1639 by the Great and General Court of Massachusetts Bay Colony to lay out the roads and initial home lots of Sudbury, and at that time he was granted by the Court four acres of land near the original town meeting house. On that lot, Edmund built his first Sudbury home (Figure 1).

As early as 1640, Edmund was interested in acquiring lands on the outer reaches of Sudbury. On 3 April 1640, Edmund was granted by the Sudbury selectmen 20 acres of land adjacent to lands he had previously acquired near the Old Connecticut path, abutting land holdings of Puritan minister and Harvard College President, Henry Dunster.³ On this so called upland land grant, Edmund would later build his 'house by the spring.' On 1 September 1642 Edmund sold his original four acre land parcel at the center of town to John Moore, the husband of his niece, and he then established residence out on his lands near the Connecticut Path. Edmund had a close relationship with his neighbor Henry Dunster, entering into a lease agreement with him on September 13, 1642 whereby he would lease some additional farmland from Dunster in return for Dunster receiving a share of the crops and proceeds.⁴ It was about this time that Edmund built his saltbox-style 'house by the spring' (Figure 2).



Figure 2. A late 19th Century photograph of the Edmund Rice Homestead near the spring. Built by Edmund in 1642 or 1643, the house remained within the Rice family until the early 20th Century.

In the summer of 1643, Edmund's kin Philemon Whale and Thomas Axtell arrived in Sudbury with their families, and Edmund sold land from his Connecticut Path parcels to both Axtell and Whale. On 23 October 1643 the land purchased by Whale included the house by the spring, which according to Sudbury land records:

*Philemon Whale bought of Edmund Rice 9 acres of upland be the same more or less lying on the south syde of the towne bound of Sudbury between the lande of John Hayme on the south side of it and ioyninge to the springe runninge from his new dwelling house to the river on the west side of it.*⁵

The house remained in the ownership of Philemon Whale and his wife Elizabeth (sister to Edmund's wife Thomasine and former wife to Edmund's presumed brother Henry Rice who died in England in 1621) until Edmund reacquired the house in the late 1650s. In 1658 the lands of Henry Dunster were sold to Edmund and his two sons Edward and Benjamin.⁶ And upon Edmund's death on 3 May 1663, the ownership of the house was then fully transferred to Edward.

Through the 17th and 18th centuries the homestead and farm was passed along to succeeding generations of Edward's descendants. Edward Rice (1622-1712) owned the house until it was deeded to his son Edmund (1653-1719) on 21 April 1686.⁷ Near his death, Edmund bequeathed the house to his son Jason Rice (ca1692-1729/30) on 14 November 1718.⁸ Jason lived in the house for several decades, but in later life, he sold the house to his son Edmund (1725-1796).⁹ The year of his death, Edmund in turn sold the house to his son Edmund (1755-1841).¹⁰

Edmund Rice (1755-1841) was a notable owner of the old family homestead, because a considerable number of his descendants were involved in the funding of Ward's genealogy of Edmund Rice in 1858, and in the founding of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association in 1912. Edmund Rice's will dated 1827 and proved upon his death in 1841 bequeathed the house jointly to his two sons Edmund (1785-1860) and Edward, Sr. (1793-1868), who were also appointed as joint executors of the estate.¹¹



Figure 3. The Edmund Rice home site marker, erected by the ERA on 13 September 1913.

Edward Rice, Sr. took possession of the house at the time of his father's death and resided in the house for the rest of his life in 1868. Annual reunions of the Rice family at the Edmund Rice homestead were begun by Edward Rice Sr. with the first of these family unions occurring on 5 September 1851.¹² In the will of Edward Sr. proved upon his death with his sons Abner and Edward, Jr. as joint executors, the house was bequeathed to Edward Rice Jr. (1842-1917), with the proviso that Edward Sr's wife Nancy Bond Rice (1793-1885) and his unmarried daughter Abigail Cutting Rice (1818-1893) were allowed to reside in the house for the rest of their lives.¹³ Edward Rice, Jr. had two wives, Sarah Griffin Reeves (1827-1861) with whom he had three children, and Fannie Louisa Davis (1839-1927) with whom he had six children, all of whom grew up in the old homestead, including Eustace Bond Rice (1872-1938), who eventually served as the first president of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association.¹⁴

The Edmund Rice homestead was lost as a result of a fire sometime during the early 20th Century after the deaths of Nancy and Abigail Rice, but still during the time when the house was owned by Edward Rice, Jr. It is most probable that the loss of the house around 1910 served as a major impetus for the formation of the ERA in 1912 and the erection of the home site memorial in 1913 (Figure 3).

Endnotes:

1 Powell, Sumner Chilton. (1963). *Puritan Village: The Formation of a New England Town*. Wesleyan University Press, Middletown, CT 215pp. ISBN 0-8195-6014-6

2 Order by selectmen to erect farm fences March 1639, *Sudbury Archives*. Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts.

3 Land Records of Sudbury, *Sudbury Archives*. Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts. April 3, 1640. "Granted to Edmond Rice formerly twenty acres of upland lying betweene the land of Edmond Rice and Mr. Dunster's farm." signed, Peter Noyes, William Ward, Edmund Goodenow, Walter Hayme, and Hugh Griffyn

4 Harvard University-- Harvard University Archives. Papers of Henry Dunster and the Dunster and Glover Families. Agreement between Henry Dunster and his farmer, Edmund Rice, 1642 September 13. UAI 15.850 Box 1, Folder 8.

5 Land Records of Sudbury, *Sudbury Archives*. Town of Sudbury, Massachusetts. October 23, 1643.

6 Harvard University – Harvard Archives. Dunster, Henry (1609-1659?), Papers of Henry Dunster and the Dunster and Glover Families. Deeds of sale from Henry Dunster to Edmund Rice and Benjamin Rice, 1658 and quit claim from Elizabeth Dunster to Edmund Rice and Benjamin Rice 1660. (eighteenth -century manuscript copy) UAI 15.850 Box 2, Folder 20.

7 Harvard University – Harvard Archives. Dunster, Henry (1609-1659?), Papers of Henry Dunster and the Dunster and Glover Families. Deed of gift from Edward Rice to Edmund Rice, his son, 1686 April 21 (manuscript copy, 1724 August 16) UAI 15.850, Box 3, Folder 3.

- 8 Harvard University – Harvard Archives. Dunster, Henry (1609-1659?), Papers of Henry Dunster and the Dunster and Glover Families. Deed of gift from Edmund Rice to Jason Rice, his son. 1718 November 14 (eighteenth century manuscript copy). UAI 15.850 Box 3, Folder 11.
- 9 Harvard University – Harvard Archives. Dunster, Henry (1609-1659?), Papers of Henry Dunster and the Dunster and Glover Families. Deed of sale from Jason and Abigail Rice to Edmond Rice, their brother. 1749 December 12 (eighteenth century manuscript copy). UAI 15.850 Box 3, Folder 15. *note: the Edmund Rice that is purchasing the property is more than likely their son Edmund Rice (1725-1796). Jason Rice did have an elder brother Edmund Rice (1688-1712), but he was deceased at the time of the sale.
- 10 Harvard University – Harvard Archives. Dunster, Henry (1609-1659?), Papers of Henry Dunster and the Dunster and Glover Families. Deed of sale from Edmund Rice to Edmund Rice, his son. 1796 February 22 (manuscript copy, 1796 March 11). UAI 15.850 Box 3, Folder 22.
- 11 Middlesex County Court Probate Records. Last Will and Testament dated October 1827 for Edmund Rice (1755-1841).
- 12 ERA newsletter #1:1960 p.4.
- 13 Middlesex County Court Probate Records. Last Will and Testament Proved August 1868 for Edward Rice (1793-1868).
- 14 Details of the Edward, Sr. and Edward Rice, Jr. family relationships are presented in the 9-generation ERA database.

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) A 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) A 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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Mark your calendars for the 2019 Reunion!
The meeting will be held in
Lexington and Concord, MA
September 27-28, 2019

Edmund Rice Descendants' Graves and Cemeteries

by Dale C. Gunn

One of the great resources in researching Edmund Rice descendants can be found in cemeteries and on the gravestones located there. I have been exploring cemeteries and taking photographs of grave markers ever since I started researching my family history about 25 years ago, in the mid 1990's. While not an expert, I have taken over 210 grave marker photographs to date, with 68 being of Edmund Rice descendants.

There are many resources for learning how to take good photographs of grave markers, and I won't go into detail in this article in all the aspects and tools you will need. One of the main things to consider is the lighting available. Consider the location of the grave marker and the time of day to ensure you have the sun behind your back when photographing. Use of a mirror or reflector will help provide fill in light to eliminate shadows and provide light to the recesses of the gravestone. Make sure to wear proper clothing and footwear for the weather and ground conditions at the cemetery.

Cyndi's List has a whole section of her web site devoted to cemeteries and there is a lot of valuable information there on taking good cemetery photographs. Go to: <https://www.cyndislist.com/cemeteries/general>.

Midge Frazel, wife of Stephen Frazel, an Edmund Rice descendant, has led tours of cemeteries holding Edmund Rice descendant grave markers in 2011 and 2013. Midge has published two blogs on genealogy and cemeteries: "Beyond the Horizon" and "Granite in My Blood." During the 2013 annual reunion she gave an instructional talk on photographing grave markers and a tour at the Old Common Cemetery in Marlboro.

Midge posted a blog article after her tour during the 2011 annual reunion. Go to: <http://midgefrazel.blogspot.com/2011/09/rice-family-reunion-weekend.html>

Midge's presentation during the 2013 annual reunion can be found here: http://edmund-rice.org/library/ERA_ThriceRice.pdf. This article contains pictures of some of her cemetery kit with many of the tools she carries and uses when photographing grave markers. Here is the kit with annotations of all the components:



11. Sunblock
12. Pens and Sticky notes/ flashlight
13. Spray Bottle (contains Water ONLY)
14. Grass Clippers
15. Wisk Broom (large)
16. Cloxox wipe
17. Umbrella
18. Paper Towels and Trash bags
19. Hand wipes
20. Face Masks
21. Wisk Broom (small)
22. Fanny Pack to hold voice recorder
23. Disposable gloves
24. Poison Ivy Wipes and information
25. Non scratch scrubber sponges
26. Off Bug Spray (wearable)
27. Cushion for sitting on ground
28. Water Bottle holder (clips on bag or belt)
29. Tape Measure (measure stones)
- Not shown: (large mirror and remembrance stones)

Another article she published on Tips about Gravestone Photography and Research is located at: http://granite-in-my-blood.blogspot.com/p/gravestone-tips-tricks_25.html

There are two main web sites for posting and maintaining memorials, cemeteries, and grave photos. They are Billion Graves (<https://billiongraves.com>) and Find a Grave (<https://www.findagrave.com>).

My list of Edmund Rice Descendant Memorials and Cemeteries on Find A Grave follows:

Edmund Rice Descendant: Name Birth Death	Cemetery Name	Location	FindaGrave ID
Capt Asa Drury 29 Jun 1748 – 26 Jun 1816	Boden Lane Cemetery	Natick, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	39717810
Asa Drury 3 Apr 1795 – 1 May 1851	Boden Lane Cemetery	Natick, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	39720565
Curtis Drury unknown – 8 May 1844	Boden Lane Cemetery	Natick, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	39720634
David Rice Drury 20 Apr 1817 – 7 Aug 1828	Boden Lane Cemetery	Natick, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	39720465
Maj Dexter Drury 15 Feb 1793 – 5 Jan 1836	Boden Lane Cemetery	Natick, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	52357101
Elijah Drury 4 Jun 1769 – 27 Feb 1817	Boden Lane Cemetery	Natick, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	39717590
Kittredge Drury 1807 – 15 Nov 1851	Boden Lane Cemetery	Natick, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	39693971
William P Drury Birth and death dates unknown.	Boden Lane Cemetery	Natick, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	39720609
Edwin Francis Damon 25 Oct 1850 – 19 Apr 1924	Church Hill Cemetery	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	52309489
Marshall Damon 22 Jun 1810 – 14 May 1889	Church Hill Cemetery	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	52320941
William Henry Damon 26 Aug 1876 – 5 May 1936	Church Hill Cemetery	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	52323132
Charles Henry Drury 15 Feb 1838 – 28 Jul 1902	Church Hill Cemetery	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	52302968
Elisha Drury 5 Aug 1753 – 22 Feb 1782	Church Hill Cemetery	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	52316647
Elisha Drury Dec 1780 – 7 Jun 1781	Church Hill Cemetery	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	52315918
Maria Jane Damon Drury 23 Dec 1843 – 21 Dec 1938	Church Hill Cemetery	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	52320505
Nancy "Nancey" Drury 21 Feb 1779 – 19 Aug 1779	Church Hill Cemetery	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	52301945
Lucy Alberta Drury Nickerson 30 Jul 1869 – 1942	Church Hill Cemetery	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	52318205
Ruth Elizabeth Drury Bangs 31 Jan 1895 – 4 Jan 1973	Dell Park Cemetery	Natick, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	114323004
Elizabeth Rice Churchill 1900 – 1986	Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	78013624
William Dexter Drury 29 Jul 1819 – 1 Mar 1901	Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	96288246
Albert Drake Rice 20 Jul 1860 – 10 Feb 1934	Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	78018662
Charles Albert Rice 10 Mar 1833 – 10 Oct 1910	Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	78018263
Edmunds Rice 23 Dec 1822 – 6 Dec 1843	Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	77882815
Elmira Jane Rice 23 Jun 1838 – 10 Mar 1875	Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	78020673
Francis Bowers Rice 31 May 1821 – 8 Jan 1907	Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	78020019
Dr George Rice 28 Sep 1837 – 1905	Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	78014063
Hugh Belfield Rice 31 Jul 1872 – 1927	Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	78014329
Joel Rice 2 Dec 1790 – 4 Aug 1875	Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	78020201
Leander Prescott Rice 28 Jun 1832 – 21 Jun 1858	Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	78020825
Martin Rice 4 Sep 1797 – 28 Feb 1850	Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	77882596
Olive Rice 21 Oct 1825 – 4 Jan 1826	Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	77883125
Peter Rice 22 Sep 1794 – 1874	Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	78017985
Roland Perry Rice 12 Oct 1827 – 17 Feb 1892	Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	77880619
Stephen Rice 26 Jan 1785 – 24 Jan 1860	Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	77881202
William Augustus Rice 18 Jul 1834 – 1893	Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	77883018
William Augustus Rice 10 Jan 1833 – 8 Sep 1833	Edgell Grove Cemetery and Mausoleum	Framingham, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	77883206
Frederick R Drury 8 Mar 1922 – 27 Jun 2002	Fort Rosecrans National	San Diego, San Diego County, California, USA	72482143
Amelia Grace Gunn 30 Dec 1991 – 18 Jan 1999	Hillside Cemetery	Townsend, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	46108557
Abigail Drury Adams 8 Feb 1743 – 6 Oct 1796	Hope Cemetery	Worcester, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA	6190831
Melinda Drury Banister 10 Nov 1795 – 11 Dec 1879	Mountain View Cemetery	Shrewsbury, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA	72652477
Abijah Drury 15 Feb 1769 – 14 Jun 1850	Mountain View Cemetery	Shrewsbury, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA	72630710
Ann(a) Drury 23 Nov 1738 – 30 Jun 1740	Mountain View Cemetery	Shrewsbury, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA	72080895
Caleb Drury 9 Sep 1730 – 28 Dec 1804	Mountain View Cemetery	Shrewsbury, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA	7645926
Isaac Drury 25 Dec 1731 – 12 May 1810	Mountain View Cemetery	Shrewsbury, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA	7645934
Laura Drury 11 Nov 1810 – 15 Sep 1833	Mountain View Cemetery	Shrewsbury, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA	72639077
Luke Drury 15 Aug 1789 – 14 May 1836	Mountain View Cemetery	Shrewsbury, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA	72642254
Sarah Drury 23 Nov 1738 – 20 Jul 1740	Mountain View Cemetery	Shrewsbury, Worcester County, Massachusetts, USA	72081079
Aaron Kingsbury Drury 8 Jan 1813 – 6 Oct 1859	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76778297
Alfred Kingsbury Drury 20 Jun 1873 – Oct 1950	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76775408
Charles Kingsbury Drury 29 Sep 1842 – 13 Jun 1902	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76774969
Guy Cook Drury 4 Jun 1897 – 23 Jan 1984	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76775589
Bertha K. Rice 1888 – 1969	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76799125
Charles Hammond Rice 13 Nov 1818 – 11 Jul 1891	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76783745
Edith H Rice 11 Nov 1902 – 1950	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76798725
Edna Watson Rice 13 Apr 1878 – 20 Apr 1879	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76789786
Edward Rice, Jr 30 Mar 1824 – 1917	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76785366
Deacon Edward Rice 25 Feb 1793 – 24 Jul 1868	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76790762
Edward Howard Rice Dec 1884 – 8 Apr 1886	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76788003
Edward MacGiffert Rice 1906 – 1965	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76798859
Esther I. Rice 1858 – 1947	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76799192
Esther M. Rice 1881 – 1956	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76799163
Ethel I. Rice 1884 – 1970	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76799081
Eustace Bond Rice 18 May 1872 – 1938	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76792186
Evelyn D. Rice 1880 – 1969	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76799031
Frederick E. Rice 18 Nov 1850 – 1916	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76799226
Isabel Rice 2 Mar 1853 – 1915	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76784348
May Louise Rice 13 Sep 1868 – 20 Apr 1879	North Cemetery	Wayland, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, USA	76788332
Dorothy Jeanette Bangs Gunn 5 Jun 1918 – 2 Mar 2001	Cremated , Other		114292842

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New York author of Experiment Perilous, Margaret Seymour Carpenter (1893-1987), was a descendant of Edmund Rice by way of her father, author George Rice Carpenter.

https://wikipedia.org/wiki/Margaret_Seymour_Carpenter

California rancher William Welles Hollister (1818-1886) was a descendant of Edmund Rice by way of his (Edmund's) daughter Ruth Rice Welles. Hollister owned a coastal ranch in Santa Barbara and is the namesake of Hollister, California. A popular clothing line was named after the Santa Barbara ranch.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Welles_Hollister

Edmund Rice descendant Edward Loran Rice (1871-1960) was a biologist from Wesleyan University in Ohio who is best known for debating William Jennings Bryan on evolution at an annual meeting of the American Association for the Advancement of Science, and as serving as a lead consultant for Clarence Darrow in the 1925 Tennessee Scopes Trial. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Edward_Loran_Rice

Edmund Rice descendant Richard Henry Rice (1863-1922) was a mechanical engineer and principal in the Rice and Sargent Steam Engine Company of Providence, Rhode Island. His improved engines with relative small size and high power output were a mainstay in American manufacturing and large commercial establishments from the 1890s to the 1930s.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Richard_H._Rice

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LVt2c3LSbVQ>



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It has come to our attention that Elvis Presley, the King of Rock'n'Roll, has been entered into the files of wikitree.com, and he is claimed there to be a descendant of Edmund Rice. Unfortunately, the claimed lineage is flawed -- he is traced back to a Thomas Rice of Virginia who is misidentified as our Thomas, son of Thomas, son of Edmund. The dates are about right, but the Virginia Thomas was apparently an immigrant from Ireland and sired an extensive family that is now tentatively identified as Group 4 in the Rice DNA project (and thus genetically distinct from the descendants of Edmund).

Alas, another royal connection down the drain!

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