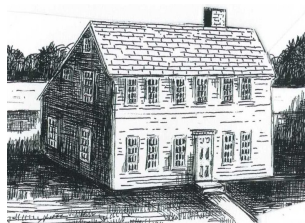


# Edmund Rice (1638) Association Newsletter

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Deacon Edmund Rice Homestead  
Wayland, MA 1643 – 1912

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](mailto:editor@edmund-rice.org)

## President's Column

Greetings, cousins!

It's time for my decennial reunion column. Ten years ago I wrote a column comparing my 40th high school reunion with the latest ERA reunion/annual meeting, and now I have just come back from my 50<sup>th</sup> (and before that, my wife's 50th). Both then and now, the main channel of communication about the high school reunion was Facebook, although not all of my former classmates have Facebook accounts, even now, when Facebook has ceased being a service for the Young and has become a haven for the Old (or so my daughter says). At any rate, one thing that struck me about my wife's latest reunion was the high level of turnout -- after accounting for attrition, nearly half of the potential attendees were there. I wondered (aloud on Facebook) whether my school could come anywhere near that level, and I doubted (quietly to myself) that it could. Indeed, in the end, our attendance topped theirs in absolute numbers, but our proportion was much lower, since we had an order-of-magnitude bigger school with a class size roughly comparable to the ERA membership.

Speaking of ERA reminds me of hereditary associations and, in particular, an amusing coincidence that came out at the reunion dinner. I was sitting next to an old school chum, and he remarked that he had just finished the paperwork necessary for joining the Mayflower Society, and I replied that my wife was probably a Mayflower descendant, too, despite a small glitch in the documentation. It turns out we were talking about the same Mayflower ancestor, John Howland, the one who was washed overboard on the voyage, but was rescued because he caught hold of a rope that was hanging off the side.

As you probably know, organizations like the Mayflower Society are great sticklers for authoritative documentation of every step along the ancestral chain before allowing a candidate to join. We do things differently in the Edmund Rice (1638) Association, where belief in the connection is sufficient.

I hope to see many of you at the reunion in September.

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~ John Chandler

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

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

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

Annual dues, payable *September 1*, are:

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### Editor's Column

Hello cousins,

The ERA board of directors met on May 11th, with discussions focused on the upcoming September annual meeting, taking place in Lexington and Concord, MA.

The historic battles there kicked off the American Revolutionary War (1775-83), when hundreds of British red coat wearing soldiers marched from Boston to Concord to seize an arms cache from the colonists. Paul Revere, ever since famous for alerting the militiamen, enabled mobilization and interception of the British. The fight started at the Lexington Town Green, and soon the Redcoats were retreating under tense fire.

I wonder how many of our Rice cousins took part in these initial battles. It sounds like it will be an interesting topic for discussion at the annual meeting themed, "Revolutionary War Descendants of Edmund Rice."

I've booked my room for mom and myself at Concord's Colonial Inn, the site of the annual meeting, taking place September 27-28, 2019.

I'm looking forward to seeing the historic sites, hearing Rice discussions, and seeing you there!

~ Katrina Rice Schmidt

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## **EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER**

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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](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 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!

## **Did you know?**

At our spring 2019 ERA Board of Directors' meeting Historian George King reported that there are 255,707 people in our computer database. These are descendants of Edmund Rice and their families. Our records for the 17th and 18th centuries are quite accurate and complete. 19th and 20th century records - not so complete.

Are your recent generations in our database?

Our database is very important to help us connect other cousins with Edmund Rice.

Not sure if you are in the database? Ask George at [gking5@cox.net](mailto:gking5@cox.net)

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### ***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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# Luther Rice

by Doyle Rice

For those disappointed that Rice University in Houston TX, was not named after a descendant of Edmund Rice-- there is however, an offspring of the Deacon for which another college is named.

To review, the founder of Rice University was named for its founder William Marsh Rice (1816-1900). Though a Massachusetts native, (from Springfield), his father David Rice IV (1790-1867) was from Weymouth, southward from Boston. His grandpa David Rice III (1768-1827), and great-grandpa David Rice Jr. (1729-1805), were also of that same place. David Rice Sr. (1700-1774), was born in Somerset, England; so his migration to the colony was at least a century after Edmund established residency in Sudbury. Our ERA Vice President, Brian Rice, points out that this line appears to be part of haplogroup 8 in the DNA project, who are now confirmed to be unrelated to all of the Rice/Royce lines.

As I pointed out in the opening line, one of Deacon Edmund's offspring, in the 6th generation descending from him, is Luther Rice (1783-1836). In 1962, nearly one and a quarter century after his decease, a private Southern Baptist institution was founded in Lithonia, Georgia (16.5 mi. east of Atlanta), named Luther Rice College & Seminary, in his honor. According to recent stats, it enrolls about 1300 students: 494 undergrads, 767 post-grads, and 39 doctoral students.

The trace from Edmund to Luther is: his son Edward (1622-1712), Jacob Sr. (1660-1746), Jacob Jr. (1707-1788), Capt. Amos (1743-1827), then Luther.



*Luther Rice Silhouette 1830*

Two articles have appeared in past ERA Newsletters on Luther Rice, since I began receiving it, (there may be others further back). The first I'm aware of was in the Winter 1997 issue, pp. 10-11, authored by then acting editor Keith Capen Allen. Another since then, was in Spring 2009, pp. 8-9, by our current treasurer Michael A. Rice, who referenced the Wikipedia bio on him. (An 1830 silhouette appears in that newsletter article, taken from the website, [en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luther\\_Rice](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luther_Rice)). The silhouette is also found in a book titled, *Luther Rice: Pioneer in Missions and Education*, p. xii.

To familiarize readers about this man, I quote from a tablet "erected in memory of the Rev. Luther Rice," in Lall Bazar Chapel, Calcutta, India. "Erected in recognition of his noble services on behalf of foreign missions by a few American Baptists, and unveiled at the centenary celebrations of this church Jan 1st 1909," which summarizes his life and work:

Born in Northborough Mass. U.S.A. March 25th 1783. Educated at Leicester Academy, Williams College, and Andover. Sailed for India as a missionary of the American Board Feb. 1812. Embraced Baptist views and was baptized in this chapel by the Rev. William Ward of Serampore Nov. 1st 1812. Sailed with Dr. and Mrs. Judson to Mauritius Nov. 30th 1812. Returned to America, arriving at New York Sept. 7th 1813, and spent the remaining years of his life laying deep and broad the foundations of the American Baptist Missionary Union. Died at Edgefield, South Carolina Sept. 25th 1836. A missionary enthusiast, an eloquent preacher, a devout and wholly consecrated servant of the Lord Jesus Christ.

A photo of this tablet appears on p. 9, of the above-mentioned book.

To expand on the above summary, and review previous articles in the ERA Newsletters, I further add that he graduated from Williams College, in Williamstown, Berkshire Co., MA in 1810. Anyone familiar with American

foreign missions history will recognize the significance of the famed Haystack Prayer Meeting, which is considered the initial beginning of those endeavors. Prior to his graduation, he was a leader of a group of students who met to pray for the spiritual welfare of the people of Asia. In August 1806, their meeting was interrupted by a thunderstorm, and they sought shelter under a nearby haystack, (though Luther wasn't present that day), hence the name. (A monument stands there today, commemorating that historical event). By 1812, some of its members established the American Board of Commissioners for Foreign Missions, and sent its first missionaries to India. Before they went out, they received an ordination by Congregationalist pastors at Old Tabernacle Church, Salem MA. On the wall of this church is a tablet stating, "This Centennial Tablet given by Jonathan Ackerman Coles MD. LLD. was cast -1912- to perpetuate the memory of their zealous and successful labors and those of their devoted wives in the service of our Lord and Savior Jesus Christ." It begins, "On February 6, 1812 In the Tabernacle Church on this Site Adoniram Judson, Gordon Hall, Samuel Newell, Samuel Nott, Luther Rice were ordained The First American Foreign Missionaries To the Heathen in Asia." A photo of this tablet is found on p. 36, a photo of the church on p. xiv, and a sketch of the five being ordained, on p. vi, of the same book.

They sailed to India to join British missionary William Carey in Calcutta. After some time, Luther was forced to return to the states for health reasons. Once back he labored to raise support for the Judson's and others, from the Baptists. He travelled by horse-drawn sulky through the states and beyond the Appalachians to raise funds and awareness on behalf of the missionaries. "In one year Rice traveled 9,359 miles. He kept in his journal (scrupulously written before retiring each night for his well-earned rest) a remarkably accurate record of the miles traveled each day, what he did, and whom he saw," p. 33. On p. 34, a sample journey is quoted from his diary for four months, on a round trip from Philadelphia, out-and-back, from October 1818 to February 2, 1819. He passed through Maryland, Pennsylvania, Delaware, Virginia, North Carolina, what is now West Virginia, Ohio, Kentucky, and Tennessee, "before the day of railroads and convenient highways, over bad roads . . . scarcely more than wilderness."

His work to unite Baptists in America to support foreign missionaries resulted in the organization of "The General Missionary Convention of the Baptist Denomination in the United States, for Foreign Missions," (also called "The Triennial Convention"). In 1814, he was awarded an honorary doctorate (by then Baptist-dominated), Ivy League, Brown University, in Providence RI; in partial recognition for his contributions to missionary work undertaken through his Baptist denomination. He truly was a pioneer in the spirit of his forefather Deacon Edmund. Not only did he travel across the ocean, but throughout the States for his heart-felt cause.

He also pioneered the founding, in 1821, of Columbian College, (the original unit of George Washington University in Washington, D. C.). College exercises began, January 1822, with Mr. Rice being appointed agent and treasurer. It however fell on bad times, they appealed to Congress for a loan which was narrowly defeated, and Rice resigned in 1826, "although he continued to collect funds without having any control over their use," p. 66. The main administration building at GWU, Luther Rice Hall, retains his honor.

He died having never married, while traveling for his dual causes through the Southern U.S. His death occurred in 1836, Saluda Co. South Carolina, and was interred at Pine Pleasant Cemetery, Edgefield. He lived to be only 53. A marble tablet over his grave "By order of the Baptist Convention, for the State of South Carolina this Monument is erected to his memory," which reads:

BORN March 25th A.D. 1738 DIED Sept. 25th A.D. 1836 Beneath this marble are deposited the remains of ELDER LUTHER RICE A minister of Christ, of the Baptist Denomination He was a native of Northboro, Massachusetts And departed this life in Edgefield District, S. C. In the death of this distinguished servant of the Lord, 'is a great man fallen in Israel.' THAN HE Perhaps no American has done more for the great Missionary Enterprise. It is thought the first American Foreign Mission, on which he went to India, associated with Judson and others, originated with him. And if the Burmans have cause of gratitude toward Judson, for a faithful vision of God's word, so they will thro' generations to come, 'arise up and call Rice, blessed,' for it was his eloquent appeals for the Heathen, on his return to America which raised our Baptist churches to adopt the Burman Mission, and sustain Judson in his arduous toils. No Baptist has done more for the cause of education. He founded 'Columbian College in the District of

Columbia,' which he benevolently intended, by its central position, to diffuse knowledge, both literary and religious, through these United States. And if for want of deserved patronage, that unfortunate Institution, which was the special subject of his prayers and toils, for the last fifteen years of his life, fail to fulfill the high purpose of its founder, yet the spirit of education, awakened by his labors, shall accomplish his noble aim. With portly person and commanding presence Combined a strong and brilliant intellect As a theologian he was orthodox, A scholar, his education was liberal. He was an eloquent and powerful preacher, A self-denying and indefatigable philanthropist. His frailties with his dust are entombed, And upon the walls of Zion, his virtues engraved.

A 1908 photo of his grave is shown on p. 114.

Also a photo of his birthplace is shown on p. 127. (The house was erected in 1768 by his father Amos, "was occupied in turn by him, by his son Asaph, and by his grandson Anson. It became the property of Abraham Fay in 1839, and was occupied by Mr. Fay till 1873. His daughter Mrs. Alice Fisher, lived there from 1875 till 1881. The old house was torn down in 1900," footnote p. 6). "The picture shows the house as it appeared in the Fall of 1882," p. 127. The Baptist Convention of New England has control of his homestead property in Northborough MA. The three buildings: main House, carriage shop, and barn, have been converted into lodgings with period furnishings. The house is Luther Rice Suite (available for guests staying the night), the shop Luther Rice Lodge (for group accommodations), and the barn Luther Rice Cottage (unavailable to the Public). It's located on 81 Lincoln St., and the BCNE can be contacted to inquire about guest stays. Rice Memorial Church is located nearby.



***The Baptist Convention of New England has control of the Luther Rice homestead property in Northborough, MA. Three buildings include: main house, carriage shop, and barn.***

*Photos from March 2019*

*Photo credit: Dale Gunn*

Deacon Edmund would assumedly be proud of his 3d great-grandson, as are his cousins. As an aside, this author happens to be a 3d cousin, 7 times removed; for Luther's great-grandpa, Jacob Sr.' sister was Anna, (another child of Deacon Edward). She married her first cousin Thomas Jr., of Westboro, (who had two of their sons Ashur and Adonijah kidnapped by Indians from there in 1704; and several ERA articles and reunions have visited that topic). I'm a direct descendant of their older son Charles; whereas fellow ERA board members Michael, Katrina, and Brian of their son Phineas.



Some published books about our cousin include:

- **Memoir of Rev. Luther Rice: One of the First American Missionaries to the East.** 1840. Taylor, James Bennett. Baltimore: Armstrong & Berry. (A reprint was done in 2012, in a Classic Reprint series by Forgotten Books).
- **Luther Rice: Pioneer in Missions and Education.** 1928. Pollard, Edward B. & Stevens, Daniel Gurden. Philadelphia/Boston: The Judson Press. (A reprint was done in 1995). [This has been quoted from by this author, above].
- (A children's book) **The Dreamer Cometh: The Luther Rice Story.** 1960. Carleton, William A. Atlanta: Home Mission Board, Southern Baptist Convention.

Unpublished manuscripts:

- **Diary of Luther Rice.** In the library of George Washington University, Washington DC.
- **Journal of Luther Rice, 1807-1817.** In the Samuel Colgate Baptist Historical Collection, Colgate University, Hamilton NY.

There may be other works I'm unaware of. The book I read, "LR: Pioneer" by Pollard, contained quotes from correspondence authored by Luther, and received by him; from varied individuals, including the Judson's.

In closing, I add this from the conclusion of the above referenced book:

Rice was also the first to lead the Baptists to think nationally. . . . who went up and down the land calling Baptists North, South, and West . . . that the entire denomination might organize for a great adventure. . . . It was Rice, who (like George Washington, when he advocated a great university at the seat of national government as a force for national unity) worked for a central seat of learning at Washington as a bond of national unity for Baptists. . . . the idea of intelligently thinking, willing, and working together in the cause of Christ was the main goal. And for this Luther Rice builded more wisely, more successfully than he knew." In "the estimate of Professor William Heth Whitsitt, 'The coming of Luther Rice was the most important event in Baptist history in the nineteenth century. . . He was the magician of American Baptist Life' (pp. 124-5).

*Mark your calendars for the 2019 Reunion!*  
*"Revolutionary War Descendants of Edmund Rice"*  
*September 27-28, 2019 at the Colonial Inn, in Concord, MA*  
*[www.concordcolonialinn.com](http://www.concordcolonialinn.com)*

*Friday 9/27: Bus tour in the Concord/Lexington area,*  
*and dinner that evening to meet your cousins.*

*Saturday 9/28: Annual meeting, presentations, and lunch.*  
*Take a family photo, too!*

*Registration information and form will be included in the*  
*summer newsletter. Contact Dale Gunn at*  
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## **Rice Books Available**

**The Rice Family**, by Andrew Henshaw Ward [5] 110 pages

Hard-cover reprint. New, unused. A genealogical history of descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice who came from Berkhamstead, England, and settled in Sudbury, Massachusetts, in 1638. 379 pages. Includes a soft-cover supplement (1967) containing additions and corrections.

**The Rice Family, Supplement 2 (Part 1)** [7] 224 pages

Supplement Number 2 (Part 1) to *The Rice Family*, compiled by Margaret S. Rice (1983). Hard-cover reprint. New, unused. Additional lines of descent through the first eight generations, which were unknown at the time of publication of *The Rice Family* and the 1967 supplement.

**The Rice Family, Supplement 2 (Part 2)** [8] 720 pages

Supplement Number 2 (Part 1) to *The Rice Family*, compiled by Margaret S. Rice (1985). Hard-cover reprint. New, unused. A continuation of *The Rice Family Supplement 2 (Part 1)* from the ninth generation to the present (1985).

**Edmund Rice and His Family and We Sought the Wilderness** [5] 357 pages

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*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.

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## **Treasurer's Report**

For the period from September 1, 2018 through April 30, 2019, total income was \$7898.38, comprising largely reunion fees, dues, publication sales, and interest. Total expenses were \$7385.55, including direct reunion costs, travel expenses, and newsletter printing and mailing.

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# They Left Their Mark

*by Doyle Rice*

Early settlers of Michigan Territory (which soon became a state), have their presence here preserved in the names of cemeteries, lakes, creeks, streets, and a one-room schoolhouse. There are seventeen so named, (that I'm aware of so far), that attribute to someone with the surname of Rice. Many of these are named after identified descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice. (To date I've discovered 12 family groups all descending from Edmund, (of the 7th & 8th generations), that became pioneer settlers in MI, having come eventually from New England. There is no indication that any group was aware of the other cousins' presence in MI, though). Here is what I've discovered to date:

1) In Monroe Co., (the most southeasterly county in this state), between Detroit and Toledo, in Milan TWP, is located Rice Cemetery. It is named for Josephus Rice (1815-1900), [3988: Ward], who gave a portion of his land he purchased from the U. S. government, for the express use as a burial grounds. He and his descendants are buried there. (Edmund, Joseph, Phineas. Joseph, Caleb Sr., Caleb Jr., Josephus).

2) Another Rice Cemetery exists two counties directly west, in Hillsdale Co. It is in the village of Moscow, and is situated just north of US-12 (the nation's 2d Federal Hwy, which courses from Detroit to Chicago). This one was named after Frederick Rice, who I've been unable to trace his lineage far enough back, to determine if he has connection to Edmund.

3) Two tiers of counties north, and one east, lies Ingham Co., where the state's capital of Lansing is situated. US-127 passes through it, south into Jackson Co. Along this route 18 mi. S, is Leslie TWP, and at the Bellevue Rd. interchange, west of the city of Leslie (originally Meekersville, in 1836 named after the spouse's family of Edmund's descendant Mary "Polly" Rice (1779-1842), dau. of Sgt. Adam Rice (1739-1817), [1428:Ward]), courses a creek NW to SE, (more about this creek, later). Before this four-lane divided, limited access highway was constructed in the 50's, there existed a family burial plot in the corner of Samuel Tainter Rice's (1797-1864) 40 ac. land, S of Bellevue Rd., with Hull Rd. bordering the E side. [S. T. Rice was a nephew of the above mentioned Polly Meeker, and Adam's grandson. This author's 3d great-grandpa]. South of this creek, to the property line that came up to the Hull Rd. right-of-way, was a frontage of maybe 3 rods width. The graveyard went W from there for an undetermined distance. An 1874, township plat map has "Grave Yd." at this spot on the map. During construction, the grave markers were removed to Woodlawn Cem. on the N of the city. There are not enough markers to account for all that should have been buried in that family graveyard. There is none for Samuel, his wife Bethsheba, their son Rollin, his wife Emeline, and others. I was told that broken ones were discarded in a landfill on the W side of Woodlawn Cem. I doubt if any remains were exhumed and transferred, when the federal government bulldozed the area. I'm unable to find any government documentation of anything that exited along that route before construction began, though I may be able to find an aerial photo the USDA took for agricultural purposes. Where the graveyard would have been is near where the northbound exit ramp to Bellevue Rd. begins, Exit 56. Sadly, this represents a lost Rice Cemetery. (Edmund, Thomas Sr., Thomas Jr., Charles, Zebulon, Sgt. Adam, Ephraim, Samuel Tainter).

4) In what was the Village of Leslie (upgraded now to a city, because its population exceeded 1,000), there still exists a short section of a once longer Rice St. Old village maps show that it once went W of Russell St. as well, for about 7 blocks before it dead-ended, crossing Main St. even. To the E it has been extended into a recent industrial park. It was named for Josiah Rice (1787-1859), a potter, whose vase is on display in the State of Michigan Historical Museum in Lansing, crafted in 1849 at Leslie. He built a house along the old portion of the street when the village was first begun. He is the youngest child of Sgt. Adam, born in Hanover NH, when his dad went up the Connecticut River from Amherst MA, to work as a carpenter/brick layer, in building some of the first buildings of Ivy League, Dartmouth College. He is Samuel's uncle, though only 10 years older. Samuel's dad was Ephraim (1770-1847), [2767:Ward], and was the oldest white male in Ingham Co. when he moved with his family from NW Vermont to their new forested, swampy home in MI Territory.

5) Also in Ingham Co., one township to the E of Leslie, is Stockbridge TWP. It too has a village with the same name as the township it is located within. Stockbridge has a Rice St. that goes W from M-52 (running N-S), S of

the village center. It was named after pioneers with the surname of Rice. One family can be traced to when they resided in Macomb Co., N of Detroit, prior to this later settlement; but I can't find anything further back. Another Rice family descends from John of Warwick RI, whose offspring, (relatives to this one), lived side-by-side Edmund's, as you'll later see.

6) Further, Stockbridge TWP had a Rice Lake in Sec. 14, a couple of miles NNE of the village center. It has since been renamed Jones Lake. The original owner was related to the first mentioned in the previous paragraph, which I can't trace back far enough, either.

7) From Stockbridge, M-106 begins a SW route, teeing off from M-52, and enters the City of Jackson, at the center of Jackson Co. (directly S of Leslie in Ingham Co.). To the ESE of this city is Michigan Center. It was begun in the 1840's by a group of investors from Jackson, who hoped it would be chosen as the site for a new state capital, (the then present capital, not being centrally located in the new state, being in Detroit). Among this group was Edmund's descendant, Ethan H. Rice (1812-1897), [3379: Ward], who was this new settlement's first supervisor. He was a hardware merchant in Jacksonburg (the city's former name), whose hardware emporium became the state's largest, (an advantage being, that Jackson became the state's railroad hub, with tracks radiating out in 7 different directions--location, location, location). When Michigan Center wasn't chosen, and Lansing TWP in Ingham Co. was instead, he moved back into Jackson. To this day Rice St. and Rice Ct. remain in Michigan Center, N of Page Ave. and E of Sutton Rd. An oddity here is that N-S streets are numbered, but only 5th thru 9th. Following the spacing back to the W, where a location for 1st St. would be, is Rice St. (Edmund, Thomas Sr., Jonas Sr., Adonijah, Abel, Jonas, Ethan).

8) The next county E of Jackson, is Washtenaw Co., (where the Univ. of MI is located in Ann Arbor). To the E of Ann Arbor is Ypsilanti. Near the center of "Ypsi" is a Rice St. I'm assuming this was named for someone surnamed Rice. A N-S street, between the Huron River and railroad tracks, N of E. Cross St. From Forest Ave., it angles into Market Place. The histories, and censuses show several Rice's, early in that area; but I can't trace any of them very far back, to distinguish if any descend from Edmund.

9) South of Washtenaw Co., and W of Monroe Co., is Lenawee Co. Its county seat is in Adrian, and that same M-52 that passes through Stockbridge, continues thru this city. West of this route, and E of McKenzie, is a Rice St., that runs N-S. It connects to Michigan Ave. and then to Merrick St. on the N; between the town center, and Adrian College. I don't know what Rice's may have settled here in early days. (I haven't researched this area). However, a letter dated July 4, 1864, written by my 3d great-grandpa Samuel, relates that he took a stagecoach from Leslie, on a Sat. morn' earlier that year, boarded "cars" [a train on the Jacksonburg-Palmyra RR trunkline], and was in Adrian by noon. Family were waiting for him at the station, from whence they proceeded to Oakwood Cem. to the NE. He attended a funeral for his oldest adult child, Diantha Candace (Rice) Bruce (1822-1864). She had died from burns after her dress caught fire while burning trash. Her husband and oldest child Valorus were in Nashville TN, serving the Union cause during the Civil War.

(Her son Valorus did his maternal grandparents' genealogy to 1899, giving detailed statistics on all their descendants, up to those most recently born. He started his chart with a doubleheader: for the Rice lineage (Edmund to Ephraim, abstracted from Ward's genealogy) on the left, and the Tainter lineage (Joseph to Hannah, abstracted from Dean Tainter's genealogy, published also under the auspices to the NEHGS, nearly the same period as Ward's) on the right. It has been an invaluable reference work for me, and is what led me to discovering the existence of the Edmund Rice Assoc.)

10) To the W of Jackson Co., is Calhoun Co., where Rice Creek courses westward. It begins in Parma TWP of Jackson Co., crosses the county line into Sheridan TWP N of Albion, west further across Marengo TWP, and drains into the Kalamazoo River in Marshall. It stays to the N of I-94 (the interstate between Detroit and Chicago), then near mile marker 112.2 it crosses beneath, to the S side. There is a sign there indicating "Rice Creek". Some say it was named because of wild rice. There are those in our family that claim it was named after their ancestor Ezekiel Woodward Rice (1810-1873), [1580f.12: Ward], because one of its branches began near his property in western Jackson Co. However, I propose it was named for Noah Rice, whose property it flowed thru in Sheridan TWP. He was a descendant of John Rice of Warwick RI, and a number of his descendants settled around Albion, across Jackson Co., and later SW Washtenaw Co., around Sharon TWP, near Manchester.

11) Back to Lansing, in Ingham Co., there exists a Rice Ct. It is S of I-496 and E of the Grand River, between the major E-W routes of Mt. Hope Rd. and Holmes, and major N-S routes of Waverly Rd. (marking the western county line) and M-99 (Martin Luther King Blvd., formerly Logan). I have no clue which individual it may have been named for.

12) I discovered a Rice St. in Traverse City MI, (near the "little finger" if one envisions the Lower Peninsula as a hand), near Lake Michigan. I've not researched who may have lived there.

13) I located another in New Hudson MI, in Oakland Co., N of Wayne Co. (which contains Detroit). One of Edmund's descendants, Zebina Rice, bought land from the U. S. government, and is in that county at the 1840 census. Where in that county particularly, I haven't researched. He moved N of Lansing to Clinton Co. by 1850. Some of his relations moved the next county W, onto Ionia Co.

14) Another in Ionia MI, the county seat of that same named county, also has a Rice St. No adequate research has been done.

15) (Referring back to paragraph 10, above), there is another creek though, that was named after Edmund's offspring. (In paragraph 3, I mentioned commenting later on that creek that crossed Samuel's property, passing by the now destroyed family grave yard). This creek was originally named Rice's Creek. As late as the 1940's, I've found it so labelled on a map. As of today, it's now called Davis Drain, renamed after Benjamin Davis, (born in Maine), who owned property to the NW of Samuel. [One of his daughters eventually married into our family, marrying Dr. Henry Valorus Meeker, grandson of Samuel's Aunt Polly, introduced back in that earlier paragraph]. This creek empties into Huntoon Creek on the S side of the Leslie city, just S of the now abandoned west portion of Rice St. So much for another of my family's namesakes being retained, in an area in which they were nearly the first white persons to settle.

16) In the Upper Peninsula of Michigan, on the Keweenaw Peninsula that juts into Lake Superior, E of the twins cities of Houghton (where MI Tech is located) and Hancock, E of Torch Lake, is Rice Lake, and a Rice Lake Rd. The Lake is large and shallow. Maybe it was named for wild rice. However a descendant of Edmund's was employed in a high position at the copper mine outside of Hancock. At one time his family resided W of Lansing, at Charlotte in Eaton Co. Some of Josephus' (paragraph 1) relatives lived in Eaton Co., also. He relocated to the UP for the mining operation. I haven't researched enough to establish any connection though.

17) Getting back to Ezekiel W. Rice, presented in paragraph 10. (Edmund, Thomas Sr., Ephraim Sr., Ephraim Jr., Amos, Gardiner, Ezekiel). [Incidentally, our former-editor Susan Berger, descends from him]. When he first came to Jackson Co., he first bought land in Blackman TWP, just N of Jacksonburg; but sold that and moved toward the western county edge, and bought land in Parma TWP. Erie Rd. runs from Parma Rd., S of the village of Parma, to Albion in Calhoun Co. Where Gibbs Rd. joins, was a piece of property he owned, that became the grounds for a one-room schoolhouse. It was named Riceville School, and was in use up to 1962. This area had land owned by other Rice's, some relatives; another, Job Rice was a descendant of John of Warwick RI. Job was an early settler E of Jacksonburg, near the village of Grass Lake. His brother Squire was in Sheridan TWP, N of Albion, and other relatives were in that general area, so he moved nearer to them. Eventually he moved back to Grass Lake where he and his immediate family are buried). So with a concentration of Rice's at this intersection, the area became known as Riceville. After the school closed due to consolidation, it fell into disrepair. Some considered tearing it down, others formed an effort to save it. In 1995 it was moved S into Concord TWP, to the village of Concord, and is fully restored. It is on the grounds of a preservation site.

18) An Edmund descendant that was born in Ionia Co., moved to Washington state. The location where he settled has been named Riceville.

19) Kathleen Rice (1882-1963), was Canadian born, near Toronto. (Edmund, Thomas Sr., Capt. Peter, Peter Jr., Timothy, Samuel, Rev. Samuel Dwight, Henry Lincoln, Kate). She has the reputation of being the first female prospector. In upper Manitoba, she staked claims at Herb Lake and had them surveyed, proved, and assessed. She was on her own from 1940 onwards, living on her island on Wekusho Lake. This island was

officially recognized as Rice Island in 1946. (One can read more about her in the book: Kate Rice, Prospector. Duncan, Helen. 1984. Toronto CAN: Simon & Pierre).

20) Rice Co. MN, is named for Henry Mower Rice (1816-1894). This county is in the 3d tier from the S, three counties W of the Mississippi River (or the WI border). Henry was born in Waitsfield, (Washington Co.) VT. In 1834, at age 18, he moved to Detroit MI; then helped with a survey to plan a canal route around the rapids of the St. Mary's River, at Sault St. Marie, (today the Soo Locks provides the waterway that connects Lake Superior to Lake Huron). Later he became involved in the fur trade W of Lake Superior. In 1849, he lobbied for a bill to establish Minnesota Territory. As a representative, his work on the MN Enabling Act. facilitated MN statehood, passed by Congress Feb. 26, 1857. He served as a U. S. Senator from MN, May 11, 1853 - Mar. 3, 1863. A statue of him is in the National Statuary Hall of the U. S. Capitol building in Washington D. C. A photo of this can be viewed at Wikipedia's website, proceeded by a photo of him: [en.wikipedia/wiki/Henry\\_Mower\\_Rice](https://en.wikipedia/wiki/Henry_Mower_Rice). (Edmund, Thomas, Sr., Thomas, Jr., Ashur, Jedediah, Edmund, Henry).

21) During my first year in college, I had a professor from Riceville IA. After he retired from teaching, he moved back there with his wife. The place is four counties west of the Mississippi River, just south of MN. I've always been curious to how it became so named.

I'd be glad to hear from those who have more to add! Contact me, Doyle Rice, at [drice@arbor.edu](mailto:drice@arbor.edu).

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The Edmund Rice (1638) Association has a Facebook page! The content below represents the posts since the last newsletter. For comments and answers related to these posts, log onto the Facebook site and read the interactive posts, and if you would like, please add a few comments of your own. Log onto the Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/EdmundRiceAssociation/> to find posts about Edmund Rice descendants and other interesting matters related to the Edmund Rice (1638) Association.

May 12, 2019 - These two descendants of Edmund, both through Thomas and Thomas II, were helping plan this year's ERA Reunion at historic Concord's Colonial Inn in Concord, MA for September 2019.

One of these guy's reunion dinner choice will be the Yankee pot roast and the other's will be the New England scrod, can you tell which?



April 14, 2019 - Edmund Rice descendant George Merrick Rice (1808-1894) was a Massachusetts state senator and president of the Worcester Common Council. He was engaged in various businesses, including the manufacture of steel. His service as a member of the publication committee of Rice family members charged with securing funding for the Ward's pioneering genealogy of Edmund Rice in 1858 made a lasting impact for all of Edmund's descendants. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George\\_Merrick\\_Rice](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Merrick_Rice)





April 12, 2019 - Civil War general and U.S. Congressman from Ohio, Americus Vespucius Rice (1835-1904) was a descendant of Edmund Rice. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Americus\\_V.\\_Rice](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Americus_V._Rice)

March 21 - BethAnn Perry to Edmund Rice (1638) Association  
Has anyone put together a list of Rice boys in the Civil War?

February 16 - According to records in the Rhode Island Secretary of State's Office, an Edmund Rice descendant, Octavian Newman Rice (1797-1869) was one of the first oyster farmers in Rhode Island, having obtained an oyster farming lease on Narragansett Bay on 1 May 1844. This would have been a few weeks after the passage of the 1844 Oyster Act by the RI General Assembly that formalized the oyster farm leasing system for Narragansett Bay. According to the Edmund Rice (1638) Association database, Octavian Rice was born in Littleton, MA, son of Daniel Rice and Lois Winchester Rice, and died in Warwick, RI on 8 Sept 1869 when a barn collapsed.

<https://sosri.access.preservica.com/>

February 16 - William Rice (1788-1863) a businessman, official of Hampden County Massachusetts and Massachusetts state legislator was a descendant of Edmund. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William\\_Rice\\_\(1788\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Rice_(1788))

February 10 - Many people have asked the ERA if William Marsh Rice (1816-1900) the founder of Rice University in Houston, Texas, was a descendant of Edmund. Through both traditional genealogical paper trail and more recently by DNA mismatching by his relatives, it has been determined that he was NOT a descendant of Edmund. However there is another famous Rice, Rev. Luther Rice (1783-1836) a Baptist Minister and overseas missionary, who was the founder of The George Washington University in Washington, D.C. Luther Rice was a fifth-generation descendant of Edmund.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luther\\_Rice](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Luther_Rice)

(Note: Please see Doyle Rice's article about Luther Rice in this edition of the newsletter.)

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