# 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 <a href="editor@edmund-rice.org">editor@edmund-rice.org</a>

# **President's Column**



Greetings, cousins!

I am writing today with a new point of view. Having just been elected Historian of the Association, I am now all the more eager to get you into the database if you aren't already there. I have written a few columns in the past urging you all to assemble your family info, put it into shape, and send it in. However, there was always a risk that too many of you would respond at once and overwhelm the Historian. Since the risk wasn't mine, it would have been a bad move on my part to be too persuasive.

Now, of course, things are different. It will be up to me to keep up with the flow of data, although I must say that the outgoing Historian George King has generously volunteered to help out with editing data sets from cousins. Therefore, one way or another, I feel confident that anyone who sends me a family file will get prompt attention.

Here's the procedure George has followed with files sent by cousins, and the procedure I plan to use as well, with one significant difference. First, we need to find the intersection point or points where your lineage meets up with the existing database. This can actually be done before you send a file, so that the file needn't be your whole collection, but it can also be done directly on the file as received. Once the intersection points are established, I will edit the data from those points onward into a format consistent with the existing database. When that's done, I will send you a narrative-style report showing how the information will appear and give you a chance to review and correct any problems that may have crept in. Finally, information will be incorporated into the database.

You may ask, what is the significant difference in all this? Simply this: while George uses The Master Genealogist (TMG) to handle data, I use a system that works directly with text files. By preference, the files should be standard GEDCOM, but any kind of formulaic narrative report will do.

Now for a few statistics. We have had, in all, about 1500 members since the time Bill Drury started keeping a cumulative list of current and former members. Of those, about 330 were active as of the end of August. And yet I see only about 200 active members in the database, and that includes members who rely on someone else to take care of the family genealogy. If you are having trouble connecting to Edmund Rice, let me know, and I'll see what I can do to help. Also, if you think you may be in the database already, but are not sure, drop me a line, and I'll confirm your status one way or the other.

~ 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 to the newsletter editor:

email: <a href="mailto:editor@edmund-rice.org">editor@edmund-rice.org</a>
Deadline for winter issue 2020 is January 19, 2020

# **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.

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(single payment)

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The Post Office forwards mail for 12 months if a member has submitted a forwarding address to the post office.

Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

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#### **Editor's Column**

Hello cousins,

It was wonderful meeting so many cousins in the quintessential New England town of Concord for the annual reunion this past September. It was a pleasure seeing those who return year-after-year. It was equally a pleasure to meet those who made it for the first time.

This year I traveled with my mother, Marilyn J. Rice (who at 86 was the oldest one at the reunion), and met up with three of my brothers (Mike, Jeff and Brian)! We all had a fabulous time exploring the area, attending the bus tour and the meeting, and learning about our connections on the Edmund Rice line. Hope to see you next year. In the mean time, let's catch up via Facebook. See ERA's FB page below. Enjoy the holidays with family and friends.

~ 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: john.chandler@alum.mit.edu

#### Nine-Generation Rice Database Available on USB Flash Drive

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 USB flash drive containing both documents. Please order from the Treasurer by sending a request for the USB flash drive, your name and mailing address and a check or money order for \$15 to:

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

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

- 1) The information is copyrighted by the Edmund Rice (1638) Association and is restricted to the personal use of association members.
- 2) The 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 2019. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

# **New Annual Members**

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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!

#### **OCTOBER**

Otis Cather, Greenup, IL Norman L Cooper, Canyon Lake, TX John B Davidson, Lunenburg County, Canada

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# **Annual Reunion - Historic Lexington and Concord**



A gaggle of Rices (l-r: Shellie, Jeff, Marilyn, Brian, Katrina, and Mike) wait for the tour bus at Concord's Colonial Inn.



Brian Rice is learning from a perioddressed interpreter how to march sideby-side, and is about to lend a shoulder to steady the musket as it would have been fired in 1775.

The annual reunion on September 27 & 28 was a success! Thank you to all for making it possible, and especially Dale Gunn who arranged the venue and menu details, and secured the reunion reservations.

On Friday afternoon, 42 of the reunion attendees departed Concord's Colonial Inn and were able to enjoy the various sites selected for the bus tour in the Lexington / Concord area. We visited the Minute Man National Historical Park, including a stop at the east end of the replica Old North Bridge to allow energetic members to walk across it and meet the rest at the North Bridge Visitors Center. We also went to the Minute Man National Park Visitors Center, and then followed the Battle Road along to the Paul Revere Capture Site, and stopped at Hartwell Tavern (which was operated by the husband of a Rice descendant), where historically attired interpreters talked about colonial life and demonstrated a Muster, including musket firing (loud, but no bullets). Along the way, we passed various other notable locations, such as the Old Manse and Louisa May Alcott's house and the Sleepy Hollow Cemetery. We were also able to make it to an ERA favorite spot, the Edmund Rice Homestead site. There we were able to view and take photos of the roadside marker.

Below, please find a draft of the annual meeting minutes of the Saturday gathering.

## Edmund Rice (1638) Association Annual Meeting September 28, 2019 Colonial Inn, Concord, MA

About 45 members of the Association gathered at 9:00 am at the Concord Inn for the informal part of the annual meeting, with a continental breakfast buffet and opportunities for greeting old friends, purchasing genealogical books, comparing notes, and getting acquainted with newly met cousins. At 9:30, President John Chandler opened the formal part of the meeting by welcoming the assembled cousins and introducing the first speaker, Michael Rice, who delivered an updated version of the ever-popular talk known as "Edmund Rice 101". This latest version focused especially on the contrasts between systems of land tenure experienced by Edmund Rice. At the end of the talk, a slide showed a sample of our ancestor's signature, and a member of the audience commented that it was very difficult to reconcile with the name it represented. In fact, the signature reads "Edmond Rise".

Edmund Rice's signature Smout Bija

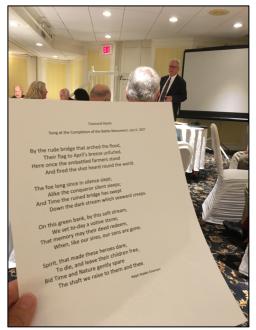
Next, John Chandler gave a talk on genealogical uses of DNA, updating a similar talk presented in 2011. Then, Michael Rice gave a talk on the participation in the Lexington/Concord affair of descendants of Edmund Rice, including names specifically stated in our genealogical database to have been there, as well as published rosters of various militia companies of the time. After that talk, we broke for a photo opportunity at the end of the room and then a buffet luncheon.

After lunch, our keynote speaker, Prof. Robert J Allison of Suffolk University gave a talk on the Lexington Alarm, ranging from the political background to the tactics on both sides and even to the recollections of veterans of the affair many years later. At one point in the presentation, Prof. Allison led the audience in a group sing of Emerson's famous poem about the battle ("By the rude bridge...") For



The three PhD speakers of the reunion: Keynote speaker Robert Allison, Michael A. Rice, and John Chandler.

an unrehearsed performance, the singing was remarkably well done.



Attendees were surprised when Professor Allison presented us with copies of the Concord Hymn to singalong.

About 1:30, after a short break, John Chandler reconvened the meeting to conduct the annual business of the association. He noted that the minutes of the previous year's meeting had been published in the newsletter, and it was then moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to dispense with a reading of those minutes.

He then called on Michael Rice to give the Treasurer's Report. In summary, our income for the year was \$11,070.54 (mainly dues and reunion fees), and our expenses were \$8,621.24 (mainly newsletter and reunion), for a net increase of \$2,449.30. The report had been examined by a CPA, who stated in writing that the report was consistent with generally accepted accounting practices in this country. It was then moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to accept the report.

Kathleen Bond next gave the membership report. We have 150 life members including 1 new, and 96 paid-up annual members including 23 new. There are 178 delinquent members, including 93 who were paid-up until the beginning of this month.

John Chandler called for a moment of silence in remembrance of four members who had died in the past year: Barbara Fair, Warren Lysne, Robert Maxey, and Leta Olson.

He then awarded the traditional door prizes: (1) the oldest person in attendance, Marilyn Rice, 86, (2) the youngest, Hubert Lee Rice, 33, and (3) the person traveling the longest distance to the meeting, Jeremy Dennington, all the way from Hawai'i.









Michael Rice then gave the Book Custodian's report. Following the suggestion made at last year's meeting we now distribute the ERA database on flash drives instead of CDs, but the (out-of-print) 1970 Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants is still issued on CD. In the past year, 30 databases, 4 Registers, and 29 physical books were distributed, include one complimentary set to the Family History Library in thanks for hosting last year's meeting. We still have a plentiful supply of books.

It was announced that the board of directors had agreed to hold next year's meeting in and around the Luther Rice Homestead in Northborough, MA. Tentative dates for the meeting are September 25-26, subject to change according to availability of the facility.

John Chandler then announced the report of the Nominating Committee, i.e., a slate of proposed officers and directors for the coming year, as follows.

President - John Chandler Vice President - Brian Rice Vice President for Arrangements - Dale Gunn Treasurer - Michael Rice Recording Secretary - Kathleen Bond Historian - John Chandler

Directors - George King, Leon King, Beth McAleer, Carleton Procter, Doyle Rice, Tim Sanford, Katrina Rice Schmidt, Wendy Wesen

In passing, John Chandler remarked that Dale Gunn has been the VP for Arrangements during the past year and was largely responsible for the smooth operation of the reunion now nearing its end.

Nominations were then solicited from the floor, but none was forthcoming. It was then moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to elect the slate as proposed.

George King, outgoing Historian, was not present at the meeting, but submitted the following report in writing.

"During the past year I added by data entry family information from 5 cousins and added and edited GEDCOM computer files from 5 cousins. Our editing protocols are intended to make reports appear to be from one author. In September I sent to John Chandler a GEDCOM file of my complete database that included 257047 people.

"In August I updated our association web pages with a 6-generation report of the descendants of Edmund Rice. I provided Mike Rice with 30 copies of a 9-generation report on stick memory. The stick memory replaces the CDs that we used for the 9-generation report in former years.

"I have very much enjoyed my years as association Historian. At my age it is time for me to step down and pass the historian task to John Chandler. John and I have been preparing for several years for the best possible transition as we use different computer programs."

John Chandler, now newly elected as Historian, reported that his version of the database, not yet incorporating the updates from George, had about 281,000 persons in it, including over 24,000 not submitted to George. A complete reconciliation will be done between the two versions, as in past years.

John Chandler then presented a brief report on the DNA projects, specifically, that 471 participants had tested Y-DNA at Family Tree DNA (FTDNA) along with 57 at other labs, and that 8 had tested mitochondrial DNA at FTDNA along with 13 at other labs.



Dale Gunn, VP of Arrangements and John Chandler, President and newly elected Historian, presented a successful reunion once again!

No other old or new business was brought forward.

Adjourned 3:08.



Attendees of the 2019 Reunion: William Amidon (Weirs Beach, NH), Zikora Anyaosah, Kathleen Bond, John Chandler (Harvard, MA), Richard Cochrane (Shrewsbury, MA), Jeremy Denington, Priscilla Foss (Stow, MA), Donna Getsey-Davis, Guy Gettle (Alamo, CA), Dale Gunn (Hudson, MA), Diana Hageboeck (Wayzata, MN), Lucinda Harding-Jones (New York, NY), Elizabeth Hickman (Houston, TX), Greg Hickman, Charlene Keith (Keene, NH), Aaron King, Dallas King (Columbia City, IN), Janet King, Judy King, Randy King (Kendallville, IN), Nancy Lennhoff (N. Andover, MA), Serena Lese, Beth McAleer (Brookline, MA), Kim Morrissey, Walt Morrissey (New York Mills, NY), Alan Pickering, Marjorie Pickering, Carleton Procter (Brattleboro, VT), David Putnam (Ipswich, MA), Benjamin L. Rice (Keene, NH), Brian Rice (New York, NY), Carol L. Rice (Alamo, CA), Colleen Rice (Fresno, CA), David Paul Rice (Dickinson, TX), David W. Rice, Jr. (Livermore, CA), Doyle Lee Rice (Jackson, MI), Erin Davis Rice, Frances Dee Rice (Livermore, CA), Glenda Ann Rice, Hubert Lee Rice II, Janet Lee Rice, Jeffry S Rice (Orange, CA), Marilyn J Rice (Fountain Valley, CA), Michael A Rice (Wakefield, RI), Shellie Ann Rice (Orange, CA), Sylvie L. Rice, Tim Sanford (Toronto, ON), Betsy Schill, Katrina Rice Schmidt (Ojai, CA), Charles Stone (Orange, MA), Gerald Tyler, Rima Tyler (Ft. Worth, TX), Anne Vacha (Lakewood, OH), Oliver W. Virta, Jr., Margie Zeller (Westport, MA), Vic Zeller.

# Rice Books Available

#### The Rice Family, by Andrew Henshaw Ward [\$5]

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. Includes a soft-cover supplement (1967) containing additions and corrections. 379 pages.

#### The Rice Family, Supplement 2 (Part 1) [\$7]

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. 224 pages.

#### The Rice Family, Supplement 2 (Part 2) [\$8]

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). 720 pages.

#### Edmund Rice and His Family and We Sought the Wilderness [\$5]

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. 357 pages.

#### A Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants [\$15]

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. 1594 pages. *This book is out of print but is available for purchase on CD* - **Association members only.** 

#### Sudbury 1890-1989: 100 Years in the Life of a Town, by Curtis F. Garfield [\$10]

Published by Sudbury Historical Society and Porcupine Enterprises in 1999, Sudbury, MA. ISBN 0-9621976-3-7. 242 pages.

**Heartbeat of History: A Collection of Short Stories from the Saltbox House**, by R.M. Rasey-Simpson [\$5] Published by Sharpe & Company in 1999, Sanborn, NY. ISBN 0-966789-2-9. 182 pages.

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# Members Making Additional Contributions THANK YOU!

Betty L. Adams, Stayton, OR; Lu Fischer, Saint George, UT; Anne King, Williamsburg, VA; Christopher Rice, Dartmouth, NS, Canada; Janet Rice, Jackson, MS; Rodger R. Rice, Grand Rapids, MI; Margaret Stehle, Palo Alto, CA; Pamela Ware, Corfu, NY; Bonnie J. Wiley, Cambridge, IL;

# **Queries**

#### **Bonnie's Question:**

I just found in my attic a family history for the descendants of David Rice of Scotland. Is there a way to see if this lineage is connected to Edmund Rice?

#### **ERA's Response:**

There are two ways to approach this question. First, and possibly easiest, if you know that you are a descendant of David Rice, and if you have a living male Rice relation who is similarly a descendant of David Rice, you can ask your relation to join the Rice DNA project. By having his Y-DNA tested in the project, we can determine whether his paternal lineage connects to Edmund Rice or not.

Second, if David Rice was late enough to be a descendant of Edmund, we can check our database of descendants to see if David is there. Unfortunately, Edmund's parentage is not known, and so there is no way to look for another kind of genealogical connection without first discovering Edmund's ancestry.

I hope this helps, John Chandler, President & Historian

#### **David's Question:**

Allow me to introduce myself. My name is David Putnam and I am a new member of the Edmund Rice Association. I have joined your organization because I had my YDNA done two years ago and all of my strongest YDNA connections are to males named Rice who trace their ancestry back to Edmund Rice. I have found no YDNA connections to any branch of the Putnam Family. I was surprised, but not shocked by this result. I have had a brick wall in my paternal line that I have never been able to resolve, despite researching it for over 25 years. My paternal great grandfather was (allegedly) named Joseph P. Putnam, who gave his date of birth on the 1900 census as May of 1865, and his place of birth as Massachusetts. On his daughter's birth certificate he gave his place of birth as New York, and his parent's names as Dennis and Matilda. His daughter variously listed his place of birth as Canada, or North Adams. To make matters more confusing, his name on his marriage license is Joseph P. Patnarde, although that could be a clerical error. He handed down to his son an antique sampler made by a Lucy Putnam of Danvers Plains, MA in 1816. I have exhaustively researched all these clues to no avail. I would like to find out if any of your members has knowledge of Joseph Putnam, who his parents were, and how he fits in the Rice Family. Obviously, his father had the YDNA of the Rice Family. Thanks in advance for any help you can provide!

#### ERA's Response:

Welcome to the Edmund Rice Association! You probably do descend from Edmund, though it may be difficult to determine exactly how. I have found you on the match list for one of the members of Group 1 in our project, and you are indeed a close match. However, the randomness of Y mutations prevents us from deducing a great deal from that. I see that you have uploaded a family tree, but it appears to be purely a pedigree, with no references to side branches. Are you aware of any other living male-line descendants of your great grandfather? It would help a lot to narrow down the search by testing one of your male Putnam second cousins to see whether he matches you or some other bunch of Putnams. If he matches you, then you can be sure that your Y-DNA really does come from your ostensible great grandfather. In that case, you might want to adopt a working hypothesis that the difficulty you've had in looking for your ggf's parents is a clue that his father was a Rice.

On the other hand, I have searched the ERA database for any Joseph Rice born in the span 1864-6 to no avail. Similarly, no Joseph Putnam

The antique sampler made by Lucy Putnam offers a hint that his line came from the large Putnam clan living in Danvers. The Lucy who made the sampler was probably the one born in Danvers in 1801. I see two male Rices in our database who lived in Danvers in the latter part of the 19th century. However, one was the minister of the 1st Church in Danvers, just married in 1861, and the other may not have arrived in Danvers soon enough (Henry Edward Rice born 1847 in Oakham).

Our newsletter offers space for genealogical queries of all kinds, and this one seems appropriate. If you write it up in a concise form, it could be published in the fall issue. That would reach the widest possible audience. Meanwhile, you could join the Rice DNA project and let us analyze your DNA in comparison to the whole of Group 1 to see if there might be clues there.

John Chandler, President

# **Posted on Social Media - Facebook**

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: <a href="https://www.facebook.com/EdmundRiceAssociation/">https://www.facebook.com/EdmundRiceAssociation/</a> to find posts about Edmund Rice descendants and other interesting matters related to the Edmund Rice (1638) Association.



Co-author of "The Chaplet of Pan"

December 6, 2019 - Edmund Rice descendant **Wallace Rice (1859-1939)** was a journalist, celebrated author and designer of the Chicago city flag. <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wallace Rice">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Wallace Rice</a>

November 24, 2019 - Edmund Rice Descendant, **George Hunt Barton (1852–1933)** was a geologist, arctic explorer, and college professor in geology at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology. He was one of the leading experts on the geology of glaciated landscapes. Barton was one of the founding members of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association in 1912.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George Hunt Barton

November 16, 2019 - Edmund Rice descendant, **George Walter Rice (1855-1884)**, was a pioneering photographer who was the only Canadian on the ill fated 1881-84 Lady Franklin Bay Expedition to Ellesmere Island in the Canadian Arctic. He was credited by expedition leader U.S. Army Lieutenant Adolphus Greely for being able to save the lives of the few surviving members of the expedition because of his hunting of seals and polar bears. <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George</a> W. Rice (photographer)





November 4, 2019 - The mode of farming in 17th Century Sudbury was primarily using the open-field system of communal farming as practiced in medieval times in England and brought to New England by Sudbury founders hailing from Central and Western England (See: <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open-field\_system">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open-field\_system</a>). According to Sumner Chilton Powell in his 1964 Pulitzer Prize winning history of Sudbury, Edmund Rice and 12 colleagues in dissent founded nearby Marlborough where closed-field or owner-operator farming would be exclusively practiced. This paralleled the ongoing Enclosure Movement in England at the time. The founding of Marlborough was an important milestone in the establishment private land ownership as the predominant form of land tenure in North America. <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open-field">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Open-field</a> system

October 16, 2019 – Barbara Tyler to Edmund Rice (1638) Association

"I have a reference in my genealogy to "Descendants of Samuel King" by Elbridge, Joseph and Eleanor King, but no direct connection to it. Does anyone know where it is online or in print?"

September 24, 2019 - Edmund Rice descendant **Horace Jacobs Rice (1882-1964)** was an attorney and law school dean hailing from a large academic family with ties to Wesleyan University in Middletown, Connecticut. <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horace\_Jacobs\_Rice">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horace\_Jacobs\_Rice</a>

September 20, 2019 - Edmund Rice's great grandson **Thomas Drury (1668-1723)** was the first representative elected to the Great and General Court of Massachusetts from the town of Framingham. <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas</a> <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Thomas">Drury (1668)</a>



September 11, 2019 - Edmund Rice Descendant James Clay Rice (1828-1864) was in command of Union Army 2nd Brigade, 4th Division of V Corps at the Battle of Spotsylvania Courthouse where he lost his life during fierce fighting. <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James</a> Clay Rice

September 4, 2019 - Prominent Boston Architect and Edmund Rice Descendant **Arthur Wallace Rice (1869-1938)** served the newly established Edmund Rice (1638) Association by designing the homesite marker in 1913 and the gravesite marker in 1914. He was a pioneer in the art-deco movement in architecture.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Arthur W. Rice





August 31, 2019 - Edmund Rice descendant **Allen Drury (1918-1998)** was a Pulitzer Prize winning author best known for his political thriller novel Advise and Consent.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Allen\_Drury

August 24, 2019 - What did London look like about the time Edmund and his family sailed to Massachusetts Bay Colony? An animation based on maps of London held by the British National Library and paintings from the period have allowed the creation of this fly-by animation. <a href="https://youtu.be/SPY-hr-8-M0">https://youtu.be/SPY-hr-8-M0</a>





August 24, 2019 - Edmund Rice descendant **Allen Thorndyke Rice (1851-1889)** was best known as the editor and publisher of the North American Review. As a child he was a victim of parental kidnapping that was witnessed by his school mate, a young Henry Cabot Lodge, Sr.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/C. Allen Thorndike Rice

August 13, 2019 - Photos of the center of Rancho Santa Fe, California, that was originally laid out in 1922-23, with most buildings in Spanish Colonial Revival or Mission Revival styles being designed by Edmund Rice descendant **Lilian J. Rice** (1889-1938).

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Lilian\_Jeannette\_Rice











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