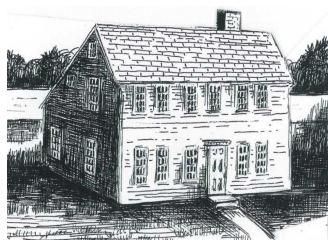


# Edmund Rice (1638) Association Newsletter

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

## President's Column



*John Chandler,  
ERA President  
and Historian*

Greetings, cousins!

As I write this, I have been working from home for two full months. I am fortunate to have the kind of work that lends itself to this arrangement. Some other parts of my life have been less fortunate, such as the community chorus I sing in, which was to have given a concert this coming weekend -- both the concert and the necessary rehearsals have been postponed indefinitely, with the hope that they can be rescheduled this fall. The ERA is faced with a similar problem, in that our annual reunion normally involves gathering in cousins from "all over" and interacting in close proximity for two days -- we even award a door prize to the person who has come the longest distance to attend. In any case, the Board of Directors converted our spring Board meeting into a teleconference and decided that it would be prudent to do the same for the full ERA meeting in the fall.

It won't be the same as the usual convivial gathering, but we hope to provide an enjoyable and informative program for everyone who can attend via the Internet. For that matter, the unusual format may allow some people to attend who otherwise wouldn't be able to come. As for the Luther Rice location, it is still our intention to hold a reunion there, presumably next year.

[Switching hats from President to Historian]

Meanwhile, genealogy research continues. The libraries may be closed, but there is still a wealth of material online. I am systematically tracking down the descendants of Edmund Rice through authoritative sources online, as well as working on files submitted by cousins (three completed and incorporated in the database and two more pending). When I last counted, there were about 288,000 persons in the database, but we still have a long way to go to cover the whole field. Everyone, please consider where your own research stands, and, if you are at or near a point of stability, please consider submitting your data to the ERA.

*~ 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:

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Deadline for summer issue 2020 is July 12, 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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*Your help with this is greatly appreciated.*

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### Editor's Column

Hello cousins,

Well, I will miss seeing everyone in person at the Edmund Rice Association annual meeting this year. However, I am looking forward to attending online in whatever form it takes. The online meeting is scheduled to take place on Saturday, September 26, 2020 at noon (EDT). The board of directors has been brainstorming ideas for meeting content, as well as researching online platforms. Details of the online meeting will be available in the upcoming summer newsletter.

Whether you are taking part in the current protests in the hope of highlighting systemic racism in this country or staying at home avoiding the spread of Covid-19, please stay safe.

~ Katrina Rice Schmidt

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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](mailto: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:

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- 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!

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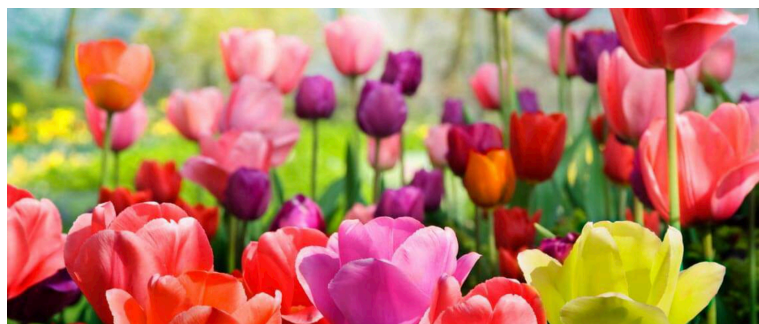
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MANY MORE!*

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## Tribute to An American Farmer

*by Doyle Rice*

My dad, Donald Ward Rice, died Jan. 30 of this year, at age 85. He and his twin sister Donna Francis were born Nov. 19, 1934; the last of 5 children of Floyd Manley and Lucy Delilah (Ward) Rice. They were born in the farmhouse, which he later owned, in Bunker Hill TWP, Ingham Co., MI, (7 mi. from Leslie). (They shared the same birth date as their 7th Great Grandma Anna (Rice), born in Sudbury MA, in 1661, 273 years earlier). Edmund, Thomas Sr., Thomas Jr. who married his 1st cousin Anna (dau. of Edmund's son Edward), Charles, Zebulun, Sgt. Adam, Ephraim, Samuel Tainter, Rollin, Lucius M., Floyd--making them 12th generation descendants of Edmund and Thomasine.

Their Grandma Rice, Elizabeth Ann (Mitchell) (1867-1928), had younger twin sisters, Francis and Florence (thus Donna's middle-name). Born some days apart in Jan. 1876, they lived until 1957 and 1964, respectively. Both Donna and Donald had twin grandchildren. Donna's only child Brenda, had twin sons, born Nov. 1977. Twenty years later, Donald's oldest (myself), had twin daughters, born Nov. 1997. All three sets being born in November. The girls, Donna and daughter Brenda, got the boys; the boys, Donald and myself, got the girls. (An article on this topic appears in an ERA Newsletter, Vol. 72:4, Fall 1998, titled Twins Upon Twins--[www.edmund-rice.org/newsletters.htm](http://www.edmund-rice.org/newsletters.htm)). Two photos appear with it, the first showing the 5 surviving, taken in early 1998, (Aunt Donna died of ovarian cancer in 1973, at age 38, so she never got to see her twin grandsons). The second, was taken for the twins graduation, fall of 1952, prior to their mother's death, when 16 going on 17. They graduated with the class of '53. (My twin daughters bear middle-names in honor of their grandpa and his twin sister, A. Donald and Y. Donna).

Donald and Donna's oldest sister Arlene (1915-2009), was already married, and had a son, Robert "Clare" Dexter (1932-2018), almost 2 yrs. older. It was always interesting to hear my 1st cousin Clare, address his "Uncle Donald," when the older addressed the younger. This generational mismatch carries on down to cause some confusion yet today. For example Clare's daughter, my 2nd cousin, is close to my age--and so on with most of Aunt Arlene's 8 children and their offspring. It's like my grandparents had two families, the first in 1915, then four more in the early 1930's.

As Dad was the only son, it was assumed he'd take over the family farm from my grandpa. Also as he was the only boy, with 4 sisters, he became a mamma's boy, and was a bit spoiled. Yet that didn't deter my grandpa from taking both Dad and Clare to the woodshed and use a razor strap on them, when they horsed around in the kitchen, and upset a pail of milk (milked by hand), being kept warm on the open door of the wood-fired stove.

Dad told of his childhood years during World War II, when he and other kids would collect "silk" from milkweed pods, that the government used for fill in servicemen's life-preservers. Also, of metal collection drives, and exercising black-outs as directed by radio announcements.

He attended a one-room schoolhouse, at Felt Plains, a mile away; and walked there no matter the weather, up through the early grades. Then he was bused 7 mi. away ( the opposite direction from Leslie) to attend Dansville Agricultural School, from which he graduated. His shop teacher, Vince Carlen, was the same I had



*Dad and three of his four sisters, 1935.*

for shop class, a few decades later. He was actively involved in FFA (Future Farmers of America), and as a representative, went on a train trip to Kansas City MO, via Chicago, to attend a national convention.

In the Felt Plains community, he was involved in 4-H, and a lot of socializing revolved around the Felt Plains Methodist Episcopal Church, which building his Grandpa Lucius Rice had help build in the 1890's (destroyed by fire in the mid-1960's, it was replaced by a newer structure).

With the name of Donald, his classmates teased him with the song "Old McDonald," and in his yearbook the phrase "down on the farm" accompanied his photo. As he had 3 Rice uncles, who had farms nearby (4 located along a 2 mi. stretch of Meridian Rd.), and all had large families of 5, 7, and 7; he had many cousins he grew up and went to school with, (some older, some younger).



*The Floyd Rice family, fall 1952.*

His mom died in the Fall of 1952, from colon cancer, at age 59, during their senior year. That was very hard on him. After graduation he got a job 20 miles away in Lansing, working for Fisher Body, which supplied the car bodies used to build Oldsmobiles for General Motors at a neighboring plant. He also was helping his father, my Grandpa, with the farm, so the extra income helped him build capital with which he bought his first tractor, a brand new narrow front-end Allis-Chalmers WD-45. It was quite an upgrade from the 1945 Allis-Chalmers B his dad had (the first tractor I drove when I was 4). Dad continued to favor Allis-Chalmers tractors and equipment, including A-C Gleaner combines. His inventory of farm machinery grew through the years. He did all the maintenance work and repairs on equipment, (expecting myself to turn a wrench when I was as young as 8).

On July 2, 1955, he married Lillian Lumbert, a farm girl who resided one place south of the one-room school, between there and the church, less than a month following her HS graduation. They wedded at Felt Plains church. It was described as being a hot day. They had known each other from early school days, and at church, (her mom played the organ). As he had to return to work on Monday, they made a dash south, stayed a night at a motel north of Jackson, and spent Sunday at Buck Lake Ranch in Ohio. There they saw the Wilbur brothers, Teddy and Doyle, perform (and that's where Mom got her idea for my first name).

In 1957, Dad was drafted into the U. S. Army, and sent to Germany for reconstruction. Mom joined him some months later, and they rented an off-base apartment in Munich (this is where I was conceived, but Mom successfully smuggled me into the U. S. upon her return, and I was born in Jackson, MI). Grandpa (age 69 then) wrote to his representative, claiming he needed his son back on the farm, so Dad was discharged early. The couple had 3 more children from 1961-67. Early in 1961, they bought the farm from Grandpa Rice, and moved on to it.

In the early 70's, Dad quit working at Fisher Body, after 25 yrs. He had moved up to a final-inspector position as "buyer." Instead he went into full-time farming. The farming situation was favorable then, so Dad invested in building a hog finishing barn, with a slated-floor pit under it for manure, two blue Harvestore silos (one 70 ft.) for storing high-moisture corn ( the hogs' main diet), his first self-propelled combine (with 3-row corn head), and bought the 150 ac. farm my Mom grew up on, from my Grandma Lumbert/Whitney. Also he began renting a 70 ac. farm across the road from that.



*Pencil sketch of the farmstead, drawn by son-in-law Ralph Herberg. This is where dad was born, lived, owned, and farmed.*

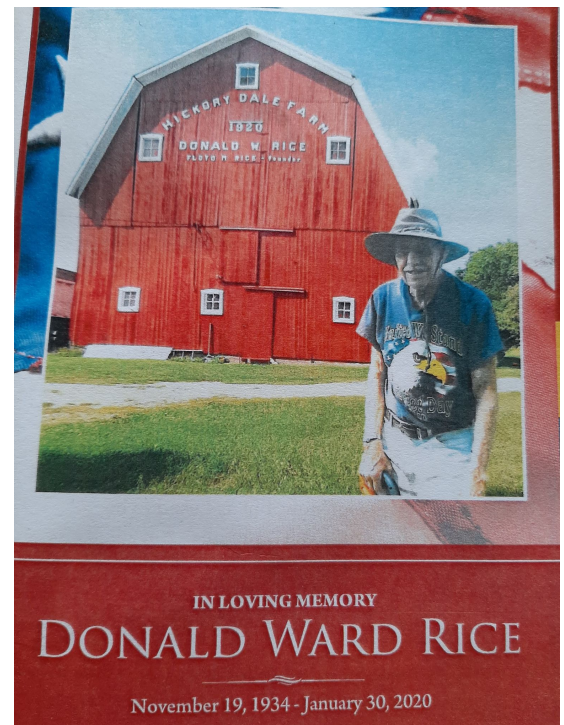
The swine herd grew from a few dozen to over 700. It was a farrow-to-finish operation, having one or two litters of piglets born each week, 110 breeding sows, a half-dozen boars, and marketing 13 live, 225-250# hogs weekly (as many as a pick-up truck would hold, packed tight). Us kids, and Mom were the additional labor force for this family owned and operated business, doing chores, field work, and many other things. Spring and Fall were always most intense. Work was rushed in the fields to beat the weather. I could be working 14 hrs. on Sat., with little time to eat and sleep.

In time, pork prices fell too low, due to Canadian subsidies that undercut the pork industry, and in recent years every hog has been sold off. Recently he had only cash-cropping (mainly corn, soybeans, and alfalfa). The farm work lately has been managed by his grandson. The farm bought from my Grandpa, this year becomes a centennial farm (owned by the same family for at least 100 yrs.). A commemorative plaque to be displayed outside the house is on order, and an observance is being planned for this summer.

In recent years he has had his share of physical troubles. He too had cancer, prostate, which was successfully remedied. Cellulitis in his arm, put him the hospital for a while. Then he fell from the mow to the pick-up bed and broke his neck while loading bales of straw by himself. After a hospital stay, he recovered. Then his kidneys failed, so he had to go onto dialysis 3 days per week for the last couple of years. Lastly a light stroke effected his ability to swallow properly, and he got pneumonia in his lungs. He was in therapy and looking forward to recover, but had a set-back that put him back in the hospital, at which point he finally gave up his will to live. He was the last of his siblings to pass on.

He claimed to have put his trust in Messiah Jesus at a Billy Graham Crusade in Detroit, when he was a teenager. He regularly attended church weekly. After my grandpa died, my parents started attending a Baptist church in nearby Mason, where I had started going for youth group during the last half of my senior year in HS. (Leadership in the United Methodist denomination was getting too liberal, and had departed from Biblical teaching, it was felt). He stayed with Baptist views to the end. He never did any field or heavy work on Sundays, and criticized those who did.

The visitations were well attended, as well as the funeral service held at Holt Baptist Church, where he was a member. He had specified to be shown in a flannel shirt, with his farmer's cap resting on his chest, and that everyone dress-down in flannel and blue jeans. His grandson ordered black caps with a retro A-C (Allis-Chalmers) logo on it, for grand kids and great-grand kids. Life is going to be different without Dad, Husband, Grandpa, Uncle, Cousin, and etc.--roles he was known for. He was proceeded in death by his daughter Janice Eileen (Rice) Quinn (1961-2002), son David Ward Rice (1967-2018), and others. He is survived by his wife of 54 years.





## Luther Rice – Baptist Missionary Agent

*After reading of his convictions on Sovereign Grace, and as his cousin in this wonderful family of Rice, and as His sister in Christ, I am excited about meeting him, Luther Rice, when we all are called home, by our Saviour, the Lord Jesus Christ. I hope to see you all on that day!*

*Living in the Atlanta, GA area, and knowing of the Luther Rice Seminary and College, and hearing it said that a little Church just south of my home was planted by Luther Rice, I was always curious of his faith beliefs which led me to research. Because of a cousin's request, I wish to share some of this research with ya'll.*

*Submitted by Beatrice Hites*

***The following paragraphs were adapted from chapter 16 of the James Taylor's Memoir of Rev. Luther Rice: One of the First American Missionaries to the East, originally published in 1841. (Taylor later became the first Secretary of the foreign Mission Board of the Southern Baptist Convention. His Memoir of Rice was reprinted by Broadman Press in 1937.)***

Luther Rice was an appointed Congregational missionary, who like his contemporary Adoniram Judson, became a convinced Baptist after leaving America. On March 15, 1813, five months after his baptism in Calcutta, Rice set sail back to America for the purpose of gathering support for the mission effort among Baptists. Though it was his intention to return to India as soon as possible, this was never to be. The rest of his life was spent in what was supposed to have been a short-term project: promoting missions among Baptists in America. He died September 25, 1836, at the age of 53.

He was a decided believer in the doctrine of divine sovereignty. God was contemplated as working all things after the counsel of his own will. It was to him a truth full of interest, that those who are recognized as the heirs of eternal life, have been called according to God's "eternal purpose, which he purposed in Christ Jesus, before the world began." That "whom he did foreknow, he also did predestinate, to be conformed to the image of his Son; and whom he did predestinate, them he also called, and whom he called, them he also glorified." This doctrine, so fully taught in the scriptures, he often referred to as furnishing in his own experience an occasion of deep humility and grateful praise. Referring to the subject in a letter to a friend, he observes:

This you are aware is not only an item in my creed, but enters into the very ground-work of the hope of immortality and glory, that has become established in my bosom; and constitutes the basis of the submission and joyfulness found in my religious experience....Why should it not be the very joy of our bosoms, that he "has foreordained whatsoever come to pass?" What can real benevolence desire, but that everything *should "come to pass,"* in the wisest and best manner, to the wisest and best ultimate end? Could not an infinitely wise and good God ordain everything to come to pass in this very way, and to this very end? Such, too, being the fact, is it not evidently the duty and happiness of every one to give up himself in absolute submission to the will of God; and to be pleased that all things are at the disposal and under the control of this infinitely wise and good Being.

***This last paragraph was demonstrated in his life, as he tirelessly gave up his life in the pursuit of fundraising for the Judson's and others in India and Burma, and also promoted Baptist unity, and the launch and maintenance of Columbia College in Washington, D.C. (now George Washington University) to prepare***

*others to engage in like ministries. He was a 3d great-grandson of Edmund and Thomasine that they would have been proud of for all his faithful work in serving their LORD.*

**Additional excerpts taken from “Luther Rice and the Beginning of Baptist Mission in the United States,” George Garner, D.Miss., Director, Center of Rural Missional Leadership**

### **Introduction**

William Brackney says, “Luther Rice may rightly be called the parent of an American Baptist Denomination. In his career are the dovetailing talents of organizational genius, fund-raising, new church development, and leadership recruitment.” **(Brackney, p. 15)**

Thinking of American Baptist life as a whole there have been but three epoch-making names – all of them gifts from New England Congregationalism – Roger Williams, Adoniram Judson and Luther Rice. Williams in the Baptists beginnings on this continent planted the principle of religious liberty deep in American life. Judson and Rice, contemporaries and fellow laborers for the truth, were the leading instruments, under God, in saving the Baptists of America from fatal self-contentment and the blight of the anti-mission spirit. Williams brought Baptists life and freedom; Judson and Rice interpreted these in terms of worldwide service. **(Pollard, Foreward)**

It was Rice who met those multitudes face to face and by his fervent and eloquent spirit stirred them to sustained interest and led them to organized endeavor for the salvation of the world.” Prior to Judson and Rice, Baptists certainly had an interest in missions. However their entry into the Baptist life in America, as Pollard states, “made certain that they as a people would become a united, strong, and aggressive force in the missionary undertaking. **(Pollard, Foreward)**

### **The Guiding Spirit of Luther Rice**

Washington, D.C. became Luther Rice’s headquarters. From there he traveled and worked tireless to rally Baptist for the support of foreign and home missions and the college to train the ministers. He utilized various methods to communicate the message of missions. Foremost were the many personal contacts made during his tireless travels. “There has never been in American history a man who toiled more arduously or suffered more from the strain or stress of travel than did Luther Rice.” **(Weaver, p. 20)**

This Congregationalist who became a Baptist was the seed planter for Baptist national denominationalism that was foremost a missionary principle. This missionary agent who traveled the nation also linked the societal northerners and the associational southerners in unified effort. It is fitting that this New Englander upon his death in 1836 be buried in South Carolina. Since his return from the Judsons in 1813, he had ever been about the business of unifying the Baptists to work together for the mission of the Kingdom of God worldwide. **(Garner)**

### **Conclusion**

The growing interest in missions...revealed a weakness in Baptist polity; the churches were too separated from each other to be able to act effectively abroad. When Luther Rice and Adoniram Judson became Baptists and decided to continue their missionary labors, it was clear that Baptists needed to act. Perhaps Baptists in the United States would have developed a national organization by the slow process of joining associations together

into state conventions, as occurred in South Carolina in 1821, and state conventions into national bodies, but the missionary imperative sparked the organization of the first national body and sustained interest in it. **(Wood, p. 157a)**

We believe the facts justify the statements that had it not been for mistakes and misfortunes which brought into eclipse the last decade of his life, Luther Rice would be freely accorded one among the highest places in the service of American Baptists during the Nineteenth Century. **(Pollard)**

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### **A RICE DESCENDENT RUNNING FOR THE UNITED STATES CONGRESS 2020**

*Submitted by Beatrice Hites*

Given her ancestral heritage of service in defense of and for the betterment of these United States, **Becky E. Hites** felt it was her duty to run for Congress, in Georgia's District #13, which covers the west and south Atlanta, GA, suburbs.

Becky's lineage is: Edmund, Thomas Sr., Jonas Sr., Jonas Jr., Thomas, Seth, Thomas Bradley, Mariette m. Edward P. Clymo, Pearl Etta Clymo m. Fred Marshall Everritt, Genevieve Everritt m. W. W. Beck, Beatrice Beck m. Robert Wm. Hites, Becky E. Hites, being the 12<sup>th</sup> generation.

Although, not being in the direct line of Rice ancestors Ethan Hemenway Rice and George F. Rice (the two half-brothers who were directly involved in the founding of the Republican Party in 1854) our forefather, Edmund, connects us all in this Rice Family. Reading the article "Rice Descendants Actively Involved in the Formation of the Republican Party," in the ERA Newsletter, Vol. 94, No. 1 Winter 2020, we see this Republican connection, therefore, "it is only rightfully so" Becky is running as a Republican to "take back the house" and to defend our Constitution.

To give some background, Becky started her career on Wall Street producing research valuations on publicly traded companies followed by merger & acquisition analysis and ultimately providing due diligence documentation to banks to finance billion dollar investments to build new steel mills. She founded her business Steel-Insights seven years ago to perform strategic analysis as a consultant to the steel industry.

Her Campaign website is [www.hitesforcongress.com](http://www.hitesforcongress.com) and her Facebook page is @Hites4Congress.

#TakeBackTheHouse

## 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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## **MARK YOUR CALENDARS 2020 ANNUAL MEETING**

**The novel coronavirus pandemic has necessitated a change of plans for this year's annual meeting. As a precautionary measure, the ERA board of directors has decided the annual reunion will take place online instead of having an in-person meeting.**

**~ Saturday, September 26, 2020 ~**

**More details and agenda will appear in the summer newsletter.**



## Queries and News

### Kevin Mullen:

June 10, 2020 - Hey cousins, I've got Amos Rice (1727-1807) proven in Sons of the American Revolution, Hannah (Livermore) Rice (1670-1724), Ephraim Rice (1665-1732), Ephraim Rice (1693-1742) and Sarah (Whitney) Rice (1699-1752) all proved so far in Sons of Colonial New England.

### Kevin Mullen:

May 4, 2020 - Hi cousins, I just got word that my 1st supplement application on Ephraim Rice (1665-1732) was approved in Sons of Colonial New England. I'm going to be doing one on his son Ephraim Rice, Sarah Whitney and a few others. Just thought I'd share my good news with my Rice family.

### Beth McAleer, Brookline, MA:

American Ancestors is planning to publish a collection of articles on New England Native American genealogy, history and culture that have appeared in the Register and New England Ancestors, and they asked my permission to publish the article by Robert V, Rice and myself:

"Y-DNA Secures Identity of Rice Mohawk Native American with Edmund Rice Haplotype" that appeared in the Fall 2005 issue of New England Ancestors.

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



*Brigadier General Rufus Putnam*

March 23, 2020 - Edmund Rice descendant, **Persis Rice (1737-1820)** of Westborough, Massachusetts, was the wife of Brigadier General Rufus Putnam who was a prominent officer in the Continental Army, trusted by George Washington, and in command of troops at Lexington-Concord, Dorchester Heights, Saratoga, and West Point.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rufus\\_Putnam](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rufus_Putnam)

March 24, 2020 - Roger D. Hughes posted: **Asahel B. Howe (1802/Vermont - 1875/Wisconsin)**

— Asahel B. Howe (Simon [How] Howe, Grace Rice [How] Howe, Simon Rice, Benjamin Rice & Mary Rice, then via both lines to Edmund Rice) was both a 4G-grandson and 5G-grandson of Edmund Rice. Asahel was an original member of the 14-member New England Emigrating Company, which was formed in October 1836 in Colebrook, N.H. The company bought the land for, then founded the New England-like community of Beloit, Rock County, Wisconsin. Asahel was one of the original settlers. His spouse was Betsey Hobart (abt 1804/N.H. - 1863/Wisconsin). Both are interred at Oakwood Cemetery in Beloit. Asahel is my 1C5R, Betsey my 6C5R.

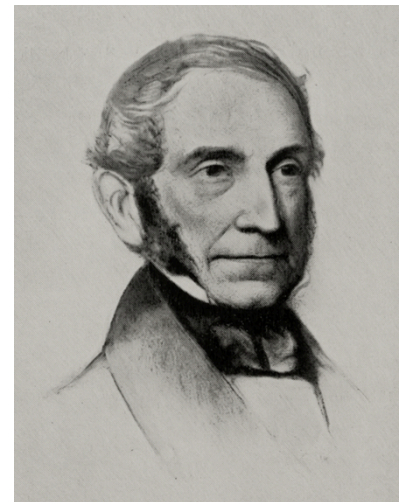


*Elbert Sidney Brigham*

April 3, 2020 - Edmund Rice descendant **Elbert Sidney Brigham (1877-1962)** was an accomplished dairy farmer, trustee of Middlebury College, and U.S. Congressman representing the State of Vermont. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elbert\\_S.\\_Brigham](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elbert_S._Brigham)

April 22, 2020 - Edmund Rice descendant, **Caleb Rice (1792-1873)** was a founder and first president of the Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Company (MassMutual), and was the first mayor of the City of Springfield, Massachusetts.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caleb\\_Rice](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Caleb_Rice)



*Caleb Rice*



*Paul and Polly White married 1786*

Deacon Paul White b. 1766 -  
married in 1786  
Polly Smith - b. 1766 -  
lived in Williamstown VT -  
Paul born in Litchfield Mass  
Polly in Weston - Mass

May 9, 2020 - From a message from Richard Alan Wood: I just came across this daguerreotype of Edmund Rice descendant, **Paul White**, born 1765 (some sources say 1764). It's being offered by the president of the Daguerreian Society, who is also a photography dealer. It can be seen at this site:

[https://mikemedhurst.com/image\\_pages/20134PaulAndPollyWhite.html](https://mikemedhurst.com/image_pages/20134PaulAndPollyWhite.html)



*Faneuil Hall in 1776. The Artillery Company is headquartered on the fourth floor of Faneuil Hall.*

June 18, 2020 - Edmund Rice's daughter **Lydia (1628-1675)**, by way of his first wife Thomasine Frost, married Hugh Drury of Boston in 1645. Drury joined the Ancient and Honorable Artillery Company in 1659 and eventually served as its lieutenant.



*Mary Ashton (Rice) Livermore*

June 7, 2020 - **Mary Ashton (Rice) Livermore (1820-1905)**, a descendant of Edmund Rice, was a prominent abolitionist author and women's suffrage and temperance activist through the latter half of the 19th Century. She was a pioneer in military nursing and soldier aid advocacy, raising considerable sums for food and medical care. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary\\_Livermore](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_Livermore)



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**PLEASE CHECK YOUR CARD'S EXPIRATION DATE!**

The dues year is September 1st to September 1st each year. Dues rates are per person; there is no discount for a spouse or children. The Board of Directors voted to insert the "Additional Voluntary Contribution" line in an attempt to offset the erosion of our treasury due to the current low interest rates. Additional contributions are appreciated.

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