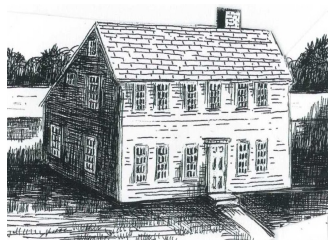


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Deacon Edmund Rice Homestead
Wayland, MA 1643 - 1912

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

President's Column



Greetings, cousins!

The news from all sides continues to be turbulent and often alarming, but, as I write this column, I have heard a report about covid-19 vaccination starting in England and another report that it will be starting very soon in America. If all goes well, that means the pandemic may be under control by summer, and we may be in a position to hold a normal, physical reunion in the fall. I thought the virtual reunion we held in September was quite successful in its way, but certainly not as much fun as a full two-day event would have been. (If you missed it, see within for the minutes.) Of course, we must remain flexible, and the lead time for planning a reunion is long enough that we may still be unable to make all of the necessary arrangements if we wait until it's clear that a physical reunion will actually be feasible.

Meanwhile, research continues with only modest and tolerable hindrances. I was able to visit cemeteries in the summer, and the internet provides access to gravestone photos at findagrave.com any time of day or night. A word of caution -- the supplementary material on findagrave is subject to human error, just like any other secondary source. I am glad to be informed when a submitter comments that the gravestone is contradicted by other sources, but I really worry when submitters report dates that disagree with the gravestone photos without any explanation.

Of course, the libraries have been closed, and the genealogical materials mostly do not circulate and so are out of reach for "curb-side" borrowing, but the internet comes through with many resources that the local libraries don't have anyhow. Then, too, I have a (very modest) home library of my own that includes, among other things, a set of the Rice books. I recently did a survey of the 1970 "Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants" and found that 140 of its pages were not referenced at all in our database. In short, there is plenty to keep me busy. Thanks, as always, to the cousins who have contributed their data for inclusion in our database!

~ John Chandler

HAPPY HOLIDAYS!

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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: editor@edmund-rice.org

Deadline for winter issue 2021 is January 31, 2021

Membership

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

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

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

Annual dues, payable *September 1*, are:

Initial dues.....\$ 20.00

Renewals:

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

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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 seeing so many cousins online for the reunion. We welcomed many cousins who were able to join for the first time, which was a big positive point considering the format. I enjoyed seeing the repeat attendees, too! However, I admit I miss our in-person annual gathering. I am hopeful that we can meet next year in person, while offering an interactive video conference option for those who prefer to "attend" while remaining at home. Updates regarding the 2021 reunion will be given in upcoming newsletters.

Please keep in mind that presentation materials from past annual meetings are posted on the website at www.edmund-rice.org/library.

~ Katrina Rice Schmidt

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1921-1922	H. Eugene Rice	1955	Charles W. Rice	1979-1980	C. Whiting Rice
1923-1924	John E. Rice	1956-1957	Edgar W. Rice	1981-1982	William H. Drury
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1929-1931		1959-1960	Donald H. Whittemore	1984-1985	Janice R. Parmenter
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1935-1936	Daniel H. Rice	1964-1965	William H. Hoefler	1988-1989	Alex W. Snow
1937-1939	Elsie Hawes Smith	1966-1967	Ray Lawther Ellis	1990-1993	John S. Bates
1940-1941	Sturgis C. Rice	1968	Edgar W. Rice	1994	Alex W. Snow
1942-1945	Arthur P. Rice	1969	Erwin R. McLaughlin	1995-1997	Frederick H. Rice
1946-1947	Everett E. Rice	1970-1973	Col. Allen F. Rice	1998-2006	Dr. Robert V. Rice
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1950-1951	Ralston F. Rice	1975	Charles W. Rice		

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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 Report Available on USB Flash Drive

Your Board of Directors (BoD) agreed that we would offer the nine-generation report to our members (only). The BoD approved a charge of \$10 plus \$5 shipping and handling postpaid for a USB flash drive containing the 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 conditions on the distribution of the report:

- 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 2020. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

Membership

Lost Members

Do you have any knowledge of the whereabouts of the following cousins?

Darcie Ball, Warrenton, MO
Daniel R. Evers, Atlanta, GA
Leonard R. Nilson, Augusta, ME
Neal P. Rice, Columbia, SC
Frederick B. Wichman, Hanalei, HI

New Life Members

Sarah Marie Franklin, Genisan, MI
Anita Tally, Joplin, MO

New Annual Members

Scott Barcelo, Watertown, MA
Roslyn Cutting Haddock, Woodland Park, CO
Nathan Houghton, Pataskala, OH
Julia Lenore Krapfl, Cascade, IA
Megan Roberts Lask, Winnipeg Manitoba, Canada
Kathleen Gaye Holtz Lyon, West Liberty, IA
Shannon Martins, Columbia, SC
Thomas Morgan, Stratham, NH
Joel Joseph Normand, Cave Creek, AZ
Ruth Saulnier, Timberlea, Nova Scotia, Canada
Jessica E Dunn Schaffer, Laureldale, PA
Raven Anthony Squire, Union City, NJ
Prescot M Storey, Palm Beach Gardens, FL
Kathleen VanSickle, Roseville, CA
Mary Walzer, Minden, NE
William I Young, Nunnally, TN

In Memoriam

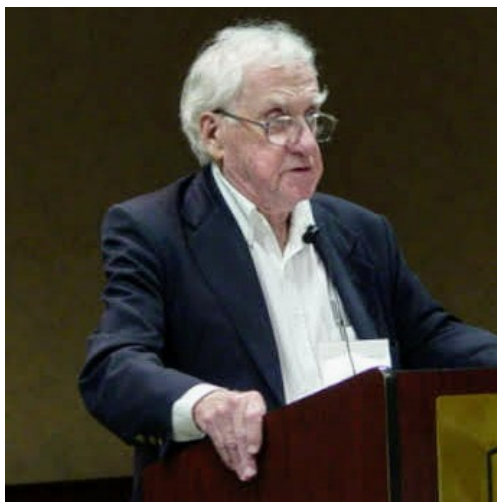


Geraldine R. (Rice) Foty, 93, of West Brookfield, MA, died on Friday, December 6, 2019, at Quaboag Rehabilitation and Skilled Care Center.

She leaves her daughter, Caroline Foty of Baltimore, MD; her son, Daniel Foty of Cambridge, VT; a sister-in-law, Janice Rice of Aiken, SC; as well as one grandchild, cousins and friends. She was predeceased by her husband of 49 years, Nicholas C. Foty in 2006, as well as her two younger brothers, Edward and Richard. She was born in Worcester, daughter of the late Leonard S. and Marie M. (Hallihan) Rice.

Mrs. Foty graduated from Clark University and taught English, French, and Spanish prior to her marriage. She wrote reviews and articles for the Worcester Telegram, the County Courier, the New Leader, and other publications.

Memorial donations may be made to West Brookfield Rescue Squad, P.O. Box, 540, West Brookfield, MA 01585.



Robert Vernon Rice, PhD, 95, of Falmouth, MA, died on Sunday, February 17, 2020.

Dr. Rice was born in Barre. He was the son of Laurence V. and Edith M. Rice.

He served in the US Army infantry during World War II. Among his duties was guarding German prisoners of war in several POW camps in the western United States. He used the GI Bill to finish his bachelor's degree in chemistry at Northeastern University and a PhD in biochemistry at the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Dr. Rice was among the pioneers of biological electron microscopy. He began the first biology laboratory at the Mellon Institute in Pittsburgh in 1954 and became professor of biology and chemistry when the Mellon Institute and Carnegie Institute of Technology merged to form Carnegie Mellon University.

He was a visiting professor at the Cardiovascular Research Institute, Medical School, University of California, San Francisco in 1962 and 1963.

He also spent summers doing research at the Marine Biological Laboratory from 1964 to 1987. He and his wife, Betty Jane Marts, bought a home on Sippewissett in 1967. His marriage ended in divorce in 1977.

After his retirement in 1987 he was active in the Falmouth community. Dr. Rice was one of the first five incorporators of Falmouth Community Television in 1991, serving as treasurer and later as president until 1997.

He was active in the Falmouth Genealogical Society, serving as vice president for programs from 2003 to 2006. He also helped visitors at Falmouth Public Library do genealogy research on Tuesday afternoons. Dr. Rice was a member of the New England Historic Genealogical Society in Boston and published several papers in its journal, *New England Ancestors*.

He was president of the Edmund Rice Association for many years and, since the male Rices in his family tree had been well documented, he concentrated on their wives' family lines. He made several trips to England and Scotland to view some of his ancestors' villages and discovered he was also a descendant of seven Mayflower passengers primarily through his grandmother Grace Walker Rice and her father, Vernon Walker, who was descended from Stephen Hopkins. Mr. Hopkins was at both Jamestown, Virginia, and Plymouth.

For 15 years after retirement Dr. Rice taught in the state-mandated "Drunk Drivers" program, first through Cape Counseling Agency, then subsequent mergers.

Dr. Rice leaves two sons, Lee R. Rice of Pittsburgh and Paul V. Rice of Philadelphia; a grandson, Patrick M. Rice of Philadelphia; a sister, Carol Rice Goldsmith of Barre; four nieces; one nephew; and several great-nieces and great-nephews.

He was preceded in death by a sister, Dorothy Rice Franciose, who died in 2014.



William J. Rice, PhD, retired chemical engineering educator, passed away peacefully on February 10, 2020.

William was born in Whallonsburgh, NY, and raised in Clinton, MA where he graduated from St. John's Grammar School and Clinton High School, which awarded him the Rensselaer Medal at graduation. He graduated with distinction from Worcester Polytechnic Institute in 1947 with a degree in chemical engineering and the following year earned a master's degree also in chemical engineering at WPI.

From 1948 to 1953 he was an instructor in chemical engineering at Catholic University of America in Washington, DC where he also taught chemistry. In the summer of 1952, he was a chemist (physical) at the National Bureau of Standards in Washington. For the next two summers he was employed at the Bound Brook, NJ plant of the American Cyanamid Co.

In 1953 he entered Princeton University where he earned his PhD. in chemical engineering in 1964. From 1957 until 1991 he was a professor of chemical engineering at Villanova University in Villanova, PA. Since 1991 he has been retired with the rank of Professor Emeritus from Villanova.

While at Villanova, he served as general arrangements chairman for a national American Institute of Chemical Engineers meeting in Philadelphia. He was also a member of the Villanova University Senate, its Rank and Tenure Committee, and its Faculty Affairs Committee.

Other professional experience includes a summer with Arco Chemical Co., a year with the Institute of Energy Conversion of the University of Delaware, and consulting for the Institute for another year.

After retiring he joined the choir of his church, St. Pius X, in Broomall, PA. He became a volunteer with the Philadelphia Studio of Recording for the Blind and Dyslexic where he served as recording monitor, reader, checker, and monitor trainer. He served as a packer and scheduler for the Marple-Newtown Chapter of Meals on Wheels. He was a participant in Elderhostel Service programs in Midway Atoll (monitoring Hawaiian monk seals) and in Siedlce, Poland (teaching conversational English to Polish children at a summer camp.)

He was a member of St. Pius X Catholic Church in Broomall; the parish Holy Name Society which he served for many years as secretary, treasurer and president; the American Institute of Chemical Engineers; Tau Beta Pi; Sigma Xi; the Alumni Leadership Council of Worcester Polytechnic Institute; and the Society of Mayflower Descendants. For five years he was chairman of the WPI Class of 1947 Board of Directors and simultaneously chairman of the 50th Reunion Committee.

A major retirement project was genealogy of the Rice family. He and his wife, Virginia, regularly attended opera performances in Philadelphia and New York.

William is survived by his wife, Virginia (nee Markealli) Rice; his six stepchildren, his niece, Elaine M. Curt (George A.) and nephew, Robert A. Scanlon (Patricia K.). He is also survived by many grand-nieces, grand-nephews and cousins.

Contributions to Worcester Polytechnic Institute, c/o University Advancement, 100 Institute Road, Worcester, PA 01609-2280, giving@wpi.edu, would be appreciated.

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.

Life Membership

Consider a Life Membership.

By paying one single payment of \$300.00 you will never have to worry about remembering to pay your annual dues!

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

BECAUSE WE DID NOT MEET IN PERSON THIS YEAR, YOU MAY HAVE FORGOTTEN TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.

**PLEASE SEND IN THE MEMBERSHIP FORM
(LAST PAGE OF THIS NEWSLETTER)
WITH YOUR ANNUAL DUES, OR CONSIDER A LIFE MEMBERSHIP.**

In Celebration

*Happy Birthday, dear cousins!
We hope you have many more!*

OCTOBER

Christina Estabrook Allen, Lexington Park, MD
Elspeth Belair, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Canada
Barbara A Bodeen, Yamhill, OR
Sheree K Brown, Northampton, MA
Bernadine Rice Cascarano, Lake Forest, IL
Norman L Cooper, Canyon Lake, TX
John B Davidson, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, Canada
Maribeth DelGiudice, East Greenwich, RI
Geneva M Garrett, Santa Anna, TX
Nancy Janisz, Oviedo, FL
Leon King, Elk Grove, CA
Carol Kosicki, Holliston, MA
Nancy Lennhoff, North Andover, MA
Eleanor Lockington, Norfolk, VA
Rita V O'Connell, Hyde Park, MA
Robin Pewtress, Boise, ID
Dennis H Rice, East Douglas, MA
Gregory A Rice Sr, Eugene, OR
Jeffrey M Rice, Wayland, MA
Michele Rice, Lincoln, NE
William S Rice, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
William W Rice, Parkville, MO
Jessica E Dunn Schaffer, Laureldale, PA
Joella Schultz, Tucson, AZ
Bertyne Rice Smith, Lee, MA
Raven Anthony Squire, Union City, NJ
Judy Toffoli, Sault Ste Marie, Ontario, Canada
Katherine Truesdell, Twentynine Palms, CA
James H Tyler, Dewey Beach, DE
Pamela Ware, Corfu, NY
Bonnie J Wiley, Cambridge, IL

NOVEMBER

Betty L Adams, Stayton, OR
Elizabeth Alcorn, Worcester, MA
Kent Baker, Menomonee Falls, WI
Linda Bryant, Winter Spring, FL
Melinda S Crawford, Moscow, ID
Bill Deming, Shelburne, VT
Cynthia Edmonds, Winter Park, FL
Jennifer R Edwards, Lillian, AL
Priscilla Foss, Stow, MA
Dale Gunn, Hudson, MA
Sandra Hewlett, CG, Phoenixville, PA
Stephen Hollands, Takoma Park, MD
Elizabeth Johnson, Delran, NJ
Charlene K Keith, Keene, NH
David Lawrence, Papillion, NE
William Lear, Solon Springs, WI
Heather J McPherson, Indianapolis, IN
William S Miller, Norman, OK
Walter T Morrissey, New York Mills, NY
Jeanette Ockunzzi, Niceville, FL
John A Parker, MD, Newton, MA
Ariel Rice, Jackson, MI
Bradford Rice, Westborough, MA
Daniel M Rice, Crown Point, NY
David W Rice Jr, Livermore, CA
Edmund C Rice, Wayland, MA
Frances M Rice, Princeton, MA
James P Rice Jr, Westport, NY
Paul D Rice, New Berlin, IL
Roger A Rice, Holden, MA
Samuel Rice, Jackson, MI
Yaqirah Rice, Jackson, MI
Elizabeth Smith, Rockport, MA
Lorraine Thomas, Felton, CA
Judith Tough, Port Townsend, WA
Rima M Tyler, Fort Worth, TX
William I Young, Nunnally, TN

DECEMBER

Helen Bell, Allen, MI
Susan Bachman, Wellfleet, MA
Donna Barnes, Ortonville, MI
Jean Drury Groves, Springfield, VA
LouAnne Irene Hayes, Salem, OR
Elizabeth Calvert Hickman, Houston, TX
Julia McClure, Port Townsend, WA
Gail Nettles, Seneca, SC
Beth Ann Perry, North Ridgeville, OH
Paul W Piatkowski, Fischer, TX
Benjamin J Rice, Keene, NH
Brian C Rice, New York, NY
Dan H Rice, Midland, MI
Donald C Rice, New York, NY
Doyle Rice, Jackson, MI
Julie A Rice-Rollins, Oklahoma City, OK
Marilyn J Rice, Fountain Valley, CA
Robert W Rice, East Moriches, NY
Thomas B Rice, Seattle, WA
Virginia L Rice, Broomall, PA
Martha Wood, Lexington, MA



Annual Meeting Recap

Virtual ERA Reunion – 2020 Style

Registrants: *Kathleen Bond, John Chandler, Lisa Gilbert, Dale Gunn, George King, Leon King, Susan Kuzmak, Eleanor Lockington, Beth McAleer, Bob and Lisa McLaughlin, Kevin Mullen, Martha Pierce, Jaine Place, Carleton Procter, Brian Rice, David Rice, Doyle Rice, Janet Rice, Jeff Rice, Joanne Rice, Mike Rice, Paul Rice, Stephen Rice, Thomas and Rosemary Rice, Peg Ross, Tim Sanford, Joan Schacht, Katrina Rice Schmidt, Margaret Stehle, Daphne T Stevens, Judy Rice Toffoli, Diane Rice Young, Margery Zeller*

Because of the ongoing pandemic, the Edmund Rice (1638) Association was forced to try a novel format for the annual reunion and corporate meeting. Instead of meeting for two days in person at a hotel or similar venue, we compressed the event into a two-hour electronic virtual meeting over Zoom, with most members joining the meeting using both video and audio connections. In principle, we could have straddled twelve time zones with members living in places from France to Hawai'i, but we actually covered only four time zones, and therefore the meeting was held entirely in the (local) time range from mid-morning to mid-afternoon on Saturday, the 26th of September, 2020.

The obvious advantage of the electronic format was that it allowed members to participate who could not have come in person, even in normal times, but the corresponding disadvantage was that members without high-speed internet connections could participate only by audio (telephone).

The reunion began at 1 pm EDT with approximately 30 members in (virtual) attendance. The number of attendees fluctuated during the course of the meeting, as participants came and went, and at one point, the total stood at 34 out of the 39 people who were registered.

After opening remarks by President John Chandler, the (virtual) floor was turned over to Treasurer Michael Rice, who gave a presentation dubbed "Edmund Rice 101" -- covering many of the highlights of what is known about our ancestor, as well as what is NOT known (i.e., his parentage). The presentation was well received and sparked much discussion and many questions.

Chandler, putting on his Historian hat, then gave a presentation on the ERA family database, including such details as the current size (290,197), the number of persons added in the past year (33,352), and the number of cousins who contributed to the growth during this year (10). He showed graphs that illustrated the growth of the database and, in particular, a milestone achieved during the year: the members of the 10th generation in the database now, for the first time, outnumber the members of the 9th. Needless to say, with a goal of eventually including all Edmund Rice descendants (numbering now in the millions), much remains to be done. In addition, he demonstrated the latest edition of the on-line six-generation database. Many of the questions asked afterwards related to how to go about submitting additional data for inclusion in the database.

After the presentations, President John Chandler called the business meeting to order, and, to save time, followed a shorter agenda than in previous annual meetings. He noted that the minutes of the last annual meeting had been published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Michael Rice then gave a brief report for the year past, indicating total income of \$9,632.79 (mostly reunion fees and dues) and total expenses of \$8,297.23 (mostly 2019 reunion and newsletter costs).

Chandler then reported the deliberations of the Nominating Committee, which met the previous week. All but one of the current officers and directors had expressed willingness to continue serving, and the committee regretfully accepted the decision of the one exception, Wendolin Wesen, who has been active in the ERA for many years. The slate presented by the committee is as follows:

Officers:

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

Directors:

George W King
Leon King
Beth McAleer
Carleton Procter
Doyle Rice
Timothy Sanford
Katrina Rice Schmidt

Chandler called for nominations from the floor, but none came. Michael Rice moved to elect the slate as presented; Carleton Procter seconded the motion; and the motion was passed unanimously.

John Chandler spoke on the DNA projects and answered questions about it.

John Chandler spoke about current plans for next year's reunion, which can only be tentative because of uncertainty about the future course of the pandemic. If all goes well, the reunion will be held at the Luther Rice homestead on September 24-25, 2021. In addition, he called for ideas about locations for future reunions, not necessarily confined to the neighborhood of Sudbury, Massachusetts; some sites already under consideration are Salt Lake City and Nova Scotia. A question was raised about video taping future meetings, so that members who could not attend could still see the proceedings. We probably already have the necessary expertise within the ERA to arrange that.

With no further business raised, it was moved, seconded, and passed to adjourn at 2:46 p.m. However, the members in attendance were invited to remain on-line for socializing, and the virtual meeting place remained open until 3:10 p.m.

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

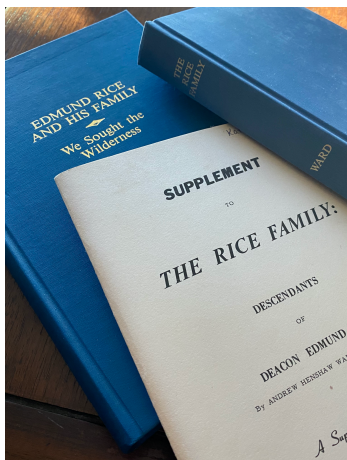
2021 ANNUAL REUNION

SEPTEMBER 24-25, 2021

TENTATIVE LOCATION:

LUTHER RICE HOMESTEAD, NORTHBOROUGH, MA

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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Queries and News

August 12, 2020 correspondence between Tim Riter and John Chandler, ERA President and Historian:

Tim: Hello, this is Tim Riter, and my father was Lynn Thurston Rice Riter, the son of Percy Bunyan Rice, born in Denton TX in 1876, whose father was Charles Nelson Rice of Bath KY, 1844 to 1920, whose father was John Holman Rice of Carter or Bath Counties, 1818 to ?, whose father was Reverend Campbell Rice, Bath KY, 1778 to 1846, whose father was Charles Rice of VA. I believe we would be in Group 4.

John: That's certainly possible. You can find out for sure by doing the Y-DNA test at FTDNA. Note that FTDNA is having a sale until the end of August, and so this might be a good time to try it.

Tim: I have a done an Ancestry DNA test lately, and would be glad to share that. A friend Robin Joy Miller, is doing the bulk of the research.

John: I'm afraid that won't help in determining which group you belong to.

Tim: My main concern is to learn about what happened to my grandfather, Percy Bunyan Rice. My grandmother, whom he left when she became pregnant with my father, thought he died in San Diego in 1937, but some undocumented sources list him dying in 1928. My dad believed his dad called him in 1928 or 29, without identifying himself.

I would greatly appreciate any information you could give about my Rice family, and especially Percy.

John: We have no information on Percy. We do have a project participant who claims descent from Campbell Rice, but I don't have any details about the links in between. I can put you in touch if you wish.

Good luck in your search.

December 7, 2020 correspondence between Marty Flanagan and John Chandler, ERA President and Historian:

Marty: I could not remember if I paid this past Sept 2020. So I paid by Paypal tonight.

John: Apparently, you did pay already. The membership list as of September showed you as paid up through September 2021. That means you are now paid up through 2022.

Marty: Could you direct me to the full tree after you clear my membership?

John: I'm not sure what you mean by "full". Are you saying you want a copy of the nine-generation version of the ERA database? To get one, you need to follow the directions as published in the newsletter:

Nine-Generation Rice Database Available on USB Flash Drive. Your Board of Directors (BoD) agreed that we would offer the nine-generation report to our members (only). The BoD approved a charge of \$10 plus \$5 shipping and handling postpaid for a USB flash drive containing the 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!

Marty: I would also like to share my research via gedcom.

John: Excellent! You can email me the GEDCOM file, and I will import it and convert it to the conventions we use in the database and send you back a report of how it will look, which you can then check out and confirm that it is ok. The first thing to do is to determine where our database information stops, and your report picks up. The report I send back will be confined to the "new" data, so that you need not proofread the duplicated material. Note that the file you send should include data down to the present day, and the report I send back will do likewise, but the information about living persons will be treated as confidential and will not be shared with anyone else. In any case, I note that there are several other contributions pending, and so it will likely be a matter of weeks before I can get to yours.

Who needs a Quarantine Project?

By now, your cupboards and garage are fully organized,
your yard is in tip-top shape, and your genealogy project is at a stopping point,
right?

Well, on to the next project!

Would you like to help the Edmund Rice (1638) Association by volunteering?

An idea came up at the recent annual reunion to create an index of all of the ERA newsletters. Are you interested in contributing to this task? The idea is to index all of the topics within the newsletters in a comprehensive format that would make it easier for researchers to find that desired nugget of information.

ERA newsletters starting in 1960 are the website at <http://www.edmund-rice.org>.

Contact Katrina Rice Schmidt at editor@edmund-rice.org if you are interested in contributing to this worthwhile project.

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.

September 18, 2020 - For the first time in its 108 year history, the **Edmund Rice (1638) Association** announces that its **Annual Membership Meeting** will be held as a virtual web conference on Saturday September 26. Information about the meeting and membership in the organization can be found on the ERA website. <http://www.edmund-rice.org/reunion.htm>



Alex Rice

October 2, 2020 - Canadian First Nations Actress **Alex Rice (b. 1972)** is a descendant of Edmund by way of Silas Rice, son of Thomas Rice of Westborough, MA. Silas Rice was captured and taken to Canada in 1704 during Queen Anne's War. He was eventually baptized as a Catholic with the name of Jacques Thanhohorens, and he became a respected leader in the Kahnawake Mohawk community. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Alex_Rice

October 16, 2020 - **Elias Howe (1819-1867)** known for invention of the sewing machine was a descendant of Edmund Rice. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Elias_Howe



Elias Howe



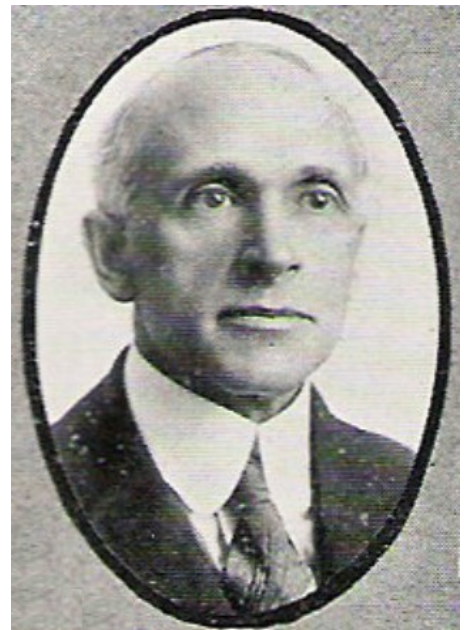
James Stephen Rice House 1895

November 20, 2020 - **James Stephen Rice (1846-1939)**, born in Cleveland, Ohio was a founding pioneer of Tustin California and pioneer in the California citrus industry. His father, Harvey Rice (1800-1891) was a politician and newspaperman credited with founding the Cleveland Plain Dealer. His sister Henrietta Maria Rice (1841-1874) was the wife of James Irvine I, the founder of the Irvine Ranch in Orange County, California. Archives of this branch of the Rice family are held in Special Collections at the University of California at Irvine.

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

December 1, 2020 - **Dr. Charles Reuben Keyes (1871-1951)** a descendant of Edmund Rice through the Thomas and Edward lines is known as a pioneering archaeologist, first describing the Mississippian or 'mound building' indigenous American culture in what is now Iowa and nearby midwestern states. He was a prime mover in the Congressional designation of Effigy Mounds as a national monument in 1949. His work influenced generations of anthropologists and archaeologists in elucidating the pre-history of North America.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_R._Keyes



Dr. Charles R. Keyes



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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.

The schedule of dues is as follows:

Under age 80	\$20.00
Age 80 and above	\$10.00
Life membership (in a single payment)	\$300.00

Annual dues are payable by September 1 st :	\$ _____
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You may send this form and pay your annual dues via PAYPAL - **OR** - by Check/Money Order made payable to Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc. Please send check/money order with this form to:

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