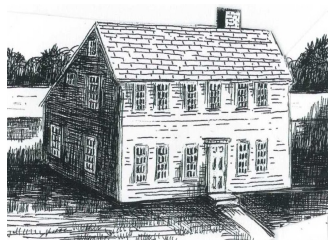


# Edmund Rice (1638) Association Newsletter

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Deacon Edmund Rice Homestead  
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The Edmund Rice Association publishes the newsletter four times a year: 1) Winter, 2) Spring, 3) Summer, and 4) Fall. The summer newsletter is devoted to the annual September Reunion and includes a description of the program and registration information. The other three newsletters include information of more general interest to our members. We invite all cousins to submit their genealogical information, newsletter corrections, items of interest, family articles and pictures, obituaries and queries. Send them to the newsletter editor: at [editor@edmund-rice.org](mailto:editor@edmund-rice.org)

## President's Column



Greetings, cousins!

First, let me make a tiny announcement. I have a new grandson! I had a role to play in the proceedings, too, namely, to take care of my granddaughter while her parents were busy elsewhere. According to plan, I transferred from one household "bubble" to another and spent the better part of a week at my son's apartment and was therefore on hand when the new arrival came home. I must admit that I hadn't held a newborn in over 30 years, and I was amazed at how small he was. (He is my second grandchild, but the first was born in California, and I didn't see her until many months later.)

In any case, this event was certainly a great way to break up the monotony of staying home virtually all of the time, and getting out only "virtually," since the winter weather often precludes outdoor social distancing. Of course, I have plenty of things to keep me busy indoors, as I commented in my last column, with not only work, but also genealogical research. Just today, I read a story by Isaac Asimov about a dinner guest who happens to be an amateur genealogist. The story doesn't go into any details of this hobby, but it does point out that genealogy is a good way to occupy a lot of time.

Thanks to the cousins who have sent me data for inclusion in the ERA family database.

Now for an update on the state of FamilySearch. I have been taking advantage of the relatively new feature that allows users to enter corrections to the index -- a long-awaited upgrade that can compensate for indexers called upon to extract names and places that are outside of their familiar territory and recorded in antique handwriting that may have been barely legible even when it was the current style. Unfortunately, part of this feature is dangerous: a scheme to enforce standardized place names wherever possible. (I believe it's also present in the tools used by the indexers.) The software tries to anticipate and guide the user to a "correct" place name based on the first letters typed, and the consequences can be terrible if the user isn't paying close enough attention. Events that happened here in New England can be accidentally tagged into similar place names in other parts of the USA or in England or even in Croatia. A bit of advice: when looking up census data, focus on birthplaces, rather than census locations, since the former generally consist of only a high-level name and are therefore unlikely to be corrupted in this way.

~ John Chandler

## Edmund Rice (1638) Association Newsletter

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

Deadline for spring issue 2021 is April 30, 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

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*Your help with this is greatly appreciated.*

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### Editor's Column

Hello cousins,

If you are looking for a meaningful volunteer project, please consider helping the Edmund Rice (1638) Association by contributing to the ERA Newsletter Indexing Project. The project involves indexing all of the topics within the newsletters starting in 1960 to present. The newsletters are currently located in PDF format at <http://www.edmund-rice.org>.

Please contact me at [editor@edmund-rice.org](mailto:editor@edmund-rice.org) if you are interested in helping.

Also, fingers crossed that we will be able to have an in-person reunion in September. The Covid19 vaccine is now being administered, and I am hopeful that we all are vaccinated by then.

*~ Katrina Rice Schmidt*

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

The Edmund Rice (1638) Association, 183 Prospect Hill Road, Harvard, MA 01451 was established in 1851 and incorporated in 1934 to encourage antiquarian, genealogical, and historical research concerning the ancestors and descendants of Edmund Rice who settled in Sudbury, Massachusetts in 1638, and to promote fellowship among its members and friends.

The Association is an educational, non-profit organization recognized under section 501(c)(3) of the Internal Revenue Code.

## ERA Database

Our computer database has been and will continue to be essential for DNA studies for Edmund Rice descendants and the descendants of other early Sudbury families. We need your continuing support. If you have not submitted your family line to us, why wait any longer? Have Questions? Contact our Historian at: [john.chandler@alum.mit.edu](mailto: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!

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### Lost Member

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

**David Putnam**, Ipswich, MA

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Please renew your membership if you haven't already. Please send in the membership form (last page of this newsletter), with your annual dues, or consider a "Life" membership.



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

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William Rice, Rensselaerville, NY

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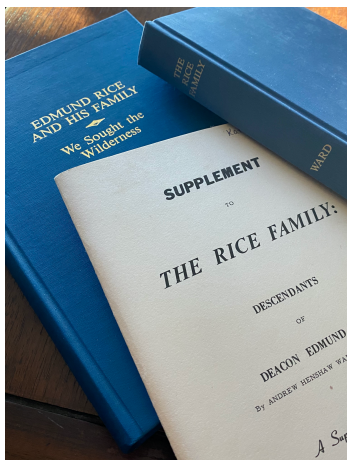
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*If you have a birthday in January, February, or March and do not see your name on one of these lists, please send your information to  
Kathleen Bond at [membership@edmund-rice.org](mailto:membership@edmund-rice.org).  
She will update the database with your correct information.*

## 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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## Whatever Happened to Edmund and Ann?

by John F. Chandler, ERA Historian

Sharp-eyed readers of the Internet may notice that the ERA on-line database makes no mention of two of the eleven children attributed to Deacon Edmund Rice on page 5 of *The Rice Family* by Andrew Henshaw Ward. #8 Edmund and #11 Ann are omitted. To be more precise, they are not mentioned in the biography of the deacon. Nonetheless, the database does have entries for #8 and #11, but these are not connected as Edmund's children (and therefore not shown on-line) because neither person actually existed.

In the case of #8 Edmund "Jr", the explanation is simple. As Ward describes on page 9, there is an entry in the Middlesex County probate files from 1714 in the name of Edmund Rice of Sudbury, with an inventory of various pieces of property, administered by Mathew and Isaac Rice. This, of course, was decades after the death of the deacon, and so it would seem logical that some other Rice named Edmund had just died intestate. However, there is no record of an Edmund Rice dying then in Sudbury, and Ward states categorically that "no record of his ever having m[arried], or of his residence, or death, or settlement of any estate belonging to him, has ever been discovered." In short, there is no evidence that such an Edmund ever existed. Who could he be?

Since the two known Rice grandsons named Edmund were both still living at the time, the obvious candidates would be an otherwise unknown grandson or a son Edmund. Then again, the fact is that the heirs to the property in question, as shown by their receipts in the probate file, were the grandchildren (or spouses or attorneys thereof) of the deacon. Indeed, Mathew Rice was the only surviving son as of 1714. As it happens, all of the deacon's sons besides Mathew (but none of the daughters) are represented by the existing receipts, and that rules out the possibility of an otherwise unknown grandson, since his heirs would be only his wife and children, if any, or only his parents or siblings otherwise. The same reasoning applies to any other, more distant relations. Finally, the heirs at law of a son Edmund Jr who died without issue and without a will would be all of his siblings, not just his brothers. Therefore, the property in question was most likely *not* the estate of a recently deceased Edmund, but rather an undivided legacy of the deacon himself held in common by his sons until only one was left. In other words, no Edmund Jr.

#11 Ann is another story entirely. Ward gives her precise date of birth, Nov. 19, 1661, and makes a guess at a possible marriage for her, but on the very next page he also presents an Anna Rice, daughter of Edward and Ann Rice, with the exact same date of birth! If we turn to the published vital records of Sudbury, we find there is indeed an Ann Rice born on that date, but just one, and her parents were Edward and Ann. As it happens, this record was not found in the town book in Sudbury itself, but rather in one of the annual reports of the town clerk to the county court. Still, the information is official and contemporaneous and therefore likely to be quite accurate. It seems clear that Ward should have paid closer attention to the data and paused to consider the implausibility of such a doubling. Why didn't he?

In fact, Ward was not the first to assert this improbability, though its origin is not entirely clear. It does not appear in the 1829 *Genealogical Register of the First Settlers of New England* of John Farmer, but the format of that work did not provide for an enumeration of Edmund Rice's children. At any rate, the earliest instance I have seen of this audacious claim is the 1847 *History of Framingham* by William Barry; Ward followed in 1858; and James Savage repeated it in the 1860 *Genealogical Dictionary of the First Settlers of New England* (but apparently committed a typographical error that changed one of the birth dates from the 19<sup>th</sup> to the 9<sup>th</sup> of November, thereby rendering it less absurd). Even Josiah Temple, who normally did much better, in his own *History of Framingham* in 1887 repeated the misattribution of Ann to Edmund. However, Temple's genealogy section was more narrowly focussed on Framingham and therefore followed up on only Henry among

Edmund's sons, thereby missing the juxtaposition of the duplicated data. But why the duplication in the first place?

It seems that genealogists in the mid-nineteenth century knew that Deacon Edmund's children included eight by his first wife (Thomasine) and two by his second (Mercy), but the names of the latter two were not well known because they were not stated in his probate records, being very young when he died in 1663. The 1659 birth of Ruth Rice to Edmund and Mercy was duly recorded in the annual Sudbury report to the county, but the other child's birth was not found anywhere. In recent times, it was discovered through a land transaction that the "missing" child was a second Lydia, as reported on the first page of the *Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants*, but Barry (or whoever) did not know that and apparently felt compelled to come up with a name somehow, anyhow. I can only guess at the line of reasoning, but I imagine it went something like this: the inventor of this idea assumed the vital records were complete, but slightly wrong. Thus, the missing child of Edmund and Mercy would be somewhere in the town book or annual reports, but somehow garbled. A child recorded as born to Edward and Ann could fit that picture, and 1661 would do nicely, and so Ann was elected! But then due diligence compelled (most of) the genealogists to include the literally recorded Ann in her proper place as well, and thus the silly duplication.

When the database is next updated, brief renditions of these explanations will be included, so that future visitors will not have to wonder why the two are "missing."

## Queries and News

**December 29, 2020 email between Tony Squire <rasjismab@yahoo.com> and John Chandler, ERA President and Historian**

**Subject: Information on Juda Rice?**

**Tony:** I ask if it's possible for a member to post a query in the Newsletter in order to find the parentage of a Rice descendant in my maternal Tree?

I have a Rice, Juda b. 24 August 1812, Swanzee, New Hampshire. d. 19 Jan 1878, Tyringham, Massachusetts. Sp. Nash, Ebenezer b. c. 1807 Taunton, Massachusetts. d. 4 August 1857, Tyringham, Massachusetts. I have no further information on Rice, Juda.

**John:** Yes, certainly. I am cc'ing the newsletter editor on this reply.

I can give you a little information right off. The death record of Juda (Rice) Nash includes the names and birthplaces of her parents: Peter and Juda Rice, both born in Swanzey. Of course, this is hearsay, but at least the names are probably right. Note that the mother is listed as "Juda Rice", but that is not a reliable indication of her maiden name. However, the birth records for two other children born to Peter Rice in Swanzey show the mother as "Judith Smith", and that is most likely the same woman as "Juda \_\_\_\_".

Unfortunately, I don't have any information about this Peter Rice. However, the posting of the query might elicit some response. Good luck in your search.

**January 9, 2021 email between Debra Novotny <[deb.novotny@gmail.com](mailto:deb.novotny@gmail.com)> and John Chandler, ERA President and Historian:**

**Subject: Boulder - Tombstone**

**Debra:** My name is Debra Novotny and I am a Licensed Battlefield Guide at Gettysburg.

I am trying to find all of the legally removed boulders from the battlefield. I am wondering if General Rice's tombstone in Arlington might be one them.

**John:** I guess you are referring to Edmund Rice (1842-1906), though there was at least one other Gen. Rice who fought at Gettysburg. In any case, I have no specific information about his gravestone. I see there are photos of it on findagrave.com, and the bronze plaque specifically mentions Gettysburg, so it seems quite possible that the boulder was fetched there from the battlefield. There are numerous obituaries of him at GenealogyBank, and one of them might have some details about his funeral arrangements.

Another possibility would be to look through obituaries for his wife Elizabeth who was buried with him a dozen years later. That's about all I can think of for places to look, aside from Gettysburg itself. If you like, I can forward your query to our newsletter editor for publication in the next issue.

Meanwhile, I am cc'ing our Treasurer, who may have some ideas.

**Debra:** Thanks for replying John. I do mean Edmund Rice who was a Col of the 19th MA Infantry regiment at Gettysburg. He was a recipient of the Medal of Honor for bravery on the third day. His unit helped repulse elements of Pickett's Charge near the Copse of Trees (the High Water Mark). Thanks for the leads to the obit. I have been to his grave at Arlington and have always wondered about the boulder - tombstone. If you ever hear anyone at the Edmund Rice Association about it, please let me know. I'd appreciate it! Have a great weekend.  
Deb

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**January 25, 2021 email between Mike Sapp <[mpcssapp@comcast.net](mailto:mpcssapp@comcast.net)> and John Chandler, ERA President and Historian:**

**Subject: Ann, Daughter of Edmund and Mercy?**

**Mike:** Sir, Would you please illuminate why Ann b. 19 Nov 1661 is not shown as the last daughter of Deacon Rice? Several old sources including some of those cited in the database (Temple, History of Framingham) lists her. If ERA has determined this not to be the case, it seems reasonable to provide a mention in the database as to why.  
Sincerely, Mike Sapp

**John:** I take your point that it would be helpful to comment in the on-line database on the disposition of Ann. However, it will be some time before that gets updated, and so I will respond directly to you here.

If you looked just a little more carefully at the on-line database index, you would find her there, listed as Anna, instead of Ann. The fact is, though, that she was a daughter of Edward, not Edmund, as is clearly stated in her



birth record. I see that Temple's History of Framingham follows Barry's previous work in misattributing her parentage, as does Savage's Genealogical Dictionary, and even Ward's book on the Rice Family does, too. However, all but Temple give full coverage to Edmund's grandchildren and duly list Ann/Anna also in her proper place among Edward's children. It seems to me that Barry (or possibly someone even earlier), knowing that Edmund had two children by his second wife, decided that the vital records must be wrong about some Rice child attributed to other parents and somehow settled on Ann as the likeliest candidate. I can't think of any other explanation, though it's pretty lame, I must admit.

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**January 27, 2021 email from Kevin Mullen <[kevinbrianmullen@yahoo.com](mailto:kevinbrianmullen@yahoo.com)> to Rice cousins:**

**Kevin:** Hi cousins, I've been named a Kentucky Colonel. My friend Doug Collins in the SAR nominated me for this honor.

Do you know if anyone else in the Rice family to get this honor?

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**January 28, 2021 email from Beth McAleer [beth.mcaleer@bc.edu](mailto:beth.mcaleer@bc.edu) to ERA Board of Directors:**

**Beth:** Hello, fellow, ERA Board members, I just received a complimentary copy of a book published by NEHGS that includes the article written by Bob Rice and myself several years ago:

A New England Native American Reader, Volume 1. New England Historic Genealogical Society, 2020. This book includes an article by Edmund Rice Association members Beth McAleer and Robert V. Rice, "Y-DNA Secures Identity of Rice Mohawk Native American with Edmund Rice Haplotype," originally published in New England Ancestors 6:4 (Fall 2005) p. 48-50.

I hope everyone is doing well!  
Cousin Beth

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**February 3, 2021 email from Dean Foster <[deanfoster444@gmail.com](mailto:deanfoster444@gmail.com)> to Newsletter Editor,**

**Subject: A World Record for the Rice family**

**Dean:** Hi, I am a new member to the family. I am partner to Laurie Chicoine, a descendant of the Rice and Hillary line. I am putting together a world record event in which I will be (or possibly) doing a record size caricature of Gitz Rice to honor the heroes of the world wars.

I would like to invite you to my Facebook page Dean Foster and find my Guinness Book of records event there. I'd love to have the family follow this to the end which will be around September this year.

<https://www.facebook.com/WorldRecordCaricature>

I look forward to hearing from you.

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## Lieutenant Ingraham “Gitz” Rice

Ingraham “Gitz” Rice, was an Edmund Rice descendant who was at one time a celebrity as a composer and performer. According to ERA President John Chandler, “If you are familiar with the WWI-era popular song “Mademoiselle from Armentieres” (also known as “Hinky Dinky Parlez Vous”), it is the sort of song that potentially has hundreds of verses, mostly “unprintable”, but I learned two clean-enough verses of it at my mother’s knee. There is a version published in the US with the music credited to Gitz Rice and three clean-enough verses credited to someone else. Gitz Rice had been in the Canadian Army in WWI, but his career as a celebrity was in the US.” Check out the ERA Facebook page with more on Gitz Rice.

### **Gitz Rice’s Genealogy:**

*Rice was a direct descendant of Edmund Rice, an early English immigrant to Massachusetts Bay:*

*Ingraham “Gitz” Rice died in New York City in 1947, son of*

*Amos Ingraham Rice (1850 - 1912), son of*

*Robert Muckford Rice (1807-1892), son of*

*Beriah Rice Jr (1747 – 1818), son of*

*Beriah Rice (1702 – 1764), son of*

*Thomas Rice (1654 – 1747), son of*

*Thomas Rice (1626 – 1681), son of*

*Edmund Rice (1594 – 1663)*

*The following article was copied in its entirety from the Library and Archives Canada, found at <https://www.bac-lac.gc.ca>.*

### **Lieutenant Gitz Rice, singer, entertainer, songwriter and pianist (1891-1947)**



The name of Lieutenant Gitz Ingraham Rice is most closely associated with the patriotic songs he wrote during the First World War, and with the concert parties that became a big part of building the morale of Canadian troops in the trenches in Europe.

Rice was born in New Glasgow, Nova Scotia in 1891. He moved to Montréal to study at the McGill Conservatory and subsequently joined the Army's First Canadian Contingent as a gunnery officer. During the First World War, he was posted to active service in Europe, where he fought in several battles, including those at Ypres, the Somme and Vimy Ridge.

Rice was one of the many Canadian soldiers and army officers who soon found themselves taking on the additional important service of organizing and performing in home-grown stage shows, to entertain their fellow soldiers on the front lines between battles.

The forerunner of these military "concert parties" was the Princess Patricia's Canadian Light Infantry Comedy Company, for which Rice sometimes played the piano. This first entertainment troupe was formed in May 1916.

Rice and the other soldiers who took part in the Princess Pat's Comedy Company and similar troupes, were better suited to these activities than were professional entertainers, as they did not require extra pay and they were already trained for the dangers of the front lines. The soldier-entertainers wrote and rehearsed new material during lulls in active duty.



It was in this way that, in addition to singing and playing the piano for the concert parties, Rice turned his hand to songwriting. Rice became known for hit songs such as "Dear Old Pal of Mine", in which a soldier laments his absence from his girlfriend. The first line states, "All my life is empty, since I went away"; and the refrain affirms the soldier's loneliness: "Oh, how I want you, dear old pal".

Rice's song was popularized by the singer John McCormack, who adopted it as his signature tune. It is a typical popular song of the First World War era and was recorded variously as a ballad, a waltz and a foxtrot, as well as being released in sheet-music form. Rice was on active duty in Ypres, Belgium, when he composed the theme of this song.

"Dear Old Pal" got even more exposure, along with another of Rice's patriotic war-time compositions, "On the Road That Leads to Home", as part of the army recruitment play, *Getting Together*, which was staged in New York City

in 1918. A later edition of the *Edison Amberol Records* newsletter said about "Dear Old Pal of Mine": "It is one of those simple melodies that goes straight to the heart, and is unforgettable". The song was also recorded in French by a fellow Canadian, Hector Pellerin, on Edison Amberol Records, as "Cœur blessé".

Rice was among the earliest musicians to record on Herbert Berliner's 216000 Series, which had been launched in 1916. On this label he sang with the well-known Canadian singer Henry Burr (Harry McClaskey) and others on "Til the World is Free", by H.S. Bell. Such patriotic songs as these enjoyed popularity after Berliner and Pathé recorded them during the First World War, in part because they expressed the feelings of the nation.

Some sources have also attributed the wartime ditty "Mademoiselle from Armentières, parlez-vous?" to Rice, but the authorship of this classic song is less certain. According to one version of events, Rice wrote his own lyrics to this tune, while in a café in Armentières, France in 1915. The lyrics are said to immortalize the barmaid whom he watched serving drinks to soldiers. Some days afterwards, he sang his new lyrics for the Canadian troops of the Fifth Battery, Montréal, who were stationed nearby.



Another famous wartime legend that Rice is believed to have played a part in is the singing of Christmas carols with the enemy troops one Christmas Eve in the First World War. In this story, which has been retold in various forms, a piano had been brought to the front lines to entertain the Canadian troops in the trenches. Rice is thought to have been the soldier who played "Silent Night", and first the Canadian soldiers and then the enemy Germans, began to join in, each in their own language, temporarily laying down their arms to jointly celebrate the Christmas music.

Rice was one of many soldiers who were gassed at Vimy Ridge in 1917. Although he was incorrectly reported in some sources to have died there, he was in fact invalided out. He retained the position of officer in charge of musical entertainment of troops in Canada, which involved entertaining tens of thousands of troops weekly.

After the war, Rice continued to write and publish songs, and he travelled with vaudeville troupes. He also maintained professional associations with other Canadian musicians. For example, in late 1918 or early 1919, he was associated with the Henry Burr Music Corporation of New York City. By that time, Rice had made a name for himself as a successful writer of popular hits, including the wartime patriotic song "Keep Your Head Down, Fritz Boy", the title of which was a warning to the enemy. This song became a big seller for the

American Quartet with Billy Murray, who recorded it on the Victor label. Rice also recorded "Fun in Flanders", with Burr in 1918, on the Victor label.

In addition to these activities, Rice is listed among Canadian actors of the period. An audience member recalled seeing Rice in a variety show with the Marx Brothers, in a vaudeville theatre in Rhode Island, reciting the Rudyard Kipling poem "Mandalay" (Perelman, p. 624-625).

Rice continued writing songs and performing in the New York area. He joined forces with B.C. Hilliam to write the score for a stage musical, *Princess Virtue*, in the spring of 1921, but the show lasted only two weeks. In November 1925, he joined the Peerless Entertainers, organized by Frank Croxton (not to be confused with Burr's Peerless Quartet, with which the Peerless Entertainers competed). The Peerless Entertainers were available in New York City and for tours but, like Rice's earlier musical, this group was apparently not overly successful. In 1926, Rice again attempted a musical, this time with Werner Janssen. The show was called *Nic Nax of 1926*; Rice also performed in it.

Over the years, Rice also collaborated on several songs with lyricist Harold Robé, including his earlier success "Dear Old Pal of Mine", as well as "Because You're Here", and "Don't Forget You Belong to Me". Among the companies that recorded Rice's compositions was Delmar in Montréal. His other recording credits, aside from his own compositions, include making piano rolls for Ampico in the late 1920s, and singing on recordings for Victor and Pathé. Rice continued to be identified by his military rank of Lieutenant in record catalogues and listings.

Although details of Rice's later career are sketchy, it is known that he did occasionally sing and play the piano for audiences at the Maples Inn in Lakeside, Quebec (now part of Pointe Claire) in the 1940s. As well, during the Second World War, Rice again travelled to the front to entertain Canadian soldiers there. Rice died in New York, in October 1947, at the age of 56.

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



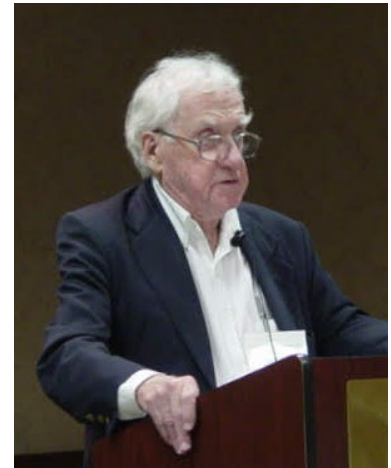
*Charles Francis Rice*

December 23, 2020 - Edmund Rice descendant **Charles Francis Rice (1851-1927)** was an author and prominent minister and leader in the Methodist Episcopal Church, who was also a professor of classics at Wesleyan University.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles\\_Francis\\_Rice](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Charles_Francis_Rice)

January 1, 2021 - **Dr. Robert Vernon Rice** who served as the president of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association from 1998-2006 passed away at his home in Falmouth Massachusetts on February 17, 2020. He was one of the key people leading the ERA's genetic genealogy projects beginning in 2000. As a result of his work we are aware of dozens of genetically distinct Rice families apart from the descendants of Edmund, as well as uncovering clues to Edmund's deep ancestry in East Anglia.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert\\_V.\\_Rice](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_V._Rice)



*Robert Vernon Rice*



*Frank Charles Partridge*

January 16, 2021 - Edmund Rice descendant **Frank Charles Partridge (1861-1943)** was a United States Ambassador to Venezuela and U.S. Consul in Morocco, and served as a U.S. Senator from Vermont. He served as a corporate Officer with the Vermont Marble Company and was very active in public service in Vermont.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank\\_C.\\_Partridge](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Frank_C._Partridge)





*George Walter Rice*

February 5, 2021 - 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.  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George\\_W.\\_Rice\\_\(photographer\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_W._Rice_(photographer))

February 5, 2021 - Canadian military officer and musical entertainer **Gitz Rice (1891-1947)** was a first cousin of George W. Rice, the arctic photographer lost during the Lady Franklin Bay Expedition. George Rice had his first training in photography in the studio of his uncle, Amos Ingraham Rice, who was Gitz's father.  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gitz\\_Rice](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gitz_Rice)



*Songbook cover of Gitz Rice's songs*

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