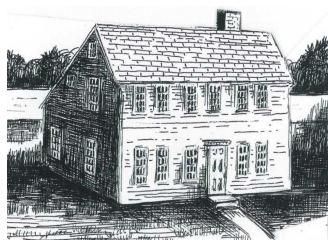


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Deacon Edmund Rice Homestead
Wayland, MA 1643 – 1912

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!

I recently took part in what seemed to me a momentous event -- I visited my office for the first time in over 14 months. The preparations for this event took more than a month, including negotiations over the date and time, participation in not one but two on-line courses of instruction on health and safety, and just plain waiting for approval from the two separate stake-holders in the building. This building is at present closed to everyone except essential maintenance and custodial staff, except for negotiable one-time visits of up to four hours. (It turns out that anyone seeking to spend more than four hours per week in the building is subject to even tighter restrictions for approval and required to have regular covid-19 testing, regardless of immunization status.) At any rate, the event came off with no fanfare, and my office was clean and as tidy as I left it last year. The building was -- naturally -- very quiet,

especially since I opted not to borrow one of the very noisy portable HEPA filters I was told were available in the second-floor lounge. In the end, I brought home some materials that I might need to refer to later, and the rush-hour traffic on the way was quite tolerable.

Another event of note, and almost certainly of more interest to you all, took place last month. The ERA Board of Directors met (virtually) and decided to proceed with plans for a physical reunion in the fall. As you can easily understand, we have been following the news anxiously, and our plans are still tentative and subject to possible disruption, but the signs look good at present -- as of last week, about 60% of the population of Massachusetts was fully vaccinated against covid-19 (including the two-week latency period after the final or only dose), and nearly half of the populations of big states like New York and California were similarly protected.

The planned reunion will be on Friday and Saturday, September 24-25, at the Luther Rice Homestead in Northborough, Massachusetts. We are hoping to make the Saturday session remotely available in real time via Zoom. Stay tuned for more details, and look for the usual final notice and registration materials in the summer newsletter and on-line at edmund-rice.org/reunion.htm (but note that the reunion web page still has last year's information as I write this).

~ John Chandler

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Send your articles, newsletter corrections,
member news, your children or grandchildren's
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queries to the newsletter editor:

email: editor@edmund-rice.org

Deadline for summer issue 2021 is July 15, 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

Age 80 and above.....\$ 10.00

Life membership.....\$300.00
(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,

This spring newsletter is being finalized on the last day of spring. By the time you receive this newsletter, it will be well into summer (and the summer heat!). If you've been following along since I took over the publishing of the newsletter in fall of 2018, you will have noticed this pattern. I believe it has something to do with procrastination. Fear not, the summer newsletter will go out in time for information and the registration form for the upcoming annual reunion at the Luther Rice Homestead in Northborough, Massachusetts on September 24-25. I'm fully vaccinated, and I am looking forward to seeing my Rice cousins once again!

~ Katrina Rice Schmidt

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EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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

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

ERA Database

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

Nine-Generation Rice 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 Member

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

Susan Berger, Idaho Falls, ID
LaRain Hudson, Westlake, OH
Ruth Saulnier, Timberlea, NS, Canada

New Annual Members

David Haugen, Minneapolis, MN
Marion Martin, West Columbia, SC
Paula Willard Munger, Evans, GA
Ann Wildman, Morrisville, VT

New Life Member

William Roger Ames, Worcester, MA

In Memoriam

Hope Pobst, Barre, MA
Henry "Norton" Rice, Leslie, MI
Robert T. Rice, Florence, MA

Additional Contributions

Thomas Gidley, Barrington, RI
David Haugen, Minneapolis, MN

REMEMBER TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!

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.

Obituaries

Hope Johnson Pobst, 93, passed away peacefully at home, just as she had always wished, on Wednesday January 20, 2021. Her husband of 65 years, John "Jay" Pobst, and her daughter Amy R. Pobst Scannell predeceased her, in 2016 and 2009, respectively..

She is survived by her two daughters, Carol B. Pobst of Barre, and Megan Virginia Pobst Cunningham of Washington DC and by her four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren: Megan's daughter Brandyn Hootstein Born of California, Brandyn's two daughters Ava Born and Brooke Born, and Megan's son Joshua Hootstein, and Amy's son Gordon Scannell, currently living in Utah, and Amy's daughter Emily Scannell King of Virginia.

Hope met John while they were both students at Antioch College in Ohio. She worked as a high school history teacher after graduation and as a nursery school aide after her daughters were born, while John worked as an engineer. She returned to Massachusetts with John and her three daughters in the mid-sixties. She worked for many years in the office of continuing education at Simmons College and John worked as a city planner. When she and John retired they moved back to her hometown of Barre.

Hope was a vibrant, spirited and energetic woman who was happiest carrying out, single-handedly, home improvement projects to the homes she made so beautiful. Her warmth and her unconditional love will be mourned by her disconsolate family who find succor in their grief from the countless good memories of our lives together.

A private graveside service for Hope will be held in Glen Valley Cemetery in Barre. A Celebration of Life will be held at a later date. Arrangements are under the care of Pillsbury Funeral Home 96 S. Barre Rd., Barre.



Henry "Norton" Rice, 83, was resting at his home on the family farm on April 6, 2021, when he went to be with the Lord. Henry, known to most people as Norton, was born on May 2, 1937, at that same family farm in Leslie, Michigan, the son of Foster and Mary Rice. He went on to graduate from Dansville High School before serving his country in the United States Army. Norton worked at Owens-Illinois in Charlotte, Michigan. He was a very talented musician; he was not only a gifted singer, but he also excelled at playing the piano and organ. He shared his musical talents with the world by performing at church, teaching piano lessons to local children, and was a proud member of the Lakewood Choral Society. When he wasn't devoting his time to his music, Norton was travelling to other countries or spending time in his garden. He loved planting flowers and had a vegetable garden that was known for its variety. Norton also enjoyed spending time with his family and friends.

Norton is preceded in death by his parents, Mary Amerila (Norton) and Foster Lyle Rice; brothers-in-law: John Hummel, James Hummel, and Larry Shipman; and sisters-in-law, Ruthann Rice and Pattee Rice. He is survived by his siblings: Martha Hummel, Lynn Rice, Ruth Hummel, Alice (Kendall) Goetz, Paul Rice, and Wayne Rice; many nieces and nephews; and numerous great and great-great-nieces and nephews.

In lieu of flowers, memorial contributions can be made in Norton's name to Heartland Hospice, 865 S. Cedar St, Mason, MI 48854, the Cancer Society, American Heart Association, or a charity of your choice.

Robert T. Rice - It is with profound sadness that I announce the passing of my husband and true love, Bob Rice, who lost his battle with heart disease on October 8. We are grateful for the doctors that have kept him alive this far, to all at Cooley Dickinson and Baystate Hospitals for their valiant efforts to keep him with us and for our special nurse David who guided us through the hardest journey.

Bob graduated from UMass in 1969 with a degree in Fine Arts. After an early teaching career in Great Barrington and a curatorship at Smith College Art Museum, he began his long career as an architectural designer. He was also a talented artist.

He deeply loved his family and friends, hiking, camping, his 1992 Saab convertible and our enchanted cat Sweet Pea.



Bob leaves his beloved wife Sue (Fabian) Rice; his heart-broken daughter Gail and her mother Carol Barcena; his brother-in-law Richie Fabian; brothers Stan, George and David and their spouses; his sister Patricia and many cousins, nieces and nephews. He is predeceased by his parents Stanley and Anne (Barber) Rice, and brother Andy.

Bob would want you to celebrate his life and his death. Raise a glass and toast his friendship, intelligence, wit and kindness. His gentle soul and mine will always be connected. When times become safe for us all to gather, we will honor him with a celebration of life.

CZELUSNIAK FUNERAL HOME is assisting the family. To Plant Memorial Trees in memory, please visit our [Sympathy Store](#). *Published in Daily Hampshire Gazette from Oct. 15 to Oct. 16, 2020*

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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2021 Annual ERA Reunion

September 24-25, 2021

Luther Rice Homestead, Northborough, MA

**There will be a live-stream option for those
who would like to “attend” remotely.**

**Details and registration form will be included in the
upcoming summer newsletter.**

In Celebration

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



APRIL

John S Bates, Henniker, NH
Ann Bull, Lehi, UT
Kenneth Casanova, Roslindale, MA
Ellen M Chambers, Raliegh, NC
David Clinton, Sequim, WA
Edmund Garno Jr, Longboat Key, FL
Mark Gottfredson, Colleyville, TX
Mary Harris, San Diego, CA
Roger D Hughes, Normal, IL
Carol R Jackson, Arcadia, CA
Sandra McDonald, Hampton, VA
Marie Negrelli, Essex, CT
Penelope Nolte, Montpelier, VT
Kristofor M Normand, San Antonio, TX
John O'Keeffe, Worthington, OH
Dennis R Rice, Richardson, TX
Frederick H Rice, Lyman, ME
George A Rice, Malverne, NY
George L Rice Sr, Cotuit, MA
Robert T Rice, Castro Valley, CA
Sarah B Rice-Misura, East Moriches, NY
Stephen G Rice, Lowell, MI
Thomas M Rice, Prescott, AZ
William F Rice, Forestville, WI
Marcia Sanford, Clementsvalle, Nova Scotia, Canada
Penny Smith, Sandersville, GA
Charlotte C Spinney, Westborough, MA
Charles R Stone Jr, Orange, MA
Pamala Wadsworth, Wayland, MA

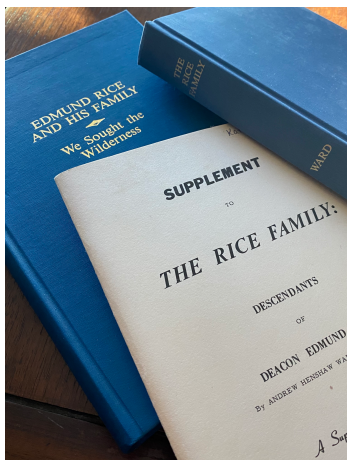
MAY

Henry Ball, Warrenton, MO
Alice P Bernet, Keene, NH
Charles Bourland Jr, Savannah, GA
Roger L Busch, Greenwich, CT
Jill Cochrane, Shrewsbury, MA
Dixie Davis, Boca Raton, FL
Susan Gould, Tennessee Ridge, TN
Nancy Gow, Richmond, KY
Helen Johnson, Jackson, TN
Patricia J Kauffman, Conshohocken, PA
Susanne R Loetterle, Berne, NY
Beth McAleer, Brookline, MA
Kim S Morrissey, New York Mills, NY
Jaine Place, Sylvania, OH
Laurel Jean Price, Titusville, FL
Carroll A Rice Jr, Panama City Beach, FL
Harold R Rice, Lakeville Corner, New Brunswick, Canada
Lt Gen Leon S Rice, Bolling AFB, DC
Robert H Rice Jr, Oregon City, OR
Adele Rice Spidahl, Dent, MN
Carol St John, Spencer, MA
Albert Watts, Camarillo, CA
Lynn S Wentzel, North Andover, MA
Thomas Wilber, Voluntown, CT
Edna L Woodbury, Manchester, CT
Arthur F Young Jr, Delmar, NY

JUNE

Rosemary Bailey, Allen, MI
Ruth M Brown, Sudbury, MA
Barbara B Carlson, Providence, RI
Lana Davis, Crossville, TN
William H Drury, Nashua, NH
Joan Rice Franklin, New York, NY
Sarah Marie Franklin, Genisan, MI
Shirley Fritsche, Ravenna, OH
Carolyn Heydinger, Mansfield, OH
Scott R Huntsman, Walnut Creek, CA
Heather Kaye, Saunderstown, RI
Steve King, Alpine, UT
Jennifer Martin, Chesterfield, VA
Joan Miller, York, PA
Kevin William Mullen, Milton, VT
Donald Nelson, Frisco, TX
Jonathan Normand, Somers, CT
Nancy Page, Madisonville, TX
Ray Rice III, Fort Washington, MD
Reginald W Rice, Menlo Park, CA
Doug W Schueths, Sturgis, SD
Shirley H Schwenke, Johnsonburg, NJ
Patrick Smythe, Aurora, CO
Wayne Stenquist, Logan, UT
Mary Rice Swanson, Fremont, NE
Douglas Daniel Vickery, Boynton Beach, FL
Andrea Weider, Huntley, IL
Diane L Young, Palm Bay, FL

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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Centennial Farm Recognition

By Doyle Rice

Oct. 24, 2020 was eventful, in that around 94 relatives and friends gathered on our family farmstead, where I grew up, to commemorate the purchase of this farm by my grandparents, Floyd and Lucy (Ward) Rice, in 1920. It has been in the family for 100 years now, passed from parent to son and daughter-in-law. It was a cool fall day, but bearable.

Those who came the furthest to attend, were my nephew Derek Quinn and his family from Colorado Springs CO, and my 1st cousin Delilah (Dexter) Moody and her husband from north of Pittsburgh PA.

My Grandpa Floyd Manley Rice was born June 20, 1899, living to be 89. He passed away suddenly while I was away for my 1st semester at college, after graduating from high school that Spring of '78. He was 70 when I was born. He came to the farm 6 days a week -- then I'd see him at church on Sunday, as well! (It seemed I spent more time with my grandpa in my early years, than I did with my dad). Grandma Rice had died of cancer during my dad's senior year in high school, so I never knew her.

For a man in his mid-70's, he worked hard. My first experience of driving a tractor, was when I was 4. Grandpa had gathered stones into piles in the field. He put me on the bench seat of the wide-frontend 1938 Allis Chalmers B tractor, pulled the clutch pedal forward while standing on the ground, and shifted it into 1st gear. My job was to steer the tractor. He'd point to a pile, then would throw stones into a trailer hitched to its drawbar, as I was coming and going. (A person could easily walk faster than that tractor could travel in 1st gear and with the throttle idling).

Another job we worked together at, was sawing poles to chord length. This same tractor could have a "buzz rig" attached to its frame under the seat, and it extended backwards. This rig had a 3 ft. diameter circular blade at the end of a shaft, pulley at the other end, driven by a 6" wide belt looped over a similar pulley coming off the differential housing under the seat. This rig had a sliding table. It was operated by setting a pole on the table, then sliding it forward as the saw blade sliced through the pole. My dad had previously stacked a pile of poles he'd prepared with a chainsaw, then we'd come along after I got home from school, with that tractor and trailer. My job was to hand the 1 1/2" to 4" diameter poles to Grandpa, which he'd cut pieces from, and throw them in the trailer. We burned wood for heat all the while I lived at home, in a central furnace in the basement. Grandpa also burned wood at the house he rented 2miles down the road, from his youngest brother. Further, he had a cast iron Monarch woodstove, that my step-grandma used for cooking. (After she died in the early '70's, Grandpa came to live with us for a while, until he married a widowed neighbor lady, and I gained another step-grandma.)

Grandpa and Grandma [Lucy] bought this farm from his dad's, (Lucius Manley Rice's), 1st cousin, Warren Potter. (Great-Grandpa, from a baby was raised by Warren's parents, after first his mom Emeline died of yellow/spotted fever in Spring 1864, then his dad Rollin died over a year later. Warren's mom, Mrs. Eliza (Gray) Potter, was Great-Grandpa Lucius' aunt, Emeline's sister). [Great-Great-Grandma's death was conveyed more fully in an article in the ERA Summer 2020 Newsletter, "Letter . . . Many Family Deaths, p.11, 5th listing]. Great-Grandpa Lucius was the youngest the Potter's raised, so remained on their farm, cared for her after she became widowed, and later acquired it. This is the farm my Grandpa Floyd was born at, and grew up on, just 1/4 miles north of the farm he purchased from Warren in 1920. (My grandpa's birthplace, which we refer to as the Lucius Rice family homestead, could also be a centennial farm. It is occupied, owned, and operated by Paul M. Rice (Grandpa's brother's son), however Paul has yet to register it).

My grandparents worked a couple different farms before buying this one. They had a 5-year-old daughter then, (wouldn't have a 2d child until a decade later). They survived the depression years on it, by growing what they needed. Grandma had a lot of chickens and fruit trees. Grandpa had a dairy herd and worked with horses. The tractor he purchased, didn't come into use until later. (This tractor could also be fitted with an underbelly hay mower, with a 6 ft. sickle bar. I remember Grandpa cutting alfalfa with it).

I'm told I lived on my maternal grandma's farm, a mile south of Grandpa's farm, in a house trailer my parents had set next to Grandma Whitney's house (she had remarried after my Grandpa Joe Lumbert died when my mom was in high school). Then Grandpa Rice sold his farm to my parents, (before my sister Janice was born in '61), and we moved onto it. (So, I never remember living anywhere else while growing up).

The big red gambrel roof barn was put up by Grandpa. He bought the frame at a farm on Jolly Rd., SE of Lansing MI, disassembled it, then brought it by wagons loads 15 miles S, to his farm. It is mortise-and-tenon construction of hand-hewn beams. After the frame was up, Grandpa sided it with new 1 x 4 tongue-and-groove Douglas fir siding and covered the mow floor with new 1 x 8 ship-lap yellow pine boards. He had an under-ridge track installed, with rope-positioned trolley that was used to stack loose hay inside, with ropes, pulleys, and horse. He roofed it with corrugated steel sheets. This barn was constructed 6 years after purchase of the farm.



This barn was one of my favorite play places. I'd build forts and tunnels with hay bales. (My dad bought a hay baler to replace the hay loader, so I never remember him working with loose hay). Also, I'd climb the side walls, using the 4 x 4 girts and rafters, climb to the peak windows, and scare away mess making pigeons nesting up there.

For info on what my parents did in operating this farm, an article in the ERA Spring 2020 Newsletter, "Tribute to an American Farmer," pp. 6-8, explains some of that.

Grandpa is an 11th generation descendant of Deacon Edmund and Thomasine. His lineage is as follows: Deacon Edward, whose daughter Anna married her 1st cousin Thomas, Jr., son of Deacon Edward's brother Thomas, Sr. T. J. and Anna had Charles, succeeded by Zebulon, Sgt. Adam, Ephraim, Samuel Tainter, Rollin Gordencio, Lucius Manley, then Grandpa.

My dad, Donald Ward Rice (1934-2020) had wanted to have the farm registered, but being he died a year ago in January, my mom saw the project through. The Michigan Centennial Farm Program was begun in 1948, (about the time rural electrification was taking place) with utility companies involved, but since 2008 its operated by the Historical Society of Michigan. Our sponsor is Consumers Energy, who provides power for this area. The Historical Society of Michigan also offers sesquicentennial and bicentennial recognition, (though I'd like to know if there were any farms in Michigan Territory in 1821, as immigration didn't get going until the 1830's). The centennial recognition is for "working farms of 10 or more acres that have been continuously owned by the same family for at least 100 years." Upon successfully applying, a certificate and display marker are sent to current owners.



We hadn't received the display marker in Oct., but it did arrive around Thanksgiving. It wasn't put up before the ground froze, as Mom broke her hip, had it replaced, then had to heal. By this mid-April, I put framing up and bolted it to the frame.



The events of the day last Fall progressed with me reading the article I submitted in the ERA Spring 2020 Newsletter, "Tribute to an American Farmer," (upon my only surviving sister's insistence), in the middle of the farmyard, with attendees gathered about. Then after visiting some more, we headed a mile south to Felt Plains Cemetery (where my great-grandparents are buried, grandparents, and Grandpa's sister and



three brothers with their wives, aunts, uncles, cousins, sister, and brother). My dad was sexton of it, who was preceded by his Uncle Foster Rice, with the job. I used to mow the lawn in my teen years, and before I moved off the farmstead. (I took my first date there, because it was freshly mowed, the spiraeas were flowered out and fragrant, and it was quiet.) It is adjacent to my parents second farm, where my mom grew up, which my parents bought from my maternal grandma in the mid-70's, doubling the land the family worked. We gathered at the cemetery to bury my dad's ashes.

Then the final stop was 3/4 mi. down a dirt two-track laneway, to a pond my dad had dredged out shortly after they bought that farm. It has a mucky bottom, but is spring fed, and one can feel the effervescence rising in certain spots. A bonfire was going, and we all sat around enjoying the food, and visiting some more. My nephew took the young kids on a hayride about the hills and thru woods on the back part of that farm.

It's good to get together, and I'm looking forward to continuing our local Rice family reunion that was cancelled last September (a reunion of those descendants of Great-Grandpa Lucius, and other Rice relatives I've located in this, and surrounding areas). However, our president Andy Bird is one of these deceased, who was looking forward to resuming the reunions, also, when I spoke with him at a cousin's funeral home viewing April 11th. This reunion has been continuous, excluding last Fall, since 1965. I remember as a child being taken to it, and meeting relatives I never knew I had. Resumption of our postponed annual ERA reunion, at the Luther Rice Homestead, is an exciting prospect as well.

In conclusion, concerning landmark events/dates, Deacon Edmund's descendants will be able to celebrate a quadcentennial of our family's arrival in North America, in another 17 years, in 2038. It's not too early to put some ideas into writing, as to what we'd like to see happen then. A quadcentennial of the King James Bible publication was a decade ago, in 2011. A quadcentennial of the Plymouth settlement, was last Fall. (Did anything happen, or was all cancelled due to the pandemic?) A quadcentennial of Boston's founding will be in 9 years. Four centuries seems like a long time, for my children it's a span of 14 generations, if they have any children by 2038, that will make 15 generations, (I have some cousins that already have 16th generation offspring.) What's the calculation of how many descendants of Dea. Edmund and Thomasine there will have been by then? During these 4 centuries, Rice family members were British subjects, not U. S citizens for 138 years, nearly 1/3 of that time span.

Edmund's Descend: Lucille Desiree Ball (1911-1986)

By Doyle Rice



Lucille Ball in 1955

Lucy descends from Deacon Edmund and Thomasine's son Henry, whose daughter Elizabeth [named after her mother Elizabeth Moore] (1648-1740) married John Brewer "of Cambridge" (1642-1691). Their daughter, Mary Brewer (1680-1740), married Benjamin Ball (1676-1734), (grandson of British immigrant John Ball, Sr., who arrived in MA Bay Colony before the birth of his first child, John, Jr., in 1644, (Benjamin's father)). Together they had Isaac Ball, Sr. (1710-1789), who married Rachel Howe (1710-1779). Coming to the 6th generation -- their son Pvt. Isaac, Jr. (1747-1809), [ERA 9-gen. data base has d. 1790, at Athol MA; whereas Find-A-Grave has 1809, a. 62, at Bristol, Addison Co., VT, buried at Varney Cemetery, Bristol, plot 17K]. He was a Revolutionary War vet, called out on the Lexington Alarm, April 19, 1775, then served on until October. Having married Hannah Cummings (1757-UKN), they migrated north after the war to VT. Their son Isaac, III (1787-1865) married Sarah "Sally" Manross (1792-1853), and migrated to PA around 1819, where he died at East Hickory, Forest Co., PA. Their son Clinton Manross Ball (1817-1893), while born in VT, married Cynthia T. Dale (1823-1900), at Tionesta, Forest Co., PA in 1839. Now the 9th generation -- their son Jasper Clinton Ball (1852-1933), was born at Pithole City, Cornplanter TWP, Venango Co., PA. His parents moved

north to Freedonia, Chautauqua Co., NY by 1867, where he married Rebecca Durell (1856-1935), at Dunkirk in that county in 1876, (at last, Lucy's grandparents). [The above is in the 9-gen. data base, except for Jasper's marriage, and death].

Lucy's father, Henry Durell Ball (1887-1915), was born at Sheridan in that same county, where he married Desiree Eveline Hunt (1892-1977) in that county in 1910. Just under a year later, they had Lucy on August 6, 1911, at Jamestown in that county of Chautauqua. She had a brother Frederick "Fred" Henry Ball (1915-2007), born at Jamestown also, 5 months after their dad's death. Their father died at Wyandotte, Wayne Co., MI (Detroit area), at age 27. The death certificate gives cause as typhoid fever. Maybe he went to Detroit for treatment, or was a laborer for Ford Motor Co.; however, he was buried at Lakeview Cemetery, back at Jamestown. Their mom remarried in that county a few years later when Lucy was 7, to Edward G. Peterson (1887-1943) of that area. Thus, Lucy is an 11th generation descendant, 7th great-granddaughter of Deacon Edmund.

Lucy left high school at age 15 and tried unsuccessfully to get into drama school in NYC. She took a job as a waitress while trying for jobs in modeling and in chorus lines of Broadway shows. Her career began in 1929 when she landed work as a model, and shortly after began performing on Broadway using the stage name Diane Belmont. Later she appeared in several minor film roles in the 30's and 40's, being cast as a chorus girl or in similar roles, appearing in over 60 films. During this time, she performed in the musical "Too Many Girls" with the popular Cuban bandleader Desiderio Alberto Arnaz de Acho III (1917-1986). She fell in love with her co-star, and they eloped, being married November 30, 1940 at Greenwich, Fairfield Co., CT.

The new couple's performing schedules clashed frequently, and the newlyweds often found themselves on opposite sides of the country at the end of the week. This was a problem because of the time needed for long distance travel in those days before jet airliners. The young couple decided their best chance for their marriage



*The cast of "I Love Lucy" –
William Frawley, Desi Arnaz,
Vivian Vance, Lucille Ball*

to work was if they worked together. Lucy ventured into television. Offered her own TV series in 1950, she refused unless her husband could co-star. They formed their own production company called "Desilu," and from 1951-1957 "I Love Lucy" became the most popular show on television. (Concerning their TV friends, the couple Fred and Ethel, Lucy chose "Fred," being it was her brother's name).

Their first child Lucie Arnaz, was born July 17, 1951, in Los Angeles; followed by Desi Arnaz, Jr., January 19, 1953, also in Los Angeles. This son was on the show before his birth, while his mother carried him during her pregnancy. Lucy was the first obviously pregnant woman to appear on network TV. At birth, Desi, Jr. appeared on the cover of the very first issue of TV Guide with the headline "Lucy's \$50,000,000 baby" because revenue from advertising tie-ins was expected to top that mark. The baby would become a prominent actor in the show as their son "Little Ricky," over the years. After 179 episodes the series came to an end.

By the end of the 50's, Desilu became a powerful, respected corporation, and in the following decade, producing such hit TV shows as "Star Trek" and "Mission Impossible."

After 20 years of marriage, Lucy and Desi divorced in May 1960. While Desi turned to alcohol and was rarely seen in public again, Lucy took out a loan for \$3 million and bought her ex-husband's half of Desilu Productions. In 1962, she became the first woman to run a major TV studio. She had remarried on November 19, 1961 to Gary Morton (1924-1999) in NYC.

As teenagers and beyond, both her children, Luci and Desi, Jr. appeared with their mother in "Here's Lucy," which ran from 1968-1974.

In 1967, she sold Desilu Productions to Gulf+Western Company for \$17 million, netting some \$10 million cash, out of the deal. (This conglomerate once owned Paramount Pictures and Paramount Television. It renamed itself Paramount Communications in 1989, then was sold to Viacom in 1995). After this, she worked with her husband to create "Lucille Ball Productions." In the late 70's and early 80's, she made only sporadic appearances on TV, usually as the guest star. She spent much of the rest of her life out of the spotlight. Her last public appearance was at the 1989 Academy Awards. One week after undergoing open heart surgery, she suffered a ruptured aorta and died in LA, April 26, 1989. She was 77. She is buried with her parents and brother at Lakeview Cemetery, Jamestown NY, Highland section. Her first husband died of cancer in 1986. She was survived by her daughter and son, and 5 grandchildren: 3 from Lucie, and 2 from Desi, Jr.



In 1996, the Lucille Ball - Desi Arnaz Center of Comedy was opened in Jamestown NY, better known as the Lucy Desi Museum. According to the museum's website <https://lucy-desi.com>, "...the award-winning National Comedy Center takes you laugh-filled, interactive journey through the world of comedy....recently selected by *USA Today* as the "Best New Museum" in the country, and by *TIME* as one of its "World's Greatest Places."

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March 12, 2021 - Edmund Rice descendant **Joel Ryce-Menuhin (1933-1998)**, born Joel Taylor Rice in Sterling, Illinois was a classical pianist and clinical psychologist. His wife, Yaltah Menuhin, was also a pianist of the renowned musical Menuhin family and they were famous in part for their piano duets. Joel was a descendant of Edmund Rice by way of both the Thomas and Edward lines.

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Joel_Ryce-Menuhin

March 19, 2021 - ERA member **Tom Rice** sent this picture of an antique two-person crosscut saw with his Edmund Rice lineage through Henry Rice of Framingham with spaces for his three sons to continue the lineage.

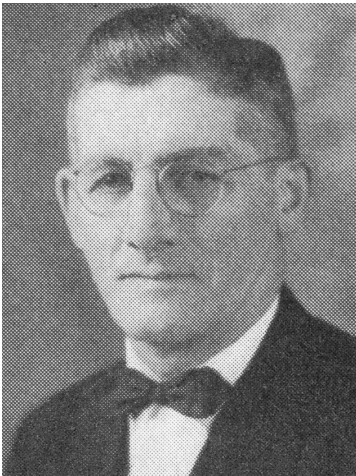




Brigham was the 8th President of Mount Holyoke College

March 27, 2021 - Edmund Rice descendant **Mary Ann Brigham (1829-1889)**, an educator, was elected as president of Mt. Holyoke College, but before she able to be sworn in and assume office, she lost her life in a train accident in New Haven Connecticut while in route to South Hadley, Massachusetts. The New York Alumnae Association built and dedicated a dormitory on campus in her honor.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mary_A._Brigham

April 8, 2021 - Edmund Rice descendant **George Hunt Barton (1852-1933)** was an explorer of Greenland with Robert E. Peary in 1896, and was a geologist pioneering in the study of glaciated and formerly glaciated landscapes like those in Edmund's adopted land of Massachusetts. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/George_Hunt_Barton



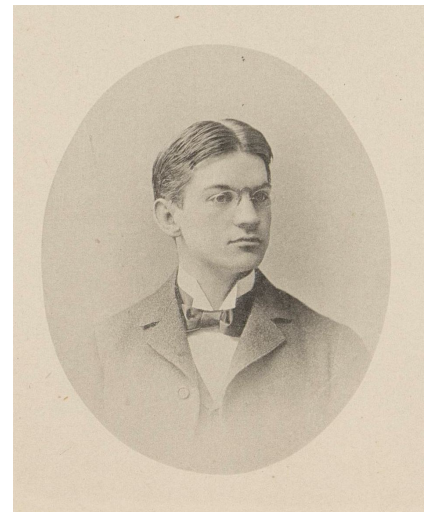
Ora Ray Rice circa 1940

May 24, 2021 - Edmund Rice descendant **Ora Ray Rice (1885-1966)** served as the Speaker of the Wisconsin State Assembly after serving as mayor of Delavan, Wisconsin.
https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Ora_R._Rice

June 12, 2021 - **William Lyon Phelps (1865-1943)** a prominent professor of English literature at Yale University was a descendant of Edmund Rice. He was a noted public intellectual with a syndicated newspaper column and a well known radio program from the late 1920s and into the 1940s.

He served as a judge on the Pulitzer Prize Committee. At Yale, he famously had a student who handed in his exam reading, "Only God knows the answer to your question. Merry Christmas." Professor Phelps returned the paper after Christmas with the note, "Happy New Year. God gets an A—you get an F."

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Lyon_Phelps



William Lyon Phelps (1895)



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