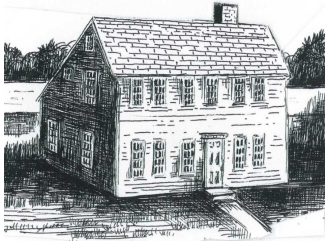


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Deacon Edmund Rice Homestead
Wayland, MA 1643 - 1912

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 promised in the previous issue to say more about the 1950 census. First, let me report on the ultimate success in finding my parents. On quizzing my mother (who is still living), I learned the name of the road they lived on, along with the fact that they had no numbers on the houses. I studied the census map of New Castle County and had the good fortune to determine that the road in question was entirely in one enumeration district. The built-in search engine allowed me to specify that district, giving me just 37 pages to search through. I found their road on page 30, and they were listed on that very same page. Bingo!

The machine-generated index for that page was lamentably poor and had no forenames at all and only four of the eight surnames. I then did my duty and took advantage of the crowd-sourced index improvement project to transcribe all of the names on that page and several others around it. In the meantime, I had succeeded in finding a few other relatives who happened to be well-enough indexed, and I improved the index for their pages as well, but the prospects for using this index in general were obviously very long-term at best.

Now for the really good news. FamilySearch quickly imported the whole set of 1950 census images and started up a systematic indexing project from scratch, with the help of the usual volunteers. That project is evidently making great strides, since I am now finding references to the 1950 census for many of the people I'm researching these days. For another example, my parents are now in the FamilySearch index, too. The way things are going, it seems that the indexing project will soon be completed!

Note that, while this project is going on, there are sometimes glitches. For example, a name may be found, but the connection to the census image may be broken. That's when it pays to keep open the search box in the official census site -- the FamilySearch index entry typically lists the enumeration district and sheet number, even if the link is broken, and so the official search engine can pull up the correct image quite easily. If you haven't visited there, by all means take a look: (1950census.archives.gov).

Happy hunting!

~ John Chandler

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Send your articles, newsletter corrections, member news, your children or grandchildren's births, obituaries, family items of interest and any queries to the newsletter editor:

email: editor@edmund-rice.org

Deadline for winter issue 2023 is January 31, 2023

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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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,

The Edmund Rice Association is still looking for the next newsletter editor. If you have some spare time and are looking for a meaningful way to contribute to your Rice family genealogy group, please help.

This is my final issue as newsletter editor. I've enjoyed my involvement in the publishing of the newsletter since my first issue of Fall 2018. My other commitments and passions are taking precedence, and it is time to pass the torch onto someone else. Is that "someone else" you, perhaps?

Please contact me or President, John Chandler for more information. We will help you get started!

~ Katrina Rice Schmidt

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1912-1913	Eustace Bond Rice	1952-1953	John A. Bigelow	1976	Seaver M. Rice
1913-1920	Nellie Rice Fiske	1954	Sturgis C. Rice	1977-1978	Henry E. Rice, Jr.
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
1925-1928	Harry C. Rice	1958-1959	Stanley I. Rice	1983	Patricia P. MacFarland
1929-1930	Clarence E. Rice	1960	Donald H. Whittemore	1984-1985	Janice R. Parmenter
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1932-1934	Russell J. Rice	1964-1965	William H. Hoefler	1988-1989	Alex W. Snow
1935-1936	Daniel H. Rice	1966-1967	Ray Lowther Ellis	1990-1993	John S. Bates
1937-1939	Elsie Hawes Smith	1968	Edgar W. Rice	1994	Alex W. Snow
1940-1941	Sturgis C. Rice	1969	Erwin R. McLaughlin*	1995-1997	Frederick H. Rice
1942-1945	Arthur P. Rice	1969	Jeneve M. Melvin	1998-2006	Dr. Robert V. Rice
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1948-1949	Ralph E. Rice	1974	Margaret E. Allen		
1950-1951	Ralston F. Rice	1975	Charles W. Rice		

*Note: Died in office

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 2022. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

Membership

New Annual Members

Douglas Alan, Brewster, NY
Richard Leroy Bruce, Rutland, VT
Stacey Clark, San Diego, CA
Martha Engle, Camarillo, CA
Patricia Garno, Glaswyne, PA
Donna Elaine S Meszaros, Phoenix, AZ
Carol Ann L Norman, Williamsburg, VA
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Jennifer Stribley, Naperville, IL
Michael J Zakrejsek, Peoria, AZ

In Memoriam

John S. Bates, Henniker, NH
Jill Cochrane, Shrewsbury, MA
Dolores Mandeville, Imperial, NE
Dan H. Rice, Midland, MI
Alice Ridenour Wareham, Saranac Lake, NY

Lost Members

Paula Willard Munger, Evans, GA

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



Dolores Irene Rice Mandeville, 96, of Imperial, Neb. and formerly of Broken Bow, passed away July 26, 2022 at the Imperial Manor in Imperial.

Dolores was born Jan. 4, 1926 at her grandparent's home in Blaine County to Charles Adelbert Patrick Henry and Willa Mildred Rice.

She attended Kindergarten through Eighth Grade at West Union School. Following grade school, she attended Dunning High School, graduating as class valedictorian in 1944.

Her education continued in Denver, Colo., at Central Business College. She worked in bookkeeping and secretarial positions, often at local schools and banks, during her early married years.

Dolores married John James Mandeville on Nov. 29, 1947. Their angel food wedding cake was made from sixty egg whites. To this union were born two children - Ruth Marie and John James, Jr. Son Henry Robert joined the family in his early teenage years.

Dolores was a devout member of the Episcopal Church and a member of many organizations including Daughters of the American Revolution, Daughters of Union Veterans, the Order of Eastern Star, the Edmund Rice Society and Episcopal Church Women. She also joined Extension Club, Bridge Club and Garden Club during her lifetime. She adored her coffee group and church family.

Although renowned for her angel food cakes, sugar cookies, "Grandma" rolls (butter horns) and jellies, her passion was genealogical research. Connecting family ties with those who came before was one of her greatest legacies.

She loved her family, and we will miss this strong, witty woman we called our mother and grandmother.

Preceding Dolores in death were her parents; husband John; son Hank; siblings Barbara Strand, Donald Rice and Allen Rice; and great-grandsons Alec Stromer and Chase Mandeville.

Dolores is survived by daughter Ruth (Dain) Olsen; son Jack (Tina) Mandeville; sisters Ruth Rice and Pat Stithem; sister-in-law Laretta Rice; grandchildren Brook Stromer, Missy (Corey) Holmes, James (Michelle) Mandeville, Toby Olsen, Todd (Sarah) Olsen and Sean (Noelle) Mandeville; six great-grandchildren; and numerous nieces, nephews and cousins.

Condolences may be left at www.govierbrothers.com.

Excerpt from original published by Custer County Chief from Jul. 28 to Aug. 7, 2022.



Alice Ridenour Wareham of Saranac Lake, New York, died Monday June 11, 2018 at the University of Vermont Medical Center.

She was born Sept. 2, 1922 in Saranac Lake, NY the daughter of John Schell Ridenour and Clara (Wilcox) Ridenour.

She from attended the Baldwin elementary school, was graduated from the Saranac Lake high school in 1939 and Smith College in 1944.

After graduating from Smith College she returned to Saranac Lake. With World War II in progress, she had worked summers in the newsroom on her father's newspaper, the Adirondack Daily Enterprise, since she was 17. As the draft decimated available compositors she was placed in the composing room and ultimately became a journeyman Lino typist. Gradually she was moved to the circulation, front office, classified advertising and display advertising departments until she ~ad a sound working knowledge of each. When Mr. Ridenour sold the Enterprise in 1949 she had become co-publisher.

She was married to Arthur W. Wareham Feb. 9, 1952 at St. Luke's Church in Saranac Lake. The couple had one daughter, Ann Wilcox Wareham (Mrs. Jonathan P. Driller) of Ridgewood, NJ who, with her husband, survives.

Mrs. Wareham was a lifelong communicant of St. Luke's Church, a member of St. Luke's Ladies' Guild, and had been active in many civic organizations. She had served as secretary of the Saranac Lake Free Library board, was an active member of the Village Improvement Society, served on the Saranac Lake Voluntary Health Association board and had been on the organizational board of the Lake Placid Sinfonietta, Inc., serving six years and continuing on its Advisory Board.

An avid gardener and knitter, Mrs. Wareham enjoyed travelling and expanded other horizons through annual attendance at the Smith Alumnae College.

Mrs. Wareham was predeceased by her husband March 10, 2005. She was also predeceased by her sister and brother-in-law Eleanor (Mrs. Andrew Cheselka) of South Setauket, L.I.. In addition to her daughter and son-in-law survivors include two nephews, Andrew Cheselka, Jr., of Spring, TX, and John R. Cheselka of Setauket, L.I.

Funeral services (were) held 11:00 AM on Tuesday June 19, 2018 in St. Luke's Church with reception in the Parish House. Burial (was) in the family plot at St. John's in the Wilderness, Paul Smiths, NY.

Those wishing to remember her are asked to donate to the Village Improvement Society, Voluntary Health Association, Saranac Lake Free Library, Tri-Lake s Humane Society or Memorial Endowment Fund of the Church of St. Luke, the Beloved Physician.



Jill (Estabrook) Cochrane, 80, of Shrewsbury, MA, passed away peacefully at home on February 2, 2022, after a 5-year battle with Pancreatic Cancer. Born in Marlborough, Massachusetts on May 16, 1941, she was the only child of John C. and Esther L. (Howe) Estabrook, a 10th generation of her (Howe) family to be born in Marlborough.

Jill attended the Freeman and Hildreth Schools in Marlborough and graduated from Lincoln-Sudbury High School in 1959. She graduated from Ithaca College in 1964 with a Bachelor of Science degree in Physical Therapy. It was at Ithaca that she met Richard C. Cochrane who she married in 1966.

She was employed in numerous healthcare specialties (homecare, nursing homes, and hospitals) from 1964 to her retirement in 2010.

Jill will be remembered for her sense of adventure and practical, no-nonsense view of life. She enjoyed traveling, sailing, meeting people, and community service. As a young person, Jill was an active member of the Girl Scouts and 4-H where she was an avid equestrian and camp counselor. As an adult she volunteered for the Red Cross and aided the survivors of the 9-11 disaster, Hurricane Katrina, and many other disasters. She and her family also hosted many exchange students through AFS-USA over a period of 30 years.

While raising her family in Connecticut, Jill also raised guide dogs for Guiding Eyes for the Blind in Patterson NY. On Sundays in the summer, she could be found racing her E-Scow on Candlewood Lake, CT with her friends and family. Jill held numerous positions in the Candlewood Yacht Club, Inc. and in 1981 was elected the only female Commodore in the club's 75-year history.

Jill also enjoyed living in Rhode Island where she and her husband went to the Moonstone beach every day in the summer. After being introduced to kayaking by her daughter, she took up that sport in California and Tennessee.

After her retirement, Jill moved back to her family homestead in Marlborough with her husband and they became Christmas Tree farmers. An ardent sewer, Jill was a member of the American Sewing Guild and made countless doll clothes for donation to local children. As a member of the Wayside Quilters Guild, she created quilts for homeless shelters as well as for the Quilts of Valor Organization. Jill was also a member of the Nashoba Valley Knitting Guild and knit many doll socks and beanies for infants in local hospitals.

Jill has traveled all over the country and the world with her children and grandchildren. She recently achieved her lifelong goal of visiting all 50 states with a trip to Alaska in June of 2021.

Jill is the mother of Jonathan W. Cochrane of Bolton, MA and Jennifer (Cochrane) Field of Princeton, MA. She has four grandchildren, Calvin and Yaddier Cochrane and Julia and Joel Field.

Memory donation in Jill's honor may be made to the Guiding Eyes for the Blind, 611 Granite Springs Road, Yorktown Heights, NY 10598, <https://donate.guidingeyes.org/>

To plant a beautiful memorial tree in memory of Jill, please visit our [Tree Store](#) or [plant a tree](#).

In Celebration

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

OCTOBER

Christina Estabrook Allen, Lexington Park, MD
William Roger Ames, Worcester, MA
Barbara A Bodeen, Yamhill, OR
Sheree K Brown, Northampton, MA
Richard Leroy Bruce, Rutland, VT
Bernadine Rice Cascarano, Lake Forest, IL
Norman L Cooper, Canyon Lake, TX
John B Davidson, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia
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Geneva M Garrett, Santa Anna, TX
Victoria S Kaufmann, Wilton, IA
Leon King, Elk Grove, CA
Carol Kosicki, Holliston, MA
Joyce Kay Leach, Leslie, MI
Eleanor Lockington, Norfolk, VA
Paula Willard Munger, Evans, GA
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
Stephen Rice, San Diego, CA
William S Rice, Calgary, Alberta
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
Katherine Truesdell, Twentynine Palms, CA
James H Tyler, Dewey Beach, DE
Mary Walzer, Minden, NE
Pamela Ware, Corfu, NY
Bonnie J Wiley, Cambridge, IL

NOVEMBER

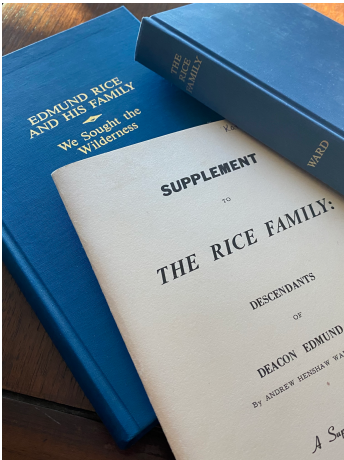
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Elizabeth Alcorn, Worcester, MA
Kent Baker, Menomonee Falls, WI
Kevin Blaine, Portland, OR
Linda Bryant, Oviedo, FL
Melinda S Crawford, Moscow, ID
Bill Deming, Shelburne, VT
Cynthia Edmonds, Winter Park, FL
Priscilla Foss, Stow, MA
Dale Gunn, Hudson, MA
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Elizabeth Johnson, Ashburn, VA
Charlene K Keith, Keene, NH
David Lawrence, Papillion, NE
William Lear, Solon Springs, WI
Heather J McPherson, Indianapolis, IN
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Edmund C Rice, Wayland, MA
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Paul D Rice, New Berlin, IL
Roger A Rice, Holden, MA
Samuel Rice, Jackson, MI
Yaqirah Rice, Jackson, MI
Elizabeth Smith, Rockport, MA
Philip Kent Savage, Ewa Beach, HI
Eric John Silverberg, Tucson, AZ
Jennifer Stribley, Naperville, IL
Rima M Tyler, Fort Worth, TX
William J Young, Nunnely, TN

DECEMBER

Donna Barnes, Ortonville, MI
Jean Drury Groves, Springfield, VA
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 (He's 50!)
Donald C Rice, New York, NY
Doyle Rice, Jackson, MI
Julie A Rice-Rollins, Oklahoma City, OK
Marilyn Joyce Rice, Fountain Valley, CA (She's 90!)
Robert W Rice, East Moriches, NY
Thomas B Rice, Seattle, WA
Virginia L Rice, Broomall, PA
Kathleen M Sannizzaro, Haverhill, MA
Martha Wood, Lexington, 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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Annual Reunion Recap

2022 ANNUAL REUNION EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION

LUTHER RICE HOMESTEAD
87 Lincoln Street, Northborough, MA 01532

September 23-24, 2022 (Friday and Saturday)
In-person and Zoom Options



Attendees (L-R): Brian Rice, Michael Rice, Janet W. Rice, Kathleen H. Bond, Doyle Rice, Douglas Bruce, Alda Kaye, William Amidon, John Chandler, Perry Bent, and Dale Gunn. Richard Bruce (not shown)

On Zoom: Kevin Mullen, Carleton Procter, Tim Sanford, Katrina Rice Schmidt.

The Edmund Rice (1638) Association went through a two-year hiatus with virtual-only reunions, acceding to the restrictions imposed by Covid-19. This year, however, the ERA came back together with an in-person reunion (but with a virtual component to accommodate the members who couldn't attend in person, for one reason or another). The venue for this reunion was the Luther Rice homestead site, now serving also as the headquarters of the Baptist Churches of New England. We had, in fact, planned originally to hold the reunion there in 2020, but the pandemic got in the way.

The first activity was the now-traditional narrated bus tour on Friday afternoon, starting out from the BCNE parking lot. The weather co-operated magnificently, producing a clear sky and refreshing breeze in contrast to the several days of rain here earlier in the week. The first stop on the tour was the Howard Street Cemetery in Northborough, for which we had prepared by publishing in the summer newsletter a list of 158 people in the ERA family database known to be buried there. We also engaged in a (successful) quest to find additional graves, including that of former ERA President Janice Parmenter, who died in 2011. We also visited the 1704 Rice boys' capture site in neighboring Westborough and viewed several old houses along Westborough's Main Street built or owned by Rices. We then proceeded to the North Cemetery in Wayland to see the monument erected there by the ERA in honor of Edmund Rice and then to the Edmund Rice Homestead marker also erected by the ERA. In going and coming, we traveled along the Boston Post Road and observed some of its old milestones, as well as the sites of some previous ERA reunions, and noted in passing several cemeteries where many people in the ERA family database are buried.

After the bus tour, we had refreshments and then dinner at BCNE, and then the Board of Directors held a meeting.

Here follows a draft of the minutes of the ERA Saturday meeting.

Edmund Rice (1638) Association Annual Meeting, September 24, 2022, Luther Rice Homestead, Northborough, MA

Starting at 8:00 am, 11 members of the Association gathered at BCNE for the informal part of the annual meeting, with a continental breakfast buffet and unstructured socializing. At 9:00 the Zoom session began, and President John Chandler opened the formal part of the meeting by welcoming the hardy souls in attendance. The physical setup was based on a laptop computer on the lectern displaying its screen on a large auxiliary screen at the front of the room and also sharing its screen with a Zoom session. The laptop's camera gave a close-up of the speaker's face to the remote participants. A second laptop was also logged into the Zoom session with its camera pointed at the audience to give the remote participants a view of the meeting as a whole.

After the opening remarks, John Chandler introduced the first speaker, Michael Rice, who gave a newly updated version of the ever-popular talk known as "Edmund Rice 101" featuring the life and times of Edmund Rice. As always, the talk covered mysteries (such as Edmund's unknown parentage) as well as facts (such as Edmund's avid acquisition of land).

Next, John Chandler gave an updated talk called "DNA Basics" on the genealogical uses of DNA, such as are being used in the ERA DNA projects. Then, Michael Rice gave a talk on the two wives of Edmund Rice, again covering both facts and mysteries. After that talk, we broke for a group photo including both the members physically present and the Zoom participants as shown on the large screen at the front of the room. At that point, the in-person attendees adjourned for a buffet luncheon, and some of the virtual attendees continued socializing on line.

After lunch the keynote speaker, Dr. Terry Dorsett, Executive Director of BCNE, gave a talk on the life and legacy of Luther Rice, a noted educator and missionary. Luther Rice (1783-1836) was a descendant of Edmund Rice in the sixth generation.

After the talk, at 1:45, John Chandler called the business meeting to order, noting that a quorum of 11 members was present in the room, not even counting the virtual participants.

It was moved, seconded, and passed to skip reading last year's minutes.

Michael Rice then gave the Treasurer's report. In summary, the income for the fiscal year ending August 31 was \$3,514.45 (largely dues), the expenses were \$3,254.87 (largely newsletter and web site costs), for a net increase of \$259.58. The current reunion does not figure in these numbers.

Kathleen Bond next gave the Membership report. We have 159 life members including 4 new, and 52 paid-up annual members, plus 54 who have not yet paid their dues for the year just ended. Ten of the annual members are new this year.

Michael Rice then gave the Book Custodian's report. For want of the brisk demand for books at reunions, the sales were light again this past year: 4 Rice Supplement 2 Part 1, 7 2021 database, 1 We Sought the Wilderness. There are still plenty more books in storage in Mike's basement.

John Chandler announced the result of the Directors' deliberations concerning next year's reunion. It will be on September 22-23, barring unexpected glitches. However, the Board had hesitated between two main possible choices of venue (the Luther Rice Homestead/BCNE again or the Wayside Inn) and had decided to consult the opinions of the membership at the Saturday meeting. One possibility was to combine both by having Friday dinner at the Wayside Inn and the general meeting at BCNE. The sense of the meeting leaned toward that option.

John Chandler then reported the action of the Nominating Committee. They proposed the following slate of officers and directors:

President - John Chandler

Vice President - Brian Rice

Vice President for Arrangements - Dale Gunn

Treasurer - Michael Rice

Recording Secretary - Kathleen Bond

Historian - John Chandler

Directors - Kevin Mullen, Carleton Procter, Doyle Rice, Tim Sanford, Katrina Rice Schmidt

Additional nominations were solicited from the floor, but no one offered any. It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to close nominations. It was then moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to elect the slate as proposed.

John Chandler then reported on the state of the ERA family database. As of this week, there are over 307,000 persons in the database, an increase of about 8,000 from last year's total. These include the descendants of Edmund Rice and also their spouses and the parents of spouses, as well as a few tentative lineages not yet properly connected to Edmund. This total is therefore to be compared with the estimated figure of 10 million

for these people, i.e., about 3% complete. We have come a long way, but there is much still to be done. Meanwhile, the on-line 6-generation version of the database has 16,584 persons, and the 9-generation version has 136,476 persons.

He then reported on the state of the DNA projects. For Y-DNA, we have 420 participants organized into 34 separate Rice families plus 138 not in any group. For mitochondrial DNA, we have 12 participants organized into two female lineages, plus 11 not connected to any other.

John Chandler next emphasized the pressing need for a new newsletter editor to succeed Katrina Rice Schmidt, who has served for four years and wishes to step down. For obvious reasons, the newsletter is a powerful force holding the ERA together, as important as the annual reunions, if not more so.

He then awarded the three traditional door prizes to (1) the youngest in attendance, Brian Rice, (2) the oldest, Alda Kaye, and (3) a tie for the longest travel distance from home to the meeting, Doyle and Janet Rice.

John Chandler then called for a moment of silence in remembrance of the seven members whose deaths had been reported to us in the past year: John Sherman Bates, Barbara Anne Bodeen, Bernadine Cascarano, Alice McCoy, Carroll Alton Rice, Dan Henry Rice, and Frances M. Rice.

No further business being brought forward, it was moved, seconded, and passed to adjourn at 2:40.

*** BOOK AVAILABLE FROM THE
BAPTIST CONVENTION OF NEW ENGLAND ***

The Dreamer Cometh: The Luther Rice Story.
Carleton, William A. 1961. Baptist Convention of
New England, Inc. Paperback. 102 pp. \$15.
Contact BCNE, 87 Lincoln St., Northborough
MA 01532. www.bcne.net.

Q & A with President John Chandler

Q from Carleton Proctor (July 2022 via email): Mmmmm, so that brings up another rather unsettling question, if William is not of the Deacon's bloodline, then so maybe all, or many, of us are not also. How do we know for sure ?

A from John Chandler: Some of us know for sure -- those who are male-line descendants and have had their Y-DNA tested and found to match Edmund's.

Q: We don't know for sure if a child from long ago is natural or adopted, etc..

A: True in some cases, but it is only in modern times that adoption involves falsifying the official birth records. Consider Colonial Massachusetts. From the beginning, all of the towns were required to collect and submit reports of actual births on an annual basis. Of course, compliance was not perfect, but we have substantial volumes of direct evidence of the nominal parentage of the children. Of course, the actual paternity generally could not be known for sure, but the success of many surname-based DNA projects has shown that nominal paternity is pretty accurate.

Q: How do we even know what the Deacon's DNA is ?

A: It took some work, but it was not that difficult. You can read the story in the winter 2002 newsletter. Basically, we formed a consensus from the close agreement of the Y DNA of ten volunteers with solid pedigrees in the male line back to multiple different sons of Edmund. Subsequent testing of many more nominal male-line descendants has confirmed and extended the original result.

Q: We don't even know where he is buried, and therefore don't have his body to get his DNA from.

A: Don't waste your "what ifs" on that kind of thinking. Exhumation is not an option without serious, compelling reasons, and genealogical curiosity is, unfortunately(?), not one of those.

Q from Barbara (May 2022 via email): I'm still not able to get any information from the website. Where is the cemetery located in the picture on the main page?

A from John Chandler: I assume you mean the page at edmund-rice.org, which has a picture of the seal of Sudbury, Massachusetts. The seal features a monument to the soldiers who died in a battle at Sudbury in King Philip's War. The monument can be seen in the Mount Wadsworth Cemetery in Sudbury.

Q: Where is the access button for the 9 generations?

A: The 9-generation database is not on line, but you can get a copy by following the directions on p. 4 of any issue of the newsletter. Also, the 6-generation database is on line, and you can find it either by selecting "Genealogy" in the navigation bar at the top of the page or by following "Descendants of Edmund Rice" in the link list on the left.

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.

August 18 2022- Edmund Rice descendant, **US Senator William Upham (1792-1853)**, was a staunch abolitionist and member of the National Republicans, a splinter group of the Whig Party that opposed the Mexican-American War that eventually coalesced around the issue of spread of slavery into states being formed in the American West. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/William_Upham

September 25, 2022 - The recent **Edmund Rice Family Reunion** was held at the Luther Rice Homestead in Northborough, Massachusetts. The bus tour included stops at the Northborough Cemetery that has some 300+ Rice family burial plots, including that of Janice Parmenter, a former ERA President. Sites also visited were the 1704 Capture Site Monument in Westborough and the Old Cemetery in Wayland where the Edmund Rice Memorial stands.

October 6, 2022 - Edmund Rice descendant, **James Stephen Rice (1846–1930)**, was an American businessman and rancher who was a pioneering resident of Orange County, California and a civic leader in Tustin, California. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/James_S._Rice

October 23, 2022 - Edmund Rice descendant **Dorothea Lynde Dix (1802-1887)** was prominent in the field of nursing and was a strong advocate for the mentally ill. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Dorothea_Dix

November 20, 2022 - **Robert Grant (1852-1940)**, a descendant of Edmund Rice, was a popular author who served for 25 years on the Board of Overseers of Harvard University, as well as serving as a probate judge in Massachusetts for 30 years. He was part of a controversial gubernatorial review board charged with reviewing the 1920 Sacco and Vanzetti murder trial and convictions. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Grant_\(novelist\)](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Robert_Grant_(novelist))

December 12, 2022 - Edmund Rice descendant **Gideon Welles (1802-1878)** was U.S. Secretary of the Navy during the Abraham Lincoln and Andrew Johnson Administrations. Under his leadership primarily during the American Civil War, he was responsible for expanding the size of the navy ten-fold. https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Gideon_Welles

Note: This newsletter is, in itself, a social medium. If you do not frequent Facebook, you can still post Rice-related questions, comments, and information by writing to the editor here (editor@edmund-rice.org). Indeed, if you do not use email, you can still send communications via USPS to the editor or the secretary, as shown on page 3 (but be aware that email is usually preferred).



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PLEASE CHECK YOUR CARD'S EXPIRATION DATE!

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

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