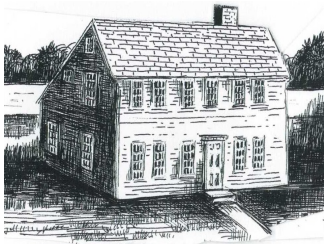


# Edmund Rice (1638) Association Newsletter

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

## President's Column



Greetings, cousins!

Many thanks to Katrina Rice Schmidt for volunteering to resume the editorship of this newsletter, until a permanent replacement is found! The only hitch in this new mode of operation is that we will no longer be mailing out paper copies, except for the summer issue, which traditionally (and still) provides information about the annual reunion.

It has been a year since I wrote my last column, and a lot has happened in the meantime. For one thing, we held our second in-person Rice reunion since the outbreak of Covid-19. Attendance was below our typical pre-pandemic figures, but was a step up from the previous year.

A year ago I reported glowingly about the availability of the 1950 US census and predicted that the indexing at FamilySearch would soon be complete. My prediction has been fulfilled, though I must say that the index has glitches, such as failing to connect households that span two pages and the usual problems with enumerators' bad handwriting. In the long run, we can expect improvement in the interpretation of handwriting, since users can submit corrections to the name, race, sex, and age. In any case, I am too young to be listed in this census, but in ten years from now I expect to be able to find myself in an index to the 1960 census. Watch for it!

This brings us to the topic of privacy. Even without a presence in the released census, I am already listed by name, date of birth, and residence in the FamilySearch database called "United States Public Records, 1970-2009". Of course, people move around these days, and so the residence info from 14 or more years ago could easily be obsolete by now. When I google my name, I find, amazingly, that the first hit, out of 92 million, is actually me, even though my first name is very common among my generation and previous ones (whence the 92 million hits!) However, google offers a follow-up question: "People also ask is John Chandler married?" and the proffered answer is "On August 27, 1783, Chandler married Mary Whittier." from a Wikipedia article. Be that as it may, I suppose the order of the list of hits I see is affected by my search history, since my wife sees that item as #6 instead of #1. As it happens, the only other hit that refers to me in the whole first batch of results is a phonebook lookup with dozens of Chandlers in Massachusetts (for either my wife or me). For comparison, I note that the name "Zebulon Chandler" gets over a million hits on google, but seven of the first nine hits all refer to the same person.

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

Deadline for spring issue 2024 is March 31, 2024

## Membership

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

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

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

Annual dues, payable *September 1*, are:  
Initial dues.....\$ 20.00  
Renewals:  
    Under 80 years of age.....\$ 20.00  
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Life membership.....\$300.00  
(single payment)

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*Your help with this is greatly appreciated.*

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## Editor's Column

Hello cousins,

The last ERA newsletter was published in fall of 2022. In it I declared it was my last issue as editor. The association has missed five whole newsletters between that one and this winter 2024 edition. Surprise - Here I am again! No one has stepped up so far, so I volunteered to get the newsletters out, albeit solely via electronic format.

Please, if you want to get involved in the organization, the newsletter editor position is a wonderful way to connect with your cousins and learn some family history along the way.

Contact me or John Chandler, President if you would like to take over this position.

~ Katrina Rice Schmidt

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INFORMATION ON BECOMING THE  
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Beth McAleer

## ERA Past Presidents

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
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1929-1930	Clarence E. Rice	1960	Donald H. Whittemore	1984-1985	Janice R. Parmenter
1930-1931	John A. Bigelow	1961-1963	Frederick R. Rice	1986-1987	Margaret S. Rice
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1935-1936	Daniel H. Rice	1966-1967	Ray Lowther Ellis	1990-1993	John S. Bates
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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
1946-1947	Everett E. Rice	1970-1973	Col. Allen F. Rice	2007-present	John Chandler
1948-1949	Ralph E. Rice	1974	Margaret E. Allen		
1950-1951	Ralston F. Rice	1975	Charles W. Rice		

\*Note: Died in office

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

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

## ERA Database

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

### Nine-Generation Rice 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 2023. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

## Membership

### New Annual Members

**Ellen May Arnold**, Upton, MA  
**Fred Blumberg**, Lakewood, NJ  
**Robert Bruce Chatelle**, Roxbury, MA  
**Barry Coburn**, Ottawa, Ontario, Canada  
**Rosalie Beck Detmer**, Henrico, VA  
**Barbara Durfee**, Citrus Springs, FL  
**Sara Staples Holt**, Sandy, UT  
**Kristin Krauskopf**, Mount Vernon, NY  
**Monster Digital Marketing**, Bloomington, IN  
**Ann Elizabeth O'Rourke**, Manchester, NH

**Heather Margaret Rice**, Kezowna, British Columbia, Canada  
**Reggie Rice**, Buffalo, MO  
**Ronald Frank Rice**, Alberta, Canada  
**Merrier Kathleen Sodder**, Ocean Shores, WA  
**Tamara Megan Bounds Stein**, Valley Glen, CA  
**Nancy Wells**, John Day, OR  
**Martin West**, Mendon, MA  
**John Works**, Washington DC  
**Anthony Yetzer**, Conowingo, MD

### New Life Member

**Thomas Hungville Hillery**, Henderson, NV

### Lost Member

**Paula Willard Munger**, Evans, GA

### In Memoriam

**Marilyn (Rice) Nee**, Tullahoma, TN



## Obituaries



**Marilyn A. (Rice) Nee**, 88, wife of Lawrence J. Nee, Sr., died peacefully at home, Westside Heights Drive, Friday, Oct. 29, 2021.

A native of Gardner, Massachusetts, she married her high school sweetheart after graduation the following July. The couple celebrated their 70<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary on her birthday, July 4, 2021.

She is survived by her husband and their seven children, Lawrence J. Nee Jr. (Robin) of Normandy, Roberta Adams of Shelbyville, Kevin M. Nee (Cindi) of Baton Rouge, Scot A. Nee (Sandy) of Smyrna, Sharon Nee Goodman (Michael) of Manchester, Christopher D. Nee (Karen) of Hillsboro, and Mary Lynn Nee Felts (Jerry) of Manchester, 16 grandchildren and 23 great grandchildren.

She provided physical therapy for several years at Trinity Lutheran School for Childhood Development.

Mrs. Nee donated her body to the Vanderbilt School of Medicine in Nashville. (*Tullahoma News* – Nov. 3, 2021)



**Dan Henry Rice**, 87 of Midland, Michigan, died Tuesday evening, August 31, 2021, at MidMichigan Medical Center. He was born in Tekonsha, one of nine children to the late Herbert and Hazel (Wilmer) Rice. Dan attended Litchfield High School and was on the football team when they made state champs. He was also a member of Future Farmers of America when they took the state award. After school Dan enlisted in the United States Marine Corp. and served in the Korean War. After his military obligation where he was awarded the National Service Medal, the Korean Service Medal, the U.N. Service Medal and the Good Conduct Medal; he found employment with the Detroit Phone Company. On September 27, 1957, he married the former Edith Violet Potter in Coldwater, and she survives him; as do his sons, Michael Paul (Lisa) Rice, Thomas ‘Weiner’ (Wendy) Rice and daughter Leslie Ann Rice; grandchildren: Eric Rice, Heidi Rice, Emilie Rice, Alysa Rice, Jessica

(John) Hubbard, Jared (Samantha) Rice, Aaron Rice, and Ryan Rice; great grandchildren, Grant, Lili, Wyatt, Erika, Ashlyn, Elijah, Logan, Michael, Addyson, Aubrey, and Jace. He is also survived by his brother John Rice and sisters: Helen Reefman, Rosemary Bailey, Elaine Rockey; daughter-in-law Mona Rice and by his best friend ‘Buddy’. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his great granddaughter Maddie Rice; son Danny Lee Rice; brother, Herb; and sisters, Marian, Kathleen, and Carol.

Those planning an expression of sympathy are asked to consider the Disabled American Veterans or Wounded Warrior Project.

## In Celebration

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

### **JANUARY**

William A Amidon, Laconia, NH  
Laura S Anders, Fulton, IL  
Perry L Bent, Framingham, MA  
Kathleen H Bond, North Stonington, CT  
Megan Cunningham, Alexandria, VA  
Amy Hall, Framingham, MA  
Stanley Heisler, Ridgefield, CT  
Sandra S Hyden, Arlington, TX  
Julia Lenore Krapfl, Cascade, IA  
Lynn McLaughlin, Warwick, RI  
Bob McLaughlin, Chesterfield, MO  
Donna Elaine S Meszaros, Phoenix, AZ  
Lois Morlock, Hastings, MN  
Nancy B Murphy, East Hampstead, NH  
Christopher Proctor, Santa Barbara, CA  
Dell Rice, Springfield, NH  
Robert M Rice, East Moriches, NY  
Jeffry S Rice, Orange, CA  
Becky Rice-Leanna, Elk River, MN  
Merrier Kathleen Sodder, Ocean Shores, WA  
Peggy Ann Wendt, Neenah, WI

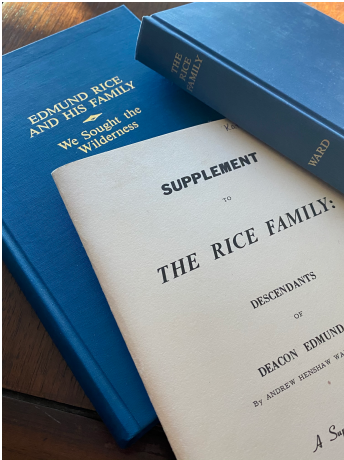
### **FEBRUARY**

Peter A Bundgard, Washington, MS  
Frank Dalley, Cavan, Ontario, Canada  
Anne DiBuono, Hubbardston, MA  
William R Drury, Virginia Beach, VA  
M Kathleen Felsted, Cove, UT  
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James Fullerton, Toronto, Ontario, Canada  
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Virgil Hart, Enid, OK  
Bonnie Johnson, Mebane, NC  
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Hubert Lee Rice II, League City, TX  
Karen Roop, Stow, MA  
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David Staublin, Rockford, MI  
Prescot M Storey, Palm Beach Gardens, FL  
Suzanne Swanson, Brier, WA  
Craig Tally, Kansas City, MO  
Louise B Thornton, Laguna Beach, CA  
Janice E Vanlysel, Madison, WI  
Wendy Wesen, Nottingham, MD

### **MARCH**

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Peggy J Brown, Maynard, MA  
Tori Ellis, Diamond Springs, CA  
Martha S Flanagan, Topeka, KS  
Thomas Gidley, Barrington, RI  
Alison Goeller, St.Hilaire-D'Ozilhan, France  
Diana R Hageboeck, Wayzata, MN  
Beatrice Hites, San Marcos, TX  
Deborah L Fairbank Hurtig, Sudbury, MA  
Lorraine Jacobs, East Hartford, CT  
George W King, Williamsburg, VA  
Susan Kuzmak, Edmonton, Alberta, Canada  
Martha Pierce, Canton, GA  
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Eugene R Rice, Oviedo, FL  
Joseph Dale Rice, Lago Vista, TX  
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Philip M Rice, Sleepy Hollow, IL  
Rosemary A Rice, Prescott, AZ  
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Stephen J Rice, Philadelphia, PA  
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William J Rice Sr, Johnston City, IL  
William S Rice, Ormond Beach, 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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## Annual Reunion Recap

### 2023 ANNUAL REUNION EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION

#### WAYSIDE INN AND LUTHER RICE HOMESTEAD

September 22-23, 2023 (Friday and Saturday)  
In-person and Zoom Options



*North Cemetery in Wayland at the Edmund Rice monument  
(L to R): Carleton Procter, Michael Rice, Bonnie Chandler, Brian Rice, John Chandler, and Dale Gunn*

This year the Association divided the reunion between two venues. On Friday, September 22, 14 intrepid adventurers met at the Wayside Inn in Sudbury, MA, at 1 pm and boarded a motor coach to embark on a tour led by President John Chandler, ranging through the towns of Sudbury, Marlborough, Wayland, and Framingham. We visited the Goodnow Library in Sudbury and were treated to a display of materials from the Rice collection (some of which had been donated to the library by our Association). Among these materials were two copies of a book by Charles E. Rice which probably had something to do with the formal organizing of the ERA, in that it audaciously (but, alas, erroneously) attributed a royal lineage to Edmund Rice. We also visited two cemeteries (the Revolutionary Cemetery in Sudbury and the North Cemetery in Wayland) and noted along our route several others where many of Edmund Rice's descendants are buried. At the North Cemetery we particularly noted the monument to Edmund Rice erected there by the ERA, and we subsequently visited the roadside marker commemorating Edmund's second home site and also spent some time along the lane where that house actually stood. One curious feature that we crossed several times on the tour was the Weston Aquaduct, an underground pipeline (now no longer in use) for carrying water from the Sudbury River dam in Framingham to a reservoir in Weston. Another feature of the tour was the old Boston Post Road, which originally passed right in front of the Wayside Inn (that being the reason for its moniker).

We took note of several old milestones still marking the route.



Returning to the Wayside Inn at 5 o'clock, we had refreshments and then dinner at this historic site. After dinner, the Board of Directors met in the upstairs ballroom at the Inn.



***Saturday meeting attendees from left to right: Guy Gettle, David Rice, Kathy Bond, Carol Rice, Carleton Procter, Amy Hall, Janet Rice, Doyle Rice, Lillian Rice, Betsy Kast, John Chandler, Dale Gunn, Perry Bent, Brian Rice, Mike Rice, and Bill Amidon. On Zoom screen is Tim Sanford and Katrina Rice Schmidt.***

Here follows is a summary of the Saturday session, serving as a draft of the minutes.

Starting at 8:30 am on Saturday, September 23, 2023, the members of the Association gathered for the annual meeting in the conference room of the Luther Rice Lodge on the Luther Rice Homestead site (also home of the Baptist Church of New England headquarters) in Northborough, MA.

The initial activity was a continental breakfast buffet, combined with some furniture rearrangement and unstructured socializing. According to plan, the visuals were provided by a large TV screen at the front of the room, driven by a laptop computer; a second laptop, with its camera focusing on the TV screen, was logged into a Zoom session available to members unable to attend in person. At 9:30, President John Chandler opened the formal session by welcoming the participants (eventually numbering 17 in the room and 2 more on Zoom).

After the opening remarks, John Chandler introduced the first speaker, Michael Rice, who delivered the latest version of a talk known as "Edmund Rice 101," giving an introduction to Edmund's world. That world is still shrouded in fog at his beginning, since, despite many decades of (sporadic) research, his parents and even his birthplace are unknown. The latest clue, as mentioned in the talk, is provided by genetic analysis of Edmund's male-line descendants, showing that Edmund most likely sprang from East Anglia, not Wales.

Next, John Chandler gave a talk about the ERA family database, not just covering the statistics, but also illustrating a case study of one particular recent addition to the database, showing how to get the most out of digitized original records.



After that talk, we gathered for group photos (including the Zoom participants on the TV screen), and then broke for a lunch buffet.

After lunch, we were treated to a keynote speech on the life and legacy of Luther Rice, given by Donna Carlin, caretaker of the Luther Rice Homestead site. Luther Rice (1783-1836) was a sixth generation descendant of Edmund and, like Edmund, traveled long distances. (He was a noted educator and missionary.)

After the keynote address, John Chandler called the ERA business meeting to order.

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to dispense with the reading of the last meeting minutes.

Michael Rice then gave Treasurer's report (unaudited). In brief, the income for the fiscal year ending August 31 was \$6,348.01 (largely dues and notably larger than last year); the expenses were \$3,922.25 (largely reunion); the net increase was \$2,425.76. The net increase was partly because we printed only two newsletters and collected more dues than usual.

Kathleen Bond next gave the Membership report. We have 147 annual members, including 29 paid up and 118 not paid up. We have 156 life members, including 1 new this year. The total number of active members is thus 352, counting those in arrears but apparently still active.

John Chandler then called for a moment of silence in memory of the five members whose deaths had been reported to us in the past year: Jill Cochrane, Dolores Mandeville, Marilyn Nee, Peter Newbould, and Alice Wareham.

Michael Rice then gave the Book Custodian's report. We again had low sales volume because of the light attendance at last year's reunion. The sales included 10 copies of the 2022 USB database, 6 Ward Rice Family and Supplement, 5 Rice Supplement #1, 4 Rice Supplement #2, and 3 We sought the Wilderness.

John Chandler then presented the three traditional door prizes for this reunion: first a tie for the furthest traveler to the reunion, Carol Rice and Guy Gettle from California; second the oldest person present, Lillian Rice, 86; and third the youngest person present, Brian Rice, 50.

John Chandler then reported the action of the Nominating Committee in the preceding 24 hours. They nominated the following slate of officers and directors:

President - John Chandler

Vice President - Brian Rice

Vice President for Arrangements - Carleton Procter

Treasurer - Michael Rice

Recording Secretary - Kathleen Bond

Historian - John Chandler

Directors - Guy Gettle, Dale Gunn, Kevin Mullen, Doyle Rice, Tim Sanford, and Katrina Rice Schmidt

Special thanks go to Dale Gunn, now stepping down after serving for several years as Vice President for Arrangements and to Carleton Procter, stepping up to succeed Dale.

No other nominations being made from the floor, it was then moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to elect the slate as presented.

John Chandler then reported on the state of the ERA family database. As of last month, there were 315,522 persons in the database, an increase over last year of 8,408. The increase included contributions from 4 cousins, and 5 others are still pending. Meanwhile, the on-line 6-generation edition of the database contains 16,588 persons, while the 9-generation edition has 138,777.

He then reported on the ERA DNA projects. The Y-DNA project has 426 members organized into 34 separate Rice families (include 102 in Group 1, the lineage of Edmund Rice) and 143 other members not grouped. The Sudbury mt-DNA project has 12 members organized into 2 female lineages and 11 others not grouped.

He then reported on a governance issue that came to light in the spring meeting of the Board of Directors. As a corporation under the laws of the Commonwealth of Massachusetts, the ERA is required to define a procedure whereby the corporation can be dissolved if and when the occasion arises. However, the bylaws adopted in 1996 have no such provision. The Board therefore proposed an amendment to the bylaws to meet that requirement, as follows.

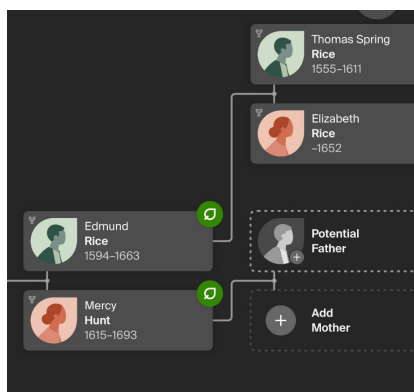
#### ARTICLE 14- DISSOLUTION

The Edmund Rice (1638) Association can be dissolved, at need, by the following procedure. The Board of Directors shall pass by two-thirds vote a resolution to dissolve the Association and shall present that resolution to a duly constituted annual or special meeting of the Association as a whole, and the advance notice of that meeting shall have included the text of the resolution. A two-thirds vote of Association members at that meeting shall be needed to ratify the resolution and thereby dissolve the Association.

It was then moved and seconded to adopt this amendment, and a vote was taken (two-thirds vote required for passage). The vote count was 14 in favor, 1 opposed, and 1 abstention. The amendment is adopted.

No further business being brought forward, it was moved, seconded, and passed to adjourn at 3:06 pm.

## Correspondence



**From David Smith via email (10-14-2023):** I had no idea this organization existed. Although I don't share the last name I am in fact related somewhat! (Shared a family tree).

**Response from Katrina Rice Schmidt via email (10-15-2023) :** Hi cousin: You may want to chat with John Chandler, ERA's President and Historian, about the research you have completed. He is cc'd as "info" up above.

I believe Edmund Rice Association doesn't have records of who Edmund Rice's parents were, so I'm curious as to where you got your information on Thomas Spring Rice and Elizabeth Rice - what app is that?

I am a descendent of both Edmund and Thomasine Frost's sons Thomas and Edward.

If you would like to join the association, I will send you the next newsletter which comes out within the month, where you can find a membership application, or go online to the last newsletter and mail your application to Kathy Bond, the Membership Director.

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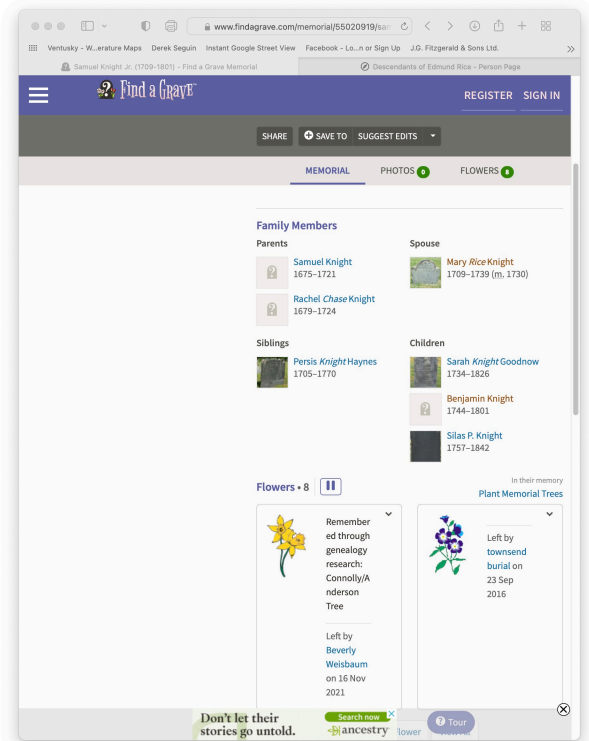
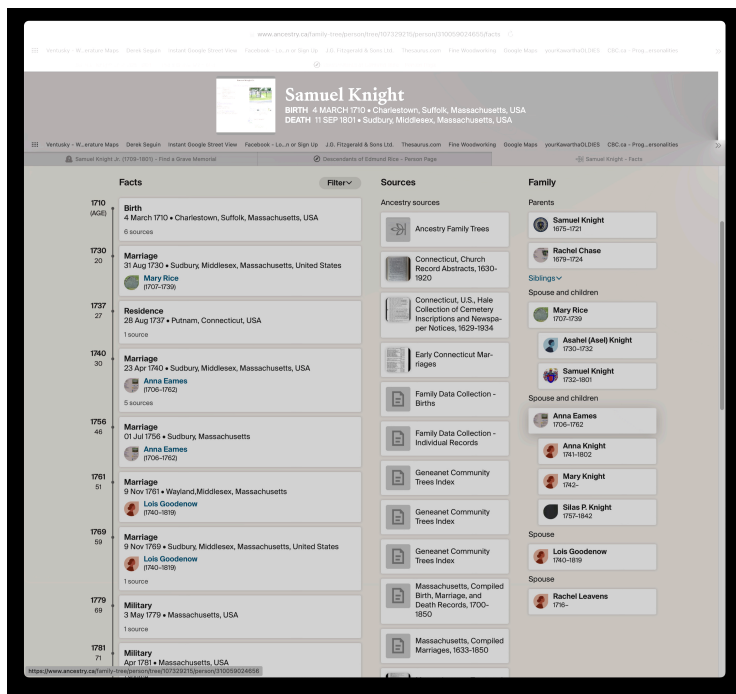


**From David Smith:** Hello again! I used “ancestry” to determine his parents but I am not certain it is 100 percent correct.

**From Frank Dalley via email (December 21, 2023):** John Chandler: Since doing my own “family tree”, if you will – my mother was a Rice, I have branched off to other family members as well as some friends. I use My Family Tree for MAC as my database.

One of those other friends is my ex landlord from when I first went to Peterborough, Ontario, Ca. That was 50yrs ago and we are still friends. This is by way of introduction to an interesting association.

Dorothy’s first husband was killed in a motor vehicle accident when their girls were quite young. In later years she re-married. Her new husbands first wife who had also died prior to this marriage is “related” to a Samuel Knight Jr.: b5/3/1709, d1/9/1801, who married a Mary Rice: b18/7/1809, d28/3/1739, m31/8/1730 in Sudbury Ma.



I have attached a couple of screen shots of the data from “Find A Grave” and “Ancestry” which, as I suspected, are all different than that in the Rice database. I think my ERA database is 2018.

How would I interpret this confusing data? I suspect that ERA will say their data is true and legit, and I have no reason to doubt that and I am not questioning that, however, how do I rationalize the other data. In fairness, I have found much contradictory info on Find A Grave, mostly on dates. The strange part is, like Dorothy, all of these people are very distant and in her case by marriage. She is of Italian decent.

As I have said to many people: "if you back far enough we are all related!" – somehow.

Thanks for your help & comments.

Frank Dalley

**Response from John Chandler (December 22, 2023):** Frank, Thanks for bringing this to my attention. The death of Mary (Rice) Knight was entered in the ERA database from Ward's "Rice Family" book, giving the day as "28" in contrast to the Sudbury VRs giving "18". Some 20 years ago, when I checked the database stuff against the published VRs, I evidently failed to notice the discrepancy, and left Ward's version unchallenged. I have to wonder whether the gravestone in the Revolutionary War Cemetery gives the day as "28" or whether Ward simply miscopied the entry from the VRs. Observe that the photo in Findagrave shows that the stone has sunk so far into the ground that the date is no longer visible. As a general rule, I have absolutely no trust in information in Findagrave that is not backed up by a photo. The Findagrave submitter appears to report the entire inscription from the stone, but the photo does not show any evidence that anyone has in recent memory done any digging to uncover the now-hidden part. Unfortunately, the compilers of the published Sudbury VRs did not include cemetery data in the book.

In any case, Mary's birth and marriage and Samuel's death in the ERA database all agree with what your screenshots show, and so there is actually just the one difference, as I discussed above. If you are wondering why our database is silent on Samuel's later marriages, the explanation is simple -- he is not a descendant of Edmund Rice, and so our interest in him is his connection to Mary, not the other wives.

If you are wondering about the double conflicting marriage info from Ancestry, you must realize that it's not at all dependable. The 1756 marriage to "Anna Eames" was actually the marriage of a different Samuel Knight (second child of Samuel and Mary) to an Ann Clapp, while the 1761 marriage to Lois Goodenow was a double blunder which garbled both the year and place, and even the 1769 marriage "Fact" is wrong about the place (which should be Framingham).

As for Samuel's birth, that will take some checking. We know the approximate date from his reported age at death. ~John Chandler

**From Frank Dalley (December 22, 2023):** John: Thanks for the quick reply – pleasantly unexpected.

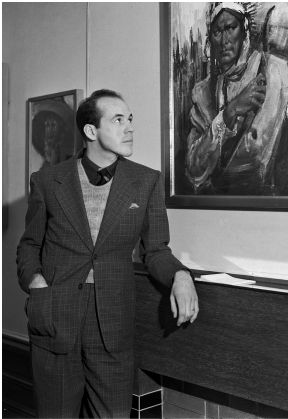
I am quite frankly not surprised by your replies and I am more curious than concerned as the parties are quite removed from both Dorothy and myself. I must say that this arrangement has the most discrepancies and I too take info from both Ancestry and Find A Grave with at least one grain of salt.

The picture of Mary's headstone was submitted in 2012 so who knows what state it is in now. The submitter may have gotten the inscription from some other source.

Regardless, I thank you for your info. ~Frank Dalley

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



January 13, 2023 - **John Coleman Burroughs (1913-1977)**, the son of the famed author Edgar Rice Burroughs of Tarzan fame, was an artist and illustrator. Both John and his father were descendants of Edmund Rice. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Coleman\\_Burroughs](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Coleman_Burroughs)



January 29, 2023 - Edmund Rice descendant **Rosella Rice (1827-1888)** was a prolific writer and poet who was a popularizer of the legend of John "Johnny Appleseed" Chapman. Her writings contributed to the body of American literature romanticizing the pioneer life in the West. [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosella\\_Rice](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Rosella_Rice)

February 25, 2023 - **Paul Rice Camp (1919-2012)**, a descendant of Edmund Rice, was a professor of physics at the University of Maine focusing on the physical properties of water ice and materials at low temperatures.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul\\_Rice\\_Camp](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Paul_Rice_Camp)

March 12, 2023 - From the Heinlein Society, our cousin **Lucille Ball** being honored for her contributions to sci-fi via her Desilu Studios.

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

A bit over two centuries ago, June 16, 1816, Mary Shelley on the left invented Science Fiction when she wrote "Frankenstein".

About 150 years later Lucille Ball on the right championed a script nobody wanted, paid for the pilot and fought the money people back enough for "Star Trek" to get made. (She also had a hand in "Westinghouse Desilou Playhouse" which gave Rod Serling the big break he needed to get "The Twilight Zone" produced.)

The mother of science fiction, and the godmother of modern science fiction, we salute you.



March 31, 2023 - Edmund Rice descendant **Horace Jacobs Rice (1882-1964)** was a practicing attorney and law school dean at the College of Western New England School of Law in Springfield.

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horace\\_Jacobs\\_Rice](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Horace_Jacobs_Rice)





April 2, 2023 - Found in the Rice Gallery of the Worcester Historical Museum: "On World Geologists Day we are sharing the granite Blackstone Canal marker that you can see in our Rice Gallery exhibit, "Stories They Tell.""

On October 7, 1828, the Blackstone Canal opened. This man-made waterway connected Worcester to Providence harbor, opening land-locked Worcester County to the wider world of international trade and trip-starting enormous economic development. Granite mile markers were positioned along the 45-mile route in one mile increments similar to the small green signs you see on highways today.  
<https://www.facebook.com/worcesterhistory>



Edmund Rice descendant **Walter Franklin Lansil (1846-1925)** was a Maine-born artist based in Boston. He was famous for his paintings of Venice, Italy.  
[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walter\\_Franklin\\_Lansil](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Walter_Franklin_Lansil)

September 21, 2023 - The 2023 meeting of the Edmund Rice 1638 Association begins noon tomorrow September 22 at the Luther Rice Homestead in Northborough, Massachusetts with a bus tour of historic Rice houses and sites in the area. The bus tour departs from the Wayside Inn in Sudbury at 1pm. Check the ERA website for further details.

October 2, 2023 - Rice family history in Framingham. (Video of James L. Parr reading his poem recorded in 2020)

**#onthistoday** in 1800, at the home of Mary Rice, Framingham's first manufacturing industry was born: straw bonnets. Mary described her first year in her own hand, "We began working on straw bonnets and trimmings on October 2, 1800, and cleared \$340 (the same buying power as \$8,140.70 current dollars)." She stayed in this business for 50 years, retiring at the age of 88.

**How to Make a Straw Hat** [by James L. Parr]

After harvesting the rye,  
Leave it in the sun to dry.  
Bundle it and trim the strands,  
It's sharp, be careful of your hands!  
With nimble fingers and a firm grip,  
Braid, or plait it into strips.  
With practice your straw braids can get  
Quite beautiful and intricate.  
When you've braided your last row,  
Grab a needle, it's time to sew.  
The strips will form the crown and brim,  
Stitch these together, then add some trim.  
Put a fancy ribbon on it,  
Now you have a stylish bonnet!



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

The schedule of dues is as follows:

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

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