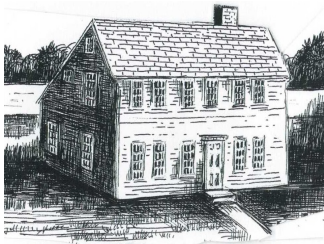


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Deacon Edmund Rice Homestead
Wayland, MA 1643 – 1912

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!

If you take a peek at the birthday wishes inside this issue, you will see my name appearing in the July section. Having recently reached the age of 73 (which seems not nearly so old to me now as it did when I was 37), my thoughts have turned to matters of age. Looking back at the very first presidential column that I wrote, I see that, even then, I was thinking of myself as especially young for being ERA president. I quote:

“As the new president of this association, I have the example before me of many dedicated predecessors, but I am such a "youngster" that I have known personally only four of them. It was not so very long ago, in fact, that I was awarded the prize as the youngest person in attendance at one of our annual meetings.”

By the way, speaking of reunion door prizes, we also give one for the oldest member in attendance. According to an anonymized list, our oldest current member is, or will soon be, 101!

Fitting deeds to words, I have just completed a survey of ERA members past and present for whom we have the relevant data, and here is what I found. The average age of current members is 73, just the same as mine! On the other hand, it turns out that I am a real "old-timer" in terms of years of membership, since I have been in the Association for 29 years, compared to the average of 16 years for the membership at large.

That leads us to a related matter, namely the age of members when they first joined the ERA. From what I've already said, you could subtract 16 from 73 and conclude that the current members were 57 on average when they first joined. Actually, I rounded off those numbers, and so the average age at joining is closer to 58, but you get the idea. The point, as "everyone" says, is that many people don't have time to pursue a hobby like genealogy until they retire, and that tendency is reflected in this age statistic. In fact, it's a little surprising that the average is so "young," since a new-minted genealogist may be expected to take some time to trace as far back as Edmund Rice. Maybe people are retiring earlier these days. Then again, the person who inspired me to take up genealogy was my great uncle, who got started in the prime of his life and kept at it until the end.

In any case, as I indicated before, I also considered former members who have "left the fold" for one reason or another. It was not easy to figure out how long they had been members, but I was able to establish their ages when they joined. Lumping them together with the current members, I found an average age of 60, only a little older than the current average.

I hope to see you at the Wayside Inn September 20-21!

~ 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 fall issue 2024 is September 30, 2024

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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)

Checks Payable to: EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSN., INC.

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IMPORTANT: Please notify Kathleen Bond of email address changes to continue to receive notices of when the latest newsletter is posted to the ERA website.

Editor's Column

Hello cousins,

I'm looking forward to seeing you at Longfellow's Wayside Inn and First Parish of Sudbury in Sudbury, Massachusetts in September. It will be my first reunion "in-person" since before the pandemic. An outcome of the pandemic is the option to attend the reunion without being there in person, by connecting with Zoom, which we are carrying forward now that the pandemic is over. However, there's nothing like being with cousins in person - a much better experience in my opinion! Alas, if you cannot make it in person and would like to join the Zoom, please contact me via email at katrice@pacbell.net and I will send you a link to the ERA meeting for the Saturday (9/21/24) program.

We are still looking for a Newsletter Editor to replace me. Contact me if you're interested!

~ Katrina Rice Schmidt

Website:

www.edmund-rice.org

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Contact us:

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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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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

EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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

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

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

ERA Database

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

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

**Cheryl Liechty, Rockport, ME
Janet Sylvia Seitz, Eagle River, AK**

Remember to renew your membership!

Please send in the membership form (last page of this newsletter), with your annual dues or consider a Life Membership. Registration for the Annual Reunion includes a one-year membership.

Memorial Gifts

Consider donating to the Edmund Rice (1638) Association in memory of a loved one, or consider a legacy gift, a planned future donation, given through a will or other form of designation.

Life Membership

**Consider a Life Membership.
By paying one single payment of \$300.00 you will never have to worry about remembering to pay your annual dues!**

In Celebration

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

JULY

John F Chandler, Harvard, MA
Dana B Cobb, Ridgewood, NJ
Richard Cochrane, Shrewsbury, MA
Carl Fritsche, Eatontown, NJ
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Adolph Johnson, Mebane, NC
Alda Kaye, Wakefield, RI
Rebecca Lynn Millis, Centerville, VA
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Thad Robert Rice, Centerville, MA
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Canada
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William R Wesen, Minneapolis, MN

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Roberta Gries, Lakewood, CO
Kathy Jenkel, Tamaroa, IL
Suzanne Kadiff, Watertown, MA
Lois A Kendall, Falmouth, MA
Anne King, Williamsburg, VA
David King, St Charles, MO
Sharon Krisko, Maple Grove, MN
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Barbara, CA
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Scotia, Canada
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Nova Scotia, Canada
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Michael J Therien, Durham, NC
Diana Lynne Weaver, Quebec,
Quebec, Canada
Patricia Young, Elk Rapids, MI

Edmund Rice (1638) Association Annual Reunion



2024 ANNUAL REUNION EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION

September 20-21, 2024 (Friday and Saturday)
In-person and Zoom Options

LONGFELLOW'S WAYSIDE INN
72 WAYSIDE INN ROAD, SUDBURY, MA



Friday, September 20

- 8:00am – 1pm Arrive at Wayside Inn Campus, and give yourself time to walk around, see the grounds, historic buildings, exhibits, and enjoy a casual lunch on your own.
- 1:00 – 5:00pm Narrated bus tour by John Chandler of local Rice areas of interest – Leaves the parking lot of the Wayside Inn
- 5:00pm Coffee and Tea at Wayside Inn, Henry Ford Room
- 6:00pm Dinner at Wayside Inn
- 7:00pm ERA Board Meeting – Board Members will go to another room. All others may stay and socialize.

FIRST PARISH OF SUDBURY UNITARIAN CHURCH 327 CONCORD ROAD, SUDBURY, MA

Saturday, September 21

- 8:00am Gather at the Sudbury Unitarian Church for a light breakfast buffet: Coffee, Tea, and Pastries
- 9:00am Opening Remarks - John Chandler, President, Historian, DNA Project Leader
- 9:10am Edmund Rice 101 - Michael A. Rice, Board Member, Treasurer, Book Custodian
- 9:50am ERA Family Database and Rice DNA Project – John Chandler, President, Historian, DNA Project Leader
- 10:30am What's Going on in England – Guy Gettle, Board Member
- 11:10am Book about Rices – Carol Rice Gettle
- 11:50am Group Photo
- Noon Lunch Buffet
- 1:00pm Guest Speaker – Railroads by Steven Greene, Local Historian
- 2:00pm Annual meeting and awards
- 3:00pm Reunion Ends

Registration: Included in this newsletter is a reservation form that must be returned along with all the applicable payments by **September 15, 2024**. Please allow for mail delivery time. Registration and payment in advance are required for the bus tour, Friday night dinner, and Saturday meetings and catered luncheon. Accommodations are available in the area. There are many hotels in the area, including the Wayside Inn itself. If you would like to Zoom into the conference for the Saturday session, please email Katrina Rice Schmidt at katrice@pacbell.net and she will send you a link to the meeting prior the meeting.

Checks: All checks should be made payable to: Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc. and mailed with your registration forms to Carleton Procter, P.O. Box 576, Brattleboro, VT 05302. Contact email: csptoo@gmail.com. If you prefer to use PayPal to register, use PayPal account era1638@hotmail.com.

ERA REUNION REGISTRATION FORM
September 20-21, 2024
Longfellow's Wayside Inn & First Parish of Sudbury Unitarian Church

Names of Attendee(s): _____

Mobile phone #(s): _____

Email address(es): _____
(Email address used for updated reunion information)

FRIDAY (9/20) NARRATED BUS TOUR REGISTRATION

The bus will leave from the Longfellow's Wayside Inn parking lot at 1pm and will return there about 5pm. Please pay in advance, \$30.00 per person.

Number Attending: _____ Total for Bus tour (\$): _____

Names of Attendee(s): _____

FRIDAY NIGHT (9/20) DINNER RESERVATION

Join cousins at Longfellow's Wayside Inn Henry Ford Room for refreshments at 5:00pm, dinner at 6:00pm, which includes tossed garden salad and choice of beef, chicken, fish or vegetarian option. Please pay in advance for dinner, \$35.00 per person.

Number Attending: _____ Total for Friday Dinner (\$): _____

Names of Attendee(s): _____

Dinner Choice(s): _____
(Choice of beef, chicken, fish, or vegetarian)

SATURDAY (9/21) PRESENTATION AND LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Includes breakfast pastries and coffee, presentation, meeting, and lunch. Please pay in advance, \$35.00 per person ERA members, \$55 per person for non-members (includes membership for one year).

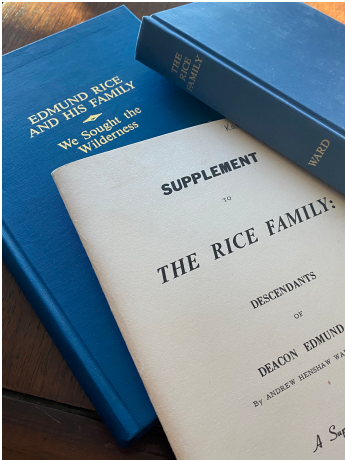
Number Attending: _____ Total for Saturday Session (\$): _____

Names of Attendee(s): _____

Total Amount Included \$ _____

**Make your checks payable to: Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc.,
and send your check along with this form
no later than September 15th to:
Carleton Procter, P.O. Box 576, Brattleboro, VT 05302**

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.

Mail your check/money order made payable to: Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc. send to:

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PLEASE CHECK YOUR CARD'S EXPIRATION DATE!

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

The schedule of dues is as follows:

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

Annual dues are payable by September 1 st :	\$ _____
Additional voluntary contribution:	\$ _____
Total:	\$ _____

Membership Type: New ___ **Renewal** ___ **Membership Info Update** ___

Preferred Newsletter Delivery Method: Paper via US Mail ___ or Email ___

Phone Number: (____) _____

Email address: _____

Birthday (MM/DD/YYYY): _____

Added to ERA database for identification (kept confidential) and Birthday Wishes

Name: _____

Due to duplicate first & last names: Please include First, Middle, "Maiden" Last, Suffix

Address: _____

City/Town/Province: _____

State: _____ Zip/Postal Code: _____ Country (if not USA): _____

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

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