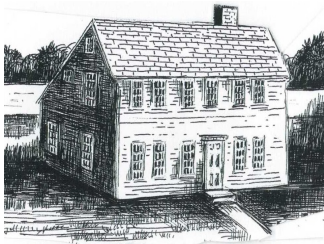


# Edmund Rice (1638) Association Newsletter

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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!

I have been mulling over the conflict between comprehensiveness and privacy in the field of genealogy. With the goal of preserving confidentiality for contributors to the ERA family database, we have made the promise of not disclosing information from the database about living persons. On the other hand, as it happens, a considerable amount of our information about living persons comes from the books published in the 1970s and 80s, now sitting on various library shelves and in personal collections around the world. The increasingly fast pace of modern life has raised both the risk and the consciousness of risk of identity theft and changed the conception of what should be published.

By the same token, the US census returns become public after a mere 72 years, such that the 1950 census is now online and more-or-less fully indexed. Canada lags behind, but their 1931 census has recently been released and indexed. As I have commented before,

the indexing may have holes and mistakes, but it is nonetheless present, and the mistakes, at least, can often be surmounted by educated guesswork.

For that matter, in many places, notices of births, marriages, and deaths are routinely published in the newspaper. Admittedly, a simple death notice reporting only the name and age of the decedent would not reveal anything about living persons, but obituaries commonly include the names and relationships of survivors as well, and often even the towns of residence of many of the survivors. As a genealogist, I am grateful for the wealth of available information, but I have to wonder whether the writers of these explicit obituaries have thought through the dangers of identity theft.

The "outing" of survivors occurs even in the graveyard, as shared monuments for married couples typically show the name and birth date of the surviving spouse as soon as the first spouse dies, or even sooner if they are planning ahead. Further, it is also common for such monuments to name all of the couple's children, even though there is often no provision for such children to be buried in the shared space. I have corresponded with people who specifically wished they hadn't been publicized in that fashion. I suppose the child list must have been the wish of one or both parents, duly followed by whoever was in charge of the arrangements, but without consulting all of those concerned.

Of course, at the same time, all of these revelations are somewhat protected in the sense that there is no global index tracking individuals through all of the public data. In other words, a snooper would need to know in advance the name, age, and location of a target in order to find public records to confirm that knowledge. The fact is that most people have common names and are therefore partially concealed in a crowd of unrelated, but similarly named, individuals. The information may be public, but it still requires careful research to disambiguate.

~ 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 summer issue 2025 is June 30, 2025.

### 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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### Editor's Column

Hello cousins!

The **annual reunion will be held in Sudbury, Massachusetts, September 26-27, 2025.** I am looking forward to attending the event where I will see my brothers, distant cousins, and other ERA associates. Carleton Procter, the Vice President for Arrangements is finalizing plans for the reunion as I write this. Plans include a bus tour and casual dinner on Friday, and presentations, lunch, and annual meeting on Saturday. The ever popular "Edmund Rice 101" will be presented by Michael Rice, and we will also have a guest speaker. More details will be published in the summer newsletter. In any case, mark your calendars now!

My message wouldn't be complete if I didn't ask for a replacement Newsletter Editor. Contact me or President John Chandler if you are interested!

~ Katrina Rice Schmidt

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## ERA Past Presidents

1912-1913	Eustace Bond Rice	1952-1953	John A. Bigelow	1976	Seaver M. Rice
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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](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 2024. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

## Membership

### New Annual Member

**Tammy Marie Hoerning Haefer, New London, WI**

### New Life Member

**Debra Georgantis-Miller, York, PA**

### Remember to renew your membership!

We want to stay connected! 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!**



## Obituaries



### **James Parker Rice Jr.**

November 18, 1925 — February 10, 2023

James Parker Rice, Jr., 97, passed away peacefully at home in Westport, NY on February 10, 2023 with family by his side. Born in Fitchburg, MA on November 18, 1925 to James P. Rice and Marion (Stevens) Rice, Parker attended Fitchburg schools through grade 10 and Lunenburg High School thereafter, graduating in the Class of 1943. Upon graduation, he joined the U.S. Navy Air Corps and trained as a fighter pilot until 1945 when WWII ended. Parker then earned a B.S. in Forestry from the University of Maine at Orono and worked in the U.S. Forest Service from 1949 to 1950 as a fire spotter in New Mexico's Gila National Forest.

Returning to Fitchburg, Parker went to work at F. W. Rice Jewelers & Stationers, the family business, and in 1950 married Mona Irvine, with whom he had fallen in love years earlier when she showed up as a bright beautiful dancer at his mother's Marion Rice Studio of the Dance. They bought their starter home in Lunenburg and in 1957 moved to a 1796 colonial in Ashburnham, MA, where they restored their dream house and raised three children. In 1970 when the family business was liquidated, Parker purchased Hyland Office Supply and merged it with F.W. Rice's stationery component to create Hyland/Rice Office Products, Inc., known for excellent personalized customer service.

When Parker wasn't designing commercial spaces, serving customers with gentlemanly charm, and managing other business tasks, he was busy elsewhere. Parker lived that which he espoused to his children: "Do something productive." He served in community leadership roles with the Fitchburg Chamber of Commerce, Fay Club, Fitchburg Gas & Electric, Unitil, United Way, Worcester North Savings Institution, Fitchburg YMCA, Fitchburg Art Museum, and the Ashburnham Community Church.

Parker loved sports and being active. Football was a favorite; in an unusual instance, he played by himself during the 1938 hurricane in the backyard of his Lunenburg, MA home: As he described it, "I'd throw the ball into the wind and watch the football being carried back through the air toward me so I'd run and catch it." Parker played a strategic game of ambidextrous tennis and was an elegant downhill skier, smoothly carving each turn in the "Hannes Schneider" style of the 1930's. It was he, who, as a teenager, eternally fell in love with snow and skiing and taught his mom and dad and everyone else in the family to ski, for which we are forever grateful. At Tuckerman Ravine on Mount Washington, NH, Parker skied Hillman's Highway and was inducted into "The Lipper Club" by his skiing buddies for traversing over the top lip of the ravine. He was a skilled ballroom dancer with a fancy-footed jitterbug and never lost his love of flying. In his Cessna Cardinal, he would fly family anywhere on a good day for lunch or to get someone home from college. Parker's hobbies included puttering, working with wood, organizing and fixing things, but his heart lay outdoors. He hiked as long as he could, including Maine's Mount Katahdin at 72 and many Adirondack High Peaks. He was an avid fly fisherman always searching for the elusive trout stream; he camped, canoed and sailed and loved exploring the shoreline of Lake Champlain identifying everything in sight. He knew why and where historic shipwrecks lay in the lake, as he was, until the end, a voracious reader of American history.

In 1954, Parker had begun taking his family to Lake Champlain to vacation on the North Shore in Westport. Loving the area, Parker and Mona bought property with a stellar Adirondack Park mountain view in 1987, erected a tent platform, and commuted from Ashburnham to their get-away campsite for 16 years. In 2001 they

built their retirement “camp” on the property and moved into “Wild Meadows” permanently in 2005. They joined the Westport Federated Church and savored their final years together enjoying everything natural, cultural, and edible in their new environs.

Parker was a teacher: He let each grandchild know that “Love is caring, commitment and trust” - his formula for a good marriage. And one couldn’t be with him long before getting tips on topics galore: “Turn with your hip on the outside of your ski.” “Get it right the first time.” “Plan ahead.” “Just keep it under 100!” His love of the outdoors and propensity for teaching served him well in his dedication to the Boy Scouts (BSA). In 1953 as scoutmaster, Parker and his troop attended the 3rd National Jamboree at Irvine Ranch, CA. Later, he became commissioner and then president of the BSA Nashua Valley Council and in 1992 received the council’s Distinguished Citizen Award.

Parker was a life member of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association and an early donator of DNA for ancestry tracing, as family was his passion. He was quite surprised to learn upon moving to Ashburnham that Rice ancestors had lived there for generations, were buried there, and had attended Cushing Academy. We are so fortunate that we were his family, whether we knew him as Dad, Bumpa, or Parker. He was courageous, focused, hard-working, filled with honesty and integrity and cared for everyone. He leaves our family enriched and will be greatly missed.

Those left behind include his sister, Carolyn Rice Brown of Millbrook, NY; three children: Robin Rice (Michael Ridgway) of North Stonington, CT; Rebecca Rice (Thomas) Flanagan of Ashburnham, MA; and Christopher Irvine Rice (Tomlin Coggeshall) of Westport, NY; four grandchildren: Erik Rice Flanagan (Molly McGill) of Auburn, ME; Ashley Flanagan (Andrew) Parker of Pownal, ME; Tiana Adriana (William) Recos of Paxton, MA; Mariel Rice Frechette of Solana Beach, CA; and eight great-grandchildren. Parker was predeceased by his wife in 2013.

A memorial service for James P. Rice, Jr. was held at the Ashburnham Community Church on Saturday, May 6, 2023 at 3 p.m. Donations in his memory may be made to Champlain Area Trails (CATS) [champlainareatrails.com](http://champlainareatrails.com) in Westport, NY or the Heart of NE Council-BSA, 394 Pleasantdale Rd., Rutland, MA 01543.

## 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 Bond, North Stonington, CT  
Megan Cunningham, Alexandria, VA  
Amy Hall, Framingham, MA  
Stanley Heisler, Ridgefield, CT  
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Becky Rice-Leanna, Elk River, MN  
Merrier K Sodder, Ocean Shores, WA  
Peggy Ann Wendt, Neenah, WI

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## **FEBRUARY**

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Bonnie Johnson, Mebane, NC  
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R Craig Rice, Waterman, IL  
Ronald Curtis Rice, Kankakee, IL  
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Wendy Wesen, Nottingham, MD

## **MARCH**

Ellen N Bartholomew, Mansfield, PA  
Peggy J Brown, Maynard, MA  
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Martha S Flanagan, Topeka, KS  
Thomas Gidley, Barrington, RI  
Alison Goeller, St Hilaire D'Ozilhan  
Diana R Hageboeck, Wayzata, MN  
Beatrice Hites, San Marcos, TX  
Deborah F Hurtig, Sudbury, MA  
Lorraine Jacobs, East Hartford, CT  
George W King, Williamsburg, VA  
Susan Kuzmak, Edmonton, Alberta  
Martha Pierce, Canton, GA  
Barbara J Rice, Imperial, MO  
Brenda Carol Rice, Livonia, MI  
Douglas J Rice, Rochester, NY

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Philip M Rice, Sleepy Hollow, IL  
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William J Rice Sr, Johnston City, IL  
Steven R Stocks, Grimes, IA

## **APRIL**

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Mark Gottfredson, Colleyville, TX  
Roger D Hughes, Normal, IL  
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Penelope Nolte, Montpelier, VT  
Kristofor M Normand, San Antonio, TX  
John O'Keeffe, Worthington, OH  
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Pamala Wadsworth, Wayland, MA

## **MAY**

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Charles Bourland Jr, Savannah, GA  
Roger L Busch, Greenwich, CT  
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Sylvia Leight Duch, Jacksonville, FL

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## **JUNE**

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Kevin William Mullen, Milton, VT  
Donald Nelson, Frisco, TX  
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Janet Sylvia Seitz, Eagle River, AK  
Patrick Smythe, Aurora, CO  
Tamara Megan Bounds Stein, Valley Glen, CA  
Mary Rice Swanson, Fremont, NE  
Douglas Daniel Vickery, Boynton Beach, FL  
Andrea Weider, Huntley, IL  
Diane L Young, Palm Bay, FL

# From Edmund to Lexington

## From Edmund to Lexington

By John F. Chandler

As we mark the 250th anniversary of Lexington-Concord, it is worth noting that both towns are "neighbors" of Sudbury, where Edmund Rice put down roots. As entered in the ERA family database, there are 12 descendants of Edmund who responded to the Lexington Alarm and 7 other responders who married descendants (and are therefore included in the database). Note that the alarm was broadcast well beyond the reach of Paul Revere and William Dawes, and so some of the responders came from as far away as western Massachusetts and thereby missed the immediate confrontation, but participated in the follow-up. Here follows an alphabetical list of the Rice-related responders, showing the name, dates, and lineage of each, plus the source of each assertion.

If you have evidence of other Rice clan members who participated or evidence that any of the ones listed here did not, please let me know.

### Descendants of Edmund RICE

John BARBER (1742-1777) {John<sup>5</sup>, Anna<sup>4</sup> TAYLOR, Hannah<sup>3</sup> RICE, Henry<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>}. Source: Barbour, Edwin Dana *Descendants of Captain George Barbour of Medfield (1643 to 1900)*, p 56.

Jonas BRIGHAM Jr (1748-1826) {Jonas<sup>5</sup>, David<sup>4</sup>, Mary<sup>3</sup> RICE, Henry<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>}. Source: Brigham, W. I. Tyler *The History of the Brigham family, a record of several thousand descendants of Thomas Brigham the emigrant, 1603-1653*, p 156.

Silas BULLARD, Capt. (1746-1826) {Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, Anna<sup>4</sup> RICE, John<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>}. Source: Wright, Henry Parks *Soldiers of Oakham, Massachusetts, in the Revolutionary War, the War of 1812, and the Civil War*, p 60.

Arthur HUMPHREY (1735-c1812) {Sarah<sup>4</sup> RICE, Ebenezer<sup>3</sup>, Benjamin<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>}. Source: Freeland, Mary DeWitt *Records of Oxford, Massachusetts, including chapters of Nipmuck, Huguenot and English history*, p 383.

Asa RICE (1742-1823) {Hezekiah<sup>5</sup>, Luke<sup>4</sup>, Daniel<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>}. Source: Ward, Andrew Henshaw *Genealogical History of the Rice Family: Descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice*, p 172.

Ashbel RICE (1755-1838) {Jesse<sup>4</sup>, Joseph<sup>3</sup>, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>}. Source: Ellis, Ray Lowther *A Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants*, p 129.

Eliakim RICE (1756-1834) {Susanna<sup>5</sup> ALLEN, Zebadiah<sup>4</sup>, Frances<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>}. Source: *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, pp 11:190, 17:180.

Joel RICE (1733-1819) {Thankful<sup>4</sup> RICE, Edmund<sup>3</sup>, Samuel<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>}. Source: Ward, Andrew Henshaw *Genealogical History of the Rice Family: Descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice*, p 143.

Matthias RICE (1751-1798) {Matthias<sup>4</sup>, Gershom<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>}. Source: Ward, Andrew Henshaw *Genealogical History of the Rice Family: Descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice*, p 70.

Nathan RICE (1751-1836) {Abraham<sup>5</sup>, Abraham<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Henry<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>}. Source: Ward, Andrew Henshaw *Genealogical History of the Rice Family: Descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice*, p 154.

Oliver RICE (1726-1812) {Azariah<sup>4</sup>, Benjamin<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>}. Source: *DAR Application for Membership*, p #606139.

David STONE (1747-1824) {Ruth<sup>4</sup> STONE, Mary<sup>3</sup> RICE, Joseph<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>}. Source: Bartlett, J. Gardner *Simon Stone Genealogy: Ancestry and Descendants of Deacon Simon Stone of Watertown, Mass., 1320-1926*, p 262.

#### Spouses of Descendants

Samuel BENT (1755-1833) {married Mary<sup>7</sup> HUNT, Mary<sup>6</sup> WHEELER, Elisha<sup>5</sup>, Abigail<sup>4</sup> RICE, John<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>}. Source: Bent, Allen H. *Bent Family in America*, p 33.

Abraham GALE (1734-?) {married Abigail<sup>5</sup> RICE, Absalom<sup>4</sup>, Jonas<sup>3</sup>, Thomas<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>}. Source: Blake, Francis E. *History of the town of Princeton*, p 2:108.

Benjamin LAMB (1750-1835) {married Abigail<sup>6</sup> RICE, Ezekiel<sup>5</sup>, Ezekiel<sup>4</sup>, Jonathan<sup>3</sup>, Henry<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>}. Source: *Revolutionary War Pension and Bounty-Land Warrant Application Files*, pp 2, 24.

Abner STONE (1750/1-1829) {married Persis<sup>6</sup> MOORE, Augustus<sup>5</sup>, Tamar<sup>4</sup> RICE, John<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>}. Source: *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, p 15:82.

Ephraim STONE (1747-?) {married Rebecca<sup>6</sup> STREETER, Eunice<sup>5</sup> RICE, Martha<sup>4</sup> RICE, Jacob<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>}. Source: *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, p 15:93.

Isaac STONE (1753-1828) {married Hannah<sup>7</sup> BULLARD, Jonathan<sup>6</sup>, Jonathan<sup>5</sup>, Anna<sup>4</sup> RICE, John<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>}. Source: *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, p 15:96.

Jeduthan STONE (1748/9-1829) {married Elizabeth<sup>6</sup> HOW, Paul<sup>5</sup>, Deliverance<sup>4</sup> RICE, John<sup>3</sup>, Edward<sup>2</sup>, Edmund<sup>1</sup>}. Source: *Massachusetts Soldiers and Sailors of the Revolutionary War*, p 15:99.

**Mark your calendars for the Edmund Rice (1638) Association meeting  
in Sudbury, Massachusetts on September 26-27, 2025**

**Friday: Narrated bus tour of Sudbury and Lexington-Concord, and casual dinner  
afterward at Longfellow's Wayside Inn**

**Saturday: The ever popular "Edmund Rice 101" presentation, as well as other ERA favorite  
presentations, special speaker (TBD), annual meeting, and luncheon**

**More details to come in the summer newsletter!**



## Tales of Our Ancestors

### The Story of a Cyclone

by H. Eugene Rice

*Story submitted by David Rice. David's grandfather, George A. Rice, was the brother of H. Eugene Rice*

**The hottest day I ever remember was Saturday, June 17, 1882.** I was working in the field with a pair of horses and it was so hot that the folks rang the big bell on the barn for me to come in. It was only eleven o'clock, so I was surprised. I had noticed that the horses were feeling the heat, so I had to rest them at the end of each row. Father told me that it was 106° in the shade and they thought I ought not to stay working out in the sun. Father had hives of bees and the heat made them come out of the hives, so he had to watch them and keep them from swarming and flying away.

About eight o'clock that evening a very heavy thunderstorm came up from the east and Father went out and closed the barn so that the wind would not get in and blow the roof off, and when he came in the house, he told Mother that there was another storm coming from the west, so he thought there would be some very high winds. After the storm from the east had passed over, it met the other storm about 12 miles from us and formed the tornado or cyclone. This storm swept thru the city of Grinnell and destroyed many of the college dormitories and about 90 students were killed.

Then the storm seemed to bounce and did very little damage for nearly 7 miles and then it levelled everything in its path.

It passed about 1/2 mile south of the town of Malcom and we were right in its path. Two or three small branches of the storm went thru the town, taking off some roofs and the two church steeples. After leveling everything in its path for 4 or 5 miles, the storm bounced again for about 20 miles and was considerably spent when it reached the town of Mount Pleasant.

We eight children had gone to bed and when the roar of the storm reached us, the folks called the three girls down from upstairs and told them to bring their clothes but not to stop to dress, but as they came down, the storm increased so much the folks called to them to go down cellar, while they rushed into the back part of the house for us five boys. Mother got the baby (3 mos.) and the 3-year-old, and Father roused and pulled us two oldest boys and took the 5 year old boy under his arm. When we arrived at the cellar door, Father said: "Why did you not go down cellar?" They said: "We could not open the door," for the house was already rocking with the storm. Father said: "I will open it!", but as he grabbed the doorknob, he saw the walls breaking away from the floor and he felt himself being carried up into the air and next he was plunged headfirst into the water.

### **The New York Times, New York, NY 19 Jun 1882**

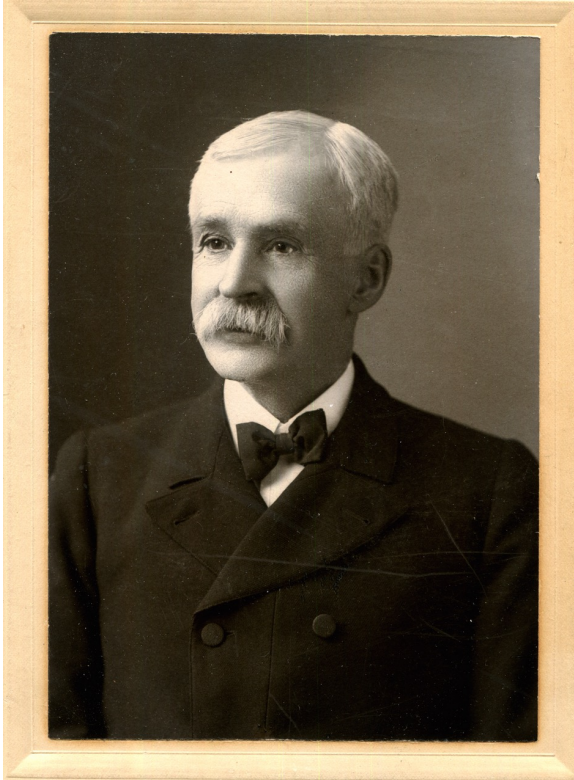
Malcom, June 17.- A terrible cyclone panned over here at 9:30 o'clock tonight. We have found seven dead and the wounded are numerous. Five of the best business houses, including the Gazette office, are demolished, and both churches and one-third of the dwelling houses in town are flat or badly damaged,

The following are among the dead:

C.H. WHEELER.  
OLD MRS. MYERS  
MRS. O. MYERS.  
MRS. HALL.

A man and his young son were blown into a well. The father climbed up the pump-stock, pushing his child before him.

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***George Eldon Rice, father of Henry Eugene (author of this piece)***

He knew he must be in one of our two wells, so as soon as he touched bottom, he twisted himself round and kicked himself to the top of the water (12 ft.) and there he found his 5 year old boy who had just fallen in when he tried to stand up in the wind. Father was able to climb out by bracing his feet in the crevices between the bricks and holding on to the pipe which had carried the water to the pump. He hoisted the small boy to his shoulders and told him to hang on to the pipe and climb.

In the meantime, most of the family were swept off the floor to the ground which was under the well of the house. My next younger brother and I were thrown into the cellar, but fortunately not till after the parlor stove, the sewing machine, and our big kitchen stove which had eight griddles and a big water tank. When I became conscious, I was lying on the big stove. Then we heard voices. My older sister said: "Where can we go?", so we called to them: "Come down here," and we helped them down.

The cellar was partly filled with stones from the side walls which had been forced in by the lightning coming down the lightning rods which were on both sides of the house. We children had only the thinnest nightclothes and were very uncomfortable, for the cellar walls were built of the roughest sandstones you ever saw — also the weather had turned very cold. The lightening was almost continuous and the wind so strong that it was almost impossible to stand up.

When Mother first became conscious, she called out: "Oh I've lost the baby," but my oldest sister said "I've got him". Then Mother noticed the 5 year old boy trying to stand up in the wind and she called to him to lie down, but he could not have heard, and that was probably when he fell into the well. When Father finally got out of the well, he thought probably the rest of us were killed and that it was strange that the well should be the safest place after all. When he looked for a place to go, the only possible shelter was the cellar, for the floor had dropped back over it. He was surprised to find us there and asked Mother: "Are they all here?" and she said: "I haven't counted." Then he called the roll and thanked God when found we were all there. He said it reminded him of the roll call after a battle when he was in the Civil War. The roll of the eight children was as follows: Mertie 15, Eugene 12 1/2, Mabel 11, Herbert 9, Edith 7, Ernest 5, Willard 3, and Arthur 3 months.

When we children complained of the cold and the rough stones, Father went out and found a mattress and some blankets from a bed which was caught under the second floor when it blew off. They were wet and cold, but we eight children got on the mattress and they wrapped the blankets around us, so we were more comfortable except when one was crowded off on to the rough stones. Then Father went out to the barn or where it had been and cut the halters of the horses and propped up the stanchions which were only held up by the cows' heads and then released them. After a long time, he came back and reported that there were lights in the town, also that teams with lights seemed to be rescuing the people west of us.

After 2-1/2 hours, we were rescued by our cousin's husband who had been a frequent visitor at our house during his courtship and after his marriage. He and his brother-in-law managed to drive a team up to the house thru a



***Children of George E. and Mary S. Rice: (L-R) John Willard, Mabel Florence, Edith Emma, Charles Herbert, George Arthur, Ernest (Willard?), Mertie Alice, and Henry Eugene (author of this piece)***

hedge and our garden, because the driveway was blocked by broken trees. The ten of us went to their house and a neighbor offered to take the three girls over across the street.

Then the problem was to get them all bathed and something for nightclothes and places to sleep. The next day was Sunday and it was a bright and beautiful day, but — our house was gone — all our buildings, fences, our crops, also clothing, furniture, in fact EVERYTHING was gone.

We found a house in the village to live in temporarily, and the neighbors gave us clothes and other needed things. One of Father's brothers sent a check for \$1500 and a brother-in-law from Minneapolis also sent \$1500, and his sister let it be known that her brother and family of eight children had lost everything in a cyclone and their friends in Plymouth Church sent a great case filled with wonderful clothing, etc. These things and lumber and other building materials enabled us to rebuild right away. It took us all summer to pick up the pieces of our buildings and to make the land tillable again. Not a horse, cow, or hog was killed and only a few hens. Nearly half of our orchard of 160 trees were uprooted or destroyed.



About, two weeks after the cyclone, we had some very heavy rains and the flood washed two bridges between the village and our farm, so we had go two miles further each night to reach our home. There were many odd incidents from the storm: 1) A pair of rubber boots were side by side in the shed at the east end of our house - one was found 25 ft. west of the house and the other 75 ft. east; 2) We kept the milk in oblong cans 6 x 15 x 20 set in tubs of water to keep the milk cool. One of these cans was found next day 60 ft. west of the house, and the rim was caught on a big limb of a big maple tree 15 ft. from the ground and it was half full of milk; and 3) Some of our apple trees were pulled up by the roots and carried a half mile away.

***The New York Times, New York, NY***  
**20 Jun 1882**

At Malcolm and vicinity 10 were killed and from 60 to 70 wounded. W. P. MIDDLEMAS, near Brooklyn, killed; MRS. ISAAC WILSON, killed; husband badly injured, one son killed and one injured; house of George Rice, near Malcolm, blown down river, and his son being thrown into a 22 foot well but uninjured, and his wife and five children taken from the debris of house uninjured; CHARLES WHEELER and MRS. AKERS, of Malcolm, killed, three children seriously injured; Mrs. Thomas Barr and daughter, terribly injured, MRS. THOMAS ORR, MRS. W. SYTHE, MR. and MRS. LEANDER HALL, and PETER CRAFT, all living in the vicinity of Malcolm, were killed, and three of injured are expected to die.

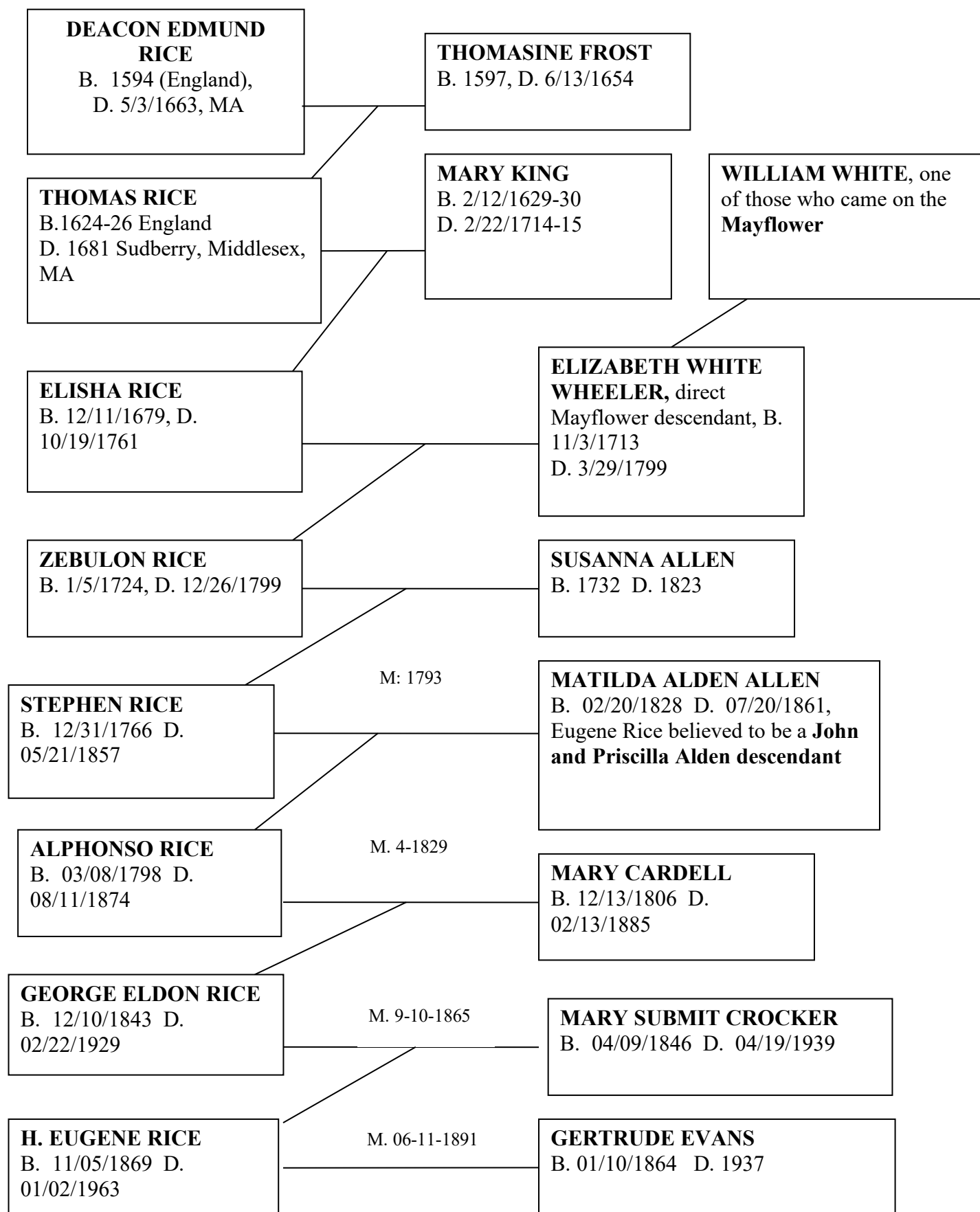
Malcolm has the following wounded; Mr. Honk, Mrs. Akers and three children, Mr. Snecklock and wife, Mr. Rogers, Mrs. Weatherbee, Mr. O. Myers, Mr. Andas and wife. Mr. Blood and wife and three children, three of Mr. Cloud's family, three of Mr. Stonebacker's family. There are probably many more that have not been reported. In the immediate vicinity of the town there were four persons killed - MR. CHARLES WHEELER, MRS. W.R. AKERS, MRS. O. MYERS, and old MRS. MYERS, mother of O. Myers.

In the country south-east of Malcolm several deaths occurred. I have not received authentic reports, but the following are reported VAN MIDDLEMAS, MRS. ISAAC WILSON and child. ORLANDO HALL and wife, WILLIAM LYTTLE. Twelve altogether are reported killed.

The losses in Malcolm are as follows: J. H. Dufus, Gazette building, with its contents, except printing material, farm machinery, one residence, loss from \$5,000 to \$10,000; L. G. Bodum, building and hardware, \$5,000; G. W. Shigley, \$500; Hubert & Vernon, \$2,000; Presbyterian Church, \$6,000; Methodist Episcopal Church, \$4,000; G. A. Rice, \$2,000; W. Benson, \$1,500; Mrs. Judd, \$1,000; B. P. Meigs, \$500; Osborn, \$500; George McKee, \$600; Akers \$500; T. S. Courtwright, \$800; Mrs. Willett, \$500; H. Sabneckloth, \$500; C. Wheeler, \$1500; Rodgers, \$500; Barnhouse, \$400, O. Myers, \$1,000; V. Winemar & Son, \$300; B. Martin, \$200; C. F. Quigg, \$300; W. Champion, \$300; E. P. Judd, \$500; Powesheik Count Agricultural Socisty [sic], \$ 1,000; school-house, \$500; Wighton, \$300; Miller, \$100; Hilliker, \$\$400; C. Legg, \$100; A. Shine, \$400.

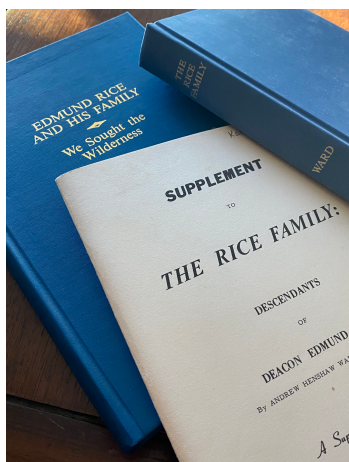
There are thousands of dollars lost in outbuildings, fences, sidewalks, stock, machinery, and crops, and many individual losses which I have no means of arriving at, but which will foot up at least \$150,000.

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## 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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