



Deacon Edmund Rice Homestead
Wayland, MA 1643 - 1912

The Edmund Rice Association publishes the newsletter four times a year: 1) Winter, 2) Spring, 3) Summer, and 4) Fall. The summer newsletter is devoted to the annual September Reunion and includes a description of the program and registration information. The other three newsletters include information of more general interest to our members. We invite all cousins to submit their genealogical information, newsletter corrections, items of interest, family articles and pictures, obituaries and queries. Send them to the newsletter editor at: editor@edmund-rice.org

President's Column



Greetings, Cousins!

I think it's time to write a column about the latest hot topic, "artificial intelligence". Actually it's not a single topic, but a whole family of related topics. I suppose it began with automated spell checking. This task is easily broken down into a sequence of subtasks: extracting words by recognizing white space and punctuation as separators, looking up the words in a comprehensive dictionary, and (if necessary) trying again after chopping off recognizable suffixes like -s or -ing and/or converting to lower case. Conceivably, such a tool could be made more flexible by customizing to the esoteric vocabulary of the user. In a genealogical context, this special supplement might include such abbreviations as "SSDI" for Social Security Death Index or "EKA" for earliest known ancestor or uncommon proper names of persons or places of interest to the individual genealogist. Needless to say, such a tool would be language-specific and would even depend on variants (e.g., British vs American), but such details are easily ironed out.

Another linguistic task that has recently come into its own is speech recognition. By feeding pairs of written (i.e., machine readable) and spoken versions of the same texts into a computer, the developers can "teach" the machine to pull words out of a stream of speech. This is relatively simple for things like on-line or on-phone transactions with a limited menu of options, but it can now also be hooked up to a generative AI bot to produce (for example) a summary of a Zoom session. This goes beyond merely recording a session and yields a relatively compact written document covering the main points of the session. The ERA board of directors has experimented with this tool and found it helpful as a supplement (though not a substitute) for taking minutes.

The real test of an AI bot is its command of facts. The problem is that it can only reshuffle and regurgitate the texts that have been used to train it. In the case of genealogy, the "literature" is a tremendously mixed bag ranging from scholarly reports to repositories of unsourced user-uploaded files. The best extant scholarship tends to be copyrighted and sit behind a pay wall. Published works in the public domain are, for the most part, from an era when documentation was often skimped, if not skipped altogether. There was a large outpouring of compendia of local history as supplied to the compilers by anybody willing to contribute. This material includes much that is verifiable, but also much that is not, all thrown in together. On top of that is the problem of "hallucinating" (making stuff up). More on that later.

~ John Chandler

Edmund Rice (1638) Association Newsletter

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, 2026, is September 30, 2026.

Membership

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

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

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

Annual dues, payable *September 1*, are:
Initial dues.....\$ 20.00
Renewals:
 Under 80 years of age.....\$ 20.00
 Age 80 and above.....\$ 10.00
Life membership.....\$300.00
(single payment)

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Editor's Column

~ David W Rice

For those that can spend an extra day after our Reunion meeting, there is an opportunity to visit historic Virginia City, which is a twenty-minute drive from Carson City. For those attending the Reunion without a car, we are working to develop other transportation options for a Sunday visit to Virginia City. Virginia City was built in 1859, it was the center of the Comstock Boom. From an architectural walking tour to a main street saloon crawl, there is a lot of the old west to enjoy. Check out the Virginia City website: <https://visitvirginiacitynv.com>.

**Visit the ERA Reunion web page
(<https://www.edmund-rice.org/reunion.htm>)
to see further 2026 Reunion information
including travel instructions and additional
information on the dinner menu.**

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1935-1936	Daniel H. Rice	1966-1967	Ray Lowther Ellis	1990-1993	John S. Bates
1937-1939	Elsie Hawes Smith	1968	Edgar W. Rice	1994	Alex W. Snow
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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.

Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc.
175 Annual Meeting & Reunion
September 25 - 27, 2026 (Friday to Sunday)
Federal Hotel, 900 South Carson Street, Carson City, Nevada

This 175th meeting of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association (ERA) will focus on the life of Henry Freeman Rice and his leadership during the Comstock Silver Boom that fueled the rapid growth of Carson City during the period 1850 – 1900. Henry was joined in Carson City by his friend Henry Melvin Yerington. Spring and Summer ERA newsletters will provide historical background for our meeting.

Meet your Rice Cousins. Renew past friendships.

Learn about your ancestors.

Open to all, ERA members get priority for dinner and talks.

- Registration and payment in advance are required for the Friday bus tour, Friday night dinner, and Saturday meetings, catered luncheon and Virginia City trip. Non-members payment will include an annual ERA membership.
- This Summer newsletter and the ERA website (<https://www.edmund-rice.org/reunion.htm>) includes an individual reservation form that must be returned along with all the applicable payments by **September 1, 2026**.

Reunion Events

Friday, September 25 – Bus Tour

- 9:00 AM Arrive early, visit the historic Nevada State Capital museum. Walk down nearby Curry Street and have lunch on your own, perhaps at the St Charles Hotel (built in 1862).
- 12:30 PM For those on the bus tour, gather at the Federal Hotel parking lot.
- 1:00 PM Enjoy a bus tour of historical Rice related sites including:
- Carson City Mint and State Museum for a docent guided tour. You will walk into the acclaimed mine display, view the mint press and coins it produced, and view pieces of the famous MacKay silver service displayed at the 1878 World Fair.
 - Nevada State Railroad Museum which has world class collection operating steam locomotives and rolling stock.
 - Henry F. Rice and Henry M. Yerington shared family burial plot in the Lone Mountain Cemetery.
 - Bus tour of Historic Carson City houses narrated by David and Frances Rice, including the Rice and Yerington homes. Also see the Clemens House where Samuel Clemens (Mark Twain) lived with his brother, and the Ferris House (inventor of the Ferris Wheel). We will also visit St Peters Episcopal Church (Rice and Yerington were founding Wardens in 1863).
- 5:00 PM Return to Federal Hotel.
- 6:30 PM Dinner at the Red's 395 BBQ which is directly across the street from the Federal Hotel.
- 8:00 PM ERA Board Meeting at Federal Hotel small meeting room.

Saturday, September 26 – Reunion Meeting

Preliminary Meeting Agenda

- 8:30 AM Gather at the Federal Hotel meeting Room for coffee, tea, and pastries. Coffee and tea will be served all day.
- 9:00 AM Welcome - Opening Remarks by John Chandler, PhD, President, and Historian.
- 9:15 AM ERA Family Database and Rice DNA Project – John Chandler, PhD, DNA Project Leader.
- 9:45 AM Edmund Rice 101 - Michael A. Rice, PhD, Treasurer, Book Custodian.
- 10:15 AM “The Conway Rices - Moving West” - Michael A. Rice, PhD.
- 10:55 AM Break
- 11:10 AM “Tents to Towns” – Frances Rice, ERA Member.
- 11:55 AM Group Photo
- 12:15 AM Buffet Lunch

- 1:00 PM “In Mint Condition - The Life and Times of Henry Freeman Rice” – Guest Speaker David Woodruff Research Historian and Chautauqua presenter.
- 2:15 PM “Mining the Forests” - Carol Rice, ERA Member.
- 2:55 PM Break
- 3:10 PM Annual meeting of the ERA.
Informal social and discussions

Sunday, September 27 – Visit Virginia City

Optional Visit Virginia City - Transportation and cost details to be determined based on number of attendees that are interested. The Reunion website and Facebook page will be updated as we get closer to the Reunion meeting date.

Tentative schedule:

- 9:30 AM Depart from Federal Hotel. Trip to Virginia City takes about 30 minutes. We will be traveling through the mining town of Gold Hill.
- 10:00 AM Arrive at Virginia City. Attendees will have four hours to explore Virginia City on their own. A list of recommended attractions will be provided.
- 2:00 PM Depart Virginia City.
- 2:30 PM Arrive Federal Hotel.

Accommodations

The Saturday Meeting and Reunion will be held at the Federal Hotel (just across the street from Reds 395 BBQ). A block of rooms has been set aside at the Federal Hotel with a room rate of \$135/night with no adjustments for multiple occupants.

Use this link (<https://www.choicehotels.com/reservations/groups/YA52M2>) to make reservations for Friday and Saturday night, or call 1 (775)- 883-0900). Please mention the RICE Reunion to get the discounted price. If you want to come earlier or stay later, please call the hotel and you will get the same rate for your extended stay. The earlier the better to make your reservations.

Hotel Reservation may be accepted until Sept 1 or until our block of rooms is filled. Other hotels may also be available but will require personal transportation to attend the meeting at the Federal Hotel and dinner at Red’ 395 BBQ.

Friday dinner will be at Reds 395 BBQ. Group reservations have been made for no more than 50 people. Detailed menu choices will be listed in the summer newsletter registration form and will include BBQ, beef, fish, chicken or vegetarian options. A vegan option can be available on request.

Travel to Carson City

Driving by personal car:

Carson City is a 30 minute car ride south of Reno International Airport, Reno, Nevada. The drive from Reno is along a new multi-lane uncongested freeway and is a very beautiful trip along the eastern Sierra Nevada.

If driving from the north or south, Hwy 395 goes directly to Carson City. If driving from the east or west, take Hwy 80 to Reno, NV, and then Hwy 395 south to Carson City. Take North Carson Street exit. Continue through downtown Carson City to the Federal Hotel/Max’s Casino, 900 South Carson Street.

Flying into Reno International Airport. There are two options:

Rental Car: Upon leaving Reno Airport, take Hwy 395 south for the 30 min drive to Carson City. The drive from Reno is along a new multi-lane uncongested freeway along the beautiful eastern Sierra Nevada. Take North Carson Street exit. Continue through downtown Carson City to the Federal Hotel, 900 South Carson Street.

Uber: Take an Uber ride from Reno Airport to Carson City and Federal Hotel, 900 South Carson Street. The ride will cost about \$56 one way. Once you arrive at the Federal Hotel, no further transportation will be needed to attend the bus ride, dinner, ERA meeting or Virginia City tour.

Visit the ERA Reunion web page (<https://www.edmund-rice.org/reunion.htm>) to see further 2026 Reunion information including travel instructions and additional information on the dinner menu.

New Annual Members

Elizabeth Ballard, TX
Cindy Eddy, CA
Keith Lewis, MA
Kathleen Moore, MA
Tamara Noe, MI
Rebecca Pelton, WI
Charles Rice, NC
Elena Rice, WI
Pamela Rice, CA
Charles Suttles, NC
Catherine Willoughby, NY

New Life Member

Susan Lee Sternberg Phyfe

In Celebration Happy Birthday!!

JULY

John F Chandler
Virginia Rice Farmer
Therese Marie Holmes
Barbara Johnson
Vicki Meadows
Lisa Quijano
Douglas C Rice
Joanne Rice
Rodger R Rice
Thomas Ritchie
Frances Dee Scally-Rice
Daphne Stevens
Dorothy J Wells

AUGUST

Judy H Atkinson
Anita Cooper
Helen DePlonty
Terry Martin Dewitt
Linwood M Erskine Jr
Lois A Hess
Elizabeth Hicks
Alda Kaye
Nancy McCarthy
Rebecca Lynn Millis
Joel Joseph Normand
Beverly Pelkey
Peggy Ross
Bruce Kerry Rowe
Tim L Sanford
Katrina Schmidt
William R Wesen

SEPTEMBER

David Anderson
Susan Berger
Don Carman
Kathleen Farrell
Roberta Gries
Tammy Marie Hoarning Haefer
Kathy Jenkel
Sharon Krisko
Martha C Moussa
Carol F Pantuck
Alice Pierce
Carleton Procter
Julie Proctor
Brian Eli Rice
Carol Lynne Rice
Christopher Rice
Elena Dale Mixon Rice
Janet Rice
Robin Rice
Tammy Hutchinson
Margaret Stehle
Michael J Therien
Patricia Young

Obituaries

Bertyne Rice Smith (October 10, 1930 - May 25, 2022)



Bertyne Rice Smith passed away May 25, 2022 after a period of declining health. She was born October 10, 1930 to Rachel Ballou Rice and Herbert A. Rice of Barre, MA.

She graduated from Barre High School in 1948 and Westbrook Jr. College in 1950. After college she became a potter at Old Sturbridge Village (OSV) where she met Donald Smith. They were married at OSV in 1952. From 1952-1968 Don was the Executive Director of the Schenectady, NY Museum. From 1968-78 he was the Executive Director of the Berkshire County Historical Society in Pittsfield, MA, where he oversaw the acquisition and restoration of Herman Melville's home. During those years, Bertyne served as volunteer coordinator, exhibit collaborator and event hostess, as a strong partner of their successful team.

Bertyne was a devoted mother, leading Girl Scout troops, sewing beautiful outfits, attending performances and always being there for her 3 girls.

She returned to Barre in 1978. Finishing her career where she started, Bertyne shared her gifts in fiber arts, as a bonnet maker, and lover of history with OSV visitors from across the globe.

Bertyne will be remembered for her positive spirit, resilient attitude and devotion to others. She leaves a legacy of impactful community service as curator of the Barre Historical Society for over 25 years, and in leadership roles in various churches

Bertyne is predeceased by Donald S. Smith, her husband of 49 years and her daughter Robin E. Smith. She is survived by daughters Karen Smith Clark (husband Fred Clark), Ruth A. Smith (wife Beth McGuinn), granddaughters Sarah Clark (husband Mitchell Adams) and Molly Clark (fiancé Joshua Yankell), as well as several cousins.

Edmund Rice's Descendants – Tales of Our Ancestors

HENRY FREEMAN RICE

Below is a brief historical timeline of H. F. Rice's contributions to the founding of Carson City during the Comstock Silver Boom, eventually leading to the creation of the State of Nevada.



H.F Rice Well Fargo office is just to the left of the Ormsby House (1860)

There are many interesting tales involving H. F. Rice and his family. This short chronical provides the framework to better enjoy the H.F Rice presentation by David Woodruff, historian and lecturer, at the coming Carson City Rice Association meeting on Sept 26, 2026. Use the form provided on page 14 of this newsletter or go to <http://edmund-rice.org/2026reunion.pdf> to register for this very interesting meeting and events.

1860 H. F. Rice and Jennie move to Nevada Territory. Leave H. H. Rice (age 7) with the Yeringtons.
 1860-1863 Postmaster, Carson City, Nevada Territory.

1860-1878 Wells Fargo agent, Carson City. Builds house, made many land purchases for and with Yerington.

1861 U. S. Civil War begins.

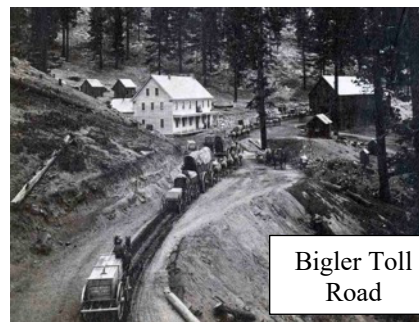
1861-1870 H. F Rice was Commissioner of Election, Ormsby County, Nevada Territory. The Legislature created the county of Ormsby and selected as its first Commissioners: F. A. Tritle, J. S. Albro and H. F. Rice. The Commissioners held their first meeting Dec. 24th, 1861, with Rice acting as Chairman.

1863 Yerington family came to Carson City. Lived in H. F. Rice's house while Yerington's house is being built. Rice and Yerington purchased toll road to



Merrimack Mill

Lake Bigler (later renamed Lake Tahoe) and incorporated with others the Lake Bigler Road Co. Also co-owned the Merrimack Mill with Yerington.



Bigler Toll Road

1863 Founded St Peter's Episcopal Church in Carson City. First Wardens and Vestrymen were elected. They were Sam D. King, H. M. Yerington, H.F. Rice., A.H. Griswold, A.W. Tjader, J.C. Dorsey, P.W. Van Winkle, James V. Nye, and Geo Turner.

1864 Nevada Statehood. Longest telegraph message ever sent was used to submit the Nevada State Constitution in time to re-elect Lincoln and pass the 13th US Amendment.

1864 Lake Bigler Road Co granted franchise to build a railroad, Virginia City to Truckee River. This will become known as the Virginia Truckee (V&T) Railroad. It still operates today between Carson City and Virginia City.

1865 Commissioner to establish United States Mint, Carson City; guardian of Georgianna Nash, minor daughter of John Nash.

1867 Agent, Pioneer Stages at Wells Fargo offices.

1866 H. F. Rice, John H Mills, Col. Abraham Curry break ground on Carson City US Mint. Curry becomes the first Mint supervisor. H. F. Rice was his deputy.

1869 Elected by legislature to State Board of Regents, University of Nevada; appointed as Register in Carson Land Office; agent for Carson City, National Life Insurance Company of United States.

1871-1873 Second Superintendent United States Mint, Carson City. Curry resigned to run for the U.S. Senate.

1872 -1877 Rice family occupied the old Steward/Governor Nye Mansion built in 1860.

1873 Tensions aroused involving personnel decisions at the mint and Rice resigned as superintendent. He started Rice & Peters, Stockbrokers (offices two doors north of Wells Fargo) and insurance agents (H. J. Peters had been Wells Fargo's cashier); The company held mining stocks and others, such as Carson City Gasworks, and land.

1873 With others, granted right-of-way to construct railroad from Central Pacific Railroad, Elko County, Nevada, to Colorado River.

1875-1877 Member of first board of trustees, Carson City, when it was incorporated in 1875 by legislature; H. F. Rice remained president up on his death;

1877 The Rice & Peters firm (and its customers) ruined by bad business practices, and a severe depression of the stock market; Rice suffered a severe depression as a result, and he voluntary consulted with asylum physicians in Stockton, California, for help. There he died from an overdose of chloral hydrate.

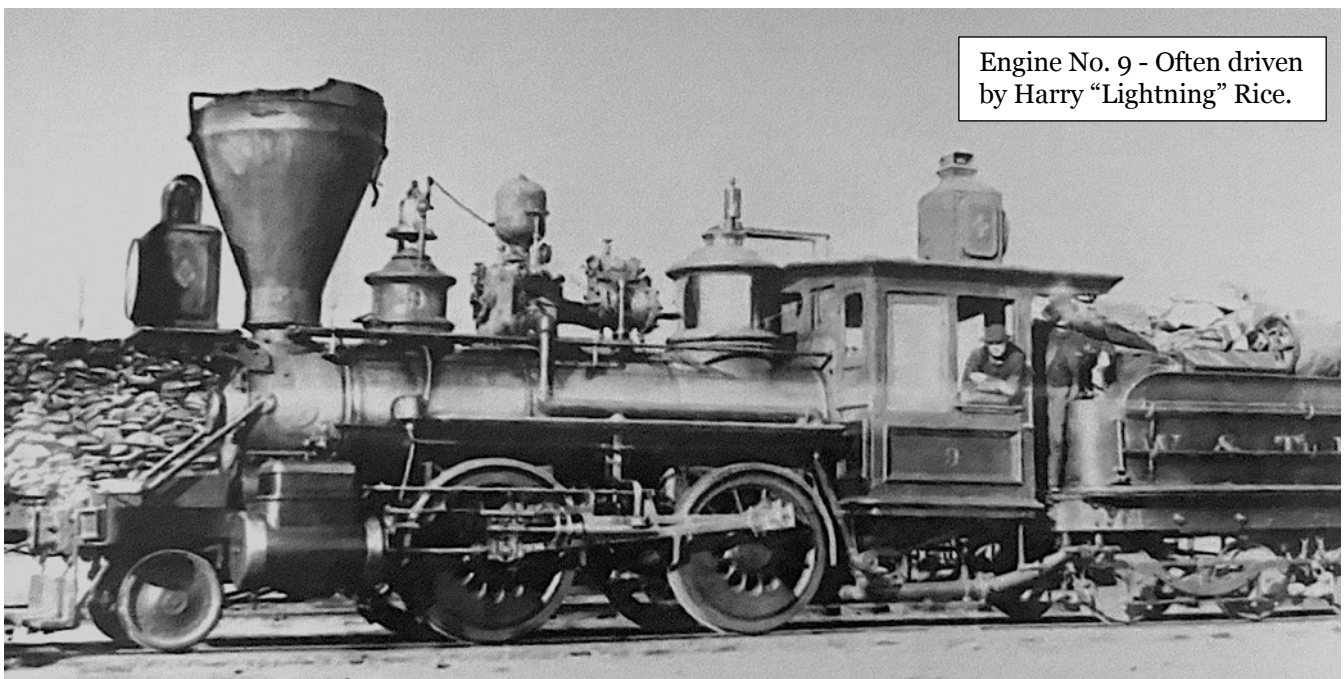
We want to thank Russell McDonald and Sarah Patton of the Nevada Historical Society, and David Woodruff, historian and lecturer, for their help in creating the above H. F. Rice timeline. We also thank Stephen E Drew, California State Railroad Museum Curator (retired) for many excellent photos.



H. F. Rice (center) at Mint office.

H.F. RICE'S FAMILY

Jennie Hume Rice and Henry's son (Henry Hume Rice – called "Harry") were well known in Carson City. Jennie was often referred to as "Aunty Jennie" and was active in church and society affairs. Newspaper accounts report great parties at the Rice Mansion. According to Carson City Daily Appeal, H. H. Rice was an honor student at Carson City Sierra Seminary in 1869 (age 15). In 1874 he is enrolled in Norwich University, a Military College in Vermont (age 20). When in 1876 (age 22),



Engine No. 9 - Often driven by Harry "Lightning" Rice.

according to the Daily Appeal, he arrived in Carson City on horseback from California (an eight-day trip along the Placerville route).

Upon H. F Rice's death, Harry never returned to school. He ended up driving a steam locomotive for the V&T railroad. It was said that "there was never a wheel that would turn fast enough for Rice". This earned Harry the nickname "Lightning Harry". He often drove engine no.9.

Here is a transcription of an interview by a Carson City Morning Appeal reporter (May 21, 1881):

Yesterday the APPEAL reporter found Harry Rice, the
engineer, in front of the Post office.

"Back again, eh?"

"Yes, you bet; only one out of a crew of eight that can crawl."

"In any smash-ups?"

"Leven."

"Get hurt?"

"Nary time."

"Many smash-ups down there?"

"Nothin' else. First day I hit the road pulled out 'er Summit with twelve cattle cars and nine merchandises. Saw 46 comin' up."

"Forty-six trains?"

"No, you idiot, No. 46 locomotive is East bound. I began to squeal right away."

"Squeal before you were hit?"

"I was squealin' for brakes, you fool, pipin' up the brakemen. See, my air gave out."

"I don't exactly...."

"Air brakes wouldn't work, so I whistled for the trainmen to set 'em. I had a Missouri granger for a fireman. Only been on the road two days, and he let go on the right."

"I don't exactly under-...."

"Banged off the machine through the right of the caboose, and went down the bank. I screwed my nut too quick."

"That is, you er-"

"Jumped the game from the other side. You crazy?"

"Oh, yes."

"Then the machines met and there was a fine old collish. The merchandise cars piled right up on the engine, and I had to dodge the mowin machines that came along through the air. A McCormic's Reaper and Combined Harvester passed right over the fireman's head and went down the bank. He rolled over six hundred feet before he tried to stop."

"Quite exciting."

"No, not very, till the cattle cars began to spill. The cattle were all busted out of the top of the cars and came down like a cloud burst. There were Durhams, Holsteins and little Jerseys, all on the wing, turnin' somersaults in the air. I had to get behind a boulder till the beef shower was over."

"Hurt much?"

"Naw; was on deck next day. Hadn't time to attend the funerals of the brakemen."

"Next accident was near Colfax. Struck another train comin' up. I saw the business comin'; corked her right there."

"I don't exactly un-"

Plugged 'er, that is I jammed the throttle over the other side and screwed my nut again. I lit on a pine tree all in good shape, when the engines came together and they rolled sixty feet down the bank, where they lie yet.

Just think of the work I've had; nine collisions in fourteen days, and I in every one of 'em. I'm the only of 'leven that can snake."

"That can crawl, that ain't dead. You know I don't feel shakey anymore. Got sort'er used to it. But you'd laugh to see the way one engine is mixed up with some agricultural machinery. An inspector went out to hunt the engine, and when he found it couldn't tell whether it was a locomotive or mowin' machine."

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

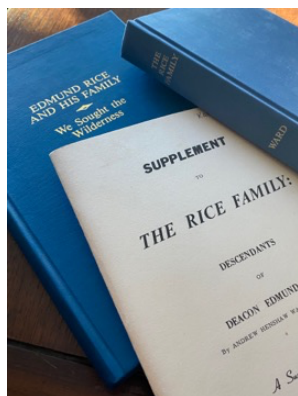
Your Board of Directors (BoD) agreed that we would offer the nine-generation report to our members (only). The BoD approved a charge of \$10 plus \$5 shipping and handling postpaid for a USB flash drive containing the documents. Please order from the Treasurer by sending a request for the USB flash drive, 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 2024. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

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 USB drives - 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.

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Membership Renewal

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.

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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.



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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 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 1st: \$ _____
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Total: \$ _____

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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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REUNION REGISTRATION FORM
September 25 to 27, 2026
Federal Hotel Carson City, Nevada

Name of Attendee (s): _____
Main contact phone # (s): _____
Email address (es): _____
Mailing address (es): _____

FRIDAY (9/25) NARRATED BUS TOUR REGISTRATION

Assemble in the Federal Hotel parking at 12:00. The bus will leave at 12:30 PM and will return there about 5:00 PM.
Please pay in advance, \$35.00 per person.

Number attending _____ Total for Bus tour attendee(s)(>): _____

FRIDAY NIGHT (9/25) DINNER RESERVATION

Join cousins at Red's 395 BBQ directly across the street from the Federal Hotel. Dinner at 6:30 PM.
As you enter Red's dining room, a dinner menu will be provided so you can make your dinner selection. The menu will provide a choice of BBQ (two BBQ items from list), Flatiron Steak, Grilled Salmon, Chicken, or a vegetarian option. Dinner includes a tossed garden salad and small dessert. A vegan option is available upon request. Please note on registration form if a vegan option desired.

Please pay in advance for dinner, \$40.00 per person.

Number attending _____ Total for dinner attendee(s)s at Red's BBQ (\$): _____

SATURDAY (9/26) MEETING PRESENTATIONS AND LUNCHEON RESERVATION

Saturday Reunion festivities will be at the Federal Hotel conference room. Includes breakfast pastries and coffee, presentation, meeting, and catered lunch. Please pay in advance:

\$40.00 per person ERA members
\$60.00 per person for non-members (includes \$20 ERA membership for one year).

Number attending _____ Total for meeting presentations and lunch attendee(s)(>): _____

SUNDAY (9/27) OPTIONAL TRIP TO VIRGINIA CITY

Please indicate if you are interested in a Sunday trip to Virginia City. This is for planning purposes and those that are interested will receive additional information via email once details are available.

YES NO

**Grand Total Amount Submitted -
(Bus + Friday Dinner + Saturday Meeting & Lunch):** \$

Send your payment along with this form no later than September 1st to:

David Rice, 2808 Superior Drive, Livermore, CA 94550.

*You can use PayPal for payment. Use PayPal account **era1638@hotmail.com**.*

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		8:00 "	Carson	8:20 "	
		6:45 "	Steamboat	9:31 "	
		6:15 "	Reno	10:05 1/2 PM	
		4:10 A. M.	Truckee	12:00 AM	
		9:15 P. M.	Sacramento	6:30 "	
		6:10 "	Vallejo	9:10 "	
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