Meet Some of Edmund Rice’s Descendants: Notable Writers & Entertainers

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Summary

- **Edward Everett Rice** (1847–1924), composer and musical theater producer
- **Charles Allen Thorndike Rice** (1851–1889), publisher, editor and journalist
- **Wallace deGroot Cecil Rice** (1859–1939), author, poet and designer of the Chicago flag
- **Laura Ingalls Wilder** (1867–1957), author of *Little House on the Prairie*
- **Edgar Rice Burroughs** (1875–1950), prolific author and creator of the Tarzan character
- **Lucille Desiree Ball** (1911-1989), actress, comedienne, television personality, and studio executive Desilu Productions
- **Allen Stuart Drury** (1918–1998), journalist, and winner of the 1960 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for his novel *Advise and Consent*
- **Alexandrea Kawisenhawe Rice** (b. 1972), contemporary Canadian actress from the Kahnawake Mohawk nation
Edward Everett Rice  (1847–1924)

- Born 21 Dec 1847 in Brighton to Edmund Rice & Martha A. (Fletcher) Rice
- 1st cousin of Brig. Gen. Edmund Rice (1842-1906)
- Married Clara E. Rich 1869; had 2 daughters & a son
- Renowned stage producer on Broadway, NYC
- “Father of American musical comedy”
- First to bring African-American productions to Broadway in 1898
- Died 16 Nov 1924 in NYC
Rice Ancestry of Edward Everett Rice

- Edward Everett Rice, son of
- Edmund Rice (1813 – 1888), son of
- Edmund Rice (1785 – 1860), son of
- Edmund Rice (1755 – 1841), son of
- Edmund Rice (1725 – 1796), son of
- Jason Rice (1692 – 1730), son of
- Edmund Rice (1653 – 1719), son of
- Edward Rice (1622 – 1712), son of
- Edmund Rice (ca 1594 – 1663)
Charles Allen Thorndike Rice (1851–1889)

- Born 18 June 1851 in Boston to Henry Gardner Rice & Elizabeth Frances (Thorndike) Rice – he was never married
- Kidnapped in Nahant summer of 1860 at behest of his mother
- Earned BA 1874 & MA 1878 at Oxford
- Publisher of *North American Review* 1879; financed Maya explorations
- Ran for Congress 1886 as GOP; lost & alleged fraud; championed secret ballots
- Author of popular Lincoln biography 1888
- Appointed as Minister to Russia by Benj. Harrison but died 16 May 1889 in NYC
Rice Ancestry of Charles Allen Thorndike Rice

- Charles Allen Thorndike Rice, son of
- Henry Gardner Rice (ca1820 – 1869), son of
- Henry Gardner Rice (1784 – 1853), son of
- Dr. Tilly Rice (1756 – 1824), son of
- Capt. Tilly Rice (1724 – 1803), son of
- Obadiah Rice (1698 – ?), son of
- Jacob Rice (1660 – 1746), son of
- Edward Rice (1622 – 1711), son of
- Edmund Rice (ca1594 – 1663)
Wallace deGroot Cecil Rice (1859–1939)

- Born 10 Nov 1859 in Hamilton, Ontario to John Asaph Rice & Margaret Van Slyke (Culver) Rice
- BA Harvard 1883; married Minnie Hale Angier 1889, divorced 1920, had 2 sons
- Columnist in Chicago & prolific writer of popular literature & pageants
- Designer of Chicago flag 1917
- Co-wrote w/ Clarence Darrow an anthology 1929
- Died 15 Dec 1939 in Chicago
Rice Ancestry of Wallace deGroot Cecil Rice

- Wallace deGroot Cecil Rice, son of
  - John Asaph Rice (1829 – 1888)
- Anson Rice (1798 – 1875), son of
- Asaph Rice (1768 – 1856), son of
- Amos Rice (1743 – 1827), son of
- Jacob Rice (1707 – 1788), son of
- Jacob Rice (1660 – 1746), son of
- Edward Rice (1622 – 1712), son of
- Edmund Rice (ca1594 – 1663)
Laura Ingalls Wilder (1867–1957)

- Born Laura Elizabeth Ingalls on 7 Feb 1867 to Charles Phillip Ingalls and Caroline Lake (Quiner) Ingalls in Pepin County, WI
- Married Almanzo Wilder (1857-1949) also Edmund descendant; had daughter Rose Wilder Lane (1886-1968) & son who died young
- Began writing after death of her mother in 1924 & after 1929 stock market crash
- Most famous for “Little House” book series that were semi-autobiographical
- Active in libertarian politics later in life
- Died 10 Feb 1957 in Mansfield, MO
Rice Ancestry of Laura Ingalls Wilder

- Laura Elizabeth Ingalls, daughter of
  - Charles Phillip Ingalls (1836-1902), son of
- Laura Louise Ingalls (nee Colby) (1810-1883), daughter of
- Eunice Colby (nee Blood) (1782-1862), daughter of
- Eunice Blood (nee Sleeman) (1758- ?), daughter of
- Lydia Sleeman (nee Drury) (1736- ?), daughter of
- John Drury (1692? - 1754), son of
- Rachel Drury (nee Rice) (1664-1730), daughter of
- Henry Rice (1620-1711), son of
- Edmund Rice (ca 1594-1663)
Edgar Rice Burroughs (1875–1950)

- Born 1 Sep 1875 in Chicago to George Tyler Burroughs and Mary Evaline (Ziegler) Burroughs
- Married Emma Hulbert 1900 & had 1 daughter and 2 sons; Divorced Emma 1934 & married actress Florence Gilbert Dearholt 1935 & they divorced 1942
- Prolific writer of 80 novels and hundreds of popular fiction & short stories; best known for Tarzan & science fiction
- War correspondent in WW II
- Died 19 Mar 1950 at his Tarzana, CA ranch
Rice Ancestry of Edgar Rice Burroughs

- Edgar Rice Burroughs, son of
- George Tyler Burroughs (1836-1902), son of
- Mary Burroughs (nee Rice) (1802-1870), daughter of
- Thomas Rice (1767-1847), son of
- Capt. Tilly Rice (1724 – 1803), son of
- Obadiah Rice (1698 – ?), son of
- Jacob Rice (1660 – 1746), son of
- Edward Rice (1622 – 1711), son of
- Edmund Rice (ca1594 – 1663)
Lucille Desiree Ball (1911-1989)

- Born 6 Aug 1911 to Henry Durrell Ball and Desiree Evelyn (Hunt) Ball in Jamestown, NY
- Began work as model and actress in 1928 in NYC; moved to Hollywood in 1933
- Major contributions to television & motion picture industry; first woman to head major studio – Desilu Studios
- Died at Cedars-Sinai Medical Center, Los Angeles 26 Apr 1989
Rice Ancestry of Lucille Ball

- Lucille Desiree Ball, daughter of
- Henry Durell Ball (1887-1915), son of
- Jasper Clinton Ball (1852-1933), son of
- Clinton Manross Ball (1817-1893), son of
- Isaac Ball (1787-1865), son of
- Isaac Ball (1747-1790), son of
- Isaac Ball (? - 1789), son of
- Mary Ball (nee Brewer) (1680 - ? )
- Elizabeth Brewer (nee Rice) (1648-1740)
- Henry Rice (1620-1711), son of
- Edmund Rice (ca 1594-1663)
Allen Stuart Drury (1918–1998)

• Born 2 Sept 1918, Houston, TX to Alden Monteith Drury and Flora Allen Drury; raised mostly in Porterville, CA; never married
• Earned BA at Stanford & served in Army during WW II to 1943 & landed job with UPI as U.S. Senate correspondent 1943-45
• Author of 21 novels mostly in the political thriller genre, as well as 4 works of political non-fiction
• Won 1960 Pulitzer Prize for Fiction for *Advise & Consent*
• Died 2 Sept 1998 in Tiburon, CA only two weeks after publication of his last novel *Public Men*
Rice Ancestry of Allen Stuart Drury

- Allen Stuart Drury, son of
- Alden Monteith Drury (1895-1975), son of
- Samuel Dwight Drury (1850-1923), son of
- Amos Kellogg Drury (1821-1902), son of
- Amos Drury (1792-1841), son of
- Calvin Drury (1764-1843), son of
- Ebenezer Drury (1734-1818), son of
- Daniel Drury (1709-1786)
- Capt. Thomas Drury (1668-1723) + Rachel Rice (dau. Henry Rice)
- Lieut. John Drury (1643 – 1678)
- Lydia Drury (nee Rice) (1627 – 1675), daughter of
- Edmund Rice (ca1594 – 1663)
Alexandrea Kawisenhawe Rice (b. 1972)

- Born in Kahnawake, Quebec 1972; lived in NYC in community of Mohawk ironworkers
- Educated in Catholic schools in Brooklyn & earned BA at Concordia University, Montreal
- Moved to Los Angeles in 1996; landed several minor TV roles
- Her first film Doe Boy won Sundance Film Festival Award 2001
- Won American Indian Film Institute best actress award 2003 for work in Coyote Waits
- Won 2005 First American Award from the First Americans in the Arts Committee for work in A Thief of Time
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