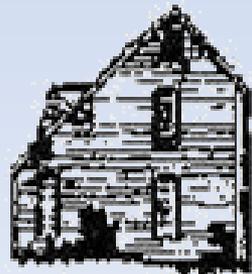


# Edmund Rice (1638) Association Centennial Lecture

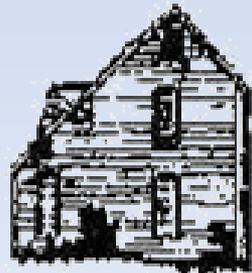
Formation of the  
Edmund Rice (1638) Association  
1912-1915 and the Raising of the  
Edmund Rice Monuments in Wayland

**Michael A. Rice, *Treasurer***  
**Edmund Rice (1638) Association**



# Summary

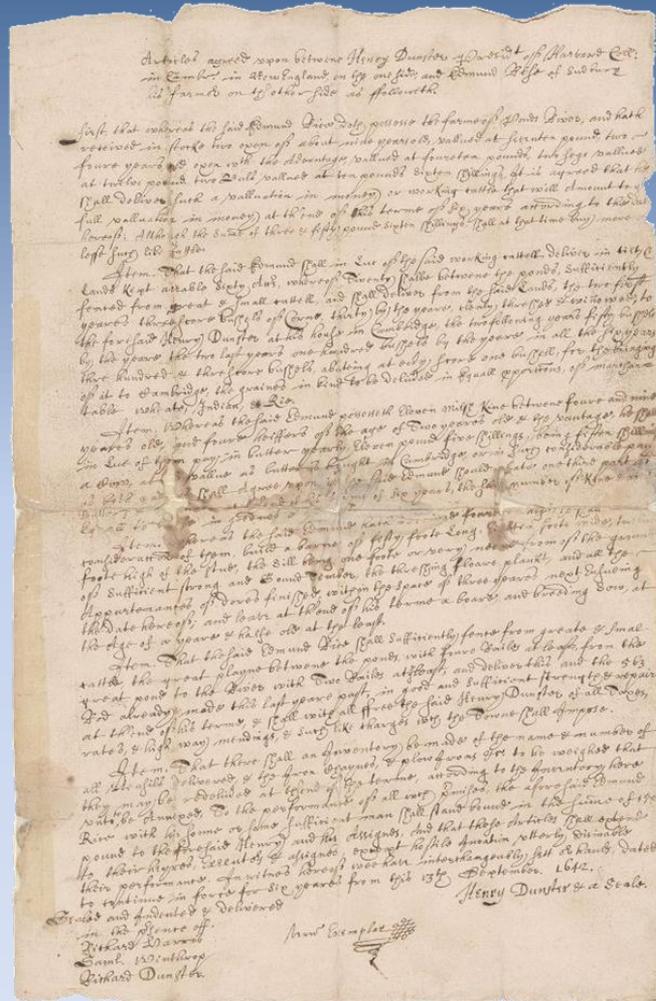
- The Rice Homestead near Old Connecticut Path & the 19<sup>th</sup> Century family reunions and A.H. Ward's (1858) Rice Family Genealogy
- Reasons for formation of ERA in 1912
- About the 1912-14 ERA Board of Directors and their relations
- Influence of *By the Name of Rice* (1911) by Charles Elmer Rice on ERA
- Fundraising for the homesite marker and the gravestone
- The 1913 & 1914 reunions, monument unveilings and their current status



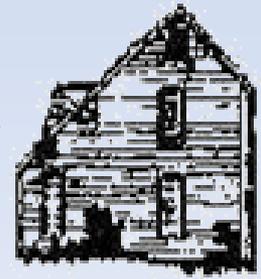
# Establishing the Homestead 1642-43



- Original lease of nearby land 13 Sep 1642 from Henry Dunster
- House by old spring built by Rice ca1643 & sold to Philemon Whale
- House & 9 acres acquired back by Edmund in 1650s
- Stays in Rice family until early 20<sup>th</sup> Century



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# Transfer Edward Rice to his son Edmund

## 21 April 1686

To all people to whom these presents shall come  
 greeting Know ye, that I Edward Rice of the Towne  
 of Marlborough in the Countie of Middlesex in New England  
 Husbandman Doe by my owne Motion and free will  
 give grant and confirm to Edmund Rice my son certain  
 parcels of land with Houfing upon them, and meadow  
 as followeth viz I give grant and confirm to Edmund  
 Rice my son one parcel of land containing fourteen acres  
 see the same more or less situate lying and being within  
 the Boundes of Sudbury lying between the Spring and the  
 lands of John Bout, and is parted from the fourteencres  
 now by a Deseed in the possession of John Rice his Brother by  
 by the Spring, which land and Houfing were from time the  
 possession of Shillemon Whale of Sudbury, also by this Deed  
 I confirm to Edmund Rice my son five acres of meadow  
 see the same more or less lying on the west side of the River  
 Southward from all Herbert Shillards lands and the great pond  
 and joyns to the River, with all Right in Commonage belong-  
 ing to five acres, which five acres was part of ten acres, grante  
 by the Towne of Sudbury to the aforesd Shillemon Whale all  
 which land Houfing and meadow with Right in Commonage  
 belonging to it I give and confirm to my son Edmund  
 Also the one half of a farm by me purchas'd of my father  
 Edmund Rice deceased - and of my Brother Benjamin Rice  
 as it is Bounded and Bounded on the Northweest with all flower  
 land and giveth govt Road - and on the Southweest with the  
 great pond, with the Northweest by the litle pond - and on the  
 Southweest with a parcel of land now in possession of Henric  
 Rice ther lying between the ponds called contiguous ponds  
 and three acres and halfe an acre of meadow the one half  
 of seven acres purchas'd by me as aforesd lying upon the  
 south side of Snakes Brook neare the best way leading over  
 the Brook this land and the meadow though not yet divided  
 shall bee Edmunds and when I myself have divided it

1734 Aug 16

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which I purpos to doe - and John Rice his brother hath  
 Chose as I have in his deede shew'd him to doe, the  
 other half shall bee Edmunds Rice my sonns and his heirs  
 forever - To Have and To hold, the above granted  
 premises see the same more or less with all the privileges  
 and appurtenances to the same appertaining or in any wise  
 belonging unto him the sd Edmund Rice his heirs and  
 Assignes for ever to his and their heirs proper use and  
 behoef, and that hee and they shall posses and enjoy  
 as an Inalienable Estate of Inheritance in fee simple  
 by gods Right and Lawfull Authority, all together free from  
 any manner of Condition Mortgage or Limitation of use  
 or use to alter chang or Determine the same, And that I  
 the sd Edward Rice have good Right full power and Law-  
 full Authority to give, grant and confirm the promises, un-  
 to him the sd Edmund Rice his heirs and Assignes forever,  
 And that hee the sd Edmund Rice his heirs and Assignes  
 shall and may at all times, and from time to time forever  
 Hereafter peacefully and quietly have hold occupie posses and  
 enjoy the promises in and by these presents granted given  
 and confirmed and every part, and parcel thereof, without the  
 Lawfull let trouble eversion suit Molestation Disturbance  
 contradiction or Denial, of me the sd Edward Rice his father,  
 or my wife Ana Rice his mother, or of any other our heirs  
 Executors Administrators or Assignes, or any person by  
 from or under us, or either of us Lawfulls claiming, or  
 having any Right Title or interest therein or to any part  
 and parcel thereof And that I am and shall bee ready to  
 warrant and Defend the same - and Doe all further acts or  
 Deeds that may tend to the confirmation hereof In Witness  
 Whereof, I the sd Edward Rice and Ana my wife have  
 hereunto put our hands and Seales this Twentie first  
 of Aprile in the yeare of our Lord god one thousand six

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hundredth eighties and first,  
 Signed Sealed and Delivered  
 in the presence of  
 witnesses Thomas Brigham  
 Isaac Larned

Edward Rice  
 his son  
 Ana Rice

L.S. L.S.

Marlborough 16 April 1706 Edward Rice  
 personally appeared before me the sub-  
 scriber one of Her Majesties Justices of the  
 peace for sd County of Suffolk and when  
 leged this instrument to bee his own  
 voluntary act and Deed Josiah Chapman

Middlesex Count. Aug. 18. 1734.  
 Read and Entred in the Registry of Deeds  
 Lib. 36 folio 143-4  
 by Thos Foxcroft Regr.

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# Transfer to Jason Rice 1718



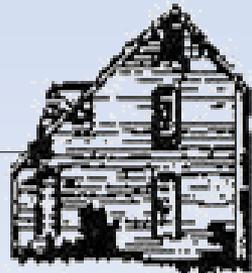
- Homestead bequeathed by Edmund Rice to his son Jason Rice 14 Nov 1718

To All Christian People To whom these Presents shall come,  
I Edmund Rice do send greeting, Know ye that I the said  
Edmund Rice of Dedbury In the County of Middlesex in the  
Province off the Massachusetts Bay in New England the said  
man, My, and with the full and free consent off Joyce Rice  
my wife, For, and in consideration off the love, good will  
and tender Affection we have and do bear towards our son  
Jason Rice off the same Town and County aforesaid, Yeoman  
Have given, granted and do by these Presents freely, abso-  
lutely, & lawfully give and grant unto the said Jason Rice  
His Heirs, Executors, Administrators, or Assigns some part off  
my home field viz. Half my house half my barn, two thirds  
off my land Meadow Land and Orchard, All two thirds of my  
pasture. Note, my son Jason must not sell any part off y<sup>e</sup>  
during my life, With all the Rights members Priviledges  
& Appurtenances therunto Belonging or in any wise there-  
unto Belonging At the same now & \_\_\_\_\_ To HAVE and to  
Hold all The above mentioned Premises viz half the house &  
half the Barn two thirds of the land meadow and Orchard To  
Him the said Jason Rice His Heirs, Executors, Administrators  
and Assigns from henceforth, as His and their proper Estate  
Absolute and possessive without any Manner off Condition  
In Witness Whereof wee have Interchangeably set our hands  
and Seals This fourteenth day of November 17, In the fourth year  
of our Lord George By the Grace off God off Great Brittain  
France and Ireland King &c. And In the Year off our Lord God  
our Thomas seven hundred and Eighteen.

Signed Sealed & Delivered  
In Presence of us  
Daniel Hastings  
William Rice  
John Steadman

Edmund Rice  
Joyce Rice

Note that about the Eleventh or Twelfth  
Line of the above also two thirds of my  
pasture and also that my son Jason  
Rice must not sell or convey any  
the above Estate during My life  
if it is before signing or Sealing.



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# Property Sold by Jason Rice to his Brother Edmund, 12 Dec 1749

To all People To Whome these Presents shall come greeting: Sheweth that I Jason Rice of Dunster in the County of Middlesex & Province of the Massachusetts Bay in New England Labourer: & Abigail Rice of Dunster in the County & Province aforesaid Spinster: Do & in Consideration of the sum of Six Hundred Pounds Old Money to the said Jason: & Three Hundred Pounds & Fifty Old Pennies to the said Abigail: Do us in Hand Before the Escheator hereof well & Truly Paid by our Brother Edmond Rice of said Dunster in the County & Province aforesaid Husbandman This Receipt whereof we are hereby Acknowledge & ourselves their with fully satisfied & contented & their of and of long Part & Revell thereof do & honorate Acquitt & Discharge him the said Edmond Rice his Heirs Executors & Administrators for ever by these Presents do freely fully & Absolutely Give Grant Bargain & Sell our Claim in & unto our Honoured Fathers Jason Rice of Dunster (deceased & of late viz) His Homestead Farm and all other Lands and Buildings in Dunster which Belonged unto our Father & which he died in Possession of To Have & to Hold the said Grants & Bargained Premises with all the Appurtenances Knowledges & Honors to the same Belonging or in any wise Appertaining to him the said Edmond Rice his Heirs and Assigns for ever and their only proper heirs Heirs & Behors for ever and we the said Jason Rice and Abigail Rice for our selves our Heirs Executors & Administrators do Covenant Promise & Grant to & with the said Edmond Rice his Heirs & Assigns that Before the Escheator hereof we have a good Right & Lawfull Claim to the above said Estate and have full Power & Lawfull Authority to give said Premises in manner as above said and that the said Edmond Rice his Heirs & Assigns shall and may from Time to Time and at all Times for ever here after by free exercise of their Presents Lawfully Peaceably and Quietly have Hold use Occupie Possess & Enjoy the said Premises Premises

Dec 12 - 1749

with all the Appurtenances without any Doubt or Maturation from us the said Jason Rice & Abigail Rice or any Person or Persons claiming from by or under us Furthermore wee the said Jason Rice & Abigail Rice do by these Presents Sell our Claim in & unto our Mothers Heirs of the said State in Sudbury In Middlesex where of wee the said Jason Rice & Abigail Rice have Near unto set Our Hands & Seals This Twelfth Day of December Anno Domini One thousand Seven Hundred & Forty Nine and in the Twenty Third Year of his Majesties Reign George the Second by the Space of God King of Great Brittain France and Irelande King Defender of the Faith &c

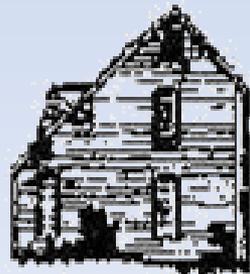
Jason Rice  
 Signed sealed & Delivered  
 In the Presence of  
 Sam<sup>l</sup> Curtis  
 Mary Curtis

Abigail Rice  
 her  
 mark

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# Property Sold by Edmund Rice to his Son Edmund, 22 Feb 1796

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Know all Men by these Presents, That I Edmund Rice of East Sudbury, in the County of Middlesex, and formerwealth of Massachusetts, Husbandman in Consideration of Two Thousand Dollars lawful Money, paid by Edmund Rice, Junr. of said East Sudbury, Husbandman, the Receipt whereof I do hereby acknowledge, do hereby give, grant, sell and convey unto the said Edmund Rice Junr. a certain Messuage and Land with the barns and out-houses standing thereon lying in East Sudbury aforesaid containing fifty seven acres be the same more or less, bounded as follows: West on the north corner at the river and the mouth of the Brook, thence running South up said Brook to Jehoram Smith's land to the fence, thence East as the fence stands, thence South by said Smith's land as the fence now stands, thence west by the County road to Johnson's land, thence north by said Johnson's land, thence west by said Johnson's land to Josiah Thomas' land, thence north by said Thomas' land to the River, thence East by said River to the bounds first mentioned, also another tract of land on said East Sudbury containing Twenty one acres be the same more or less bounded on the North corner on the County road and Jehoram Smith's land, thence running South by said Smith's land, as the fence now stands to Flagg's land, thence west by said Flagg's land to an old road, thence south by said Flagg's land to Green Lane (so called), thence north by said Green Lane to the County road first mentioned, thence East by said County road to the corner first mentioned, also another tract of land lying in said East Sudbury containing seventeen acres be the same more or less bounded on the North corner by the County road and Green Lane, thence running South by said Green Lane to a Stake and stones on the road leading to Kitch, thence Southwesterly by land sold at vendue by Maynards heirs to Joseph Dudley's land thence west by said Dudley's land partly, and partly by Maryann Dudley's land to Thomas' land, thence north by said Josiah Thomas' to the corner of his land thence west by said Thomas' land to Cheney or Johnson's

Feb 22. 1796

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land, thence North by said Johnson's land to the County road, thence east by said County road, to the bounds first mentioned

To Have and to Hold, the same to the said Edmund Rice Junr. his Heirs and Assigns, to his and their Heirs and Assigns forever. And I do covenant with the said Edmund Rice Junr. his Heirs and Assigns, That I am lawfully seized in Fee of the Premises, That they are free of all Morsumbrances, That I have good Right to sell and convey the same to the said Edmund Rice Junr. And that I for my self and my Heirs, will warrant and defend the same to the said Edmund Rice Junr. his Heirs and Assigns, for ever against the lawful Claims and Demands of all Persons.

I witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand and Seal, dated at East Sudbury aforesaid, this Twenty second day of February in the year of our Lord one Thousand seven hundred and Ninety six

Signed, Sealed and Delivered  
in Presence of

Nath<sup>l</sup>. Reeves  
Mark Rice

Edmund Rice E.S.  
7th Massachusetts  
1796

{ The words 'by' in the tenth line & 'road' in the nineteenth line from the top enclosed before signing }

Middlesex J<sup>ts</sup> Feb<sup>y</sup> 22 1796 Then the above named Edmund Rice personally appeared, and acknowledged this Instrument to be his free deed

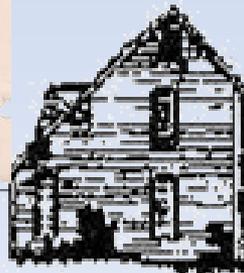
Nath<sup>l</sup>. Reeves J<sup>ud</sup> of the Peace

Middlesex J<sup>ts</sup> Cambridge March 11 1796 Rec<sup>d</sup>  
and Entered in the Registry of Deeds Book 124 page 32  
Att. Law<sup>r</sup>. Bartlett Hays

\* N. B. The words here mentioned are enclosed in brackets in this copy. H. P. H.

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# Edmund Rice (1755-1841)



- Lived in & died in the old Rice homestead on 14 Nov 1841
- Descendants prominent in funding of Ward's Rice Genealogy (1858)
- Descendants prominent in founding of ERA (1912)
- His children:
  - Edmund (1785-1860), m. Abigail Maynard
  - Salome (1787-1872), m. Warren Nixon
  - Isabel (1789-1838), m. Torrey Hancock
  - Abigail (1791-1815), m. Richard Heard
  - Edward (1793- 1868), m. Nancy Bond
  - Abner (1795-1812)
  - Mary (1797-1865), m. Mark Collins Sibley
  - Nancy (1800-1821), m Mark Collins Sibley
  - Almira (1802- ?), m. Elisha Child
  - Cynthia (1805-1836), m. Dr. Levi Goodnough

# Edmund Rice's Will (1841)



- House bequeathed to son Edmund & Edward Rice Sr.
- Edward takes possession of house
- Cash to all other children

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Edmund Rice  
will & Prob.

In the name of God, Amen, I Edmund Rice of the County of Middlesex & Commonwealth of Massachusetts, being of sound mind & memory, do hereby certify that I have made, signed, sealed & published this my last will & testament in manner & form following.

1. I give & devise unto my two sons Edmund & Edward, all my lands and tenements, my live houses in the public meeting houses in East Dedham, all my stock & farming tools, my chaise & stock and all the money which I have on hand & due me, they paying all my just debts, legacies & funeral charges and fulfilling & discharging all the obligations due to be hereafter.

2. I give & bequeath to my beloved wife Phebe all the personal estate which she brought with her at our marriage, also the car lot & two Couverts which she has since made for her use & dispose. I also give her thirty dollars annually so long as she continues my widow, should she marry again I give her twenty dollars annually after that sum shall take place to be paid her by my sons Edmund & Edward.

3. I give & bequeath to my daughter Selma Nixon, Isabel Francis & Abigail Beard fifty dollars each; to my daughter Nancy Libby one hundred & fifty dollars, to my three daughters Mary, Elmira & Cynthia three hundred & fifty dollars each.

And I order that the remainder of my household furniture be equally divided to & among all my children.

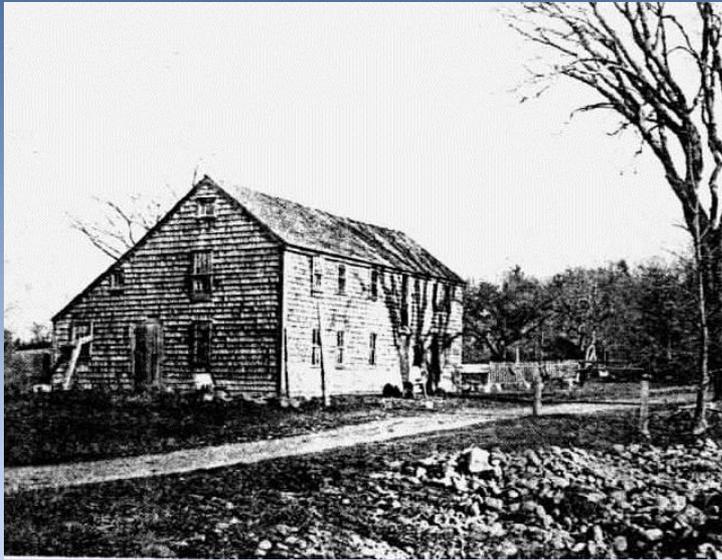
And I hereby direct that the above legacies to my several daughters be paid to them in one year after my decease by my two sons Edmund & Edward, whom I hereby appoint my joint executors of this my last will & testament, hereby revoking all former wills by me made.

In witness whereof I have hereunto set my hand & seal the ninth day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred & twenty seven.

Edmund Rice  
by the above named Edmund Rice  
Edmund Rice a seal  
in presence of us who have hereunto subscribed our names as witnesses in the presence of the testator.

James Deane  
Henry Deane  
Walker Deane

# Edward Rice, Sr. (1793-1868)



- Is second son of Edmund Rice (1755-1841)
- Resided in homestead most of his life
- Hosted the Rice Family reunions at the homestead... First recorded Rice reunion at homestead was 5 Sept 1851 --- *per ERA newsletter #1:1960*



# Edward Rice, Sr.'s Will (1868)



In the Name of God Amen, I Edward Rice of Maryland in the County of Allegany and Commonwealth of West Virginia, being weak in body and apparently near the close of life, yet of sound and disposing mind and memory, being desirous of settling my worldly Affairs and dividing the Estate which I may leave at my decease shall be dispose of, do make and publish this my last will and testament, as followeth;

Firstly, After paying my debts and funeral expenses, my will is that my well beloved wife Nancy Rice shall have the income, use or improvement of all my Estate except the farming tools, and as much of the principal of my Estate as shall be necessary for her comfortable support.

Secondly, I give and bequeath to my son Abner Rice my death bed to which was annexed to me by Elizabeth Childs, to him and to his heirs and assigns forever, subject to the condition that my wife Nancy Rice shall have the privilege of cutting and using firewood at all the fire wood she wishes during her life.

Thirdly, I give and bequeath all my farming tools to my son Edward Rice.

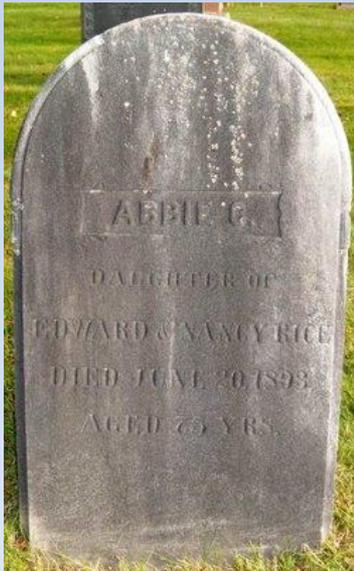
Fourthly, I give and bequeath to my son Abner Rice and Edward Rice one half of the household furniture and indoor necessities and the other half to my daughter Abigail Rice or their legal representatives, after the decease of my said wife. She above bequeath to my son Edward Rice I give him on condition that if he shall sell the household before my wife's decease he shall pay the value of said bequest to my daughter Abigail Rice or her legal representatives, and if the value shall not be paid up on by the parties, it shall be paid by them men the appraiser by the Judge of Probate and the amount to be paid shall not exceed five hundred dollars.

Fifthly, All the remainder of my Estate which shall be left after the decease of my wife I give and bequeath to my daughter Abigail Rice or her legal representatives.

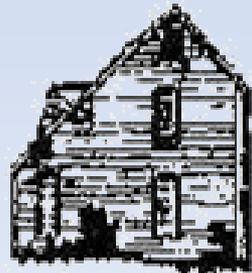
- Sons Edward and Abner are executors
- House bequeathed to Edward Rice, Jr. 1868 and serves as residence of widow Nancy Bond Rice (1793-1885) and unmarried daughter Abigail Cutting Rice (1818-1893)
- Substantial cash penalty for Edward selling house before death of Nancy & Abigail



# Edward Rice, Jr. (1842-1917)



- His unmarried sister, Abigail Cutting Rice (1818-1893) resides in house until her death
- His son, Eustace Bond Rice was first ERA President
- Children & grandchildren were donors to ERA monuments
- Sara Griffin Reeves (1827-1861), 1<sup>st</sup> wife
  - Abner Wheelock (1848-1910)
  - Frederick Eugene (1850-1916)
  - Isabel (1853-1915)
- Fannie Louisa Davis (1839-1927), 2<sup>nd</sup> wife
  - Herbert Warren (1866-after1930)
  - May Louise (1868-1879)
  - Eustace Bond (1872-1938)
  - Edna Watson (1878-1879)
  - Evelyn (1880-1969)
  - Edward Howard (1884-1886)



# Rice Family Funding of Ward (1858)

A  
GENEALOGICAL HISTORY  
OF  
THE RICE FAMILY:  
DESCENDANTS  
OF  
DEACON EDMUND RICE,  
WHO CAME FROM BERKHAMSTEAD, ENGLAND, AND SETTLED AT  
SUDBURY, MASSACHUSETTS, IN 1688 OR 9;  
WITH  
AN INDEX,  
ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED,  
OF THE NAMES OF HUSBANDS AND WIVES OF THE NAME OF RICE; ALSO AN  
INDEX, ALPHABETICALLY ARRANGED, OF THE NAMES OF HUSBANDS AND  
WIVES OF FAMILIES OTHER THAN RICE, BUT HAVE INTERMARRIED  
WITH THEM, AND ALSO OF THE NAMES OF HUSBANDS AND  
WIVES OF THEIR DESCENDANTS.

By ANDREW HENSHAW WARD, A. M.  
MEMBER OF THE NEW ENGLAND HISTORICAL AND GENEALOGICAL SOCIETY; CORRESPONDING MEMBER OF  
THE CONNECTICUT HISTORICAL SOCIETY; CORRESPONDING MEMBER OF THE STATE  
HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF WISCONSIN, AND HONORARY MEMBER OF  
THE HISTORICAL SOCIETY OF PENNSYLVANIA.

If you would know who you are,  
Learn whence you came.

BOSTON:  
C. BENJAMIN RICHARDSON.  
1858.

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PUBLICATION.

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The circumstances under which this family history is published, are briefly these: For several years past, the descendants of Edmond Rice have been accustomed to meet annually at the old homestead, still in the possession of one of them, in Wayland, formerly a part of Sudbury. These gatherings, chiefly of a social character, have been attended not only by members of the family residing in the immediate vicinity, but by many from remote places; and the interest manifested in them has increased from year to year.

At the meeting in August, 1856, Hon. Andrew H. Ward, of West Newton, was present, and stated that while pursuing his genealogical investigations in another direction, and with reference to another family, he had found occasion to refer, incidentally, to the descendants of Edmond Rice, and at length, becoming interested in the matter, he had devoted himself for some years to the preparation of a complete genealogy of the Rice family. He then gratuitously tendered his manuscripts for publication. The generous offer was of course at once accepted, with thanks to the donor, and the undersigned were chosen a committee of publication. No condition was annexed to the gift, except that the publication should be made in the life-time of Mr. Ward, and he be allowed its supervision. This has accordingly been done; and he now presents the result of his labors in a form which shows how much time, patient industry, and untiring research he has disinterestedly devoted to the work. We feel assured that, from its completeness, accuracy, and convenient arrangement, it will be found to be an important addition to our genealogical literature; and that with every member of the Rice family it will possess a peculiar value and interest, and the name of the author held in ever grateful remembrance.

EDMOND RICE JR., BRIGHTON,  
GEORGE M. RICE, WORCESTER,  
ANSON RICE, NORTHBORO',  
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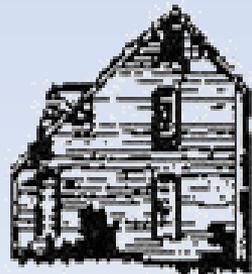
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## Genealogy of Edmund Rice

- **Edmund Rice, Jr. (1813-1888)**, from Brighton, grandson of Edmund Rice (1755-1841). In database, father of E.E. Rice & F.H. Rice (ERA)
- **George Merrick Rice, (1808-?)** Worcester Common Council President, son also G.M. Rice donor to ERA monuments in 1913. Descended from Thomas Rice.
- **Anson Rice (1798-1875)**, postmaster and magistrate in Northborough, grandfather of Wallace DeGroot Cecil Rice & Charles Henry Rice, ERA donor. In database as descendant of Edward Rice.
- **Constantine Canaris Esty (1824-1912)**, from Framingham, a Massachusetts state legislator and U.S. Congressman. In database as descendant of Henry Rice.
- **Dr. Levi Goodnough (ca1804-?)**, a physician from Sudbury, and son-in-law to Edmund Rice (1755-1841). In database as Goodnow.

# Rice Reunion held in Worcester 1903

- Dedication of Jonas Rice boulder 7 Oct 1903 hosted by Worcester Society of Antiquity
- “The Society is also largely indebted to the descendants of Edmund Rice, who are present in large numbers, for their co-operation in this celebration, and it is with great pleasure that the Worcester Society of Antiquity extends to them the full and free use of the Society's building on Salisbury street. Your presence has added greatly to the interest of this occasion and it is most fitting that you make this occasion an opportunity for the grand family reunion which is to take place this afternoon at Salisbury Hall.”
  - Reference: Worcester Society of Antiquity (1903). *Exercises Held at the Dedication of a Memorial to Major Jonas Rice, the First Permanent Settler of Worcester, Massachusetts, Wednesday, October 7, 1903*. Charles Hamilton Press, Worcester. 72pp.



# Formation of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association in 1912

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## Edmund Rice (1638) Association

- First meeting of Association at the annual reunion on 30 August 1912 at First Parish Church, Wayland (2/6/1913 letter William Whitmore to Clara Davis; p.2 Vol. 6. Spring 1963 ERA Newsletter)
- Solicitation for donations were sent out broadly to likely descendants of Edmund during Fall of 1912 (1/26/13 letter Ethyllynn Rice White of Farmington, UT to Clara Davis; 2/27/1913 letter Mary F. Child to Clara Davis)
- Evidence that homestead had burned down in recent past (2/3/1913 letter Sophia Rice Burnham of Glens Falls, NY to Clara Davis, "*It seems a pity that the old house could not have been preserved.*")

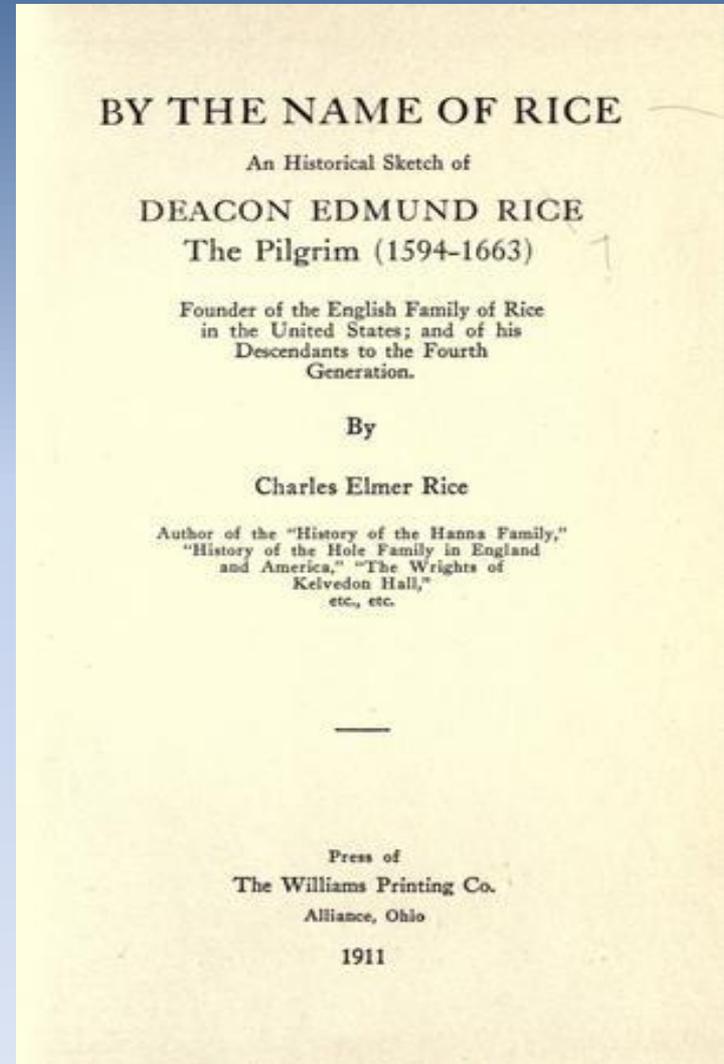


# Founding Officers of the Association

- **Eustace Bond Rice (1871-1938)**, ERA President, was a music professor at the New England Conservatory and was a gr. grandson of **Edmund Rice (1755-1841)**.
- **Nellie Rice-Fiske (1856-?)**, 1st Vice President. In database under the name Nellie R. Rice, d. of George Alonzo Rice, m. David F. Fiske in Natick on 20 Aug 1890, was a school teacher.
- **Melvin Eugene Rice (1847-1916)**, 2nd Vice President. He's in our database, descendant of Thomas, born in VT.
- **Rev. John Henry Hoffman (1847-1925)**, 3rd Vice President. Not in database, was in 1910 Census in Northborough as a clergyman, Ancestry.com claim that his maternal grandmother was Lucy Rice (b. 15 June 1788 in Sudbury) but she's not in the database either.
- **Leslie Oliver Rice (1885-1966)**, Secretary. In our database, as descendant of Joseph Rice. b. Berlin, MA, moved to Warren, OH
- **Frank Hubert Rice (1853-1929)**, Treasurer. In the database, brother of Edward Everett Rice, the Broadway producer, & gr. grandson of **Edmund Rice (1755-1841)**
- **George Hunt Barton (1852-1933)**, Historian. He was an MIT geologist accompanying Robert E. Peary to Greenland & founder of Boston Children's Museum. Neither he nor his parents, George Washington Barton (1824-1894) and Mary Susan Hunt (1828-1863) are in the database, but his grandparents Israel Hunt and Ruth Wheeler are there.
- **Clara Davis (1862-1919)** Bookkeeper. In our database as gr. granddaughter of **Edmund Rice (1755-1841)**. She was an unmarried school teacher in the 1910 census.

# Influence of *By the Name of Rice* (1911)

- There was an early effort to assist in distant inquiries about making connection to Edmund (2/17/1913 letter Sophia Rice Burnham to Clara Davis, *"I am greatly obliged to you for taking the trouble to give me so much information about the early Rices. I think I may be descended from some of the Worcester Rices who went to Vermont"*)
- Book was known by ERA and used as a reference in inquiries (2/17/1913 letter Sophia Rice Burnham to Clara Davis, *"I am also obliged to you for telling me about Mr. Charles Elmer Rice's book. I have written him to see if I can get it."*)
- There were honest efforts to give best available information about inquiries. (3/21/1913 letter Sophia Rice Burnham to Clara Davis, *"...through your Secretary Leslie O. Rice, while unable yet to trace the connection, seems to think it probable. Therefore I enclose \$1.00 as a contribution toward the marker."*)



# ERA re-publication<sup>1</sup> (sometime 1940s or 1950s)

## FOREWORD

This book is being re-published by the Edmund Rice (1638) Association, Inc. by permission of the heirs of the late Charles Elmer Rice. We wish to extend to them our grateful thanks for the privilege.

Many of our members have expressed a desire to own a copy of this little volume and we know they will find it both informative and highly entertaining.

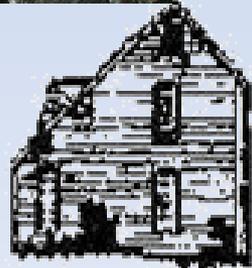
Because of our regard for historical accuracy it is only fair to state that since the publication of this book research has brought to light certain facts that render inaccurate some of the statements made herein. There is a very grave doubt that our family can claim relationship to Royalty, since painstaking work has never uncovered the record of the birth of Edmund Rice nor any facts that would indicate his parentage. There are also corrections in the list of Edmund's children, since no records have been found to establish the births to the Deacon of Edmund, the ninth, and Ann, the eleventh as listed. It is believed on good authority today that there never was a child named Edmund, and that the Ann who married Nathaniel Gary belonged to another family. These and any other errata were accepted as facts at the time of Mr. Rice's writing and do not materially detract from the value of the narrative.

"*By the Name of Rice*" is a charming story delightfully written and will bring pleasure and information to many of the descendants of Deacon Edmund Rice.

<sup>1</sup> **Note:** Permission to reprint was sought from heirs of CER who died in 1938 and book is noted as for sale in first (December, 1960) ERA Newsletter.

# Planning & Funding the Homesite Marker

- Fundraising strategy was 12 principal donors giving \$25 each, having several \$10 donors and asking \$1 to \$5 from most members with a \$500 goal (March 15, 1913 letter Fred Martin Rice, Chairman, Marker Committee to Clara Davis).
- Monument was designed by architect A.N. Rice (May 15, 1913 letter Melvin Eugene Rice to Clara Davis)
- Work to place the boulder and install tablet had begun by early August (August 11, 1913 letter Melvin Eugene Rice to Clara Davis)
- Estimated \$396 collected by unveiling
- Unveiling of monument at September 13, 1913 meeting of the ERA



# Major Donors for ERA Memorials

Fred Martin Rice (Chairman, Marker Committee)	Natick, MA	\$50.00	17-Oct-1912
Wayside Inn Chapter DAR	Sudbury, MA	\$25.00	2-Nov-1912
Fred Ball Rice	Quincy, MA	\$25.00	15-Mar-1913
Eustace Bond Rice (President)	West Newton, MA	\$25.00	24-Mar-1913
Edward David Rice	Jamaica Plain, MA	\$25.00	26-Mar-1913
Wallace S. Draper	Wayland, MA	\$25.00	4-May-1913
William E. Rice	Worcester, MA	\$25.00	10-May-1913
Harry Lee Rice	Boston, MA	\$25.00+	14-Jun-1913
Melvin Eugene Rice (2 <sup>nd</sup> VP)	South Sudbury, MA	\$25.00	11-Aug-1913
Edward E. Rice	Boston, MA	\$25.00	20-Nov-1913
Fred Ball Rice	Quincy, MA	\$25.00	19-Oct-1914

# Raising the Cemetery Monument

- An additional \$62 accounted-for funds come in before end of year 1914, possibly more. About \$300 required for the gravestone (based on modern replacement cost estimate of about \$9,000)
- ERA was short on funds to complete the cemetery project w/ less than expected small donations (October 15, 1915 letter George Hunt Barton to Clara Davis, *"Some time later if the Marker Committee are still out of pocket, I'll contribute a little more toward that, but I think it better for many to contribute a little each than for a few to contribute large sums each."*)
- Monument unveiled at Old North Cemetery during 1914 ERA meeting in August.
- ERA President Eustace Bond Rice probably responsible for design or commissioning of monument...



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# Edmund's Monument & ERA President Eustace B. Rice's Monument



Thank You!

Questions??

*Edmund Byrne*

