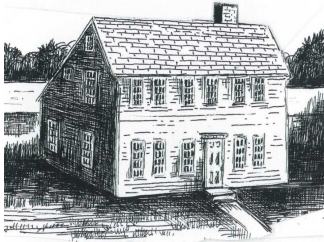


Edmund Rice (1638) Association Newsletter

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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

President's Column



Greetings, cousins! Best wishes for Thanksgiving to all (belated for Canadians, but timely for Americans, as I write this having just returned from a traditional turkey dinner with all the trimmings). Speaking of celebrations, I should mention that we had a great time at the ERA reunion in September (you can read about it within this issue of the newsletter). I just wish that more of you could have attended. In fact, all of you could, in principle, have logged into the virtual reunion session on Zoom to at least watch the proceedings, though not actually participate.

Be that as it may, work on the ERA family database is proceeding, and I would like for the moment to focus on an important but little-appreciated part of the work, trash removal. One aspect is the merging of duplicate persons. These duplicates crop up naturally because of the inevitable cross-connections in any extended family tree: a person can be entered as a spouse or spouse's parent with sketchy information and later prove to be the same person as a descendant entered elsewhere.

Another, more serious aspect is the removal or exclusion of bad information. One example is the maiden name of Edmund's second wife Mercy, widow of Thomas Brigham. In the database, the maiden name was left blank, even though the 1970 *Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants* referred to her as Mercy (Hurd) Brigham, with the clear implication that her maiden name was Hurd. Over the years, there were numerous suggestions that we should adopt that name, but we resisted and eventually added an explanation pointing out the lack of any authoritative documentation and the inconsistencies in the various non-authoritative sources. The hope is that someone will someday discover the authoritative sources for Mercy, just as in the case of Edmund's first wife Thomasine.

Something similar occurred in the history of Chandler genealogy, stemming from the fact that my immigrant ancestors William and Annis Chandler came over to Massachusetts in 1637 as a family, bringing no documentation of their origins (or at least preserving none for posterity). The compiler of the comprehensive 1883 genealogy of their descendants speculated that Annis' maiden name was Alcock, based on a friendly-but-figurative reference to William as "our brother Chandler" in the 1640 will of one Deacon George Alcock. It wasn't until 1931 that the relevant English parish records (from Hertfordshire) were compiled and published. (The maiden name was Bayford.)

Another example that needs some attention in the ERA database is the mother of the three King daughters who married, respectively, three of Edmund's sons. The database currently calls her Anne Collins, based on some references in the will of a putative sister of Anne back in England. Another, more recent theory, based on references in the will of a putative brother, would call her Anne Tyce. It may be time to withdraw her maiden name and add an explanation of the quandary.

~ John Chandler

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Send your articles, newsletter corrections, member news, your children or grandchildren's births, obituaries, family items of interest and any queries to the newsletter editor:

email: editor@edmund-rice.org

Deadline for winter issue 2025 is January 30, 2025.

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Membership

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

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

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

Annual dues, payable *September 1*, are:

Initial dues.....\$ 20.00

Renewals:

Under 80 years of age.....\$ 20.00

Age 80 and above.....\$ 10.00

Life membership.....\$300.00
(single payment)

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

Editor's Column

Hello cousins! As I write this message in this fall newsletter, I realize that it is the penultimate day of the season. December 21st, which is in two days, is the first day of winter! While working my part-time day job, I am excitedly preparing for Christmas activities (e.g., shopping, wrapping baking, cooking, sending Christmas Cards), and preparing for out-of-town family staying with me (e.g., grocery shopping, and lots of cleaning). I am also looking forward to a Rice family wedding on December 28th. My brother Steve's son Andrew is getting married, and it is conveniently a few days after Christmas when the entire family gathers annually – this year in beautiful Santa Barbara, California. Andrew's future wife Eli is lovely, and we are excited to add her to our family tree.

My message wouldn't be complete if I didn't ask for a replacement Newsletter Editor who may be able to get the newsletter out in a timelier fashion (ha!). Contact me if you're interested!

~ Katrina Rice Schmidt

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INFORMATION ON BECOMING THE
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ERA Past Presidents

1912-1913	Eustace Bond Rice	1952-1953	John A. Bigelow	1976	Seaver M. Rice
1913-1920	Nellie Rice Fiske	1954	Sturgis C. Rice	1977-1978	Henry E. Rice, Jr.
1921-1922	H. Eugene Rice	1955	Charles W. Rice	1979-1980	C. Whiting Rice
1923-1924	John E. Rice	1956-1957	Edgar W. Rice	1981-1982	William H. Drury
1925-1928	Harry C. Rice	1958-1959	Stanley I. Rice	1983	Patricia P. MacFarland
1929-1930	Clarence E. Rice	1960	Donald H. Whittemore	1984-1985	Janice R. Parmenter
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1932-1934	Russell J. Rice	1964-1965	William H. Hoefler	1988-1989	Alex W. Snow
1935-1936	Daniel H. Rice	1966-1967	Ray Lowther Ellis	1990-1993	John S. Bates
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1942-1945	Arthur P. Rice	1969	Jeneve M. Melvin	1998-2006	Dr. Robert V. Rice
1946-1947	Everett E. Rice	1970-1973	Col. Allen F. Rice	2007-present	John Chandler
1948-1949	Ralph E. Rice	1974	Margaret E. Allen		
1950-1951	Ralston F. Rice	1975	Charles W. Rice		

*Note: Died in office

EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION NEWSLETTER

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

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

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

ERA Database

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

Nine-Generation Rice Report Available on USB Flash Drive

Your Board of Directors (BoD) agreed that we would offer the nine-generation report to our members (only). The BoD approved a charge of \$10 plus \$5 shipping and handling postpaid for a USB flash drive containing the documents. Please order from the Treasurer by sending a request for the USB flash drive, your name and mailing address and a check or money order for \$15 to:

Michael Rice
201 Old Post Rd.
Wakefield, RI 02879-3908

The BoD placed three conditions on the distribution of the report:

- 1) The information is copyrighted by the Edmund Rice (1638) Association and is restricted to the personal use of association members.
- 2) The USBs will be available only to Association members who agree to its terms of use.
- 3) The Association master database is an ongoing effort through September 2024. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

Membership

New Annual Members

Julia Gettle
Keith Hamilton, Framingham, MA
Claudia Newton, East Aurora, NJ
Mahmoud Nowam
Charles Robert Rice, Colorado Springs, CO
Frances Dee Rice, Livermore, CA
Jessica N. Rice, Yorktown, IN
Kevin Anthony Rice, Terre Haute, IN
Richard Rice, Santa Rosa, CA
Robert Rice, Westport, CT
John Robinson, Jr., South Bristol, ME
Kathryn Winthrop, Washington, D.C.

Remember to renew your membership!

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

Memorial Gifts

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

Life Membership

Consider a Life Membership.

By paying one single payment of \$300.00 you will never have to worry about remembering to pay your annual dues!

Obituaries



Keith Capen Allen passed away peacefully on June 25, 2023, at Inverness Village in Tulsa, OK, her residence for twenty years.

Keith was born October 19, 1938, in Swatow China, eldest daughter of Rev Carl and Lousie Capen (Newland), American Baptist missionaries. As a young girl she lived in China during both the Japanese and later Communist air raids. The family returned to the states periodically for home leave and eventually had to evacuate China during WWII. Her international living experiences continued with her 9th grade year in Bangkok, Thailand and in 1953 she enrolled in Kodaikanal boarding school in India.

After high school graduation, she came to Ottawa University in Ottawa, Kansas, where she majored in Biology; later she earned her master's degree in library science at the University of Oregon. Keith and husband, Loren Cox, joined the Peace Corps, living for three years in Nigeria and then Seoul, Korea, where daughter Hilary was born. When the family returned to the U.S. living in Bethesda, MD, she worked in Washington D.C. with the

National Geographic Society as a research librarian; she also worked at Presbyterian Home of Washington D.C., where she led strategic fundraising efforts.

In 1988, she married Tom Allen, D.O., her college sweetheart; they relocated to Tulsa, OK where Dr. Allen was Dean of the OSU College of Osteopathic Medicine. Her gift of hospitality was evident when the Allens entertained the osteopathic students and professors.

Keith was a life long learner and a voracious reader, reading 3-4 books a week. For over 40 years, she belonged to various iterations of the same book club in D.C, Maine and Tulsa (thanks to technology--Zoom!); she volunteered at the League of Women Voters and various libraries. She loved listening to NPR, doing extensive genealogical research and was proud that she was a member of the Mayflower Society. One of her most treasured places in the world was Boothbay Harbor, Maine, where she spent time in the summer for over 50 years. Music was an important part of her life. Her beautiful soprano voice joined voices in the Oratorio Society of D.C., when they performed at the Kennedy Center. She was a member of St. Columba's Episcopal Church in Washington D.C. and its choir; while in Tulsa, Keith was a member of Trinity Episcopal Church, and the Benevolent Care Committee at Inverness Village.

Keith was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters, Connie Capen and Graal Porelle. She is survived by her husband, Dr. Tom Allen; daughter, Hilary Cox and daughter-in-law, Michelle Kennedy of Newton, MA; brother, Craig Capen (Roberta) of Monrovia, MD; stepson, Rod Allen (Rebecca) of Santa Rosa Beach, FL; stepdaughter, Andrea Siepman (Jim) of LaGrange, IL; seven grandchildren; many nieces and nephews; and a myriad of dear and close friends sprinkled around the world.

Many thanks to the staff at Heather Hall and InCare at Inverness. Her long struggle with Pompe, a rare genetic disorder, is over and she is once again dancing and singing in the streets. In lieu of flowers, please consider donations to [Muscular Dystrophy Association](https://www.mda.org/) (<https://www.mda.org/>). To plant trees in memory, please visit the [Sympathy Store](#). Published by Tulsa World on Jul. 2, 2023.



Nancy (Rice) Powling of Williamsville, a lifelong resident of the area, passed away unexpectedly and was reunited with her Eternal family on Saturday, February 10, 2024, following an extended period of declining health; she was 84 years old.

Nancy was born in Brattleboro on December 10, 1939, the daughter of Carroll and Ethel (Dorr) Rice. She attended Brattleboro public schools.

For over 35 years, she was employed as a school bus driver, as well as the bookkeeper for her husband's logging business. For numerous years, Nancy worked different jobs to help support the family.

Nancy held membership in the American Woodsman Association, was a former member of FFA (Future Farmers of America), and was a member of the Eastern Draft Horse Association. While raising her family, she served as a Cub Scout Leader and supported her boys when they moved on to the Boy Scouts.

Nancy loved to plant all kinds of gardens, and she was still growing fresh vegetables up until last year. Her greatest joy was showing her children and grandchildren the joy she found working with her hands. Crafting, sewing, quilting, canning, making jams, and most of all, cooking, she was always happy to share the kitchen. From an incredibly early age, Nancy enjoyed being outdoors; hunting and fishing were great pastimes she loved and shared with her entire family.

A strong woman of faith, she was a member of the Church of Jesus Christ, Latter Day Saints in Keene.

On August 16, 1980, in Brattleboro, she was married to Percy F. Powling, who predeceased her on January 7, 2023. Nancy is also survived by one daughter, Wannetta Powling, and her husband, Mark of Williamsville, 14 grandchildren, 16 great-grandchildren, and three great-great-grandchildren, as well as countless nieces and nephews.

She was predeceased by three sons, Leon Knapp, Jr., Milo Knapp, Sr., Alonzo "Peter" Gilbert, Jr., one sister, Beverly "Chris" Matteson, two brothers, Carroll Rice, Jr. and Paul Rice, and a grandson, Jason Gilbert who died in infancy.

There will be no calling hours; graveside services will be held at the family lot in the South Newfane Cemetery in the springtime when the cemetery reopens at a date and time to be announced by the funeral home.

Memorial contributions in Nancy's name may be made to NewBrook Fire & Rescue, P.O. Box 77, Newfane, VT, or the Windham County Humane Society, P.O. Box 397, Brattleboro, VT 05302.

In Celebration



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

OCTOBER

Christina Estabrook Allen, Lexington Park, MD
William Roger Ames, Worcester, MA
Sheree K Brown, Northampton, MA
John Lee Cooley, Mapleton, UT
John B Davidson, Lunenburg County, Nova Scotia, Canada
Carol Kosicki, Holliston, MA
Eleanor Lockington, Norfolk, VA
Rita V O'Connell, Hyde Park, MA
Robin Pewtress, Boise, ID
Dennis H Rice, East Douglas, MA
Jeffrey M Rice, Wayland, MA
William S Rice, Calgary, Alberta, Canada
William W Rice, Parkville, MO
Joella Schultz, Tucson, AZ
Bertyne Rice Smith, Barre, MA

NOVEMBER

Elizabeth Alcorn, Worcester, MA
Kent Baker, Menomonee Falls, WI
Linda Bryant, Oviedo, FL
Melinda S Crawford, Moscow, ID
Bill Deming, Shelburne, VT
Dale Gunn, Hudson, MA
Sandra Hewlett, Phoenixville, PA
Stephen Hollands, Rockville, MD
Elizabeth Long Johnson, Ashburn, VA
Heather J McPherson, Indianapolis, IN
William S Miller, Norman, OK
Jeanette Ockunzzi, Niceville, FL
John A Parker, MD, Newton, MA
Ariel Rice
Bradford Rice, Westborough, MA
David Wingate Rice Jr, Livermore, CA
Edmund C Rice, Wayland, MA
James P Rice Jr, Westport, NY
Paul D Rice, New Berlin, IL
Roger A Rice, Holden, MA
Samuel Rice
Yaqirah Rice
Elizabeth Smith, Rockport, MA
William J Young, Nunnely, TN

DECEMBER

Donna Barnes, Ortonville, MI
Jean Drury Groves, Springfield, VA
Thomas Hungiville Hillery, Henderson, NV
Catherine Elizabeth Lilburne, Garrison, NY
Gail Nettles, Seneca, SC
Ann Elizabeth O'Rourke, Manchester, NH
Beth Ann Perry, North Ridgeville, OH
Paul W Piatkowski, Fischer, TX
Benjamin J Rice, Keene, NH
Brian C Rice, New York, NY
Donald C Rice, New York, NY
Doyle Rice, Jackson, MI
John Joseph Rice, Chelmsford, MA
Robert W Rice, East Moriches, NY
Thomas B Rice, Gig Harbor, WA
Julie A Rice-Rollons, Oklahoma City, OK
Martha Wood, Lexington, MA

Edmund Rice (1638) Association Annual Reunion Recap

2024 ANNUAL REUNION EDMUND RICE (1638) ASSOCIATION September 20-21, 2024

This year the ERA again divided the reunion between two venues, this time the historic Wayside Inn and the First Parish of Sudbury. Despite a gloomy weather forecast, 17 of us gathered aboard a well-appointed motor coach at the Wayside Inn around 1pm on Friday afternoon, September 20, to take a tour led by President John Chandler of sites in the towns of Sudbury, Marlborough, and Wayland. Our first stop was right on the grounds of the Wayside Inn Foundation: the Redstone Schoolhouse, built in 1798 in Sterling, MA, and moved to the Wayside site in 1927. This school was attended by a certain Mary Sawyer who is reputed to be the owner of the famous Little Lamb. The building turned out to be closed on account of the threatened weather, but we were able to peer in at the windows. We followed the equally historic Boston Post Road to our next stop, the Old Common Cemetery in Marlborough, where at least 215 of the people in our family database are buried. Along the way, we passed several other cemeteries, where hundreds more of our people are buried, but didn't stop.

We next toured the Peter Rice House in Marlborough, built in 1688 by Edmund's grandson Peter and now the home of the Marlborough Historical Society. Among the Rice memorabilia in the house was a copy of the 1970 Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants donated by the ERA some years ago. Visitors are welcome to tour the house by appointment.



Bus tour attendees at the Peter Rice House in Marlborough

The rain still holding off, our next stop was the North Cemetery in Wayland, where at least 207 of our people are laid to rest, apparently including Edmund Rice, although the location of his grave is unknown. We viewed in particular the gravestone-like memorial to Edmund erected in 1914 as one of the first activities of the ERA. This cemetery started out as the churchyard of the original Sudbury church at the original town center. Note: as the town of Sudbury grew to encompass both sides of the Sudbury River, which generally became impassable in the spring flood season, it became apparent that the town needed two churches, and the town eventually split in two, with the eastern (original) portion becoming known as East Sudbury (later changed to Wayland). Thus, the church now known as the First Parish of Sudbury is the lineal descendant of the second church society in the town, while the First Parish in Wayland descends from the original church of Sudbury. Both churches now belong to the Unitarian Universalist Association.



Descendants of Edmund Rice stand by the memorial marker of Edmund at the North Cemetery: Siblings Brian Rice, Katrina Rice Schmidt, and Mike Rice

Meanwhile, on the way to the cemetery, we had passed the site of Edmund's first house lot in what was then Sudbury, and our next stop was the location of his second house lot ("by the spring") which he bought from Philemon Whale in 1648 and which remained in the family until the early 20th Century, after the house burned down. The location has a number of modern houses on a common driveway, which extends into a pathway into the adjoining woods, which some members of the tour explored and reported seeing old stone fences and building debris, among



other vestiges of past occupation. Upon leaving the home site, we viewed the roadside marker erected in 1913 by the ERA to commemorate the site, but didn't stop.

Returning to the Wayside Inn about 5pm, we then had a social hour in the Henry Ford Room, with tea and coffee, followed by a catered dinner with the usual choices of beef, fish, chicken, or vegetarian entrees. Shortly after 8pm, the Board of Directors quietly withdrew for an hour-long meeting and then returned to find the party still going strong. Eventually, the crowd dispersed, some to stay overnight at the Wayside Inn, some to other hostleries in the area, and some to their homes.

Bus tour attendees at the site of Edmund's second house "by the spring"

Here follows a draft of the minutes of the Saturday meeting.

Edmund Rice (1638) Association Annual Meeting
September 21, 2024
First Parish of Sudbury (UU) parish hall
Sudbury, MA

Starting shortly after 8:00 am, members of the Association began to gather in the parish hall for a combination of room set-up and a continental breakfast catered by Carleton Procter. Although we had come prepared with a projector and screen of our own, we were able to use the A/V facilities of the room. Also, we provided Zoom access to the meeting through a laptop connected to the building's wireless network. At 9:20, President John Chandler welcomed the assembled members to the reunion. In keeping with the pattern of recent years, the attendance was about 20 people in person, plus two on Zoom.

The first presentation was the latest version of a talk known as "Edmund Rice 101" compiled by Michael Rice, but presented by John Chandler in Michael's absence due to a work commitment. This talk covers the basics of Edmund's life in England and America, dealing with both the known and the unknown (the latter including his parentage and the exact date and place of his birth). Slides for various previous versions of this talk can be found in the Library section of our web site.

The next activity was a departure from the original plan of staging a catered lunch buffet, in favor of an on-the-spot order for delivery of pizza, subs, and salads from the restaurant across the street from the church.

Next, John Chandler gave a talk on DNA basics, as applied to genealogy by the ERA. We sponsor two different DNA projects, one focused on Y DNA and covering all males with the Rice surname or a variant, and another focused on mtDNA and covering any participants able to trace their all-female lines back to the vicinity of Sudbury in 1700. The contrast in the stringency of these requirements is reflected in the numbers of participants, 578 and 23, respectively. The key to success in such activities is the pairing of decisive DNA evidence with diligent conventional data. Slides for previous DNA talks are available in the Library.

Next, Guy Gettle gave a talk entitled "Jolly Olde England in the time of Edmund Rice" covering various cultural, political, and religious aspects of life in England in those times. Capping off the morning session was a talk by Kathryn Winthrop entitled "The War begins, Rices in the Civil War" covering the military activities of several of her ancestors, not all of whom survived. She brought and offered free copies of her book on the subject. Lunch was delivered during this talk, but the talk was interesting enough to keep the audience in their seats till the end.

After lunch, the group assembled for a photo. Then, we heard a talk by local historian Steven Greene on the topic of railroads in Sudbury, from the earliest efforts to the present day, showing route maps and photos of tickets, trains, stations, passengers (including at least one Rice descendant), and even the demolition of abandoned tracks.



*Annual meeting attendees: **Back Row:** Guy Gettle, John Chandler, Brian Rice, Bill Amidon, Julia Gettle, Mahmoud Nowara, David Rice **Middle Row:** Kevin Mullen, Frances Rice, Amy Hall, Lucinda Harding-Jones, Nancy Murphy, Kathryn Winthrop, Robert Winthrop. **Front Row:** Katrina Rice Schmidt, Kathleen Bond, Carol Rice Gettle, Sue Mullen, Carleton Procter. Tim Sanford and Doyle Rice attended the meeting via Zoom and are not pictured.*

The annual business meeting began at 2:42 pm, somewhat later than planned. By presidential decree, there was no reading of last year's minutes, which had been already published in the newsletter.

Treasurer Michael Rice, though not present, submitted a report, which covered the period September 2023 through August 2024. In brief, the total income was \$3,083.13 (largely dues), and total expenses were \$7,442.90 (largely reunion), for a net loss of \$4,359.77. Much of this loss would have been offset by interest income, except that the Association funds were invested in certificates of deposit that did not mature during this fiscal year.

Next, Kathleen Bond gave the membership report with a total of 241 active members (158 life members and 83 annual members). 56 of the annual members are behind on dues. 25 of the annual members had joined in the past year. Deaths have been reported this year for the following members/associates of ERA: Delilah

Constance Moody, Nancy Rice Powling, Winston Stanyan Rice, and Carl Robert Wesen. John Chandler called for a moment of silence in memory of the departed.

Michael Rice's report as Book Custodian was distributed. The sales included 5 copies of Ward's Rice Family and Supplement, 6 copies of Rice Supplement 2 #1, 5 copies of Rice Supplement 2 #2, 7 copies of We sought the Wilderness, 5 copies of Mountain Fortitude, 5 copies of Heartbeat of History, 7 copies of the 2023 9-generation database, and 3 copies of the Genealogical Register of Edmund Rice Descendants.

Noting the surplus of pizza left over from lunch, John Chandler then offered a choice to the lucky winners of this year's door prizes: one pizza or one copy of the 2024 9-generation database. The oldest member present was Nancy Murphy (90); the youngest was Julia Gettle (33); the furthest traveler(s) were a tie: Guy Gettle and Carol Rice. All winners chose the database, except for Carol. Carol opted for the pizza!

John Chandler announced that the Board of Directors had decided to investigate several options for the 2025 reunion, including possibilities in nearby Vermont and New Hampshire.

He then reported the slate of officers and directors selected by the Nominating Committee the previous day and opened the floor for further nominations. One additional nominee was added to the slate by an instant decision of the Committee. The resulting slate was as follows:

President - John Chandler

Vice President - Brian Rice

Vice President for Arrangements - Carleton Procter

Treasurer - Michael Rice

Recording Secretary - Kathleen Bond

Historian - John Chandler

Directors - Guy Gettle, Kevin Mullen, Doyle Rice, David Rice, Timothy Sanford, Katrina Rice Schmidt

It was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously to elect this slate. John Chandler then offered special thanks to Carleton for organizing the reunion and to Katrina for filling in as temporary newsletter editor and reminded all those present that we need a new permanent editor.

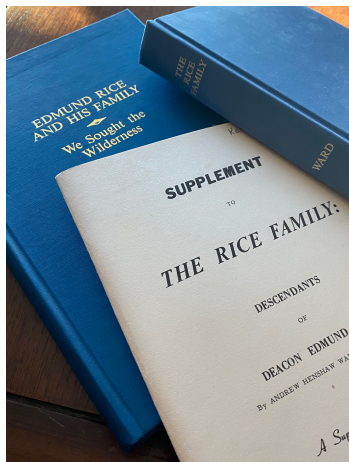
He then reported on the state of the ERA family database as of last month. There were then 322,520 persons in it, an increase from last year of 7,001. Of the total, 13,202 are under review for one reason or another. Meanwhile, the 6-generation on-line version of the database now has 16,619 persons, and the 9-generation version available to members has 140,332. He then reported on the DNA project, noting that he had already given the statistics in the morning session.

No further business being brought forward, it was moved, seconded, and passed unanimously about 3:30 to adjourn.



Guy Gettle, Carol Rice, and Julie Gettle display their "winnings"

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.

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