



Edmund Rice (1638) Association Newsletter

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The Edmund Rice Association publishes the newsletter four times a year: 1) Winter 2) Spring 3) Summer 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: Susan Berger at editor@edmund-rice.org

President's Column

Greetings, cousins!

A few years ago, I wrote a column about the trickiness of comparing two GEDCOM files to determine whether they are effectively the same, and I pointed out that one of the pitfalls was the fact that GEDCOM has two different tags for baptisms that are virtually interchangeable. One is styled "baptism" and the other "christening" (which are, of course, synonyms). I'd like to return now to the topic of baptism from a different point of view.

Nowadays, the emphasis of vital records is on physical events like births and deaths, instead of ritualized events like baptisms and burials, but the machinery for efficiently keeping track of enormous numbers of events is a rather recent development. Even in the 20th century, when the demand for proof of birth became almost universal, the supply of such documentation as a matter of course was still spotty. In a pinch, a baptismal certificate would be almost as good as a birth certificate for identification purposes and for establishing age. Indeed, inspection of the books of vital records compiled for Massachusetts cities and towns (mostly a century or more ago) shows that most of the volumes combine many sources, including gravestone inscriptions and church records of baptisms to augment the primary records transcribed from the town record books. It is apparent that many people's vital events would be completely missed without those supplements.

This lack of coverage by civil records was even more of a problem in times and places where there was no legal requirement that such records be kept. Consider such eminent persons as William Shakespeare or Ludwig van Beethoven. For people as admired as these, we would like to celebrate their birthdays, but, in fact, there is no known record of either one -- all we have is their baptisms. And, as we all know, we don't even have the baptism of Edmund Rice and probably never will, since there are gaps in the church records corresponding to the presumed year of his birth.

In passing, I'll mention another oddity that affects some baptismal records I have seen. There is a certain logic to it, but it is nonetheless terribly frustrating -- the practice of infant baptism is a religious ritual aimed at the future spiritual life of the infant in question, and the institution includes godparents to be responsible for that future spiritual life, so what could be more natural than to write down the names of the godparents and to omit the names of the parents? Yes, that happened!

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 etc. to the newsletter editor:

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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.....\$ 15.00

Renewals:

Under 80 years of age.....\$ 15.00

Age 80 and above.....\$ 5.00

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(single payment)

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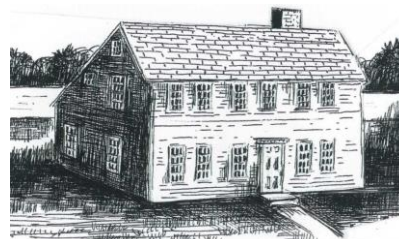
The Post Office now forwards mail for 12 months if a member has submitted a forwarding address to the post office. The post office also returns the forwarding address to the association for a .75 fee. If a member has no forwarding address or 12 months forwarding has expired the post office returns the mail. Return postage and re-mailing postage costs the Association nearly \$1.75 per copy.

Your help with this is greatly appreciated.

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EDITOR'S COLUMN



Deacon Edmund Rice Homestead
Wayland, MA 1643 - 1912

This is the new ERA association logo. Fred Rice is going to get an artist to make color and black and white versions of the logo to sell to members.

I'll let you know the price when the logo photos are available for sale.

Susan Berger

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The Edmund Rice (1638) Association 183 Prospect Hill Rd 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.

Memorial Gifts

Consider donating to the Edmund Rice Association in memory of a loved one

IN MEMORY Please join me in saying a final goodbye to Kathleen Inez Rice Holcomb Bender and LeMoyne Kay Dowell Rice. Kathleen was the sister of five of our members Helen Bell, Rosemary Rice Bailey, Herbert Hiram, Dan Henry and John Raymond Rice. LeMoyne was John's wife. Both were Aunts to me, Elaine Dell, Edward Bellamy, Jennifer Edwards and Michael Tidd. Kathleen passed away on January 14, 2015 at the age of 76 in Homer, MI. LeMoyne passed away on September 7, 2015 at the age of 71 in Coldwater, MI. Both my Aunts' Kathleen and LeMoyne are loved and missed every day.

LOST MEMBERS Several of the newsletters have been returned as undeliverable for the following members Dudley Titus, Carol B. Pobst, Phoebe Ann Glaze and Eugene R. Rice. If you know them please ask them to contact me with their new address and phone number.

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: gking5@cox.net

Nine-Generation Rice Database Available on CD

Your Board of Directors (BoD) agreed that we would offer the nine-generation report and database to our members (only). The BoD approved a charge of \$10 plus \$5 shipping and handling postpaid for a CD-ROM containing both documents. Please order from the Treasurer by sending a request for the CD-ROM, 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 caveats on the distribution of these documents:

- 1) The information is copyrighted by the Edmund Rice (1638) Association and is restricted to the personal use of association members.
- 2) The CDs 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 2015. If you find any documentable errors, please let us know!

NEW MEMBERS

Anne L King
Elizabeth Garno Reid
Christopher E Rice
Mark Saicheck

Diana Clevenger-Stephens
Kathryn Ripke
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Judy Willetts Tough
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MEMBERS MAKING ADDITIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

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Marilyn Skinner
Henry C Ball
Alice McCoy
Katherine Truesdell
Emma Lu Fischer
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Judith Tough
Kathy Rice Jenkel
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Betty Rice Adams
Bernadine Rice Cascarano
Max C Rice
Debra Harris Neuner
Elizabeth Mahas

IN CELEBRATION

**“HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO YOU” – “HAPPY BIRTHDAY DEAR COUSINS”
WE HOPE YOU HAVE MANY MORE**

October

Leta Olsen of Pampa, TX; **Geneva Garrett** of Santa Anna, TX; **Dennis H. Rice** of East Douglas, MA; **Norman Cooper** of Canyon Lake, TX; **Barbara Bodeen** of Yamill, OR; **Eleanor Lockington** of Norfolk, VA; **Katherine Truesdell** of Twenty-Nine Palms, CA; **Michele Rice** of Lincoln, NE; **Gregory Rice Sr.** of Eugene, OR; **Robin Pewtress** of Boise, ID; **Jeffrey M Rice** of Wayland, MA; **William S King** of Dallas, TX; **Maribeth Rice DelGiudice** of East Greenwich, RI; **Nancy Janisz** of Oviedo, FL; **John B Davidson** of Lunenburg County, NS, CANADA; **Pat Hansen** of Castro Valley, CA; **Carol Kosicki** of Holliston, MA; **William Rice** of Parkville, MO; **Bonnie Wiley** of Cambridge, IL; **James Tyler** of Dewey Beach, DE; **Joella Grosser Schultz** of Tucson, AZ; **Keith Allen** of Tulsa, OK; **Bertyne R Smith** of Barre, ME; **Bernadine Rice Cascarano** of; **Lucille Casby** of Springdale, AR; **June Linley** of Sault Ste. Marie, ON, CANADA; **Rita O’Connell** of Hyde Park, MA; **Lisa Smith** of Wasilla, AK; **Sheree Brown** of Hamden, CT

November

Jeanette Ockunzzi of Niceville, FL; **Lewis Olson** of Port Allen, LA; **Yaqirah Rice**, Jackson, MI; **Ariel Rice** of Jackson, MI; **Samuel Rice** of Jackson, MI; **Elizabeth Alcorn** of Worcester, MA; **Heather McPherson** of Indianapolis, IN; **Frances M Rice** of Princeton, MA; **Betty Adams** of Stayton, OR; **Jean Danielson** of Holden, MA; **Henry Snyder** of Kensington, CA; **William Deming** of Shelburne, VT; **Helen**

G. Brinton of Centereach, NY; **Warren Lysne** of Monument, CO; **James P. Rice Jr.** of Westport, NY; **James P. Rice Jr.** of Westport, NY; **Judith Tough** of Port Townsend, WA; **Daniel M. Rice** of Crown Point, NY; **Linda Bryant** of Winter Park, FL; **John A. Parker, MD** of Newton, MA; **Melinda Crawford** of Moscow, ID; **Sandra Hewlett** of Phoenixville, PA; **Elizabeth Rice-Smith** of Rockport, MA; **Stephen Hollands** of Takoma Park, MD; **Roger A Rice** of Holden, MA; **Edmund C Rice** of Wayland, MA; **David W Rice Jr** of Livermore, CA; **Amanda Haynes** of Amarillo, TX; **Elizabeth Johnson** of Delran, NJ; **William Lear** of Solon Springs, WI; **Jennifer Edwards** of Lillian, AL; **Dale C Gunn** of Hudson, MA; **Donna Murphy** of The Villages, FL; **Creighton Nichols** of Framingham, MA; **William Miller** of Norman, OK; **Bradford E Rice** of Westborough, MA

December

Doyle Rice of Jackson, MI; **Jean Drury Groves** of Falls Church, VA; **Betty Wauer** of Bryan, TX; **Benjamin Rice** of Keene, NH; **Martha Frazel** of Stow, MA; **Lucile Rice** of Rochester, NY; **Robert W Rice** of East Moriches, NY; **Dr. Philip R. Loe** of Seattle, WA; **Julia McClure** of Port Townsend, WA; **Helen M Bell** of Fremont, MI; **Donald C Rice** of New York, NY; **Julie Ann Rice-Rollins** of Oklahoma City, OK; **Donna Barnes** of Ortonville, MI; **Barbara O'Neill** of Fultonville, NY; **Virginia L Rice** of Broomall, PA; **Paul Piatkowski** of York, PA; **Dan H Rice** of Midland, MI; **Thomas B. Rice** of Burien, WA; **Marilyn Skinner** of Brea, CA; **Martha Wood** of Lexington, MA; **Brian C Rice** of New York, NY; **Warren Mahoney** of Auburn, WA; **Denise Hedley** of Dayton, OH; **Diana Clevenger-Stephens** of Santa Monica, CA

Edmund Rice (1638) Association Annual Meeting

September 26, 2015
Wayside Inn, Sudbury, MA

About 45 members of the Association gathered at 8:30 AM at the Wayside Inn for informal discussions and refreshments, with opportunities to peruse the books we have in stock as well as the genealogical database.

At 9:30 President John Chandler began the formal part of the meeting by welcoming everyone there and offering a short presentation on the past and present activities of the organization. The next speaker, Michael Rice, gave a talk featuring some notable female descendants of Edmund Rice. After that George King gave a demonstration of on-line genealogical research, using as examples the people mentioned in the foregoing talk.

William H. Drury is leaving Board of Directors after many years of service to the Association; Fred Rice presented him with a sweatshirt.

Finally, the attendees convened outside for a group photo and then watched a parade of fife-and-drum corps gathered as part of the Colonial Faire going on the same day across the street.

After a buffet lunch the meeting was addressed by local historian John L. Bell with a talk focused on the Powder Alarm of 1774 and other related events leading to American independence. The talk brought together cultural, political, and economic aspects of history in the unfolding conflict and was followed by a well-deserved round of applause for our speaker.



The attendees were John Chandler, George Rice, George & Anne King, Bill Drury, Brian Rice, William & Jeannette Rice, David King, Wallace King, Beth Perry, Cindy Losak, Craig & Anita Talley, Nancy Colt, Linda Colt, Richard & Marilyn Rice, Stephen & Regina Knowlton, Alice Pierce, Fred Rice, Beth McAleer, Ruth & Joseph Brown, Judy Dailey, Donna Fisher, Michael Rice, Shirley Schwenke, Kathy Ripke, Timothy Sanford, Tammy Sanford-Hutchinson, Dale Gunn, Kathy & Earl Bond, Alda Kaye, Heather Kaye, Ross McCurdy, Margaret Bradley, Judy Rice Toffoli and June Rice Linley.

After the talk, John Chandler convened the annual meeting to transact the Association's business.

Minutes from last years' meeting had already been distributed and read. Moved and seconded to dispense with the reading of last year's minutes, passed unanimously.

Treasurer's Report:

Total income	\$4,286.92
Total expenses	\$6,492.67
Net for the year	-\$2,205.75

Total assets as of August 31, 2015 \$75,470.13

Moved and seconded to accept Treasurer's Report, passed unanimously.

Membership Report:

251 annual members	192 dues paid for 2015
	59 delinquent on dues
149 life members	
43 new members	
256 receive newsletter by mail (250 needed for bulk rate)	

A moment of silence was observed in memory of the 2 members who had died (Roy Powers and Mary Soliday).

Door prizes were awarded as follows:

Farthest away: (tie) Richard Rice (California) and Wallace King (Oregon)
Oldest: Ruth Brown
Youngest: Brian Rice (again)

Book Report:

Michael Rice gave the book report as follows; sold 4 2014 CD's and 14 books and gave one 2013 CD to the Worcester Historical Museum.

2016 Reunion: George Rice will look into places in Westborough, MA, for the weekend of Sept 23 & 24, or Sept 16 & 17, 2016.

Nominations made by the nominating committee:

President John Chandler
Vice President George Rice
Treasurer Michael Rice
Secretary Kathleen H Bond
Historian George King
Directors: Susan Berger, William Rice, Dale Gunn, Timothy Sanford, Beth McAleer, Wendolin Wesen, & Brian Rice

No additional nominations were made from the floor. The slate, as presented, was elected by unanimous vote.

Database Reports:

George King as of Sept 22, 2015
221,374 persons, 15 new files w/c3000 new persons, one in progress

John Chandler as of Sept 18, 2015
Total persons 233,755
Pending changes/additions 24,489

Genetics Report:

Y-DNA project - total 430 members
Group 1 77 members
26 other groups: 242 members
Waiting for match: 111 members
Tests in progress 2

mtDNA project total 19 members
12 in recognized family groups
7 waiting for a match

ERA Association Logo:

The new picture on the front of the summer newsletter is the logo; Fred Rice gave report and Fred will get artist to make color and black and white version to sell.

Special thanks to George Rice for organizing this reunion.

The annual meeting was adjourned at 3 PM

Colorful Accounts of Deacon Edmund Rice's Armed Ancestors

By Robert V. Rice, Michael A. Rice, John F. Chandler, George W. King and Brian C. Rice

Over the years since Ward compiled his genealogy and history of what he called *The Rice Family* others have speculated on Edmund Rice's ancestors. At the time, 1858, when his book was published (sponsored by a committee of five Edmund Rice descendants), Ward could only state that Edmund Rice and family had come from Berkhamsted, in the county of Hertfordshire in England in 1638 or 1639.

Ward made no attempt to trace or speculate as to Edmund's ancestors with only a passing reference to the name Rice being of Welsh origin. But below is a result found immediately (Oct. 7, 2015) in an Internet search (Google) for Deacon Edmund Rice Ancestors:

Edmund Rice - WorldConnect Project - Ancestry.com Inc.
<http://wc.rootsweb.ancestry.com/cgi-bin/igm.cgi?op=GET&db=brendablack&id=I2746>
Ancestors; LINK: <http://www.edmund-rice.org/>; Sex: M; Title: Deacon; Birth: Berkhamstead, Bucks, Suffolk, England 1594; Burial: 1663 Old Burying Ground.

Note that Edmund's birth is listed as Berkhamstead (*sic*), but in Bucks County and another far distant county, Suffolk, is added for good measure. It is true that the counties of Hertfordshire and of Bucks (or Buckinghamshire) are next to each other in Central England, but Suffolk is sixty miles east on the coast of the North Sea. It is interesting that Suffolk was thrown in for good measure, but of course in the 1930s Edmund's marriage and the baptisms of his wife and children were discovered in old parish records there. His birth year is actually derived from a 3 April 1656 court deposition in Massachusetts in which he stated his age as 62, so his birth year could be calculated as 1594, but unfortunately there was **no location** mentioned in the court document.

Note, as well, that this on-line entry for Edmund Rice carries a pointer to our ERA web site, and in fact it goes on to quote verbatim from there on the subject of Edmund Rice. It also carries a pointer to an item entitled "Sir Rhys Lineage". Now it so happens that some of us have contributed files to the same repository (the Rootsweb WorldConnect Project) where this entry was found, and so we can attest to the fact that there is no oversight on the material collected there -- it is up to the reader to sift out the wheat from the chaff.

If we transport ourselves to 1911 and the book *By the Name of Rice* by Charles Elmer Rice that was self-published by Rice and printed by the Williams Printing Co. of Alliance, Ohio we will find remarkable "progress" for Edmund's life. Here we find that the author has given Edmund Rice a coat of arms by connecting him to a historical Welsh Prince also named Rice (Rhys aps Gruffydd 1508-1531). That particular Rice actually lived, and his castle in Wales that is now in the slow process of being reconstructed from its ruins, in Dinefwr Park NT near Llandeilo, Carmarthenshire in Wales. Like most princes, he had a Coat of Arms and it became by dubious extension the arms of Deacon Edmund Rice. Charles Elmer Rice further extended Edmund's royal connections through William Rice, the supposed son of Rhys aps Gruffydd and his wife Catherine Howard, daughter of Thomas Howard, 2nd Duke of Norfolk. William Rice (1522-

1588), of Bohmer, Buckinghamshire was supposedly a close ally of Mary I of England in her efforts to restore Catholicism to England. For his efforts William Rice was granted his own Coat of Arms in 1555 by Queen Mary, so Edmund could have chosen from not one, but TWO Coats of Arms! But alas Charles Elmer Rice had no evidence for any of his royal speculations.

Harvard geographer and explorer Dr. Alexander Hamilton Rice, Jr. was a member of the ERA and he financed the genealogical searches in the 1930s (April 1961 ERA Newsletter p.3). This resulted in two landmark publications: 1) Holman, Mary Lovering (1934) "English Notes on Edmund Rice." The American Genealogist 10:133-137, and 2) Jacobus, Donald Lines (1936) "English Ancestry of Edmund Rice, Sudbury, Massachusetts." The American Genealogist 11:14-21. *These papers found no evidence of Edmund's Ancestors and made it clear there was no royal connection at all.* A summary of Jacobus's findings were again published on pp. 5-9 in the Fall 1968 ERA Newsletter.

In the 1990s, The ERA commissioned a new search for Edmund's birth records in the Suffolk Region, and these results were published in the Fall 1999 ERA Newsletter, Joanna Martin (1999), "Report on parish records from Suffolk, England." Again, no birth records of Edmund or any evidence of his ancestors was found. Additionally Gary Boyd Roberts, a genealogist with the New England Historic Genealogical Society and expert on royal lineages spoke before the ERA and he too found no ancestral royal connections to Edmund (see Gary Boyd Roberts Fall 1999 ERA Newsletter p.3 "Notable Kin of Edmund Rice").

More recently (2001), the Edmund Rice Association started a Y-DNA genetic marker project in which known descendants of Edmund Rice had their Y-DNA analyzed and thus established Edmund's Y Haplogroup I1. It turns out that a Population Genetics project in which Y-DNAs of many rural inhabitants of East Anglia (Suffolk, Norfolk, Essex Counties of England), Wales, and Ireland show that I1 is prominent outside Wales but almost nil in Wales and Ireland (See Spring 2013 ERA Newsletter pp. 7-10 for a detailed review). So now what had been suspected for some time now has scientific evidence disputing a Welsh origin for Edmund Rice. The same Y-DNA study has definitely turned up over two dozen other Rice families and has evidence that probably hundreds may exist mostly (but not all) from the British Isles.

Thus, the Board of Directors of the Edmund Rice (1638) Association emphatically states that the ancestors of Edmund Rice are not known. He originated from English yeoman stock from the Southeast of England and he was most certainly not descended from the Royal Welsh ap Rhys clan of Carmarthenshire or the noble William Rice of Buckinghamshire and is therefore by the English Law of Heraldic Arms NOT ENTITLED to display any ancestral Coats of Arms.

Although we, as an American-chartered corporation, are not bound by this law of English heraldry, it remains true that the display of any particular historic blazon makes at the very least an implicit claim of ancestry, and we cannot honestly do that.

Genealogical Research - Citing Your Sources

By Dennis R. Rice

What it all comes down to is being able to go back and review your information if necessary. After you have written the information down on a piece of paper or collected copies of source material, you still have to read it -- that means there may be a handwriting issue. Numbers often lead to writing errors, such as the difference between a 3 and an 8, and some handwriting may be hard to interpret, especially if it was written by someone else, and photocopiers in libraries often make blurry copies.

Now you have collected all of these notes over many months of research and you want to organize them and enter them into a more formal document. Some like to type their notes directly because they hate those computer programs that can automatically generate a sentence structure that is too rigid, while others believe keeping the data in a computer allows much easier updating and regeneration of output. Choice at the moment is not the issue, you need to go back and re-read your notes and re-interpret what you or someone else previously wrote down, organizing them into some order. You may ask: what did I first read, say, or mean? I need to go back and re-read what I read, but where did I find that information?

This is the issue you need to write down every bit of information, of where you originally found the information -- document name, page, and repository. This allows you to go back and validate your information. It also allows those that read what you have written to reinterpret your notes. This is especially important when information that you have read was in a story format, someone else might be able to extract more information and add additional insight from what you originally interpreted. A good example that all of us go through is interpreting census data, data that may have been written down in the 1800's, old ink that has faded, then read by someone else to be computerized so that you could more easily look it up on the Internet. There's the original informant, the census writer, and then the computer interpreter before you read the data. How many times can the information be misinterpreted? What about those stories that your grandparents told you and you want to write them down for your children and their children?

Our family history goes back to England and other countries through multiple lines and has been written up in our five books. Information has updated as new sources have been found, and new research that was not included in our books is now being submitted. We are in a very slow process of translating our books into a computer genealogy program format, which because of reading and typing can also lead to errors. Whether we keep disproven data in the database is open for discussion, but knowing where all information comes from is very important. Unfortunately, our books are basically un-documented, so going back and attempting to re-prove the information is hard, but it must be done. With your help it *can* be done. If we all work at it, we will find new information as well, and in the process you will also have provided citations to where you found the information, both old and new.

One last point, please do not be selective on the information that you enter. If you observe information about a past family member, even if it is not in your direct line of interest, please record it. Oh yes, make a citation of where you found that information.

Good luck with your research and citing your sources.



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Cousins,

PLEASE CHECK THE EXPIRATION DATE ON YOUR MEMBERSHIP CARD!

The dues year is September 1st to September 1st each year. **Your dues for Sept. 2015 thru Sept. 2016 dues year are due now!!** 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 in an attempt to offset the erosion of our treasury due to the current low interest rates. Additional contributions are appreciated.

Annual dues are payable by September 1 st	\$ _____
Additional voluntary contribution	\$ _____
Total	\$ _____

The schedule of dues is as follows:

Under age 80	15.00
Age 80 and above	5.00
Life membership (in a single payment)	200.00

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