

DNA PROJECT

DNA testing has become a valuable tool in genealogy research helping establish relationships between individuals and ancestors or to establish that no relationship exists. The most common test involves testing for “markers” that are passed from father to son unaltered from generation to generation. The basic test checks for 12 markers and if a match is established between an individual and a family “baseline” then the test can be extended to further establish the relationship. The DNA test results are not a substitute for a good paper trail, only a tool to assist the genealogist.

Family Tree Maker, publisher of computer genealogy software, has a group, Family Tree DNA, that provides a testing service, a database, and manages DNA projects for the many different family projects. The Edmund Rice Association has a family project that includes anyone with the Rice, Royce, Roice, Roys, Royse and other variations of the Rice or Royce names. Group 3 is descendants of Robert Royce. Additional information on the Family Tree DNA services can be found on their website.

www.familytreedna.com

For details on the Edmund Rice Association DNA project, go to their website

www.edmund-rice.org

And then click on the link to the DNA Project.

To obtain a testing kit and join the Edmund Rice project, either go to

http://www.familytreedna.com/surname_det.aspx?group=Rice&projecttype=S

or contact the project coordinator, Robert Rice, directly at

rvrbarre@verizon.net

and provide the following information:

First, middle, and last name

Full mailing address

Number of DNA markers to test for (12 - \$101, 25 - \$150)

Invoice address if different from mailing address

e-mail address

Test result information will be e-mailed to you in 4 to 6 weeks. The invoice comes from Family Tree DNA.