

# Meet Some of Edmund Rice's Descendants: A Few Notable Rice Women Cousins

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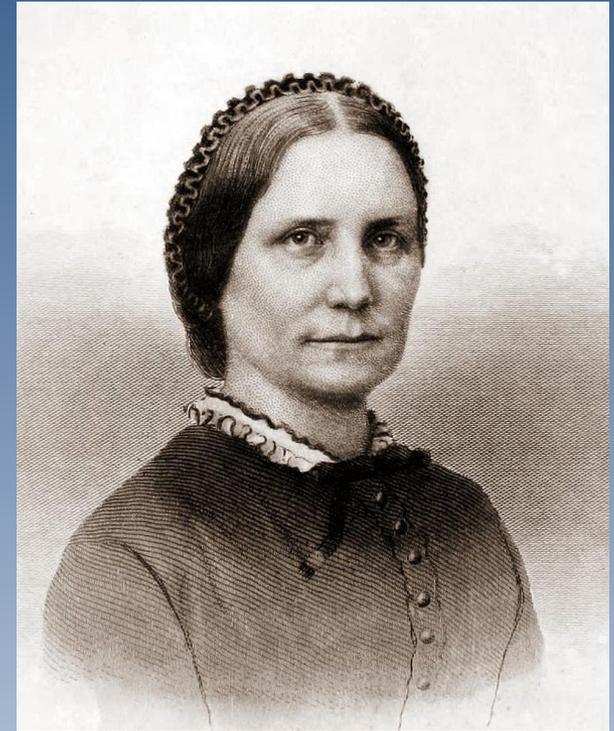
# Summary

- ***Mary Ashton (Rice) Livermore*** (1820–1905), Abolitionist, nurse, journalist, community organizer and early suffragette
- ***Laura Ingalls Wilder*** (1867–1957), author of *Little House on the Prairie*
- ***Rose Wilder-Lane*** (1886–1968), daughter of Laura Wilder, author and a co-founder of the modern Libertarian Movement
- ***Lilian Jeannette Rice*** (1889-1938), California-born architect popularizing the Spanish Colonial Revival Style



# Mary Ashton (Rice) Livermore (1820–1905)

- Born 19 Dec 1820 in Boston to Timothy Rice & Zebiah Vose (Ashton) Rice
- From young age raised in strict Baptist Calvinist
- 1834 went to Baptist women's seminary in Cambridge; by 1836 graduates and joins faculty
- 1838 meets Angelina Grimke; 1839 takes tutoring job in VA & witnesses slave beatings
- Returns to MA in 1842 as headmistress of girls school & began abolitionist writing
- Married Unitarian minister Daniel Parker Livermore on 6 May 1845 & had 3 daughters

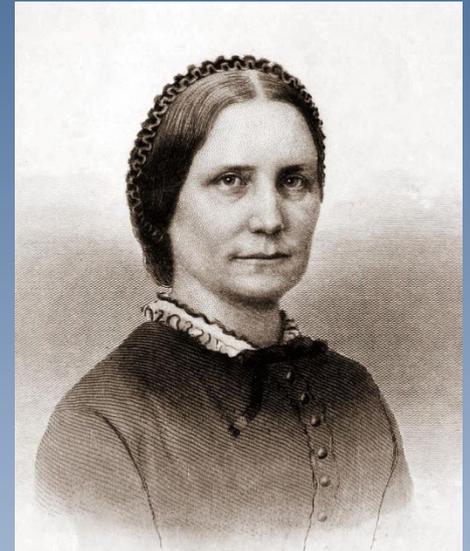


Engraving by A.H. Ritchie 1867



# Mary Ashton (Rice) Livermore (1820–1905)

- In 1844 published *The Children's Army* at beginning of temperance movement
- In 1848 published *A Mental Transformation*; a novel on a woman's rejection of Baptist beliefs
- In 1857 moved to Chicago & was associate editor of husband's Universalist newspaper *New Covenant*
- Only female reporter at 1860 GOP convention
- Took up causes such as hospitals for poor & organized women into *Sanitary Societies* to collect & deliver medical supplies for Union troops (raised over \$1 million)
- Postwar focus on suffrage; "*a large portion of the nation's work was badly done . . . because woman was not recognized as a factor in the political world.*" (1897 Autobiography)



# Mary Ashton (Rice) Livermore (1820–1905)

- In 1868 formed *Illinois Women's Suffrage Assn* & led lobbying to pass law granting women's right to keep own earnings.
- In 1869 founded *The Agitator*, focusing on a host of women's issues
- Later in 1869 family moved to Boston; she became editor of *Women's Journal* of the Women's Suffrage Association (WSA) (merging w/ *The Agitator*).
- From 1872 to 1895 took up public lecturing
- In 1873 presided over American Association for Advancement of Women, a moderate society promoting "women as thinkers" & from 1875-78 presided over WSA
- In 1887 wrote *My Story of the War: A Woman's Narrative of Four Years of Personal Experience as Nurse in the Union Army*.



1901 portrait in US  
Library of Congress



# Mary Ashton (Rice) Livermore (1820–1905)



- In 1880s was a frequent contributor to the *North American Review* (edited by C. Allen Thorndyke Rice)
- Her 1897 autobiography *The Story of My Life* was highly influential
- The 1899 death of her husband affected her profoundly
- She died 23 May 1905 at her home in Melrose, MA



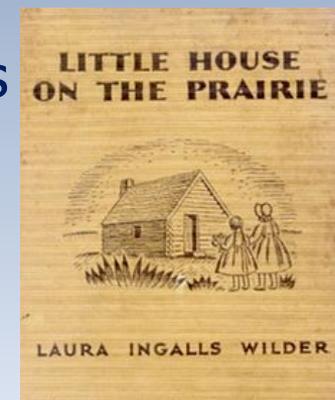
# Edmund Rice Ancestry of Mary Livermore

- Mary Ashton (Rice) Livermore, daughter of
- Timothy Rice (1789 – ?), son of
- Silas Rice (1749 – 1830), son of
- Silas Rice (1719 – 1800), son of
- Elisha Rice (1679 – 1761), son of
- Thomas Rice (1625/26 – 1681), son of
- Edmund Rice (ca 1594 – 1663)



# Laura Ingalls Wilder (1867–1957)

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



# Edmund Rice Ancestry of Laura Ingalls Wilder

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



# Rose Wilder-Lane (1886–1968)

- Born 5 Sep 1886 in DeSmet, Dakota Territory to Almanzo James Wilder and Laura Ingalls Wilder
- Went to high school in Mansfield, MO and Cowley, LA, graduating in 1904; never attended college but was self taught
- Learned telegraphy and was employed by Western Union 1904-09 in MO, IN, & CA
- In March 1909 she married Gillette Lane & they adopted a nomadic lifestyle
- Had stillborn son Nov 1909 in Salt Lake City
- Began freelance writing in 1910; & 1912-14 was real estate agent in San Jose



January 1921 portrait  
from Wikimedia Commons



# Rose Wilder-Lane (1886–1968)

- By 1915, WWI had depressed real estate; was hired by Fremont Older of the *San Francisco Bulletin* as an editorial assistant & covered the Panama-Pacific Exposition
- She proved herself as a top writer & editor; befriending Jack London & Henry Ford
- In 1918 after 3yr separation, divorced Lane & vowed to never remarry; 1918 resigned the paper along with Older
- From 1918-1940s was highly sought after freelance writer
- In 1920 became first biographer of Herbert Hoover
- Was highest paid female writer in the 1920s



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# Rose Wilder-Lane (1886–1968)

- In 1926, with Helen Dore Boylston & French maid Yvonne traveled from France to Albania in Model-T they had named "Zenobia". An account of the journey, *Travels With Zenobia: Paris to Albania by Model T Ford* was published in 1983.
- Wrote two successful best selling novels:
  - *Let the Hurricane Roar* was adapted as a radio serial dramatized by Helen Hayes
  - She was paid \$30K in 1938 by the *Saturday Evening Post* for the right to publish *Free Land* in serial form
- In 1938 she purchased a 3 acre estate in Danbury, CT where she lived for the rest of her life



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# Rose Wilder-Lane (1886–1968)

- In 1930s began formulating libertarian views; by 1940 friends with writer John Patric
- During WWII she wrote a weekly column for the *Pittsburgh Courier* with entrepreneurial themes highly critical of New Deal policies
- In 1943, she was investigated by FBI & CT Police for subversive activities
- In 1943, *The Discovery of Freedom* published
- Along with Ayn Rand & Isabel Paterson considered a “founding mothers” of American libertarianism
- In later years was a war correspondent in Vietnam
- She died 30 Oct 1968 at home in Danbury, CT



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# Edmund Rice Ancestry of Rose Wilder Lane via the Wilders

- Rose Wilder Lane, daughter of
- Almanso James Wilder (1857-1949), son of
- James Mason Wilder (1813-1899), son of
- Abel Wilder (1784-1849), son of
- Daniel Wilder (1763- ?), son of
- William Wilder (1717- ?), son of
- Sarah Wilder (nee White) (1692? -1754), daughter of
- Mary White (nee Rice) (1656-1733), daughter of
- Thomas Rice (1625/26 -1681), son of
- Edmund Rice (ca 1594-1663)



# Lilian Jeannette Rice (1889-1938)

- Born 12 June 1889 to Julius Augustus Rice and Laura (Steele) Rice in National City, CA
- Studied architecture at UC-Berkeley, graduating BLit degree in 1910 & spent a postgrad year to earn a teaching certificate; began designing in 1909
- In 1911 began formal career working for Hazel Wood Waterman in San Diego.
- Also taught drafting at Russ HS and later at SD State Teachers College (now SDSU)
- In 1921 selected by Richard Requa as lead planner for development of Rancho Santa Fe; from 1922 to 1927 she designs civic center, businesses & about 60 residences



Lilian J Rice ca1910. Photo from Rancho Santa Fe Historical Society



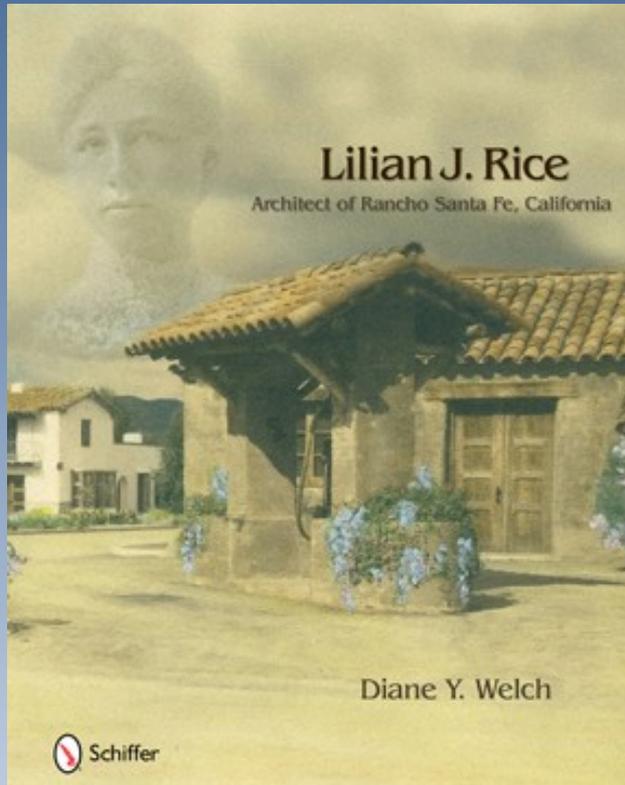
# Photos of Lillian J. Rice



Photos from <http://www.lilianjrice.com/>



# Examples of Architectural Works by Lillian J. Rice



Welch, Diane Y. (2010). Lillian J. Rice: Architect of Rancho Santa Fe, California. Schiffer Publishing, Ltd. , Atglen, Pennsylvania. 224pp.

Monograph with nearly 394 photos of Lillian Rice's work

<http://www.dianeywelch.com/>



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# Lilian Jeannette Rice (1889-1938)

- Began her own firm in 1928 upon her licensure & became member of SD Chapter of American Institute of Architecture in 1931
- Work from her own firm included residences in La Jolla, CA and the boathouse of the historic ZLAC Women's Rowing Club on Mission Bay in San Diego
- Tragically diagnosed with ovarian cancer in July 1938 and died at her home in RSF on 22 December 1938, just shy of 50 years old
- She was cremated & ashes buried at La Vista Memorial Park in hometown National City



Lilian J Rice grave marker at La Vista Memorial Park, National City.  
Photo by Diane Y. Welch



# Edmund Rice Ancestry of Lilian Jeannette Rice

- Lilian Jeanette Rice, daughter of
- Julius Augustus Rice (1854-1933), son of
- Azro Aritis Rice (1828-1916), son of
- Luther Rice (1799-1876), son of
- Eliakim Rice (1756-1834), son of
- Zebulon Rice (1725-1799), son of
- Elisha Rice (1679-1761), son of
- Thomas Rice (1625/26-1681), son of
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