

The Rice Family and Framingham



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Deacon Edmund Rice Homestead
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Summary

- Edmund Rice's surveying work in the area to be Framingham & development of Stone's End
- Thomas Drury & the incorporation of Framingham 1700
- Development of the town in the 19th Century aided by Edmund Rice descendants Constantine C Esty and his brother Alexander Rice Esty



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Edmund's Survey Work at Stone's End

- Areas southwest of Sudbury were opening up for settlement in 1650s
- John Stone of Sudbury purchased 11 acres of land from the Natick Indians to the Southwest down the Connecticut Path on the Sudbury River to which the General Court added 50 acres.
 - Survey done by Edmund Rice & Peter Noyes in 1656
 - Stone established a grist mill at the waterfall
 - Area first known as Stone's End, later Saxonville



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Edmund's Survey Work at Danforth Farms

- At behest of General Court in 1662 Edmund & John Howe surveyed 250 acres near Stone's End worth £10 to be awarded to John Danforth
- Danforth born in Framlingham, Suffolk, was prominent in the Colony & Harvard College
- Opposed chartering the town to his death in 1699

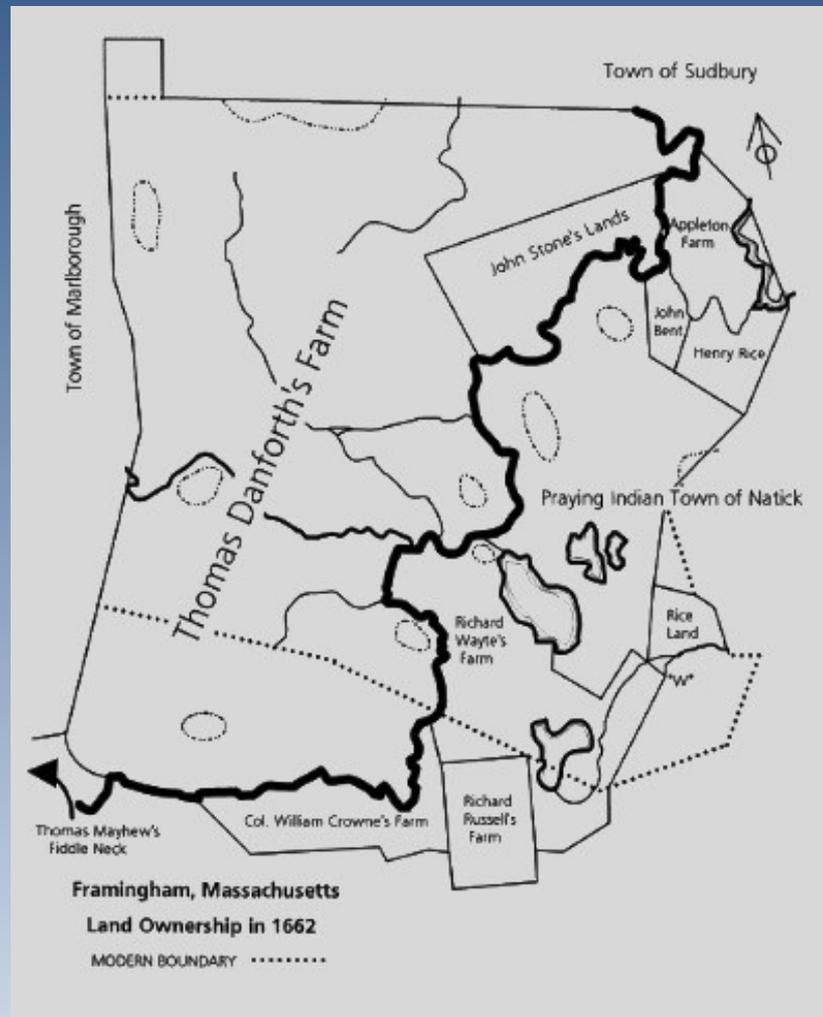


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Danforth's Farm 1662



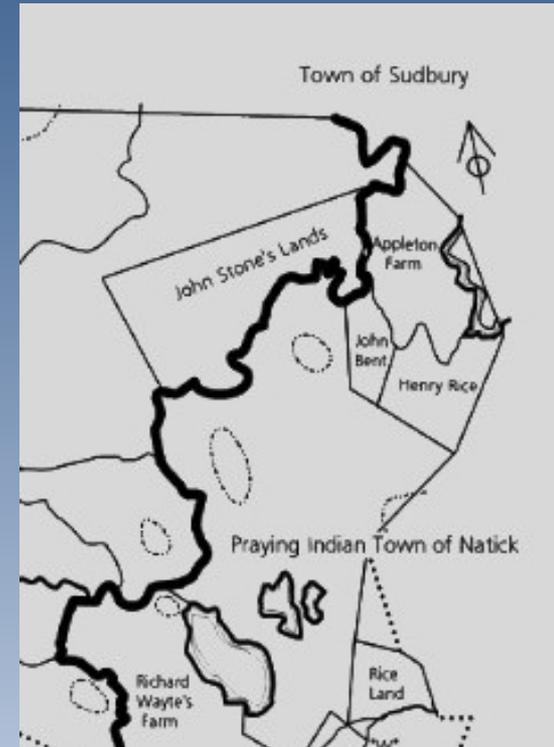
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Edmund Rice's Lands in Framingham

- Land Grant in 1652 of 50 acres near Natick (purchased by Thomas Gleason from Rice Estate about 1665); became part of Sherborn with its 1674 incorporation...later was in Framingham
- Land Grant of 80 acres between Sudbury River & Lake Cochituate in 1659.
- Land deeded to Henry Rice 1659 and part sold to John Bent.
- Appleton Farm area purchased by Thomas Drury (grandson of Lydia Rice & Hugh Drury; husband of Rachel Rice daughter of Henry) in 1688. Entire section became known as Rice's End

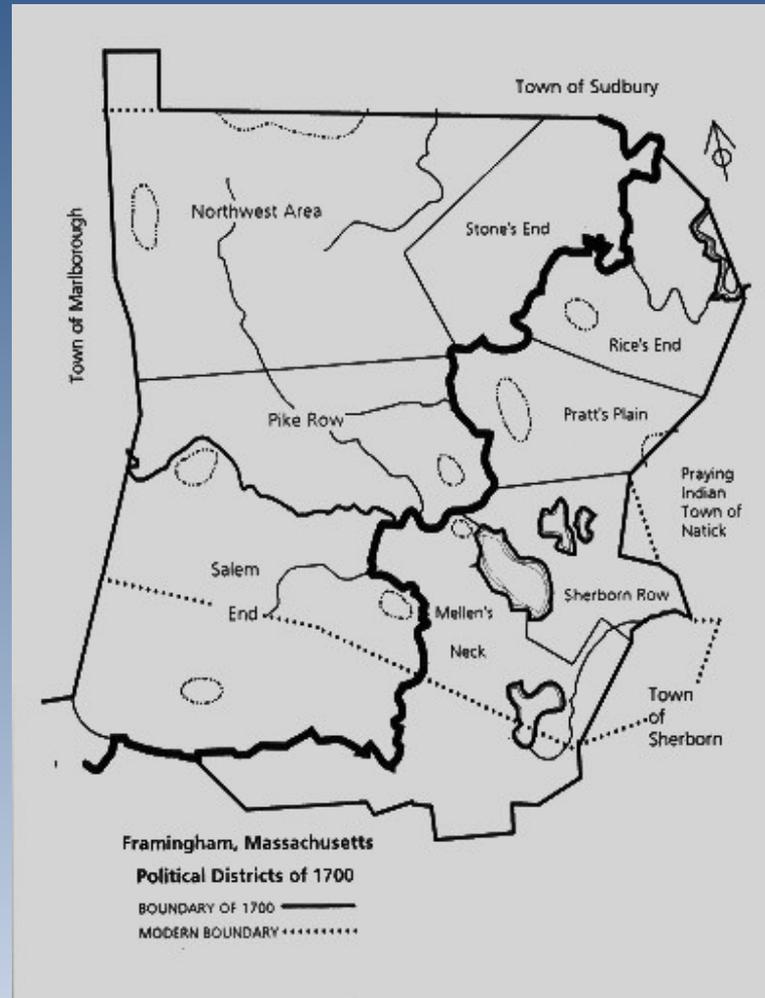


Northwestern Framingham area 1662



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Framingham 1700



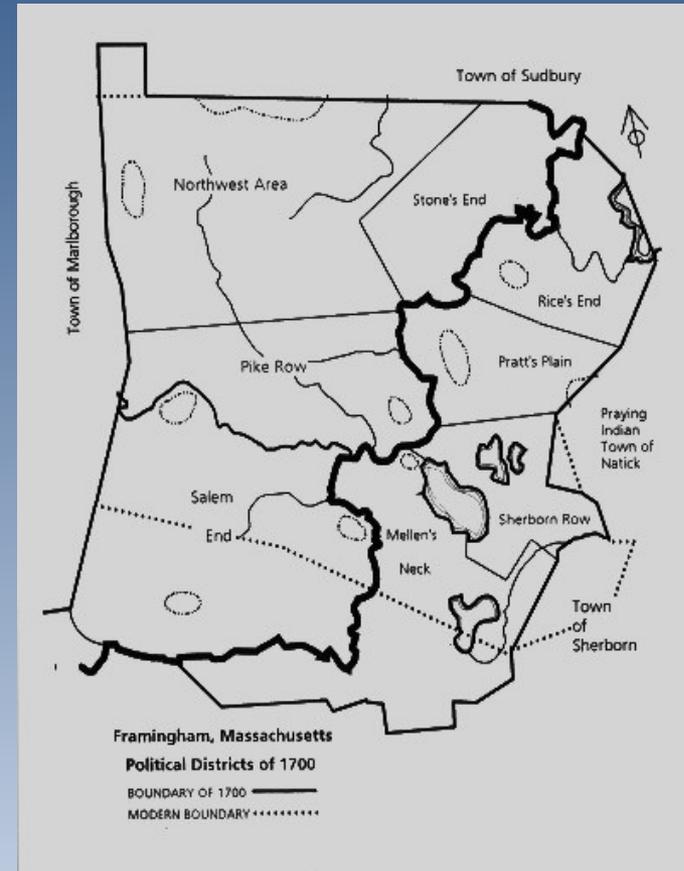
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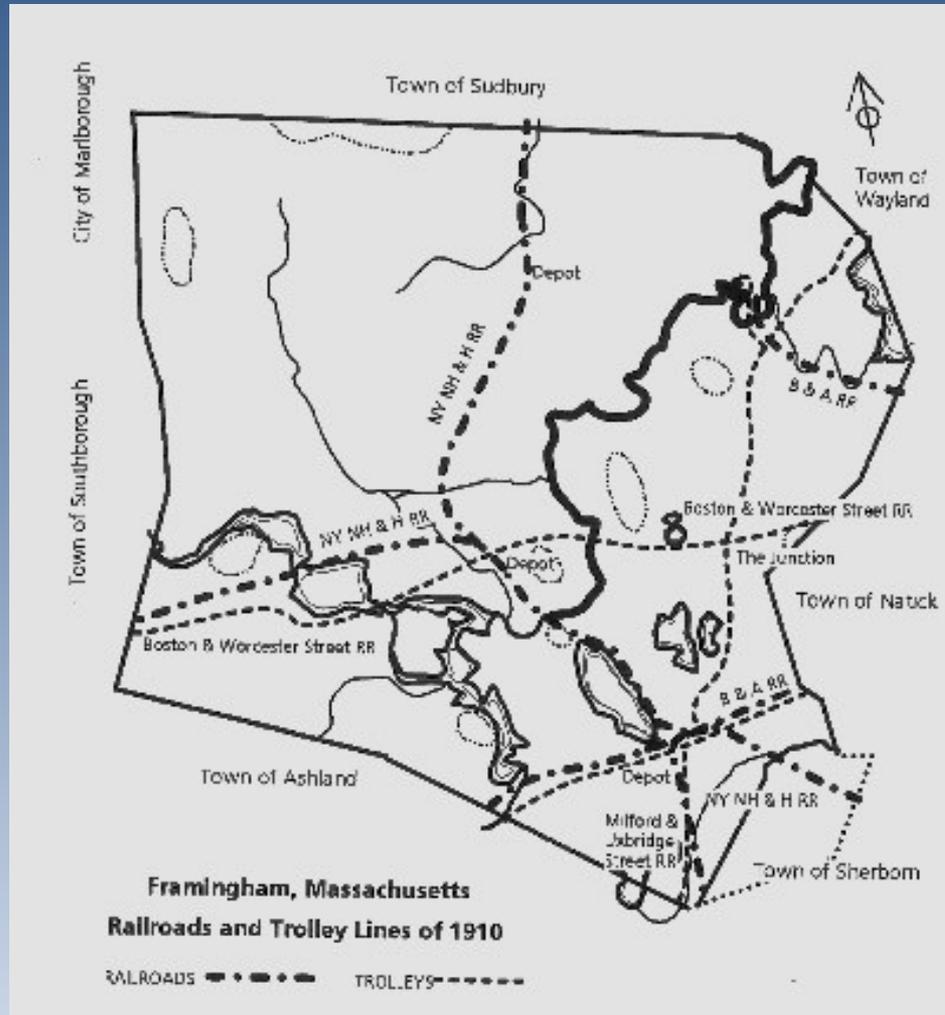
Incorporation of Framingham 1700

- Thomas Danforth died in 1699
- Thomas Drury (1668-1723) prominent in town politics
 - Henry Rice's son-in-law and grandson of Edmund by way of Lydia & Hugh Drury
 - First town representative to General Court in 1701
 - A founding selectman
 - First Town Clerk
 - Captain of the militia



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Framingham 1910



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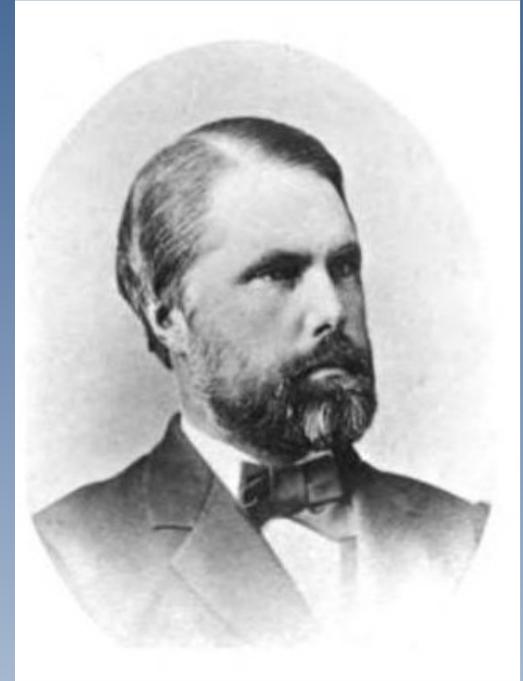
Some Famous 19th Century Edmund Rice Descendants of Framingham



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Constantine Canaris Esty (1824-1912)

- Born in Framingham 26 Dec 1824 to Dexter Esty and Mary (Rice) Esty.
- Educated at Framingham Academy & Yale University grad with a law degree 1845. Passed bar & began law practice in 1847 in Framingham.
- Served as a Republican State Senator 1857-58; State Representative 1867.
- Appointed Assessor of Internal Revenue by Pres. Lincoln 1862, served to 1872 (w/ hiatus 1866-67 by Pres Andrew Johnson).
- Served as GOP US Rep. (1872-1873).
- Died in Framingham 27 Dec 1912; buried at Edgell Grove Cemetery.



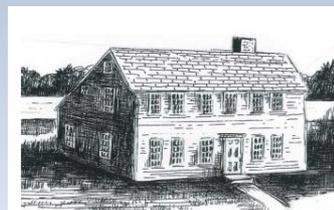
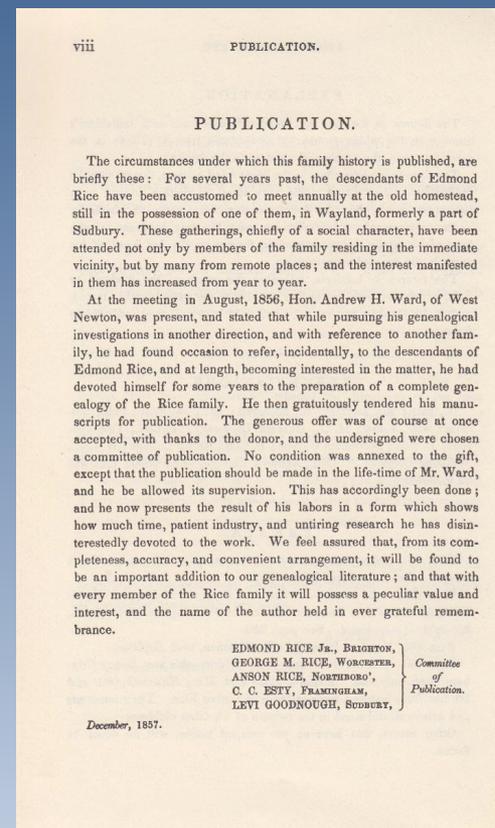
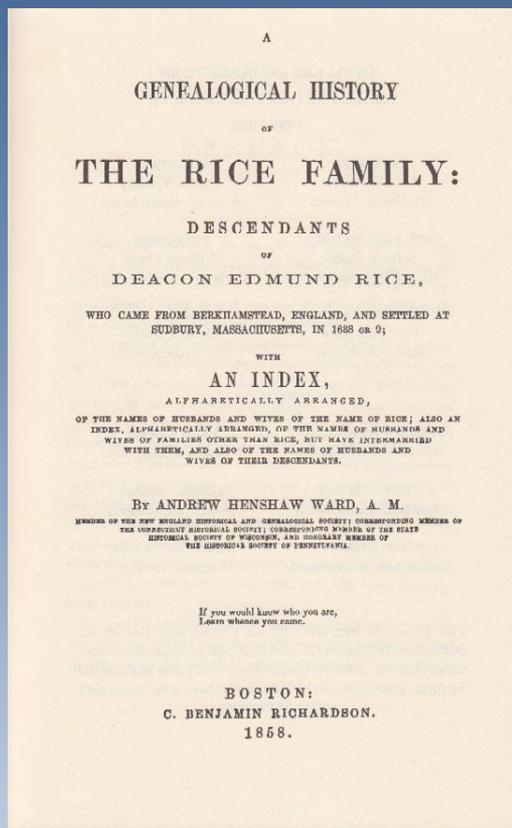
Yale University class portrait 1845
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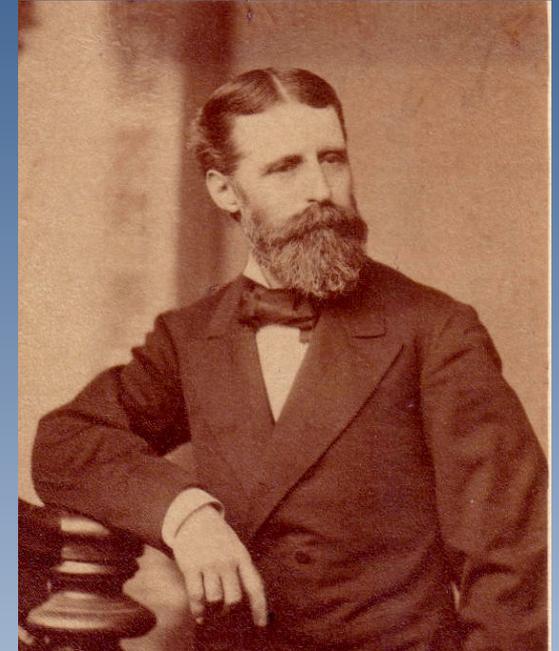
- Esty was an active participant in the Rice family reunions at the old homestead in Wayland.
- Was a member of the five-man committee to fund the publication of Ward's 1858 pioneering genealogy of the Rice Family.



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Alexander Rice Esty (1826-1881)

- Born in Framingham 18 Oct 1826 as younger brother of C.C. Esty, same parents.
- Attended Framingham Academy and trained directly w/ Boston Architects Richard Bond & Gridley J.F. Bryant; beginning own practice in Framingham in 1848
- Famous for design of many churches in the Gothic Revival style.
- Died 2 Jul 1881 in Boston; buried at Edgell Grove Cemetery; he designed its entrance gate 1875.



Alexander Rice Esty, c1868

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Example Works by Alexander Rice Esty



Prospect Congregational Church, Cambridge 1851



Moses Ellis House, Framingham 1866



State Normal School Bldg., Framingham 1853
(now Framingham State University)



Boston & Albany Rail Depot, Boston 1881



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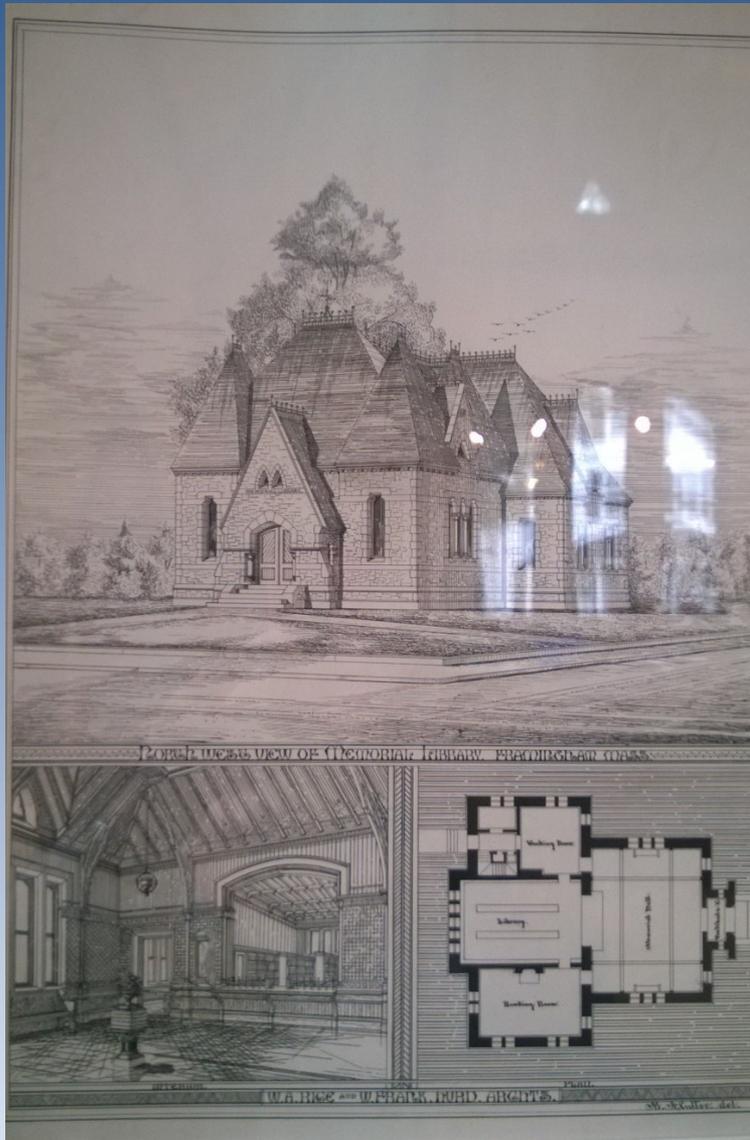
Esty descendency from Edmund Rice

- Constantine Canaris Esty (1824-1912) & Alexander Rice Esty (1826-1881), sons of
- Mary Eames (Rice) Esty (1787-1849), of Framingham, daughter of
- Uriah Rice (1757-1850), of Framingham, son of
- Peter Rice (1727-1805), of Framingham, son of
- Lt. Hezekiah Rice (1694-1761) of Framingham, son of
- Jonathan Rice (1654-1725) of Framingham...served as selectman for 10 years & two years (1711 & 1720) as Deputy of the General Court.
- Henry Rice (1620-1710), of Suffolk, died Framingham, son of
- Deacon Edmund Rice (c1594-1663)



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Framingham Memorial Library Building



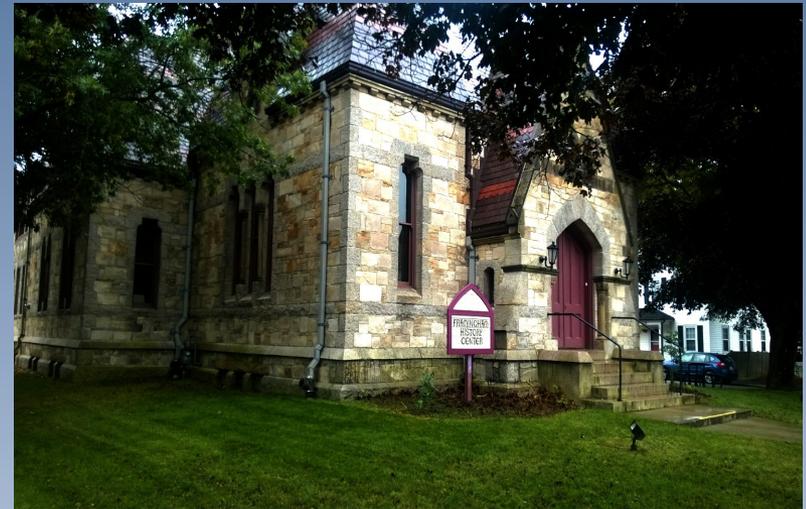
- Architectural Drawings by William A. Rice, & W. Frank Hurd, 1872
- Noted as architectural trainees of Alexander Rice Esty



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Architect William Augustus Rice of Framingham

- Born Framingham 18 Jul 1834; death in Framingham on 29 Nov 1883 of leukemia, unmarried, noted as being an architect in Framingham death records
- Son of Martin Rice (1797-1850)
- Son of Samuel Rice (1764-1800)
- Son of Bezaleel Rice (1721-1806)
- Son of Bezaleel Rice (1697-aft1742)
- Son of David Rice (1665-1723)
- Son of Henry Rice (1620/21-1710/11)
- Son of Edmund Rice (c1594-1663)



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Thank you, cousin Rices!



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