

# COLONIAL SUDBURY, THE RICE FAMILY AND THEIR ROLE IN THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION



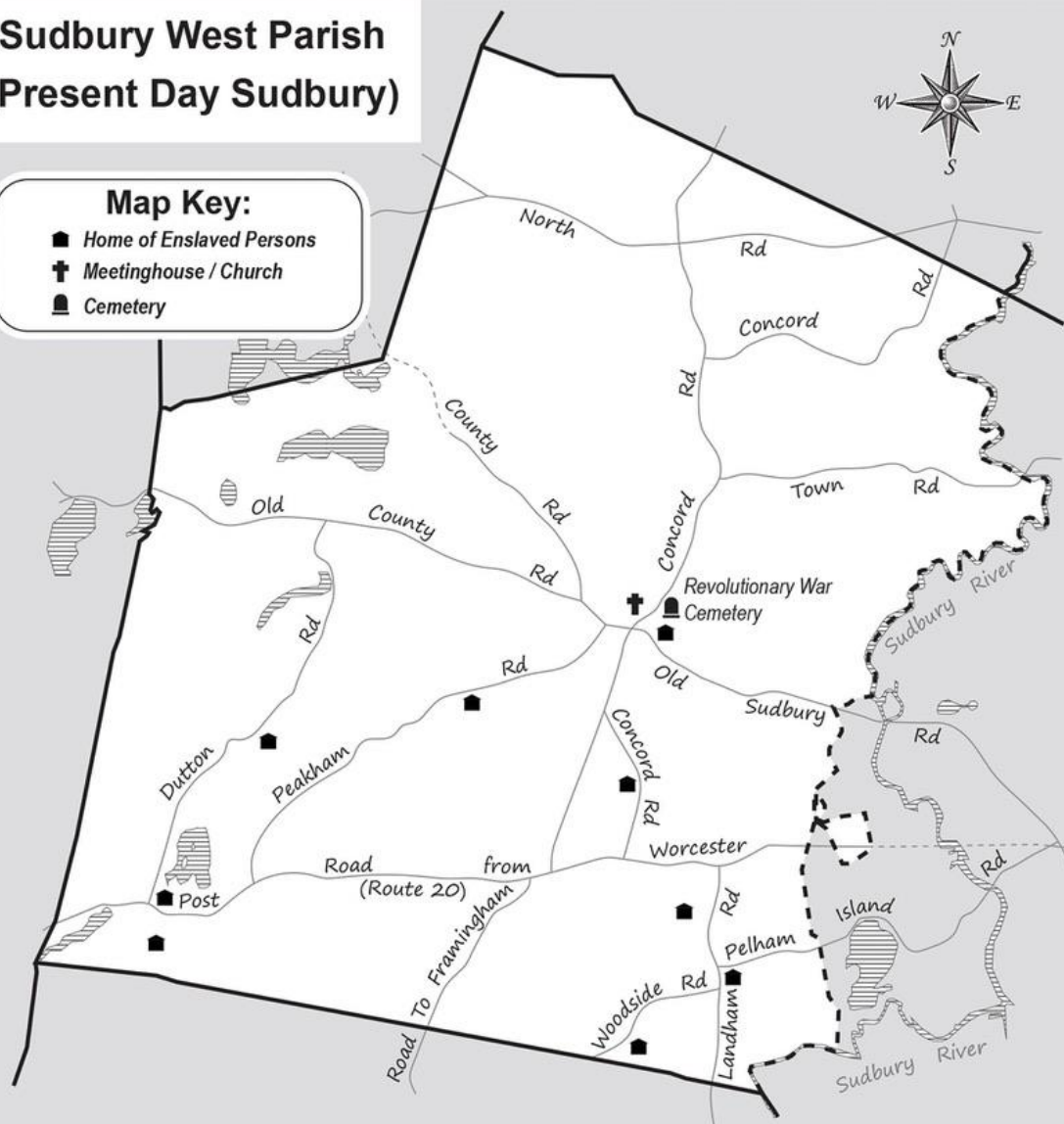
*Fowler musket, ca 1730  
carried by Ezekiel Rice on  
April 19, 1775.*

*Courtesy of the  
Sudbury Historical Society*

## Sudbury West Parish (Present Day Sudbury)

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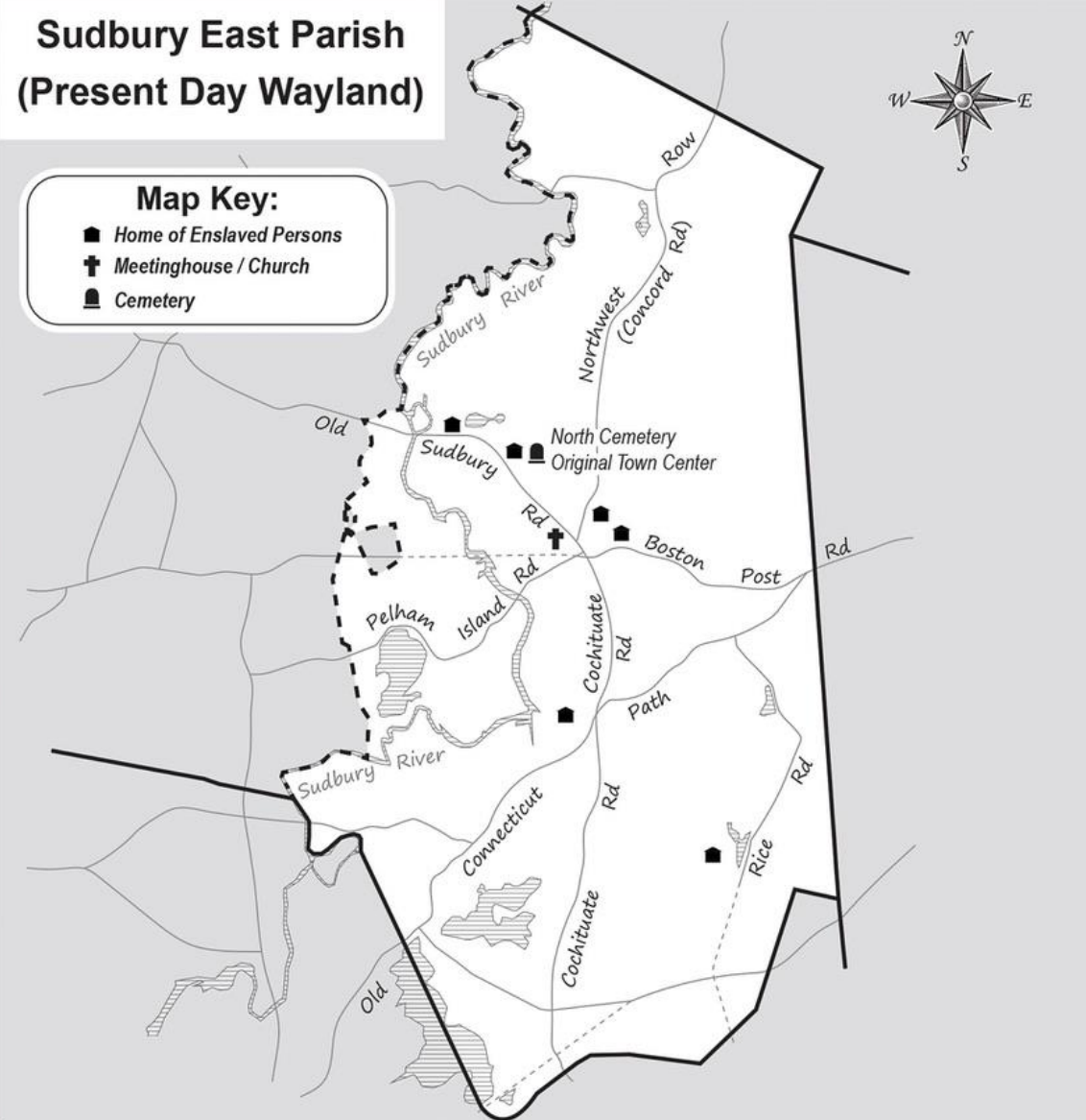
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## Sudbury East Parish (Present Day Wayland)

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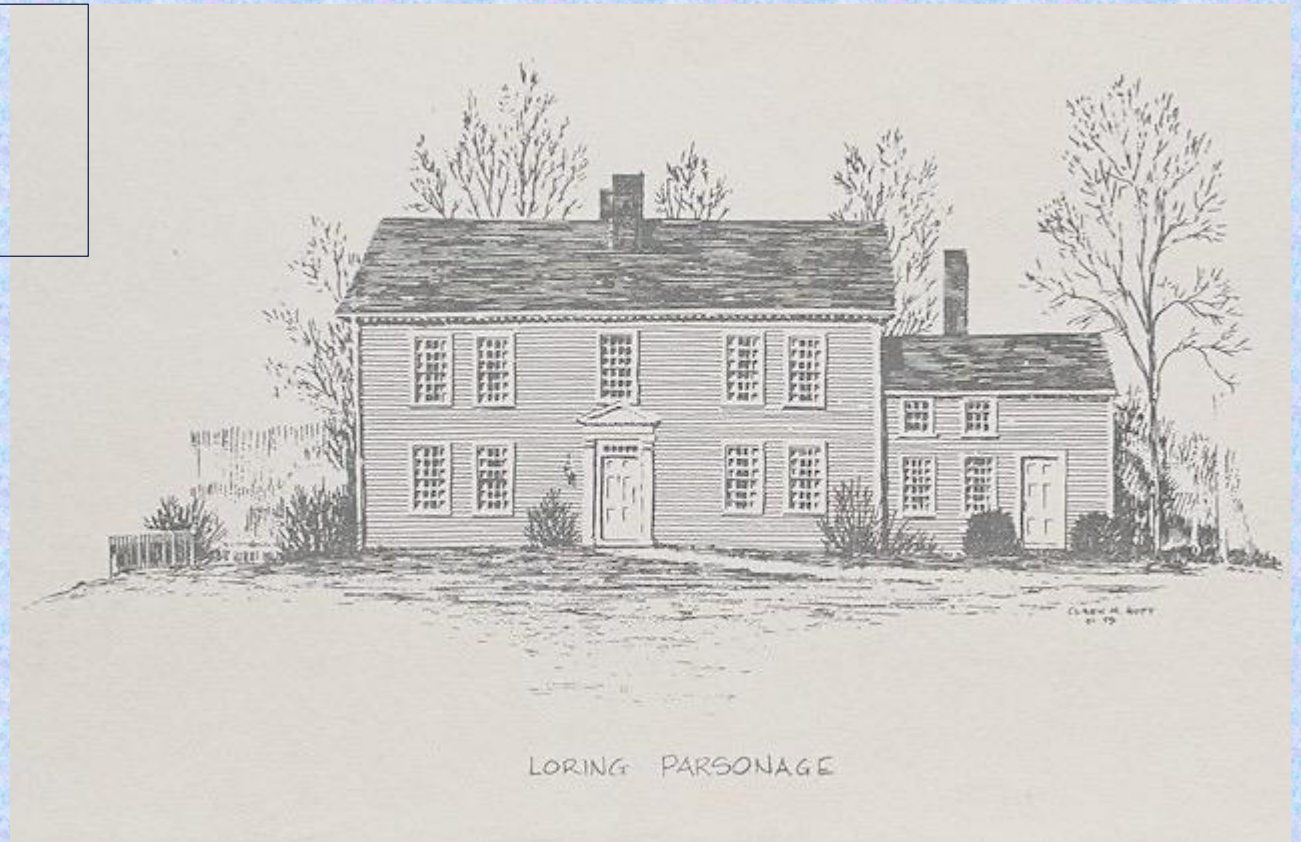
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Maps by Brendan Decker, Wayland GIS coordinator



**Grout- Heard House, ca 1740  
Home to the Wayland Museum and  
Historical Society.**



**Loring Parsonage, 1730  
Home to the Sudbury  
Historical Society**

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and Sudbury Historical  
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## Sudbury River Marshes



*Alfred Wayland Cutting photo, Wayland Free Public Library*

**Rice Tavern, ca1870**



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# **TIMELINE 1763-APRIL 19, 1775**

**1763- END OF LAST FRENCH AND INDIAN WAR**

**1765- STAMP ACT**

**1767- TOWNSHEND ACTS**

**1770- BOSTON MASSACRE**

**1773- BOSTON TEA PARTY**

**1774- INTOLERABLE (COERCIVE) ACTS**

**OCT. 1774- MASSACHUSETTS PROVINCIAL CONGRESS**

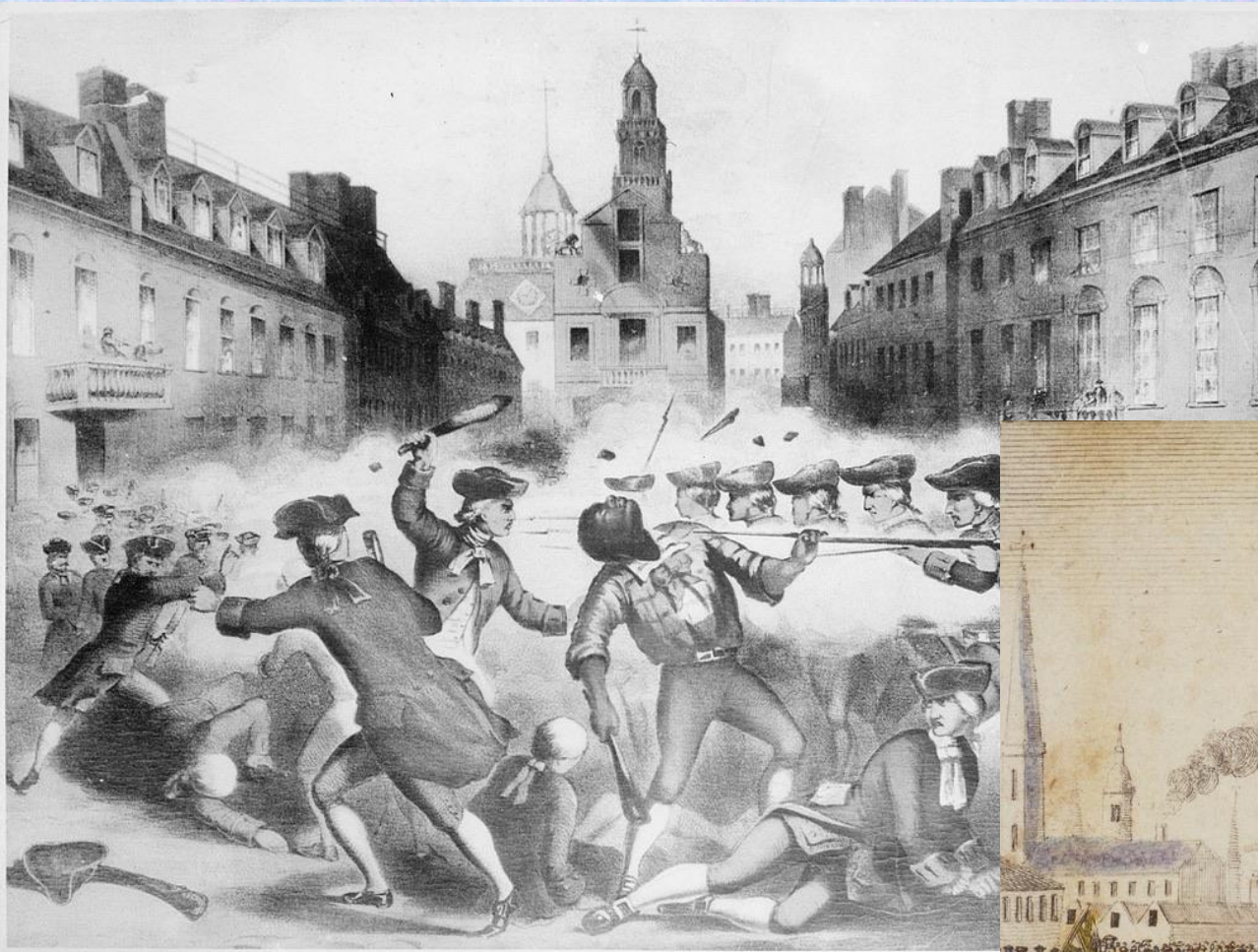
**APRIL 19, 1775- SUDBURY MEN MARCH TO CONCORD**







*Boston Tea Party  
December 1773*



*Boston Massacre  
March 5, 1770*





## RICE FAMILY APRIL 19, 1775

ITHAMAR  
ISAAC  
MICAH  
ISAAC JR.  
CHARLES  
JAMES  
JONAS  
NATHANIEL  
DANIEL  
DAVID  
EDMUND JR.  
LT. JONATHAN



*Photo Courtesy  
Sudbury Historical Society*



# AT THE RISQUE OF THEIR ALL

At a Town Meeting in Sudbury [Massachusetts] Legally warned June 10<sup>th</sup> 1776 ———

The Town being Met at time and place proceeded and Chose Col  
Ezekiel How Moderator Then the Town proceeded and

1<sup>st</sup> Voted that in Casse the Honorable Congress Should for the Safety  
of the American Colonies Declare them Independent of the Kingdom  
of Great Britain they the Inhabitants of Said Town will with their  
Lives and fortunes Support them in the Measure and Chose the  
following persons a Committy to Draught Instructions for their  
Representative and to Report at the Same Meeting viz<sup>t</sup> L<sup>t</sup> Jonathan  
Rice M<sup>r</sup> William Rice and Ezra Taylor Esq<sup>r</sup> The afforsaid Gentle-  
Men Brought in the following Draught, which was accepted by the  
Town viz<sup>t</sup>

S<sup>r</sup> The present unhappy Scituation of our publick affairs by reason  
of the arbitrary and oppressive Measures taken against us in the american  
Colonies by the King and Parlement of Great Britain, and all hopes  
of an accomodation Seemes to be finally at an End: We therefore  
Instruct you to Give the Strongest Assurance that it is not  
only the unanimous but the hearty and Sincere Intention of your  
Constituants that Should the Hono<sup>le</sup> the Contenantial Congress for the Safety  
of these Colonies Declare them Independent of the Kingdon [sic] of Great  
Britain they will at the Risque of their all Support them in the Measures

With these sober and stirring words the inhabitants of Sudbury, Massachusetts  
on June 10, 1776 in Town Meeting assembled dedicated themselves to the cause  
of liberty by voting to support the Continental Congress in such action as might  
be taken to assure the safety of the American Colonies. This was the culmina-  
tion of the Town's commitment as free born Americans "to Defend and Maintain  
our Rights Boath of a Civil and Religous Nature" against the oppressive measures  
of Great Britain.



JUNE 10 1776

*George F. May*



1776

SUDBURY

SUPPORTS

INDEPENDENCE

Courtesy Sudbury Historical  
Society



Sudbury July 25 1776  
I Jon: Rice being Required to Enlist  
Nineteen men <sup>to go to Canada</sup> by order of Col: M.  
Ezekiel How: These are to certify  
That I have Enlisted the number  
Required and Delivered their  
Enlistment to Capt. Asabel Wheeler  
I say Receive as above Signed  
Jonathan Rice  
Sudbury  
Meeting at the

I, Lt. Jonathan Rice  
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of Col. Ezekiel How:  
Therefore are to  
certify that I have  
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enlistment to Capt.  
Asabel Wheeler

Sudbury July 25, 1776

Courtesy Sudbury  
Historical Society



# PAID FOR SERVICE IN OCTOBER 1778

CAPT. JONATHAN

CHARLES

WILLIAM III

ITHAMAR

LT. ISAAC

ISAAC

DANIEL

ISRAEL JR.

MICAH

JONAH

EDMOND



Receipt for order for Rice Tavern- Col. Jonathan Rice, proprietor

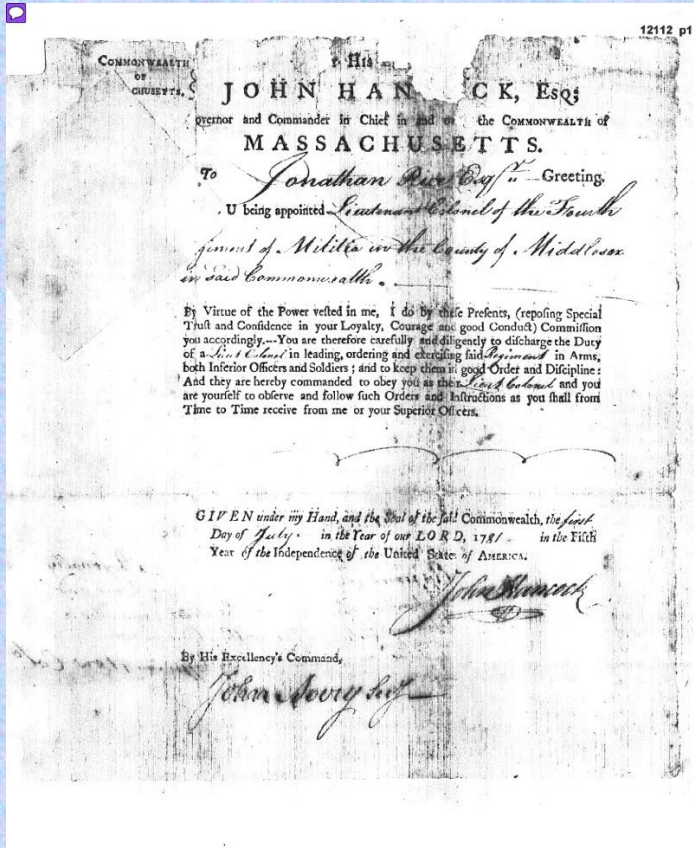
Col. Jon<sup>a</sup> Rice Boston 20<sup>th</sup> May 1785  
Pro<sup>t</sup>. of Davis & Bordenman

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12	Gallons	Nataya Wine	4/	-----	Do 8	
1	Loaf	Sugar	9 <sup>3</sup> / <sub>4</sub>	-----	1/	9..2
1	lb	Bohea Tea	3/6	1/2	Cotton 1/4	1 <sup>14</sup> flax 10/6
1	lb	Black Salt	10	100	Wine Glasses	4/6
					-----	5..4
					-----	4..6..3

See payment in full for  
Davis & Bordenman Jesse Sumner



# COL. JONATHAN RICE 1740-1829



Courtesy Goodnow  
Library, Sudbury





# RICE'S SPRING, WALLACE FOLSOM PHOTO



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