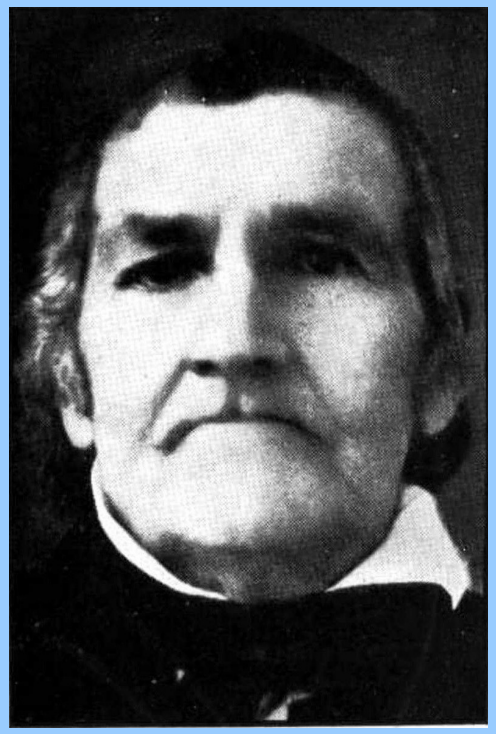
Stephen Rice (1769-1850) of Conway, MA and his Western Pioneer Descendants



Michael A. Rice, Treasurer

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Photo of Stephen Rice before 1850, Source: *Conway, Mass. and the Rice Family* by Rev. Edwin B. Rice, New York, 1909, (Biography of Stephen Rice pp 8 and 9)

Summary

- Descendancy of Stephen Rice from Edmund
- Stephen's surviving sons: Harvey Rice (1800-1891), Elihu Rice (1804-?) & Henry Freeman Rice (1818-1877) by way of two wives: Lucy Baker Rice and Abigail Freeman Rice
- Descendants of Henry Freeman Rice and Elihu Rice
- Descendants of Harvey Rice of Cleveland, Ohio by way of two wives: Fannie Rice and Emma Maria Fitch

Ascendancy of Stephen Rice to Edmund

- ***Stephen Rice*** b. 16 Mar 1769 Conway, MA; d. 4 Aug 1850 Conway, MA
- ***Cyrus Rice*** b. 10 Dec 1726 Worcester, MA; d. 4 Aug 1804 Conway, MA (was first settler of Conway)
- ***Josiah Rice*** b. 6 Sep 1696 Sudbury, MA; d. 28 Mar 1730 Worcester, MA
- ***Ephraim Rice*** b. 15 Apr 1665 Marlborough, MA; d. 25 Oct 1732 Sudbury, MA
- ***Thomas Rice*** bapt. 26 Jan 1625/25 Stanstead, Suffolk; d. 16 Nov 1681 Sudbury, MA
- ***Edmund Rice*** b. ~1594 Suffolk, England; d. 3 May 1663 Sudbury, MA

Stephen Rice's Children & Vital Info

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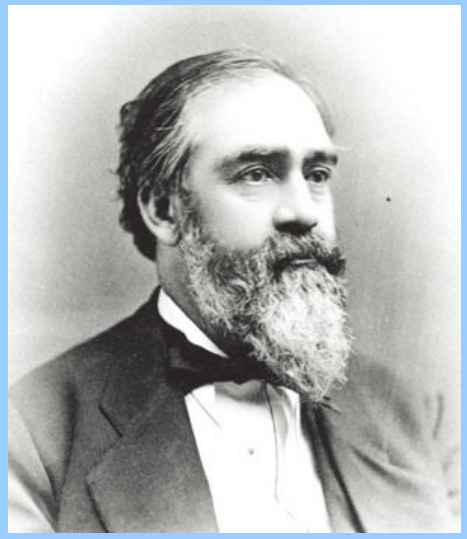
Henry Freeman Rice (1818-1877)



H.F. Rice in 1872

Photo from Wikimedia

- Began career in the 1830s in Boston in the express cargo & insurance businesses; moved to Cleveland with relatives in the 1840s & engaged in coal and shipping businesses
- Moved to Carson City, NV in early 1850s with Comstock Lode silver discovery
- Served as Wells Fargo station manager, & elected as mayor
- A Democrat, but appointed by President Grant as postmaster (1869) and superintendent of Carson City Mint (1870). Controversially resigned mint superintendency 1873.
- Formed a securities trading firm in 1873, but was short lived, failing in 1877 due to 1870s Global Depression
- Traveled to Stockton, CA for medical treatment & died there while under treatment – possible suicide.

Henry F. Rice's Family

- Married Jennie E. Hume (ca1820-ca1887) of Maitland, Nova Scotia, Canada on 31 Aug 1853 (she is lightly documented)
- Had son, Henry Hume Rice, b. 2 Aug 1854 in Maitland, NS; was railroad engineer *Virginia & Truckee RR* & known as "Lightning Harry"; m. 14 Jun 1881 to Delia B. Duffy (1863-1906); d. 21 Dec, 1899 Carson City, NV; wife Delia died 8 May 1906 Goldfield, NV with the name of Dyer.
- Children of H.H. Rice & D.B. Duffy Rice:
  - Edna H. Rice b. Mar 1882 in Carson City; d. unknown
  - Elizabeth "Bessie" Rice b. 6 Jun 1884 in Carson City; d. 7 Sep 1963 Reno, NV under name of Ellsworth
  - Henry Freeman "Henry 9" Rice b. Mar 1886 Carson City; d. unknown
  - Aimee Kathleen Rice b. 7 Sep 1894 in Carson City d. 11 Jan 1974 Oakland, CA; m. 1926 Frank Russell (d. 1928)

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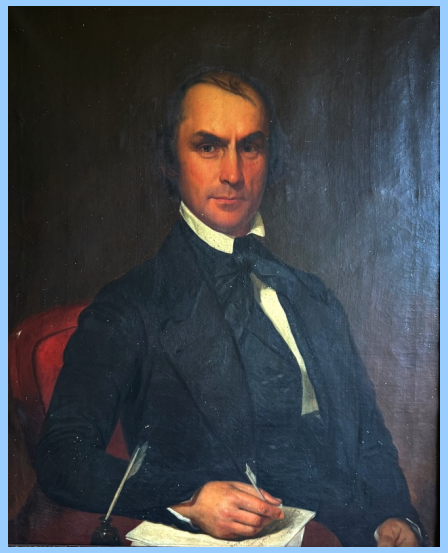
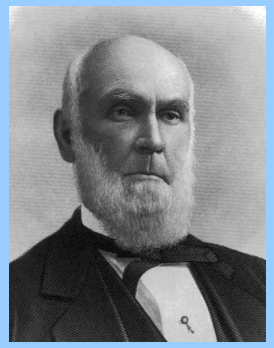


1847 portrait by Allen Smith



1884 photo from Wikimedia

- A.B. Williams College 1824; Studied law in Ohio tutored by jurist Reuben Wood & admitted to Ohio bar 1826 & law partnered with Wood
- Started newspaper *The Independent News Letter* in 1828, became managing editor; reorganized as *The Cleveland Plain Dealer* in 1842
- Elected to Ohio House of Representatives in 1830 for one term; appointed as agent for sale of Western Reserve Lands for $150K, used to start Ohio public school system
- Elected to Ohio Senate 1851 for one term; led reorganization of Ohio public schools and began the public library system.
- Served on the Cleveland City Council in the late 1850s and was a writer in later life.

Portrait of Emma Maria Fitch (Woods) Rice
Wife of Harvey Rice in 1847 by Allen Smith

Harvey Rice's Family

- On 27 Sep 1828, m. ***Fannie Rice*** (b. 24 Feb 1808 daughter of Truman Rice) at home of Reuben Wood in Sheldon, VT
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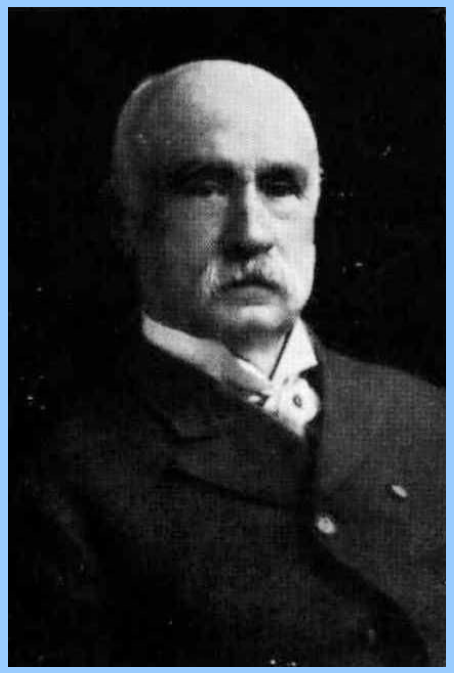
Percival Wood "Percy" Rice (1829-1909)

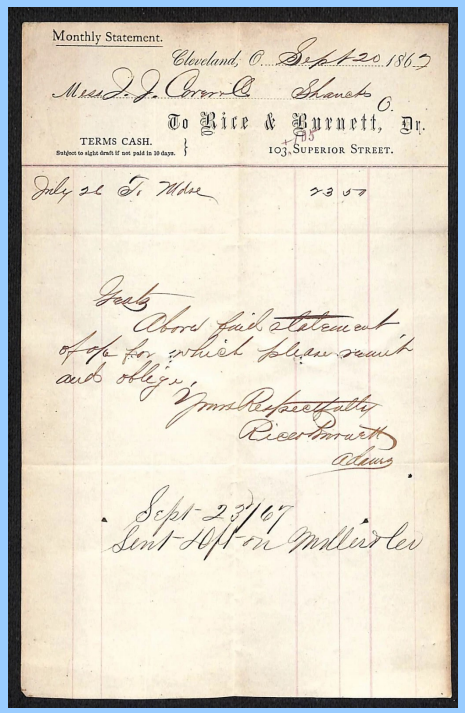


Percy Rice ca 1890

Photo from Find-a-Grave

- Began classical studies at *Western Reserve College and Preparatory School* in 1848 but no earned degree
- In 1850 became private secretary to father's law partner & Ohio Governor Reuben Wood.
- In 1853 began business w/ brother-in-law Proctor Burnett in porcelain ware importing; remained until retirement in 1889
- Served in Civil War as the Captain of the Cleveland Light Artillery Company
- Was active in civic affairs in Cleveland, serving as trustee in the Water Works Association and member of the Board of Elections
- Served on Board of Trustees for *Society for Savings* (now *Key Bank*)
- Was known as an avid yachtsman on Lake Erie and Yacht Club.

Family of Fannie Maria *Rice* Burnett (1832-1888)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Cleveland, O. Sept 20 1867

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To Rice & Burnett, Dr.

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Above find statement of ap for which please remit and oblige.
Yours Respectfully
Rice & Burnett
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- ***Fannie Maria Rice*** b. 1 Jan 1832 Cleveland; m. *Proctor Rollin Burnett* 30 Dec 1857 Cleveland d. 29 May 1888 Cleveland.

- ***Proctor Rollin Burnett*** b. 6 Nov 1828 Newberry, Geauga County, OH to Josiah C. Burnett (1797-1885) and Diadema Johnson Burnett (1798-1870); d. 14 Mar 1864 Cleveland. Was partner w/ Percy Rice in the fine china and home goods import business *Rice & Burnett Company* (1854-1892) (source: 1892 PRB probate files)

- Their son, ***Rollin Proctor Burnett*** b. 1 Feb 1862 in Cleveland; d. 3 Aug 1922 Cleveland – reported as suicide; m. 4 Oct 1884 Lillian A. Spear (b. Jan 1862; d. 7 Jun 1892 Cleveland) m. Maria Rattinger Hoefling 21 Feb 1893 (b. Dec 1861 Germany; d. 8 Nov 1933 Cleveland); Burnett worked for the Cleveland, Columbus, Cincinnati and Indianapolis Railway; was a contractor

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Henrietta Maria “Nettie” Rice

Nettie Rice ca 1870

Photo from Find-a-Grave

- Born 16 Feb 1841 in Cleveland, OH to Harvey & Emma Maria Rice
- Married James Irvine on 25 Jul 1866 in Cleveland
- Moved to San Francisco after marriage
- Had two sons, James Harvey Irvine & Harvey Rice Irvine
- Died 23 Oct 1874 (same month as younger son)
- Burial at Cypress Lawn Memorial Park, Colma, CA

James Irvine, Nettie's Husband

James Irvine ca 1870

Photo from Find-a-Grave

- Born 27 Dec 1827 in Anahilt, Down County, Northern Ireland
- Left Ireland in 1845 due to potato famine
- After 2 yrs in NYC, sailed to CA in 1848 & joined in gold rush in Calaveras County as miner & merchant
- In 1854 purchased a SF grocery wholesale house & named it Irvine & Co.; did business with Rice & Burnett Co. in Cleveland
- Soon began investing in SF real estate; In 1864 partnered with Lewellyn Bixby, Thomas & Benjamin Flint to purchase the 48,800-acre Rancho San Joaquin in 1864 and the 47,200-acre Rancho Lomas de Santiago in 1866 was the start of their ranch operations in Southern California.
- Married Nettie Rice in Cleveland on 25 Jul 1866

Family of James & Nettie Rice Irvine

- ***James Harvey "J.I." Irvine*** b. 16 Oct 1867 San Francisco; 16 Oct 1892 inherited Irvine Ranch; d. 24 Aug 1947 Flying D Ranch, Bozeman, Gallatin, Montana
  - m. ***Frances Anita Plum*** 1 Sep 1892 San Francisco (b. 21 Nov 1862 San Francisco; d. 10 Feb 1909 San Francisco)
    - ***James Harvey "Jase" Irvine, Jr.*** b. 11 Jun 1893 San Francisco; d. 23 Jun 1935 Irvine Ranch
    - ***Katherine Helena Irvine Lilard*** b. 29 Sep 1894 San Francisco; d. 2 March 1920 San Francisco
    - ***Myford Plum "Mike" Irvine*** b. 25 April 1898 San Francisco; d. 11 Jan 1959
  - m. ***Kathryn Brown White*** 31 Jan 1931 Eugene, OR (b. 13 Mar 1886 Portland OR; d. 2 Apr 1950, Moraga, CA)
- ***Harvey Rice Irvine*** b. Mar 1874 San Francisco; d. 25 Sep 1874 San Francisco

James Harvey “J.I.” Irvine & Family

James Harvey Irvine ca1920

Anita Plum Irvine with the children; Kathryn Helene Irvine, James Harvey Irvine, Jr., and Myford Plum Irvine ca1900

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Mary Wood Rice (1844-1931)

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    - ***Emma Maria Hunt*** b. 2 May 1872 Cleveland; d. 2 Dec 1955 Ohio; m. 28 Nov 1900 to ***Edwin Ruthven Perkins II*** at Wyckliff, OH; b. 23 Apr 1879 in Ohio; d. 26 Jan 1960 at Columbus, NC. He was banker & railroad executive & philanthropist in Cleveland.
    - ***Mary Nettie Hunt*** b. 8 May 1877 Cleveland; d. 19 Feb 1964 Cleveland; m. 29 Jan 1913 to ***Joseph Edgar Cook, MD***; b. 13 Feb 1856 Perry, OH; d. 31 May 1932 in Cleveland.
    - ***Edwin Payson Hunt Jr.*** b. 8 May 1877 Cleveland; d. Jul 1878 Cleveland.

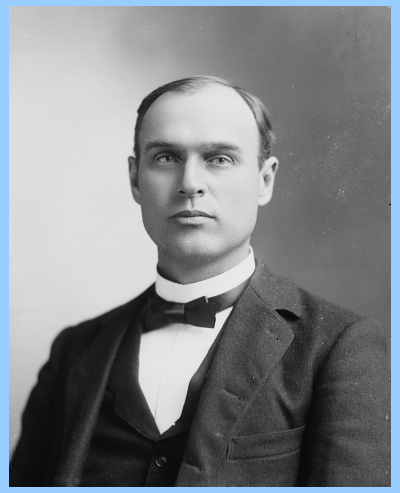
James Stephen Rice (1846-1930)

L: James Stephen Rice ca1885 (photo from Tustin Historical Society)

R: James S. Rice home at corner of First St. & Prospect in Tustin ca1890 (photo from Find-a-Grave)

James S. Rice Family Biographical Notes

- ***James S. Rice*** worked in Cleveland with brother-in-law *Proctor Burnett at the Rice & Burnett Company*; moved to California in January 1877. First residing in an adobe near Newport Bay built by the Sepúlveda family; first to plant oranges & muscat grapes in Tustin. Was engaged in land speculation and active in OC politics.
- ***Coralinn Barlow Rice's*** brother ***Charles Averill Barlow*** was a member of the US House of Reps from the CA-6 District for one term 1897-99 from the Populist Party
- ***Percy Fitch Rice*** was an inventor who patented several devices, including an automatic paper feeding device for printing presses, an automatic transmission for automobiles, the push-button radio tuner, the gasoline gauge for the automobile and a multiple exposure camera



Top: Charles A Barlow 1897

Bottom: Percy Fitch Rice 1903

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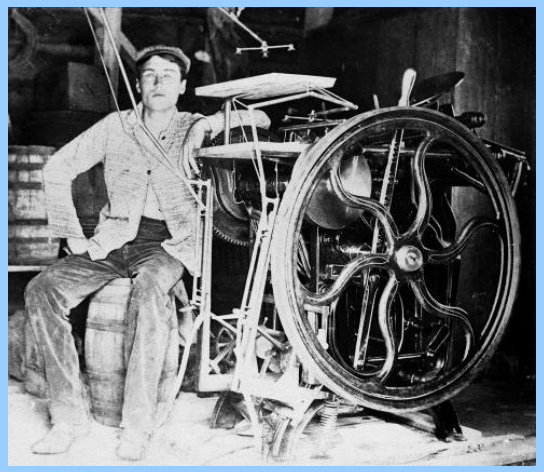

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- ***Coralinn Frances Barlow*** b. Jan 1849 ***to Merrill Barlow*** (1824-1872) of Woodstock, CT and ***Anne Frances Arnold Barlow*** (1828-1908) of Cranston, RI; d. 25 Nov 1919 in Los Angeles, CA
  - ***James Willis Rice*** b. 24 Aug 1873 Cleveland; d. 7 Dec 1951 Orange County, CA; m. ***Ruebel Martin*** b. 31 Oct 1882 in Nevada daughter of *John H. Martin*, a Nevada state senator & his wife *Catherine*; d. 28 Sep 1966 in Orange County, CA.
  - ***Merrill Barlow Rice*** b. 25 Feb 1876 Cleveland; d. 14 April 1919 Riverside, CA; m. 1906 ***Mary Burnham*** California (ERA); Rice was an automobile mechanic.
  - ***Harvey Rice*** b. 20 May 1878 Tustin CA; d. Mar 1900 Tustin. Never married.
  - ***Percy Fitch Rice*** b. 25 Nov 1882 Tustin CA; d. 25 May 1954 in Orange County. Never married.

Thank You – Questions?