

# Meet Cousin Arthur Wallace Rice (1869-1938), Architect & Founding Member of ERA

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# Edmund Rice Memorial Monument Centennial 2014



Monument raised by ERA on August 29, 1914  
Designed by Boston Architect Arthur Wallace Rice



# Edmund Rice Home Site Monument Centennial 2013



Monument raised by ERA on September 13, 1913  
Designed by Boston Architect Arthur Wallace Rice



# Biographical Details of Early Life & Marriage of A. W. Rice

- Born 18 July 1869 in Boston to George Woods Rice and Adelaide (Walker) Rice
- Father was a Boston Banker
- Studied at MIT graduating class of 1891
- Student of Henri Duray at the École des Beaux-Arts in Paris until 1892 – (arrived Boston from Europe 8 Nov 1892)
- Began career as a junior architect in Boston firms upon graduation



# 1894 Drawing by Arthur W. Rice for his brother David Rice, Esq. in Marion, MA



From the *American Architect and Building News*, December 8, 1894.



# Peters & Rice 1898-1907

- Partner is William York Peters, a respected senior architect
- Office in Pemberton Building on Pemberton Square in Boston
- Specialized in large homes in Back Bay, Brookline & suburbs mostly in Georgian Revival style
- Peters retired in 1903 leaving Rice as sole manager of the firm
- Rice became Associate of American Institute of Architects (AIA) in 1905



# Example Work of Peters & Rice 1900



Georgian Revival Style  
Phi Delta Theta House (1900)  
97 Bay State Road, Boston Back Bay



# Example Work of Peters & Rice 1900



Georgian Revival Style  
Weld Mansion (1900)  
149 Bay State Road, Boston Back Bay



# Example Work of Peters & Rice 1905



Beaux-Arts style  
Walter Cabot Baylies House (remodel 1905)  
5 Commonwealth Ave, Boston Back Bay



# Example Work of Peters & Rice 1905



Beaux-Arts style  
Jones, McDuffee and Stratton Company (1905)  
Later, part of Filene's Department Store, demolished 2013  
Franklin & Hawley Sts., Boston



# Parker, Thomas, & Rice 1907-1935

- Succeeded Parker & Thomas (1900-1907)
- *Partner:* J. Harleston Parker of Boston (d. 1915)
- *Partner:* Douglas H. Thomas, of Baltimore (d. 1930)
- Offices at 20 Beacon St., Boston
- Rice elected as AIA Fellow in December 1912
- Rice maintains firm under same name until his retirement in 1935



# Example Work

## Parker, Thomas & Rice 1908



Beaux-Arts style  
R.H. Stearns Building (1908)  
140 Tremont St., Boston



# Example Work

## Parker, Thomas & Rice 1912



Georgian Revival style  
Harvard Club Building (1912)  
374 Commonwealth Ave., Boston



# Example Work

## Parker, Thomas & Rice 1914



Georgian Revival style  
Gilman Hall (1914)  
The Johns Hopkins University, Baltimore



# Example Work

## Parker, Thomas & Rice 1916



Beaux-Arts style  
Baltimore Gas and Electric Building (1916)  
39 West Lexington St., Baltimore



# Example Work

## Parker, Thomas & Rice 1922



Beaux-Arts style  
First John Hancock Building (1922)  
197 Clarendon St., Boston



# Example Work

## Parker, Thomas & Rice 1929



Early Art-Deco style  
United Shoe Machinery Corporation Building (1929)  
138-164 Federal St., Boston



# Family Life

- Arthur W. Rice married Martha D. Brewer (b. 23 April 1877 in Honolulu) 1911 in Marion, MA
- Martha (Brewer) Rice died 1958 in Milton, MA
- They had three children:
  - Adelaide Rice (b. 20 Jul 1912, Boston)
  - Martha Rice (b. 24 Aug 1914, Milton)
  - Arthur Wallace Rice, Jr. (b. 1 Nov 1915, Milton; d. 17 Aug 1995, Wareham)
- In 1912, they lived at 49 Hereford St., Back Bay, but after 1914 at 1250 Canton Ave., Milton
- Arthur W. Rice died 24 Mar 1938 in Milton



# Arthur W. Rice Home 1912-14 49 Hereford St., Back Bay at time of founding of ERA



# Rice Ancestry of Arthur Wallace Rice

- Arthur Wallace Rice (1869 – 1938), son of
- George Woods Rice (1828 – 1882), son of
- David Rice (1779 – 1830), son of
- Elijah Rice (1749 – 1827), son of
- Elijah Rice (1722 – 1818), son of
- Elisha Rice (1679 – 1761), son of
- Thomas Rice (1626 – 1681), son of
- Edmund Rice (ca 1594 – 1663)





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