

Rice Cemetery

Hancock County, KY

By Jerry Long

About four miles south of Hawesville, KY turn east off of Highway 69 onto the Coal Bank Hollow Road. Turn at first lane on right (south), at forks in lane turn left, leads to former home of Kenneth Chester Rice (1909-1996). Cemetery is on Mr. Rice's farm about 100 feet southeast of his barn, in edge of woods along a new cut road. Mr. Rice's grandparents, Jesse L. Rice (1845-1922) & Mary Jane Freels and great-grandparent's, Jesse Rice (1810-1898) & Charity Hale are buried in the cemetery. Mr. Rice's home is on the site of the former home of his great-grandparent's, Jesse & Charity (Hale) Rice.



Rice Cemetery is outlined in red

A transcription of inscriptions on monuments was made on 12 August 1986 by Jerry Long. Counted ten other graves marked by fieldstones. Information in parenthesis is from monuments and information in brackets are annotations.

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| Bruner, William R. (s/o D. T. & Catherine) | 6 Jul 1859 | 22 Dec 1888 |
| [William Rice Bruner; s/o Davis Thomas Bruner & Catharine Rice] | | |
| Densford, W. W. | 18 Sep 1817 | 26 Sep 1865 |
| Urith (w/o W. W.) | 18 May 1822 | 22 Jan 1895 |
| [Urith Stewart; w/o Washington W. Densford] | | |

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| Lyons, Manerva A. (d/o W. H. & R. A.) [d/o William Hale Lyons & Rachel Ann Clark] | 6 Nov 1886 | 1 Jul 1888 |
| Lyons, Robert A. (s/o W. H. & R. A.) [Robert Amos Lyons; s/o William Hale Lyons & Rachel Ann Clark] | 2 Jul 1880 | 2 Oct 1899 |
| Rachel A. (w/o W. H.) [Rachel Ann Clark; w/o William Hale Lyons; d/o Francis Clark & Laura Ann Price] | 3 Jul 1851 | 5 May 1900 |
| Lyons, Virginia J. (d/o W. H. & R. A.) | 11 Nov 1883 | 29 Nov 1883 |
| Sarah E. (d/o W. H. & R. A.) [c/o William Hale Lyons & Rachel Ann Clark] | 18 Jul 1885 | 31 Jul 1885 |
| Nichols, Nannie (w/o J. D.) [Nannie Bruner; w/o Joseph David Nichols; d/o Zachary Taylor Bruner & Isabella Brown] | 5 Aug 1875 | 13 Feb 1899 |
| Rice, Almeda J. (d/o J. H. & N. B.) [d/o John Hale Rice & Nancy B. Bruner] | 5 Aug 1870 | 5 Dec 1870 |
| Rice, Andrew L. [h/o Mariah Susan Hale; s/o Jesse Rice & Marata] | 15 Mar 1820 | 9 Mar 1904 |
| Rice, Anna B. (d/o J. H. & N. B.) [d/o John Hale Rice & Nancy B. Bruner] | 17 Dec 1875 | 20 Dec 1875 |
| Rice, Benjamin M. [Benjamin Maratta Rice, spelling from family bible, s/o Jesse Rice & Charity Hale] | 10 Feb 1848 | 11 Jul 1906 |
| Rice, Carrie (d/o R. F. & Maggie) [d/o Robert Forest Rice & Margaret Core Bruner] | 10 Nov 1899 | 7 Nov 1903 |

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Sunday, 15 November 1903 p12:

DEATH IN FLAMES.

Horrible Accident to a Child in Hancock County.

A very sad accident happened to the little four-year-old girl of Forest Rice, while playing in the house around the fire. The little one's clothes caught from the blaze and the mother, who was absent from the room at the time, hearing the screams of the little child hastened to its assistance, but was too late to save the unfortunate little child from a burn that resulted in its death last Saturday night. The remains were interred on last Sunday evening in the Rice burying ground near Mt. Eden. Mr Rice lives in the Mt. Eden neighborhood and is a very prominent and highly respected young farmer.—Hancock Clarion.

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| Rice, Carrie B. (d/o M. C. & L. A.) [Carrie Beatrice Rice, d/o Micajah C. Rice & Leticia Ann Chambers] | 25 Nov 1880 | 17 Dec 1880 |
| Rice, Chariety (w/o Jesse; aged 74 yrs, 11 ms, 19 ds) [Charity Hale; w/o Jesse Rice; d/o William Hale & Catharine Snider] | 19 Apr 1813 | 9 Apr 1888 |
| Rice, Cordelia T. (d/o C. H. & A. H.) [d/o Charles H. Rice & Amanda H. Miller] | 16 Jun 1863 | 9 Jul 1863 |
| Rice, Delbert B. (s/o J. B. M. & M. E.; aged 1 yr, 6 ms, 12 ds) [s/o James Biggard Maitland Rice & Mary Elizabeth Densford] | | 29 Aug 1873 |
| Rice, Edmonie (w/o W. H.) [Edmonia Rice; w/o William H. Rice; d/o Sylvester M. Rice & Susan Lyons] | 19 Jun 1870 | 22 Apr 1900 |
| Rice, Edwin E. (c/o Eldred & Emma) Floria L. (c/o Eldred & Emma) [c/o Isaac Eldred Rice & Emma Jane Densford] | 7 Nov 1882 26 Nov 1885 | 11 Jul 1887 23 Aug 1887 |
| Rice, Eldred [Isaac Eldred Rice, h/o Emma Jane Densford; s/o Jesse Rice & Charity Hale] | 14 Oct 1852 | 23 Jul 1895 |
| Rice, Eli H. (s/o J. H. & N. B.) [s/o John Hale Rice & Nancy B. Bruner] | born & died | 4 Mar 1868 |
| Rice, Elizabeth (aged 72 yrs, 10 ms, 9 ds) [d/o Jesse Rice & Charity Hale] | 17 Mar 1839 | 26 Jan 1912 |
| Rice, Garrah J. (d/o J. B. M. & M. E.) [d/o James Biggard Maitland Rice & Mary Elizabeth Densford] | 5 Aug 1881 | 27 Mar 1884 |
| Rice, James T. (s/o Jesse & Charity) [James Taylor Rice, s/o Jesse Rice & Charity Hale] | 1 May 1850 | 11 Aug 1853 |



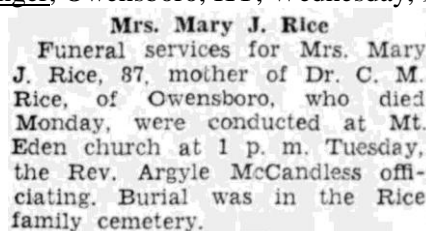
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Rice, James W. 3 Mar 1814 9 Oct 1882
 [h/o Frances Eveline Bruner; s/o Jesse Rice & Marata]
 Frances Eveline (w/o J. W.; d/o 25 Dec 1815 8 Sep 1877
 J. T. Bruner; aged 61 yrs, 8 ms, 13 ds)
 [Frances Eveline Bruner; w/o James W. Rice; d/o John Thomas Bruner
 & Nancy Susan Young]

Rice, Jesse, Sr. 8 Jan 1810 12 Apr 1898
 [h/o Charity Hale; s/o Jesse Rice & Marata]

Rice, Jesse L. 1845 1922
 [Jesse D. Louis / Lewis Rice, son Jesse Rice & Charity Hale]
 Mary J. (w/o J. L.) 1850 1938
 [Mary Jane Freels; w/o Jesse L. Rice; d/o Anderson Freels & Amy J. Whittinghill]

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Wednesday, 9 February 1938 p2:



Rice, John T. (s/o S. M. & S.) 21 Nov 1847 19 Mar 1864
 [John Taylor Rice, s/o Sylvester M. Rice & Susan Lyons]

Rice, Mariah (w/o A. L.) 20 Nov 1822 28 Feb 1869
 [Mariah Susan Hale; w/o Andrew L. Rice; d/o William Hale & Catharine Snider]

Rice, S. M. 12 Jun 1822 6 Jun 1876
 [Sylvester M. Rice; h/o Susan Lyons; s/o Jesse Rice & Marata]

Rice, Susan (w/o S. M.) 25 Aug 1825 6 Jan 1884
 [Susan Lyons, w/o Sylvester M. Rice; d/o Paul Lyons & Sarah Newton]

Rice, Sylvester M. 3 Jun 1860 26 Dec 1896
 [s/o Sylvester M. Rice & Susan Lyons]

Rice, William H. (s/o Jesse & Charity) 15 Feb 1832 27 Feb 1863
 [William Henry Rice, s/o Jesse Rice & Charity Hale]

Roberts, Timothy (s/o John H. & Mariah R.) 21 Sep 1872 25 Oct 1872
 [s/o John H. Roberts & Mariah Rebecca Lyons]

Sloan, Louisa (d/o D. W. & H.) 25 Feb 1879 8 Jul 1881
 [d/o David W. Sloan & Harriet Shelton]

The following are buried here in unmarked graves:

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| Bruner, Catharine [w/o Davis Thomas Bruner; d/o Jesse Rice & Charity Hale] | 7 Nov 1833 | 22 Mar 1926 |
| Bruner, Davis Thomas [h/o Catharine Rice; s/o Peter B. Bruner & Hannah Davis] | 13 Feb 1835 | 5 Feb 1911 |

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Tuesday, 7 February 1911 p8:

SUDDEN DEATH

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**OF DAVIS BRUNER AT HOME IN
HANCOCK COUNTY.**

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**Brother of the Late Rev. Robert T.
Bruner, Baptist Minister of
Owensboro.**

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Hawesville, Ky., Feb. 6.—Mr. Davis Bruner, one of the most highly respected farmers and citizens of the county died very suddenly at his home near this city on Sunday afternoon. He died just like his father, one sister and two brothers had died before him. Another brother, the late Charles Bruner, was burned to death quite mysteriously in a forest fire here four years ago. Another brother was the late Rev. Robt. T. Bruner, Baptist minister of Owensboro, who also died suddenly one year ago. The deceased was one of the most zealous Democrats of the county and he was also a pillar of the Blackford Baptist church for the past fifty years. He has many relatives in Owensboro and all over western Kentucky. His wife and the following children who reside in this county survive him: Charles Bruner and Eldred Bruner, and Mrs. Forrest Rice and Mrs. Walter Flake and Mrs. Kirt Thomas of Olaton, in Ohio county and Ab Bruner, of Tell City and Jesse Bruner, of Oklahoma.

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| Flake, Emma C. [w/o Walter Flake; d/o Davis Thomas Bruner & Catharine Rice] | 23 Apr 1875 | 13 May 1925 |
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Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Friday, 15 May 1925 p2:

Hawesville, Ky., May 14—Mrs. Walter Flake, of Happy Hollow, died at her home at 8 o'clock last night. She is survived by her husband, three daughters, one sister, and three brothers. The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock tomorrow at Rice cemetery with services by Rev. Corley. Interment will be in that cemetery.

Flake, Walter

22 May 1873

10 Jan 1940

[h/o Emma C. Bruner; s/o Charles Flake & Mary Eliza Johnson; Kenneth C. Rice (1909-1996) said he was the last person buried in the cemetery]

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, KY, Friday, 12 January 1940:

WALTER FLAKE

Mr. Walter Flake, aged 66, passed away after a short illness Wednesday morning, Jan. 10, at 2 a.m. Mr. Flake became ill about ten days ago and developed pneumonia which proved fatal.

He was born in Hancock county on May 22, 1873, near the Dukes community and lived all of his life in this county. He was the son of Charles and Elizabeth Flake. He was united in marriage to Miss Emma Bruner in 1899 and she preceded him in death in 1925. He is survived by three daughters, Mrs. Roy Parker of the Duncan community, Mrs. Howard Rapp and Mrs. Herbert Noble, both of this city. Also surviving him are three sisters and three brothers, namely: Mrs. Jerry Egan, Mrs. James Weatherholt, both of this county, Mrs. Howard Pleasant, of Indiana, Lud. John, and Clarence Flake, all of this county. Also seven grandchildren.

Funeral services were conducted from the Goering Funeral Home at 1 p.m. Thursday by the Rev. Edwin E. Deuser, pastor of the Hawesville Baptist Church. Interment was in the Rice cemetery near Mt. Eden.

Freels, "Miss" Sarah

c1797

4 Dec 1902

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Saturday, 6 December 1902 p7:

MRS. FRIELS DEAD.

She Was the Oldest Woman in Western Kentucky.

Mrs. Sarah Friels, reputed to be one of the oldest women in the state, died at her home, five miles south of Hawesville, on Thursday. Claims as to her age vary from 105 to 107, but all who know the facts admit that she must have been several years past the century mark.

It has been only a few days since the Messenger published an item about Mrs. Friels, stating her great age, and also the fact that she still retained her faculties remarkably well. She was considered an old woman forty years ago when she removed to Hancock county from Tennessee, where she was born. She was buried in the Rice burying ground Friday.

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Sunday, 20 January 1901 p4:

Another Centenarian.
 Hancock county has at least one, if not two, centenarians left in the person of Miss Sarah Friel, who lives with a brother, Anderson ("Toad") Friel, in the Mt Eden neighborhood. She is the Hancock Clarion. Her exact age is not known, as the family bible and records were burned fifty years ago. Miss Friel says she is 105, while her brother thinks she is but 103. Mr. Friel is himself 79 years of age, and thinks his estimate quite accurate, knowing the age between other children. Miss Friel was born in Tennessee and was never married. She lived for many years in Henderson, Ky., and in Davies county, but for the last fifteen years has lived in Hancock. She is now quite feeble and gets about on crutches, though her appetite is good.

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| Rice, Benjamin Forest | c1847 | 1900 - 1910 |
| [h/o Mary E. Bruner; s/o John J. Rice & Emaline Moorman] | | |
| Rice, Forest W. | 1868 - 1900 | 1868 - 1900 |
| [infant s/o Jesse L. Rice & Mary Jane Freels] | | |
| Rice, I. B. | 1868 - 1900 | 1868 - 1900 |
| [infant s/o Jesse L. Rice & Mary Jane Freels] | | |
| Rice, Mary E. | 27 Oct 1861 | c1907 |
| [w/o Benjamin Forest Rice; d/o Davis T. Bruner & Catharine Rice] | | |
| Rice, Sarah | c1831 | 3 Nov 1910 |
| [w/o Jesse Rice; d/o Martin & Margaret Young] | | |

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Sunday, 6 November 1910 p1B:

Mrs. Sallie Rice Dead
 Mrs. Sallie Rice, aged 79, died at her home in the Rice neighborhood, at 4 o'clock Thursday afternoon, of old age and malaria. The remains were interred in the Rice graveyard at 3 o'clock yesterday. Mrs. Rice was the widow of Jesse Rice, who died about 35 years ago. She is survived by five children, William, Forrest and Wave Rice, and Mrs. Henderson Johnson of this county, and Mrs. Tom Slaughter of Breckinridge county.—
 Hawesville Clarion.

Another Rice Cemetery

In Hancock County there is a second Rice Cemetery that has been on Findagrave.com mistakenly combined with the Rice Cemetery listed above. It is on the farm of Dennis Wheatley off of the west side of the Hawesville – Pellville Road. Buried here are:

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| Rice, John T. [John Thomas Rice; s/o James W. Rice & Frances Eveline Bruner] | 14 Jul 1835 | 3 Sep 1913 |
| Mary S. (w/o John T.) [Mary Susan Harrison; w/o John Thomas Rice; d/o John G. Harrison & Nanch Shadwick] | 3 Aug 1837 | 25 Nov 1906 |
| Rice, J. A. [James Albert Rice; s/o John Thomas Rice & Mary Susan Harrison] | 28 Dec 1856 | 10 Dec 1944 |
| Margaret (w/o J. A.) [Margaret Jane Tharp; w/o James Albert Rice; d/o John Tharp & Marinda Cambron] | 24 Oct 1862 | 21 Mar 1928 |
| Rice, Evert (s/o James A. & Maggie) [s/o James Albert Rice & Margaret Jane Tharp] | 25 Nov 1891 | 27 Jul 1922 |

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Rice Family of Hancock County, KY

Four brothers were buried and have monuments in the Rice Cemetery – Jesse Rice (1810-1898), James W. Rice (1814-1904), Andrew L. Rice (1820-1904) and Sylvester M. Rice (1822-1876). Two other brothers, Benjamin M. Rice (1800-1991) and John J. Rice (c1806-after 1880) also moved to Hancock County. Benjamin is buried less than a mile away in the Nichols Cemetery. It is not known where John J. Rice is buried. The six brothers were sons of Jesse Rice, Sr. & Marata / Maratta / (there are several reported spellings of her name – I believe this is her surname). Jesse, Sr. was born c1775. He is listed in the 1800 & 1810 censuses of Greene County, Pennsylvania, 1820, 1830 & 1840 censuses of Mason County, Virginia. The area where he resided became Mason County, West Virginia in 1863. He died 1846-1850 Mason County, VA and was buried Rice Cemetery, at Point Pleasant, Mason County, WV. His wife died 1822-1824. He married 2nd Sarah Katherine Gardner, 23 November 1828 Mason County, VA; she was born 16 October 1805 and died after 1850. Sarah is listed in the 1850 census of Mason County, VA; with her are seven children of Jesse & Sarah – George Wolfe (1831-1919, married Leonor Elizabeth Hardwick), Mariah (1833-1919, married John N. D. Spencer), Vincent David (1835-1921, married Jemima C. Lee & Almedia Chatlin), William Thomas (1837-1926, married Ellen O. Lee), Enos (1839-), Harrison (1844-1938, married Mary Jane Hardwick) and Richard (1845-1866). Jesse Rice, Sr. & Marata are reported to have had three daughters – Mary, Catherine & Elizabeth; one of their daughters married a Smith and died in Gallia County, OH in 1832.

The first of the Rice brothers to appear in the records of Hancock County, KY were Jesse & John, who appear in the 1831 tax list of the county. In the 1840 census of Hancock County Jesse & John are listed; in their households were listed two older males who are probably two of the other four brothers that came to the county.

Benjamin M. Rice, son of Jesse Rice, Sr. & Marata, was born 11 December 1800 PA. He is listed in the 1830 & 1840 census of Gallia County, Ohio, 1850, 1860, 1870 & 1880 censuses of Hancock County, KY. He married Eliza Rogers, 1820-1827. She was born 17 March 1801 PA and died 19 May 1881. Martin V. Rice, son of Benjamin & Eliza, is reported to have been born in Gallia County, Ohio on his 1859 marriage record (in KY 1852-1861 Vital Statistics). Benjamin did not marry Elizabeth Climer in Wilson County, TN in 1819; this is an entirely different couple. The death certificate of Mary Jane Nichols (1827-1911), daughter of Benjamin & Eliza, gives her mother's name as Eliza Rogers.

Benjamin M. Rice died 3 February 1881 Hancock County, KY. He and Eliza were buried Nichols Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. A circuit court suit of his heirs was filed in Hancock County on 18 October 1881 requesting a division of 190 acres owned by Benjamin Rice, deceased (box 89, bundle 181, file #1672). The suit names 8 children – 1. Mary Jane wife of Edmond S. Nichols; 2. Thomas F. Rice; 3. Jesse Rice, deceased (his heirs, widow Sallie, and children, Mary Margaret wife of Henderson Johnson, Jane wife of Robert McCleary, Rosa Rice, William Henry Rice & Benjamin Forrest Rice); 4. John Rice, deceased (his heirs James M. Rice, Laura wife of Francis M. Roach & Louisa wife of Jesse Fraser); 5. B. Wilson Rice; 6. Rachel Balis, deceased (her only heir George W. Balis); and 7. Henry H. Rice.



Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Thursday, 12 July 1906 p5:

SUDDEN DEATH.
Of Well-Known Man Near Hawesville
of Heart Disease.
Hawesville, Ky., July 11.—Benjamin Rice, aged 55 years, was found dead on a bridge near here this morning. He was a son of the late Jesse Rice and was well known throughout the county. He never married. He was out riding on horse-back and is supposed to have fallen off as the result of heart disease and died.

Children of Benjamin M. Rice & Eliza Rogers are:

1. John Rice, born 1821-1825, married Martha Barton; died 1853-1860. His wife, Martha, and their three children, are listed in the home of Jonas & Elizabeth Barton in the 1860 census of Gallia County, OH. Father of – Laura (c1850-after 1881, married Francis M. Roach), Louisa (1853-1912, married Jesse Frazier) & James M. (c1855-after 1881)
2. Rachel Rice, born 1821-1825; married ___ Balis; died 1840-1881
3. Mary Jane Rice, born 4 May 1827 Ohio; married Edmond S. Nichols, 10 January 1850 Hancock County, KY; died 20 February 1911 Hancock County, KY, buried Nichols Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. They had no children.

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Sunday, 26 February 1911 p6:

Mrs. Mary Nichols
Mrs. Mary E. Nichols, relict of the late Ed Nichols who died in November at the advanced age of 81, passed away at her home near town Monday morning. She was nearly 84 years of age, and was afflicted with kidney and bladder trouble. No children were left by this aged couple. Mrs. Nichols was a faithful member of the M. E. church, and the remains were laid to rest in the Nichols graveyard at their home at 10 a. m., Tuesday. Mrs. Nichols was an excellent lady, and during her last illness and death her comforts were carefully looked after by her nephew, Ed Nichols, Jr., and wife, with whom she made her home.
Mrs. Nichols was born in Ohio, and came to Hancock county when a very small girl with her father, Bennie Rice, and had lived in the county for more than sixty years.

4. Thomas Franklin Rice, born c1829 Ohio; married Susan Corley, 13 February 1851 Hancock County, KY; died c1889 Decatur, Macon County, IL.
5. Jesse Rice, born 1834 Ohio; married Sarah Young, 8 January 1852 Hancock County, KY; Sarah was born c1831 Hancock County, KY & died 3 November 1910 Hancock County, KY; she was buried Rice Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. Jesse Rice died 14 March 1879 Hancock County, KY, buried near Maceo, Daviess County, KY. Their children were – Eliza Jane (1852-1883, married Robert McCleary), Mary Margaret (1855-1932, married Elijah Henderson Johnson), Davis (c1863-1870/1880), Rosa Anna (1860-1945, married Thomas G. Slaughter), William Henry (1865-1952, married Edmonia Rice), Benjamin Waverly (1869-1952, married Mary A. Bruiendauer) and Robert Forest (1874-1948m married Margaret E. Bruner).
6. Benjamin Wilson Rice, born c1835 Ohio; married Mary Ann Phillips, 29 March 1856 Hancock County, KY; died after 1881.
7. Henry H. Rice, born c1837 Ohio; married Sophronia Nichols, 22 October 1877 Hancock County, KY; died 24 June 1906 Henderson County, KY; buried Fernwood Cemetery, Henderson, Henderson County, KY. They were the parents of – Annie (c1879-1919, married Albert Nelson), Ernest J. (1881-1919, married Virgie Shoulet), Forrest B. (1883-1912, single) & Carrie C. (1885-1914, married Harvey W. Jagers).

Henderson Gleaner, Henderson, KY, Friday, 29 June 1906:

**DEATH OF HENRY H.
RICE AT HIS HOME HERE**

Death of This Estimable Gentleman
Was Due to an Attack of the
Grip.

Monday morning at 11:45 o'clock
Mr. Henry H. Rice died after a linger-
ing illness of grip. Death overcame
him at his home in Audubon. Mr.
Rice was sixty-nine years of age and
was a long-time citizen of Henderson
and vicinity.

Besides his wife Mr. Rice leaves
four children—Mrs. Albert Ngison,
~~Mrs. Schouley and Messrs. Forest~~
~~and Earnest Rice, all of this city.~~

The burial occurred at 4 p. m.
Monday evening at Fernwood ceme-
tery. Previous to the burial Rev.
Roberts held services at the family
residence.

8. Martin Van Buren Rice, born 17 November 1839 Gallia County, OH; married Mary Ann Corley, 15 December 1859 Hancock County, KY and Susan C. Bradfield, 27 August 1870 Ohio County, KY; died 1 August 1886 Ohio County, KY; buried Gilmore Cemetery, Wesley Chapel, Ohio County, KY.

John J. Rice, son of Jesse Rice, Sr. & Marata, was born c1806 PA. He married Emaline Moorman, 14 February 1833 Hancock County, KY. The daughter of William Moorman & Mary Burkholder, Emaline was born 10 October 1815 VA. John & Emaline are listed in the 1840, 1850, 1860 & 1880 censuses of Hancock County. It is known when they died. Their children were:

1. Martha A. Rice, born 30 May 1837 Hancock County, KY; married John L. Brown, 17 March 1859 Hancock County, KY and __ Dudgeon, 1880-1900. She died 8 February 1913 Louisville, Jefferson County, KY and was buried Greenwood Cemetery, Tell City, Perry County, IN.

Courier-Journal, Louisville, KY, Tuesday, 11 February 1913 p7:

DUDGEON—Martha A. Dudgeon, Sat-
urday, February 8, at 9:10 p. m., age 63
years 8 months and 9 days.
Funeral from residence of F. G. Scham-
pon, 649 South Tenth street. Burial at
Tell City, Ind., Tuesday at 3 p. m. Will
leave over L., H. & St. L. Ry. at 8:27
a. m.

2. John Thomas Rice, born 24 January 1839 Hancock County, KY; married Malitia S. Bruner, 24 October 1860 Hancock County, KY; died 21 June 1908 and was buried Blackford Baptist Church, Hancock County, KY.

3. Rebecca Rice, born 1 March 1841 Hancock County, KY; married John H. Sapp, 10 November 1863 Hancock County KY; she died 10 July 1902 Tell City, Perry County, IN and was buried Greenwood Cemetery, Tell City, IN.
4. Andrew Lewis Rice, born 19 February 1843 Hancock County, KY; married Luvina Jane Bruner, 25 October 1865 Hancock County, KY; he died 9 November 1918 Hickman County, KY and was buried Clinton Cemetery, Clinton, Hickman County, KY.
5. Louisiana Rice, born 29 April 1845 Hancock County, KY; married John Wesley Bruner, 26 October 1865 Hancock County, KY; she died 25 November 1902 Hancock County, KY and was buried Blackford Baptist Church, Hancock County, KY.

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Friday, 28 November 1902 p5:

Sunday.....Mrs. Louisiana Bruner died at her home at 11 o'clock Monday night, November 24. The deceased leaves her husband and eight children to mourn her loss. The bereaved family have the sympathy of the entire community...The farmers are

6. Benjamin Forest Rice, born April 1847 Hancock County, KY; married Mary E. Bruner, 14 June 1883 Hancock County, KY; he died 1900-1910 and was buried Blackford Baptist Church, Hancock County, KY.
7. Emaline Watts Rice, 'Emma', born 22 February 1849 Hancock County, KY; married Isaac Leland Rice, 27 April 1873 Hancock County, KY and Daniel Fulkerson, 5 February 1927 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY; she died 21 March 1935, Owensboro, KY and was buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, KY.

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Thursday, 21 March 1935 p12:

MRS. EMMA RICE FULKERSON
 Mrs. Emma Rice Fulkerson, 86 years old, died at the home of Mrs. Estel Densford, 1921 Grimes avenue at 2:40 o'clock this morning. Surviving are the husband, two sons, Alvey Rice and Emor Rice, and a daughter, Mrs. Lorena Simmons. Six grandchildren and four great grandchildren also survive. Funeral services will be held at Third Baptist church at 10 o'clock Friday morning, the Rev. Norris Lashbrook in charge. Burial will be in Elmwood cemetery.

8. James W. Rice, born 1851 Hancock County, KY; died 3 September 1852 Hancock County, KY.
9. Charles P. Rice, born 26 July 1853 Hancock County, KY; died 25 December 1853 Hancock County, KY.
10. Marion J. Rice, born 19 June 1856 Hancock County, KY; married Malissa Jane Ray, 25 December 1879 Hancock County, KY; he died 11 February 1922 Hancock County, KY and was buried Ray Cemetery, Hennen Hollow, Hancock County, KY.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Sunday, 19 February 1922 p9:

Marion Rice, of the Hennen school district, died at his home of pneumonia Saturday morning. He is survived by his wife and one son. Funeral services were conducted Sunday evening with interment in the Young cemetery.

11. George Madison Rice, born 6 September 1858 Hancock County, KY; married Alice May Hagan, 8 November 1899 Hawesville, Hancock County, KY; he died 20 November 1917 Daviess County, KY and was buried Gatewood Cemetery, Daviess County, KY.

Jesse Rice, son of Jesse Rice, Sr. & Marata, was born 8 January 1810 PA. He first appears in the Hancock County, KY tax lists in 1831; he was then 21. He is listed in the 1840, 1850, 1860, 1870 and 1880 censuses of Hancock County, KY. He married Charity Hale, 10 February 1831, Hancock County, KY. The daughter of William Hale & Catharine Snider, Charity was born 19 April 1813 VA. Jesse & Charity were among about 25 families who founded the Mt. Eden Baptist Church in 1870. Charity died 9 April 1888 and Jesse died 12 April 1898; they were buried in the Rice Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.

The Rice Cemetery in Hancock County is located on the farm of the late Kenneth Chester Rice (1909-1996); son of Eli David Rice (1869-1944) and grandson of Jesse Lewis Rice (1845-1922). On 12 August 1986 I visited the home of Mr. Rice. Kenneth's home is located on the spot where the home of his great-grandparents, Jesse & Charity Rice, was located; it was torn down during the 1920's. Kenneth gave a large wall picture of Jesse & Charity to his first cousin, Mary Catherine Rice Raible (1915-2015), of Fairdale, KY; daughter of Retus Leslie Rice (1886-1952) & granddaughter of Jesse Lewis Rice (1845-1922). Kenneth Rice had the family bible of Jesse & Charity Rice. The bible had a copyright date of 1857 and it contained three pages of a family record. I transcribed the family record pages as:

Marriages:

Jesse Rice and Charity Hale were married on the 10th of Feb. 1831

Births:

Jesse Rice was born on the 8th of January 1810

Charity Rice was born on the 19th of April 1813

Children's Ages:

William H. Rice was born on the 15th of February 1832

Catharine Rice was born on the 7th of November 1833

David Rice was born on the 9th of May 1837

Elizabeth Rice was born on the 17th of March 1839

John H. Rice was born on the 1st of February 1841

Thomas H. Rice was born on the 11th of May 1843

Jesse Louis Rice was born on the 8th of November 1845

Benjamin Maratta Rice was born on the 10th of February 1848

James Taylor Rice was born on the 1st of May 1850

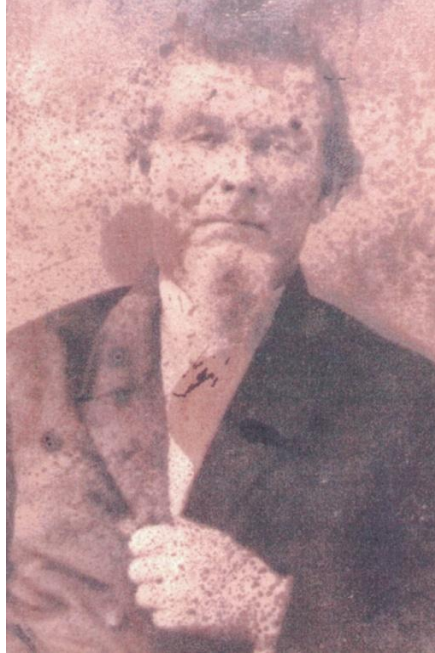
Isaac Eldred Rice was pn the 14th of Owensboro 1852
Micajah Rice was born on the 23rd of April 1856

Deaths:

James Taylor Rice departed this life on Thursday the 11th of August 1853
aged 3 yrs., 3 ms. & 10 dys.
William H. Rice departed this life on Friday the 27th of February 1863
aged 31 yrs. & 12 dys.
Charity Rice departed this life on April 9th, 1888
aged 74 yrs., 11 ms., 20 dys.
Jesse Rice, Sr. departed this life on April the 12th, 1898
aged 88 yrs., 3 ms., 4 dys.
Benjamin M. Rice departed this life on July 11th, 1906
aged 58 yrs., 5 ms., 1 day
Elizabeth Rice departed this life on January 26, 1912
aged 72 yrs., 9 ms., 9 dys.
David Rice departed this life on March 19th, 1912
aged 74 yrs., 8 ms., 10 dys.
Jesse Louis Rice departed this life on the 23rd day of January 1922
aged 76 yrs, 2 ms., 15 dys.



Gravestone's of Jesse Rice (1810-1898) & Charity Hale (1813-1888)



Jesse Rice (1810-1898)



Charity (Hale) Rice (1813-1888)

Children of Jesse Rice and Charity Hale were:

1. William Henry Rice, born 15 February 1832 Hancock County, KY; died single 27 February 1863; buried Rice Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.
2. Catherine Rice, born 7 November 1833 Hancock County, KY; married Davis Thomas Bruner, 4 September 1856 Hancock County, KY. Davis was the son of Peter B. Bruner & Hannah Davis; he was born 13 February 1835 Hancock County, KY and died 5 February 1911 Hancock County, KY. Catherine died 22 March 1926 Hancock County, KY. She and her husband were buried Rice Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. Their children – Jesse Peter (1857-1931, married Mary Ann Nichols & Sally M. Perry), William Rice (1859-1888), Mary E. (1861-c1907, married Benjamin Forest Rice), Charles T. (1864-1943, married Mary Ann Egan), Nancy Elizabeth (1866-1921, married James Curt Thomas), Albert Theodore (1869-1942, married Mellie Crossley & Mary L. Board Stadler), Eldred Henry (1872-1953, married Katie Laura Hicks), Emma C. (1875-1925, married Walter Flake) and Margaret C. (1878-1944, married Robert Forrest Rice).

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Wednesday, 24 March 1926 p2:

Mrs. Catherine Bruner
Lewisport, March 23.—Mrs. Catherine Bruner, 94, pioneer citizen of the Blackford section of Hancock county, died at 8 o'clock this morning at her home of pneumonia. She had been in ill health for some time, and her advanced age was against her recovery. Surviving are her three sons, Charles, of Evansville; Eldred, of Hancock county; Abner, of Tell City, and one daughter, Mrs. Forest Rice, of Lewisport. Funeral services will be held from the residence at 10 o'clock Wednesday morning, the Rev. C. M. Corley in charge. Burial will be in the Rice cemetery.



Catherine Rice (1833-1926), husband Davis Thomas Bruner
& son, Albert Theodore Bruner (1869-1942)

3. Charles H. Rice, born 18 August 1835 Hancock County, KY; married Amanda H. Miller, 1 April 1862 Hancock County, KY. Amanda, the daughter of John Miller & Nancy Elizabeth Dewit, was born 18 May 1847 Hart County, KY and died 24 October 1927 Evansville, Vanderburgh County, IN, she was buried Fernwood Cemetery, Henderson, Henderson County, KY. The 1910 census reported she was the mother of 15 children, 10 of whom were then deceased. Charles H. Rice died 26 December 1909. Their children – Cordelia T. (1863-1863), Charity D. (1864-1951, married Daniel Henry Galloway), Theresa (1866-1900, married Charles L. Keown), Janette Elvira (1867-1957, married James H. Cahall), Magdalene Florence (1870-c1896, married William A. Powers), Emory (1872-1882), Ruby (1872-1882), Micajah Arthur (1874-1952, married Florence M. Ely, Mattie Connell & Orilla Densner), Anna (1875-1876), Maude (1878-1915, married Harvey Douthitt), Shep (1880-before 1900), Clara (c1881-between 1904-1910, married Thomas Leroy Hubbard), Launia (1883-1973, married J. Thomas Gillians) and two others died infancy.

Courier-Journal, Louisville, KY, Tuesday, 28 December 1909 p7:

Dies After Long Illness.

Hawesville, Ky., Dec. 27.—Charles Rice, aged seventy-four years, a prominent farmer and coal mine operator of this county, is dead after a lingering illness.

4. David Hale, born 9 May 1837 Hancock County, KY; died single 19 March 1912 Missouri; buried Mount Pisgah Cemetery, Letona, White County, AR.

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, KY, Saturday, 30 March 1912:

Dave Rice is De

News has been received of the death of David Rice in Missouri on the 19th inst. of pneumonia. Mr. Rice was a native of Hancock county, but he had been absent for many years thruout the west. He was the brother of J. L. Rice of Chambers, and of Miss Lizzie Rice, who died near town a few weeks ago.



David Rice (1837-1912)

5. Elizabeth Hale, born 17 March 1839 Hancock County, KY; died single 26 January 1912 Hancock County, KY and was buried Rice Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.
6. John Hale Rice, born 1 February 1841 Hancock County, KY; married Nancy B. Bruner, 25 April 1866 Hancock County, KY. Nancy was the daughter of Peter B. Bruner & Hannah Davis; she was born 18 March 1848 Hancock County, KY and died 14 January 1926. John H. Rice died 10 December 1923 Grayson County, KY. He & Nancy were buried Kefauver Cemetery, Grayson County, KY. Their children – Eli H. (1868-1868), Almeda J. (1870-1870), Walter Franklin (1872-1947, married Mattie Crawford & Cora Ellen Jackson), Elnora T. (1874-1886), Anna B. (1875-1875), Robert David (1879-1947, married Leah Catherine Jackson) and Hattie Elizabeth (1885-1911, single).
7. Thomas Hayden Rice, born 11 May 1843 Hancock County, KY; married Elmina Jane Lyons, 12 November 1868 Hancock County, KY and Salina Vashti Wilson, November 1878 Collin County, TX. Elmina, the daughter of Isaac Lyons & Agnes Hale, was born 4

June 1850 Hancock County, KY; she & Thomas Rice were first cousins, they were divorced during 1870-1874; she married George W. Hinger, 4 October 1874 Fayette County, IL; Elmina died 10 April 1921 Chicago, Cook County, IL and was buried Maplewood Cemetery, St. Elmo, Fayette County, IL. Thomas H. Rice's wife, Salina, was the daughter of William Linville Wilson & Mary Wilhite, she born 15 May 1855 Collin County, TX & died 25 March 1933 Tulia, Swisher County, TX. Thomas died 16 April Tulia, Swisher County, TX; he and Salina were buried Rose Hill Cemetery, Tulia, Swisher County, TX. Thomas & Elmina had one child – Anna C. (c1871-after 1930, married Lewis Oliver St. Clair). Thomas & Salina were the parents of – Ernest Linville (1879-1938), John Isaac (1882-1958, married Emma Lee Dean), Lula Banks (1886-1934, married Joe Thomas Neal), Callie Ann (1886-1955, married Richard Cicero Godwin) & two other children died before 1900.



Thomas Hayden Rice (1843-1912) & wife, Salina Vashti Wilson

8. Jesse D. Louis Rice, name was spelled as 'Louis' in family bible, born 8 November 1845 Hancock County, KY; married Mary Jane Freels, 23 April 1868 Hancock County, KY. Mary Jane, daughter of Anderson Freels & Amy J. Whittinghill; she was born 8 July 1850 Hancock County, KY and died 7 February 1938 Ohio County, KY. Jesse L. Rice died 23 January 1922 Hancock County, KY; he & Mary Jane were buried in the Rice Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. They had 9 children – Eli David (1869-1944, married Mary E. Keown & Amy Etline Jackson), William Anderson (1871-1916, married Ella Chambers Stewart), Cicero Maitland (1875-1967, married Ione Baker), Lillie Ann (1878-1970, married Myrtle Iman Floyd), Jesse L. (1884-1957, married Mayme Greenwell & Mary Kathryn Bettenbender), Leslie Retus (1887-1953, married Minnie Barbara Roth), Roy Elmer (1891-1915, married Flora A. Bruner), I. B. (son died young before 1900) & Forest W. (died young before 1900).

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Tuesday, 24 January 1922 p3:

Jessie Lewis Rice

Hawesville, Ky., Jan. 23.—Jessie Lewis Rice, age 76 years, died at the home of his son in Mt. Eden at 4 o'clock Monday morning. Death was due to an attack of pneumonia about two weeks ago, with complications. He was a highly respected man. He is survived by his widow, one daughter, Mrs. Myrtle Floyd, of Whitesville, four sons, Eli, of Mt. Eden, Dr. C. M. of Sutherland, Jessie, of Chicago, Lester, of Louisville. Rev. Corley will conduct the funeral services at the late residence Tuesday afternoon, after which the remains will be interred in Mt. Eden cemetery.



Jesse Lewis Rice (1845-1922) & wife, Mary Jane Freels

9. Benjamin Maratta (spelling used in family bible), born 10 February 1848 Hancock County, KY; died single on 11 July 1906 Hancock County, KY and was buried Rice Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, 12 July 1906 p5:

SUDDEN DEATH.

Of Well-Known Man Near Hawesville
of Heart Disease.

Hawesville, Ky., July 11.—Benjamin Rice, aged 55 years, was found dead on a bridge near here this morning. He was a son of the late Jesse Rice and was well known throughout the county. He never married. He was out riding on horse-back and is supposed to have fallen off as the result of heart disease and died.



Benjamin Maratta Rice (1848-1906)

10. James Taylor Rice, born 1 May 1850 Hancock County, KY; died 11 August 1853, fell off a fence rail fence and died from injuries; buried Rice Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. His was the earliest death date found on the monuments in the Rice Cemetery.
11. Isaac Eldred Rice, born 14 October 1852 Hancock County, KY; married Emma Jane Densford, 20 October 1878 Hancock County, KY. He died 23 July 1895 Hancock County, KY and was buried Rice Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. Emma Jane was the daughter of Washington W. Densford & Urith Stewart; she was born 26 October 1862 Hancock County, KY; she married Aimor Bruner Jackson, 7 January 1900 Hancock County, KY; Emma died 18 November 1938 Hawesville, Hancock County, KY and was buried Hawesville Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. Isaac & Emma had 8 children – Bertha Viola (1880-1961, married Leo Thomas Powers), Edwin E. (1882-1887), Arnold Eldred (1883-1944, married Mary Letita DeJarnette), Flora L. (1885-1887), Oscar Thomas (1887-1966, married Margaret Melvina DeJarnette), Floris Olivia (1889-1976, married Courtland Covington Powers), Robert Stewart (1890-1952, married Lula Catherine Nugent), & Jesse Durward (1892-1943, married Georgia A. Wiles).
12. Micajah C. Rice, 'Mack', born 23 April 1856 Hancock County, KY; married Letticia Ann Chambers, 14 December 1879 Hancock County, KY; Letticia, daughter of George W. Chambers & Letticia Ann Williams, was born 18 April 1858 Hancock County, KY and died 19 December 1940 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY. Micajah died 16 May 1927 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY; he and Letticia were buried Rose Hill Cemetery, Owensboro, KY. They had 6 children – Carrie Beatrice (1880-1880), Jesse Napoleon (1883-1978, married Mabel Ola Easley), Lois Frances (1885-1977, married Victor Hugo Travis), B'orh Elizabeth (1888-1987, single). Eugene Franklin (1896-1997, married Lula Clara Travis & Margaret Moreland) & Doris Vivian (1904-1996, married Clifton Ward Castine).

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Tuesday, 17 May 1927 p2:

M. C. RICE

M. C. Rice, 72, died at 3 o'clock Monday afternoon at his home 1219 West First street, after several weeks illness. Mr. Rice was born in Hancock county, but has lived in Owensboro for the past 20 years, having been employed as a furniture finisher. He formerly resided in Tell City, Indiana.

He is survived by his widow, three daughters, Lois, Beora and Doris Rice of Owensboro, and two sons, Eugene Rice, of Kansas City and J. N. Rice, of Owensboro.

The funeral will be conducted from the residence at 3 o'clock Wednesday afternoon. Burial will be in Elmwood cemetery.



Micajah C. Rice (1856-1927) & wife, Leticia Ann Chambers (1858-1940)

James W. Bruner, son of Jesse Rice, Sr. & Marata, born 3 March 1814 PA. He is listed in the 1850, 1860 & 1870 censuses of Hancock County, KY and 1880 census of Daviess County, KY. He married Frances Eveline Bruner, 12 October 1834 Hancock County, KY. The daughter of John Thomas Bruner & Nancy Susan Young, Frances was born 25 December 1814 Breckinridge County, KY and died 8 September 1877. James W. died 9 October 1882; he & Frances were buried Rice Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. A settlement of his estate recorded on 15 May 1885 in Hancock County listed his heirs as – Mary A. Hyde, George Rice, J. T. Rice, James S. Rice, Elnora & Louisa Kasser (guardian Fred Kasser of Elnora & Louisa), Frances wife of Robert Densford & Mollie wife of Mollie Adams. James W. & Frances were parents of:

1. John Thomas Rice, born 14 July 1835 Hancock County, KY; married Mary Susan Harrison, 10 April 1856 Daviess County, KY; he died 3 September 1913 Hancock County, KY and was buried John T. Rice Cemetery, Hawesville-Pellville Road, Hancock County, KY.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Sunday, 7 September 1913 p1B:

**JOHN T. RICE DIES
AT HAWESVILLE HOME**

Hawesville, Ky., Sept. 6.—John T. Rice, aged seventy-seven, died here yesterday of cancer of the lip. The malady had barely shown itself until a year ago since which time it has eaten his upper lip and face away ravenously. His father and grandfather both died of the same trouble and he at once became discouraged when he began to feel the inroads of the dread disease. He had little confidence in remedies. He was born and reared in this county and has numerous relatives in this and neighboring counties. He married a Miss Emily Harrison of Meade county now dead, but a large family of adult children survive him.

2. Mary Ann Rice, born May 1838 Hancock County, KY; married William Allen Hyde, 16 February 1856 Hancock County, KY; she died May 1903 Lake County, TN.
3. George William Rice, born October 1839 Hancock County, KY; married Mary Margaret Swihart, 1 November 1860 Hancock County, KY; he died 20 February 1913 Daviess County, KY and was buried Yellow Creek Baptist Church, Thruston, Daviess County, KY.

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Thursday, 20 February 1913 p:

DIED OF BURNS

**GEORGE RICE OF YELVINGTON
SURVIVES TWO DAYS**

**After Being Horribly Burned—Was 75
years Old, and in Ill Health
Long While**

Mr. George Rice of Yelvington died this morning at 8 o'clock of burns received Tuesday morning. Mr. Rice had been ill for a long time, and was unable to extinguish the flames when his clothing caught fire. He was found on the bed in his room with the bed on fire as well as the chair by the fire on which he had been sitting.

He was near 75 years old, and was well known and a much respected old man of the Yelvington neighborhood. For several years he had made his home with his daughter, Mrs. Nat Gist, at whose home he died.

The funeral will take place tomorrow at the Baptist church at Thruston, Rev. W. E. Lashbrook of Yelvington having charge of the service. The remains will be interred in the church cemetery.

4. Susan Elizabeth Rice, born c1844 Hancock County, KY; married James W. Wine / Wyne, 2 November 1860 Hancock County, KY; she died 1870-1880.
5. Emily J. Rice, the 1850 census records that she was born in the state of Ohio about 1847; died 1850-1860.
6. James Sylvester Rice, born 12 October 1849 Hancock County, KY; married Martha E. Lynch, 1 December 1870 Hancock County, KY; he died 2 June 1937 Jackson, Jackson County, MI and was buried Woodland Cemetery, Jackson, MI.
7. Caroline M. Rice, born 3 January 1853 Hancock County, KY; married Frederick Kasser, 7 August 1872 Perry County, IN; she died 1880-1881.

Andrew Lewis Rice, son of Jesse Rice, Sr. & Marata, was born 15 March 1820 VA. He is listed in the 1850, 1860, 1870, 1880 & 1900 censuses of Hancock County, KY. He married Mariah Susan Hale, 15 December 1842 Hancock County, KY. Mariah, daughter of William Hale & Catharine Snider, was born 20 November 1822 Breckinridge County, KY; she was a sister of Charity, who married Andrew's brother, Jesse. She died at the age of 46 on 28 February 1869. In 1900 Andrew was living in the home of his daughter, Sudie Jackson. He died on 9 March 1904 Hancock County, and was buried with his wife in the Rice Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.



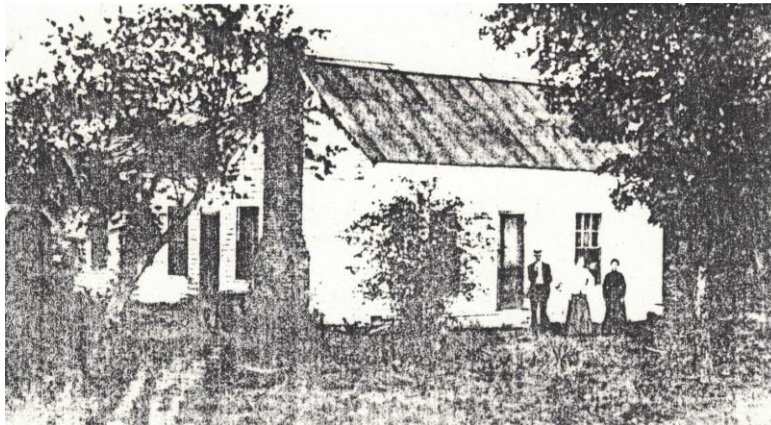
Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Friday, 11 March 1904 p5:

Octogenarian Dead.

Hawesville, Ky., March 11.—Mr. Andrew Rice, aged 84 years, died at his home a few miles south of this city. He was one of the oldest and best known farmers in the county, being a pioneer tobacco raiser of Hancock county.

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, KY, 19 March 1904:

Andrew L. Rice, who died on March 9, 1904, was one of the early settlers of this county. He came here when a young man, together with his five brothers. He was born March 15, 1820, and married Mariah Hale Dec. 15, 1842. He reared a large family of children, all of whom are married and have families. For many years he was sorely afflicted with cancer and suffered a great deal, but he bore his suffering with Christian fortitude. Mr. Rice professed faith in Christ when about sixteen years old and united with the Baptist church, being a member of Blackford church at the time of his death. He was a man of strong convictions, undaunted courage and plain and pointed in his expressions. He knew many people and had many friends. When the death angel came it found him ready and anxiously awaiting for the summons to come up higher



Home of Andrew L. Rice (1820-1904)

On 7 November 1990 I copied the family bible of Andrew L. & Mariah (Hale) Rice. At that time it was in the possession of Merline (White) Dunleavy (1927-2003), of Owensboro, KY. She was the wife, of Clarence Curtis Dunleavy (1925-1995), who was the son of Clarence Minor Dunleavy (1884-1971), grandson of Samantha Jane Rice Dunleavy (1854-1921), and great-grandson of Andrew L. Rice (1820-1904) & Maria Susan Hale. The bible was published by the American Bible Society of New York in 1856. In the bible there was a family record on five pages. I transcribed the record as follows:

A. L. Rice was born March 15th 1820, departed this life March 1904
 Mariah Rice was born November 20th 1822, departed this life February 28th 1869
 being 46 years, 3 months 8 days old, married December 15th 1842
 Charles Franklin Rice was born August 20th 1844
 William Washington Rice was born April 24th 1846
 Isaac Moratty Rice was born July 27th 1848
 Jesse Lewis Rice was born June 17, 1851
 Francis M. Rice was born March 26th 1853
 Samantha Jane Rice was born October 5th 1854
 Joseph Millard Rice was born October 14th 1856
 Henry M. Rice was born October 29th 1858
 Minor E. P. Rice was born June 20th 1861
 Mariah Susan Rice was born February 11th 1863

C. F. Rice died November 14th 1909
 Washington Rice departed this life November 23rd 1894
 Isaac Rice died June 29th 1904
 Frances M. Rice departed this life November 27th 1853
 Samantha Jane Dunleavy died Sept. 14, 1921
 Henry M. Rice departed this life June 24th 1920
 Minor E. P. Rice died July 26, 1946

Loose sheet inserted in bible:

Christopher Columbus Dunleavy was born July 1, 1854,
 married Samantha J. Rice March 21, 1883
 Clarence M. Dunleavy was born January 25th 1884
 Larus M. Dunleavy was born November 26th 1885, died May 11, 1956
 Myrtle A. Dunleavy was born January 7, 1887
 Eulah Dunleavy was born September 10, 1890

Children of Andrew L. Rice & Mariah Susan Hale were:

1. Charles Franklin Rice, born 20 August 1844 Hancock County, KY; married Laura J. Sugg, 4 October 1876 Hancock County, KY. Laura, daughter of Joel Andrew Sugg & Nancy Harrison, was born in November 1858 NC and died 1 August 1950 Portland, Multnomah County, WA. Charles F. Rice died 13 November 1909 Spokane, Spokane County, Washington; he & Laura were buried Greenwood Memorial Terrace, Spokane, WA. They had 6 children – Ola Lillian (1878-1954, married Elbert James Dunphy), Nora S. (1881-1946, single), Everett Andrew (1884-1948, married Frances Wood Maphis), Carrie M. (1887-1968, married Alfred Emil Holt), Beulah Bell (1889-1967, single) & Addie Ella (1892-1981, single).

The Spokesman Review, Spokane, WA, Monday, 15 November 1909, p14:

Dies at St. Luke's.
 Charles Franklin Rice died at Saint Luke's hospital Saturday. He was 64 years old and had been a farmer. He leaves a wife, Mrs. Laura J. Rice; a son, Everett, and five daughters. He lived at 908 Providence avenue. The funeral services will be held this afternoon at 2 o'clock at the chapel of Smith & Co., the Rev. J. W. Kramer officiating. Burial will be at Greenwood.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Friday, 24 December 1909 p6:

Frank Rice, a former citizen of Hancock county, died at Spokane, Wash., on November 13th. He had been in bad health for some time, and died in a hospital. Mr. Rice leaves a wife and several children. The family left Hancock county about twenty years ago, going from here to Missouri, where they resided at Monett until two years ago, when they moved to the state of Washington. Deceased was a son of the late Andy Rice, and he leaves in this county Jesse Rice, who was a brother. He was also a brother of the late Isaac Rice.—Hancock Clarion.

2. William Washington Rice, born 24 April 1846 Hancock County, KY; married Minerva Ann Freels, 13 February 1868 Hancock County, KY; Minerva, daughter of Enoch Freels & Rebecca Moorman, was born 11 September 1843 KY and died 1 March 1932; William W. Rice died 23 Nov 1894; he and Minerva were buried Viola Cemetery, Barry County, MO; Minerva married (Judge) Horace E. Morrow, 24 March 1901 Barry County, MO. William & Minerva were the parents of 4 children – Effie Frances (1870-1936, married U. S. Grant McKee), Ollie B. (1878-1968, married David Martin Mulkey), Homer (1879-1957, single) & Derward Henry (1881-1967, married Della Dane Aleda Schreiner).
3. Isaac Marita / Moratty Rice, born 27 July 1848 Hancock County, KY; married Lucy C. Walker, 1865-1867; Lucy, daughter of John Green Walker & Harriet Ann Pate, was born 9 July 1845 & died 7 February 1867; Isaac M. Rice married Sarah Elizabeth (Bettie) Walker, 20 February 1870 Hancock County, KY; Bettie, daughter of John Green Walker & Harriet Ann Pate, was born 6 March 1854 KY & died 25 August 1903 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY; Isaac M. Rice died 25 June 1904 Hancock County, KY, he & Bettie were buried Hawesville Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. Isaac & Bettie were parents of – Mozella Sophia (1871-1900, married Wheelock Whitehead Lamb), Cordelia (1874-1944, married Winfield Scott Evans) & Arthur Green (1878-1906, single).

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Tuesday, 28 June 1904 p5:

Prominent Hancock Man Dead.
Hawesville, Ky., June 28.—Mr. Isaac Rice, a prominent and highly respected farmer, died here yesterday. Mr. Rice had been ill for some time and his death was not a surprise to his many friends. He leaves a widow, a son and a daughter.

4. Jesse Deward Lewis, born 17 June 1851 Hancock County, KY; married Louise Catherine Emrich, 30 November 1875 Hancock County, KY; Louisa, daughter of Johannes Adam Emrich & Elizabeth Schmidt, was born 20 September 1856 Hancock County, KY & died 16 April 1928 Hancock County, KY; Jesse Rice died 28 March 1923 Hancock County, KY, he & Louisa were buried Blackford Baptist Church, Hancock County, KY. They had 5 children – Hilary Deward (1877-1928, married Rose Nevitt & Mrs. Sarah E. Jones), Oscar Chambers (1879-1952, married Fannie Ida Bruner), Herman John (1882-1973,

married Lelah Belle Hawkins), Larus Henry (1886-1967, married Ruth Rebecca Crosby & Bessie Lee Nugent Arnold) & Freddie (1892-1892).

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Friday, 30 March 1923 p6:

Jesse Rice.
Hawesville, Ky., March 29.—
Jesse Rice, aged 73, died at 7:30 o'clock Wednesday night at his home at Indian Hill. He is survived by his widow and several children. The funeral was held at 2 o'clock this afternoon at Blackford Creek church by Rev. C. M. Corley. Interment was in the church burying ground.

5. Francis M. Rice, born 26 March 1853 Hancock County, KY & died 27 November 1853 Hancock County, KY.
6. Samantha Jane Rice, born 5 October 1854 Hancock County, KY; married Christopher Columbus Dunleavy, 21 March 1883 Hancock County, KY; Christopher Dunleavy, son of Owen Dunleavy & Ann Maher, born 1 July 1854 Cincinnati, Hamilton County, OH & died 17 March 1933 Hancock County, KY; Samantha died 14 September 1921 Hancock County, KY; she & her husband were buried Mt. Eden Baptist Church, Hancock County, KY. They had 4 children – Clarence Minor (1884-1971, married Clara Mae Gabbert), Laries M. (1885-1956, married Sarah Katherine Curry), Myrtle Ann (1889-1976, married Robert T. Powers) & Eulah Samantha (1891-1975, married Walter Raleigh Powers).

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Sunday, 18 September 1921 p4, Hawesville column:

The funeral of Mrs. Dunlery, wife of C. C. Dunlery, was held at Mount Eden church Friday afternoon. Mrs. Dunlery was 66 years of age and died Thursday night from an illness of over three years of a complication of diseases. She resided a short distance from here and was well known. She is survived by her husband, two daughters, and two sons.



Back row left to right – Clarence Minor Dunleavy (1884-1971), not identified, Minor E. P. Rice (1861-1946), Eulah Dunleavy Powers (1891-1975), Walter Raleigh Powers (1876-1930), Sarah K. Curry Dunleavy (1892-1980), Laries M. Dunleavy (1885-1956). Front row left to right – Robert T. Powers (1878-1926), Robert is holding sons, Floran Stanley Powers (1910-1992) & Melvin W. Powers (1912-1996), Myrtle Ann Dunleavy Powers (1889-1976), Christopher Columbus Dunleavy (1854-1933), Vivian Allen Powers Rice (1909-1997) and Samantha Jane Rice Dunleavy (1854-1921). Picture was made between 1914-1919.

7. Joseph Millard Rice, born 14 October 1856 Hancock County, KY; married Mary Allie Strange, 5 October 1887 Texarkana, Miller County, AR; Allie, daughter of John W. Strange & Mary Darby, was born 1 March 1869 Texarkana, Miller County, AR & died 14 January 1942 Great Falls, Cascade County, MT. Joseph M. Rice died 13 August 1942 Great Falls, Cascade County, MT; he & Allie were buried Highland Cemetery, Great Falls, MT. They were parents of 3 children – Clara Lillian (1889-1966, married Everett Mallon & William A. Gomer), Lena Mae (1893-1984, married Henry Orbin Esterbrook) & Walter (1896-between 1920 & 1942).

Great Falls Tribune, Great Falls, MT, Friday, 14 August 1942 p9:

**Long Illness Is Fatal
To Aged Falls Resident**

Joseph M. Rice, 85, of 10 Sixth street northwest, died Thursday night at a local hospital following an extended illness. The body is at Croxford's mortuary and funeral arrangements will be announced later.

Rice was born at Hawesville, Ky., and came to Great Falls 21 years ago to make his home with his daughter, Mrs. William Gomer. His wife, Allie Rice, died here Jan. 14 of this year. Survivors are Mrs. Gomer and Mrs. Mae Esterbrook of Louisiana, Mo.

8. Henry M. Rice, born 29 October 1858 Hancock County, KY; married Gelania Ray, 26 December 1886 Hancock County, KY; Gelania, daughter of Thomas L. Ray & Melissa Bailey, was born 28 February 1869 KY & died 30 June 1927 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY; Henry M. Rice died 24 June 1920 Hancock County, KY, he & Gelania were buried Hawesville Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. They had 2 children – Hubert (1887-1950, married Isola Freeman) & Helen (1893-1942, married Harvey Logan McDaniel).

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Sunday, 27 June 1920 p2:

Funeral of Henry Rice

The funeral of Mr. Henry Rice, 61 years of age, who died at his home between Hawesville and Lewisport was conducted at the cemetery in Hawesville Friday afternoon by the Rev. Gammon. Mr. Rice died Thursday night. His death was due to a complication of diseases. He was one of the Hancock county foremost farmers, a highly respected and beloved man. He leaves a wife, one daughter and one son, three brothers and two sisters.

9. Minor E. P. Rice, born 20 June 1861 Hancock County, KY; named for Minor Earl Pate (1808-1875), a prominent resident of Patesville in Hancock County; Minor Rice married Liona B. Hinton, 17 January 1888 Daviess County, KY; Liona, daughter of John Crittenden Hinton & Nancy Ellen Evans, was born 30 May 1868 Daviess County, KY & died 17 April 1925 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY; Minor died 25 July 1946 Daviess County, KY, he & Liona were buried Karn's Grove Baptist Church, Daviess County, KY. They were parents of 6 children – infant son (1888-1888), Alexander Minor (1891-1977, married Marguerite Lorena Blue), Ozro Ellen (son, 1893-1915, married Myrtle Margery Ijames), Hinton Napoleon (1899-1935, single), infant daughter (1905-1905) & Arvo R. (1907-1984, married Lillian May Perry & Lucy Beatrice Thomson).

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Friday, 26 July 1946 p7:

Minor E. Rice
 Minor E. Rice, 85, died at the home of his son, A. R. Rice, at Masonville, at 11:05 p.m. Thursday, following a lingering illness.
 Mr. Rice is survived by another son, A. M. Rice, Louisville, six grandchildren, one great-grandchild, and several nieces and nephews.
 The body will remain at his late residence at Masonville until Saturday morning when it will be removed to the James H. Davis Funeral home where services will be conducted at 2 p. m. Saturday, the Rev. Wendell H. Rone, former pastor of Seven Hills Baptist church, officiating. Burial will be in the Karn's Grove cemetery.

10. Mariah Susan Rice, 'Sudie', born 11 February 1863 Hancock County, KY; married Joseph Allen Jackson, 23 December 1883 Hancock County, KY; Joe Jackson, son of Joseph Allen Jackson & Manerva Jones, was born 24 July 1858 Daviess County, KY & died 15 September 1924 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY; Sudie died 17 July 1941 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY, she & her husband were buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, KY. They were parents of 7 children – Carlton (1887-1974, married Hattie Crabtree), Homer J. (1890-1932, married Rosa Edwards), Georgia Mae (1892-1991, married Rudolph Geisling, John A. Mahle & James Gilbert Bell), Roy (1895-1959, married Daisy Dean Guffy Haycraft), Nora Lee (1899-1980, married Herman E. Powers & Fred Guy Hall), Samuel Justus (1906-1968, married Margaret Ann Church) & another child born & died infancy between 1900-1910.

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Friday, 18 July 1941 p9:

Mrs. J. A. Jackson
 Mrs. Sudie M. Jackson, 78, widow of the late J. A. Jackson died at the home of her daughter, Mrs. Georgia Mahl, 716 Triplett street at 9:15 p. m., Thursday. She was born in Hancock county, Ky., but lived the latter part of her life in Daviess county. She was a life long member of the Baptist church. Surviving are three sonsn, Carl, Ray and Sam Jackson all of Owensboro.

Two daughters, Mrs. Georgie Mahl and Mrs. Nora Powers of Owensboro. A brother, M. E. Rice also of Owensboro. Sis grand children survive.

Funeral services will be conducted at the residence at 2:30 p. m., Saturday by the Rev. B. F. Waite pastor of Hall street Baptist church. Burial will be in Elmwood cemetery. Pallbearers will be Dean Chapman, E. A. White, M. J. Mayfield, Vertna Bennett, A. R. Renfrow and Decker Turner.

Sylvester M. Rice, son of Jesse Rice, Sr. & Marata, born 12 Jun 1822 Ohio. He is listed in the 1850, 1860 & 1870 censuses of Hancock County, KY. He married Susan Lyons, 2 December 1841 Breckinridge County, KY. Susan, daughter of Paul Lyons & Sarah Newton, was born 25 August 1825 KY and died 6 January 1884. Sylvester died 6 June 1876. He and Susan were buried Rice Cemetery, Hancock County, KY. They were the parents of:

1. Mary Ann Rice, born 21 February 1843 KY; married Robert Milton Trumbo; she died 25 February 1905 Tell City, Perry County, IN and was buried Greenwood Cemetery, Tell City, IN.
2. Sarah J. Rice, born c1846 KY; died after 1900; she reported to be single in the 1880 & 1900 censuses. In 1900 she was living with her sister, Anna Ray, in Perry County, IN.
3. John Taylor Rice, born 21 November 1847 and died 19 March 1864; buried Rice Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.
4. James Biggard Maitland Rice, born 16 January 1850 Hancock County, KY; he was named for James B. Maitland, a teacher and Methodist minister, who is listed in the 1850 Hancock County, KY census; James B. M. Rice married Mary Elizabeth Densford, 7 March 1871 Hancock County, KY; he died 27 December 1915 Daviess County, KY and was buried Karn's Grove Cemetery, Daviess County, KY.

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Friday, 31 December 1915 p5:

**PHILPOT FARMER
COMMITS SUICIDE**

**JAMES RICE TAKES PARIS GREEN
WHILE SUFFERING FROM
ILL HEALTH**

James Rice, a farmer of the Philpot neighborhood committed suicide Monday morning by taking paris green. Mr. Rice was 55 years old and had been living on the Henry G. Bailey farm for several months. For several months he has been suffering from a growth on his side and has been taking treatment without being relieved. It is thought that by constantly brooding over his infirmity his mind became unbalanced and that he took his life while temporarily insane.

When he was called to breakfast Monday morning he was seemingly in his usual spirits but stated that he did not want any thing to eat, after persuasion by members of the family

he consented to drink a cup of coffee. Immediately after drinking this he became very ill, and Dr. J. A. Kirk of Habit was called in. Upon his arrival he found the man pulseless and realizing the gravity of the case called in Dr. I. J. Hoover of Owensboro. When Dr. Hoover arrived Rice was near death and died shortly before noon.

The deceased is survived by a widow and nine children: Hillary, who lives at Hunter, Ark; Alva, Emory, William, Eugene, Claude, Oliver, Otto, and Amy, an unmarried daughter. All the children with the exception of Hillary live at home with their parents. The funeral will take place Wednesday morning at 11 o'clock from Karn's Grove Baptist church.

5. Isaac Leland Rice, born 15 March 1852 Hancock County, KY; married Emaline W. Rice, 27 April 1873 Hancock County, KY; he died 8 June 1920 Daviess County, KY and was buried Elmwood Cemetery, Owensboro, Daviess County, KY.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Wednesday, 9 June 1920 p6:

Isaac L. Rice

Isaac L. Rice died at his home, 815 Hathaway street Tuesday afternoon at 3:30 o'clock, of a complication of diseases. He is survived by his widow, Emma Rice, and several sons. The funeral will be held this afternoon at 3 o'clock from the residence, Rev. S. P. Martin, pastor of the Third Baptist church, having charge of the services. Interment will be in Elmwood cemetery.

6. William Riley Rice, born 24 September 1854 Hancock County, KY; married Sarah Jane Swihart, 7 March 1889 Hancock County, KY; he died 20 September 1901 Hancock County, KY and was buried Mt. Eden Baptist Church, Hancock County, KY.

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Friday, 27 September 1901 p3, Scythia column:

...Ike Rice attended his brother's funeral at Mt. Eden Sunday...Sam

7. Manerva Frances Rice, born 24 September 1854 Hancock County, KY; married Charles Thomas Densford, 3 October 1878 Hancock County, KY; she died 23 August 1920 Owensboro, Daviess County, KY and was buried Karn's Grove Cemetery, Daviess County, KY.

Owensboro Inquirer, Owensboro, KY, Monday, 23 August 1920 p3:

MRS. M. F. DENSFORD IS DEAD
Mrs. M. F. Densford, 805 Oglesby street, died this morning. She will be buried tomorrow morning at Karns Grove.

8. Eliza Susan Rice, born 29 October 1856 Hancock County, KY; married Doctor Thomas Nichols, 3 October 1878 Hancock County, KY; she died 31 March 1927 Hancock County, KY and was buried Mt. Eden Baptist Church, Hancock County, KY.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Friday, 1 April 1927 p7:

MRS. ELIZA NICHOLS
 Hawesville, Ky., March 31—Mrs. Eliza Nichols, aged 70, died at her home at 10 o'clock this morning in the Mt. Eden community. Death was due to a paralytic stroke. She is survived by her husband, D. T. Nichols, two daughters, Mrs. Calvin Young and Mrs. Hardin Jones; three sons, Clarence Nichols and Coy Nichols, all of Hawesville and Ivory Nichols, of Tell City.
 The funeral will be held at 11 o'clock Saturday morning from Mt. Eden church, Rev. C. M. Corley conducting the services. Interment will be in the church cemetery.

9. Sylvester M. Rice, born 3 June 1860 Hancock County, KY; he died 26 December 1896 and was buried Rice Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.
10. Martha Ellen Rice, born 13 October 1862 Hancock County, KY; married George William Condor, 15 January 1885 Hancock County, KY and Jarrett R. Jarboe, 28 September 1892 Hancock County, KY; she died 20 March 1938 Hancock County, KY and was buried Mt. Eden Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.

Hancock Clarion, Hawesville, KY, 25 March 1938:

MRS. MARTHA JARBOE

Mrs. Martha Jarboe, 75, died at her home in Patesville Sunday, March 20, after a year's illness.

Surviving are two sons, Arnold Jarboe, Patesville, and Geo. Jarboe, Fordsville, and one daughter, Mrs. Nelli Nugent of Cannelton, Ind. The funeral was conducted from the Patesville Baptist church at 2 p.m. Monday, with Revs. William Varble and G. C. Whiteley in charge. Interment was in the Mt. Eden cemetery.

11. Anna B. Rice, born 10 February 1866 Hancock County, KY; married William G. Ray, 10 November 1886 Hancock County, KY; she died 12 November 1912 Vanderburgh County, IN and was buried Greenwood Cemetery, Tell City, Perry County, IN.
12. Charles Franklin Rice, born 19 October 1867 Hancock County, KY; married Sarah Amelia Nugent, 14 January 1894 Hancock County, KY; he died 2 December 1939 Hancock County, KY and was buried Mt. Eden Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.
13. Edmonia Rice, born 19 June 1870 Hancock County, KY; married William H. Rice, 30 January 1890 Hancock County, KY; she died 22 April 1900 Hancock County, KY and was buried Rice Cemetery, Hancock County, KY.

A daughter of Jesse Rice, Sr. & Marata, married a Smith and died in Gallia County, Ohio in 1832. She had a son, Francis Marion Smith, who was born 14 February 1832 Gallia County, OH, who was one month old when his mother died and his father died in 1879. Francis M. Smith died 3 May 1901 Jackson County, Kansas and was buried in the Holton Cemetery, Holton, Jackson County, KS. His death was noted in the newspapers of Hawesville, KY and Holton, KS.



The Holton Weekly Signal, Holton, KS, 8 May 1901:

.... When one month old his mother died, and he was placed with an aunt, with whom he lived until fifteen years of age. When he was about 8 years old his father moved to Chicago, where he lived until his death in 1879. The father and son only met once afterward, many years ago, before the latter came to Kansas. The former became possessed of an immense fortune, which on his death he willed to charitable institutions, probably not knowing that his son was still alive. At the age of fifteen Mr. Smith went to work on a steamboat on the Ohio river. From the place of a deck hand he worked his way up until he became the first mate of a vessel. During the war of the rebellion he was in the marine service on a gun boat in the Ohio and Mississippi rivers. On December 8, 1852, he was married at Pittsburg, Pa., to Miss Eliza Hill, of Westmoreland county, Pa. In 1864 he came to Kansas and invested his savings in land, purchasing a tract in Liberty township, near where the Netawaka road crosses Straight Creek. This he improved and resided upon until 1881, when he sold it to A. D. Walker. For nearly one year he lived in Holton, about two years in Netawaka, and then purchased land in the immediate vicinity of his old home place, on which he has since resided.... Francis M. Smith Jr., resides at home Mrs. Reuben Wolfley, of Wetmore, sister of Mrs. F. M. Smith, attended the funeral of the latter's husband on last Sunday. Mrs. Smith's other sister, Mrs. Isaiah Travis, who fortinarily lived in this county, was unable to be present on account of the health of Mr. Travis. They now reside in Louisville, Pottawatomie county.

Francis Marion Smith.

The following extract taken from a Holton, Kansas, paper has to do with a man largely connected in Hancock county and who formerly lived here. He was a resident of Caney Creek until about twenty five years ago, when he moved to Kansas. He was a nephew of uncle Andy Rice, at present an honored citizen of Hancock county, and was a cousin of Ben M. Rice's, as well as all of the numerous Rice family living here.

"The death of Francis Marion Smith at his home, five miles north of Holton, Friday morning, May 3rd, 1901, removes from the community a kind husband, an indulgent father and a generous friend. His death from apoplexy was almost instantaneous. He was born in Gallio county, Ohio, Feb. 14, 1832, being at the time of his death 69 years, 2 months and 19 days old.

His early life was largely spent on the river navigation of the middle west. In this line he attained the position of first mate. In 1864 he came to Jackson county, Kansas, locating on section 10 of Liberty township where he made his home till his death, with the exception of a year in Holton and two years in Netawaka.

During the civil war he was in the marine service of the U. S. Dec. 8, 1852 he was married to Miss Eliza Hill of Westmoreland county, Pa. Three children, Mrs. Lenora Hatch, Mrs. Charity Trundel and F. M. Smith Jr. came to bless their union all of whom survive him.

The funeral service was held at the house Sunday afternoon May 5th conducted by Chaplain Schleman of the Baptist church, Mr. Smith had been a member of this church in early life. Very appropriate music was furnished by the Holton male quartette. The sympathy of friends and neighbors goes out to the bereaved."

The last four paragraphs in the preceding article were published in The Tribune, Holton, KS, 10 May 1901 page 1.

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The name of the first wife Jesse Rice, Sr. (c1775-c1846) is spelled numerous ways by researchers – Marata, Maratta, Marita, Maritta, Merietta, Maritti, Moratty, Marotta, Marota, and others. The majority have interpreted this to be her first name, however, it is more likely that it was her surname (last name). In family bibles of their parents the names of two of Jesse Rice, Sr.'s grandsons were spelled as Benjamin Maratta Rice (1848-1906, son of Jesse, Jr.) and Isaac Moratty Rice (1848-1904, son of Andrew). At the time it was a common practice to use a mother or grandmother's surname as a middle name in naming children. Also when Jesse Rice, Sr. was a resident of Pennsylvania there were families named Maratta or Marata living there.