

Whitfield Memorial Pensacola

Bro. J. W. Senterfit who succeeded Rev. E. A. Cottrell, rendered valuable service to the young church during the two years he was with us.

In 1908, Dr. W. W. Whitfield, who was a retired minister and an invalid, was called to be the under-shepherd of the church. After having served for a short time, he was called to his reward in Heaven, October 8, 1909. Mrs. Whitfield held her membership in the church until her death February 10, 1925. Before her death, she deeded her home on Gonzalez Street to the West Hill Church.

The home was sold and the proceeds were used in the building of a parsonage at 1703 West Jackson Street which is now the home of our Minister of Music and Education.

To show in part the appreciation of the church for the gift of Mrs. Whitfield the church memorialized Dr. Whitfield and his faithful wife by changing the name from West Hill Baptist Church to Whitfield Memorial Baptist Church in 1924.



J. W. SENTERFIT



E. E. RICE

Rev. E. E. Rice, after serving two years, was given a leave of absence to go to Illinois on a mission tour. He was born in Medora, Ill. He was educated in the schools of Illinois and Ellingham College. He came to Pensacola in 1906 and was ordained to the gospel ministry by The East Hill Baptist Church, February 20, 1907. Following this he served country churches until he was called to full time service in West Hill Church. He had previously served our church for half time since he first came to us in 1910.

During his absence from October 1911 to October 1912, Richard R. Heal, who was a licentiate, was called on to supply until Bro. Rice returned. Subsequently, the church ordered the ordination of Bro. Beal, March 31, 1912. Bro. Rice served as our pastor longer than any other up to this time, a total of eight years.

Being a young church and much in need of the "Teaching them to observe all things whatsoever I have commanded you," his ministry was most helpful. He specialized in doctrine and stewardship. We did not quite double in membership, 136 in 1910 to 217 in 1919. But we more than doubled in finances by \$580.35 as to \$1,323.31. He died May 5, 1944.

On March 21, 1948 Whitfield Church gathered together for ground breaking for our new auditorium. Approximately one year after ground breaking day the basement was completed and was used for services until October 7, 1951, when we moved upstairs for services in the completed auditorium. June 20, 1954 Whitfield held its debt free dedication service under the leadership of the Pastor, W. A. Luckie, during whose term of service, seven years, the membership increased from 842 in 1947 to 1395 in 1954. The finances increased from \$10,008.00 in 1947 to \$38,695.00 in 1954.



REV. W. A. LUCKIE

*Not Southern Baptist
@ end of his ministry*



E. E. Rice was born in the year 1878 at Medora, Illinois. He was one of two sons of James W. and Nancy Conrod Rice. He grew up learning and living as an average boy did during the late 1890's. When he was about twenty-three years old, we began to see the guiding hand of God gently directing the pattern of his life. At this time he chose as his wife, companion and helper, Matilda Gruner. Time has shown that his choice had the approval of the Lord as witnessed by the fruits of their companionship.

Brother Rice came to Florida for the first time in 1904. In April, 1906, and while a member of the First Baptist Church of Milton, Bro. J. A. Abbott, pastor, he was licensed to preach. The fol-

ELDER E. E. RICE

lowing February, 1907, he was ordained into the ministry at the East Hill Baptist Church.

In the periods of his early ministry he was pastor of the First Baptist Church, Nashville, Ill.; East Hill Baptist Church, Pensacola, and the West Hill Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla.

In 1920 he did missionary work in California and Arizona, leaving evidence of his faith and doctrine. About two years later he helped to organize the Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla. Shortly after, he went to Denver, Colo., and there helped to organize the Mountain View Baptist Church. He remained as pastor for about eleven years.

He was led to return to Pensacola and was our missionary for two years before being called as pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church, Pensacola. While pastor at Emmanuel, a new church was built at W and Gadsden street. He was pastor at Emmanuel at the time of his death, May 5, 1944.

Brother Rice was a scholar and evangelist, a true defender of the faith with deep and abiding convictions and spoke his sentiments without fear or favor. Many young preachers and lay

*Scraphooks Mrs Della Barlow
East Bay Missionary Baptist Church*

men, as well, remember his staunchness and his willingness to help all who asked.

He was also a good husband and father helping to rear three children in the way he believed best.

This is small tribute from man to a great and humble servant of our Lord and he leaves us many happy memories and monuments of his faith.



E. E. RICE

Pastor and Evangelist continuously for thirty years, is well known by many in many states of the Union; yet a stranger to many. Therefore this introduction:

AS AN EVANGELIST—

Dr. Ben M. Bogard, Editor of The Baptist and Commoner (of Little Rock, Ark.) for whom he held two revival meetings, says:

"I regard Elder E. E. Rice as a great preacher, sound in the faith and a strong evangelist. He will help any community where he may go, and not leave something to fix up after he is gone. His work is of the permanent sort; substantial, sound. I can heartily recommend him to any pastor or church where real preaching is needed."

**AS TO ABILITY OF SPIRIT,
TO SPEAK THE TRUTH
IN LOVE—**

With reference to a four days' debate held in Denver, Colo., with Dr. Edward O. Sharp, graduate of Drake University, Des Moines, and the University of Chicago; Dr. A. H. C. Morse, pastor of the First Baptist Church of Denver, who was Brother Rice's moderator, says:

"My Dear Brother: Permit me to send this line of expressing my great pleasure in listening to the debate in which you engaged with the Rev. E. O. Sharp of the Body of the Disciples."

"I greatly admire the spirit of both debaters. I think your subjects were well stated and handled with much skill on both sides. Naturally, I feel that you had great advantage, both in gifts and in your mastery of the subject."

"I was much impressed with your very large acquaintance, not only with the history and doctrines of our own denomination, but with those also of Disciples, and I am sure that you made your case in EVERY instance."

I may say, however, that when you encountered Mr. Sharp you encountered a man with no mean gifts, and he defended his position with as much skill as possible; but your subjects were so stated that his positions were impossible—notwithstanding all his efforts.

"I am glad to express my pleasure in the evenings which I spent with you."

"With very warm personal regards and good wishes for your growing church—"

AS PASTOR and BUILDER—

A number of church buildings have been erected under his leadership; mainly in Pensacola, Florida, and Denver, Colorado.

"He has done a good work everywhere he has gone."—Baptist and Commoner.

**AS ONE WITH WIDE UNDER-
STANDING OF PRESENT-DAY
PROBLEMS—**

For a period of twenty years he has written weekly contributions to the papers in the cities where he has preached, and to religious publications, besides many tracts and pamphlets.

**AS TO DOCTRINES
BELIEVED—**

He holds to the spiritual realities taught in the Scriptures and the doctrines held in general by the people called Baptists.

**IN THE PAST TWENTY
YEARS—**

He has been pastor of churches as follows: The First Baptist Church, Nashville, Ill.; The East Hill Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla.; The West Hill Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla.; The Emanuel Baptist Church, Pensacola, Fla. and The Mountain View Baptist Church, Denver, Colo., and has assisted in meetings in many states.

**AS TO METHODS OF CHURCH
COOPERATION—**

As a rule discussions pertaining to conventions, associations, unions and various methods of missionary activity does not enter into his preaching, unless by special occasion or request.

Hear Him at

*Scrapbook of Mrs Della Bartow
East Bay Missionary Baptist Church*

REV. E. E. RICE
LICENSE TO PREACH
and
CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION
(copy)

LICENSE

This certifies that Brother E. E. Rice, is a member of the First Baptist Church of Milton, Fla. in good standing, and held by us in high esteem; and, after having opportunity for judging, we believe him to have been called of God, to the work of the gospel ministry, and hereby give him our entire consent and cordial approval in the improvement of his gifts in preaching the Gospel, as providence may afford him an opportunity. And we pray the great head of the Church to endow him with all needful grace, and crown his labors with abundant success.

Done by order of the Church, this day, April 22, 1906

J. A. Abbott--Pastor

CERTIFICATE OF ORDINATION

This certifies that our Brother E. E. Rice, was publicly ordained and set apart to the work of the Gospel ministry with appropriate religious services, prayer, and the laying on of hands, according to the usages of baptist churches, at Pensacola, Fla. February 20th. 1907.

That he was called to ordination by the First Baptist Church of Milton, Fla. of which he was a member, and which, after full and sufficient opportunity for judging of his gifts, were agreed in the opinion that he was divinely called to the work of the ministry.

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Three churches were represented in the Council by three ministers, and three laymen, and that, after a full, fair and deliberate examination, being satisfied on all points, the Council did unanimously recommend his ordination.

That our Brother E. E. Rice, did accordingly receive the full, entire and hearty approval of the Council in his official entrance upon the work of the ministry, administering the ordinances, and otherwise assuming all the functions of a Christian minister. And may the blessing of the great Head of the Church attend him, crown his labors with abundant success, and make him an honored instrument of good to Zion and the world.

Thos. M. Callaway—Moderator
J. W. Senterfitt—Clerk

Pensacola, Fla.
February 20th. 1907

...because of the state of his health.

The secretary of the India League, V. K. Krishnamenon, said however that he hoped Gandhi would have full freedom to consult his colleagues, because without such facilities release from prison cannot be a reality.

"It is essential," Krishnamenon said, "that he should be in no way restricted with regard to making efforts to bring about a new situation in India."

Powerful in India

No mogul or emperor ever had more power in India than Gandhi, who without rank or post played on the heartstrings of a people accustomed to cherish preachers. His release probably will not stir up India's simmering political cauldron as his death in confinement would have.

In the events leading up to his imprisonment, Gandhi in July of 1942 demanded that Britain hand over the government of India entirely to the Indians, and then withdraw. The British then at war with Japan, refused, and Gandhi was jailed along with other leaders of the Indian congress, which had endorsed Gandhi's demand.

The government told the house of commons at the time that the move was taken to prevent the congress from carrying out a civil disobedience campaign proposed by Gandhi.

Obituary

MRS. A. P. TROTTER

Word has been received here of the death of Mrs. A. P. Trotter in Langdale, Miss., April 28. She died suddenly and was buried Sunday, April 30, in Langdale.

Surviving are her two daughters Mrs. Lillian Gambrell of this city and Mrs. Gordon Horsburgh, of Kenoska, Wis.

MRS. NANCY McGRAW

Funeral services will be conducted at Lloyd-Fauria parlors Sunday at 3 p.m. for Mrs. Nancy Jane McGraw, who died Thursday night at the home of her daughter, Mrs. L. H. Fletcher, 1305 North 19th avenue. The Rev. John D. Thomas will officiate and burial will follow in St. John's cemetery.

Active pallbearers will be A. A. Licorenko, Dr. W. H. Coker, R. L. Kendricks, V. J. Kennedy, W. E. Dunning and J. B. Kennedy.

Honorary pallbearers will be R. C. Keith, A. G. McNeill, George P. Smith, G. W. Moody, George E. Marchetti, J. J. Godwin, W. E. Giles, D. J. Bates, Lt. H. J. Goss, H. G. Green, C. M. Paulk, W. H. Wells, W. A. Marques and F. M. Scarritt.

Surviving are two sons, J. F. McGraw of Washington, D. C., and R. S. McGraw of Pensacola; two daughters, Mrs. James S. Stewart of Washington and Mrs. Fletcher; one brother, J. G. Smith of Birmingham; a granddaughter, Nancy Jane McGraw, and two grandsons, Malcolm E. McGraw and Joseph F. McGraw, Jr.

W. T. CLARK

William T. Clark, 62, died at the Exchange hotel in Milton of which he was operator Friday night.

sition, final action on the report postponed until Monday when Senator Ellender (D-La.) and several others asked more time for study.

Meanwhile, Senator Butler (R-Neb) who several months ago estimated that the United States had made over \$6,000,000,000 of direct expenditures, loans and commitments over a three-year period in Latin America, said he was "standing on my estimate" despite an appropriations committee report listing all forms of Latin American aid at \$2,327,375,759.

Elder E. E. Rice Claimed by Death Pastor of Emmanuel Baptist Church

Elder Edward Eugene Rice, 65 died at his home in East Pensacola Heights yesterday afternoon after a short illness.

He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Motilda Rice; two daughters, Mrs. C. Durand and Mrs. B. C. Pfeiffer of this city; one son, O. C. Rice; two grandchildren, also of this city, and one brother, C. T. Rice of Vassala, Calif.

He has been the pastor of the Emmanuel Baptist church for the past 10 years. Has been pastor and evangelist continuously for thirty years. In the past 20 years he has been pastor of churches as follows: First Baptist church, Nashville, Tenn., East Hill Baptist church, Pensacola, West Hill Baptist church, Pensacola, the Emmanuel Baptist church, Pensacola, and the Mountain View Baptist church, Denver, Colo., and has assisted in meetings in many states.

For a period of 20 years he has written weekly contributions to the papers in the cities where he has preached, and to religious publications, besides many tracts and pamphlets.

His body will be at the chapel of Waters and Hibbert until a few hours before the services and will lie in state in the Emmanuel Baptist church. The time of the funeral will be announced later.

Clark; three daughters, Mrs. Ruben Nelson of Milton, Mrs. C. A. Dobbé of Miami and Miss Louise Clark of Milton; two granddaughters, Miss Millie Joe Cox and Miss Patricia Ann Nelson of Milton; five brothers, P. D. Clark of Charlotte, N. C., J. J. R. B. and T. L. Clark of Dozier, Ala., and B. Clark of Auburn, Ga., and three sisters, Mrs. Eves Turner and Mrs. W. O. Bozman, both of Andalusia, Ala., and Mrs. W. W. Fall of Tampa.



listed for the day. The cause is unknown.

County canvassing board today began checking the returns of Tuesday's primary. Results will be announced Saturday.

The steamer Jean Ribault, 1144 tons, to be built at Walden yard, was launched today, with Miss Billie Jean Riley, May high school senior, as sponsor.

German Prisoner Reported at Large

The FBI reported Friday night that a German prisoner of war had escaped from Camp Gordon, Augusta, Ga., at midnight Thursday, and cautioned the public to be on the lookout.

The prisoner's name is Herbert Heer, and he speaks German only. He is 33 years old, and is described as five feet, 11 and one-half inches tall, has blue eyes, blond hair and fair complexion. He was wearing a German uniform stamped with the initials P. S., and the serial number 4 WG-23534.

Wrestler Has Good Record

Newcomer Will Be On Program Monday

George Bruckman of Washington will be making his initial appearance in Pensacola when he meets George Bennett of Long Beach, Calif. in the semifinal event of Monday night's wrestling card at Legion arena.

Promoter Vic Kalfus said yesterday that Bruckman is reputed to be one of the best light-heavyweights in the business. Bennett will be the underdog in the match.

Sailor Parker and Dan Serio of New York will tangle in the main event. Both are well known to Pensacola fans. Parker, the former Spider, is a rough grappler, while Serio is popular with the fans because of his clean style.

The arena doors will open to the public at 7:30 p.m. and the first bout gets under way at 8:30 p.m. Each bout will be for two out of three falls with the semifinal having a one hour time limit and the final bout an hour and a half limit.

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Survivors include three daughters, Mrs. Emily McGinnis and Mrs. Sarah Tullis, both of Columbus, Miss., and Mrs. Bobboe Bass of Pensacola; five sons, Robert Bass of Slidell, La., Mack Bass of Columbia, Miss., Shelby Bass of San Bernardino, Calif., Paul Bass of Wise, Va., and Joe Bass of Houston, Tex.
 Funeral services will be at 2 p.m. Wednesday in the Colonial Funeral Home in Columbus, Miss.

MCLAUGHLIN MORTUARY
 Fort Walton Beach
 Mrs. Sallie L. Metcalf

NICEVILLE — Mrs. Sallie L. Metcalf, 51 of 1124 Fink Rd., Niceville, died Sunday night in a Fort Walton Beach hospital.

She was a member of Euchee Valley Presbyterian Church in Euchee Valley.
 Funeral services will be at 11 a.m. Wednesday in Euchee Valley Presbyterian Church with the Rev. John Ash officiating.

Burial will be in Euchee Valley Cemetery with McLaughlin Mortuary of Fort Walton Beach directing.

Survivors include her widower, R. T. Metcalf of Niceville; four daughters, Mrs. Jerry Boswell of Valparaiso, Mrs. Sarah Rice of Valparaiso, Mrs. Faye Howell of Niceville and Mrs. Corine Gifford of Shalimar; two sons, Aubrey Metcalf of Fort Walton Beach and James W. Metcalf of Niceville; a sister, Mrs. Mary C. Ray of Ponce de Leon; three brothers, Johnnie Ray of DeFuniak Springs, Dan Ray of DeFuniak Springs and Jim Ray of Ponce de Leon; 17 grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

The body will be placed in Euchee Valley Presbyterian Church one hour before services.

Active pallbearers will be Bob Wilkeron, Harley Busbee, Roger Wright, Larry Tucker, Leon Phillips and Joe Sadler.

Honorary pallbearers will be Dr. H. A. Parker, Joseph Anderson, Bill Powell, Joe McPherson, Jack Porter, Dan Green and Frank Ritterour.

WOLFE-LEWIS FUNERAL HOME
 Milton

MRS. BESSIE CLEMENTINE PHILLIPS
MILTON — Mrs. Bessie Clementine Phillips, 68, of Rt. 5, Milton, died Tuesday morning in a local hospital after a short illness.

She was a native of Alabama, but had resided in Santa Rosa County the past 36 years.

She is survived by her widower, Henry Phillips of Milton.

The body will remain in Wolfe-Lewis Funeral Home Chapel until time of services which will be at 1:30 p.m. Thursday in the Chapel with the Rev. Glynn Lowery officiating.

Burial will be in Hickory Hammock Cemetery with Wolfe-Lewis Funeral Home directing.

She was a native of Indiana, but had resided in Pensacola the past year and was a student at Pensacola Junior College.

Survivors include her widower, David S. Sapp of Pensacola; her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John B. Collins of Plymouth, Ind.; and two sisters, Miss Mary Collins and Mrs. Kathleen Sapp of Plymouth, Ind.
 Funeral arrangements will be announced by Faith Chapel Funeral Home.

HELMS FUNERAL HOME
 Milton

MRS. LIZZIE MARCELLA HANSHAW
MILTON — Mrs. Lizzie Marcella Hanshaw, 81, of Hudson Lane, Milton, died Monday night after a long illness.

She was a native of Santa Rosa County and a retired school teacher.

Survivors include two sons, Horace Hanshaw of New Orleans, La., and John Hanshaw Jr. of Bremerton, Wash.; and three daughters, Mrs. W. W. Lane of Pensacola, Mrs. P. A. Henrickson of Pensacola and Mrs. Tildon Chavers Sr. of Milton.

The body will be placed in Helms Funeral Home Chapel until 1 p.m. Wednesday.

Funeral services will be at 3 p.m. Wednesday in the First Methodist Church of Milton with the Revs. Joe Hastings and A. H. Vanlandingham officiating.

Burial will be in Bagdad Cemetery with Helms Funeral Home of Milton directing.

Active pallbearers will be Gerald Barnes, Tommy Garrett, George Jordan, Horace Hanshaw, John Hanshaw Jr., Tildon Chavers Sr., Peter Henrickson and Ray Lane.

Honorary pallbearers will be Kirby Smith, Rube Smith, Marlin Hudson, Doyle Hudson, Dr. Rufus Thames, Dr. J. C. Holley Jr., C. F. Johnson and C. F. Smith.

FAITH CHAPEL FUNERAL HOME
 Matilda Elizabeth Rice

MRS. MATILDA ELIZABETH RICE, 90, died Tuesday afternoon at the home of her daughter, Mrs. E. W. Statom of 1000 Chipley Ave.

She was the widow of the late Rev. E. E. Rice, a well known Baptist minister. She was a native of Illinois, but had resided in Pensacola for several years and had resided with another daughter, Mrs. Jesse Woodcock of 3206 E. Blount St., until a few days ago when she went to stay with Mrs. Statom.

Other than her daughters, she is survived by a brother, O. C. Rice of Pensacola; three grandchildren, Mrs. Paul Williams, Ronald Pfeiffer and Richard Pfeiffer, all of Pensacola; and five great-grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at 4 p.m. Wednesday in the First Missionary Baptist Church with the Rev. W. L. Adams officiating.

Burial will be in St. John's Cemetery with Faith Chapel Funeral Home directing.

The body will be placed in the church at 3 p.m. Wednesday.

named natural persons be alive or existing, and if the above named natural persons be dead or non-existent, their respective unknown heirs, devisees, grantees, creditors or all other parties or persons claiming by, through or under or against them and all persons or parties having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in and to the following described land lying and being in Escambia County, Florida, to-wit:

Beginning at the NE corner of the Joseph Pol Grant, Section 37, Township 2 South, Range 31 West, thence run South 14 degrees along the East line of said grant a distance of 2840 feet, thence run South 76 degrees West a distance of 330 feet to the point of beginning, thence continue South 76 degrees West a distance of 108 feet, thence South 14 degrees East a distance of 130 feet, thence North 76 degrees East a distance of 108 feet, thence North 14 degrees West a distance of 130 feet to the point of beginning. Being a portion of a parcel of land described in Deed Book 405 at page 547 of official records of Escambia County, Florida. Said legal being recorded in Deed Book 137 at Page 527 in the records of the above said county.

On or before the 11th day of May, 1970, the defendants, Herbert W. Bingham, Jr. and his wife Jackie Bingham, and all others having or claiming to have any right, title or interest in the property hereinabove described, are required to serve upon Logue, Bennett & Williams, P. O. Box 1177, Panama City, Florida, a copy of, and file with the Clerk of this Court the original of, an answer to the Complaint for foreclosure of an unrecorded Agreement for Deed, which encumbers the property described above in this notice to defend.

WITNESS my hand and seal of said Court at Pensacola, Escambia County, Florida, this 5th day of April, 1970.

J. A. FLOWERS,
 CLERK OF
 CIRCUIT COURT

(SEAL)

By Lois Kemp
 Deputy Clerk

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Q. Hanshaw, State Con-
r is spending a few days
ity looking after business
his family at Bagdad.

Fuller, bookkeeper for the
company of this city, was
visitor Saturday morning,
car by way of Floridatown.

Webster, formerly in bus-
lton, but now located in
as transacting business

Holland, one of Santa Ro-
most progressive farmers
was transacting business
oday.

Rogers, Secretary of the
e Board, spent Monday
today in Milton. While
ched to a large and inter-
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Harvell and her broth-
Jennings and Ernest, who
rying a month's visit with
relatives in Spanishcola
s-Randolph. While

for Jacksonville over the Spanish Trail.
These gentlemen are large cattle deal-
ers in Baldwin county, and it is ru-
mored they expect to establish a pack-
ing plant in Pensacola in the near fu-
ture to handle all kinds of meats.

Col. A. Nicholson, of DeFuniak, ar-
rived in Milton from Pensacola the lat-
ter part of last week and is spending
a short time here looking after his bus-
iness interests in this locality. Mr.
Nicholson says the story in the Pensa-
cola paper of him and his car being
run over by an auto-truck in Pensacola
were greatly exaggerated. That while
an auto truck did strike his car and
demolished one wheel, he himself was
not hurt, nor was his car otherwise
damaged. 1916

Rev. E. E. Rice, pastor of the West
Hill Baptist Church of Pensacola,
preached two strong sermons to large
congregations at the Baptist church of
this city Sunday. Rev. Rice formerly
lived here being at one time engaged
in the photograph business and later
entering the ministry, preached here
for sometime. Many of his old friends
and members of his congregation as-
sembled to hear him again Sunday.

Bill Carrothurs and George Smith
went fishing yesterday. They arose
with the early dawn and ere the sun
had mounted the eastern horizon they
were up town sizing up the situation
with a view to securing ample facil-
ties for bringing in their catch. After
viewing the Tampa, Natomah and sev-
eral smaller crafts, all of which seemed
far too small to fill their requirements
they concludd to proceed to Johnsons
BZaon and run the risk of securing
means there of transp. ring their load
of finny tribe. After spending the
greater part of the day at the bank of
the Bayou all the time receiving the
darts of mosquitoes that kept them
thinking a German rapid fire gun was
being aimed at them, though they de-
clare that every mosquito left in the
swamp will be exterminated to the gills
for a week, they packed their fish in
a tomato can with ample masking

(Pensacola Journal)
Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Hendrix,
of Mr. G. B. Hendrix, died Friday
August 18th, at 6:10 a. m., at her
home, 1224 East Strong street.
Survived by her husband, one
and three daughters, as follows:
G. E. Hendrix, of Jacksonville,
Mrs. S. P. Fallow and Mrs. R. C. C
man, of Pensacola, and Mrs. W
Salter of Milton.

The funeral services will be con-
ducted Saturday at 4:45 p. m. at the
family residence. Interment in St. Ju-
cemetery. Services will be condt
by Rev. Herbert Rice, of the Gad
Street Methodist Episcopal church.
Active pallbearers will be as fol-
G. E. Hendrix, R. C. Cushman, V
Salter, Welter Bennett, Robert Bro
E. E. Johnson.

The honorary pallbearers are: D
Wilkinson, W. L. Mowbray, Ar
Hendrix and Walter Everett.

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Tuesday 8/22/1916

Elder Edward Eugene Rice

Edward Eugene Rice was born at Medora, Macoupin County, Illinois on March 18, 1878. He and his brother, Clarence Theodore Rice, were sons of James Washington Rice and Nancy Ann



Elder Edward Eugene Rice

Coonrod. Edward Eugene Rice was educated in Illinois schools and attended Ellingham College. He married Matilda Elizabeth Gruner, born March 18, 1880 in Pinckneyville, Perry County, Illinois, daughter of Charles and Mary Gruner. Matilda was the "wife, companion, and helper" of Elder E. E. Rice. They came to Florida in 1904.

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"He was led to return to Pensacola and was our missionary for two years before being called as pastor of Emanuel Baptist Church. While pastor at Emanuel, a new church was built at "W" and Gadsden streets.

"Brother Rice was a scholar and evangelist, a true defender of the faith with deep and abiding convictions and spoke his sentiments without fear or favor. Many young new preachers and laymen, as well, remember his staunchness and his willingness to help all who asked."

Elder Edward Eugene Rice died May 5, 1944 in Pensacola. Following services at Emanuel Baptist Church, he was laid to rest at St. John's Cemetery. Matilda Elizabeth Gruner Rice died April 21, 1970. Her funeral was held at the First Missionary Baptist Church in Pensacola, and she was laid to rest beside her husband.

Edward Eugene and Matilda Elizabeth Gruner Rice were parents of Orlin Clifford Rice (January 21, 1903-January 18, 1974); Laureta Evelyn Rice Woodcock (June 17, 1912-August 31, 2001); and Ruth Alene Rice Pfeiffer (February 3, 1916-July 26, 1986). Several descendants remain in Santa Rosa and Escambia counties today.

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