

[Rice, Luther]

HIS MINISTRY IS AT AN END

Rev. Luther Rice Is Dead at Watertown

Four Sons Are Clergymen

Mr. Rice Was of the Universalist Faith and Had Actively Preached for Years

SPECIAL TO THE POST-STANDARD

Watertown, Aug. 29.—The death of Rev. Luther Rice, one of the oldest clergymen of the Universalist denomination in the state, occurred at his home, No. 163 Coffeen street, early this morning, in his 84th year. He had officiated at over 1,000 funerals and had married as many couples.

Mr. Rice was born and educated near Woodstock, Vt., studying for the ministry with the Rev. Warren Skinner. He came to this city sixty years ago and has since made his home here, except when actively serving churches in other towns. For fourteen years he was pastor of the Henderson-Ellisburg churches, and for two years he preached in the Universalist church at Brownville, which was built under his ministry. He preached at the Springfield, Vt. parish six years and held the Newton-Watertown, Mass. charge one year. He was at Quincy, Mass. six years; Fulton three years; and about two years at Natural Bridge. Then he returned to his home in this city, where he has since remained.

He married, about 1845, Miss Mary Skinner of Brownville, who died six years ago. Mr. Rice is survived by the following sons and daughters: Horace W. Rice of Great Bend; Rev. Augustus L. Rice of this city; Rev. Frank S. Rice of South Acton, Mass.; Rev. Arthur A. Rice of Sierra Madre, Cal.; Fred A. Rice, a civil engineer of Sierra Madre; Rev. Clarence E. Rice of Reading, Pa.; Charles O. Rice, a civil engineer with F. A. Hines of this city; and Ada M. Rice, also of this city.

The funeral will be held at the late home of the deceased Sunday at 2:30 p.m., and interment will be at Brownville.

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