

RICE, ABNER (b. 1732)

Born: Sept. 27, 1732

youngest of ten children of Charles and Rachel Rice (*WVR*, 86)

Died:

Married: Martha Paniel, Mar. 7, 1752 (*Ancestry.com*, citing *Family Hist. Lib.*, Salt Lake)

Born: Oct. 28, 1729 (*Southborough VR*, 66).

Parents not given but probably John and Margret Pannell whose other children, Moses, Robert, and Margaret were born, 1733-1737. Note Parkman's reference to Abner Rice's brother-in-law, Moses Pannell, Mar. 19, 1754.

Died:

Children:

Palatiah, Apr. 1, 1753 (*WVR*, 89)

According to Andrew Henshaw Ward, *A Genealogical History of the Rice Family* (1858), 112, Abner "moved away, probably to Brookfield, from which town he was a soldier in Maynard's company, Williams' regiment, 1758."

1750 June 8 (Friday). P.M. a Number of Neighbours went to my Knoll, with Two Yoke of Cattle besides my own, and with Shovels, Hoes and Barrs to levell it further. They were chiefly Mr. Charles Rice, Lieutenant Thomas Forbush, Lieutenant Bruce, Lieutenant Tainter, Mr. Grow, Bowman, Harrington, Simon Tainter Junior, Jonathan Forbush, Charles Bruce, Ephraim Bruce, Adams, Rogers (with oxen), Timothy Warrin, Abraham Bond, Samuel Forbush junior, [blank] Miller, Eleazer Williams, Abner Rice, and Daniel Forbush junior with a Cart and Oxen.

1750 August 29 (Wednesday). Samuel Bumpso with me at the place of the design'd Cellar, and after Squaring and Setting out, he began to digg. I rode to Mr. James Bradish's and din'd there, but he was not at home. Rode over to Elijah Warrins to Speak with Bradish, where I found him, and he engages to come to my work. N.B. One son of Mr. Samuel, another of Mr. Phinehas Hardy came to the digging before noon. I provided a Dinner for Samuel Bumpso at Mr. Ebenezer Rice's, but not knowing of the Two Hardys coming, did not provide for them. P.M. came Charles and Abner Rice and Phinehas Maynard from Mr. Ebenezer Rice's. At Eve Solomon Baker and Samuel Bumpso with a Number more came and dugg -- Mrs. Rice (Ebenezers wife) encouraging their coming and treating 'em for it.

1751 September 19 (Thursday). Mr. Edward Willson works in topping my Chimney -- and Mr. Daniel Forbush in building the Wall at the West End of the House. Abner Rice tends Mr. Willson.

1751 September 20 (Friday). Mr. Willson and Abner Rice on the Top of the Chimney a.m. but having work'd up my few Bricks, it is left still unfinish'd.

1752 February 27 (Thursday). Samuel Bumpso and with him Charles and Abner Rice and Constantine Hardy came and cleared the bushy land behind the Meeting House. My sons Ebenezer and Thomas also came and helped.

1752 March 2 (Monday). Sam Bumpso with Jonathan Grout and Abner Rice clear'd part of a.m.

1754 March 14 (Thursday). Lieutenant Maynard and others are gone to Brookfield to Abner Rice's to detect the base Coiners.

1754 March 19 (Tuesday). N.B. much Noise about Abner Rice and his Brother in Law Moses Pannell being apprehended, and one Newton likewise. All brought before Colonel Chandler, for making money -- and are committed to Jayl.

1757 April 20 (Wednesday). Capt. Baldwin having received no Letter from me concerning the Alteration of the Time of his Marriage from the 21st Day as was proposed, by reason of the publick Fast, to the 28th (but yet I Sent one by Mr. Abner Rice of Brookfield) came here this Evening, and lodged here.