

TIMELINE for Rice Bass (1755 or 1758 -after 1823) “Our Tory Loyalist and Notorious Outlaw of North Carolina”

Rice Bass is sometimes referred to as “Uriah” in various genealogy pages. I have not however seen any proof of him going by that name. It may be the result of the incorrect crossing of the two Bass. All the documents I have seen have him listed at “Rice” Bass. Therefore, I will refer to him only as “Rice” in the remainder of this work unless some evidence of him actually going by the name Uriah surfaces.

During the Revolutionary War, Colonial American Citizens took sides with many fighting on behalf of the British. **Rice Bass** and his brother’s John and Hermon/Harmon were considered Tories and Loyal to the British Crown. Most of the Bass brothers’ nefarious activity seemed, in my opinion, to be in support of this effort. Much of what they stole seems to be powder, arms and supplies. Additional documents are provided to give context to the Loyalist/Patriot conflict of the era and area. I have not found any evidence that they exhibited criminal behavior later in life after the Revolutionary War. One could say the difference between a hero and villain all depends on who eventually wins the conflict.

Btwn 1750-1758 – Rice Bass born 1750/8 (Father Andrew Bass (1730), Mother UNK) *Note: Possibly born in 1766, making him 15 at the time of the 1781 march on New Bern.*

Siblings: Herman/Harmon Bass (~1755), Mary? (1764), Andrew Bass? (1770), John (17??)

1781, Aug 9 – British march on New Bern. Harmon, **Rice** and John are believed to have joined this march as Tory Loyalists.

1781 – (Summer) **Rice** and Harmon commanded one of three “groups of Tories” that were attacked and defeated by a Volunteer Group under Col Kenan. (pension statement in section 5a1)

1782 – Appearance bond for Thomas Cole to appear and testify against **Rice Bass** & John Bass charged with the murder of Martin Franks & James Blackshire, Jr. & robbing the house of James Blackshire on the 26 Oct 1781 or thereabouts.

Note: Daniel Miller shot Blackshire in the breast, yielding a mortal wound from which Blackshire instantly died. The other men were indicted for being present, aiding, helping, abetting, comforting, and maintaining Miller.

1782 – *Note: Armed Tories in North Carolina continued to fight through 1781-1782. They were punished and had lands seized via the Confiscation Act until relieved by the Act of Pardon and Oblivion in 1783.*

1784, May 8 Duplin Co., NC: A petition to the NC State Assembly notes offences in Duplin and Wayne Cos by Tories and Loyalists, specifically three Basses: **Rice**, Harman, John; and an Absalom Davis. Victims included : Mt (Mr. or Matthew?) Whitfield, whose house and storehouse were broken into & arms, ammunition among articles stolen.

John and **Rice Bass** were caught and imprisoned for the murder of Solomon Bearfield (Frederick recovered) but they escaped.

(Note: See document 5b for full details)

1784, May 20 – Report on the petition of inhabitants of Duplin, Wayne, and Dobbs counties. The petition of inhabitants of Duplin, Wayne, and Dobbs counties regarding a group of outlaws that have been involved in robberies and murders in the area. The group, which included members of the Bass family, ""joined with the British in their march on New Bern"" and afterwards have harassed the people of the area. Petition requests a redress of the situation. The committee declares an Act of Outlawry for the group and offers a reward for their capture. Personal Names: Hermon, John & **Rice Bass**, Thomas Dean Jr., Daniel Miller, William Roberts

1784 – November 26, 1784 Governor Alexander Martin (NC Gov Apr 22, 1782 – May 13, 1785) issued a bounty for John & **Rice** (They were Tories) (findagrave.com)

1785 – December 21, 1785 Paul Martin filed petition for the capture of John and **Rice**. (findagrave.com)

Wednesday, 21 December, 1785.

*General Rutherford presented the Memorial and Petition of Paul Martin setting forth that he had apprehended and delivered to the Keeper of New Bern District Gaol two Felons, for which he wished an allowance and praying that some order might be taken thereon; Whereupon, resolved, That Paul Martin in consideration of his apprehending and delivering to the keeper of the District Gaol of New Bern, **Rice Bass** and Herman Bass, two capital offenders against the laws of this State, be allowed the sum of fifty pounds and that the Treasurer pay him the same and be allowed therefor in the settlement of his public accounts.*

1791 – A Wayne Co Abstract of Deeds 1785-1787 (from Wes Bass)

Oct. 3rd 1791 Charles Holmes 300 acres Joining William Whitfield, Joseph Winkfield, and **Rice Bass** lines.

1791 – Son: Quenton (Quinny) Bass born. (Married Mary McMillan on Oct 25, 1815) (Died: 1862) (Family Bible purportedly says he's buried near Uriah) (buried in Salem United Methodist Church Cemetery, Sumter County, Georgia.



1792 – Son: Richard Bass born. (Married Effy Culbreath on June 6, 1820) (son: Needham (1827)

1794 – Son: Ackies Bass born. (Married Polly McIntyre on Jan 5, 1814 (Died: 1848)

1794/8 – Son: **Needham Bass** born (Fayetteville) Cumberland Co, NC. (Married 1st Wife: Flora Culbreath on Jun 1, 1820) (Died: 1870)

1796 - **Rice Bass** sold land, witnessed by Andrew Bass Jan. 24, 1796. (From Wes Bass)

*Andrew Bass (son of Edward Bass and Sarah Stevens 1752 Johnston NC, son of Richard Bass 1730 and Sarah McKinnie, son of Andrew Sr.) Born 1778 Wayne NC / Died 1836 Wayne NC

*Note: This is an interesting finding because it correlates **Rice** to a currently unknown, younger Andrew Bass. His father died around 1782.*

1797 – Son: Rice Jr. Bass born in Cumberland Co, NC . Died: 1850) (Married Winney Ellis on July 4, 1814)

??? – Daughter: Sara Bass born. (Possibly 1805)

??? – Jacob E. Bass (Believe son of Ackies'?)

??? – Joseph E. Bass (Believe son Ackies?)

1799 Feb 19 – **Rice Bass** purchased land from John Colbreath/Culbreath in Cumberland County, NC.

1799 – Rice (Uriah) died in Americus, Georgia and is buried at Salem Church Cemetery (no remaining marker). (Was he really in Americus? His sons were still in Cumberland County and getting married from 1814-1820)

NOTE from Brian Bass: I do not believe Rice died in 1799. The land sale to his sons was done in 1823 in Cumberland County, NC

1800 – Census shows:

Brother Hermon: Living in Fayetteville, Cumberland County, NC

Son Rice Jr: Living in Fayetteville, Cumberland County, NC

1802 – From a Cumberland County Tax List (1802) (From Wes Bass)

1626(274) Rice Bass

1810 – Census shows:

Rice Bass living in Captain Culbreath's District, Cumberland County, NC. Rice Jr was probably about 13 at the time.

1815 - Taxable Property Capt. Howies District for 1815 (From Wes Bass)

Rice Bass Sr. 1 White, 137 acres on Great Creek

1820 – Census shows:

Rice (Sr) living in Captin Cowiets District, Cumberland County, NC in close proximity to his sons Akies and Quincy.

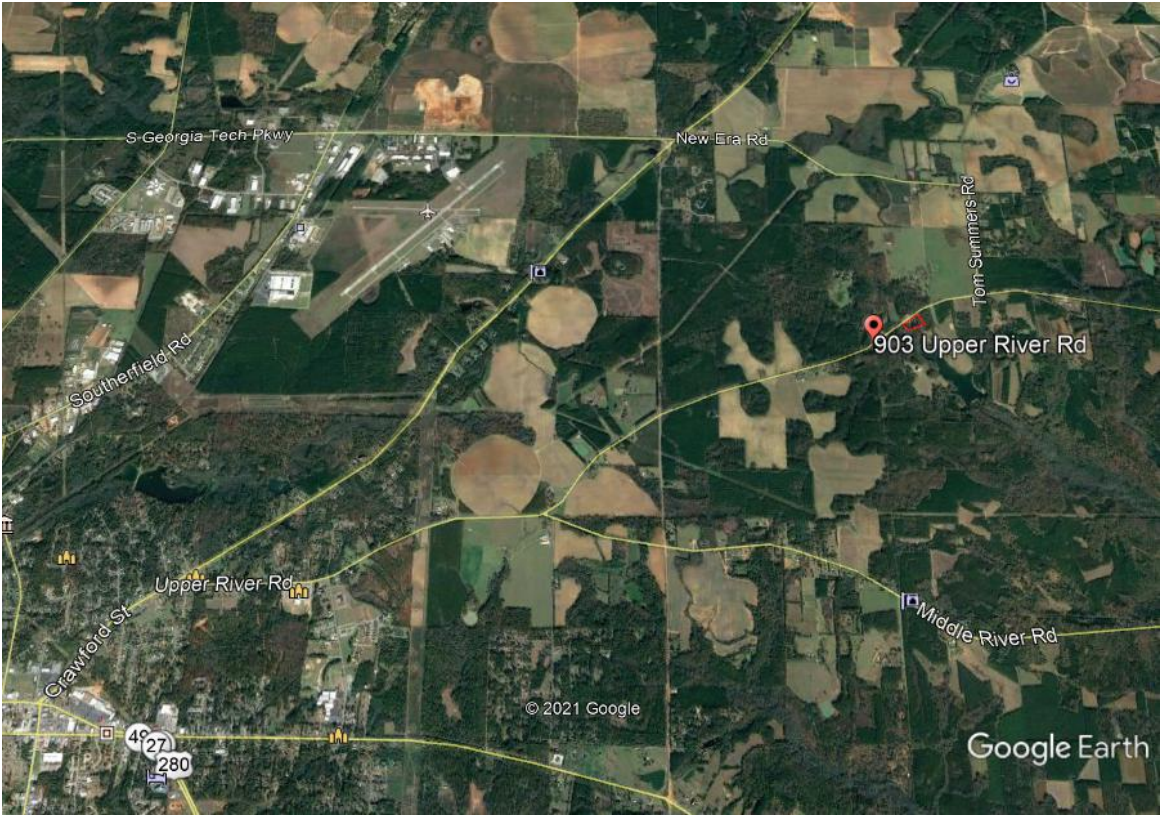
1823, Nov 24 – Rice Bass sold the same land he purchased land from John Colbreath/Culbreath in Cumberland County, NC in 1799, to two of his sons, Akies and Quincy. (note: land was bought in pounds and sold in dollars)

1834, Apr 25 – (Per page 351 Albert Bell Bass Book), Riah (Rice/Uriah?) bought 202 ½ acres. FIRST PURCHASE OF LAND IN SUMTER CO., GA, BY A BASS.

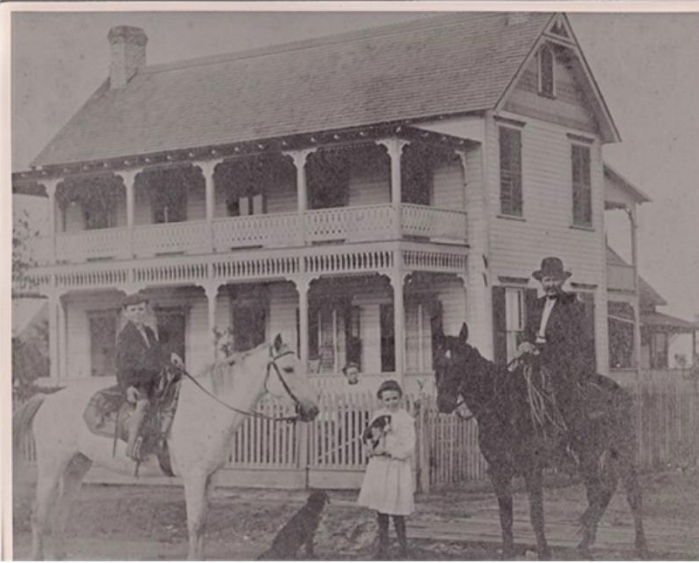
1836 – Believed to be the year the 4 brothers, Amos (?), Quincey, Akies and Needham moved to Sumter Co, Georgia. *Note: Not sure if Rice made that move or passed beforehand. I have seen claims stating he died in Sumter, Georgia in 1799. However, Rice is shown alive in Cumberland County, North Carolina in 1820 Census and is known to have sold land in Cumberland County, North Carolina to his sons in 1823. He would have been around 78 years old by 1836. Rice's death likely occurred between 1824 and 1836.*

(Note from Brian Bass) Though there is a possibility that Rice never moved to Georgia, the rumored place of his burial in Sumter County, Georgia is described below:

Believed to be the burial place of **Rice** but no marker. Quincey's grave is here. Salem United Methodist Church Cemetery near Americus, Georgia.



Story from a descendent of Effie Bass (standing inside the fence), daughter of Quinn Bass and granddaughter of Rice. (<https://americansaga.wordpress.com/tag/bass/>) Photo is in Kissimmee around 1900.



The house was in Kissimmee, Florida. This picture would have been taken about 1900 or shortly afterwards. My grandpa was born in 1895, and his mother Effie died in 1904.

Effie Bass was born in Florida in 1867. Her family migrated from Georgia about 1849. The Bases were previously from North Carolina, and Effie's great grandfather was born in 1766. He was too young to fight in the Revolutionary War, but evidently he and some of his cousins and brothers were Loyalists and were arrested multiple times for raising a ruckus and causing havoc around the countryside in an effort to aid the British war effort.

In history I learned those loyal to the crown after the war went to Canada or back to England. Evidently there were many who stayed in place and created problems during and shortly after the war. I don't know when the Bases moved from North Carolina to Georgia, but maybe it was an attempt to avoid the law.

