



Edward Edwards was born in 1831 on the island of Barbados to Lawrence Edwards and his wife, Sarah. The family came to the United States in 1834 and settled in Bayport. Edward went to school in Bayport, and he also attended the Bellport Academy. He started his career as a clerk in a Patchogue store and thereafter became a merchant. He married Margaret Jones Douglas in 1853. Margaret died on March 12, 1868. Mr. Edwards' second wife, Rebecca, died in 1883. He married his third wife, Sophie Ketcham, in 1885. For several years before his death in 1897, Mr. Edwards was a very successful real estate dealer. Edward Edwards was a senior warden for thirty years in St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Patchogue. In 1884, he donated the new church located on Rider Avenue to the diocese in memory of his first wife, Margaret, and in 1895 made a gift of a rectory in memory of his son, Edward. Mr. Edwards died on March 20, 1897.