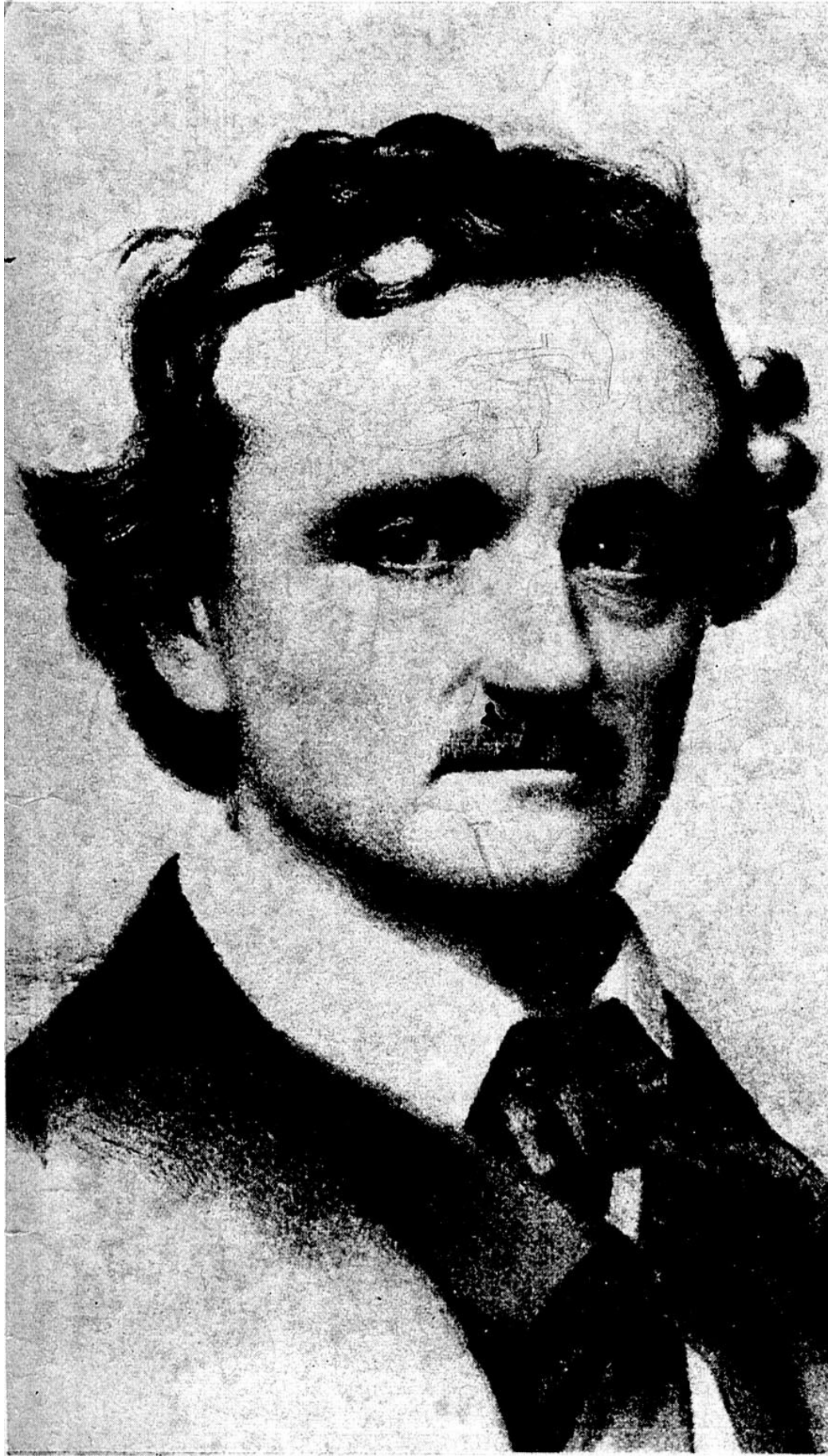


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EDGAR ALLAN POE was born in Boston, Massachusetts in 1809. He was a story writer, literary critic and poet, ranking among the truest poets America has produced.

While in literary circles his greatest fame rests on his talents as a poet, he is undoubtedly equally well known as one of the world's greatest writers of short stories, especially stories of terror and death. Among these are *The Fall of the House of Usher*, *The Tell-Tale Heart*, *The Murders in the Rue Morgue* and *The Masque of the Red Death*. Considered his masterpiece is *The Gold Bug*. Among his poems are such American classics as "Annabel Lee", "Ulalume", and the most famous of all, "The Raven".

Poe died in 1849 and his grave in Baltimore, Maryland is one of America's literary shrines. He was elected to New York University's Hall of Fame in 1910. Poe Cottage, the frame house in which he wrote "The Raven" while living in New York City, stands in Poe Park, The Bronx, New York, as a memorial to one of the world's most famous writers . . .