

BENJAMIN RICE, section 21, Root Township, was born in Culpepper County, Virginia, November 17, 1817, a son of Sampson and Elizabeth (Ferguson) Rice, natives of Virginia, his father born in Loudoun County, February, 1789, and the mother in Culpepper County, in 1792. The former died in Adams County, Indiana, January 21, 1848, and the latter July 20, 1854. Mr. Rice accompanied his parents to Carroll County, Ohio, when ten years of age, and in 1836 to Adams County, Indiana, arriving here December 25. He was married September 6, 1838, to Elizabeth Pillers, who was born April 18, 1817, and died April 23, 1846, leaving four children - William, Mary, Elizabeth and Rachel. August 29, 1847, Mr. Rice married Mary Pillers, who was born in Carroll County, Ohio, February 19, 1820. They have six children - Benjamin P., John B., Nancy A., James M., Millard F. and David M. In politics Mr. Rice is a Republican. He and his wife are members of the Methodist Episcopal church.

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