

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Rice, Clarence Leslie Senator _____

Served from Keokuk County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 6 Mar 1889, Spring Creek Township, Mahan
County, Iowa

2. Marriage (s) date place near Knight, Iowa

Garnet Lanes 29 Dec 1909 Alfalfa County, Oklahoma

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities Mount Zion Association board member 30 years;
Lions Club

C. Profession Farmer; grocer

4. Church membership Church of Christ

5. Sessions served 45th, 46th, 47th General Assembly 1933, 1935, 1937

6. Public Offices

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 25 Jan 1970 Delta, Iowa; buried Garrett Cemetery, Delta, Iowa

8. Children Quincy; Gerald; Glenys; Myrretta (Mrs. Harold Hoover)

9. Names of parents William Irving and Minnie Amelia (Campbell) Rice

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source	Non Applicable	Applicable	Information obtained
-			Obituary - <u>The Sigourney News Review, Sigourney, Iowa</u> <u>Wed Jan. 28, 1970, p.5, col. 4</u>
-			<u>The History of Keokuk County, Iowa 2001 p. 332-334</u>
-			<u>Iowa Official Register 1935-1936 p.151</u>
-			<u>House Record 1970 p. 1754</u>
-			<u>The History of Keokuk County, Iowa 2001, p. 332-333</u> - ancestry.com (accessed 18 Oct 2010) - FamilySearch.org (accessed 18 Oct 2010)

Rice, Clarence Leslie.

10. Education He was educated in rural schools of Dubuque County,
Iowa

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Secret

- He and his wife were married in Adelle City, Adelle, Iowa on 29 Dec 1909
where they established their first home.
- The family came to Mahaska County, Iowa in 1912 where he operated a
grocery store in High, Iowa.
- They next moved to Keokuk County, Iowa where they purchased a farm in
Harmon Township near Delta, Iowa.
- They eventually purchased several more farm acres. Their
sons, Quincy and Gerald, joined them in the farming operations.
- After retiring from farming, he operated the Harmon Union Grocery
Store in Delta for 15 years.

Feldman. They called at the Peterson Funeral Home in Kalona Monday, where the services were held Tuesday morning. They also visited with Mrs. H. A. Swartzendruber in Kalona.

Mr. and Mrs. Carl Moore of Garden were Sunday evening supper guests in the home of Mr. and Mrs. D. R. Miner.

Jane Gilmore, a student at William Penn college in Oskaloosa, spent the week end in the parental David Gilmore home Saturday evening. Jane and her mother, Mrs. Gilmore, attended a shower for Mrs. John Harris of Ames, a recent bride, at the home of Mrs. Lloyd Axmeor, who was assisted by Mrs. Bill Axmeor.

Mr. and Mrs. William Morgan and Alan visited Sunday in the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Moore and family in Fairfield and also attended a musical concert at the high school.

Mr. and Mrs. John Elma, Iowa City, spent Sunday with Mrs. Elma's father, John Rugg.

Cases Heard In J. P. Court

The following cases were heard in Justice of Peace J. R. Hennan torfer's court:

Raymond D. Hoskins, Richard, \$60, driving without lights \$60, excessive speed, and \$60, failure to stop for red light; Merrill Decker, Hayesville, \$210, false check; Jim Gordon, Ottumwa, \$15, assembled gun in motor vehicle on highway; Wesley Jones, Oskaloosa, \$20 false check; Sandra J. Carroll, South English, \$16.95, false check; Mary Shrawman, South English, \$8 false check; Robert P.

C. L. Rice, 80, Dies Saturday

Clarence L. Rice, age 80, of Delta, died Saturday at the home of his son, Quincy Rice in Delta. Mr. Rice was a former Keokuk county state representative.

He was born March 6, 1889 in Wright, the son of William and Minnie Campbell Rice and lived in the Delta community 52 years. He was a retired farmer and operated a grocery store in Delta 15 years. He served Keokuk county in the state legislature from 1932 to 1938 and was on the Fremont Burial Association board 30 years. He was a member of the Church of Christ in Oskaloosa.

Mr. Rice is survived by three sons, Quincy and Gerald, both of Delta and Glenys Rice of Hedrick; 13 grandchildren; 10 great grandchildren; and two sisters, Mrs. Louie Moore and Ada Rice, both of Cedar.

Services were held at the Fremont Funeral Chapel Tuesday at 2 p. m. with burial at the Garrett cemetery near Delta. The family has established a memorial fund payable to the Cancer Society.

IS VIETNAM

Navy Petty Officer Third Class Gary L. Cochran, son of Mr. and Mrs. Leland C. Cochran of Route 3, Sigourney, is serving at the U. S. Naval Support Activity, Danang, Vietnam. The activity is the Navy's largest overseas shore com-

Garden Department In Barnes Home

The Garden Department of Sigourney Woman's club met in the home of Mrs. Marlon Barnes January 23. Co-hostesses were Mrs. Everett Schimmelfening and Mrs. Elmer Langford. There were present 21 members and a guest, Fred Bruus. Mrs. Bruus later joined the club.

Mrs. Carl Griner, chairman, opened the meeting by reading the poem, "Winter is a Fool". Reports were given by Mrs. A. W. Bruus, Mrs. Karl Fischer gave a talk on conservation. Mrs. Adna Hollingsworth told of her recent trip to Nuanetsi. Mrs. Marlon Barnes gave a lesson on "Artificial Flowers — When, Where and How".

Roll call was answered by members showing and telling about their "Artificial Flower Corrag".

Shower Held For Sandra Vittetoe

A miscellaneous shower for Sandra Vittetoe was held at the home of Mrs. Russell Aldinger January 20 with 26 present. The chosen colors of the bride, red and white, were used in the room and on the gift table.

The program, which was conducted by Mrs. Dave Wilcox, included a game and reading for the mothers. The bride-to-be opened her gifts. Sheri Harper helped with the gifts, Mary Vittetoe had the gift book and Jane Vittetoe placed the ribbons in a red and white heart shaped net.

Refreshments were served with Mrs. James Vittetoe pouring coffee and Mrs. Ed Veldhuizen punch. Those on the committee were Mrs. Russell Aldinger, Mrs. Dave Wilcox and Mrs. J. Bud Waberich.

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ROGER W. JEPSEN, President of the Senate

WILLIAM H. HARBOR, Speaker of the House

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Dan R. Prine, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service and tender its sympathy to the members of the family.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

GEORGE N. PIERSON
KEITH DUNTON
GERRIT VAN ROEKEL

Committee

CLARENCE L. RICE

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare a suitable resolution commemorating the life, character, and public service of the late Honorable Clarence L. Rice, begs leave to submit the following memorial:

Clarence L. Rice was born March 9, 1886, near Wright, Iowa, the son of William I. and Minnie A. Campbell Rice. He attended a rural school in Mahaska County, Iowa, and was a member of the Church of Christ in Oskaloosa.

On December 29, 1909, Mr. Rice was married to Garnet R. Lauer and to this union was born three sons and one daughter.

Mr. Rice lived in the Delta Community for 32 years. He farmed until 1954 and then operated a grocery and feed store until shortly before his death. He was active in all community affairs, was a past member of the Lions Club, and served on the Fremont Burial Association board for 30 years.

Mr. Rice passed away January 25, 1970, at Delta, Iowa. He was preceded in death by his wife in 1965 and his daughter in 1952. He is survived by three sons, Quincy and Gerald, both of Delta, and Glenys of Hedrick. He is also survived by two sisters, Mrs. Louie Moore and Miss Ada Rice, both of Cedar, Iowa; thirteen grandchildren and ten great grandchildren.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Sixty-third General Assembly of Iowa: That in the passing of the Honorable Clarence L. Rice, the state has lost an honored citizen and a faithful and useful public servant, and the House by this resolution would express its appreciation of his service and tender its sympathy to the members of his family.

Be It Further Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy to the family of the deceased.

KEITH DUNTON
WALTER DIETZ
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Committee

KEOKUK COUNTY IOWA



The History of Keokuk County, Iowa
2001

Shortly after their marriage, they moved to Putnam County, Missouri. They were the parents of a son and daughter. Martha Ann died 8 September 1878 and is buried in Putnam County.

Henry was born 20 October 1848 in Keokuk County, Iowa. He married Martha Kinnamon of 18 August 1871. They were the parents of six sons & three daughters. After the death of his first wife, Henry married Cora Smothers. He passed away 3 May 1941 at the home of his son near Rose Hill, Iowa.

Jane "Jennie" was born 16 August 1851. On 8 February 1869 she married John T. Chrisman. They lived in the original log house that Caleb built. They were the parents of 4 sons and 4 daughters. (See separate article.)

Andrew Jackson was born 11 February 1855. He married America Jane Pence 15 February 1883. They were the parents of four sons & three daughters. Andrew died 7 October 1911.

Alfred C. was born 17 April 1858. On 19 July 1885 he married Mary Cooley. They were the parents of three daughters & two sons. Alfred operated a hardware store in Delta and later the Keota Produce Company in Keota, Iowa. He died 23 July 1926 in Washington, Iowa.

Josh B. was born 13 October 1862 and died 4 April 1863.

Emma was born 30 September 1864. She married Thomas Richardson on 11 November 1882. They were the parents of a son and daughter. Emma died 18 January 1900. She is buried at the Indianapolis Cemetery in Mahaska County, Iowa.

Caleb died 12 April 1903 and Eliza Jane passed away 21 April 1905. They were laid to rest at the Garrett Cemetery. Six of their eight children are also buried there as well as many of their descendants. Caleb and Eliza Jane originally owned this cemetery land. They sold it to the Garrett Cemetery Association for \$15.00 in 1871. Submitted by Janice Harris Wide

RICE/LAUER

Clarence and Garnet Lauer Rice moved to Washington Township, Keokuk County, Iowa, in 1916-7. He was born March 6, 1889, in Spring Creek Township, Mahaska County, Iowa, son of William Irving Rice and Minnie Amelia Campbell Rice. Garnet was born in Pettis County, Missouri, near Longwood, to George Henry and Evalena Cummins Lauer on July 7, 1892.

Some of Clarence's family history includes this information. Along with other Swiss Presbyterians, the Jacob Rice family of Maryland established Rice's Fort, Washington County, Pennsylvania, west of Fort Pitt (Pittsburgh) about 1770. Later, son Daniel and wife, Anna Margaret Leffler, daughter of Jacob and Catherine Miller Leffler, established Rice's Fort, Shelby County, Kentucky, where their son, Jacob Rice was born in 1780. Jacob Rice married Mary (Pony) Cooper, daughter of William Cooper. Their son, Clarence's grandfather, William Henry Harrison Rice was born in Shelby County, September 27, 1812. The Jacob Rice family moved to the Waveland area, Montgomery County, Indiana, where Win. H.H. took land in 1832. William H. H. Rice

married secondly Isabelle Jackson, the daughter of Hugh Jackson of North Carolina. The Win. H.H. Rice family moved to Spring Creek Township, Mahaska County, Iowa, before Clarence's father, Win. Irving Rice was born on February 20, 1856. The Rice family members are buried at the Presbyterian cemetery, Waveland, Indiana, and at White Oak Cemetery, Mahaska County, Iowa. The Lefflers were involved in writing the State of Iowa's constitution.

Clarence's maternal grandparents, William Barnett Campbell, of Sagamon County, Illinois, son of Thomas Campbell, a Cumberland Presbyterian minister, and Elizabeth Robinson, claimed land at Mahaska county opening day on May 1, 1843. Their son, Win. B., married Sarah Lucetta Dunbar, daughter of Butler and Sarah Ann Heaton Dunbar, who settled north of Rose Hill, Iowa, in 1847, arriving from New Providence, Indiana. Butler was born at Watertown, Litchfield County, Connecticut, on February 1, 1791, the son of Miles and Tryphosa Butler Dunbar. Butler's daughter, Minnie, was mother to Clarence.

Some of Garnet's family history includes the following. Her great-grandfather, Captain George Lauer, son of a wealthy manufacturer in the Alsace-Lorraine region, brought his family to America in 1837. In Kentucky the spelling became Lower. Only the eldest son, Henry, kept the Lauer spelling. The family immigrated to Pettis County, Missouri, in 1854, where Henry (1833-1906) married Susan Hansbrough (1846-1916) daughter of H.C. and Christine Swope Hansbrough. Their son was Garnet's father, George Henry Lauer.

Clarence and Garnet were married December 29, 1909 in Alfalfa County, Oklahoma. They established a home and their first son, Quincy (1911-1990) was born. The family moved to Mahaska County, Iowa in 1912 and son Glenys (1913-1993) was born at Wright, Iowa. Clarence operated a



Rice Family (January 3, 1959.) Back row: Quincy, Glenys, and Gerald. Middle row: Gertrude, Eddyth, and Alice. Front row: Clarence and Garnet Rice

grocery store at that time. Next they moved to Keokuk County where daughter Wyvetta (1918–1952) was born. Their final family move was to a farm they purchased in Warren Township, five miles southwest of Delta. Their son Gerald (1924–1984) was born on this farm.

The children were educated at North Honey Grove Country School and all graduated from Delta High School.

Clarence served as a State Representative of the Iowa Legislature for Keokuk County from 1932 to 1938. He ran on the Democrat ticket.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice farmed, progressed and were able to purchase several more farm acres. Quincy and Gerald joined them in the farming operation following World War II. Both sons served in the European Theater of the war. Upon retiring from farming, Clarence operated the Farmer's Union Grocery store in Delta for 15 years.

Wyvetta married Harold Hoover and made their home in the Hedrick, Iowa, community. She is buried at Rayburn Cemetery in Steady Run Township of Keokuk County.

Gerald and wife, Alice Mason, resided nearby. They had three daughters: Rowena Lorraine (1947), Cynthia Gail (1950), and Rozalee Renee (1961). Gerald (Jake) and Alice were killed in the tornado that hit the Delta area on June 7, 1984. They are buried in Garrett Cemetery, north of Delta.

Clarence and Garnet were involved in the community and supported their neighborhood. Organizations Garnet belonged to were the Pollyanna Club, Union Chapel Sewing Club, and Clubb Shipley Legion Auxiliary. Clarence was on the board of the Fremont Burial Association for 30 years and belonged to the Farmer's Co-op Association. They were members and faithfully attended the Church of Christ in Oskaloosa.

Garnet died in 1965 and Clarence in 1970. They are buried at Garrett Cemetery. Three grandchildren continue to live in Keokuk County. They are Quincy's daughters, Laurel Rice Streigle and June Rice and Glenys' daughter Glenda Rice Sieren. Submitted by June Rice

RICE/MERRYFIELD

Quincy (1911–1990) and Gertrude (1911–1989) Merryfield Rice lived in the Delta community most of their life. Quincy was the son of Clarence (1889–1970) and Garnet (1892–1965) Lauer Rice and moved to Keokuk County with them in 1916–1917. Gertrude was the daughter of Charles (1866–1952) and Sadie (1874–1968) Bitner Merryfield. She was the fourth generation of the Bitner family to live in Warren Township, District #5.

Both attended country school in the Honey Grove district of Warren Township. Quincy graduated from Delta High School in 1927 and Gertrude in 1929. Both attended Iowa State Teachers College (UNI).

Quincy was 15 when he graduated from high school. There were few jobs away from home for such a young man. One of the things that he did to earn money was to shear sheep. He traveled to different farms and stayed with the farm family until he had all of their sheep sheared. Sheep shearing

was done with hand operated clippers as electric clippers were rare or nonexistent.

Quincy and Gertrude taught country school at the following schools in Keokuk county: Modawk, Clear Creek, North Honey Grove and Ben Franklin

Quincy and Gertrude were married in 1936 and made their home in Wellman where he worked at the Maplecrest Turkey Plant. Three children were born here; Laurel (b. 1937)(m. Leon Streigle); Merrill, (1939) (m. Marilyn Spencer) and Jane (1941–1944). Laurel and her husband, Leon, continue to live in Warren Township. Merrill served as a MP in the military and was on the Kansas City, Missouri, Police Force for 30 years.

In 1944, Quincy was drafted into the army. The couple sold their home in Wellman and bought a farm near Quincy's parents. Quincy entered the army in march 1944, went to Europe in September, 1944, became a German prisoner of war in October 1944, was liberated in May, 1945 and was discharged in October, 1945.

The couple moved to the farm in 1946 where they lived until 1967 when they moved into Delta where Quincy was postmaster. Three daughters were born while they lived on the farm, Joan (b. 1947) (m. Ralph Lopez); June (1947) and Loretta (1949). Joan and her husband live in Marietta, Georgia, with their three children. June lives in the Rice home in Delta. She taught school in Cedar Rapids, Iowa, and currently teaches in the Ottumwa, Iowa, system. Loretta is a LPN and has worked in Iowa Methodist Hospital in Des Moines and Mahaska County Health Center in Oskaloosa. She makes her home in Oskaloosa. They were blessed with 14 grandchildren.

The farm they had purchased in 1944 was known as the "Davenport Place" and featured an eight sided (or round) barn. The barn was erected in the 1870's and razed in 1965. The barn framework was of 12' x 12' beams and was put together with wooden pegs. The white pine timber was brought from Washington County on a bobsled pulled by a team of four horses. The framework beams were used in the construction of the new barn Quincy built in 1966.



Rice Family (1989). Back row: Laurel Streigle, Joan Lopez, Gertrude, Loretta, and June. Front row: Merrill and Quincy



1930 United States Federal Census

Name: **Clarence L. Rice**

Home in 1930: **Warren, Keokuk, Iowa**
[View Map](#)

Age: **41**

Estimated birth year: **abt 1889**

Birthplace: **Iowa**

Relation to Head of House: **Head**

Spouse's name: **Garret R Rice**

Race: **White**

Occupation:
 Education:
 Military service: [View image](#)

Rent/home value:
 Age at first marriage:
 Parents' birthplace:
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Clarence L. Rice	41
	Garret R Rice	37
	Quincy I Rice	18
	Glenis Rice	16
	Wyretta E Rice	12
	Gerald H Rice	6

Source Citation: Year: 1930; Census Place: Warren, Keokuk, Iowa; Roll: 662; Page: 24; Enumeration District: 28; Image: 890.0.

Source Information:
 Ancestry.com. 1930 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2002.



Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Fifteenth Census of the United States, 1930*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1930. T626. 2,667 rolls.

Description:
 Containing records for approximately 123 million Americans, the 1930 United States Federal Census is the largest census released to date and is the most recent census available for public access. The census gives us a glimpse into the lives of Americans in 1930, and contains information about a household's family members and occupants including: birthplaces, occupations, immigration, citizenship, and military service. The names of those listed in the census are linked to actual images of the 1930 Census. [Learn more...](#)

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 Clarence RICE

Birth Date: 6 Mar 1889
Death Date: Jan 1970
Social Security Number: 482-01-4871
State or Territory Where Number Was Issued: Iowa

Death Residence Localities

ZIP Code: 52550
Localities: Delta, Keokuk, Iowa

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