

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Rice, Richard C. Senator _____

Represented Woodbury County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 16 May 1842 Steuben County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place _____

Harriet E. Gordon 28 Jul 1874 Woodbury County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example: _____

A. Business Editor of The Little Sioux Valley Reporter newspaper starting 1871-1872 for 2 years; owner of a printing press

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Physician; newspaperman; Printer

4. Church membership _____

5. Sessions served 21st and 22nd General Assembly 1886 and 1888

6. Public Offices _____

A. Local _____

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 1 Jan 1912 Smithland Iowa Town of Little Sioux Township, County, Smithland Iowa

8. Children Charles (born and died 1875); Cordina (born and died 1877)

9. Names of parents Ezekiel and Anne Marie (Collins) Rice

Rice, Richard C.

10. Education

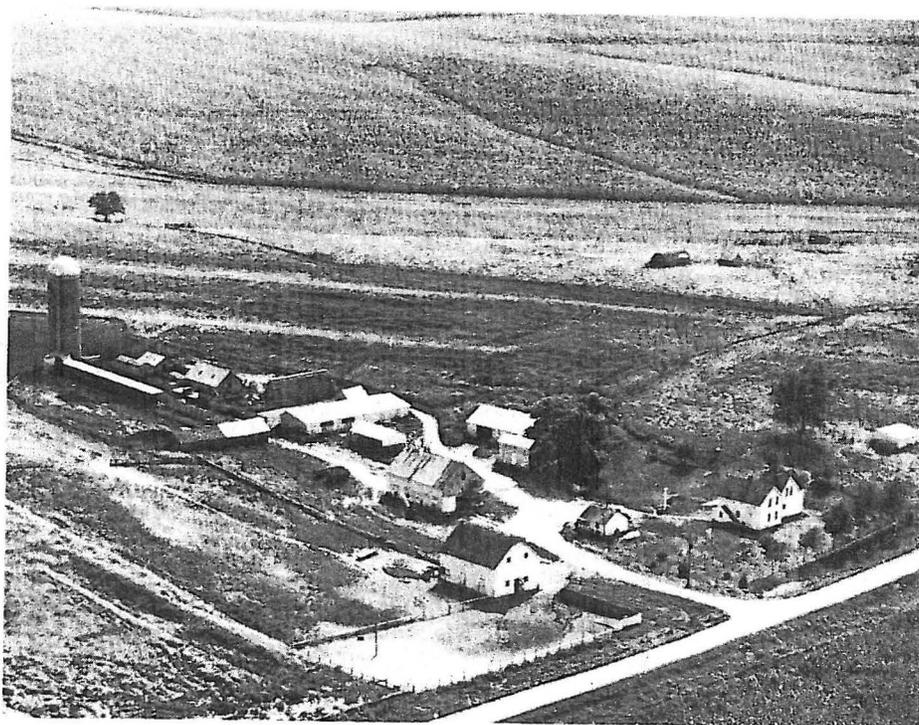
11. Degrees He was a graduate of University of Buffalo Medical School
Buffalo, New York graduating in 1865

12. Other applicable information

Democrat

- Military service - Civil War - he was an assistant surgeon in the
United States Navy Hospital at Washington D. C. beginning in 1862
- After one year he returned to the University of Buffalo Medical School, Buffalo,
New York
- In 1866 he moved to Iowa locating at Southland in Shelby County.
- There he began a private banking business and started a newspaper "The
Little Sioux Valley Reporter" for 2 years 1871-1872

THE HISTORY OF WOODBURY COUNTY, IOWA



"We all become apart of history as we live out our lives."

—Lewis E. Heifner
President, W.C.G.S.

1924

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farmers had cattle buried in 15-20 foot drifts. Some had to kill cattle to keep from starving. After all this snow, when warmer weather came, the area suffered merciless floods with waters rushing through the town, doing much damage.

In the late fall of 1856, a band of renegade Indians, headed by Inkpadotah, came into the Smithland area and camped. There were twenty-two of them, nearly all of them being outcasts from the Sioux and Winnebago tribes. At first they were comparatively peaceable, but as they gradually discovered that their numbers were about equal to the able-bodied men of this white settlement, they began stealing corn, or anything of that kind easily unrecognizable. Finally, they got to stealing an occasional hog or steer, and still later, shooting cattle without any apparent fear of being molested. The pioneers, after complaining to several of the leaders about their depredations, resolved to take stronger means to rid themselves of the thieves. So they got together, twenty-one of them, and made Maj. Seth Smith, who lived just across the line in Monona County, captain of their party. The party consisted of twenty-one but only eighteen could be remembered in 1890, when a history was written. Those remembered were: Seth Smith (captain), Eli Lee, John Howe, Eli Floyd, Jim Kirbey, M.L. Jones, O.B. Smith, William Turman, Ed Howe, John Kinnea, Thomas Nagle, M.B. Mead, Thomas Davis, Wesly Turman, John Floyd, Thomas Bowers, Jonathan Leach, and A. Livermore.

Another story states that Inkpaduta and his band camped on the Adams farm in mid-December, 1856. Wallace and Harry Adams met their red-skinned neighbors daily at the water hole and the squaws would visit Mrs. Adams and her daughter at their log house, and exchange different things. According to Wallace Adams, "The Indians were quiet and sociable all winter." Adams' family had no reason to fear them, much less to imagine that within a short time they would become fiends and murder an entire settlement.

As the winter grew longer and harder, storms continued to add to the heavy snow cover, and bitter cold persisted. In the months that followed, human endurance and patience were strained to the breaking point. The Indians had discovered some unhusked corn under heavy snow. They sent the squaws to gather it and as the women passed through the settlement, carrying the corn in blankets, slung on their backs, they were accused of stealing it from cribs. Smith and Howe got sticks and started whipping the women. They became frightened and dropped the corn and ran to their camp.

The Indians were aroused by such treatment and began to kill livestock and destroy anything they could of the white man. This resulted in further action by the whites and they proceeded to the Indian camp, but some of them were away. Capt. Smith demanded that the Indians should leave that vicinity; they replied that the snow was so bad up north that they could get nothing to eat. They, however, said they would go down to the Omaha reservation. The whites did not care which way they went so long as they left Smithland. Upon leaving the camp, Capt. Smith and his men took the Indians' weapons. The next morning it was found that the Indians had left, but went north instead of

everywhere, which finally resulted in the Spirit Lake massacre.

The first log cabin in the western half of Woodbury County was built by Curtis Lamb in 1851, two miles north of Smithland. The first births were twins born to Edwin M. Smith, in 1854 and the first death was that of one of these children. On July 4, 1855, Morris Metcalf and Melinda Hatch were united in marriage by Rev. William Black, the only minister in the county at the time. This was the first marriage in Smithland. The first store was opened in 1855, and operated by the Howe brothers. The first hotel was started by William Jackson in 1856. The first mill, a steam sawmill, was put up in 1856 and was owned and operated by Swett, Baker, Smith and Wellington. During the year of its erection, Smith accidentally fell upon the saw and was killed. He was the first to be buried in the Smith Cemetery in November, 1856. The first physician was Rev. D.J. Havens, a Methodist minister, who had studied both professions. The first post office was established in 1855-56 and the postmaster was O.B. Smith. He also built the first large barn and it was dedicated by a dance, which was attended by old and young for many miles around.

About 1871-72 the *Little Sioux Valley Reporter*, a weekly newspaper was started by R.C. Rice, who ran it about two years. The *Smithland Advertiser* started in the spring of 1887, was published by the Advertiser company; it was run for nearly a year. The *Smithland Exponent* was started November 24, 1887, and its name was changed to the *Farmers Exponent* in the spring of 1890; proprietors were Jenness and Hills.

By 1912 the town boasted a school, two churches, a bank, two grocery stores, a meat market, Post Office, hotel, grain elevator, implement store, lumber yard and hardware, blacksmith shop, and a barber shop. A weekly newspaper continued under different names until about World War II. Chapters of the Masonic Lodge and OES were formed about the turn of the century.

The two churches were the Adventist and the Methodist. The Adventist Church discontinued services in the '20's or early '30's.

During this century many changes have occurred because of progress in transportation and communication, and the changing economic conditions. Better roads and the automobile have made traveling easier and businesses here have suffered. Competition between small towns and nearby cities has resulted in the closing of many businesses.

Smithland has an active American Legion Post and an Auxiliary. We are proud of the young men and women who served their country in World War I and World War II, the Korean and Vietnam Conflicts. The exact number of all our service men is not known. There are 112 members in the American Legion Leslie F. Seaton Post at Smithland.

There are two lovely parks close to Smithland. The town park, east of town, has been greatly improved in the last few years. Camping facilities are available and a lighted ball park makes night baseball a popular entertainment all summer. The American Legion sponsors the Smithland team and maintains this park.

Fowler's Preserve is a beautiful park of 50 acres bought by the Woodbury County Conservation Board in 1968. It is neatly

for picnics and large gatherings. This is a very popular meeting and eating place all summer.

We may have lost many of our town's businesses in the decades since World War II, but we still feel especially blessed by having our Church and these two parks, spots of natural beauty which can't be taken away from us. We wish to thank those who maintain the parks for the rest of us to enjoy.

LOG CABIN MUSEUM

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Smithland may be small but it has a very interesting attraction: A Log Cabin Museum was built in 1940 by people of the community with most of the work being done by the C.C.C.'s. It was built with the aid of a federal grant and consists of native logs and materials. Today, it stands at the south end of main street and houses tools, furniture and artifacts of the pioneer days. Contents of this museum have been donated by the Smithland people. Some of these are very unique, such as a United States flag which was brought home by Civil War veterans. Both the flag and the veterans can be seen in this picture.

When the Smithland school closed its doors, all of the graduation pictures were taken down off the walls and are now at home in the museum.

For many years the museum was cared for by the Historical Society, but it is now under the care of a Log Cabin Committee. We're proud of our heritage and invite you to visit our museum. It is open during the summer months on Sunday afternoons.

SMITHLAND SCHOOL

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Smithland's First Teacher, Hannah Van Dorn. Collection compiled by volunteers and staff at the State Historical Society of Iowa Library, Des Moines, Iowa.

IGI Individual Record

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North America

Richard C. Rice
Male

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Event(s):

Birth: About 1842 , , New York

Christening:

Death:

Burial: Smithland Cemetery, Little Sioux, , Woodbury, Iowa

Marriages:

Spouse: [Harriett E. Gordon](#)

[Family](#)

Marriage: 28 JUL 1874 , Woodbury, Iowa

Messages:

Record submitted after 1991 by a member of the LDS Church. No additional information is available.
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Source Information:

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- *ID:* I68191
- *Name:* **Richard C. RICE**
- *Surname:* Rice
- *Given Name:* Richard C.
- *Prefix:* Dr.
- *Sex:* M
- *Birth:* 1842
- *Christening:* of Smithland, Ia 1897
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Father: [Ezekial RICE Jr.](#) b: 20 Feb 1809 in Barr, Worcester, Ma c: in of Howard, Steuben, Ny 1850/180
Mother: [Anna Maria COLLIER "Mary"](#) b: 1811 in Howard, Steuben, Ny c: in of Howard, Steuben, Ny 1880

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1870 United States Federal Census

Name:	Richard C Rice	
Birth Year:	abt 1842	
Age in 1870:	28	
Birthplace:	New York	
Home in 1870:	Sioux City, Woodbury, Iowa	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Value of real estate:	View image	
Post Office:	Sioux City	

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Richard C Rice	28
	Richard Louks	29
	Agnes Louks	19

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Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

Name: **Richard C Rice**

Birth Year: **abt 1843**

Birth Place: **New York**

Gender: **Male**

Race: **White**

Census Date: **1895**

Residence State: **Iowa**

Residence County: **Woodbury**

Locality: **Smithland**

Roll: **IA1885_414**

Line: **15**

Family Number: **62**

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household	Name	Age
Members:	Richard C Rice	52
	Hattie E Rice	40
	Edward Wendle	24

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Birth: Dec. 26, 1851
New York, USA

Death: Jan. 1, 1912
Woodbury County
Iowa, USA

Harriet & Richard were married on July 28, 1874 in Woodbury Co, Iowa.

Family links:

Children:

- [Charles Rice \(1875 - 1875\)*](#)
- [Cordinna Rice \(1877 - 1877\)*](#)

Spouse:

[Harriet E Gordon Rice \(1855 - _____\)](#)

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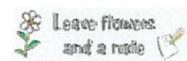
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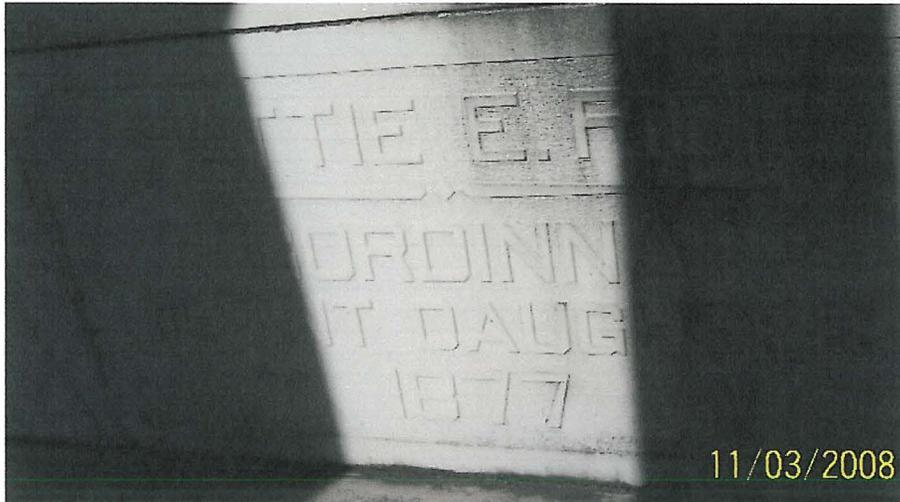


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