

Moses Preston Rice

Pioneer of 1844

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Moses Preston Rice

b. c1818 Henry County, Ohio

d. 02 Jun 1880 Elkton, Douglas County, Oregon

s/o Moses Rice and Margaret Ellis

m1. 24 Dec 1852

Nancy Jane Bramlet [Pioneer of 1852]

b. 10 Sep 1832 Tennessee

d. c1853 Oakland, Douglas County, Oregon

d/o Nathan Bramlet and Jane Gober [both died on trail in 1852]

m. 24 Sep 1854 Oakland, Douglas County, Oregon

Melissa Millie Pyburn

b. c1837 Missouri

d. c1905

d/o Edward Pyburn and Elizabeth Robbins

1850: Washington County, Oregon, Census, Preston Rice, Provisional and Territorial Record #3450

1850: Washington County, Oregon, November 4, 1850; James Rice, 38, farmer, Canada; Nancy, 34, OH; Moses L., 15, IN; Robt W., 14, IN; Margt K., 12, MO; Ann M., 9, MO; John N., 6, OT; Chas. L., 4, OT; Eliza T., 2, OT; 3 laborers, Margt Rice, 62, Mich; Wm. S., 34, farmer, Canada; Moses P., 30, farmer, OH; John, 29, farmer, OH; Wm W., 19, farmer, IN; Mary, 34, OH; A.K. (Ica) Foster, 15, IN; Alonzo, 10, MO; Isadora E., 7, MO

1854: Washington County, Oregon, Tax Roll, Preston Rice, Provisional and Territorial Record #12278B

1860: District 5, Locust Grove PO, Umpqua County, Oregon, August 6, 1860; Moses P. Rice, 35, farmer, \$2000 \$2500, OH; Milla M., 23, MO; Maria, 5, OR; Benton H., 3, OR; Albert, 10/12, OR; Amon Pyburn, 14, farm laborer, MO

1870: Calapooia, Oakland PO, Douglas County, Oregon, August 16, 1870, Preston Rice, 37, farmer, \$2500 \$616, OH; Melissa, 34, keeping house, MO; Benton, 13, at school, OR; Albert, 10, at school, OR; Jane, 8, OR; Loretta, 6, OR; Mary, 3, OR

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1880: Calapooia, Douglas County, Oregon, June 3 & 4, 1880;. Samuel Carlile, 30, farmer, IA OH OH; Maria E., 24, wife, keeping house, OR Can MO; Minnie, 8, dau, OR IA OR; Laura, 6, dau, OR IA OR; Loretta, 4, dau, OR IA OR; William, 2, son, OR IA OR; Millie Rice, 40, grandmother, boarder, MO TN TN

Children of Moses Rice and Melissa Pyburn:

1. Maria Elizabeth Rice
 - b. 10 Jul 1855 Oregon
 - d. 15 Oct 1906 Washington
 - m. 12 Jul 1870 Douglas County, Oregon to Samuel Carlaile

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2. Benton Hill Rice
 - b. 1857 Oregon
 - d. 17 Dec 1903 Steilacoom, Pierce County, Washington
 - buried Washington State Hospital Memorial Cemetery, Steilacoom, Pierce County, Washington

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1880: Calapooia, Douglas County, Oregon, June 4 & 5, 1880; Isidor Rice, 35, farmer, MO Can OH; Mary L., 28, wife, keeping house, MO KY TN; Minnie M., 9, dau, OR MO

MO; Laura, 6, dau, OR MO MO; Anna, 4, dau, OR MO MO; Benton H., 23, boarder, laborer, OR OH Mass

1900: Steilacoom, Pierce County, Washington, June 6, 1900; Benton H. Rice, 43, patient, s, CA OH KY

COMMITTED TO THE ASYLUM.

**Benton Hill Rice Declared Insane
Yesterday.**

Benton Hill Rice, who was taken in charge at Mud Bay by the sheriff on Friday afternoon charged with insanity, was yesterday forenoon committed to the insane asylum at Steilacoom. He was taken to the asylum by Sheriff Billings. Drs. Mitchell and Riley examined the unfortunate man and reported that he was unsafe to be at large. Rice at times is perfectly sane and yesterday during one of these periods he told the physicians he had been out of the British Columbia asylum but three weeks. His insanity consists almost wholly of the hallucination that everything he is asked to eat contains something of a poisonous nature, put into the food to cure him of the tobacco habit. Rice in his sane moments exhibits considerable intelligence and he is said to be an accomplished musician. He is a fine looking man and it seemed sad yesterday to hear him deplore the fact that when the "spells" came on he lost the use of his reasoning powers and must be imprisoned for this misfortune.

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3. Albert Rice
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- 4. Jane Rice
- b. 1862 Oregon
- d.

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- 5. Loretta Rice
- b. c1864 Oregon
- d.

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- 6. Mary Ann Rice
- b. c1866 Oregon
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7. M. Rice
b. c1870 (son)
d.

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