

David M. Rice Dies Tuesday  
Root Township Assessor Dies of Paralysis  
Stricken on September 14

David M. Rice, 67, prominent retired farmer and present assessor of Root township died at 5:45 o'clock last evening, Tuesday, October 2, 1928, at his home, one-half mile north of Monmouth on the Fort Wayne-Decatur road. Death was due to paralysis.

David M. Rice was born July 3 1861, in Root township, Adams county, the son of Mary Pillars Rice and Benjamin James Rice. September 11, 1863, he united in marriage with Harriet Evans, the surviving widow. Nine children were born to this union, two sons and two daughters, however, having preceded the father in death. They were: Clyde M. Rice, Benjamin E. Rice, Mary C. Rice, and Saloma Rice Fehrman.

The surviving children are: David Otto Rice, of Sioux City, Iowa; Edythe Rice Crawford, of Los Angeles, California; Florence B., Ralph W., and Robert J. all at the parental home. One sister, Nancy A. Cline, and one brother, James M. Rice, also survive. There are ten grandchildren and one great grandchild.

The deceased is a member of the First Methodist church of this city. Practically his entire life residence has been in Root township where he was well known and respected. For the past six years, he has served as assessor of Root township.

Mr. and Mrs. Rice were already packed, expecting to leave on Monday morning, September 16, for California, to spend the winter with their daughter, Mrs. Edythe Crawford, and on the Saturday previous, Mr. Rice was stricken with paralysis. Mr. and Mrs. Crawford, who had been visiting at the Rice homestead since early in July, and with whom Mr. and Mrs. Rice expected to make the trip to California by auto, prolonged their stay because of the father's illness. Business, however, necessitated that they leave on Monday morning of this week on their return trip to Oklahoma. Due to the fact that they are enroute, it is impossible to reach them with news of the death until they reach their destination next week.

David Otto Rice, of Sioux City, Iowa, who was called to his father's bedside two weeks ago, was compelled to leave yesterday for his home, due to a message announcing the serious illness of his wife.

Funeral services will be held Friday afternoon, at 1:30 o'clock, at the family residence and at 2 o'clock at the First Methodist church in this city. The Rev. Ross W. Stoakes will officiate at the services. Burial will be made in the Decatur cemetery.