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At Rest

Benjamin James Rice was born Nov. 17, 1817, in Culpeper county, Virginia, where he with with his parents until he was about eight years old, when his parents moved to Carroll county, Ohio, where the family lived until 1836. But in 1835 he, in company with his brother, William P. Rice, came to Adams county, their father haing been here previously and entered the northwest quarter of section 13, in Root township, where the boys put up a cabin and commenced a clearing.

He was married Sept. 6, 1838 to Elizabeth Pillars, to them were born four children: William ?, Mary Davy, Elizabeth Waggoner and Rachel Blossom, when death claimed her. Again in April 1846, he was married to Mary Pillars, to them were born six children: Benjamin P, John B, Nancy A, now married to Jonas Cline, James M., Williard F, and David M, all survive him. For some time past he has made his home with his youngest son where his death occurred Sept. 9, 1895, aged 77 years, 10 months and 22 days. His interment was made in the Alpha graveyard, near his home. When sixteen years of age he joined the Methodist church of which he remained a faithful and consistent member until called away. He helped to build the first church called the Alpha, and then the one in which his funeral was preached, and for near sixty years he worshiped at the same place. He held all the different offices of the church, and at the time of his death was president of the board of trustees. In his death the church looses (sic) a valuable member, the community a good citizen and the children a devoted father, the widow a loving and affectionate husband. The funeral was conducted by Rev. Tinkham of Hoagland, assisted by Rev. Gregg, of Decatur. "Peace be to his ashes."