

Rice Family Graveyard

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Quadrant Map:

Otterville West/East

General Location:

Northwest of Otterville

Congressional Township:

Township 45-N; Range 19-W

Section:

Southeast quarter of the northwest quarter of the northwest quarter of section 4

Longitude & Latitude:

38° 42' 12"N, 93° 02' 11"W

Map Link:

Topozone map link for [Rice Family Graveyard](#). Thanks are due to Mike Flannigan and Wayne Johnson for location mapping assistance.

Directions:

One mile northwest of Otterville, Mo., on the farm of the late H. D. Case, now owned by Mr. & Mrs. Leo Smith (1976), who lived southwest of Otterville.

Atlas Survey:

1877 land atlas – no cemetery symbol on T. M. Rice land

1915 land atlas – no cemetery symbol on H. D. Case land

1978 plat book – no cemetery symbol on Florence B. Smith land

History:

"In a secluded, picturesque family graveyard, lie the remains of a family whose history figured prominently in the pre- and Civil War periods.

This family plot formerly had a brick wall surrounding it, and an attractive iron gate at the entrances. It was reported that Union Troops of Gen. Lyon's Army frequently hid there."

This plot is now fenced and some graves are under a low concrete vault. The preservation was done by the late Dr. E. L. Rice, a grandson of Col. Charles E. Rice. Dr. Genie, as he was known to his family, practiced medicine in the early part of this century. Some of the stones are barely legible now.

The history of the Rice Family is of interest because Col. Chas. E. Rice, was a distinguished Virginian and a very loyal southern gentleman. However, his very "rabid" beliefs and the problems they presented were of no passing interest in those troubled times.

Both Justice and Decency require that we bestow on our forefathers and honorable remembrance.

By Mrs. Leo Smith, formerly Beatrice Case.

Updated:

November 20, 2010 with 11 entries for this cemetery.

Gillum	Julia Ann née Rice; his wife; born 1816; died 1853; Note: "Mr. And Mrs. Smith Gillum were the parents of the late Mr. John I. Gillum who lived southwest of Otterville for many years."
Gillum	Smith; born 1801; died 1854; husband of Julia Ann Rice; son-in-law of Mr. & Mrs. Chas. E. Rice.
Rice	Adelia Frances; a daughter; born 1830; died 1850; Note: "She was laid to rest in this graveyard. This vivacious daughter, nineteen and engaged to be married, fell victim to a fever and died. No preacher could be secured; so no religious service could be held. The coffin was carried from the Rice Homstead, a quarter of a mile, to this family graveyard with their faithful, beloved slave Tom Rice, following and playing his fiddle. The shroud for this lovely corpse was the beautiful dress she

	had worn to a ball just before she was struck down with this fever."
Rice	Charles E., Colonel; born 1796; died 1866; Note: A relative relates this his grave was no identified until several years; this was a precaution so no harm would come to his monument.
Rice	Emma Jean; died 1862; aged about 1 year, 8 months
Rice	James E.; died 1862; aged 42 years; Note: "He was murdered in 1862. He lived about two miles southwest of Otterville with his family. He was sought out one night by a band of men. They let him return to his house to tell his wife that he would not be back. He left some money and a watch with her. He left the impression that he was going to serve in an army prison. The next morning, he was found shot and dead; within a mile and a half of his home. The wife revealed that she had heard a muffled shot on that evening after he had left."
Rice	John Holman; a son; born 10 May 1837; died 1862; Note: He was murdered in 1862 some where near Syracuse, while at home on leave from the Confederate Army.
Rice	Willa Wood; his wife; born 1796; died 1866
Rice	William Morris; born 1818; died 1855; son of Charles E. Rice
Unknown	Unknown; "A stranger's grave; no name; an itinerant peddler, who was welcomed by the Rice Family. He became ill with 'the fever'; died there and was buried here. He gave the Rice Family a gold cane just before he died."
Unknown	Unknown; a "Colored Mammy" who lived with the Rice Family