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James M. Rice, Walnut, Juniata County, Pa., a farmer and stockman of Milford Township, was born in Saville Township, Perry County, Pa., June 20, 1850. He is a son of **Conrad** and **Elizabeth (Notestine) Rice**. His grandfather, **Conrad Rice, Sr.**, was a native of Chester County, Pa., and was a farmer. He removed to Saville Township, Perry County, becoming one of its first residents. Some years later he went to Juniata County, where he passed the remainder of his days, and died in 1855. He was married twice, his first wife being **Miss Foose**, a native of Perry County; they had five children: **Samuel**; **William**; **Margaret (Mrs. Frederick Shell)**; **Sarah (Mrs. Michael Ickes)**; and **Conrad**. The mother of these children died in Saville Township, and **Mr. Rice** then married **Miss Catharine Stoney**, of Cumberland County, Pa. He was a Democrat. He attended the Lutheran Church.

Conrad Rice, Jr., father of **James M. Rice**, was born in Perry County, where he attended school and received a good education. Besides being an excellent reader, he was a careful student of the Bible. After leaving school he became a millwright, and worked in that calling for several years. Then he assisted his father in farming on the homestead until 1850. His father then gave him a farm, on which he made many improvements, building a fine house, planting orchards, etc. **Mr. Rice** was married in Turbett Township, Juniata County, Pa., to **Miss Elizabeth Notestine**, a native of Cumberland County, daughter of **Daniel** and **Christiana (Tress) Notestine**. Her father was a hatter; he died in Turbett Township. They had these children: **Jonathan**, deceased; **Sarah (Mrs. David L. Swartz)**, mother of **Hon. William Swartz**, judge of the common pleas court of Juniata County; **Jane**, who died young; **Elizabeth**, living with **James M. Rice**; **Jane M. (Mrs. John Wisehaupt)**, mother of **G. W. Wisehaupt**, of Port Royal, Juniata County; **Susan (Mrs. Jacob Wisehaupt)**, of Spruce Hill Township, deceased; **Kate (Mrs. George J. Rice)**, of Madison Township, Perry County; **Rebecca**, who died young; **William**, deceased; and **James M. Mr. Rice** was a consistent member of the Lutheran Church, in which he had held the position of elder and deacon. In all church matters he took very active part. He was a Democrat, and was elected to various offices, among them being those of school director and supervisor. **Conrad Rice** died in 1876.

James M. Rice received his education in the public schools of Saville Township. He remained at home with his father until he was thirty years of age, and then went to Ickesburg, Perry County, where he farmed for three years. In 1883 he returned to Juniata County, where, for nine years, he cultivated the **John Jenkins** farm in Milford Township; he then bought a farm of 180 acres, known as the **Wallsmith** farm, on which he has since resided. Besides farming, he deals extensively in stock. **Mr. Rice** supports the principles of Democracy, but does not seek office.

In 1877 **James M. Rice** was married at Mt. Holly, Cumberland County, Pa., to **Mary E. Zug**, who was one of the nine children of **Jacob** and **Elizabeth (Culver) Zug**. **Mr. Zug** was a farmer and paper manufacturer. **Mr. and Mrs. Rice** have these children: **Charles**, who is attending the high school at Mifflintown; **Annie L.**; and **Mary K.** **Mr. Rice** is a zealous member of the Lutheran Church, in which he holds the office of deacon. During his residence in Perry County he served as a superintendent of the Sunday-school