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ORREN, JOSEPH F.

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Joseph F. Orren, a retired farmer of Rice, was born January 10, 1858 in Jefferson County, Noxville, Tennessee the son of John and Catherine Orren, who came from Germany. He worked as farm hand in the southern part of Minnesota, and later bought a farm at Rice, Minnesota, consisting of a hundred and sixty acres of land at \$14.50 an acre. About twenty-five years later he sold this same farm for \$12,000.

He was married March 27, 1884 to Jeroah Rice, daughter of George and Jeroah Rice. Reverent McDonnel performed the ceremony. Jeroah Rice was born January 29, 1858, her father was one of the oldest pioneers of Rice. Mr. and Mrs. Rice came from Chesterfield, Mass. in the fall of 1854. They opened a hotel, which they operated for twenty-two years. He owned a flour mill and also a saw mill. The town of Rice was named for Mr. George Rice.

During the Indian outbreak in 1862, Mr. Rice drove Indian ponies, which he trained for the cavalry. George Rice furnished the meat for the Army at Fort Ripley, where the hired help consisted mostly of Indians and half-breeds. Mrs. Jeroah(Rice)Orren never recalls any serious trouble among these employees at Fort Ripley.

Joseph and Jeroah (Rice) Orren have three children Francis Z. Orren, married Roy Dunsmore and they have one child, Richard. Mr. Dunsmore was a road engineer. He is now deceased; Hazel, married George Oelrich. They have three children and live on a farm. Ida, is a teacher on the Chisholm Range, and during the summer months is a nature guide at a Scout Camp.

Joseph and Jeroah (Rice) Orren celebrated their golden wedding in 1934. They came to St. Cloud in 1914 and live on Eight Avenue South.

Interviewed: Jeroah (Rice) Orren  
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By: Tresa Gruber

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