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Isiah Thomas Rice was born Sept 14, 1866 in Gibson Co, TN to Jasper Newton Rice & Kesiah C Swindle and he died March 13, 1926 in Crockett Co, TN. He is buried at Old Providence Church Cemetery in Crockett Mills, Crockett Co, TN.

He married Mary Elizabeth Rice on Sep 21, 1891 in Crockett Co, TN.

Mary was the daughter of John Wesley Rice and Charity Taylor of Lauderdale Co, TN.

These Rice families were not known to be any kin to each other.

Mary was born March 5, 1874 in Lauderdale Co, TN and died Feb 14, 1946 in Crockett Co, TN.

After, Tom's death, Mary married J C Bell July 1, 1928, but divorced him when his son threatened to kill her.

The Children of Isiah & Mary Rice:

Edna E Rice b. Jan 27, 1894 d. Jan 14, 1978

Edna married Otis Martin Bates on Sept 2, 1917 in Crockett Co, TN. He died Jan 5, 1962.
The marriage to Otis was witnessed by her brother Reamos E Rice and cousin, J T Privett, JP.
Children: May Dill, Nov. 1918, Lester Martin, May 1922, Mary Bell Nov. 1925, Iva Nell, July 1928,
Chester Lois, Apr 1930, Hester Ray Oct 1934.

Reamos Elbert Rice b. March 16, 1896

married Nellie Fowler Oct 8, 1920 Witness Herbert Rice, son Thomas Wayne Rice b. 1927 Gibson Co,
TN and Melborn Hoover Rice . Reamos also married Lillian Dodson.

According to the Census, he may have been married to Lillian first and then Nellie.

Isiah Thomas Rice Jr. b. Jan 27, 1904 d. Jan 31, 1977

Isiah married Hattie (Hettie) Berl Forbes Jan 14, 1923 in Crockett Co, TN

She was born March 16, 1904 and died April 23, 1973

They are buried at Old Providence Cemetery in Crockett Mills, TN

Children: Lila Fern Rice b. Aug 9, 1927 d. Nov 21, 1927 Providence Cemetery

Linnie Herbert Rice b. April 24, 1898 d. Jan 1980 (*according to Social Security and WWI Draft Card*)

Hubert married Evelyn Rice b. Jun 25, 1909 d. March 1987 She was the daughter of George W Rice &
Maude Young. (no known relationship between these Rice families)

They are buried at Bowen Chapel Cemetery in Dyer Co, TN.

Jerry N Rice interviewed Reamos Rice on Aug 17, 1982 at a Trenton, TN nursing home:

“ My Grandfather was Jasper Newton Rice. Kisey Rice was my Grandmother. They came here from North of Nashville and owned land around Nashville. My Father, Isiah Thomas, has a brother named Jasper Newton Rice and a sister named Sallie Webb, and other Sisters who lived at Kennett and Cape Girardeau. Sallies first husband was John Dye and they had 3 sons, Jasper, Dave & Alfred. Isiah Thomas Rice was called TOM. Grandpa Jasper was dark and had the blackest hair you've ever seen. My Daddy's Mother nmaed Kiziah, the pronounced is KIZ-ZEE or KIZ-AR, but they called her Kissy. They came from North Carolina and came to Nashville and then here to Crockett. I don't know where they came from in North Carolina. Uncle Newt was my Daddy's brother. Once my Daddy and Uncle Newt and a Preacher named J T Barker went up to Nashville to find out about my Grandfather's land and they couldn't find out much about it.”

Jerry was able to obtain photos and a lot of information from Reamos and his family whom desends from John Wesley Rice. Many Thanks to Jerry N Rice for all his help and information.



*L to R (Back): Herbert, Edna, Reamos & Isiah Thomas Jr.
L to R (Front): Isiah Thomas Rice, Mary Rice*



Reamos Rice and his horse, Clipper

