

[Rice, Fred Hamilton]

Obituaries.

FRED HAMILTON RICE, eldest son of Ward W. [Walter Ward] and Harriet Rice, was born in Cuba, June 27, 1867, and died at Friendship, January 7, 1895. His disease was consumption against the ravages of which he bore up with wonderful fortitude for several years. He was still able to do some work at his place of business [as co-director of the Citizens' National Bank] last Saturday and the news of his death Monday was a surprise to our whole community.

"Fred," as he was familiarly called, was a young man whom to know was to love or admire. Nature had cast him in a refined mold, and it was natural for him to be a gentleman. His affability alone was a good business capital and this was supplemented by a sagacious mind, well cultivated by reading and education. His business qualifications were of the highest order and although yet a young man, his advice was sought by his superiors in years and experience. To be compelled to yield such a character to the Great Destroyer was indeed an affliction to a widowed mother and an irreparable loss to our town. Mr. Rice was buried yesterday in Maple Grove cemetery, Rev. J. J. [Jay Jenkins] Brayton [Universalist] officiating.

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