



# The Life Story of Mother Delight Rice and Her Children

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San Francisco*



*Delight Meier*

July 3, 1883-October 9, 1964

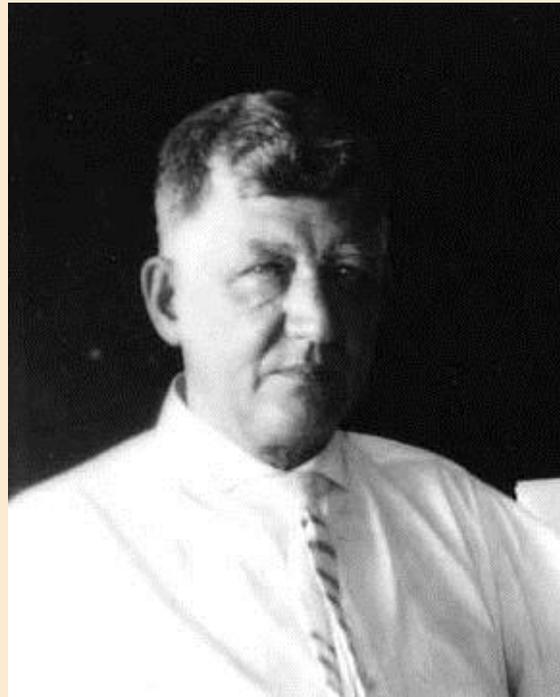


# Beginning of Ronald's Lifetime Relationship with Delight Rice



Ronald  
in 1933

# Deaf Parents in Columbus, Ohio



Charles Merrick Rice  
September 19, 1854-October 16, 1933



Alice Isadora Gregg  
July 10, 1858-October 3, 1920

# Marriage Record



On July 15, 1880,  
Charles Rice and Alice  
Gregg were married by  
OSD Supt. Gilbert Otis  
Fay in Delaware, Ohio.

The U.S. Special Census  
on Deaf Family, 1888-  
1895 was the official  
supplement to the 1890  
U.S. Census.

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[Please answer the questions as fully as possible, and return the record to E. A. Fax,  
Kendall Green, Washington, D. C.]

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MARRIAGE RECORD

OF

Charles M. Rice (husband) and Alice J. Gregg (wife)

I. DETAILS RELATING TO MARRIAGE.

1. Date of Marriage July 15, 1880. Place of Marriage Delaware, O.

Were the parties related before marriage? \_\_\_\_\_ If so, what relationship? \_\_\_\_\_

Give any other details known relating to marriage. Married by  
Supt. G. O. Fay.

2. OFFSPRING. Total number of children born of this marriage? 3

How many were deaf? \_\_\_\_\_ How many could hear? \_\_\_\_\_? How many died in infancy? \_\_\_\_\_

Give any other details known relating to offspring. For example, names, dates of birth or death,  
causes of death, ages at death, etc., where possible.

George M. t. July 1, 1881, died Oct 17 '83 from jaundice.

Delia Delight - 3. 1883.

Lucy Eugene - Feb. 21, 1888.



OSD in Columbus, Ohio

Delight Rice



# Ohio and Wisconsin Schools for the Deaf 1901-1907



WSD Staff 1903-1904



WSD in Delavan, Wisconsin

# Three “Helen Kellers” of Wisconsin



Anna Johnson, Delight Rice, Minnie Dunick and Eva Halliday

# Convention of American Instructors for the Deaf

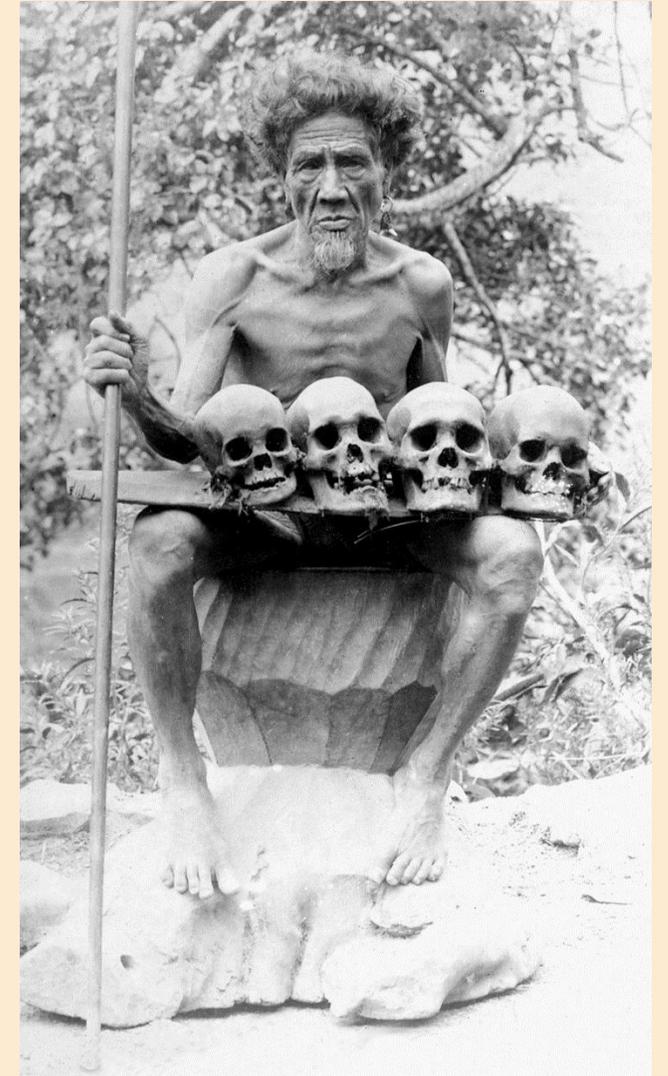
North Carolina School for the Deaf at Morganton  
July 8-15, 1905



# 1907 Philippine Search



Delight Rice and American Constabularies



Igorot Headhunter



# Ermita School

The First Deaf School  
in the Philippines in 1907

Schoolhouse  
on Calle Mercado  
In Ermita District in Manila

The First Class





On Calle Real del Palacio  
In Intramuros District in Manila

# Intramuros School 1908-1910

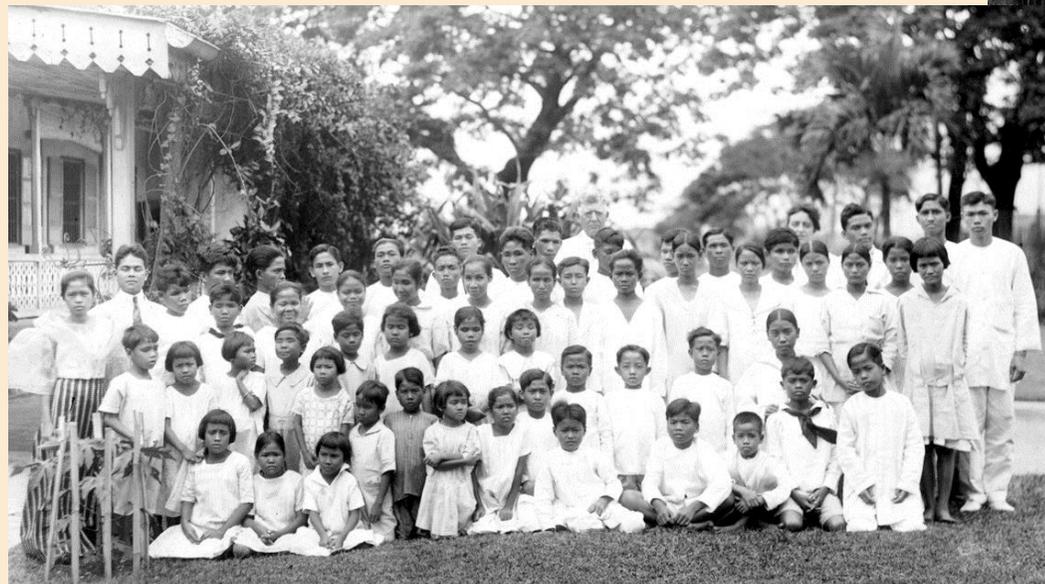
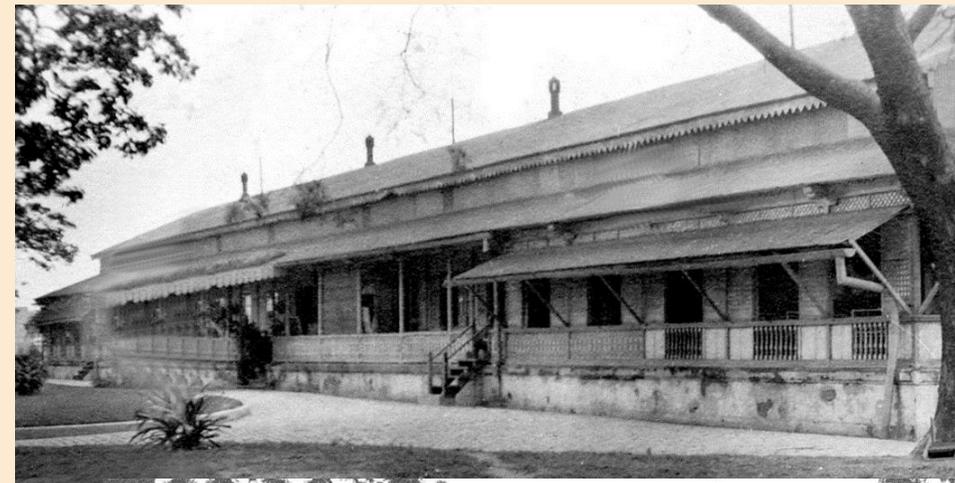


Manila Cathedral  
One block from the school

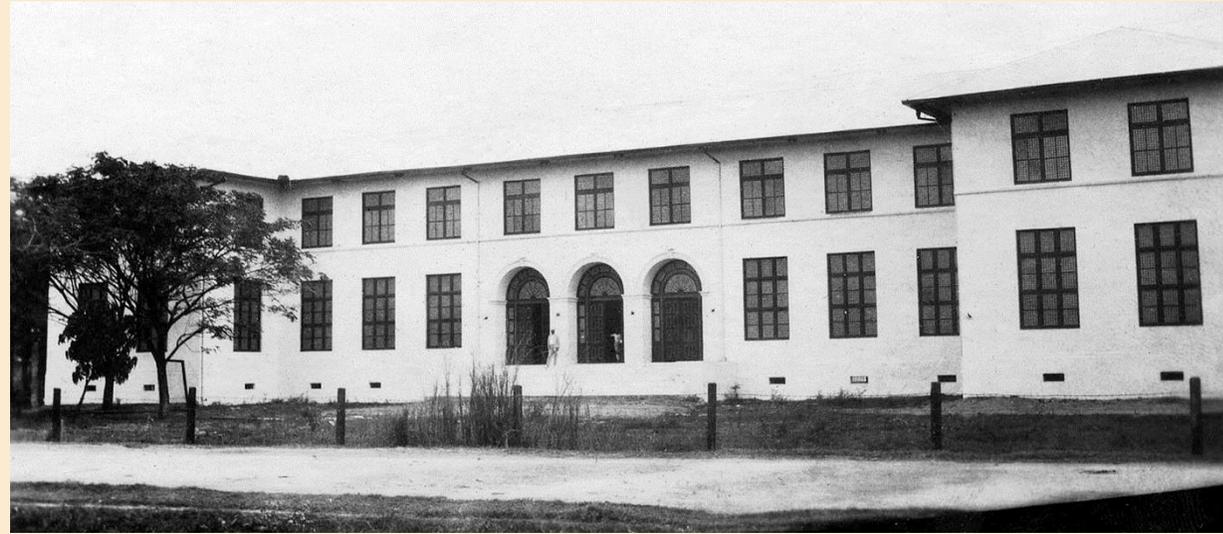


Bungalow-type School Building  
100 yards from Manila Bay

# Port District School 1910-1923



Front School Gate  
on Malecon Drive



Newly completed school on F.B. Harrison Street in Pasay City in 1923

## Pasay School 1923-Present



Philippine School for the Deaf



Rogerio Lagman



Francisca Lagman



Paula Felizardo



Pablo Santos

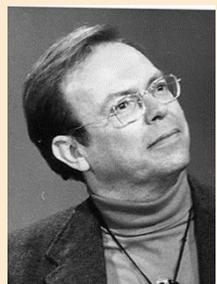


Bernardo Cuengco

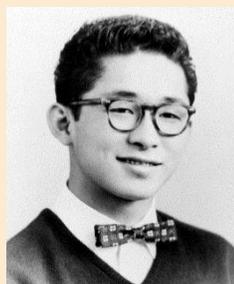
## Students Sent to California School for the Deaf by Delight Rice in 1909-1939



Lester Naftaly



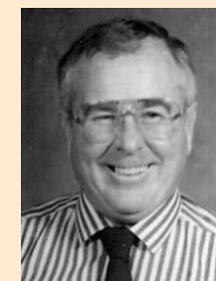
George Attletweed



Ronald Hirano



Jeanette Davis



Daniel Lynch

# Pioneer in Audiology



Berkeley in the '30's



Los Angeles in the '50's

# Topaz Internment Camp in Utah in 1942-1945

Hirano Family

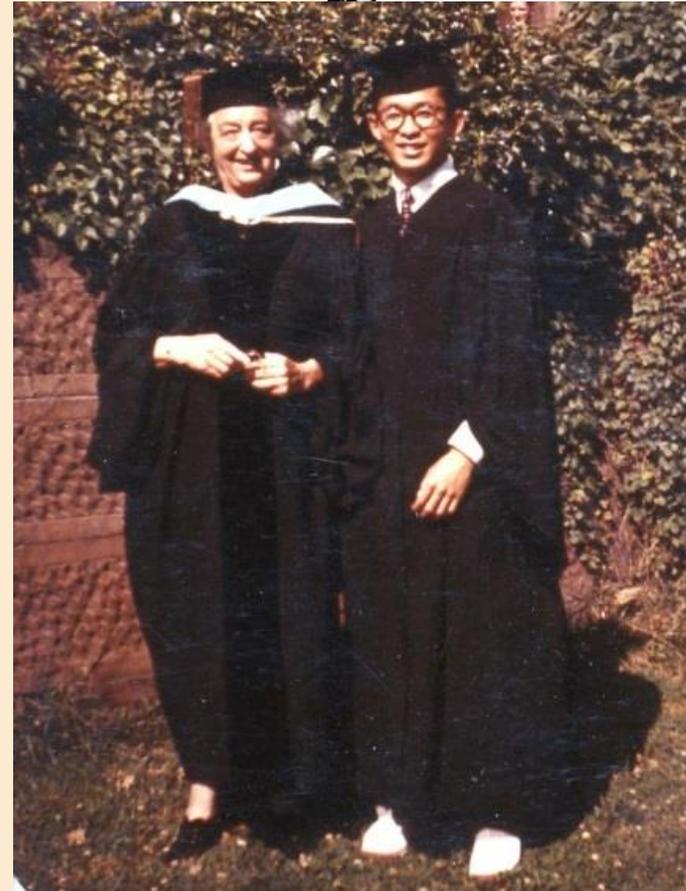




# Gallaudet University Washington, DC



Agatha Tiegel  
Hanson



Honorary  
Doctorate  
Degree  
In 1955



# 1961-1962 Philippine Visit



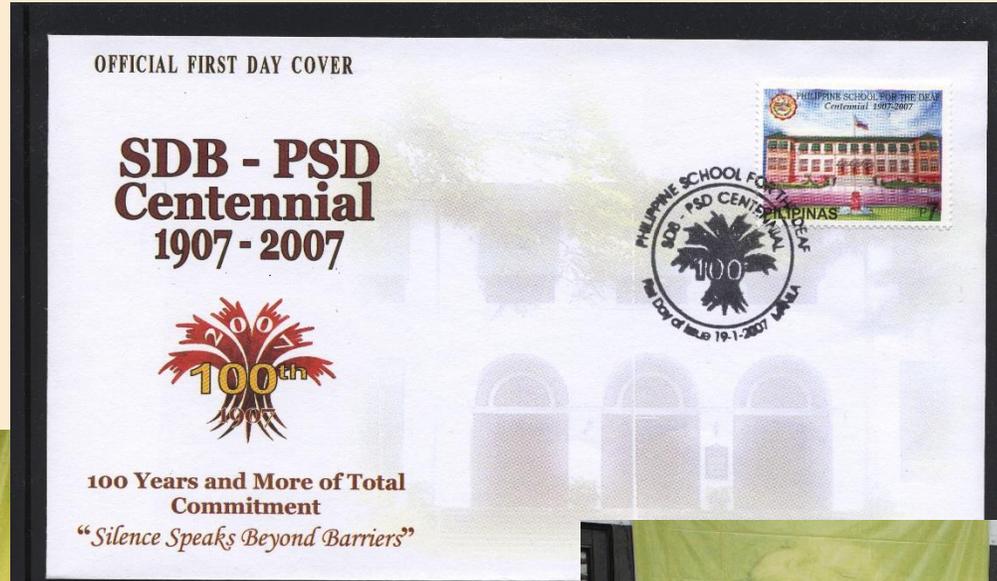
# Rice Family Plot at Five Corners Cemetery in Milfordton, Ohio



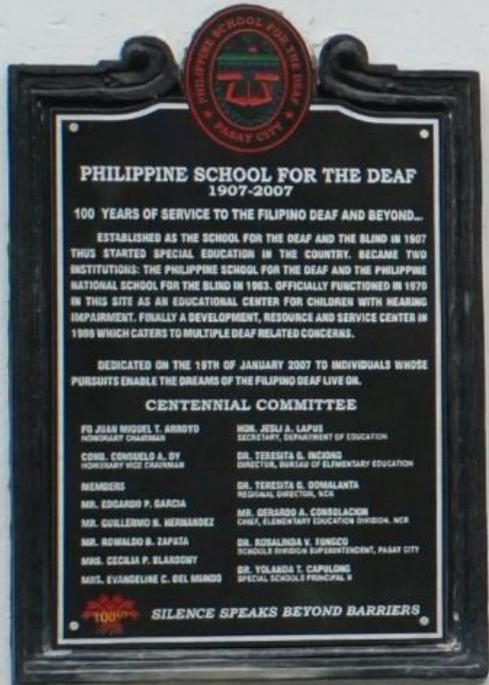
# 2007 PSD Centennial Celebration



Ronald Hirano



First Day Cover of PSD Postage Stamp



Stanley Smith

Manila, Philippines



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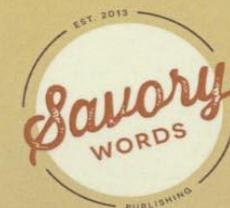
Delight Rice, the hearing daughter of deaf parents, was a pioneering teacher of deaf-blind pupils at the Wisconsin and Ohio Schools for the Deaf during the early 1900s.

In 1907, during the Spanish-American War, the U.S. government sent her to establish a deaf education system in the Philippines, which was occupied by American military forces. Initially unable to find any deaf children in Manila and surrounding provinces, she and American constabularies ventured into the interior mountains, heavily populated by wild, hostile headhunting tribes, in search of deaf children. They rode U.S. Army wagons and on burros for more than 1,000 miles on their successful mission.

This book chronicles Delight Rice's life and legendary contributions to deaf education in the United States and the Philippines.



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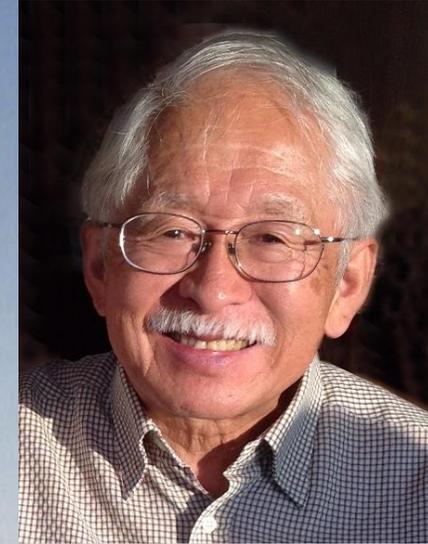


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