The Life Story of
Mother Delight Rice
and Her Children

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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
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.
Ohio and Wisconsin Schools for the Deaf
1901-1907

OSD in Columbus, Ohio

WSD Staff 1903-1904

WSD in Delavan, Wisconsin

Delight Rice
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
Intramuros School
1908-1910

On Calle Real del Palacio
In Intramuros District in Manila

Manila Cathedral
One block from the school
Port District School
1910-1923

Bungalow-type School Building
100 yards from Manila Bay

Front School Gate on Malecon Drive
Pasay School
1923-Present

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

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

Rogerio Lagman  Francisca Lagman  Paula Felizardo  Pablo Santos

Bernardo Cuengco

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

Honorary Doctorate Degree
In 1955

Agatha Tiegel Hanson
Rice Family Plot
at Five Corners Cemetery in Milfordton, Ohio
2007 PSD Centennial Celebration

First Day Cover of PSD Postage Stamp

Ronald Hirano

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.

Ronald M. Hirano, a deaf Nisei (Japanese-American), was adopted and raised by Delight Rice when his family was interned in relocation camps during World War II. He has written, designed and edited numerous newsletters and served on boards of organizations working with deaf people on local, regional and national levels.
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