



Richland County History Room photo.

Daniel Rice House – 562 North Park St. – circa 1860.

Built in the pre-Civil War era, similar to the Ira Haseltine House at 33 South Grove Street, the Daniel Rice House exhibits the cornice returns and low pitched gable roof typically associated with the Greek Revival style. The house has the wide, plain frieze board and six over six windows so often associated with the mid-nineteenth century Greek Revival buildings. This house exhibits some Early Georgian characteristics as well, with its symmetrical design, the small six paned sash windows, low gabled roof and chimneys on both sides of the building. Although altered by the addition of a porch and not as well maintained as the other houses of this period in Richland Center, this architecturally and historically significant house continues to display much of its original architectural character.

Daniel Rice was born in France in 1822. When still an infant his parents emigrated to the U.S. from France and settled in Pennsylvania where he spent his early life. In 1838 Rice went to Ohio railroading and during downtimes he learned the trade of machinist. Rice married Delia Landen in 1849. In August of 1853 Rice purchased land in Richland County and the following spring of 1854 he moved his family. Rice was engaged in the manufacturing of bricks for two years. He then became a livestock dealer, making the first shipment of livestock from Richland County. In 1860 Rice entered the mercantile trade, in which he remained for twelve years until he retired due to age and health issues. In 1856 Mrs. Rice established the first millinery business in Richland Center. Rice was one of the early settlers in Richland Center and was a familiar figure on the streets for some thirty-five years. He was known as the “soldiers” friend for the concern and acts of kindness that he and his wife extended to those who had returned from the war. He died in 1894.

(Keep in mind the homes listed are private residences which are not open to the public. Please respect the occupants’ privacy when viewing their homes from the sidewalk).