

# THE LOVELACE FAMILY

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The sisters, Anna and Elnora Lovelace, were married to the brothers, Elias and Shared Rice, and these families came to Rainier Country in the 1870s. Elias Rice owned the place later known as the Sundquist place, but later moved to Hillsboro where he spent the rest of his life. Shared Rice lived where the Hans Hovlands raised cattle in the Fern Hill district, but later moved to the bottom land along the river, now West Rainier, a good part of which he once owned. His home was where the Rainier Manufacturing Co. operates. The W. E. Proctors, who acquired the property, modernized the big house, and the present owners, the mill

people, moved the house south of the railroad track, where it sits, waiting (1970).

The Shared Rices had five children – Will, Frank, Harry, Ruby and Allie. Allie was married to Guy Tarbell of the Yankton district.

Robert Lovelace came to Rainier from Sedalia, Missouri, late in the 1870s or early 1880s. He was married to Jennie McKee in May, 1884. The McKees had come from Kansas and occupied a farm in Hudson. Jennie McKee was a school teacher before her marriage. They made their home on the rolling acreage along Beaver Creek. They were both active Grange members, and Mr. Lovelace worked the farm and worked on the county road crews.

Mr. and Mrs. Robert N. Lovelace had four children: Virgie, who married Claude Banzer from the Hudson community and moved to Portland. Margie was married to Guy Tarbell after her cousin, Allie, his first wife, passed away. Ninion remained a bachelor and was killed in a logging accident. Bill remained at home and helped his parents. When his mother died in 1933 Bill was married to Margaret Ott, daughter of a neighboring family, and they helped and cared for Mr. Lovelace until he passed away in 1944.

Bill and Margaret farmed the homestead place until Bill passed away on June 9, 1968. The homestead is still the "Lovelace place" at this writing.