

# Saanich Archives

## Finding Aid - R.G. Rice fonds (PR-273)

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## Summary information

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<b>Repository:</b>	Saanich Archives
<b>Title:</b>	R.G. Rice fonds
<b>ID:</b>	PR-273
<b>Date:</b>	1914-1919 predominant (date of creation)
<b>Physical description:</b>	Artifacts. 5 certificates. 3 photographs.
<b>Language:</b>	English
<b>Dates of creation, revision and deletion:</b>	
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	Accession number: 2016-031.
<b>Note [generalNote]:</b>	Uniform and a selection of artifacts were displayed in an exhibit at Saanich Municipal Hall in January 2017.

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## Administrative history / Biographical sketch

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### Note

Richard Grenville Rice was born on August 10, 1888 in Derby, England to George Rice and Constance Hardwick. He was already married to wife Gladys E. Evans when he enlisted at age 28 in the Engineer Training Depot of the C.E.F. at Victoria on December 4, 1916. On his Attestation Papers he listed his occupation as draughtsman, living at 2559 Vancouver Street in Victoria. Rice served in France with the 1st Bn. C.E. and was discharged on April 16, 1919. He was a draftsman for the E&N Railway and then for the BC Department of Public Works. He was co-architect (with Karl Spurgin) of the Saanich War Memorial Health Centre (4353 West Saanich Road) built in 1920 and was the artist of the Saanich WWI Honour Roll. After the war, Rice lived with his wife and children Hilda and Richard H. at 1325 Finlayson Street in Victoria until moving to Seattle ca. 1923 in order to pursue architectural work. Richard Grenville Rice died on June 7, 1941 in Seattle.

## Scope and content

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Fonds consists of personal items relating to Canadian WWI veteran Richard Grenville Rice and includes photographs, certificates, pay book, books, letter, service medals, cigarette case, and a complete Canadian WWI uniform.

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## Notes

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### Title notes

### Physical condition

Uniform includes jacket, cap, trousers, puttees, and belts. Cap arrived flattened and required conservation work.

### Immediate source of acquisition

Donated in 2016 by the granddaughter of R.G. Rice.

### Restrictions on access

No restrictions on access.

### Conditions governing use

No restrictions including exhibit or publication.

### Related material

Associated materials include: Oral History interview with Mary Rice, 2016 (Accession No: 2016-034)

### Other notes

- **Publication status:** Published
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## Access points

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- Photographs (documentary form)
- Physical Objects (documentary form)
- Ephemera (documentary form)
- Occupations-Military Personnel (subject)

- Soldiers (subject)
- Saanich (place)

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## Series descriptions

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Ref code	Title	Dates	Access status	Container
PR-273-2016-031-001	Item - WWI portrait of R.G. Rice	[between 1914 and 1918]	No restrictions.	
PR-273-2016-031-002	Item - WWI portrait of unidentified soldier	[between 1914 and 1918]	No restrictions.	
PR-273-2016-031-003	Item - A.B.D. Dept. Company's Engineers C.E.F.	[between 1914 and 1918]	No restrictions on access.	