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Rev. Alexander Miller was of Scotch descent and was born at Antrim, Ireland, about the year 1720. His wife's maiden name was Jane Evans and she was a native of the city of Glasgow, Scotland. Rev. Miller was a graduate of Edinburgh University, having the degree of M.A. He was a minister of the Presbyterian Church, and was first licensed to preach by the Presbytery of Eoute, and his licensure rejiorted to the General Synod of Ireland in 1745. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Letterkenny at the "Xew Erection" in the Parish of Ardstraw, (Clady Congregation,) County Tyrone, Ireland, November 4, 1746. He was pastor of Clady Congregation until June 21, 1749. He was also at one time a member of the Synod of Pungannnn. He emigrated to America sometime between the last mentioned date and the 25th of May, 1753, at which time he appeared before the Synod of Philadelphia and asked to be permitted to preach as a member of that body. Owing to certain technicalities which had to be observed his request was not granted until May 26, 1756, when in answer to a repeated supplication from the congregations of Cooks Creek and Peaked Mountain, in that part of Augusta now called Rockingham County, Virginia, he was admitted to the Synod of Philadelphia, and Presbytery of Donegal, Pa., and was installed as the first regular pastor of Cooks Creek (near Dayton, A^a.) and Peaked Mountain, August 1, 1757.

On the 17th of November. 1756, Rev. Miller purchased three hundred acres of land of Samuel Semple for a consideration of ninety shillings. The boundaries of this tract as described in the record of the deed at Staunton, Virginia, are as follows; "Beginning at two Pines and a Hickory on the South side of the Hunters Spring, draft thence North West one hundred and Sixty Poles crossing a Braicli and Meadow to two Pines and South thirty-five Degrees West one hundred and eighty Poles to a Pine and South East Eighty-four Poles to two white (oaks?) and South two hundred and thirty Poles to two Pines and South East Sixty Poles Crossing a Branch to two White oaks and North Seventeen Degrees East two hundred and Eighty-five poles to the Beginning." This tract is situated in Pockingshan County, Virginia, about four miles southwest of Harrisonburg. A peculiar clause relating to the property, probably required by the laws and customs of the time, was inserted in this deed as follows: "And

during the full term and time of one whole year from thence next ensuing, and full}" to be complete and indeed Yielding and Paying therefor the Rent of one Pepper Corn on the feast of St. Michael the Archangel, if the same shall be lawfully demanded."

Rev. Alexander Miller served the congregation of Peaked Mountain as their pastor until October 7, 1762, and Cooks Creek until May 1, 1763. He was one of the ten members of the Hanover,

(Va.,) Presbytery Avhen it was reorganized in 1758. He was appointed to several missionary stations in southwestern Virginia and western North Carolina in 1771, and the latest mention of him in the records of the Presbyterian Church in America is found in a report made to the Synod of Philadelphia by the Hanover Presbytery in 1774. He appears to have been a man of strong opinions and staunch convictions and was possessed of an extreme independence of the wills of other men. The last mention I find of him in any record is dated October 3, 1775.

Settling in Virginia when that country was new and infested with many hostile bands of Indians, his experiences must have been trying to say the least. His remains, those of his wife and his son Alexander and wife lie buried in the old "Cooks Creek Cemetery," four miles southwest of Harrisonburg, Virginia, (near the town of Dayton.) In later years this old cemetery was abandoned and a mill dam was built across the creek below the burying ground in such a way that the water of the dam backed up and completely covered all the old graves. The old church where Miller and several of his successors preached was torn down about the year 1780 and the stones of which it was constructed were used in building the mill-dam. A new church, (the second building on the present site,) was built in 1834, at a place about four miles north of the site of the first one, and to it was given the name of "New Election,"* probably in memory of the old "Stew Election" in Ardstraw, County Tyrone, Ireland, where Miller first preached. The name was also probably bestowed by Rev. Miller's son, Alexander, who was the chief supporter of the enterprise and the donor of the land upon which the new church was built. The latter is referred to as the founder of this church.

The exact date of Rev. Alexander Miller's emigration from Ireland to America is not yet known, but it is probable that he settled in Virginia about the year 1750, as the first mention of him in the records of the Presbyterian church in America occurs under date of May 25, 1753, and it is said that he had preached as an assistant to the Rev. John Craig for several years prior to that date. Of his immediate family very little is now known, but he had (at least) two sons, whose names were John and Alexander. The son, John Miller, was born in County Tyrone, Ireland, January 10, 1740. but the date of birth of the other son is not known to me.

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The writer's sources of information for this biographical sketch of Rev. Alexander Miller, are: (1) A brief manuscript history of his ancestors, written by the late Dr. Alexander Miller, of Richmond, Kentucky, in 1850, and which is now in possession of his granddaughter, Miss. John McMillen Jewnolds, of Kansas City, Mo. (This Dr. Alexander Miller was a grandson of Rev. Alexander Miller) ; (2) A copy of the official records of the Presbyterian church in America from 1708 to 1788, published at Philadelphia in 1841, owned by Mr. George P. Davis, of Bloomington, Ill.; (3) Certain extracts from the county records of Augusta and

Rockingham counties, A'irginia, (kept at Staunton and Harrisonburg, Va.,) copied by ^liss Maude R. Snyder, of Harrisonburg, Ya., and Miss Verdie C. Rhodes, of Dale Enterprise, Ya., (both of whom are descendants of Rev. Alexander Miller) ; (4) Waddell's History of Augusta county, Ya. ; (5) Webster's History of the Presbyterian Church; and (6) cci'tain extracts from the records of the Presbyterian church in Ireland, kindly furnished me by the Rev. William James Lowe, (clerk to the Presl)yterian General Assembly of Irehmd), of Edenbank. Londonderry. Ireland.

Joiix Mtlp:i! (of Ireland axd A^riKiixiA).

John Miller, son of Rev. Alexander Miller and Jane Evans, Avas l)orn in the Parisli of Ardstraw, County Tyrone, Ireland, January lo. 174!). He was brought to America by his parents about the year 1750. They settled on a fann in that j)art of Augusta county. Ya., now called Rockingham county. This John Miller married j)\largaret Hicklin, daughter of Captain John Hicklin, of Angusta county, Ya., Xovend)er 37, 1778. She was born February 9, 1760. Her parents had emigrated to Yirginia from Duihaiii, England. This John Milh'i- was a soldier of the Revolution, liaving -served, three terms as an officer in the Virginia militia during that war. This John j)\riller and his family removed to Madison county, Kentucky, in the year 1811, settling near Richmond, where their son. Dr. Alexander Alillcr. had previously located in the year 1800.

John Miller and Margaret Hicklin wcie the parents of ten children as follows :

(1) Samuel Millei'. horn November 27, 1779. died in Trigg county, Kentucky, in 1844, (?) leaving a son, John Miller, who was a merchant in Cadiz, Ky., and another son, James Q. Miller, also a merchant, ulio died at Evansville, 111., leaving a daughter, Miss Alice Miller, who is a missionary of the Christian church in Japan.

(2) Mary j)\liller, born Januarv 11, 1781, died in 1783.

(3) Dr. Alexander IMiller, born November 26, 1783, died at Richmond. Ky.. iti 1877. (See fiirlhei' biographi(•^d account.)

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Hon. James Miller

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Wife of Hon. James Miller

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(4) John Miller, an attorney, born May 6, 1786, died in Texas in 1852.

(5) Jane Miller, born Angnst 30, 1788, died (unmarried) October 18, 1858, at Cadiz, Ky., where she owned a farm and a nimiber of negro slaves.

(6) Isaac Miller (of Cadiz,. Ky.) born September 26, 1790, married Sarah , and died near Cadiz, Ivy., November 17,

1864. His children were John Miller, James Miller, Alexander Miller, Eiifus Miller, Mrs. Margaret Hobson, (of Mayfield, Ky.,) Mrs. Melissa Scott (of Murray, Ky.), Mrs. Caroline "Pursley (of Cadiz, Ky.), and Mrs. Emily J. Piatt (see cut), who was born at Cadiz, Ky., March 28, 1832, and died at Kansas City, Mo., January, 1865, leaving one son, Samuel J. Piatt, of Galveston, Texas, and one daughter, Mrs. Sarah E. Dedman, wife of Dr. Philip T. Dedman, of Kansas City, Mo.

(7) Dr. William j\Iiller, born June 26, 1792, married a sister of Gen. James White, and died at j\[adisonville, Ky., December 4, 1863, leaving a son, Dr. William Miller, Jr., who resided at Calhoun, Ky., also another son, Theodore Miller, an attorney, who died in California.

(8) Hon. James Miller, born May 23, 1795, died at B'oom-

ington. 111., September 25, 1872. (See further biographical account.)

(9) Josiah H. Miller, an attorney, born June 17, 1797, also married a sister of General James White, and died at Cadiz, Ky., April 8, 1872, leaving one son, William Miller, an attorney, who died at Princeton, Ky.

(10) Jesse Miller, born September 14, 1799, died in Christian county, Ky., in 1832 (?).

Dr. Alexander J\Miller.

Dr. Alexander Miller, son of John Miller and Margaret Hicklin, settled at Pichmond, Ky., in May, 1806. He married Elizabeth Barnett, only daughter of Col. James Barnett and J\Iary, his wife, October 13, 1807. Col. James Barnett, born in Amherst county, Virginia, January 16, 1750, was a colonel in the Virginia troops. Continental Line, durina- the Eevolution. His wife was born August 10, 1765, and died" July 13, 1847. The children of Dr. Alexander Miller and Elizabeth Barnett were as follows :

- (1) James Barnett Miller, born June 27, 1808.
- (2) John Harrison Miller, boiii October 28, 1809.
- (3) Cyrus Cincinnatus MiMci', born June 26, 1812.
- (4) Juliann Elizabeth J\lillcr, born June 15. 1818.
- (5) Fayette Morrison Miller, born June 16, 1823.
(See fui'tber biographical accounts.)

Dr. Alexander Miller died at the liuine of his sou, James B. Miller, in Eichmond, Ky., in 1877.

James Barnett Miller, son of Dr. Alexander Miller, married Jidiet M. Miller, May 18, 1843. She was born February 16, 1825. Their children were as follows :

- (1) Leslie Miller, born Ua\ 14, 1849. Besides at St. Louis, Mo.
- (2) Mary Belle Miller (Mrs. Chas. B. Ee^Tiolds), born March 16, 1853. Resides at 324 Wabash Ave., Kansas City, Mo.
- (3) Florence Miller, born September 26, 1856." (Dec.)
- (4) Dr. James B. Miller, Jr., born January 5, 1859. (Dec.)
- (5) Lela Miller, born December 25, 1867, died J\Iarch 20, 1872. John Harrison Miller (a farmer), married Patsy Irene Fields.

Anonst 12, 1834. She was born Jime 4, 1818. Their children were as follows :

(1)) Elizabeth Miller, born July 4, 1835, (married Robert Miller, brother of William Green Miller).

(2) : \ratha Fields Miller, born December 7, 1836. Married John R. Ieth.

(3) James Barnett Miller (2nd), born October 20, 1838.

(4) Henry Fields Miller, born July 20, 1841. Married Lucy Shelby.

(5) Amelia Clay Miller {^o. 1), born July 4. 1844, died September 11, 1851.

(6) Julia]\riller, born December 19, 1847. died October 24, 1873.

(7) Mary Belle Miller, born March 14, 1850.

(8) Amelia Clay Miller (No. 2), born September 16, 1853. Married Capt. Robert B. Terrill.

(9) Lucy Miller, born September 30, 1856. Married William Woo ten .

(10) : \argaret Miller, born August 7, 1858. Married Frank Henderson.

John Harrison]\riller. died in IMadison county, Ky., January 15, 1862.

Cyrus Cincinnatus]\liller, son of Dr. Alexander Miller, married Sarah Holloway, March 15, 1853. Resided at Independence, Mo. Their children were as follows:

(1) : \rary Betty : \riller. born March 26, 1854.

(2) Julia ^liller, born September 15, 1855. Married Ira McClannahan.

(3) William Green]\riller (2nd), born June 8, 1857.

(4) Margaret IMiller, born October 23, 1859. Married Phillip

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Cyrus C. Miller, died at Monmouth, 111., April 25, 1876. Juliann Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Dr. Alexander Miller, married William Green Miller (no relation). July 1, 1834. He

was born August 20, 1808. She died at Chenoa, Ill: Their children were as follows :

(1) Alexander Miller, born May 21, 1836, lived at Oklahoma City, Okla.

(8) Irene Elizabeth Miller, born May 21, 1810, married Matthew Embury and lives at Shelbyville, Ill.

(3) Dr. Cyrus C. Miller (2nd), born August 19, 1812, and died at Chenoa, Ill.

(4) Sally Estel Miller, born August 15, 1814, married Benjamin Herr and lives at Lexington, Ky.

(5) John Harrison Miller (2nd), born June 20, 1852, and died at Kansas City, Mo. (A soldier in the Civil War, enlisted in a battery from St. Louis, Mo.)

Dr. Fayette Morrison Miller (a graduate of Transylvania College, Lexington, Ky., and Bloekley Hospital School, Philadelphia, Pa.), son of Dr. Alexander Miller, married Caroline Embury March 21, 1846. She was born December 26, 1826. Their children were as follows :

(1) Elizabeth B. Miller (an elocutionist), born May 22, 1848, married Thos. H. Oton. October 3, 1851. now resides at Eichmond. Va.

(2) Talton E. Miller, born October 3, 1850. Resides at St. Louis, Mo.

(3) Alexander Hood Miller, born February 24. 1854. Resides at St. Louis, Mo.

(4) Dr. Fayette M. Miller, Jr. (a dentist), born November 27, 1856, died at Higginsville, Mo. He was a member of the Knights Templars and also of the Masonic fraternity.

(5) Carrie Alma Miller, born September 2, 1858, married Rev. Dr. Eussell Cecil, a Presbyterian minister, and resides in Eichmond, Va. Fayette Morrison Miller, Sr., died April 29, 1862.

The following extract from the manuscript auto-biography of Dr. Alexander Miller may be of some interest to the readers of this volume. It was written May 4, 1850:

"I was raised in Eockingham county, state of Virginia, one of the best portions of that state. The residents of the valley were mostly descendants of Irish and Scottish parents, attached to education, industry and morality. * * * Religious instruction was given principally by the Presbyterians and Methodists. * * * I studied medicine under the instruction of Dr. P. Harrison, in Harrisonburg, who was an eminent physician : a pious and very worthy man. I left home for Kentucky on July 3, 1801. I

opened shop in Eichmond the 15th of 1\Iay, 1806, rented a shop about the place where Owen Walker's store is located. I rented of John Burnam. I boarded with ^lessrs. Eobert Miller and family who. with all their connections, treated me in the kindest manner, indeed. My large patronage from the citizens of Madison and

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the surKJunding- counties was uiiiprcccflented. 1 Iiad sonic opposition wliich under the circumstances was advantageous in more ways than one, it Icept me more circumspect in my intercourse with all I had to do, and as I was very young it made me read and study books on medicine and general science, so as to be as well prepared in my profession as possil)le. * * * j ^^g named for my father's father, who was a Presbyterian cleigyman, and I was early informed that I was to till his shoes in the clerical line, hut (hii'iiig my ('(hical progress I took to I be |Miisiiit of medi-

cine. * * *

Hon. James Miller.

HoiKiiahlc -lames Miller, son of John Miller and Margaret Hicklin, and grandson of Rev. Alexander Miller and Jane Evans, was born in liockingham county. A'irginia, ^lay '1], ITO."). His parents mov(Ml to Madison county, Kentucky, in the year 1811. He mail led .Iiiliel McClelland about the year 1824. She died in 1826, leaving a daughter. . Juliet M. Miller (who was born Febni-ary 16, 1820. and who married James B. Miller, son of Dr. Alexander Miller). Mr. Miller was married a second time on the 18th of March, 1827, to Mis. IsabelljL Mcliaivey (nee j\Iooe), widow of Alexander Mciilaivey, hv whom she had one son. '^riieir wedding ceremony was performed by Bishop Morris. She was a daughter of John and Jane ^looie of Lexington. Virginia, and was born January 2.-). li!)3. Tlie cliildieii of lion. James ^Miller and Isabella Mooi e-Mc(iaivey, were as follows:

(1) liobeit Andrew Mi'lei. bom l-^'briiar\ - 10. 1828, married Mary Ann Swain. June 2r), IS72, and died in Siilli\an. Til.. February 4, 1891.

(2) Otwav W. Mil'er. born March 2:i. ls;!). died in infancy. (".) Dr. William T. J\I. Afiller, horn August IT, 1831.

(I) James Ivhvin ^filler, boi n Septemlx'r o. 18;-).'). died, un- manie(|. in 188S.

iiioheit Andiew Miller was a |iiomiiienl Mason and left a large estate with wliieh to found a Masonic Home at Su'li\aii. Illinois. where he li\cd.

Hon. James Miller in 1835 to Illinois. He soon became identified with the business interests of the (then) young city of Bloomington and several large tracts of land in McLean County. Mr. Miller was a consistent Methodist in religion and he was one of the first trustees of the Illinois Wesleyan University, along with Rev. Peter Cartwright, Rev. John S. Haiger, and several other noted lights of Pioneer Methodism in Central Illinois. He donated the lot upon which the First Methodist Church in Bloomington was built. His family residence at 801 S. Madison Street, Bloomington, Ill., built for him in 1836, is still standing. (See cut.) Mr.

James B. Miller

Juliet M. Miller

Former Residence of Hon. James Miller

Miller son

(801 South i. «« Street Bloomington, Illinois). Erected 1836

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Miller was quite prominent in political matters in Illinois during the '50's, and in 1856 he was elected State Treasurer on the Republican ticket, having been nominated by the celebrated Bloomington, Ill., Republican Convention of 1856. He was re-elected at the expiration of his term of office in 1858. He died at his home in Bloomington, Ill., September 23, 1872, leaving an estate of over 2,500 acres of land. His remains and those of his wife are interred in the City Cemetery, Bloomington, Ill. Mrs. Miller died December 29, 1885. Mr. Miller was a member of the Masonic fraternity. The local quarterly conference of the Methodist Episcopal Church to which Hon. James Miller belonged passed the following resolution of respect to his memory. October 14, 1872, viz. :

"Resolved, That our faith is an unfaltering one that the departed, who has so long been to us a brother, a counselor and a friend, is now among the redeemed where we hope to meet him when the journey of life is ended." * * *

Several biographical sketches of Hon. James Miller have been published from time to time, notably the one contained in "Good Old Times in McLean County," published at Bloomington,

111., in 1874, an encyclopedia of Illinois and McLean county, published in Chicago in 1908, and the Bloomington Daihj Bulletin of December 24, 1905.

Dr. W. T. Miller, son of Hon. James Miller, who resides at 901 W. Wood street, Bloomington, Ill., has two very fine old oil portraits of his father and mother which were painted in Kentucky in 1828. Miller Park in Bloomington, Ill., was named for Hon. James Miller, who formerly owned the land where it is located.

Dr. W. T. Miller.

Dr. W. T. Miller, son of Hon. James Miller, was born at Hopkinsville, Kentucky, August 17, 1831. He married Belle Lee McCart, April 16, 1856. She was born April 23, 1839. Their children are :

(1) Wm. Lee S. Miller, born February 1857, died February 22, 1857.

(2) Miss Ida B. Miller. Bloomington, Ill., born Oct. 8, 1858.

(3) Cleon H. Miller. Bloomington, Ill., born March 12, 1861.

(4) Mrs. Juliet M. (Miller) Hopkins, Chicago, Ill., born August 9, 1863.

(5) Malcolm A. Miller, born November 28, 1865, died February 25, 1874.

(6) Jerome M. Miller. born Jan. 25. died Feb. 26. 1869.

(7) Aurelius Miller (attorney), Bloomington. Ill., born Aug. 18. 1870.

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(8) Wave Miller (attorney). Bloomington, Ill., born Aug. 26, 1872.

(9) Estella Miller, Bloomington, Ill., born Feb. 18, 1875.

(10) Homer J. Miller. Bloomington, Ill., born Jan. 11, 1878.

(11) Mrs. Maud (Miller) Folk, Waterloo, Iowa, born Dec. 29, 1879.

(12) Mrs. Lola (Miller) George, Bloomington, Ill., born May 9, 1882.

Dr. W. T. M. Miller is a graduate of McKendree College, at Lebanon. Ill. He filled the office of Supervisor of Bloomington township from 1878 to 1884. He is at present engaged in over-seeing his farms and raising fine draft horses.

Alexander Miller (2nd), of Virgixia. axd His Childrex

Alexander Miller (2nd), son of Eev. Alexander Miller and Jane Evans, was, (it is supposed,) a native of County Tyrone, Ireland. His wife was Sarah Crawford, (?) also a native of Ireland, of Scotch descent. The dates of the deaths of this couple are not known, though it is known that they were both living at their home in Eockingham coimty, Virginia, as late as the year 1821. Their remains were buried at Cooks Creek. The log house which they occupied was torn down in 1880, after having stood on the original site of its erection for over one hundred years. They were the parents of eight children, as follows :

- (1) Hon. Samuel Miller, born 178 - , died 18 - .
- (2) Alexander Miller (3rd), born April 12. 1787, died. 1843.
- (3) Isaac Miller, born Dec. 1. 1792, died Jan. 21. 1857.
- (4) James T. Miller, bom Aug. 3, 1795, died Xov. 2. 1874.
- (5) John Wallace Miller, born 179-, died 18-.
- (6) Margaret Miller (Beard), born 18-, died 18-.
- (7) Jane Miller, born 18 - , died (unmarried), 18 - .
- (8) William Miller, born 18-, died 1872.

Hox^. Samuel Miller.

Hon. Samuel ^liller, son of the second Alexander Miller, was born in Eockingham county, Virginia, where he lived and died. He was at one time Chief justice (?) of his native county. His wife was Margaret Loky-. They had no children of their own, but adopted two, viz. : Wilson Loky and Susan Catteral. Mr. Miller owned a large farm situated about five miles northwest of Cootes Store, and a number of negro slaves.

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Alexander J\liller, 3rd, son of the 2nd Alexander Miller and Sarah Crawford (?), was born in Eoekingham county, Yirs:inia, April 12, 1T8T. He was a fanner and lived on a farm located about sixteen miles northwest of Harrisonburg, Va. He married Ann Matthews. June 25, 181<t. They were the parents of thirteen children, as follows :

(1) St. Clair Miller, born Feb. 3, 1^VU1^W^'F*^^ ^^^^ ^'^^^-erine Eitchie, (2nd) Susan Eoadcap. His^cTiihlirn were George ^liller, James Miller, and Mrs. Xancv (Miller) Foley.

(2) Isabella Miller, born April 8,* 1815, died in McLean Co., 111., Dec. 20, 1870, (married Jacob Custer in 1838). Their children are: Mrs. Mary S. J\Iiller, Samuel Custer (the writer's father), Mrs. Amanda McFee, Mrs. Xancy Steele, and Mrs. Xettie Scogin (deceased).

(3) Mary Miller, born December 18, 1817, married Samuel Harper. Their children were : Addison Harper, Joseph Harper, William Harper, John Harper, and Alexander Harper.

(4) Samuel Miller, born Sept. 22, 1818. married Margaret Xeff. Their children were: Robert ^Eiller, Mrs. Mary (J\Iiller) Clutures, J\Irs. Ida (Miller) Fulk, and Mrs. Anna (Miller) Hoover.

(5) John C. Miller, born March 1, 1821, married Deborah Shoemaker. Their children are : Hampton J\Iiller and B. F. Miller.

(6) J\Iargaret Jane Miller, born January 1. 1822, married William Tibbetts. Their children are: :\Irs. :\Iary (Tibbetts) Harper and William Til)betts, Jr.

(7) William Alexander ^liller, born November 18, 1825, mar-

ried Sarah Shoemaker'. Their children were Jane Miller, Emma Miller. Angeline Miller. Eva Miller and Susan Miller.

(8) Elizabeth Ann Miller, born Sept. 2. 1826, (is still living,) was never married. She resides in Pendleton county. West Va. ^

(9) Frances Miller, born , 1831, died Oct. 22, 1891. Married Isaac Spiggle. They had one child. ^Fr?. .Tonnie (Spiggle) Painter.

(10) Martha Miller, born . 1832, married Chris Shoemaker. Their children were : Archelus Shoemaker, Wesley Shoemaker. Fannie Shoemaker. Eva Shoemaker, and Mrs. Amanda (Shoemaker) Custer.

(11) James H. Miller (twin of Sarah), born Aug. 20, 1833, married Fariaret Shoemaker. Their children are: St. Clair Miller, John Miller. Samuel Miller. :Mrs. Sarah (:Miller) Fulk. Mrs. Mary (Miller) Turner, Ann Miller, and Mrs. Dorothy (Miller) Sutherland. (James H. Miller is still living and resides at Genoa, Va.)

(12) Sarah Miller (twin of James H. Miller), born Aug. 20, 1833, married George Harper. Their children are : Mrs. Fannie

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(Harper) Hokin, Mrs. Xora O. (Harper) Sites, Victoria Harper and George Harper, Jr.

(13) Seba Miller, born , 1835 (?), married Dr.

Xewliani. Their children are: Mrs. Aria (Xewliam) Bronson, i jiarali i'iu' i'i luo ^ , tSeba Xewliani, .Mrs. Sarah (Xewliani) Kexroad and Mrs. Jennie (Newham) Bowman.

The remains of Alexander Miller (3d) and his wife lie buried in the cemetery at New Election Church, about five miles northwest of Harrisonburg, Virginia.

Isaac Miller.

Isaac Miller, son of the second Alexander Miller and Sarah Crawford (?) and grandson of Ev. Alexander Miller, was born in Eockingham county, Virginia, December 1, 1791. He married Mary Anderson August 15, 1831. She was born Aug. 13, 1803. They moved to a farm near Crawfordsville, Ind., where they remained until the year 1838, when they removed to McLean county, Illinois, settling on a farm now known as the Conley farm, part of which (the W. 1/4 of the S.W. 1/4 Sec. 33, T. 33 N., R. 2 E. 3 P.M.) Isaac Miller entered July 5, 1841. August 12, 1843, he purchased of Zachariah Simmons, a forty-acre tract adjoining for \$100. This farm is located directly south of the McLean County Farm and about five miles south of the city of Bloomington, Ill.

This farm is one of the best in Central Illinois, and the land which lies almost perfectly level, is now worth upwards of \$300 per acre. December 5, 1854, Isaac Miller sold this farm to Milton and Ma-son Miller for two thousand two hundred dollars and removed to a smaller farm nearer the city, where he died a few years later. He was one of the pioneer farmers of McLean county, TIL, and his experiences as such were common to all the early settlers. The children of Isaac Millrr and Mary (Anderson) Midler ^\el■o as follows : ^

(1) Sanford C. Miller, born Oct. 18, 1832, maiTied (1st) 4*4 Melissa Hill ■(n i ' 6 D op ow) , (who died April 10, 1851) December 35, 1845: (3nd) IJachel White, Dec. 19, 1851, and died in Bloom-ington, 111., Dec. 13, 1863.

(3) Samuel B. Miller, boi'ii .January 26, 1834, Jiunticd j\Iartha Ashburn, Dec. 5, 1847, and died in Kansas Dec. 30, 1863.

(3) Jacob Anderson Miller, born Sept. 6, 1826, mariied j\lary A. Trhn1)1(' July 20, 1854, and died in Kansas City, Kansas, Sept. - , r.) ()0.

(4) William .1. Miller, lioni Xov. 17, 1828, died Aug. 22, 1840.

(5) Angeline Millci'. born Se))t. 20, 1830, died Jan. 31. 1892.

(6) Elizabeth Miller, born June 33, 1833, uuirried Silas C. Pringey, Dec. 30, 1855, and died in Bloomington township, Mc-Lean county, 111., Aug. 5, 1908.

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(?) Isaac \V. Miller, born Nov. 15, 1836, JiiiaiTied Susan J. Wames, Jan. 1. 1862, and died in Bloomington, III, Nov. 27, 1870.

(8) Jlester J. Miller, born March 6, 1839, died Aug. 15, 1870.

Isaac Miller died Jan. 21, 1857. His wife died Feb. 25, 1870. Their remains are buried in Scogin's Cemetery, four miles south-west of Bloomington, 111. The McLean Co. Historical Society has a "hank" of flax fibre that was prepared for the spinning wheel by Mary Anderson Miller in the year 1843, also parts of two woolen "coverlets" woven by her.

Some of riii-: Gbandchildkkx of Isaac Miller and Mary

Anderson.

Adj.-Gen. Elliott S. Miller (dec.) and Mrs. Mary A. Bowman, (children of Sanford C. Miller and Melissa Dop » w Hill), Clara Miller (dec), Fremont J\Miller, ^Mrs. Hattie Bolin, and Mrs. Minnie G. Street; (children of Sanford C. Miller and Kachel White), Alonzo Miller (son of Jacob Anderson Miller), Mrs. Elizabeth

(nee Miller), William Miller, Miller, and Miller;

(children of Samuel B. Miller). G. W. Pringev (son of Elizabeth (Miller) Pringey), Charles W. Miller, and Miss Alice M. Miller (children of Isaac W. Miller.)

Some of the Great-Graxdciuldren of Isaac Miller and

Mary Anderson.

Mrs. Jesse M. Bolingei'. I-'rank Miller, Mrs. Mary Kneebone (children of Elliott S. Miller) ; lioy E. Bowman and Daisy Bowman (childi'en of Mary A. Bowman) ; Fremont Street and James B. Street (chihlren of Minnie G. Street) ; Piussell M. Bolin, Howard A. Bolin and Emery A. Bolin (children of Hattie Bolin) ; Helen Miller, Clara Miller, Lucy Miller and Neva Miller (children of Fremont J\Miller) ; Wallace A. Pringey, Maud E. Pringey, Murrel H. Pringey, Glenn B. Pringey, Homer H. Pringey, and Pussell D. Pringey (children of G. W. Pringey).

Ad.m'tant-General Elliott S. ^Miller.

Elliott S. Miller, son of Sanford C. Miller, and Melissa -(-JJm* pow) Hill, was born in McLean countv, Illinois, Nov. 15, 1816. He enlisted in Company B, 39tli III. Vol. Inf. Aug. 12, 1861, and was discharged Dec. 6, 1865, having been promoted to the rank of sergeant during his term of service. He married Almir% C. Hewitt, June 3, 1868. He was Chief of Police of Bloomington, Ill., in 1878 and 1870. In 1880 he removed to North Dakota. In 1885 lie was appointed (juartermaster of the 1st North Dakota Regiment, and in 1s:»:) he was appointed Adj. Gen. of the State

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of North Dakota b}' Governor Roger AH in. He was a member of the G.A.E. and the Masonic fraternity. He died at Bismarck, North Dakota, June 28, 1892, leaving the following children: Mrs. Jessie M. Bolinger, of Jamestown, North Dakota ; Frank Miller, of Missoula. J\lont., and Mrs. May Kneebone, of San Diego, Cal.

James T. Miller.

James T. Miller, son of the second Alexander Miller, and Sarah Crawford (?) and grandson of Rev. Alexander Miller, was born in Rockingham county. Va., Aug. 3, 1795. Aug. 14, 1814,

he enlisted in Captain Thomas Hopkins Co., Virginia militia, for service against the British during the War of 1812. He served in this war about three months, being discharged Dec. 8, 1814. For this service Mr. Miller, received a pension in later years, and a land warrant entitling him to 160 acres of government land. His widow also received a pension after his death. The land warrant he gave to his son, Martillous : \riller. On Jan. 28, 1821, at Orange Court House, Orange county, Ya.. James T. Miller was married to Sarah Loyd. Their wedding ceremony was performed by a Baptist minister named Canaday. After the wedding Mr. Miller took his bride on their wedding trip. They rode on horseback from the home of the bride's parents in Orange county, over the Blue Ridge Mountains, to the home of ^\r. Miller's parents in Rockingham county, a distance of over forty miles. It is said that Mrs. Miller often told her children that her husband's parents (who were of Scotch-Irish parentage), spoke such a "broad Irish brogue" that she could hardly understand them. Her own parents were of Welsh and English descent. About the year 1830, James T. ^liller and his family moved to Montgomery Co., Tennessee, and located at a place near the line of Christian county, Ky. They lived there only a few years when they again moved, this time to]\IcLean county. 111., in the fall of the year 1834, traveling the whole distance in a covered wagon, the only means of conveyance available at that time. Fifteen children were born to Mr. and Mrs.]\Iiller, ten sons and five daughters. Of this large number their parents could say that they lived to see all of them married and with children of their own, except one son (John W.), who was married but had no children. (Three of these fifteen children are still living, viz. : Thomas O. Miller, Alexander ^Filler, and Mrs. Mildred A. Peck.) When James T. Millei- first came to]\rcLean county, 111., in the fall of 1834, he rented a log cabin and forty acres of land of George Hinshaw, Sr. This cabin stood a few rods south of the old Xo. 7 or "'Hinshaw" school-house (now called Xo. 84), on the Springfield road, about 2y2 miles southwest of the city of Bloomington, 111., (Sec. 17, Bloomington township.) This cabin had but one room and no floor. It was very pooi- indeed, but

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houses were so scarce in this part of the country in those early times that it was the best shelter Mr. Miller could obtain. Mr. Miller spent the winter of 1834 and '35 and the following summer at this place, farming the land he had rented of Hinshaw. In the fall of the year 1835 Mr. Miller purchased two hundred and twenty acres of land of Lemuel Foster. The land was purchased by contract, Mr. Miller not receiving his deed for the land until Dec. 12, 1853. This land is situated partly in section 17, Bloomington township, and partly in Sec. 25. Dale township, McLean county, 111. The deed conveying this land to James T. Miller, is recorded in Book Y, page 746, McLean Co. Deed Records. The amount of consideration named therein is two thousand dollars. (The same land is now worth about \$200 per acre.) This farm is now owned by Mr. William Haines. It is said that Mrs. Miller, often told her friends that after she and her husband moved into their new home they had but \$10 in money left — and ten children. Nevertheless an untiring patience and persevering wills soon made them masters of their financial affairs and it was not many years until

their farm was]aid for and their older children grown too ma-
in lity were able to jnove for themselves. James T. Miller and
his wife were both mendjers of the Methodist Episcopal Church
and for many years their home was a regular preaching 23lace for
the pioneer circuit riders who filled appointments on the old Sang-
amon, Bloomington, and IJandolphs Grove circuits between the
years 1835 and 1850. Cluiich buildings were very scarce in rural
communities in those times and it was a common custom for the
itinerant preacher to accept the use of the neighborhood school-
house or the dwelling house of any incinher of his flock as a place
for holding religious services. Among the early Methodist Circuit
riders who preached at "Brother ^lillers"" were some of the well
known lights of]ioneer Methodism in Illinois, viz.: Peter Cart-
wriglil, John S. l>ai'gei'. Wingate J. Newman. Joseph Newman,
James C. Ifucker (a relative of Mrs. Millers), Samuel H. Martin,
Williniiii l'. Howard, George Eutledge, James Shaw, and others.
'V\\c caily Methodists were not lacking in wit, of which they fre-
quently made use. It was a standing joke among the circuit-riders
who weie wont to enjoy the hospitality of ^Ir. and j\\rs. Miller
that the latter's "'lloudans"" and "Shanghais" always fled whenever
a ^lethodist j)i\\'achci' lio\\'e in sight, so well known was the preach-
ers' gical Fondness for fried ehiekeii. Mi'. Miller's mime appears
on the leeord of the first (piarterlv conference of the Rando'ph
(irove Ciieiiit. held at Fnnks Grove, 111.. Dec. 29, 1849, at which
time and |ilae he was appointiMJ a member of the missionary com-
mittee. Mr. Miller eoiitiiaied to leside upon his farm, raising live
stock and grain nntil the year 1855, when he removed to a smaller
fai-m in the lindier neaier the city of Bloomington which he had
purchased some yeais j)revious!y of a Mr. Feeper. This laud is

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now a part of the farm owiunl by Mr. James Poindexter. and is lo-
cated in the north part of Sec. 17, Bloomington township. The
house at tliis jihice stood on the east side of the Sprinofield Eoad
(as did also the one previously occupied by Mr. j\\liller) and about
a half mile northeast of the old Xo. 7, "Hinshaw," or Dowthett
School-house (now Xo. 84). In 1806 j\\rr. Miller sold his "prairie
farm" (as it was called) to John A. Alexander for \$2.5 per acre.
This was considered a goodprice for improved land in McLean
county at that time. Mr. j\\iller was familiar with all the primi-
tive modes and appliances used by the pioneer farmers of this coun-
try during his residence on his "'prairie farm,"" and in his lifetime
used nearly all the various primitive implements of husbandry
that were invented for planting, cultivating, and harvesting grain.
Among these were the cradle and flail, the single and double shovel
cultivators, the "barshear" and wooden-mouldboard, breaking
plows, the "traveling-machine" (a primitive thresher) and the
chaff -piler (another jnimitive threshing-machine). During the
first years of their residence in Illinois, Mrs. Miller spun and wove
many a yard of cloth of which clothing was made for her family.
James T. j\\iller died at his home on the farm he bought of Leeper,
Xov. 3, 1874. His funeral sermon was j)reached by his o\\l friend,
the circuit rider, Rev. John S. Barger, and his lemain was laid
to rest in the Scogin Cemetery at Lows Grove some two miles west

of his former home. The Daihj Pnnfaqrph of Xov. 4, 1874, contains the following obituary of ^Ir.]\iller: 'Olr. James T.]\iller. an old citizen lesiding two miles southwest of this city on the Springfield road, died (last) ^londay at the advanced age of eighty years. The deceased was born in Virginia in 17}}.5, and had 1)een a resident of this county for a great many years. He was a cousin of James Miller, the former State Treasurer. Funeral services will br licjd toilav at the Dowllett Sc-hoo^-house at 10 o'clock A. M.""

Mr. ^liller owned ninety-five acres of land at the time of his d(^ath. which was sold by the master-in-chancery (at that time Mr. E. ^I. Piiiice). and the]\i<)c('eds divided among the heirs. After her husband's death, ^Irs. ^filler lived with different members of her large family of children until her own demise which occurred Dec. 13. ISS,"). at the home of her son, Thomas G. IMiUer, in Lincoln, 111. Her remains were biiiiiMl beside those of bci' liiis-band in Scogin's Cemetery, and a neal wliite marble monument now marks their last earthly resting-])hicc. It was the wiiter's privilege to have seen the face of his great giandiiiotbri- but once, and tliat was after her death, and wliib' her icmaius weic at the house of her son, Samuel vS. ^lillei-. near Sbirlcv. III., on tlip day of her 1)urial.

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The Children of James T. and Sarah Loyd Miller.

(1) Robert Miller, a fanner, born Nov. 29, 1821, married Elizabeth Lanier, June 23. 1845, died in Iowa eonntv, Iowa, January IG, 1893.

(2) James M. Miller, a farmer, born January 17, 1823, enlisted in Co. B, 4tli 111. Inf. (Mexican War), June 13, 184G, was discharged Dec. 3, 184G. ^Tarried Mary C. Parker, (a niece of the writer's maternal graiidfatlier,) July 4, 1850. Died in Iowa county, Iowa, March 20, 1!)04.

(3) John W. Miller, a farmer, born Feb. 1, 1824, married (1st) Shurilla Mendinall. Sept. 27, 1855, (2nd) Caroline Miller, October 22, 1870. Died in Tutnani county. Mo., Oct. 8, 1885. (He was the only child of James T. Miller, who had no children.)

(4) Elizabeth Jane ^Miller, (the writer's maternal grand-motlier,) boin Oct. 10, 1825, mari'ied Oi-riu Parker, a farmer, Sept. 15, 184!». Died in Iowa county, Iowa, April 28, 1857.

(5) William C. Miller, a farmer, (twin of Samuel S.), born Sept. 18, 1827, married (1st) Mary A. Barnett, Sept. 23, 1847, (2nd) Anna (Sauflev) Tlildreth, Sei)t. - , 1881. Died (in Barnett township, DeWitt county. 111.),]\Iarch 19, 1904.

(()) Samuel S. MiHer, a farmer, (twin of William C.,) born Sept. 18, 1827, married Priscilla Allison Aug. 20, 1848. Died (near Shirley, 111.), Aug. 14, 1899.

(7) Bellefield Miller, a farmer, born Sept. 18, 1828, married (1st) Mildred Wren, April 8, 1850, (2nd) Elizabeth Sumner Nov. 6, 1856. Enlisted in Co. E, 94th Ill. A'ol. Inf. (Civil War), Aug. 7, 1862, discharged Aug. 17, 1865. Died (in Greenwood Co., Kansas), Aug. 2, 1887.

(8) Sarah Ann Miller, born May 18, 1830, married H. Frank Barnett, a farmer, March 15, 1856. Died (at Kenney, Ill.) June 10, 1902.

(9) Mary Miller, born Nov. 28, 1831, married Thomas C. Ludlam, a farmer, Dec. 15, 1858. Died (in Greenwood county, Kan.) July 1, 1903.

(10) Thomas G. Miller, born Dec. 15, 1833, married Martha Povey French, Nov. 18, 1856, (resides in Lincoln, Ill.)

(11) John Miller, born Sept. 27, 1835, married Mary S. Custer, (the writer's aunt,) Sept. 22, 1857. Died in Bloomington, Ill., May 21, 1901.

(12) Cyrus C. Miller, born June 30, 1837, married Eliza Eoyd. April 7, 1859. Enlisted in Co. I, 3rd Ill. Cavalry (Civil War), Jan. 4, 1864. Died in E. Tennessee, April 3, 1865.

(13) Margaret B. Miller, born Feb. 7, 1839, married David E. Thompson, Oct. 4, 1859. Died in Normal, Ill., July 7, 1862.

(14) Mildred A. Miller, born Feb. 4, 1841, married Eli H. Peck, July 8, 1858, (resides in Denver, Colo.)

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(15) Alexander Miller, born Feb. 3, 1843*married Laura F. Eaymond, April 12, 1867, (resides at Tola, Kansas.)

James A. Miller, son of Robert A. Miller, and grandson of James T. Miller, was a soldier of the Civil War, having served in Co. B, 150th Ill. Inf., from Feb. 1, 1865, to Jan. 16, 1866.

The Grandchildren of James T. Miller.
(Sixty now living.)

The names of the grandchildren of James T. and Sarah Loyd Miller who have lived to maturity are as follows, viz.:

The children of Eobert Miller and Elizabeth Lanier are as follows, viz. :

- (1) James A. Miller, North English, Iowa.
- (2) Levi J. Miller, Gotebo, Oklahoma.
- (3) Mrs. Julia Ford (dec.), North English, Iowa.
- (4) Mrs. Ellen Furman, Minong, Wis.
- (5) George A. Miller, Nira, Iowa.
- (6) Mrs. Alice Ogle, Williamsburg, Iowa.
- (7) Mrs. Celesta Harmon, Novinger, Mo.
- (8) Mrs. Laura Harmon, Novinger, Mo.
- (9) Lincoln J. Miller, Iowa City, Iowa.
- (10) Grant J. Miller, Parnell, Iowa.
- (11) Isaac Miller, Davenport, Iowa.
- (12) Jewett Miller, Nira, Iowa.

The children of James M. Miller and Mary C. Parker, as follows, viz. :

- (1) Mrs. Eosannah Pinkerton, Greeley, Nebraska.
- (3) Mrs. Clara J. Cocbran, Hill City, Kansas.
- (3) Chauncey W. Miller, Hill City, Kansas.
- (4) Mrs. Ravena M. Henderson, Hill City, Kansas
- (5) Mrs. Florence Whetstone (dec). North English, Iowa.
- (6) Sylvester L. Miller, Wellman, Iowa.
- (7) Joseph I. Miller, Wellman, Iowa.
- (8) John H. P. Miller. Topeka, Kansas.
- (it) Mrs. Dora L. Chapman, Wellman, Iowa.
- (10) Lemmon M. Miller, Topeka, Kansas.

The children of Elizabeth J. Miller and Orrin Parker are as follows :

- (1) Mrs. Saiab J. Cowan, 1^ad. Neb.
- (2) Mrs. Cyntliia d. Groves, Eemington, Va.
- (3) Mrs. Loii Al. Ciistci-, (the writer's mother), Bloomington, HI.

The children of William C. :^Tiller and IMary A. Barnett are as follows, viz. :

- (1) Robert Miller, Maroa, 111. R.F.D.
- (2) "Mrs. Fannie Douegan (doc.)

Roy Bowman

Minnie G. (Mili^ek) Street
Hattie (Millek) Bolin Mary A. (Miller) Bowman

Fremont Miller Clara Miller

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- (3) Mrs. Ella 8toiiteiib()roii,i;li, .Maioa, HI. R.F.D.
- (4) Mrs. Hattie S.toutenboroiigli, Maroa, 111.
- (5) Charles Miller, Duncombe", Iowa, E.F.D.

The children of Win. (" . :\lillcr and Mrs. Anna (Saiifley) Hil-dreth, as follows :

- (G) Edna Miller, Clinton, III. E.F.D.
- (7) William Miller, Clinton, III. E.F.D.

The childcn of Samuel S. Miller and I' riscilla Allison, as fol-lows, viz. :

- (1) Mrs. Ann Ale.\;inder, Bloomington, 111.
- (2) Mrs. Priscilla Wyman, Bloomington, 111.

- (3) Samuel Miller, Bloomington, 111.
- (4) Mrs. Almira Hill, Bloomington, III.
- (5) Mrs. Liliella Mitchell, Covell, 111.
- (6) Mrs. Eebecca Simmons, Bloomington, 111.
- (7) Thomas A. Miller, Marengo, Iowa.

The children of BellofieVl ^lillei- and ^lildied Wren, were as follows :

- (1) Isaiah .Miller, Yates Center, Kansas.
- (2) Mrs. Sarah E. Miller, (dec.)
- (3) Mrs. Amanda Pollard, Toronto, Kansas.

The children of Bellefield Miller and Elizabeth Sumner, as follows :

- (1) Mrs. Chestina Eitchie-Eeiter, Humboldt, Kansas.
- (2) Mrs. Hattie Anderson (dec.)
- (3) Elijah Miller, Colorado.
- (4) Mrs. Marv Cline (dec.)
- (5) Mrs. Mildred Stearns, Tiltfin. Ohi...
- (6) Eli Miller, Salina, Kansas.
- (7) Bellefield Miller (dec.)

The children of Sarah .V. stiller and B. F. Barnott are as follows :

- (1) J. Wm. Barnott, Hallville, 111.
- (2) Jas. M. Barn(>tt. Hallville, 111.

The children of ^lary Miller and Thomas Liidlam, as fo'lwes:

- (1) J. J. Ludlam, Toronto. Kan.
- (2) Mrs. Sarah James. Owossa, Oklahoma.

i'lie children of Tlioias fi. l\Tiller and AFartlia Eovena French arc :

- (1) Leonard Miller, Lincoln, III.
- (2) Lee Miller, St. Louis, i\Io.

The onlv surviving ihild of ^rartiUons ^Filler and ^Farv S. Custei' is :

Mrs. Emma Kees, Bloomington. III.

The children of Cyrus C. ^Filler and Eliza Lovd aie:

- (1) Thomas B. Miller, (dec.) North English. Iowa.
- (2) ^Frs. .Vdolia Chapman, North English, Iowa. E.F.D.

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- (3) Mrs. Amelia Dowis, Keota, Iowa.

The children of :\Iarg-aret B. :Miller and David E. Thompson are:

- (1) James Thompson, Muskogee, Okla.
- (3) Mrs. Elizabeth Jepson, Muskogee, Okla.

The children of :\Iildred A. Miller and P. H. Peck were as follows :

- (1) Mrs. Jennie Snyder, (dec.)
- (2) Herbert A. Peck, Burlington, Kan.
- (3) Dr. Frank Peck, Denver. C'olo.
- (4:) Mrs. Sarah Woodman, Cinnaminson, X. J.
- (5) Harry Peck (dec.)

The children of Alexander]\Iiller and Laura F. Eaymond are:

- (1) Alfred Miller, lola, Kan.
- (2) Guy Miller, Tola, Kan.
- (3) Thaddeus Miller, lola, Kan.
- (1) William McKinley Miller, lola, Kan.

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William .Mill'.'.r, a farmer, son of the second Alexander ^Miller and grandson of Rev. Alexander Miller, was born in Rockingham county, A"a., about the year 1800. He married Anna Yeakel and came to McLean county. 111. in 1850, settling on a farm near Danvers, 111., where he died in 1872. He taught school a whi'e in Virginia, when he was a young man. His children Avere Peyton Miller, (who married Eliza Jane Hodge, Nov. 1, 1855,) Levi Aliller, Samuel Miller, James|J\Iillei^John Miller, Susan Jane :\liller, (who married John Mickens Feb. 21, 1857.) Margaret Miller, dec. (who married George W. Whisler. May 30, 1868,) and Mary Miller, (who married James Mickens.) Peyton]\Iiller and Levi

Miller settled in Coffey County. Kansas.

Margaret (Miller) Beard.

Margaret Miller, daughter of the second Alexander Miller, and grand-daughter of Rev. Alexander Miller. was born in Rockingham county, Virginia. She married William Beard, a farmer. Their children were: (1.) James H. Beard, who married Julia Ann Funk (a daughter of John and Margaret Funk, and niece of Isaac Funk, the well known pioneer of McLean county. 111.) Nov. 18, 1852, and settled in Coffey county, Kansas. (2) Esther Ann Beard. (3) Martha Jane Beard and (4) Delila Beard.

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William Miller James Jackson Miller Elliott S. Miller

(Son of Wm. C. Miller) (Co. B. 3Pth 111. Vol. Inf.)

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Ann Eliza (Millek) Rhodes

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Jane Miller (of Va.)

Jane Miller, daughter of the second Alexander Miller, and granddaughter of Eev. Alexander Miller, like her cousin Jane Miller, of Cadiz, K3^ was never married; she lived and died in Rockingham county, Ya.

JoHX Wallace Miller (oe Virgixia.)

John Wallace Miller, farmer, son of the second Alexander Miller and grandson of Eev. Alexander Miller, was born, lived and died in Hockingham county, Virginia. He married Elizabeth Long. Their children were:

(1) Mrs. Susan Ann (Miller) Eitchie, born March 15, 1838, married Peter Eitchie 1846, Died Aug. 28, 1888.

(2) James Jackson Miller, born Dec. 5, 1829, married (2nd) Sarah Croushorn, Jan. 1, 185?; died Feb. 15, 1897.

(3) Mrs. Eveline C. (Miller) Liskey, born Sept. 6, 1832, married George A. Liskey, Sept. 3, 1850; died May 15, 1875.

(4) George Harvey Miller, born 1835 ; married Catherine Dovel; died Jan. 1897.

(5) Mrs. Ann Eliza (J\Iiller) Ehodes, born Mar. 25, 1839; married John Ehodes Jan. 24, 1867; died Feb. 20, 1910.

(6) Mrs. Marv Elizabeth (J\Iiller) Coakley, born April 27, 18-41: married Eobert Coakley ; died Jan. 19, 1907.

The grandchildren of John Wallace Miller and Elizabeth Long are as follows :

Mrs. Sarah Francis Deputy. Xewton Eitchie, Mrs. Eveline Gowl and Mrs. Sallie Prvmeyers, (children of Sarah Ann Miller Eitchie:) J. Hensel Miller, James P. F. ("Fletcher") Miller and Xewton Miller, (children of James Jackson Miller;) Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Snyder, Mrs. Mary Alice Steele, Eobert A. Liskey, Charles E. Liskey and Mrs. Maggie Belle Wright, (children of Eveline Ci Miller Liskey;) George E. Miller, Ada Virginia Miller, James Miller and Kenny Miller, children of George Harvey Miller;) Etta Ehodes, Laura Ehodes, John L. Ehodes and Verdie Catharine Ehodes, (children of Ann Eliza J\Iiller Ehodes;) Preston Coakley, Elizabeth Coakley, Emma Coakley, Howard Coakley, Xewton Coakley nnd Lucy Coakley, (childron of Mary Elizabeth Miller Coakley.)

The Great-grandchildrex of jAiiEs T. Miller axd

Sarah Loyd.

Grace Miller, (daughter of Levi J. Miller); Mrs. Frank Stoner, Daisy Furman, Luther Furman and Fred Furman (children of Ellen : \nilor Furman) ; . riiiiTli i r . ^lilliT nml En,- ^dilloi'

^ ooni' nf (it 'll . .V , ^lillui') : Artluui' Ogle, Carl Ogle, Elsie Ogle and
 Ethel Ogle, (childieii of Aliee Miller Ogle) ; Eoss K. Harmon,
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 and Glenn Harmon, (children of Oelestia Miller Harmon) ;
 Ernest Harmon, Blanch Harmon and Minnie Harmon, (children
 of Laura Miller Harmon) ; Charles Miller and lioy R. Miller
 (sons of George A. Miller) ; James W. Hoyt, William G. Hoyt,
 Elmer O. Hoyt, and Mrs.* Clara Brown (children of Eosannah
 Miller Hoyt-Pinkerton) ; .Mrs. Ida I). Flynn, Dollie Cochran,
 Jacob Cochran, Mary Cochran, K. Y. Cochran, Frank Cochran,
 Delia Cochran, and Harrison Cochran (children of Clora J. Miller
 Cochran) ; Ehoda Whetstine and Mary Wlietstine (children of
 Florence Miller Whetstine): Zeffer F. 'Miller, Conrad L. Miller
 and Cleva B. Miller (children of Joseph D. Miller); David J.
 Miller and Wayne V. Miller (children of John H. P. Miller) ; T.
 O. Chapman, Harley Chapman, Carl Chapman, Paul D. Chapman
 and El-nest Chapman (children of Dora L. Miller Chapman) ;
 Viola M. Miller and Lawrence W. Miller (children of Lemmon
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 Groves (children of Cvnthia J. Parker Groves) ; Milo Custer and
 Stella Custer (children of Lou M. Parker Custer) ; Orville Mil-
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 Marguei'ite Stoutenborough (children of Hattie IMiller Stouten-
 borough), Elmer E. Alexander and William F. Alexander (sons of
 Ann Miller Alexander) ; Mrs. Eose E. Kirby and Mrs. Lillie M.
 Harris (daughters of Priscilla Millci' Wyiiian) ; Leonard F. Mil-
 ler and Marguerite Miller (children of Samuel Miller) ; Mrs.
 Myrtle IMunther, Charles A. Jlill and Priscilla Hill (children of
 Almira Miller Hill) ; Eoy Sti]])) (son of Luella Mil'er Mitchell) ;
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 ler, (children of Thomas A. Millci') : :\lis. Anna Lenk, Mrs.
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 of Eebecca Miller Simmons) ; Bessie liudlam. ^^lable Lud'am,
 Pearl Liidlam, James Ludlam, Fivd Liidlrm and George Ludlam
 (children of J. J. Ludlam) : Clara James; Mrs. May Butcher, Fred
 James, and Chai'lcs James (ihildicn of Sarah Ludlam James);

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Hattie Miller Anderson) Mary Miller and Miller

(children of Elijah Miller) : Marion Cline (son of J\Iarv Miller

Cline) ; Miller, (child of Eli Miller) : Dr." Arthur

T. Barnett (son of James M. Barnett) ; Chester F. Barnett, (Attorney) ; Mrs. Allie AVood, Mrs. Lena Gray and Mamie Barnett, (children of J. Wni. Barnett) ; Winnie Kees and Jos. M. Kees (sons of Emma Miller Kees) ; Grace Miller (daughter of Thomas B. Miller) : Mrs. Pearl S. Darling, Jos. H. Chapman, Owen T. Chapman. J\Irs. Bertha E. Conklin. Mrs. Lena A. Grinther, Mrs. Blanch L. Loyd. John B. Chapman. Glenn O. Chapman, Cyrus K. Chapman and Eva J. Chapman, (children of Ardelia Miller Chapman) ; Mrs. Myrtle Bower. Thomas Dowis, Lavina Dowis, Benjamin Dowis. Floyd Dowis. and John Dowis (children of Amelia Miller Dowis) ; Blanche Thompson, (daughter of James Thompson) ; Mrs. Efhe Smock, Edward Jepson, William Jepson, Herbert Jepson, Bernice Jepson and Joseph Jepson (children of Elizabeth Thompson Jepson) ; James O. Snyder (son of Jennie Peck Snvder) : William P. Peck, Mrs. Euth Garrison, Jessie E. Peck, Grace E. Peck, Frank X. Peck and Xesbit F. Peck (children of Herbert A. Peck) ; Curtis Miller. Grace J\niler, Lola M. Miller and Lourain ^liller (children of Alfred ^filler) : Laura E. Miller, Frank Miller and Flovd Miller (children of Guv Miller) ; Adrian Miller, Elva Miller, 'Etta Miller and Thaddeus Miller, Jr., (children of Thaddeus Miller) : Total. ISO..

COXCLUSIOX.

To those of my relatives who have assisted me in the publication of this brief history, I offer the same without comment and wdthout apology, trusting that they and their descendants may realize and appreciate the difficulties under which I have labored in its compilation. I extend my sincerest thanks to each and every one who furnished me with material for this record, and I trust that future years may produce another historian among our people who may be able to take up the work where I left off and enlarge and improve u]3on the same. My correspondence upon this subject has been varied and extensive, I have carefully preserved, bound and indexed every letter of importance I have received pertaining to these matters and it is my intention to deposit them in

some safe repositories, perhaps in the Library of the McLean County Historical Society at Bloomington, Ill., where they may be examined and read in the future by such of my people as may wish to see them.

Milo Custer.

Bloomington, Illinois, April 6, 1910.

Postscript: I have heard a tradition to the effect that Rev. Alexander Miller, was a son of "Sir John Miller, 'Duke' of Antrim." With reference thereto, I will say that I consider this tradition an error, as Sir Thomas MacDonnell was Earl (not Duke) of Antrim from Dec. 10, 1691, to Oct. 19, 1721, when he died and was succeeded by his son. Sir Alexander MacDonnell, who died in the year 1755. The family of MacDonnell have held the Earldom of Antrim since 1691, according to Burke's Peerage, which is a standard authority on this subject. M.C.

Special Order No. 14.

STATE OF NORTH DAKOTA)
Adjutant General's Office. ^
Bismarck, July 1, 1905.)

Announcement is hereby made of the death of Brigadier General Elliott S. Miller. Adjutant General, North Dakota National Guard, which occurred on June 28, 1905.

General Miller was a faithful and respected member of the North Dakota National Guard for more than twenty years enlisting as a private in Company H of the Governor's Guards when the guard was first organized, was appointed and served in the several grades of non-commissioned officers, was commissioned and served as Second Lieutenant, 1st Lieutenant, Lieutenant Colonel, was commissioned Colonel of the First Infantry, North Dakota National Guard. April 1, 1891, and Adjutant General with the rank of Brigadier General April 15, 1895.

General Miller also served four and one-half years during the civil war in Company B, of the Thirty-ninth Illinois Volunteer Infantry, taking his discharge as first sergeant.

He was a brave and faithful soldier, trusted by his superior officer, and respected by the men whom he commanded. In his death the National Guard of North Dakota loses a valuable officer, who was devoted to the service and whose conscientious performance of duty endeared him

to the officers and men of the entire guard of the state.

His funeral and burial occurred at Bismarck, North Dakota, July 1, 1905. As a mark of respect to his memory, the officers of the North

wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty
By command of

E. Y. SABLES,
Governor and Commander-in-Chief,
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Dakota National Guard will
days from that date.

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