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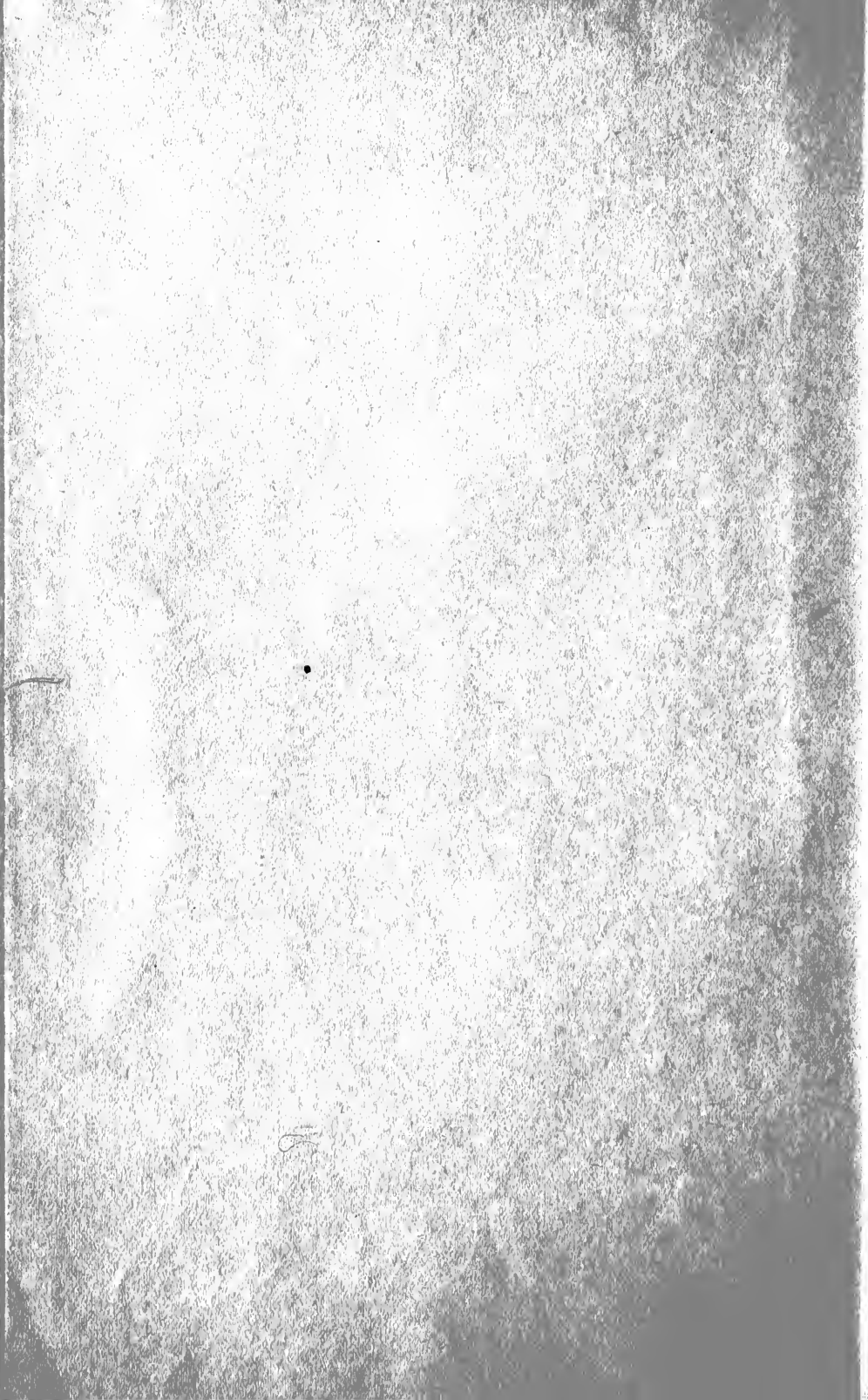


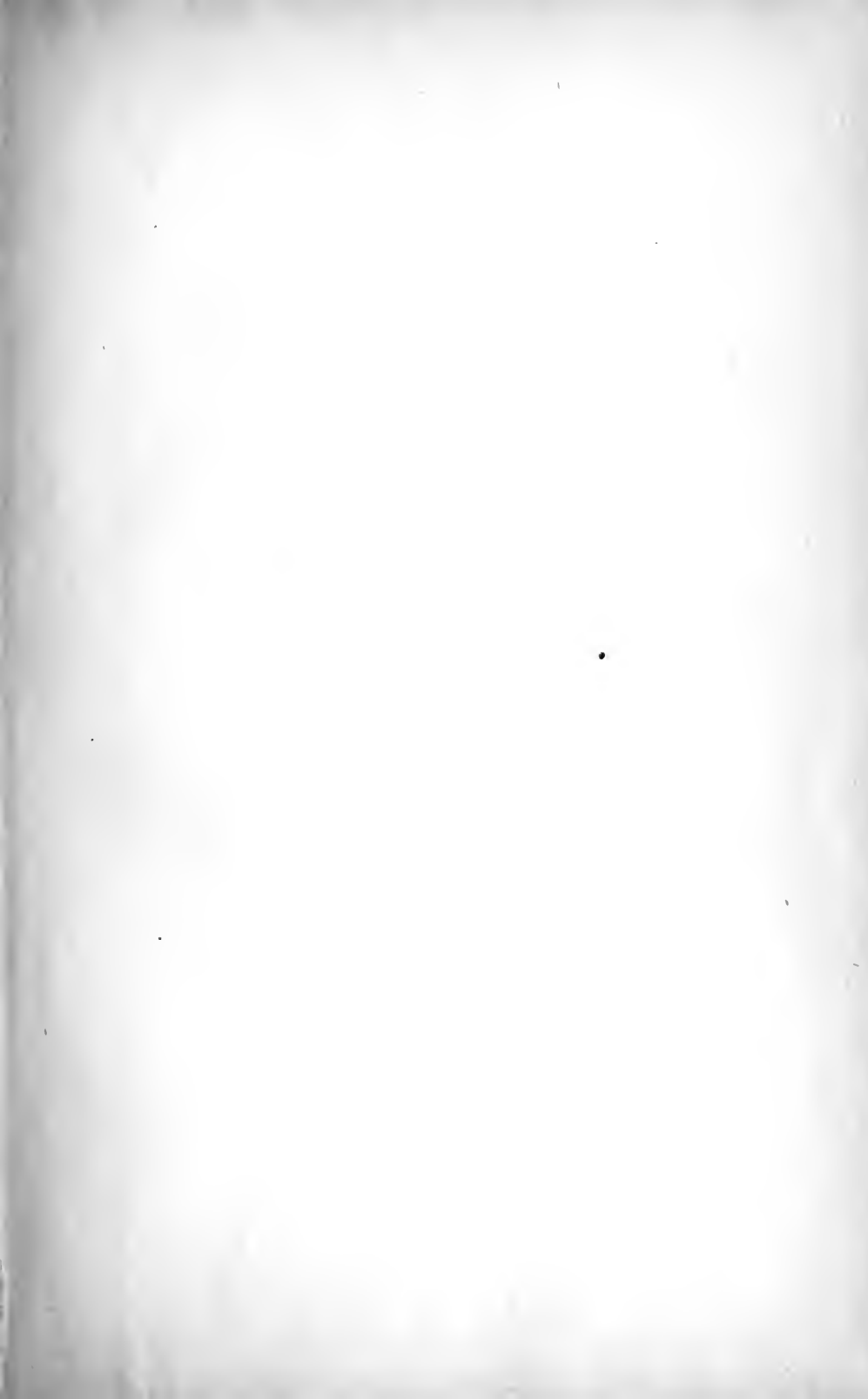
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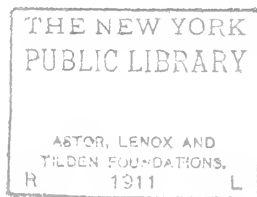


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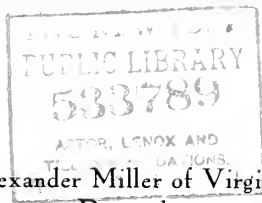
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## The Reverend Alexander Miller of Virginia and Some of His Descendants

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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 Route, and his licensure reported to the General Synod of Ireland in 1745. He was ordained by the Presbytery of Letterkenny at the "New 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 Dungannon. 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, Va.) 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 Branch 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 three White oaks and North Seventeen Degrees East three hundred and Eighty-five poles to the Beginning." This tract is situated in Rockingham 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 fully 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 when 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 Erection," probably in memory of the old "New Erection" 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, 1749, but the date of birth of the other son is not known to me.

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, Mrs. Belle Miller Reynolds, 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, Virginia, (kept at Staunton and Harrisonburg, Va.,) copied by Miss Maude R. Snyder, of Harrisonburg, Va., and Miss Verdie C. Rhodes, of Dale Enterprise, Va., (both of whom are descendants of Rev. Alexander Miller); (4) Waddell's History of Augusta county, Va.; (5) Webster's History of the Presbyterian Church; and (6) certain extracts from the records of the Presbyterian church in Ireland, kindly furnished me by the Rev. William James Lowe, (clerk to the Presbyterian General Assembly of Ireland), of Edenbank, Londonderry, Ireland.

#### JOHN MILLER (OF IRELAND AND VIRGINIA).

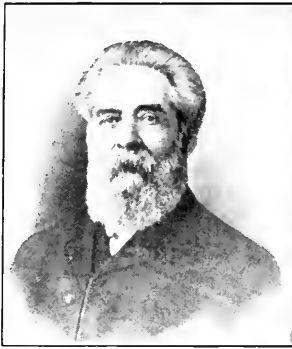
John Miller, son of Rev. Alexander Miller and Jane Evans, was born in the Parish of Ardstraw, County Tyrone, Ireland, January 10, 1749. He was brought to America by his parents about the year 1750. They settled on a farm in that part of Augusta county, Va., now called Rockingham county. This John Miller married Margaret Hicklin, daughter of Captain John Hicklin, of Augusta county, Va., November 27, 1778. She was born February 9, 1760. Her parents had emigrated to Virginia from Durlham, England. This John Miller was a soldier of the Revolution, having served three terms as an officer in the Virginia militia during that war. This John Miller and his family removed to Madison county, Kentucky, in the year 1811, settling near Richmond, where their son, Dr. Alexander Miller, had previously located in the year 1806.

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

(1) Samuel Miller, born 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, who died at Evansville, Ill., leaving a daughter, Miss Alice Miller, who is a missionary of the Christian church in Japan.

(2) Mary Miller, born January 11, 1781, died in 1783.

(3) Dr. Alexander Miller, born November 26, 1783, died at Richmond, Ky., in 1877. (See further biographical account.)



W. T. M. MILLER



MRS. W. T. M. MILLER



HON. JAMES MILLER



ISABELLA (MOORE) MCGARVEY-MILLER  
Wife of Hon. James Miller



ROBERT ANDREW MILLER



JAMES EDWIN MILLER

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

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

(6) Isaac Miller (of Cadiz, Ky.) born September 26, 1790, married Sarah ———, and died near Cadiz, Ky., November 17, 1864. His children were John Miller, James Miller, Alexander Miller, Rufus Miller, Mrs. Margaret Hobson, (of Mayfield, Ky.,) Mrs. Melissa Scott (of Murray, Ky.), Mrs. Caroline Pursley (of Cadiz, Ky.), and Mrs. Emily J. Platt (see cut), who was born at Cadiz, Ky., March 28, 1832, and died at Kansas City, Mo., January, 1865, leaving one son, Samuel J. Platt, of Galveston, Texas, and one daughter, Mrs. Sarah E. Dedman, wife of Dr. Philip T. Dedman, of Kansas City, Mo.

(7) Dr. William Miller, born June 26, 1792, married a sister of Gen. James White, and died at Madisonville, 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 Bloomington, Ill., 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 MILLER.

Dr. Alexander Miller, son of John Miller and Margaret Hicklin, settled at Richmond, Ky., in May, 1806. He married Elizabeth Barnett, only daughter of Col. James Barnett and Mary, 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, during the Revolution. 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, born October 28, 1809.
  - (3) Cyrus Cincinnatus Miller, born June 26, 1812.
  - (4) Juliann Elizabeth Miller, born June 15, 1818.
  - (5) Fayette Morrison Miller, born June 16, 1823.
- (See further biographical accounts.)



Dr. Alexander Miller died at the home of his son, James B. Miller, in Richmond, Ky., in 1877.

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

(1) Leslie Miller, born May 14, 1849. Resides at St. Louis, Mo.  
 (2) Mary Belle Miller (Mrs. Chas. B. Reynolds), 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 March 20, 1872.

John Harrison Miller (a farmer), married Patsy Irene Fields, August 12, 1834. She was born June 4, 1818. Their children were as follows:

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

(2) Martha Fields Miller, born December 7, 1836. Married John R. Heth.

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

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

(5) Amelia Clay Miller (No. 1), born July 4, 1844, died September 11, 1851.

(6) Julia Miller, 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 Wooten.

(10) Margaret Miller, born August 7, 1858. Married Frank Henderson.

John Harrison Miller, died in Madison county, Ky., January 15, 1862.

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

(1) Mary Betty Miller, born March 26, 1854.

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

(3) William Green Miller (2nd), born June 8, 1857.

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

Cyrus C. Miller, died at Monmouth, Ill., April 25, 1876.

Juliann Elizabeth Miller, daughter of Dr. Alexander Miller, married William Green Miller (no relation), July 1, 1834. He

CLEON H. MILLER



AURELIUS M. MILLER



WAVE MILLER



HOMER J. MILLER



JULIET (MILLER) HOPKINS



ESTELLA MILLER



MAUD (MILLER) FOLK



LOLA (MILLER) GEORGE



CHILDREN OF W. T. M. MILLER

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.

(2) Irene Elizabeth Miller, born May 21, 1840, married Matthew Embry and lives at Shelbyville, Ill.

(3) Dr. Cyrus C. Miller (2nd), born August 19, 1842, and died at Chenoa, Ill.

(4) Sally Estel Miller, born August 15, 1844, 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 Blockley Hospital School, Philadelphia, Pa.), son of Dr. Alexander Miller, married Caroline Embry 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, 1867, now resides at Richmond, 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. Russell Cecil, a Presbyterian minister, and resides in Richmond, 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 Rockingham 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 April 3, 1806. I opened shop in Richmond the 15th of May, 1806, rented a shop about the place where Owen Walker's store is located. I rented of John Burnam. I boarded with Messrs. Robert Miller and family who, with all their connections, treated me in the kindest manner, indeed. My large patronage from the citizens of Madison and

the surrounding counties was unprecedented. I had some opposition which under the circumstances was advantageous in more ways than one, it kept 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 possible. \* \* \* I was named for my father's father, who was a Presbyterian clergyman, and I was early informed that I was to fill his shoes in the clerical line, but during my educational progress I took to the pursuit of medicine." \* \* \*

#### HON. JAMES MILLER.

Honorable James Miller, son of John Miller and Margaret Hicklin, and grandson of Rev. Alexander Miller and Jane Evans, was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, May 23, 1795. His parents moved to Madison county, Kentucky, in the year 1811. He married Juliet McClelland about the year 1824. She died in 1826, leaving a daughter, Juliet M. Miller (who was born February 16, 1825, 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 Mrs. Isabella McGarvey (née Moore), widow of Alexander McGarvey, by whom she had one son. Their wedding ceremony was performed by Bishop Morris. She was a daughter of John and Jane Moore of Lexington, Virginia, and was born January 25, 1793. The children of Hon. James Miller and Isabella Moore-McGarvey, were as follows:

(1) Robert Andrew Miller, born February 10, 1828, married Mary Ann Swain, June 25, 1852, and died in Sullivan, Ill., February 4, 1891.

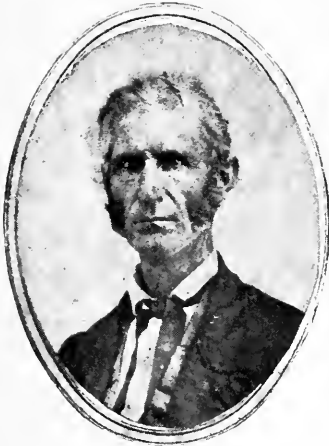
(2) Otway W. Miller, born March 23, 1830, died in infancy.

(3) Dr. William T. M. Miller, born August 17, 1831.

(4) James Edwin Miller, born September 5, 1833, died, unmarried, in 1888.

Robert Andrew Miller was a prominent Mason and left a large estate with which to found a Masonic Home at Sullivan, Illinois, where he lived.

Hon. James Miller moved to Bloomington, McLean county, Ill., in April, 1835. He soon became identified with the business interests of the (then) young city of Bloomington and purchased 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. Barger, 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 former residence at 801 S. Madison street, Bloomington, Ill., built by him in 1836, is still standing. (See cut.) Mr.



JAMES B. MILLER



JULIET M. MILLER



FORMER RESIDENCE OF HON. JAMES MILLER  
Madison  
(801 South ~~Frank~~ Street B'oomington, Illinois). Erected 1836

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 unflinching 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 Duis "Good Old Times in McLean County," published at Bloomington, Ill., in 1874, an encyclopedia of Illinois and McLean county, published in Chicago in 1908, and the Bloomington *Daily Bulletin* of December 24, 1905.

Dr. W. T. M. 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. M. MILLER.

Dr. W. T. M. 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 1, 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 H. (Miller) Hopkins, Chicago, Ill., born August 9, 1863.

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

(6) Jerome E. Miller, born Jan. 25, 1868, died Feb. 26, 1869.

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

(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 VIRGINIA, AND HIS CHILDREN

Alexander Miller (2nd), son of Rev. 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 Rockingham county, 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, born Aug. 3, 1795, died Nov. 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.

#### HON. SAMUEL MILLER.

Hon. Samuel Miller, son of the second Alexander Miller, was born in Rockingham 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.



EMILY J. (MILLER) PLATT



ELIZABETH (MILLER) OTON



DR. ALEXANDER MILLER



## ALEXANDER MILLER (3RD).

Alexander Miller, 3rd, son of the 2nd Alexander Miller and Sarah Crawford (?), was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, April 12, 1787. He was a farmer and lived on a farm located about sixteen miles northwest of Harrisonburg, Va. He married Ann Matthews, June 25, 1810. They were the parents of thirteen children, as follows:

(1) St. Clair Miller, born Feb. 3, 1813, married (1st) Catherine Ritchie, (2nd) Susan Roadcap. His <sup>surviving</sup> children were George Miller, James Miller, and Mrs. Nancy (Miller) Foley.

(2) Isabella Miller, born April 8, 1815, died in McLean Co., Ill., Dec. 20, 1870, (married Jacob Custer in 1838). Their children are: Mrs. Mary S. Miller, Samuel Custer (the writer's father), Mrs. Amanda McFee, Mrs. Nancy Steele, and Mrs. Nettie 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 Neff. Their children were: Robert Miller, Mrs. Mary (Miller) Clutres, Mrs. Ida (Miller) Fulk, and Mrs. Anna (Miller) Hoover.

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

(6) Margaret Jane Miller, born January 1, 1822, married William Tibbetts. Their children are: Mrs. Mary (Tibbetts) Harper and William Tibbetts, Jr.

(7) William Alexander Miller, born November 18, 1825, married 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, Mrs. Jennie (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 Margaret 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

\* She died in October, 1910.

(Harper) Hopkins, Mrs. Nora O. (Harper) Sites, Victoria Harper and George Harper, Jr.

(13) Seba Miller, born —, 1835 (?), married Dr. ——— Newham. Their children are: Mrs. Ada (Newham) Bronson, ~~Sarah Newham~~, Seba Newham, Mrs. Sarah (Newham) Rexroad 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 north-west of Harrisonburg, Virginia.

#### ISAAC MILLER.

Isaac Miller, son of the second Alexander Miller and Sarah Crawford (?) and grandson of Rev. Alexander Miller, was born in Rockingham county, Virginia, December 1, 1792. He married Mary Anderson August 15, 1821. 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.  $\frac{1}{2}$  of the S.W.  $\frac{1}{4}$  Sec. 33, T. 23 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 \$200 per acre. December 5, 1854, Isaac Miller sold this farm to Milton and Mason 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, Ill., and his experiences as such were common to all the early settlers. The children of Isaac Miller and Mary (Anderson) Miller were as follows:

(1) Sanford C. Miller, born Oct. 18, 1822, married (1st) ~~Anna~~ Melissa Hill ~~(née Depew)~~, (who died April 10, 1851) December 25, 1845; (2nd) Rachel White, Dec. 19, 1851, and died in Bloomington, Ill., Dec. 12, 1863.

(2) Samuel B. Miller, born January 26, 1824, married Martha Ashburn, Dec. 5, 1847, and died in Kansas Dec. 30, 1862.

(3) Jacob Anderson Miller, born Sept. 6, 1826, married Mary A. Trimble July 20, 1851, and died in Kansas City, Kansas. Sept. —, 1900.

(4) William J. Miller, born Nov. 17, 1828, died Aug. 22, 1840.

(5) Angeline Miller, born Sept. 20, 1830, died Jan. 21, 1892.

(6) Elizabeth Miller, born June 23, 1833, married Silas C. Pringey, Dec. 20, 1855, and died in Bloomington township, McLean county, Ill., Aug. 5, 1908.



SARAH LOYD  
Wife of James T. Miller



*James T. Miller*

(7) Isaac W. Miller, born Nov. 15, 1836, married Susan J. Warnes, Jan. 1, 1867, and died in Bloomington, Ill., Nov. 27, 1870.

(8) Hester J. Miller, born March 6, 1839, died Aug. 15, 1840.

Isaac Miller died Jan. 21, 1857. His wife died Feb. 25, 1870. Their remains are buried in Scogin's Cemetery, four miles southwest of Bloomington, Ill. 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 THE GRANDCHILDREN OF ISAAC MILLER AND MARY ANDERSON.

Adj.-Gen. Elliott S. Miller (dec.) and Mrs. Mary A. Bowman, (children of Sanford C. Miller and Melissa ~~Miller~~ Hill), Clara Miller (dec.), Fremont Miller, Mrs. Hattie Bolin, and Mrs. Minnie G. Street: (children of Sanford C. Miller and Rachel White), Alonzo Miller (son of Jacob Anderson Miller), Mrs. Elizabeth — (née Miller), William Miller, — Miller, and — Miller; (children of Samuel B. Miller), G. W. Pringey (son of Elizabeth (Miller) Pringey), Charles W. Miller, and Miss Alice M. Miller (children of Isaac W. Miller.)

#### SOME OF THE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN OF ISAAC MILLER AND MARY ANDERSON.

Mrs. Jesse M. Bolinger, Frank Miller, Mrs. Mary Kneebone (children of Elliott S. Miller); Roy E. Bowman and Daisy Bowman (children of Mary A. Bowman); Fremont Street and James B. Street (children of Minnie G. Street); Russell 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 Miller); Wallace A. Pringey, Maud E. Pringey, Murrel H. Pringey, Glenn B. Pringey, Homer H. Pringey, and Russell D. Pringey (children of G. W. Pringey).

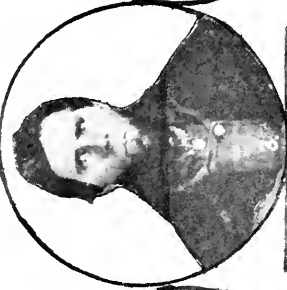
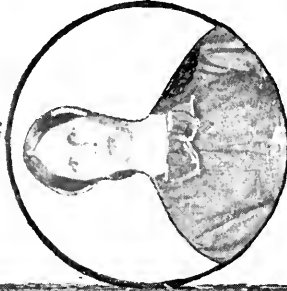
#### ADJUTANT-GENERAL ELLIOTT S. MILLER.

Elliott S. Miller, son of Sanford C. Miller, and Melissa ~~De~~<sup>new</sup> Hill, was born in McLean county, Illinois, Nov. 15, 1846. He enlisted in Company B, 39th Ill. 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 Almira C. Hewitt, June 3, 1868. He was Chief of Police of Bloomington, Ill., in 1878 and 1879. In 1880 he removed to North Dakota. In 1885 he was appointed quartermaster of the 1st North Dakota Regiment, and in 1895 he was appointed Adj. Gen. of the State

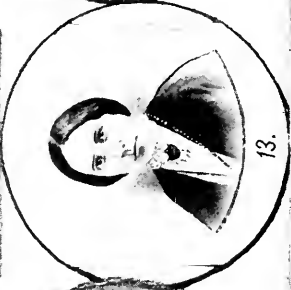
of North Dakota by Governor Roger Allin. He was a member of the G.A.R. and the Masonic fraternity. He died at Bismarek, North Dakota, June 28, 1905, leaving the following children: Mrs. Jessie M. Bolinger, of Jamestown, North Dakota; Frank Miller, of Missoula, Mont., and Mrs. May Kneebone, of San Diego, 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 Miller. On Jan. 28, 1821, at Orange Court House, Orange county, Va., 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 Mr. 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. Miller 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 McLean county, Ill., 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. Miller, 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 G. Miller, Alexander Miller, and Mrs. Mildred A. Peck.) When James T. Miller first came to McLean county, Ill., 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 No. 7 or "Hinshaw" school-house (now called No. 84), on the Springfield road, about 2½ miles southwest of the city of Bloomington, Ill. (Sec. 17, Bloomington township.) This cabin had but one room and no floor. It was very poor indeed, but



ELIZABETH J.,  
 wife of  
 ORRIN PARKER  
 DIED  
 Apr. 28. 1857.  
 Aged 31 Yrs.  
 6 Mo. 18 Ds.



THE CHILDREN OF JAMES T. AND SARAH LOYD MILLER

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|-----------------------|----------------------------------|--|------------------------------|----------------------|
| 1. ROBERT MILLER      | 2. JAMES M. MILLER               | 3. JOHN W. MILLER  | 5. SAMUEL S. MILLER          | 6. WILLIAM C. MILLER |
| 7. BELLEFIELD MILLER  | 8. SARAH ANN (MILLER)<br>BARNETT | 4. GRAVESTONE of ELIZABETH<br>JANE (MILLER) PARKER<br>(In Fordyce Cemetery,<br>Iowa County, Iowa.) | 9. MARY (MILLER) LUDLAM      | 10. THOMAS G. MILLER |
| 11. MARTULLOUS MILLER | 12. CYRUS C. MILLER              | 13. MARGARET (MILLER)<br>THOMPSON  | 14. MILDRED A. (MILLER) PECK | 15. ALEXANDER MILLER |

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, Ill. The deed conveying this land to James T. Miller, is recorded in Book V, 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 paid for and their older children grown too maturity were able to provide for themselves. James T. Miller and his wife were both members of the Methodist Episcopal Church and for many years their home was a regular preaching place for the pioneer circuit riders who filled appointments on the old Sangamon, Bloomington, and Randolphs Grove circuits between the years 1835 and 1850. Church 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 member of his flock as a place for holding religious services. Among the early Methodist Circuit riders who preached at "Brother Millers" were some of the well known lights of pioneer Methodism in Illinois, viz.: Peter Cartwright, John S. Barger, Wingate J. Newman, Joseph Newman, James C. Rucker (a relative of Mrs. Millers), Samuel H. Martin, William R. Howard, George Rutledge, James Shaw, and others. The early Methodists were not lacking in wit, of which they frequently made use. It was a standing joke among the circuit-riders who were wont to enjoy the hospitality of Mr. and Mrs. Miller that the latter's "Houdans" and "Shanghais" always fled whenever a Methodist preacher hove in sight, so well known was the preachers' great fondness for fried chicken. Mr. Miller's name appears on the record of the first quarterly conference of the Randolph Grove Circuit, held at Fmks Grove, Ill., Dec. 29, 1849, at which time and place he was appointed a member of the missionary committee. Mr. Miller continued to reside upon his farm, raising live stock and grain until the year 1855, when he removed to a smaller farm in the timber nearer the city of Bloomington which he had purchased some years previously of a Mr. Leeper. This land is



now a part of the farm owned by Mr. James Poindexter, and is located in the north part of Sec. 17, Bloomington township. The house at this place stood on the east side of the Springfield Road (as did also the one previously occupied by Mr. Miller) and about a half mile northeast of the old No. 7, "Hinshaw," or Dowthett School-house (now No. 84). In 1866 Mr. Miller sold his "prairie farm" (as it was called) to John A. Alexander for \$25 per acre. This was considered a good price for improved land in McLean county at that time. Mr. Miller was familiar with all the primitive modes and appliances used by the pioneer farmers of this country 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 primitive 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. Miller died at his home on the farm he bought of Leeper, Nov. 3, 1874. His funeral sermon was preached by his o'd friend, the circuit rider, Rev. John S. Barger, and his remains were laid to rest in the Scogin Cemetery at Lows Grove some two miles west of his former home. The *Daily Pantagraph* of Nov. 4, 1874, contains the following obituary of Mr. Miller: "Mr. James T. Miller, an old citizen residing two miles southwest of this city on the Springfield road, died (last) Monday at the advanced age of eighty years. The deceased was born in Virginia in 1795, and had been a resident of this county for a great many years. He was a cousin of James Miller, the former State Treasurer. Funeral services will be held today at the Dowthett School-house at 10 o'clock A. M."

Mr. Miller owned ninety-five acres of land at the time of his death, which was sold by the master-in-chancery (at that time Mr. E. M. Prince), and the proceeds divided among the heirs. After her husband's death, Mrs. Miller lived with different members of her large family of children until her own demise which occurred Dec. 13, 1885, at the home of her son, Thomas G. Miller, in Lincoln, Ill. Her remains were buried beside those of her husband in Scogin's Cemetery, and a neat white marble monument now marks their last earthly resting-place. It was the writer's privilege to have seen the face of his great grandmother but once, and that was after her death, and while her remains were at the house of her son, Samuel S. Miller, near Shirley, Ill., on the day of her burial.

## THE CHILDREN OF JAMES T. AND SARAH LOYD MILLER.

(1) Robert Miller, a farmer, born Nov. 29, 1821, married Elizabeth Lanier, June 23, 1845, died in Iowa county, Iowa, January 16, 1893.

(2) James M. Miller, a farmer, born January 17, 1823, enlisted in Co. B, 4th Ill. Inf. (Mexican War), June 13, 1846, was discharged Dec. 3, 1846. Married Mary C. Parker, (a niece of the writer's maternal grandfather,) July 4, 1850. Died in Iowa county, Iowa, March 20, 1904.

(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 Putnam 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 grandmother,) born Oct. 10, 1825, married Orrin Parker, a farmer, Sept. 15, 1849. 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 (Saulley) Hildreth, Sept. —, 1881. Died (in Barnett township, DeWitt county, Ill.), March 19, 1904.

(6) Samuel S. Miller, a farmer, (twin of William C.) born Sept. 18, 1827, married Priscilla Allison Aug. 20, 1848. Died (near Shirley, Ill.), 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. Vol. Inf. (Civil War), Aug. 7, 1862, discharged Aug. 17, 1865. Died (in Greenwood Co., Kansas), Aug. 2, 1887.

(8) Sarah Ann Miller, born May 30, 1830, married B. 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 Rovena French, Nov. 18, 1856, (resides in Lincoln, Ill.)

(11) Martillous Miller, born Sept. 27, 1835, married Mary S. Custer, (the writer's aunt,) Sept. 22, 1857. Died in Bloomington, Ill., May 21, 1904.

(12) Cyrus C. Miller, born June 30, 1837, married Eliza Loyd, 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 Philo H. Peck, July 8, 1858, (resides in Denver, Colo.)

MARY (ANDERSON) MILLER

ELIZABETH (MILLER) PRINGEN

SANFORD C. MILLER

ELLIOTT S. MILLER



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ANGELINE MILLER

JACOB ANDERSON MILLER

ISAAC MILLER

CHARLES W. MILLER

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

James A. Miller, son of Robert 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 Robert 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 Miller, Iowa City, Iowa.
- (10) Grant 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. Rosannah Pinkerton, Greeley, Nebraska.
- (2) Mrs. Clara J. Cochran, Hill City, Kansas.
- (3) Chauncey W. Miller, Hill City, Kansas.
- (4) Mrs. Ravena M. Henderson, Hill City, Kansas.
- (5) Mrs. Florence Whetstine (dec.), North English, Iowa.
- (6) Sylvester L. Miller, Wellman, Iowa.
- (7) Joseph D. Miller, Wellman, Iowa.
- (8) John H. P. Miller, Topeka, Kansas.
- (9) Mrs. Dora L. Chapman, Maxwell, Iowa.
- (10) Lemmon M. Miller, Topeka, Kansas.

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

- (1) Mrs. Sarah J. Cowan, Read, Neb.
- (2) Mrs. Cynthia J. Groves, Remington, Va.
- (3) Mrs. Lou M. Custer, (the writer's mother), Bloomington, Ill.

The children of William C. Miller and Mary A. Barnett are as follows, viz.:

- (1) Robert Miller, Maroa, Ill. R.F.D.
- (2) Mrs. Fannie Donegan (dec.)

\*Enlisted in Co. E, 5th Ill. Cavalry, (Civil War), Sept. 14, 1861, and was discharged Nov. 7, 1864.



ROY BOWMAN

MINNIE G. (MILLER) STREET

HATTIE (MILLER) BOLIN

MARY A. (MILLER) BOWMAN



FREMONT MILLER

ADJUTANT GENERAL ELLIOTT S. MILLER

CLARA MILLER

(3) Mrs. Ella Stoutenborough, Maroa, Ill. R.F.D.

(4) Mrs. Hattie Stoutenborough, Maroa, Ill.

(5) Charles Miller, Duncombe, Iowa, R.F.D.

The children of Wm. C. Miller and Mrs. Anna (Sautley) Hildreth, as follows:

(6) Edna Miller, Clinton, Ill. R.F.D.

(7) William Miller, Clinton, Ill. R.F.D.

The children of Samuel S. Miller and Priscilla Allison, as follows, viz.:

(1) Mrs. Ann Alexander, Bloomington, Ill.

(2) Mrs. Priscilla Wyman, Bloomington, Ill.

(3) Samuel Miller, Bloomington, Ill.

(4) Mrs. Almira Hill, Bloomington, Ill.

(5) Mrs. Luella Mitchell, Covel, Ill.

(6) Mrs. Rebecca Simmons, Bloomington, Ill.

(7) Thomas A. Miller, Marengo, Iowa.

The children of Bellefield Miller and Mildred 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 Ritchie-Reiter, Humboldt, Kansas.

(2) Mrs. Hattie Anderson (dec.)

(3) Elijah Miller, ———— Colorado.

(4) Mrs. Mary Cline (dec.)

(5) Mrs. Mildred Stearns, Tillin, Ohio.

(6) Eli Miller, Salina, Kansas.

(7) Bellefield Miller (dec.)

The children of Sarah A. Miller and B. F. Barnett are as follows:

(1) J. Wm. Barnett, Hallville, Ill.

(2) Jas. M. Barnett, Hallville, Ill.

The children of Mary Miller and Thomas Ludlam, as follows:

(1) J. J. Ludlam, Toronto, Kan.

(2) Mrs. Sarah James, Owossa, Oklahoma.

The children of Thomas G. Miller and Martha Rovena French are:

(1) Leonard Miller, Lincoln, Ill.

(2) Lee Miller, St. Louis, Mo.

The only surviving child of Martillous Miller and Mary S. Custer is:

Mrs. Emma Kees, Bloomington, Ill.

The children of Cyrus C. Miller and Eliza Loyd are:

(1) Thomas B. Miller, (dec.) North English, Iowa.

(2) Mrs. Adelia Chapman, North English, Iowa, R.F.D.

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

The children of Margaret B. Miller and David E. Thompson are:

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

The children of Mildred 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, Colo.
- (4) Mrs. Sarah Woodman, Cinnauninson, N. J.
- (5) Harry Peck (dec.)

The children of Alexander Miller and Laura F. Raymond are:

- (1) Alfred Miller, Iola, Kan.
- (2) Guy Miller, Iola, Kan.
- (3) Thaddeus Miller, Iola, Kan.
- (4) William McKinley Miller, Iola, Kan.

#### WILLIAM MILLER, (SON OF THE 2ND, ALEXANDER MILLER).

William Miller, a farmer, son of the second Alexander Miller and grandson of Rev. Alexander Miller, was born in Rockingham county, Va., about the year 1800. He married Anna Yeakel and came to McLean county, Ill. in 1850, settling on a farm near Danvers, Ill., where he died in 1872. He taught school a while in Virginia, when he was a young man. His children were Peyton Miller, (who married Eliza Jane Hodge, Nov. 1, 1855,) Levi Miller, Samuel Miller, James<sup>W</sup> Miller,\* John Miller, Susan Jane Miller, (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 Miller 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, Ill.) Nov. 18, 1852, and settled in Coffey county, Kansas. (2) Esther Ann Beard. (3) Martha Jane Beard and (4) Delila Beard.

*Enlisted in Co. H, 94th Ill. Vol. Inf. (Civil War,) Aug. 10, 1862 and was discharged July 17, 1865.*



SARAH (MILLER) <sup>Harper,</sup> ELIZABETH ANN MILLER  
 FRANCES (MILLER) SPIGGLE

WILLIAM MILLER JAMES JACKSON MILLER ELLIOTT S. MILLER  
 (Son of Wm. C. Miller) (Co. B, 39th Ill. Vol. Inf.)



CHAS A. HILL MARGARET (MILLER) WHISLER  
 ANN ELIZA (MILLER) RHODES



## JANE MILLER (OF VA.)

Jane Miller, daughter of the second Alexander Miller, and granddaughter of Rev. Alexander Miller, like her cousin Jane Miller, of Cadiz, Ky. was never married; she lived and died in Rockingham county, Va.

## JOHN WALLACE MILLER (OF VIRGINIA.)

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

(1) Mrs. Susan Ann (Miller) Ritchie, born March 15, 1828, married Peter Ritchie ———— 1846. Died Aug. 28, 1888.

(2) James Jackson Miller, born Dec. 5, 1829, married (2nd) Sarah Croushorn, Jan. 1, 1857; 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 Catharine Dovel; died Jan. ———— 1897.

(5) Mrs. Ann Eliza (Miller) Rhodes, born Mar. 25, 1839; married John Rhodes Jan. 24, 1867; died Feb. 20, 1910.

(6) Mrs. Mary Elizabeth (Miller) Coakley, born April 27, 1841; married Robert Coakley ————; died Jan. 19, 1907.

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

Mrs. Sarah Francis Deputy, Newton Ritchie, Mrs. Eveline Gowl and Mrs. Sallie Prymeyers, (children of Sarah Ann Miller Ritchie;) J. Hensel Miller, James P. F. ("Fletcher") Miller and Newton Miller, (children of James Jackson Miller;) Mrs. Elizabeth Ann Snyder, Mrs. Mary Alice Steele, Robert A. Liskey, Charles E. Liskey and Mrs. Maggie Belle Wright, (children of Eveline C. Miller Liskey;) George E. Miller, Ada Virginia Miller, James Miller and Kenny Miller, children of George Harvey Miller;) Etta Rhodes, Laura Rhodes, John L. Rhodes and Verdie Catharine Rhodes, (children of Ann Eliza Miller Rhodes;) Preston Coakley, Elizabeth Coakley, Emma Coakley, Howard Coakley, Newton Coakley and Lucy Coakley, (children of Mary Elizabeth Miller Coakley.)

## THE GREAT-GRANDCHILDREN OF JAMES T. MILLER AND SARAH LOYD.

Grace Miller, (daughter of Levi J. Miller); Mrs. Frank Stoner, Daisy Furman, Luther Furman and Fred Furman (children of Ellen Miller Furman); ~~Charles Miller and Ross Miller~~

(~~sons of Geo. A. Miller~~): Arthur Ogle, Carl Ogle, Elsie Ogle and Ethel Ogle, (children of Alice Miller Ogle); Ross R. Harmon, Ora B. Harman, Celsus Harmon, Grace Harmon, Daisy Harmon and Glenn Harmon, (children of Celestia Miller Harmon); Ernest Harmon, Blanch Harmon and Minnie Harmon, (children of Laura Miller Harmon); Charles Miller and Roy R. Miller (sons of George A. Miller); James W. Hoyt, William G. Hoyt, Elmer O. Hoyt, and Mrs. Clara Brown (children of Rosannah Miller Hoyt-Pinkerton); Mrs. Ida D. Flynn, Dollie Cochran, Jacob Cochran, Mary Cochran, K. Y. Cochran, Frank Cochran, Della Cochran, and Harrison Cochran (children of Clara J. Miller Cochran); Rhoda Whetstine and Mary Whetstine (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 Ernest Chapman (children of Dora L. Miller Chapman); Viola M. Miller and Lawrence W. Miller (children of Lemmon M. Miller); Richard Cowan, Mrs. Susan Evonspacher, Mrs. Rosa Royce, William Cowan, Orrin Cowan, Mrs. Mary Kidwell, Mrs. Hattie Kidwell and <sup>Mrs.</sup>Sadie (Cowan) <sup>Freed</sup>, (children of Mrs. Sarah J. Parker Cowan); Mrs. Edna Duvall, Mrs. Emma Groves, Orrin Groves, Z. B. Groves, Otway Groves, Homer Groves and Gilbert Groves (children of Cynthia J. Parker Groves); Milo Custer and Stella Custer (children of Lou M. Parker Custer); Orville Miller, Fema May Miller, Glenn Miller, Maude M. Miller, John Miller and Emmett C. Miller (children of Charles Miller); Jay Donegan, <sup>Mrs.</sup>Fannie (Donegan) <sup>Early</sup>, Myrtle (Donegan) <sup>Early</sup>, Ella Emerick, Mrs. Mildred Foster and Charles Donegan (children of Fannie Miller Donegan); Dr. Wm. A. Stoutenborough, Earl Stoutenborough, <sup>Mrs.</sup>Fannie (Stoutenborough) <sup>Shaw</sup>, Helen Stoutenborough and Robert Stoutenborough (children of Ella Miller Stoutenborough); Mrs. Maude Allen, Mrs. Elva Conklin, Ray Stoutenborough and Marguerite Stoutenborough (children of Hattie Miller Stoutenborough), Elmer E. Alexander and William F. Alexander (sons of Ann Miller Alexander); Mrs. Rose E. Kirby and Mrs. Lillie M. Harris (daughters of Priscilla Miller Wyman); Leonard F. Miller and Marguerite Miller (children of Samuel Miller); Mrs. Myrtle Munther, Charles A. Hill and Priscilla Hill (children of Almira Miller Hill); Roy Stipp (son of Luella Miller Mitchell); Clarence Miller, Nora Miller, James L. Miller and Samuel W. Miller, (children of Thomas A. Miller); Mrs. Anna Lenk, Mrs. Daisy Langhoff, Arthur Simmons and Rosa Simmons, (children of Rebecca Miller Simmons); Bessie Ludlam, Mable Ludlam, Pearl Ludlam, James Ludlam, Fred Ludlam and George Ludlam (children of J. J. Ludlam); Clara James; Mrs. May Butcher, Fred James, and Charles James (children of Sarah Ludlam James);

Mrs. Mable Dodd, Arthur Miller, Fred Miller and Harry Miller, (children of Isaiah Miller); Mrs. Vernice L. McFarland, Francis Miller, Roscoe C. Miller and Mrs. H. D. Williams (children of Sarah E. Miller-Miller); Mrs. Evolyne Anderson, Mrs. Hattie Kaufman, Mrs. Ida Preston, <sup>Dr. A.</sup> Florence <sup>Wagoner</sup> Pollard and Walter Pollard (children of Amanda Miller Pollard); Mrs. Daisy Olson (daughter of Chestina Miller Ritchie); Clarence Anderson, Clifford Anderson, Howard Anderson and Ray Anderson (children of Hattie Miller Anderson) Mary Miller and \_\_\_\_\_ Miller (children of Elijah Miller); Marion Cline (son of Mary Miller Cline); \_\_\_\_\_ Miller, (child of Eli Miller); Dr. Arthur T. Barnett (son of James M. Barnett); Chester F. Barnett, (Attorney); Mrs. Allie Wood, Mrs. Lena Gray and Mamie Barnett, (children of J. Wm. 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, Mrs. Bertha E. Conklin, Mrs. Lena A. Grinter, Mrs. Blanch L. Loyd, John B. Chapman, Glenn O. Chapman, Cyrus R. 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. Effie Smock, Edward Jepson, William Jepson, Herbert Jepson, Bernice Jepson and Joseph Jepson (children of Elizabeth Thompson Jepson); James O. Snyder (son of Jennie Peck Snyder); William P. Peck, Mrs. Ruth Garrison, Jessie R. Peck, Grace E. Peck, Frank N. Peck and Nesbit F. Peck (children of Herbert A. Peck); Curtis Miller, Grace Miller, Lola M. Miller and Lourain Miller (children of Alfred Miller); Laura E. Miller, Frank Miller and Floyd Miller (children of Guy Miller); Adrian Miller, Elva Miller, Etta Miller and Thaddens Miller, Jr., (children of Thaddens Miller); Total, 182.

#### CONCLUSION.

To those of my relatives who have assisted me in the publication of this brief history, I offer the same without comment and without 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 upon 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 repository, 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.

MIL0 CUSTER.

*Bloomington, Illinois, April 3, 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 Randal MacDonnell was Earl (not Duke) of Antrim from Dec. 10, 1699, 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 1636, according to Burkes Peerage, which is a standard authority on this subject. M.C.

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

Special Order No. 14.

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, First 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 officers 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 Dakota National Guard will wear the usual badge of mourning for thirty days from that date.

By command of

E. Y. SARLES,

Official:

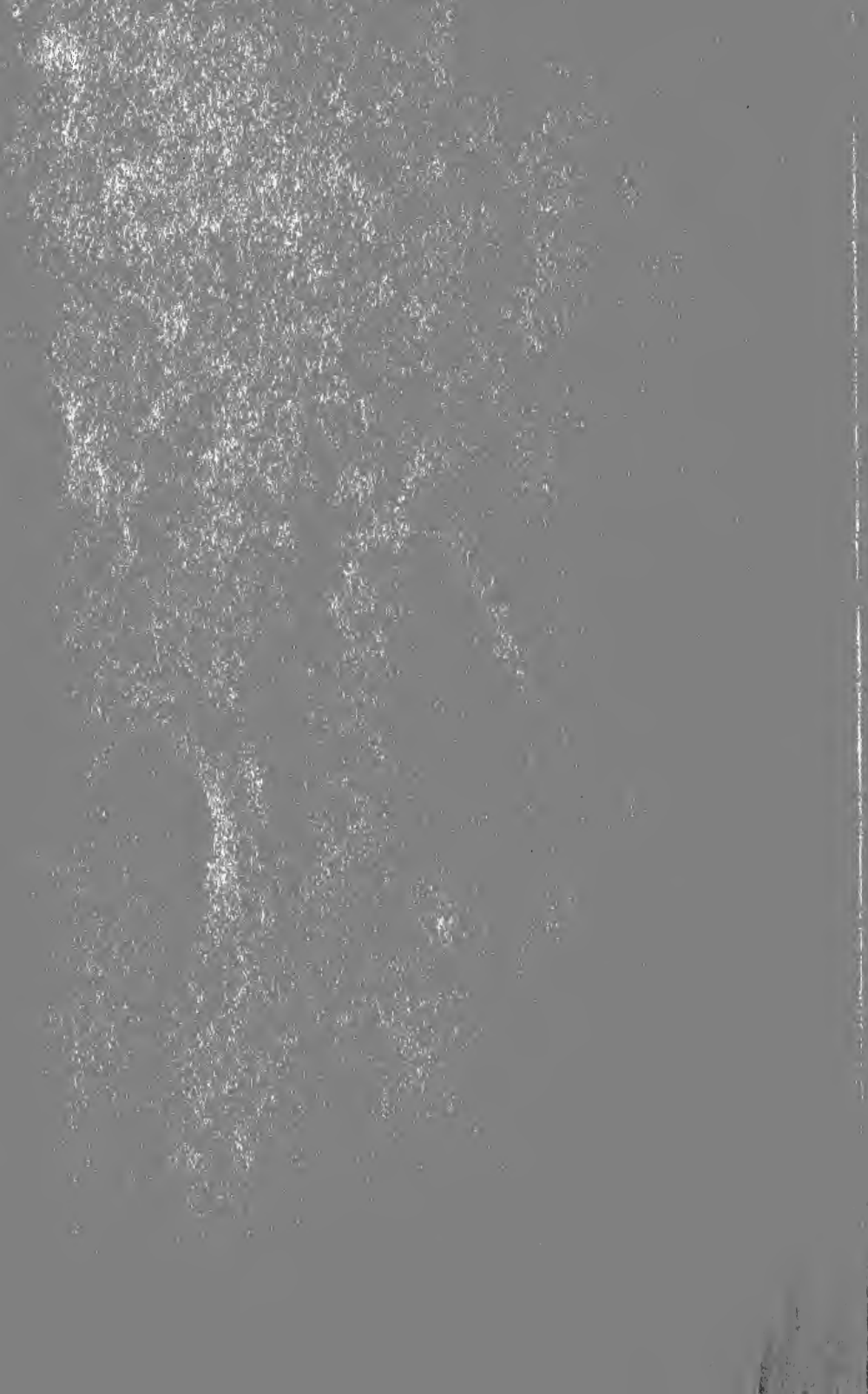
Governor and Commander-in-Chief.

H. M. CREEL, Adjutant General.











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