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Ashe County; a history, by Arthur Lloyd Fletcher, c1963

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Thy name, O Lord, endureth forever; and Thy memorial, O Lord, throughout all generations.

Psalms 135:13

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LETTER

Lovingly dedicated to our cousin
George W. Miller (1885 - 1974)
Son of Josephine and Arthur Miller

who dedicated himself to helping us with
this history from his memories of the family.

His interest, encouragement, and help transmitted
to us through his granddaughter, Joyce Miller Muzzall,
were gratefully received.

Our very special thanks also to Joyce for her help
besides that sent faithfully from her grandfather.
With two small children, a busy surgeon-husband, a
home to care for, and all the accompanying social
duties, she did research for material in the libraries
of her locality to send us ideas and suggestions for
the history.

I will lift up mine eyes unto the hills,
from whence cometh my help.

My help cometh from the Lord,
which made heaven and earth.

The Lord is thy keeper: the Lord
is thy shade upon thy right hand.

The sun shall not smite thee by day,
nor the moon by night.

The Lord shall preserve thee from all evil:
He shall preserve thy soul.

The Lord shall preserve thy going out
and thy coming in from this time
forth, and even for evermore.

Psalm 121

In Memory of

George W. Miller

*Born: July 20, 1885
Apple Grove, North Carolina*

*Died: July 14, 1974
Sedro Woolley, Washington*

*Services
July 17, 1974 2:00 p.m.
Lemley Chapel*

*Officiating
Reverend Virgil Vater
First Baptist Church
Sedro Woolley, Washington*

Casket Bearers

*Herman Romer Don Huston
Harold Renfro Lenore Robinson
Bill Rivord Lawrence Burmaster*

*Organist
Gladys Miller*

*Interment
I.O.O.F. Cemetery
Sedro Woolley, Washington*

I. EARLY HISTORY OF THE FAMILY

EARLY ANCESTRY

By

Harley A. Vannoy

Carmichael Miller, immigrant of Germany was the father of Christian Miller. Christian was the father of George Washington Miller. George Washington Miller was the father of Elder Harrison Baker Miller.

Carmichael Miller migrated from Germany in the late 1700's and first settled with the Pennsylvania Dutch. He married Elizabeth Utretch of Pennsylvania. His son, Christian, fought in Braddock's army with General George Washington.

Information may be obtained from L. V. Miller, Justice of the Peace, Wagoner, North Carolina, on the top of the Blue Ridge Mountain on the farm once owned by George Washington Miller.

NOTE: A letter was sent in 1965/66 to L. V. Miller in care of the Postmaster, Jefferson, North Carolina, which was not returned nor was any reply received.

*"Dear Lord, how shall
we know that they still
walk unseen with us and
Thee, nor sleep, nor
wander far away?"
He smiled: "Abide
in Me!"*

In Memory of
HARLEY ABRAHAM VANNOY

Date of Birth
Nov. 3, 1875

Date of Death
May 6, 1943

Services at
Dilday Chapel
May 8, 1943 10:30 A.M.

Officiating
Rev. Ronald T. White,
Signal Lodge No. 543 F. and A. M.

Interment
Rose Hills Memorial Park

MILLER FAMILY LINE

by

ADELINE MILLER VANNOY
and son,
HARLEY A. VANNOY

Carmikle (Carmichael) Miller (Mueller), first emigrant from Germany to Pennsylvania.
Married Elizabeth Utretch of Pennsylvania (no dates).

Christian Miller, son of Carmichael and Elizabeth Miller.
Married Judy (Judith?) Bear (Barr, Baer, Bahr). No dates obtainable.

Children of Christian and Judy Miller:

1. George Washington Miller, born January 31, 1818; died May 3, 1865; married Aley Hubbard, daughter of Randall and Polly Hubbard, in Russell County, Virginia, August 12, 1837. She was born February 20, 1813; died August 2, 1908.
2. Jack (Jackson?) Miller; married Myra _____
3. Christian Miller; married Phoebe Brown.
4. Easter Miller; married William Poe (nicknamed "Old Billy Poe.")
5. John Miller; married Lila Sheets.
6. Millie Miller; (epileptic daughter - never married).

Children of George Washington ("Wash") and Aley Hubbard Miller

1. Louisa; died in her teens of TB, before the Civil War.
2. Easter; married Jordan Sheets.
3. Eveline; married John Cook; she died July 18, 1934, near Chilhowie, Va.
4. Harrison Baker Miller; born March 2, 1843 in Ashe County, North Carolina; died February 8, 1935, near Chilhowie, Virginia; married first to Phoebe Jane Weaver in 1865; she died about 1873; he then married Eda (Cook) Taylor. He had four children by his first marriage and two by his second one.
5. Jasper Marion Miller; married Caroline Jones.
6. Mary Ann; married William Davis.
7. Adeline; married Anderson Mitchell Vannoy of Wilkes County, N. C. on May 6, 1866; She was born on December 23, 1849; he was born May 13, 1844; died July 31, 1908 in Wapello County, Iowa. They had 11 children. Mother still living as of this date, March 30, 1936.

Children of G.W. and Aley Hubbard Miller (Continued):

8. Alva; married John Reeves. They moved to Grinnell, Iowa, where she died in August 1932.
9. Josephine; married Elihu Miller. Both died and are buried near Chilhowie, Virginia.

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FAMILY
OF
RANDALL AND POLLY (_____ ? _____) HUBBARD

Came from England; settled in Russell County,
state of Virginia, about 1805-1810.

Children::

1. William; born in England.
2. Aley; born February 20, 1813; married George Washington Miller on August 12, 1837; died August 2, 1908, near Chilhowie, Virginia.
3. Eliza; married Wilson Cox.
4. Polly; married Alfred Cox, brother of Wilson Cox, above.
5. Edward; married and lived in Virginia.
6. Ann; married Absalom Bear, resided on Horse Creek in Ashe County, North Carolina.

Note: A daughter of Edward Hubbard of Virginia, married William Tuggle and lived near Saltville, Virginia, about the year 1915. My mother visited her there. (HAVannoy)

This information on the Hubbard family is from the memory of my Mother, Adeline Miller Vannoy, daughter of George W. Miller and Aley Hubbard Miller, # 2 above.

Harley A. Vannoy
Long Beach, California
January 12, 1931

Research of Miller (Mueller) in Ashe County, N.C.

I feel sure that there are more people in Ashe County by the name of Miller than any other family. After doing work professionally for over twenty years, I have learned that there were three distinct sets of Millers who settled in this area before the county was formed from Wilkes, or if not, during the very first years. As you no doubt know, they were Muellers, the name in German meaning, "Grinders of Grain." There was also an area where a family of English Millers settled. So, descendants of these four families make up the long lists of Millers we find on the present day rolls.

I am quite familiar with most of Ashe County and certainly know the location of the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist church as well as the cemetery along the Parkway. The old Miller area is not too far from Bear Creek but is nearer the Boggs area, and much of the time, is hard to get to although the road has been improved in the last few years. In 1843, it would not have been considered very far away from Bear Creek and certainly that church would have been one of the few and possibly the only one church in that day.

Carmichael (Michael) ("Mike") Miller (Mueller) came from Germany. The exact year is not now known. One story is that he came over at the age of six and enlisted in Braddock's army at the age of seventeen. Another story which sounds more likely is that he was a Hessian soldier in Braddock's army. A very good elderly friend, George A. Miller, a retired teacher now deceased, whose ancestor was Mike Miller, wrote me, "My father, Hilton Miller, used to thrill us children with stories of the experiences and adventures of 'Old Mike' as a captive and slave of the Indians and his escape and journey through unbroken forests and Indian country to a British fort. He married -----U-Z-R-T. I do not know her first name and am not sure of the spelling of her maiden name."

The Uzrt could have been the name Utretch as you gave it. Although Mr. Miller stated that he did not know the name of "Old Mike's" wife, I am inclined to believe that her name was Catherine (Katty) (Caty) for no other shows. I further believe that his wife Katy or Caty may have been either a daughter or sister of the Thomas Ussary who appears in the early Wilkes County census.

There is some indication that these first Miller's records may be easier to find in Wilkes County. They certainly lived very near the county line. In a court record, "Easter Miller had come over from Wilkes County" as a witness in some legal action and was paid a fee for her appearance. As you mentioned in a letter, the name Easter seems to have run in the family. Whether this was the Easter (Washington Miller's sister) who according to the record married Old Billy Poe or that that Easter was an older one still remains to be seen.

As I understand it, the road going to Wilkesboro and most points south was through an old way by Bear Creek and we do still speak of "Bear Creek." I can imagine that in those early days, a description by your great grandfather or grandfather would have been quite accurate and doubtless they owned land extending as far as the site of the Bear Creek church or it might be there was an earlier church before the present one was built. Like you, I feel that your ancestors may have been buried nearer Bear Creek.

Assuming that you are correct about Christian Miller, I believe that he also had a brother, George, who married Elizabeth Bungartner. He must have been the

one for whom he (Christian) witnessed the deed in 1808. George and Elizabeth also had a son, George, who married Elizabeth Koontz. Your great grandfather was wise to use the name Washington instead of George.

Stephen Miller very likely was another brother of Christian. An early census (1800) shows Katty Miller, a widow with three sons still at home. She was still living in 1820 (her name was spelled Caty) and one or two of the sons must still be with her and at that time they had young families. A Henry Miller, age under 26, and his wife under 26, were living next to her.

I have talked at length with an old citizen about the cemetery. The one in the Boggs community according to a son of Mr. George Miller is very hard to get to and from my latest talk with him he doubts that he (Washington Miller) is buried there although he offered to take me there in his jeep should I decide that it is necessary. The trouble is that it may not be marked although the later generations have been loyal in keeping the graves of their relatives marked. I now feel very certain that he (Washington) was buried closer to Bear Creek church. I hope to be able to contact someone who has visited me in the past and who has told me of another cemetery near the Parkway underpass where some Severts are buried.* This is almost on the Ashe-Wilkes line. There may also be some Bares buried there. What is the connection between Judith and Absalom Bare? Henry Bare was the first Bare in Ashe County to get a land grant. Judith Bear (or Bare), the wife of Christian Miller, was either his daughter or granddaughter or a daughter of Jacob, Henry's son.

I looked book by book for some elderly Millers who had died soon after the law required that statistics be kept of births and deaths. I found these which may be of interest:

Ether (probably could not spell Easter or Esther) Miller, born March 4, 1826; died May 26, 1918. Her age 93 years, 2 months, and 27 days. Father, Stephen Miller, Mother, Katie Ingram.

Jess Barr, husband of Lona Barr, died December 24, 1920. Age 70 years, 3 months and 18 days, born Ashe County. Burial place, Horse Creek Township; died of liver and kidney disease. Father, Absalom Barr; Mother, Ann Hubbard, Jefferson, Ashe County, N. C. Information given by Lona Barr, Hemlock, N. C.

Ardine Miller, age 2 years (date 1920/21); father, H.A. Miller; mother, Mazey Barr; Horse Creek Township, Park, Virginia (post office). Ashe County, N. C.

I am enclosing copies of some deeds made to and later by your ancestor, Washington Miller. I did not make a complete search after seeing that it was in the Bear Creek section. I also noted that Harrison B. Miller had bought land of a Mr. Ham in the Horse Creek area but did not get copies made.

Incidentally, I had a great uncle, Harrison Baker. Could your grandfather have been named for him. He was born 1815 and died in 1881.*

--- Eleanor Baker Reeves

- 1)* Many Severts are buried in Bear Creek church cemetery.
- 2)* In 1850 Census of Ashe County Washington Miller and Harrison Baker were next door neighbors.

Jefferson Courthouse, Ashe County, North Carolina
Office of the Register of Deeds
Book D, page 385

A Deed from Thomas Tyre to George Miller 100 acres

This indenture made the 6th day of October in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eight (1808) between Thomas Tyre and George Miller, both of the County of Ashe and State of North Carolina; witnesseth that he the said Thomas Tyre for and in consideration of the sum of \$150.00 to him in hand paid the receipt wherein he doth hereby acknowledge and himself therewith full satisfied and paid, hath granted bargained, sold, and conveyed and confirmed by these presents doth grant, bargain, sell, convey and confirm unto him the said George Miller a tract or parcel of land containing one hundred acres being the same more or less lying in the county aforesaid on the west side of the South Fork of New River, beginning at a red oak, running west one hundred and twenty-six poles to a crooked white oak under the N. W. side of the Canoe Nob, then south one hundred and twenty six poles to two white oaks on a ridge, then east one hundred twenty six poles to a stake in the original line, then north along line to the beginning. Known by the name of Canoe Knob & C together with every right, title, privilege, and involvement to the said land belonging or in anywise appertaining; and, he said Thomas Tyre doth bind himself, his heirs, executors, and administrators well and truly to warrant and defend the aforesaid premises with all the appertaincies thereto belonging unto him the said George Miller, his heirs and assigns forever free and clear of all incumbrances and claims whatsoever in testimony whereof the said Thomas Tyre hath hereunto set his hand and affixed his seal the day and date above written.

Signed and sealed and delivered in the presence of Thomas Tyre



TEST

A. W. Shearer
Christian Miller

North Carolina, Ashe County, May Term 1809,
the within deed was duly proven in open
court by the oath of Christian Miller in
order to be registered.

Test David Earnest CCC

Note: This is the only evidence that has been found, as yet, of the presence of Christian Miller in Ashe County. He was probably deceased between the date (1809) that he appeared in open court to give his oath and the 1850 Census. In this Census, his wife, Judith (Judy) Bear Miller, was living near their son, Washington Miller, in a house with her daughter, Easter.

Washington Miller Deed from R. Murchison, William P. Waugh - 176 acres

This indenture made this the fifteenth day of December in the year of our Lord, one thousand eight hundred and fifty-two (15 December 1852) between Roderick Murchison and John Waugh, Executors of Wm. P. Waugh, deceased, of the one part and Washington Miller of the other part. Witnesseth that the said party of the first part, for and in consideration of the sum of five hundred and ten dollars to them in hand paid..... and by these presents do ... sell and convey unto the said Washington Miller and his heirs and assigns forever, all that tract, piece, or parcel of land (originally including several smaller parcels) situated ... in the County of Ashe, in the State of North Carolina on or near the Blue Ridge, and partly on the waters of Bear Creek, a tributary of the South Fork of New River... In witness whereof we the said party of the first part have hereunto set our hands and affixed our seals the day and year first above written. Signed, sealed, delivered in the presence of

Test J. P. Waugh
N. H. Waugh

R. Murchison
Jn. Waugh Executor 

State of North Carolina
Ashe County

I, W. H. Gentry, Clerk of the Superior Court, do hereby certify that the execution of the annexed deed was this day proven before me by the oath and examination of James P. Waugh... therefore let the same with this certificate be registered. Witness my hand official seal, this 10th day of July, A. D. 1879.

Registered October 30, 1879

W. H. Gentry, Clerk, Superior Court
Joseph Hudler, Register of Deeds

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Jordan Sheets Deed from Washington Miller - 167 acres

Deed Book, page 439

This indenture made and concluded this the 31st day of January in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty (1860) between Washington Miller of the one part and Jordan Sheets of the other part, each of the County of Ashe and State of North Carolina. Witnesseth that he the said Washington Miller for and in consideration of the sum of four hundred dollars to him in hand paid... the said Washington Miller hath hereunto granted, sold, conveyed, and confirmed unto him the said Jordan Sheets, his heirs and assigns forever one certain tract or parcel of land containing one hundred and sixty-seven acres the same being more or less in the County and State aforesaid and on the waters of Bear Creek and Roan Creek... In testimony whereof I, the said Washington Miller hath set my hand and affixed my seal the day and date above witten and mentioned. Signed, sealed, and delivered in the presence of

Test Harrison B. Miller
Jasper Miller

Washington Miller 

State of North Carolina
Ashe County

I, W. H. Gentry, Clerk of the Superior Court do hereby certify that the execution of the annexed deed was this day proven before me by the oath and examination of Harrison B. Miller... therefore let the same with this certificate be registered. Witness my hand and official seal this 10th day of July A. D. 1879.

Registered October 31, 1879

W. H. Gentry, Clerk Superior Court
Joseph Hudler, Register of Deeds

U. S. CENSUS, ASHE COUNTY, NORTH CAROLINA

1800 Second Census

Floyd, Moses, James, William, and Thomas Hubbard but not Randall Hubbard.
Thomas Hubbard, Sr. also listed

Katty Miller (widow of Carmichael known as "Old Mike" ??) Three children
at home and herself aged 40-50.

1810 Third Census (Initial only of first names of heads of families used)

P Hubbard G. and P. Sizemore also listed

R Hubbard (Randall?)

C Miller (Catty) ??

1820 Fourth Census

Randall Hubbard (two males under 10; himself under 45)
two females under 10; wife under 45)

Caty Miller (4 males ; 5 females and herself at home)
Henry Miller lived nearby and Catherine Miller lived two
doors from Henry. Any relation to Caty?

1830 Fifth Census

Caty Miller (1 male age 15-20; 1 female age 10-15; 1 female, age 40-50 (herself)
and also three slaves)

1840 Sixth Census

Easter Miller 1 female 20-30

Washington Miller 1 male 20-30 (himself); 1 female, 20-30 (Aley); two
females under 5.

1850 Seventh Census

House # 469

Washington Miller age 33 Farmer

Aley 35

Lucy (Louisa) 12

Esther (Easter) 10

Eveline 8

Harrison 6

Marion (Jasper) 4

Mary A (Ann) 2

Adeline 6/12 (6 mos.)

House # 477

Judy (Judith) Miller 60

Easter Miller 42

Mary Miller 3

Felix Miller 2

1850 Seventh Census (cont.)

House # 490

Sheets, Catherine	Age 54
Polly	21
Jordan	18
Abraham	18
Elizabeth	13

House 896

Polly Cook	36
Emily	14
Elizabeth	12
Edy	10
John	8
Harrison	4
Jesse	1

1860 Eighth Census (Jefferson, N.C.)

House 254

Washington Miller	Age 40	
Alah (Aley)	46	(Easter, eldest daughter, married in 1857)
Eveline	18	
Harrison	17	
Jasper	15	
Mary Ann	13	
Alva	11	
Adeline	9	
Josephine	5	
John Burket	25	(Laborer)

1870 Ninth Census (Piney Creek Township - Helton)

House 115

Harrison Miller	26	Farmer
Jane (Phoebe)	23	
Elzina	1	
William Kilby	23	Farm worker
Mary "	20	Keeping house

House 114

Jason Weaver	age 46
Matilda	41
Elizabeth	17
Matilda	14
Wiley	7
Robert	4

House 82

John Cook	27
Eveline	28
Mary (Leona)	4
Robey	2
Mary (mother)	57

House 62

Aley Miller	58
Jasper	23
Caroline	18
Alva	16
Josephine	14

House (?)

Edith Taylor	32
Cicero	9

1880 Tenth Census (Helton Township)

House 12

John B. Reaves (Reeves)	27
Alvah	27
George	7
Horton	5
Arthur	3
Wiley	1

House 154-

John Cook	38
Eveline	39
Mary L. (Leona)	13
William R. (Robey)	12
Candas	9
Eddie (Eda)	7
Joseph H.	8
Mary M. (mother)	66

House 161

H. B. Miller	37
Edith	39
Elzina	11
Columbus	9
Jason P.	7
Dora M.	4
John L. (Luther)	1

House 164

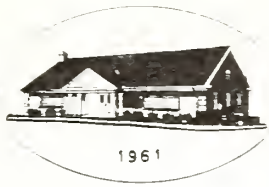
Elihu Miller	29
Josephine	23
Emory J	4
Aley (mother-in-law)	66

House 162 (Listed because of his unusual name)

Frost Snow	65
Sarah	45
James	17
Francis	16
Milley Ann	10

House 163

Solomon Perry	75 (Grist Mill Worker)
Bitha	31
Jane	46
Emanuel H	13
Gentry	11
Milly E	9
Lavenia	7
Abbigal	5
Nancy	2
Jefferson D. (grandson)	18



March 11, 1971

Dear

Your letter was given to me by the Pennsylvania German Society. However, I checked in both the 1790 and the 1810 Census and could find no Carmichael Miller. I also checked in Strassburger Hinke and could find no Carmichael Miller coming to the port of entry in Philadelphia between 1727 and 1806. I am very sorry that I cannot do anything to help you.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Ira D. Landis".

Ira D. Landis

IDL/jal

The Lancaster Mennonite Conference Historical Society

2215 MILL STREAM ROAD, LANCASTER, PENNSYLVANIA 17602 - PHONE 717-393-9745

THE HUBBARD, BEAR (BARE, BARR), AND MILLER FAMILIES
IN ASHE COUNTY, N. C.

Listed below is an exact copy of the Hubbard, Bear, and Miller families (including Harrison Baker, a close neighbor) with house numbers, all living near each other, as given in the U. S. Census of 1850 (Ashe County):

- House 468 Harrison Baker, age 34. Wife, Riley, age 26;
(for whom Harrison Baker Miller was named)
- House 469 Washington Miller, age 33. Wife, Alice (Aley), age 35;
- House 470 Jacob Bare, age 66. Wife, Elizabeth, age 63;
- House 471 Absalom Bare, age 26. Wife, Ann, age 20;
- House 475 David Bare, age 40; wife, Aley, age 36;
- House 477 Judy (Judith) Bare Miller, age 60 (Her husband, Christian, not listed).
Easter Miller, age 42. (two children also listed: Mary, age 3, Felix, 2);
- House 478 Jessy Miller, age 40. Wife, Jamima, age 40;
- House 479 Pheby Miller, age 69 (born 1781);
- House 480 Joseph Miller, age 30. Wife, Elizabeth, age 24;
- House 486 Stephen Miller, age 42. Wife, Elizabeth, age 36.

Ann Hubbard, sister of Aley Hubbard, married Absalom Bare (according to information from George W. Miller and other relatives) and lived to the age of 104. In the U. S. Census (above), she and Absalom are living next to Jacob Bare, his grandfather (?). As Judith Bare Miller, our great-great grandmother, age 60, is in the same age level as Jacob, we can assume that they were brother and sister. Who was Pheby Miller, age 69, born in 1781? The Millers as listed may or may not have been related to our Carmichael, Christian, and Washington. On the Vannoy list, Washington's brothers were listed as Jack, Christian, and John.

The Vannoy outline stated that Randall Hubbard came from England and settled in Russell County, Virginia, in 1810. The 1810, 1820, and 1830 Censuses were checked for Russell County with no success. There is an R. Hubbard in the 1810 Census of Ashe County, his and his wife's ages given as 26 and a daughter of 10 years. (For an unexplainable reason, all heads of families in the 1810 Census were listed only by the initial of their first names). Randall Hubbard is found in Ashe County in 1820. He and his wife are listed as being 26-45 years of age with two sons and two daughters under 10 years. He was not found in subsequent Censuses of Ashe County, probably deceased before 1830.

George Miller and Aunt Adeline Vannoy both stated brothers and sisters of Aley Hubbard were living in Russell County, Virginia.

Comments and opinions are invited.

ALEY HUBBARD MILLER

1813 - 1908

Great Grandmother Aley Hubbard Miller, wife of George Washington Miller, was a most useful woman in her community for her generation. She was beloved by her family, relatives, neighbors, and friends. She was called Mother by her family and "Mub" by her relatives and neighbors. She was a good wife and mother and she was also a woman of character, determination and of a strong constitution. Her mind was as keen and alert in old age as when she was young and her memory seldom failed her. Several of her grandchildren and great grandchildren have inherited her fantastic memory. Until the day she died at the age of 95, she was independently able to care for herself with assistance from no one.

Aley was well known in the community as an herb doctor, treating people for miles around with her medicines and poultices. She would send the boys out into the fields and woods of the surrounding countryside to collect the herbs she needed for various ailments. She enjoyed excellent health all of her life which spoke well for her proficiency in and knowledge of the old time herbal remedies. When her grandson, Jasper ("Jack"), was born with both tiny fists tightly clinched, she made poultices of Cpeydilldock (poke root) to apply to them and gradually loosened them so that he had complete use of his hands.

In addition to her reputation as an herb doctor, she was well-known as a mid-wife, having delivered many, many babies in her life time. The last time that George, her grandson, who was 20 years old at the time, could remember when she delivered one, she was 91 years of age. He recalled that every once in a while she would not be home for breakfast having quietly left the house the night before to deliver a baby and would not be home for one or two days. She was often called to sit with and to help care for the sick in the community.

She was also a very good seamstress being able to sew well-cut clothing for men. She also made all of the clothing for her several daughters and two sons. Quilting "bees" were common in her day and it is certain that she attended many a one, being good company herself and enjoying that of others. Who of her descendants would not love to see a seam which she sewed with her own hands?

One of her "secrets" of good health was to lie down for half an hour or so every day whether or not she slept believing that it was the best of all medicines for anyone. The only time that anyone could remember her being more than slightly ill, they had summoned a doctor who happened to be in the community at the time. Being a bit aggravated because they had called him, she refused to talk to him. He said to her, "You must be one of those silent Methodists." She lost her temper and said to him, "I am a hard-shell Baptist and a Democrat." The Doctor threw back his head and laughed which broke the ice.

Grandpa often said that when they were small children at home, Aley would speak nothing but Dutch to them. They learned much of the language from her. Only in later years did she speak English to them. Grandpa taught his grandchildren to count in Dutch which sounded something like this: Onery, Zuzery, Zockery, Zervery, Hollobone, Crackabone, Winbar, Waxstone, Taller-in-Ten. Many of Aley and Washington's descendants claim Pennsylvania Dutch as their heritage and they were probably right. Carmichael and his son, Christian may have spoken mixed German and English and Washington, too, may have used it more or less. (Mystery of the Cherokee Indian Chief on another page).

George Washington Miller and Aley Hubbard were married on August 12, 1837, and had 28 years of happiness and hard work together before his tragic death in 1865. He was 47 years of age at the time of his death. Both he and Aley were members of Horse Creek Primitive Baptist Church. We are told that he was generous to and considerate of his family and of his friends and neighbors. He is buried in Ashe County, North Carolina, probably on his farm as his grave has not yet been located. We feel that he may be buried near or with his father, Christian. The exact location of the farm has not been determined but it is known definitely that it was close to the Glendale Springs postoffice and near the Bear Creek Primitive Baptist church which are very close together, and about 15 miles from the town of Jefferson. The beautiful, scenic highway known as the Blue Ridge Memorial Parkway is only a few yards from the church and no doubt runs through the farm. A search of the land records in the Jefferson Courthouse has failed to turn up any deeds concerning the farm. No wills have yet been found but we have reason to believe that Christian may have inherited the farm from Carmichael and Washington may have, in turn, inherited it from his father. Further research on deeds and wills may prove successful in the future.

Washington died very suddenly on May 3, 1865 at the hands of bushwhackers* who passed through their farm. While Grandpa was away in the Civil War, he had left his young mare at home. On the day the "raiders" came, the mare was tied to the front fence. They took all they wanted from the house and garden including the mare. After they had passed on, Washington decided to take two of his older horses and follow to try to swap them for the young mare. When he did not return in a reasonable time, Aley and her daughter, Eveline, went in search of him and found him lying dead with a gunshot wound in his back. The raiders had also taken the two old horses which he had with him. It was a bitter blow to the family. Aley, being the strong person that she was, picked up the pieces and carried bravely on with the help of her children. Life in the mountains of North Carolina during the war was nothing but drudgery. The country was depressed. There was no money and while the men and boys were in the war, the women had to work from morning to night to keep up their farms to have something to eat. Grandpa had been released from Federal prison on an exchange basis in February 1865 and may have arrived home very soon after his father's death to be of help to his mother on the farm.

After Washington's death, Aley continued to live at the home place. She was there at the time of the 1870 Census of Ashe County. Jasper and his wife, Caroline, were with her and two of her daughters, Alvah and Josephine, were still with her. In the 1880 Census, Josephine and her husband together with their small son, Emory, were living on the farm with her. Alvah had married John Reeves in the late 1870's. They and their four sons were then living in their own home.

Grandpa left North Carolina with his small family in 1893 to become assistant pastor of St. Clairs Bottom Church near Chilhowie, Virginia, and almost all of his family, mother and sisters and their husbands, moved to Virginia also sooner or later. They bought homes and settled in the Chilhowie area near the church. Easter and her husband, Jordan Sheets, had already left North Carolina, and were living near Volney in Grayson County. Adeline had moved to Iowa with her husband, Anderson Vannoy, and it is probable that Jasper and Caroline moved to Iowa a short time later. Josephine and Elihu bought a farm at Kelly's Chapel near Chilhowie and Aley lived there with them until the death of Josephine in 1905 of typhoid fever. (Elihu had died three years previously). After the death of Josephine the farm was sold and she lived with her son, Harrison, and part of the time with her daughters, Alvah Reeves and Eveline Cook. Aley is buried on the farm with Josephine and Elihu at Kelly's Chapel.

Elihu, Josephine's husband, was a member of the Mountain Union Church. Josephine and her mother, Aley, were both members of St. Clairs Bottom Church, having transferred their memberships by letter from Horse Creek Church in 1901 (Aley) and 1902 (Josephine).

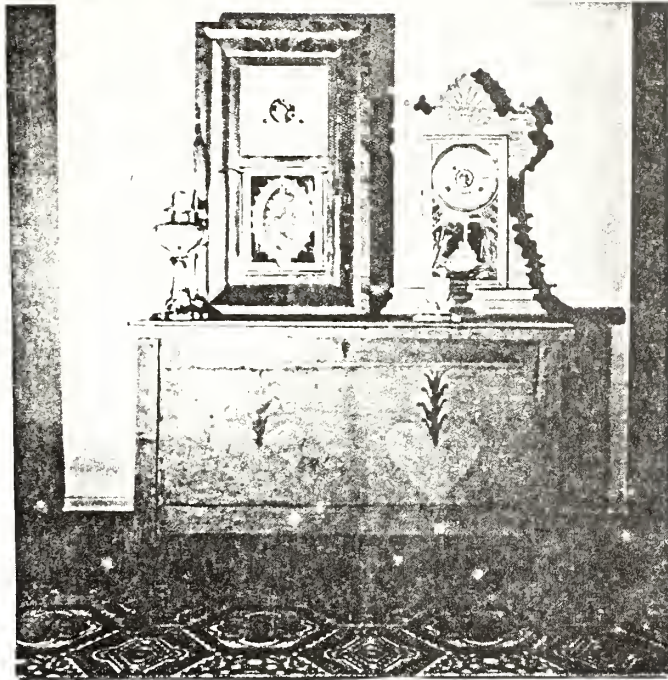
Our cousin, Ada Davis, who was 8 years old at the time, remembers the day that Great grandmother Aley passed away. Ada's parents, Gentry and Elzina Perry, lived only a short distance from Grandpa's house. On Sunday, August 2, 1908, Ada, her mother, and several other relatives were visiting there. Aley had taken water to her room, bathed herself, and put on clean clothing. When she came out, she said to everyone, "I am the cleanest and prettiest woman here." She was very happy all of the morning. Ada and her mother had gone to their home to fix dinner for Uncle Gentry and the boys, Albert and Alonzo. Before they were ready to return to Grandpa's house, they were being called to come quickly as Mub had passed away. She had eaten a good dinner, gone out on the front porch, sat down in a rocker, put her feet upon another chair, and had quietly gone to sleep.

*Surely goodness and mercy shall follow me all
the days of my life, and I shall dwell in
the house of the Lord for ever. Psalms 23:6*



Aley, black scarf on her head,
second from left

whackers who numbered over 15,000 deserters and draft evaders hiding in the mountains of Ashe, Alleghany, Wilkes and other counties of North Carolina. As they decreased in numbers, their food supply gave out and they resorted to robbery, day and night. Their strength was such that the Home Guard (old men and young boys) could not subdue them. They made living very difficult for farmers and every one during the war years.



The chest and tall square clock belonged to my great grandmother. I can't date the chest, but it is put together with wooden nails, and structurally quite primitive overall. Note the crude painting of hearts. I wonder if the green leaves coming out of them symbolize corn stalks? The clock is circa 1838.

Then belonging to Grandmother Josephine Miller is the kitchen oak gingerbread clock, circa 1900, the kerosene lamp which has purpled, and the toothpick holder of a squirrel lying on his back holding up a nut in the daisy and button pattern.

View of great-grandmother Miller's clock
and chest in 1930, under Jerome

I believe that, by the 1830's, there were clock
in circulation, and the clock were sent all over the
country. Clocks were used for a year in a case of money.
Every day there were clock and all for a long time.

But the inevitable slow movement, and the
of 1857 brought clocking to a halt. It
it came to end of the clock case.

The following year, under Jerome, the clock
Jerome, used police cross series to produce thirty-four
eight-drive movement in a case of the sort at the
price and at rate the clock business began again in 1838.

For verification of the clock, see the book
in Jerome's Police's "The Clock of the 1830's".

Josephine Miller

July 9, 1972

LEGEND OF THE CHEROKEE INDIAN CHIEF

(Edward ? "Ned" Sizemore)

This Indian mystery has been persistent and puzzling for several years.

Working on the old theory that two plus two may or may not equal four, we list the following facts for your consideration:

1) Aley, our great grandmother, who may have been one-fourth Indian, probably inherited her knowledge of herbs and plants. The American Indians had secrets of rugged health which enabled them to endure the rough, cold winters, especially in the mountains. They used natural plants, herbs, drugs, to treat diseases from frostbite to arrow wounds and also to flavor their meats and other foods. We also know that the early colonists learned about herbal remedies and plant foods from the Indians; where to find and how to identify them; and, for what they were used and how they were prepared.

2) Those of you who have a copy of the family outline (also included in this history) compiled from memory by Great Aunt Adeline Miller Vannoy and transmitted to us through her son, Harley Vannoy, will note that the space for the maiden name of Polly, wife of Randall Hubbard, was left blank. She either did not remember or did not know it. The U. S. 1820 Census proved that Randall Hubbard and his wife were in Ashe County at that time. There were also citizens in the county by the name of Sizemore in the 1800 Census.

3) Cousin Gaither E. Pickel knew of the Indian legend. He was certain that somewhere, somehow, the Cherokee Chief had come into the family line. Plans were made to talk to him about the Indian but they were superseded by a Higher one. He entered into the Greater Glory on November 3, 1971.

4) Cousin Callie (wife of Gaither) felt that it was undoubtedly true about our Indian heritage as most of the men in the family had the dark, heavy hair, high cheek bones, and the large build typical of the Indian physique.

5) Cousin Lola Lewis Dutton said that Ned Sizemore, the Indian, was no myth. She wrote, "I learned two years ago that he was in the Miller line but did not know how. I do know that he was related to me on my father's side of the family as his mother, Mary Caldwell, one-fourth Indian, was a direct descendant of Ned Sizemore. On my return from Virginia, I went to see a cousin who knew about him. She said that when she was a young girl, the word was made public in the vicinity of Jefferson that whoever proved that he was a descendant of the Chief would inherit his wealth. She said that everyone in the neighborhood put in a claim except the Davis family. They either could not claim kin or did not want to. She did not know if the inheritance was ever settled."

6) Shortly before his death on July 14, 1974, our cousin, George Miller wrote to us through his granddaughter, Joyce Miller Muzzall, that Ned Sizemore was a full-blooded Cherokee Chief and that he vaguely remembered him as being the father of Polly Hubbard, mother of Aley. He felt certain that he (George) was 1/16th Indian - Polly being 1/2, Aley 1/4, and his mother, Josephine, being 1/8th. He also remembered that Polly's mother was Irish, having come over from Ireland before 1795. George's wonderful memory spanned 65 years - what he learned from his mother and grandmother during his boyhood years.

7) Mrs. Eleanor B. Reeves, West Jefferson, N. C., agreed that "Ned" Sizemore was a real person and she also agreed with George that it could have been true that the Indian came into the line through Polly and that it could bear further research.

We, the present generation, may assume that the blood flowing in our veins is 1/32nd of the noble Cherokee Indian tribe.

Indian Religion

Indians believe that the church is the whole world. In all Good Books it says, "The Lord created Heaven and earth." We worship any time, any place - not in a building once a week. There is never a collection plate. Worship is free.

I hope that this will help people to understand the faith of the American Indian.

Jimmy Little Turtle
Harrisburg, Pennsylvania



GRANDPA

1843 - 1935

Six months after returning home to Jefferson from the war, Grandpa, at the age of 22, married his gentle little sweetheart, Phoebe Jane, on September 7, 1865. In the 1870 Census of Ashe County, they were living next door to her father, Jason Weaver, with their little daughter, Elzina, age one. They had previously had one child who died in infancy. There was a young couple, William and Mary Kilby, living with them. Their son, known as "Little Wash" (called Columbus in the Census) died at the age of 14 years. Phoebe Jane died in 1873 or thereabouts shortly after the birth of their son, Jason Pettigrew.

After her death, Grandpa had three young children at home to be cared for and, apparently, he was hard put taking care of them by himself. His oldest daughter, Elzina, was a little tom-boy with a zeal for climbing rail fences and trying to walk along the top of them. A story is told that one day she was seen on the top of a fence by some boys passing by and they spread the news that they had seen a ghost at the Miller place.

On October 4, 1874, Grandpa married Edith Cook Taylor, a widow with one son, Cicero. She was the daughter of Elder David Cook, a Primitive Baptist minister. She was a loving mother to his three young children and they cared for her as if she were their own mother. She and Grandpa had two children of their own, Dora and John Luther.

Grandpa was 25 years of age when he joined the church and was 35 when he was ordained for ministry. He was pastor of the Horse Creek Church for 15 years. When the old church was torn down, Grandpa helped to build the new one. One of his carvings, "Horse Creek Primitive Baptist Church Constituted August 31, 1840" can still be seen at the front of the church. Other of his carvings may be seen on the pulpit inside of the church. When he was 50 years old (1893) he was invited to preach at St. Clairs Bottom Church in Virginia and, later, in the same year was made assistant pastor. About this time, he moved his family to the Chilhowie area. Two years later, on March 2, 1895, Grandpa and his wife, Edith, and Dora, their daughter, joined St. Clairs Bottom Church by letter. His sister, Alvah Reeves, also joined at the same time. His sister, Evaline, her husband, John Cook, together with their children, Leona, Roby, Candace, and Eda joined by letter on July 13, 1895. His mother, Aley, and sister, Josephine joined by letter in 1901. His son, John Luther, joined by experience in February 1900. His daughter, Elzina, and her husband, Gentry Perry, joined by letter in September 1902.

After his transferral to Virginia, the churches in Ashe County which he had formerly served often requested his ministerial aid from St. Clairs Bottom Church. At one time when he was finding it difficult to serve his own church and those in Ashe County, he asked St. Clairs Bottom to release him. He was persuaded to remain and on November 7, 1896, it was moved and seconded that he stand as equal pastor with Elder Robert D. Martin.

An old daguerreotype, popular during the Civil War era, portrays him as a young soldier in his grey Confederate uniform. At that time, he was a handsome young man between the age of 18 and 22 years with heavy, dark hair, clear eyes, and a very serious face. His right hand is resting over a large book on a table, probably the Bible. His appearance in old age, was impressive, his white hair still heavy, a short beard on his chin, and with an erect bearing.

A few years ago, on seeing a large painting of General Robert E. Lee on his horse in Battle Abbey, Richmond, Virginia, something about his face struck a familiar note - it was Grandpa himself gazing down from the painting.

Ashe County, a very mountainous region of North Carolina, was sparsely settled in the 1840's. There were very few grade schools scattered in the area. Grandpa's education was, of necessity, quite limited but he was well-read on many subjects, especially scientific. When we were small, we can remember his explaining to us the meaning of light years, why February has 29 days every fourth year, why the leaves turned to red and gold in the fall of the year, etc.

Several have spoken of the excellent articles and sketches he had written but none were available having been lost or misplaced. They were said to be knowledgeable and well-written. He had very good handwriting, clear and legible.

There was music in his soul which often burst forth in song when he was riding horseback on hunting trips, going to meetings, and visiting his kin. He had an unusually fine, mellow voice for speaking and singing. It carried well when he preached and sang in church. He would often sing alone for the children or with the family and friends around the hearth on winter evenings. It is certain that as a musician in his army unit, he joined the soldiers singing Civil War songs and church hymns while on the march or around camp fires in the evenings.

He had two interesting hobbies during his life time at which he enjoyed working and which occupied his spare time when he was not busy with church duties - that of making good, useful furniture for his family and relatives. He made many fine pieces such as tables, washstands, and cupboards. Many of the pieces were beautifully carved and polished and the cupboards were outfitted with small panes of glass. They can still be seen in the homes of his descendants passed down as treasured heirlooms. He also repaired and serviced old clocks for relatives, friends, and church members. The tools he used for this work are still intact in the possession of a grandson.

Grandpa's sight and hearing remained sharp to the end. He was as mentally alert in his old age as in his youth. His face had softened in old age and at 87 years, he could still walk quite erect although he sometimes relied upon a cane to some extent. He could quote scripture chapter by chapter from memory and often comforted the sick and dying by his presence and prayers.

After the death of his wife, Edith, in April 1921, Grandpa lived with his children staying in turns with each one but mostly with his two daughters, Dora and Elzina. He was still active in the church as pastor and moderator until 1930 at which time he was 87 years of age. On June 12, 1926, he assisted with the ordination of Elder Hugh M. Blevins, husband of his granddaughter, Lelia Perry Blevins. On July 12, 1930, he was appointed messenger to an association which is the last entry for him in the church minutes. He was forced to retire shortly afterwards by illness. He was bedridden for about two years at the home of his daughter, Dora. Their home was always open to friends, relatives, neighbors, church members, and local or visiting ministers. He was always glad to see and talk to all of them. He served Horse Creek Church from 1878 to 1893 and from 1893 to 1930, he was with St. Clairs Bottom Church - a total of 52 years in the service of his Master.

His Lord said unto him, Well done, good and faithful servant; thou hast been faithful over a few things, I will make thee ruler over many things: enter thou into the joy of thy Lord.

St. Matthew 25:23

LEGEND OF HORSE CREEK

At the time of the early settlement of the mountainous area near the North Carolina - Virginia state line, in the section where the present Ashe County, N. C. and Grayson County, Va. meet, a young girl whose first name was Peggy, was riding a horse and a young colt was following.

The roads were little more than trails or paths and, of course, no bridges had been built across small streams.

It was never established just where Peggy's destination was supposed to have been but it was reasonable to suppose that she expected to visit friends or relatives not too far away.

We like to think that it was a bright spring morning and that all the world was well and happy. We do know that the horse, a spirited young mare, with a lively colt following, seemed to realize that it was no burden for her to transport or carry a vivacious young lass over the hills and down the valley. It was spring time!

There was a sudden leap across a small stream and off fell Peggy, just barely missing the water.

By the time Peggy gained control of herself, she realized that the horse was going on in the direction she had first reined her and the young colt was following in a small gallop in order to stay with the older animal.

It was sometime later, but eventually friends of Peggy learned that she had been thrown from the horse while attempting to cross the little branch. They suggested that the branch should be known as Peggy's Branch.

When a search was made for the runaway horse and colt, the saddle was found lying in another little rivulet of water. They said, "We shall designate this Saddle Creek."

In due time, they went on in the same direction and upon reaching the bank near another stream, and finding the horse's bridle hanging on a small piece of brush, they shouted, "Bridle Creek."

At this time the mare and colt seemed to have altered their course and had galloped off into the mountaineous region that was practically uncultivated and very sparsely settled.

Several days later the mare was found grazing along the green banks of a larger stream of water and soon the colt was found at a nearby stream. Thus, Big Horse Creek and Little Horse Creek were so named.

-- Eleanor Baker Reeves

II. IMMEDIATE FAMILY

ELDER HARRISON BAKER MILLER

Harrison Baker Miller was born in Ashe County, North Carolina, on March 2, 1843, and died on February 8, 1935. He was married first to Phoebe Jane Weaver on September 7, 1865. She died about 1873 and is buried in Ashe County, N. C.

Their children (all born in Ashe County): (One child died in infancy)

Elzina Senatta, born February 5, 1869; died December 25, 1940; married to James Gentry Perry on February 5, 1886.

Children: Albert married Fannie Shupe
Alonzo " Nannie Blevins
Nelia " Roscoe Price
Lelia " Elder Hugh Blevins
Minerva " 1st, Allen Farris; 2nd, George Kinser
Ada Emogene married 1st, Booker Walton; 2nd, Leonard Davis
Howard L. " 1st, Betty Leftwich; 2nd, Carolyn Cooke
Olivene died at age 9 months
Minnie Eldora married 1st, Emory Greer; 2nd, Charles Matthews
Lee died at age of two years.

Columbus, born in 1871, died about 1885 (age 14 years).

Jason Pettigrew, born September 5, 1873; died on April 1, 1944; married to Alice Washington Crabtree, October 31, 1900; she died December 6, 1954.

Children: Vergie Elizabeth (deceased)
Bertie May "
Arah Harriet married Howard Delmar Fritz
Joseph Shelby " Blanche Roberts

Harrison B. Miller married 2nd, Edith Cook Taylor, October 4, 1874; she was born June 3, 1840, and died on April 1, 1921.

Their children:

Dora Melissa, born November 9, 1875; died October 28, 1950; married first to Claborn Pickel, December 1897.

Children: Gaither E. married Callie Sheets; he died November 3, 1971
Vance " Hazel Hash

She married second, James A. Bartley in May 1922.

John Luther, born October 29, 1878, died on January 28, 1956; married first, Etta Bolt; no children.

married second, Sarah Elizabeth Crabtree; she died March 4, 1950.

Children: Paul Baker married Lucille Rhea
Ira Newton " Lois Franklin
India Virginia married Charles M. Quillen
Susie Wilson " Mosby L. Hodges
Georgia Lucille " Edward Mountain

*The LORD make his face shine upon thee,
and be gracious unto thee.
Numbers 6:25*



Elder Harrison B. and Edith Cook Miller

* Rev. Harrison Miller

Funeral services for the Rev. Harrison Miller, 92, retired primitive Baptist minister who died near Chilhowie at the home of his daughter, Mrs. J. A. Bartley, were held at St. Clair's Bottom Baptist church Sunday morning. The Rev. Charles N. Tibson, the Rev. Hugh Blevins, and Elder H. T. Barker were the officiating ministers.

The Rev. Mr. Miller was born in Ashe County, North Carolina, on March 12, 1843. He joined the Confederate army at the age of 18, serving as a drummer boy in Company A of the 26th North Carolina regiment for nearly 4 years.

In 1865 he was married to Miss Rhoebe J. Weaver, and two of their four children, Mrs. Elvina S. Peery and Jason Pet Miller, survive him. After the death of his first wife in 1875 he married Mrs. Eva Cook Taylor. Their children, Mrs. J. A. Bartley and J. Luther Miller, also survive.

Mr. Miller was licensed to preach in 1877, beginning his ministry in his native state. He came to the St. Clair's Bottom church 28 years ago and was active there until the past four years when illness caused his retirement.

During his ministry, according to an autobiography which he left, he administered baptismal services in 33 streams of water, and officiated at 163 weddings.

Besides his children, he is survived by 18 grandchildren, 42 great-grandchildren and 15 great-great-grandchildren.

* Reverend in the above obituary should have been written as ELDER, the title by which ordained ministers in the Primitive Baptist Church are known and addressed.

*Peace I leave with you, my peace I give unto you:
not as the world giveth, give I unto you. Let not
your heart be troubled, neither let it be afraid.
John 14:27*

OBITUARIES

Elder Harrison Baker Miller - obituary on page

Elzina Senatta Perry was born on February 5, 1869, in Ashe County, N.C., and died on December 25, 1940, at her home near Chilhowie, Virginia. She was the eldest daughter of the late Harrison B. Miller and Phoebe Jane Weaver. Surviving are her husband, James Gentry Perry, and four daughters, Mrs. Nelia Perry Price, Mrs. Ada E. Walton, Mrs. Minerva Kinser, Mrs. Minnie E. Greer; and two sons, Alonzo Perry of Chilhowie, Va., and Howard L. Perry of Linwood, Pennsylvania.

Preceding her in death were two daughters, Mrs. Lelia Blevins and Olivene Perry; and two sons, Albert Perry of Meadow View, Virginia, and Lee Perry of Lansing, North Carolina.

She joined the Horse Creek Primitive Baptist Church in Ashe County, N. C. on December 29, 1883. She was a member of the St. Clairs Bottom Church for more than 50 years and is buried in the church cemetery with her husband.

Written by her daughter,
Minnie Perry Mathews

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Dora Melissa Bartley was born on November 9, 1875, in Ashe County, N. C., and died on October 28, 1950. She was the daughter of the late Harrison B. Miller and Edith Cook Taylor. She was first married to Claborn Pickel in December 1897. They had two sons, Gaither E. and Vance. She then married James A. Bartley in May 1922. She joined the Horse Creek Primitive Baptist church in Ashe County, N. C., when she was about 17 years old. She was a faithful member of the St. Clairs Bottom Church and her home was always open to all local and visiting ministers and to all the church members. Every one was welcomed into her home during the Associations and June Meetings. Services were held for her at the church by Elder Hugh M. Blevins and she was interred in the church cemetery. It was agreed that because of her many services for many years, her obituary should be permanently written in the Church Book. She was a good mother and step-mother and was beloved by all who knew her. She was greatly missed by both her family and the church members.

Written by her daughter-in-law,
Callie Sheets Pickel

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*Verily I say unto you, wheresoever this gospel shall be
preached in the whole world, there shall also this, that
this woman hath done, be told for a memorial of her.
St. Matthew 26:13*

Jason Pettigrew Miller was born on September 5, 1873, and died at his home south of Chilhowie, Virginia, on April 1, 1944. He was the son of the late Elder H. B. and Phoebe Miller. He is survived by his widow, Mrs. Alice Crabtree Miller, and three children, also one brother and one sister. He professed a hope in Christ in early life, but never joined any church. He was a firm believer in the doctrine of salvation by grace and often, when at the church, would take part in singing the good old songs and enjoyed the meetings very much. He will be missed by those who knew him. Contributed by a friend, C. N. TILSON, Chilhowie, Va.

Jason Pettigrew Miller was born on September 5, 1873, and died at his home south of Chilhowie, Virginia, on April 1, 1944. He was the son of the late Elder Harrison Baker Miller and Phoebe Jane Weaver. He is survived by his wife, Alice Crabtree Miller, and three children, Vergie Elizabeth, Arah Miller Fritz, and Joseph S. Miller.

Funeral services were conducted at 2:30 PM Monday at the St. Clairs Bottom Primitive Baptist Church in charge of Elders Charles N. Tilson, Hugh M. Blevins, and Dancy. Interment was in the Mountain View cemetery. Services at the grave were in charge of Masonic Lodge No. 150 of Chilhowie.

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John Luther Miller was born on October 29, 1876, in Ashe County, N. C., and died at his home near Chilhowie, Virginia, on January 28, 1956. He was married first to Etta Bolt and second, to Elizabeth Crabtree. He is survived by three daughters, India Miller Quillen of Gate City, Virginia, Susie W. Hodges, of Salem, Virginia, Georgia L. Mountain of Glade Spring, Virginia; and two sons, Paul B. Miller of Yucaipa, California, and Ira N. Miller of Chilhowie, Virginia. He is also survived by 12 grandchildren. He was a member of St. Clairs Bottom Church for 56 years. Interment was held at the Mountain View Church cemetery.

Written by his daughter-in-law,
Lois Franklin Miller

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*In quietness and in confidence shall be your strength.
Isaiah 30:15*

IN MEMORY



Gayther E. Pickel was born August 19, 1899, and passed away on November 3, 1971, in the Smyth County Community Hospital. He was the son of Clayborn and Dora Miller Pickel. He was a veteran of World War I. He was married on October 25, 1919, to Callie Sneets. He was laid to rest in the cemetery of the Mountain View Church near Chilhowie, Virginia.

He is survived by his wife and four children, Mrs. Faye Elswick and Mrs. Ruth Wenkneiser of Chilhowie, Virginia; Eugene Pickel of Johnson City, Tennessee; and, Earl Gayther Pickel of Fort Payne, Alabama. He is also survived by one brother, Vance, of Bel Air, Maryland.

Gayther never joined the church but we feel that he had a hope of a better place beyond this troublesome world. We were married 52 years.

Written by his loving wife,

Callie

*If I take the wings of a dove,
and fly in the uttermost parts of the sea;
Over there shall they find me, and I
right and shall catch me.*

Isaiah 60:8, 11



NEW DEMOCRATIC OFFICERS — Three candidates, standing, look over the treasurer's report with the new officers of the Washington County Democratic Committee elected at a reorganizational meeting Friday night at the courthouse in Abingdon. Officers are, left to right seated, A. L. Mitchell, treasurer; Mrs. Nancy Brown, vice chairman; Joe Miller, chairman; and E. H. Beavers, secretary. Standing, left to right,

Andrew Miller of Abingdon, candidate for Virginia Attorney General in the Nov. 4 general election; G.R.C. Stuart, of Abingdon, center; and Ford Quillen, right, of Gate City, both candidates in November for the Virginia House of Delegates from the 63rd legislative district of Washington and Scott counties and the city of Bristol.

ceeds Andrew Miller

Joe Miller Leads Washington Demos

* Seated third from the left. (son of Jason P. Miller)

Captain Quillin honored

43rd FTS names IP of Month

Captain Charles M. Quillin Jr., has been named the Instructor Pilot of the Month for the 43rd Flying Squadron (FTS).

A 27 year-old native of Gate City, Va., Captain Quillin attended Emory and Henry College in Emory, Va. where he received his degree in chemistry. He underwent undergraduate pilot training at Laredo AFB, Tex. and has been an instructor pilot at Craig for two years. Since he began his assignment here, the captain has earned his master's degree in education from Livingston University.

Besides performing his duties as instructor pilot, Captain Quillin is the standardization-evaluation officer and the military training officer in his flight. He is also the senior mobile controller for the 43rd FTS.

In a letter of appreciation to

Captain Quillin, Col. Thomas H. Kirk Jr., wing commander, stated, "Your expertise and dedication to the Air Training Command mission have made you a most valuable asset to your squadron and an indispensable member of your flight. Your ability to work with the slow learner is unsurpassed as demonstrated by your thorough, patient approach to all student problems."

The colonel continued by saying, "I have observed you spending much extra time upgrading your own skills through self-study programs and extra flights which adds to your already outstanding ability. I take great pleasure in extending to you my heartiest congratulations for a job well done."

Captain Quillin married the former Heda Jones of Athens, Tenn. They have two children, Christy and John.



QUILLIN



* Capt. Charles Mack Quillin, Jr. of Snowflake, received a Master of Arts Degree in continued education at Livingston University, Livingston, Ala. in the May 31 commencement.

Capt. Quillin, presently stationed at the Craig Air Force Base, Selma, Ala., is a graduate of Gate City High School and Emory and Henry College. He is married to the former Heda Jones of Athens, Tenn. They have one daughter Christy.

* John Gordon Quillin, a 1975 graduate of VPI, was recently presented the Thomas Ankle Clark Award, given by the Alpha Tau Omega chapter of the national fraternity, for outstanding scholastic excellence, character, leadership and service to his chapter, college and fraternity. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles M. Quillin of Gate City.

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JASPER MARION MILLER

Very little is known about Great Uncle Jasper Miller, brother of Harrison, Adeline, Alvah, Easter, Eveline, Josephine, and Mary Ann.

He was a Confederate veteran having enlisted in the Civil war on May 1, 1862 at Jefferson, North Carolina, and was with Company A, 37th Regiment, N. C. Infantry state troops. Upon his release from the army he married Caroline Jones in Jefferson on February 3, 1870. (Jefferson Courthouse Records).

George Miller remembered visiting at Uncle Jasper's place in N. C. about September 1887. He remembered only George and Caroline then. They were getting ready to move to Iowa and George's family were visiting them before they left. Jasper and Connie visited Josie and Elihu in Virginia about 1902. Jasper visited his brother and sisters in Virginia in the late 1920's and visited the graves of his mother and sister on the Miller Farm at Kelly's Chapel. At that time, he also paid a brief visit to his old home in North Carolina. Upon his return to Virginia, he said to his niece, Elzina Perry, "I'll declare, Elzina, if I had to do it all over again, I would never be born in a place like that." (Probably referring to Horse Creek, N. C.)

Uncle Jasper and his family moved to Iowa in the early 1890's and had a large farm near Hedrick. From information gleaned here and there among the relatives, all of Aunt Josie's sons spent some time after their mother died working on Uncle Jasper's farm before moving on to other locations. George Miller worked for him on his farm from March to July 1906 at which time he moved to Washington and had had no communication with them since. At that time, Jasper was about 60 years of age and was married to Matilda Sanchez, a widow, who had three daughters and one son all of whom were married and had their own homes in the area.

The children of Uncle Jasper and Aunt Caroline were:

Belle
Adeline (Addie) married ----- Waskie
Connie
George (died about 1901 at St. Joseph, Missouri in a train wreck;
he was a fireman on a freight train)
Willie (died very young about 1885)

A snapshot of the Vannoy family taken at Will Copenhaver's home in Iowa about 1925 shows Uncle Jasper's daughter, Addie Waskie, with the group. Bessie Cook Reeves remembers Addie visiting at Aunt Alvah Reeves home years ago in Iowa.

Information received by relatives in Virginia stated that Uncle Jasper died suddenly at his home of natural causes when he was about 85 years of age.



Left to right:
Robert Vannoy
Harley "
Aunt Adeline
Chester Vannoy (rear)
Adeline Miller Waskie
Jack Vannoy
Mary Vannoy Copenhaver

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ADELINE MILLER VANNOY

Adeline Miller Vannoy was born December 23, 1849, in Ashe County, North Carolina, and died in 1937. She was married to Anderson Mitchell Vannoy on May 6, 1866. According to information received from relatives, she died suddenly at the age of 88. She and her husband are buried in the Brooks Cemetery at Hedrick, Iowa.

Their children: (not all dates nor the names of husbands and wives of grandchildren are now available)

Victoria Luellen Vannoy, born Mary 3, 1867; married 1st Samuel D. Darden in 1882; 2nd, Sherman R. Knapp in 1905.

Children: Lelia Grace Darden
John Mitchell Darden
George Edward "
Jesse Anderson "

Ezra Wayne Knapp Ralph Russell Knapp (adapted)
Mary Adeline "

Robert Addison Vannoy, born November 8, 1868; married Luella Frances Smith on October 29, 1896.

Children: Edgar Millard
Elvin Nelson
Helen Adeline
Mary Elsie
Esther

George Washington Vannoy (Jack), born March 7, 1871; married to Sarah M. Baldoser.

Children: Edgar Earl
Glen Oliver

Ruda Hannibal Vannoy, born March 18, 1873; died February 27, 1891.

Harley Abraham Vannoy, born November 3, 1875; died May 6, 1943; married Maude L. Mitchell on November 29, 1899. No children.

Aley Cornelia Vannoy, born April 19, 1878; died June 1, 1897; married Cecil Double. No children.

Chester Arthur Vannoy, born January 30, 1883; married Emma Margaret Held on January 19, 1905.

Children: Dale Leonard
Evelyn Elizabeth
Charles Arthur

Oscar Martin Vannoy, born September 1, 1880, died July 7, 1899.

Mary Eunice Vannoy, born February 18, 1885; died in 1967; married to William J. Copenhaver on August 14, 1912.

Children: Wayne Lester
Wilma Victoria

William Porter Vannoy, born April 27, 1887; married Ruth Franklin on August 14, 1913.

Children: Vernon Franklin
Robert Glynn

John Lester Cleveland Vannoy, born November 23, 1890. No other information available.

This material is from the papers of Aunt Adeline's son, Harley, and was sent to us through the kindness of her granddaughter, Wilma V. Copenhaver of Melbourne, Iowa. Wilma says her grandmother was a very sweet lady and lived for many years with her parents when she was small. She and her grandmother had many a merry time together.

Aunt Adeline returned to Chilhowie, Virginia to visit her brother, Harrison, and sisters, Evaline and Mary Ann in or about the year 1915. Our most vivid childhood recollection of her is that of her lovely, expressive face and her presence as a gracious, graceful lady - precious memories to carry through the years.



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Robert A. Vannoy
Mary Vannoy Copenhaver
Jack Vannoy
Aunt Adeline
Chester Vannoy
Victoria Vannoy Knapp
Lester C. Vannoy
Harley A. Vannoy

(At home of Will Copenhaver
Melbourne, Iowa, June 20, 1926)

LETTER

To: I. Curtis Eller, Blair, Nebraska
From: Harley A. Vannoy
Date: December 12, 1942

Your story of my grandfather, Abraham Wesley Vannoy's migration in April 1869 from Wilkes County, North Carolina, to Wapello County, Iowa, was well presented although not without discrepancies which are only natural after a lapse of nearly 74 years.

My mother, as stated in your narration, was one of the party being at that time just over 19 years of age with two babies, Victoria and Bob. She and father were married May 6, 1866, at Jefferson, Ashe County, North Carolina. For a number of years before her death in 1937, in Iowa, mother lived here with me and she regaled me with many stories of the lives of her people as well as of father's side in N. C. and especially with reference to the memorable trip way out West to Iowa in 1869. She possessed a remarkable memory to the date of her death especially as concerned names, dates, places, incidents, etc.

Mother said that the "caravan" of wagons left Wilkes County on a Saturday in the early spring 1869 for Johnson City, Tennessee, where they arrived the following Saturday. It required a week to cross over and through the rugged ranges of mountains on the 140-mile trip. I think that they may have skirted Ashe County, going through Watauga County and following the river by that name which finally brought them into Eastern Tennessee. I traversed much of that journey on a modern highway this past summer, by the way, and those ranges are none the less rugged and formidable. I do not wonder that they were a week getting over to the railroad. At Johnson City, they took a train to Chattanooga more than 200 miles distant and requiring many hours in those times.

At Chattanooga, Tennessee, it was necessary to transfer to another small railroad line. They were indeed small and limited in capacity in those years. After the usual delay at Chattanooga, they arrived at Nashville over the old Chattanooga & Nashville Railway. At Nashville, the emigrants obtained passage on a small river steamer down the Cumberland River to its junction with the Ohio River, thence to Cairo, Illinois, up the Mississippi to St. Louis, Missouri, and finally to Keokuk, Iowa, there they entrained to Ottumwa, arriving on a Saturday - just three weeks to a day since leaving Wilkes County, N. C. Your version said the party moved down the Tennessee River all the way to its confluence with the Ohio River at Paducah, Kentucky.

Your story of Granddad's "two-dollar" experience with the shylock at Keokuk was interesting. I do not know if it was his very first trip on the "steam cars" but it is likely. There were none in the small world which he had just left. I heard another joke on Granddad, the time and place probably being on one of those Tennessee railroad trains early on the trip. It was told that Granddad saw the bell cord dangling overhead and deciding to remove his heavy duty coat, proceeded to hang it on the "clothes line" overhead. The train came to a jolting stop, whereupon the irate conductor stormed around to ascertain the cause. He gave Grandfather a good "bawling out" after which the train continued on its way. I imagine that was Lesson No. 1 on that memorable trip. It was said that Grandmother Vannoy was very badly frightened when, on being taken on the deck of the steamer at Cairo, Illinois, and saw such a vast (to her) expanse of water, she threw her arms around

a deck pillar exclaiming, "Lawsy massa, Children, we will all be drowned," but it was not recorded that any one even suffered wet feet.

It was a very wet spring season with all the creeks, streams, and rivers at flood stage. The Cumberland River was miles wide and being very crooked, made it difficult to navigate and slowed the travelling time. Because of hazards, sunken trees, snags, and difficulty in following the main channel, they sometimes tied up to a wharf overnight. Mother spoke of seeing dead livestock, poultry, remnants of strawstacks, etc. floating in the muddy waters. Drinking water was source of worry to the folks. When the steamer found occasion to stop along the way, the gang plank was hardly down before Grandfather and the other men folks grabbed pails and scurried ashore in search of fresh water minus microbes and wiggle-tails. However, they managed very well, considering the times and conditions of travelling; none were ill during the long trek to the midwest and there was not a mishap of any kind.

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Sincerely with best regards,

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Binar, born February 27, 1889; married Levi Hefley; lives in Newton, Iowa.

Children: Max (names of wife and husbands not available)
Fern
Fay

Edgar, born November 6, 1891; married Edna Brewer; lives in Marshalltown, Iowa.

Children: Eleanor (names of husbands and wives not available)
Gladys
Eldon
Roger
Zhorne

Okie, died in infancy.

Claude, born February 26, 1894; married Bessie Lee Cook; lives in Grinnell, Iowa.

Children: Verne
Edith married ----- Stedman.

*The eternal God is thy refuge, and
underneath are the everlasting arms.
Leuteronomy 33:27*

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EASTER MILLER SHEETS

Easter Miller Sheets was born in Ashe County, North Carolina, on August 13, 1839 and died about 1872. She was married to Jordan Sheets on December 9, 1857. Jordan was born on January 15, 1832, and died on January 31, 1876. They moved from North Carolina to Virginia in 1870 long before her brother, Harrison Baker Miller, was called to be assistant pastor at St. Clairs Bottom Church. They lived near Volney (Troutdale) in Grayson County, Virginia, and both are buried there.

Their children:

Alvah, born January 9, 1859, died in May 1940; married to Johnathan Perry.

Children: Lundy married in Washington (state). Name of wife not known.
Reid " Julia Barr
Zue " 1st, Henry Stike; 2nd, George Davis; 3rd, Jason
Spencer
Aley " Robey Barr (Bear)
Leonard " Maude Lewis
Charles " Ida Davis, 2nd, Ethel Pruitt
Albert " Lillie Rupard
Emma " Ben Dolinger
Ella " -----Shafe (Washington State)
Maggie " 1st, Gilliam Weaver; 2nd, Hamp Davis
(Emma and Maggie are still living)

Ellis, born July 25, 1863; died June 14, 1948; married to Mildred Perry on
on January 22, 1888; she died in February 1945.

Children: Etta married Avery Sheets; she died in May 1927.

Reid, born July 24, 1865; died when young; married to Edith Perry who lived
to old age.

Children: (all deceased) Victory (daughter)
Arthur
Randolph

Effie Candas ("Coon"), born January 4, 1870; died in January 1949; married first
to Emanuel Perry who was killed in a coal mine at McDowell, West Virginia
on December 9, 1903. Effie was married three times after his death and
was married to ----- Farmer at the time of her death.

Children: Mary married Cleve Cook
Lester " Fannie Bishop (Lester and Chester were twins)
Chester " Carrie Belle Cook
Ellis " girl in Montana (name not known); living in California
Baxter " " " Bluefield, West Virginia

Effie named herself "Coonie Cora Effie Candas Lily Olivene Quincy Loretta Polly Jane
Stacy Rhinehart."

Horton P., born July 17, 1874; died July 5, 1954; married first to Abbie Perry about 1891.

Children: Otto married Mollie Allen
Eltina (living in the West)

Married second, Lucille Blevins in 1895; she died March 27, 1960.

Children: Callie married Gaither E. Pickel
Easter " 1st, Ambrose Privett; 2nd, Fielden Farmer
Hazel " William Stringer
Mae " James Wilson
Jordan " Carrie Elswick
Ellis " Bertie May Blevins
Webb " Zinna Blevins
Ray " Dorothy Berry
Roy died young

Of particular interest in regard to the above family is that each child of Easter and Jordan Sheet married members of the Perry family who were also related to each other:

Emanual, Abbie and Mil

Johnathan and Edith Perry were brother and sister and were nephew and niece of Emanual, Abbie and Mildred.

Solomon Perry, well-to-do land and mill owner in Ashe County, N. C., was married twice and had a family by each wife. Richard Perry, son of his first wife, was half brother of Emanual, Abbie and Mildred, and was the father of Johnathan and Edith.

Also, Gentry Perry, who married Elzina Miller (daughter of Elder Harrison Baker Miller), was a brother of Emanual, Abbie, and Mildred.

*The Lord is good, a stronghold in the day of trouble; and
He knoweth them that trust in Him.
Nahum 1:7*

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Mack J. Sheets

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EVALINE MILLER COOK

Julia Evaline Miller Cook was born on January 8, 1841, in Ashe County, North Carolina and died on July 18, 1934. She was married to John Henry Cook who was born on August 21, 1842 and died on January 6, 1912. Both are buried in the Mountain View Church cemetery near Chilhowie, Virginia. John Cook and his brother, Harrison, were Confederate veterans from North Carolina and were close friends of Harrison Baker Miller.

Aunt Evaline's old family home is still standing near Mountain View Church, vacant and weather beaten. It brings back many happy memories of childhood visits and of the Miller Reunion which was held there in August 1929.

Children of Evaline Miller and John H. Cook:

Mary Leona, born June 27, 1866; died January 13, 1940.

William Roby, born April 11, 1868; died March 5, 1958. Married to Mary Dolinger on September 16, 1880; she died February 23, 1932.

Children: Bessie Lee married Claude Reeves (son of Alvah Reeves)
Walter M " Mae Moser
Virginia " Earnest Hodge
Vance " Georgia Hamm
(Virginia and Vance are twins)

Candas, born October 25, 1870; died April 21, 1952. (81 years; buried in Kentucky); married William Bolt.

Children: Durphy married Gladys Price
Ellis (deceased)
Mary (step-daughter) married ----- Pickel (lives in Virginia not far from St. Clairs Bottom)

Edith (Edie), born July 16, 1873; date of death not available (buried in Pennsylvania); married Ambrose Anderson.

Children: Lessie:
Lonie :
Pearl : All are living but the names of
Edd : husbands and wives are not
Howard: available at this time.

David, died in infancy

Harrison, died in infancy

Gazette and Daily
York, Pa.

In Memory of
William R. Cook, 82,
Was At Gettysville

Gettysville - William Roby Cook, husband of the late Mrs. Mary D. Cook, died at 6:30 a clock last night at the home of his son-in-law and daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Earnest Hodge, this place. He was 82.

Surviving besides Mrs. Hodge are three other children, Walter M. Cook, J. J. Cook, and Vance Cook, Chilhowie, Va., and Mrs. Claude Reeves, Gannett, Iowa; 13 grandchildren and 12 great grandchildren.

Burial will be made Saturday in Mountain View Methodist cemetery, Chilhowie. Webb Funeral home is in charge of local arrangements.

The attached article about the Miller Reunion was written by Lola Lewis Dutton and the accompanying snapshot (enlarged) was taken with her little Eastman Brownie camera which cost back in those days a total of \$1.48.



August 2, 1929

MILLER-COOKE REUNION

A reunion was held Friday August 2, 1929 at the home of Mrs. Evelyn Cooke near Chilhowie, Va., in honor of her nephew, Harley A. Vannay, of Long Beach, Cal. and Rudolph Miller, of Baltimore, Md. Mr. Miller had been absent from relatives in Va., for 19 years. Mr. Vannay came from Cal., about the middle of July to Greenville, S. C. to attend business and also to erect a monument in memory of his great-great-grandfather Vannay, who was a veteran of the revolutionary war. He made a short visit with relatives in Va. after an absence of 24 years which had been spent in Iowa, Illinois and California.

This reunion was sponsored by cousins of Mr. Miller and Mr. Vannay.

A picnic lunch was served to more than 50 people at this occasion at the old home place of Mrs. Cooke. After lunch a christian talk was delivered by Elder H. B. Miller, who is an uncle of Mr. Miller and Mr. Vannay, and a brother of Mrs. Cooke and is 88 years of age. Everybody seemed attentive and the talk was greatly enjoyed by all present. Then all the relatives formed a line and had pictures taken.

Those present were Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Bartley, and sons Millard, Bascom and Everett, of Seven Mile Ford; Mr. and Mrs. Roby Cooke; Mr. and Mrs. Ellis Sirets, and son, Max, Mr. and Mrs. W. C. Davis, and sons, Billy and Roy, Elder H. B. Miller, Mr. P. C. Miller and daughter, Arah, Mr. and Mrs. Gauther Pickle and children, Mrs. Evelyn Cooke, Mrs. Leonard Cooke, Misses Suste Miller and Mabel Cooke all of Chilhowie, Va.; Mr. and Mrs. W. D. Lewis and daughters, Ollie, Lola, Essie and son, Hayne of Loh; Mr. G. W. Davis and daughters, Mabel, Estal and son, Walter Bob of Jackson, Md.; Rudolph Miller of Baltimore, Md.; and Harley A. Vannay of Cal.

Visitors were Mrs. Mattie Nelson and daughter, Pearle and Mrs. Sam Edmondson of Seven Mile Ford; Eddie Lee Martin of Chilhowie.

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JOSEPHINE HUBBARD MILLER MILLER

Josephine Hubbard Miller, the youngest child of George Washington and Aley Hubbard Miller, was born on March 18, 1857, and died on October 6, 1905. She was married to Elihu Miller who was born on July 20, 1851 and died on September 8, 1902. Josephine and Elihu are buried in a meadow on the farm they owned near Kelly's Chapel, south of Chilhowie, Virginia. Aley Hubbard Miller, her mother, is buried near them. Both Josephine and her mother were members of St. Clairs Bottom Church, their membership having been transferred from North Carolina in 1902.

Their children:

Emory Jackson Miller was born on August 29, 1875. The date of his death or the name of his wife are not available.

Children: Harley (would have been 72 years of age in 1969)
Nora
Aley
Hattie

Little information has been learned about Emory, his children, and wife. He was last seen in 1904 by George, his brother, at which time he lived in Tennessee. He then moved to Oklahoma, Arizona and was last heard from in 1927. He was at that time living in Los Angeles, California. Further information concerning him will be appreciated in order that our record may be more complete.

George Washington Miller, born July 20, 1885; died July 14, 1974; married to Mae Elliott on July 3, 1912. (See obituary)

Children: Marlin married Jessie Nelson
Howard " Frances Miller

Rudolph Abraham Miller, born May 14, 1889; died on July 20, 1949; married to Libbie Lena Stovall on December 21, 1910; she died July 17, 1970. (see obituary)

Children: Paul Everett married Roberta May Merrifield
Esther Irene " Walter James Sims
Mary Josephine " Max Robert Wineberg
Mahlon Rudolph " 1st, Bettye Jane Morgan
2nd, Viola Shank
Fern Virginia " Joseph Bernard King

Jasper Marion Miller, born October 22, 1893; died October 26, 1959; married first to Ethel Maude Downes; second, to Wanda Spriggs. (see obituary)

Children: Josephine Eva married James S. Pickens
Gladys Teresa " Norbert A. Chapman

Claude Lee Miller, born May 31, 1897; died August 22 , 1962; married to Elizabeth Elliot Johnson, December 17, 1915. (See obituary)

Children: one daughter, Josephine.

Claude Miller visited his relatives at Chilhowie, Virginia, about 50 years ago and put the stones on the graves of his parents and his grandmother on their farm at Kelly's Chapel.

It is interesting to note here that while Josephine had five sons and no daughters, she had three granddaughters named in her memory:

Josephine Miller Pickens, daughter of Jasper Marion;
Josephine Miller Wineberg, daughter of Rudolph;
Josephine Miller, daughter of Claude.



Left to right:

Back row: Emory and George Miller

Front row: Jasper, Elihu, Claude, Josephine, and Rudolph Miller

GEORGE W. MILLER

George W. Miller, age 88, of the McRae district Rt. 2, Sedro-Woolley died Sunday morning July 14, 1974 at his home.

He was born July 29, 1885 in Apple Grove, North Carolina and came to Skagit County in 1909.

His marriage to Mae Elliott of Sedro-Woolley took place in Mount Vernon July 3, 1912.

The family has resided in the McRae district, Rt. 2, Sedro-Woolley since 1918.

Mr. Miller was a retired farmer and had worked for the Butler Lumber Co. and the Valley Dairy of Sedro-Woolley. He was a member of the Odd Fellows Lodge for over 65 years.

Survivors include his wife Mae at the family home; two sons, Marlin and Howard Miller, both of Sedro-Woolley; four grandchildren; seven great grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held at the Lemley Mortuary Wednesday, July 17th at 2:00 p.m. with Rev. Virgil Vater of the First Baptist Church officiating. Casketbearers are Herman Rörner, Harold Renfro, Bill Rivord, Don Huston, Lenore Robinson and Lawrence Bur-

master.

Interment to follow in the Sedro-Woolley I.C.O.F. Cemetery.

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Time and Place of Services will be Page 19, Column

HEART AILMENT CAUSES DEATH OF MOUNT JOY MAN

Rudolph A. Miller, sixty, 206 E. Donegal St., Mount Joy, died suddenly at 8:05 a. m. Wednesday at his home. Dr. David E. Schlosser, Mount Joy, deputy coroner, said death was due to a heart ailment. He found that Miller left his home for work Wednesday morning but returned before reaching the bus stop because he felt ill. He was employed as a rate clerk at Shirk's Motor Express, Lancaster.

Born in North Carolina, he was a son of the late Fihu and Josephine Miller Miller. Besides his wife, Mrs. Lobbie Stovall Miller, he is survived by these children: Paul Miller and Irene, wife of Walter Sims, both of Towson, Md.; Josephine, wife of Max Wineberg, and Mahlon Miller, both of Gettysburg; and Fern, wife of Bernard King Mount Joy. Seven grandchildren and three brothers also survive: George Miller, Sedrowooley, Washington; Jasper Miller, St. Louis, Mo.; and Claude Miller, Burlington, Wash.

Claude L. Miller

Claude L. Miller, 65, resident of Skagit County for the past 47 years, died suddenly Wednesday morning at his farm on the District Line Road, Route 1, Burlington.

He was born May 31, 1897 in Chilhowie, Virginia, and came to Skagit County in 1912. His marriage to Elizabeth M. Johnson, took place December 17, 1915, in New Westminster, B.C. Mrs. Miller died in May, 1962.

Mr. Miller was engaged in farming and was a member of the Washington State Cattlemen's Association. He had previously been selected as Skagit County Cattleman of the Year. He was also a member of the Sedro-Woolley First Baptist Church.

Surviving are one daughter, Mrs. Josephine Scott, Route 2, Sedro-Woolley; one brother George Miller, Route 2, Sedro-Woolley; and several nieces and nephews.

Funeral services will be held Saturday afternoon at 1:30 p.m. from the chapel of the Hulbush Funeral Home. Interment will follow in the family plot of the Burlington Cemetery.

The family suggests that those who wish may make memorials to the Childrens Orthopedic Hospital.

MILLER, JOHN M., 18 Alshire bl., Hazelwood, Thurs., Nov. 26, 1959. Beloved husband of Wanda Miller; dear father of Josephine Pickens, Gladys Chapman, Kay Glasscock and Carole Millard; our dear father-in-law, grandfather, brother, brother-in-law and uncle. Funeral from DREHMANN-HARRAL Chapel, 1905 Union bl., 2 p.m. Mon., Nov. 30. Interment Mt. Lebanon Cemetery. A member of B. of L.E. No. 327. Engineers service Sun. 8 p.m.

ST. LOUIS POST-DISPATCH

THIS IS THE OBITUARY OF JASPER MARION MILLER - SON OF ELIHU AND

JOSEPHINE HUBBARD MILLER - BORN OCTOBER 22, 1893 - DIED NOVEMBER 26,

1959. JOSEPHINE PICKENS AND GLADYS, CHAPMAN ARE HIS DAUGHTERS.

KAY GLASSCOCK AND CAROLE MILLARD ARE STEP-DAUGHTERS-



Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Miller Golden wedding bells will ring Sunday afternoon, July 1, for Mr. and Mrs. G. W. Miller at their home on Rt. 1, McPhe District, Sedro-Woolley, when their two sons and families, the Marlin Millers and the Howard A. Miller's, hold open house between the hours of 2:00 p.m. and 5:00 p.m. for all relatives and

friends of their parents. The Millers were married on July 3, 1912, in Mount Vernon, and have resided in this vicinity since that time. Mr. Miller will be remembered as having operated the Valley Dairy horse-cart milk delivery in Sedro-Woolley for many years. They request no gifts.



Left to right:
 Marlin Miller
 Mae "
 Josephine Pickens
 George W. Miller
 Howard "
 (In Sedro-Woolley,
 Washington)

Force. Spent 2 1/2 years in Africa as an airplane mechanic and an aerial engineer.

★ ACTIVITIES

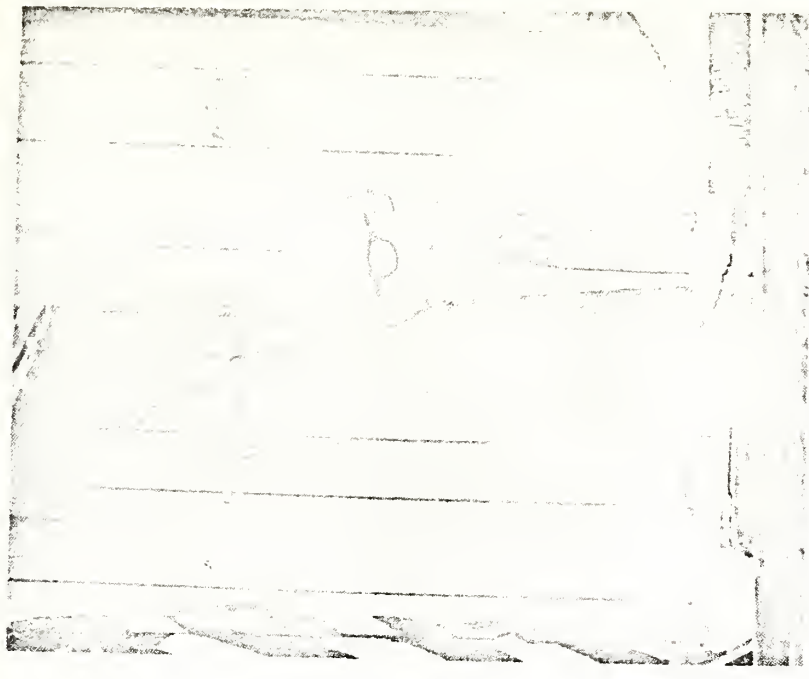
Masonic Lodge, Elks, American Legion, Wildcat Steelhead Club, Charter Member of Skagit County Historical Society, Rotary Club, Sedro-Woolley Chamber of Commerce, Trinity Presbyterian Church, Skagit County Farm Bureau.

★ WORK

3 1/2 years at Goodyear Nelson Lumber Co. 35 years as an agent for Equitable Life Assurance Society.

Howard Miller pledges to continue to represent the people of Skagit County to the very best of his ability. He believes in Skagit County now and will help make it better for all people in the future. He will devote his full time to making Skagit County a better place to live, work and play.

Howard Miller



HOWARD MILLER

★ RESPONSIBLE
★ QUALIFIED
★ EXPERIENCED

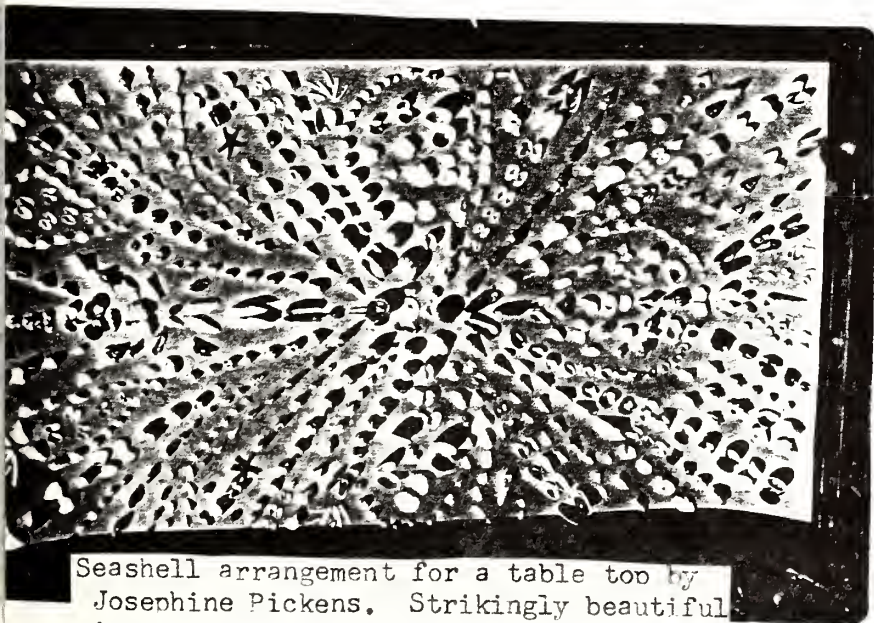
"THE CHOICE OF THE PEOPLE OF HIS DISTRICT"

His friends and neighbors in the Third District overwhelmingly endorsed him in the primary election, they know he will continue to devote himself to the best interests of Skagit County as a whole, as well as the Third District.

HOWARD AND FRANCES MILLER



(R3 - 8) Jo Pickens, 1st in Class XX



*Mr. and Mrs. Jim Pickens, Sanibel,
winners in the A-IV category.*

ADDITIONAL FAMILY INFORMATION: (to be filled in by grandchildren, great-grandchildren,
or great-great grandchildren)

Descendant of:

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Names of children:

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MARY ANN MILLER DAVIS

Mary Ann Miller was born on August 10, 1847, in Ashe County, N. C., and died on June 13, 1922. She was married to William M. Davis on February 14, 1867. Mary Ann is buried in the cemetery at Rush Creek Primitive Baptist Church. Her husband is buried in the Osborne family cemetery in Grayson County, Virginia.

Their children:

Cora Davis, born May 14, 1868; died in March 1924; married to Floyd Hart (her former school teacher) January 11, 1890.

Children: Delia Hart married Charles Wilhelm
Lester Hart " Eva Heath
Mary Hart " Robert Hemminger
McKinley Hart " Mary Reedy
Walter Hart " Ollie Harmon
Lucy Hart Deceased
Eula Hart " Oscar Seifert; she died November 27, 1974
Fred Hart " Dora Pizon

George Washington Davis, born June 19, 1870; died July 18, 1948; married to Ella Tucker of Tuckerdale, N. C. Both are buried at Mountain View Church near Chilhowie, Virginia.

Children: Cecil Davis married Mary Stiffler; he died November 20, 1974
Carl Davis " Anne Boone
Mabel Davis " James F. Sinclair; she is deceased
Esta Virginia Davis married Tracy Rhodes
Thelma Davis married ----- Goodwin
George W. Davis married Elva Hill
Claude Davis " Charlotte Workman
Earl Davis " Virginia Hanna
Walter Robert Davis (single)

Jordan Davis, infant son, born April 16, 1873; died June 8, 1873

William Crone Davis, born July 15, 1875; died April 1958; married to Eula Tucker of Tuckerdale, N. C. July 7, 1902. Both buried at Mountain View Church, near Chilhowie, Virginia.

Children: Emma Davis married Russell Richardson
Elmer Davis " Ernestine Hamm
William Davis " Maxine Ellidge
Roy Davis " Madeline Copenhaver

Matilda Davis, born January 22, 1878; died about 1950; married to James Osborne, May 8, 1896

Children: Robert Osborne (deceased)
Barney " "
Bonnie " married Fred Baldwin
Baney " " -----Phillips
Bruce " " Gladys Dolinger

(continued)

Matilda Davis Osborne (continued)

Children: Dallas Osborne (deceased)
 Blanche " married Bawner Dolinger
 Dewey " died in infancy
 May " married ----- Goss

Alie Davis, born March 12, 1881; died July 14, 1937; married to David Lewis June 21, 1903.

Children: Glen Lewis married Muriel Shrieber
 Olivene Lewis " Dailey Sullivan; she died on July 7, 1944
 Lola Lewis " Charles Clayton Dutton
 Essie " " Andrew B. Thomas
 Wayne " " Dorothy Hedge; he died on November 1, 1956

Harrison Davis, born October 7, 1884; died about 1949; married to Bertha Blevins March 10, 1907.

Children: Willard Davis (complete information on this family not available)
 Wade " "
 Gladys " married ----- Gillian
 Libby " " "
 Jessie " "
 Ralph " married Janice Stamper (he is deceased)
 John " "
 William " (deceased)
 Cecil " "

Charles Wingfield Davis, born January 24, 1886; died February 6, 1975; married first to Mary Clark, September 10, 1909; second to Minnie Francis; see obituary below.

Children: Doris Davis married Winston Vernon
 Ruth " " Willard Fletcher
 Grace " " Fred Kneeland
 Bernice " " 1st, ----- Peoples
 2nd, ----- Walker

Charlie W. Davis 2/6/75

ABINGDON, Va. — Charlie Wingfield Davis, 89, died Thursday night in a Johnson City, Tenn., hospital.

He was a retired farmer.

Survivors include four daughters, Mrs. Doris D. Vernon, Marion, Mrs. Ruth D. Fletcher, Johnson City, Mrs. Grace C. Kneeland, Abingdon, and Mrs. Bernice D. Walker, Atkins, Va.; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren.

Farris Funeral Service of Abingdon is in charge of arrangements.

DAVIS — Funeral services for Charlie Wingfield Davis will be conducted at 11 a.m. Sunday in the Farris Funeral Chapel with elder Eugene Blevins officiating. Burial will be in Rush Creek Cemetery. Pallbearers will be Roy Davis, Winston Vernon Jr., Billy Davis, Fletcher Vernon, Wayne Peoples, Jack Rouse. The family will receive friends from 7-9 p.m. Saturday.

MRS. EMMA D. RICHARDSON

Mrs. Emma Davis Richardson, 63, died Thursday in a Marion hospital. She had taught in the Smyth county school system for the past 26 years. She was a member of the Marion chapter No. 72, Order of Eastern Star. She had been active in community affairs for many years. Survivors include two sons, Lawrence D. Richardson and Harry L. Richardson, both of Marion; three brothers, Roy N. Davis, and Billy R. Davis, both of Marion, and three grandchildren. Services were held Saturday in Mountain View Methodist church, Chilhowie, with the Rev. Roy Redding and the Rev. Tom Megar officiating. Interment was in Mountain View cemetery.

Daughter of W. Crone Davis



**ROY N.
DAVIS**

**Candidate
for
TREASURER
of
Smyth County**

**Election Tue.,
November 5**

TO THE VOTERS OF SMYTH COUNTY:

I offer the following qualifications and background information for your study and consideration. I sincerely hope they will meet with your approval:

- 44 years of age.
- Graduate of Smyth and Washington County Public Schools.
- Graduate of Various Extension Courses of Purdue University.
- Graduate of Quartermaster Schools in Kansas and Missouri.
- Graduate of Business School in Chicago, Illinois.
- 5 years in U. S. Army Corps of Engineers — World War II.
- 5 years experience in bookkeeping and accounting.
- Member — American Legion, Veterans of Foreign Wars, Military Order of Cooties, V. F. W., American Detective Association.
- Married to the former Miss Madeline Coppenhaver of Marion.
- Presently associated with Kwik-Kafe of Southwest Virginia - Managing Industrial Cafeterias.

May I have your vote and support on Election Day, Tuesday, November 5, 1963!

Sincerely yours,

ROY N. DAVIS

Candidate For Treasurer of Smyth County

(Paid Political Advertisement)

(Son of William Crone Davis)

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III. MINISTRY

AUTOBIOGRAPHY

At the request of some of the Bretheren, I am sending for publication in the PRIMITIVE BAPTIST a brief sketch of my life as I remember it. I, H. B. Miller, son of George Washington and Aley (Hubbard) Miller, was born in Ashe County, North Carolina, on March 2, 1843, in the settlement where Bear Creek Primitive Baptist Church now stands - in the Blue Ridge mountains near Glendale Springs postoffice. I joined the Confederate army voluntarily at the age of 18 and served three years and nine months in Company A, 26th North Carolina Regiment as "drummer boy." I was married to Phoebe J. Weaver in 1865. To this union were born four children, one child dying in infancy and one at the age of 14 years. Of this union survive Jason P. Miller ("Pet") and Mrs. Elzina S. Perry. Both reside near St. Clairs Bottom Primitive Baptist Church.

I obtained a humble hope in Christ in the year 1868 and was converted at Old Horse Creek Church during service. I had been a poor mourner for a long time and that day it seemed that darkness was all around me. It seemed that I could not get low enough. I wanted the floor to open up so that I could get lower. I said, "Get behind me, Satan," and I looked away out as far as I could see. I saw one coming like unto the Son of God. He came closer and closer to where I was. I had the awfulest feeling that ran all through me which words cannot describe. I remember Elder Reuben Kilby saying to me, "I could take you into the church without a word from you." I never had a doubt for three days, but after the third day doubts and fears assailed me and since that time I have had mixtures of joys and sorrows. I am now going on toward the age of 91 but what I experienced there at Old Horse Creek is still as bright in my memory as it was 65 years ago.

I began to labor under an impression to comfort God's people about the time I was converted and spent many weary days and months and even years laboring under this impression. I remember coming across the mountain one time with some fellows on a hunting trip. At night they would build up a fire and lay down to sleep. While they were sleeping, I would sit up and read my Testament. Before I made the surrender to go and speak, I went for thirty days without scarcely eating or sleeping. It became so that I would find myself shedding tears and exhorting. When I came to myself, I would dry my tears, fearing that some one had seen or heard me. One night I was riding along the road when I began singing, "Jesus, Lover of My Soul." I suddenly saw a bright light in a tree top that I have never forgotten. I rode on and left it shining. The writer of this sketch feels that the light has been shining to light the way of the dear old Fathers of Israel from the Beginning and will continue to shine for them until they cross the cold stream of death to enter the sunny shores of the Eternal Cansan's Land.

I was licensed to exercise a public gift at Big Helton in 1877 and the Bretheren directly undertook to have me ordained. I objected and hindered their operation. In 1878, I moved my membership to Horse Creek Church. When the Presbyter was about to ordain another Elder, they asked me if I was willing and I answered that I was willing for the Lord's will to be done. I came under the hands of the Presbyter that day and in the same year I moved there.

My first wife died about 1873 and I was married the second time to Edith (Cook) Taylor, daughter of David Cook, a Primitive Baptist minister. To this union were born two children, Mrs. Dora Bartley and J. Luther Miller. Both live near St. Clairs Bottom Church. I transferred my membership by letter from Horse Creek (Senter Association) to St. Clairs which was then one of the sister churches of the Washington Association. I have served as Pastor ever since I was ordained until the last few years, being hindered through the infirmities

of old age. I have served Senter and St. Clairs Bottom Associations for 24 years as clerk and have served four years as moderator of the latter Association since the death of Elder R. D. Martin.

I have walked into 38 different streams of water at different times and places to baptize the dear children of God in North Carolina, Virginia, Tennessee, and Kentucky. I have also preached in the state of West Virginia. I have joined as man and wife 163 couples. But, Oh, My Lord, I have always felt too little, poor, and unworthy even to have a name among the dear old Primitive Baptists which I believe to be the true Church of Christ. May the Lord bless all of you is my prayer for Jesus ' Sake. Amen.

As I now lay upon my bed of old age and affliction at the home of my daughter and son-in-law, Dora and J. A. Bartley, I realize that I may never be with you in person again in the good meetings as I am now nearing my 91st mile post. I have lived until there are now 12 great great grandchildren, children of my fifth generation. I want all of you to know that I am of you, with you, and for you. I want you to know that I have kept the faith and admonish you to live in peace. This is my last address to you: "United we stand; divided we fall. Trust in God." Amen.

I hope to meet all of God's dear children in that sweet Heaven above.

Yours in sweet hope,

H. B. Miller



Elder Harrison Baker Miller
(standing third from left)

Let the elders that rule well be counted worthy of double honor, especially they who labour in the word and doctrine.

1 Timothy 5:17

A BRIEF HISTORY OF ST. CLAIRS BOTTOM PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH

June 1975

This brief history of the church at St. Clairs Bottom in Smyth County, Virginia, was prepared so that those who desire might have some knowledge of the church to this date, June 1975, being the 200th year that our Lord has blessed the church to meet together to worship Him.

According to early history, the church was first organized in 1775, with the first meetings being held in a clearing in the wilderness with hewn logs for seats. It is said that guards had to be posted against hostile Indians. The first building was a log house and the present brick building was erected in 1851 at a cost of \$460.00. Electric heat was installed in December 1962 and the building was remodeled inside in 1974 with paneling and carpet being installed. The outside of the building has not been changed since it was built except for adding rest rooms to the back.

The oldest written record, still preserved, was begun in 1793 and there are records of meetings from then to the present except for a few scattered times.

In the year 1819, the church declared against a revision of the Bible of John Wesley and warned all God-fearing people to desist from using it. In 1856 the church fought a battle against the missionary movement trying to constitute at St. Clairs Bottom. It seems, according to records, that county elections and public meetings were held in the building until 1881 when the church voted to discontinue this practice.

The old cemetery behind the building has markers dating back to the 1700's and many Civil War soldiers as well as World War I and II and Korean War veterans are buried there.

The church first joined the Old Washington Association in 1811, and in November 1906, together with Rush Creek and Tumbling Creek churches in Washington County, Hopkins View in Smyth County, and Troutdale Church in Grayson County, Virginia, organized the St. Clairs Bottom Primitive Baptist Association. The church remained in this Association until August 1960 when three of the churches declared non-fellowship with the churches at St. Clairs Bottom and Troutdale. The reasons for this will not be given in this brief history, but the records plainly show that the church at St. Clairs Bottom is still standing on the doctrine and practice that was contended for when it was first organized.

Following are the names of those Elders who have served the church as pastors (as best can be ascertained from the records): William Church, Noah Baldwin, Charles Hopkins, Andrew Rouse, Harrison B. Miller, Charles N. Tilson, Hugh M. Blevins, Sr., H. T. Barker, W. G. Fletcher, Hugh M. Blevins, Jr., and the present pastors, Elder Everett Blevins and Elder Daniel Blevins.

We, the present members, trust that we are thankful to God for His mercies and desire to pray that He will continue to bless, not only us but His children everywhere. We extend the hand of love and fellowship to His people everywhere who are contending for the faith once delivered to the saints. May we all, who have a precious hope abiding in our hearts, strive to stand for the doctrine and principles laid down in Holy Writ and hold up the name of Jesus Christ our Saviour. We, at St. Clairs Bottom Church, humbly beg your prayers in these present trying times that we may be blessed of God to have wisdom to continue to honor, adore, and serve Him who is over all, God blessed forever and ever.

Amen

Compiled by your unworthy servant
Daniel C. Blevins

JUNE MEETING AT ST. CLAIRS BOTTOM

St. Clairs Bottom Primitive Baptist Church near Chilhowie, Virginia, celebrated its 200th Anniversary at the annual June Meeting on the second Sunday and the preceding Saturday, June 7 and 8, 1975. One of the best known churches in Southwestern Virginia, and one of the noblest of old churches in dimension, simplicity, and strength, it has stood for two centuries as a sentinel and a beacon of light, hope, and faith. Ten generations have worshipped in it with a faith as strong and simple as the church itself. Services have been continuous from its beginning to the present time on the second Sunday of the month.

A large plaque on the brick wall at the front gives the date of the church as 1775. Bits of history have come to light which indicate that its beginning may have been earlier.

A sketch about the church written by Charles B. Coale in 1899 states: "The first Baptist church in the Holston Settlement as far as reliable information can be had was at St. Clairs Bottom in the first clearing of the Holston region, an Englishman by the name of St. Clair (Sinclair) having been there in 1764. It is more than probable that it was honored with the first house of worship."

Gordon Aronhime, well-known historian and writer on the history of Washington County, has proven to us in an article, Bristol Herald Courier, February 17, 1963, that Thomas Wolsey was the only pioneer Baptist minister in the Holston area. (We do not believe that he was Primitive Baptist as on his tombstone is the following inscription: "The First Pioneer Baptist Minister - died 1794.") He settled on land at the South Fork of the Holston River in 1770 or 1771 in a neighborhood of hardy pioneer Baptists who included Pierces, Coles, Thomases, Wheelers, and Bishops. All of the land belonging to these settlers lay around a tract of land called Sinclairs Bottom patented by Charles Sinclair on August 8, 1753. The land which surrounded the tract belonged to the Loyal Land Company of which 612 acres was sold to Thomas Wolsey on February 23, 1775 (Fincastle Courthouse records). On the edge of this land, there was a Baptist church, proof that it had existed prior to 1775. Wolsey moved from the land on which the meeting house stood and sold it to Joseph Cole. Later, on June 20, 1792, Cole deeded one acre and 100 poles of the land to the trustees of the Baptist church for 20 shillings. The exact words of the deed are "the said meeting house now on the said land." The deed also referred to it as "The Congregation and Meeting House formerly known as Sinclairs Bottom." The names of the church trustees appearing on the deed were James Wheeler, John Thomas, and Johnathan Bishop. (Deed Book 7, page 95, Washington County Clerk's Office, Abingdon, Virginia).

Wilson's History of Smythe County gives the following information: Soon after the Campbells settled on the Royal Oak Survey in 1775 (now Marion, Virginia), Tidence Lane, a pioneer Primitive Baptist minister from Tennessee stopped on the South Fork of the Holston River long enough to form a congregation of the Baptists he found there and of the converts he made, and to build a log church at Sinclairs Bottom. We question his building the church as it is definite that it was already there.

Semple's Virginia Baptist History, c1810, states that the Sinclair Baptist church was organized in 1792 by Andrew Baker as pastor with 45 members.

Book I of the minutes of the church which might have given a true and accurate account of its early history was destroyed in a fire which burned the home of the

church clerk. In Book III (1878-1907), a note was found written and signed by Joseph Dinkins, Clerk (Elder A. Rouse, Moderator) as follows: "From what can be learned, the church at St. Clairs Bottom was constituted in the year 1792."

Although organized and holding regular meetings, the church was not constituted until the deed gave it full ownership of its congregation and the land upon which it stood. The exact date of the constitution is not now known but it must have been very shortly after June 20, 1792, the date of the sale. It is also possible that at the time of the church's constitution, it was agreed to retain the name by which it was called in the deed, "The Congregation and Meeting House formerly known as Sinclairs Bottom." It is not known at this time how or when the change from Sinclair to St. Clair was made. The word Bottom no doubt refers to the low, level terrain of land near the river on which the church stands surrounded by rolling hills.

It is tradition passed from one generation to the next that the early church members endured ordeals from the Indians who were in the locality. When the first log church was being constructed, it was necessary for the workmen to keep guns nearby in case of attacks by prowling Indians and wild beasts. The men went to church armed with guns and ammunition to protect their families and worshipped with their guns across their knees in case of attacks on the church. The women would gather in the church to make soap, to make quilts and bed coverings, and to make clothing for their men, children, and themselves. One story is told about a day when the women were alone in the church preparing to make soap. Indians, trying to crawl through one of the small windows, had boiling water poured on them by the women. It is difficult to realize the trials through which the pioneer members went to be at church to hear God's word spoken. One feels thankful that they found warmth, comfort, and loving protection within their log church.

The log church stood for more than 57 years in Washington County until Smyth County was formed from it in 1832. The church is in a most convenient location in Smyth County where two state highways (762 and 660) meet and cross each other. These highways in the colonial period may have been Indian and wagon trails.

When the present brick building was constructed in 1851, the logs of the first church were taken down the river to a Cole farm and made into a barn. Dr. Rush F. Young, whose wife was a Cole, lived there at the time. It is now known as the St. John farm.

The contract for building the new church was made on May 10, 1851, between the trustees of the church (William Meek, Hugh Cole, Sampson Cole, Berry St. John) and the contractors (James Fields, Sampson Patterson, Norman Crawford) for the sum of \$492.90. The church was to be built 50 by 36 feet on a foundation of rock 3 feet high and 2 feet thick. The walls were to be built 18 inches thick and 14 feet high with brick, all of which was to "be done in a good workmanlike manner." Several slaves had become members of the church in the 1840's and thereabouts, and their help was utilized in fashioning the brick from clay and baking it in a brickyard near the church. An upper balcony was built for the use of these slaves in the new church. Handmade benches of black walnut for the new church were put together with wooden pegs instead of nails. Plaster of a soft shade of white was used on the walls and ceiling. In later years, a new floor was laid, electric lighting and heating installed to replace the kerosene wall lamps and the old cast iron stove. The high ceiling was lowered to save heat. Very recently, consistent with present-day requirements to conserve energy, panelling was put on the walls and carpeting laid on the floor. Two doors were built side

by side at the front of the church - the left one for the men and the right for the women. Inside of the church, the men sat on one side and the women on the other, a custom which is followed more or less to this day.

There are names of early members as seen in the church minutes of 1812 which are still familiar in the area today: Bishop, Tilson, Cole, Rouse, Dinkins, St. John, McClure, Meek, Debusk, Debord, Sherwood, Lester, Williams, and Buchanan. The church members have always been known for their kindness, charity, sincerity, humility, and for being considerate of everyone, members and non-members. Naturally, they are considered assets in their communities, being good, solid citizens and cooperative, helpful neighbors. They adhere strictly to the moral code of the church. They read and believe devoutly in the Bible and follow in the footsteps of their Master with no deviation whatsoever, addressing each other as Brother and Sister in Christ. They believe strongly in total immersion as when John the Baptist baptized Christ in the River Jordan.

Names of early ministers according to the 1812 minutes were Baker, Senter, Rouse, Hopkins, Baldwin, and Jesse. Later, in the 1900's, there were Martin, Miller, Tilson, Barker, Blevins, and Fletcher. It can be noted here that Elder Hugh Blevins (deceased) had four sons: Elders Hugh Blevins, Jr., Everett, Daniel, and Ben Elevins, all of whom are now ordained ministers. They are great grandsons of Elder Harrison B. Miller. It may also be added that Leonard Davis, great-great grandson of Elder Harrison Baker Miller, has been licensed to exercise his gift at St. Clairs Bottom Church or wherever the Lord may direct his mind.

In his article about the church, Charles B. Coale also wrote of the hardships which the early ministers endured, "They took their lives in their hands going about doing good. They travelled great distances through wilderness, facing dangers, seen and unseen, to dispense the blessings of the gospel among the scattered settlers; and all this labor, exposure, and danger was without prospect or hope of earthly reward." The ministers of today also serve their churches without reward, earning their living outside of the church as do other employees of the business world.

Elder Hugh Blevins, Jr., as did his father before him, served St. Clairs Bottom as its pastor for many years. He lives and works in Bel Air, Maryland, and helps to serve a church in that city. He travelled from his home in Maryland to St. Clairs Bottom every second Sunday with the determination and humility worthy of a pioneer minister. He has recently had to resign for health reasons and his brother, Everett, has been installed as pastor in his stead. Another brother, Daniel, is assistant pastor.

Many fine, wonderful sermons have been preached in the church in its two centuries of existence and none of them were prepared in advance. The text of the sermon is chosen when the minister enters the pulpit and God blesses him to speak the words of truth, love, and comfort to the congregation. It is to say that he feeds the Bread of Life to God's children. Without the assistance of a musical instrument, the members sing together the "good old songs" of the church, "making a joyful noise unto the Lord." It is indeed a joy to listen to them lift up their voices in song as they sing not only with their tongues but also with their hearts.

The second Sunday in June has always been the biggest day in the year for St. Clairs Bottom church and the community. It is known far and wide as The June Meeting. As far back as 1875, it was necessary for the church to have a constable to keep order on that day; in the early 1900's, there was a policeman to direct traffic and to keep order on the two highways at the front of the church. At 8:00 A.M. or before, the crowds would begin to assemble in the area surrounding the church. They came from communities far away to spend the day at the church visiting friends and relatives. Members and neighbors would have full houses of company for

the weekend. Ministers from other states would be in attendance. Members of neighboring churches would be inside the crowded church listening to the sermons and joining in the singing. Temporary lemonade stands were built along the highways and in the later years of the twenties and thirties, there were both lemonade and ice cream cones to serve the crowds. Over in the meadow across the highway, there were small planes to take up, for a small sum, those who wished to soar high above to view the crowds and surrounding country. It was a wonderful day of community participation.

One particularly interesting story about the June Meeting is told by Frank Sanders in his History of Saltville. When Dr. Thomas K. McKee was a lad of seven years, he earned his first nickle. The slave quarters on his father's farm were cleaned out and an old rifle was found among the rafters. It was given to Thomas for his own. He cleaned it real good and decided to sell it to the local blacksmith who told the little fellow that the gun was very old, it would not shoot, and no parts could be had for it. He offered the boy a nickle for it and the trade was made. The lad had big things in mind for that nickle. The big June Meeting was to be held at St. Clairs Bottom on the following Sunday and there would be pink lemonade for five cents a glass. There would be hundreds of people gathered from all over Southwest Virginia. Kinfolks would be visiting and the McKee home would be filled with company. Young Thomas would have to sleep in the barn in the hay. Wild horses could not have dragged the nickle from his pocket but one thing was overlooked. The lad went to sleep and did a lot of twisting and turning, dreaming, perhaps, about the June Meeting and the glass of pink lemonade. The next morning the nickle was gone and the world turned dark. Every bit of the hay was searched but no nickle was found. When the good Doctor was asked 85 years later why he did not ask the blacksmith for another nickle, he replied that people did not go around giving nickles to little boys. The June Meeting was held and there was pink lemonade but not for the lad of seven. Dr. McKee said all through the years when pink lemonade was for sale, he drank a glass of it. When he was asked what else happened at the June Meeting, he said there was baptizing at the river, praying, singing, preaching, and feet-washing. He remembered that one time a bunch of men gathered in the woods near the church and drank some intoxicating spirits. A big fight broke out and when it was reported to Preacher Hundley, he said, "It is not the whiskey, it's the devil in those men."

While there is still a large attendance at the June Meeting and the church is always crowded, the crowds have dwindled through the years. It is now more of a homecoming for visiting ministers and former members. Members of neighboring churches also attend. The sermons and the singing are still as wonderful as ever - even better.

A history of St. Clairs Bottom church would not be complete without mention of the old oak and pine trees. In the deed of sale to the church, there is mention of the boundary line: "... beginning at a small white oak tree on the north side of the river..." It is very easy to believe that the small white Oak is now the huge one which stands at the front of the church. In an article by Elder Edgar T. Aleshire, he wrote as follows: "The church house at St. Clairs Bottom is graced by a magnificent oak tree whose size, beauty, and age would awe the most casual person. It doubtless was well established long before Virginia was settled."

There has been, and still is, much love and respect in the hearts of the church members for the old oak tree. Its wide, spreading limbs have covered and protected many a crowd of church members from the hot summer sun as they visited after church

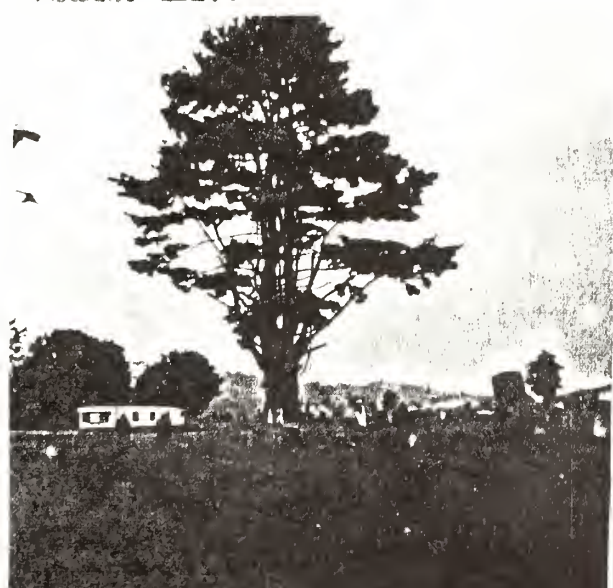
services or spread their dinners underneath its shade. It also serves as a buffer to protect the church in summer and winter storms. In his article about St. Clairs Bottom, Gordon Aronhime also wrote: "In the front, there is a gigantic oak tree that three men with outstretched arms can scarcely circle. In the rear of the church is a splendid white pine that is worth the trip up the South Fork to behold." No one knows the history of this old pine. It, too, like the oak, is majestic. Its roots have almost covered some of the old gravestones which were under it so that the names and dates are no longer discernible.

The cemetery, honored by the presence of the beautiful pine tree, is well kept. An aura of peace hovers over it. The old stones have been straightened as much as possible, the grass is mowed regularly, and the church maintains a cemetery fund for its up-keep. There are about 200 graves which can be counted. Many of the stones are very old so that the lettering and dates can no longer be deciphered. Some have, long ago, sunk into the ground. There is one tombstone with the date 1775 but so far as is known, there are no Revolutionary soldiers buried in the cemetery. It is known that Joseph Cole who died in 1806 and who sold the church and land to the trustees, is buried near the pine tree. Thomas Wolsey, the pioneer minister who died in 1794, is buried in the River Bend cemetery on Highway 660, a short distance from the church.

According to Mrs. Clara Hill Carner, President, Smyth County Historical Association, there are 27 known Confederate veterans buried in the cemetery of whom her grandfather, George W. Hill, is one. He was also an active member of the church. Elder Harrison Baker Miller, a Confederate veteran and a pastor of the church for more than 35 years, is buried with his wife, Edith, near the front of the church facing the highway. At one time, there was a cemetery for the slaves adjoining the main cemetery on the south end towards the river. When the owner of the store formerly in that area was having earth dug to install a gas pump, one of the workers found a skull and wanted to keep it as a memento. Mr. Pierce, the owner, told him, "No, put it back and cover it up."

Grateful acknowledgment is made to Mrs. Leonard H. Davis, Mrs. Gaither E. Pickel, Mrs. Charles C. Matthews, Mrs. Clara Hill Carner, and Miss Etta Tilson without whose assistance, this history of the church could not have been written.

*I was glad when they said unto me,
Let us go into the house of the Lord.
Psalms 122:1*



CONFEDERATE VETERANS

Buried In
The Cemetery of

ST. CLAIRS BOTTOM CHURCH
Chilhowie, Virginia

Bishop, Andrew	Gollehon, Robert J.
Bishop, A. R.	Grinstead, Samuel K.
Bishop, Elcaniah	Hill, George W.
Bishop, Joseph W.	Martin, G. W.
Bishop, Levi	Pickel, John L.
Bishop, Martin	Rouse, Andrew
Bishop, Noah	Rouse, James
Blankenbeckler, William C.	Rouse, S. E.
Cole, Hugh F.	Sherwood, Adaish
Dinkins, John J.	Surber, William
Dinkins, Joseph R.	Tilson, William
Dungan, James	Wells, James P.
Dungan, John R.	<u>Elder Harrison B. Miller</u>
Edmiston, George A.	

-- Mrs. Clara Hill Carner
Marion, Virginia

DEED OF SALE (1792)

This indenture made this twentieth day of June in the year of our Lord one thousand seven hundred and ninety two between Joseph Cole of the one part and James Wheeler, John Thomas and Johnathan Bishop acting Trustees for the Congregation and Meeting House formerly known as Sinclairs Bottom on the north side of the South Fork on the other part. Witnesseth as follow to wit: - that the said Joseph Cole for and in consideration of the sum of seventy shillings current money of Virginia to him in hand paid by the said Trustees in behalf of themselves and the said Congregation the receipt the said Joseph Cole doth hereby acknowledge. The said Joseph Cole hath granted bargained and sold and by these presents doth grant bargain and sell unto the said Trustees and Congregation one acre and one hundred poles of land be the same more or less lying and being in the County of Washington and Commonwealth of Virginia the said meeting house now on said land. Beginning on a small white oak on the north side of the River, thence North fifty one and a half degrees west, five and three fourth poles to a white oak North one degree West Ten (10) to two Hickory Grubbs and a Spanish oak near Sinclairs old ? North twenty nine degrees East fourteen poles to a Stake. South nineteen degrees East Eleven poles to a white oak on the north side of the bank of the River a southwest course 13 poles to the Beginning with its appurtenances to have and to hold, the said Tract of Land with its appurtenances to the said Trustees and the said Congregation thereto belonging and their heirs forever and the said Joseph Cole and his heirs will forever warrant and defend the said tract of land with its appurtenances unto the said Trustees and Congregation against the claims of all persons whatsoever. In witness whereof the said Joseph Cole hath hereunto subscribed his name and affixed his seal the day and year above written.

Deed Book No. 7, page 95
Washington County Clerk's Office

Joseph Cole



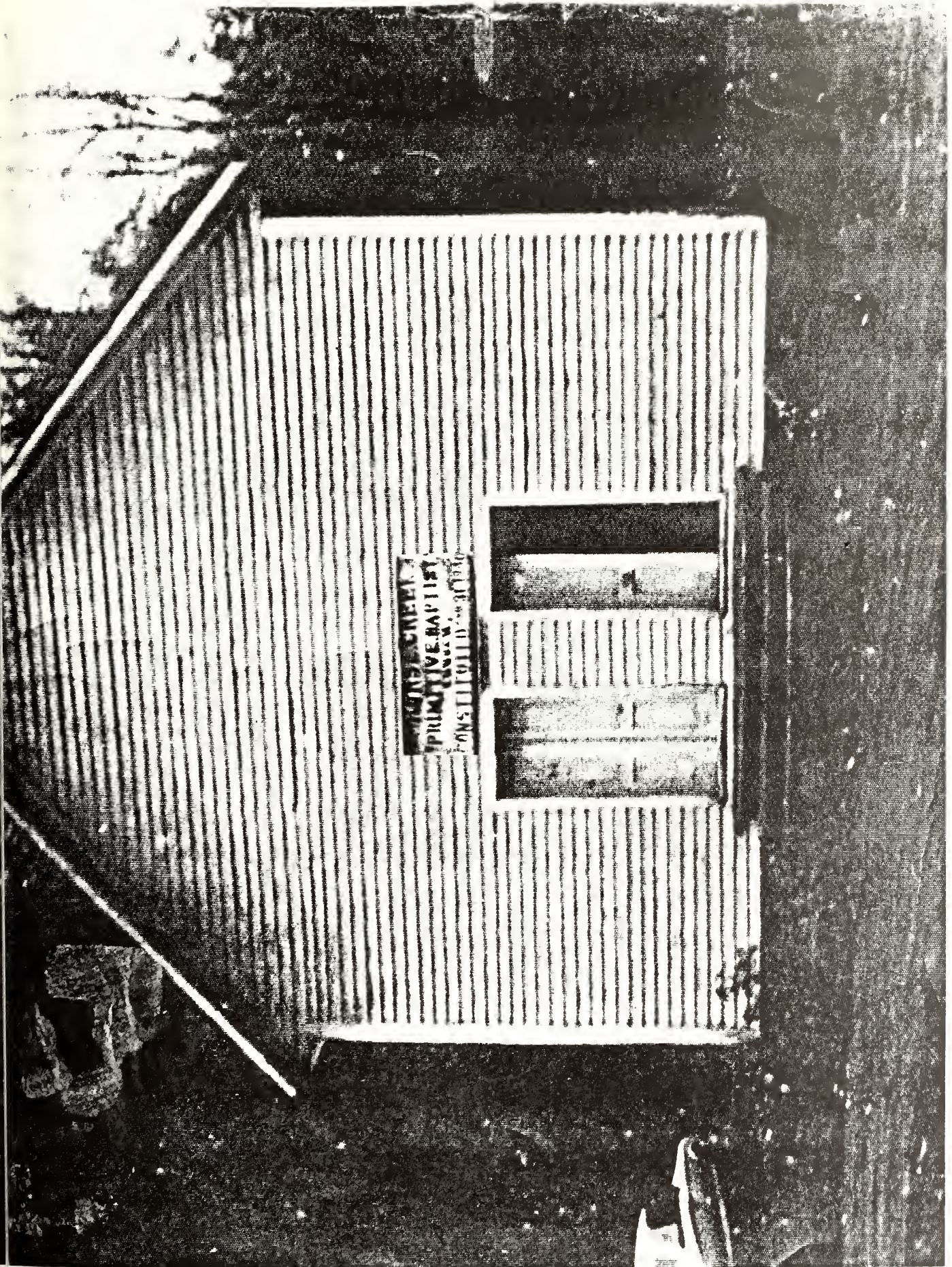
CONTRACT TO BUILD NEW CHURCH (1851)

Article of an agreement made and entered into between James Fields of the one part and the Trustees, William Meek, Hugh Cole, Berry St. John, and Sampson Cole of the other part. That said James Fields binds himself to build a brick church at St. Clairs Bottom fifty by thirty six feet, the foundation of rock to average three feet high and two feet thick; the brick wall to be eighteen inches thick and fourteen feet high, all of which is to be done in a good workman-like manner. And the above said trustees do bind themselves to pay to the said James Fields four hundred and ninety-two dollars and ninety cents to be paid as follows: one third to be paid as soon as the work is commenced and the balance when the work is completed for the due performance of which we have hereunto subscribed our names this the tenth day of May 1851.

Trustees:

Hugh Cole
Sampson Cole
Berry St. John
William Meek

James Fields
Sampson C. Patterson
Norman Crawford



HORSE CREEK PRIMITIVE BAPTIST CHURCH
Ashe County, N. C.

Apple Grove

We the Primitive Baptist Church of Christ
now in session at horse creek have chosen
our beloved brethren to wit Elder H. B. Miller
Ezra Taylor J. H. Elbreth Wm. Ham
alternate to represent us in the next
Association our statistics are as follows

By Experience and Baptism	1
" letter	none
Restored	none
Dismissed by letter	1
Excluded	none
Deceased	0
Total Number	2
Elders	1
Licentiate	1

Church meeting 4th saturday
Post Office Apple Grove
Pastors Elders H. B. Miller and C. C. Davis
Done and signed by order of the Church

the 4th saturday in July 1894

Elder H. B. Miller moderator
Jonathan Perry Clerk

Aug the 4 saturday 1894
on receiving the Church letter the
Church agrees to ask the association
to have the Constitution and rules
of the Decorum attached to our next
minutes of the association.

Elder C. C. Davis Moderator
Jonathan Perry Clerk.

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A specimen of the handwriting of Harrison B. Miller Found inside of his Family Bible.

MINUTES

OF THE

Twenty-Seventh Annual Session

OF THE

SENIOR DISTRICT PRIMITIVE BAPTIST ASSOCIATION,

CONVENED WITH

BIG HELTON CHURCH,

Ashe Co., N. C.,

AUGUST 20 AND 21, 1880.

{ A. J. TAYLOR, Moderator.
WM. B. REVES, Clerk. }

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STATISTICAL TABLE.

CHURCHES.	POST OFFICE.	CO. & STATE.	NAMES OF DELEGATES.	Sabbath.	Ord. Minist.	Licentiate.	Baptized.	By Letter.	Restored.	Dismissed.	Excluded.	Deceased.	Total.	Contributions.
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Senter	Nathans Creek	Ashe, N. C.	Jacob Koons, A. Dixon, J. B. McMillan.....	1	1	2	1			2		1	96	\$ 3 10
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2d. SECTION.														
Roan's Creek..	Ore Knob	Ashe, "	J. H. Wagoner, J. B. Sheets.....	4							1	34	1 50	
Bare Creek....	" "	" "	Represented by Letter	2	1	1						36	60	
Beaver Creek..	Jefferson	" "	J. H. Vannoy, Frederick Severt.....	3	1	1		1			2	67	2 00	
North Fork....	Apple Grove...	" "	Henry Miller, Eli Miller, Henry Miller, Jr.	1								16	90	
Pleasant Grove	" "	" "	J. W. Stike, Morgan Swift.....	2		1	4	2		2		14	75	
3d. SECTION.														
Horse Creek...	Apple Grove...	" "	H. B. Miller, Richard Perry, Wm. Taylor	4	1	1	6	1		8	10	2	63	2 00
Big Helton....	Helton	" "	Reuben Kilby, J. R. Baldwin, Jesse Blevins.....	3	2	1	2	3	2	23	8		102	1 90
Silas Creek...	Silas Creek.....	" "	John Francis, Wm. A. Stuart, Jacob Stuart.	2		1				1			23	1 10
New River	Jefferson	" "	Joseph Stuart, J. K. Francis.....	1		1	10						35	90
Maple Springs	Wensel	" "	C. C. Davis, Elisha Roupe, Jason Weaver.....	1	1	1	2	11					33	90

MINUTES

OF THE

SENTER DISTRICT BAPTIST ASSOCIATION.

The Introductory Discourse was delivered by Eld. A. J. Taylor from St. John 18:36: "And Jesus answered, My kingdom is not of this world," &c.

After a short intermission, the delegates assembled in the church house, and were called to order by singing and prayer by Eld. Wm. Hawkins, from the Mountain Association.

1. Called for letters from the churches to be handed in, which being done, on motion, were read and received and the delegates seated.

2. Proceeded to organize the Association, by choosing Elder A. J. Taylor Moderator, and Bro. Wm. B. Reves Clerk.

3. Called for newly constituted churches of our faith and order, when Maple Springs came forward and presented a letter, which was read, and, on motion, was received and their delegates seated in the council, and ordered to be attached to the 3d Section.

4. Called for corresponding messengers from sister Associations when Eld. Henry Taylor, and brethren John Rouse and Samuel McClure came forward, with a file of minutes, from the Washington Association; Eld. Wm. Hall, and brethren Joshua Spicer and Calton Wyatt, with a letter and minutes, from the Roaring River; also a file of minutes from the Mountain Association, all of whom were received and their delegates seated in the council.

5. On motion, transient ministers of our faith and order were invited to seats with us. Eld. Charles Hopkins, from the Washington; Eld. Wm. Hawkins and J. M. Wyatt, from the Mountain Association, accepted seats with us and aided in council.

5. On motion, the licentiates of the Senter Association were invited to seats with us; also extended the invitation to brethren Newell Stuart and Jackson Stuart, all of whom accepted seats and aided in council.

7. On motion, the Moderator was authorized to make all temporary appointments during the session.

8. Appointed brethren J. B. McMillan and J. H. Wagoner, with the delegates from this church a Committee on the Ministry, who reported for Saturday: 1st, Eld. Henry Taylor; 2d, Eld. Charles Hopkins; 3d, Eld. Wm. Hawkins. For Sabbath: 1st, Eld. Wm. Hall; 2d, Eld. Hopkins; 3d Eld. Hawkins; 4th, Eld. A. J. Taylor.

9. Appointed Eld. J. R. Baldwin and Bro. Noah Baldwin as correspondents to the Washington Association; Elds. A. J. Taylor, C. C. Davis and Bro. Wm. B. Reves to the Roaring River; Eld. A. J. Taylor, and Bros. Wm. A. Stuart and Wm. B. Reves to the Mountain Association.

10. Appointed Bro. Wm. A. Stuart to write a letter of correspondence to the Washington Association; Bro. J. H. Wagoner to write one to the Mountain, and II. B. Miller one to the Roaring River Association, and have them ready for inspection tomorrow.

11. Appointed Elds. J. H. Vannoy, J. R. Baldwin, H. B. Miller, Jacob Koons, and Bro. Stike, with the Moderator and Clerk, a Committee to arrange the business of the Association—correspondents and transients invited to sit with the Committee.

12. On motion, adjourned till 9 o'clock to-morrow morning.

SATURDAY MORNING, August 21, 1880.

Met according to adjournment. Prayer by the Moderator.

1. Called names of delegates and marked absentees.

2. Called on the Committee of Arrangements to report; the report read and received and the Committee discharged.

3. Read the Constitution and Rules of Decorum.

4. Appointed Bros. Wm. A. Stuart, Henry Miller and Jas. S. Owens a Committee of Finance, who reported, viz: Received in contribution from the churches, \$20.15; distributed to correspondents, \$4.00; left in the hands of the Treasurer, \$10.00; allowed the Clerk for his services, \$3.00; allowed Eld. Taylor for expenses to the Kehukee Association, \$3.15.

5. Called on the brethren who were appointed to write corresponding letters to read them; the letters being read, were received, and the brethren discharged.

6. Called on corresponding brethren to report; the brethren reported and were discharged.

7. Called on Eld. A. J. Taylor to report relative to his visit to the Kehukee Association. He reported that he had visited the Kehukee Association, transiently, and had agreed to raise

correspondence by minutes with that body. We, the Senter Association, now in session, on receiving the report of Elder Taylor, say that we fully endorse the report that he made to that body while in their annual session, relative to our state and standing as Primitive Baptists, and are anxious, also, to keep up a correspondence by minutes with them.

8. Called on the Committee that was appointed last year to visit destitute churches and members to report, who reported satisfactory, and the Association agreed to continue the same Committee next year.

9. The Wilson Church made application for a letter of dismission from us, which request was granted.

10. Appointed the Clerk Treasurer, and order him to have 500 copies of these minutes printed and distributed as usual.

11. Appointed the next Association to be held with the Senter Church, Ashe Co., N. C., eight miles east of Jefferson, to commence on Friday before the 4th Sunday in August 1881—H. B. Miller to preach the Introductory Sermon, J. R. Baldwin alternate.

12. Resolved—That we tender our heart-felt thanks to God and to the brethren and citizens of this vicinity for their hospitality to us during our session.

Resolved—That we now adjourn to the time and place of our next Association, with prayer by Eld. C. C. Davis.

ELDER A. J. TAYLOR,

Moderator.

Wm. B. Reves, Clerk.

HISTORICAL AND FAMILY NOTES FROM THE CHURCH MINUTES, 1812 - 1930
(St. Clairs Bottom Church)

Book 1812-1878

- August 29, 1812 - Levi Lester and Hugh Cole trustees to see to the business of the Meeting House in the repairing of it.
- December 12, 1812 - The church considered Brother Debusk's gift and has given him liberty to improve it where and when God should call him.
- January 9, 1813 - The church met and meeting was opened by singing and prayer in fellowship and then dismissed.
- April 9, 1814 - Received Drewry Senter by experience.
- June 13, 1818 - Examined Brother Drewry Senter for ordination and found him fit.
- July 11, 1818 - Brother Levi Bishop to search the records at Abingdon for the deed of the Meeting House.
- April 10, 1819 - None fellowship declared with the Testament of Lord Jesus Christ which is said to be altered by John Westley (Wesley).
- November 11, 1820 - No preacher to be invited to preach without his showing authority from the church to which he belongs.
- February 9, 1822 - Brother Drewry Senter applied for letter of dismissal for himself and wife.
- September 7, 1822 - Andrew Baker applied for letter of dismissal and was granted.
- March 13, 1824 - Rules of the church to be read at every church meeting and Brother Bishop to keep them.
- September 10, 1824 - Members of different churches should take a seat with us without waiting for an invitation
- December 8, 1827 - Brethern Levi Lester, Levi Bishop, and Hugh Cole chosen as trustees of the Meeting House and land to see that we are not intruded upon by any other denomination of any order.
- February 7, 1829 - Concluded to let the old Covenant with some small alterations to be made.
- July 9, 1831 - Brethern to inspect the meeting house to find the necessary repairs.
- March 10, 1832 - Church now in Smythe County instead of Washington County due to formation of Smythe from Washington.
- January 7, 1837 - No meeting on account of smallpox.
- February 11, 1837 - No meeting same as above.
- June 8, 1839 - Preaching by William Church and Drury Senter to a large congregation.
- June 12, 1841 - Sacrament administered by Elder Thomas Colley in the presence of a large congregation.

September 20, 1842 - Association commenced on Friday, continued 4 days, 19 preachers, 3000 people.

March 9, 1844 - Brother Charles Hopkins granted the liberty of exercising his ministerial gift in the bounds of this church and the adjoining churches.

March 13, 1847 - No meeting due to high water.

July 11, 1847 - Elders Patterson and Senter addressed a large and respectable assembly after which they administered the Sacrament.

January 11, 1851 - Took in consideration the propriety of building a new brick Meeting House at St. Clairs Bottom. Brethern Hugh Cole, Sampson Cole, and William Meek appointed to solicit subscriptions for the building of the said church.

May 11, 1851 - The old Meeting House given up to the trustees for their disposal.

July 10, 1852 - Trustees appointed for St. Clairs Bottom Meeting house: Brethern John Cole, John Bishop, and Andrew McClure.

May 10, 1856 - Trustees appointed to attend Noah C. Baldwin's meeting and if the Missionaries appoint a time to constitute, they are to inform them that the door will be closed against them.

August 9, 1856 - Church approved act of the court and directed the names of the trustees: Brethern J. Bishop, J. Cole, and A. McClure to be entered in the church book - for the Meeting House and all that belongs.

November 8, 1856 - A deed to one acre and 100 poles made by Joseph Cole was found among the papers of Levi Bishop after the death of Rachel Bishop, widow.

(No entries for 1859, one only for October 1860, and one for December 1861)

1861 - 1866 No mention of the Civil War. Many members dismissed to form Missionaries. James Cole was clerk. No visitors, business, or references.

1867 -(church minutes resumed and church became more active. New members received)

BOOK 1878 - 1907

December 1878 - Andrew Rouse was appointed to superintend the building of the flew (flu) to the church stove.

November 12, 1881 - Public speaking and holding of elections in the church to cease. Brother G. H. Cole appointed to put locks on the doors and to lock the Meeting House.

January 14, 1882 - Brother A. Rouse to have blinds made and hung to church windows.

December 8, 1883 - G. Dinkins to fill the windows with glass; Sam McClure and George W. Hill to look after the graveyard fence and to have same repaired.

January 12, 1884 - G. Dinkins reported the church windows filled and the bill, \$1.40.

May 10, 1884 - Took up reference of covering the church house and appointed A. Rouse to take subscriptions for the shingles and nails:

We, the undersigned, agree to furnish the amount of shingles and nails for covering St. Clairs Bottom Church that may be next to our names:

Andrew Rouse	1000	Eli Landreth	5000
Ben Martin	1000	G. W. Martin	1000
John Rouse	1000	James H. Cole	5000
P. Surber	1000	Sam McClure	5000
C. T. Rouse	1000	G. W. Hill	1000
G. K. Dinkins	1000	A. T. Cole	5000

- November 7, 1885 - Brother Joseph Bishop reported that he had bought 15 pieces of glass and filled the windows.
- March 13, 1886 - Appointed G. W. Hill and G. W. Martin to try to get land to enlarge the graveyard.
- June 12, 1886 - A question about an interest in some church property (three acres which lies in Long Hollow, Rich Valley, Smythe County, Virginia) which was deeded to the Primitive Baptists, Methodists, and Presbyterians for a church. The Methodists have bought out the Presbyterians and have made application to the Primitive Baptists to buy their interest but the church has not consented to let it go.
- July 10, 1886 - Brethern John Rouse and Joseph R. Dinkins to look after the church property in Long Hollow.
- February 11, 1888 - Rule made on August 12, 1883 to be carried out. Members of the church to be listed and the roll called every church meeting; those who miss two meeting days without good excuse to be looked after. Minutes of the day to be read at each meeting.
- August 11, 1888 - Brother A. Rouse elected as pastor.
- September 1, 1888 - Appointed Elder A. Rouse to look up the records of the said church property.
- November 11, 1888 - Brother A. Bishop reported repairs to the church. Expended \$14.66 for 8 window panes, sashes hung, blinds made, and nails and carpenter work.
- March 7, 1891 - Old Covenant or constitution has become lost; the same one we had before to be replaced in the book; the discipline also to be put into the book.
- January 9, 1892 - A sexton to be appointed to look after the church, keep fires, sweep the house, and light up the church when necessary. Agreed to pay him \$6.00 for a year of his service. Brother F. M. Tilson to be sexton for the year.
- April 9, 1892 - Took in consideration the condition of the church house.
- February 11, 1893 - Settled up with our sexton. Appointed William Blankenbeckler for next year to be paid the same as the other.
- April 8, 1893 - Brother Sam McClure to write to Elder H. B. Miller and invite him and Elder T. Kilby to be here at our next meeting to ordain some deacons.
- May 13, 1893 - Preaching by Elders R. Martin and H. B. Miller. Appointed Elders A. Rouse, H. B. Miller, and R. Martin for presbyters to ordain John A. McClure and William Blankenbeckler for deacons. Agreed to commune at the June Meeting and to invite sister churches. Elder H. B. Miller to invite Maple Springs and Horse Creek.

- May 14, 1893 - Sunday Morning: Ordination of deacons attended to by Elders H. B. Miller and A. Rouse. Elder Miller gave the charge.
- August 12, 1893 - Moved and seconded that Elder Robert Martin be our assistant pastor.
- September 9, 1893 - Brother H. B. Miller to be invited to preach for us. Appointed Brother G.W. Martin to send message to Brother Miller.
- October 7, 1893 - Preaching by Elders R. Stinson and H. B. Miller. Elder A. Rouse tendered his resignation which was accepted. Brother A. J. Bishop took the rising vote which resulted in the election of Elder R. Martin as pastor and Elder H. B. Miller as Assistant pastor.
- October 15, 1893 - Ordinance of baptism of Elizabeth Landreth attended to by Elder H. B. Miller at St. Clair Creek.
- December 9, 1893 - Preaching by Elders Miller and Martin. Called for references and found that 10 members had gone off and organized into a body with the Christian Baptists. Moved and seconded that they be excluded from the church.
- May 12, 1894 - No selling to be allowed under the limits of the law at the June Meeting or any other meeting at St. Clairs Bottom. H. B. Miller, Moderator.
- March 2, 1895 - Preaching by Elder H. B. Miller. Received Elder Miller, Edith Miller, Dora Miller, and Alva Reeves by letter.
- July 13, 1895 - Received John Cook, Eveline Cook, Roby Cook, Candace Ham, Leona Cook, and Eda Anderson by letter. H. B. Miller, Moderator.
- August 10, 1895 - Brother G. W. Hill to attend to the church property in Long Hollow.
- May 9, 1896 - Appointed A. G. Bishop and William Blankenbeckler to keep order at the June Meeting.
- November 7, 1896 - Elders R. D. Martin and H. B. Miller to stand as equal pastors.
- June 12, 1898 - A large congregation of people Sunday morning.
- January 8, 1899 - A petition read from Horse Creek church that they wanted a part of Elder H. B. Miller's time in the next year. Granted that they have the time. Met a well-ordered congregation Sunday morning with preaching by Elder H. B. Miller.
- November 11, 1899 - A letter from Horse Creek church asking for ministerial aid.
- February 10, 1900 - Luther Miller joined by experience.
- March 10, 1900 - Sister Eda Anderson granted a letter of dismissal.
- January 13, 1901 - Moved and seconded we grant Horse Creek church a part of our ministerial aid; a letter read from Elder H. B. Miller requesting the church to release him from being pastor any longer. Brothers Levi Williams and Wash. Martin to go see Elder Miller on his request.
- February 10, 1901 - Elder H. B. Miller granted his request to be released as pastor.

May 11, 1901 - Prayer by J. N. Crabtree. A. J. Bishop to look after the graveyard. Sister Alyce (Aley) Miller joined by letter.

June 8, 1901 - Exhortation by Brother Crabtree. Met a large congregation on Sunday Morning.

February 2, 1902 - Elder H. B. Miller held a meeting at St. Clairs Creek schoolhouse. Sally McClure joined the church by recantation.

March 8, 1902 - Elder H.B. Miller held a meeting at the schoolhouse on St.Clairs Creek and James Barlow and wife joined by recantation. They had left the Missionaries at Grosses Creek church.

April 12, 1902 - Appointed Elder H. B. Miller, Brothers A. J. Bishop and W. J. Blankenbeckler to look after the church roof.

September 10, 1902 - Brother Gentry Perry and wife (Elzina Miller), and Sister Josey Miller joined by letter.

January 10, 1903 - J. A. McClure given license to preach. Elder H. B. Miller to write the same. Elder H. B. Miller installed (re-installed ?) as equal pastor with Elder R.D. Martin.

February 7-8, 1903 - Elders H. B. Miller and R. D. Martin held meetings at Samuel McClure's house. Four joined by experience.

May 9, 1903 - Brother Herst of Pulaski, Virginia, chosen as pastor with Elders H. B. Miller and R. D. Martin for the next year.

November 12, 1904 - Horse Creek granted ministerial aid in the next ensuing year.

January 14, 1905 - Big Helton, N. C. granted her request for a part of our ministerial aid to preach for them next year.

April 8, 1905 - Moved and seconded Elder Miller prepare a letter to court for the sheriff to keep order at the June Meeting. H. B. Miller, Moderator.

June 10, 1905 - Met a large concord of people. Elders Herst of Pulaski and J. T. Stinson preached for the people. Sunday Morning - met a large congregation. Elders Herst and Stinson preached.

November 11, 1905 - Elder H. B. Miller to write out a petition for subscriptions to get a monument for Elder Charles Hopkins and wife. J. A. McClure to carry this petition around.

December 9, 1905 - Pond Mountain church granted our ministerial aid for next year.

March 10, 1906 - Graveyard to be fenced. Brethern's F. M. Tilson, W. G. Blankenbeckler, C. C. Taylor, and J. G. Perry to look after the fencing.

August 10, 1907 - Brother F. M. Tilson to buy a new book and the members to pay for it.

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January 9, 1909 - The money for the tree in the graveyard which was sold to be used for cleaning off the same and Brother F. M. Tilson to oversee it.

February 13, 1909 - Elder H. B. Miller and J. S. McClure to go and talk to Brethern James Barlow and Wm. Blankenbeckler for non-attendance.

May 7, 1910 - Brother A. J. Bishop to buy wire to fence churchyard and to oversee putting it up.

December 10, 1910 - Brother A. J. Bishop excluded from fellowship for not agreeing with the church.

February 11, 1911 - Brother F. M. Tilson appointed as trustee of the church. He was given the privilege to take a text and preach when or where the Lord may direct his mind.

June 10, 1911 - Sister ----- excluded from fellowship for false accusations against the church.

December 8, 1912 - Elder H. B. Miller to write a letter to Brother J. W. Taylor about joining the Odd Fellows.

April 10, 1913 - Brother J. W. Taylor excluded from fellowship for joining the Odd Fellows.

October 11, 1913 - Charles N. Tilson received as a candidate for baptism.

September 12, 1914 - Preaching by Elders H. B. Miller and R. D. Martin. Received Alice W. Miller by letter. H. B. Miller, Moderator.

May 15, 1916 - Mary (Polly) Cook joined the church by experience.

March 8, 1924 - Brethern J. A. Bartley and R. L. Hill to look after buying roofing to cover the church house.

May 10, 1924 - Messengers to invite sister churches to our communion: Elders H. T. Barker and H. B. Miller, Tumbling Creek; Elder H. B. Miller and S. McClure to Hopkins View.

May 11, 1924 - Sunday Morning - Sister Ada Walton baptized by Elders H. B. Miller and H. T. Barker.

July 10, 1924 - Preaching by Elders H.B. Miller and H. T. Barker. H. B. Miller, Moderator.

August 9, 1924 - Messengers elected to Association: Elders H. B. Miller, H. T. Barker, and C. N. Tilson.

November 8, 1924 - Preaching by Elders C. N. Tilson and H. B. Miller. H. B. Miller, Moderator.

April 11, 1925 - Messengers to invite sister churches to communion: Elder H. B. Miller to Rush Creek. H. B. Miller, Moderator.

July 11, 1925 - Elders H. B. Miller, H. T. Barker, C. N. Tilson appointed messengers to Hopkins View Church, September 18-19, 1925. H. B. Miller, Moderator.

June 12, 1926 - Ordination of Hugh M. Blevins:

Elders J. A. Cave	J. B. Johnson	C. N. Tilson	G. W. Barker
H. B. Miller	S. T. Heath	H. T. Barker	

July 10, 1926 - H. B. Miller, Moderator

February 12, 1927 - H. B. Miller, Moderator.

July 9, 1927 - Messengers appointed to Association at Rush Creek: Elders H. B. Miller, H. T. Barker, C. N. Tilson, H. M. Blevins.

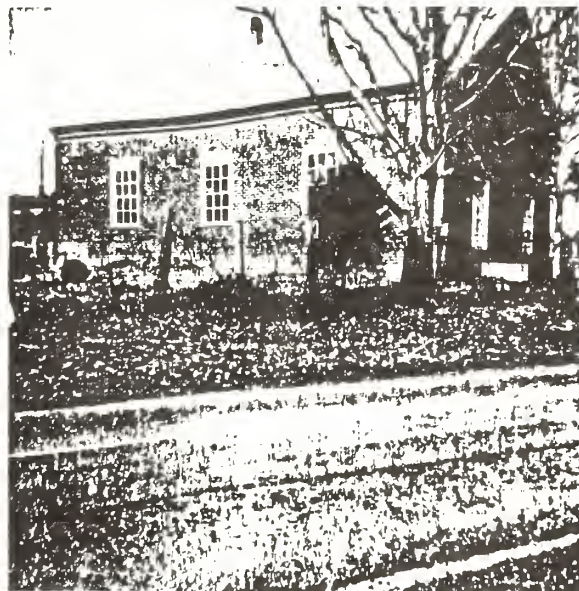
July 7, 1928 - Elder H. B. Miller elected messenger to Association at St. Clairs Bottom on third Sunday in September.

October 13, 1928 - Preaching by Elder H. B. Miller. H. B. Miller, Moderator.

July 13, 1929 - Elders H. B. Miller, H. T. Barker, C. N. Tilson, H. M. Blevins appointed messengers to represent us at the Association to be held at Tumbling Creek.

July 12, 1930 - Elder H. B. Miller and six others appointed messengers to the Association.

(This is the last entry in the church minutes noted for Elder H. B. Miller. He was then 87 years of age.)



St. Clairs Bottom Church
(before the fence was removed from
around the cemetery)

IV. MILITARY

CIVIL WAR RECORD OF HARRISON BAKER MILLER

Service File No. 1897, Confederate Service

Harrison Baker Miller, Company A, 26th Regiment, North Carolina Infantry; enlisted May 17, 1861, from Ashe County, North Carolina; prisoner July 3, 1863, at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania. (Confederate States Army: Moore's Roster of North Carolina Troops, Volume 2, page 365).

He was a musician (drummer) in Company A, 26th Regiment, Infantry State Troops. He enlisted May 17, 1861, at Jefferson, N. C. through A. B. Cox for 12 months. He was mustered into service on August 31, 1861; paid by Major Cannon August 31 and November-December, 1861; September-October 1861 through A. N. McMillan for one year; paid for one year by A. N. McMillan; paid by Major J.B. F. Boone to October 31, 1861; at Jefferson March and April 1862 for three years' enlistment through A. N. McMillan.

He was captured at Gettysburg on July 3, 1863; he was still a prisoner of war in May and June 1864.

His name was on the rolls of prisoners at Fort McHenry, Maryland in July, 1863. He was received at Fort Delaware in Delaware on July 7, 1863. He was sent to Point Lockout, Maryland on October 18, 1863; he was on a muster roll of a detachment of paroled and exchanged prisoners (released) on February 24, 1865, at Camp Lee, Virginia.



(Confederate)

M | 26 | N.C.

A. D. Miller
Dist. C. A. 26 Reg't

Appears on a

Roll of Prisoners of War

of the hospitals in and about Gettysburg, Pa.;
captured July 1, 2 and 3, 1863.

Roll not dated.

When captured: Gettysburg, Pa., 1863

When captured: Transferred to
Mass.

*Letter of transmittal accompanying the roll is dated
Gettysburg, Pa., Dec-2, 1863.

Original roll:
113 sheets. J. J. G. [Signature]
(cont) Copyd.

(Confederate)

M | 26 | N. C.

William Miller
Capt. Cal A. 26 Regiment,
North Carolina Troops

Appears on a

Roll of Honor

of the organizations named above.

County: Ashe

Date of entrance into service: May 7, 1861

Age: 19. Vol. or Conscript

Died or discharged, and when

Remarks: Captured July 3,
1863 at Gettysburg.

*Compiled in the Office of the Adjutant General of the State
of North Carolina in accordance with resolutions raised by
the General Assembly of that State on December 20, 1862.
This card was made from the original record borrowed from
the Adjutant General of North Carolina. - M. S. 1043147.

(170) J. W. Williamson
Copyd.

(CONFEDERATE)

27 | 26 | N.C.

H. P. [Signature]
[Signature]

Appears on

Mustor Roll

of a detachment of paroled and exchanged pris-
oners at Camp Lee, near Richmond, Va.,
for [Signature], 1861

Enlisted:

When: [Signature], 1861

Where: [Signature]

By whom: [Signature]

Period: [Signature]

Last paid:

By whom: [Signature]

To what time: [Signature], 1861

Present or absent: [Signature]

Remarks:

Book mark:

(163) [Signature]
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1829
 Muller Jasper M

Co. A, 37 North Carolina Inf.

(Confederate.)
 Private Private

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Number of medical cards herein 0
 Number of personal papers herein 0
 Box Mark
 See also

Confederate.
 37 N. C.

Jasper Miller
 Co. A, 37 Reg't North Carolina
 Infantry (State Troops)

Appears on
 Company Muster Roll
 of the organization named above,

for Nov 1862

Enlisted:
 When May 1, 1862

Where Jefferson N.C.

By whom Adjutant

Period For year

Last paid 10 M. A. 1. 18

By whom J. M. A. 1. 18

Total time 6. 5. 31, 1862

Present or absent Present

Remarks

Best mark

J. B. ...
 Copy

Confederate.
 M. 37 126

Jasper Miller
 Co. A, 37 Reg't N.C.

Appears on
 Register

of prisoners received and disposed of by the Pro-
 vost Marshal General, Army of the Potomac.

Date

By whom sent to 1600 Mar 6 1862

Charge Quarter for the

By whom sent to 1600 Mar 6 1862

Arms received

By whom sent to 1600 Mar 6 1862

Hon. Pro. Mar. Gen., Army of the Potomac,

Reg. No. 78, part 200, page 100

J. B. ...
 Copy



STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA
DEPARTMENT OF THE STATE AUDITOR
RALEIGH

Jan. 15, 1964

HENRY L. BRIDGES
STATE AUDITOR

Dear . . .

Moore's Roster of North Carolina Troops, Confederate States Army, Volume 2, page 365, shows:

HARRISON MILLER, COMPANY A ...26th REGIMENT,
NORTH CAROLINA INFANTRY; enlisted May 17, 1861
from ASHE COUNTY; prisoner July 3, 1863 at Gettys-
burg (Pa.)

.....

Records from Moore's Roster of N. C. Troops, C.S.A.
are accepted for membership in the United Daughters of the
Confederacy.

Very sincerely yours,

Henry L. Bridges, State Auditor
Minnie Ransom Norris
Mrs. M. R. Norris, Pension Clerk
Confederate Pension Bureau

GETTYSBURG

On approaching the town of Gettysburg, one is impressed by the calm and quietness of the large fields surrounded by woods along the highway. Suddenly, as his thoughts turn to the struggle which took place there, he can visualize the soldiers in blue and grey running and sweating in the hot July sun and can even "hear" the rifle shots and the cries of the wounded men.

The trees, fences, some of the buildings around the town have changed, and in some places they say that the land has been altered. But the streets and the huge boulders (rocks) on the battlefield are still the same as in 1863. The rocks which may have been there for thousands of years assure us that we are at the place where it all happened 113 years ago.

The Battle of Gettysburg (July 1-3, 1863) can be summed up very briefly by the happenings of the last day. On July 3, General Longstreet had tried and failed to capture "Little Round Top" (location of the big rocks) which would have given the Confederate troops a favorable position for viewing and firing into the full length of the Union line. General Lee then ordered him to attack the center of the Union line. Every one knows what happened next. It was a very brave charge as the three lines of 15,000 soldiers in grey uniforms led by Generals Pickett, Pettigrew, and Trimble marched across the field of open space from Seminary Ridge up the hill to Cemetery Ridge. The Union troops mowed them down with artillery and rifle fire. The few soldiers who were still on their feet to climb and reach the top of the hill were either killed or captured. Thus, the battle ended. It was undoubtedly one of the most devastating and bloodiest of Civil War battles. General Lee was greatly beloved by his soldiers and not one of them at that time or since has ever blamed him for his terrible mistake.

One cannot but wonder if Grandfather, as a drummer, being among those who reached the top of the hill, was captured at that spot. He stated on his pension application that he was under General Lee's command and in Pettigrew's Brigade. He was, of course, in the line led by General Pettigrew on July 3rd. Pettigrew, for whom Grandfather named one of his sons (Jason Pettigrew), had charge of the 11th, 26th, 47th, and 52nd North Carolina Brigades.

One of the most prominent monuments on the Gettysburg battlefield is that of General Robert E. Lee astride his horse at the exact spot from which he viewed the assault on Cemetery Ridge. The woods along Seminary Ridge behind Lee's statue and that of the nearby North Carolina State monument are called McMillan's Woods, probably for A. N. McMillan of Ashe County.

It cannot be determined from his record in what other battles of the Civil War Grandfather participated as they are not listed. His record lists him as being on the honor roll of his regiment for good conduct. He was on active duty from the day he was mustered into service (August 31, 1861) until his capture at Gettysburg (July 3, 1863). It seems that he talked very little to his family and relatives about his experiences in the war. Two instances of which he did speak are of being starved. Once he and his unit had marched for many hours when they came to a field of ripe tomatoes. Grandfather ate so many that he became very ill and for the rest of his life, he could not eat raw or cooked tomatoes, nor any other food in which tomatoes had been mixed. Another time when his unit had been on the march all day, they saw a sow with a litter of pigs. One of the fellows suggested their having roast pig for supper. Grandfather told them, "No, I will not steal a pig, but go on, boys, and I will stay here to have the water boiling."

Grandfather's younger brother, Jasper Marion, enlisted in the war on May 1, 1862, at Jefferson and was with Company A, 37th Regiment, N. C. Infantry state troops. No battle activities are listed on his record but it shows that he was in the hospital for a length of time with a badly infected hand. He was also absent from his regiment from May 19 to September 1, 1865, which time coincides with the period after his father was killed by bushwhackers. He was on a 1865 register of prisoners received and disposed of (released) by the Provost Marshal General, Army of the Potomac. In 1870, he is shown in the U.S. Census of Ashe County, with his wife, Caroline, living with his mother and two sisters, Josephine and Alvah, at the old homestead near Jefferson.

After moving to Virginia, Grandfather returned to Gettysburg in 1913 for a reunion of the North Carolina Civil War veterans. In 1912, he attended a reunion of veterans at Macon, Georgia. Another souvenir reunion badge has no name or place printed on it. In the attached photo, the silverware was that which he used in the war or at the reunion at Gettysburg as the letters, "G.Pa." (Gettysburg, Pa.)? are scratched by hand on each piece. Grandfather gave these badges to a grandson with the same birthdate as his (March 2).

Gettysburg is no longer the small, quiet, sleepy village of Civil War days. In the 1950's, General Eisenhower bought a farm and lived near there until his death. Charlie Weaver, a well-known TV personality, organized and built his Civil War Museum in the center of the town. Both are responsible for the national recognition which Gettysburg has received on television and in the newspapers. The town is now a thriving "city" with dozens of motels, hotels, restaurants, museums, halls, and theaters. There is also a very new National Tower, 300 feet high, with elevator, from which one may get a bird's eye view of the battlefield. The Jenny Wade House is still the same as in July 1863. It should be seen by any of the relatives who plan to visit Gettysburg in the future. Jenny Wade was a young girl in the kitchen baking bread when she was killed instantly by a bullet which entered through a wooden door. There are more than 200 bullet holes which can be counted in the walls of the house.

The National Cemetery is the most beautiful and peaceful spot in the town. The small white grave markers are arranged in half circles around the spot where President Abraham Lincoln stood to deliver his famous Gettysburg Address on November 19, 1863, at the dedication of the cemetery. Edward Everett, the main speaker, spoke for two hours, not a word of which is remembered. Lincoln spoke only two minutes, an address which can never be forgotten.

"... that we here highly resolve that these dead shall have not have died in vain; that this nation, under God, shall have a new birth of freedom, and that this government of the people, by the people, and for the people shall not perish from the earth."

GETTYSBURG will observe the Bicentennial Fourth of July by re-enacting the climactic Civil War battle that occurred there on July 1-3, 1963. The new Battle of Gettysburg, which will draw units from all over the country, will be just part of a four-day program the town in planning for July 2-5.

V. NOTES FOR THE FAMILY

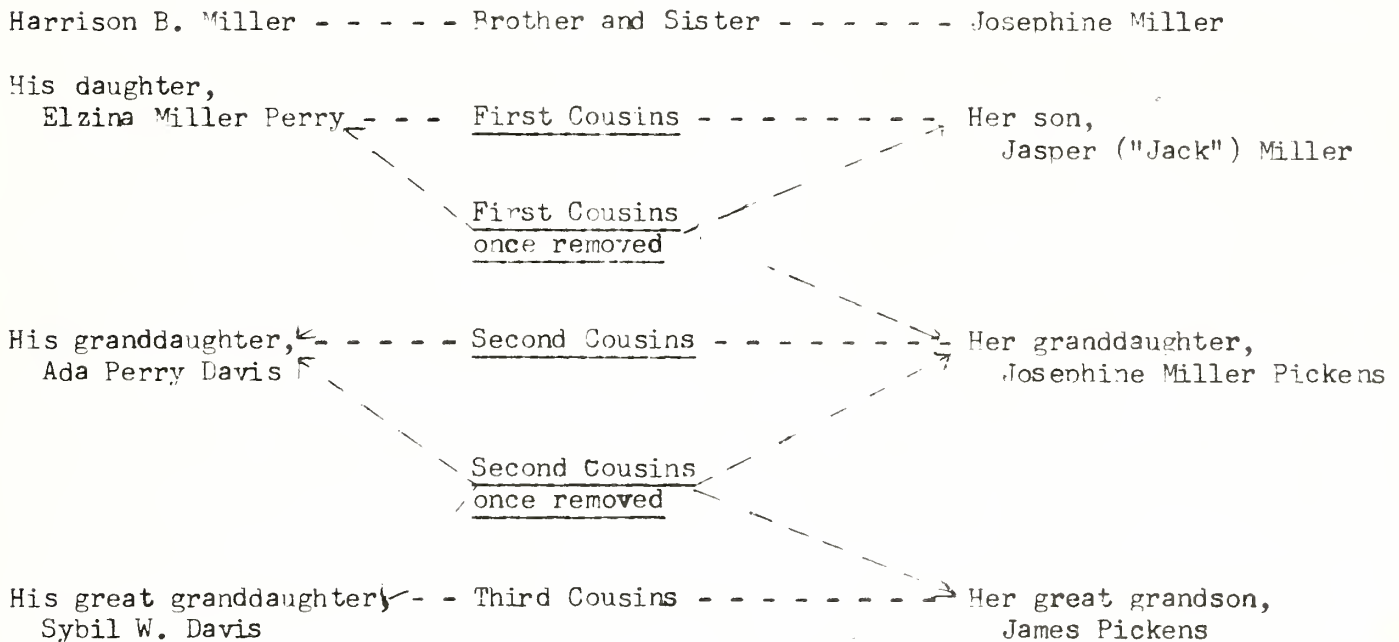
COUSINS, COUSINS, AND MORE COUSINS

It is assumed that we all know, more or less, how we are related in our family to one another. If any confusion exists similar to that of the person in the clipping, the illustration following by Josephine Pickens should be helpful.

Can you help me on a confusing problem? I came across a distant relative but cannot figure out if she is a relative or not. This woman's grandfather was my grandfather's brother on my father's side. I lost myself at this point and became totally confused. Is she a relative or just a friend? — C. Kretu, Fort Myers.

The lady is your second cousin.

† Fort Myers (Fla.) News-Press, Wed., March 7, 1973



Each generation advances First, Second, Third, etc.

Each half generation advances a "once removed."

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FURTHER RESEARCH

The continuation of Aunt Adeline Vannoy's history of our family has necessitated further research and study, as time and opportunity allow, in the areas of:

- 1) U. S. Censuses of Ashe and Wilkes Counties, North Carolina, and Russell County, Virginia, 1790-1880 (1890 Census destroyed by fire);
- 2) The families of Hubbard, Bear (Bare, Barr, Bahr), Sizemore, and Utretch/Ussary;
- 3) Braddock's Army (British General Edward Braddock's planned attack on Fort Duquesne was a disaster, he was killed, and his army was annihilated except for a handful of survivors who made their way to Kentucky. Their names might possibly be found);
- 4) Examination of the Minute Books of the Horse Creek Primitive Baptist Church, Ashe County, North Carolina;
- 5) Other areas of research suggested by the family?

When and if authenticated information or interesting family legends/traditions are found through the above research, they will be transmitted by a family letter to those who have purchased a copy of the history.

Should errors be noted in dates and facts as presented in the history, your kindness in bringing them to the attention of any one of the compilers listed on the title page will be greatly appreciated. These errors will be corrected in an issue of the family news letter. Any help from family members with the research indicated above will be received with gratitude.

Perhaps, in the Year of our Lord 2000, one of the family descendants will become interested or inspired to carry this family line further at which time it could be computerized for accuracy and completeness. With that end in view, the grandchildren and great-grandchildren are requested to fill in pertinent information about themselves and their children on the pages provided for that purpose in the immediate family section. If more pages are necessary, please continue your family data on additional pages and insert them in the proper sequence with your grandparents.

It is also suggested that you save the national and local newspapers on the day your child is born so that when he is of age (16 years up), he may read with interest and appreciation the happenings in the news and the progress of the world which was new at the time of his birth.

*And, lo, I am with you always, even unto the end of the world. Amen.
St. Matthew 28:20*

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