

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Miller, Lewis Clinton Senator _____

Represented Bureau Vista County, Iowa

1. Birthday and place 27 Nov 1828 Livingston County, New York

2. Marriage (s) date place

Agnes Lawson 15 May 1853 Rockford, Illinois

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business He bought an interest in the Bank of Newell

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; Stockman; Banker

4. Church membership Methodist Episcopal

5. Sessions served 26th, 27th General Assembly 1896, 1898

6. Public Offices

A. Local President of the Miller and Cheney Bank of April Iowa

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 1 Dec 1917 Rockford, Illinois; Burial Newell Cemetery, Newell, Iowa

8. Children Caroline (Mrs. Charles Allenwood - preceded her father in death); Mrs. James T. Norton; Mrs. L. J. Eaton; Mrs. George H. Cheney; Mrs. Porter Bellwin; Mrs. Frank V. Redfield

9. Names of parents Allen and Harriet (Triggs) Miller

10. Education Attended the district schools in Livingston
County, New York

11. Degrees _____

12. Other applicable information Republican

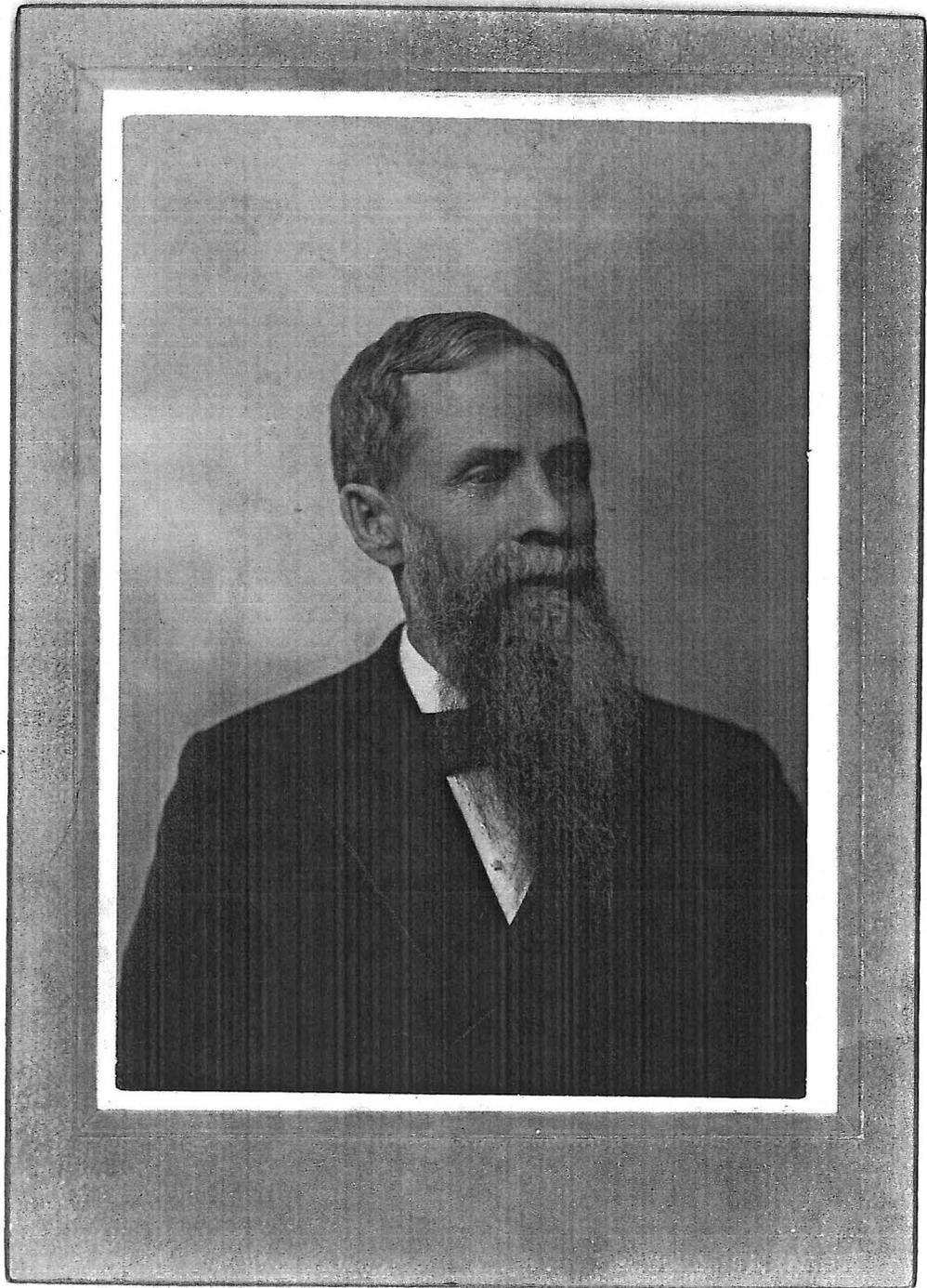
- In spring 1848, at age 20, he moved with his parents to Rockford,
Illinois where they found out raised livestock.
- In 1879 he purchased land east of Newell, Iowa and in 1871 he
drove cattle and sheep from Rockford to the farm near Newell.
- He had land interests in Tennessee and Colorado.
- Wife, Agnes, born 3 June 1831, died in 1900, also buried Newell
County, Newell, Iowa
- He moved into Newell, Iowa in 1892. There he became cashier
of the Hoop Cherry Bank

Miller, Dewitt Clinton

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D. C. MILLER, OF NEWELL, DIED IN NINETIETH YEAR

HAS BEEN PROMINENT IN AFFAIRS OF COUNTY FOR YEARS—FIVE CHILDREN

DeWitt C. Miller, head of the Mill-
er and Chaney bank at Newell died
at Rockford, Ill., at the home of his
daughter, Saturday. He was on his
way home to Newell from Tennessee
when he was taken sick.

De Witt Clinton Miller was born
in Livingston county, New York, on
November 27, 1828. He was the
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Chaney, Mrs. Porter Baldwin, of
Coetacock, Can.; Mrs. Frank G. Red-
field.

There are thirty-five grandchildren
and a great-grandchild.
Many people in the county will re-
member the Miller golden wedding

Close to \$125 was realized for the
fire company from the two perform-
ances. Every bit of this money will
be spent for equipment, and plans
for the purchases will be made at an
early meeting of the fire department.

Mrs. E. G. Scofield and Mrs. L.
M. Slagle were visitors with friends
in Sioux City on Friday.

The women of Storm Lake who
wish college girls to assist them in
work will please notify Miss Mildred
Heath, Phone 566 or phone 66, Col-
lege office.

E. L. Bosley of this city received
word on Tuesday that his son Clar-
ence, of Company G, 121st Infantry,
Camp Merit, New Jersey was quite
ill in the hospital with pneumonia,
but was getting along as well as
could be expected. Private Bosley
had been ill with the measles but
had entirely recovered when he was
taken ill again.

VICTIM OF LOCKJAW Young Lee Township Farmer is Dead—Other News.

Walter Mikelson was an over Sun-
day guest with his family and other
relatives in Gilbert, Iowa.

Mrs. Gavin and family Sundayed
at the John Cullen home.

Miss Ruth Fairchild spent the
early part of the week with Mrs.
Hally Sutton while Mr. Sutton was
in Sioux City buying stock.

Wm. Clough was a County Seat
caller on Monday and Tuesday of
this week.

Mr. and Mrs. C. Menefee Sundayed
at the J. Mickelson home.

Mrs. Cullen visited the early part
of the week at the home of her son,
John Cullen, in North Lee.

Mrs. J. C. Johnson and family, of
Slouk Rapids, took Sunday dinner at
the John Graeber home.

Lester Menefee returned home
from North Dakota the latter part of
last week, where he has been for
some time looking after their farm.

Mr. and Mrs. Walter Phipps Sun-
dayed with friends in Lincoln.

Elmer Larew, who was taking
care of the Landsness home during
the absence of Mr. and Mrs. Lands-
ness, had the misfortune to step on
a nail which accident later caused
his death by lockjaw. Dr. Till was
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COLLEGE NOTES

Mattison, '10, editor of the Cal-
county Republican visited with
friends over Sunday.
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ublished in America, The Bost-
s-Letter presented to the col-
Merrill Drury, has been fram-
now hangs on the library

Margaret Stone of Sioux Rap-
school, was a guest of Miss
hapman Sunday.

Edna Schroeder, formerly of
s of '19 now teaching at Mil-
sited with Dorothy Eyers and
ollege friends Wednesday eve-
n her way home to spend
giving.

Lucile Slagle spent the
giving vacation with Miss
lyres at LeMars.

Jessie Coles, who spent
giving at her home in Webster
urned to Storm Lake Sunday
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l Drury spoke at Eldora Pres-
church Sunday.

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e placed on the library bul-
ard.

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partment has enlisted in the
corps in the navy and expects
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is been ceased. Interest is now
roused in winter oratorical and
g events.

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DEATH CLAIMS
HON. D. MILLER

Actively Engaged in Business
Until Call Comes.

RESIDENT OF NEWELL

Severed County in Legislature for Two
Terms—Was a Most Useful
Citizen.

People all over Buena Vista coun-
ty were grieved when it became known
early in the week that Hon. D. C. Mil-
ler, one of the county's most beloved
citizens whose home has been at New-
ell for almost forty years, had died
at the home of his daughter, Mrs.
Belle Norton, in Rockford, Ill. Fol-
lowing is an obituary which was kind-
ly furnished by a Newell friend:

DeWitt Clinton Miller was born in
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Reserve

Gifts for

Christmas

Elgin, Waltham and I
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full lines of "Patrician" Silve
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mas gifts.

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PAXTON

THE JEWEL

the benefit of the 1917 Red Cross...
 Leah Jones of Sioux Rapids rolled for commercial work. White and Ed Crouch went to see Thursday to witness the giving football game between LeMars and LeMars.
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Mapleton Men Fined

Mapleton men driving through Lake from Minnesota were re- of sixteen gallons of hard and seventy-two bottles of beer officials on Tuesday night. Yerington fined them \$100 and which they paid. They put up a talk to be excused from fine r a portion of the liquor but to oil.

trimmed hats at one-half price. at Miss Goodell's. 49t2

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ted Cross Memberships for 1918 are Due.

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id One Dollar of Your Christ- mas Money for Red Cross.

t your 1918 membership now!" 'make it a Red Cross Christ- will be the recruiting slogans e nation-wide Christmas Red membership campaign, which begin December 17, and continue hri- mas eve, with its goal "ten n (itional Red Cross mem-

has been decided by the war il that memberships in the Red expires all over the country on tmas eve, regardless of the time they were last paid. This date selected because it is the

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There are thirty-five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren. Many people in the county will remember the Miller golden wedding celebration and also the death of Mrs. Miller some years ago.

Mr. Miller was a good type of the old "forty-nine's." He maintained a live interest in the bank at Newell that bears his name up to the time of his death. Just a few years ago he bought a big tract of land in Tennessee which he was helping to get into shape for intensive settlement. His land interests in Colorado also occupied his attention and up to within a few days of his death he traveled long distances alone with faculties and powers unimpaired by age. Only the last year of his eighty-nine years did he show any signs of weakness. He finally succumbed to a third attack of pneumonia while visiting at Rockford on his way home for Thanksgiving.

His business life was one of honest and square dealing, a leader in the community life of Newell for almost forty years, most of the people in that part of Buena Vista will long remember his genial kindness and his substantial help and advice in their times of need. His home life was ideal and fraught with sterling influences for good.

He was a devout Christian and a happy one being senior deacon in the First Congregational church at Newell for many years to the time of his death.

In civic life he was representative in the Iowa legislature for this county in three sessions during 1896 and 1899.

The funeral services occurred on Tuesday afternoon in the presence of the sorrowing community. Six stalwart grandsons carried him to his last resting place. Two others are with the Canadians in France and some of the rest were prevented from attending by long distances to travel.

"Mark the perfect man and behold the upright, for the end of that man is peace."

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OF

Buena Vista County

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By C. H. WEGERSLEV and THOMAS WALPOLE

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Also Biographical Sketches of Some
Prominent Citizens of the County

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following children, namely: Bertie, Earl and Roy, all of whom are at home. They are also rearing an adopted child, Mae.

Since age conferred upon him the right of franchise Mr. Walker has given his political allegiance to the democracy, while his religious faith is indicated by his membership in the Methodist Episcopal church. A man of genial nature and cordial disposition, he has gained the friendship and esteem of those with whom he has been associated and is well known as a prosperous and enterprising agriculturist of his community.

HON. DE WITT C. MILLER.

A life of varied activity and large usefulness is that of the Hon. De Witt C. Miller, now president of the Miller & Chaney Bank of Newell. He has conducted extensive and important interests in Buena Vista county, not only in financial lines but also as a stock-raiser and has aided in shaping and molding public opinion concerning political questions. An earnest worker in the ranks of the republican party, he has been honored by its followers with election as representative to the general assembly. He was born in Livingston county, New York, November 27, 1828, and has therefore passed the eightieth milestone on life's journey. While he has now largely put aside the onerous cares of a business career, he yet manifests a keen interest in the affairs of life and in spirit seems yet in his prime. His parents were Allen and Hannah (Tripp) Miller, natives of Massachusetts and Poughkeepsie, New York, respectively. The progenitor of the Miller family in this country was William Miller, who was of Scotch birth and established his home in Norwich, Connecticut, becoming one of the founders of the town. The paternal grandfather, Jonathan Miller, was a native of Massachusetts and a minister of the Methodist Protestant church. He also followed the occupation of farming and when the country became involved in the second war with England he served as a soldier in the American army. He married a Miss Chase and both died when well advanced in years, rearing a large family. The maternal grandfather, Charles Tripp, was a native of Dutchess county, New York, and made farming his life work. He had a family of eleven children, Mrs. Hannah Miller being the youngest.

In the place of his nativity Allen Miller was largely reared and throughout his business life he carried on farming and stock-raising. He reared his family principally in Livingston county, New York, but in the spring of 1848 removed westward to Rockford, Illinois, where he continued to till the soil and raise stock. There his remaining days were passed, his death occurring when he had reached the advanced age of seventy-nine years and six months. He was a public-spirited man in his community and his fellow townsmen recognizing his worth and ability, called him to various official positions. His wife died in 1877, when more than eighty-nine years of age. Both were Methodists in religious faith and enjoyed in the fullest extent the confidence and esteem of those with whom they came in contact. Their family consisted of the

following children: Ezra L., deceased; Melvina, who has also passed away; Benjamin, who died at the age of fourteen years; Ruth, Jonathan and Sarah, who have all departed this life; George, a resident of Newell; Amelia, the wife of John McFarland, of Newell township; and De Witt C., of this review.

De Witt C. Miller was reared in Livingston county, New York, upon the old home farm and through the summer months was busily engaged with the work of the fields, while in the winter seasons he attended the district schools. On attaining his majority he began farming and stock-raising in connection with his father and remained with his parents until they departed this life. Following his father's death he continued the business alone and met with gratifying success in his labors as an agriculturist. He was twenty years of age at the time of the removal of the family to Rockford, Illinois, and there he made his home until 1879, when he purchased land in Buena Vista county, Iowa, and the following year removed his family to this state. Here he invested in nine hundred and sixty acres in Fairfield township, forty acres south of Storm Lake and four hundred and forty acres in Newell township. He improved nearly all of the land and in connection with his extensive farming operations he was largely engaged in stock-raising, devoting much of his attention to cattle. However, he brought eleven hundred head of sheep into the county at the time of his removal and for many years was regarded as one of the foremost representatives of agricultural and stock-raising interests in north-western Iowa. His landed possessions are still extensive and his farms are good income bearing property. In 1892 he removed to Newell, where he has since made his home. In 1888 he purchased an interest in the bank of L. H. Gordon, whose holdings he later bought and then admitted George Chaney to a partnership, while eventually another son-in-law, Frank Redfield, became connected with the firm, the former being now cashier and the latter assistant cashier. The business of the bank is capably conducted along safe, substantial lines and the institution is regarded as one of the strongest financial concerns of the county. Mr. Miller still retains the presidency although he leaves the active management of the bank to his partners.

On the 15th of May, 1853, Mr. Miller was married to Miss Agnes Lawson, a daughter of Thomas and Elizabeth (Thomas) Lawson, both of whom were natives of Scotland and on coming to America in 1834 settled in Buffalo, New York, where they lived for several years, removing thence to southern Ohio. In 1858 they took up their abode at New Milford, near Rockford, Illinois, where their remaining days were passed. Their family numbered six children, Agnes, John, Eliza, Agatha, Thomas and George. Of this number Mrs. Miller was born in Edinburg, Scotland, June 3, 1831, and was therefore but three years of age when brought to the United States, her useful career terminating when death's summons came October 10, 1908. She gave her hand in marriage to Mr. Miller in 1853 and they became the parents of six children: Caroline, who is the deceased wife of Charles Ellingwood, by whom she had eight children, Bernice, Annabel, Herbert, Marvin, Fannie, Grace, De Witt and Agnes; Belle, the wife of James T. Norton, by whom she has seven children, Fannie, De Witt, Ernest, Ruth, Edgar, Caroline and Marion; Jessie, the wife of H. J. Eaton, by whom she has six children, John, Robert, Marjorie, Charles,

Ruth and Helen; Nellie, the wife of George Chaney, by whom she has six children, Agnes, Osborn, Carrolton, Gerald, Jessie and Caroline; Susie, the wife of Porter Baldwin, by whom she has four children, Paul, Allen, Norton and Loyd; and Mary, the wife of Frank Redfield, by whom she has four children, Frances, Eldora, Miller and an infant son. The family is unusually large and it is remarkable that during the fifty-five years of Mr. Miller's wedded life, out of six children and thirty-five grandchildren, his daughter Caroline was the only one claimed by death, until his companion of many happy years recently succumbed to the inevitable.

Mr. Miller is a member and a trustee of the Congregational church, to which his wife also belonged. To the support of the church he has been a generous contributor and in its work has taken an active and helpful part. Politically he is an earnest republican. He cast his first presidential vote for President Pierce and in 1856 supported Fremont, the first republican presidential candidate. Since that time he has never failed to vote for the standard bearer of the party. He has held various township offices, was mayor of Newell for one term and for two terms represented his district in the state legislature, where he was connected with much important committee work and with various constructive measures. That he received the endorsement of his constituents was indicated in the fact of his reelection. He is a trustee of Buena Vista College and has always been interested in educational work. Whatever tends to promote public progress along the line of substantial improvement has received his endorsement and support and Buena Vista regards him as a citizen who has been a worthy conservator of her interests, his labors in various directions constituting factors in her growth and progress.

NELSON SUCKOW.

Nelson Suckow, who follows farming on the old homestead property in Lee township, Buena Vista county, is a worthy representative of one of the old and prominent pioneer families of this section of the state. He is a native of Decorah, Iowa, born July 7, 1854, a son of Lars J. and Sagried (Boe) Suckow, both of whom were natives of Norway. In 1844 they emigrated with their family to America, the trip across the Atlantic requiring ten weeks. Landing at Quebec, Canada, they journeyed by lake to Muskego, Wisconsin, where they spent two years. On the expiration of that period they continued their journey to Winnebago county, Illinois, where they remained six years. With a wagon and team of oxen they then journeyed to Decorah, Iowa, where the father engaged in farming for twelve years and, being a shoemaker by trade, he also did shoemaking in connection with his farming operations.

In 1864 Buena Vista county was being opened up for settlement and in May of that year Mr. Suckow, with a colony of people, made the journey from Decorah to this section. He had two yoke of oxen and in all there were twenty-four teams, and they also brought sheep, cattle and goats. This part

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with
SPECIAL TREATMENT OF THEIR CHIEF ENTERPRISES IN
EDUCATION, RELIGION, VALOR, INDUSTRY,
BUSINESS, ETC.

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perance, honesty and Christian living. Another said of him: "Mr. Chaney's life and career is an epitome of all that is finest and most hopeful in the Middle West. The best of its history has been and is still being made by such men."

Mr. Chaney was a trustee and deacon of the Congregational Church at Newell, and for many years was president of the school board and city treasurer. He was a staunch Republican. Outside of his business he lived for his family and friends and had many qualities that endeared him to them. He married, June 28, 1887, Miss Nellie T. Miller, who was born in Winnebago County, Illinois, daughter of Hon. DeWitt C. Miller, whose career is sketched elsewhere. Mrs. Chaney now resides at Cedar Rapids, making her home with her daughters, Miss Jessie M. and Agnes A., both teachers in the schools. Mrs. Chaney is president of the Miller-Chaney Bank at Newell. Her son Osborne M. is vice president and active head of the institution and another son, Gerald W., is cashier. The other living children besides those mentioned are Carlton L., now residing at Waterloo, and Carolyn L., wife of Griffith Brogan, of Des Moines.

On October 3, 1919, Osborne M. Chaney married Bula Kirkpatrick, daughter of Frank and Belle Kirkpatrick, of Rolfe, Iowa. They have three children: DeEtte, born October 31, 1920; Coyla Mae, born January 3, 1922; and George Kirk, born January 26, 1927.

O. M. Chaney is a member of Abu Bekr Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Sioux City and of the Consistory at San Antonio, Texas, and locally has been a member of the city council and of the American Legion, of which he is finance officer and is treasurer of the Congregational Church.

Gerald W. Chaney married, June 17, 1917, Gladys W. Wadsley, daughter of J. B. and Katharine (Abernathy) Wadsley, of Storm Lake, Iowa, and they have one son, Gerald Wadsley Chaney, born July 12, 1918. Gerald W. Chaney is a member of Abu Bekr Temple at Sioux City and also of the Sioux City Consistory and is a past master of Royal Lodge No. 428 at Newell. He has been for ten years secretary of the Independent Consolidated District School, one of the first consolidated districts in Iowa, and is commander of Newell Post No. 193, American Legion; president of the Newell Golf Club, and a member of the Congregational Church.

HON. DEWITT CLINTON MILLER, banker, financier, farmer, pioneer and state representative of Buena Vista County, was one of the most prominent and beloved citizens of Newell, Iowa, whose death on December 1, 1917, at the age of eighty-nine years, was a distinct loss to the community he had served so long and so well.

He was born in Livingston County, New York, November 28, 1828, son of Allen and Hannah (Tripp) Miller. His father was a native of Massachusetts and his mother of Poughkeepsie, New York. He was the youngest of ten children.

This family was remarkable for longevity. A sister and brother both lived to more than ninety years of age.

When Mr. Miller was only twenty years of age, in the spring of 1848, he moved to Rockford, Illinois, and in 1879 he bought a farm east of Newell, Iowa, and drove a thousand head of sheep and a good many cattle from Rockford to his new home, a distance of nearly 400 miles. His family came from Rockford to join him the following year.

For a good many years after that Mr. Miller was extensively engaged in farming and stock raising and was very successful. He had wonderful executive ability, and his keen judgment, rare knowledge of values and untiring industry made every venture successful. At one time he owned 960 acres of land in Fairfield Township, besides extensive real estate interests in Colorado. In addition to this he was actively engaged in improving a tract of nearly 2,000 acres which he had purchased near Lawrenceburg, Tennessee, where he personally superintended the work of clearing the land, building houses, barns, fences, silos, etc. He was on his way from this plantation to his home in Newell, stopping at Rockford to visit his daughter, when the final summons came to him.

In 1888 Mr. Miller purchased an interest with L. H. Gordon in what is now known as the Miller & Chaney Bank. Later he bought Mr. Gordon's interest. For many years Mr. Miller's sons-in-law, George W. Chaney and Frank G. Redfield, were the active managers of the bank, which since the death of Mr. Chaney has been under the management of his sons: Osborne M. and Gerald W. A separate review of the Chaney family will be found on preceding pages of this work.

Mr. Miller cast his first vote for Franklin Pierce but was a steadfast Republican from the beginning of that party. He represented Buena Vista County in the Iowa State Legislature with credit and distinction for three terms, from 1896 to 1899. He was a leader in the community life of Newell for forty years. Everyone relied upon his good judgment and his knowledge of men and affairs. He was a trustee of Buena Vista College at Storm Lake and was mayor of Newell for a number of years and an active leader in the Congregational Church, where he served as senior deacon.

He will be gratefully remembered by many people for his never failing kindness, his good advice in business matters and his substantial help in a financial way to many of the pioneer settlers in time of need. His sympathies and charities were practically boundless, but his benefactions were not made for show or effect but spontaneously from the heart.

In an editorial the editor of the *Mirror* pays this fine tribute to his personal friend, DeWitt C. Miller: "As a friend he was always loyal, sincere, genuine. He was a man of high ideals, of clear vision, and a forceful yet kindly person-

ality. His personality was strong and vivid, his influence for good far reaching. His home life was ideal. Husband, father, neighbor, friend, in every relation of life he was just and kind, true and loyal."

On May 15, 1853, he married Miss Agnes Lawson, who was born in Scotland, June 3, 1831, and was three years of age when her parents, Thomas and Elizabeth (Thomas) Lawson, came to America. To this union six daughters were born: Carrie, wife of Charles Ellinwood, deceased; Belle, wife of James T. Norton, deceased; Jessie, wife of H. J. Eaton, of Quincy, Illinois; Nellie M., widow of George W. Chaney, now living with her daughters at Cedar Rapids, Iowa; Susie, wife of Porter L. Baldwin, of Coaticook, Quebec, Canada; and Mary, wife of Frank G. Redfield, of Des Moines, Iowa. There are also thirty-five grandchildren and eleven great-grandchildren.

MR. CLOYD E. FERRIS, owner of the Ferris Hotel at Marquette, is a citizen of the type whose public spirit is always a paramount quality and whose aid and influence have been constantly given in support of worthy projects for the development of his home community, county and state.

Mr. Ferris was born at North McGregor, now Marquette, Iowa, August 1, 1889. His father, Edwin Chauncey Ferris, an old time resident of Marquette, Iowa, was born in New York State and had a common school education. He was left an orphan during the Civil war, two of his brothers falling in battle, his father wounded and died shortly afterward and the mother died of grief. About 1865 he came out to Iowa to live with an uncle, and soon entered the railway service and was a railroad man until he took up the restaurant business. He is a member of the Masonic fraternity and the Mystic Shrine, the Independent Order of Odd Fellows, is a Republican and has served on the city council and as mayor of Marquette. He married Lizzie Bell Fields, of Kansas, and of their eight children three are now living: Merle E., of Caledonia, Minnesota; Arthur Ray, of Marquette, Iowa; and Cloyd E.

Cloyd E. Ferris attended common schools at North McGregor, and left school in the third year in high school, in 1904, to begin work. He was a freight handler in the station of the Chicago & Milwaukee Railway Company, later became a brakeman in the passenger service, but in 1911 withdrew to join his father in the restaurant business. They were together until 1922, when he took over his father's interest and was then associated with M. B. Coutant for a year. Since 1923 he has been sole owner of the Ferris Hotel and Restaurant. Mr. Ferris owns considerable real estate in Iowa. In 1922 he and Mr. M. C. Carrol bought forty-two acres north of Marquette, which they have opened and developed as a park. It is a summer colony and part of the land has been set aside for an animal preserve.

Mr. Ferris has been a leader in a movement which has been given a great deal of publicity in Iowa in recent years, for the establishment of a national park in Northeastern Iowa. He organized the Clayton County Development Association, which became the unit of a larger organization known as the Northeastern Iowa National Park Association. He also assisted in organizing the Wisconsin National Park Association and has given a great deal of effort to the Prairie du Chien-Marquette Mississippi Bridge project and was a member of the committee which secured the franchise for that bridge, work on which is now under way, to be completed in the summer of 1931. He has been a member of the city council and was acting mayor one year and has been secretary of the school board. Mr. Ferris is a member of the Masonic fraternity, El Kahir Temple of the Mystic Shrine at Cedar Rapids, is a Republican and a Methodist.

He married, June 30, 1913, Miss Ina M. Coutant, of McGregor. They have three children: June Adelaide, born June 12, 1914; Lulu May, born May 9, 1916, and John Richard, born August 2, 1921.

E. LA CLARE WHITE. The distinction of being the oldest newspaper in Clay County is held by the *News-Herald*, of Spencer, of which E. L. C. White has been owner, editor and publisher since 1916. Although he had started his career as a retail store salesman in Denver, Mr. White came to Spencer with some years of newspaper experience behind him and proceeded to give to the people of this section the kind of a journal they wished. At least the support that has been given him in this venture would lead one to suspect that the residents of Clay County heartily approve of his methods and progressiveness in the publication of a clean, reliable and interesting newspaper.

Mr. White was born near Fairfax, Missouri, August 4, 1884, the youngest in a family of four children born to James R. and Ruth May (Caddwell) White. His father was born July 20, 1851, in Illinois, where he was reared and received a public school education, and as a young man engaged in farming, both in Illinois and Missouri, subsequently going to Denver, Colorado, and finally to California, where he established himself in the fruit-growing business, a line in which he achieved a considerable success. He is now living in comfortable retirement in his beautiful home at Riverside, California, where he is one of his community's well-known and highly respected citizens.

E. La Clare White attended the grade schools of Fairfax, Missouri, and later pursued a course at the West Denver (Colorado) High School. After spending one year on the Pacific Coast he returned to Denver and accepted a position in a men's furnishing store, later being employed as a salesman in the men's department for A. T. Lewis & Son.



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1880 United States Federal Census

Name: **D.C. Miller**
 Home in 1880: **Newell, Buena Vista, Iowa**
 Age: **51**
 Estimated Birth Year: **abt 1829**
 Birthplace: **New York**
 Relation to Head of Household: **Self (Head)**
 Spouse's Name: **Agnes Miller**
 Father's birthplace: **Rhode Island**
 Mother's birthplace: **Rhode Island**
 Neighbors: [View others on page](#)
 Occupation: **Farmer**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
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 Blind: [View image](#)
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 Idiotic or insane:

Household Members:	Name	Age
	D.C. Miller	51
	Agnes Miller	47
	Belle Miller	20
	Susie Miller	10
	Mary Miller	8

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1910 United States Federal Census

Name: **Dewitt C Miller**
[De Witt C Miller]

Age in 1910: **81**

Estimated Birth Year: **1829**

Birthplace: **New York**

Relation to Head of House: **Father-in-Law**

Father's Birth Place: **New York**

Mother's Birth Place: **United States of America**
[United States]

Home in 1910: **Newell, Buena Vista, Iowa**

Marital Status: **Widowed**

Race: **White**

Gender: **Male**

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Frank G Redfield	38
	Mary M Redfield	38
	Frances G Redfield	14
	Edana Redfield	12
	John Miller Redfield	10
	Harry M Redfield	1
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	Dewitt C Miller	81

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Original data: Thirteenth Census of the United States, 1910 (NARA microfilm publication T624, 1,178 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C. For details on the contents of the film numbers, visit the following NARA web page: [NARA](#)

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