

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of **Representative** Miller, Christian Senator _____

Served from Fayette County

1. Birthday and place 21 Dec 1847 Schuppen, Bern, Switzerland

2. Marriage (s) date place

Anna B. Freiburghaus 4 Mar 1870 Fayette County, Iowa

3. Significant events for example:

A. Business _____

B. Civic responsibilities _____

C. Profession Farmer; dairy farmer; made cheese and butter to sell

4. Church membership German Baptist, later Methodist

5. Sessions served 27th and 28th General Assembly 1898 and 1900

6. Public Offices

A. Local School director; road supervisor

B. State _____

C. National _____

7. Death 25 Aug 1927 at Rapid City, South Dakota; buried in ^{Charmont} ~~St. Mary's~~ Cemetery

8. Children Alfred E., Christian Co.; John F.; Mary M. (Mrs. Wm. Hahn); Clara H. (Mrs. Otto Kruger); Meta M. (Mrs. Edwin Kruger); Edward M.; William B. Anna M.; Lillian

9. Names of parents Benedict and Magdalena (Shank) Miller

10. Education

11. Degrees

12. Other applicable information

Republican

- Spring 1856 his family emigrated and settled in Fayette County.
- He took over his father's farm in 1872 until Mar 1906 when he moved to Clermont.
- Organized the Elgin Canning Company
- 1901 purchased brickyard at Clermont and the Clermont Mill
- President and chairman of the board of Northeastern Iowa Power Company until death.
- Promoted and organized the Farmers Savings Bank of Clermont
- Director of Fayette County Mutual Insurance Association
- Trustee of Upper Iowa University at Fayette
- Wife, Anna B., born 12 Oct 1852, died 1926, also buried in God's Acre Cemetery, Clermont, Iowa
- Owner of Christian Miller and Sons hardware business in Clermont.

Sources Log For Legislation Entries

Applicability

Source Non Applicable Applicable Information obtained

- Obituary - The Elgin Echo, Elgin, Iowa. Thurs.
Sept. 3, 1927, p. 1, col 2, p-5, col. 1
- Jayette County Iowa Records WPA, p. 128
- Portrait and Biographical Albums of Jayette County,
Iowa 1891, p. 683-684
- Past and Present of Jayette County, Iowa 1910, p. 576-
580
- History of Jayette County, Iowa 1878 p. 727
- House Journal 1931, p. 2036
- Heritage of Jayette County, Iowa 1996, p. 205
- findagrave.com (accessed 8 Jan 2012)
- ancestry.com (accessed 28 Aug 2011)
- Portrait - The original photo is located in the archives at the State of Iowa
Historical Library, 600 E. Locust, Des Moines, Iowa



IOWA BRIEFS

News and Views of Others
Around About Us

B. W. Newberry of Strawberry Point, has been appointed by Gov. Hammill as a member of the state conservation board, taking the place of Clifford Niles, who was promoted to the state highway commission.

Ray Harvey, formerly of Guttenberg, but more recently a resident of Montana, has purchased the remaining stock and fixtures in the Corner Pharmacy at Volga City and expects to have the business ready for opening by September first.

"A fool dub sat sixteen days, two hours and forty minutes on the top of the flag pole on the Morrison hotel in Chicago to break the sitting record. What an important contribution to science. He probably learned his trade on a dry goods box. Some folks have very little pride in the records they break, just so they break one." says the Indianola Record.

Al Lynch this year grew seven acres of beans for the factory. While Mr. Lynch hasn't got all the kinks out of his back from growing and harvesting his crop, he feels pretty well satisfied with the results. With only one more small picking, which he expects to make Friday, he has delivered 5,528 pounds of green beans at the factory. These beans all brought 3 and 4 cents per pound and netted him \$1,677.90.—Waverly Independent-Republican.

This morning Sheriff A. A. Robertson was in the city with a young boy of 15 years by the name of Wilbur Goodin of Arlington. He brought him before Judge Jay Cook with a request from his mother to send him to the industrial school at Eldora. The judge heard the evidence and made an order to that effect. The mother charged that the boy was incorrigible and was writing checks to obtain money as well as forging signatures to them. The boy said he needed money as he wanted to buy a car.—Oelwein Register.

Apparently the barn-burning bug is again at large over in northwest Allamakee county. Two barns burned last Saturday night. This brings the total in the past few years well above forty and in practically every instance has suspicion pointed strongly to the same individual.

had led people to believe or at least hope the mania for this destruction had been lulled but Saturday night's fires has dissolved any such hopes. If these wholesale burnings are the result of a fire-bug no stone should be returned in an effort to capture one who is carrying on such a wastardly and destructive program.—Waukon R. & S.

The U. S. Snagboat, C. W. Howell, landed here on its way up river on Friday afternoon and remained here until Saturday morning. The craft was bound for the headwaters of the Mississippi to engage in clearing the channel of floating debris and impediments.

PROMINENT FAYETTE COUNTY CITIZEN DEAD

Funeral Held Tuesday at Elgin

Christian Miller, of Clermont, died in a hospital at Rapid City, South Dakota, last Thursday evening, August 25, after an illness of just two days. He and his daughter, Mrs. Mary Haas, and granddaughter were touring around the Black Hills when he was stricken with paralysis. A number of the Miller relatives had been at Madison, So. Dakota, to attend the funeral of Mr. Miller's sister-in-law and from there the party had gone on to the Black Hills. Mr. Miller had been on the road about two days when he became ill.



HON. CHRISTIAN MILLER

The Hon. Christian Miller, late of Clermont, was born in Schupfen, Bern, Switzerland, December 21, 1847. In the spring of 1856 his family emigrated to this country and settled on the well known Miller homestead. From his earliest boyhood days he participated in the hardest pioneer work that was necessary to transform the timber land and hazelbrush fields into fertile farm land. Mr. Miller took over his father's farm in 1872, being an untiring worker and a man of unusual business acumen he quickly became an outstanding figure in this county even in his early manhood.

stead of his father until in the prime of his life he was farming on a scale unprecedented in this community. Furnishing employment for many men, he was instrumental in bringing many to this country from foreign shores, and it is greatly to Mr. Miller's credit that he used this opportunity to serve his country by instilling into these men sound American principles and also showing them the way to God and a real christian experience. For many years men who have come in contact with him and then came to a saving knowledge of Christ have been the mainstay and pillars of this church.

Homecoming



IMMENSE THROGS IN FOX FILM STORY RACE FOR LAND

25,000 people take part in land rush scenes of "3 Bad Men," an inspired screen story of one of the most romantic periods in the history of American empire building, dealing with the opening of the many millions of acres of Indian land to the white man, will be the feature event which will appear at the Elgin Opera House three nights, Sept. 1-2-3.

"3 Bad Men" will stagger by the immensity of its theme and the grandeur of its production. Over 15,000 people appear in some of the scenes, depicting the never-to-be-forgotten invasion of the Dakotas. The horses, oxen, dogs, cattle, prairie wagons and other vehicles, including bicycles, surreys, wheelbarrows, hand wagons and prairie schooners, run into the thousands. The huge sets reach proportions where mere figures become meaningless.

The cast includes the notable J. Farrell MacDonald, Tom Santschi and Fred C. Stone in the roles of the playdits of the world by their characterization of this strangely assorted trio. George O'Brien and Olive Borden play the pioneer lovers, supported by such well-known character actors as Alec Francis, Otis Harlan, Lou Tellegen and Jay Hunt.

M. E. Church Notes

Hours of service at St. Paul's Sunday School, 10 o'clock. Morning worship at 10 o'clock. Sunday school at 11 o'clock.

DR. ROADMAN

Dr. Earl A. Grace M. E. Church has been elected president of the Grace M. E. Church at Mitchell, Dakota. Dr. Roadman is president of the Iowa State University, and took at Halle-Witten Saxony, Germany degree Doctor of U. in 1921.

Dr. Roadman of the foremost is president of the Iowa State University, and took at Halle-Witten Saxony, Germany degree Doctor of U. in 1921.

Baptist Church

Sunday, September 1st, 10 o'clock service and Sunday school. Dinner in church. Junior meeting. Committee meet. English service. Thursday, September 3rd, 7 o'clock prayer meeting. We extend our love to the family circle. Our Northwester with the North Ave.

had led people to believe or at least hope the mania for this destruction had been lulled but Saturday night's fires has dissolved any such hopes. If these wholesale burnings are the result of a fire-bug no stone should be left unturned in an effort to capture the one who is carrying on such a dastardly and destructive program.—Waukon R. & S.

The U. S. Snagboat, C. W. Howell, landed here on its way up river on Friday afternoon and remained here until Saturday morning. The craft was bound for the headwaters of the Mississippi to engage in clearing the channel of floating debris and impediments to navigation. The craft will start snag removal operations north and work down to Rock Island. The C. W. Howell is of the Rock Island district United States engineer's fleet.—Guttenberg Press.

H. M. Schabler, alias Harry Sheldon was recently sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary. He sold the Woman's World and other magazines. His failing was that he neglected to turn in the cash he collected. He stated, when soliciting, that he was raising funds to take him through college. He now has an opportunity to try ten years of it.—Graettinger Times.

Two fires that were thought to be of incendiary origin occurred across the line in Winneeshiek county Saturday night about midnight. The first fire was at the Eldine Ellingson farm where a large barn with all the contents, hay, harnesses, also one horse and farm tools were burned. Near the barn were six grain stacks which were destroyed. The other fire was at the Henry Fisher farm where it destroyed the house, barn and milk house.—Waukon R. & S.

The Decorah Journal says that Ossie Orwall, former Luther College star, seems to be headed for the big leagues. For the past month he has been the hitting sensation of the American Association and is topping it with a mark of .395. Orwall's many friends will not be surprised to hear of Milwaukee selling him to some big league club any day now for a stupendous sum of money.

Allamakee county has a furniture factory that uses some of the fine woods that grow in that corner of the state. It is located at Waterville, 10 miles southwest of Waukon, where H. J. Dumben has installed special machinery for the business. The papers say that he sells considerable of his odd furniture to tourists.

Wm. Walther started Tuesday morning to re-decorate the interior of the local postoffice. Carpenters were busy some time ago remodeling the office with an arrangement which provides more room in this building. Now the place will be painted and new light fixtures will be installed, together with some more new postoffice boxes to provide for the increase in the business of the local office.—Clayton Co. Register.

Mr. and Mrs. Earl Willets and three children, of Union, Iowa, stopped with Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Shaffer over night Monday. They had been in Wisconsin and were on their way home.

stead of his father until in the prime of his life he was farming on a scale unprecedented in this community. Furnishing employment for many men, he was instrumental in bringing many to this country from foreign shores, and it is greatly to Mr. Miller's credit that he used this opportunity to serve his country by instilling into these men sound American principles and also showing them the way to God and a real christian experience. For many years, men who have come in contact with him and then came to a saving knowledge of Christ have been the mainstay and pillars of this church.

In these surrounding communities there are a great number who will always, with the warmest of gratitude, remember him for his benefactions. In his passing many have lost a most intimate friend, a cautious adviser and wonderful helper in time of need. Though Mr. Miller was the busiest man in these parts he was never too busy to help others in countless ways. He found the thrills of life in considering the welfare of others and in making their burdens lighter and their hearts glad.

This service to his fellow men he extended to the political arena in 1898, when he was elected to the state legislature from this district, serving two terms until 1902, gaining and holding the esteem of all that knew him.

Mr. Miller was the prime mover in many organizations and undertakings in these communities. His business connections were varied. They have not all netted him returns commensurate with the labor, but have always benefitted the community.

He was one of the men who organized the Elgin Canning Co., and served as one of its directors from the beginning and in the last number of years as its president. In 1901 Mr. Miller purchased the inoperative brick yards at Clermont and which proved to be only the beginning of great business developments. One of these business acts, the purchase of the old Clermont mill, brought unforeseen developments inasmuch as it led to the organizing of the now so well known Northeastern Iowa Power Co. Mr. Miller was president of this growing concern until 1924 and since then until his death was chairman of the board of directors, a concern that is serving over seventy towns and a great number of farms.

Due to other business interests controlled by C. Miller and sons, copartnership, the Clermont brick and sand company was organized of which he also was president and director.

He helped to promote and organize the Farmers' Savings Bank of Clermont, again carrying responsibilities in these difficult times of readjustment, as director and president thereof. The Fayette County Mutual Insurance Association also demanded his services as director.

Mr. Miller still found time to render services in institutions organized for the services of others only. He appreciated the need of education and so rendered willing service to Upper

(Turn to page five)

plaudits of the world by their characterization of this strangely assorted trio. George O'Brien and Olive Borden play the pioneer lovers, supported by such well-known character actors as Alce Francis, Otis Harlan, Lou Tellegen and Jay Hunt.

M. E. Church Notes

Hours of service at St. Paul's Sunday, September 4.

Morning worship at 10 o'clock.

Sunday school at 11 o'clock.

Ernest J. Starr, Pastor.

TEACHERS LEAVING SOON

There are a large number of Elgin young people who will be leaving the latter part of the week to start their school duties Monday. As far as we have been able to learn the list is as follows:

Georgia Mae Schori, Winona, Minn., athletic supervisor Y. W. C. A.

Edith Grether, Baxter, English and Music.

Edith Frieden, Waucoma, Math. and Speech.

Florence Berg, Iowa Falls, Household Science.

Frances Skarshoug, Oto, Music.

Fred Reusser, Storm Lake, Buena Vista College.

Mary Hanson, Postville, Junior High.

Walter Reusser, Laramie, Wyoming, University of Wyoming.

Verle Knief, Glidden, History.

Hazel Cave, Pittsburg, Kansas, Normal School.

Emmett Morris, Marquette, Superintendent.

Mrs. Emmett Morris, Marquette, Principal.

Myrlin Feller, Soldier, Man. Training, History, Principal.

Mrs. Myrlin Feller, Soldier, Primary.

Winifred Schmid, Miles City, Mont., Head of English Dept. Custer County High School.

Frieda Freiburghaus, Edgewood, Grades.

Geraldine Schori, 5 and 6, Elgin.

Alice Gilbertson, Eldorado, Grades.

Fred Hadsel, Ohio, Oberlin College.

Bertha Abbey, Cedar Rapids, Public Schools.

Lea Baldwin, Arnolds Park, Grades.

C. Merrill Green, South Pasadena High, So. Pasadena, Cal., Head Coach.

Winifred Schmid, Keystone, Junior High.

Marie Reusser, Anamosa, Grades.

Margie Wilson, Nevada, Grades.

Glen Schori, Des Moines, University School of Commerce.

Mrs. Harry Palmer, Dist. No. 1, Ill-
yria.

Bessie Blockhus, District No. 4,
Marion township.

Nina DeSart, Rural Kern Hill.

Dorothy Herman, Rural.

Louise Meyer, Rural.

Hazel Frieden, Elgin, 3 and 4
Grades.

This list includes several who are already located in the towns where they teach.

Read the ads. Save money.

Sunday,
man service
Sunday's
Dinner in
Junior m
Committe
English s
Thursday
prayer mee
We exten
to the famil
er, Chris M
Our North
with the No
in Milwauke
The church
delegates, J.
H. Keiser, B
minister.

On accour
stances, we
program last
18th. Please
You are c
present at ou

DUMME

Mabel Dun
Schatz were
at the Norwe
Clermont, at
G. Gunsten p
in the present
relatives and
groom came
together. T
Helen Dumme
ring in the b
followed by I
maid, and W.
best man,
impressive an

The bride w
with accessori
her hat and c
of butterfly
She is the only
Dummermuth
best liked girl
from high sch
Iowa Universi
ing in the rur
three years.

The groom
Mrs. George S
and is associa
the clothing b

They left in
ceremony on a
apolis and St.
visit relatives
home in West
home is ready f
first.

CLERMONT C

Reuben Gruv
stolen at Bay S
Sunday evening
to spend the w
Mrs. A. R. Lubk
sister, Kathryn,
Priest, who had
week. After he
report came fro
Gordo county th
cated near Thorn
Gruber drove to
and brought the

HON. CHRISTIAN MILLER
(Continued from page one)

Iowa University of Fayette, as trustee. This is a Methodist institution that has meant much to its territory. His own denomination he served on the board of directors of the German Baptist Life Insurance Association.

There came to Mr. Miller a clear and definite religious experience in 1870 through the instrumentality of Baptist doctrine he was baptized by Rev. Bauman and originally became a member of the Muscatine German Baptist church. He immediately became active in the cause of the Kingdom of God and assisting Mr. Bauman in the local work. He organized the first Sunday school and became its first superintendent serving in this capacity for over thirty years. His winning ways, resourcefulness and well known abilities contributed greatly to its success.

He served the church that he loved from its inception until his death in the responsible and not always pleasant office of deacon and trustee, in the first years also as treasurer. Besides conducting the Sunday school he also taught one of the classes for many years.

Mr. Miller in 1870, married Miss Anna B. Freiburghaus, a union well known for its congeniality and happiness. Four of their children preceded him in death in their very infancy, Alfred in 1920, Christian in 1922, and his dear wife only eight months ago, so we see he also was a man acquainted with grief and sorrow to which all mankind is subject. Of his children he is survived by his eldest son, John F., three daughters, Mrs. Mary M. Haas, Mrs. Otto Kruger, Mrs. Edwin Kruger, his daughter-in-law, Mrs. Christian Miller Jr., and their families, also 21 grandchildren and five great grandchildren. One sister, Mrs. Edward Callendar, also survives him.

Mr. Miller was called to the funeral of his sister-in-law at Madison, S. D., and from there extended his travel to the Black Hills. He was in the best of spirits and extremely happy in seeing God's handiwork in his creation when he suffered a stroke of apoplexy which brought his long and extremely useful life to a sudden and unexpected end. Since the passing of Mrs. Miller eight months ago his daughter, Mrs. Mary Haas, rendered invaluable service to her father, looking after his comforts and happened to be with him at the time of his passing away at Rapid City, S. D., at the age of seventy-nine years, eight months and four days.

The funeral services were held Tuesday, August 30. In Clermont the Rev. Gunsten of Clermont, spoke and in the church at Elgin Rev. Thos. Stoeri of St. Joseph, Michigan, and Rev. Ph. Lauer. Appropriate beautiful songs were rendered by the singers of the Baptist church. As far as we remember this was the largest funeral Elgin ever had. This shows that our brother was highly esteemed. We all wish to express our deepfelt sympathy to the bereaved family circle.

CHEERY VALLEY

Mr. and Mrs. G. Pulfer and Eliza

Elizabeth Christen and Mrs. Martin Hanson and children visited Monday afternoon with Mrs. Fred Schlupp.

Louis Schneider and daughters, Edna and Nioma, Mrs. Rose Baumgartner and Mrs. Sadie Telshaw were dinner guests Friday at the L. Christen home.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thoman and sons, Mr. and Mrs. Bert Thoman and daughter and Jake Christen spent Saturday at the Lawrence Thoman home, near Decorah.

The Adolph Baumgartner family attended a picnic at the state park Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Joe Thoman and children, Mrs. Fred Nydegger and Mrs. Fred Schlupp were dinner guests Friday at the Bert Thoman home.

The Adolph Baumgartner family entertained company Monday evening.

A large number of people attended a picnic Sunday near the Joe Frieden home.

E

—A mixed car of E-A-CO Flour, Pure Bran and Middlings will arrive in Elgin about September 1st. If interested in a supply, talk it over with us NOW. Weibel Mill Co.

H. W. Falb, within the past week, has purchased a slicing machine and a large York refrigerating plant both of which will be added to the equipment at his meat market. The slicing machine has been installed and in a short time workmen will be here to connect up the refrigerating plant.

Cora Berg and her friend, Miss Baalrud of New Auburn, Wisc., arrived here last week from Chicago and are spending a two weeks' vacation at the home of Mr. and Mrs. Olaf Berg. They plan to leave again Labor Day.

—Weibel's Whole Wheat and Graham Flour is ground on a French Flint Stone Burr. This cool grinding insures sweet dependable quality, especially because we select only the finest wheat. Weibel Mill Co.

S. Steele home. Mr. and Mrs. George Mc probably Mr. and Mrs. Melbe man of Minneapolis, are expected today for a visit at the George home.

John Reusser is at present at the home of his parents, has tended summer school at U. o he will again return there soon for the regular winter. Last year he taught at Grand Bl Mr. and Mrs. Albert Schor to Calamus last Thursday at Mrs. Hazel Van Horn and d there. Mrs. Van Horn will t Calamus in the consolidated s

Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Weng children of Elgin, Iowa, and Mrs. Fred Wenger and family metsburg, visited at the John home last Thursday.—West Journal.

Mrs. F. J. McKeever and c Betty and John, came from l polis Tuesday and visited unt day at the home of Mr. and Mr Kiple. Mrs. McKeever an Kiple are sisters.

Frank Sova of Peoria, Illi renewing his subscription for year says the Echo is a welco itor from his old home tow week. He sends greetings to friends in Elgin.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Har returned to Davenport last after spending a week in West and Elgin. They were not sur they left here but it is probab they will locate at Davenport.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cave ar dren of Bismark, No. Dakot Mrs. Irwin, of Omaha, Nebrs ited from Tuesday until Sunda Mr. and Mrs. J. D. Shaffer an other relatives and friends in section.

Walter Nydegger came from ley Thursday to spend a weel cation with his parents, Mr. an Fred Nydegger. Walter is doi testing work and has been locs Manley since finishing his wo Ames.

ARE YOU READY FOR SCHOOL?

Elgin and Country Schools Start MONDAY, SEPT. 5

And this store is especially well equipped this year to supply anything you need in school supplies from the first grade up to the more varied needs of the senior.

Our stock of school supplies are standard and priced moderately.

Remember this store handles the complete line of High School books

75-2-12-1 Gift of Mrs. H. A. Sims

THE
HISTORY
OF
FAYETTE COUNTY,
I O W A,

CONTAINING

A History of the County, its Cities, Towns, &c.,

A Biographical Directory of its Citizens, War Record of its Volunteers in the late Rebellion, General and Local Statistics, Portraits of Early Settlers and Prominent Men, History of the Northwest, History of Iowa, Map of Fayette County, Constitution of the United States, Miscellaneous Matters, &c.

ILLUSTRATED.

CHICAGO:
WESTERN HISTORICAL COMPANY,
SUCCESSORS TO H. F. KETT & CO.
1878.

LEHMAN, PETER, born in Switzerland June 8, 1840; came to this township in 1852; came to the village of Elgin in 1857. Married Mary Miller Jan. 8, 1867; she was born in Switzerland; they have three children—Esther, Mollie and Ida.

Leyder, E. O., Elgin.

LIEN, EVAN E., of the firm of Lien & Thoma, general merchants, Elgin; born in Norway June 20, 1836; came to Clayton, Iowa, in 1857; engaged in farming until he came to Elgin, in 1872; since then he has been in present business. He is a Stockholder and Director in the Citizens' Savings Bank, School Trustee, &c. He owns a farm of 223 acres in Marion Tp., Clayton Co., Iowa. Married Carrie Olson March 8, 1866; she was born in Norway; they have six children; two died in infancy; the living are Wole E., Mile, Albert and Emma Julia. Mr. and Mrs. Lien are members of the Lutheran Church.

Lien, S. H., Elgin.

LIGHT, ALBERT, farmer, Sec. 36; P. O. Elgin; owns 140 acres; born in Clayton Co., Iowa, Jan. 3, 1856. He married Louisa Hunsberger Sept. 17, 1877; she was born in Pleasant Valley Tp., Nov. 25, 1859. Mr. Light's father's name was Jacob; he came here about thirty years ago, and died July 6, 1876; his mother, Magdalena Light, died Dec. 11, 1876.

Logan, I., Elgin.

Lott, F. H., far., S. 23; P. O. Elgin.

Lott, T. B., far., S. 22; P. O. Elgin.

Lyon, L. B., Elgin.

Lyon, W. A., Elgin.

MCARTHUR, JOHN, S. 29; P. O. Brainard.

McGafferty, E., S. 34; P. O. Elgin.

McGuire, John, far., S. 33; P. O. Elgin.

McKeller, P., far., S. 29; P. O. Brainard.

McMILLAN, JOHN, dealer in lumber, sash, doors and blinds, and manufacturer of the Elgin White Lime; born in Monroeville Tp., Huron Co., O., Dec. 19, 1822; parents moved to Seneca Co., O., in 1824; they went to Wood Co. in 1835; lived there until Nov. 9, 1846, when they removed to Janesville, Wis.; resided there until May 22, 1851, when he came to Illyria Tp., Fayette Co., Iowa; was twenty-two days coming

from Janesville, traveling the entire distance with ox teams; he was engaged in farming in Illyria until he removed to Lutra, in Feb., 1874; while residing in Illyria, he was, for fourteen years, Postmaster, and eight years Township Assessor; he was first Town Clerk, elected when only ten votes were polled, in 1852; served three years as Town Clerk, Township Trustee two years; he was elected County Drainage Commissioner in 1853, but never qualified; since he came to Pleasant Valley Tp., he has been Assessor two years; Township Trustee one year, and member of the School Board three years. He married Elizabeth Carmichael Dec. 21, 1854; she was born in Greene Co., Penn., Feb. 26, 1833. They have had seven children, one daughter—Mary J., died Oct. 28, 1872, aged 6 years; the living are Nannie M., Anna Delia, Celestie May, Belle H., Elizabeth Jane and Henry M., twins.

McNalley, George, Elgin.

Mahoney, George, Elgin.

Mann, Lay, Elgin.

Mann, James, far., S. 5; P. O. Clermont.

Markelton, House, Elgin.

Marsh, J. P., Elgin.

Martin, Frank, Elgin.

Martin, H., Elgin.

Martie, Nic, Elgin.

Martin, John, Elgin.

Martin, William, far., S. 11; P. O. Elgin.

Matoon, L. B., physician, Elgin.

Mays, Thomas, Elgin.

MILLER, CHRISTIAN, farmer, Sec. 3; P. O. Clermont; owns 300 acres of land; was born in Switzerland Dec. 21, 1847; came to this township with his parents in 1856; always engaged in farming since he came here. Mr. Miller has been School Director and Road Supervisor several years. Married Anna Freburghouse March 4, 1870; she was born in Switzerland Oct. 12, 1852; they have had five children, one son died in infancy; the living are—John F., born Feb. 13, 1872; Mary M., born June 13, 1874; Christian, Jr., born Feb. 19, 1876; and Edward B., born July 17, 1877. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the Elgin German Baptist Church. Mr. Miller's father and mother, Benedict and Magda-

lena Miller, live with him; his father was born in Switzerland July 29, 1812, and his mother was born in the same country. June 23, 1814.

Miller, Daniel, Elgin.

Miller, J., far., Sec. 17; P. O. Brainard.

Miller, John F., farmer, Sec. 3; P. O. Clermont.

MILLER, RUDOLPH, farmer, Sec. 24; P. O. Elgin; owns 200 acres of land; was born in Switzerland, June 20, 1816; came to Ohio in 1850; came to Iowa in 1852. He married Anna Isely in May, 1856; she was born in Switzerland, in 1831; they have had ten children; lost two daughters; the living are Alexander, Lewis, Marianna, Rudolph, John, Lydia, Frederick and Lena.

MILLER, OSCAR P., Cashier of the Citizen's Savings Bank, Elgin; was born in Pomfret, Chautauqua Co., N. Y., May 15, 1850; when he was three years of age his parents removed to Ashtabula Co., Ohio; lived there five years, and in 1858, came to Pleasant Valley Township. He married Ellen M. Fowler Dec. 25, 1870; she was born in Waupun, Wis., July 1, 1851; they have three children—Clarence J., born Dec. 24, 1871; Mabel S., born Aug. 18, 1873; and Jessie M., born Aug. 17, 1876. Mr. Miller taught school eleven terms in this county, from 1867 to 1870; from 1870 to 1877 he carried on the drug business here; in October, 1875, he commenced banking in connection with E. R. Carpenter, P. Dowse, Jr. and J. A. Hoagland; they conducted a private banking institution until Sept. 20, 1876, when the savings bank was incorporated; he has been cashier of the bank since its organization. He is Postmaster and Notary Public; he was Town Clerk from 1875 to 1876; and member of the School Board in 1875 and 1876. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are members of the M. E. Church.

MINOR, GEORGE K., farmer, Sec. 30; P. O. Brainard; owns forty acres of land; was born in Mt. Morris, Greene Co., Penn., Dec. 16, 1847; when five years of age moved, with his parents, to Preble Co., Ohio; lived there until he was 21 years of age; in

January, 1869, he went to Kansas; resided there five years; came to Independence, Iowa, in 1873; came to Pleasant Valley in December, 1874. He married Lillian M. Davenport Nov. 27, 1873; she was born in Ridott, Stephenson Co., Ill., April 17, 1855. Mr. Minor is serving his second year as Constable.

Minor, John, far., S. 30; P. O. Brainard.

Moshler, John, Sec. 34; P. O. Elgin.

MOSER, FRED, firm of Shorie & Moser, dealers in live stock; P. O. Elgin; born in Switzerland Sept. 17, 1849; in 1855, came to Bremer Co., Iowa; in 1856, came to Buchanan Co.; in 1859, returned to Bremer Co.; in 1867, came to Pleasant Valley; he owns a house and lot in Elgin, and an interest in two other houses and lots. Married Elizabeth Baumgartner Oct. 22, 1872; she was born in Switzerland Feb., 1854; have three children—R. A., Louis and Sarah.

Moyer, Ole, Sec. 12; P. O. Elgin.

Myers, John, Elgin.

Myers, Johnston, Elgin.

NELSON, ANDREW, Elgin.

Nelson, H., far., Sec. 1; P. O. Elgin.

Neuenswauder, John, wagon maker.

Nichols, Emmet, Elgin.

Nichols, Judson, Elgin.

NICKLAUS, PETER, proprietor of saw-mill and stave factory, Lutra; P. O. Elgin; born in Switzerland April 26, 1831; came to Pittsburgh, Penn., in 1852; came to Clayton Co., Iowa, in 1856; removed to Clermont in April, 1858; came to Lutra in May, 1873, has been Township Trustee. Married Elizabeth Schnieder Nov. 2, 1854; she was born in Switzerland Sept. 17, 1833; they had eleven children, lost three sons and two daughters—Frank Henry, Ida May, Ada Augusta, Albert and George; the living are Mary Louisa, Julia, Charles W., Hulda Jane, Libbie and Edmund Montgomery.

OLESON, EVER, farmer, S. 12; P. O. Elgin.

Oleson, Ole, far., Sec. 1; P. O. Elgin.

OLSEN, S., general merchant; born in Norway June 22, 1842; came to Clayton Co., Iowa, in 1857; engaged in farming until he removed to Elgin

Portrait
Biographical
Album
OF
Fayette County, Iowa.

CONTAINING

FULL PAGE PORTRAITS

AND BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCHES
OF PROMINENT AND REPRESENTATIVE CITIZENS
OF THE COUNTY

TOGETHER WITH PORTRAITS AND BIOGRAPHIES OF ALL THE
PRESIDENTS OF THE UNITED STATES.
AND GOVERNORS OF THE STATE

CHICAGO:
LAKE CITY PUBLISHING CO.
1891.

calculated to benefit the community and manifests his favor toward such interests by substantial gifts. He votes with the Republican party. His wife is a member of the Methodist Episcopal Church of Sumner. They have made many friends during their eight years residence in Fayette County who will be glad to see them thus represented in this history.



CHRI**STIAN** MILLER, a farmer residing on section 3, Pleasant Valley Township, is extensively engaged in the dairy business and is one of the large land-owners of the county. He was born in County Berne, Switzerland, December 21, 1847. His father, Benedict Miller, was born in the same country on the 12th of June, 1813, and was one of four children, his two brothers and sister being younger than himself. Rudolph, the second of the family, came to America in 1851, and the following year took up his residence in Pleasant Valley Township; Christian continued farming in his native land; and Elizabeth is now the wife of Christian Duby of Switzerland. By occupation, Benedict Miller was a carpenter and in later life carried on a large business as a contractor and builder. He married Magdalena Shank, and the other members of her family are John a farmer of Switzerland; and Anna, who is married and still resides in that country.

In the spring of 1856, Mr. Miller with his family consisting of his wife and five children, crossed the Atlantic to America and on his arrival in this country at once came to Fayette County, Iowa, where he purchased a farm of seventy acres in Pleasant Valley Township near the home of his brother Rudolph, who had located here some four years previous. This farm he improved but it was some years before the income derived therefrom was sufficient to supply the wants of his family and in order to provide for their comfort he also engaged at work at his trade. In this way he not only obtained the necessities of life but as time passed was enabled to lay by some capital and at length became owner of two hundred and twenty-seven acres of good land, one-half of which was under

cultivation and improved with good buildings. In 1872 he sold his entire farm to his son Christian for the sum of \$4,000. In 1880, he was called upon to mourn the loss of his wife, who died on the 22d of May, in the sixty-sixth year of her age. Two years later, accompanied by our subject, he returned to Switzerland, where he spent the latter part of the summer and the autumn of 1882. While Mr. Miller was revisiting the scenes of his boyhood days and renewing old acquaintances, Christian made quite an extended tour over Europe, visiting many places of note and of historical interest. Then joining his father, together they returned to their home in their adopted land, since which time Mr. Miller has resided with his children. He is still enjoying good health and is very active for a man of his years.

Christian Miller is the fourth in a family of six children. John F., the eldest, is married and owns a fine farm of two hundred acres in Pleasant Valley Township. He is a well-to-do citizen and an earnest worker in the German Baptist Church of Elgin; Benedict, at the age of twenty-five years, went with his family to Green County, Wis., where he engaged in farming and became an extensive dairyman. He was also the prime mover in establishing in that neighborhood a cheese factory, one of the first in the county. Leaving Wisconsin, in 1882, he removed to Moody County, S. D., where he is now carrying on farming on a large scale and is the recognized leader in all progressive movements for the public welfare. His family consists of himself, wife and eight children; Anna Mary, the next younger, in 1866, became the wife of Peter Lehman, of Elgin and died in 1885, leaving a husband and three daughters to mourn her loss; Christian is the next younger; Magdalena is now the wife of Jacob Frautchy, a prominent citizen, prosperous farmer and successful dairyman of Green County, Wis. They have a family of five children. The above named were born in Switzerland. Esther Lena, who was born in America in 1857, is the wife of E. M. Callendar, a station agent on the Burlington, Cedar Rapids & Northern Railroad at Clarion, Wright County, Iowa. Unto them have been born three children.

The subject of this sketch, Christian Miller,

accompanied his parents to America when a lad of nine years and under the parental roof, in the usual manner of farmer lads, was reared to manhood. In March, 1870, he married Miss Anna B. Freiburghaus, a native of Switzerland, who came to America with her father in 1867. Her mother had died in the old country. They settled in Elgin, where her father engaged in the furniture and cabinet-making business, which he carried on successfully until his death in June, 1890. Six of his children still survive—Rosie, wife of Rudolph Miller, a carpenter of Milwaukee, Wis.; Elizabeth, wife of B. Jacobs, a farmer of Pleasant Valley Township; Anna B., now Mrs. Miller; Christian L., who is engaged in the furniture business in Elgin, and is also Postmaster at that place; Gottlieb, a resident farmer of Pleasant Valley Township; and Caroline, wife of John Bowman, a stock-dealer of Elgin. Unto Mr. and Mrs. Miller have been born nine children, seven of whom are yet living—John F., born February 13, 1872, is now at college in Rochester, N. Y.; Mary M., born June 13, 1874; Christian S., February 19, 1876; Eddie M., born July 17, 1877, died November 23, 1879; Willie B., born November 9, 1880; Alfred E., July 5, 1882; Anna M., born August 12, 1885, died October 2, 1888; Clara H., born November 11, 1887; and Marietta A., February 7, 1890. Those living are at home and those who have attained sufficient age are attending school.

Mr. Miller has spent his entire life in this county on his present farm to which he has added by purchase from time to time until he is now owner of seven hundred and fifty acres. Its many improvements comprise a commodious and comfortable residence, a large barn and other necessary out-buildings. Stock-raising and dairying have been followed extensively in connection with farming and for dairy purposes he keeps from forty to sixty cows. The butter and cheese which he has manufactured for the past eight years he ships to Eastern markets and in quality they are so superior that he can always obtain the highest price. He is not only an industrious and prosperous farmer but is a progressive and public-spirited citizen. In political sentiment he is a staunch Republican and an earnest worker for the success of the party. In

political circles throughout the northern part of the State he is influential and his opinions carry with them great weight. He and his wife together with their older children are members of the German Baptist Church. He is a devout Christian and an earnest worker in both church and Sunday-school. He and his family are held in the highest regard by many warm friends throughout the county and are numbered among the best citizens of Pleasant Valley Township.



HENRY CARROLL CHILDS, a boot and shoe merchant of Fayette, who since 1859 has been a resident of the town, is a native of Illinois. He was born in Morrison, Whiteside County, on the 1st of February, 1856, being a son of Henry C. and Charlotte E. (Cole) Childs. With his parents he came to Fayette when but three years of age, so the older citizens have witnessed his life from the days of his early childhood and among his staunchest friends are those who have known him throughout all these years. He was educated in the Upper Iowa University and learned the shoemaker's trade at which he served an apprenticeship of two years in Fayette. He then went to Minneapolis, Minn., where he was employed in that line. He also worked in Des Moines and in West Union, Iowa, and on returning to Fayette in April, 1883, he embarked in business as a boot and shoe dealer, which he has since followed.

On the 6th of October, 1878, Mr. Childs led to the marriage altar Miss H. Minnie Ordway, the wedding being celebrated in River Falls, Wis. The lady was born in Evansville, Rock County, Wis., December 22, 1856, and is a daughter of A. S. and Sophrona Ordway. Two children were born of their union—Myrtle Marie, who was born July 15, 1879; and Mamie Ella, who was born December 9, 1883. She was drowned by falling into a cistern March 19, 1886. Mr. Childs takes some interest in civic societies, holding membership in Fayette Lodge, No. 131, K. P., and in Camp No. 164, M. W. In politics he is a Republican and is

*General
1827
1830
1832*

PAST AND PRESENT
OF
FAYETTE COUNTY
IOWA

ILLUSTRATED

VOLUME 1

59494

1910
B. F. BOWEN & COMPANY
INDIANAPOLIS, INDIANA

lives in Miles City, Montana, and is traveling salesman for the Cudahy Packing Company; Dr. Ray A., who holds a degree of Bachelor of Science from the Upper Iowa University and a degree of Doctor of Medicine from the Iowa State University, is associated with his father in the practice of medicine at Fayette and is making an excellent start; Harry A. is married and is devoting his time to music, piano tuning, band and orchestra instructor, and is a cornetist of much more than average ability; John P., who lives at home, is making a specialty of drawing, sketching, painting and other art work in this line, and his work is of a high order.

Doctor McLean has dignified his every station in life with a charm that has constantly added to his personal worth and has discharged the duties of citizenship with the earnestness and loyalty characteristic of the true American. His popularity extends wherever he is known, and his probity of character is recognized by his fellow men, who are free in according to him proper confidence and esteem.

HON. CHRISTIAN MILLER.

Hon. Christian Miller, familiarly known as "Chris," is one of the most influential factors in the present business interests of Clermont. Unlike the man who has slipped noiselessly through the world, unheard of, unthought of, and living solely for his own selfish motives, this man has been seen; heard and felt in every branch of industry—every channel of human goodness and activity has felt the force of his courage and manly powers.

Christian Miller, who was but a lad of nine summers when he came to our shores, was born in Bern, Switzerland, December 21, 1847, a son of Benedict Miller, a native of the same county, born June 12, 1813, and was one of four children. Benedict was the youngest in his parents' family. Rudolph, the second of the children, came to America in 1851, and the following year he took up his residence in Pleasant Valley township, Fayette county, Iowa. Christian continued farming in his native land, and Elizabeth is now the wife of Christian Doby, of Switzerland. By occupation Benedict Miller was a carpenter and later in life carried on an extensive building and contracting business. He married Magdalena Shank.

In the spring of 1856, Mr. Miller, with his family, consisting of wife and five children, crossed the Atlantic to America and on his arrival in this country at once came to Fayette county, Iowa, where he purchased a farm of seventy acres in Pleasant Valley township, near the home of his brother Rudolph, who



Anna Le Hillix



Christian Miller

had located here some four years previously. This farm he improved, but it was some years before the income was sufficient to keep his family, hence he engaged in work at his trade. As time passed he not only provided well for his family, but was able to lay up some for investment, and at length possessed two hundred and twenty-seven acres of good land, one-half of which was under cultivation with good buildings. In 1872 he sold his entire farm to his son Christian for the sum of four thousand dollars. On May 22, 1880, in the sixty-sixth year of her age, his wife died. In 1882, accompanied by his son Christian, he returned to Switzerland, where he spent several months, and while he was visiting the scenes of his boyhood days, and renewing old acquaintances, Christian made quite an extensive tour over Europe, visiting places of interest and historic note. They then returned to their home in their adopted land, after which Mr. Miller resided with his children until his death, which occurred February 7, 1893, aged almost eighty-two years.

Christian Miller is the fourth in a family of six children. John F., the eldest, is married and owns a fine farm of two hundred acres in Pleasant Valley township. He is a well-to-do citizen and an earnest worker in the German Baptist church of Elgin. Benedict, at the age of twenty-five years, went with his family to Green county, Wisconsin, where he engaged in farming and became an extensive dairyman. He was also the prime mover in establishing in that neighborhood a cheese factory, one of the first in that county. Leaving Wisconsin in 1882, he removed to Moody county, South Dakota, where he is now carrying on farming on a large scale, and is a recognized leader in all the progressive movements for the public welfare. His family consists of his wife and eight children. Anna Mary, the next younger child, in 1866 married Peter Lehman, of Elgin, Iowa, and died in 1885, leaving three children and her husband. Christian is the next younger in his parents' family. Magdalena became the wife of Jacob Frautchy, a prominent, prosperous and enterprising citizen who died on February 7, 1904.

Christian Miller continued on the old homestead farm, purchased from his father, until March, 1906, when he removed to the village of Clermont, where he already had many business interests to demand his personal attention. Among his land ownings, in which his sons are joint owners, he has in Fayette county over two thousand acres of highly cultivated and improved land, besides seven hundred acres in Alamakee county, Iowa, all of which farm lands are rented and carried on by members of his own family and tenants. Within this large possession there are almost five hundred acres of excellent timber land, of great use and value at this date. A portable mill is on it. The firm of Christian Miller & Sons also owns the largest hardware store in Cler-

mont and one of the most modern and extensive brick-making plants in north-eastern Iowa. At this plant, which is in the village limits of Clermont, red and white brick of the common grades are made, as well as hollow brick, hollow blocks, for building purposes, and tiling in great quantities. During the year 1909 there were made over three million brick, which product finds a ready market at various Iowa towns and cities, even as far away as central Iowa, Cedar Rapids and Independence. The quality of these brick make a ready sale and the plant is being constantly enlarged to meet the demand. During the last season, the Millers also shipped five hundred cars of sand and gravel for cement work. These brick and tile works are supplied with an excellent grade of clay (white and red) from eighty acres owned by the Millers.

In 1901, Christian Miller purchased the old pioneer mill known as the Brick City Mills—the old Governor Larrabee flouring mills, the history of which during the Civil war period is mentioned elsewhere in this work. It was operated by his son, John F., for several years, and then was furnished with new machinery, consisting of the improved sifter system of flour making. It was then operated by the Millers until the autumn of 1909 for general grinding purposes, but is now being converted into an electric lighting and power plant. By it the towns of Clermont and Elgin, with possibly other nearby cities and towns, will be furnished with light and power, a franchise being held with Ossian and Calmar. The Turkey river, upon which this mill site is situated, at this point has a water power “head” of from twelve to fourteen feet, and with two immense horizontal turbine water wheels and a Corliss engine, ample power will be supplied to carry out the enterprise. When remodeled, this milling plant will be able to run during the daytime the heavy machinery to operate the brick and tile plant and propel the flouring mill, while at night-time the waters of the same stream will run the electric plant, this being one of the most thoroughly modern as well as unique arrangements known of in the entire country.

Mr. Miller also owns several business houses and dwellings in Clermont, which command good rentals. Whether one views his milling plant, his mercantile house, his many farms, with their immense modern barns and farm houses, his hundreds of head of stock, his great brick and tile works, or other business interests, he is impressed with the thought of good business sagacity and an endless amount of hard work to bring all these vast interests to their present state of perfection.

Some men are born rich in worldly goods, but in the case of Mr. Miller he has worked his way up from the bottom rung of the ladder. He put in the years from the time he was a boy of fourteen to past eighteen years of age

at breaking up the virgin soil of this county, with five and six yoke of oxen and a twenty-four-inch breaking plow, where cutting roots and grubs as large as a man's arm was no uncommon occurrence. He trapped and hunted and sold the furs and game, and with it bought his first live stock (a small calf); now he can count by the hundreds his fat cattle and swine. He not only worked with good hard muscle, but also used his brain-power, with which he was highly favored by nature. These combined elements have enabled him to succeed in his life's career.

Politically, Mr. Miller has ever voted the Republican ticket, having cast his first vote for Gen. Ulysses S. Grant in 1868. In 1898 and 1900 he was the representative from Fayette county in the twenty-seventh and twenty-eighth General Assemblies, where he did most excellent work for his constituents, so much so that not one line of newspaper criticism was ever penned against his conduct as a law-maker. After the termination of his duties at the state capital, he resumed his business routine at home, although he could have been elected state senator, but has respectfully declined further political honors at the hands of his friends and neighbors. His own business and the care and comfort of his family have been with him of paramount importance, and yet he is a firm supporter of all that is wise and excellent in the party of his choice.

For many years Mr. Miller has been a devoted, consistent member of the German Baptist church, as is also his excellent wife, both of whom have been true to the faith they profess, and have reared their interesting and successful family in the way that they should go, hence are an honor to their parents and reliable, good citizens. Their children all live within the county in which they were born, and are men and women possessed of excellent minds and hearts.

The children born to Mr. and Mrs. Christian Miller are as follows: (1) John F., born February 13, 1872, attended college at Rochester, New York, and now occupies the old homestead in Pleasant Valley township. He is married and has six children, Walter, Edna, Carl, Wilma, Ervin and Clara. (2) Mary, born June 13, 1874, married William Haas, of Fayette county, and now resides at Clermont, being interested in the electric light and milling business. They have one child, Herbert. (3) Christian C., born February 19, 1876, married Louise Hoffer, and they are the parents of one daughter, Grace. Christian C. is in company with his father in the various branches of his business, especially that of milling, and the electric light plant. He has been mayor of Clermont for several years, and as such gives the highest possible satisfaction. (4) Eddie M., born July 17, 1877, died November 23, 1879.

(5) William B., born November 9, 1880, married Jessie Bracken, of this county, and lives in Pleasant Valley township; they have one child, Mildred. (6) Alfred E., born July 5, 1882, married Hulda Hoffer and resides in Clermont. He is associated with his father in the milling industry. (7) Anna M., born August 12, 1885, died October 2, 1888. (8) Clara H., born November 11, 1887, married Otto Krueger, now farming in Pleasant Valley township. (9) Meta M., born February 7, 1889, also farming in Pleasant Valley township. (10) Lillie, born December 13, 1893, died in infancy. Mrs. Miller is the daughter of Freiling Haus, a native of Switzerland who came to America in 1867 and settled in Pleasant Valley township. He was a cabinet maker. He died in 1889. Mrs. Miller's mother died in Switzerland.

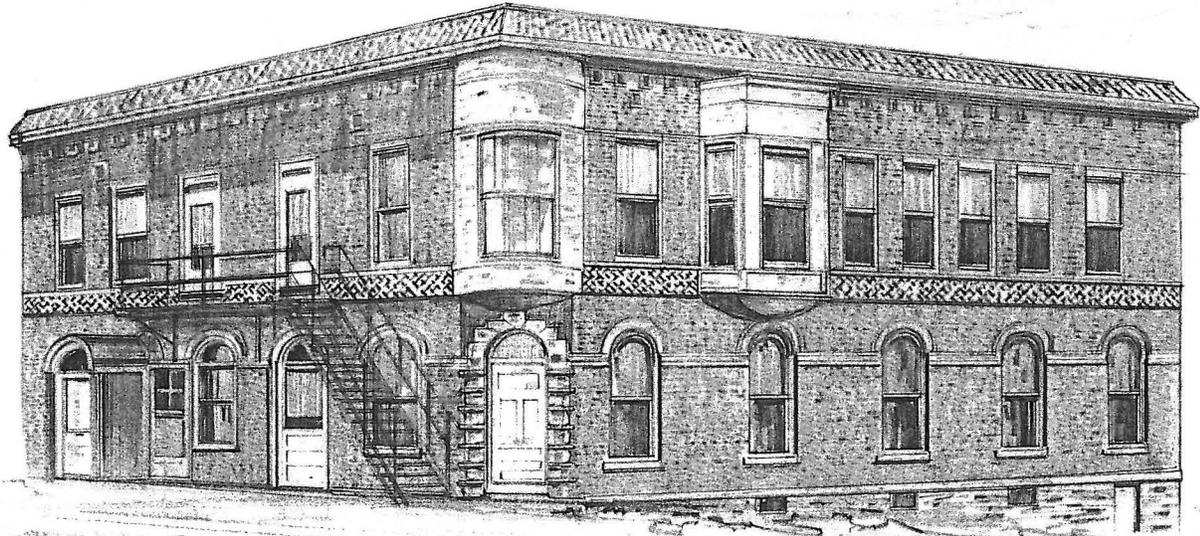
HIRAM HOAGLAND.

The history of Fayette county would be lacking an important link should the record of Hiram Hoagland be omitted, for he was one of the leading citizens of the same during the past generation, being a man of splendid attributes and always ready to assist his neighbors in the battle of life and do what he could toward the general good of the county, consequently his memory will long be cherished here. A man of excellent endowments and upright character, he was long a valued factor in local affairs and ever commanded unequivocal confidence and esteem, being loyal to the upbuilding of this locality and ever vigilant in his efforts to further the interests of the county along material, civic and moral lines.

Mr. Hoagland was born in Mercer county, Pennsylvania, January 13, 1828, and was the son of John and Catherine (Hull) Hoagland, an excellent old family of the Keystone state. Hiram grew to maturity in his native community and was educated in the common schools of those early times, but it may be said that he remained a student all his life and was a well informed man. He learned the trade of wheelwright under his father, and he later learned cabinetmaking and became a very skilled workman, making his own wagon, buggy and household furniture, and when he came to this county he made his own chairs and table.

On November 22, 1849, Mr. Hoagland married Elizabeth D. Boale, a native of county Down, Ireland, born September 12, 1829, and she was the daughter of John and Grace (McWha) Boale, natives of Ireland, but of Scotch descent and Presbyterian faith. They came to America in 1839 and

HERITAGE OF



*Fayette County Historical Society
& Fayette County Genealogical Society
West Union, Iowa*

FAYETTE COUNTY IOWA 1996

We still live on the farm 1/4 mile east of St. Lucas where Linus was born on August 29, 1922.
Submitted by Frieda Mihm

MARK AND MARGE (HAUER) MIHM

Mark Louis Mihm, son of John C. and Clara (Perry) Mihm, was born Feb. 2, 1921, in St. Lucas. He married Margaret Elizabeth Hauer, daughter of Joseph and Margaret (Drilling) Hauer, on Sept. 11, 1943, at St. Luke's Catholic Church in St. Lucas. He was a barber and in the jewelry business known as Mark's Jewelry since 1940, but he has retired since then. They are the parents of five children.



Front L to R: Marge Mihm and Mary Pat Ridout; Back: Nancy Daniels, Tom Mihm, Mark Mihm, Steve Mihm and Jann Kuehner

Thomas, born Sept. 28, 1945, married Inez "Ann" Bodensteiner, Nov. 13, 1965. They have two children, Brian and Laura. They live in Minneapolis where he worked for IBM for 30 years, took early retirement and is presently building homes. Ann is a paralegal.

Nancy was born Feb. 7, 1948. She married Frank Daniels on June 6, 1970. They have three children, Brandon, Megan and Marcus. She works in a dental office and Frank teaches in Stewartville, MN, high school where they live.

Steven was born Oct. 23, 1952. He married Mary Zender and later divorced and married Jacque Wonderly on June 14, 1980. They have three children, Colin, Austin and Kara. He works for Ameridata in the computer field. Jacque is in editing management. They live in Lakeville, MN.

Mary Patrice "Pat" was born May 14, 1954. She married Tom Ridout on Oct. 20, 1979. They have two children, Bradley and Allison. Pat took over the jewelry store in 1986 and Tom is the director of financing at NICC. They live in Calmar, IA.

Jann Marie was born Dec. 3, 1957, and married John Kuehner on Sept. 2, 1978. They have two children, Craig and Jill. They own and operate the White House Supper club in St. Lucas where they live.

Submitted by Marge Mihm

WILLIAM AND ANNIE (GRALTON) MILES

William Miles was born 1 Jan. 1835 in County Mayo, Ireland. His father was John Miles and his mother's surname was McKenna. He came to the US in 1865. His brothers, Thomas, P.J. and Richard came to the US later, and they all lived in the Dorchester, IA, area in Allamakee County. William Miles married Annie Gralton, 17 April 1869, in the Catholic church in Lansing, IA.

Annie was born 10 Dec. 1845 in County Leitrim, Ireland. Her father was Thomas Gralton and her mother was Mary (Kelleher) Gralton. After her father died, she came to Lansing, IA,

with her mother and sisters and brothers. William Miles farmed in Union City Township in Allamakee County, and in 1883 moved to the Westgate, IA area.

Mr. and Mrs. William Miles were the parents of nine children. Mary Katherine, born 31 Jan. 1870, married John P. Galvin; Bridget, born 3 April 1871, married Thomas McMahon; Elizabeth, born 1873, died 22 June 1896; Anna, born 4 March 1874, died 15 August 1961; Celia, born 16 June 1877, married Joseph P. McSweeney; Kathleen, born 1880, married Fred Andre; John Miles, born 1 March 1882, died 6 June 1954 in Oelwein; infant Miles, born 7 July 1884, died shortly after birth; Nellie, born 7 Sept. 1885, married Frank Stocker.

William's brother, P.J. Miles, was a resident of Oelwein for many years. He was a graduate of Notre Dame University and was in the real estate and feed and grain business.

Mr. and Mrs. Miles later moved to Oelwein. William died 13 April 1926, and Annie died 10 Jan. 1913. They are buried in Mt. Calvary Cemetery in Westgate.

Submitted by Michael J. Magee

CHRISTIAN C. AND LOUISE (HOFER) MILLER

Christian Miller, 1847-1925, was born in Switzerland and came to America in 1856 with his parents, Benedict and Magdalena (Shenk) Miller. They purchased land near Elgin. In 1870 Christian married Anna Freiburghaus (1852-1926) who came from Switzerland with her father in 1867. They moved to Clermont in 1906. He owned farmland, brickyards, a sand & gravel company, flour mill and hardware store. He helped organize the Farmers Savings Bank and the German Baptist Church, was state representative sponsoring a bill requiring music courses in public schools and traveled throughout America and Switzerland. They had ten children.



Chrystol and Oliver Hansen

Son Christie C.C. Miller (1876) married Louise Hofer (1876-1970) in 1900. Her parents, Jacob and Rosina (Luthi) Hofer, came to Elgin from Switzerland in 1865. Jacob was a tailor. Christie and Louise lived in Clermont where daughter Grace was born 7-9-1906. They worked with C. Miller & Sons as manager, secretary, clerk and bookkeeper. Christie's boyhood dream of harnessing the Turkey River became reality when he built the hydroelectric plant. The

"lights" in Clermont were "turned on" in May 1910. The Northeast Iowa Power Company served ten counties in Iowa and Minnesota and was the origin of the current Interstate Power Company. In 1921 they built their Clermont home. Daughter Chrystol was born 1-14-1922 and a "spark went out" in Clermont when Christie died 12-6-1922 at age 46. Louise continued in business, church, civic affairs and served as Director/President of the Farmers Savings Bank.

Grace Miller married Len Simek of Hazelton in 1930. He was born 7-4-1904. They both graduated from Upper Iowa in 1928, were active in community affairs, owned farms, hardware store and sand and gravel crushing company. He was a highway contractor operating in Cerro Gordo County. They had no children. Len died in a car accident 5-28-1953. Grace continued in business, was active in Clermont Historical Society, enjoyed traveling, visiting nephews and spending summers at Clear Lake. She died 3-27-1992.

Chrystol Miller attended Upper Iowa 1939-1942, majoring in music and home economics. She was organist in the Baptist Church. On 6-18-1942 she married Keith Thoma of Elgin, son of Max and Ida Schori Thoma. Keith, born 11-24-1918, attended Iowa State and Upper Iowa studying forestry. He was in the Army Air Corps Troop Carrier Group in World War II 1942-1945 serving in England and France. After the war they lived in Clermont and had three sons. Keith raised Hampshire hogs and managed their farms. After Keith's tragic death 11-10-1957, Chrystol succeeded him as Director of the Farmers Savings Bank. At the Bankers Convention in Chicago she met Oliver Hansen of Durant, a widower with three sons. They were married 4-18-1959 moving to Durant in 1960. Oliver was born 4-15-1920. He graduated from Iowa State in 1942 in animal science and served in the Army Quartermaster Corps in WWII 1942-1946 stationed in the Philippines and Korea. After the war he worked with his uncle in the bank in Durant, currently serving as Chairman of the Board, and raised Angus cattle. He became a Director of the Bank in Clermont, managed their farms and was State Banking Superintendent 1971-1973. They sold their Farmers Savings Bank stock in 1993 but kept farms in Fayette County. They are Episcopalians.

Chrystol's sons are in the restaurant, grocery and catering business: Michael and Lana Thoma of LeClaire have a son, Keith. Daughter Brandi is deceased. Jeffrey Thoma of Durant—children: Bryan, Aaron and Kristin. Christie and Carol Thoma of Durant—children: Scott and Elizabeth. Oliver's sons are in the BLM and Banking: Thomas and Trudy Hansen of Utah—children: Marcus and Matthew, Ronald and Kristine Hansen of Durant—children: Brett and Samuel. Mark Hansen is deceased.

See photos in Special Page Section.

Submitted by Chrystol Hansen

CLARENCE H. AND PEARL M. (DRILLING) MILLER

Clarence H. and Pearl M. (Drilling) Miller were married November 22, 1938. Clarence was born November 22, 1912, in West Union, Iowa, and was the son of Henry J. and Sarah Jane (Foley) Miller. His family farm was located in Union Township just off Highway 56. Clarence had nine brothers and sisters: Lucille, Gertrude, Edward, Agnes, Charles, Helen, George, Mabel and Charlotte.

Pearl Drilling was born August 30, 1914, in Waucoma, Iowa. Pearl was the daughter of John and Minnie Drilling. Her family farm was located in Auburn Township, southwest of St. Lucas. Pearl has five brothers and sisters: Viola, Earl, Irene, Anicita and Bonnie.

Clarence and Pearl farmed the family farm (mentioned above) and were the parents of four sons: John, Ed, Henry and George. John and Doris Miller live in Golden, Colorado, with their

STATE OF IOWA
1931

Journal of the House

OF THE

Forty-fourth General Assembly

REGULAR SESSION
CONVENED JANUARY 12, 1931
ADJOURNED APRIL 15, 1931

35600

DAN W. TURNER, Governor
FRANCIS JOHNSON, Speaker of the House
ARCH W. MCFARLANE, President of the Senate

Published by
THE STATE OF IOWA
Des Moines

McHose the state has lost a useful and an honored citizen and that it take this occasion to express its appreciation of his character and public service.

F. HOLLINGSWORTH,
W. E. S. HUTCHEON,
FRANK G. SNYDER,
Committee.

Unanimously adopted April 13, 1931.

HON. CHRISTIAN MILLER

MR. SPEAKER: Your committee, appointed to prepare resolutions commemorating the life and service of the Hon. Christian Miller, late of Fayette County, Iowa, beg leave to submit the following memorial:

Honorable Christian Miller, who represented Fayette county in the Twenty-seventh and Twenty-eighth General Assemblies, was born December 21, 1847, at Berne, Switzerland, and came with his parents to America in 1856, settling in Pleasant Valley township where he lived fifty years until he moved to Clermont township.

Starting as an extensive farmer he broadened his activities in many business lines and contributed much to the county's business development. At his death he was the heaviest land owner in the county.

He was always active in public affairs and served Fayette county two terms (1899 to 1903) as a representative in the Legislature. He was also a member of the Baptist Church.

He purchased the old grist mill from former Governor Larabee in 1901 and in 1910 laid the foundation for a great electric transmission system when he converted it into a water power electric plant.

Hon. Christian Miller died August 25, 1927, and was survived by three sons and two daughters: John F. Miller of Clermont, Mrs. Mary Haas of Clermont, William B. Miller, Mrs. Chas. H. Krueger of Pleasant Valley township and Mrs. Meta Krueger also of Pleasant Valley township.

Therefore, Be It Resolved by the House of Representatives of the Forty-fourth General Assembly, That in the passing of the Hon. Christian Miller, the state has lost an honored and valuable citizen, a man of high ideals in Christian living and useful citizenship.

Be It Further Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the Journal of the House, and that the Chief Clerk be directed to forward an enrolled copy of it to the family of the deceased.

THORE THOMPSON, *Chairman,*
C. J. ORR,
CHARLES M. LANGLAND,
Committee.

Unanimously adopted April 13, 1931.



You searched for **Christian Miller** in **South Dakota**

1880 United States Federal Census

Name:	Christian Miller	
Home in 1880:	Turner, Dakota Territory	
Age:	38	
Estimated Birth Year:	abt 1842	
Birthplace:	Rus	
Relation to Head of Household:	Self (Head)	
Spouse's Name:	Anna Miller	
Father's birthplace:	Switzerland	
Mother's birthplace:	Switzerland	
Neighbors:	View others on page	
Occupation:	Farmer	
Marital Status:	Married	
Race:	White	
Gender:	Male	
Cannot read/write:		
Blind:	View image	
Deaf and dumb:		
Otherwise disabled:		
Idiotic or insane:		

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Christian Miller	38
	Anna Miller	32
	Catharina Miller	11
	Anna Miller	9
	Caroline Miller	5
	John Miller	3
	Elizabeth Miller	1

Source Citation: Year: 1880; Census Place: , Turner, Dakota Territory; Roll: 114; Family History Film: 1254114; Page: 314D; Enumeration District: 27; .

Source Information: Ancestry.com and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. 1880 United States Federal Census [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2010. 1880 U.S. Census Index provided by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints © Copyright 1999 Intellectual Reserve, Inc. All rights reserved. All use is subject to the limited use license and other terms and conditions applicable to this site.

THE
NATIONAL
ARCHIVES
ARCHIVES.GOV

Original data: Tenth Census of the United States, 1880. (NARA microfilm publication T9, 1,454 rolls). Records of the Bureau of the Census, Record Group 29. National Archives, Washington, D.C.

Description: This database is an index to 50 million individuals enumerated in the 1880 United States Federal Census. Census takers recorded many details including each person's name, address, occupation, relationship to the head of household, race, sex, age at last birthday, marital status, place of birth, parents' place of birth. Additionally, the names of those listed on the population schedule are linked to actual images of the 1880 Federal Census. [Learn more...](#)



[Return to Christian Miller](#)

[Compare With Your Tree](#)

Children (6)
Mera Miller B: 1864
 John F. Miller B: 1874
 Mary Miller B: 1876
 Christian C. "Christy" Miller B: 1880
 William B. Miller B: 1880
 Clara Miller B: 1887

Christian Miller

B: 21 DEC 1847 in Schüpfen, Bern, Switzerland
D: 28 AUG 1927 in Rapid City, SD

Anna Freibarghaus B:1853 in Switzerland

Parents
Benedict Miller
 1812-1894
Magdalena Schenk
 1814-1880

1900 United States Federal Census

Name: **Christian Miller**
 Home in 1900: **Pleasant Valley, Fayette, Iowa**
 [Fayette, Iowa]
 Age: **52**
 Birth Date: **Dec 1847**
 Birthplace: **Switzerland**
 Race: **White**
 Gender: **Male**
 Immigration Year: **1856**
 Relationship to head-of-house: **Head**
 Father's Birthplace: **Switzerland**
 Mother's Birthplace: **Switzerland**
 Spouse's Name: **Anna Miller**
 Marriage year: **1870**
 Marital Status: **Married**
 Years married: **30**

Occupation: [View on Image](#)

Neighbors: [View others on page](#)

Household Members:	Name	Age
	Christian Miller	52
	Anna Miller	47
	Christian Miller	24
	Louisa Miller	23
	William Miller	19
	Alfred Miller	17
	Clara Miller	12
	Marietta Miller	10
	Frank Ehrhardt	19
	Gottfried Drummerworth	29
	Edward Barker	16
	Claude Gress	17

Source Citation: Year: 1900; Census Place: Pleasant Valley, Fayette, Iowa; Roll: T623_432; Page: 10A; Enumeration District: 81.

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. 1900 United States Federal Census [database online]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004.



Original data: United States of America, Bureau of the Census. *Twelfth Census of the United States, 1900*. Washington, D.C.: National Archives and Records Administration, 1900. T623, 1854 rolls.

Description:

This database is an index to individuals enumerated in the 1900 United States Federal Census, the Twelfth Census of the United States. Census takers recorded



Hi, helenjwh1 [Sign Out](#) [Messages \(16\)](#) [My Account](#) [Help](#) [To-Dos](#) [Quick Links](#)

[Home](#) [Family Trees](#) [Search](#) [Collaborate](#) [Learning Center](#) [DNA](#) [Publish](#) [Shop](#) [Hire an Expert](#) [Gift Memberships](#)

Brooks Family Tree

[Return to family tree](#) | [Tree pages](#)

Owner: pdavebrooks



Christian Miller

Birth **21 DEC 1847** in [Schüpfen, Bern, Switzerland](#)
 Death **28 AUG 1927** in [Rapid City, SD](#)

[Save this person to your tree](#)
[Comment on this](#)

[View his family tree](#) [View family members](#) [More options](#)

[Overview](#) [Facts and Sources](#) [Media Gallery](#) [Comments](#) [Member Connect](#)

Media Gallery

No photos, stories, audio or video have been added yet.

Timeline ([View details](#))

1847 21 Dec	Birth Schüpfen, Bern, Switzerland	3 source citations
1856 Age: 9	Arrival	1 source citation
1856 Age: 9	Arrival	1 source citation
1900 Age: 53	Residence Elgin Town, Fayette, Iowa	1 source citation
1920 Age: 73	Residence Clermont, Fayette, Iowa	1 source citation
1925 Age: 78	Residence Clermont	1 source citation
1927 28 Aug Age: 79	Death Rapid City, SD	

Comments

No comments have been added yet.

[Add a comment](#)

Family Members

Parents

- Benedict Miller**
1812 – 1894
- Magdalena Schenk**
1814 – 1880

[Show siblings](#)

Spouse & Children

- Anna Freibarghaus**
1853 – 1926
- Mera Miller**
– 1927
- John F. Miller**
1864 – 1927
- Mary Miller**
1874 – 1951
- Christian C. "Christy" Miller**
1876 – 1922
- William B. Miller**
1880 – 1927
- Clara Miller**
1887 – 1927

[Family group sheet](#)

Source Information

[view details](#)

1900 United States Federal Census

1 citation provides evidence for **Name, Residence, Arrival, Birth**

1920 United States Federal Census

1 citation provides evidence for **Birth, Residence, Arrival, Name**

Ancestry Family Trees

This citation provides evidence for Christian Miller

Iowa State Census Collection, 1836-1925

1 citation provides evidence for **Name, Residence, Birth**

Web Links

There are no weblinks available for this person.

[Search the web for Christian Miller](#)

Contact Us: [1-800-ANCESTRY](#) [Ancestry.com Blog](#) [Affiliates](#) [Gift Memberships](#)

© 1997-2011 Ancestry.com [Corporate Information](#) [Careers](#) [PRIVACY POLICY](#) [Terms and Conditions](#)

Ancestry.com



You searched for **Christian Miller** in **South Dakota**

South Dakota Death Index, 1905-1955

Name: **Christian Miller**
Certificate Number: **111067**
Death Day: **25**
Death:Month: **Aug**
Death Year: **1927**
County: **Pennington**
Page Number: **642**

Source Information:

Ancestry.com. *South Dakota Death Index, 1905-1955* [database on-line]. Provo, UT, USA: Ancestry.com Operations Inc, 2004.
Original data: South Dakota Department of Health. *Index to South Dakota Death Records, 1905-1955*. Pierre, SD, USA: South Dakota Department of Health.

Description:

This database is an index to deaths that occurred in the U.S. state of South Dakota between 1905 and 1955. The index contains the following information: death certificate number, name of deceased, county or county code, and date of death.
[Learn more...](#)

Contact Us: [1-800-ANCESTRY](#) [Ancestry.com Blog](#) [Affiliates](#) [Gift Memberships](#)

© 1997-2011 Ancestry.com [Corporate Information](#) [Careers](#) [PRIVACY POLICY](#) [Terms and Conditions](#)

Ancestry.com

FIND A GRAVE



Actions

- [Begin New Search](#)
- [Refine Last Search](#)
- [Cemetery Lookup](#)
- [Add Burial Records](#)
- [Help with Find A Grave](#)

Find all Millers in:

- [Gods Acres Cemetery](#)
- [Clermont](#)
- [Fayette County](#)
- [Iowa](#)
- [Find A Grave](#)

Top Contributors

- [Success Stories](#)
- [Discussion Forums](#)
- [Find A Grave Store](#)
- [Support Find A Grave](#)
- [Log In](#)



Advertisement

Christian Miller

Memorial Photos Flowers Share Edit

[Learn about removing the ads from this memorial...](#)

Birth: 1847
Death: 1927

Iowa Legislature (1898-1902)

Family links:
Spouse:
Anna B *Freibarghaus* Miller (1852 - 1926)

Burial:
[Gods Acres Cemetery](#)
Clermont
Fayette County
Iowa, USA
Plot: Block 12, Lot 29

Created by: [Richard Weston](#)
Record added: Oct 22, 2011
Find A Grave Memorial# 79088014



Added by: [Richard Weston](#)



Added by: [Richard Weston](#)



Cemetery Photo
Added by: [Anonymous](#)

Add a photo for this person

Request A Photo

Photos may be scaled.
Click on image for full size.

Leave flowers and a note

[Accuracy and Copyright Disclaimer](#)

FIND A GRAVE



Actions

- [Begin New Search](#)
- [Refine Last Search](#)
- [Cemetery Lookup](#)
- [Add Burial Records](#)
- [Help with Find A Grave](#)

- [Top Contributors](#)
- [Success Stories](#)
- [Discussion Forums](#)
- [Find A Grave Store](#)
- [Support Find A Grave](#)

[Log In](#)

Christian Miller

[Memorial](#)

[Photos](#)

[Flowers](#)

[Share](#)

[Edit](#)

[Learn about upgrading this memorial...](#)

[\[Add A Photo\]](#)



Image is scaled. Click image to open at full size.
Added by: [Richard Weston](#)
10/22/2011

[Accuracy and Copyright Disclaimer](#)