

Standard Form For Members of the Legislature

Name of Representative Miller, Raburn G. "Napi" Senator
Represented Calhoun, Carroll, Greene, Pocahontas and Sec. Counties
Iowa

1. Birthday and place 17. Sept 1907 Adelgren, Illinois

2. Marriage (s) date place
Opal Dellinger 5 Aug 1935

3. Significant events for example:
A. Business Charter member of Iowa High School Football Coaches Hall of
Fame; member of Iowa Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame
B. Civic responsibilities Lions Club; Elk; Mason
C. Profession High school and college teacher and coach; land owner

4. Church membership Presbyterian

5. Sessions served 65th General Assembly 1973-1974

6. Public Offices
A. Local _____
B. State _____
C. National _____

7. Death 30 Nov 1974 Indianapolis, Iowa; Council 100 of Century, Indianapolis, Iowa

8. Children Carrie (Mrs. Dr. Joe Hall); Lola (Mrs. James Randle); Opal Roe (Mrs.
Biggam); Kathy (Mrs. Jay Eaton); John. Fred (Mrs. Wilbur Lorance).

9. Names of parents Charles and Della (Gray) Miller

10. Education He graduated from Zearing High School, Zearing,
Iowa

11. Degrees Iowa State Teachers College, Cedar Falls, Iowa BS in 1936
Graduate work at University of Denver and University of
Nevada

12. Other applicable information Democrat

- He had been an athletic director, coach and government
instructors in high schools for 16 years and 15 years
on the college level.
- After teaching and coaching at Adrianes High School for 3
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Indianapolis, Iowa 1947-1958
- He also coached high school sports at James, Keokuk and
college athletics at University of Dubuque and at
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Keith W. Hook

Keith Hook In Bid For Supervisor

Keith W. Hook, 44, Rt. 1, Ackworth, announced today that he is a candidate for Warren County Supervisor on the Republican ticket.

A 25-year resident of the county, Mr Hook has been an employee of the Warren County Highway Department 11 years, the last five of which he has been a road construction foreman.

He is a member of the Masonic Lodge at Sandyville and the American Legion at Indianola. He and his wife, Faye, have two children, Mrs Lee Halterman of Milo and J. L., at home.

R. G. Miller Dies Suddenly Tuesday Night

State Representative R. G. (Hap) Miller, 64, (Dem., Rockwell City) former football and baseball coach at Simpson College, died suddenly Tuesday night at an apartment, 403 North F St., where he and Mrs Miller had been living during the present session of the Iowa Legislature. He was serving his first two-year term from House District 47.

Funeral services are pending at the Overton Funeral Home.

Mr Miller received his bachelor of science degree in 1936 from Iowa State Teachers College, now the University of Northern Iowa, and had taken graduate work at the University of Denver and the University of Nevada.

He had been athletic director, coach and government instructor 16 years in high schools and 15 years on the college level.

After teaching and coaching at Indianola High School three years, he served on the faculty at Simpson College from 1947 to 1958. His 1949 football team captured the Iowa Conference championship.

Miller also coached high school sports at Tama and Keokuk and college athletics at the University of Dubuque and at Sterling, Colo.

Hall of Famer

He is a charter member of the Iowa High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame, and a member of the Iowa Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame.

He is immediate past president of the Iowa Property Taxpayers Association, a past president of the Indianola Lions Club, and also is a member of the Elks Lodge, Masonic Lodge and United Presbyterian Church.

Besides his wife, Opal, he is survived by five daughters, Mrs James Rundle of Indianola, Mrs Joe Hall of Des Moines, Mrs Robert Bligham of Bryan, Tex., Mrs Jay Eaton of Shaker Heights, Ohio, and Sue Miller, at home; one son, John of Oklahoma City, Okla., and 11 grandchildren.

Also surviving are one brother, Denver Miller of Marshalltown; and five sisters, Mrs Jessie Bainter of Fountain Valley, Calif., Mrs Jack Whitney of Seal Beach, Calif., Mrs Al Becker of St. Louis, Mo., Mrs Charlie Sergeant of Waterloo, and Mrs Sam Qualls of Long Beach, Calif.

De Anna Porter, Bobette Putney, Challice Riekena, Kathy Walk, Celeste Wallace.

Jeff Blackford, Randy Bishop, Robert Burns, Wayne Edwards, Jeff Foust, Doug Harding, Randy Hayes, David Hoover, Brian McDole, Craig McKee, Stan Moser and Howard Taylor.

Speaker for the occasion was Dr R. D. Benton, state superintendent of schools. His subject was "What's It All About."

H. Smalley Supervisor Candidate

Harold Smalley, New Virginia farmer, has announced that he is a candidate for Warren County Supervisor in the upcoming Republican primary election.

Church, is a past Neophyte Lodge 30 M., and a past Neophyte Chapter Eastern Star.

Mr Smalley is a township trustee and is serving as committeeman for ship.

Mr and Mrs Smalley are parents of four children and a daughter living at



Youngsters waded in knee-deep water on W. Ashland Ave. following Sunday afternoon's heavy rains. Earlier, water in the 100 and poured thru



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Stanley is seeking the Republican nomination for
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Water flows across E. Clinton Ave. in Easton Park Addition and cascades into a ravine following Sunday afternoon's downpour. Flood waters had subsided considerably when photo.

Calhoun County History



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Husband and Wife — Both State Representative



R. G. "Hap" Miller

Raburn Gray "Hap" Miller, served District 47 at State Representative from January 1973 until his death of a heart attack on April 30, 1974, just 4 days before the 65th General Assembly of Iowa adjourned. He had served on the Agriculture Committee, the Education Committee and the Energy Committee, and was appointed the special representative of the Iowa House to the First Energy Policy Council Workshop for State Legislators, in Boston, in November 1973. Before being elected to the House he was active in community and Church affairs, being an Elder in the United Presbyterian Church of Rockwell City. He was an officer in both the Calhoun County and Iowa State property Taxpayer's Association.

Miller moved to Calhoun County in 1967 after a distinguished coaching career of 31 years, having coached 16 years in high schools and 15 years in colleges. R. G. "Hap" Miller was the son of Charley and Nellie (Gray) Miller, being born in Dahlgren, Illinois on Sept. 17, 1908. He graduated from High School in Zearing, Ia. and was a 1936 graduate of Iowa State Teachers College in Cedar Falls. In 1967 Miller was voted into the Iowa High School Coaches Football Hall of Fame and in 1980 was chosen also for the Iowa H.S. Coaches Baseball Hall of Fame. His life long dedication to working with young people — particularly in the sports area, resulted in his being honored with the dedication to his memory of a suite of rooms in the gymnasium complex, Cowles Center, built in 1976 at Simpson College, Indianola, Iowa where he had coached Football and Baseball for 11 years (1947-58).

Miller was married in 1935 to Opal Dellinger of Rockwell City, daughter of John and Alma (Johnson) Dellinger. Their six children are Carolyn Jo Ann Hall of Des Moines, Lola Jean Rundle of Indianola, Iowa, Alma Kathleen Eaton of West Des Moines, Opal Rae Bigham of Bryan, Texas, John Raburn Miller of Tulsa, Oklahoma and Wanda Sue Miller of Flagstaff, Arizona.



Opal Dellinger Miller

Eleven grandchildren keep life interesting for Opal.

Opal Dellinger Miller, served District 47 as State Representative in both the 66th and 67th General Assemblies (1975-79). Her husband, R. G. "Hap" Miller died suddenly while serving as Representative in April of 1974. Since Opal had served as his Secretary and had campaigned with him in 1970 and 1972, therefore knowing the people of the district and their concerns, she was persuaded to run for the office. She did this successfully in both 1974 and 1976, representing the district on the County Government Committee, the Agriculture Committee, the Social Services Budget Committee and as Vice Chair of the Education Committee.

Opal was the daughter of John and Alma (Johnson) Dellinger. Her father was a Calhoun County resident of German and English descent. Her mother was a native of Des Moines whose parents had come from Sweden. Opal lived from 1967 until 1979 on the farm where she was born in Garfield Twp.

After attending RCHS, graduating in 1933, Opal attended Iowa State Teachers College where she was a Music and Elementary Education Major. There she met and in 1935 married R. G. "Hap" Miller and they lived first in Dubuque where he was Football Coach at Dubuque University. They were parents of 6 children and grandparents of eleven.

In 1979, after the death of her second husband, Charles Sergeant, (a brother-in-law of 43 years whom she had married in 1978) Opal became a Volunteer in Mission through the United Presbyterian Church and served at Sheldon Jackson College, in Sitka, Alaska, a college whose mission is to serve the needs of the Native Indians and Eskimos, — until June of 1981. In October of 1981 she will leave to serve as a Volunteer in Mission at the United Mission to Nepal at Kathmandu, Nepal, an inter-denominational Mission supported by 28 churches, high in the Himalaya Mountains.

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THE HISTORY OF WARREN COUNTY, IOWA

*Three rivers flow through lands
of farms and woods;
North River, Middle River,
South River;
Unpretentiously they take
their separate ways
Before they join the current
of the wide Des Moines.
Though now the realm claims
dignity as "Warren County"
Centered round the square of
Indianola where its
Court House stands,
Its rolling hills and streams
were always
"The Three River Country"
to the pioneers.*

*—from "Lyrics from the
Three Rivers Land
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in 1962. They lived in Martensdale until Philip's death in 1984.

Philip, along with farming, drove a school bus for Martensdale Grade and High School, was a member of the Martensdale school board, was on the Martensdale Town Council and the Wick Field Picnic committee. He was a life time member of the American Legion post, St. Marys.

When Philip Miller was a small boy, Henry Wonderlin, Sr., was going to start him in business raising ducks. Henry, who was a neighbor, gave Philip a bucket of duck eggs and told him to put them under a setting hen before they cooled off. He ran all the way home. When he got there, every egg was broken.

Grace DeHeck Miller lost her brother, Albert, when a wall of water released by the breaking of a railroad embankment engulfed several young people watching the flood waters of South River near St. Marys and cut off their retreat. Albert drowned trying to save a woman friend. They were both swept away by the swift current. Three young people drowned. The year was 1930 and Albert was 22 years of age.

by Anna Mae Stewart

MILLER, R. G. "HAP"

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R. G. "Hap" Miller family Front row: Sue, Kathy, Opal, Hap and John. Back row: Opal Rae, Carrie and Lola.

Hap and Opal Miller moved to Indianola, IA in 1941. Hap was the new "Coach" at the Indianola High School. After teaching and coaching at Indianola High School three years he served on the faculty at Simpson College from 1947 to 1958.

During his eleven years as football coach at Simpson, Hap's teams won 40 Iowa conference games and lost 25. In 1949, his team won the IAC Title and completed the season with a 9-1 record. Simpson was second in Iowa conference competition four times under his guidance.

Hap's Simpson baseball teams won 93 games and lost only 17 games during this same period. They were conference champions in 1948, 1949 and 1958.

Hap was a charter member of the Iowa High School Football Coaches Hall of Fame, and a member of the Iowa Baseball Coaches Hall of Fame. Hap had a distinguished coaching career of 31 years, having coached 16 years in high schools and 15 years in colleges.

During Hap's spare time he was very busy

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helping his wife "Opal" raise six children. Together they were very active in their community with Lion's Club, Little League Baseball, School and Church activities. Opal also served as deputy county recorder for Warren County for seven years.

One of the most enjoyable events that Hap took part in was being an "End Man" in the Indianola Lions Club Minstrel Show. Many evenings were spent around the piano with Opal playing and Hap and his kids singing and dancing - the songs he performed in the show.

Opal and Hap moved to Sterling, Co. in 1958 - remained there four years then returned to Iowa. In 1967 the Millers moved to Rockwell City, IA and resided on a farm west of town. In 1973 Hap was elected and served as State Representative of District 47 from 1973 until his death on April 30, 1974. His life long dedication to working with young people - particularly in the sports area, resulted in his being honored with the dedication, to his memory, of a suite of rooms in the gymnasium complex, Cowles Center, built in 1976 at Simpson College.

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The Miller Family is well scattered across the country now with only one daughter remaining in Warren Co. Their family members are: Mrs. Joe (Carrie) Hall of Des Moines, IA.; Mrs. James (Lola) Rundle of Indianola, IA.; Mrs. Robert (Opal Rae) Bigham of Bryan, TX.; twins: Mrs. Jay (Kathy) Eaton of West Des Moines, IA. and Mr. John Miller of Tulsa, OK. and Mrs. William (Sue) Lorange of Kenai, AK.

by Lola Rundle

MILLER, THOMAS

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My paternal great-grandparents, Thomas and Elizabeth (Brown) Miller, were both born in Virginia, she in Monongalia Co. on Nov. 20, 1810, and he in 1815, the exact date and place of his birth unknown. This was before their area became West Virginia. In 1866 these great-grandparents, with some of their family, moved to Indianola, IA where Thomas followed the trade of a carpenter. He was destined to live here for thirty years, his death taking place in Indianola February 9, 1896. Elizabeth preceded him - her death was on August 21, 1890.

Their seven children were all born in Virginia, in which county I do not know except that the youngest, Eliza Jane, who was

my grandmother, was born in Preston Co. The first were twins, Louesa Jane and John W., born February 20, 1841, followed by Rebecca Ann, born July 5, 1844. Next was Marmaduke, born about 1846, then Margaret Ann born about 1847. Last was Eliza Jane, who was born November 9, 1848. She was said to be the seventh child, so one child left no record that can be found.

John W. Miller is believed to have drowned during the Civil War. His twin, Louesa Jane married John B. Austin. He was born July 30, 1837, the son of Hugh and Elizabeth (Campbell) Austin. John and Louesa also came to Indianola where he worked as a shoemaker. He died on May 9, 1912 and she on August 7, 1913. Their children were Sarepta and Arlington. Sarepta married Jerome D. Perigo and their five children were named Bert, Martin, Floyd, Louise and Arlington, called Arlie to distinguish him from his uncle of the same name. Arlington Austin, whose wife's name was Elizabeth, had no children.

On April 19, 1864, Rebecca Ann Miller married Silas Fortney, also a Virginian, born there October 20, 1840. He came to Iowa by covered wagon in 1865, while she followed by stagecoach. Their children were Lulu Phelps, Katy Fortney, Margaret Mace Farley, Bruce Fortney and Nelle Stansifer. Rebecca Ann died October 24, 1903 at Indianola. Silas died in 1934 at Long Beach, CA.

On July 13, 1863, at Independence, WV, Marmaduke Miller enlisted in the 4th Regiment, West Virginia Cavalry, for a period of six months, giving his age as 18. He was mustered out March 7, 1864. He and his wife, Margaret had two sons and a daughter. Henry Miller, born about 1871, married Sophia Reddish. Omar B. Miller, born about 1874, married Estella Pope. I have no information about the daughter except that her name was Cora. Marmaduke died in Des Moines, IA in February, 1890. His wife, despondent over his death, took her own life the following December.

Margaret Ann Miller married William H. Phillips on October 4, 1866 in Rockingham Co., VA. Their two sons, both born in Virginia, were Clyde C. and J. French Phillips. French, born November 2, 1869, died July 9, 1891 at Indianola. By 1870 Margaret and her sons, ages three and one, were living in Indianola with her parents, so we assume her husband had died. Sometime later she married Samuel S. Childs. They had no children. For years they and her son Clyde lived in Colorado Springs, CO where S.S. had a men's clothing store and Clyde a drugstore.

You will find the story of Grandmother Eliza Jane Miller's life included in the story of her husband, my grandfather, Amos Ewing Cox.

I believe the accompanying picture was taken in the spring of 1890. Marmaduke had died in February that year and that explains his absence, also the expression on his widow's face. Great-grandmother Miller who is in the picture, died in August, 1890, so the picture had to be taken between those dates.

Charlie McAbee, a friend from Virginia, was visiting these old friends in Iowa, and the picture was taken for him to take back home. He is standing at the back, on the left hand of Silas Fortney. All the rest are Miller relatives. Next row, left to right, are John and Louise Austin, then Thomas and Elizabeth Miller, Margaret A. Miller (Marmaduke's widow) and Amos E. Cox. Next row, Logan

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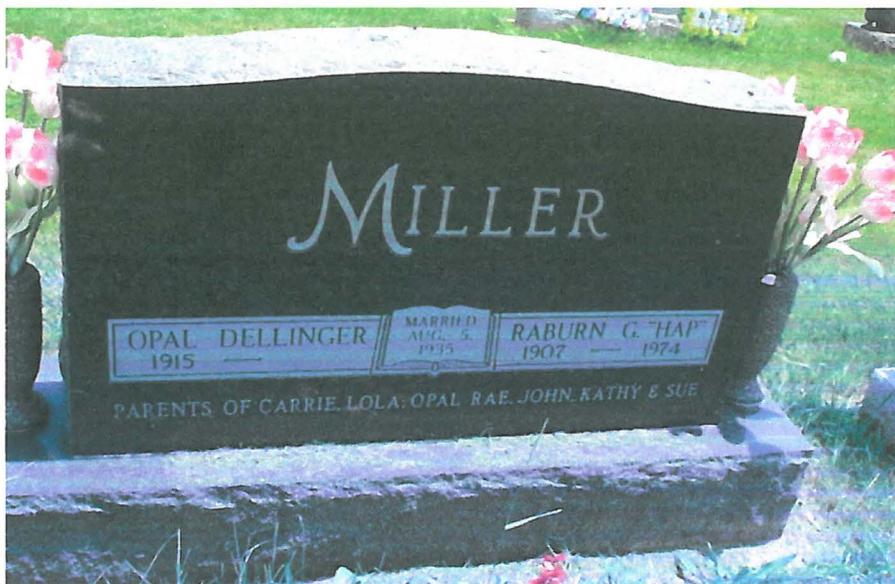


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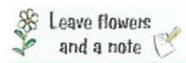


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