

William Harvey Miller (1822-1902) Family Bible

The following record is from a bible donated to the Kentucky Room of the Owensboro Public Library by Marjorie Wells Welborn of Owensboro. She had received the bible from Miss Minnie M. Long, who died in 1984. Mrs. Welborn's grandmother, Laura Long Owen, was a sister of Minnie's father, Thomas S. Long. The bible had originally belonged to Minnie's sister, Miss Eula H. Long, who had received it from her great-grandfather, William Harvey Miller.

The English Version of the Polyglott Bible, Containing the Old and New Testaments,
Fessenden & Co, Brattleboro, 1836:

Inscription in front of Bible "Presented to Eula Howard Long by her great-grandfather, Wm H. Miller, Jan. 18, 189_."

William H Miller was born July 16th, 1822.

Louisa Miller was born Dec. 12th, 1825.

Alfred J. Miller, son of the above, was born Oct. 13th, 1844.

Lucy J. Miller was born Feb. 27th, 1847.

Martha I Miller was born Feb. 25th, 1851.

Charles William Miller was born Apr. 5th, 1855.

Robert T. Miller was born June 15th, 1858.

John Rochester Miller was born Nov. 29th, 1860.

James Ira Miller was born Jan. 6th, 1867.

Elmer, son of B. F. & Lucy J. Miller, was born June 19th, 1865.

Arvilla, daughter of B. F. & Lucy J, Miller, was born Nov. 13th, 1866.

John Rochester Miller died May 23rd, 1885.

William H. Miller, son of John R. & Mirtie Miller, was born July 12, 1885.

William H. Miller and Louisa Miller were married on March 24th, 1843.

Benjamin F. Miller and Lucy J. Miller were married March 8th, 1864.

R. T. Miller and Sallie E. Baty were married Feb. 21st, 1884.

Additional notes by Jerry Long, Owensboro, KY:

William Harvey Miller (1822-1902) was a native of Montgomery County, KY. In infancy he moved with his parents to Daviess County, KY. He was enumerated in the 1850 census of Daviess County, in the 1860 & 1870 censuses of Ohio County, KY, and in the 1880 & 1900 Daviess County censuses. A farmer, he lived in the Knottsville neighborhood of Daviess County and in the Ellis Precinct, of Ohio County near Whitesville The last few years of his life were spent in Owensboro, KY, where he died on 2 November 1902. Burial was at the Panther Creek Baptist Church Cemetery in Ohio County, KY.

William H. Miller married Louisa Miller, 24 March 1843, and Mrs. Mary Ann (Phillips) Rice, 13 February 1877, both marriages were recorded in Daviess County, KY. Louisa Miller,

wife of W. H., died 9 February 1875, and was interred at the Panther Creek Baptist Church, Ohio County, KY. Eight children were born to this marriage (only 7 of whom were listed in the preceding bible record), they were:

1. Alfred J., died 28 March 1865, buried Panther Creek Baptist Church, Ohio County, KY.
2. Lucy J., wife of Benjamin F. Miller, married 8 March 1864 Hancock County, KY; she died 21 February 1928 Owensboro, KY, buried there Elmwood Cemetery.
3. Martha I., 'Patsy', married George W. Johnson she died 15 August 1917 Owensboro, KY, buried Panther Creek Baptist Church, Ohio County, KY.
4. Charles William died at the age of 1 year on 4 August 1856, buried Panther Creek Baptist Church, Ohio County, KY.
5. Robert T., born Ohio County, KY, married Sallie E. Beatty, 1884, & Eliza (Moxley) Midkiff, 25 January 1928 at Fordsville, Ohio County, KY. He died in Ohio County, KY on 24 May 1929 & was buried at the Hopewell Cemetery, near Fordsville, Ohio County, KY.
6. John Rochester, married Myrtle Malissa Rice in Daviess County, KY on 12 October 1881. He died at the age of 24 on 23 May 1885 and was buried at the Panther Creek Baptist Church Ohio County, KY.
7. Mary Catherine, 'Kate', born 9 July 1864, married George G. Bartlett, 26. February 1880 Daviess County, KY. She died in Owensboro, KY on 3 February 1949 and was buried at the Pellville Cemetery, in Hancock County, KY.
8. James Ira, died after 1880

William H. Miller's second wife, Mary Ann Phillips, was born 22 June 1839 and died 16 May 1922 in Owensboro, KY, where she was buried at Elmwood Cemetery. She was the daughter of Jacob Phillips & Mary Bruner; she married 1st Benjamin Wilson Rice, 29 March 1856 Hancock County, KY. She and William H. Miller had one child born to their marriage: Walter, born 12 Aug. 1882, died 21 June 1883 buried Panther Creek Baptist Church, Ohio County, KY.

Lucy J., daughter of William H. & Louisa Miller, married Benjamin F. Miller; a son of David C. & Mary (Wright) Miller, he was born in Hancock County, KY on 12 March 1839. Ben F. Miller served as postmaster of Blackford (later Pellville) in Hancock County, KY, from 14 August 1863 to 2 April 1866, he later was a tobacconist in Owensboro, KY, where he died 30 December 1915; and was buried there in Elmwood Cemetery. To Ben & Lucy's marriage three children were born, two survived to adulthood - Elmer & Arvilla. Elmer Miller was a noted businessman and contractor of Owensboro, he died in Louisville, KY on 14 April 1922 and was buried at Elmwood Cemetery in Owensboro, KY. On 22 June 1893 Elmer married Lizzie M Yager in Owensboro, they had no surviving children. Arvilla Miller married Thomas S. Long (8 August 1845 - 6 February 1936) in Owensboro on 3 November 1885. They lived in Owensboro, where she died on 11 September 1933, to them two children were born. Arvilla, her husband, and their daughters, Miss Eulah Howard Long (30 August 1886 - 18 July 1943) and Miss Minnie

May Long (19 July 1894 - 26 November 1984), were buried at Owensboro's Elmwood Cemetery.

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Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Thursday, 25 July 1901:

A Venerable Citizen

Wm. H. Miller Whose Customers Bring Tools to Him Be Sharpened – One of the most venerable forms frequently seen on the streets of Owensboro is that of Mr. Wm. H. Miller. He and his also venerable life partner live on the second floor of the Yewell building on Frederica street near the river. He will have attained his eightieth birthday should he live until April 16, 1902. His wife will then be sixty-three. Mr. Miller was born in Montgomery county, Ky., and came to a farm between Knottsville and Whitesville in infancy and there he has lived ever since until four years ago when he removed to Owensboro. His wife was Mary Ann Phillips, of Hancock county. She was of the noted Bruner family on one side.

For two years after coming to the city Mr. Miller followed the occupation of scissors grinder. In that time he says he traversed the whole city, its new additions included, just seven-and-a-half times. He gradually grew unable to walk so far and he had to give up the work except as the tools were brought to him. He did his work so well that his customers have been loth to quit him. However, during the past year the aged couple have devoted themselves to the washing of men's clothing.

Mr. Miller is complaining much now, "more than ever," he says, and he added: "The hot, dry weather never before hit me so hard as now."

Mr. Miller has lived a long, useful and peaceful life and has many friends in this and in neighboring counties.

Owensboro Messenger, Owensboro, KY, Tuesday, 4 November 1902:

Harvey Miller Dead.

Well Known Citizen Passes Away at the Age of Eighty Years – Mr. W. Harvey Miller, one of the oldest residents of the city, died of old age and a complication of diseases at 5:30 o'clock Sunday morning. He was past eighty years old and has resided in this city for the past ten years. He was twice married and leaves three children, Mrs. Ben Miller, of this city, Mrs. Martha Johnson, of Barret's Ferry, and Robert Miller, of Askin, Ky. The funeral took place at 11 o'clock Monday morning at the Panther Creek Baptist church.