

The Miller Family

Information from William F. Bedwell

Miller Family History of William Stuart Miller, son of the Rev. Charles Kinnison Miller and grandson of Charles T. Miller

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Virginia Vital Statistics, Marriages, Wythe Co., 1898, p. 456, Line 86 states that Wm. S. Miller, age 23, single, and Pauline McC. Prickett, age 17, single were married August 23, 1898. It lists his occupation as farmer. Other information, including census records indicate that he was a few years older, 24 to 26, and she was eight days younger than 17. The marriage record also gives William's birthplace as Campbell County, Virginia, but other records indicate it is more likely that he was born in Tennessee, since there is no known connection to Campbell County, Virginia. The 1880 Census says he was born in Tennessee and he was living in Campbell Co. TN at age 8. The person taking the information for the marriage record may have assumed it was Campbell County, VA. The marriage record gives the same names for their parents as shown in other records, and it says the marriage was performed by Saml. S (or J.) Weatherly.

According to the birth certificate of Willie Gladys Miller, daughter of William Stuart and Pauline Prickett Miller, William Stuart Miller was 32 when Willie Gladys Miller was born on March 16, 1905. He was born in Hamblen County, Tennessee, and William's occupation at that time was a farmer. Mrs. Pauline Miller swore that the statements on the form were true. The certificate was accepted and filed Feb. 17, 1950. The certificate states that the birth was recorded in a family bible published in 1895. NOTE: This birth certificate was obtained by this method in 1950 because Gladys Miller needed it to obtain a passport for travel abroad.

CONCLUSIONS - William Stuart Miller:

At this point in research, the birth certificate and the marriage record have the only information about where William Stuart Miller was born, and they disagree. All of the records vary on his age but indicate he was born in the range of 1872 through 1875. It is likely that he did not know or care about these details. At some point Pauline Prickett Miller may have found out some information from his family.

Pauline Miller's bible record in her handwriting says he was 38 when he died on 12 Jan. 1912.

The information she furnished in 1950 for Gladys Miller's birth certificate stated his age as 32 on 16 Mar. 1905 when Gladys was born.

The 1880 Census taken on June 14 in Campbell County, TN gives his age as 8 and Tennessee as

his place of birth.

The 1910 Census, taken on May 5 in Smyth County, VA, Groseclose precinct, gives his age as 37 and his occupation as farmer but gives his birthplace as VA (that Census also changed the place of birth for his brother, James, from NC in the 1870 Census to VA).

As for William Stuart Miller's place of birth, the 1870 Census lists his father, mother, sister Cora and brother James living in Jefferson County, TN. That 1870 Census was taken August 29, 1870, but note that the act forming Hamblen County, TN northeast of Jefferson County was passed May 31, 1870 so this indicates it is entirely possible that Pauline was correct and William was actually born in Hamblen County between 1872 and 1875. In the late 1700's a road that became US 11 was begun, running through Hamblen County and opening travel from Abingdon and Wytheville in Virginia, near where William's parents grew up. The East Tennessee and Virginia Railroad was complete in 1858, promoting growth in that area, and the Civil War ended in 1865.

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NOTE: The Tennessee phase of the Miller family history is waiting for more research. There is interesting information on the Web. United Methodist Church records may have additional information. Apparently Tennessee is where William Stuart Miller's father, Charles Kinnison Miller, either began his work as a minister or did much of his early work as a minister. His missionary work in South America that the family always mentioned probably was conducted from that Tennessee home base before "his wife's health" forced his return to home, probably in the last part of the 1880's. Rev. C. K. Miller served a four year term (before and after 1886) as minister of Rural Retreat, VA United Methodist Church, according to the booklet, "A Centennial of Challenge for Service - Rural Retreat United Methodist Church 1874-1974 and the Future." There is more information from this publication later in this document. Charles K. Miller is listed as age 37, married with two children (Cora F. and James M.) and a Minister of the Gospel in the 1870 Census for Jefferson County, TN, probably in a section that became Hamblen County that same year. The 1860 Census lists him as single, age 27, living with his parents in Giles County, VA (now Bland Co), and working as a "farm laborer" on his father's sizeable farm. The 1880 Census lists him as age 47 and a minister in Campbell County, TN.

As stated in more detail later in this document, C. K. Miller's brother, Lorenzo John Miller, was a minister in the Methodist Church in Bland County, as well as a physician, Commissioner of Revenue, and a businessman. It is interesting that William Stuart Miller's daughter Gladys Miller began her career teaching French in Bland County in the 1920's.

CONCLUSIONS - Pauline Prickett Miller:

Pinned to Pauline Prickett Miller's bible is a scrap of paper with handwriting probably by her mother, Laura Belle McConnell Prickett, that lists some of the births of Laura Belle's children, with this information:

Pauline Prickett was born Wednesday morning, August 31, 1881.

CONCLUSION: This date shows that Pauline Prickett was still 16 when she married on August 23, 1898, eight days shy of her 17th birthday on August 31. However, the 1910 Census confuses her age at the time of her marriage.

U. S. Census, 1910, Smyth Co., VA, Groseclose precinct, taken 5 May by Martin Luther Greenwood. ED 85, Sheet II, Line 79, #205/209.

Miller, William S. Head, m. w. 37, married 12 yrs., b. VA, father and mother b. VA, farmer .
" Pauline Wife, f. w, 27, married 12 yrs., 5 children, 4 alive, b. VA father b. WV, mother b. VA.
" Bessie B. Daughter, f, w, 9, single, VA VA VA
" Harold L. Son, m, w, 7, single, VA VA VA
" Willie G. Daughter, f, w, 5, single, VA VA VA
" Shirley Daughter, f, w, 2, single, VA VA VA

The census almost agrees with their marriage date (actually they had been married 11 years on May 5, 1910, but 12 years on August 23, 1910). If Pauline had been 27 on May 5, 1910, then she would have been born August 31, 1882 instead of 1881. However, her actual birth year can be none other than 1881 as shown by these birth dates of the children of Minter Jackson Prickett, Sr. and Laura Belle McConnell Prickett of Rural Retreat, VA, that are recorded in Laura Belle's bible:

12 Apr 1880 Laura Elizabeth (Glades), born in Abingdon, VA, died 1968 in Texas.

31 Aug 1881 Pauline, born (in Rural Retreat, VA?), died 6 Nov. 1963 at home in Rural Retreat.

23 Nov 1882 James Minter/McChesney, born in Rural Retreat, VA, died Jun. 7, 1968 in Chilhowie, VA (Smyth Co) at Valley Nursing Home, not far from the birthplace of his Beattie grandmother.

24 Apr 1884 Thomas Nello born (in Rural Retreat, VA?), died 26 June 1885 in Rural Retreat of whooping cough.

30 Jun 1887 Robert Wm (Robbie) born (in Rural Retreat, VA?), died (5 Aug. 1959 in Columbia, MS)

22 Feb 1889 Nellie, Jr. born at Rural Retreat, VA (died 7 Sept 1889 at Rural Retreat)

18 Feb 1890 Nancy Belle born at Rural Retreat, VA, died 24 Sept. 1980 at Richmond Memorial Hospital in Richmond, VA

12 Feb 1892 Lulu born at Rural Retreat, VA, died 17 Aug. 1977 in Marion, VA (Smyth Co.)

12 Feb 1893 Mary Prickett, Jr., born at Rural Retreat, VA (died Feb 1893)

8 May 1895 Minter Jackson Prickett, Jr. born at Rural Retreat, VA, died 8 Feb. 1975 in hospital

in Roanoke Co., VA

8 May 1895 Abram McConnell Prickett born at Rural Retreat VA (died 8 May 1895 at RR)

Laura Belle's husband, Minter Jackson Prickett, Sr. died of pneumonia on 12 Jan 1896, age 38, at Rural Retreat, VA, leaving everybody traumatized and leaving her with seven children, age 8 months to 15 years, plus a sizeable debt. Before his sudden death, he had been a successful merchant who started out operating a general store in Rural Retreat for his uncle, Minter Jackson, then became a partner, then borrowed enough money from his uncle to buy full ownership of the business, which he then operated in partnership with his brother, James T. Prickett, Sr.

NOTE: Patricia Prickett Hickin, daughter of Minter Jackson Prickett, Jr., reported these birth dates from her grandmother's bible, and contemporary death dates from family knowledge. She stated that she is unsure about some places of birth as Laura Belle liked to visit her parents in Abingdon, VA and spent so much time there.

Children of William Stuart and Pauline Prickett Miller, as recorded in her bible:

Ralph Edison Miller born Nov. 24, 1899 at Rural Retreat, VA, Wythe Co. and died 2 Aug. 1903 at Groseclose, VA, Smyth Co. He appears in the 1900 census for Groseclose, VA as 6 months old. His sisters told me that he died of diphtheria.

Bessie Belle Miller was born July 18, 1900 at Groseclose, VA in Smyth Co., married Bays Franklin Bedwell of Comers Rock, Grayson County, VA 29 June 1936 at Bristol, TN, lived in Dinwiddie, VA, and died 24 Nov. 1997 in Colonial Heights, VA at Colonial Heights Convalescent Center. Bessie said the reason they married in Bristol was her best friend, Lois Shuler and mother, Mrs. J. A. H. Shuler, who formerly lived in Rural Retreat, invited her to have the wedding at their home in Bristol. Pauline Miller and Gladys Miller attended the ceremony.

Harold Lee Miller (Sr.) was born 29 November 1902 at Groseclose, married Bernice Frazier on 15 Aug. 1931 at Princeton, WV in the presence of Mr. & Mrs. D. H Frazier and Mrs. Pauline Miller, died 25 Aug. 1978 in Duke University Hospital in NC.

Willie Gladys Miller was born 16 March 1905 at Groseclose, VA, died 20 March 1985 at Henrico Doctors Hospital in Henrico County, VA (suburb of Richmond, VA).

Shirley Rosmore Miller was born 12 April 1908 at Groseclose, VA, died 28 Jan. 1991 at The Windsor Nursing Home in Richmond, VA.

James Robert Jackson Miller was born 27 April 1912 at Rural Retreat, VA, married Ruth Adelaide Newell, of Towanda, PA and East Orange, NJ, 24 Nov. 1938 in Washington, DC, and died 27 January 1944 in Rural Retreat.

The death information was obtained from obituaries and family information; marriage

information from Pauline Miller's bible in her handwriting and from newspaper clippings about the weddings that she pasted into the bible.

The remaining information on the Miller family was gathered from research by Robert Young Clay, Richmond, VA, who was well known for his expertise in genealogical research. He started with the information from Pauline Prickett Miller's bible and Gladys Miller's birth certificate:

William (Will) Stuart Miller

b. ca. 1872-1875, Hamblen or Campbell Co., TN (Records vary; his marriage certificate is obviously wrong; this information from Gladys Miller's birth certificate and census records cited earlier for 1870, 1880 and 1910)

d. Jan. 23, 1912 (from Pauline Prickett Miller's Bible)

m. Pauline McC. Prickett, Aug. 23, 1898, Wythe Co., VA. (from the same bible and marriage certificate, cited earlier)

Father of William Stuart Miller:

Rev. Charles Kinnison Miller

"Methodist missionary to South America" (information from family conversation and from a history of the Rural Retreat, VA United Methodist Church, cited earlier)

b. Sept. 7, 1832, Giles Co., VA [later became Bland Co.] (from death certificate)

d. Dec. 31, 1913, Wythe Co., VA (from death certificate)

Father:

4. Charles T. Miller (also referred to as "Charles Miller Sr." and "Charles Miller")

b. ca. 1795, VA (from U.S. Census, 1850, Giles Co., VA. Number 610).

d. ca. 1863, Bland Co., VA (from Bland Co. VA Will Book 1, 1861-1904, pp 47, 48).

m. Aug. 14, 1819, Giles Co., VA (from Giles Co., VA Original Marriage Bonds, 1819)

Mother:

5. Anna (Mary Ann, Ann, Annie) McNeil (McNeal)

b. ca. 1800, or ca. 1796 (The 1796 date is from the 1850 Census as cited above, which states her age as 54. The 1800 date is from Giles Co. VA 1860 Census, Number 822, age 59.)

m. August 14, 1819, Giles Co., VA (see citation shown above).

She was daughter of Jacob McNeil (McNeal, originally Ireson) Sr. (b. 1759 near Harper's Ferry, WV, lived in Franklin Co., VA, d. 1841) and Anna Stevens (d. ca. 1800).

NOTE: Jacob McNeil, Sr. married a second wife, Peggy Cool, on 3-12-1812 and they had children. See more information about him below, under the subheading "McNeil Family," which gives the source of this information about him in a McNeil family genealogy.

NOTE: Charles Kinnison Miller's death certificate clearly shows two i's in Kinnison, instead of the Kennison spelling in some other documents. He died in Wythe County, VA, District of Black Lick, Town of Rural Retreat on Dec. 31, 1913 at 2 a.m. Cause of death is partly difficult to read, but it looks like "chronic inter stitium nephritis," and it was signed by Jas. M. Miller, Jan. 1st, 1914, address Crockett, VA, who certified that he attended the deceased from June 1910 to

Dec. 31st, 1913 and that he last saw him alive on Dec. 29, 1913. Place of burial, Rural Retreat, VA, date of burial Jan. 1st , 1914. Personal and Statistical Particulars: The age of the deceased is given as 81 years, 3 months, 24 days, with the birth date of Sept. 7, 1832; occupation is shown as preacher and farmer. Birthplace: Bland County, VA [originally Giles Co.]. Father Chas. Miller. Birthplace of father Bland Co.[originally Giles Co.] Maiden name of mother: Mary McNeal. Birthplace of mother: Bland Co. This personal information was supplied by C. O. Miller, Rural Retreat, VA.

Mother of William Stuart Miller:

3. Amanda "Mattie" Caroline Young (surname listed in marriage records of her children, Cora and William S. Miller and in her death certificate)
- b. May 1843, VA (1900 Census) or Feb. 9, 1844 (death certificate), Grayson Co. VA
- d. Feb. 14, 1928, 7 a.m., Wythe Co., VA in Rural Retreat, of "asthma and infirmities of age."

PARENTS:

Father

6. Ezekiel Young, farmer (1850, 1860 and 1870 Census, Grayson Co. VA and Amanda Young's death certificate)
- b. ca. 1806, VA
- d. April 17, 1887, Grayson Co., VA of measles

In 1870, Ezekiel Young had \$6,000 in real estate and \$1,907 in personal property, according to a transcript of the 1870 Census, Grayson Co., VA by Jeffrey C. Weaver, annotated by Jeffrey C. Weaver, James J. Stamper and The Grayson County Historical Society. The transcript spells his wife's name as Evaline McMillan, instead of McMillin as stated in the death certificate of her daughter, Amanda (see below).

Mother

7. Eveline (Evalina) McMillin (McMillan in transcript of 1870 Census - see above).
- b. ca. 1810-1812 NC (1850, 1860 and 1870 Census, Grayson Co., VA)
- d. April 5, 1887, Grayson Co., VA of measles

NOTE: Death information for Ezekiel and Eveline Young from Virginia Vital Statistics, Deaths, Grayson Co., 1887, Lines 66 and 67. Notice that both died within 12 days of each other from measles.

NOTE: Amanda Young Miller's death certificate was signed by her son, Jas. M. Miller, with personal information signed by her son in law, J. M. Phipps, also a physician. It states she died in Wythe Co., Black Lick District, Town of Rural Retreat, VA, on Feb. 14, 1928. It gives her age at death as 84 years and 5 days and birthday as Feb. 9, 1844. Her mother's name is clearly spelled Evelyn McMillin and her father is Ezekiel Young, both born in Grayson Co. In contrast to the death certificate, the U.S. Census, 1900, Wythe Co., VA, ED 132, Sheet 5, Line 32 lists Amanda C. Miller, wife of C. K. Miller, b. May 1843, age 57.

Children of Charles Kinnison Miller and Amanda Caroline Young Miller:

1. Cora. F. Miller, b. ca 1869, m. Dr. John M. Phipps, 11 Nov. 1892, marriage performed by C. K. Miller (from VA Vital Statistics, Marriages, Wythe Co., 1892, p. 430, Line 115); (age 4, b. in VA, according to 29 Aug. 1870 Census for Jefferson Co., TN).

2. Dr. James M. Miller, 1870-1930, m. Ida Porter, 1870-1957 (from Chitwood. W. R., Tombstone Inscriptions, East End Cemetery and St. Mary's Catholic Church Cemetery, Wytheville, priv. Pub. Ca. 1977, East End Cem.). According to 1870 Census for Jefferson County, TN, taken 29 August 1870, he was born June 1870 in North Carolina.

3. William S. Miller, b. ca. 1872-1875 in Hamblen or Campbell Co. TN, but records vary from ca. 1872 to 1875 (age 8 in 14 June 1880 Census in Campbell Co., TN; age 37 in 5 May 1910 Census in Smyth Co, VA; age 23 on 23 Aug. 1898 marriage record; age 32 on 16 Mar. 1905 birth certificate for daughter Gladys Miller; age 38 in 12 Jan. 1912 death record in Pauline Prickett Miller's Bible).

4. Charles O. Miller, b. ca. 1874 (?) in TN (age 6 in 14 June 1880 Census, Campbell Co. TN; age 33 in 6 May 1910 Census in Wythe Co. VA. NOTE: The 1910 census must be incorrect because he would have been born the same year as his younger sister - see information below for Virginia Miller).

5. Virginia "Jeannie" T. Miller, b. ca 1877 in TN (age 3 in 14 June 1880 Census in Campbell Co., TN; age 26 in 6 May 1910 Census in Wythe Co. VA. NOTE: If 1910 census were correct, then she would have been born several years after 1880 census in which she appears).

According to the 1910 census for Wythe County, Cora F Miller married Dr. John M. Phipps, a physician. I think he practiced in Rural Retreat, VA. They had two children: Ruth and John N. Phipps.

According to the 1910 census for Wythe Co., Black Fork District, James M. Miller married Ida B. and their children listed in 1910 were: James (R. ?), Roth M., Lucille, and Merle W., plus a step daughter, Willie Johnston. Information from William F. Bedwell: It is my understanding that James Miller was a successful physician practicing in various locations in Wythe County, ending up in Wytheville. Family members told me that he attended Laura Belle McConnell Prickett when she had skin problems not long before she died, and the family was very impressed with him and how kind he was. He signed the death certificates for both of his parents. I have some reason to believe that one of his sons also became a physician in Wytheville, but have not confirmed it.

Charles O. Miller and Virginia (Jeannie) Miller never married and lived together in Rural Retreat in later years, where she was a recluse. He was a dentist briefly, then a salesman for a hardware store, according to the census, but I was told that he ran a drug store at Rural Retreat at one point. From William F. Bedwell.

William and Pauline Miller's children inherited a portion of Jeannie Miller's estate when she died without a will in the 1960's. In the late 1900's, they also received a portion of the sale of property that Charles O. Miller jointly owned near the Groseclose property where William and Pauline lived. The Federal Government bought it to become part of the Appalachian Trail. At that time, there was speculation that Charles O. won his joint ownership of the property in a Poker game. From William F. Bedwell.

OTHER INFORMATION WITH COMMENTS FROM WILLIAM F. BEDWELL:

McNiel Family:

As indicated above, William Stuart Miller's paternal grandmother was Anna (Ann, Mary Ann) McNiel, daughter of Jacob McNiel, Sr. of Franklin Co. The McNiel or McNeal family spelled their name both ways, and sometimes McNeel, according to Robert O. McNiel who prepared a genealogy that appears in *Pioneer Families of Franklin County Virginia* by Marshall Wingfield, published 1964 by Chesapeake Book Company, Berryville, VA.

The genealogy states, "Jacob McNeal Sr. was the pioneer ancestor of the McNiels of Franklin" Co. VA. To further confuse the name, the genealogy states that Jacob McNeal Sr. was actually born June 1759 near Harper's Ferry with the name, Jacob Ireson, but his father died when he was a boy and he assumed the name of his mother's second husband, Thomas McNeel (another spelling) around 1768. The genealogy states, "His mother was Mary, dau. of William (b. 1723, d. 1822) and Molly (Daton) Hughes. Welsh emigrants who settled in the Capon Valley section of Frederick Co. [MD]. Mary Hughes Ireson, widow, m. ca. 1768, Thomas McNeel (b. ca. 1747, d. 1809) Thomas McNeel brought his wife and step-son Jacob to Swgo Creek in Greenbrier Co., later Bath Co., now Pocahontas Co., W. Va., between 1768 and 1870, and settled on a 300 acre homestead. There he operated a powder mill."

The genealogy also states, "In 1776, Jacob McNeal served as spy and ranger for 3 months in Capt. John Cook's Company on the Virginia frontier at Ft. Randolph where Point Pleasant is now located. In July he joined Capt. John Henderson's Company, and served for several months.

"Conflict existed between the Shawnees and the whites for years. In 1774, General Lewis defeated the Shawnee Chief Cornstalk and made peace with the tribe, but within three years the tribe was again hostile. Cornstalk, wiser for his defeat and respecting the treaty, spoke for peace. When his counsel was ignored, he informed the garrison at Ft. Randolph. Capt. Matthew Arbucke, detained him and his two companions as hostages. Cornstalk's son, Ellinipico, hallooed from the river from the river bank, and was brought across to the fort and also detained. In the meantime two men from the fort crossed the river to hunt wild turkeys. One of them was killed from ambush and when his body was brought to the fort his comrades overpowered the guard, of whom Jacob McNeal was one, and killed the Indians. McNeal said that Cornstalk begged them to kill him and to spare his son, but he plead in vain. In his pension

claim on Sept. 3, 1832, Jacob McNeal stated that he tried to prevent the murder of the Indians."

The genealogy also states that Jacob "ended military service in Nov. 1777, and bought 147 acres on Buckeye Mountain in what is now Pocahontas County, W. Va. He lived on the frontier for the remainder of the Revolutionary War and was out frequently out against the Indians." "Jacob McNeal m. Annie Stevens, c. 1783, and in 1790 settled in Franklin Co., on the south side of Blackwater. Two land patents are extant conveying to him 362 acres. One for 312 acres is dated Aug. 19, 1794, and the other for 50 acres bears date of Sept. 12, 1796. These 362 acres ... are between Wirtz and Rocky Mount."

The McNiel genealogy ends with, "Jacob McNiel Sr., d. in 1841 and was buried in the ancestral graveyard. The Inventory of Appraisement, dated April 20, 1841, was signed by N. H. Claiborne, Sials Perdue and R. Purdue, appointed by the Court. Jacob McNiel Jr., was Administrator. Some of the descendants of Jacob McNeal, Sr., still live on the old Franklin County homestead."

It is significant to the Miller family history to note the genealogy also states that their daughter, "Elizabeth McNiel went to Pocahontas Co. [now WV], m. Charles Kinnison, and moved to Ohio." Apparently, following the death of Annie Stevens McNiel, this couple raised her young daughter, Ann (Annie) McNiel, who later married Charles Miller Sr. in Giles Co. VA in 1819 and they lived in a section of Giles Co. that later became Bland Co., VA, where he died in 1863.

Origin of the Kinnison (Kennison or Kinnerson) middle name of Charles Kinnison Miller:

On August 14, 1819, a man named Charles Kennison signed the marriage bond, as guardian, for "Ann McNiel" to marry Charles Miller. I have a copy of that document and a copy of a document that Ann McNiel signed on August 13, 1819 that stated she agreed to marry Charles Miller ... "this day." The marriage date is given as August 14, 1819 in the Giles Co., VA Original Marriage Bonds, 1819. It appears that Anna McNeil's mother died around the time of her birth, or when she was just a few years old. Charles Kennison was married to Elizabeth McNiel, who was a sister of Ann McNiel and it appears the couple took the child, Ann, to raise when her mother died. Obviously, Charles Kennison is the source of the middle name for Anna McNiel Miller's son, Charles Kinnison Miller. The Kinnison family name appears in copies of many hand written documents that I have and the dots above the name most often appear as Kennison, sometimes as Kinneson, and sometimes as Kinnison. Sometimes they differ in the same document. In some court records it is spelled Kinnerson. Charles Kinnison Miller's death certificate, signed by two of his well educated sons, spells it "Kinnison," so I have decided to use that spelling. The McNiel genealogist also used that spelling.

Other McNiel and Miller Information in Publications and Records:

Anna McNeil's father married a second time on March 2, 1812 in Franklin Co., VA to Peggy Cool, and they had more children. The estate of Jacob McNeil (McNeal) was sizeable, as were the number of heirs, and this generated many court records following his death. I have copies of many of these records. Charles Miller Sr. and his wife Ann McNeil Miller were mentioned in many of those records.

According to "History of Bland County (Virginia)," by Bland County Centennial Corporation, Anna McNeil's father, "Jacob McNeil, Sr. was born near Harper's Ferry in 1759 and moved to Greenbrier County, later Pocahontas County, Virginia, in 1768." It goes on to repeat some of the same information that I have quoted earlier from the Franklin County history. It concludes, "After the war he married Annie Stevens and in order to get his wife away from the Indians, he moved to Franklin County, Virginia. He was the father of nine children. After his wife's death in 1800, he remarried Peggy Cool and to his union five children were born." There is more information about the McNeil's in this book.

Dr. Lorenzo John Miller:

Also in the "History of Bland County (Virginia)" cited above is a section about Dr. Lorenzo John Miller, older brother of Charles Kinnison Miller, including a photograph. The entire section is transcribed below.

"Lorenzo John Miller, son of Charles T. And Anna (McNeil) Miller, was born June 7, 1828 on Walker's Creek near Crandon, now Bland County, Virginia. He lived and practiced medicine on Kimberling and died there on July 17, 1896. He married Martha Lois Bird, daughter of Elizabeth (Brown) and John Bird, who was born August 23, 1828 in Floyd County and died on Kimberling, March 24, 1904. Anna McNeil was the daughter of Jacob and Anna McNeil. John and Anna Miller reared a large family: William Rice, who married Emma Jane Morehead; Lorenzo Meek, who married Beckie Mae Finley; Dr. Dan A.; John Harvey, who married Minnie Wright; Martha Josephine, who married Dr. Jacob Adam Wagner; Michatiae Kinzer, who married Huston Helvey; Sarah Anne, who married L. D. Helvey; Victoria Davis, who married Jefferson Davis Wilson; and Mary Isobelle, who married Gordon Morehead."

"Dr. Miller was Commissioner of Revenue for Bland County for eighteen years and was a Republican. He was a minister in the Methodist Church and kept the hotel at Kimberling Springs at one time. Dr. Miller was one of the few doctors in Bland and surrounding counties and was often called into West Virginia. The story is told that on one of his trips, riding a horse called Logan that had been given him by the Masons of Logan, West Virginia, he was attacked by a panther on the mountain and killed it."

"A great-grandson of Dr. Miller is now a student at Medical College of Virginia, and the people of Bland County will welcome David Miller and his wife, Janet (Bird) Miller back to our community when he receives his medical degree."

NOTE: Charles Miller is often referred to as Charles Miller, Sr., presumably to distinguish him from his son, Charles Kinnison Miller, but his name sometimes appears as Charles T. Miller. Charles Kinnison Miller's death certificate sates his father's name only as Chas. Miller of Bland

County.

Children of Charles T. Miller (Charles Miller Sr., Charles Miller) (b. ca 1795, VA, d. ca 1863, Bland Co., VA) who married Anna "Mary Ann" or "Annie" McNiel 14 Aug. 1819, Giles Co. (b. ca. 1800 or 1796).

(See elsewhere for sources of information above.)

Issue:

(Information on the children shown below is from the McNiel family genealogy by Robert O. McNiel that appears in "Pioneer Families of Franklin County Virginia" by Marshall Wingfield, Chesapeake Book Company, Berryville, Virginia 1964 and from research by Robert Young Clay.)

Abram (Abraham) Woodson Miller, b. 20 Apr. 1824, d. 15 April 1897, m. 1st Rachel Herron, 2nd Elsie Munsey.

Lorenzo John Miller (Dr.) b. 7 June 1828, d. 17 Jul. 1896, m. Martha Lois Bird.

Jacob Miller, b. ca. 1831, m. Jane Bruce.

Charles Kennison Miller, b. 7 September 1832, d. 31 Dec. 1913, m. Amanda Young.

Lucinda Miller, b. ca. 1838, m. William Suiter.

Alexander F. Miller, b. ca. 1841, m. Nancy Jane Hamilton.

A booklet, "A Centennial of Challenge for Service - Rural Retreat United Methodist Church 1874-1974 and the Future" has this information about William Stuart Miller's father, Charles Kinnison Miller, along with a photograph of him with a black beard:

"The next minister was C. K. Miller who preached here four years. During the early part of his service a parsonage was built. The Women's Missionary Society was organized in 1886 with four members, and an offering of \$2.00 was collected. Miller was born in 1859, and he served as a missionary in South America until he was forced to return because of his wife's health. He died in 1941 and is buried in Rural Retreat."

NOTE: Some of these dates are wrong. I have a copy of his death certificate with information furnished by his son, C. O. Miller (Charles) of Rural Retreat. This certificate gives his date of birth as Sept. 7, 1832 and date of death as Dec. 31, 1913. His occupation was given as preacher and farmer. The death certificate was signed January 1, 1914 by his son, James M. Miller, whose address at that time was given as Crockett, VA.

NOTE: I have some additional information about the Young family gathered in the research by Robert Young Clay, but it is not organized and needs more research. Also, I have some other

Miller information in other places, such as the document signed by Laura Belle Prickett giving permission for her underage daughter, Pauline, to marry William Stuart Miller.

Other Information from Records:

The 1860 Census, taken in Giles County, Virginia on the 4th day of what may be September lists Charles, age 27 and a farm laborer, living with Charles Miller, age 66 and a farmer, and Ann, age 59 with no occupation. The senior Charles is shown with \$3,000 of real estate and \$810 value of personal estate, while his son, Charles, is shown with \$330 of personal property.

NOTE: Bland County was formed in 1861 and included that part of the former Giles County.

The 1870 Census, taken August 29 in Jefferson County, TN, shows Charles K. Miller, age 37, and Amanda, age 62 (sic.), with two children: Cora F., age 4 and born in Virginia, and James M., listed as age 1 but born in North Carolina in June of 1870. Charles K. Miller's occupation is listed as Minister of Gospel with \$1,300 value of personal estate.

The 1880 Census shows Charles Miller, age 47, and Amanda, age 36, in Campbell County, TN on June 14, with six children: Cora age 13, James age 10, William age 8, Charles O. age 6, and Virginia age 3. In this census it says both Cora and James were born in Virginia (contrary to the NC birth state for James in the 1870 census). It states William, Charles O., and Virginia were born in TN. Charles Miller's occupation is listed as Minister. Property values were not recorded in that census. It states that the three oldest children were "at School" and the two younger ones were "at House."

The 1900 U. S. Census, Wythe Co., VA, ED 132, Sheet 5, Line 32 lists:

Miller, C. K.	w, m, b. Sept. 1832, age 67, b. VA, married 35 yrs., minister.
" Amanda C.	w, f, b. May 1843, age 57, b. VA, married 35 years, 6 children, 5 alive.
" Charles O.	Son, b. Feb. 1874, VA, age 26. Dentist.
" Jeannie T.	Daughter, b. July 1880, age 19, b. VA

The 1910 U. S. Census, Wythe Co., VA, Black Lick Dist., taken 6 May by Chas. C. Steffey, ED 140, Line 27, No. 221/223 lists:

Miller, Charles K.	Head, m. w. 77, married 44 yrs.
" Amanda C.	Wife, f, w, 66, married 44 yrs.
6 children, 5 alive, VA VA NC	
" Charlie O.	Son, m, w, 33, single, VA VA VA, Salesman in dry goods store.
" Virginia T.	Daughter, f, w, 26, single, TN VA VA

Notice how little Charles O. and Virginia T. Miller aged in ten years.

I have a hard to read copy of an 1863 document listing the personal property of Charles Miller, deceased, who was father of Charles Kinnison Miller. This lists individual items of personal property on hand with appraised values totaling \$1,802.50 plus individual items of property sold that totaled \$1,113.25. L. J. Miller signed as administrator of the estate on the 26th day of Dec. 1863. It is likely that L. J. Miller was the older brother of Charles Kinnison Miller, and his full name was Dr. Lorenzo John Miller of Bland County, (1828-1896). Also, I have another similar document filed in the County Court for Bland County, VA in 1864.

In 1823-24, Charles Miller, father of Charles Kinnison Miller, purchased a land grant of 119 acers in Giles Co., VA. A copy of the survey states the land is "on the waters of Walkers Creek on the big ridge" Apparently, this was the first of six land purchases.

Transcripts, by Robert Young Clay, of records from Giles Co., VA Deed Books that show Charles Miller (father of Charles Kinnison Miller) paid the following for additional land purchases:

\$400 for 146 acres on 4-25-1824 (Deed Book C, 1836-1840, p. 92, recorded April Ct. 1824);
\$150 for 30 acers on 4-10-1832 (Deed Book D, 1829-1836, p. 190, recorded 30 April 1832);
\$60 for 40 acers on 12-17-1836 (Deed Book E, 1836-1840, p. 200, recorded 24 Dec 1836);
\$200 for 70 acers on 10-6-1839 (Deed Book E, 1836-1840, p. 200, recorded 18 Oct. 1839);
\$110 for 500 acres on 4-24-1845 (Deed Book G, 1844-1847, pp. 180, 181, rec. 25 Aug. 1845).

All of the purchases following the first one were described as adjacent lands. Including the initial land grant, Charles Miller Sr. accumulated 905 adjacent acers in Giles County through these purchases. The first purchase was described as "on the waters of Walkers Creek," and the last purchase was described as "on Kimberland [Kimbeling] Fork of Walkers Creek . . . Miller's Line."

Walker's Creek is located on the edge of what is now Bland County, next to Giles County. The records of the Estate of Charles Miller (Sr.) were filed in Bland County, VA.

Shirley Rosmore Miller was born 12 April 1908 at Groseclose, VA, died 28 Jan. 1991 at The Windsor Nursing Home in Richmond, VA.

James Robert Jackson Miller was born 27 April 1912 at Rural Retreat, VA, married Ruth Adelaide Newell, of Towanda, PA and East Orange, NJ, 24 Nov. 1938 in Washington, DC, and died 27 January 1944 in Rural Retreat.

The death information was obtained from obituaries and family information; marriage information from Pauline Miller's Bible in her handwriting and from newspaper clippings about the weddings that she pasted into the bible.