Phillips

Back Through Time

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Front Cover

The picture of the house on the cover of this book was built about 1904 by our (authors) grandpa Tommie and grandma Lola Phillips. This was dad’s (Vernon Phillips) first home.

Some of their children, their families, and many of their grandchildren lived in this house.

Some who see this might think, “Why would they want such an awful looking house on the cover of their book?” This was our home and we have a lot of good memories of those days.

We are not professionals in genealogy and arranging materials. Our hope is that the reader will feel a part of what we feel, whether that is from contributing material or just being our family.

Maxine and June

Home of William Lafate and Martha Phillips

This is the front and back of the house that great grandpa William Lafate and Martha owned until they died. Across the field from them lived their son, grandpa Tommie and grandma Lola Phillips.
Acknowledgments

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Carol Sisman for the strong encouragement to us to write the stuff down. John Sroka for the help of these 1780 family members and allowing us to use it.

It is not our intention to offend or criticize anyone. We just want to share information we have enjoyed getting together about our ancestors. Hopefully, our descendants will enjoy this information as we have.

We were not able to get as much information as we would have liked. Also, many pictures and documents were not as clear as we would have liked, but not having originals, they will not always be clear from copies.

We would also like to thank Janette Lasater for her assistance in proofreading and editing this material.
We Are the Chosen

We are the chosen. In each family there is one who seems called to find the ancestors. To put flesh on their bones and make them live again, to tell the family story and to feel that somehow they know and approve.

Doing genealogy is not a cold gathering of facts but, instead, a breathing of life into all who have gone before. We are the storytellers of the tribe. All tribes have one. We have been called, as it were, by our genes. Those who have gone before cry out to us, “Tell our story!” So, we do. In finding them, we somehow find ourselves. At how many graves have I told ancestors, “You have a wonderful family; you would be proud of us.” How many times have I walked up to a grave and felt somehow there was a love there for me? I cannot say.

It goes beyond just documenting facts. It goes to who I am and why I do the things I do. It goes to seeing a cemetery about to be lost forever to weeds and indifference and saying, “I can’t let this happen.” The bones here are bones of my bone and flesh of my flesh. It goes to doing something about it. It goes to pride in what our ancestors were able to accomplish and how they contributed to what we are today. It goes to respecting their hardships and losses, their never giving in or giving up, their resoluteness to go on and build a life for their family.

It goes to deep pride that the fathers fought and some died to make and keep us a Nation. It goes to a deep and immense understanding that they were doing it for us. It is of equal pride and love that our mothers struggled to give us birth. Without them we could not exist, and so we love each one, as far back as we can reach.

That we might be born who we are. That we might remember them. So, we do. With love and caring and scribing each fact of their existence, because we are they and they are the sum of who we are. So, as a scribe called, I tell the story of my family. It is up to me, the one called in this next generation, to answer the call and take my place in the long line of family storytellers.

That is why I do my family genealogy, and that is what calls those young and old to step up and restore the memory of and greet those whom we had never known before.

....Author Unknown
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There are Indications We Came to America from Wales

It has been said the Phillips’ came to America from Wales in the 1700’s. Many of them wound up in Overton Co., Tennessee. It appears they came to Arkansas in the 1830’s and 1840’s. Many came to Madison Co., Newton Co., and Carroll Co. Some have been seen in Independence Co., and other counties.


William is on the 1840 Tax Record. He and his family are on 1850 and 1860 census records for Carroll Co., Arkansas. William and Ruhama do not appear in 1870 census records. It is believed they died within that time frame. They each would have been in their 60’s. They are buried in Liberty Cemetery in Newton Co., Arkansas.

I can’t imagine that journey from Overton Co., Tennessee at that time. The mode of travel was by wagon and horseback. The dangers they would have faced each day, sickness, babies being born, death of the old and frail, and having to bury family members along the trail, because this was also the time of the “Trail of Tears.” This part of the country would have been in much upheaval causing much fear.

They made the trip here, and started a new life with hard work, buying land, building homes and raising families and died here.

By Maxine Whiteley
Levi Phillips

Levi purchased a land grant on Indian Creek in Overton Co., on the 13th of January, 1835, which stated “where the said Phillips lives.” He paid six dollars and twenty-five cents for the fifty acre parcel. He sold this piece of property on the seventh of December, 1835, to Elijah Thompson for two hundred and fifty dollars. On this date the property was described as “including where the said Elijah Thompson now lives.” Sometime in 1835, Levi had moved from his home on Indian Creek. The deed also informs us that Levi was “of the county of White and State of Tennessee.” The logical assumption is that Levi moved from Overton Co., to White Co., sometime in 1835. This deed was witnessed by Riley Miller and Stephan Newberry; the same Stephan Newberry who married Ester Phillips, Levi’s daughter.

Known children of Levi Phillips and Milla Talley include:

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<td>1800</td>
<td>NC</td>
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<td>1802</td>
<td>NC</td>
<td>m. Lard Hammock</td>
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<td>1813</td>
<td>GA</td>
<td>m.1 Stephan Newberry</td>
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<td>Charles</td>
<td>1814</td>
<td>TN</td>
<td>m.2 S.C. Pittman</td>
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Known children of Levi Phillips from his second marriage:

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<td>Sarah</td>
<td>1820-25</td>
<td>TN</td>
<td>m. John R Madewell</td>
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<td>Ruhama</td>
<td>1830</td>
<td>TN</td>
<td>m. James Warren (possibly named after</td>
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<td></td>
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<td>William’s wife Ruhama.)</td>
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According to the 1840 census of White Co., Levi Phillips was born in the 1780’s. White Co., tax list shows Levi Phillips owning 25 acres in district eleven from 1836 to 1841. There are no tax records remaining for White Co., from 1842 to 1846. Family tradition states that Mildred Talley died about 1819. It appears from the 1840 census that Levi remarried and had a second family. Family letters do not mention Levi’s second family. Levi’s second wife was born in the 1790’s.

Levi Phillips sold his land in White Co., on the 20th of December, 1842. This deed is the last record of him.

The family tradition about Mildred Talley appears to be correct. Two of Levi’s grandchildren were named Milla, and one of those was Milla T. This suggests that early family knew Mildred Talley by the less formal name of Milla.

Early family letters state that Levi’s father was Reuben Phillips who married a Nelson.

(Taken from John Sroka’s book “A Workbook on the Phillips Families of Overton Co., TN.”)
A letter from Susan Newberry Davidson in early 1990’s contains an abstract from an old family letter. The next really new information after March 26, 1961 is found on a sheet of paper in an envelope post marked Hull, TX March 7, 1929. On the back of the sheet is written, “Here is the lineage of the Phillips bunch as near as I can give it.” It is not signed but appears to have been written by Rose N. Spaulding. The envelope was addressed to Nina N. Gottfried. She continues, “Here is the names of grandma Ester Phillips Newberry’s sisters and brothers, Adam, Charles, William, Jesse, George Washington, and Polly. She married a man named Hammock.” Rose N. Spaulding is a sister to Sterling P. Newberry. Rose and Sterling were Ester’s grandchildren. Ester was mother of Nancy J. Newberry Gottfried.

Abstract from a letter dated April 30, 1916 from Ester M. Newberry Pittman to her daughter Nancy J. Newberry Gottfrie died “Before I forget your request I will answer it as far as I can. Your grandma (Ester Phillips) mother’s maiden name was Milla Talley. Your grandpas (Stephan C. Newberry) mothers name was Sallie Chambers and your relations to the Cherrochees (Cherokee) was from a celebrated chief, whose name was Ross. And it come from you grandma Esters grandma Phillips, whose name was Nelson before her marriage. I suppose you have heard of Chief Ross for he was a very prominent Indian and figures in some histories.”

(Source: Thomas Newberry Family of Wilkes Co., NC pg 271)
It is believed Mildred Talley was Cherokee.

William Phillips

Born 1800 in North Carolina, Tennessee, or Georgia, son of Levi and Mildred Talley Phillips, he came to Arkansas from Overton Co., Tennessee between 1838 and 1840. He was on the Carroll Co., Tax Record and the 1840 Census Record. He and his family were on the 1850 and 1860 census of Carroll Co., William and his wife were not on any other census records indicating they died between 1860 and 1870. There are land transactions of William and his wife Ruhama in 1862 in Carroll Co., Arkansas. This land is in the Gobbler, Arkansas area. He also owned land closer to the town of Berryville, Arkansas.

Ruhama Clara Allred Phillips born about 1806 in Tennessee. They married about 1824 in Tennessee. She was the daughter of Francis Allred who was born between 1774-1777 in Tennessee. Rachel Allison Allred was born about 1779.

Children:

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<td>12/25/1908</td>
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<td>Riley</td>
<td>1826</td>
<td>Overton Co., Tennessee</td>
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<td>unknown</td>
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<td>1828</td>
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<td>unknown</td>
<td>unknown</td>
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<td>1832</td>
<td>Overton Co., Tennessee</td>
<td>1855</td>
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Buried in Gobbler Cemetery Carroll Co., AR (see headstone pg 205)
Richard  born: 1833 in Overton Co., Tennessee died young  
(Richard was on the 1850 census but not on 1860 Carroll Co. census.)

William Thomas Lafate born: 02/1834 in Overton Co., TN died 1905  
Buried in Gobbler Cemetery Carroll Co., AR (see headstone pg. 205)

Levi born: 1836 Overton Co., TN before 1880 in the south in the Civil War

Sarah J. (Sally) born; 7/12/1838 Overton Co., TN died unknown

Labern A. born 1841 Madison Co., Arkansas died in Civil War just  
months after marrying Sarah Catherine Jones daughter of Caswel  
Carter Jones and Virgina Whiteley

Minerva Jane born 1843 Madison Co., Arkansas died after 1920 in  
Madison Co.

Louisa (Eliza) Allred Phillips born 7/09/1845 in Madison Co., died 8/30/1919  
Rogers, Benton Co., Arkansas

Note: William Allred was living in the house with William and Ruhama in Carroll Co., Arkansas 1850 Census. He may have been Ruhama’s brother.

Note: Matilda died after 1895; she filed a land transaction in 1895. She doesn’t appear on the 1900 Census.

William and Ruhama attended First Baptist Church at Liberty, Newton Co., Arkansas. They are buried in Liberty Cemetery; no markers on graves.

Note: On the following pages are copies of William’s homestead deeds.
The United States of America

Certificate

No. 1874

To all to whom these presents shall come, Greeting:

Whereas William Phillips, of Carroll County, Arkansas,

has, depositing in the General Land Office of the United States, a Certificate of the Register of the Land Office at New Orleans,

whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said

William Phillips

according to the provisions of the Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1830, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for the north half quarter of the south half quarter, section twenty-five, and the south half quarter of the north half quarter, township twenty-five, range three west of the first principal meridian, lying and being that land in the District of Arkansas subject to tax at New Orleans, Arkansas, explaining eighty acres,

according to the official plat of the Survey of the said lands, returned to the General Land Office by the Surveyor General, which said tract has been purchased by the said

William Phillips

NOW KNOW YE, That the United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress in such case made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said

William Phillips

and to his heirs, the said tract above described: To have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature, thereunto belonging, unto the said

William Phillips

and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In Testimony Whereof, I, James Buchanan,

President of the United States of America, have cause these Letters to be made PATENT, and the SEAL of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the 19th day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and fifty-four, and of the Independence of the United States the thirty-fourth.

By the President,

[Signature]

By

[Signature]

Record of the General Land Office.
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

CERTIFICATE
No. 10638

To all whom these presents shall come, greeting:

Whereas William Phillips of Carroll County,
As Pursuer

has deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States, a Certificate of the REGISTER OF THE LAND OFFICE at Fayetteville
whereby it appears that full payment has been made by the said

William Phillips
according to the provisions of the
Act of Congress of the 24th of April, 1836, entitled "An act making further provision for the sale of the Public Lands," for

the South West quarter of the North West
quarter of Section Twenty-seven in Township
eighteen North of Range Twenty-three West in the District of Georgia, subject to
rule at Fayetteville. As Pursuer, contains

forty acres.

according to the official plot of the Survey of the said Land, returned to the General Land Office by the SURVEYOR GENERAL,
which said tract has been purchased by the said

William Phillips

NOW KNOW YE, That the
United States of America, in consideration of the premises, and in conformity with the several acts of Congress in such cases made and provided, HAVE GIVEN AND GRANTED, and by these presents DO GIVE AND GRANT, unto the said

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and to his heirs, the said tract above described: To have and to hold the same, together with all the rights, privileges, immunities, and appurtenances, of whatsoever nature, thereto belonging, unto the said

William Phillips

and to his heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof, I,

James Buchanan
PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, have caused these Letters to be made PATENT, and the SEAL of the GENERAL LAND OFFICE to be hereunto affixed.

GIVEN under my hand, at the CITY OF WASHINGTON, the first day of February, in the year of our Lord one thousand eight hundred and eighty-two, and in the Independence of the United States the eightieth year thereof.

By the President,

James Buchanan

Secretary.

J. N. Granger
Recorder of the General Land Office.
Mahala Phillips

Mahala (Halley) Phillips, born 03/16/1825 in Tennessee, died 12/25/1908 in Carroll County, Arkansas. Married Alexander Franklin Miller, born 03/05/1821 Tennessee, died 11/21/1877 in Carroll County, Arkansas. She is the daughter of William and Ruhama Phillips. Both are buried in Gobbler Cemetery, Carroll County, Arkansas.

The following information is taken from Sandra Kay Ogle in her “The Miller Family in California.”

Alexander Franklin Miller was born 03/05/1821 in Overton County, Tennessee. As a son of Alexander Franklin Miller, Sr. and Lydia SISCO, he grew to maturity on his father’s farm in Tennessee. However, before his own marriage he would join with his parents and other family members to become a part of the great American westward movement.

“The Siscos and Millers sold out and moved to Carroll County, Arkansas 1840. Their Tennessee Deeds indicate that they sold out to Isaac Speck by March 1838. We know they arrived in Carroll County by 1840 when they are listed on the tax records. They are not listed in 1838, and the 1839 tax record was not available.” So wrote Sandra Kay Ogle in her “The Miller Family in California”.

After the family arrived in the Northwest Arkansas geographic region, Alexander Miller was united in marriage with Mahala Phillips 04/23/1844. Mahala had been born 03/16/1825 as a daughter of William Phillips and Ruhama (Allred) Phillips. It should be noted here that stories have abounded within the Miller family for generations to denote a Cherokee Indian heritage. Or, as Sandra Kay Ogle, who was quoted earlier in this family history wrote, “the Indian stories come down so frequently and from widely varied sources that it tends to lend credence to the story, even though no proof has been found.” One example of those stories will be sited, yet the facts of the history simply do not bear out the allegations raised in the story.

“After great grandpa Alexander and Mahala Phillips Miller came over ‘The Trail of Tears’ and hid out in Arkansas because they were Cherokee Indians, after they got married they lived in a cave and when great grandpa would take the gun and go hunting, being gone over night, Mahala was terrified of the panthers that would scream over the cave at night. They whittled their silverware out of wood. They would sit outside their cave and watch other Indians being herded over the trail. Quote: There would be miles and miles of them being driven on into Oklahoma...”

Certainly, that makes for a nice family story, but there is absolutely no historical evidence whatsoever to support it. The facts would certainly indicate that Alexander Franklin and Mahala Phillips Miller were no different from any of those other early settlers who moved into Carroll County, Arkansas, with their families. Also, very few of the Cherokee Indians who were forced into the Indian Territory along the Trail of Tears came through Carroll County when their numbers are compared to the vast exodus of humanity that was marched over other areas of the State of Arkansas.
Alexander Franklin Miller did enlist in the Confederate Army during the Civil War and historical documents have survived to denote that he served in Company A, Harold’s Battalion, from 1863 to 1864. While he was gone from home during that time a story has survived to indicate that the Miller home was burned, as were so many other homes in Carroll County during that national confrontation. During that time it is also said that Albert Bradley Miller, a son of Alexander and Mahala, was hung 7 times by federal soldiers until he turned blue in an attempt to force the young boy to tell where his father was.

All of the Children of Alexander and Mahala Miller are interred in the Gobbler Cemetery in Carroll County except for Joseph Alexander Miller who was buried in the White Rock Cemetery in Lincoln, Arkansas.

Below are pictures of Mahala and Alexander’s family.

Alexander and Mahala Phillips Miller

The Family of Thomas T. S. and Nancy Jane (Hammons) Miller
Front row (left to right): Thomas T. S. Miller, Maude (Miller) Moore (married John Moore), Nancy Jane (Hammons) Miller, and Ida (Miller) McCollough (married Lester McCollough).
Back row (left to right): Missie (Miller) Howard (married Fred Howard), William T. Miller (married Vicie Ann Roberts), and Ella (Miller) Smith (married Joseph Smith).

Standing: John Miller, Jeff Miller, Albert Miller, Joe Miller, Tom Miller, Jasper Miller. Seate died, Louisa (Miller) Howerton, Nancy (Miller) Shelton, Mary (Miller) Fultz, and Mahala Phillips Miller
Children of Mahala Phillips Miller and Alexander Miller:

**William Jasper**  born 08/03/1846 in Arkansas  died 03/29/1928

**Mary Ann**  born 03/08/1848 in Arkansas  died during 1910

**Thomas T.S.**  born 09/16/1849 in Arkansas  died during 1929

**Nancy Canzada**  born 02/22/1851 in Arkansas  died 03/06/1928

**Joseph Alexander**  born 12/17/1855 in Arkansas  died 03/25/1941

**Albert Bradley**  born 08/18/1857 in Arkansas  died 04/01/1919

**Louisa Jane**  born 02/19/1860 in Arkansas  died 12/12/1940

**Jefferson Davis**  born 11/27/1862 in Arkansas  died 06/01/1900

**John R.**  born 01/20/1866 in Arkansas  died 10/20/1911

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**William Jasper Miller**

William was born 08/03/1846 in Arkansas, died 03/29/1928. He first married Narcissus A. Williams 11/20/1870. She was born about 1853 and died before 1900.

Children:

**Alice**  born unknown  died unknown  married Raymond?

**William Wesley**  born abt. 1871  died 04/24/1936  married Dora Tacker

**Ross**  born 08/1895  died unknown  married ?

**William Roy**  born 11/1898  died unknown  married Nora Emmitt; she was born 1881, died 08/10/1956

**Virgie**  born abt. 1905  died unknown  married Clarence Byrns Matthews; he was born 01/ , died 11/1976

**Raymond**  born abt 1907  died before 04/23/1910

**Oma Blanch**  born 06/27/1909  died 12/03/1995  married Robert Clinton Chaney; he was born 01/31/1906, died 03/19/1979

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**Mary Ann Miller**

Mary Ann was born 03/08/1848; she died during 1910; married Elza Lafate Fultz, he was born 03/05/1849, died 1898.

Children:

**John Riley** born 03/1866, died 1951, married Rebecca Isabelle (Belle) Hammoms. She was born 03/13/1867, died 03/04/1955; they had five children, Pearl died unknown; Jane, born 1891 died unknown; **William M.** born 1895, died unknown, married unknown; **Della May** born 09/17/1895, died 05/15/1989, and married John Roy Webb, he was born 08/12/1897, died 02/1970.
Thomas Tucker Steel Miller

Thomas T. S. Miller, born 09/16/1849, died 05/20/1929, Dry Fork, Arkansas; married Nancy Jane Hammons, she was born 01/17/1855, died 01/14/1916 in Carroll County, Arkansas.

Children:
William Thomas (Willie)  born 03/27/1873 Carroll County, AR, died 09/07/1949 AR; Married Vicie Ann Roberts in Carroll County on 07/18/1897, she was born 11/08/1882 died ?
Artie Melissa (Missie) born 03/07/1878 in Arkansas, died 11/16/1951 in AR Married Norway Sweden (Fred) Howard, born 11/14/1876, died 07/07/1963
Ida Belle born 12/26/1882 Arkansas, died 2/21/1955 Arkansas Married Lester Lee McCollough, born 01/17/1885, died 02/14/1957
Maude born 1887 Arkansas, died 1924 Arizona Married John Moore, born about 1885, died unknown.

Nancy Canzada Miller

Nancy was born 02/22/1851, died 03/06/1928, married Andrew Gilliam Shelton on 08/23/1868. He was born 12/17/1847, died 10/14/1870.

Children:
Sarah Ellen born 09/27/1869 died 09/29/1870 married Josephine Phillips died unknown
William Andrew born 01/29/1871 died 12/31/1950 married Vera Bernice Churchill died unknown
James Solomon born 05/16/1873 died 11/14/1951 married Albert Clark died unknown
Armelda Annaveva born 10/27/1826 died 02/09/1939 married ?
Alice Mahaley born 02/10/1878 died 12/14/1952 married William Allridge died unknown
Ota May born 03/06/1880 died 03/11/1942 married Edna Earle Smith died unknown
Thomas Jefferson born 07/25/1881 died 03/11/1942 married Amy L. ?
Milton Andrew born 02/27/1884 died 05/06/1966 Born about 1889 died 02/08/1967
Milton had two children: James and Dorothy, no birth or death dates
Joseph Alexander Miller

Joseph born 12/17/1855, died 03/25/1941, married Alice Usrey, born 10/15/1859, died 08/21/1949.

Children:
Minnie J. born 1879 died 1880
Myrtle May born 05/29/1881 died 04/1971
Married Thomas Franklin Allred born about 1885 died unknown. They had two children, Ruby Allred born unknown, married Hugh D. Wright, born about 1908, died unknown, Arnold born 06/21/1912, died 02/12/1993, first married Eva Bernice Wright, second marriage to Leta May.
Robert Baker born 05/04/1883 died 09/29/1979
Married Rachel Ollie Johnson, born about 1880 died unknown.
Charles Ross born 07/03/1888 died 12/14/1972
Married Mattie B. Allred, born about 1891 died unknown.
Charles and Mattie’s children: Everett L. Miller, born about 1908, died unknown, Crannal Horace, born 10/12/1909, died 06/28/1975; married Mary Belle Richie
Marvin P. Unknown
William Delbert born 03/1891 died unknown
Horace G. born 10/1893 died unknown married Hermie?

Albert Bradley Miller

Albert was born 08/08/1857, died 04/01/1919, married Mary Mac Wilson, born 12/01/1858, died 12/29/1942.

Children:
Archie L. born 01/18/1884 died 12/01/1969
James T. born 01/30/1886 died 12/10/1958
Maggie born 12/1887 died unknown married Frank Wilson
Jesse born 03/1890 died unknown
Mack born 08/1892 died unknown
Burr born 02/01/1895 died 07/16/1974
Clide born 12/1899 died unknown

Note: Archie Lavern Miller married Maudie Smith, born 10/02/1885, died 04/03/1924. Maudie’s father John Franklin Smith had Indian blood; his roll # was 9081.
Louisa Jane Miller

Louisa Jane, born 02/19/1860, died 12/12/1940; married Nathaniel Bunch Howerton, born 1858, died 1932.
Children:
- Cliffie
  - born unknown
  - died unknown
  - married ? Hoover
- Elbert Erton (Eb)
  - born 12/26/1895
  - died 02/12/1970
  - Married Willie Monroe Sisco; she was born 01/18/1898 , died 04/26/1981.
- Viola (Ova)
  - born 07/04/1898
  - died 08/26/1980
  - Married William Seeb Morris, born 1891, died unknown
- Claude Winfield
  - born 08/04/1900
  - died 01/1979
  - Married Annie May Ringler, born 02/20/1903, died 11/13/1988
- Lockie V.
  - born 09/04/1905
  - died 11/11/1988
  - Married Burney H. Pryor, born 04/15/1905, died 08/1993

Jefferson Davis Miller

Jefferson was born 11/27/1862, died 06/01/1900; married Martha Alderson. She was born 1863, died 1949.
Children:
- Lillie
  - born unknown
  - died unknown
  - married ? Atkinson had one child: Clyde
- Floyd Davis
  - born abt. 1887
  - died unknown
  - married Rose Roxanna Conner,
  - Born 09/27/1890, died 09/30/1960. Children: Alta Miller, married Burnice Trussell, Dorothy Kate Miller married Fred Eakle, Alvin J. Miller, born 8/26/1911, died 7/29/1969, married Effie Graham
- Maude M. Miller
- Elmer
  - born 02/21/1891
  - died 10/03/1972 Ca
  - Married Bertha Phillips 01/12/1913 born 06/06/1880 died 08/15/1955
- Elizabeth (lizzie)
  - born abt. 1893
  - died 1965
  - Married Roy Walker born abt. 1892 died unknown
- Miles Howard
  - born 01/14/1895
  - died 04/03/1959
  - Married Lillie Florence Kilburn born 11/19/1902 died 01/11/1984
- Myrtle
  - born abt. 1898
  - died unknown
  - Married Linzy Morris born abt. 1890 died unknown
- Artie Misschie
  - born 01/04/1901
  - died 01/03/1983
  - Married Thomas Ervin Moss, born 09/10/1895, died 03/30/1980.

John Riley Miller

John Riley was born 01/20/1866 died 10/20/1911. No other information known.
The United States of America,

TO ALL TO WHOM THESE PRESENTS SHALL COME, GREETING:

Whereas there has been deposited in the GENERAL LAND OFFICE of the United States a CERTIFICATE of the Register of the Land Office at Harrison, Arkansas, whereby it appears that, pursuant to the Act of Congress approved 30th May, 1862, “To secure Homesteads to actual settlers on the public domain,” and the acts supplemental thereto, the claim of Mahala Miller has been established and duly consummated in conformity to law for the North West Quarter of the North East Quarter of the South East Quarter and the East Half of the South West Quarter of Section twenty-eight in Township Thirty West of the Range twenty-five, North, of the Eighth Principal Meridian in Arkansas, containing one hundred and sixty acres,

according to the Official Plat of the Survey of the said Land returned to the GENERAL LAND OFFICE by the SURVEYOR GENERAL.

You know ye, That there is therefore granted by the UNITED STATES unto the said Mahala Miller the tract of Land above described: TO HAVE AND TO HOLD the said tract of Land, with the appurtenances thereof, unto the said Mahala Miller and to her heirs and assigns forever.

In testimony whereof I, Benjamin Harrison, President of the United States of America, have caused these letters to be made Patent, and the Seal of the General Land Office to be hereunto affixed.

Given under my hand, at the City of Washington, the fourth day of August, in the year of Our Lord one thousand eight hundred and sixty, and of the Independence of the United States the one hundred and fifteenth.

By the President, Benjamin Harrison

Attest:

McLean S.}

Assistant Commissioner of the General Land Office.
Riley Phillips

Riley was born 1826 in Overton Co., Tennessee. He was the son of William and Ruhama Allred Phillips. He married Naomi Boswell, born 2/28/1828, died 11/23/1827. She was the daughter of William and Nancy Thomas Boswell. Naomi is buried in Rock Springs Cemetery between Berryville and Eureka Springs, Arkansas. We believe Riley is also buried there; Riley bought property near Eureka Springs. Riley and Naomi had no children.

Following is Riley’s will:

The Will of Riley Phillips

Known all men by these presence that I Riley Phillips of the county of Carroll and State of Arkansas, being in ill health but of sound and disposing mind and memory, do make and publish this my last will and testament.

All of my world estate and all of the property, real, personal or mixed, of which I shall deed, seized, and possessed or to which I shall be entitled at the time of my decease, I desire, bequeath, and dispose thereof in the manner following, to wit:

First, my will is that all my just debts and funeral expenses shall by my Executor herein after named be paid out of my estate as soon after my decease as shall by him be found convenient.

Second, I desire and bequeath unto my beloved wife, Naoma Phillips, all my lands with the appurtenances thereunto belonging, including houses and household furniture, the same to have and to hold in her own personal right.

And further I give and bequeath to my said wife, Naoma Phillips, all my personal property, monies, credit and effects, of all and every description whatsoever excepting what is herein after mentioned.

Third, to my sister-in-law, Mary Boswell, I give and bequeath one good horse or, mare and one good cow and calf.

Fourth, to my brother, William Phillips, I give and bequeath the sum of five dollars.

Fifth, to Sarah Elizabeth Phillips and Louisa Jane Phillips, minor heirs of my brother Levi Phillips deceased, I give and bequeath the sum of two dollars and fifty cents.

Sixth, to my sister Mahala Miller I give and bequeath the sum of five dollars.