

Letter written by Horatio Thompson Miller (1836-1914) in
Zollman, Virginia **1-21-1891**

My Dear Children. Wesley & Maggie. as you are having something to do now besides writing letters. I thought I would drop you a few lines. I am real glad to hear of your good luck. I recd a letter this morn from Bird.¹ Miller; it is no use to tell you: you have been on my mind, I have been very anxious in regard to you, & now congratulate you. I want you Maggie to take good care of your self. it is no use to tell you to take care of the boy². for you will do that any how. Wesley have you heard from Bocket about the land yet. if he writes to you next get the letter. See Henry may get it & not think to say anything about it. if you hear from him let me know.

Grandpa & Grandma³ is as well as usual the folks are generally well. & we are well. I have not the headache bad since I left home & hope I will not at least untill I return.

Your Uncle Wm. Brown⁴ is talking of trying to go home with us if he can sell his farm, he will go.

This is not as cold a country as Iowa but just as disagreeable I believe they had no fruit here this year & grain & vegetables was not a full crop yet every on seems to have plenty to eat. But I have not eat but one apple since I left home. & that I paid 5 for.

Bessie⁵ is enjoying herself she has seen the Natural Bridge. the mountains & all of these things. But now she wants to see your baby worse than anything else

Trusting these lines may find you both: & your little Babe well. & hoping & expecting to see you before another month rolls round, I am with the best of wishes

your father

H. T. Miller

¹ Bird is a nephew of H. T. Miller.

² This was Fredrick Adair, first child of Wes & Maggie, born 1-17-1891.

³ Probably Henry Zollman (1813-1896) and Elvira Shafer (1821-1892), parents of Elizabeth Jane Zollman.

⁴ Probably William Brown (1858-1929) who married Eutokey Elvira Zollman, sister of Elizabeth Jane.

⁵ If this is his daughter, she is age 8 at this time.