

James A. Miller, farmer, section 9, Clinton Township, was born in Rockbridge County, Virginia, September 4, 1826, son of Henry and Catherine Miller. He was reared a farmer, and received his education in the Commons schools of his county. He was married October 4, 1849, to Miss Susan E. Mackey, also of Rockbridge County, and daughter of James S. and Nancy (McMath) Mackey. September 10, 1856, Mr. Miller with his wife and five children, started for Iowa, coming with one two-horse team, and a one-horse vehicle with two seats. The journey lasted until 7th of November. They slept in tents during their travels. He spent the winter of 1856-'7 in winter in Middle Fork Township, and the following spring removed to what is now Worth, then Gentry County, Missouri. Here he entered, 160 acres of Government land, and purchased 20 acres of timber land in Clinton Township, this county. His first house was a log cabin 12 x 16. In 1859 he erected a frame house, 16 x 24 feet, doing the carpenter work himself. In 1864 he sold out and bought 215 acres of his present farm, purchasing it of one John Weaver. The farm was first settled by Thomas Lovewell and afterward by N. H. DeWitt. The improvements consisted of a log dwelling and a frame, 16 x 18 feet, used as a storeroom by Mr. Weaver. Mr. Miller has added to his original purchase until he owns 582 acres, a large portion being rich bottom land. He erected his present residence in 1874. He is engaged in stock-raising and feeding-cattle, horses, sheep, and swine. He has served as justice of the peace twenty years, and has dispensed justice worthy of a judge of the higher court. He has served as county supervisor two terms, took the State census of Clinton Township in 1875, and the United States census of Middle Fork, and Clinton Townships in 1880. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of fifteen children – John W., Nancy Catherine, James, H., Horace M., Alexander T., Sarah, Jane, Lumina B., Charles T., Signora A., Nathan R., Lena D., Hugh W., Cora, Susan and Angeline Mabel. Marietta E., wife of John S. Glendenning, died at the age of twenty-three. Mr. Miller is a member of the Anti-Horse Thief Association. He always takes an active interest in educational and religious matters, and contributes liberally to all worthy enterprises. He is one of the best citizens of Ringgold County. Politically, he is a Republican. Postoffice, Redding.