



JAMES A. (SQUIRE) MILLER FAMILY

Back Row, 1 to r. Charles,
Sadie (Denney), Jim
Front Row, 1 to r. Lou (Hoover)
Alex, Angie (Jennings), James A.
(Squire), Catherine (Link)
One daughter, Minnie, died before the picture was taken.

Back Row, 1. to r. Signora (Lynch),
Horace (Hod), Cora (Hoover),
Hugh,
Front Row, John, Mrs. Susan,
Nathan, Lena (Studer)



CHARLES AND MAMIE HOOVER

Charles E. Hoover was the oldest of five children born to James Nelson Hoover and Loumina nee Miller Hoover. Charles brothers and sisters were: Lester, Bessie, Mabel and John.

Charles was born May 14, 1885 near Mount Ayr, Iowa. With his parents he moved to the farm west of Redding, Iowa known as the Henry Miller farm. A few years later they moved to the farm southwest of Redding.

Mamie Olive Spencer was the oldest of seven children born to Alpha and Eva Long Spencer. Mamie's brothers and sisters were Cecil, Percy, Madge, Marie, Merritt, and Mildred. They also lived for a short time west of Redding on a farm known as the Studer farm.

On November 24, 1909, my parents were married at Delphos, Iowa. Two children were born to them on the farm west of Redding. Loueva was born September 6, 1910 and Ralph, December 4, 1913. Loueva married Stanley Horne. Their living children are: James, Marilyn (Black), Richard, and Roger. Loueva died in 1951. Charles and Mamie lived on the farm until 1939. Three sons died as babies and Donald in his twenties. When Charles accepted the duties of

Deputy Sheriff of Ringgold County, they moved to Mount Ayr where he served as Deputy for 17 years, and mayor of Mount Ayr for one term. While living in Mount Ayr, my parents celebrated their 50th wedding anniversary.

While living on the farm west of Redding, Charles was Secretary of the Redding Telephone Company, Clerk of Clinton Township, and Director of the Miller School District. He also held an office for the Redding Farmers Institute or fair.

My mother loved to work with flowers and made quilts and fancy work; and her big job, working around the house.

My parents spent all their lives near the Redding and Mount Ayr areas. Many people like myself, have moved from the community but still hold fond memories of our forefathers.

I am Ralph Hoover, married to Hazel Walston, and we live in Coon Rapids. We have a son, Gary of Buffalo, New York.

Because of these past memories, my wife and I still own the farm west of Redding where my parents lived. This farm has been in the Hoover name for approximately 75 years. This we cherish.

submitted by Ralph Hoover

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JOHN W. AND EMMA MILLER FAMILY

*No wonder they are so
many children*

John W. Miller, son of James A. and Susan Mackey Miller was born in Rock-bridge County, Virginia on January 2, 1852, one of fifteen children and passed away December 12, 1934.

In the fall of 1856 he with his parents moved to Worth County, Missouri and in the spring of 1864 moved to Ringgold County, Iowa.

He was united in marriage to Mary Harden, daughter of Alexander and Ellen (Lewis) Harden on March 1, 1877 and one son, Roy A., was born on September 25, 1878. Mary passed away October 14, 1879. Their son, Roy, was married to Bessie Terrell and two children, Madge and Lester, were born to this union.

On March 9, 1882 John was united in marriage to Emma Harden, a sister of his first wife, Mary. Emma was born at Moravia, Iowa, on January 2, 1863 and passed away January 22, 1943.

Six children were born to this union; their first children were twins, Amy and Ada, who also had the same birthday as their parents in 1883; James A. was born August 2, 1884; J. Ray was born December 25, 1885; Thomas J. was born May 30, 1888 and Emma on September 11, 1889.

More than seventy-seven years of John's life was spent within three miles of Redding. In the early 1900's they moved to Redding where they spent the rest of their lives, their last home being where Archie Bailey's now live.

Ada was married to Henry C. Lahs and

they had one son, Percy, who lives in Mexico, Missouri, where he practiced veterinary medicine for many years and is now retired.

Amy was married to Emery C. Sheu-maker, a Mount Ayr veterinarian. They had one daughter, Anna Louise, who now lives in Mountainside, New Jersey.

James A. was married to Myrtle Morris on December 5, 1917. She was born in Kansas and moved to Iowa when a small child. Jim worked in stores in Blockton and Des Moines before his marriage.

Shortly after their marriage they purchased a farm north and east of Redding where they lived until the fall of 1943 when they moved to Redding. In 1945 he purchased a grocery store in Redding which he and Myrtle operated until 1953.

They were the parents of three daughters:

Margaret, born in 1918, was married to George B. Hawk and they lived near Redding for several years after their marriage and are now living in Ravenwood, Missouri. They had three children; Dean and Garnette (Treese) both of Ravenwood, and Jo Anne who passed away in 1962. They are the grandparents of six and have one great grandchild.

Marjorie, born in 1920, was married to Ira H. McDonald and they had one son, James. Ira had a son, Fred, by a previous marriage. Ira passed away in 1972 and Marjorie lives in Des Moines.

Nina, born in 1927, was married to Robert Saltzman and they live on a farm near Mount Ayr. They are the parents of two; Ronald of Hedrick, Iowa and Barbara (Foy) of Des Moines.

Myrtle passed away January 30, 1965 and Jim lived for almost ten years in the Clearview Home in Mount Ayr until his death on August 21, 1974.

J. Ray Miller was married to Clara Mae Griffith. They were the parents of three children; Paul and Pauline (twins) and Eulalie.

Thomas J. Miller was born May 30, 1888 and was married to Olive Edna Hoffman, born February 6, 1890, the daughter of John S. Hoffman and Mary L. Ferguson Waugh Hoffman. They both grew up in the Redding community. They were married March 9, 1910 at the bride's

home in Redding.

Prior to their marriage, Tom worked for a livery stable in Redding. Also, he owned a produce business which he operated for a while. "Ollie" operated the Redding switchboard.

After their marriage they moved to the farm west of Redding where Tom was born and lived there until the spring of 1944. After living a short while in Redding they bought an acreage in Blockton where they lived until their deaths September 23, 1958. They were both killed in a car accident in Sauk Centre, Minnesota along with a cousin, Alex Saltzman, whose wife was critically injured but survived the accident. She was the former Ferne Butler of Redding. Ferne passed away in March 1978.

Tom and Ollie were the parents of six children. The first, a son, died in infancy in 1911; John Duane, 1912, married Laura M. Anderson. They have one son, Thomas, and three grandchildren of Blockton.

Hazel Ruth, born in 1916, married Orlan Ray Smith and lives in Mount Ayr. They have no children.

Ada Mae, born in 1918, married John Dale Moon and they live on a farm north west of Blockton. They have two daughters, Mary Ferne Weaver of Blockton and Connie Jane Manser of Chariton, Iowa, five grandchildren and one great grandchild.

Robert Leroy was born in 1923. In 1941 he enlisted in the coast artillery. In 1944 he was sent overseas and gave his life on Mindanao in the Philippines June 18, 1945. Sgt. Miller was, posthumously, awarded the Purple Heart and the Distinguished Service Cross.

Mary Elizabeth, born in 1929, married John Paul Ogle and lives on a farm south of Bedford, Iowa. They are parents of seven children: William Earl of Clarmont, Missouri; Elizabeth A. Coleman of Hopkins, Missouri; Deborah Sue Cury, Clovis, California; Rebecca Kay, who passed away in 1965; Sandra Lee Wilson, Bedford, Iowa; John Robert and Belinda Renee. The Ogles have eight grandchildren.

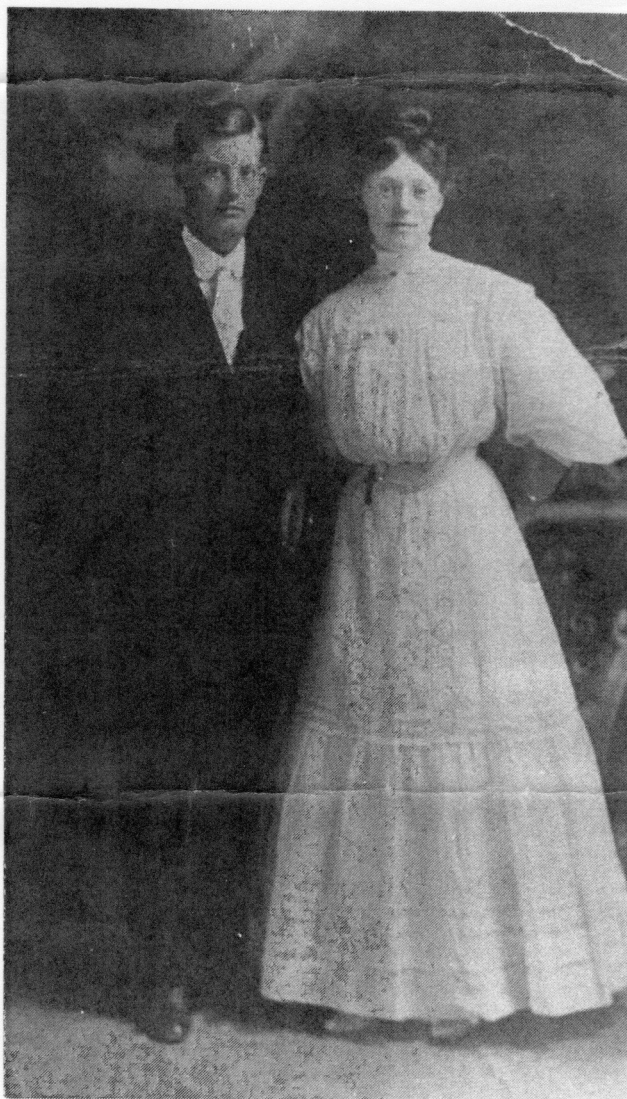
Tom and Olive and Robert Leroy are buried in the Redding cemetery.

The only surviving son, John Duane and his wife, Laura, now reside on the farm. Since Duane's retirement, their

son Tom and family farm the original farmstead making this the fifth generation to farm this land.

Emma Miller was married to Owen Griffith. One daughter, Doris B. (Lucas) was born. Doris B. lives in Iowa City, Iowa

John W. Miller and his wife, Emma, and their six children and their spouses are all buried in the Redding cemetery.



J. Ray and Clara Mae Griffith Miller



James A. and Myrtle Miller



Back row, 1 to r; Thomas Miller, Mary Miller Ogle, front row; Olive Miller, Florence Hoffman Ramsey



Nina and Robert Saltzman



Margaret and George Hawk

* You met
Nina at
that family
reunion in
Iowa -