

Nathan Miller, farmer, section 22, Middle Fork Township, is one of the well-known, and worthy citizens of Ringgold County, and was born in Rockbridge County Virginia, April 17, 1824. His father was Henry Miller, whose sketch appears elsewhere in this volume. His early life was spent assisting on the farm and attending the common schools of his native State. December 9, 1847, he was married to Mrs. Sarah M. Schaffer, daughter of Jacob and Margaret (McHenry) Shaffer. He resided in Rockbridge County until September 12, 1855, when, with wife, and five children. He started for Iowa, with horse team and wagon. He arrived in Louisa County, October 27, where he spent the winter, and the following March came to Ringgold County and located upon his present farm in Middle Fork Township. He first preempted the land from the Government. His first residence was a log cabin, 14 x 16 feet, with puncheon floor and clapboard roof, and the furniture was of home manufacture. In November 1802, he was elected Captain of Company B, Third Battalion, Home Guards. He held the office credibly until it was disbanded, in 1804. Mr. Miller has added to his original 160 acres until he now owns 320 acres of land in a good state of cultivation and well improved. He has a good story-and-a-half residence erected in 1875 and furnished in a manner that betokens the refinement of the family. He has a good orchard of 2 acres and a variety of small fruits, out-buildings for stock and green, and everything about the farm indicates the thrift of its proprietor. He is engaged principally in stock-raising and feeding. Mr. and Mrs. Miller are the parents of eleven children – Mattie Showalter, Arskine, Henry, Virginia, B, Dugger, Nettie Rector, Alice Bailey, Ella, Showalter, Jacob, Paroda, Lulu and Hugh. Maggie Stevens and Herbert are deceased. Mr. Miller has served as township clerk, assessor, member of the School Board and county supervisor. He is a worthy member of the Advent Christian church, and politically is a Republican. He has given his children good educational advantages, and they are well fitted to take responsible positions in life. Postoffice, Ingart.