

Some Notes on my parentage
My great grandfather, came from
Germany, about the middle of the
18th century, or near 1750.

He settled in what is now known
as the Valley of Virginia in either
Shenandoah or Rockingham County
where he acquired quite a property
consisting of flour and plaster mills
lands and slaves. He died before

the war of the Revolution, and the
eldest son Robert, under British
laws, inherited all the property.

My grandfather John Adam Miller
was born Feb 11-1770 in Rockingham
Co. Virginia. My grandmother Anna
Catharina Zerfas was born in Virginia
(don't know the county) Apr 11-1772

To them were born five children
one of whom died in infancy.

John Jacob, the eldest son was born
March 22, 1795, ^{My Father} Adam Miller
was born March 19th 1797

Born in Rockingham Co.

Christian Miller and
Anna Catharine, Twins, ~~were born~~
were born November 26, 1799

My Mother Elizabeth Sherer
was born in Guilford Co. N.C.
January 7th 1803, The Sherers
~~At~~ Moved from North Carolina
to Ohio in 1806, when Mother
was in her 4th year. She had some
distinct recollections of the journey
Remembered the small town, now
City of Cincinnati, most of the houses
were built of logs, Grandfather

settled on a tract of heavily
timbered land, five miles Northwest
of Eaton Preble County Ohio, on
the Old St. Clair trace, where he
improved his farm and reared his
family, surrounded by a few neighbors
a numerous Indians.

I don't know the date of marriage
of my parents but it was about the
close of 1821 or early in 1822,

3 John Jacob Sherr my maternal
grandfather settled on seven-
-mile creek, about 5 miles
northwest of the present city of Eaton
in Preble Co., where the family
felled the heavy timber, and made
a home, surrounded by a few
neighbors and bands of hostile
Indians. In the old cemetery on
a hill near the old homestead
grandfather and grandmother
are buried. My parents were
married on this homestead either
late in 1821 or early in 1822.
Think my relatives in Oregon have
a record of it in the old family
bible. They made their home
in Warren Co., O., till about 1830.
~~My~~ My father farming and
working at the carpenter trade.
about that time he bought 174
acres, nearly all heavy timber 6 miles
northwest of Eaton, one mile from the
present village of New Hope. Near the 3
younger children were born

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In 1845 Father traded his
farm for a farm and mill property
on Twin creek in the eastern part of
Preble co, 3 miles south of West-
Alexandria, In 1850 he removed
4 miles north to New Lexington
and from there in 1859 he and
mother together with my two sisters
and brother-in-law and one of my brothers
and family removed to Iowa

Mother died May 1st 1868
~~Father~~ aged 65 years 3 months
and 26 days Father died January
26, 1886, aged 88 yrs 9 mo & 26 days.
They are both buried in Pleasant
grove cemetery Littleton Iowa

Of their children the 2 younger
died in infancy, seven grew to
manhood and womanhood. Of these
Brother died in 1857, about 28 yrs
of age, sister Sarah who was never
married, died in Pocahontas co. Iowa
Buried there, died June 20th 1892

Brother Cornelius died near
 Celwin Iowa, Have not date of
 his death, but think in June 1895-

Brother Adam died in Wooster
 Ohio I think the same year of
 Bro. Cornelius' death.

Sister Mary Elizabeth who after
 her marriage to her second husband
 removed to Forest Grove Washington
 Co Oregon, Here she was widowed
 a second time, and died in Gales
 Creek village Oregon May 17th 1908

Brother David, the last of our
 family, except myself, Died in
 The Dalles, a town on the Columbia
 River, Oregon, Have not the exact
 date as he was alone, loading his wagon
 and horses to ship to Forest Grove
 and dropped ^{dead}. The remains were sent
 to his former home at Gales Creek Ore
 and were buried there January 20th
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