

AUTO-BIOGRAPHY of DANIEL H. MILLER

MARTINSVILLE, ILLINOIS.

(Written in JANUARY-1912, while being  
confined to the house, following a Fall).

WITH AN INTRODUCTORY RECORD

of "THE MILLER FAMILY"

Compiled by S.B. Miller, from a booklet

Published in 1902, by Cousin DANIEL MILLER

of READING, PENN.

ALSO

ANCESTRAL RECORDS of the

BECHTOLDS

Mc. MANUS

SNAVELYS.

COMPLIMENTS of S.B. MILLER

CEDAR RAPIDS, IOWA.

CHRISTMAS-\*\*\*-1930.

PRELUDE.

JOHN ALBERT HAY:

GREETINGS OF THE SEASON TO YOU AND YOURS.

I have spent many, many hours collecting and compiling the material here-with presented.

I have very much enjoyed the task, and just lately concluded the idea of putting this in shape for better preservation.

I know there are many mistakes and wrong arrangement, but I hope as any of you find a mistake, that you will make a note of it on the blank page to the left, and write to me so I can correct my own copy.

I was surprised to learn that Father was not born in Penn. Also, very much surprised to know that so many of the Martinsville people were boy-hood friends of Father's.

You, too, will notice that the Snavelys, Millers, Ishlers, Fasigs, Ketterings, Gallatins, Brossmans, Kupps, Deahis, Sharps, Winters, Kellys, Shaffners, Mc. Manua, etc. were all from Ohio or Penn.

Then, too, as I learn what Father and Grandfather Miller went through with, I esteem them more highly.

The day after Father's funeral, I met Geo. Lambdin in E. C. Miller's store, and he said he had worked along-side of Father for over 16 years, and never heard one word, or saw one act un-becoming the Christian gentle-man that he was-a very fine testimonial, I think.

I wish that each one of you would write some reminiscence, and send it to me that we might have all of them in our books.

I plan to add more pages as material is at hand, and the family groups enlarge, by the passing of time.

Hoping you will enjoy my efforts,

I am affectionately,

SAM.

THE MILLERS.

(1). DANIEL MILLER, born in Germany, came to America, about 1734, locating in Dauphin County, Pa., (then a part of what is now Lancaster County.)

He is supposed to be buried at Bindnagel's Church.

(2). DANIEL MILLER, his son, born about 1746, a blacksmith, lived in Fishing Creek Valley, died about 1834, buried in a private cemetery, on the John H. Deaven(?) farm.

His first wife was EVE LONG, who bore two sons, John and Martin.

His second wife bore him (3) DANIEL, Mrs. John Roth, Mrs. Peter Neidig, Mrs. Jacob Neidig, and a daughter, Mary.

(3). DANIEL MILLER, born May 19, 1781, died June 23, 1859. He married CATHERINE ENSMINGER, who died Sept. 7, 1861, - they are both buried in the cemetery opposite the First Reformed Church at Lebanon, Pa.

They had three sons, John, (4) DANIEL, Henry.

JOHN married ELNORA IMBODEN, and they moved to Bloomfield, Ind., where they raised a large family. He was 6 ft. 3 in. tall, and weighed 250 lbs.

He died at age 94, with 220 living descendants, - the largest family in Greene County, Ind.

(4) DANIEL MILLER - records later in this account.

Henry Miller married SABINA TITTLE, raised a large family at Lebanon, where he died 1903, age 93. His son, John, served in the State Leg. from Lebanon County.

His son, David William, was a lumber merchant, at Lebanon, the business continues by the son, Henry M.

Another son of Henry, DANIEL, was printer for many years, and Editor of the Reformed Church Record, at Reading. One of his sons, Henry, went as missionary for the Reformed Church at Yokohama, Japan in 1892.

Another son, John Adam, was a printer at Reading. A daughter, Kennie Francis Shaak lived at Lebanon.

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Besides these three sons, there were Catherine, who married Daniel Sharp; Christina, who married Obed Sharp; Mary Miller Spang; Susan Miller Forney; Peter, Adam, and David, all of Lebanon.

(4) DANIEL MILLER, son of (3) DANIEL, born Oct. 13, 1808, married MARY BECHTOLD, Mar. 8, 1832.

They moved to West Lebanon, Ohio, 1838, back to 1849, lived at Mt. Joy, and Union Deposit, then moving to Martinsville, Ills., in 1862.

They had three sons die in infancy, and one daughter, Sarah Ann, die at  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years of age.

DANIEL (5) their fifth child, lived as did Samuel B. their youngest. He died at age 24. at Marshall, Ills.

MARY BECHTOLD, of Lebanon, was the daughter Samuel Bechtold, and Mary Hortsig, a grand-daughter of one Jacob Bechtold.

She had a brother, Samuel Bechtold, buried at Riverside, N.J.; a brother, John Bechtold, of Philadelphia; a brother, Henry, a store-keeper at Manheim; a sister, Margaret Hummel-Keefer; a sister Sarah Walmer, of Union Deposit; a brother Wm. father of Mary Ames and J.Z. bechtold, of Girard

(5) DANIEL H. MILLER, born near W. Lebanon, Ohio, Oct. 31, 1842, died at Martinsville, Ills., April 3, 1915.

He married ELIZA SNAVELY, Nov. 15, 1863, to them were born 5 children; John L. of (Denver) Arvada, Colorado; Albert, 2425 Julian St, Denver; Samuel B. of Cedar Rapids; May Fasig, of Martinsville, Ills.; Harry D. -deceased, Mar. 13, 1919.

Eliza Snavely Miller died of a stroke Dec. 17, 1904, and was buried in the Kettering cemetery, north of Martinsville, Ills.

Daniel H. Miller lived with his daughter, Mrs. May Fasig for many years, passing away at her home, after a very painful lingering illness of inflammation of the kidneys, on Easter morning, April 3, 1915.

He was laid beside Mother, in the same cemetery, where both her parents and his, and Harry and his wife are buried.

## THE McMANUS FAMILY.

JOHN H. Mc.MANUS, married LYDIA PEARSON and lived in Knox County, Ohio.

Otho Mc.Manus, their oldest son married Sallie Rupp. He was killed by a "sniper" on the way home from the Army, in 1865. They had a daughter who married Stephen Hicks, and lived at Tracy, Minn.

Later Sallie married Thomas Mc.Manus, a brother of Otho, Mar. 10, 1867.

Their oldest son, George H. of Cambridge, (Boston Harbor) Mass., had a son, Geo. H. jr. who was a Lieut. at Ft. Sill, Okla. in 1930.

Their second son is Dr. Thomas U. Mc.Manus of Waterloo, Iowa, who has one son, ? , farmer in Minn.

A third son, Oscar J. lives at Winona, Minn. (Thos. Mc.Manus lived many years at Hudson, Ia.

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\*---\* Mc.Manus, had a daughter-

ELIZA Mc.MANUS, who married JOHN SNAVELY, Sept. 28, 1828, and raised a large family at Martinsville, Ills., where she died Feb. 14, 1867

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THE SNAVELYS.

JOHN JACOB SCHNEBERLE, born in Switzerland, about 1659, came to Lancaster Co. Pa. about 1714, died at Lancaster in 1743.

JACOB SNEBERLE born 1694, died at Greencastle Pa. in 1766.

(Schneberle, Sneberle, Snevele, Snively, Snavely; are some of the spellings for the same people. There is a lapse of records here, but he had a son---JOHN SNIVELY who married LOUISA FRENCH. THEIR 5th. son was a

JOHN SNAVELY who married MARY MILLER, and their sons were- DANIEL, JOHN, PETER, GEORGE.

GEORGE SNAVELY was born in Aug. 7, 1779, was married to BARBARA SHELLEY to whom were born 11 children.

JOHN, the oldest married ELIZA Mc.MANUS.

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SAMUEL, of La Salle Co. Ills., married his cousin ELIZA, the daughter of his Uncle John, or Peter? and had a daughter AMANDA, who married a man by the name of WALTMAN, and lived at Missoula, Mont (Mother corresponded with her to the day of her death)

Grandpa's brother HENRY, lived at Prescott, Iowa. Peter lived at Creston, Ia.; JOSEPH and GEORGE married sisters by the name of GOOD.

George's second wife was an ALBAUGH, thus making us distant relatives of the ALBAUGHS of ROBINS, IA.

Grandpa's youngest brother JACOB SNIVELY, of Zearing, Ia. spelled his name the old way. He was yet living when I taught the High School there, and was the image of Grandpa Snevely.

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JOHN SNAVELY'S FAMILY.

1. JEREMIAH born Mar. 4, 1831, died Oct. 28, '31.
  2. ANDREW, born Apr. 26, 1833, died at Lander, Wyo Aug. 3, 1910, age 77. He married ELIZABETH COOK, and spent most of their years at Lander
    - (1) Melissa - born Dec. 26, 1852, married WES TITUS, lived at Union, Oregon.
      - LEWIS TITUS, Homedale, Idaho;
      - Eva Titus Vanorda;
      - IDA TITUS HAINES - Caldwell, Idaho;
      - Will Titus, Telocasset, Idaho;
      - Minnie Cunningham, Union, Oregon;
      - STELLA ARNEAL, Union,
      - BERT TITUS, "
      - BERTHA CUNNINGHAM his twin, Union;
      - MABEL HERBERT, Telocasset, Oregon;
      - MYRTLE JONES, Union,
      - ROY TITUS, -
    - (One or two babies dead)
    - (2) JOHN DANIEL, died in Colorado;
    - (3) FRANK - Cal.?
    - (4) Solomon - Lander,
    - (5) Thomas, "
    - (6) William, "
    - (7) ROSA SNAVELY FEISER, Union,  
Daughter - VERTIE FEISER.
- (Three babies died young, and are buried at Martinsville, before they went west about 1860)
3. SAMUEL SNAVELY, married SARAH PULSE, ~~two~~
    - (1) Laura Snavely Brennon-Shelton,  
Birmanwod, Mich.?

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- (3). OSCAR, twin of *Joseph*
- (4) .Orpha, married Guy Poulter, son-GUY.
- (5). ERNEST, of Jennings, Mo., twin of
- (6) IVAN, of Portland, Oregon.?

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6.-ELIZA SNAVELY, April 30, 1844, married  
DANIEL H. MILLER, Nov. 15, 1868; died following  
a "stroke", Dec. 17, 1904.

- (1). JOHN L. \*Mar. 11, 1868; married to  
MARM PLUMMER, Sept. 22, 1891, Denver.  
lived at Arvada, Col. since 1901.  
\*LOUIS ALBERT, July 21, 1892;  
\*\* NORMAN, June 24, 1894; married to  
Mrs. Margaret

\*\*\*MARY EVA, July 4, 1896; married  
Percy Roberts; Arvada, Colo.  
JOHN Merlin, Nov. 29, 1918;  
GLENN ARLOS, June 13, 1921;  
Frances Irene  
Mary Lou, Jan. 2, 1930.

\*\*\*\*FRANCES ELIZA, Aug. 7, 1902; married  
Robert D. Cocks, Mar. 19, 1924.

- (2). ALBERT OWEN, Sept. 5, 1866; married to  
Minna Fisher, Aug. 8, 1900, address:  
2425 Julian St., Denver.

- (3). SAMUEL B. April 15, 1868; married to  
Carrie Gibson, Aug. 31, 1892, Girard,  
Ills. Practicing OSTEOPATHY at Cedar  
Rapids, Ia., since Mar. 1, 1902.

\*MERLIN G. MILLER, June 13, 1893; wed  
Maude LaRue, at Astoria, Ills,  
Aug. 31, 1914; wife died at birth  
of a son, Gareth, May 21, 1916, wedded  
Frances Prowant, at Chadwick, Ills.  
June 4, 1918; - Iris Pauline, June 2,  
Claire, Dec. 13, 1921. '1'

\*\*CAROL MILLER, June 18, 1895; wedded  
Homer E. Blough, June 3, 1917.  
Adopted a pair of twins, boy & girl  
when two weeks old, born May 20, 1920,  
DONOVAN and DELOYCE.  
DUANE, their own son born Oct. 2,  
1929, Harrisburg, Pa.

(2). EDWARD Snavely married Fanny Barget,  
Has one son, HARRY SNAVELY, of LOS ANGELES?

(3) EVA SNAVELY GREENLEAF (Ed's twin) of  
one son, Wm. Greenleaf.

(4) ELLA SNAVELY COOK, ?,

Carl, Buella Cook Lindsay, Milburn.

(Uncle Sam married Mrs. Mag Burnett, as his  
second wife, Mar. 27, 1887.)

4. GEORGE SNAVELY born Feb. 27, 1836, died Aug. 15,  
'37.

5. JOHN SNAVELY born June 27, '38, died Jan. 131  
1854

6. LEAH SNAVELY SHAFFNER, born July 11, 1840,  
died in 1927, age 87, married Henry Shaffner  
Dec. 30, 1858, lived near Melrose, Ills. many yrs  
Uncle Henry came home from the Army in  
poor health, and never recovered, dying in 1877

(1) OLIVE SHAFFNER, born Feb. 10, 1860,  
married G.W. (MOSE) THOMPSON, and lived near  
Melrose, Ills. She died a long time ago.

Ford, born July 15, 1880. boy & girl

Fred, " Aug. 15, 1882. 2 boys

Otho, " April 30, 1885. boy & girl

Mabel, " Mar. 7, 1888. 2 girls

Clace, " Mar. 12, 1890. 2 girls

Garnet, " Oct. 8, 1901. 1 child

Una, " Nov. 30, 1906.

(2) ANNA SHAFFNER, born May 16, 1863,  
married Jeff Bartlett, Aug. 12, 1884, both  
dead these many years.

Cecil Bartlett Spangler, 3 girls

Maud Bartlett Wells, 1 girl.

Herman Bartlett - 1 boy

(3) Ida Shaffner Metzger, near Melrose,  
married Wm. Metzger, one daughter,

Edna Leah Crumrine, (Roy)

Mt. Carmel, Ills.

(Aunt Leah made her home with Ida from her  
marriage, 1890, until her death.)

7. LEVI SNAVELY, born Nov. 30, 23, 1841, married  
Amanda King, Jan. 17, 1867. (Divorced ?)

(1) Infant, buried at Melrose;

(2) John, married Eva Little, 2 girls.

(Divorced, and kept "Ba ch" with  
his divorced father, lived on his pension)



Mary Mae Williams  
died July 5 1934 } →  
Heart Attack

Hilda Hartman died Aug 19 1939 Heart  
attack

Truim -  
Bobbie -  
Nanna Ruch

1. Tony  
2. got carried to Jan of  
Secret May 1932 } →  
Judith Cook June 7 1933  
Morrison, Ellsworth July 30  
Marsha Neal - Nov. 15 1944 1935

Roy Fairly died Sept. 1, 1973 of  
congestive heart failure in  
Robinson, Ill.

Aug. 26, 1922, CARRIE G. MILLER, wife of S. B., met death from an Auto on the streets of Cedar Rapids, Iowa.

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Aug. 27, 1923, S. B. Miller married Mrs. Evelyn Sweitzer, of Robins, Iowa, with three children, Richard, Elinor, and Robert.

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MARY MAY MILLER, born Oct. 30, 1869, married to ELZA FASIG, at Martinsville, Ills., where they have since lived. Her husband died on his way to work Aug. 1, 1929.

MONA FASIG born Aug. 5, 1896, married to Leroy Hainley, -son Raymond, born Mar. 27, 1918. Hainley died soon after, and she married Lee Kelley, and have two girls, Wanda Lee & Betty D. Russel Fasig, died at birth Dec. 23, 1897. ~~1898~~

*Mary Lou  
died 12-1935*

RESSIE FASIG born Mar. 28, 1899, was married to Harry Ludwig, one girl, Arlene Jane born Nov. 25, 1920.

FAIRY FASIG, born Dec. 31, 1902, married Percy Garver, -Marlyn Ann, Nov. 15, 1928.

*By Johnny* HILDA FASIG born Mar. 2, 1905, married Frank Hartman, -Frances Miriam, Jan. 4, 29

ERMA FASIG born May 30, 1906, met accidental death by drinking gasoline, Sept. 20.

ROY FASIG, -July 5, 1911 1907.

(5). HARRY DANIEL MILLER, Jan. 30, 1872. married Nellie Erhart, Dec. 11, 1897.

\*-RALPH DANIEL MILLER, Dec. 10, 1902; married Lucile Snaveley, Nov. 26, 1926. (She is the oldest daughter of his cousin John Snaveley son of Uncle Levi) -Jacqueline Lucile, born Sept. 23, 1927; Betty May, -May 19, 1929, died on July 2, 1929. -1236-14 Dr. Cabianca Cal

\*\* -SYLVIA BELL MILLER, June 16, 1906 married Merritt Reed, of Oregon, Ills., on June 4, 1927, died childless, following an operation for appendicitis, July 23, 1930.

\*\*\* -PHOEBE PAULINE, Feb. 29, 1908; married Julio Lorenzano, -daughter - Pacita, deserted her husband in Chicago, Dec. 1928; where -abouts unknown.

\*\*\* -MERLIN R. MILLER, June 19, 1911, raised by a fine family, Wm. Schwab, Hampton, Ia. where he is still living.

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Nellie married Cowen  
Shumaker who died Sept.  
1900 and in 1912 she married  
Geo. M. Paxton.

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\*\*\*\*\*WILLIAM MILLER, 5th. child of Harry and Nellie Miller, born at time of his Mother's death, and adopted by Earl Abernathy, of Charleston, Ills., and name changed to Raymond Abernathy born April 27, 1914.

(None of the relations have seen him since birth. The mother died, then, and the Father, H.D. died in 1919).

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9-SILAS SNAVELY, Jan. 17, 1846, married ELIZABETH STRATTON, Sept. 3, 1874, died at Melrose, Ills. May 23, 1908. -wife still living.

(1) ELMER, July 24, 1875, married Bertha Well living at Melrose.

(2) RALPH E. Feb. 20, 1878, fell from a load of hay, Aug. 7, 1897, puncturing his bowels with a pitch-fork.

(3) CHARLES H. - May 26, 1881, married Gertrud Maring, Sept. 14, 1904, living at Sullivan, Ind.

Laufance Herbert, Marian Louise.

(4) LOTTIE - Mar. 16, 1885; married Fred Crumrine, Oct. 30, 1909; 4 children - Melrose, Ills.

(5) ARTHUR W. April 23, 1888; Sullivan, Ind. married ? - daughter.

(6) ALICE MAY - May 2, 1892; married Burnet Sackrider, Aug. 10, 1910; -3 boys.

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10. - THOMAS SNAVELY, Nov. 23, 1847; married Delilah Bartlett, Nov. 6, 1870; no children; wife dead many years, - living at Gary, Ind., with the daughter of Mollie, the girl they raised.

He was at the Snavely re-union in Aug. 30 but his mind was bad, and body feeble.

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11. - LOUIS SNAVELY, Jan. 1, 1850; married Phoebe Roberts, Mar. 27, 1872; died Oct. 9, 1911, age 61. Aunt Phoebe died Dec. 14, 1929, 82 years old.

(1) ARTHUR - dead.

(2) Nellie, married a Shoemaker, ~~divorcee~~ <sup>died 1901</sup> married George Paxton, a very fine man, died in the fall of 1930, kidney trouble.

(3) MINNIE, married a Horrel, divorcee, daughter, Thelma.

(4) IDA, married Everett Carper, - Linda.

(5) HERSHEL - Judge at Marshall, married Mabel Miller, daughter, Elinor.

(6) EDGAR, married Beatrice Wilson; dau.

(7) CHESTER, married Asenath Miller; son, Edwin.



12.-RHODA†Jan.4,1852,married Henry Ishler.,  
April 19,1868,daughter,Iva,married her  
cousin,Charlon Ishler,-deceased.

Uncle Henry has been dead several yrs.  
Aunt Rhoda,died Sept.23,1930,age 78.

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13.-MARY,Nov.12,1854;married Wm.Everet Rogers  
Dec.25,1871. Uncle Ev has been dead several  
years,Aunt Mary in good health,76.

(1)NORA,married aDr. Merritt,living;  
at Hot Springs,Ark.-one son.

(2)EDNA,married Jake Booth,childless.

(3)ROSCOE,died in youth

(4)Russell,died in youth.

(5)WILLIAM†,married Mairy Swallow,  
childless.Dr.Bill is principal physician  
in Martinsville.

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of MARTINSVILLE, ILLS.

(Written by him for his children, in Jan.-1912. while confined to the house by a serious fall Nov. 13, 1911, from which he never fully recovered, -injuring his kidneys, causing a very long, painful, lingering, fatal illness).

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"My father, DANIEL MILLER and MARY BECHTOLD, were married Mar. 8, 1832, at Lebanon, Pa., by the Reformed Church Pastor, of which Church they were both members.

Their first born son died at birth; then a two years later a daughter was born, Sarah Ann who lived  $4\frac{1}{2}$  years; then 3 years later another son died at birth, then Sarah Ann died.

Two years later another son died at birth, so after 10 years of married life they were bereft of 4 children and were yet childless.

They had moved to West Lebanon, Ohio, in 1838, where I was born Oct. 31, 1842, in Sugar Creek Township, Wayne County, Ohio,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  mi. N. of West Lebanon, and  $3\frac{1}{2}$  mi. S. of Dalton, on a small farm, that my father settled on in 1838.

In 1847, my father traded the place to Abe Zartman for a house and lot in W. Lebanon, and got some cash in the trade.

He then rented a grist mill, (as he was a miller by trade, as well as by name), of his Uncle Christopher Stauffer,  $4\frac{1}{2}$  mi. N. of Massillon, O., called the "High Mill", on Mud Brook.

He moved there in the spring of 1847, and lived there  $1\frac{1}{2}$  years, when he moved back to W. Lebanon.

Then, he and his brother-in-law, Obed Sharp, (who married his sister, Christina, c/f p. 3) did some butchering.

In the summer of 1849, we drove to Penn. in an open buggy, with a fine black horse we called "TOBE".

We had a large blue cloth umbrella, to hold over us to keep off the sun and rain.

I was only  $6\frac{1}{2}$  years old, yet I remember the trip distinctly. I remember when we came to the large covered bridge crossing the Allegheny River, I saw a small hole at the

other end of the bridge, and I said "Pap, we can't get through that small hole". He said "Wait until we get there."

But the hole grew larger, until we passed safely through. Then a wind-storm came up, just as we drove up to the tavern. As we were getting out of the buggy, the wind blew the umbrella up the street, and a man ran after it for us.

While father put the horse away, Mother and I ran into the tavern to dry our clothes.

We used that umbrella on the entire trip and home again. It was afterwards on another move to Pa., and later to our trip to Martinsville, Ills.

When the cover wore out, Mother saved the handle and used it for a cane until her death July, 11, 1889, and then Father used it in his later years, until his death, Feb. 9, 1896, and in 1903, when your mother had her stroke, and was able to get about, she used it until her death Dec. 17, 1904.

Since my fall, Nov. 13, 1911, I am using it as my cane. *x I have the same - May*

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Father and Mother visited in Pa. several months, in 1849, then Father sold the horse, harness and buggy, and we came west by canal boat, steam-boat, down the Ohio from Pittsburg to Cleveland, then up the Canal to Massilon, and by stage to West Lebanon.

On that trip, I was exposed to chicken-pox, measles, and whooping-cough. I did not have any of them until the next winter, I had all three, and was housed up all winter.

In the winter of 1853, when 11 years old, I had "lung fever", (pneumonia) which left me in a weakened condition, from which I never fully recovered.

I started to school in the fall of 1849, being 7 years old. My teacher was Mr. Dolbie.

March 15, 1850, my brother Samuel was born, a fat healthy baby, and I had something to play with and amuse.

In the fall of 51, my father got me a first reader, and speller, but I never took them to school, because of the child-hood diseases, referred to above, I did not get to school at all until the next summer.



I studied my books at home, and read some of Mother's old books, and her Bible, and when I started the next Fall, I was put in the Third Reader.

I started to study Arithmetic, but the week before Christmas, I took down with lung fever, and I got no more school that year.

The winter term of 53-54, was taught by Samuel Gallatin, a crowded school, and not much advancement was made.

The next winter, the school was taught by his brother, William Gallatin, who was very cruel and whipped cruelly. He was dismissed before the term was out, and that ended the school for the year. When the pupils found it was to be the last day, they put a big ox-gad above the black-board, and 2 whips across each window, but owing to visitors present, all passed off pleasantly.

The school of 55-56, was taught by Scott Cunningham, a graduate of Fredericksburg High School. He taught us to analyze our problems, the rules for spelling, and reading, and arithmetic.

We did not get very far that winter, but we did get a good foundation for learning.

The term of 56-57, was taught by a Wm. Richardson, a scholar of the same type, but more lovable disposition.

He added grammar and Ray's mental arithmetic, with number reading by memory.

The term of 57-58, was taught by Wm. Johnson, who, was especially good in analytic work, and gave me my first lessons in Algebra.

The term of 58-59, the school was divided, the younger pupils being taught by a woman, and the advanced pupils taught by Jas. B. Taylor of Wooster, O., using a room over a store as a school-room. We made splendid progress, and were sorry when the term closed.

The next year a young fellow, just my age, 18, got the school, and taught no advanced work so I did not get any more schooling.

I wrote to my Mother's brother, Uncle Henry Bechtold, at Mt. Joy, Pa., who was running a store.

He replied that he had no work for me, but to come and go to Mt. Joy Academy with his son Harry. I worked in the early fall for Jacob Kettering at \$6. a month.



I started for Mt. Joy, Nov. 8 th. arriving there the next morning. We went to the Academy and made arrangements for me to start to school on Monday. I took up two new studies, and the others were new line of text-books.

I expected to study at nights, but instead I had a horse and hogs etc., and after supper go to the store, and get acquainted with the business; also to work in the store on Saturday.

A week before Christmas, Uncle Henry asked me to help in the store during the rush season.

At the end of that period, he asked me to stay, and he would try to send me to the State Normal, at Millersburg, as he expected to send Cousin Harry there.

During the winter I made a profession of religion, and joined the Methodist Church, where Uncle and Aunt were active workers.

My S<sup>ss</sup>. Teacher held a State Certificate, and suggested that I take the examination for a grade certificate.

I took it and got a certificate with a fair grade. I put in my application for the Sporting Hill school, and got it at \$100, for 5 months, FURNISHING MY OWN FUEL? CHALK? and doing my own janitor work.

I secured board at \$1.50 a school week, and began my school the first week in Oct., with 59 pupils. One week, only one pupil missed one day, to spoil a 100% attendance.

In February, I lost two pupils by scarlet fever, and the other room lost two, also.

Father and Mother were now living at Union Deposit, and wanted me to go with them to Ills. in April. I closed my school in good shape, and went to Harrisburg, and from there to Union Deposit, and helped with the packing.

On Sunday, Uncle Henry Bechtold and wife came from Mt. Joy for a final visit.

The goods were hauled to Hummelstown, and shipped to Harrisburg, and reloaded there for the west.

Uncle Obed Sharp and wife, were visiting in Harrisburg, and joined us on our return to Ohio.

After a few days at Massilon and Wooster we left for Indianapolis, and Terra Haute.

We got to Terra Haute in the night, and the next morning hired a conveyance to take us to Martinsville, for \$10.

We had a fine big gray team, and a young man for the driver. When about a mile west of Marshall, a heavy storm came up, and we drove back to Marshall, and put up for the night.

The next morning, we left about 7 A.M. arriving at Martinsville about 11 A.M. We went to the Hotel, and sent word to Michael Kettering, who came after us with a big wagon.

Such mud as we had never seen. Father and I had walked most of the way from Terre Haute, and walked out to Ketterings, too.

After awhile, we walked up to Uncle George Winters, who had a little shoe-shop about  $\frac{1}{4}$  mi. North of Ketterings. They, too, were from West Lebanon, Ohio.

Then we walked across west to John Deahls, whom we knew in Pa., and also in Ohio, and had been in Illinois two years.

John Deahl's wife got home-sick for Pa., and went back in 1863, and never returned to her three children, William, Minerva, and Milton, the baby. John Deahl's mother kept the children, till he got a divorce, and later married Sarah Hibschman, and had two boys, Sam and George.

Later he moved to town, where his wife died and he married again. After his third wife died he made his home with George.

Milton lived on the home place, and after his wife died, he brooded until he committed suicide by shooting.

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On Friday morning, Father and I walked, and Mike Kettering took Mother and Samuel in the buggy, south-east of town to Jacob Gallatins, another W. Lebanon family.

On Saturday, Father and I walked to George Sharp's, (a cousin of Uncle Obed-(p 4), and then to Isaac Brossman's, who came from Stark County O. a few years before.

He was a cousin of Mrs. Leah Kettering, and George Sharp.

On Monday morning, Father and I walked to West field to see the country, and I had my first taste of corn-pone, (about  $2\frac{1}{2}$  in. thick) with fat bacon, and wheat coffee.

After dinner, we hunted up Geo. Rheinol, a son-in-law of George Ishler, who had learned wagon-making at West Lebanon, O.

After a visit with them, we started home by another route, just to see the country.

On the 30 of April, Geo. Sharp, and Mike Kettering, with Father and I, started to Terre Haute for our goods, having received notice that they were there.

The roads were still bad, but each took some wheat along to be ground. We stayed at a tavern, (Hotels did not have stables for teams), and the next morning drove out to the depot, and got our goods loaded.

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I rode with Mr. Sharp, and Father with Mr. Kettering. We had a pleasant trip home-ward.

Father rented a room of Ketterings, for us to live in, and we used their stove for our cooking. Father got a job making shingles for Geo. Winter's new barn.

I hired to George Sharp for \$10. a month for the summer. He had a Mc.Cormick reaper, where the raker stood with his back to the machine, and raked the grain off, between the arms of the wheel.

Father had bought a grain cradle, and helped cut the Kettering wheat. The season was very late in July, Father over-heated himself, and on the evening of July 25, his feet were so swollen, he could not get his boots off, so took his knife and slit the boot.

He accidentally cut his foot just above the heel. By morning, his foot and leg were swollen badly, and Doctor was called.

They sent me word of his sickness, and I got home as quickly as possible. Father had a high fever, his leg badly swollen, and inflammation of the bowels.

When the Doctor came again, he said there was only one chance, -to take off his leg. He would get help and be back the next day.

When Father became conscious again, after the opiate the Doctor gave, he made me promise not to permit the operation, under any circumstances.

When the Doctors came, I told them his orders, but they insisted on going ahead, until I showed him the hole the carpenters left.

He threw the covers back, angrily, and made four slashes at lancing, and again, I showed him the door.

I hurried to town, and by hard persuasion, I got another Doctor on the case. We asked him to give something for the fever, and we would poultice the leg.

He left medicine enough to last two days, and Mother and I kept up the poulticing, and the swelling gradually went down.

The Doctor told us to send for the relative, I sent for Cy Fasig to go to Geo. Sharp's to work in my place, and for Sharp to take his horse and buggy, and drive to Bloomfield, Ind., (50 mi. S.E. of T.H.) for Uncle John Miller, my Father's oldest brother. (see p.2), and then 7 mi. below Bloomfield for Uncle Obed Sharp, and Aunt Katie, (see p.3), and in four days they were all at his bedside.

Father recognized the relatives at the time, but after his recovery, he could not remember seeing them.

The first Doctor's lancing had drained so some pus, but another lancing was necessary, when a cupful of pus came out, after which it festered for a long time.

Finally we applied the "Universal salve" until it was healed, but it left him with a stiff ankle that made him a cripple for life.

The latter part of October they moved to Martinsville, to a new house that John Fasig had built before he enlisted in the Army.

Grandpa Fasig and I plastered it, and we lived in it until spring, -1863-, when we moved about 4 mi. north of town, to a small place we had contracted for before Father took sick.

In the early spring, Father and I would walk up there and cut logs for a shack, and then walk home again at night.

We hired a man and team to drag the logs to a place we had cleared for the house, and then the neighbors came together for a house-raising. We had to carry water a half mile for drinking purposes, until we could get a well dug. We moved the 8th. of April, and then began to clear in earnest, to get a patch ready for cane and one for corn.

A few weeks before we moved, I attended a sale at Abraham Shaffner's (a brother of Henry and Philip) and bought a "sweenied" horse for \$40, and later traded it for a 3-yr. old and gave \$5, to "boot",

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Geo. Sharp kept the horse until we could get a stable built.

I taught a 4-mo. school in Doñson Tp. and boarded with Isaac Brossman, near the school.

In Sept. before I started my school in Nov., his oldest daughter, Emma, had her right hand torn off in a cane mill, and while boarding there, I dressed the stub, and she got along nicely.

She studied hard in school and out, and by my coaching, she got a certificate, and taught the summer school the next year, and got fine reports from her work.

She went to school to me again the next winter, taught in an adjoining district the next summer, and later married and raised a fine family.

I taught three winter terms in that district, and a generation later, my daughter, May taught two summers and one winter term there.

In Nov. 1862, Geo. Sharp married again, to Belle Cunningham. In Oct. 1863, she died leaving a baby boy.

Henry Rupp and wife, and Father Snavelly and wife, were just ready to leave for the Eldership to, be held at Bloomfield, Ind. I was to go along, and visit at Uncle John Millers, as the meeting was held in the Bethel, on his farm.

But as Bro. Rupp had preached the first wife's funeral two years before, he was called to preach this one. Father Snavelly, wife and Mrs Rupp went on, and Bro. Rupp came with me, driving my horse to Grandpa Deahl's buggy.

We ferried the Wabash, and stopped at the Tavern at Terre Haute the first night. The next night we stayed at a farm-house, and they charged us more than we had paid at the tavern.

At noon, we stopped for dinner with a Sam Miller, (no relation, but two of his daughters had married John and Henry Miller, two of Uncle John's boys)

We reached Uncle John's that night and had services at the Bethel the next day, and after that in a Grove, as the Church could not hold the crowds.

(Fifteen years later, I attended the Eldership at this Church, and was elected Clerk of the Ind. and So. Ills. Eldership, and prepared the Report for Publication in the Church Advocate,

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On Monday, Cousin Leah Miller and I drove down to Uncle Obed Sharp's. He was not at home, but Aunt Katie and Cousin Joe were there. Cousin David was in the Army. We returned that evening.

On Tuesday evening they had the Church Ordinances, closing the Eldership. We drove back to Sam Millers that night, to lessen the distance toward home.

We drove to Vere Haute the next day, and on the next, I stopped at Marshall, and got my certificate renewed.

As we left Marshall, it began to snow, a wet experience in an open buggy. By the time we got to Grandpa Snavely's we were quite wet.

We stayed over night, and I walked home the next day, letting Kupp and wife have the buggy, to get home to their place.

While I was gone, father and brother Sam, gathered 14 bu. of shell-bark hickory nuts.

An early frost made a short corn crop, and corn sold the next spring for \$1.10 a bu. and hogs were of no value, as no one had any feed.

I commenced my school at Lindsay Oct. 26, 1863. On Jan. 1, 1864, we had our "cold N.Y."

I nearly froze getting to school and in getting the fire started, and then we could not get warm, so all went to a neighbor's,  $\frac{1}{4}$  mi. away, and I froze my ears and toes.

I had married Eliza Snavely, Nov. 15, 1863, and we were living with my parents, but wife had gone to Martinsville to help care for her sister Leah Shaffner, who was very sick with fever, and her husband was in the Army.

Being Friday, we gave up school and started home early. I nearly perished walking the 3 mi to my Father's.

The next morning it had moderated some, so I walked to Martinsville, then out to Snavely hill. On Monday morning, I left about 5 A.M. for my school. It was very cold, yet, so I warmed at two places, and found two boys waiting for me.

the latter part of february, it warmed up, and some of the boys were quitting, so I asked the Directors to let me quit, and they could add a month to the summer term, which they did.

The next day after school closed, I began to get timbers ready for a new house. We had it up and ready to move in in April.

I had bought a one-horse wagon the summer before. We had hired 6 acres plowed the fall before, so we sowed it to spring wheat.

The spring of '64, Father bought an old horse and a 2-horse wagon. We rented 10 A. for corn, also a 10 A. on Dolson Prairie, which we put in corn. We "scored" the ground and Sam dropped the corn, and I covered it, -some tedious job.

The "wire-worms" took most of the prairie crop, so that we only got about 75 bu. and gave one-third for rent, leaving us 50 bu. worth \$ 25c a bushel - \$12.50 for our summer's work.

That fall we sold the place, and moved to Martonsville, and I walked out to the Brossman school, boarding during the school week, for a 4-mo. term at \$25 a month.

I closed that school Mar. 10, and the next day we had a big boy arrive, -John Lyman Miller. Of course, I was the nurse and cook for several days. That summer I worked at Cooper's Mill, on a carding-machine, getting wool in shape for the women to weave.

Father and Sam farmed some north-east of town. I got the "chills", and had to quit work, and John Fasig, a brother of Sam, took my place.

After I got over the chills, I got work at Terre Haute for four weeks in a store, then my Father moved to Marshall, and I had to go home and provide a home for my wife and baby.

I got a school at Casey, and rented a 1-room log cabin, and moved there in Oct., beginning my school in Nov.

I daubed up the cracks in the cabin to be as comfortable as possible when winter came.

During the winter, I made arrangements to move to Marshall, in the Spring. Then Father and I opened a meat market. I bought another horse, and we bought an old carriage and made it over into a delivery wagon.

We would go to the country, kill our beeves, and take them to the shop to cut them up.

It was not profitable, so I dropped it. On the 5th of September, we had our second son, Albert.

In October, we moved to a Mrs. Wilson's in Marshall, and again I taught the Brossman school, over 10 mi. away. I boarded with a Mrs. Clark, and cut wood and did chores for my board.

On Saturday morning, the 19th of January, I walked to Marshall. It began to snow, and kept it up nearly all day, and night. By Sunday morning there was 2 ft. of snow on the level, and I was 10 mi. from my school.

I waited until Tuesday morning, and then I got a horse to ride to get there. The snow went off gradually, and in February we had mud.

On Thursday following the big snow, Father Snavely went to Marshall and brought the family to the old home, as Mother Snavely was sick with fever, and died Feb. 15th, 1867.

I did not know of it at all, and walked to Marshall, found my family gone. I settled up some affairs, and walked to Martinsville on Sunday.

Walked into the Snavely home, missed Mother Snavely, and asked about her, only to find they had buried her that afternoon.

Mother Snavely was an noble woman, and was so very good to everybody, that she was greatly missed in the home, church, and community.

My wife remained in the home awhile, until Levi, who had just married at Christmas moved in to make a home for Father and the girls.

I rented Levi's house, and when school was out, worked by the day around Martinsville.

Grandpa Snavely married a Mrs. Wilson in Nov 1867, and Levi moved into his house, and I moved 2 mi. N. of Martinsville, on Mrs. Aultman's place

I taught the school near by, and lived at home, again, while teaching. We had a very cold winter, and a great deal of snow.

On the 15 of April, we had our third son, Samuel Bechtold, named for my brother, who had been named for my mother's brother, Samuel Bechtold, as well as for her father.

Mrs. Aultman married, and we moved again to Marshall, a very foolish move.

During the winter of 68-69, I taught 1 mi. S. of Marshall, and boarded at home.



During the summer previous, I got but little to do, and some one stole our cow. At least, we never found any trace of her.

During the summer of 69, I worked for Fred Stump,  $2\frac{1}{2}$  mi. S.E. of Marshall, and in the Fall, I worked on the grading for the Vandalia R.K.

I got "cholera morbus" in Sept., and had to quit. When I got able, I drove a delivery team for Payne and Besser's Mill.

On Sat. Oct. 30, our daughter, May, was born, and in Nov. we moved back to Martinsville, '70 and lived with Grandpa Snavely until New Years Day, we moved into the cabin on the Kettering farm, which you all remember, where we lived 9yr.

In the winter I worked in the timber for Kettering or Grandpa Snavely, in the summer worked by day work as I could get it.

One summer I worked for Uncle Louis on the brick-yard, and two summers worked Jacob Masig, building barns, etc.

In the Fall of 1874, I closed out a stock of goods in town, for Johnson and Wagner, so they could go back to teaching again.

In Oct. brother Sam, was injured in wrestling, and died the 15, 1874, and was buried in the Marshall cemetery.

In Jan. 1875, I taught 2 mo. at Blue Grass, the teacher having quit. I had to go to Marshall to get my certificate, and it was bitter cold.

The school had a bad name, but I got along fine, and taught the school again the next year.

In the winter of '76-77, I taught the Kelly school, and boarded with the widow Boney.

In '77-78, I again at Blue Grass, and '78-79 at Lincoln, where I had taught 11 years before.

In the fall of 1872, Thomas Snavely farmed Grandpa's place, and we put in the wheat in partnership. In the spring of '73, Thomas moved away, and Silas tried it one year.

Then Grandpa's step-daughter and husband Craig Kester came and tried to run the farm, and stayed until Grandma's death in March, '79.

Mother and I and family lived with Grandpa until his death, as you all know, Nov. 26, 1887.

On the 14th. of Feb., 1888, we moved over into town, on Mill street, our last move.

Grandpa Miller and Mother moved from Marshall in Sept. 1880, and lived in the east part

of town, and Father helped me on the farm. When we moved to town, we built an additional room for them to live in, but took their meals with us.

Mother died July 11, 1889, aged 74½ years. She had had Erysipelas for many years, and had been a great sufferer. Father spent what little savings he had, and then I spent what I could to try to give her some relief.

Father was a very strong man. I have seen him take a barrel of flour (200 lbs.) and set it on top of another barrel, then take the third barrel and set it on top of the other two.

He was of a kind disposition and had good control of his temper.

I have seen him cradle 4 A. of wheat a day and 8 A. of oats, a task for two good cradlers.

Wages were 50c an acre for wheat and 25c for oats. He was so large, he could cut a swath 11 ft. wide, while the ordinary man cut 7 ft.

Father served as janitor for the old College at Marshall for years, -a 3-story building, 2 rooms on each floor. Fuel had to be carried to all the rooms, fires built, rooms swept each day.

He would go to work at 4 A.M., and be busy often until late at night. But the teachers all liked him for his splendid service.

After that job was gone, he cut wood for a number of families, keeping them all supplied.

When 60 years old, he worked on the Vandal grading gang at Big Creek, where they had a very hard grade to complete.

I was Tax Collector from 86-89, -4 yrs. I worked for H.C. Howell 91-92, in his implement store, and helped him with his tax-collecting.

I worked for L.C. Snavely on the brick-yard in 1892, until August, when Mother and I took a trip to Denver, and after our return, until Oct 15, when I went to work for E.C. Miller in his General Store.

In 1892, Mother was at a missionary meeting at Decatur, and visited S.B. and Mary Ames at Girard, Ills.

I had made a trip to Girard in 1891, and was up on the Capitol Building at Springfield.

In 1900, Mother and I went to Philadelphia on a G.A.R. re-union excursion.

We saw the Battleships of Sampsons Fleet in the Delaware River. We took a street-car ride about 11 mi. through Germantown, visited the Zo-ological Gardens, a part of the Wm. Penn estate.

185 Uncle Sam Bechtold had taken me there in 1853, when my mother and I were there on a visit.

At Lebanon, we saw Uncle Thomas Bechtold's family, Aunt Belle and cousins Mabel and Thomas

Also Cousin Dan Sharp, and Uncle David Miller father's youngest brother. Cousin David Miller took us to the Reformed Church where Father and Mother worshipped in their youth.

We visited the graves of my grand-father, Daniel Miller, died 1859, and his wife, my grand-mother, died 1861, - in the Reformed Cemetery at Lebanon.

We went to Reading, where we visited Cousin Dan Miller, the editor of the Reformed Church paper. While there we had the pleasure of seeing Cousin Polly Miller Lehman, of Bloomfield Ind., one of Uncle John's girls.

Cousin Harry A Bechtold, of York, came and escorted us to Atlantic City, N.J.

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Oct. 15, 1892, I went to work for E. C. Miller and continued until my fall, Nov. 13, 1911, when I was disabled for work, and taken to the home of my daughter, May - (Mrs. Elza Fasig).

#P.S. - On page 15, - I should have recorded the birth of Harry D. Miller, Jan. 30, 1872, in the log cabin on the Kettering place. That is one of the earliest things that I can remember.

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In the spring of 1912, after Father's fall, he went back to E. C. Miller's Store again. He ruptured both ear-drums in his fall and that hindered his efficiency as a clerk, so they put him in charge of the grocery stock.

He had worked for 19 years at \$1.50 a day, they took him back at \$1.50 a day, which was his wage up to the time he finally quit, about six months before his death.

He wrote a letter to John on Monday, before he died the following Saturday night, which was his last message. He suffered severely, from arsenic poison absorbed from kidneys, causing death.

## REMINISCENCES.

As I try to re-call the earliest memories, I can go no farther than Harry's birth.

I remember the shoot stretched about the tall bed-posts of Mother's bed, and later being sent out to enjoy the January chill, by sitting on the rail fence in front of the house, until the Doctor came out and told us we had a baby boy in the house.

Of course I remember working in the woods, the chopping, sawing, rail-splitting, etc., and especially the hoeing of the crops, thinning the cane is very vivid.

I remember Father making COPY-BOOKS for his pupils, and writing the "COPY" on each page.

What seemed miles as a boy, is only very short distances since there are no trees, from our old place to Henry Gallatin's.

I remember Uncle Andrew's one visit to the log cabin. Also, lazy Craig Kester riding a horse behind the harrow, instead of the horse helping to pull, while he walked.

I remember big Uncle John Miller of Bloomfield, Ind., also Cousin Dan Miller, of Reading, Pa. Also, a visit from Uncle Wm. Bechtold, and his daughter, Mary Bechtold, later to be Mary Ames.

I cannot tell what my age might have been, when Father played "Santa Claus", but I have vivid recollection of the event.

I remember Mike kettering, fighting bumble-bees, and catching them under his hat (except an occasional slip).

Old Eli Cook, the drunkard, used to scare me more than any one thing I can remember, as he would come down the road, yelling, and his horses in a dead run. Yes, there was one time when they hit a stump up near the cemetery, and gave him a spill, as they went home without him.

I remember when Uncle Levi ate too much supper (as usual) and got "sick" when trying to shock wheat, afterwards, - and what fun for us boys.

Well, these are some of the things that are of interest as we recall them, after the passing of all these years.

kindest of GREETINGS,

SAM.