

Introduction



George Robert Miller was born December 7, 1919 in Alberta, Canada. His paternal grandparents John T. and Annie Baucom Miller had moved their family, including their son, George's father Tom, just nine years earlier to the Langdon, Strathmore area outside Calgary, Alberta. Their goal was a simple one, to farm and ranch where land was available and mostly inexpensive. It was in Alberta that George Miller's grandparents and Uncle Walter would remain the rest of their lives.

Only Tom & Elinor Miller, with their children (including second oldest George) in tow, moved back to Sangamon County, Illinois, the area where the ancestral lines of George Miller converge.

The George Miller pedigree is just one branch of the complete family tree of his descendants. This book is intended to be comprehensive enough for any George Miller descendant to get a feel for the many interesting people in their ancestry, but to also serve as a starting point for anyone who wants to take the

research farther.

Many of the lines run deep and there is a tremendous amount of research already published, however reciting hundreds or thousands of pages of that minutia is outside the scope of this tome. Some sections are better footnoted than others, however the bibliography at the end or sources noted in various footnotes will point readers in many directions if they wish to explore any particular line further. Likewise, there have been and are many researchers delving into the various lines, and sometimes they don't agree. My intent was to take the sum of what I've uncovered and distill it down into a brief and what seems to me reasonable narrative. In doing so, an occasional error may have occurred or I may have taken more liberty with a family legend than was real, although in my defense, I tried to recite only those legends I thought were in fact real, and left any I thought were questionable out of the book all together or relegated them to footnotes.

Likewise, it doesn't mean that ancestral branch is insignificant nor has any interesting people if there is no narrative about a line herein. What the lack of narrative does mean is that there I haven't found enough historical records or recorded history to tell a brief story about a person or a line or that the ancestral line just hasn't been researched (by me or perhaps anyone) yet. I can guarantee that this little document just begins to scratch the surface of what is available about the George Robert Miller ancestry.

There are two ways to approach this book. If you are familiar with the pedigree, just dig into the text. However, if you are not familiar with the various lines, you could spend a little time exploring the Pedigree Chart in the appendix first, or you could just dig into the text first and then explore the Pedigree Chart later.

Finally, as this book is unpublished, I have felt free to plagiarize some sections from various sources almost completely, but most often I have taken some passages from previously printed material and put it in my style just in an effort to help the narrative run smoothly. I have tried to reference and footnote where it made sense to do so. Almost anything else is probably listed in a bibliography.

So take this little book for what is – a brief story of some of the ancestors of George Robert Miller.