

Some Possible Research Questions

I've spent more than twenty years trying to sort out some of the various connections in George Miller's pedigree and could easily spend twenty more. I started with a few questions and now have many, however, here are a few areas of research that might be interesting:

The parents of Abraham Miller

There is supposition that Abraham's parents were Jacob and Elizabeth Miller from Pennsylvania, however researchers of the descendants of Jacob Miller don't seem to make the connection. There are a few/several Abraham Millers in Virginia at the time George Miller's Abraham was there but no easy way to make any solid connections. My guess is that if someone really wants to root out Abraham Miller's parents it can be done.

The parents of Robert Hodgen

There is a lot of supposition and guesswork into who the parents of Robert Hodgen. One guess is that the parents of Robert Hodgen were John Hodgen and Anna Stanaland. This is an attractive guess because some researchers have postulated that John Hodgen's parents were John Hodgen and Phebe Kirkbride. If this is all true, then the descendants of George Miller, through Phebe Kirkbride, could trace their ancestry directly back to various Kings and other royalty of England and Europe, including Edwards I (Longshanks), II and III. Unfortunately, there is some confusion as to whom Anna Stanaland/Stranalund was married. Some researchers say Anna was married to a John Hutchinson, and the information I've seen seems pretty sound. And while the surname Hodgen may have been confused many other H surnames including Hutchinson in the past, it doesn't seem so in this case.

In addition, if true, ancestors in this line would include The Randal Blackshaw, a Quaker who arrived in Pennsylvania with his family on board the ship Submission in 1682 and William Penn, William Penn's grandfather, which would make William Penn, the founder of Pennsylvania a distant granduncle of the descendants of George Miller.

Clearly, someone could spend time trying to sort all this out definitively. I don't have the inclination.

The Ancestry of Elizabeth Dawson.

Elizabeth Dawson married Thomas Greening on June 6, 1818 and died in Clearlake, Sangamon County January 31, 1872. This particular ancestor line took a slight different route to Illinois than most other George Miller ancestor lines. Thomas Dawson immigrated to Pennsylvania from England; son Isaac Dawson settled and lived for some time in Frederick County, Virginia in the Shenandoah Valley. Isaac's son David migrated westward to Ross County, OH (near Cincinnati). David's son moved to Clark

County, KY, where his daughter met and married Thomas Greening on June 6th, 1818 before moving and spending the rest of their lives in Sangamon County, IL. It looks like an interesting line to research if someone was so inclined.

The Ancestry of Sarah Allen.

Sarah Allen married Reuben Greening in 1786. The Allen line goes deep into Faquier County, Virginia to the mid 1600s. This line originated in England. There are others working this line although information is a little scarce.

In addition Sarah Allen's mother was Elizabeth Sims. It appears that the Sims/Symes line goes very deep as well with passage to America through Liberia. This might be a fun line to research.

The Ancestry of Sara Cravens

Sarah Cravens married Ezekiel Harrison. There is a fair amount of research done including a comprehensive book on this Craven, however this line has not caught my interest, hence nothing much in this book about the line.

The ancestor lines within the LaRue pedigree

There are a few lines within the LaRue pedigree that could be interesting if someone took the time. The Carmans and the Cressons both seem to have a fair amount of research already completed and might yield some fascinating stories if someone took the time to sort these lines all out.