

A Glossary of Some Names & Places Found in the Diaries

Uncle Will & Aunt Nora: William Baucom and his wife Nora Van Meter. A son of Thomas Leads Baucom and Marie Shewmaker, Uncle Will is Tom Miller's mother Annie Miller's brother.

Aunt Sarah and Uncle Tom: Sarah Baucom and her husband Tom Hatcher (sometimes seen just as Tom Hatcher). A daughter of Thomas Leads Baucom and Marie Shewmaker, Aunt Sarah is Tom Miller's mother Annie Miller's sister.

Aunt Lillie: Lillie Bates. Aunt Lillie married Tom Miller's mother Annie Miller's brother Edwin Pleasant "Plez" Baucom. Plez Baucom died in 1927.

Aunt Georgia: Georgia Miller. The sister of William "Willie" Miller and Tom Miller's father John T. Miller's cousin, Georgia married Tom Miller's mother Annie Miller's brother John Vardiman Baucom. John Vardiman Baucom died in 1897. Aunt Georgia later married John Jensen.

Aunt Kit: Mary Elizabeth Baucom. A daughter of Thomas Leads Baucom and Mary Shewmaker, and sister to Ann Maria Baucom, Tom Miller's mother, Aunt Kit married William "Willie" Miller, who was Aunt Georgia's brother and Tom Miller's father John T. Miller's cousin. Aunt Kit was known by many as Aunt Puss.

Mother: Ann Marie Baucom

Father: John T. Miller

Frances: Frances Baucom, Uncle Will and Aunt Nora's only child. She married Carson Greening.

Carson Greening: the husband of Frances Baucom and Tom Miller's cousin.

Llyod or Duffy: Llyod Miller, Aunt Kit's only child and Tom Miller's cousin.

Myrtle: Myrtle Baucom, oldest child of Aunt Lillie and Plez Baucom. She would marry Frank E. Coble and have one son, Frank E. Coble (known to all as Junior Coble). Junior Coble would marry Jane.

Edgar: Edgar Baucom, second child born to Aunt Lillie and Plez Baucom.

Louis: Louis Baucom, third child born to Aunt Lillie and Plez Baucom.

Aunt Ellen Dill: Ellen Baucom, sister of Thomas Leads Baucom, aunt to Tom Miller's mother Annie, and Tom Miller's grandaunt.

Clara and Sid: Clara Hodgen and Sid Barnes. Cora is Elinor's sister.

Cora and Henry: Cora Hodgen and Henry Hanson. Clara is Elinor's sister.

Fred H. or Fred & Myrtle: Fred Hodgen, a cowboy who lived in the panhandle of Texas. Fred is Elinor's brother. Myrtle was Fred's wife.

Claud Hodgen: most likely Elinor's brother Clifford Claud Hodgen

Lorene, Malford, and Myra: the children of Cora and Henry Hanson, Elinor's nieces and nephew.

May and Louis: the children of Clara and Sid Barnes, Elinor's niece and nephew.

May & Lou (as referring to a pair of horses): two old grey mares that Tom Miller bought at auction that previously belonged to Sid Barnes. Horses names after Clara and Sid's two children, May and Louis Barnes.

Judith: Lorene Hanson's daughter.

Charles: Tom & Elinor's oldest child. He drowned in the new Lake Springfield on June 14, 1936.

George: Tom & Elinor's second born.

Ruth: Tom & Elinor's youngest child.

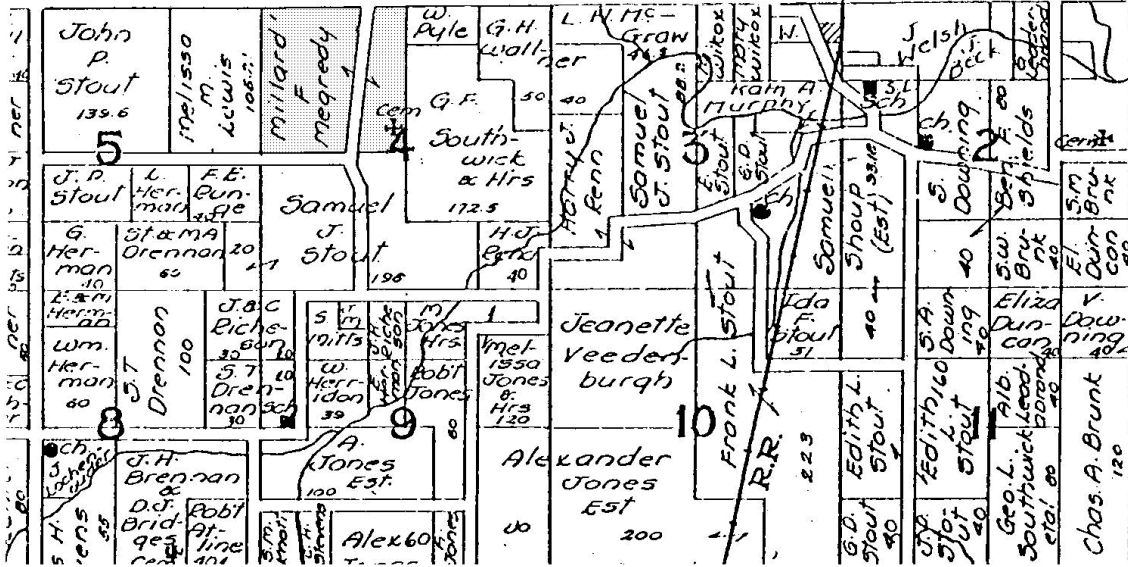
Dorothy (also Dot or Dotty): Tom & Elinor's 2nd youngest child.

Mildred and Arabelle (also referred to as "the twins"): Tom and Elinor's twin girls. Mildred and Arabelle were named after Millard and Arabelle Megredy.

Millard F. Megredy (also referred to as M.F.M., Mr. Megredy, Mr. Meg., and Mr. M.F. and Mrs. Megredy): A land owner in Sangamon County, Millard Megredy is a son of James J. Megredy and grandson of Enoch Megredy. Elinor Miller and Millard Megredy are 1st cousins one generation removed. Elinor was living with the Megredys as a servant in 1910. Millard Megredy lent Tom Miller money to buy a farm at Indus, Alberta, Canada, and rented Tom and Elinor the farm from 1929 to early 1936 that Tom & Elinor lived on after returning to Sangamon County. George Miller remembers Millard Megredy as a decent man to his tenants as long as the tenants held up their end of the agreement. George Miller also remembers his father and Megredy's relationship as strained. Nevertheless, Tom & Elinor named their twins after Millard Megredy and his wife Arabelle.

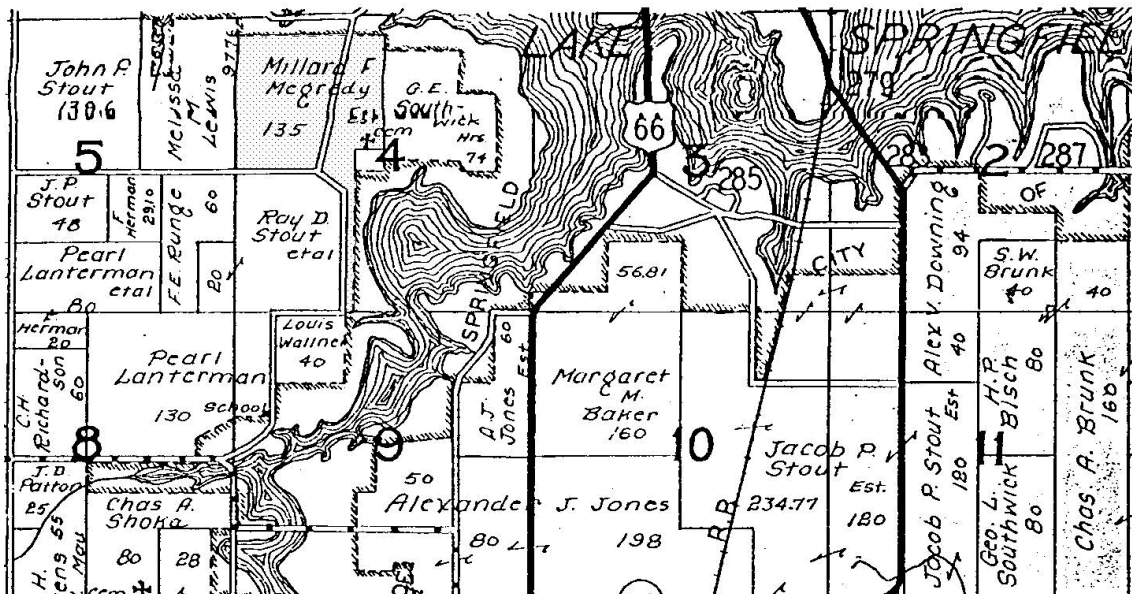
Home or The Megredy Farm: one of Millard Megredy's tenant farms located slightly northeast of Chatham in Section 4 of Ball township. The northernmost portion of this 155 acre farm was consumed by the new Lake Springfield. Tom & Elinor's neighbor to the north was Chris Jacobs, to the northeast Louie Wallner, to the southeast Bob Southwick, to the south William Dickey and to the west John Stout.

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The Lake: Lake Springfield. Original bond issue passed on June 24, 1930. Construction began in 1931 and the first water over the dam occurred May 2, 1935. The Lake was dedicated on July 12, 13 & 14, 1935.

Stout or John Stout: Tom & Elinor's neighbor. George Miller this man's driving work ethic and his saying "Kill a horse, buy another horse; kill a man, hire another man."

Dickey or Mr. Dickey: Tom & Elinor's neighbor to the south. George Robert Miller remembers a strange incident that occurred one day - "I remember one time we were walking to school. We always walked past the Dickey's and picked up their kids along the way, one of the children was Lois Dickey, pretty little thing. I was kind of sweet on her. Anyway, one day there was furniture all over their front yard. We asked the kids what was going on, and they told us that their dad got drunk and went to an auction and bought all the furniture!"

Chris Jacobs: Tom & Elinor's neighbor.

Bob Southwick: Tom & Elinor's neighbor. His brother Bill lived in Chatham.

Louie or Louis Wallner: Tom & Elinor's neighbor.

C.C. Jones: Millard Megredy's business manager.

Jessie Megredy: Millard Megredy's niece.

Wes Duncan (also known as Wes or Wesley): Tom Miller's hired help.