

AMOS AND MELISSA

In my research on Amos and Melissa Miller, I found no information on their mothers or fathers. At this point we need a professional researcher.

This report is based on my DNA results and information found on [ancestry.com](https://www.ancestry.com) and the Spartanburg County Library in Spartanburg, SC.

My DNA matched a distant cousin <file millergirl13> to James Miller and his son, Josiah Miller. Josiah Miller to his son, Martin Otts Miller.

James Miller was born in 1724, his father, Robert, was 34 and his mother, Mary, was 31. James married Mary Neely in 1775 in Spartanburg, SC. They had eight children in 19 years. He died in 1795 in Spartanburg, SC at the age of 71.

The fifth child of James Miller was Josiah. Josiah was born April 17, 1777 in Spartanburg, SC. He died October 2, 1861 in Spartanburg, County, SC. He married Anne Otts, who was the daughter of Martin Otts and Elizabeth McJoyce on Mar 1, 1803 in Spartanburg County, SC. She was born on August 27, 1778 in Walnut Grove, Spartanburg County, SC. Josiah and Anne three children: Martin, Lucinda, and William Hamilton.

Martin Otts Miller (Josiah, James) was born on April 22, 1810 in Walnut Grove, Spartanburg County, SC. He died on April 125, 1884 in Walnut Grove Spartanburg County, SC. He married Jane Snoddy on February 28, 1839. She was born on January 24, 1814 in Spartanburg County, SC. They had four children. Jane died on June 21, 1885 in Spartanburg County, SC.

Further research showed that Amos Miller registered to vote in 1868. This report was issued by the Military Government in Spartanburg County, SC at the Johnsonville Precinct (File 331). The rest of the report showed where Amos and Melissa and their children lived.

Starting with the 1870 Federal Census, I found Amos and Melissa Miller living in Fairforest, Spartanburg County, SC, with their two sons, John Miller, who is my grandfather and Ettick Miller. They were farmers. The records show they owned 15 acres. Cynthia Miller lived next door with her 3 children. The records show that she also owned acres of land. I believe Cynthia to be Melissa's sister. Amos and Melissa and Cynthia Miller were living next door to Jane Brewton family. Cynthia was a housekeeper for the Brewton family.

The 1880 federal census shows that Amos and Melissa Miller had two children: John (my grandfather) and Hattie. Hattie is linked to the Paytons in our reunion. Ettick died between 1870-1880 according to census. The cause of his death was a tree fell on him. I believe the family was in the tree business aiding lumberjacks. Also living near them were white Millers, William C. and his son, John D., and another Miller, Thomas. I believe Amos was working for William C. Miller. The record show Cynthia married Lafayette Means living in Fairforest Spartanburg County, SC. No other records were found on Cynthia up to this date.

The 1900 Federal Census, Amos and Melissa Miller, live in Fairforest Spartanburg County, SC. Amos was 65 years old and Melissa was 60 years old and was married 40 years. Amos was a farm laborer.

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If any family member went to the reunion in Greenville, SC, you would have seen the property where Amos and Melissa lived during the 1900's. Their niece, Lily was living with them. No information was found on Lily.

Hattie was 21 years old in 1900. Melissa died September 8, 1905 at the ages of 65 in Fairforest, SC and is buried at Foster Chapel Baptist Church cemetery in Roebuck, SC. We visited the church in 2003 family reunion. Hattie and Amos moved to McIntosh, FL. The precise date is unknown. No record was found on the date of Amos's death. However, I believe he is buried in Bethel Church in McIntosh, FL. Hattie married Sidney Payton in 1909. They had four children: John David, Fred, Isaac (Ike).

The 1900 census shows that John Miller lived in McIntosh, FL with his wife, Mary, John was 35 years old and Mary was 25 years old. They were married 10 years. At this time they had six children: Hattie, Arthur, Mary, Melissa, Gertrude, and Amos, (my father)

The 1910 census show John and nine of his children were living in McIntosh, FL. Mary had died December 5, 1908. She is buried in McIntosh, FL at the New Bethel Baptist Church cemetery. The children were: Hattie, Mary, Melissa, Gertrude, Amos, Robert (Bud), Jonah, Samuel, and George. No records of Arthur. Arthur would have been 16 years old at this time. Melissa Died in 1915 and Gertrude died in 1919.

The 1920 Census, show John was living in McIntosh, FL. He was 58 years old and a truck farmer. Robert and Jonah Miller were living with him. Hattie had married John Bolen and had one child, Curtis. They lived in Micanopy, FL. Samuel Miller lived with his sister, Hattie and John Bolen.

The 1920 Federal Census show that Amos Miller (my father) lived in Clearwater with his wife, Evelina and brother, George L. In 1930 Amos, Jonah, Arthur, and Sam Miller lived in the Heights section of Clearwater. George moved to Philadelphia, PA. At the same time, Robert Miller lived in Daytona Beach, FL. He owned his own cab company. Their sister, Mary Miller, lived in Daytona Beach FL too. Another sister, Hattie Miller, lived in Micanopy, FL on a 80 acre farm with her husband, John Bolen. Their father, John Miller died June 1937. He was buried at New Bethel Baptist Church Cemetery in McIntosh, FL.

The 1930 census shows that Hattie living with the husband Sidney Payton and her four children: David, John, Fred, Isaac. Sidney was born in Georgia and his father was born in South Carolina. His mother was born in Georgia. Sidney died in McIntosh, FL in 1935. Hattie died in Clearwater September 1959. Found record of Arthur Miller and Mamie with their six children, living during this time: Gertrude, Ruth, Arthur, Alice, Andrew and Frances Louise. This was 1935 Florida Census. Also found 1950 addresses on the City Directory. It showed David and his wife Clydell Payton living at 1179 Gould St with Fred and Hattie. Isaac and Lillie Mae. Isaac was a porter at the Bay Pine Hospital. John and Massie lived on 304 Garden Avenue, Clearwater, FL. Also on 1930 federal census found Eliza Brown living with her Grandparent Randolph and Pearl Moore living at 225 Phoenix Clearwater, FL. Eliza married Leroy E Rhodes Aug 28 1943 they had four children. The 1954 Clearwater city directories show the Eliza live at 308 S Missouri Ave Clearwater. Eliza died June 7 1970 in Clearwater FL.

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