

MILLER, DAVID EUGENE

Birth

March 19, 1867 in Canton, OH

Death

December 8, 1947 at home,
2818 Ingersoll Ave., Des
Moines, Polk Co., Iowa



Cause of Death

Myocarditis

Cemetery Lot

Buried on Lot 109
Lot was sold to D. E. Miller on August 25, 1936

Father

Louis/Lewis Miller born in Ohio

Mother

Sarah E. Sherrick born in Ohio

Marriage

David E. Miller to Laura E. Graves on January 9, 1889
Ref: Book 5, page 164, Polk Co. records on file at IGS Library
Ref: History of The Walker and Millers of Stark Co., OH

Return of Marriage for the county of Polk for the year ending October 1, 1889
77-1006
License No 2428

David E. Miller
Residence: Polk Co., Iowa
Occupation: Farmer
Place of birth: Indiana
Age next birthday: 22
1st marriage
Father: Lewis Miller

Mother: Sarah Sherrick

Married

January 9, 1889

Des Moines, Iowa

Laura Graves

Residence: Polk Co., Iowa

Place of birth: Polk Co., Iowa

Age next birthday: 21

1st marriage

Father: Lewis Graves

Mother: Jennie Dodd

Witnesses: Homer & Mrs. L. Graves

Minister: George C. Henry

Census

1870 – Canton Ward 1, Stark Co., Ohio; June 2, 1870; Post Office, Canton, Ohio
Dwelling 42; Family 42

Miller, Lewis	34	Hardware dealer	OH
		Real Estate, \$800; Personal, \$1000	
Sarah	28	Keeping house	OH
Eugene	03		IN

1880 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED 167; Page 448; July 12, 1880
Dwelling 182; Family 182

Youtz, Reuben J.	35	farmer	OH	PA	PA
Harriet	42		OH	PA	PA
Minnie	18		OH	OH	OH
Lewis	16		OH	OH	OH
Ellen E.	10		IA	OH	OH
Arthur W.	07		IA	OH	OH
Homer F.	05		IA	OH	OH
Miller, David E.	13	nephew	OH	OH	OH

1885 –

1895 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Page 683
Dwelling 16; Family 19

Miller, David E.	27	farmer	OH
Laura	24		Polk Co., IA
Mabel	04		Polk Co., IA
David L.	02		Polk Co., IA
Eva	00		Polk Co., IA

Kelley, James 18 OH

1900 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED61;Page 10; June 14, 1900
Dwelling 134; Family 136

Miller, D. E.	33	farmer - married 11 years Born March 1867	IN	PA	OH
Laura	32	3 children; 3 living Born January 1868	IA	IN	IN
Mabel M.	09	Born August 1890	IA	IN	IA
David L.	07	Born July 1892	IA	IN	IA
Eva Bulah	05	Born October 1894	IA	IN	IA
Thomas, Frank	29	farm labor Born November 1870	IA	OH	KY

1905 – Polk Co., Iowa; State census;

Miller, David E.	37	Farmer	IN	OH	OH
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1910 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED64; Page 22B; April 29, 1910
Dwelling 65; Family 65

Miller, David E.	43	farmer	IN	OH	OH
Laura	42		IA	IN	IN
Mabel	19		IA	IN	IA
Louis	17		IA	IN	IA
Eva	15		IA	IN	IA
Grace	08		IA	IN	IA
Annie	03		IA	IN	IA
Eugene	01		IA	IN	IA

1915 – Valley Junction, Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA;
Card #B578

Miller, D. Eugene	48	farmer	IN	OH	OH
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1920 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; ED 233; Page 1B; January 3, 1920
Dwelling 18; Family 18

Miller, David E.	52	farmer	IA	IN	IN
Laura	51		IA	IN	IN
Lewis	27		IA	IA	IA
Eva	24		IA	IA	IA
Orino	12	female	IA	IA	IA
Eugene	10		IA	IA	IA
Sara	06		IA	IA	IA

1925 – Bloomfield Twp., Polk Co., IA; Roll 48; Line 42

Miller, D. E.	58	Value of home, \$10,000	OH		
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			Father, Louis Miller, born in IN
			Mother, Sarah Sherrick, born in OH
			David's parents were married in Ohio
Laura	56	IA	
			Father, Louis Graves, born in IN
			Mother, Jennie Dodd, born in IN, age 56
			Laura's parents were married in Iowa
Mable	24	IA	
			Father, David Miller, born in IN, age 58
			Mother, There is a mistake on the mother
			It is showing her as Jennie Dodd instead
			Laura Graves
Onna	17	IA	Same as above
Eva	23	IA	Same as above
Eugene	15	IA	Same as above
Sara Jan	11	IA	Same as above
Merch, Elnora	23	IA	Roomer
			Father, Nicholas Merch, born in Luxenberg, age 54
			Mother, Sophia Lark, born in Germany, age 53
Gray, Olive	23	IA	Roomer
			Father, Thomas E. Gray, born in Iowa, age 70
			Mother, Mary Porter, born in Iowa, age 64

1930 – Des Moines Twp., ward 2, Des Moines, Polk Co., IA; ED 19; Page 22B; April 18, 1930
Dwelling 362; Family 504

Miller, David E.	65		IN	OH	OH
Laura E.	62		IA	IN	IN
Evelyn	34		IA	IN	IA
Onna	23	dancing teacher	IA	IN	IA
Eugene	21		IA	IN	IA
Sarah J.	16		IA	IN	IA
Engle, Lois	23	lodger	IA	IL	IA
		insurance secretary			
Reeves, William	21	lodger	KS	MO	IL
		oil station attendant			

1940 – Des Moines, Polk Co., Iowa; ED100-38; Page 6A; April 12, 1940
House No 2818

Miller, Eugene	73	Widow	IA
		Value of home, \$6500	
Eugene S.	31	Odd Jobs	IA
Evelyn	28		IA
Mabel M.	36	Clerk	IA
Anna	32	Clerk	IA

Funeral Home

Dunn's Funeral Home

Obituary

[The Des Moines Register, Tuesday, December 9, 1947, Page 17]

David Eugene Miller, 80, of 2818 Ingersoll Ave., died at his home Monday following a long illness.

Services will be 1:30 p.m. Wednesday at Dunn's Funeral Home, with burial in Orillia.

Born in Canton, Ohio, Mr. Miller came to Polk County at the age of 12. He was a farmer three miles south of Des Moines until he retired in 1927.

Surviving are five daughters, Mable and Eva Miller, Des Moines; Mrs. Grace Andrade, Mrs. Sara Jane Trainovich and Mrs. Onna Carstens, all of Honolulu, Hawaii; two sons, Lewis D., Fort Dodge, and Eugene S., Chicago, Illinois; four grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

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A highly improved farm of one hundred and twenty acres, located in Bloomfield Township, is the visible evidence of the success which has attended the efforts of David E. Miller, for he started out in the business world in a humble capacity and today stands among the substantial and representative farmers of Polk County. He was born in Pierceton, Indiana, March 19, 1866, a son of Louis and Sarah (Sherrick) Miller, who were natives of Ohio. In early life the father was employed as clerk in a store and later engaged in the hardware business in Canton, Ohio, being for many years classed among the successful business men of that city. He died there in 1879, having survived his wife a few years, for her death occurred in 1871.

David E. Miller was quite young when taken by his parents from his native state of Indiana to Canton, Ohio, and in the schools of the latter place he acquired his education. His advantages in this direction, however, were quite limited, for at the early age of twelve years he came to Iowa and for four years worked at farm labor in the employ of Reuben Youtz. He then went west and for four years worked on cattle ranches, spending his time in Colorado, Wyoming and Montana. At the age of twenty years he returned to Polk County and invested his money in two hundred and eighty acres of undeveloped land. He immediately began to clear and improve his land and at the end of five years had converted it into a valuable property, so that he was able to dispose of it to good advantage. He then took up his abode in Des Moines and for one year conducted a restaurant in the city. At the end of that period he once more took up farming, on a tract of one hundred and twenty acres in Bloomfield Township, and this farm he has owned to the present time. Mr. Miller has made all the improvements on the place, having erected a fine modern country home and substantial outbuildings for the shelter of grain and stock. He raises the various cereals best adapted to the soil and each year his labors are rewarded by abundant crops.

It was in January, 1889, that Mr. Miller made arrangements for having a home of his own, by his marriage to Miss Laura E. Graves; a daughter of Louis and Jane (Dodd) Graves. Her

parents, natives of Indiana, came to Iowa in an early day and have since continued to make their home in Bloomfield Township, the father being still actively connected with agricultural pursuits. The marriage of Mr. and Mrs. Miller has been blessed with six children, four daughters and two sons, namely: Mabel M., who at the age of twenty years, is engaged in teaching school; David Louis, who at the age of eighteen is a high school student in Valley Junction; Eva B., sixteen years of age and now in school; Grace J., aged eight years, and also attending school; and Onna M. and Eugene S., aged respectively three and two years.

Mr. Miller's study of the political issues and questions of the day has led him to give stalwart support to the Republican Party. For one term he filled the office of road supervisor and is now acting as school director. In his fraternal relations he is a Mason, while religiously he and his family are identified with the Congregational church. Coming to Polk County at an early age, Mr. Miller was favorably impressed with the advantages and opportunities that seemed open in the agricultural field, and although he went to the far west to gain his real start in life, was eager to return to this state to make his permanent abode. In the years that have since passed he has worked earnestly and persistently and today finds a place among the substantial and successful citizens of Bloomfield Township and Polk County.

Misc.

David's father Lewis Miller was a brother to Harriet Youtz, wife of Reuben Youtz.

Misc.

There was a probate #956 filed on August 6, 1880 with R. J. Youtz as guardian of David E. Miller.

Johnson Sherrick executor of the Will of Lewis Miller, Coty of Canton County of Stark Co., Ohio.

Lewis Miller deceased in said will named R. J. Youtz of Polk Co. as guardian of his only child a minor under the age of 14 years.

The final report was filed June 1, 1887. His ward attained his majority on the 19 March 1888 and he has made a full settlement with him and hereby submits this his final report together with a voucher and waver of any notice of hearing on this report.

Wherefore he prays the court to approve this report and to finally discharge him from further duties in the premises.

The above was taken from the probate record. It is now in the process of being put in files to be filmed and will be at the IGS Library on film to be seen by researchers at a later date.