

Miller/Raffensperger Family Collection

Adams County Historical Society

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LOCATION: Room 203 – Rack 6 – Shelf A

PREFACE

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INTRODUCTION

The Miller/Raffensperger Family Collection was acquired by the Adams County Historical Society in December of 1998 from Patricia Newton and accessioned the next month. The collection was processed by Julian N. Weiss in 2013.

The collection is a wonderful study of how families split apart over so many generations. In addition, the genealogical records for the Miller family and the dated photographs are of significance.

ACCESS

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PREFERRED CITATION

Miller/Raffensperger Family Collection, Adams County Historical Society, Gettysburg, PA.

BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Michael Miller (deceased by 11 November 1797) is the original patriarch of the herein mentioned families. Not much is known about him besides his lineage and that he lived in Frederick County. There is speculation that he emigrated to America from Germany sometime in the 1760s, and was born sometime in the 1730s. He and his wife raised six children, including a Michael Miller (7 June 1763 – 27 August 1839) who moved to Adams (then York) County. Michael, son of Michael, married Magdalena Bushman, and they raised eleven children

including Johannes (John H.) Miller, the namesake of the family reunion. A full genealogy and history is available in the library, *The Descendants of Michael Miller*, by Patricia Newton.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection contains one 3 ring binder of hand written notes and typed letters from 1923 to 1990, in addition to five photographs from the early 20th century. The topics covered are genealogy, family reunions, schools, and children.

SERIES DESCRIPTIONS

Series I – Photographs and family reunion information.

This series consists of records from the Miller/Raffensperger family reunions of 1923 to 1990 in addition to a handful of photographs from 1920 and before.

CONTAINER LISTING

Box #1

1-1 Binder with Miller/Raffensperger Family reunions from 1923 to 1990. This binder consists of the minutes of the Miller-Raffensperger Reunions from 1923 through 1990, including invitations to the family. Contains names and states where the relatives came from for the reunions. Also contains the names of the newest members of the families, those who got married, had children, aunts, uncles and cousins. In the back are photograph identification keys, useful for the following pictures.

1-2 Photograph, framed, of the Teachers from Lincoln School.

1-3 Photograph of Miller/Raffensperger Reunion print of 1920 and one copy on paper.

1-4 Two photographs of the 1st Grade class from High Street School of 1906, one labeled on back Miss Rachel Scott, Teacher, and a large print photo from a different angle, and identification key.

1-5 Two photographs of the interior of Weaver's store before renovation in 1903, print and original negative.