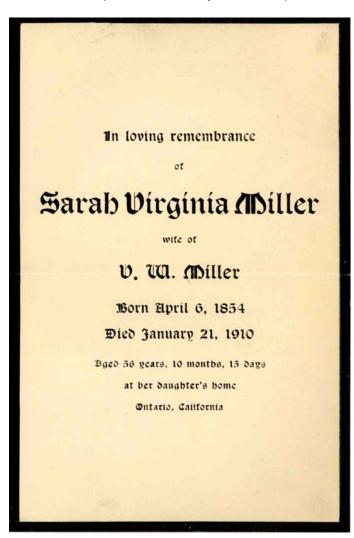
Sarah Virginia Byerly Miller (1854-1910) and Valentine William Miller (1846-1925) – Death and Burial Information

Sarah Virginia Byerly Miller was born 6 April 1854, in Washington County, Tennessee, and married Valentine William Miller, son of Jacob Range Miller and Elizabeth Clark Miller, in 1871, in Tennessee. Her parents were David Byerly, born 11 October 1811, and Phoebe Wise Byerly, b 11 February 1814. Her parents moved from Virginia to Limestone, Washington County, Tennessee, before 1840, as David is listed in the 1840 US Census. The Byerlys had 10 children. David Byerly d in 1892 and Phoebe d 4 July 1896, both in Limestone, Tennessee. Sarah and Valentine had 11children; two sons died as infants. Valentine and five of his brothers moved from Tennessee to Kansas, starting in 1873; one brother moved back to Tennessee. The Millers lived in Kansas until they moved to California in 1909 for Sally's health. After her death, Valentine remained in California and died there. Both are buried in Bellevue Memorial Park, (Ontario Cemetery Association), Ontario, California.



Typed Obituary for Valentine William Miller. It isn't clear whether it was a draft or a copy of a published obituary.

[transcriber's comments]

"Valentine W. Miller, was born April 30, 1846 in Washington County, Tennessee, worked at home until 23 years old on his father's farm, then clerked two years in a general store. He was united in marriage to Miss Sarah V. Byerly in 1871, and moved to Salina, Kansas, in February 1873, where he engaged in farming and later in grain and merchandise trade at Mentor, Kansas, until forced to come to Ontario, Calif. In 1909 for Mrs. Miller's health where she died January 21, 1910. Mr. Miller then spent most of his time at San Diego and at National City where he passed away July 28, 1925 at the Paradise Valley Sanatorium.

"Mr. Miller was a regular attendant at church services with his family, but while all his brothers and sisters were members and active church workers, he never united with the church though Mrs. Miller and the children, with possibly one exception, were active church members. Five daughters survive, three living in California, and two in Kansas; two sons died in infancy, and four survive, one in Covina [California] and three in Kansas. Mr. Miller is also survived by one brother in Arkansas and three brothers and one sister in Kansas.

"Mr. Miller made provision in his will for the assistance of the old Baptist church at his birth place [probably the Mount Bethel Christian Church, as his grandfather donated the land for the church and cemetery] as well as for the Community Methodist church at Mentor, Kansas, where he made his home for 37 years."

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Receipt for the purchase of a casket for Sarah Virginia Byerly Miller by her eldest son, Oscar Miller.

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Cemetery Certificate

This is a certificate made out to Valentine Miller showing that he has two shares (cemetery lots) in the cemetery association. We have additional documents about the cemetery, including a formal deed which was recorded at the request of Oscar Miller, probably to show that the cemetery is to provide perpetual care.

