

Hon. William Henry Miller (28 Jan 1829 - 12 Sep 1870), Patriot, Tuesday, September 27, 1870, Death of **Hon. W. H. Miller**. – Perry County Democrat, Sept. 21, 1870

As we were about going to press last week we received the sad announcement of the death of our early and steadfast friend, companion and counselor, **Gen. W. H. Miller**. As we stated last week, he died at his residence near Harrisburg on Monday afternoon, 12th instant, of congestive chills. He was born in Landisburg, this county in January 1828. He was a graduate of Franklin College, Mercersburg, Pa. After his return from college he read law with B. M'Intire, Esq., of this borough, was admitted to the bar and practiced his profession for several years. Removing to Harrisburg, he was appointed Prothonotary of the Supreme Court; served one session as Clerk of the Senate; in 1862 was elected to Congress and for several years was connected with the Patriot.

To know him was to love and respect him. Throughout his whole public career he bore a spotless reputation for honesty, truthfulness and sincerity. He was what he professed to be and was never known to turn his back upon a friend. He was an able and consistent advocate of the principles of the Democratic Party, and occupied a high position in its councils. He was large hearted, high-toned and honorable, and in all relations of life so bore himself as to command the confidence and respect of all with whom he was associated. To the poor he was a benefactor and the hundreds that crowded to view his remains before burial testified the respect they had for their deceased friend. His funeral took place on Thursday afternoon, and the cortege that attended his remains to the cemetery was said to be the largest ever witnessed in Harrisburg. Rich and poor paid homage to his noble soul and generous heart around his last resting place.

His election to Congress, in a strong opposition district, proved his hold upon the public heart, and the respect paid his remains by those with whom he differed in political sentiment evinced their appreciation of the loss the entire community has sustained. The memorial of the members of the Harrisburg bar and the resolutions of respect adopted by the Democratic Convention of Dauphin County attest the esteem in which he was held.

He was one who truly loved his fellow men. The rich sought his society – the poor his counsel and advice in their day of trouble, and they never applied in vain. Leigh Hunt's beautiful allegory will aptly apply to him:

*Abou Ben Adhem (may his tribe increase!)
Awoke one night from a deep dream of peace,
And saw, within the moonlight in his room,
Making it rich, and like a lily in bloom,
An angel writing in a book of gold:—
Exceeding peace had made Ben Adhem bold,
And to the Presence in the room he said
"What writest thou?"—The vision raised its head,
And with a look made of all sweet accord,
Answered "The names of those who love the Lord."
"And is mine one?" said Abou. "Nay, not so,"
Replied the angel. Abou spoke more low,*

*But cheerly still, and said "I pray thee, then,
Write me as one that loves his fellow men."*

*The angel wrote, and vanished. The next night
It came again with a great wakening light,
And showed the names whom love of God had blessed,
And lo! Ben Adhem's name led all the rest.*

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With feelings of mingled sorrow and regret we record the death of Hon. **William H. Miller**, which sad event occurred at his residence in Harrisburg on Monday last, after a very short illness, the result of a congestive chill with which he was attacked only the day previous.

He was the son of **Hon. Jesse Miller**, and was born in Perry County, in 1828. He graduated from Franklin College, and was admitted to the practice of law in 1850. Democratic in politics he has for years been actively and prominently connected with the political affairs of the State. He was prothonotary of the Supreme Court of Pennsylvania from 1854 to 1863, and was for one session Clerk of the Senate of Pennsylvania. In 1862 his popularity was evinced by his election to the Thirty eight Congress by the people of the Harrisburg District in the face of a heavy party majority.

For a number of years he was connected with the Harrisburg Patriot and was an able and vigorous writer. In every relation in life he sustained a high and noble character and a wide circle of warm friends are left to regret his early demise.

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