

History of Peoria County, Illinois, Containing a History of the Northwest — History of Illinois — History of the County Its Early Settlement, Growth, Development, Resources, Etc., Etc.— A Sketch of Its Cities and Towns, Their Improvements, Industries, Manufactories, Churches, Schools, Etc., Etc.— A War Record of Its Volunteers in the Late Rebellion — General and Local Statistics — Biographical Sketches — Portraits of Early Settlers And Prominent Men— Map of Peoria County Constitution of the United States — Miscellaneous Matters — Tables, Etc., Etc. Illustrated. Chicago: Johnson & Company. 1880.

Miller, John F. blacksmith, village of Kickapoo, P. O. same, was born in Germany, 15th March, 1842, his parents being **Henry** and **Catherine Miller**, nee **Creager**. They came to America when he was a year old, and settled first at Pekin, where they remained three years; then removed to Limestone Township, this county, **John** remained with parents till he was 17, then engaged with Frank Wilkenhamer, of Peoria, to learn the trade of a blacksmith. When the war came on, he enlisted as a blacksmith in the 11th Ill. Cavalry, and served four years. Upon being discharged he returned to Peoria, and in 1866, in company with Frank McCann, commenced a shop at Smithsville, and staid two years. He married 7th June, 1866, with **Irene**, daughter of **George** and **Lydia Ann Toland**. She was born in Perry County, Pa., 23rd Feb., 1845. After making several removals, **Mr. Miller** settled, in 1874, in Kickapoo, where he now resides and carries on business. They have had seven children: **Stephen.**, born 25th March, 1867; **William Henry**, born 19th May, 1868; **John Adison**, born 23rd September, 1869, died 16th August, 1870; **James Otto**, born 19th August, 1871, died 16th August, 1873; **Clara Irene**, born 23rd October, 1873; **Charles Martin**, born 12th January, 1875; **Laura**, born 27th September, 1877. **Mr. Miller's** father died 1858, aged 76, and his mother, in 1871, aged 87.

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