

Christ Episcopal Church Cemetery Inventory

State and Water Streets, Dover DE 19903

Lot Number: 40 Space: J1

Find A Grave # 11921110

Name: **Miller, Gustavus Adolphus**

Birth date: May 17, 1847 Death date: January 29, 1936 Burial Date: January 31, 1936 Age: 88
Hamburg, PA

Spouse: Olivia Frances *Harman* Miller (1860 – 1902), m. July 17, 1880 in Prince George’s Co., MD

Children: Ila Frances Miller (1881-1926); Edward Franklin Miller (1883-1886 or 1889); John Augustus or Gustavos Miller (1883-1886); John Henry Miller (1886-1886); Clarissa Belle Miller (1889-1962); Gustavus Adolphus Miller (1889-1889); Augustus Bishop Miller (1892-1894)

Parents: Edward M. Miller (1817-1897) and Sarah *Moyer* Miller (1822-1898)

Siblings: Clarissa Miller (1840-1917); John Richard Miller (1842-1918); James Jerome Miller (1843-1929); Emma Rebecca Miller (1845-1925); Clemmence W. Miller (1850-1851); Simon F. Miller (1865-); Jay Edward Miller (1860-1922)

Residence:

Cause of death:

Service/occupation information: Veteran of Civil War, 1861 – 1865; 48th Regiment, Pennsylvania Infantry, Company D, Private

“Grave is deep in anticipation of daughter Clarissa’s burial.”

Officiate: “Minister unknown”; service at home

Lot Owner: Gustavus Adolphus Miller, F,G, H, I, J

Miller family monument and headstone

Inscription:

Gustavus A. Miller
1847 - 1936

DIMENSIONS: H 8” x 20” x D 10”

Marker at foot of grave

STYLE: headstone and family monument

Repairs needed: Cleaning



Inventory date: January 13, 2020 Recorder: Ellen Richardson

Gustavus 'Adulfus' Miller (1847-1936) and Olivia Frances *Harman* Miller (1860-1902) had 7 children, 5 males who died at a young age. This is what has been researched as of 2020:

In grave 40 F there are 4 names: Edward, Gustavus, John, and Augustus
In Christ Church burial records 3 are listed: Edward, John Henry and Gustavus Adolphus.
Since there were two children named John, it is unclear if one or both may be in grave F.
Augustus Bishop was the last child born to this couple. He died in 1894 and is not listed
in our burial records, but his first name appears on the stone.

The following list of the Miller children was found on Find-A-Grave, sourced from "The Andersons: From The Great Fork of Patuxent". Compiled by Cora Anderson DuLaney. Pg 38.

Anderson was the maiden name of Olivia's mother, Charlotte Catherine *Anderson* Harman (1840-1879 (m. 1858) She was the 1st wife of Darius Thomas "Manny" Harman.

Ila Frances Miller (1881-1936) buried in Lot 40 I

John Augustus Miller (1883-1886) – may be twin of Edward? note same years of birth + death
He is not listed in Christ Church burial records.

Edward Franklin Miller (November 12, 1883-May 9, 1886) – may be twin of John Augustus?
He is listed in Christ Church burial records. His name appears on the stone in 40F.

John Henry Miller (1886-1886) – lived 7 months; died August 20, 1886; is listed in Christ
Church burial records. On the stone he could be the "John" or John Augustus could be
the "John" on the stone.

Gustavus Adolphus Miller (June 2, 1889 - August 9, 1889) His name appears on the stone in 40F.

Clarissa Belle Miller (1889-1962) buried in 40 J with her father, Gustavus Adolphus Miller.

Augustus Bishop Miller (December 4, 1892-June 26, 1894). He is not in our burial records, but
his first name appears on the stone in 40F.

Nancy Quinn – May, 2020

Documents obtained from ancestry.com on May 9, 2020

Civil War Record of discharge; it appears he was wounded

Miller, Gustavus A D - 48 I 1 - 1216
Enrolled: 2-19-64 At: Fottsville, Pa.
M. I: 2-19-64 As: Pvt. At: "
M. O:
Discharged: 11-18-64 S.C. of D.
Age at enrollment: 18 Complexion: Light
Height: 5' 3½" Eyes: Hazel
Hair: Dark Occupation: Laborer
Residence: Born: Hamburg, Pa.
Remarks: Recruit. Dis. in Lower U.S. Hosp. Chestnut
Hill, Phila. Pa. PA Veterans' Card File, Civil War, 1861-1865

The Evening Journal, Wilmington, DE, July 20, 1918

MORE PENNSY HONOR MEN.
Elmer Barney, of No. 530 East Fourth street; Gustavus A. Miller, Dover, and Julius E. Smith, Ridley Park, Pa., are on the Pennsylvania Railroad honor roll as of June 1. Mr. Barney spent 19 years, Mr. Miller 41 years, Smith 47 years in the employ of the company. The roll of honor now contains 5070 names.
Evening Journal, July 20, 1918

The Evening Journal, Wilmington, DE, Thursday, May 22, 1924

SEATS OF HONOR FOR CIVIL WAR VETERANS
Special to The Evening Journal.
DOVER, May 22.—Among the survivors of the Civil War who will be given seats of honor at the annual Memorial Day services in Dover Opera House, Sunday evening, will be: Dr. Edwin S. Anderson, Magistrate E. F. Wood, Gustavus Miller, James D. Boggs, A. Owens, John Robinson, Edward B. Louderbough, James M. Colton, John Cook, James H. Hazel, John W. Davis and John W. Foreaker.
The address of the evening will be made by Bishop Philip Cook.
The address of Woodrow Wilson at an American cemetery in France on Memorial Day, 1919, will be read, as will the poem, "In Flanders Field."
Evening Journal, Thursday, May 22, 1924

OLD SWEDES' CELEBRATION

Rev. Snyder B. Simes Talks Swedish Church History.

The anniversary service at Old Swedes Church last night was no less interesting than the Sunday services. The ancient edifice was crowded. The sermon was preached by Rev. Snyder B. Simes of Philadelphia. He spoke of the origin and history of the old Swedish churches, and quoted the words of Isaiah: "Kings Shall be Thy Nursing Fathers and Queens thy Nursing Mothers," which had indeed been true of the old Swedish churches. He spoke of the plans of Gustavus Adolphus for colonies in this country, and said that though the king who planned them had been killed the work went on.

No less than nine kings and queens of Sweden assisted these churches between the years 1604 and 1691. Charles XII, the warrior king of Sweden, in the midst of his campaigns found time to think of the colonists on this continent, and some of his orders concerning them were written on the field.

Dr. Simes alluded to the words of the first pastor of the church, who wrote back to Sweden and said that the people here had built two fine churches, meaning the one in this city and the one in Philadelphia.

The Swedes who first landed in this country bought their land from the Indians and established friendly relations with them in 1638. This was forty-four years before William Penn sailed up the Delaware river to his new colony. In 1642 forty years before Penn landed here, instructions from the Swedish government to the Swedish governor here, reminded him that the Swedes were to observe the boundaries of their land and not to encroach upon the land of the wild natives, who were the natural lords of the country. He was also instructed to use his efforts toward teaching them the true Christian religion and to impress upon them that the Swedes came here with no intention of taking their land or encroaching upon them in any way. It was this action on the part of the Swedes that enabled William Penn to make his treaty with the Indians and paved the way for him. The honesty and fair dealing of the Swedes with the Indians taught the Indians to respect and rely upon the white man's word. In saying this the speaker did not wish to detract from the praise which that great and good man, William Penn, has received for his treatment of the Indians, but he would have found the task harder and perhaps impossible had not the Swedes paved the way.

In conclusion Dr. Simes congratulated the people of the church, of the parish and of the city on the restoration of the old church. He spoke of a similar restoration of Gloria Del. (Old Swedes) Church in Philadelphia, and conveyed the congratulations of the people of that parish to the people of Old Swedes in Wilmington. In conclusion he said that the people of the parishes might say after the words of the first pastor, "We have restored two fine churches."

Bishop Coleman, Rev. H. Ashton Henry, Rev. Martin B. Dunlap, Rev. E. K. Miller and Archdeacon Hail took part in the service. T. Leslie Carpenter was musical director and J. D. Kurtz was organist.

Daily Republican, June, 1899
Note Bishop Coleman at end
Name popularity origin

The Daily Republican, Wilmington, DE, June 1899

This article references King Gustavus Adolphus, a name that became popular in the late 19th century. There are several people in Christ Church cemetery with this name.

Note Bishop Coleman's name mentioned at the end of the article.

The Morning News, Wilmington, DE, July 22, 1918
Retirement notice:

Railroad Men Retired.

The following men who have reached the age limit in the service of the Pennsylvania R.R. have been retired from the local division:

Elmer Barney of 530 East Fourth street, clerk on the Maryland Division.

Gustavus A. Miller of Dover, foreman on the Delaware Division.

Announcement is made of the death during May of Theodore F. Yingling and Thomas E. Lloyd, both of the Delaware Division.

Morning News, July 22, 1918