

[Miller, William L.]

WM. H. MILLER, PAMELIA, DIES
ONE OF THE BEST KNOWN RESIDENTS OF HIS HOME LOCALITY
PROMINENT IN TOWN AFFAIRS

William H. Miller, a prominent resident of the town of Pamela, died at the city hospital at 4:30 Wednesday afternoon. He was taken to the City hospital two weeks ago Tuesday and underwent an operation there. He was again operated on last Friday. His condition did not show the hoped-for improvement and he grew worse gradually until his death occurred.

Mr. Miller was born on the Miller home farm about a mile west of Pamela Four Corners, Aug. 19, 1843. He was a son of Isaac Miller and Leah Walrath Miller, early residents of that town, who represented the first emigration to the Black River country from the Mohawk Valley. He spent his boyhood and youth on the home farm, attending the schools of the locality, and the day after he was 21 years of age, in 1864, he enlisted in Company I, 186th New York Volunteer Infantry, Gen. Bradley Winslow's regiment, and was with that command during its activities about Richmond during the closing months of the war. He was a good soldier and was recognized as such by his comrades.

Returning from the war, he resumed farming in the town of Pamela. As a young man he married Mrs. Minerva Helmer Miller, the widow of his brother, David Miller. Mrs. Miller survives him. The wedding took place July 19, 1870.

They resided on the farm where Mr. Miller was born until 1887, when they removed to the farm at Pamela Four Corners. Shortly after that time Mr. Miller became postmaster at Pamela Four Corners, and he also ran the general store. He continued as postmaster and storekeeper until 1893. For two years, from 1896 to 1897, he resided in Watertown, conducting the Crowner House as its proprietor. For a year, in 1900 and 1901, he ran the electric mill and feed store in Arsenal street.

He was long prominent in the town affairs of Pamela. He served as town highway commissioner and for 11 years was justice of the peace. He was a Republican in politics.

Mr. Miller was possessed of unusual foresight and good business judgment. There was no man in the town of Pamela whose judgment was more frequently sought on business and town questions than that of Mr. Miller. He was respected by his townsmen and his personality will be deeply missed in the locality of which he was such an important part for so many years.

He is survived by his widow and two children, a daughter, Mrs. R. H. [Metta] Ganter, of Pamela, and a son, Elton H. Miller, both of Pamela. Another son, Merton D. Miller, died in 1891 when he was 17 years of age.

Mr. Miller was the last surviving member of the immediate family of his father and mother.

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The funeral will be held from the family home in Pamela Sunday afternoon at 2 and it is expected that Rev. Harry Westbrook Reed, pastor of All Souls [Universalist] church, will officiate. Burial will be made in the family plot in Evans Mill cemetery.

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