

Phillip Mueller

Phillip Mueller was born in Wittlich, Rheinland, Prussia on 26 March 1835 to Nikolaus and Barbara Diederich Mueller. Very little is known of Phillip's life as a young child or when he immigrated to America. He may have come to America in 1848 at the time of great political upheaval in Germany.

Phillip's passport to travel in Prussia indicates he left Wittlich on about 15 September 1856 and traveled across Prussia. He received passport stamps in Wittlich, Kreuznach, Frankfurt, Stuttgart, Ulm, Neu Ulm, Gunzburg, and Augsburg and possibly others. The peculiar thing this path is it is west to east. Possibly he traveled to France or Italy before traveling to America. His travel in Prussia ended around 6 October 1856. His physical description is given as Catholic, 5 foot 2 inches tall, thick, long brown hair, flat forehead, green eyes, small nose, round chin, healthy complexion, small and stocky in stature and other illegible adjectives. It is not known when he arrived in America. I suspect he may have arrived in New Orleans, Louisiana.

There is a Philip Mueller that arrived in St. Clair, Illinois in 1857. This is next to St. Louis.

Sometime in 1859 Phillip married Nancy E. Davidson in Linden, Perry, Tennessee.

Phillip was living in Linden, Perry, Tennessee on 10 July 1860 during the census. He was living in the household of his mother-in-law and is listed as being 25 years old as recorded on page 325 of LDS film#805268.

It is said that Phillip and his wife Nancy moved to Kentucky and their first child, Elizabeth was born on 16 April 1862 and died there in 1863.

A second child, Nickolaus was born about 1864 either in Kentucky or Tennessee. Nickolaus married Angeline Haywood Evans on 13 January 1884 and he died on 18 June 1945 in Utah.

Sometime close to the birth of Nickolaus Nancy E. Davidson Miller died, possibly in Kentucky.

On 17 September 1865 Phillip married Sarah Byrd Davidson in Perry, Tennessee. Sarah is the younger sister to Phillip's first wife, Nancy.

The first child born to Phillip and Sarah was born on 24 November 1866 in Linden, Perry, Tennessee. She was named Mary Jane. Mary Jane married Joseph Ransom Bailey on 27 December 1885 and she died in Rupert, Minidoka, Idaho on 16 March 1936.

The second child, John Thomas, was born on 22 Jan 1869, also born in Perry, Tennessee. John Thomas married Frances Emaline Bailey on 30 June 1895 and he died on 4 October 1937 in Idaho.

The census for 1870 lists Phillip Miller in the 4th Civil District of Perry, Tennessee on the 10 August 1870 as recorded on page 435 of LDS film# 553052. Phillip is listed as being 35 years old and as being a tanner by occupation. A life history written by his daughter Mary Jane provides additional details of being a tanner. Sarah is listed as Sally B. and is 22 years old Nicholas is 6, Mary J is 3 and John H is 1.

On 13 February 1871 another daughter, Virginia, is born in Perry, Tennessee. Virginia married Frank Bengamin Wellington on 30 June 1895. She died on 28 June 1940 in Albion, Cassia, Idaho.

Another daughter is born on 8 January 1873 in Perry, Tennessee. She is named Elizabeth. She married Thomas Byrum Reed on 29 December 1902 and she died in Pocatello, Bannock, Idaho on 6 September 1956.

Matilda is born on 30 November 1875 in Perry, Tennessee. Matilda married William Joseph Lambert on 3 October 1899 and she died on 28 February 1940.

Another son is born on 1 October 1877 in Perry, Tennessee and is named William. He married Mary Magdalene Hunt on 1 December 1904 and he died in Heyburn, Minidoka, Idaho on 16 February 1919.

Benjamin is born 30 December 1879 in Perry, Tennessee. Benjamin married Verdie Lee Rutledge on 25 December 1900. He died on 16 July 1936.

The family is recorded on page 392A of the 1880 census LDS film # 1255274, in District 2 of Perry, Tennessee on 11 June 1880. Phillip is

listed as 50 years old which is apparently an estimate. Sarah is listed as being 32 years old. The copy of the census is very poor. The remainder of the household are listed as Nicholas 16, M 14, John 12, V 10, E 8, Matilda 6, Willy 4 and B 2.

A son Phillip was born on 20 February 1881 presumably in Perry, Tennessee. Phillip married Mary Rachel Conder on 6 September 1905. He died on 6 May 1924 in Durango, La Plata, Colorado.

Charlotte was born 2 March 1883 also presumed to have been born in Perry, Tennessee. Charlotte married Harry W. Ridge on 25 December 1912. She died on 13 May 1961.

In March of 1884 Phillip moved to Colorado, taking some of the children with him. Sarah and the rest of the family moved to Colorado in November of that same year.

On the 1 September 1885 Bessie was born in LaJara, Conejos, Colorado. Bessie married Benjamin Leroy McLaughlin on 11 October 1917. She died on 14 January 1966 in Idaho Falls, Bonneville, Idaho.

In 1886 Phillip went to New Mexico to work in a mine.

Phillip was baptized a member of the Church of

Sarah Bird Davidson

Sarah Bird Davidson was born in Centerville, Hickman, Tennessee on 29 January 1848 to Aquilla and Mary Ann DePriest Davidson.

Sarah is listed with her parents on page 174 of the Hickman, Tennessee census, LDS film # 444840, dated 26 November 1850. She is listed as being 2 years old.

Sarah's father Aquilla Davidson died 24 September 1855.

Sarah is listed as being 12 years old on 10 July 1860 on page 325 of LDS film # 805268 of the 1860 Perry, Tennessee census.

Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints on 1887 in Colorado.

Another son, Charles was born on 22 August 1888 in Richfield, Conejos, Colorado. Charles died as a little boy on 22 July 1900.

The last child born to Phillip and Sarah was born on 23 June 1891. She was named Laura and was born in San Luis, Costilla, Colorado. She married Albert David Pearson on 23 November 1912 and she died on 2 November 1918 in Chama, Rio Arriba, New Mexico.

The 1900 census for Colorado shows the family living in West Alamosa, Conejos, Colorado but Phillip is not listed with them on 18 June 1900. On several occasions Phillip would be employed away from home and it is possible this was the case at the time of the census. Sarah is listed as being 57 years old and having been married 34 years and having 12 children all of whom are still living. Children living in the household include Elizabeth F 26, William A 22, Benjamin A 20, Walker P 18, Charlotte A 17, Bessie A 14, Charles E 11, and Laura A 8. This information is recorded on page of LDS film # 1240122.

In 1905 the family moved to Albion, Cassia, Idaho.

Phillip died on 20 February 1909 in Albion, Cassia, Idaho and is buried there.

On 17 May 1910 Sarah B. Miller is living in Rio Grande, Costillo, Colorado. She is 62 years old, Charlotte 25, Bessie 22, and Laura 15 are living at home. Albert Peirson is living in the home. Recorded on page 191 of the census.

On 12 January 1920 Sarah B. Miller was living with her son-in-law Albert Pearson 31 in Rupert, Minidoka, Idaho. She is listed as 73 years old, widowed, and born in Tennessee.

Sarah Bird Davidson Miller died in Rupert, Minidoka, Idaho on 29 April 1926 and was buried in Albion, Cassia, Idaho.



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