

## Miller, Jurend

Name: Miller, Jurend<sup>1a, 2a</sup>  
Gender: Male  
Father: Miller, Ailt  
Mother: Klut, Alberta

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### ***Relationship to home person***

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great grandfather

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### ***Life Events***

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Birth 1832-01-24 in Ostfreisland.<sup>2a, 1a</sup>  
Death 1908-09-01 in Lennox, Lincoln, South Dakota, USA.<sup>1a, 2a</sup>  
from: Line- Miller.docx  
by Trent Miller  
Died due to heart problem

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### ***Travel***

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Immigration 1851 in Ridott, Stephenson, Illinois, USA.<sup>1a, 2a</sup>  
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by Jenola Cramer Mundhenke  
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Lennox and died there. No children. Both Delmar and I remember going over to "Lena Tant's" (she lived right south of us in Lennox) and talking to her in broken English and half "Plat duetch", and she always gave us candy or peanuts. I understand we "brought" her the mumps too in her old age. Many times we went over with soup or pie for her, from home. I don't remember Uncle Martin at all. Mother didn't remember when he died. The brothers came to Ridott township near the settlement of Freeport, Illinois: There Jurend Miller met Ecke Bohning.

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### ***Families***

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#### **Bohning, Ecke<sup>1a, 2a</sup>**

Marriage	1860 in Freeport, Illinois, USA.
Residence	1868 in Grundy, Iowa, USA. <sup>1a</sup> from: Line- Miller.docx By Trent Miller Jurend and Ecke moved from Ridott Township IL to Grundy County IA in 1868. They lived in Grundy County for 13 years.
Residence	1881 in South Dakota, USA. <sup>1a</sup> from: Line- Miller.docx By Trent Miller In 1881 they moved to the Dakota Territory and homesteaded a farm 6 miles SW of Lennox.
Children	Miller, Ailt <sup>1a</sup>

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### ***Images***

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Miller Jurend Family 1903

Miller Jurend Family 1889




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## Notes

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Jurend Miller was born 24 January 1832 in Ostfreisland, (either Germany or Holland) and died 1 September 1908 in Lennox SD due to a heart problem. In 1860 he married Ecke Bohning in Freeport Illinois. Ecke was born 23 November 1842 in either Holland or Ostfreisland. She died on 23 March 1903/4 in Lincoln County SD due to breast cancer. Ecke was the daughter of Göhe "Joe" or "George" van Böhning and Vilhelmemeo or Wilhelminia Reemts. Göhe was born 1803 in Holland and died 1895.

Jurend immigrated to the United States in 1851 with his brother Martin. They both settled in Ridott Township near Freeport IL. Ecke arrived in the United States at age 14 with her parents. The Dutch spelling of her parent's names are Greau & Vilelmemeo. Wilhelminia died on the voyage and was buried at sea. The voyage took 13 weeks. Ecke arrived in Ridott Township at age the age of 16.

Their tenth child, Jurena, is the author of "The Miller Book"

Jurend and Ecke moved from Ridott Township IL to Grundy County IA in 1868. They lived in Grundy County for 13 years. In 1881 they moved to the Dakota Territory and homesteaded a farm 6 miles SW of Lennox. In 1906 Jurend and Annie moved into Lennox. The first 4 children are named after their grandparents. The girl Jurena was named after her father and a boy Eiko was named after his mother. The old homestead was the Klinkhagen farm in 1966.

Children of Jurend & Ecke (Bohning) Miller:

- Ailt "Al J" (b. 14 July 1862, Ridott Twp. IL, d. 6 Oct 1936, Rock City IL)

- Wilhelmina (Minnie) (b. 17 Dec 1863, Ridott Township IL, d. 7 Apr 1948, m. George Lubbers)
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- Martin (b. 19 Jun 1874, Grundy County IA, d. 13 Mar 1945, m. Hilke Smith)
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- Helmer (b. 13 Feb 1880, Grundy County IA, d. 26 Dec 1963, m. Minnie Bower)
- Jurena (b. 1 Mar 1882, Turner County SD, d. 28 Jun 1969, m. Adolph Temple)
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Jurend Miller, son of AiIt and Albertha Klut Miller was born on January 24, 1832 in Germany. The " Miller " name received this spelling sometime along the line in the United States. In German it was spelled "Mueller." But we have always written "Miller", and I will leave it that way. Jurend (Jerry) came to the United States in 1851, with his brother Martin. None of the rest of the family came from Germany. Evidently, the boys stayed together because Martin married, and he and Aunt Lena, in the last years, lived in Lennox and died there. No children. Both Delmar and I remember going over to "Lena Tant's" (she lived right south of us in Lennox) and talking to her in broken

English and half "Plat duetch", and she always gave us candy or peanuts. I understand we "brought" her the mumps too in her old age. Many times we went over with soup or pie for her, from home. I don't remember Uncle Martin at all. Mother didn't remember when he died. The brothers came to Ridott township near the settlement of Freeport, Illinois: There Jurend Miller met Ecke Bohning.

Ecke Bohning (pronounced I-Key) came to this country at the age of 14, from Holland. She was born November 23, 1842 in Holland. She came with her parents, Joe and Wilhelminia Bohning. The Dutch spelling looked something like this, "Greau and Vilhelmemeo Bohning." It helps if you can say Joe in Plat duetch. Some one thought grandfather Bohning's name was George but both Aunt Jurena and Mom said it was Joe. Her mother, Wilhelminia Bohning, died and was buried at sea. The voyage took 13 weeks. Mother always said her grandfather lived with them till his death, and that he lived to a ripe old age. Another family says that the old man that lived with them was an uncle, Ecke's brother. Another family says that the old man that lived with them was not relative at all, just someone from Holland that stayed with Ecke and Jurend and lived to be 97 Years old.

In one old Bible, Ecke's father's name is listed in Dutch and his birth date is 1803, and the date of his death is 1895. An old man (he was referred to as that by everyone), lived with Jurend and Ecke until his death, is remembered by all. A house full of thirteen children had room for one more. I will leave it at that.

The first stop of Ecke and her father was Ridott township Illinois, east of Freeport. There she met Jurend Miller and two years later, at the age of 18, they were united in marriage. The year 1860. They lived in Ridott township for eight years. The first three children were born there: Ailt Wilhelmina and Albertha. In 1868 they went west and settled in Grundy County, Iowa. They lived there for 13 years. Joe, Albert, Martin, Hannah, Andrew and Helmer joined the family.

In 1881 they moved to Dakota Territory. They settled on the homestead, six miles southwest of Lennox. The last four children, Jurena, William, Eiko and Annie were born here. Ecke (Ida or Agnes) lived the rest of her life here and passed away in 1904, at the age of 62, after suffering for a year with cancer of the breast. After her death, Jurend Miller moved into the town of Lennox, with the youngest daughter, Annie. Four years later he passed away on September 1, 1908, of a heart condition, at the age of 76. To this union

were born thirteen children. None of them died in infancy, but all lived to manhood and womanhood, married and had families. Did you notice that the first four children, Ailt, Albertha, Wilhelminia, and Joe were named after the four grandparents? And it must have been, with a twinkle in his eye, Grandpa named a girl Jurena, after himself, and a boy Eiko, after Ecke. I asked Mother what Grandpa Miller was like' and she answered smiling, "Oh, he was just like Uncle Bert and Eiko and Andrew and Bill (in that order).

He always liked to have a little fun and always had time for some foolishness with the kids. He loved everybody, and it was real easy for him to talk to people. He kept everyone around him happy no matter what."

"What then, what was Grandma like?"

"She was quiet and devoted to her husband and family. I never heard her complain about anything. She never really had anything, but she made the best of it, and I don't suppose she ever spent five cents on herself. She was just happy to be where she was and with what she had. Grandma was never cross".

Mother seemed to have the idea that the boys were like their father, and the girls like their mother, and that is the way it should be. You can decide for yourself if you have any Miller or Bohning traits. It has been written "the successful man is one that has lived long, laughed often and loved much. One who left this world better than he found it and whose memory is a benediction." Let us just say, Grandpa and Grandma, Jurend and Ecke Miller, were successful.

The old buildings of the old homestead are gone. Now there is a new house, barn and out buildings, all modern It is now the Klinkhagen farm. The old schoolhouse is gone, but a new building on the same location still has school every day.

The old First Turner County Presbyterian church is gone, but a new structure and manse are there and the church is still going and growing: and may the good begun by the Miller's in the 1800's go on through each succeeding year. Jurend and Ecke were the "salt of the earth". May the salt "not lose its flavor" in the coming generations.

My sincere thanks to all those who helped compile this information. Many letters were written, not only by myself, but by others. I wish you could all have read the letters. I wish I could have included the college degrees, the businesses represented, the armed service records, a description of the farms and farming records, the homes, the personalities, the talents, the

church work, the devotion and loyalties and love of all the people here named. There is much to be proud. It would fill several books. I only hope this record will help to keep the "Millers" mindful of one another. My apologies for errors, Mom will know that I did my best. May God Bless and Keep You till we meet again.

-Jenola Cramer Mundhenke

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### *Endnotes*

1. Trent Miller, "Line- Miller", Gramps\Media\Miller Book\Line- Miller.docx

a: (1) Jurend Miller (1831-1908) & Eicke "Ida" Bohning (1842-1903)

2. Jenola Cramer Mundhenke, "Miller Family Tree Book",  
Gramps\Media\Miller Book\Miller Family Tree Book.pdf

Family history of Jurend (Jerry) Miller and Eicke (Ida) Bohning and their children compiled by one of their granddaughters, Jenola Mundhenke. Jenola is the daughter of Jurend and Eicke's youngest child, Annie. Also, contains family photos.

a: Introduction: p1-3