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Papers, 1974-1975**

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**Correspondence, 1835-1841**

1. Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, New York) to Horace Miller (Mount Morris, New York), November 29, 1835.
2. Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, New York) to Horace Miller (Mount Morris, New York), February 29, 1836.
3. Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, New York) to Horace Miller (Kishwaukee, Winnebago County, Illinois), discussing ditch construction and house and land prices, April 6, 1838 [likely 1839 since Horace did not leave for Illinois until that year],
4. Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, New York) to Horace Miller (Mount Morris, New York), discusses visits to railroads throughout the country and possibility of Horace and Ezra looking at lands in the West – Michigan, Ohio, Illinois – but not expecting a paradise, May 28, 1838.
5. Ezra Miller (Norwich, Connecticut) to Horace Miller (Mount Morris, New York), ask why one would go west when one was successful, especially at the cost of losing the conveniences of an older settlement, July 8, 1838.
6. Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, New York) to Horace Miller (Mount Morris, New York), August 8, 1838.
7. Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, New York) to Horace Miller (Mount Morris, New York), discusses the hiring of Irishmen for ditch digging and the supplying of seeds, groceries, and implements for a farm, November 29, 1838.
8. Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, New York) to Horace Miller (Kishwaukee, Winnebago County, Illinois), discusses and diagrams the fencing of the property in Illinois, March 21, 1839.
9. Jonathan Miller, another brother, (Mount Morris, New York) to Horace Miller (Kishwaukee, Winnebago County, Illinois), with added note from Eliza Miller, Horace's daughter, June 6, 1839.
10. Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, New York) to Horace Miller (Kishwaukee, Winnebago County, Illinois), discusses description and disposition of property in order to clear title, February 5, 1840.
11. Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, New York) to Horace Miller (Kishwaukee, Winnebago County, Illinois), discusses planting and lists seeds to be used, April 20, 1840.
12. Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, New York) to Horace Miller (Rockford, Illinois), discusses crop markets, September 24, 1840.

13. Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, New York) to Horace Miller (Rockford, Illinois), September 29, 1841.

### **Correspondence, 1974-1975**

1. Hope Miller Matthews (Evanston, Illinois) to Robert Sutton (Illinois Historical Survey), November 5, 1974.
2. Hope Miller Matthews (Evanston, Illinois) to Robert Sutton (Illinois Historical Survey), December 2, 1974.
3. Hope Miller Matthews (Evanston, Illinois) to Robert Sutton (Illinois Historical Survey), February 11, 1975 (includes attached letter from Smithsonian Institution).
4. Hope Miller Matthews (Evanston, Illinois) to Robert Sutton (Illinois Historical Survey), March 16, 1975 (includes attached letter from University of Chicago Alumni Association).
5. Hope Miller Matthews (Evanston, Illinois) to Robert Sutton (Illinois Historical Survey), April 17, 1975 (includes attached letter from National Archives and Records Service).
6. Hope Miller Matthews (Evanston, Illinois) to Robert Sutton (Illinois Historical Survey), April 28, 1975.
7. Hope Miller Matthews (Evanston, Illinois) to Robert Sutton (Illinois Historical Survey), May 29, 1975 (includes attached documentation from Harvard University Library).

### **Biographical Information**

Notebooks [compiled photocopies]

1. Nancy Eliza Miller Marsh (1823-1909), Volume I. Family History and Poetry Containing family history of Miller, Clark, and Marsh families and some poetry, 176 pages:  
 Pages 14-16: description of Ezra Miller  
 Pages 32-44: description of Horace Miller and the move to Illinois  
 Pages 52-55: description of Nancy Eliza, the writer and daughter of Horace
2. Nancy Eliza Miller Marsh (1823-1909), Volume 2. Biographical description, poetry, and newspaper clippings.  
 46 pages, 8 clippings.  
 Pages 34-46: description of "Horace and Hannah Miller and their children and pioneer prairie home"

### **Genealogy**

The bound genealogy contains an index to the contents and, in addition to the genealogical material, has:

1. Information on locomotive and corn planter patents of Ezra Miller
2. Listing of tombstones located in the New Milford Cemetery in Rockford, Illinois prior to 1956
3. Transcripts of the 14 items of correspondence and three other letters
  - a. Orrin Miller, a brother, (Wooster, Ohio) to Horace Miller (Rockford, Illinois), October 20, 1844.
  - b. Reverend Johnathan Miller, Horace's father (Mt. Morris, New York) to Horace (Rockford, Illinois), December 22, 1844.

- c. Eli Miller (New York City, New York) to Eliza Miller (no address), discusses genealogy and giving birthdates for Ezra, Horace, and others, October 27, 1899.