

Jacob C. Miller

(6 Nov 1832 – 30 Aug 1880)

Miller. At 2:40 o'clock, on Monday, August 30, 1880, of pneumonia, Jacob Carpenter Miller, in the 48th year of his age. Funeral from his late residence, No. 919 G street northwest, on Wednesday, September 1, at 2 o'clock a.m., to which the relatives and friends of the family are invited.

The Evening Star, August 24, 1880

Hopes of His Recovery

Mr. J.C. Miller, of the Daily Critic, who fell from a window of his residence yesterday, as stated in The Star, is not fatally injured, his many friends will be glad to hear. His injuries consist of a fractured thigh, a dislocated shoulder, cut head and badly bruised body and some internal injuries. There are now good grounds for the belief that he will recover, and to this end it is desired that he shall be kept in quietude and that his sympathizing friends will refrain from calling for the present.

The Evening Star, August 30, 1880

Death of Mr. Miller

Mr. J.C. Miller, one of the proprietors and business manager of the Daily Critic, died at his residence on 10th street this afternoon at 2:40. The immediate cause of death was pneumonia, produced by the injuries received in the side by his fall from a third-story window last week. Mr. Miller commanded the respect of all who came in contact with him. He was a most excellent businessman, and a true friend. His death will be regretted by the entire community.

The Evening Star, August 31, 1880

The Death of Mr. J.C. Miller

The sad announcement of the death of Mr. J.C. Miller was made in yesterday's Star. He was a native of Pennsylvania, having been born in Lancaster in 1832; he was thus in his 48th year. He has since early life been actively in business, and has been distinguished by energy and industry. He was quick and nerry, pleasant and with a keen sense of the humorous. His father was much the same kind of man, as Pennsylvanians, those who knew him in the early railroad wars, recollect. Mr. J.C. Miller came to Washington at the invitation of John W. Forney in 1861 to assume the business management of the Daily Chronicle. He has often told the writer about his experiences. No books were kept when he took charge and no accounts of receipts made. He went to work and brought everything into accord with his accurate ideas of business. He used to stay at the office until after the paper was printed and then throw himself on a pile of paper and snatch a few hours sleep. He maintained management of the Daily Chronicle until 1868, when he started the Critic. He was in every way a sterling man and was always disposed to do acts of kindness and charity. His widow, a most estimable lady, was Miss Catherine Durham, of Baltimore. He also leaves a beautiful daughter about eight years old.

The employees of the Critic held a meeting this morning to take action in reference to the death of Mr. Miller. Mr. E.T. Peters, the editor of the paper, presided, and Mr. W.A. West was the secretary. Mr. A.J. Clarke offered a series of resolutions of condolence with the family, which were adopted, as also resolutions that they will attend the funeral in a body. The funeral will take place at two o'clock p.m. tomorrow and the interment will be made at the Congressional cemetery.

The Evening Star, September 1, 1880

The Late J.C. Miller

Yesterday afternoon a meeting of members of the local press was held in the editorial rooms of the Republican to take action regarding the death of Mr. J.C. Miller, of the Daily Critic. Representatives of all the city papers were present, as follows:--H.H. de Witt, Post; Chas. T. Murray, Sunday Republic; Otto Reinecke, Washington Journal; John B. McCarthy, Sunday Gazette; J.H. Doyle, Sunday Herald; A.M. Clapp, H.P. Godwin and W.S. Lerner, National Republican; C.S. Noyes, James Croggon and Fletcher Hodges, of the The Star; E.T. Peters and A.J. Clarke, Critic. The meeting was organized with Mr. A.M. Clapp in the chair and Mr. C.S. Noyes secretary.

On motion of Mr. McCarthy a committee was appointed on resolutions, and Messrs. McCarthy, Hodges and Peters were appointed. They reported the following:

We desire to place on records as a mark of our appreciation of the worth of Jacob Carpenter Miller the following: That he was known to us as an energetic journalist and business man--prompt, just and liberal in his dealings; a citizen whose efforts were directed to advancing the general interest of the community; a friend whose friendship was no idle sentiment; a husband whose true worth none but the afflicted wife can ever know, and a kind father, whose example is worthy of emulation. In fact, from our long association with him we have no hesitation in saying that he was a man in every sense of the word. The loss to his family, to his associates and to the community is irreparable, and none will miss him more than the many who have unknown to the world been aided by him. As the last mark of respect for our friend we will attend his funeral in a body.

Appropriate remarks were made by Messrs. Clapp, McCarthy, Noyes, Peters, Chief Brooks, of the secret service, and Cohen, who all testified to the worth of Mr. Miller in the warmest terms, and the report was adopted. Messrs. A.M. Clapp, of the Republican, and C.S. Noyes, of the Star, were selected to represent the newspaper fraternity as pall-bearers. The resolutions were ordered to be engrossed for transmittal to Mrs. Miller.

The funeral took place at 2 o'clock this afternoon from the late residence of Mr. Miller, No. 919 G street, and it was attended by many of the friends of deceased, including representatives of the press and numerous business houses, and the employees of the Critic. The religious services were conducted by Rev. Dr. A.W. Pitzer, of the Central Presbyterian church, who paid a feeling tribute to the memory of the deceased. The pall-bearers were Messrs. A.M. Clapp, of the Republican; C.S. Noyes, of the Star; A.L. Hazelton, Louis Barr, Henry Franc, G.F. Timms, L. Lansburg and E.G. Davis. The remains, in full dress suit, were encased in a handsome walnut casket, covered with black cloth and silk velvet, with massive silver bar handles and plate on the breast, inscribed: "J. Carpenter Miller: Died August 30, 1880: Aged 48 years." The floral decorations were most beautiful and tasteful, and quite enveloped casket. During the morning large numbers of the friends called to view the corpse, there being at the residence a continual stream of visitors going and coming, and in the number were many of the younger members of the community, who, as newsboys, had been brought in contact with the deceased. At the conclusion of the services at the house the corpse was borne to the hearse, and followed by a long line of carriages containing relatives, friends and acquaintances, it was taken to Congressional Cemetery, where the interment was made under the supervision of Mr. W.R. Speare.