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Miller-Marsh Family Inventory

Correspondence, Series 1, 1835-41:

- 1) Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, N.Y.) to Horace Miller (Mt. Morris, N.Y.); Nov. 29, 1835.
- 2) Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, N.Y.) to Horace Miller (Mt. Morris, N.Y.); Feb. 29, 1836.
- 3) Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, N.Y.) to Horace Miller (Kishwaukee, Winnebago County, Ill.), discusses ditch construction and house and land prices; April 6, 1838. (Probably 1839 since Horace did not leave for Illinois until that year)
- 4) Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, N.Y.) to Horace Miller (Mt. Morris, N.Y.), discusses visits to railroads throughout the country and the 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, Conn.) to Horace Miller (Mt. Morris, N.Y.), asks 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, N.Y.) to Horace Miller (Mt. Morris, N.Y.); Aug. 8, 1838.
- 7) Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, N.Y.) to Horace Miller (Mt. Morris, N.Y.), discusses the hiring of Irishmen for ditch digging and the supplying of seeds, groceries, and implements for a farm; Nov. 29, 1838.
- 8) Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, N.Y.) to Horace Miller (Kishwaukee, Winnebago County, Ill.), discusses and diagrams the fencing of the property in Illinois; March 12, 1839.
- 9) Jonathan Miller, another brother, (Mt. Morris, N.Y.) to Horace Miller (Kishwaukee, Winnebago County, Ill.), with added note from Eliza Miller, Horace's daughter; June 6, 1839.
- 10) Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, N.Y.) to Horace Miller (Kishwaukee, Winnebago County, Ill.), discusses description and disposition of property in order to clear title; Feb. 5, 1840.
- 11) Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, N.Y.) to Horace Miller (Kishwaukee, Winnebago County, Ill.), discusses planting and lists seeds to be used; April 20, 1840.
- 12) Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, N.Y.) to Horace Miller (Rockford, Ill.), discusses crop markets; Sept. 24, 1840.
- 13) Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, N.Y.) to Horace Miller (Rockford, Ill.); Aug. 29, 1841.
- 14) Ezra Miller (Brooklyn, N.Y.) to Horace Miller (Rockford, Ill.); Sept. 29, 1841.

Correspondence, Series 2, 1974-75 (Biographical Information):

- 1) Hope Miller Matthews (Evanston, Ill.) to Robert Sutton (Illinois Historical Survey); Nov. 5, 1974.

- 2) Hope Miller Matthews (Evanston, Ill.) to Robert Sutton (Illinois Historical Survey); Dec. 2, 1974.
- 3) Hope Miller Matthews (Evanston, Ill.) to Robert Sutton (Illinois Historical Survey); Feb. 11, 1975 (includes attached letter from Smithsonian Institution).
- 4) Hope Miller Matthews (Evanston, Ill.) to Robert Sutton (Illinois Historical Survey); Mar. 16, 1975 (includes attached letter from University of Chicago Alumni Association).
- 5) Hope Miller Matthews (Evanston, Ill.) to Robert Sutton (Illinois Historical Survey); Apr. 17, 1975 (includes attached letter from National Archives and Records Service).
- 6) Hope Miller Matthews (Evanston, Ill.) to Robert Sutton (Illinois Historical Survey); Apr. 28, 1975.
- 7) Hope Miller Matthews (Evanston, Ill.) to Robert Sutton (Illinois Historical Survey); May 29, 1975 (includes attached documentation from Harvard University Library).

Notebooks:

- 1) Volume 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) Volume containing personal description, poetry and newspaper clippings, 46 pages, 8 clippings.
 - pages 34-46: description of "Horace and Hanah 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, Ill. prior to 1956
- 3) transcripts of the 14 items of correspondence and three other letters

--Orrin Miller, a brother in Wooster, Ohio, to Horace Miller (Rockford, Ill.); Oct. 20, 1844.

--Rev. Jonathan Miller, Horace's father in Mt. Morris, W.Y., to Horace (Rockford, Ill.); Dec. 22, 1844.

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