

John W. Milloway Collection

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Title: John W. Milloway Collection

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Extent: 1 box

Provenance: Donated by Lillian Coleman in 1982. She had obtained the collection from Vivian Coleman Martindale of Greensboro in the early 1980s. Mrs. Martindale was a daughter of Nona Milloway Coleman and a granddaughter of John W. and Mary C. Milloway.

Inclusive Dates: 1863-1907

Subject Headings: Chilcutt, Elijah, 1795-1874
Coleman, Stephen
Farming – Rockingham County (N. C.) – 19th century
Hopkins, David L.
Hopkins, Jennie
Jones, Emeline, 1824-1891
Milloway, Annie
Milloway, Bessie
Milloway, Charles O.
Milloway, Emma Josie
Milloway, George W., d. 1893
Milloway, John E.
Milloway, John Washington, 1853-1940
Milloway, Mary Catherine, d.1933
Milloway, Maude, d. 1878
Milloway, Nova P.
Milloway, Onnie
Milloway, Rhoda Chilcutt, 1825-1907
Milloway, Tony L.
Milloway, William
Warren, William

Items Separated:

Related Collections:

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Descriptive Note:

The Milloway papers date from 1863-1907. They relate to a farm family who owned 197 acres 2 miles east of Monroeton on Flat Rock Rd. in Rockingham County, NC. (see attached family sketch)

The collection includes personal receipts and county tax receipts which were mounted on cardboard strips. Correspondence includes one letter dated 1876 which had been laminated. Miscellaneous items include: a handwritten poem "Jack the Farmer," dated 1863(?) and an impression of a land survey for Stephen Coleman of Pittsylvania County, Virginia. On a plastic sheet, undated. A small leather bound farm account book contains entries dating from 1885-1888. The entries are mainly for supplies furnished to tenants and money paid to farm laborers during this period.

Family Sketch:

John Washington Milloway was born 3 October 1853, the son of George W. Milloway (d. 1893 aged about 60) and Rhoda Chilcutt Milloway (1825-1907 - see death announcement in Reidsville Review 4/5/1907). George and Rhoda were married in Guilford County, NC on 12 January 1853. In 1855 they purchased a 110 acre farm in Rockingham County, NC on the south side of the Haw River. Here the couple settled and lived the remainder of their lives. Rhoda's father was Elijah Chilcutt (1795-1874) a prominent Guilford County farmer and one of the founders of Fair Grove Methodist Protestant (now United Methodist) Church in extreme southern Rockingham County.

As a child, John W. Milloway attended school at Fair Grove Church. One of these schoolmates was Mary Catherine Warren. She was the daughter of William Warren and Emeline Jones (1824-1891). Her father died when she was a child and her mother married a local widower David L. Hopkins on 4 April 1861. One child was born to this marriage giving Mary Catherine a half sister named Jennie Hopkins.

John W. Milloway married Mary Catherine Warren on 29 August 1876. The young couple settled on a 150 acre farm which the bride

had inherited from her father, William Warren. This property was located on Flat Rock Rd. (east of Monroeton) at a crossroads once known as Paynesville. The road running north and south across Flat Rock Rd. was abandoned early in the 20th century thus causing Milloway's Crossroads, as it had become known, to disappear. William and Henry Warren had purchased the property in 1840 and after William's death the land was divided in 1856 with Mary Catherine receiving part of the farm. It was not until 1878 after she had married that the land was surveyed and her 150 acres were laid off on the south side of Flat Rock Rd. Her mother, Emaline Hopkins, received 47 acres as her dower part of the estate of William Warren.

It was on this farm that John and Mary Catherine settled and raised a family of 10 children. One of the children, Maude, died in 1878 as a young child and was buried at Fair Grove Church Cemetery. The 9 surviving Milloway children were Charles O., William, John E., Onnie, Tony L., Emma Josie, Annie, Nova P. (Coleman), and Bessie. Of the children, several lived in Greensboro while other lived in Virginia and other states.

The original John Milloway house burned to the ground in March 1913 and the family soon built a nice 2 story frame house which still stands (1995). It was here that John and Mary Catherine lived out their lives. Mary Catherine died on 3 July 1933 at the age of 78 years. She had been in declining health for 8 years following a stroke. She was buried at Fair Grove Church where she had been a member since youth. John W. Milloway lived to an advanced age and died on 12 May 1940 at age 86. He, too, was buried at Fair Grove Church. His daughter Emma Josie continued to reside at the Milloway homeplace. She died in 1967. In 1944, John E. Milloway, a son of John W. Milloway, purchased the farm from the other heirs. His descendants still own part of the Milloway farm and in the 1980s members of the family restored the 1913 Milloway homeplace.

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Correspondence, 1876

Miscellaneous papers, 1863-1982

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Tax receipts, 1874, 1876-1881, 1883, 1894, 1896, 1899, 1907

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