

Below is a transcription of a letter from Phillip C. Cooter to Isiah Benjamin Miller dated June 23, 1914. I have transcribed it as the copy came to me (it was typewritten, therefore probably already transcribed by someone). The misspellings and grammatical errors were in copy I have. Note that the information in the letter may differ from other existing documentation.

CAPE GIRARDEAU, MISSOURI  
JUNE 23, 1914

Mr. Isah Benjamin Miller,  
Cape Girardeau, Missouri,

Dear Sir:

Your great-great-grandfather, John Miller, was of English origin and your great-great-grandmother, in 1775, were members of Christ Parish Episcopal Church in Calvert County, Maryland and your great-grandfather, John Miller, Jr., son of the above John Miller and he and his wife, Ellen Miller, were members of Christ Parish Church (Episcopalian) in 1790 and he was your great-great-grandfather, John Miller and wife, living in 1790 and in 1800. They were living and your grandfather, Alexander Miller and grandmother Elizabeth Jones Miller were communicants of Christ Parish Episcopal Church in Calvert County, Maryland. And in 1818, your grandparents, Alexander Miller and Elizabeth Miller, with your father Benjamin Miller, then three years old and two children of your Aunt Margrett Hutchison, embarked at Baltimore, Maryland in 1818 at Wheeling, now West Virginia and thence by water and keel boat down the Ohio River and stopped off for a time at Shawneetown, Illinois and thence down to Cairo, Illinois and thence to Cape Girardeau, Missouri. This route they came on all by water, was then a vast wilderness. St. Charles was then the capital of upper Louisiana, now the state of Missouri. And your grandparents came here before Missouri was admitted into the Union. The Millers, that is your great-great-grandfather, John Miller, and his son John Miller Jr., was not in the American Revolutionary War of 1775 to 1783, from Maryland, and your great maternal grandfather, Simon Poe, Sr., of Cheatham County, North Carolina was not in the American Revolutionary War, but your maternal grandfather Isiah Poe, was in the War of 1812.

I can run the Miller family of Calvert County, Maryland back to 1660, ten years before Robert De Lasalle, discovered the Ohio River, he discovered the Ohio in 1669, but must stop and take a rest, as it is hard mental work and if you want this, I will take it up in September 1914 I am,

Your friend,

Phillip C. Cooter

Mr. I. Ben. Miller  
Cape Girardeau, Missouri.