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*Descriptive Inventory*

**MSS 414     MILLER, Jacob Tol, b. 1827**

½ box. 4 folders. 3 items, 1856-1887. Photocopies.

2005.18.61

Original found at Carson-Newman College in Jefferson City, Tennessee.

**See also:** SC616 Rollingfork United Baptist Church of Christ – Minutes

***BIOGRAPHICAL NOTE***

Jacob Tol Miller was born on 22 January 1827, in Kentucky. After converting to Christianity at the age of ten, Miller became a member of Rollingfork United Baptist Church of Christ in Nelson County, Kentucky. A few months later, in July 1838, Miller was baptized by his father, a Baptist elder named John Miller. Jacob was elected church clerk in 1846 and served as deacon from 1852 to 1856, when he was licensed to preach. He rode the circuit and preached at churches throughout the state, including Pleasant Hill Baptist Church, Good Hope Baptist Church, and Mt. Carmel Baptist Church (all in Taylor County, Kentucky); Mt. Tabor Baptist Church, South Fork Baptist Church, and Pleasant Grove Baptist Church (LaRue County, Kentucky); Stewarts Creek (Marion County, Kentucky); and Cedar Creek (Nelson County, Kentucky). Miller was ordained in August 1856 and helped organize the Lynn Association, serving as its first clerk. He became the pastor of Severns Valley Church near Elizabethtown, Kentucky in 15 May 1858. Later he migrated to Texas, where he pastored the Bonham Church from 1 October 1882 to 1 October 1883. For a brief biographical note see J. H. Spencer, *A History of Kentucky Baptists. From 1769 to 1885. Including More than 800 Biographical Sketches*, vol. II (Cincinnati: s.p., 1886), 78.

***COLLECTION NOTE***

This collection consists of a holographic autobiographical sketch (photocopy) of Miller's life from birth to age 30. This is followed by a journal beginning 21 November 1856 and continuing through 27 June 1861. The next entry is 3 December 1863, followed by a few entries for 1864. Due to bad health Miller stopped keeping his diary until 1871. There are a handful of entries from 1871 to 1883. The journal also includes several news clippings and three recipes. This collection complements SC616 Rollingfork United Baptist Church of Christ – Minutes.

**SHELF LIST**

<b>BOX 1</b>	<b>Jacob Tol Miller journal</b>	<b>1856-1887</b>	<b>3 items</b>
Folder 1	Inventory	n.d.	1 item
Folder 2	Journal of Baptist minister Jacob T. Miller	1856-1887	1 item, p. 1a-101
Folder 3	Journal of Baptist minister Jacob T. Miller	1856-1887	1 item (cont'd), p. 102-182
Folder 4	Typescript of journal with annotations	1856-1887	1 item

**BIBLIOGRAPHIC RECORD**

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Photocopies of Baptist minister Jacob Tol Miller's original journal, as well as an annotated typescript. The journal details many aspects of a minister's life during the period of camp meeting revivalism in the antebellum west from 1856-1887.

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**SUBJECT ANALYTICS**

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 Baptists – Nelson County  
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 Diaries, 1856-1887 – Miller, Jacob Tol, b. 1827  
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 Revivals – Kentucky – Nineteenth century

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