

# the Enders

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C O N N E C T I O N

## The President's Corner



BY  
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PRESIDENT

**The 88<sup>th</sup> Enders Family Reunion will be held on Saturday, August 14, 2010 at the Enders Grove, Enders, PA**

**The business meeting and memorial service will begin at 1:30 P.M.**

**Entertainment by the Down to Earth Band will be from 4:00 to 7:00 P.M.**

**The United Church of Christ will offer delicious food for sale from 11:00 A.M. to 8:00 P.M.**

**SEE YOU AT THE REUNION!**

Greetings family and friends,

With another year passing, I hope all is well. Our thoughts and prayers are with those who have suffered the loss of a loved one this past year. We have lost two past Enders Family Association Officers, Gene Enders (1-7-5-3-2-4-4) and Robert L. Enders (1-7-5-3-2-4-1-1). Our condolences to their families and all families that have lost loved ones.

Our harsh winter is a faint memory as I write this, basking in the bountiful sunshine. Our resilient grove pavilions have survived with little damage, which the crushing weight of the snow could have caused. Now our biggest concern is that the beautiful spring weather causes our grass to grow too rapidly. What a terrible problem to have! Our problems don't seem to compare to what Philip Miller must have encountered with his family and ox

team on their journey to Iowa. (see enclosed article).

The EFA has enjoyed another successful year, and we are moving forward. As always we greatly appreciate all your donations in time and money for the upkeep of the grove and memorial which enable us to preserve our family heritage. Please contact any of our board members with volunteers or ideas to improve the EFA.

So until we are back to traveling in our ox carts, let's reflect on all our blessings and not dwell on the problems and we can all make this our best year ever!

Hope to see you all at the 88<sup>th</sup> Enders Family Reunion.

Thanks,  
Dave Enders

Over many years, I've collected old portraits, obituaries, and headstone photos of hundreds of people in the Enders Family. Previously I've made available a CD with about 1500 of these items. I've now amassed over 2000 and they'll no longer fit on a CD. At the 2010 Reunion, a 1GB flash drive will be for sale with all the Enders files I have to date. The cost will be just \$5, with all money going to The Enders Family Association. This is a great way to acquire a treasure trove of Enders genealogy and historic photos. It's also a great way to contribute to the organization that preserves your Enders Family history. Why not buy an Enders flash drive and consider it a contribution to the Association? Even if you don't have a computer, you can always give it to a relative who's interested in their Enders heritage.

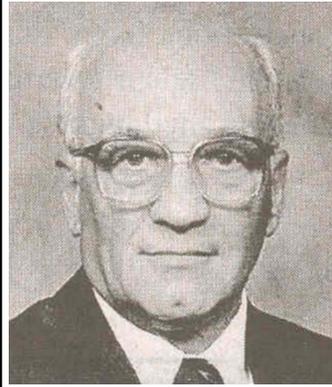
For internet surfers, I recommend visiting [www.Findagrave.com](http://www.Findagrave.com). This is a database web site that has millions of entries of people buried in cemeteries all over the world. If you're looking for the final resting place of an Enders relative, there's a good chance you might find it using their search engine.

**Russ Ottens, Historian (1-7- 5-10-11-3-2 and 1-10-6-4-11-3-2)**

# Remembering Our Past Officers



Gene Enders (1-7-5-3-2-4-4) passed away Sept. 3, 2009. He served the Enders Family Association as auditor from 1967 to 1974, trustee from 1974 to 1981, auditor from 1982 to 1987 and 1989 to 1992, and president from 1993 to 2004. He was president when Volume III was started and gave untold support to the project and the editor.



Robert L. Enders (1-7-5-3-2-4-1-1) passed away August 17, 2009. He was an auditor for the Enders Family Association for 3 years, and served as treasurer from 1992 to 2004.



Jane Mello, Darlean Skaddan & Marilyn Henninger

## Spring Grove Cleanup—More Help Needed!



Jason Zeigler, Bethany Fetterhoff & Morgan Fetterhoff



Bill Wilbert

## 2009 Reunion



Darlean & Larry Skaddan, Jessie Enders



Anna Mae Boyer, Jane Mello, Sara Rothrock



Kim, Mark, Hannah & Rebecca Russo



Dianne & Dave Enders



J. R. Rummel



Beckie, Bob & Tommy Enders



Left: Beth & Russ Ottens



Wendy Kostyk, Don & Lois Miller, Jean Lewis, Katherine Owen, Eleanor Renshaw

## People Memorialized at 2009 Reunion

Mark Eugene Zimmerman  
(1-14-1-9-1-5) d. 19 Sept 2003,  
husband of Mildred A (Dowell)  
Zimmerman

Verna V. (Zimmerman) Perry  
(1-14-1-9-5-5) d. 2 Aug 2007,  
wife of Charlie E. Perry

Herbert Klinger Zimmerman  
(1-14-1-9-1-7) d. 7 Nov. 2007,  
widower of Dorothy M.  
(Grindley) Zimmerman

Charles C Silks, d. 5 Feb 2008,  
husband of Joyce Y. (Wilbert)  
Silks (1-7-2-3-10-4-1)

Regina Pauline (Ondrusek)  
Poorman d. 17 Aug 2008, wife  
of James Herbert Poorman  
(1-14-3-3-1-3-4)

Robert A. Enders, Sr.  
(1-7-5-4-4-3-1) d. 18 Aug 2008,  
husband of Vivian Graupner  
(Long) Enders

Jeanne M. (Arrison) Koppen-  
heffer d. 4 Sept 2008, wife of  
William Z. Koppenheffer  
(1-6-2-2-3-6)

Carol A. (Zerby) Fetterhoff d.  
10 Sept 2008, first husband of  
Frederick Alvin Williard  
(1-14-1-2-3-1-2-4)

Don David Enders  
(1-14-9-11-1-A-1) d. 5 Oct  
2008, son of Donald Earl and  
Matilda Louise  
(Sheibley) Enders

Sandra E. Romberger, d. 11 Oct  
2008, first wife of Clifford Homer  
Romberger (1-7-2-1-6-6-1-1)

Arlene S. Lyter d. 12 Oct 2008,  
widow of Albert "Abie" Lyter  
(1-10-1-10-5-1)

Paul H. Hoover, d. 5 Nov 2008,  
husband of Jacqueline M. Hoover  
(1-14-2-3-2-1-2-1)

Joyce Yvonne (Wilbert) Silks  
(1-7-2-3-10-4-1) d. 9 Nov 2008,  
widow of Charles C. Silks

Clair R. Zimmerman (1-14-1-9-5-3)  
d. 29 Dec 2008, widower of Lorene  
C. (Miller) Zimmerman

Mary Elsie (Brown) Bradley  
(1-2-1-4-2-1-2) of Echuca,  
Australia d. 11 Jan 2009

James Enders Wilson  
(1-2-1-4-2-4-2) of Melbourne,  
Australia d. 13 Jan 2009

Dr. Elvin Galen Warfel  
(1-7-2-3-10-2-1) d. 9 Feb 2009,  
husband of Janice M. Warfel

Gloria Jean Lentz (MacHamer)  
Schoffstall (1-7-2-1-4-6-2-1) d. 10  
Feb 2009, widow of Kenneth  
A. Schoffstall and daughter of  
Richard Riegle Lentz  
(1-7-2-1-4-6-2)

John D. Shoop (1-14-1-9-1-4-2)  
d. 14 Feb 2009, widower of  
Brandalee Kathryn (Hoover)

Mary J. (Bland) Enders, d. 10  
Mar 2009, widow of John Robert  
Enders (1-14-9-1-6-7-4)

Jean Lillian (Brown) Mack  
(1-2-1-4-2-1-3) of Melbourne,  
Australia d. 13 Mar 2009

Marion E. (Rarich) Baddorf d. 20  
Apr 2009, wife of John Albright  
Baddorf (1-14-6-3-5-5)

Mary Mae (Meckley) Sweigard  
(1-14-6-3-11-2) d. 25 Apr 2009,  
widow of Marlin Kenneth  
Sweigard

Miriam W. (Patton) Enders  
d. 11 May 2009, wife of Samuel  
Ernest Enders (1-14-6-3-8-5)

Bernice G. Foster d. 22 May  
2009, wife of Paul G Foster  
(1-14-7-5-3-6)

Elizabeth Elo Walck d. 1 Jul  
2009, widow of Gerald Jay  
Walck, Sr. (1-7-1-10-2-2-5)

Robert J. Fetterhoff, Sr. d. 15 Jul  
2009, first husband of Judith A.  
Shaffer (1-7-3-11-1-2-1-1)

Vernet B. Snyder (1-7-5-4-2-9-4)  
d. 15 Jul 2009, husband of Lois J.  
(Meredith) Snyder

Herbert Richard Hoffman  
(1-14-6-3-7-3-4) d. 22 Jul 2009,  
husband of Caroline L.  
(Troutman) Hoffman

Russ Ottens, Historian (1-7-5-10-11-3-2) is now updating our genealogy and keeping the memorial list. If you know of someone who passed away since last reunion, please email him at [rjottens@hotmail.com](mailto:rjottens@hotmail.com) or send to him at address on last page. New genealogy can be sent also or use form on website: [www.endersfamily.org](http://www.endersfamily.org)

## A story about Philip Miller (1-10-8) born 1814 and died 1904

*Volume III states he died in Dauphin County, PA but according to his great-great-great-grandson Christopher who provided this article, he died in Solon, IA (See photos on next page)*

**From the Iowa City Press, December 23, 1938 by Robert P. Adams**

Philip Miller was born and reared to manhood near Dauphin, PA, along the Susquehanna river near Harrisburg, in the east central part of the state. Here he married Sarah Gaymon, and together as a young couple they undertook the long, arduous journey to the Iowa country by ox team in 1842 or 1843. The exact date has been lost from the Miller family records.

Mrs. Miller's brother, Charles Gaymon, came soon afterward and practiced the craft of a cabinet maker and farmer until he retired to Iowa City, where he passed his later years and where he died.

The Millers settled on land 10 miles north of the territorial capital along the Dillon Furrow, where he put up a crude log cabin and stable. The tiny cabin soon gave place to a then fine two-story frame house, even the exact site of the tiny first house being lost, but the logs in the barn were used as floor joists in the large basement and frame structure, to which it gave way, in later years.

Here, today, the white oak beams are still to be seen, as strong and as rugged as the day they were cut in the woods west toward the Iowa River. For Mr. Miller's claim was out on the edge of the timber, where so many chose to settle, and he had to acquire land near the river so as to secure a supply of logs and rails for use on his new farm.

The story of those first years was the story of grit, determination and hard work. Brush had to be cleared, the land broken and fenced, buildings put up. Sarah Miller had learned the art of weaving cloth back east, as one of the older girls in a family or 13, and here in the new home she soon set up spinning wheel and loom to supply a pressing need of the new community. Some of the cloth she wove is still intact and shows a fine, even texture which must have characterized her as a master craftsman.

Among the Miller relics of today, cherished by a sole surviving grandson, Raymond, wife and four sons, still living on and operating the original land, are a large number of letters, many of them old and yellowed by age. They form an interesting insight into the life of these people, both here in early Iowa and back in the mother state. Several of them tell of

the many people in Pennsylvania who are preparing to sell out and move west seeking new homes. Others from a brother-in-law who has moved out to Missouri, brag of excellence of that state and exhorting Philip Miller to come there "where one acre is as good as three in Iowa." Returns from a piece of land which Mr. Miller still owned back east are listed in 1846 as follows: Wheat-21 bushels at \$1...\$21.00; Rye-27 bushels at .35...16.30; Coal and wood...3.62.

It cost \$6.65 to cut those few bushels of grain. The small amounts indicate the kind of agriculture that had to be practiced in that rough hilly state, small patches on the lower slopes only. No wonder those thrifty German-derived farmers wanted to sell out and come west where real farms could be had.

Another letter quotes prices on farm produce in Iowa Territory in 1845: Wheat \$.50; Corn .25; Oats .20; Potatoes .25; Cows \$8 to \$12.

It was not long until Mr. Miller purchased his first land and by 1860 a tax receipt shows him the owner of 323 1/4 acres on which he paid the sum of \$33.30. The residents of the nation had to help pay for the costs of the Civil War by means of an income tax, much more close to the average man than that imposed today. A receipt dated 1866 shows him with an income of \$900 and paying five percent tax on it.

Close application to his business of farming, scrupulous and painstaking attention to every detail always characterized his operations. Even in his later years, when he had retired from active farm activities, his farm was one of the neatest and best cared for of any. It paid him, for he prospered, acquiring more land from time to time so that when his three sons were ready to start out for themselves, he had a fine piece of land ready for each of them. So much for Pennsylvania German thrift and perseverance. These people were a valuable asset to any neighborhood, both from the care they gave their land and crops and as neighbors and friends.

From the old home back east came scions and seedlings of many of the choice fruits which they raised. An orchard was not long in being started on the new place in

Iowa. The Miller farm was long noted for the excellence and wide variety of the fruits which were taken from its orchard plantings every season. Among the apples were Pennsylvania Red Streaks, the Sweet Bough, Rambo, Sptizenberg, Belieflower, Geneton, Willowtwig. He had extensive plantings of Green Gage Prune Plums, Damsons, all unusual and little grown in Iowa. It was in the peaches that he excelled however. Raising mostly seedlings which he replaced as often as necessary, it was seldom indeed that he did not have at least some of this luscious and flavorful fruit. There were many years when the crop ran into many bushels and then his warm-hearted generosity became apparent by distributing them widely among his friends who did not have a supply as did he.

Fishing was the one sport and recreation to which Mr. Miller succumbed, though then only at intervals when farm work was not so pressing. In the early days, when streams ran clear and clean, all waters were well stocked with fish of the finer sorts not to be had now from local sources. When one could secure good catches of pike, bass, perch, and cat instead of the present day mediocre offering of carp and bullheads, fishing was a worthwhile sport. The old Hindrichs millrace and dam was one of the favorite haunts of early day fishermen and many are the tales of the fish taken from those waters.

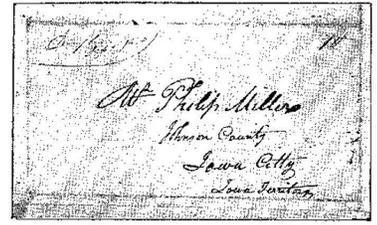
I remember Grandpa Miller, as we called him, very well in the days when as a small boy we lived on an adjoining farm and it was one of the delights of my existence to hide away over the hill to Millers, there to listen to the tales of long ago and to be plied at almost any time of the year with fruit, fruit that made a youngster's mouth water, even in anticipation, and always give in the generous friendly fashion which characterized him. He was a short, rather chubby, ruddy man as I remember him, with a full flowing set of side whiskers and delightful, slow Pennsylvania Dutch drawl which made him forever your friend. Since, I have learned more of the true worth of this old pioneer, and the fine name for industry, integrity, and genuine kind neighborliness which made him and his kind, all too scarce. (Continued next page)

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**Left:** An old-fashioned butter churn, brought in the ox wagon from Pennsylvania to Iowa in 1842 or 1843. It was in use before being brought here and was in continuous use since until just a few years ago.

**Right:** A letter written to Philip Miller in 1846, addressed to him at Iowa City, Iowa Territory. It came from Dauphin, Pa., his old home. No stamp was used but the postage, 10 cents, was paid and the amount marked on the face of the letter.



## Recognition Awards at 2009 Reunion



**OLDEST MAN**  
Raymond Sweigard—97 yrs.



**OLDEST WOMAN**  
Irma Shearer—94 yrs.



**YOUNGEST CHILD**  
Morgan Ronan—3½ yrs.



**LONGEST DISTANCE**  
Faye Snyder Scannell—WA



**LONGEST MARRIED**  
Daniel and Irma Shearer—70 yrs.



**MOST RECENT MARRIED**  
Joanne and Mark Enders—6 yrs.



**MOST CHILDREN**  
Michael, Matthew and Morgan Ronan



**MOST CHILDREN** Sally Snyder not pictured  
Ken Sweigard, Elaine Deppen, & Raymond Sweigard,

<http://www.endersfamily.org>  
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Contributions are greatly appreciated to help us maintain the grove grounds, kitchen and pavilion. Send to Louis Bobish, Treasurer at the address below.

**ENDERS GENEALOGY VOLUME III** is sold out. When we have orders for 20 we will get more. Let Marilyn Henninger know if you are interested.

**2012** will be our 90th Reunion!  
**2013** we will celebrate the 100th Anniversary of the First Reunion held September 13, 1913.  
 (The reunion was not held during some wars.)

Do you have a story you would like to see published in our newsletter such as the one on Philip Miller? It can be an article about an ancestor, your memories of an ancestor or perhaps reunions, or interesting facts of days gone by, etc. We could also use photos of interest.

**DATES TO REMEMBER**

**SATURDAY, JULY 31, 2010**  
 AT 9AM  
**GROVE CLEAN-UP AND BUSINESS MEETING**

**SATURDAY, AUGUST 14, 2010**  
 STARTING AT 11AM  
**88th ENDERS FAMILY REUNION**

**THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14, 2010**  
 AT 7PM AT THE ENDERS GROVE  
**FALL BOARD MEETING**



**WE LOVE ANTIQUES**  
 Consider bringing an antique to the reunion. It can be Enders memorabilia or just of interest. Here are two cars from the last reunion.  
 Left: Russell Enders' 1931 Ford  
 Right: Jake Nice's 1951 Kaiser



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