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MITON REMINES ~ "PROFESSOR OF THE MOUNTAINS"

"...Milton William Remines was born 28 Apr 1861 in Bowen's Cove, near Thompson Valley in Tazewell, VA. His parents were JAMES HARVEY REMINES JR. & Margarette Harris Remines. Milton's sisters & brother were MOLLIE BERTIE (Mullins), MALINDA (Kiser), REBECCA (Potter) & GILBERT Remines. Milton always said it was his mother who stressed the importance of education to him & his sisters & brother. Even in a time when society did not deem importance to girls receiving an education, Milton's sisters~~Mollie, Malinda & Rebecca, as well as his brother Gilbert, could all read & write. In fact, Milton & his brother & sisters all acquired an education despite their rude environment & the few primitive scattered schools in Southwest Virginia. Young Milton was especially brilliant & found it easy to learn despite few opportunities. So, when the Remines family moved to Jenkins, KY in 1878, Milton attended a teacher's normal school at Pikeville, KY & at 17yrs of age was granted a certificate to teach. His first school was at the present site of Jenkins KY high school. After getting his first taste of teaching, he was "hooked." He went on to train at National Normal School in Lebanon, OH from 1891-93 & received a BS Degree. From there he went to Gladeville College, Wise, VA & the Univ of VA 1921-23 & Emory & Henry College from 1925-27.

It was while he was teaching in the Jenkins KY area he met & married his first wife, Minerva Ann Sanders, the dau of Jacob & Hilda Sanders in 6 June 1886. Four children were born to Milton & Minerva, w/ one dying in infancy. The remaining children were Samantha, who followed her dad in the teaching profession, & who never married, living at home w/ her parents. The other 2 children were Deborah (Dameron) & Ethel (McClanahan).

Milton came to Clintwood VA in the fall of 1894 as principal of the school there. He taught there 14 yrs. During this time his fame spread over Southwest VA & Eastern KY. Young people everywhere wanted to train as leaders under Milton Remines to such extent he had to make some changes. He was forced to build a large 2-room bldg w/ his own funds in Clintwood where he & professors Altizer & VICKERS taught young men & women the subjects needed to prepare them as teachers. The overhead rooms at the school were used as sleeping quarters for young men who attended the school. Other young men & women were boarded in his own home on Main St in Clintwood.

After Milton's wife, Minerva, died he married Maggie Fleming, dau of Preston Fleming, of Cranes Nest, Dickinson Co, VA on 26 Jan 1906. The children of this marriage were Harold Milton, Clyde William, Nell (Smith), Joseph, Catherine (McCarthy) & Margaret (Danaher).

Milton taught in many schools in KY besides Jenkins~~schools in the Elkorn Creek section, Whitesburg & Dorton, KY. While in VA he taught at Stone Gap, Pound, Grundy High School, Norton & was Division Supt. of Schools of Dickenson Co & Wise. It was at Wise he was responsible for establishing Gladeville College. In Milton's later years he was a teacher at Mountain Mission School (Hurley School) in Grundy, VA. Also deeply religious, Milton was a minister w/ the Methodist Church, spending practically every weekend filling the pulpits of churches in Eastern KY & Southwest VA.

Milton Remines d 23 July 1950 as a known & respected "professor of the mountains," training many young men & women who would not have had an education. The influence of an educator like Prof Milton Remines does not end w/ his life. Those young people inspired by him passed on that influence to others. In that way, there is an earthly immortality & even though one's name may fade from man's memory, his influence lives on. Such an influence was Milton Remines...."

Submitted by a great niece of Milton Remines & granddaughter of his sister Mollie (Mullins), Peggy S. Galloway, 808 Vinson Rd, Danville, KY 40422.

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