

***Gold is the Key* Research Supplement**  
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**Donated by:** **Thomas L. Aud, Jackson, Tennessee**, compiler and author of the book, *Gold is Key. Murder, Robbery, and the Gold Rush in Jackson, Tennessee* (Dickson, Tennessee: BrayBree Publ. Co., 2012 revised 2014).

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**Dates**

1852 – c. 2012

**Scope and Content**

Photocopied letters and genealogical reports regarding the families of associates and relatives Of George Etter Miller, the bank teller murdered in 1859 in the Union Bank Building, Jackson, TN, which was robbed at the same time. Thomas L. Aud, compiled this material during his research for his book, *Gold is the Key*, which presents the story of these tragic events, the murder and robbery, which were never solved. The book also discusses the 1985 discovery of gold coins in Jackson and the possible connection to the 1859 robbery.

This collection consists of two groups:

1. 20 photocopies of original letters by and to George E. Miller. The photocopies were obtained by the author, Thomas Aud, from Tommy Covington, Ripley, Mississippi Library.
2. Genealogy reports created by the author pertaining to the families of individuals who knew or were related to George E. Miller. He generated these reports using Family Tree Maker (version 2012).

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**Contents List**

**Box 1**

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1. Guide
2. Letter from G.E. Miller  
to Revd C.P. Miller [father]  
(5 July 1852)
3. Letter from G.E. Miller  
to Miss M.D. [Martha] Miller  
(18 Jul 1852)
4. Letter from G.E. Miller  
to Revd C.P. Miller [father]  
(5 April 1853)
5. Letter from Jno S. Miller  
to G.E. Miller  
(5 Oct 1854)
6. Letter from Jno S. Miller  
to G.E. Miller  
(3 Nov 1854)
7. Letter from G.E. Miller  
to Tom  
(22 Oct 1854)
8. Letter from James R. Miller  
to G.E. Miller  
(5 Nov 1854)
9. Letter from Jno S. Miller  
to G.E. Miller  
(17 Nov 1854)
10. Letter from Jno S. Miller  
to G.E. Miller  
(10 Dec 1854)
11. Letter from Jas R. Miller  
to G.E. Miller  
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12. Letter from J.S. Miller [John]  
to G.E. Miller  
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13. Letter from Jno S. Miller  
to G.E. Miller  
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to G.E. Miller  
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15. Letter from Jno S. Miller  
to G.E. Miller  
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16. Letter from Jno S. Miller  
to G.E. Miller  
(15 Jul 1855)
17. Letter from Jno S. Miller  
to G.E. Miller  
(19 May 1856)
18. Letter from C.P. Miller [Charles]  
to G.E. Miller  
(26 May 1856)
19. Letter from Jno S. Miller  
to G.E. Miller  
(4 Oct 1856)
20. Letter from Jno S. Miller  
to G.E. Miller  
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21. Letter from Jno S. Miller  
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22. Family Genealogy Report  
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George Etter Miller
33. Family Genealogy Report  
Robert Taylor
34. Family Genealogy Report  
John L.H. Tomlin
35. Family Genealogy Report  
William Wade Woodfolk

*[ Author's note for genealogy reports]*

*– Numbers listed in superscript after a name in parenthesis indicate the previous generations, with "1" being the first person on the genealogy report. While all efforts were made for accuracy, the reader and researcher should verify all data. It is hoped that this information will generate more historical and family interest.*