

DEATH OF ANDREW MILLER OCCURS IN KNOWLTON.
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At one time one of the most widely known men of Southwold Twp and regarded as being among its wealthiest farmers, Andrew Miller of Knowlton, Quebec, passed away there early Thursday morning. He is believed to have been in his 85th year.

Mr Miller will be remembered by many of the older residents of this city as a winter guest at the Grand Central Hotel for a number of years in his later life. Tall, though somewhat stooped and wearing a shaggy moustache and an equally shaggy old fur coat, he used to trudge the length of Talbot Street two or three times a day no matter how cold, sometimes with his arms full of books for he was a regular patron of the Public Library, being a great reader.

As such, his home just off the Talbot Road, a mile west of Middlemarch and north on the Frome Sideroad, was literally filled with books when he left 18 years ago to live in Knowlton. He had never attended school, and yet he was a well-educated man, his mother, who had come from the Niagara district where she taught school as a young woman, having tutored him. He was her only child, and they lived together as long as she lived, Mr. Miller's father, Andrew Sr., having died when he was a young man.

Mr. Miller not only acquired an enormous library of good books, but he also filled his home with fine antique furniture.

He was born on the Miller farm, a 200 acre holding which, since he retired from farming 18 years ago, has been worked by old neighbors.

This fine farm had been deeded to Mr. Miller's grandfather, Peter Miller, for his services with the British forces under General Brock in the War of 1812. It passed on down to Mr. Miller's father Andrew Sr., to him and he remained the owner throughout his life.

Mr. Miller's neighbors remember him as being a man of somewhat eccentric ways and shy, but nonetheless highly regarded. He took a great interest in horse racing in his early days, bred many fine trotters and was among the first to promote trotting races at fall fairs in this part of the country. To exercise his horses, he would trot them up and down the Talbot Road in the Middlemarch district, driving a two-wheeled gig and many of the older residents of the community remember what a serious job he made of it.

He was also a member of the Southwold Township Council for many years, deputy reeve in 1914 and 1915, and as reeve in 1916 and 1917, was on the County Council.

Mr. Miller had never married and there are no known close relatives in this district. He was a member of Trinity Church, St. Thomas, Ont.

His remains will arrive in St. Thomas Saturday at noon and will rest at the P. R. Williams & Son funeral home where service will be held Monday at two o'clock. Interment will be made in St. Thomas Cemetery.