

## 1835 Miller – Ellwood Cabin



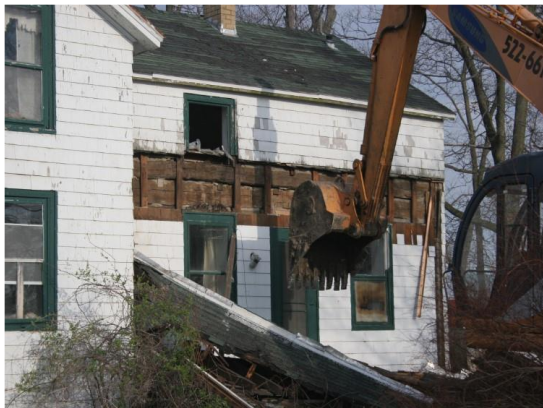
1835 Miller - Ellwood cabin..... a short history:

It is believed that William A. Miller (1810 -1888) had the cabin built in 1835 because of a letter to William from his father Heinrich dated August 28th 1835 that mentions a previous letter to him mentioning their safe arrival. William married Patience Ellwood (1812-1888) May 14th of 1835. Harriet Augusta Miller (1837 -1910) was born then two years later with a brother William Henry Miller (1839-?). Isaac Leonard Ellwood worked for William A. Miller and married his daughter Harriet on January 27 1859. William A. Miller prospered and in 1857 leased his farm and moved to DeKalb where he lived until his death Nov.13th 1888. The information I have show that he sold the farm property in 1873 to his son-in-law Isaac Leonard Ellwood. The farm remains in the Ellwood family to this day with the current owner, J. Ellwood Towle of St Louis Missouri.

The general consensus is that the cabin was moved at some point from a place close to the Kishwaukee river uphill to the location on Pleasant Hill Rd. where the Nelson Farmhouse was built around the cabin. The cabin remained inside the walls of the Nelson Farmhouse until it was dismantled and moved to the Hoppe Farm and South Branch Prairie as a DeKalb County Forest Preserve area.

Donna Nelson of Sycamore can describe the 93 year Nelson family history with the cabin and farmhouse that started with Floyd Nelson Sr. in 1912.

Photos show Miller - Ellwood cabin inside walls of old Nelson Farm house on the J. Ellwood Towle property on Pleasant Hill Road, dismantling cabin log by log, relocation and reconstructing cabin at the Hoppe Farmstead about 1 mile north.





**Thank you Ellwood family, Forest Preserve staff, volunteers, donors and cabin mentor Tim Kilby**