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THE
PENNSYLVANIA INSTITUTION
FOR THE
DEAF AND DUMB

Corner Broad and Pine Streets, and Eleventh and Clinton Streets,

PHILADELPHIA.

A. L. E. CROUTER, A.M.,
PRINCIPAL.

Applicants for the bounty of the Commonwealth must be between the ages of eight and twenty years, and, before they can be admitted, satisfactory evidence must be furnished, from respectable persons of their neighborhood, of the pecuniary inability of the parents, and of the good natural intellect of the child, and its freedom from any constitutional malady that might incapacitate it for instruction.

Answers to the following questions are to be made in writing, to which must be subjoined the attestation of some respectable physician and clergyman or schoolmaster, or of any other two respectable individuals personally acquainted with the applicant.

If this paper, or a written one of like form, be returned to the Institution, the relatives or friends of the child will be informed whether it can be admitted, and, if so, at what time and on what terms.

Applications may be addressed "Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, Philadelphia, Pa."

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
1. What is the child's full name?	<i>Martha Henrietta Miller</i>
2. When born? (Give year, month, and day.)	<i>December 8, 1880.</i>
3. Where born?	<i>Reading, Berks County, Pa</i>
4. Was the child born deaf?	<i>Supposed to have been born deaf</i>
5. If not born deaf, at what age was hearing lost?	—
6. From what cause?	—
7. Is the child totally or partially deaf?	<i>Can hear a little.</i>
8. What noises can the child hear?	<i>Barking of dogs; ringing of bells; whistles, & other loud noises.</i>
9. To what extent can the child hear the sound of the voice?	<i>Can hear loud halloes, but cannot distinguish words.</i>
10. Have efforts been made to cure the deafness, and, if any, in what way and with what results?	<i>She has been examined by three physicians, all of whom decided that her eardrums are paralyzed</i>
11. Can the child understand anything by reading from the lips of a person speaking to it?	<i>No</i>
12. Is the child totally dumb?	<i>No</i>
13. Can the child utter any intelligible words?	<i>She can say "mamma" "papa", "Ida", "baby", "Jurry" and a few other simple names.</i>
14. Does the child communicate by signs intelligible to those with whom it has constant intercourse?	<i>Yes.</i>

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
15. What have been the general moral conduct and disposition of the child?	<i>Good.</i>
16. What is the state of the child's health in general?	<i>Good.</i>
17. What is the condition of the child's eyesight?	<i>Not very good - near sighted (slightly)</i>
18. Is the child free from fits, from scrofulous ulcerations, and from every symptom of acute, chronic, or cutaneous disease?	<i>yes.</i>
19. Has the child had the small-pox?	<i>No.</i>
20. Has the child been vaccinated?	<i>No.</i>
21. Has the child had scarlet fever, measles, mumps, whooping-cough, or any other disease? (State which.)	<i>Measles + whooping cough</i>
22. Has the child been under instruction at any time? If so, where and for how long?	<i>No.</i>
23. Can the child read or write?	<i>No.</i>
24. Has the child learned to perform any manual labor, or ever been usefully employed? If so, in what?	<i>No.</i>
25. Does the child live with its parents? If not, state with whom it lives, and where and how it is maintained.	<i>Lives with parents.</i>
26. Give the father's full name.	<i>John Henry Miller</i>
27. Give the full names of the father's parents before their marriage.	<i>John Miller and Martha Rowke</i>
28. Give the mother's full name before marriage.	<i>Kate Laura Miller</i>
29. Give the names of the mother's parents before their marriage.	<i>Daniel S. Miller Henrietta Heck.</i>
30. Where do the child's parents reside? (Give county, township, and nearest post-office.)	<i>26 Thorn St, Reading Berks Co. Pa.</i>
31. What is the nearest railroad station?	<i>Reading, Pa.</i>
32. What is the nearest telegraph office?	<i>Reading, Pa.</i>
33. Where was the father born?	<i>Reading, Pa.</i>
34. Where was the mother born?	<i>North Heidelberg, Berks Co, Pa.</i>
35. Is the father deaf?	<i>No</i>
36. If the father is deaf, was he born so, or from what cause and at what age did he become deaf?	—
37. Is the mother deaf?	<i>No</i>
38. If the mother is deaf, was she born so, or at what age and from what cause did she become deaf?	—
39. Were the father and mother cousins, or related in any degree before marriage?	<i>No</i>
40. What are the parents' occupations?	<i>The father is a boiler maker.</i>
41. Has the father any, and, if any, what deaf relatives? (Give their names.)	<i>No.</i>

QUESTIONS.	ANSWERS.
42. Has the mother any, and, if any, what deaf relatives? (Give their names.)	A brother has defective hearing, but is not considered "deaf".
43. How many children have the parents had? (Give their full names, with dates of birth and death, if any have died.)	Martha Henrietta Edna, born July 5th, died Dec 23, 1884 Julia May, March 8th, " June 12, 1886.
44. Name those born deaf.	The present applicant, Martha Henrietta.
45. Name those who have become deaf, and give cause of deafness and age at which deafness occurred.	—
46. What are the pecuniary circumstances of the parents and relatives?	Poor.
47. How much can they engage to pay annually toward the maintenance and education of the child?	Nothing. Application is made for the child's admission on the bounty of the State.

WE, the undersigned, do hereby certify, from actual personal knowledge of the above child, and the circumstances of its relatives and friends, that the answers to the foregoing questions are true.

WITNESS our hands, this *thirteenth* day of *September* 1888.

NAMES.	RESIDENCE.	OCCUPATION.
<i>J M Koerber</i>	<i>Reading</i>	<i>Missionary to the Deaf.</i>

N.B.—The subscribing parties are requested to add their abodes and occupations; and the parent or guardian of the child will subscribe the following engagement, viz.:

I hereby agree to remove the above-named *Martha Henrietta Miller* from the Pennsylvania Institution for the Deaf and Dumb, when I may be required to do so by the Board of Directors, and not to remove her before the commencement of the vacation, or to detain her after the expiration thereof, without the permission of the Committee of Instruction, or of the Board.

FATHER'S NAME.

John H Miller

✓ 1888. +

Martha H. Miller

Born, Dec. 8th, 1880

Berks County

Rec'd. Sept. 12th, 1888.

Rec, Sept. 12th

Approved
H.C.