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**SAUCERMAN FAMILY PHOTOGRAPHS,
CA. 1890–1910 (COPIED CA. 1979)**

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BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH

Ellen M. Saucerman was born in Ohio in 1824. At her death on 30 November 1899, she was among the oldest residents of Sullivan County, Indiana. She had lived alone, working her farm for fifty years. It was reported that she had “considerable wealth, the greater part of which she accumulated by her own efforts.” She had been a member of the Lutheran Church for more than sixty years.

Miss Saucerman’s parents were George (1778–1846) and Catherine Mowrey (1781–1850) Saucerman. Her siblings included brothers Samuel (1812–1901), George (1814–1899), and Barnet (1821–1902). It appears that both Ellen and Barnet moved to Sullivan County in the mid- to late-1840s.

Barnet Saucerman married Jeannette “Jane” Clugage (sometimes spelled Cluggage) (1820–1895) in 1853. They had a daughter, Ella, born on 25 December 1859 in Sullivan County. On 28 December 1876, Ella married John Crawford Chaney (1853–1940), who practiced law in Sullivan, Indiana, and served as a U.S. Congressman from 1905–1909. Ella and John had a son, Dirrelle Erskine Chaney (1877–1969), and a daughter, Zoe Ethel Chaney (Bays) (1885–1975). Ella M. Saucerman Chaney died on 12 July 1946 in Sullivan.

In addition to portraits of Ellen Saucerman and Ella Saucerman Chaney, this collection includes three photographs of a house and a barn in Bono Township in Lawrence County, Indiana. The house was said to have been built circa 1860 by Martin Miller. It is unknown how or whether Miller was related to the Saucermans. A Martin Miller, also known as Michael C. Miller (ca. 1811–1897), was a farmer in Bono Township at the time. He married Sarah Brown (1830–1918) in 1848. Their children included Alex, Eda, William, Marcus “Martin,” Nancy, and Ida.

Sources:

Ancestrylibrary.com (Accessed 23 February 2026):

- Find a Grave
- Indiana, U.S., Marriage Index, 1800–1941
- Ohio, U.S., County Marriage Records, 1774–1993
- United States Federal Census, 1850–1900

Obituary for Miss Ellen M. Saucerman. *The Indianapolis Journal*, 3 December 1899, p. 7.

SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE

This collection consists of five copy photographs and one typed manuscript page. The original photographs were loaned for copying by a member of the Saucerman family. Two of the photographs are portraits: one of Ellen M. Saucerman, and one of her niece, Ella Saucerman Chaney, who both lived in Sullivan County, Indiana. The three other photographs are of a house and a barn in Bono Township, Lawrence County, Indiana. Information from the manuscript page states that the house was built by Martin Miller, circa 1860. It is not known how or whether Miller is related to the Saucerman family.

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Portrait of Ellen Saucerman (copy photo of original taken ca. 1890).

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Portrait of Ella Saucerman Chaney, modeling a dress owned by her aunt, Ellen Saucerman. Written on back: "Dress owned by Ellen Saucerman in 1858 and worn by Ella Chaney, her niece, at the Old Maids Convention Oct. 12, 1897." (copy photo)

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Copy photo of a woman and three men outside a house. Written on back: "Picture of house in Bono Township, Lawrence County."

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Copy photo of part of a house. Written on back: "Farm house in Bono Township, Lawrence County."

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Copy of blurry photo of a barn. Written on back: "Barn in Bono Township in Lawrence County."

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One typed manuscript page with information about the photos of the house in Bono Township, Lawrence County, stating that it was built ca. 1860 by Martin Miller, near Spring Mill Park.

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