

Fun Facts

- June Gaylord Miller was Dorothy Gaylord Underwood (Nana Dot's) sister. She and CJ did not have children. ☒
- The Underwood boys spent much quality time on the Miller Farm while growing up: working, playing and learning life lessons from their experiences on the farm. ☒
- After June and CJ passed on, the Underwood boys inherited part of the Miller Farm. After meeting and discussing the feasibility, they took a risk, invested personal funds and started the CJ and June Miller Farm Corporation in 1986. The brothers used their portion of the inheritance to leverage the purchase of the remaining interest in the farm from 5 other cousins who had also inherited a portion of the land.
- The farm is 160 acres in two 80/acre tracts just east of Emmetsburg on the north side of highway 18. The east 80 contains 75.3 tillable acres. The west 80 contains 70.9 tillable acres and 5 acre's (adjacent to the creek and dredge ditch) enrolled in the CRP (Conservation Reserve Program) ☒
- Paul and Ruth Dietrich are tenants who farm the land on a crop-share lease which means the tenant and the corporation, share the expenses and income (grain) that is produced. ☒
- The original statement of purpose for this corporate venture "is to operate the Miller Farm Inc., in thanks and praise to God, perpetuating the memory and spirit of CJ and June Miller to our family and the Emmetsburg community at large. Our stewardship will be consistent with that loving devotion of the Millers for their farmstead and community. Furthermore, its operation and resources will focus on opportunities for expanding the loving relationships between the Underwood brothers, their families and their future generations." ☒
- The venture was organized as an "S" Corporation with the 5 Underwood Brothers as original shareholders with 5,000 shares each ☒
- The original Board of Directors was the 5 Underwood Brothers. Over the years, 2 more board positions were added and the "second generation" was tapped to serve on the board. You do not need to be a shareholder to serve on the board of directors. ☒
- The board meets once every year, and as needed electronically between meetings. ☒
- This venture has largely been responsible for the amazing connections established among the descendants of Phil and Dorothy Underwood through the biennial reunions that it funds.