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LETTER — NOVEMBER 20, 1898

By Emma D. Miller

**THE CITY DRUG STORE
WEATHERFORD, OKLA.
DAVIS & MILLER, Proprietors**

Miss Lola Miller
Ramsey, Ill.

My dear Lola,

We received your letter yesterday afternoon, and we were quite glad to hear from you. I have been wishing to write you for some time but have delayed in doing so until now. I would like so much to see you, for Dr. Miller has talked so much of you that I feel as if I know you already.

Dr. Miller and I like Oklahoma very much, although the sand and wind are terrible, but the drug store is paying well and he has already a good practice so we are well satisfied and expect to make this our permanent home. I expect to go to housekeeping tomorrow. I suppose you have no idea of how people have to live in a new town. This has been a town only since August and when we came everybody lived in tents or little shanties. Fortunately out of the few residences here, we secured a nice room and as we brought with us some furniture we have been living very comfortably. I don't like to board, however, and am quite anxious to go to housekeeping. Papa is now in Texas and will bring Mother back with him. The children will not come before May. There are no schools or churches here yet, so they will remain in Vernon till this school term is over. You wanted to know if I have any brothers or sisters. I have three sisters and one brother and Mother and Father are still living.

Dr. Miller tells me you are almost eighteen though from the way he speaks of you I can't imagine you in any way but as a little girl. I have a sister about your age, but she imagines she is quite a young lady. If you would like it, I have a picture of myself and two of my sisters that I will send you. You must have your picture taken. I am very fond of keeping the pictures of friends and relatives and I have oh so many, but yours will be quite welcome to my collection.

I have been to church but once since I have been here. I will certainly be glad when we can have services for I miss them so much. They are erecting a small house now which will be used for church services. The railroad has just been completed; the first passenger train came in last Monday. Two or three hundred people came in on it. There are about fourteen hundred here now. This is the terminus of the road and will be for two years. It is almost wonderful how rapidly the business houses are being built.

I am going to have my piano shipped in a few days and I will be so glad to get it for we miss that more than anything. Do you like music or do you play any? We are hoping that Mother and Papa will get here in time for a Thanksgiving turkey.

Well, I will not trouble you any longer today. Write to me soon for I enjoy your letters. Dr. M and I send love to all the family.

Yours lovingly
Emma D. Miller

MRS. EMMA D. MILLER-HARRIS, a cousin of Neoma R. Dickey's, taught English for eighteen years at Southwestern Normal. When she died in 1927, she was Dean of Women. The letter from Mrs. Miller to her sister in law, Lola Miller, was provided by Mrs. Miller's daughter, Mrs. Addie Miller Patterson, who was born in Weatherford in 1899 and who earned the first degree from Southwestern after its status was changed from Normal School to four year college. Mrs. Patterson is now a resident of Sullivan, Illinois, but still considers herself an Oklahoman.