

Introduction of Caroline R. Miller

Caroline R. Miller lives in Augusta, Kentucky, a native of Bracken County, and is a retired English teacher. A native of Bracken County, she has been a researcher and compiler of African American and slave records for 25 years.

In her book *Grapevine Dispatch – The Voice of Antislavery Messages*, Miller has put together extraordinary research that links slave holders, freedom seekers, events and underground railroad activity in the Northern Kentucky area. Using court records from Bracken and Mason Counties she documented the trials and transactions of slave activity that is valuable in recognizing enslaved laborers and their contributions to Kentucky. As the old Paris Pike Road trafficked people from the river to the inner Bluegrass, *Grapevine Dispatch* highlights how slave traders and trafficking operated.

Miller has also written a series, Historical Reflections on specific topics related to Kentucky slavery and activities such as: “Shackles, Iron Bars and Coffle Chains; Devices used by Slave Trader John W. Anderson”; “Doyle’s Slave Stampeded; Kentucky’s Bluegrass in Peril” ; “Juliet Miles and Matilda Fee’s Anti-Slavery Crusade” and “Abolitionist James A. Thome”.

Other books include, *Capitol Murder or Capital Mayhem: the Death of U.S. Congressman William Preston Taulbee*, *An American Nurse Ascending the Alps in Albania*, *Dachau Album*, eight volumes of compilations of slave records, five volumes of World War II Letters and a recent yearbook Veterans of Bracken County, Kentucky.