

**Collection #  
SC 3100**

**JAP MILLER  
MATERIALS, CA. 1901-1910**

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## **COLLECTION INFORMATION**

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## **BIOGRAPHICAL SKETCH**

Isaac "Jap" Miller [1857-1934] was born in Morristown, Shelby County, Indiana to Isaac Newton and Lydia Gregory Miller. Jap was made famous when James Whitcomb Riley wrote a poem titled "Jap Miller, Down at Martinsville" about him in 1889. According to Jap, he and Riley were extremely close to one another.

In 1897 Jap moved from Martinsville, Indiana to Brooklyn, Indiana where he opened a general store named Jap Miller Famous Store. Two years later Jap was elected the Mayor of Brooklyn, which he said he would hold for life (some sources suggest it was a self declared title). Jap died in 1934 in Brooklyn, Indiana.

Sources:

Materials from collection.

Miller, Chip. "Isaac Jasper 'Jap' Miller." Find a Grave. August 7, 2010. Accessed February 11, 2015. <http://www.findagrave.com/cgi-bin/fg.cgi?page=gr&GRid=56355209&ref=acom>.

## **SCOPE AND CONTENT NOTE**

This collection contains a post card from Miller to his niece, Laura B. Miller. It also includes a pamphlet with three poems (including the James Whitcomb Riley poem), and a ten page packet of information all pertaining to Miller.

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Isaac "Jap" Miller background and a postcard

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