

**BIOGRAPHY**  
**Oscar L. Miller, M.D.**  
**1887-1970**

Dr. Miller was one of the foremost orthopedic surgeons in the South and in the mid-twentieth century. He was born on a farm in Franklin County, Georgia, and graduated in 1912 from Atlanta College of Physicians and Surgeons (now Emory University). His orthopedic training was under the leadership of Dr. Michael Hoke in Atlanta, with whom he practiced for a period. During Dr. Miller's years with Dr. Hoke, they opened the first Scottish Rite Hospital for Crippled Children, and this was the beginning of the Shriners' Hospital movement throughout the world.

In 1921 Dr. Miller came to North Carolina to become Director and Surgeon-in-Chief of the N.C. Orthopaedic Hospital in Gastonia, which became one of the greatest Crippled Childrens Hospital and Teaching Centers in the South.

In 1923 he established the Miller Orthopaedic Clinic in Charlotte, still maintaining a private practice in Gastonia and continuing his work at the N.C. Orthopaedic Hospital. He had a tremendous drive and never seemed to tire. Truly "work was his recreation".

In 1941 – 1942 Dr. Miller served as the tenth President of American Academy of Orthopedic Surgeons, the highest honor that could be given an orthopaedic surgeon, and was instrumental in starting the first Instructional Courses.

In 1943 Dr. Miller was sent by the U.S. Children's Bureau to inspect child care facilities in a number of South American countries and was instrumental in starting an Inter-American Fellowship Program. He also served as an advisor to the National Foundation for Infantile Paralysis. He established statewide crippled children and adult rehabilitation programs and organized clinics throughout North Carolina.

Dr. Miller was a prolific writer, writing over 160 articles on orthopedic and allied subjects. He was interested in all aspects of orthopedic surgery, but became particularly well known for his foot work as well as spine and hips. He developed an operation call the "Miller Flatfoot Procedure" which is being used to this date. This was his thesis when he was elected to membership in the A.O.A.

Dr. Miller was one of the ten doctors responsible for the founding of Charlotte Memorial Hospital and helped start its residency training program in orthopedic surgery. He was instrumental in setting up the Heineman Foundation for medical research. He was a member of numerous orthopedic and surgical associations throughout the United States and foreign countries, and was a speaker on programs on many occasions.

Dr. Miller was a very kind, energetic and humble person, and helped to make Charlotte the great medical center that it now is. He was among a generation of leaders in medicine and other fields.