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Message from the President

Greetings from snowy Colorado. By the time you receive this we will likely have had Thanksgiving and will be getting ready for Christmas. In any case, let us be grateful to Almighty God for his love and his grace. Let us pray for the members of our armed forces who are trying to keep us from having to fight the terrorists here in the United States.

Your EFA Board has met each quarter doing the business of the association. We hope that many of you will volunteer for the many tasks that need doing. If you want to work and do not know where to plug in, please contact one of the board members.

I would hope that each of our members would contact another Eller family and entice them to join our association.

Finally, we are still looking for a regular editor.

Thomas J. Eller, President

- Plan now on attending the next Eller Family Association Conference July 18-22, 2007 in Akron, Ohio.
- If each member of the EFA were to recruit a new member, we would double our size in no time. Please commit to recruiting at least one new member this month. In this issue is a form letter you can use to help recruit others.
- If you previously had provided material for publication and it has NOT yet been published, please send another copy to Tom Eller.
- If you are qualified and interested in being the Editor of the Eller Chronicles, please contact President Tom Eller.
- **Nominating Committee:** I have appointed the following to be our Nominating Committee for officers and directors of the association: Lynn Eller, Chairman; Dwight Eller; Nancy Eller. If you are interested in serving on the board, please contact Lynn.

...from the desk of the Secretary/Treasurer

So much has happened since our last newsletter. The hurricanes have really been devastating, especially in the Louisiana-Mississippi area. Ophelia ruffled our feathers somewhat along the North Carolina coast here, causing quite a bit of beach erosion. My pier is discombobulated and the dock is off its pilings just floating around. However, it's nothing that can't be fixed.

A listing of the EFA membership is included with this issue of the *Eller Chronicles*. Please review that data shown there and let me know if it is not correct. Also, we would like to get the email addresses of all the members who use the internet. We have a few but not very many. Therefore, please email your address to me at rfjse@earthlink.net

We welcome our newest members, who are:

Cathie Hargreaves, 65 Knob Road, Pisgah Forest, NC 28768. She is a descendant of George Michael Eller.

Sharon Huffman, 4285 FM 3019, Winnsboro, TX 75494. Her oldest known ancestor is George Francis "Booty" Eller, b. 10-1-1865, d. 1-26-1929, of Towns County, Georgia.

The Ninth Biennial Conference at Winston Salem deferred the decision to the Board of Directors regarding the site of the 2007 meeting. Lois and Lee Hardy of Clinton, OH did considerable investigative work upon their return home and reported back to the board very favorable information. The Board, corresponding via email, gave approval for the next meeting site to be held in the Akron-Canton area.

Most EFA members are paying dues on a calendar year basis. The membership listing shows the date to which your dues are paid. Dues are now payable for the year 2006. Send a check for \$25 payable to EFA to P O Box 515, Sneads Ferry, NC 28460.

Have a great year 2006.

Roger Eller

**The Eller Family Association
Minutes of Board of Directors Meeting
July 16, 2006**

The Board of Directors of the Eller Family Association met July 16, 2006 at 9:00 P.M. Eastern time, via telephone hookup. Those present were Tom Eller, President; Eric Eller, Vice President; Roger Eller, Secretary-Treasurer; Directors Anna Marie Bliss, and Joe Eller, and Lois Hardy, Conference Coordinator of the 2007 Biennial Conference. Directors Lynn Eller and Sue Koenig were absent.

Present Tom welcomed those present and expressed appreciation for their time and work. Roger indicated that those present constitute a quorum for the board meeting. Tom said that he will be traveling and unavailable for the next scheduled meeting, which is October 15, 2006. Following discussion, the meeting was changed to October 8, 2006, same time, 9:00 P.M., Eastern Time. Tom asked Roger to read the minutes of the last meeting, held April 9, 2006. They were read and approved. Tom suggested that Roger

give a brief review of the financial statement for the year ended June 30, 2006, which was previously emailed to the board members. A copy of that statement is attached to these minutes.

Tom asked for the committee reports. Anna Marie, who had foot surgery on Friday, was recuperating at her mother's in Phoenix, gave her report. She asked about the letter previously composed which was developed for sending to non-member Ellers, to invite them to become a member of the Association. She has in mind to get a copy and send to the thirty-five Ellers listed in the Phoenix phone book. Tom asked Anna to send him another copy for review.

Joe reported that he and Lois have been communicating as needed regarding the 2007 Conference. He also reported that his father (Vance Eller) had passed away.

Eric commenced his report, saying that he should have more time than heretofore, to devote to EFA. He discussed the Eller website and the pros and cons of having a "members only" protected site for displaying the newsletter. Eric indicated that he will endeavor to study the issue by the next meeting in October.

Tom asked Lois to bring the board up to date regarding the 2007 Conference. She reported that the contract with the hotel has been finalized. She asked about the idea of having crafts again. Ellers are "crafty" and ingenious at coming up with interesting items. The silent auction of these craft items has usually produced \$500-600 for the EFA treasury. The Board voted its approval for having crafts at the conference. Lois discussed the tee shirts; quantity, sizes, etc. Lois then asked for the board's suggestion for the amount of the registration fee for the conference. Approval was given for the fee to be \$5.00 per person. The next issue Lois presented was that of obtaining speakers for the conference. We need to find out who may be interested in speaking, presenting a report, or discussing a topic; then, allocating a certain time for each. Lois said that the bus tour contract cannot be finalized yet due to the escalating price of fuel.

Tom then reported on the *Eller Chronicles*. He said that no one has come forward yet to volunteer as editor. He also said that he was unable to get the professional help that he anticipated because they were very busy. However, the May issue, now the May-August issue, is at the printers and should be in the mail within a couple of days.

Tom mentioned the subject of DNA testing. The company doing that work has suggested that the Eller Family Association have someone to be the administrator.

Tom then asked whether anyone had any old business. There was none. He then asked for new business. Roger said that the board needs to obtain an auditor to audit the financial records for the year ended June 30. After some discussion, Eric is to talk with his CPA.

Tom then asked if anyone had any other business for consideration. Hearing none, the meeting adjourned at 9:59 P.M.—Under one hour!

Roger Eller, Secretary

**The Eller Family Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors
October 8, 2006**

The Board of Directors of the Eller Family Association met October 8, 2006 at 9:00 P.M. Eastern time, via telephone hookup. Those present were Tom Eller, President; Eric Eller, Vice President; Roger Eller, Secretary-Treasurer; Directors Anna Marie Bliss and Lynn Eller; and Lois Hardy, Conference Coordinator

of the 2007 Biennial Conference. (Eric called in from French Guyana {Atlantic time zone}, where he is on assignment). Directors Joe Eller and Sue Koenig were absent.

President Tom extended a welcome and his appreciation to those present. Roger read the minutes of the previous meeting which was held July 16, 2006. The minutes were approved as read. Roger then gave a brief financial report, stating that the balance of the checking account is \$2,794.85 and the certificate of deposit has a balance of \$12,330 with an interest rate of 5.24% and maturing April 22, 2007.

Tom then called for the committee reports. Anna Marie, responsible for Membership, suggested that the Board consider her previously submitted form letter which was developed for the purpose of mailing to non-member Eller descendants as an invitation for membership. Following brief discussion the Board approved the letter and that it be published in the November issue of the *Chronicles*, as a suggested form, for use by any member of the Association. The idea is that the letter would probably get better response if written and mailed by a local EFA member.

Tom, reporting for the Editor, said that no one has yet volunteered to take the editorship, though we are hopeful that someone will soon. He said that the May-August issue of the newsletter had a glitch due to which the photos on pages 24 and 25 did not appear on some copies of the newsletter. Therefore, those two pages will be mailed as a separate item along with the November newsletter to all recipients.

Tom asked Eric whether he had received any response from the DNA article. Neither he nor the others present had received any; therefore, we concluded that there is no interest at the moment among the membership for that science. It was suggested that we have a presentation at the 2007 Conference about the subject, possible, by a DNA company rep.

Lois reported that plans for the 2007 Conference are as far as can be made at the moment. The order for the tee shirts has been submitted. Lois thanked Lynn for his suggestion that the year and place of each of the ten conferences be printed on the back of the shirts. She said that she has a price of \$36 per person from the bus company for the all-day tour of the Amish country on Friday. This price includes the luncheon. Lois asked about getting speakers/presenters for the Conference. The Board suggested that a request be made in the November newsletter. Lois said that since no one has been appointed to succeed her as the Historian, she still has that duty. She is asking that anyone who has any photos, information, or whatever, about the 2005 Conference to please submit it to her and she will get it to the EFA repository in Salisbury.

Tom then asked for old business. The annual audit of the records was mentioned. Eric said that his accountant will do the audit, at no cost to the Association. Roger is to ship the records to Eric.

Under the heading of new business, Tom asked about the procedure for the nomination of officers and directors. Lynn said that a Nominating Committee should be appointed, which will then come up with a slate of officers and directors, whose names and office should be published in the February 2007 newsletter. Lynn was asked if he would chair that committee and he accepted. Dwight Eller was also appointed to the committee.

Tom asked for any other business; and, there being none, he thanked all for their participation. He stated that the next meeting is scheduled for January 14, 2007 at 9:00 P.M. Eastern time. The meeting then adjourned at 9:43 P.M.

Roger Eller, Secretary

Audit of the Associations records. On October 13, 2006, our Treasurer, Roger Eller provided the following items to Eric Eller to be passed to the Accountant who is doing our Audit this year.

- Income and Expense Statement for the Years ended 6-30-06 and 6-30-05
- Cash flow statement for the year ended 6-30-06 (summary by category/account)
- Itemized Categories statement for year ended 6-30-06
- Paid invoices and deposit tickets
- Bank statements of checking account (First Citizens Bank) for 7/2005-7/2006
- Bank statement of certificate of deposit (BB&T)
- Quicken cash journal transactions for the year (checking account and C/D)
- Notebook of original entry of receipts (name, address, amount received)
- Minutes of the EFA Membership meeting of July 23, 2005
- Minutes of Board of Directors meetings of July 23, 2005; January 22, 2006; April 9, 2006; July 16, 2006; and October 8, 2006
- Copy of EFA organization (names, addresses, etc. of officers and directors)

Eller Family Association Tenth Biennial Conference July 18-22, 2007 Radisson Hotel Akron/Fairlawn OH

Our plans are well on the way for our EFA meeting in July 2007:

- **Rooms are being held under the Eller Family Association name.**
 - **Each attendee will reserve their own room.**
 - **Rooms will be held for the Association rate until June 30 2007 at a special rate of \$79.00 per night plus taxes.**
 - **Each room will receive 2 breakfast coupons each day for the full breakfast buffet.**
 - **Check in time is 3:PM and checkout time is 12 noon. Reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or deposit.**
 - **Reservations can be made by calling directly at (330)666-9300 and identify yourself as being with the Eller Family Association.**

The Conference will be at the Radisson Hotel Akron/Fairlawn

200 Montrose West Ave. Akron, OH. 44321 (330)666-9300

Our Tour on Friday July 20th. will be with the Dennison Bus tours to the Amish Country, dress will be casual and we will be eating a good lunch at an Amish restaurant which is included in the price of the tour.

Saturday night banquet will be dress up but not formal.

We are excited and looking forward to the Conference and hoping that all of you are excited about coming to Ohio for a great time. Any suggestions that anyone might have to help us with the plans for this meeting would certainly be appreciated.

We would like some help in contacting speakers for the meetings and if you would like to be one of the speakers please contact us.

We are bringing back our Silent Auction for this Conference and would like for each one to be thinking of something you could bring for this event, this was always a fun thing that we did, it can be anything, crafts or something you think others would like.

**You can contact us at any time at 2680 Delhi Dr. Clinton, OH. or Email us at loishy@aol.com Phone #330-825-7567
Lois and Lee Hardy**

Listed is a menu for the food that will be served at the banquet, please note on your application your choice of food.

Children's menu:

- 1. *Chicken fingers, French fries, applesauce and beverage.***
- 2. *Grilled cheese, potato chips, applesauce and beverage.***
- 3. *Hot Dog, macaroni & Cheese, applesauce and beverage.***
- 4. *Hamburger or Cheeseburger, French fries, applesauce and beverage.***

Adults menu:

- 1, *Chicken Linguine***
- 2. *Prime Rib***

3. Stuffed Chicken Florentine

4. Scrod Parmesan

5. Pork Chops

All Entrees are accompanied with your choice of:

Soup du jour or House salad

Red skin potatoes or rice pilaf

Chef's choice of vegetables

Rolls and Butter

Freshly brewed coffee, decaf, tea and iced tea.

Dessert will be a cake for our EFA 20 year Anniversary.

Please duplicate the form below and send to others who may be interested in attending.

Get New Members!

The letter on the following page has been provided by Anna Bliss, Director of the Membership Committee for your use in contacting Ellers you come across to invite them to join our association. Please put your own name at the bottom. Then as you get responses do two things:

1. Schedule a social event to which you can invite the newly found Ellers.
 2. Send the newly found Eller family contact information to our Secretary, Roger Eller.
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Hello _____

Your name is Eller and we are seeking to know more families with the name Eller or with an Eller ancestry connection.

Our Membership Committee has encouraged each member of our association to contact other Eller families they encounter.

We are the Eller Family Association (EFA) founded in 1988. Our purposes include:

- To promote a sense of kinship and a consciousness of the ELLER history and tradition.
- To promote and publicize local family reunions.
- To hold a biennial family conference open all ELLER and allied family members world wide.
- To encourage the restoration and maintenance of cemeteries or other sites of meaning to various ELLER families.
- To encourage and aid genealogical and historical research on ELLER and allied families world wide.
- To encourage and assist in the publication of ELLER family histories and ELLER related genealogies.
- To publish **THE ELLER CHRONICLES**, which shall be the official publication of the Association.

The next Eller Family Association Conference will be held July 18-22, 2007 at the Radisson Hotel Akron/Fairlawn in Ohio. These meetings are held in odd-numbered years in July.

Please contact me if you are interested in:

- The genealogy of your name.
- Simply knowing other Ellers.
- Attending one of our conferences or social events.

I look forward to hearing from you and would like to know how to have our Association Secretary contact you, so let me know your preferred mailing address, phone number, and email address.

Respectfully,

Member, The Eller Family Association

EFA Conference July 2007

Plan now to attend the EFA Conference at the Radisson Hotel in Akron, Ohio July 18-22, 2007. Lois and Lee Hardy are hard at work and have completed contractual arrangements at the hotel.

Ellers Around the World and Miscellaneous Topics

Subj: **Posey and Jane Hall Eller**
Date: Wednesday, October 25, 2006 0:16:22
From: Fremont28@earthlink.net
To: thomas.eller@eller.org

Dear Sir,

I am reasonably certain that Humphrey Posey Eller, son of Joseph and Mariah Eller was married to my grgr Aunt Jane Hall, although i have no substantial proof yet. The 1840 US census for Rabun Co. Ga. lists a ANN HALL a widow with One son and Two daughters, the son is my grgr grandfather James Hall (spouse Spicey Elvira Teem) seen on the 1850 US Census for Rabun Co. Where Posey Eller and wife Jane(or Mary Jane) Jane i believe is one of the two daughters shown with ANN HALL.

Do you have any info on these HALL relatives of mine? If not do you know of anyone who has? I,ve been trying for years to find out who the husband of this ANN HALL was, but so far to no avail. He of course would probably be my grgrgr grandfather. I have a lot of info on this HALL line from James Hall on, if you know of anyone interested in Posey and Jane Ellers collateral line.i.e. the Halls. I would be glad to share it with anyone interested. I would love to make one of the reunions, would that be ok? Well thanks and looking forward to hearing from you.

Respectfully
Paul Hall
US Army Ret.

-----Original Message-----

From: Derek TATLER [<mailto:derek-barb@rogers.com>]
Sent: Saturday, September 09, 2006 5:20 PM
To: judy.eller@eller.org
Subject: Morris Eller

Hello there

I recently purchased a 1/10 pint Golden Wedding bottle off of ebay. The bottle is from 1937 and I bought it because it is a carnival glass bottle which we collect. When I received it I was some surprised to find a small label stuck to the back of it. The seller is in Federal Way, WA, United States, Im not sure where that is.

The label says Mr and Mrs Morris Eller with the date 1888 above it and 1938 below it. As it is a golden wedding bottle I must aassume that they handed them out at their 50th wedding anniversary as there is 50 years between the dates. The three attached photos are of the front and back of the bottle with a close up of the label.

I have a habit of trying to research things that we end up with that have a name attached and that is how I came across the Eller site. I saw that you put photos into your publication and thought that you might like some for it.

Derek and Barb

From: [Paula](#)

To: ['Roger Eller'](#)

Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2006 3:36 PM

Subject: FW:

Roger, Just received this and thought perhaps you would respond or send it onto someone that might want to be in touch with this gentleman.

Paula

-----Original Message-----

From: Mr. Mike [mailto:heafod@yahoo.com]

Sent: Saturday, July 22, 2006 5:48 AM

To: paula@yukontel.com; paula@yukontel.com

Subject:

Hello

I am researching the Eller family and I am a descendant of Nicholaus Eller, B. 1825-1911 died in Pekin, Ill and Barbara Ramige 1827-1872. His father and mother were Johannes Eller & Anna Maria Fitting hers were George Ramige & Maria Kuntz. From what I can guess this appears to be part of the same Eller family of your web site.

One of the reasons of this email is that the family has recently uncovered a suitcase of family pictures which we believe to be the the children and descendants of Nicholaus & Barbara Ramige as sent to their son and my Great Grandparents Martin Eller and Barbara Hibscher. Are their family members that may be interested in corresponding and possibly exchanging these pictures for their history?

I will be waiting to hear back from you.

Thanks in advance,

Michael J. Rauh

heafod@yahoo.com

12655 Kramer Road

Bowling Green, Ohio 43402

Tom,

...As far as research is concerned, most recently my husband, Donn, has been adding to our Eller database as he could by going through

the 1930 census and then trying to augment that by going through birth, marriage, and death information concentrating on Monroe, Greene and Owen Counties in Indiana. He has not worked any German Eller/Oehler records for quite some time, although there is always the desire to do more research in that area.

All this being said I submit the following personal story as a possible item for inclusion in the upcoming issue of the Chronicles if you choose to include it. It is from a few days of research we were able to do over a year ago. It is attached.

Sue

The Value of a Visit to Your Ancestor's Hometown

I had always wanted to learn more about three generations of my Eller ancestors, who lived in the Wayne and Pulaski County area of Kentucky along the Cumberland River. Recently my husband Donn and I were able to take some time to visit that area to do research.

We knew that my great-grandfather, Wilkerson⁴ Eller (George, Jr.³, George², Christian¹), bought some land on the Wolf Creek watercourse of Pulaski County in 1855, but that he had died in 1858. Then early in the 1860s his widow, Margaret Jane (Sloan), left the area with their six children and moved to Monroe County, Indiana, where several of her late husband's cousins were living. According to family lore, the reason for that move was because the Civil War was getting too close for comfort.

After finding what information we could from libraries and courthouses in the area we drove to the area of Pulaski County that maps showed was the Wolf Creek watercourse area. As we drove into the area we came upon the Mill Spring Battlefield site from Civil War. We found encampment sites, a field hospital and a battlefield cemetery in the immediate area of where widow Margaret and her children would have been living, thus confirming for us the fact that she moved out of the area because the war was getting too close.

While we were not able to find out any more information on Wilkerson, we were able to find the driving directions to George, Jr.'s grave not far from Jabez in Wayne County. We followed those directions and just as we should have arrived at the cemetery, the road ended. We asked two men who were working on the property if they had heard of the Morrow Cemetery. One of them said yes, but that no one had asked about it in years. He said the property now belonged to the University of Kentucky and the university did not like for people to wander around on the property. But since I was a relative of one of the people buried there he would guide us there.

As we walked through the woods to the cemetery our guide, Dan, told us his mother was an Eller. Her family had owned the property and she had inherited it, that he had grown up on the property, had worked nearby fields growing up, and so knew the area

quite well. He was now employed by the university and was thus able to still be working on the land where he grew up.

The cemetery was small, very overgrown and only had about 15-20 graves. Most graves had headstones of sandstone that looked to be hand carved, and so were almost impossible to read. George, Jr.'s grave had a large stone covering the entire grave and, although one could make out his name on the stone, his death date of 19 Oct 1851 was mostly obliterated.

In later conversation with Dan he said his mother was told that George, Jr. was a man of wealth and owned many acres of land. Wayne County land records confirm that, as he may have had well over 1000 acres at one time. In addition, George, Jr. was said to have had a dark complexion and was believed to have some Indian ancestry. This point will have to be researched in some future trip, but for now this trip resulted in finding another branch of the Eller family and several new cousins.

Sue Koenig

Reminder: Telephonic board meetings are scheduled for the second Sunday night in July, January, April, July and October. Please communicate with the members of the board on the issues they will be deciding at the meetings .

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Two Pages of the May/August issue of The Eller Chronicles were missing from many of the delivered issues. Those pages are reprinted and included with this issue. If your copy in August had them, now you have two.

Current EFA Membership Directory: This month a list with complete addresses will be mailed to each EFA member. To protect our members' privacy, complete addresses are not put into the Chronicles, since non-members have access to the Chronicles via libraries, etc. A membership list in the May/August 2006 issue of the Chronicles lists only name and city

EFA ORGANIZATION

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To report a failure to receive *The Eller Chronicles*

To purchase back copies of *The Eller Chronicles*

To purchase the book *George Michael Eller and Descendants of His in America* by James W.

Hook (1957, reprinted 1995) @ \$40 ea

To order copies of the book *John Jacob Eller and His Descendants* by J. Gerald Eller,

Edward K. Eller, and Janine Eller Porter (1998)

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