



ellerfamilyassociation.com

The Eller Chronicles

The Official Publication of the ELLER FAMILY ASSOCIATION
whose purpose is to draw all Eller and associated family lines into a cooperative effort to discover, preserve and share our family history. We owe to the present generation and those of the future, this effort to come together, explore and record our common roots and heritage.

Volume XXXVII, Issue 3

August 2022



Why Roanoke?

Eller History in Botetourt County (now Roanoke County)

Inside This Issue:

Msg: President, Secretary, Webmaster & Editor

Board / Directors Meeting Minutes

Treasurer's Report 2021-2022

Eller Family Conference 2023

**THE JACOB ELLER FAMILY
OF ROANOKE COUNTY, VIRGINIA
GENEALOGY PROBLEMS REGARDING
JACOB AND MAGDALENE ELLER
of Botetourt County, Virginia**

Old Smyrna and John Jacob Eller Book Update

Eller General Store and Corn Mill

New Eller Line Found

Judy Eller Stiller Hoffner

Reward Offered

Obituaries

On The Lighter Side

Eller Books On Sale

Website Registration

EFA Membership Application

EFA Organization

You may submit material for publication
in *The Eller Chronicles* as follows:

Email to danliggett@gmail.com OR Mail to

Dan Liggett

849 Hidden Eddy Dr.

McKinney, TX 75071

If you are submitting photographs, please scan in to
PDF or JPG format or copy to a CD. If you cannot
scan, most photo printing services can provide a CD.

If you prefer, you may submit actual photos;
however, they will not be returned.



From the President . . . Steve Eller

Welcome to the August 2022 edition of the Chronicles. Please take the time to review the 2023 Conference Venue and start making plans to join us in Roanoke. Final plans and specifics will be made available on our website and future Chronicles. We look forward to seeing you there.

The John Jacob Eller Book Update is still in progress. If you haven't sent me your family's information, please do so soon. We currently have 27,000 names in the update. Your family information is very important to us. We are asking for full names, dates of birth, place of birth (same for spouse & children), marriage dates/place, and any dates of death. I also like to add military service and education (only if you want to provide). Our Eller Family is growing larger day by day and I don't want to miss anyone. If you have any questions or concerns about your information, please feel free to contact me.

We have added several new members over the last few months. A special welcome to those folks and we hope you enjoy the Chronicles. Please keep telling family and friends about our association and direct them to our website for information. Don't forget about our gift membership program. If you haven't provided one for someone, please think about doing so.

Towns County, Georgia has contacted me to let us know that our land use permit for Old Smyrna Cemetery has been submitted to the forest service. I will let you know when we find out something. We hope to set some new headstones for Hardy Washington Eller and Jacob L. Eller. A date for a dedication service will be announced as soon as we know about the result of our land use permit.

On a personal note, my new granddaughter is 6 months old already. Wow...how time flies! My wife and I have completed our cancer treatments and continue to trust in God. We both go back to the doctor for our checkup soon. Please remember us in your prayers.



I want to thank Dan and Lauren Liggett for all they do in support of our family association. I also would like to thank Harvey Powers and Ed Eller for their efforts in setting up our 2023 conference. Harvey is also our webmaster and does a great job managing our website.

May God Bless!

Steve Eller

EFA President

ellerpop1@yahoo.com



From the Secretary / Treasurer . . . Lauren Liggett

Hi Cousins,

I am excited that we finally got some rain here in north Texas. When we lived in Houston, we had plenty of rain, oftentimes too much rain, like when Hurricane Harvey hit. Moving to north Texas has given me a better appreciation for the water that falls from the sky!

I am also getting excited about our next Eller Family Association's conference coming up next July 😊. Board members have been busy plotting and planning, visiting and deciding about where to go and stay for our 2023 conference.

I hope that you will read up on their findings, mark the days on your 2023 calendar and plan to attend. It is always interesting to meet new Ellers and learn how they fit into the family tree. It's also fun to play Farkle with the Ellers.

At our last conference my 6th half cousin, once removed (or was it twice?) brought dominoes and had us all laughing and enjoying Chicken Foot. I'm pretty sure she's planning to attend in 2023 as she just became a "life time" member of the EFA.

I never knew I had any 6th half cousins! You never know who you're going to meet at an Eller Family Association Conference. So come on out and meet some new (to you) Ellers. You'll be glad that you did.

Your other cousin,

Lauren (Eller) Liggett

EFA Secretary/Treasurer

missliggy@yahoo.com



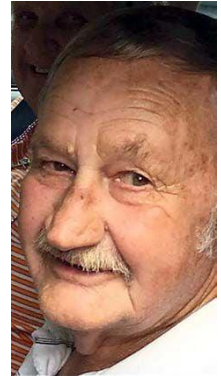


From the Webmaster . . . Harvey Powers

Don't forget Google! I've written here about searching for genealogical information on Ancestry, My Heritage, Family Search, Find-A-Grave and Newspapers.com. And, of course, our own EFA website. I still believe they have the most information. But if you're researching someone who died in recent years, they may not have made it into those databases yet. And a Google search just may find you an obituary. And with that, you may be able to find parents and get names to tie back into these other databases.

Recently, I was trying to locate [Abraham Eller](#), husband of Barbara Ellen Taylor Eller who died in July. I had her obituary which listed Abraham and that they were from Ashe County, NC. I was able to find only Abraham's birth record (he is apparently still alive) which listed his father as Harold Thomas Eller. And I found a brother to Abraham, Thomas Eugene Eller. But the trail ended there.

Harold (pictured right) was nowhere to be found in the main genealogical databases. But a Google search turned up an obituary from the *Wilkes Journal-Patriot* from 2019 for Thomas "Harold" Eller.



It listed both Abraham and Thomas as his children and, most important, it listed his parents (Charles and Mary Elizabeth Roark Eller). And armed with those names, it was pretty easy to tie him back into the George Michael Eller line.

So, when all else fails, don't forget Google. Their search algorithm lets a search for Harold Thomas Eller return [Thomas "Harold" Eller](#).



Not all my searches find a connection, no matter how many places I search. For example, I am still trying to determine the Eller ancestry of [Donald Richard Eller, Sr](#) (b. 17 Sep 1933 in Los Angeles, d. 7 May 2012, Austin, TX) (pictured left). He married [Imogene Ischar](#) (1932-2022) on 26 Nov 1953 in Travis, TX,

His parents are shown as [Richard Loren Converse](#) (some records suggest Mr. Converse was in the Navy in WWII) and [Evelyn Brown](#). His [birth record](#) shows him born as Donald Richard Converse. But his [marriage record](#), military record and headstone all show him as Donald Richard Eller. He served in the Air Force in Vietnam.

So, I'm guessing his mother (Evelyn Brown) may have remarried (to an Eller) and her son then took the new father's name. But I cannot find any record for that or a later marriage for Evelyn. Any leads would be appreciated.

Harvey Powers

EFA Webmaster

harv@harveypowers.com



From the Editor . . . Dan Liggett

This edition of *The Eller Chronicles* highlights Roanoke Ellers, specifically Jacob Eller of Botetourt (now Roanoke County). In 2021, Howard Eller, of Kokomo, IN and 4th great grandson of Jacob Eller of Roanoke County, VA (husband of Magdalene/Magdalena), volunteered to have his Y-DNA tested.

The results of that test, when compared to the Eller Family Project at Family Tree DNA, indicated that his DNA markers matched up with the haplogroups from the George Michael Eller line. While the exact relationship is yet to be determined, Jacob Eller (Roanoke) descendants are definitely tied to the George Michael Eller line somehow. From Jacob Eller came Abram Eller whose son Abraham Charles Eller, Jr. was buried in Howard County, IN. His son Josiah Eller had a son Charles Abraham Eller from whom Howard descends.

1 Jacob ELLER b. About 1758 (1760) d. Oct 1830 Magdalena [Unknown] b. 1752 d. 1830

2 Abraham Charles "Abram" ELLER, Sr. b. 5 Jun 1801 d. 31 Jun 1868 Mary "Polly" WERTZ b. 31 Mar 1814 d. 13 Dec 1906 (bur. Roanoke County, VA)

3 Abraham Charles ELLER, Jr. b. 2 Nov 1848 d. 18 Sep 1924(b. Roanoke County, VA) Salome A. BRUBAKER b. 17 Aug 1850 d. 3 May 1927 (bur. Howard County, IN)

4 Josiah Francis ELLER b. 21 Aug 1870 d. 16 Aug 1953 (b. Roanoke County, VA) Orpha B. BRUBAKER b. 19 Jan 1859 d. 3 Jun 1947 (bur. LA County, CA)

5 Charles Abraham ELLER b. 28 May 1895 d. 16 Feb 1944 (b. Roanoke County, VA) Faye M. BRUBAKER b. 21 Sep 1893 d. 11 Sep 1970 (bur. Howard County, IN)

We are reprinting 2 past articles from the May 1988 and August 1994 *Chronicles* about the Jacob Eller (Roanoke) line to hopefully spark further interest in this line. On the EFA website are several articles concerning EFA Research about Jacob Eller's descendants and of his probable connection to George Michael Eller (which until now was unproven although exactly how is still unknown.). The following link has links to several of those articles:

[Jacob Eller \(Roanoke\) research articles](#)

You may see some of these articles reprinted in future *Chronicles*.

Have an idea for something you would like to see in the *Chronicles*? Pass it on to me or, better yet, why don't you write one yourself for the next *Chronicles*. I'm always looking for material.

Please send me any suggestions or submissions for future *Chronicles*. My contact information is found on both the front page and at the end of this publication.

Dan Liggett

Eller Chronicles Editor

danliggett@gmail.com

Board/Directors Meeting Minutes

Compiled by Dan Liggett

The July 31, 2022 Board/Directors meeting (by phone) was called to order by president Steve Eller at 9:05pm EDT. Present on the call were Steve Eller, Harvey Powers, Jerry Kendall, Lauren Liggett, Dan Liggett, Anna Bliss, Corrine Casper, Emily Cook and Ed Eller. David Eller was unable to attend.

Steve asked for an update from Lauren and Dan about the EFA tax-exempt status. As reported at the May meeting, the application to the IRS to re-instate the EFA's tax-exempt status was submitted. No further communication has been received from the IRS. The application fee check was deposited.

The annual treasurer's report was sent to the Board/Directors prior to this phone meeting and will appear after these minutes in the August Chronicles. Lauren also reported that, in the past year, the EFA received 15 new membership requests (4 of these Lifetime Memberships), 32 membership renewals with a current total of 113 members.

Harvey and Ed were planning to visit the Roanoke, VA area this past week to lock in a venue for the 2023 Eller Family Conference tentatively scheduled for July 19-23, 2023 pending venue arrangements. However, since Ed was ill this past week, they had to postpone the trip until the week of August 14. Hopefully, they will be able to name a location and finalized dates before the August Chronicles is published. Regardless, registration forms will be available in the November Eller Chronicles. Ed has cousins on his mother's side (Tarpley) in the area and intends to consult them prior to the trip. One of them, Sonny Tarpley, was the mayor of Salem for 23 years.

Harvey reported that, in June, the website had 3042 visits and 28,497 pages viewed with 638,272 pages viewed for 2022 through June. Everything indicates the interest is continuing to rise year to year. Recently, he has been actively searching for Obituaries with Eller in the names, but still misses a few, especially Eller is a maiden name, which is not always included. He tries to trace them to a known Eller line, but sometimes finds a "new" Eller line. Certain websites have proven quite valuable in his searches for connections including Ancestry.com, FamilySearch.com, MyHeritage.com, Newspapers.com and FindAGrave.com.

Emily brought up that her cousins were wondering why they had not seen their mother's obituary from June 2021. They had sent information through the mail to the editor of the Chronicles (Dan) after her aunt's death, but had yet to see the obituary for her (Judy Eller Stiller Hoffner). Unfortunately, that information was either not received or was lost in the confusion of Dan and Lauren moving at the end of June 2021. Regardless, Dan and Harvey immediately went looking online and found her obituary. Harvey posted it on the website under 2021 Obituaries after the meeting and Dan will have it in the August Chronicles along with an apology.

Steve gave a brief update on the Old Smyrna Cemetery. His contact, Cliff Bradshaw, hopes to submit the application next week to the forest service for a land use permit on behalf of Towns County to enable work on the cemetery road. Steve hopes to have a dedication ceremony for the new headstones in the fall if the work on the road make it possible. Relatives of Jacob L. Eller and Hardy W. Eller have expressed interest in attending.

The meeting adjourned at 9:37pm EDT.

NOTE: Ed and Harvey located and reserved a venue for the 2023 Conference. See details page 8. Also, the IRS did reinstate the EFA to 501(c)(7) tax-exempt status (contributions are not tax-deductible).

Eller Family Association Income and Expense July 1, 2021 - July 31, 2022

I N C O M E	Year End 2022
Membership Fees	2369.08
Auction and T-shirts	1963
Conference Registration	44
Miscellaneous	868
	<hr/>
Total Income	5244.08
 E X P E N S E S	
<i>Conference</i>	
Awards	128.38
Food	854.35
Supplies	737.86
Venue	3705.5
 <i>Chronicles</i>	
Office Supplies	315.74
Postage	483.02
 <i>Website / Online Research</i>	
Subscription/Membership	947.55
Domain/Software	524
 <i>Miscellaneous</i>	
IRS Exemption Application	600
Reimbursements	473.35
	<hr/>
Total Expenses	8769.75
 A S S E T S	
Cash Year Beginning	19828.22
 PayPal	1596.96
Regions Bank	14643.62
	<hr/>
Cash Year End	16240.58

Eller Family Conference 2023 News

Hotel Booked for 2023 EFA Conference

We now have additional information on our July 2023 Biennial Conference.

The dates are now solidly set for July 19th to 23rd (as originally planned). And the location will be the [Comfort Suites](#) at 2898 Keagy Road in Salem, Virginia. Salem is immediately adjacent to the city of Roanoke.



We encourage you to put those dates on your calendar and to make your hotel reservations. We are guaranteed a room rate of \$99/night plus tax if you book your room early. Simply call the hotel at 540-375-4800 and tell them you are with the Eller Family Association. That rate is guaranteed until July 12th, 2023.

Breakfast is included. There is a pool, fitness center and laundry. Our meetings will be in the hotel and we will have our meals and banquet nearby.

Details on these parts of the conference along with a registration form will be in an upcoming issue of the *Chronicles*. Also, updates will be posted at:

<https://www.ellerfamilyassociation.com/2023/conference.pdf>



Ellers of Roanoke County

Editor: This is a reprint from the May 1988 Chronicles concerning the Jacob Eller line of Roanoke County, VA (site of the 2023 EFA Conference). Endnotes and Appendix omitted.

THE JACOB ELLER FAMILY OF ROANOKE COUNTY, VIRGINIA

By David B. Eller Presented at the Eller Family Reunion, Salem, Virginia, June 22, 1986
Copyright (c) 1986. Published here with permission of the author.

This essay will explore the origins and identify the first-generation descendants of Jacob ELLER, wife Magdalene, who settled in what is now Roanoke County, Virginia, in the last decade of the eighteenth century. By doing so it will address two questions of concern to Jacob Eller descendants. The first is that of his ancestry. What is known of him, his wife, and their family backgrounds? How is Jacob Eller related to other ELLER families? Secondly, the paper will explore early connections of the Jacob Eller family with the Church of the Brethern, known popularly in the nineteenth century as "Dunkers" but more formally as German Baptists. At question is when the family became associated with the Brethern. As will be noted later, the problem of Jacob Eller's origins and the family's Brethern identity are not unrelated. These are questions which should be addressed before a definitive Jacob Eller family history can be compiled.

Defining Jacob and Magdalene Eller in historical terms presents problems typical of research in early German-American family history. There are few existing church records or family papers. Legal documents which might be helpful are often vague or nonexistent. Spelling was not standardized in the early nineteenth century and diminutive forms of names ("Rebecca" and "Becky" to cite a clear example) were used interchangeably. Family tradition about certain ancestors is unclear, inconsistent, and in many cases lost.

It seems clear that the name ELLER is of German origin and means literally "one who lives near an alder tree" (German: Erle), or it may have some connection with the noun Ell-e which means a yard, as in a unit of measurement. The E-1-1-e-r spelling has remained remarkably standard, although variations including E-1-e-r, A-1-1-e-r, and E-1-1-o-r- have been found in records referring to a Jacob Eller descendant. There are literally scores of persons (and a few place names) with E-1-1-e-r spelling in West Germany today. Eller immigrants continued to come to the United States well into the nineteenth century so that there are numerous ELLER families in various sections of the country who appear to have no connection with the Roanoke County, Virginia, family.

The problem of identification for Jacob Eller begins in America as early as the mid-eighteenth century. Between the 1740s and 1810s no fewer than twenty adult E-1-1-e-r males (this spelling) immigrated to the colonies and the newly formed United States. Three of these had the Christian or given name of Jacob. These are: Johann Jacob Eller, ship "Sally," December 31, 1772 and Jacob Eller, ship "Favourite." September 5, 1785--both of whom took the oath of allegiance in Pennsylvania; and a Jacob Eller who arrived in North Carolina in 1765 and took the oath, there. Presumably many of these families were related,

although there is no definitive ELLER family study. Interesting too is the fact that although many of these families came into the country through Philadelphia, few remained in Pennsylvania. There are only scattered references to Ellers in Pennsylvania records before 1800. The 1790 census reveals that only one Eller family lived in the state (Germantown, Philadelphia). Apparently most moved south. There are three E-1-1-e-r households in Maryland (two in Washington County) and eleven in Rowan County, North Carolina. Unfortunately, there are no existing 1790 or 1800 census returns for Virginia.

Back to Jacob and Magdalene Eller. Family tradition is rather strong that three brothers arrived in Philadelphia, presumably from the Rhine Valley of Germany (Rhineland or Palatinate) before 1800. With other German immigrants they made their way south down the Blue Ridge mountains into Virginia. Jacob settled in what was then Botetourt County (created from Augusta in 1769-1770) while the two unnamed brothers continued south and settled in North Carolina. This tradition, while never thoroughly studied, is plausible in that there clearly was a major migration of Germans from Pennsylvania into Maryland and down the Blue Ridge into the Carolinas, beginning in the early decades of the eighteenth century. According to an Eller genealogy published in 1925, three ELLER brothers-- Jacob, Christian, and Melchior--do appear to have settled in Rowan County, North Carolina in the 1760's. Details concerning their travel route and point(s) of departure, however, are lacking. This Jacob Eller died in Rowan County in 1782. Another, younger Jacob Eller is picked up in the 1790 census who continued to live in western North Carolina well into the nineteenth century.

In addition, there were two Jacob Ellers who, assuming them to have been young men when they landed in Philadelphia, would have been of the approximate age of the Virginia Jacob. Our Jacob is enumerated in the 1810 census for Botetourt County. Both he and wife are shown as over age 45, meaning that they were born sometime before 1765. The household at that time consisted of six children: a female between 16 and 26, a male and female between 10 and 26, and two males and one female under age 10.

The "three brothers" tradition was briefly presented in JACOB ELLER FAMILY TREE (Salem, Va., mimeograph, 1948) by Henry C. Eller, now of Bridgewater, Virginia. This brief but important study was put together from information collected and preserved by his father, Christian E. Eller, and others. This family tree has been used by genealogists of related families such as BRUBAKER, BARNHART, AND FLORA. While THE JACOB ELLER FAMILY TREE is incomplete and contains some minor errors, it still provides the core of what is known about early Jacob Eller descendants.

One of the genealogists who used Henry Eller's 1948 compilation was James W. Hook. Hook was a descendant of a North Carolina ELLER family (Virginia Eller and James Hook, married in 1867) and in several publications endeavored to trace various branches of these two families. The last of his books, GEORGE MICHAEL ELLER AND DESCENDANTS OF HIS IN AMERICA (New Haven, Conn.: for the Author, 1957) is a thorough updating of the earlier publications and is based on considerable research. By including Henry Eller's material, however, Hook created a past for Jacob Eller totally outside the Virginia family's tradition.

Briefly, Hook theorized that our Jacob was a younger son of George Michael Eller, a German immigrant who died in Frederick County, Maryland, in 1778, but who had earlier lived in western North Carolina where the other ELLER families had settled. His will names several children, including his "youngest son Jacob" who was given the family Bible. Three of his known sons, Peter, Leonard, and George, all lived in North Carolina.

The evidence for Jacob Eller of Virginia being the son named in George Michael's will is circumstantial, but hardly conclusive. Jacob would have been of the approximate age to have been a younger son, that is, born in the 1760s. And, Frederick County, Maryland records do indicate that a Jacob Eller was active there in the 1790s. He married Mary Willjard in 1792, voted "Federalist" in the presidential election of 1796, and is enumerated there in the census of 1800. By the 1790s, however, our Jacob was well established in Botetourt County, Virginia. Hook believed the Frederick County Jacob to have been a son of Henry Eller (d. 1788 in Frederick County) whom he suggested was a brother of George Michael.

In support of his theory that the Virginia Jacob was a son of George Michael Eller, Hook cites the westward movement of David Eller, an older son of Jacob to infer a relationship between the two families. Unfortunately, David Eller has been completely lost from the Virginia family tradition and was therefore not recorded in THE JACOB ELLER FAMILY TREE. Extensive but unpublished research by Charles E. Martin between 1978 and 1980 demonstrates that David moved from Virginia to Montgomery County, Ohio in the mid-1820s, to Preble County, same state in the mid-1830s, and from there to Hamilton County, Indiana, sometime in the late 1840s. Hook learned of the existence of David Eller through a reading of Jacob Eller's probate records, census returns, and from a brief reference to him in a Hamilton County, Indiana, history published in 1915. David's move west did parallel somewhat that of Leonard Eller, a known son of George Michael. He moved from North Carolina to Miami County, Ohio in 1801, and from there to Hamilton County, Indiana in 1834. Hook's inference is that David followed his "uncle" Leonard both to Ohio and Indiana. Such conjecture is not without merit, except that there is nothing in deed, probate, census, or other records which prove that the two men had any financial ties, or that they even knew each other.

There are other problems with Hook's theory concerning the origins of Jacob Eller. For example, three of Jacob Eller's daughters still living in 1880 and enumerated in the Federal census that year indicate a belief that both parents were born in Virginia. If Jacob were a son of George Michael, he would more likely have been born in Maryland or North Carolina. Furthermore, Jacob's son David was born c1782 (according to a now lost grave marker), and David's children believed that he too was born in Virginia. This means that there is a rather strong family tradition which places Jacob in Virginia far earlier than Hook's theory would allow.

Finally, there is a weak argument from silence. George Michael's Bible, important enough to be mentioned in the 1778 will, is not in the possession of any known Jacob Eller descendant, nor is there any known family tradition about such an important book. Given

the family's strong ties to the German Baptist Brethern in the following generations, surely it would have been preserved. A Bible is not mentioned in the Jacob Eller's will or in an inventory of articles in his estate which were sold in 1830.

Unfortunately, for the present, Jacob Eller's background remains unclear. There simply is no hard evidence to support Hook's belief that he was the son of George Michael Eller. It does seem probable, however, that he was related in some way to one or more of the Carolina ELLER families.

The background of his wife Magdalene does not help resolve the matter. That her name was Magdalene (or Magdalena/Magdalen/Magalein) is without question since it appears with Jacob on an early deed record in Botetourt County. Some family researchers have suggested that her maiden name was PETERS, and indeed, this is the name recorded on the family record in the Latter-Day Saints church archives. Documentation of her family name is circumstantial at best. There is no known recorded marriage of Jacob Eller to a Magdalene of any name before 1800 in Pennsylvania, Maryland, Virginia or North Carolina. Obviously more research on her background needs to be undertaken before the full Jacob Eller family history can be completed.

The land records of Jacob Eller in what is now Roanoke County (created from Botetourt in 1838) are helpful in locating him. As mentioned previously, the earliest first known reference dates Eller in Roanoke County in the 1790s. On July 19, 1790, the Commonwealth of Virginia conveyed to him 150 acres on "Wolf Run, a Branch of Back Creek." This tract was apparently part of a land warrant originally issued to one John Minter (or Minten?) in 1788. Minter assigned a portion of the warrent to Humphrey Smith, who in turn assigned it to Eller. A few years, in 1804, Eller sold this same property to his in-law, John Brubaker for \$500. Research to date has not been able to locate "Wolf Run" or the 150 acre tract. It may well have been located in Franklin County (created in 1787).

The farm which until a few years ago was known as the "Eller homeplace" was conveyed to Jacob Eller from Jacob Yest in 1799. Located approximately seven miles southwest from the county seat at Salem, "on the headwaters of Craven Creek," this property of 470 acres was part of survey originally granted by the Commonwealth of Virginia to Thomas Harrison in 1790. Harrison sold a portion of this grant to John Harris, who in turn sold it to Yest. Yest had it resurveyed, then sold 470 acres of it to Eller for \$1165.67. His title was not recorded until 1802. The "sheepskin deed" (land grant) which contains a survey description of the property patented to Harrison has remained in the Eller family until the present.

Jacob Eller also acquired an additional 49 acres next to the Craven Creek land on "Mudlick, a Branch of the Roanoke." This was obtained from the estate of Abraham Statler, deceased, in 1819, although Eller was not a Statler heir.¹⁴ This brought his real property to approximately 519 acres.

The only other land transaction known to involve Jacob Eller is intriguing, but vague. In 1814 the Commonwealth of Virginia, under a newly enacted law, moved to collect back taxes of \$3.25 on 400 acres which Jacob Eller owed for the years 1797 and 1798. The

location of this property is unknown, as are the details as to when and how Eller acquired it. The tax could have been on the Craven Creek farm. Eller may have rented here prior to purchase in 1799 and part of the now lost purchase agreement was to pay taxes owed by Yest. The Back Creek property to which he then did have title, consisted of only 150 acres, and it was transferred in total to John Brubaker in 1804. In any event, the county Deputy Sheriff certified to the Commonwealth "that no property could be found," and declared the 400 acres legally for sale in a Richmond newspaper. Fifty acres was sold in August, 1814 for \$3.45 to Frederick Barst, who was subsequently given a Sheriff's deed, recorded May 21, 1817. What makes this transaction even more unusual is that Garst was Eller's son-in-law, he having married Susan Eller in 1809.

There are few family traditions about Jacob Eller. It is assumed that he farmed but he may also have liked to hunt, and if so was probably absent from the family and farm for long periods. It is entirely possible that he spoke both German and English and he could apparently sign his name in English script. Local records have him being appointed overseer of the road" in 1799. According to a C. E. Eller statement, Jacob's two story house (cabin?) stood on the homeplace close to where his son Abraham and later his son J.W. Eller built homes. Interestingly enough, in 1805 Jacob Eller sold to Michael Danner various household and kitchen furniture, "shop tools used for making wagons." as well as a stud horse and cow, apparently in an attempt to settle a debt.

When Jacob Eller prepared his will in May of 1830, he had sufficient real property to make a detailed bequest to his wife and children. Since the will and the settlement of the estate provides the clearest identification of his children, it merits careful attention. His wife (unnamed) was allowed to remain in the house where they lived "throughout her natural life." half the garden, a clock, two beds, a cupboard, table and other furniture and household items, a mare, saddle and bridle, and \$200 in cash. Two sons, John and Abraham, were to equally divide his plantation of "about five hundred acres" after it was surveyed, each son posting an appropriate bond. John, also an executor of the estate, was to receive that portion of the division on which he then lived. Abraham received various farming implements. An unmarried daughter Rebecca received various household items, including a spinning wheel, a saddle and bridle, a cow and a calf, as well as \$50 in cash. Further, it was Jacob's desire that she live with her mother during her lifetime "and if she thinks proper to remain after the death of her mother in the house where they both occupy and is to have the use of the upper room in the said house so long as she conducts herself decently." Finally, Eller directed that his remaining personal property be sold at public auction and that the proceeds be distributed equally among his children and wife. To be included in this distribution were the heirs of Susan Garst, deceased, wife of Frederick Garst.

The sale was held November 12, 1830, which meant that Jacob probably died sometime in early fall. The location of his grave and that of Magdalene, death date unknown, has not been preserved. Both are probably buried on the family farm.¹⁹ According to estate administration papers filed in January, 1840, his real property was valued at \$2,538.17 and

a division of \$239.99 paid to nine heirs, including Magdalene. These heirs were: Henry Brubaker, wife Sarah; Frederick Garst; Peter Himley, wife Nancy; Isaac Wertz, wife Rebecca; David Eller; Daniel Peters, wife Elizabeth; Abraham Eller; and John Eller. These then are the known children and grandchildren of Jacob Eller. They are arranged in order of marriage, not in order of birth:

1. DAVID ELLER, c1782-1858; m. 1) Anna Brubaker, 1785-1825 on December 21, 1802 in Franklin County, VA; 2) Elizabeth Foutz (1825), and 3) Mary Martin (1827), the latter two in Montgomery County, OH. Anna Brubaker was a daughter of John and Anna Myers Brubaker who moved to Franklin County in 1781 and to whom Jacob Eller sold land in 1804. David Eller moved to Ohio in the mid 1820s, then to Hamilton County, IN in the late 1840s. He is not in the 1850 census and died without a will or property (intestate).-Several children in the 1850 census are enumerated in other households, Preble County, OH.

Children of Anna Brubaker:

Catherine Eller, 1806-?; m. William R. Bowles
Mary Eller, 1808-1882; m. (as the 2nd wife) William
Bowser, ?-1842; 2) George Miller, ?-1856
Daniel Eller, 1810-? (unmarried)
Abraham Eller, c1815-? (unmarried)
Andrew Eller, 1819-1896; m. 1) Elizabeth Auchenback, 1816-1868;
2) Hannah M. Smeltzer; 3) Elizabeth Bright
Samuel Eller, c1825-? (unmarried)

Children of Elizabeth Foutz:

Joseph Eller, 1826-?

Children of Mary Martin:

Nancy Eller, 1828-?; m. Zachariah Clark
Benjamin Eller, 1830-1870; m. Diana Dacus
Henry Eller, 1834-?

2. SARAH ("SALOMA") ELLER, c. 1787-1882; m. (2nd wife to) HENRY BRUBAKER, 1775-1848, on January 24, 1810 in Franklin County. Brubaker was a brother to Anna Brubaker (above). He owned land on Peters Creek, Roanoke County, where he bequeathed the land for the Peter Creek Brethern meetinghouse. He fathered nine children by his first wife, Elizabeth Flory.

Children of Sarah Eller:

John Brubaker,* 1811-1887; m. Susannah Flory, 1816-1886
Nancy Brubaker, 1813-?; m. Christian Wertz
Tobias Brubaker, 1814 (d. infant)
Benjamin Brubaker, 1816-1891; m. 1) Mary Garst, 1822- 184B; 2) Susan (nah) Wolfe
1820-1903
Magdalene Brubaker, 1820-1892; m. 1) Samuel Franz; 2) David Blocker, 1812-1886
Abraham Brubaker, 1820-1898; m. Elizabeth Rivercomb

Isaac Brubacker, 1825-1897(8?); m. Christine Beckner 1828?-1910

Elias Brubaker,* 1828-1899; m. Susan Beckner

Elizabeth Brubaker, 1829-1899; m. John Beckner

Moses E. Brubaker, 1831-1904; m. Susannah Grisso

3. SUSAN ("Susanna") ELLER, c1778-1827; m. FREDERICK GARST (Jr.), 1784-1850, on December 28, 1809. This is undoubtedly the same Garst that purchased 50 acres from Virginia in 1814 to settle Jacob Eller's back taxes. He and his wife lived in Botetourt County until c1826 when the family relocated to near Jonesboro, Tennessee. Children:

Samuel Garst, 1810-1876; m. Susannah Peffley

Jacob Garst, 1812-1893; m. 1) -Wrightsmen; 2) Fanny Sherfy, 1817-1898

David Gart, 1814-1886; m.1) m. 2)Anna Bashor, 1808-1895

Magdalena Garst, 1816-1906; m. Abraham Sherfy, 1818-1866

Nancy Garst, 1817-1860; m. Samuel Sherfy,* 1817-1896

Henry Garst, 1818-1898; m. Mary Bowman, 1820-1890

Catherine Garst, 1820-1911; m. Richard Deakins, 1798-1873

Sarah Garst, 1822-1917; m. Michael Bashor, 1811-?

Elizabeth Garst, 1824-1892; m. David Bowman, 1828-1896

Joel Garst, 1824-1892; m. Catherine Sherfy, 1822-?

Frederick Garst married 2) Sarah Franz and ten more children were added to his family. Many of the Eller-Garst children resided in the Jonesboro area.

4. ELIZABETH ELLER, c1793-aft.1880; M. DANIEL PETERS, c1782-aft.1850. The family resided in Franklin County at the census of 1850. Known children: (a first cousin, see JOHN ELLER family below)

Rebecca Peters, c1816-?; m. Henry Donahue

Moses Peters, c1819-?; m. Rebecca Barnhart 1626-1903

Jonathan Peters, c1823-?

Magdalene Peters, c1829-?; m. Jacob Eller 1823-1907

Aaron Peters, c1831-?; m. Frances Flora

Samuel Peters, c1833-?; m. Hannah Flora, 1830-?

5. JOHN ("Johnny") ELLER,* c1795-1871; M. CATHERINE BRUBAKER, 1794-?1880 on February 19, 1818. Catherine was a sister of Anna Brubaker and Henry Brubaker (above) -- all children of John and Anna Myers Brubaker. John Eller lived on part of Jacob Eller's Craven Creek property, seven miles southwest of Salem. He was a Brethern minister.

Lavina Eller, 1826-?; m. John Deaton; 2) Samuel Danner

George Eller, 1821-?; m. Nancy Sloan

Jacob Eller, 1823-1907; m. ?)Susan Fisher 2)Magdalene Peters, c1829-?

Joel W. Eller, 1825-1902; m. Martha Reynolds

Abraham J. Eller.* 1828-1923; m. Saloma Flora, 1834-1919

John B. Eller, 1831-1912; m. I)Marly Flora, 1829-?; 2) Sarah Weddle Flora

Henry Eller, 1837-1912; m. Harriet Reynolds

Ann(a) Eller, 1835-1919; m. James Parker

Catherine Eller, 1841-?; m. 1) Carey F. Johns; 2) John B. Peters

6. NANCY ELLER, c 1800-?; m. PETER HIMLEY on February 24, 1820. His name is also spelled HIMLECK and HIMLICK. This family is not in the 1850 census for Virginia.. Himley was present at the sale of personal property for Jacob Eller's estate in 1830, and he received a share of the estate for his wife in 1840. Himleck bought land in 1819 from John and Daniel Barnhart, and in 1825 from John Stoner. No other information.

7. ABRAHAM ("Abram") ELLER, 1801-?1870; m. Mary (Polly) WERTZ (WIRTZ), on March 31, 1831. They lived on a portion of Jacob Eller's Craven Creek land, seven miles southwest from Salem in Roanoke County on what became known as the "Eller homeplace." Children:

Anna F. Eller, 1832-1906; m. 1) Frances Asberry Deaton, 1827-1865; 2) John W. Deaton 1838-1911

Magdalene Eller, 1833-1894; m. Joseph W. Barnhart 1832-1900

John W. Eller, * 1836-1899; m. 1) Leah Barnhart 1836-1865; 2) Hannah Brubaker, 1842-1902

Eliza Eller, 1838-1926; m. John B. Naff, * 1836-1905

Sarah Eller, c1838-1921; m. James Neff

David Eller, c1840-?; m. Julia Neff

Christian Eller, 1846-1866 (unmarried)

Abraham C. Eller, 1848-1924; m. Salome Brubaker, 1850-1921

Amanda Eller, c1848-c1869 (unmarried)

Francis Asberry Eller, * 1851-1938; m. Elizabeth (Bettie) Brubaker, 1855-1941

Nannie Eller, c1854-1945; m. Daniel R. Brubaker, 1850-1928

8. REBECCA ELLER, c1810-?; m. ISAAC WERTZ (WIRTZ) c1813-1891 on June 9, 1832. The family lived in Franklin County at the census of 1850. Known children:

Magdalene Wertz, 1832-1911; m. Henry Laprad

Ann(a) Wertz, c1835-?; m. Abraham Barnhart

Catherine Wertz, c1836-?

Noah Wertz, c1839-?

Samuel E. Wertz, 1841-1928; m. Barbara 1841-1931

*indicates a Brethern minister),

James Hook also suggests another son, Jacob, based on the fact that a second Jacob Eller, age 26-45, appears in the 1820 census for Botetourt County. His household consisted of female over 45, a female 26-45, three males under 26, and a female under 16. Our Jacob in 1810 had a male "under 10" that cannot be explained in terms of known sons. However, this child is clearly not old enough to be the second 1820 Jacob. The 1810 male could have a son that did not survive or the child of a relative. In any event, the second 1820 Jacob is not in the 1830 census for Botetourt County and is otherwise unknown. Hook and Henry Eller also list a daughter Magdalene based on the fact that she received an equal share of Jacob Eller's estate. As noted earlier; however, this is Eller's wife, not daughter.

The ELLERS and the BRETHERN

Having thus identified the children of Jacob Eller a second task is to explore the early relationship of this family to the Church of the Brethern. Between 1800 and 1980 many descendants in the next four or so generations have had close ties to the Brethern, not only in Virginia, but in the Midwest, Kansas and Pacific Coast states as well. For example, among Jacob's direct male descendants (sons David, John, Abraham) there are 20 ordained ministers. (See Appendix I for names and biographical information) This list is easily doubled when the female lines of BRUBAKER, GARST, and WERTZ are added. Literally hundreds of Eller descendants have served the Brethern in other ways: local church offices (deacon, moderator and clerk), church school teachers, national and district committees and staff, volunteer service workers, missionaries, even college faculty. How did this relationship of the family to the Brethern begin?

The origins of the German Baptist movement may be traced back to eighteenth century Germany. Early Brethern were Protestant dissenters who for good conscience believed they could not remain within the state churches of Europe (Lutheran, Reformed). They developed out of the Radical Pietism, a reform effort that sought to strengthen the evangelical fervor and spiritual life of the state churches. Brethern were also strongly influenced by the Mennonites (Anabaptists) whose emphasis on nonresistance (biblical pacifism), separation of church and state, living simply, community life, and nonconformity reflect the sixteenth century Radical Reformation. In America the Brethern became known for their unique form of trine immersion baptism, love feast (communion) with footwashing, plain dress, and refusal to participate in military service.

The ELLER name is not found in existing lists of Anabaptist martyrs or in extensive compilations of early Mennonite families which have been made for Switzerland, Germany, and Holland. There were ELLERS in eighteenth century Pietism. Perhaps the most well-known of these was Elias Eller of Elberfeld. In 1727 he and his wife founded the mystical, millennialist sect, but because of persecution this group was forced to an estate some thirty miles distant. Here the group founded what became the city of Ronsdorf, a name by which Eller's sect was widely known. While Elias Eller's views were somewhat extreme, dissention among the sect's leaders following his death in 1750 forced the congregation back into the conformity of the state Reformed Church.

It is possible that many of the colonial ELLER immigrants to America were Pietists, perhaps without affiliating with either Lutheran or Reformed Churches. Few ELLERS may be found in the baptismal or marriage records of these groups. James Hook was the first non-Brethern family researcher to associate the family with the German Baptists, the first group of whom arrived in America in 1719. Still there are no ELLERS mentioned among the scant records of the Brethern in either Europe or Colonial America. A Henry E-1-e-r was baptized in the Conestoga congregation, Lancaster County, Pennsylvania, in 1747. Hook believed this same Henry Eller later lived in Frederick County, Maryland, and was a brother of George Michael Eller. Some of the early western North Carolina ELLERS do appear to have been associated

with Carolina Brethern, although the history of the congregations which existed there is extremely sketchy.

In Southwest Virginia the picture is brighter. As sectarians, Brethern generally settled in family groupings. By the late eighteenth century, a few such clusters had developed, the earliest on the Blackwater River in Franklin County (1760's) and a second in the Amsterdam/Daleville area of Botetourt County (1780's). Jacob Eller, along with clearly identifiable Brethern related families such as the Brubakers were located between these two in what later became Roanoke County. The dates when these settlements developed into congregations is not known, but meetinghouses were built at Peters Creek (Roanoke County, 1845), Germantown Brick (Franklin County, 1848) and Botetourt Valley (Daleville, Botetourt County, 1851). Prior to this the Brethern met in homes for worship, generally once a month.

Whether Jacob and Magdalene Eller were actually Dunkers will probably never be known. If not baptized members, they were certainly in close contact with the Brethern in that several of their children married into Brethern families. Their son John and five grandsons became preachers; two granddaughters also married men who were placed in the ministry. The frequent marriages of Jacob Eller children and grandchildren into Brethern families, and the leadership which these families provided the church, strongly suggests that the Ellers affiliated with the Brethern in Roanoke County at an early date. Indeed, local tradition is clear that the Brubaker, Wirtz, and Eller families were among the early members of the Peters Creek Church. John Eller, whose ordination probably dates from the late 1840s, would have been among the congregation's first ministers. Whether Jacob and Magdalene themselves came from Brethern homes before settling in Roanoke County is pure speculation.

The Oak Grove community in which sons John and Abraham resided is several miles to the south of the Peters Creek area. While the story of a Brethern church in this community more properly belongs to the twentieth century, it should be noted that a Brethern meetinghouse was built at Cave Spring, a few miles to the east, which dates from the Civil War. It is reasonable to assume that Dunker services were held in the Oak Grove area, perhaps as early as the 1840's.

<i>NOTE: EndNotes and Appendix omitted to conserve space. See May 1988 Chronicles.</i>

Editor: The following is a reprint from the August 1994 Chronicles concerning the Jacob Eller line of Roanoke County, VA (site of the 2023 EFA Conference). Endnotes omitted.

GENEALOGY PROBLEMS REGARDING JACOB AND MAGDALENE ELLER of Botetourt County, Virginia

By: John C. Eller of Sebring, Fl March 29, 1994

Because misinformation regarding Jacob Eller, who was the first Eller to settle in Botetourt County, Virginia, and his wife Magdalene, continue to be circulated among genealogists, I am writing this to tell how I have been involved and what I know about Jacob and Magdalene. Just recently I received undocumented material which illustrate the continuing problems. Also, The Eller Family Association recently reprinted the book George Michael Eller and His Descendants in America by James W. Hook, which, I believe, has given wider circulation to Mr. Hook's incorrect data.

Problem No.1

The descendants of Jacob Eller have and continue to relate the family tradition which I have heard repeated many times: "Jacob Eller was born in Germany and emigrated to America along with three of his brothers. They spent some time in Pennsylvania. Later Jacob settled in Botetourt County, Virginia and the other brothers settled in North Carolina."

The first documented evidence of Jacob Eller in Virginia was a Land Grant given by Governor Beverley Randolph July 19, 1790 (1). He later sold that land to a John Brubaker(2). On February 9, 1802 he bought 400 acres of land from Jacob and Elizabeth Yest(Yeast)(3).

In 1947 while working on a term paper for a class at Bethany Theological Seminary I found the name of James W. Hook at the Newberry Library, Chicago, Illinois.. He had written a genealogy book about his family and included his address in Connecticut. Since Mr. Hook's mother was an Eller from North Carolina, I wrote to introduce myself and to enquire whether he knew of any connection between the Virginia Eller Family and his ancestors in North Carolina.

To my surprise he was not aware of Eller families in Virginia and urged me to send more information. Since my Brother Henry had produced in writing(4) the information we had on the family, I gave him Henry's name and address who mailed him the information he had. The two never met or discussed the information provided.

Mr. Hook and I continued to corresponded occasionally until 1957. My last letter was answered by his secretary. Mr. hook had died; however, he had published his latest book (5).

I immediately wrote for a copy and was not only surprised but a bit horrified to see on pages 53 through 63 our Jacob Eller and his descendants as prepared by brother Henry. Mr. Hook had decided that our Jacob Eller "may have been" (See P. 54) the son of George Michael Eller. On page 5, he used the expression, "The evidence is strong". No documentation was given.

By this time my father Christian E. Eller, who was the genealogist of the family, had died. He had a brother Danial M. Eller, born May 8, 1863(6), La Verne, California, and a sister Cora Eller Bream, born August 3, 1888(7), Whittier, California.

Both were born and grew up on the Eller Farm in Virginia. Living on the farm was their grandmother Mary "Polly" Wertz Eller. She was the wife of Abraham(Abram) Eller, their grandfather. He was the son of Jacob Eller. Abram and Mary were married March 26, 1831.(8) Mary would have known Jacob Eller. She died February 1908(9) well after uncle Dan and Aunt Cora had left home.

In 1958 I needed to go to California on business and decided to ask both separately about the Eller tradition regarding Jacob Eller. Uncle Dan was 95 and Aunt Cora was 70. Both were in good health, alert and did not know of my visit with the other.

My inquiry to both of them went something like this:

"Tell me about the Ellers in Maryland".

Both were astonished that I had ask. Both gave essentially the name answer.

"I never heard of them."

I persisted, "Did you ever hear great grandmother "Polly" speak of the Eller families in Maryland?"

Both replied, "No."

Aunt Cora became inquisitive. "Why do you ask?"

I told her about James Hook's genealogy book about George Michael Eller who lived near Frederick, Maryland and that he believed our Jacob Eller was one of his sons.

Her reply was, "That is wrong. Jacob Eller came to America from Germany. He couldn't have been the son of some Eller in Maryland."

Both she and Uncle Dan repeated the Virginia Eller tradition about where Jacob Eller came from.

To my knowledge no documentation has ever been found that proves Jacob Eller emigrated from Germany to America nor that he did not. However, there are two listing of Eller men on ships that landed in Pennsylvania in the late seventeen hundreds:

(a) Rupp, Prof. I. Danial, A Collection of Thirty Thousand Names of German, Swiss, Dutch, French and other Immigrants in Pennsylvania from 1727-1776. 1985, P. 402.

November 3, 1772. Ship Sally, John Osmond, Master, from Rotterdam, last frown Cowes.

Johann Jacob Eller

(b) Strassbutger, Ralph Beaven, Pennsylvania German Pioneers, Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., 1966, Vol. I and Vol. II., Second Printing, P. 8

Sept. 5, 1785. Ship Favourite, Group # 12, German Passengers, List 328.

Jacob Eller

One of these could have been the Jacob Eller who settled in Botetourt County, Virginia prior to 1790.

Problem No. II

Magdalene Eller was the wife of Jacob. The earliest known reference to her is when she and her husband Jacob Eller sold land to a John Brubaker June 12, 1804(10). To my knowledge there is no documentation regarding her family or maiden name.

The late Chester Peter of Long Beach, Calif. did much research on the Peters family in the 1950-60 years. He did a great deal of research in Virginia, especially in Franklin County.

Since I knew the Peters and Eller families had intermarried a number of times, I talked with him several times at the Church of the Brethren Annual Conference. He told me of his belief that Magdalene, the wife of the first Jacob Eller in Virginia, may have been a Peters. He showed me a reference to a marriage he found at the Courthouse at Rocky Mount, Va.

In his genealogical listings he listed her as Magdalene Peters with a "?" mark. Many genealogists have noted this reference. Some are now omitting the "?" mark.

On October 10, 1985 my wife and I visited the Courthouse at Rocky Mount, Va., the County seat of Franklin County, and found what, I believe, led Chester Peters astray.

There was a marriage between a Jacob Eller and Magdalene Peters(11). However, this Jacob Eller was a grandson of the original Jacob, Eller. His parents were John(Johnny) Eller and Catherine Brubaker Eller. Also, the wedding date of this Jacob Eller was twenty-one years after the death of his grandfather.

I am glad to see the recently published genealogy book on the Peters Family(12) by Ed. Peters, Rt.1, Box 432, Manson, Wa 98831 does not include a reference to my great grandmother Magdalene Eller.

<i>NOTE: EndNotes omitted to conserve space. See Aug 1994 Chronicles.</i>

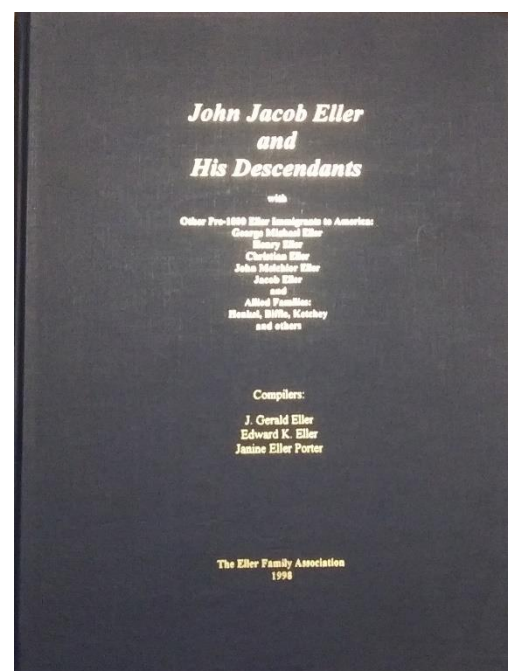
Old Smyrna and John Jacob Eller Book Update

By Steve Eller

Old Smyrna Cemetery Update - I have received word that Towns County is close to submitting the application for a land use permit pertaining to the Old Smyrna Cemetery. Once the forest service permit is in hand, I will go ahead with starting the access road work. We will also try to have several workdays to improve the cemetery condition and set the new headstones for Hardy Washington Eller and Jacob L. Eller. We would love to have a dedication service in the fall. The dedication service will be greatly advertised, and I hope to have several media outlets at the event with several family speakers. This project has taken longer than I ever imagined, and I hope everyone will make fall plans to attend. I will let you know about the date soon as I can.



John Jacob Eller and His Descendants Book Update - The John Jacob Eller and His Descendants Book currently has 26,679 names. My goal is to have the book updated by our next conference. Keep in mind that when I let folks know that we are nearing the end of the update, there may be a rush for folks to get their promised info to me. How to go about publishing the book will soon be concern to address. It may need to be two volumes and will the update include part one of the original 1998 version? Yet to be determined.



Eller General Store and Corn Mill

By Steve Eller

If you are traveling north on US Hwy 441 through Clarkesville, Georgia and get to Irvin Lane, turn right and look behind the old Clarkesville Motors Building. The pic shows an old building that was once a general store and corn mill. Dison David Eller operated the store for many years. His grandson, David Dison III told me he can remember wagons and trucks lined up there on Saturday morning wanting to get their corn turned into cornmeal.



Dison was born 1878, married Lassie Mae Wood and had 14 children (several died at birth). Dison goes back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller through her son, William "Bill" Eller. Some of William "Bill" Eller's descendants moved west to Oklahoma and I have made contact with several of them. Dison David Eller died 1969 in Clarkesville, Georgia and was laid to rest at Bethlehem Baptist Church Cemetery. David Dison III still lives in Habersham County and has a son named David Dison Eller IV. The Eller Family Association Newsletter did an article on Dison David Eller in November 1994. www.ellerfamilyassociation.com/chronicles/nov94/nov94p2.html



New Eller Line Found

By Dan Liggett

We recently received an email from Robert Clayton Eller, who recently discovered our website www.ellerfamilyassociation.com. Hopeful to find further information about his family, he searched but could not find anyone from his family there. After he contacted us, both Harvey and I searched both the Chronicles and the database and also came up empty. We noted that his family originated in Ohio, an area largely unrepresented in our database.

And so, we asked if Robert would be willing to share his family information with us in the hopes that one day, we might find a connection to one of the other Eller lines represented in our database. Robert graciously agreed and sent Harvey a GEDcom file containing over 200 names with extensive documentation. Harvey has already uploaded the newly named [David Eller](#) line to the EFA database. Thank you so much Robert !

With all that new information, do any of you recognize some of the names in the abbreviated chart below? Perhaps someone can fill in some gaps for Robert concerning his ancestors. He is especially interested in further information about his earliest known ancestor David Eller (1808-1863. He was born somewhere in Pennsylvania on December 22, 1808 and died in Seneca County, Ohio on March 25, 1863. He married Sarah Hosler (or Hosler) on March 25, 1830 in Stark County, Ohio. Sarah was born on or around October 6, 1809 somewhere in Pennsylvania and died on September 16, 1849, either in Seneca County, Ohio or Stark County, Ohio. David later married a woman named Margaret Troxel on February 19, 1850 in Stark County, Ohio. Margaret was born on February 8, 1811 in Stark County, OH, and died on February 13, 1889 in Fostoria, Ohio.

2. Charles William Eller B: 11 Oct 1891 P: Pleasant, Seneca, Ohio, USA M: 12 Sep 1922 P: Seneca County, Ohio D: 20 Aug 1949 P: Cleveland, Cuyahoga, Ohio, USA	4. Curtis Monroe Eller B: 20 Nov 1869 P: Fostoria, Seneca, Ohio, USA M: 4 Dec 1890 P: Green Springs, Seneca, Ohio, USA D: 14 May 1937 P: Tiffin, Seneca, Ohio, USA	8. Isaac Jacob Eller B: 15 Mar 1839 P: Canton, Stark, Ohio, USA M: 19 Dec 1861 P: Seneca, Ohio, USA D: May 1870 P: Seneca County, Ohio, USA	16. David E. Eller B: 22 Dec 1808 P: Pennsylvania, USA M: 25 Mar 1830 P: Stark, Ohio, USA D: 25 Mar 1863 P: Seneca County, Ohio, USA
		9. Margaret Ann Holtz B: 17 Aug 1844 P: Tiffin, Seneca, Ohio, USA D: 2 Jan 1917 P: Eden, Seneca, Ohio, USA	17. Sarah Hosler B: 6 Oct 1809 P: Pennsylvania, USA D: 16 Sep 1849 P: Seneca County, Ohio, USA

If you have any information to add, please send it to Harvey or me so we can pass it on to Robert. Our emails are on the last page of the Chronicles.

Judy Eller Stiller Hoffner (1942-2021)

Judy Eller Stiller Hoffner, age 79, died on Thursday, June 10, 2021 at her home in Gold Hill, NC. She was born to the late Travis & Viola Eller. She was from the Jacob Eller line.

She worked at Rowan Industries, Klopman Mills, Collins & Aikman, Morgan School, and retired from APA Marketing. Judy was a 1960 graduate from East Rowan High School and enjoyed serving as a President of class reunions for a while. Judy enjoyed attending Immanuel Lutheran Church for the last few years, which was her childhood church. Judy loved her sons Stan Stiller and his wife Priscilla from Arizona and Mark Stiller and his wife Cristy from Gold Hill, her grand-children Justin and Kristin Stiller

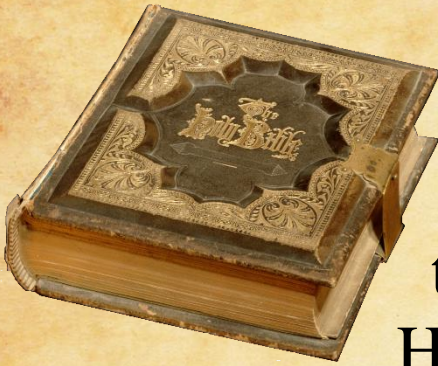


from Arizona and Texas, respectively, and step-daughter Amy Shaver and husband Tim from Salisbury. She enjoyed reading, playing the piano, singing, and looked forward to traveling often with her family, friends and church group. Judy was preceded in death by her husband, Ernest Hoffner; her parents, Travis and Viola Eller; her siblings, Travis Eller Jr., Lucille Cook, Betty Tutherow, and Doris Jorden. Surviving siblings are Johnny Eller from Rockwell and Elva Rae Huneycutt from Faith; nieces: Linda Hess (John) from Richfield, Debbie Cole from Wilmington, Emily Cook (Zeb) from Charlotte, Amie Baudoin from Richfield, and Beverly Ledford from Hickory; nephews: Calvin Eller and Jeff Eller from Rockwell and Todd Morgan from Faith.

[[Obituary](#) | [Judy Eller Stiller Hoffner in the EFA database](#)]

Editor's Note: We sincerely apologize for the tardiness of this obituary for Judy Eller Stiller Hoffner.

REWARD OFFERED



Need information to find who has possession of an old Bible printed in the German language at Halle, Germany in 1770.

Believed to be the Bible willed to Jacob Eller by father George Michael Eller.

About 1957 it was in the possession of Mr. Wade E. Eller of Warrensville, N.C.

This info is described in book:

**GEORGE MICHAEL ELLER
AND DESCENDANTS OF HIS IN AMERICA**

by James W. Hook published in 1957, on page 27.

Call with info: 336-921-3430

Christine Eller Walker

Editor's Note: Please note that Christine is only asking for information about who has the Bible. She is not trying to buy it, but only to locate it and hopefully be able to examine it.

Obituaries

We've included Eller obituaries in *the Chronicles* for many years. We've now added them [to our website](#) as well. Please let both the [Chronicles editor](#) and [the webmaster](#) know of the passing of any of our Eller cousins. If possible, let us know how they fit into our genealogy and give us a link to their online obituary.

Nina Pauline Eller

1926-2022

Nina P Eller, age 98, of Harrison, Arkansas passed away on August 21, 2022 at North Arkansas Regional Medical Center. She was born February 21, 1924 in Plumlee, Arkansas to Tony W and Lenora A (Brown) York. She is preceded in death by her parents and husband, John Wesley Eller. She is survived by her three children, John M Eller, Mary J Davis and James P Eller. [\[Obituary\]](#) | [Nina Pauline Eller in the EFA database](#)]

Charles Leon Eller

1936-2022

On August 10th, 2022, our hearts broke as we said goodbye to Charles "Leon" Eller after 85 remarkable years of life. Leon was born on December 17th, 1936 in Corning, CA to Monta Dorcas and John Chester Eller. He was one of seven children. He is from the Jacob Eller line. Leon is survived by his wife Barbara; children: Jeff Eller (Holly Eller), Lisa Nye (Rick Nye), Curt Eller (Lorrie Eller), and Matt Eller (Julie Eller).

[\[Obituary\]](#) | [Charles Leon Eller in the EFA database](#)]



Scotty Dewayne Eller

1975-2022

Scotty Eller, age 46 of Albertville, AL passed away Wednesday, August 3, 2022 at his home. He is survived by his daughter; Angela Upton, grandchildren; Jaba and Jaleigha Childress, wife; Judy Eller, step-children; Brittany Childress and Madison Pope, step-grandchildren; Adriana Childress, Zayleigh and Brinley Breedlove, sister; Tonya Eller, brother; Steven Eller and special nephew; Tyler Eller. He is preceded in death by his parents; Kenneth and Diane Eller. He is from the Eli Eller line.

[\[Obituary\]](#) | [Scotty Dewayne Eller in the EFA database](#)]

Michael E. Eller

1954-2022

Michael E. Eller, age 68, passed away at home in Wilmington DE, on August 19, 2022. Michael was born in Wilmington, Delaware on March 1, 1954 to his loving parents Carl "Bud" Eller and Eleanor (Farmer) Eller. He was from the George Michael Eller line. Living all of his young life in Oxford, PA, he graduated from Oxford Area High School in 1972.

[\[Obituary\]](#) | [Michael E. Eller in the EFA database](#)]



Charles Junior Eller, Sr.

1929-2022

Charles Junior Eller, Sr, age 92, of Conowingo, MD, passed away on Saturday, August 6, 2022. He was born on November 5, 1929 in West Jefferson, NC to the late William Thurman Eller, Sr and Callie (Poe) Eller. He was from the George Michael Eller line. Charles was the husband of the late, Kathryn Marie Eller. Charles passed away exactly two months after his beloved wife. [\[Obituary\]](#) | [Charles Junior Eller, Sr. in the EFA database](#)]



Diane Eller Simper

1954-2022

Dianne Eller Simper, 68, of Mount Pleasant died on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at her home. She married Steven Richard Simper on June 22, 2002, in Corpus Christie, Texas. Dianne was preceded by her father, Jimmy Dale Eller. Survivors include her husband, Steven Richard Simper; and her beloved dogs, Little Man and Zoey.

[\[Obituary\]](#) | [Diane Eller Simper in the EFA database](#)]

Margaret "Marge" Eller Flack 1925-2022

Margaret "Marge" Eller Flack, 97, of Rossville, formerly of Frankfort, passed away Wednesday, August 3, 2022, at St. Anthony Healthcare in Lafayette. She was born January 29, 1925, in Tiffin, OH to the late Charles W. and Laura M. (Taylor) Eller. She is from the David Eller line. Along with her husband Bob and her parents, Charles and Laura Eller; she was preceded in death by her son, Pat; daughter, Connie; grandson, Scott; and brother, Bob.

[[Obituary](#) | [Margaret "Marge" Eller Flack in the EFA database](#)]

**Judy Malinda Patton Gentle 1967-2022**

Judy Melinda Patton Gentle, age 54 of Hayesville, passed away on Friday, August 19, 2022. Judy was born in Hiawasse, Georgia to the late Ralph and Annie Mae Allen Patton. She was from the Jacob Eller line. She had been a head start teacher for 28 years which she loved. Judy also loved her family, baking cakes, her flowers and her head start children.

[[Obituary](#) | [Judy Patton Gentle in the EFA database](#)]

**Joy Eller Helton 1937-2022**

Joy Eller Helton, 84, passed away on Monday, August 8, 2022, in Johnston Memorial Hospital. Joy was born in Tazewell County, Va., raised in Glade Spring, Va. and lived in the Abingdon area for most of her life. She was preceded in death by her parents, Howard L. and Gladys Hinkle Eller and sons Lee Andrew and Donald Scott Helton. Joy is survived by her husband of 64 years, Donald Eugene Helton.

[[Obituary](#) | [Joy Eller Helton in the EFA database](#)]

**James Leon Eller 1943-2022**

James Leon "Jim" Eller, 79, of Bloomington passed away Tuesday, July 26, 2022 at his residence. Born, May 9, 1943 in Bloomington, he was the son of the late James Russell and Kathryn Evon (Johnson) Eller. Survivors include three sons, James A. "Jim" Eller (Roberta), Phillip R. Eller, and Larry D. Mullis (Karen). He was from the Christian Eller line

[[Obituary](#) | [James Leon Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Jewel Haddock Eller 1946-2022**

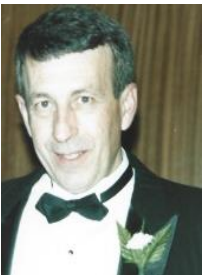
Jewel Haddock Eller, 75 of Clayton passed away at home suddenly, July 28, 2022. A native of Norfolk, VA, she was the daughter of the late Thomas Haddock and Mary Alice Franks Haddock. She is survived by her husband Steve Eller; sons, Steve "Craig" Eller, Jr. and Christopher Eller; daughter, Traci Sizemore and husband Tony; and three grandchildren. Mr. Eller is from the George Michael Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) | [Jewel Haddock Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Andrew Charles Eller, Sr. 1938-2022**

Andrew Charles Eller Sr., 83 passed away July 26, 2022 at home in Norfolk, VA. He leaves to cherish his memory five children - Andrew, Michael, Brian, Deborah and Cheryl, Four grandchildren - Samantha, Kayla, Jessica and Kelly as well as two great grandchildren - Elyse and Dani. He was from the George Michael Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) | [Andrew Charles Eller, Sr. in the EFA database](#)]

**Donnie Lane Eller, Jr. 1973-2022**

Donnie Lane Eller, Jr., 49, of Lancaster, PA, passed away on Wednesday, July 13, 2022. Born in Lancaster, PA, he was the son of Barbara A. Wheeler (David) and Donnie L. Eller, Sr. He was the husband of Robin Wert-Eller and father of Coleton Lane Eller. He was from the George Michael Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) | [Donnie Lane Eller, Jr. in the EFA database](#)]

Deborah Alice "Debby" Plyler Eller 1955-2022

Deborah "Debby" Alice Plyler Eller, 67, died Thursday, July 28, 2022, at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center in Salisbury. She was born February 21, 1955, in Norfolk, VA, to the late Ranson Andrew and Minnie Pearl Foreman Plyler. Survivors include her husband, Johnny Wayne Eller; children, Harley Eller of Rockwell, Michelle Snyder of Greenville, SC, Vicky Berry of TX, Jessica Elmore (Joseph) of Mocksville, and Dustin Eller (Amber) of China Grove. Unsure of which Eller family line. [[Obituary](#) | [Deborah Alice "Debby" Plyler Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Rosemary Cook Eller 1945-2022**

Rosemary (Cook) Eller of Bethel Park, formerly of Hotchkiss/Slab Fork West Virginia departed this life on Friday, July 22, 2022 at the age of 76 after what she described as a "fantastic" trip. Rosemary was one of five children of the late James L. Cook, a Coal Miner for Slab Fork Coal Company and her mother, the late Thelma Foster. Rosemary was preceded in death by her husband Ken Eller & their infant son (Kenneth Jr.). Mr. Eller was from the George Michael Eller line. [[Obituary](#) | [Rosemary Cook Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Mary Grace "Pat" Eller Hemric 1935-2022**

Mary Grace Eller Hemric - "Pat" passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 6, 2022 at Hillside Nursing and Rehab in Wake Forest, NC. Born January 12, 1935, Pat was the daughter of the late John Louis Eller and Grace Owen Eller. She is from the John Melker Eller line. She was married to the late William Harrison Hemric. She is survived by their son, William Gregory Hemric and his wife. [[Obituary](#) | [Mary Grace Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**James William Eller, II 1947-2022**

Mr. James William Eller, age 74 of Rex, GA passed away July 22, 2022. Mr. Eller is survived by his wife of 47 years: Jeanne Eller, brother: Leo San (Shaun) Eller of Fayetteville, sisters: Judith Eller Bridges of Sandy Springs and Susan E. Walton of McDonough. He is from the Jacob S. Eller line. This is a newly discovered Eller family.

[[Obituary](#) | [James W. Eller in the EFA database](#)]

Kery Morphis Eller 1979-2022

Kery Morphis Eller, age of 42, left this world on July 14th, 2022. He was born to Carl and Kim Eller on September 22, 1979 in Greensboro, NC. He was from the George Michael Eller line. He is survived by his daughter, Allie Eller and her mother Amanda Roberts, his parents, Kim & Carl Eller, his brothers, Kevin, Kenneth and Charles Eller as well as his 3 sister-in-laws and 6 nieces and nephews. Kery was preceded in death by his loving sister Kristie.

[[Obituary](#) | [Kery Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Linda Eller Jones 1945-2022**

Linda Nell Eller Jones, 76, of Avery County, died peacefully on Friday, July 1, 2022, at Yancey House in Burnsville, NC. Born on July 5, 1945, she was the daughter of the late John Hayden and Clara Miller Eller. She was from the George Michael Eller line. Linda enjoyed reading and spending time with her grandchildren and great-grandchildren, who lovingly referred to her as "Granny."

[[Obituary](#) | [Linda Nell Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Patricia Ann Eller 1954-2022**

Ms. Patricia Ann Eller, age 67, of North Wilkesboro, went home to be with her Lord and Saviour Jesus Christ, on Sunday, July 17, 2022.. Patricia Ann Eller was born July 25, 1954 to Wade Herman and Fannie Jane Jarvis Eller. She was from the George Michael Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) | [Patricia Ann Eller in the EFA database](#)]



Donald F. "Fritz" Eller 1950-2022

Donald Fredrick "Fritz" Eller passed away Wednesday, July 13, 2022, from complications due to dementia. He was 71 years old. He was born to parents Joe and Donna in 1950. While attending Yreka High School, he met Janet Friedman, whom he married in 1970. They had two children, Don and Dale.

[[Obituary](#) / [Donald "Fritz" Eller in the EFA database](#)]

Barbara Taylor Johnson Eller 1969-2022

Barbara Taylor Johnson Eller, age 53, of North Wilkesboro, passed away Sunday, July 10, 2022 at her home. She was born March 15, 1969 in Alleghany County to Ares and Bertha Wagoner Taylor. Mrs. Eller was preceded in death by her parents; and is survived by her husband, Abraham Eller; her children, Chris Johnson and spouse Caitlyn, Jessie Taylor, Jessica Taylor, and Dustin Taylor. Mr. Eller is from the George Michael Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) / [Barbara Taylor Johnson Eller in the EFA database](#)]

Sumie Osawa Eller 1935-2022

Sumie Osawa Eller, age 87, of Wilmington, DE, passed away peacefully under the care of AccentCare Hospice in Christiana Care Hospital – Wilmington, on Friday, June 24, 2022. She was born in Japan, daughter of the late Mitsukane and Mistu Osawa, and met and married her late husband, John B. Eller, while he was stationed in Tokyo during the Korean War. He was from the George Michael Eller line. [[Obituary](#) / [Sumie O. Eller in the EFA database](#)]

Lola Louise Eller 1947-2022

Lola Louise Eller, 75, formerly of Savannah, passed away Tuesday morning June 21, 2022, at the Mt. Vernon Developmental Center in Mt. Vernon, Ohio. Lola was born to the late Roy L. and Myrtle L. (Icenhour) Eller on May 7, 1947, in Mountain City, TN. She was from the George Michael Eller line. [[Obituary](#) / [Lola Louise Eller in the EFA database](#)]

Angela Marie "Angi" Eller Sands 1973-2022

Angela 'Angi' Marie (Eller) Sands, age 49, of Morristown, TN passed away suddenly on June 16, 2022 in Morristown, TN. She is the daughter of Jack Eller. She is from the George Michael Eller line. [[Obituary](#) / [Angela Eller in the EFA database](#)]

Sarah Rich Eller 1934-2022

Sarah Elizabeth Eller, age 88 passed away Thursday June 16, 2022 at the Ballad Hospice House in Bristol, TN. Mrs. Eller was born in Smyth County, VA to the late William Bent Rich and Arfie Sheets Rich and was preceded in death by her husband Earl Elijah Eller. Mr. Eller was from the George Michael Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) / [Sarah Eller in the EFA database](#)]

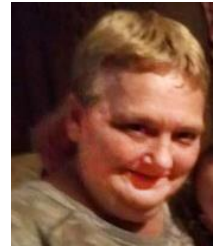
Mildred Eller Page 1928-2022

Mildred Eller Page, 93, wife of the late Glen Thomas Page, passed away Sunday June 5, 2022 surrounded by her family. Born October 14, 1928 in Toccoa, Georgia she was the daughter of the late Dillard and Elizabeth Eller. Dillard's parents (Rev. John Franklin Eller and Martha S. Eller) were both Jacob Eller Descendants.

[[Obituary](#) / [Mildred Eller Page in the EFA database](#)]

Imogene Eller 1932-2022

Imogene Eller of Austin, Texas, was born 26 Aug 1932 in Kendall, TX and died 16 May 2022 at age 89. It appears she is the daughter of Beno and Emma Becker Ischar and the widow of Donald Richard Eller, Sr. (1933-2012). Unknown Eller line for Mr. or Mrs. Eller. [[Obituary](#) / [Imogene Eller in the EFA database](#)]



Margaret Eller Massey**1925-2022**

Margaret Eller Massey, age 96 of Donelson, TN formerly of Macon County, TN passed away Wednesday morning, June 1, 2022 at her residence. Survivors include her daughter, Brenda Faye Pierce of Nashville, sons, Phillip & Kim Massey, Walter L Massey all of Hermitage, sister, Jeanice Eller Garrett, brother, Steve & Brenda Eller all of Lafayette, and grandchildren, Chris Pierce, Tiffany Pierce & Katherine Massey, 5 Great-Grandchildren, 3 Great-Great-Grandchildren. [[Obituary](#) / [Margaret Eller Massey in the EFA database](#)]

**G.C. "Bud" Eller****1929-2022**

G.C. 'Bud' Eller was born 8-25-29 in Summit North Carolina. He passed on 6-25-22 in his home in Cave Junction OR with his daughter by his side. Bud married Phyllis Tweedy, also from Fieldbrook, on November 25, 1955 and welcomed his only child, a baby girl, on June 7th 1957. Bud was preceded in death by his parents Carl and Lessie Eller, brother's Ralph and Donnie Eller and sister Clara Wagle. He was from the George Michael Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) / [G.C. "Bud" Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Herman Baxter Eller****1938-2022**

Herman Baxter Eller, age 86, went to be with the Lord on Monday, June 13, 2022, at Bristol Regional Medical Center. He was born in Johnson County, TN to the late Avery James and Mary Elizabeth Neely Eller. He was from the George Michael Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) / [Herman Baxter Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Kathryn Marie Eller****1932-2022**

Kathryn Marie Eller, age 89 of Conowingo, MD passed away on Monday, June 6, 2022. She was born on September 23, 1932 in West Chester, PA to the late Minnie (Darlington) and James Kincade Williams Sr. Kathryn and her husband Charles J. Eller Sr. were married in April of 1956 and they raised four children. Mr. Eller is from the George Michael Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) / [Kathryn Marie Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Lynda Susan Arrington Eller****1947-2022**

Lynda Susan Arrington Eller, age 75, a resident of Lanett, AL, passed away Thursday, June 2, 2022, peacefully in Columbus Hospice from a stroke. She was born January 8, 1947 in West Point GA to the late Edward Lee Arrington (E.L.) and Lynda Claire Bradfield Arrington of Lanett, AL. Lynda, an only child, was preceded in death by her husband of 52 years, Donald Arthur Eller, son, Donald Arthur Eller, Jr. and daughter, Susan Lillian Eller. Mr. Eller was from the John Eller, Sr. line. [[Obituary](#) / [Linda Susan Arrington Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Judith Ann Eller Holder****1946-2022**

Judith Ann Eller Holder, age 76, of North Wilkesboro, passed away Thursday, June 2, 2022 at her home. Mrs. Holder was born April 23, 1946 in Wilkes County to Arlyss and Doris Byers Eller. She was from the George Michael Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) / [Judith Ann Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Stan Eller****1962-2022**

Stan Eller, 59, loving father, grandfather, son and brother passed away Wednesday, June 22, 2022 at his home in Lexington Ky. Stan was born October, 21st, 1962 in Greenfield, Indiana to Stan and JoAnn (Ahston) Eller. He was from the George Michael Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) / [Stan Eller in the EFA database](#)]



Camilla Rose Hogsed**1935-2022**

Camilla Rose Hogsed, age 86, of Hiawassee, Georgia passed away on June 22, 2022 following a brief illness. Camilla, a lifelong resident of Hiawassee, was born on October 01, 1935 to the late Lee Raymond and Nannie Rose (Burrell) Sims. Camilla is preceded in death by her husband, France. She is survived by three daughters. Camilla was from the John Jacob Eller line and was a descendant of Susannah "Sukey" Eller through her son Joseph and Maria Hedden Eller. [[Obituary](#) | [Camilla Rose Hogsed in the EFA database](#)]

**Leonard Eller****1953-2022**

Mr. Leonard Eller, 68, of Mountain Home passed away Sunday, June 19th, 2022 at his home. He was born June 23, 1953 in Simi Valley, California to the late Dale and Dorothy (Tucker) Eller. We believe he is from the Henry Eller line. Mr. Eller is survived by two sons, Randy (Melissa) Smith and Robert Smith; five daughters, Tawny (Matt) Collier, Renee Smith, Robin Smith, Dallas (Ryan) Salazar and Aleesa Reed and one sister, Liz (Frank) Tarver. In addition to his parents, he is preceded in death by his wife, Connie (Ball) Eller.

[[Obituary](#) | [Leonard Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Larry L. Eller****1956-2022**

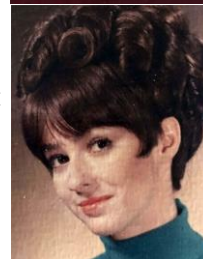
Mr. Larry Leon Eller, age 65 of Ellijay, passed away on Friday, June 10th, 2022 from the Piedmont Mountinside Hospital in Ellijay. Larry was the son of the late Bill and Martha Eller and was a lifelong resident of Gilmer County. He was from the George Michael Eller line. Larry and Glenda met and married young and raised two wonderful sons.

[[Obituary](#) | [Larry Leon Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Ollie Jane Bell Parton****1926-2022**

Ollie Jane Bell Parton, age 96, of Hiawassee, Georgia passed away on Friday, June 3, 2022. Ollie was born on May 22, 1926 to the late Lester and Ada (Youngblood) Dills in Hiawassee. She was preceded in death by her husband, Paul Evon Parton. Mr. Parton was from the John Jacob Eller line going back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller through her daughter Malinda Eller Gillespie.

[[Obituary](#) | [Ollie Jane Bell Parton in the EFA database](#)]

**Margaret Ellen (Hayes) Bumgarner****1944-2022**

Mrs. Margaret Ellen Bumgarner, age 77 of Boomer passed away the 30th of May, 2022 at her home. Margaret was born September 29, 1944 in Wilkes County to Albert Ross Hayes and Margaret Suma Eller Hayes. She is from the George Michael Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) | [Margaret Bumgarner in the EFA database](#)]

**Frances Virginia Eller Laws****1926-2022**

Mrs. Frances Virginia Laws, age 96 of Wilkesboro passed away May 29, 2022 at her home. Frances was born on January 22, 1926 in Ashe County to Emery Carson and Golda Virginia Wiles Eller. She is from the George Michael Eller line. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband Tommy Elisha Laws; three sisters; Ruth Eller Wood, Evon Eller Carver, Wave Eller Marsh; three brothers; Vance, Greek and Emery Eller.

[[Obituary](#) | [Frances Virginia Laws in the EFA database](#)]

Edward Wayne Eller**1960-2022**

Edward Wayne "Eddie" Eller, a retired chef and factory worker, died Wednesday at his home in Crossville, Tennessee, after an extended illness. He was 62. Eller was preceded in death by his parents James Calvin Eller and Arnetta Marcella Myers Eller of Crossville, TN. Survivors include his wife Jennifer Renea Eller, of Crossville, sons Larry Eller of Greenville, TN, and Jimmy Eller of Crossville. He was from the Henry Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) | [Edward Wayne Eller in the EFA database](#)]

Willa Pugh Eller**1930- 2022**

Willa Eller, age 92, of Twin Falls, Idaho, formerly of Kimberly, Idaho, passed away Thursday, May 26th, 2022 at Heritage Assisted Living Center. Willa was born in Battle Mountain, Nevada on February 11, 1930 to Lavena Pugh. She married Russell Eller in July of 1946 and moved to Wendell, Idaho and then later on to Kimberly, Idaho. Mr. Eller is from the George Michael Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) / [Willa Pugh Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Deborah Ann Eller****1962-2022**

Born on November 26, 1962, in Demorest, she was a daughter of the late David Dison Eller, Jr. and Carolyn Viola Scott Eller. She was from the Jacob Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) / [Deborah Ann Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Jewell Shook Jones****1932-2022**

Jewell Shook Jones, age 89, of Hiawassee, Georgia passed away Monday, May 16, 2022 at Brasstown Manor. Jewell was born at home on Upper Hightower to the late Thomas and Stella (Eller) Shook on November 15, 1932. She is from the Jacob Eller line and goes back to Susannah "Sukey Eller through her sons, Joseph and Jacob. She is preceded in death by her parents; husband, Cecil Jones; brothers, Willard Shook, Floyd Shook, Chris Shook, Norman Shook; sisters, Addie Mozelle Moore, Kathleen Potts, Montine Kephart.

[[Obituary](#) / [Jewell Shook Jones in the EFA database](#)]

**Nancy Eller Lloyd****1936-2022**

Nancy Eller Lloyd, 85, of Salisbury, passed away Thursday, May 12, 2022. She was born July 26, 1936, in Salisbury, to the late Melvin Wylie Eller and Letha Hahn Eller. Mrs. She was from the Jacob Eller line. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Charles Franklin Lloyd, Sr.

[[Obituary](#) / [Nancy Eller Lloyd in the EFA database](#)]

**Louise Drake Eller****1938-2022**

On September 11, 1938, Louise Drake was born in Buna, Texas to Coady and Minnie Ola Drake. She grew up on the family farm in Buna. Lou graduated from Buna High School in 1957 as valedictorian of her class. In 1960, Louise married 2nd Lieutenant John N. Eller, Jr, and started the life of a military wife and mother. LT Eller is from the Christian Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) / [Louise Drake Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**John Kenneth Eller, III****1957-2022**

John Kenneth Eller III, better known as Kenny, age 64 of Warrentsville, passed away on Saturday, May 14, 2022 at Watauga Medical Center in Boone. Mr. Eller was born on July 31, 1957 in Ashe County to Johnny K. Eller II and Martha May Eller. He is from the George Michael Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) / [John Kenneth Eller III in the EFA database](#)]

**Phyllis Proffit Eller****1929-2022**

Phyllis Proffit Wilson Eller, age 93, of Savannah, GA, formerly of Watauga County, was called home to be with our Lord on May 18, 2022. She was preceded in death by her first husband, Edward Wilson of Zionville, NC, and her second husband, James Eller, of Meat Camp, NC. Mr. Eller is from the George Michael Eller line. Phyllis was also preceded in death by eight brothers, Glen, Kermit, Marvin, Cless, Ralph, Dean, Bernard, and Ray; two sisters, Eva Proffit and Suma Miller and son-in-law, Jerry Krider.

[[Obituary](#) / [Phyllis Eller in the EFA database](#)]



On The Lighter Side

Elusive Kinsman

Alas, my elusive kinsman, you've led me quite a chase
I thought I'd found your courthouse, but the Yankees burned the place

You always kept your bags packed, although you had no fame
And just for the fun of it, twice you changed your name

You never owed any man, or at least I found no bills
In spite of eleven offspring, you never left a will

They say our name's from Europe, came state side on a ship
Either they lost the passenger list or granddad gave them the slip

I'm the only one looking, another searcher I can't find
I pray (maybe that's his father's name) as I go out of my mind.

They said you had a headstone, in a shady plot
I've been there twenty times, and can't even find the lot

You never wrote a letter, your Bible we can't find
It's probably in some attic, out of sight and out of mind

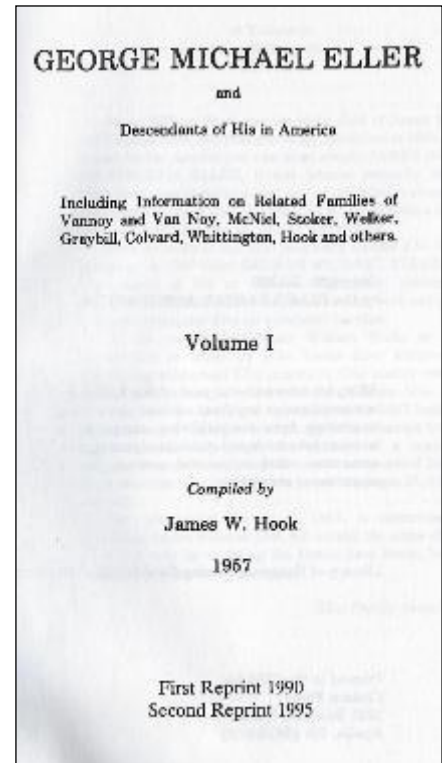
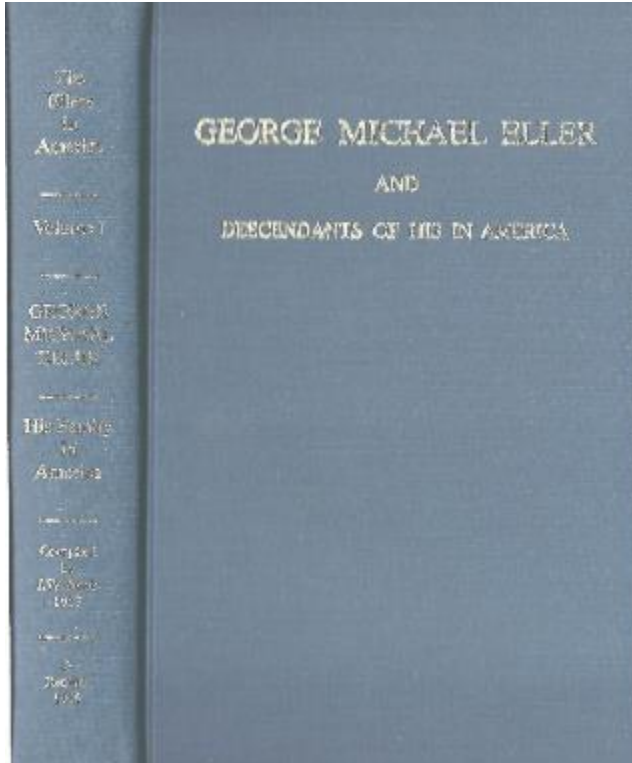
You first married aSmith, and just to set the tone
The other four were Sarahs, and everyone a Jones

You cost me two fortunes, one of which I did not have
My husband, my house and Fido. God, how I miss that yellow lab

But somewhere you slipped up, Ole Boy, somewhere you left a track
And if I don't find you this year, well..... Next year I'll be back!

Eller Books on Sale

A limited number of a definitive book on Eller genealogy, **George Michael Eller and Descendants of His in America** (1995 reprint of the 1957 edition), written by James W. Hook is still available for sale from the EFA. Make your check or money order for \$25 US to Eller Family Association. Order from Lauren Liggett (address below): missliggy@yahoo.com



**Eller Family Association
c/o Lauren Liggett
849 Hidden Eddy Drive
McKinney, TX 75071**

Eller Cookbooks Available

An Eller Cookbook was commissioned by the EFA in 2011. Copies are still available for \$10, postage paid, also from Lauren Liggett (address above): missliggy@yahoo.com

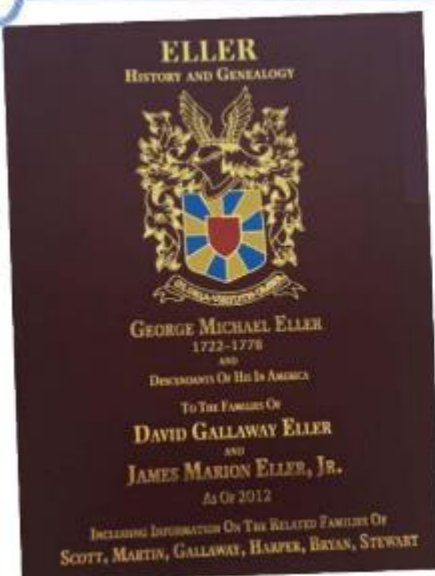
My Eller Cousins Available

A new George Michael Eller line book by Loveta Schweers focuses primarily on his Ashe County, NC descendants through his son, Peter Lenn Eller. For those interested in purchasing a copy, the cost of the CD will be \$30.00 postpaid. A personal check can be sent to Loveta Schweers, 425 Pinehurst Avenue, Salisbury, MD 21801.

If you have any questions, Loveta can be reached by email at Loveta@comcast.net.

Her book can also be found on the EFA Website: [My Eller Cousins](#)





ELLER History and Genealogy

GEORGE MICHAEL ELLER, 1722-1778
AND DESCENDANTS OF HIS IN AMERICA

To The Families Of DAVID GALLAWAY ELLER AND
JAMES MARION ELLER, JR., As Of 2012

Includes Information On The Related Families Of
SCOTT, MARTIN, GALLAWAY, HARPER, BRYAN, STEWART.

James Hook printed the first work on the Eller genealogy in 1925 titled: *James Hook and Virginia Eller*. He printed the second edition on the Eller family after thirty-two years titled: *George Michael Eller and Descendants of His in America*. However, only a few copies of Hook's first two published works are still in existence.

According to tradition, the Eller ancestors were from the Palatinate of Germany, where Eller is the name of at least five villages. Eller means "dweller near the elder trees." The name was confirmed as being of German origin by its coat of arms, which was found in Reirstap's Armorial General P1 CCLXIII as well as by the will of George Michael Eller, written in German (1778) and recorded in Frederick County, Maryland. Strong evidence showing George Michael to the son of Georg Eller of Kaltenbrunn, Untermerzbach, Bavaria exists, showing George as the second son of the union of Georg and Margaretha Huels Eller.

Margaretha Eleonor Sallén began researching the Eller lineage in 1966 until her death in 1973 when it continued with David until completed and printed in late 2012. Each chapter focuses on nine generations of these figureheads: George Michael Eller, James Scott, John Martin, Sr., William Gallaway, Robert Harper, Sr., William Smith Bryan, and John R. Stewart.

This 9" x 12", 776 page, limited-edition volume contains over 350 photographs and illustrations.

Complete the order form below and mail with payment of \$75 (include \$10 for shipping and handling and .0825% for sales tax) to: David Eller, 2401 Fountain View Drive, Suite 416, Houston, TX 77257.

For additional information, please contact David Eller at davideller@msn.com.

Yes! I want to purchase _____ copy(ies) of *Eller History and Genealogy: George Michael Eller and Descendants Of His In America*

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____

Qty: _____

\$75 each: _____

.0825% sales tax: _____
(\$.619 each)

\$10 s&h each: _____

Total: _____

Please complete order form and mail (along with check) to:

David Eller

2401 Fountain View Drive, Suite 416

Houston, TX 77257

Sales Tax only applicable if you are purchasing from Texas.

Register Now As An EFA Member on the Eller Website

A special section on the Eller Family Association website (www.ellerfamilyassociation.com) is just for EFA members and will allow access to the current year's Chronicles, our membership list and other members-only features. But, to ensure that it's open only to EFA members, you need to register. This is important, especially for members who receive their edition of the Chronicles by e-mail. You can go to the website and look for the login link near the top left of the page (in the brown stripe). Then click on "Don't have a login? Register for a New User Account." near the bottom of the popup box. Or you can click on this address: <http://www.ellerfamilyassociation.com/newacctform.php>

ELLER FAMILY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

The purpose of the **Eller Family Association** is to draw all Ellers, regardless of their particular family line, and allied families into a cooperative effort. We owe to the present generation and those of the future, this effort to come together, explore and record our common roots and heritage.

The **Eller Family Association** has already demonstrated that this approach is the quickest and most efficient mechanism for sharing family history and genealogical information.

The **Mission Statement** is that the Eller Family Association exists to assist all Eller and associated family lines worldwide to:

- Discover and preserve our historical past
- Report current events and ongoing contributions
- Develop and expand current family ties
- Provide ongoing biennial meetings to summarize accomplishments
- Socialize and provide inspired direction as we focus on the future.

A quarterly newsletter, *The Eller Chronicles*, is published and sent to each member in February, May, August and November. Information on all Ellers in the United States and Europe, from the 17th century to the current time is being gathered and made available.

To join the Association, please fill out the following information (to the extent known) and send with check for \$25 for an annual membership, or \$250 for a lifetime membership, payable to the Eller Family Association to:

**Eller Family Association
c/o Lauren Liggett
849 Hidden Eddy Drive
McKinney, TX 75071**

Online Membership Form: <http://www.ellerfamilyassociation.com/newfeature2.php>

Gift memberships are now available also. Give the gift of family.

- Give a new one-year membership for \$20
- Give a lifetime membership for \$200
- Give 2 new memberships for \$35
- Give 3 or more new memberships at a rate of \$15 each

Eller Family Association Membership Application

You can complete this application on your computer, print it out and return it with your check for \$25 to the address to the right.

Eller Family Association
c/o Lauren Liggett
849 Hidden Eddy Drive
McKinney, TX 75071

Date

☐

One Year

☐

Lifetime

Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Country

Phone Number

Email

☐ Please send "The Chronicles" via E-Mail to the address above☐ Please mail my copy of "The Chronicles"

Name, dates and place of oldest known ancestor:

Other family lines in which you are interested:

Remember...please enclose your \$25 membership fee
along with your application for membership.

Eller Family Association Membership Application

You can complete this application on your computer, print it out and return it with your check for the total to the address to the right.

GIFT

Eller Family Association
c/o Lauren Liggett
849 Hidden Eddy Drive
McKinney, TX 75071

Date

Giver Information

Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Country

Phone Number

Email

Total Gift Amount:

New Member Information☐ One Year☐ Lifetime

Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Country

Phone Number

Email

☐ Please send "The Chronicles" via E-Mail to the address above☐ Please mail copy of "The Chronicles"**New Member Information**☐ One Year☐ Lifetime

Name

Address

City

State

Zip Code

Country

Phone Number

Email

☐ Please send "The Chronicles" via E-Mail to the address above☐ Please mail copy of "The Chronicles"

Remember...please enclose the total membership fees
along with the applications for membership.

EFA ORGANIZATION

President:	Steve Eller	P O Box 52 Marble, NC 28905	(706) 318-7826 ellerpop1@yahoo.com
Vice President:	Anna Marie Bliss	4217 East Carmel Ave Mesa, AZ 85206	(480) 396-3364 ajbliss3343@yahoo.com
Secretary/Treasurer:	secretary@ellerfamilyassociation.com Lauren Liggett	849 Hidden Eddy Drive McKinney, TX 75071	(832) 331-4215 missliggy@yahoo.com
Directors:	Jerry Kendall	1700 Kendall Rd. Young Harris, GA 30582	(706) 970-0244 jerrykendall_2000@yahoo.com
	David G. Eller	PO Box 572216 Houston, TX 77257-2216	(713) 952-9400 davideller@msn.com
	Edward K. Eller	1124 Ridgeleigh Circle Dalton, GA 30720	(706) 278-1516 kermitteller38@gmail.com
	Emily Cook	1887 Slater Rd. Charlotte, NC 28216	(704) 200-8144 ecook082160@gmail.com
	Corinne Casper	1598 Heritage Hill Dr. Henrico, VA 23238	(804) 248-8235 virginiagirl147@comcast.net
Editor/Historian:	editor@ellerfamilyassociation.com Dan Liggett	849 Hidden Eddy Drive McKinney, TX 75071	(281) 222-7383 danliggett@gmail.com
Web Master	webmaster@ellerfamilyassociation.com Harvey Powers	4913 Wynn Ln. Apt. 102 Midlothian, VA 23112	(434) 247-0317 harv@harveypowers.com

Contact the Secretary/Treasurer:

- To apply for membership to the Eller Family Association
- To report a change of address
- 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 (1995 reprint of 1957 edition) @ \$25 ea

Contact the Editor to submit genealogy and family history for publication in *The Eller Chronicles*

Contact the Web Master about submitting and /or inquiring about information on the web site.

To view *The Eller Chronicles* on the internet, go to www.eller.org or www.ellerfamilyassociation.com