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From the President . . . Lauren Liggett

Dear Eller cousins and friends,

Hope you are having a good year so far in 2021. Ours has already had some interesting occurrences.

Houston has a sub-tropical climate. It is typically balmy and humid all winter long. We have an occasional freeze or two. Last week we had some crazy weather here! It got down to 12 degrees and stayed below freezing temperatures for most of the week. Houstonians did not know how to deal with such weather. Our homes were not built to endure such cold weather, especially without any electricity. Our power went out in the wee hours of Monday morning and was out for nearly 34 hours. As the temperature in the house continued to drop, we added more and more layers of clothing. We had our faucets dripping warm water in order to keep the pipes from freezing.

By Tuesday the inside temperature of our house was 48 degrees. We slept well under a pile of quilts. I was wearing my long underwear, sweat pants, sweat shirt and a nice thick robe that I had not needed to wear for several years. I also had on gloves, hat and a scarf! We are fortunate that our home has both gas and electric. We were able to light the stove burners to use for cooking. It was like we were camping out in our own home. We got a lot of reading done by candle light. It was quite the adventure.

When the power finally came on it would last for a few hours and then go off again. Eventually things started warming up inside and I heard a strange noise in the garage. As I opened the door to the garage I had to duck back in quickly as there was water pouring from the ceiling 😞. Dan was able to shut the water off quickly and avert further catastrophe. I quickly called our plumber as I knew we would not be the only ones with broken water pipes. Fortunately, he came the next day and capped off that line in the garage so that we could turn on water to the rest of the house. He promised to come back someday to repair the busted pipe.

Dan and I are very blessed that our lack of power was not as long as some families had to endure. We are happy that we only had one busted pipe and that it was in the garage. Most of our neighbors had many more leaks and busted pipes than we did. A couple of our neighbors had their inside ceilings cave in from the many water leaks they had.

During our time without electricity and water we thought about our ancestors and how they had to haul water and cook over a fire or a wood burning stove. We imagined how much time that took them each day just to carry the water home. Then there's all the wood that needed to be chopped and carried in for cooking and heating purposes. How did our great grandma's make such good biscuits when they couldn't even set the temperature of their ovens?!

We are so spoiled today!! I am happy that my adventure only lasted a few days. Thank you Lord, that I don't have to work so hard to stay warm and eat well.

Your thankful cousin,

Lauren Eller Liggett

missliggy@yahoo.com





From the Secretary . . . Ed Eller

Greetings to all Eller Family Association Members and Family from North Georgia:

I have found out a lot from familytree.org by downloading their app called Family Tree. I find that Martin Luther is my 12th Grandfather. It lists all the people with birth and death dates from him to me. I also go back to 30 US Presidents with all the dates from me to them. It is very exciting even though some of it might not be correct. We will discuss all of this at our Conference in July.

In the last several Chronicles, I challenged everyone to join for someone in your family. This has not happened. We only have three people that has done that. This week I am going to do two cousins that have never been a member of the EFA. Come on members. It just costs you \$ 20.00.

We just have fifteen rooms in the Hinton Center so get your reservations in early. After the rooms are booked up, you would have to stay in a Motel.

Until next time

Ed Eller

EFA Secretary/Treasurer
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From the Webmaster . . . Harvey Powers

Greetings from sunny Southwest Florida. We were able to get the first round of Covid vaccine and so have crossed our fingers and gone ahead with our annual mid-winter escape to the Gulf of Mexico. We left Richmond just as the ice storm struck. It dropped a tree on my son's home, badly damaging the roof but with no injuries. Another son spent a couple nights in our Richmond apartment which had power while his home didn't.

We try not to gloat...but it's sunny and in the 80's today. The Gulf water is still a bit chilly but that didn't stop me from getting my ankles wet. Crowds of we so-called "snowbirds" are noticeably smaller this year. There are also no tickets to be had for Spring Training baseball which is restricting fans to a small percentage of the available seats.

If like me you've taken the Ancestry DNA test you may find this interesting. Some 600,000 Ancestry DNA volunteers have participated in a study to see if there are clues in our DNA that may give insight into the Coronavirus. So far, they believe there is a marker that means men may be inclined to have more difficulty with the disease.

A "virtual" genealogical conference called "RootsTech" was offered free by the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints in late February. While it's too late to participate live, many of the seminars and sessions were recorded and can be viewed online. Organizers say more than 200,000 people registered, representing every country around the world. You can view the sessions at www.rootstech.org.

I continue to find Eller material on the internet that appears to be separate from the major genealogy websites. Here is one I ran into this week: <https://www.myfamilysearch.net/getperson.php?personID=I3634&tree=2005217a>
This appears to be research on our Henry Eller line.

Harvey Powers

EFA Webmaster

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From the Editor . . . Dan Liggett

February is the month we celebrate Valentine's Day and the people we love. Sometimes that is family and sometimes it's not. The Eller Family Association is like that. Some of us are related and some are not, but when we get together, we are family regardless of our blood lines or our DNA. That is what the Eller Family Conference is all about. See you in July . . .

I went looking for quotes about family and love I hope you enjoy reading through them as much as I did. Which one is your favorite?

"Family is more than blood."

"Blood doesn't make family, love does."

"Being genetically related doesn't make you family."

"You don't have to have the same blood to be family."

"Blood makes you related. Loyalty makes you family."

"Being family is determined more by behavior than by blood."

"Family is not always by blood. It is by heart." — Soumen Das

"Just because we're not blood-related doesn't mean you're not family to me."

"OHANA means family. Family means nobody gets left behind or forgotten."

"Family isn't always blood. It's the people in your life who want you in theirs."

"Family isn't about blood relationships; it is about the meaning behind them."

"Family is not flesh and blood. It's time, love, caring and sharing. That's family."

"Family's not about whose blood you carry, but about who you love and who loves you back."

"Family is often born of blood, but it doesn't depend on blood. Nor it is exclusive of friendship."

"The bond linking your family is not one of blood, but of respect and joy in each other's lives."

"It didn't matter how big our house was; it mattered that there was love in it." — Peter Buffett

"Family is not about blood. It's about who is willing to hold your hand when you need it the most."

"A true family bond isn't always about blood. It's knowing that whatever happens, they'll always be there."

"You don't choose your family. They are God's gift to you, as you are to them." — Desmond Tutu

"Real family does not come from your blood. It is the people standing beside you when no one else is."

"It is not always about flesh and blood but the heart which makes the family. Call them your kin, your unit, your home, your folks, whatever name you call them. Thank God for those who make us feel like we belong and who accepts us like family." — Brigitte Nicole

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

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Board/Directors Meeting Minutes

Compiled by Dan Liggett

The January 31, 2021 Board/Directors meeting (by phone) was called to order at 9:06pm EST. Present on the call were Lauren Liggett, Dan Liggett, Ed Eller, Harvey Powers, Anna Bliss, Steve Eller, Emily Cook, and Jerry Kendall. Christine Walker, Corrine Casper, and David Eller were unable to attend.

Harvey expressed a concern that the website should have someone able to serve as a backup to him as webmaster since he is not getting any younger. He mentioned that Dan Liggett (editor) has all the passwords and could probably carry on in such a case. If no one else is interested, he and Dan will sit down together during the Conference and go over some of the details. He had previously had a software issue surrounding the administration of the website that has since been resolved.

Steve gave an update on the EFA Family Conference plans for July 14-18, 2021 at [The Hinton Center](#) in Hayesville, North Carolina (directly across Lake Chatuge from Hiawassee, Georgia). After some investigation, he determined a bus would be cost prohibitive for the traditional Friday tour day, but thought renting 2 to 3 vans should work. He has been working on the itinerary for that tour along with lunch. Potential sites include a trip to Helen with some possibility of visiting a nearby Casino and/or the Old Smyrna Cemetery (if the road is improved by then).

He wondered if the cost of lunch at the Dillard House should be part of the total tour cost or separate. Including the lunch cost with the tour cost (entry fees and transportation) was appealing, but, when Steve contacted the Dillard House to reserve the luncheon at 11:30am on Friday, July 16, they suggested individual payment for lunch, since a group lunch would have to guarantee a set number of people whether everyone shows up or not. Just so everyone knows, Georgia has no mask mandate at this time. The Dillard House does follow Health Department Guidelines. Servers wear masks and tables are cleaned and disinfected between each use.

Steve went on to say that the cost would be \$70 per night per room (15 available) in the Nadine P. Johnson Retreat House, where the meetings will be held. That will ensure the cost of the Retreat House is covered. Some of that may be refunded if all the rooms are booked. Unfortunately, the other cottages and cabins at [The Hinton Center](#) have all been booked for the dates of the EFA Conference, so the 15 rooms in the Johnson Retreat House appear to be the only on-site accommodations available. There may be some other options for any overflow, so please contact Steve with any questions. [Here is a link](#) to a Google search for nearby hotels.

Steve said he would be happy to take room requests by email (ellerpop1@yahoo.com) or by phone/text (706-318-7826) and he will respond with a room number that can be added to the Conference Registration form in the February Chronicles along with payment. That room number will not be locked in until payment has been made.

The Saturday evening banquet will be catered by The Hinton Center at the Johnson Retreat House and will be about \$25 per person.

A discussion ensued about having some meals together at the Johnson House. The second floor has a large kitchen and sitting area. [Nearby restaurants](#) are limited, so on-site meals may be preferred. Steve will need to know ahead of time who wishes to participate in joint breakfast so groceries can be purchased in advance. Steve is looking into the possibility of using a camera or web cam to transmit the meeting to a large TV screen on the second floor. This would help limit the number of people in the meeting room and limit the need for using the stairs.

Steve reported that people who want to come early (Mon-Tue), can do so by contacting the Hinton Center to make arrangements directly. The charge per night is \$45 for Monday and Tuesday. If your EFA room number is requested, moving will be unnecessary.

Ed and Steve reported that the Hinton Center has agreed that all deposits are refundable up to a month prior to the Conference in case the COVID outbreak forces postponement of the Conference in July. Any postponement or cancellation of the Conference will be decided on prior to and published in the May Eller Chronicles. If that happens, all moneys collected will be refunded in full, so addresses need to be correct on registration forms.

Dan mentioned that EFA By-Law changes that had been published in the November 2019 Chronicles should probably be reprinted in both the February and May 2021 Eller Chronicles so people have a chance to review the changes prior to the Member Meeting during the Conference in July. All agreed that should be done.

Some nominations have already been made for EFA officers, but it was decided to solicit nominations for officers and board members. Any nominations made will be reviewed by a nomination committee prior to the EFA Conference in July and presented to the membership at the Member Meeting held at the Conference. Nominations from the floor are allowed as well, but prior nomination is preferred. Send nominations to Ed Eller, Secretary/Treasurer (kermitteller38@gmail.com).

Harvey reported website statistics for 2020 of 49,604 unique users, 130,080 visits and 3,982,359 pages viewed.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:36pm EST.

Proposed By-Laws Changes

At the November 17, 2019 Board/Directors meeting, a review of the Eller Family Association By-Laws was performed. The last time it was reviewed and amended was in 2007 (published in the [August 2007 Chronicles](#), p. 44-47). These proposed changes were published with the Board Meeting minutes in the November 2019 Chronicles.

The following proposed amendments were agreed upon (old verbiage crossed out and new verbiage underlined) and will be discussed and voted upon at the next Members Meeting (EFA Conference):

Article IV, paragraph 1:

1. Annual dues shall be set by the Board of Directors and shall be ~~for the fiscal year ending June 30~~ due on the anniversary date of joining the EFA. Membership dues shall include four quarterly issues of the ELLER CHRONICLES. ~~Dues of persons joining during the year shall be prorated to the nearest quarter.~~ Back issues of THE ELLER CHRONICLES shall be made available to members and non-members at a cost set by the Board of Directors.

Article V, paragraph 2b:

- 2b. A quorum shall consist of ~~30~~ 10 members, including at least three members of the Board of Directors.

Article VI, paragraphs 5a, 5c:

- 5a. The President shall:
 - ~~5) Publish an annual report to the membership in the February issue of THE ELLER CHRONICLES.~~
 - ~~6) Submit a proposed annual budget to the Board of Directors for approval by January 1, a copy to be published in February issue of THE ELLER CHRONICLES.~~
- 5c. The Secretary/Treasurer shall:
 - 2) Maintain a current roster of the membership of the EFA ~~and provide mailing labels to the printer of THE ELLER CHRONICLES.~~
 - 6) Make annual financial reports to the EFA membership in THE ELLER CHRONICLES, February August issue , which immediately follows the end of the fiscal year (July 31).

Article VII, paragraphs 1, 3a, 4:

1. The officers, elected or appointed directors, ~~and~~ the Editor of THE ELLER CHRONICLES and the EFA Webmaster shall constitute the Board of Directors.
- 3a. Meet ~~once a year~~ quarterly by phone , if feasible, ~~or~~ and every other year in person in conjunction with the general meeting.
4. A quorum of the Board shall consist of four Board members including at least one officer. Notice Minutes of all Board meetings shall be published in THE ELLER CHRONICLES. Board meetings shall be open to all members of EFA.

Article IX

Amendments to the By-Laws may be proposed by the Board at a general meeting for approval by the membership. Provisional amendments to the By-Laws may be agreed upon and deemed “in effect” by the Board of Directors in an official Board meeting, but they will not be made a permanent amendment until voted on by the membership at the next bi-annual EFA Member meeting.

Article X

Upon the dissolution of THE ELLER FAMILY ASSOCIATION and/or the final completion of its business affairs, the remaining assets of the Association shall be distributed to one of the following:

1. The National Genealogical Society
2. An organization engaged in research of the Germanic migration to the United States, such as THE AUGUSTAN SOCIETY, INC. If possible, the stipulation to use those funds for researching the migration of ELLERS to the United States.
3. The upkeep of the ELLER FAMILY ASSOCIATION ARCHIVES, located at the Rowan County Library, Salisbury, North Carolina.

No specific changes to Article X, but the Board would like to visit this topic at the next Membership meeting in 2021 to come up with more specific guidelines.



Lake Chatuge, nestled in the Blue Ridge Mountains between Hayesville, NC on the north and Hiawassee, GA on the south, was created by the Tennessee Valley Authority in 1942 when a 2,950-foot earth-filled dam was built across the Hiawassee River. Below is a history of the lake from a blog posted by Brenda Kay Ledford, a seventh generation native of Clay County, NC.



History of Lake Chatuge

By Brenda Kay Ledford

<https://www.blogger.com/profile/03077314514118637590>

Wednesday, December 21, 2011

Chatuge Dam is an earth-fill type dam across the Hiawassee River about three miles southeast of Hayesville, NC. At full pool elevation, water covers about 3,700 acres in Towns County, GA.

There was much speculation on June 12, 1941 that a dam was coming to this area. Clay County would be greatly affected by the TVA purchasing one third of the best farm land. Folks feared that many people would have to leave the county making the taxes higher.

According to historian Jerry Taylor, the TVA even worked on Sunday. "Back then folks stopped on Sunday since they attended church," he said. "But the TVA kept working on the storage dam at the mouth of Shooting Creek in Clay County."

Engineers hoped to have the dam finished in 15 months. Almost 2,000 skilled and unskilled employees would be needed to work nonstop on three shifts. Federal experts started looking into land acquisition. The dam in this area was called Chatuge that is believed to mean "the meeting of the waters."

Time is marching on. The House of Representatives passed a bill to build four dams in the Tennessee River area. The Senate gave final approval for the project July 10, 1941.

Besides beginning construction on Chatuge Dam, reunions and revivals were being held in July. About 2,000 Ledfords attended their final reunion and singing in the Scrougetown. Ledford's Chapel was moved to accommodate the dam. My parents, Rondy and Blanche L. Ledford, attended this last reunion before the church was forced to move for the dam.

A regional newspaper ran a feature on August 31, 1941 about the TVA forcing 500 families to move from Shooting Creek. The people were required to relocate by the last day of December, 1941. The prices for the land were still unclear.

Taylor said people thought the dam was needed to help our country win the war. "It was like a lamb to the slaughter," he added. "People did what they had to do."

How did people react to severing their roots? Some were philosophical, others downcast. Some were stubborn and had to be evicted. Most didn't know where they would move. Neighboring counties hiked land prices because farms were needed.

Allen Bell, superintendent of Clay County Schools, didn't know what to do about Elf School. About 283 students attended and most of the families would move. A new road must be built to reach the school. Water would surround the school and students didn't need a lake for their playground.

Holt Patton of Hayesville was worried about losing his land. He figured he would sit on the back seat when the TVA settled up. Patton said he could move his house, but wouldn't have land to make a living. "I'm in a plight," he added.

Hayesville swelled to capacity during the construction of Chatuge Dam. It was a booming town. Construction workers rented rooms out of houses. Citizens complained because of wide differences in land appraisals and there was no choice to sell your land. The TVA took all your land.

People scrambled to move before the December deadline. Some didn't make it. A local paper stated on January 9, 1942 that some old-fashioned neighborliness was needed to help people move. The TVA was burning barns, destroying homes, cutting trees, and clearing the land.

Even the wildlife scampered when their habitats were destroyed. The land looked like a hurricane had struck. A chimney stood where a family once lived. A lone chicken looked for a roosting place. Roads were torn up and muddy. Banks were bare. Water would soon cover the once rich farmland.

The local Lions Club started stocking fish in Lake Chatuge on May 22, 1942. The TVA project was finished.



HINTON
RURAL LIFE
CENTER

It began as a vision . . .

Hinton Rural Life Center began in 1957 with a vision, a building, and 4.5 acres of land in Hayesville, a small town in the mountains of Western North Carolina. The Center came into being as the result of a gift of property from J. Walter and Velma Moore of Hayesville; a financial gift from Alice Lanier Hinton in memory of her late husband, Harold H. Hinton, of Athens, Georgia; and donations of money, materials, and labor from individuals and churches interested in the development of a rural life center, under the auspices of the Methodist Church.



Today . . .

In 2021, Hinton Rural Life Center celebrates its 60th anniversary! Still offering scenic views of Lake Chatuge and the beautiful Appalachian Mountains, Hinton's campus consists of over 15 facilities on 33 acres of property. Our lodging options include Hermitage cabins, Lodge rooms, retreat houses, and RV sites. Conference offerings include large and small meeting spaces and dining

rooms, an executive chef, and fiber optic internet connections. There are also indoor and outdoor worship areas, including a labyrinth, as well as trails, disc golf course, fire pits, and a dock for boating, swimming, and fishing.

In addition to offering space and place for individuals, families, and groups to gather, meet, and retreat, Hinton continues to "walk alongside" our neighbors in this rural mountain community through a variety of ministries, including Safe and Healthy Home Repair, firewood and garden ministries, and local youth and adult leadership development. Hinton also continues our commitment to training and equipping clergy and congregations in new and engaging ways, to offer transformational ministries that "cultivate hope" in their own communities.



2021 Eller Family Conference

[The Hinton Center](http://www.hintoncenter.org)

Hayesville, North Carolina

July 14-18 ,2021

At the Hinton Center (www.hintoncenter.org), the Nadine Johnson Retreat House has 15 bedrooms, each with a queen bed and private bath. It has a large communal kitchen and living room on the main floor, and a large meeting space on the lower floor. It is a 3-story building with stairs between and external access to both the main and lower floors.

[SPECIAL NOTE: Booking of rooms for the Nadine Johnson Retreat House will be done directly through Steve Eller (ellerpop1@yahoo.com 706-318-7826).



Nadine Johnson Retreat House



<https://www.hintoncenter.org/accommodations/lodging/>

ELLER FAMILY ASSOCIATION CONFERENCE
JULY 14 - JULY 18 2021
HINTON RURAL LIFE CENTER
2030 HINTON CENTER ROAD
HAYESVILLE, NC 28904
828-389-8336

REGISTRATION FORM:

****Please include names of all attendees****

Name(s): _____

Address: _____

E-mail: _____

<u>Conference Activity Fees</u>	<u>Cost per Person</u>	<u>x</u>	<u>How many</u>	<u>Total</u>
Wednesday July 14				
Conference Registration Fee	\$ 5.00	x	_____	_____
(register after 12 noon in Conference Room)			(\$ 10.00 max per family)	

Friday July 16

Tour Transportation Fee	\$ 11.00	x	_____	_____
[9am van tour to Head of Tennessee Baptist Church cemetery in Dillard, GA, lunch on your own at Dillard House, then to Helen, GA (Bavarian town) - back to Hinton by 5pm]				

Saturday July 17

Dinner at 7pm (Group Banquet)

Adults	\$ 28.00	x	_____	_____
Children (4-12)	\$ 15.00	x	_____	_____

Total Due: _____

Make Checks payable to: **Eller Family Association**

And mail to: **Ed Eller 1124 Ridgeleigh Circle Dalton Georgia 30720**

Any questions, please call (706-217-7314) or E-mail: kermitteller38@gmail.com

Room registrations through: **Steve Eller 706-318-7826** ellerpop1@yahoo.com

Steve will issue a room number

Room Number	_____ @	\$ 70.00/night	x	_____ nights	_____
Room Number	_____ @	\$ 70.00/night	x	_____ nights	_____

Checks payable and mailed to same as above.

Room Total Due: _____

If combined:

Grand Total Due: _____

Eller Family Conference Agenda

Wednesday July 14

After 12noon Registration in Conference Room

Dinner On your own

Thursday July 15

9:00 AM Welcome (Ed Eller & Lauren Liggett)
Introduction to Western NC and North East Georgia by Steve Eller.

10:00 AM Business Meeting.

11:00 AM Break for lunch

(since we are not close to town and will have to find lunch venues, we have scheduled two hours for lunch)

1:00 PM The James B. Goddard story by Jerry Taylor.

After Jerry speaks, our Business meeting will resume and have our election of officers.

3:00 PM Meet and Greet
Open updates/genealogy. Harvey, Steve, Dan and anyone else that may need the floor.

4:30 PM Board of Directors meeting.

Dinner On your own

Friday July 16

9:00 AM Van tour to Head of Tennessee Baptist Church cemetery Dillard, Georgia.

11:30 AM Lunch at the Dillard House (on your own)

After Lunch Travel to Helen, Georgia (a Bavarian Town)[back to Hinton Inn by 5:00 PM]

Saturday July 17

9:00 AM Book update station – Steve Eller will have a computer set up to add Eller Family Descendants to the John Jacob Eller Book
(Designed for local folks who may not get to come any other time)

EFA Website Database – Harvey Powers will also have a computer and be available to add or correct any information on the EFA Website Database

10am-2pm Silent Auction (No bidding after 2:00PM)

Lunch On your own

5:00 PM Pictures of all groups in the Banquet Hall

7:00 PM Dinner (Group Banquet)

Sunday July 18 Say our goodbye's

***NOTE:** Some of us are going to arrive Monday the 12th or Tuesday the 13th. If you want to come in early, make that reservation and payment directly to the Hinton Center (828-389-8336). The cost is \$45.00 per night paid to the Hinton center. Mention the number of your room and you will be assigned the same room you will have for the Conference and you will not have to move.*

Directions to the Hinton Rural Life Center

2330 Hinton Center Road PO Box 27 Hayesville, NC. 28904 - (828) 389-8336

From the North (Asheville, Waynesville/Lake Junaluska):

[Travel time from Waynesville/Lake Junaluska is about 1 1/2 hours]

- * Follow I-40 (East or West) to exit 27 (*signs will indicate 74W, to 19, to 23, and to Waynesville*)
- * Follow US 23 South/74 West towards Waynesville (*stay in left two lanes*)
- * Continue on through the Waynesville exits (*you will pass a rest area on your left*) and Sylva exits
- * Take exit 81 (*sign will indicate Dillsboro, Franklin, Atlanta*) and follow 23 South (*also 441S and 64W*)
- * Go through stop light in Dillsboro and continue 16 miles to Franklin (*you'll pass "Gold City" on right*)
- * In Franklin you will go through 4 stop lights, but *do not leave highway*; the road will become US 64 West in Franklin
- * Follow US 64 West over the mountains (*about 32 miles*) towards Hayesville
- * Turn left at Hinton Center Road (*If you pass through a stop light, you have missed Hinton Center Road – watch for large Hinton Center sign on the left*)
- * Go straight at the stop sign (*Oak Forest UMC on right*); road ends in Hinton's parking lot

From the South (Atlanta, Hartsfield International Airport):

[Travel time from airport 2 1/2 to 3 hours depending on traffic]

- * Follow I-75 North through downtown (*or follow 285 around Atlanta and take exit 14 onto I-75 N*)
- * Go about 9.5 miles and take exit #268 onto I-575 North towards Canton and Woodstock
- * Follow I-575 through Marietta, Woodstock, and Canton
- * I-575 will turn into GA 515 North (*Zell Miller Mountain Parkway*)
- * Follow 515N through Jasper, Ellijay, Blue Ridge, Blairsville, and Young Harris (*there are no turns during this time*)
- * About 3.3 miles past Young Harris, turn left at the first light (GA 17/515)
- * Go 4.5 miles (*you will cross the NC state line and the road becomes NC 69*) and turn right at the first stop light, which is US 64 E bypass
- * Go about 1 more mile (*you will pass through another stop light and over a bridge*)
- * At the 3rd street on the right past the bridge, turn right onto Hinton Center Road (*watch for large Hinton Center sign on right*)
- * Go straight at the stop sign (*Oak Forest UMC on right*); road ends in Hinton's parking lot

From Chattanooga:

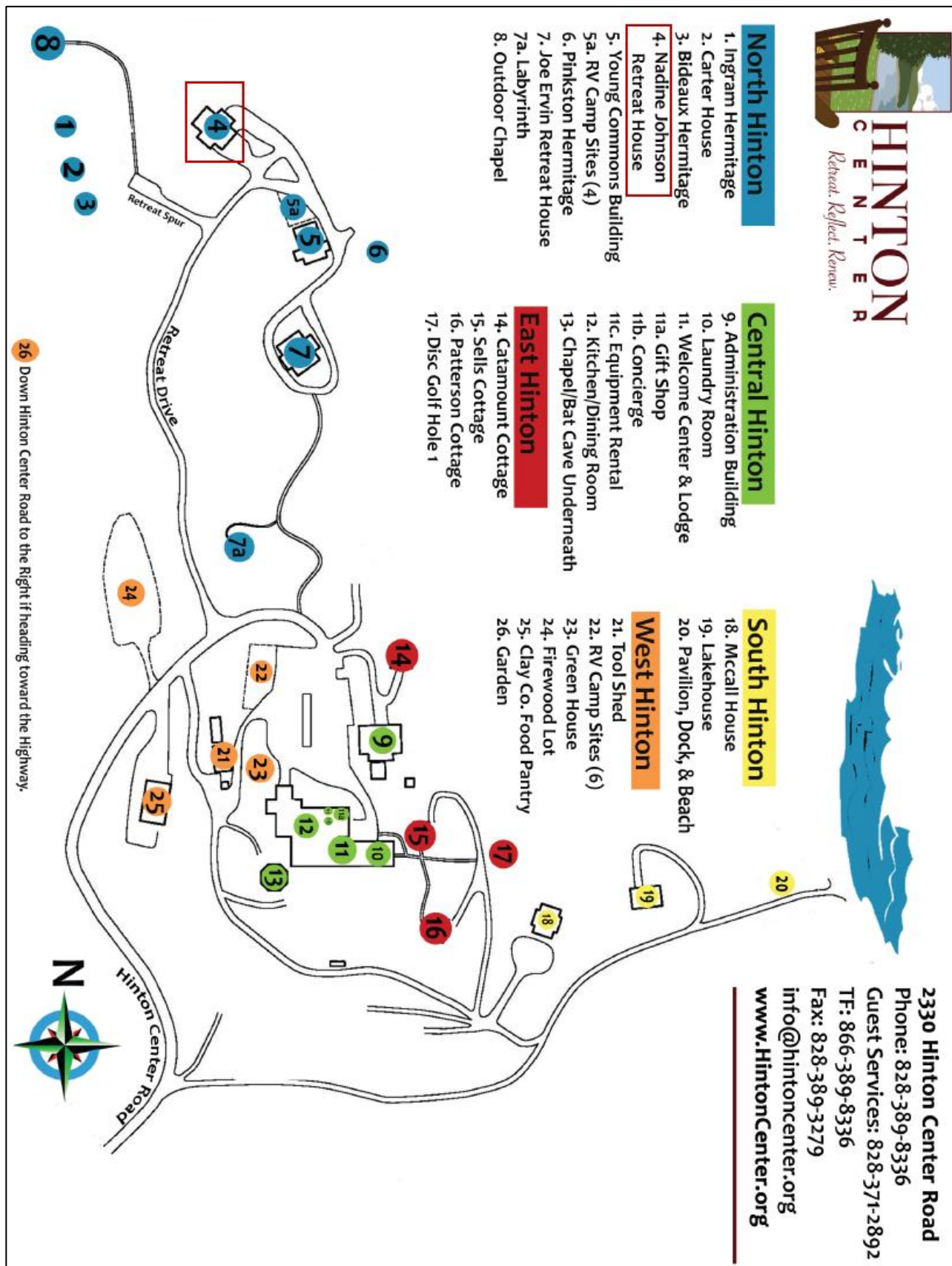
[Travel time from Chattanooga is about 2 hours]

- * Follow I-75 North to the Highway 64 Bypass just south of Cleveland
- * Follow 64 Bypass around Cleveland and take 64 East as it exits toward Ocoee and Copperhill, TN (*you'll go through the Ocoee River gorge*)
- * Continue on 64E to Murphy, NC
- * Turn right at second stop light in Murphy just across bridge and follow 64 East toward Hayesville
- * Go about 14 miles to the first traffic light in Hayesville (*do not turn at Hayesville Business sign*)
- * Continue straight at the stop light for about one more mile (*through another stop light, over bridge*)
- * At the 3rd street on the right past the bridge, turn right onto Hinton Center Road (*watch for large Hinton Center sign on right*)
- * Go straight through the stop sign (*Oak Forest UMC on right*); road ends in Hinton's parking lot

From Western SC (Anderson area):

[Travel time from Anderson is about 2 hours]

- * Follow US 76 west through Clemson, Seneca, Westminster, and Clayton to Hiawassee, GA
- * Turn right onto GA 75 at traffic light at McDonald's in Hiawassee
- * Follow that road about 9 miles (*it becomes NC175*), turning left just over a bridge as indicated, toward US 64
- * At US 64, turn left toward Hayesville
- * After another 2-3 miles, turn left at Hinton Center Road (*If you pass through a stop light, you have missed Hinton Center Road – watch for large Hinton Center sign on the left*)
- * Go straight at the stop sign (*Oak Forest UMC on right*); road ends in Hinton's parking lot.



John Jacob Eller Book Update

by Steve Eller

February 2, 2021

The Eller Family Association is working to update the book "John Jacob Eller and His Descendants" that was published in 1998 and co-authored by J. Gerald Eller, Edward K. Eller and Janine Eller Porter. Contact Steve Eller (ellerpop1@yahoo.com) with anything relevant to the effort.



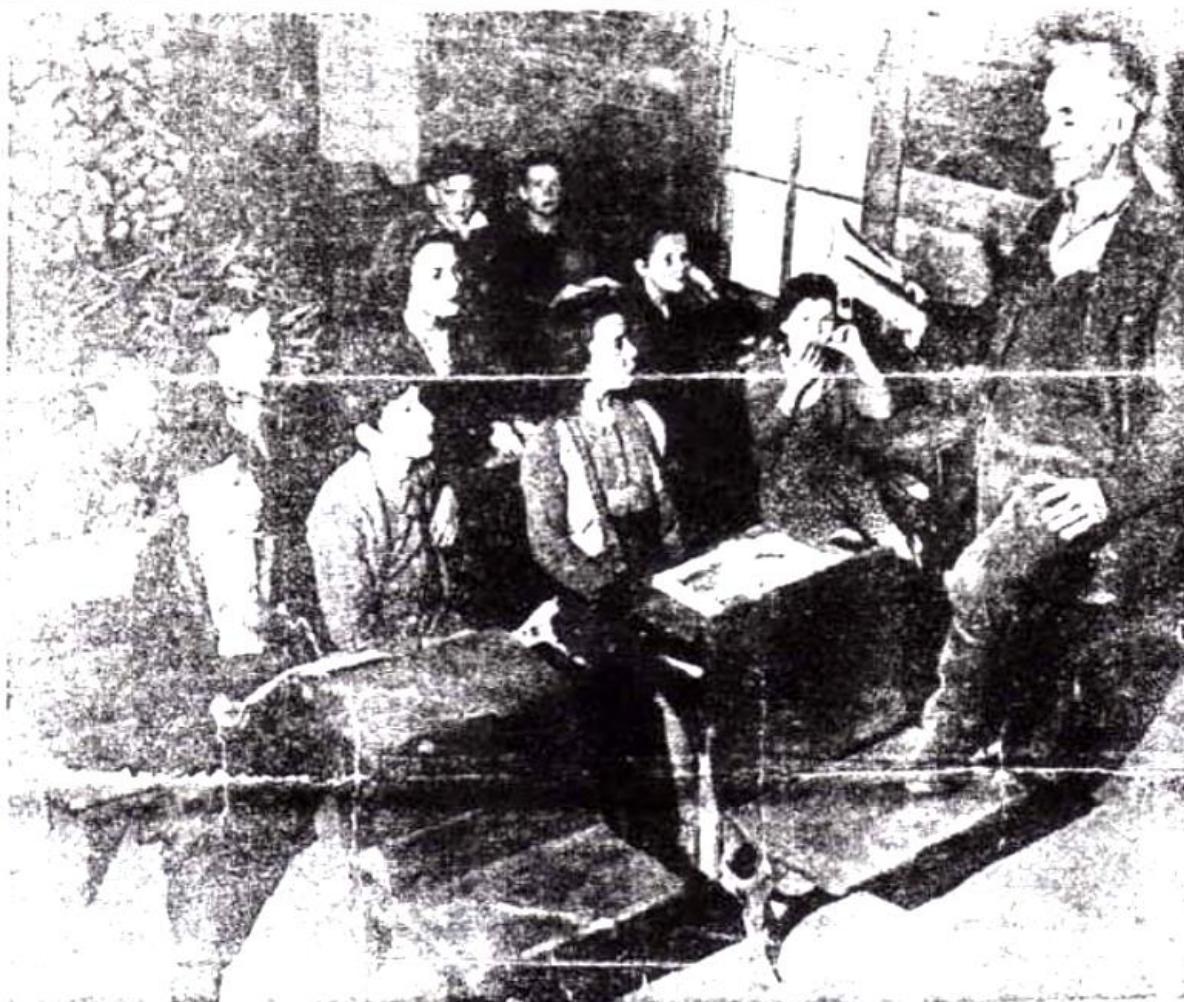
We are over 20,000 total names in the book. I have updated around 6,000 names with at least one of the following: DOB, DOD, Burial Place, Military Service, Marriage Date and/or Marriage Place. I have an inbox which is still pretty full and keeps my wife busy entering information. I still have a lot of information requests out there that haven't been returned. I have sent out partial family reports to folks to let them know what info we do have and maybe get them jumpstarted. I may need some help at the end of this project to help contact folks. I will let you know how it goes. This experience has really given me a general idea about how large our family really is and where some of the larger family groups settled. We recently had to add some info sent to us from Harvey Powers on the Fore Family. As you may know, Sukey had two sister's that married Fore's. Most of the information was already in the book. I did find several who were not. I made contact with a few and hope to add some names we didn't have in the book. Jerry Taylor continues to send me updates as he gets them. If I haven't contacted you yet or you haven't gotten around to giving me your information, please do so (ellerpop1@yahoo.com or 706-318-7826).

Related information: Tallulah Mountain United Baptist Church Meeting Minutes. This project is in its final stages. I have gotten a lot of help from Jerry Taylor, Jerry Kendall and Gazette Morgan. There were 183 names mentioned in these minutes. The minutes start when the church was established (1893) and go to 1918. I have created an individual member guide where as you read the minutes and see a name, you can turn to the guide and see family info and burial info on that person. I also have a dismissal letter from a member wanting to join another church. The person that sent me that letter is an Eller descendant who lives in Virginia. At the end is some information on Old Smyrna Church and some pics. I hope to have this project to print soon.

Ellers In The News

Submitted by Harvey Powers. Albert Eller goes back to Sukey Eller thru Joe Eller and Mariah Hedden...via their son Alfred. It paints a wonderful picture of the efforts of our ancestors. He's in the database at: <http://ellerfamilyassociation.com/getperson.php?personID=I6290&tree=JacobJr01>

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NORTH GEORGIA "JOURNEY THROUGH NORTH AMERICA"—Hiawassee, Ga., Jan. 12.—With a mud-caked boot planted squarely on a sturdy desk seat Professor Alfred M. Eller, one-man faculty of one-room Pleasant Hill School, leads his grades through a "Journey Through North America." In the background is firewood he chopped for the pot-bellied stove. (Another picture on Page 2-A.)—Journal Photos by Guy Hayes.

NO HELP IN SIGHT

Pleasant Hill Teacher 'Fills In' Since 1917

**\$45 Per Month Is Top Pay for Professor
Who, at 75, Still Is Imparting Knowledge**

This is another of a series of articles by a Journal staff writer exploring reasons why Georgia's educational system needs 7,000 certified teachers to bring its faculties up to par.

By TOM HAM
Journal Staff Writer

HIAWASSEE, Ga., Jan. 12.—When gaunt, gangling, knee-booted Professor Alfred M. Eller, the septuagenarian one-man faculty of muddy Pleasant Hill's rickety little schoolhouse, tells you he came back from retirement "just to help out during the war emergency," you incline to wonder facetiously to yourself, "which war?"

Then he tells you parenthetically he means the first World War, and you recognize a twinkle in the old gentleman's squirrel-shooting eye.

Truth is, the professor doesn't want to keep school. Fact of the business, he quit once, "and stayed quit nigh onto 20 years."

But here lately—since 1917—they have been having trouble getting teachers for the little one-room, seven-grade institutions of elementary learning up in the Blue Ridge, and here and there he has been sort of helping out "till things get back to normal."

Indeed, if it hadn't been for the professor there just wouldn't have been any school this year or last in the muddy little plank building on the bank of Big John Creek.

Straight as a Pine

Alfred M. Eller has seen 75 mountain winters, but is straight as a mountain pine. He knows his mathematics and geography and technical grammar backward and forward, says County School Superintendent Ray Nicholson, but because he got his education the hard way back when "credits" as such were unknown in these teacher's certificate.

So he makes \$45 a month.

For \$45 a month the professor trudges through the mud and the snow and sometimes the warm sunny weather from his farm to the bare little building under Eagle Mountain five days a week to instill learning and a thirst for learning in 14 mountain children scattered through seven grades.

He gets there and finds the one room cold, and he kindles a fire in the pot-bellied stove from the wood he himself has chopped and toted in and piled in a corner.

And he thinks it is taking them a long time to hunt up a regular state-certificate teacher for Pleasant Hill.

Professor Eller wants out. He wants to get back to his farm. He could make more money hoeing corn or shooting squirrels or even digging snake root than the school teaching business pays a non-certificate instructor.

"Tain't the Same"

Mr. Nicholson says time was when he could get enough certificate teachers, even for remote places like Pleasant Hill, but he can't get them now on the money he's provided for salaries. There just aren't enough college-educated people who'll work for \$85 now. Not while rabbits are bringing 25 cents apiece and pants factories are paying twenty-five dollars a week for only semi-skilled workers who don't have to have college educations.

So it looks like the professor is stuck with it for quite a spell yet.

The old gentleman peered down over his bifocals at his charges—some of whom walk only four mountain-miles to and from school every day—and mused:

"Tain't like it used to be—education. When I was comin' up I had to work for mine—cut timber, work in sawmills of an afternoon and such. These children might not have it as good as some, but they have it pretty easy, and I reckon we've come a long way since the old days."

I told him I reckoned so.



THEY "COME A LONG WAY"—Hiawassee, Ga., Jan. 12.—With Eagle Mountain looming in the background, three pairs of legs trip over Big John Creek on their way to their rickety little schoolhouse on muddy Pleasant Hill. These three, Virginia Eller, left, Curtis Dover and Neal Dover, right, hike four miles a day to get their education.

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.

Edith Angie Garrett

1919-2021

Edith Angeline Hogsed Garrett, "Aunt Ned" to many, passed away Friday, January 1, 2021 at the age of 101. A native of the Shooting Creek community of Clay County, North Carolina, she was born November 9th, 1919, only daughter to the late Glen and Mandy (Cowart) Hogsed. She was a lifelong resident of the Upper Bell Creek Community of Hiawassee.



She is preceded in death by her husband, Unseld Garrett. Unseld was son of John William and Effie Price Garrett. John William was the son of William K and Mary Ann Eller Garrett. Unseld goes back to Joseph and Mariah Hedden Eller.

[[Obituary](#) | [Edith Angeline Garrett in the EFA Database](#)]

Louis H. Eller

1922-2021

Louis H. Eller, 98, a resident of the Pennsylvania Soldiers and Sailors Home, passed away peacefully on Saturday, January 30, 2021 at UPMC Hamot. He was born in Greene Township on July 1, 1922 a son of the late Lewis and Florence Carr Eller.



Louis proudly served in the United States Army during World War II as an anti-tank gun crewman with the 70th Armored Infantry Battalion in the 20th Armored Division.

He traces back to the so called "Erie Eller" line.

[[Obituary](#) | [Louis H. Eller in the EFA database](#)]

James Carson Eller

1952-2021

James Carson Eller, 68, of Lexington went to be with his Lord and Savior on Monday, January 4, 2021 at his home. Mr. Eller was born in Ashe County on August 16, 1952 to James Handford Eller and Reggie Ruth Vannoy Eller. His line traces back to George Michael Eller.

He was a district manager, having worked for Hardees for twenty-two years.

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

Lattie Belle Trulove Nichols 1922-2021

Mrs. Lattie Belle Trulove Nichols of Young Harris passed away at age 98 of complications resulting from a broken hip while undergoing rehabilitation service at Chatuge Regional Nursing Home in Hiawassee on January 19, 2021. She was a daughter of the late Joseph and Birdie Brown Trulove. She was born on April 14, 1922 in Clay County, North Carolina, but moved with her family to Towns County when she was three years old.

Belle married J B Nichols in 1939 and they were happily married for just over seventy years before J B passed away at age 94 on February 19, 2010. J.B. goes back to William Barnette and Laura Eller.

[[Obituary](#) | [Laura Trulove in the EFA database](#)]

**Roy "Joe" Edward Eller 1931-2021**

Mr. Roy "Joe" Eller, age 89 of Villa Rica, Georgia, passed away Tuesday January 12, 2021 at Tanner Medical Center.

Mr. Eller is survived by his wife: Martha Eller of Villa Rica; daughters: Patti Jo Eller of Villa Rica and Robin Len Eller of Villa Rica.

[[Obituary](#)]

**Bill Conn Eller 1941-2021**

Bill Conn Eller, age 79 of Landis, North Carolina, peacefully passed away on Thursday, January 28, 2021 at his home surrounded by his loving family. Born December 20, 1941 in Catawba County, Bill was the son of the late Ruby Eller.

Bill spent his career as a driver for Proctor Chemical for over 25 years. In his spare time, he loved to go fishing, watching NASCAR racing and collecting coins. He is from the Jacob Eller line through Joe Pinion Eller and Mariah Hedden Eller.

[[Obituary](#) \ [Bill Conn Eller in the EFA database](#)]



On The Lighter Side

DEFINITIONS

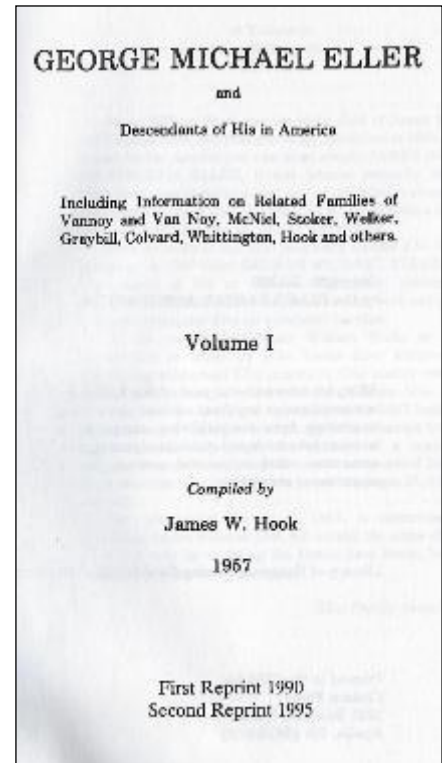
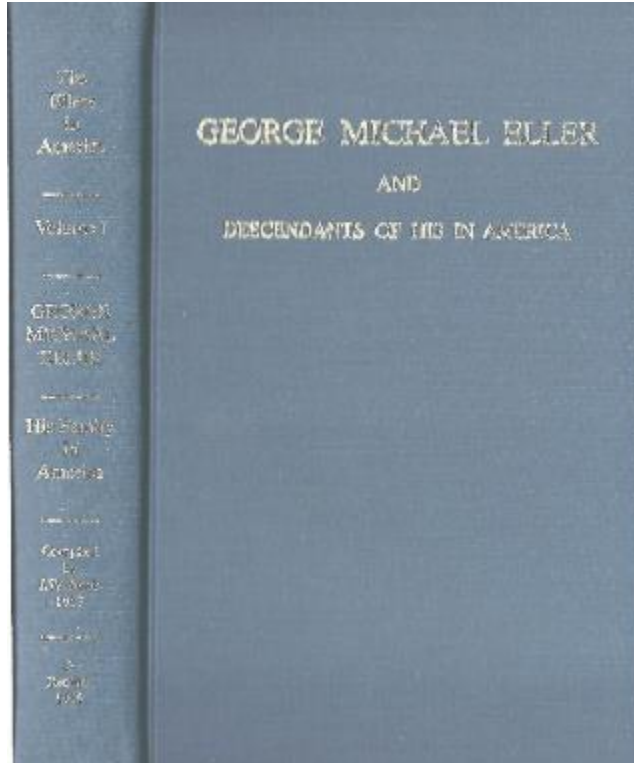
BABY:	<i>A new acorn on the family tree.</i>
CEMETERY: (n)	<i>A marble orchard not to be taken for granite.</i>
CUSSIN:	<i>What genealogists do when they can't find one.</i>
FLOOR: (n)	<i>The place for storing your priceless genealogy records.</i>
GENEALOGISTS:	<i>Time unravelers.</i>
GENEALOGIST:	<i>One always in search of a good dead man!</i>
GENEALOGY:	<i>People collecting people!</i>
GENEALOGY:	<i>A hay stack full of needles. It's the threads I need.</i>
GENEALOGY:	<i>Looking for needles in haystacks.</i>
GENEALOGY:	<i>Collecting dead relatives and sometimes a live cousin!</i>
GENEALOGY:	<i>The marriage of a jigsaw puzzle to a dungeon & dragons game.</i>
GENEALOGY:	<i>Tracing descent from someone who didn't.</i>
GENEALOGY:	<i>Tracing yourself back to better people</i>
GENEALOGY:	<i>A search for the greatest treasures, our ancestors.</i>
GENEALOGY:	<i>It's all relative in the end, anyway.</i>
DOCUMENTATION:	<i>The worst part of genealogy.</i>
DOCUMENTATION:	<i>The hardest part of genealogy.</i>
FAMILY HISTORY:	<i>A quilt work of lives.</i>
KINSHIP:	<i>It's all relative!</i>
RELATIVES:	<i>People who come to dinner who aren't friends.</i>
PURITANISM:	<i>The fear that someone somewhere is happy.</i>
RESEARCH:	<i>What I'm doing, when I don't know what I'm doing.</i>

WORDS OF WISDOM

Life is lived forwards, but understood backwards.
May all your family trees branch toward the stars!
May you ask the right question of the right person at the right time.
May your family tree grow happy branches!
Share your knowledge, it is a way to achieve immortality.
Sharing genealogy is a rewarding experience!
When you search for ancestors, you find great friends!

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 Ed Eller (address below): kermitteller38@gmail.com



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Eller Cookbooks Available

An Eller Cookbook was commissioned by the EFA in 2011. Copies are still available for \$10, postage paid, also from Ed Eller (address above): kermitteller38@gmail.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.

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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.

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Other family lines in which you are interested:

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