

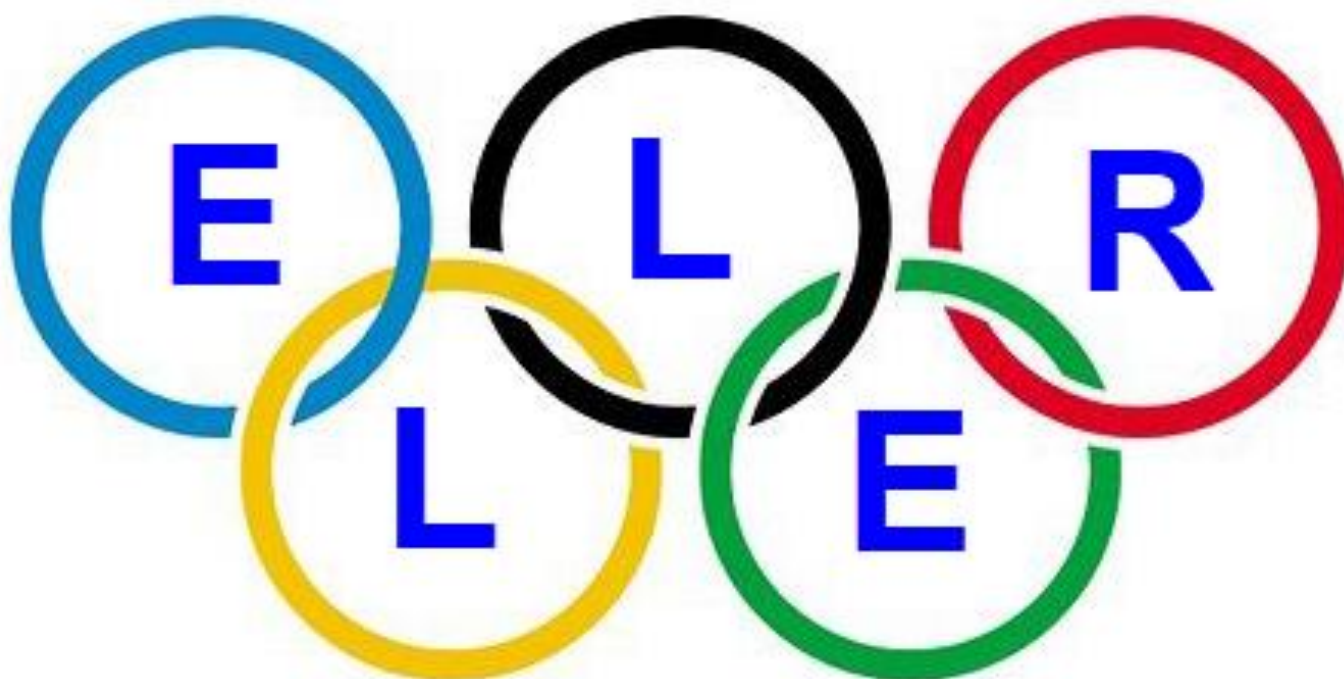


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## From the President . . . Steve Eller

Hello Eller Folks!

I hope all are well and staying away from the Covid and Flu. We have had some pretty cold days around Western North Carolina this year.

We are continuing to update the John Jacob Eller and His Descendants Book. Thanks to all those that have sent me their family information. I still have a number of requests for information that have not been returned. Please take the time to help me update this book. I sure would appreciate your cooperation. We are now over 25,000 names and growing. I enjoy learning about Eller folks and where they live and work. I have run across numerous descendants that were (or are) really great Americans because of their service to our country and their local churches/communities.

As most of you know, my wife was diagnosed with breast cancer last year and is in her radiation treatment phase at this time. Several weeks ago, I was diagnosed with bladder cancer. After some surgery my lab results indicate a stage 1, high grade cancer. I will be having a follow up procedure to make sure they got it all. I sure would appreciate your prayers. We are trying to stay positive and turn it over to God. His Comfort and Peace keep us going.

On a brighter note...I became a grandpa recently. Our first grandchild was born February 17th @ 7 am. Shelby Rae Eller weighed 7 pounds, 7 ounces and will be totally spoiled. She is the first grandchild on both sides and everyone is excited to welcome her to the family.

Several months ago, I asked for members to submit ideas on how to get new members into our family association. I recently was asked the question..."What does joining the association do for me?" That question started me thinking about that very thing. What are the incentives for becoming a member? Please continue to submit any ideas you may have that may help us to grow our membership.



I hope you enjoy this edition of the Chronicles. Dan does such a great job with it.

Sincerely,

*Steve Eller*

EFA President

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## From the Secretary / Treasurer . . . Lauren Liggett

Hey Eller family,

Hope you are all well and keeping warm. Our winter weather here in north Texas has ranged from the 80s one day and down to the 20s the next. We had some pretty days (if you were inside) with light snow and ice that made the trees sparkle. I am looking forward to more consistent temperatures, preferably on the warmer side!

We moved to north Texas, specifically McKinney, TX last year. I did not realize that some of my Eller family had been here before me. We had seen a large cemetery in town called Pecan Grove Cemetery. It's the oldest cemetery in McKinney. Thanks to a hint from cousin Steve Eller, we learned there are Ellers buried there from the John Jacob Eller line.

So, when we had one of our warmer days, we decided to do a field trip to the cemetery. We found [Adam Barnett Eller \(1847-1905\)](#) along with his wife, 2 sons and a daughter-in-law. I couldn't wait to get home and look in my Eller book (John Jacob Eller and His Descendants) to see how Adam was related to me. Turns out Adam's grandpa and my 4th Gt. Grandma were siblings. Their dad was John Jacob Eller, Jr. (The Rascal). That means that Adam B. Eller and I are 2nd cousins 4 times removed! Always a fun puzzle to figure out some of those Eller connections. ☺

We have seen on-line that there are some Ellers buried over in Celina, TX. It's about 30 minutes away. We'll have to do another field trip when things warm up around here. Will keep you posted on our findings.

I wonder how many people have "visiting cemeteries" on their bucket list! Probably only avid genealogist type people enjoy cemetery outings.

The Covid bug finally caught up with me last week. Even though I've had my 2 vaccines and my booster, my home Covid test showed positive. I ran a fever for 4 days, felt like I had the flu and an angry bug in my lungs. Dan never did get it. He seems to have a great immune system.

Stay well and stay warm!

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## From the Webmaster . . . Harvey Powers

There are a number of good genealogy websites. However, most charge for their service. A few allow some access for free but charge for the more detailed information. Perhaps the most extensive information is on Ancestry.com. As I've said before, Ancestry has a lot of information including links to primary data like census, birth, death and marriage information. It also has family trees submitted by its users which, in some cases, may not be well documented and in a few cases, are just plain wrong.



One FREE website that I've found especially useful is Find-A-Grave (findagrave.com). It does not cost to SEE their information. In many cases, you can find a headstone photo, birth/death dates, and sometimes children and parents' names, and occasionally a photo of the deceased and an obituary. It usually won't include living children, spouses or parents.

Find-A-Grave says it has the "largest collection of gravesite information" with more than 250 million memorials. I have found hundreds of Ellers listed.

The company that operates Find-A-Grave has just made some significant changes. It will be "holding back" parts of a listing until three-months after a person's death. Find-A-Grave says its members have complained that finding the online posting of the memorial immediately after someone's passing "...can add to the emotional strain."

To add or correct information or add a headstone photo, one has to create an account (free) and log in. Also now, when one adds a grave/memorial, you will also be asked if you are a "close relative." If you are, then your relationship can be (but doesn't have to be) shown on the memorial page. Finally, "close relatives" have a year to "claim" a Find-A-Grave listing and become the manager for it.

As always, if you just want to simply look at memorials, you do not have to log-in and the service is free (there are ads).



More information on the changes from Find-A-Grave is available here:

[https://news.findagrave.com/2022/01/11/memorials-for-the-recently-deceased/?utm\\_source=Newsletter&utm\\_medium=Email&utm\\_campaign=Newsletter-Jan-2022](https://news.findagrave.com/2022/01/11/memorials-for-the-recently-deceased/?utm_source=Newsletter&utm_medium=Email&utm_campaign=Newsletter-Jan-2022)

To simply search:

<https://www.findagrave.com/>

For an example of a Find-A-Grave memorial (this is the listing for my mother):

<https://www.findagrave.com/memorial/89514247/helen-powers>

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EFA Webmaster

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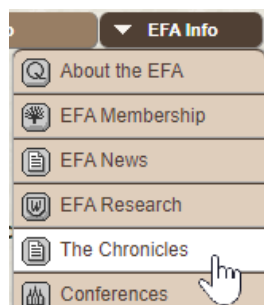


## From the Editor . . . Dan Liggett

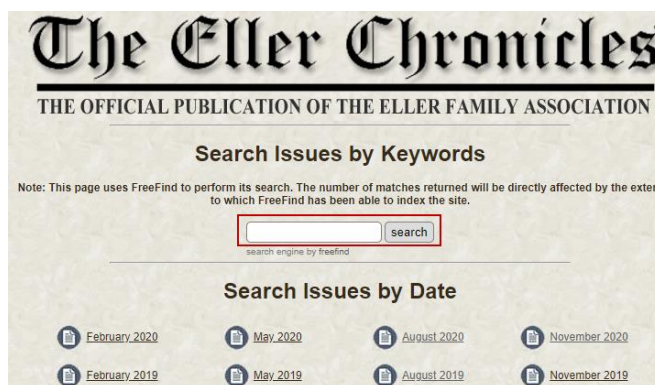
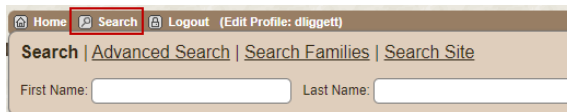
This edition of *The Eller Chronicles* highlights several Olympians who have the last name of Eller. Some of them, like Glenn Eller, have been in the *Chronicles* before, but a few famous (and infamous) Ellers cropped up begging to be included. We've always featured notable Eller descendants, but these actually carry the Eller name, like it or not. We were even able to connect some of them to Eller lines familiar to the Eller Family Association.

In 2019, the 16<sup>th</sup> Biennial Eller Family Conference was held in Wilkesboro, NC. Just 9 miles away in Purlear, NC is a contingent of Ellers who held their 51<sup>st</sup> annual reunion in 2021, celebrating the legacy of Henry Cleveland Eller, great-great grandson of George Michael Eller. Wow! Our hats are off to the dedicated descendants of Henry Cleveland Eller. See the article.

Can you imagine the 51<sup>st</sup> Eller Family Conference? That would be in the year 2089, on the 101<sup>st</sup> anniversary of the start of the Eller Family Association. To get there, we will need your help and a broader base of participants. Please encourage your Eller cousins and nephews and nieces to take a look at our website ([www.ellerfamilyassociation.com](http://www.ellerfamilyassociation.com)). Maybe something will spark interest in their own family history. Show them our database, accessible through the **Search** button on the home page. Also, encourage them to



look at some of the old *Chronicles* (EFA Info > **The Chronicles**) and even search for keywords or names. If they seem interested, perhaps you may want to consider giving them a Gift Membership (form available later in this *Chronicles*).



One of our patrons sent us an 8-page update of information for the May 2000 *Chronicles*. Thanks Mary. See Corrections to *Chronicles* article. Never too late to make corrections. Harvey Powers made the corrections to the EFA website database.

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.

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# Board/Directors Meeting Minutes

Compiled by Dan Liggett

The January 30, 2022 Board/Directors meeting (by phone) was called to order by president Steve Eller at 9:07pm EST. Present on the call were Steve Eller, Emily Cook, Lauren Liggett, Dan Liggett, Corrine Casper, Anna Bliss, Jerry Kendall and Harvey Powers. Ed Eller and David Eller were unable to attend.

Steve asked for an update from Lauren about the EFA non-profit status. The EFA has been registered as a non-profit organization in Texas. Next was to apply for an EIN number (Employer Identification Number) for banking purposes. Once that is received, we can apply for tax-exempt status [ 501(c)7 ] with the Texas Secretary of State so no taxes will need to be paid. Once that is complete, the EFA will again be non-profit/tax exempt.

Harvey had several items to discuss:

- Indiana Conference. He has sent more than a dozen letters (not emails) to Ellers and churches in the area. Gotten only a couple responses: Airport and Historical society. None from the area Ellers. He plans to physically visit the area with his son, but if no further progress is made by next January, we will be forced into Plan B. Toward that possibility, a brief discussion occurred that mentioned that Plan B might be include King George County (John Jacob Eller) or Roanoke County (Roanoke/Jacob/George Michael Eller) in Virginia where Ellers are known to reside. Harvey mentioned that Roanoke has ample conference facilities. Any suggestions are to be sent to Dan Liggett before the next phone meeting in April/May.
- Per our Email discussion, Harvey has begun responding to Eller contributors on Ancestry, offering 10 of them a free EFA membership for the balance of 2022. No replies yet, but he just started doing this last week. This is a great idea to get people involved.
- At Steve's suggestion, Harvey has removed the link on the EFA website to the Facebook fundraiser for the Smyrna Cemetery since it is about to end.
- Harvey reported that there have been two major "denial of service" attacks on our EFA website that were trying to overwhelm the site with traffic. The site crashed twice. He contacted our hosting company and they blocked the IP addresses from where the attacks were launched. Hopefully that will resolve the problem.
- Harvey has been using the Newspapers.com membership the board authorized. While it has been valuable, he questions whether it has been valuable enough to justify the cost in the future.
- Harvey built a program that checks for Eller obituaries online and has been adding them to our 2022 obituary page. He still appreciates receiving obituary information in case his program misses something.

Steve reported he was nearing 25,000 names for the John Jacob Eller Book Update. In particular, the Walls Family from Anderson, SC contributed close to 1000 names to the effort. As the update effort appears to be winding down, Steve and Ed Eller intend to meet in February to go over the data and how it should be presented in the update. The 1998 version had some last names capitalized and some that were not. They would like it to be more uniform in the update. The update will include all the names in the original book with updated DOD's and burial places.

With that in mind, Emily said she had a few pages of information to send and asked how Steve wanted the information sent (paper, email, spreadsheet). Steve said however she wants to send it, but that it needs to come soon.

Corrine said she was trying to put some names together, but she was having trouble confirming anything because without record access in Ancestry.

Jerry mentioned that a really young guy in Townes County, Tony Ford, recently appeared multiple times on the Statler Brothers TV show on the Nashville Network. He played the piano and sang a lot like Jerry Lee Lewis to great response. He is an Eller descendant as a grandson of Unseld Garrett (Number 1733) in the John Jacob Eller book and likely doesn't realize that he and his wife are both Eller descendants.

Steve ended by reminding everyone to send Plan B suggestions to Dan.

The meeting adjourned at 8:30pm EST.



## 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.*



# WANTED

## Looking For Indiana Ellers

With the 2023 EFA Conference tentatively planned for the Bloomington, Indiana, area, planning chair Harvey Powers is looking for contacts and resources in that area.

The Bloomington area, and specifically Monroe County, was home to John Eller, Sr. (1786-1840), grandson of Christian Eller. He moved there from Kentucky with his family (including his mother) about 1832 and settled on the Eller Farm (about 400 acres) five miles west of Bloomington. He became a Justice of the Peace and a Probate Judge. Nearly a thousand of his descendants are documented in Eller Family database. Maybe you or someone you know is one of his descendants and are not aware of it. Follow this link to see if any of the names are familiar:

[Descendants of John Eller Sr](#)

Do you or any of your family have contacts in Monroe County, Indiana? Or can you trace your family back to John Eller, Sr.? If so, will you please contact Harvey at [harv@harveypowers.com](mailto:harv@harveypowers.com)?

## Eller Olympians



### ***Walton Glenn Eller III***

The most recent Olympian with the Eller name is Walton Glenn Eller III, who was featured in the [Aug 2000 Chronicles](#) (p. 15+) near his first Olympic appearance and again in the [Aug 2008 Chronicles](#) (p. 19+) after he won Gold in the men's double trap (shotgun) in 2008. He participated in 5 Olympics (2000, 2004, 2008, 2012, 2016). He might have done a 6<sup>th</sup> Olympics if his beloved double trap had not been eliminated from the 2020 Olympics.

Walton "Glenn" Eller III (Walton Glenn Jr "Butch", Walton Glenn Sr, Alvis Guthrie, James Granville, James Jacob, Jacob, Joseph, Jacob Jr, Jacob Eller the immigrant) Glenn is listed in the book, "John Jacob Eller and His Descendants" on page 576. Glenn is the grandson of former EFA President Walton Eller and Nancy Eller, former EFA Secretary/Treasurer.

For more information about Glenn Eller the Olympian:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glenn\\_Eller](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Glenn_Eller)

<https://www.teamusa.org/usa-shooting/athletes/Walton-Glenn-Eller>

<https://www.teamusa.org/News/2019/March/13/Olympic-Champ-Glenn-Eller-Is-Ready-For-A-Sixth-Games-This-Time-In-A-Different-Event>

<http://www.ellerfamilyassociation.com/getperson.php?personID=I2051&tree=JacobJr01>



### ***John Jacob "Jack" or "JJ" Eller***

(October 15, 1883 – January 20, 1967)

John Eller was part of the U.S. team in the 1912 Summer Olympics, competing in the 110-meter hurdles and the Pentathlon, the latter of which was won by Jim Thorpe. In 1910, he was considered to be the "King of the Hurdlers".

He later served 37 years as a patrolman in the New York City Police Department.

Of German descent, John Eller's ancestors appear to have immigrated to New York.

According to Ancestry.com, [John Jacob Eller \(1883-1967\)](#) was married to Barbara Seidl, and his parents were John Eller (1857-1937) and **Harriet L. Baker** Eller (who also had a son named George Eller, all of whom show up on the [1900 US Census](#) together), and his grandparents

were Jacob Eller (1828-1885) and Anna Mary Wagner Eller (1826-1900). This Jacob Eller was born in Germany and died in New York. The EFA database appears to echo the Ancestry account of [John Jacob Eller \(b. 1883\)](#) and stops with this [Jacob Eller](#), citing Ancestry trees of the [Virginia Mattson Family](#) and the [Russo Family Tree](#).

His obituary appears to confirm much of that.

**ELLER—John J.,** on Jan. 20, 1967, beloved husband of the late Barbara, devoted father of the late John, brother of George, father-in-law of Mrs. Viola Eller. Reposing at Hillebrand Funeral Home, 63-17 Woodhaven Blvd., Rego Park, L. I. Religious Service Monday at 2 P.M. Masonic Service at 8 P.M. Funeral Tuesday at 1:30 P.M. Interment at Greenwood Cemetery.

Unfortunately, none of this establishes any connection to Eller lines known to the Eller Family Association, but that does not detract from the distinguished career of an Eller Olympian.

For more information about John Jacob Eller the Olympian:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John\\_Eller](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/John_Eller)

<http://www.wingedfist.com/eller.html>

[http://www.wingedfist.com/John\\_Jacob\\_Eller\\_Jr.html](http://www.wingedfist.com/John_Jacob_Eller_Jr.html)

[https://de-m-wikipedia-org.translate.google/wiki/John\\_Eller?\\_x\\_tr\\_sl=de&\\_x\\_tr\\_tl=en&\\_x\\_tr\\_hl=en&\\_x\\_tr\\_pto=sc](https://de-m-wikipedia-org.translate.google/wiki/John_Eller?_x_tr_sl=de&_x_tr_tl=en&_x_tr_hl=en&_x_tr_pto=sc)



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### ***Johannes "Hans" Eller***

(1910-1943)

Hans Eller was part of the German team in the 1932 Summer Olympics in Los Angeles, CA. As a rower and member of the German boat in the coxed fours competition, Hans won a Gold medal.

He was killed in action during World War II.

He was noted by K. Napp-Zinn in the [May 1993 Chronicles](#) on p. 18, but no genealogical connection was made.

For more information about Hans Eller the Olympian:

[https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hans\\_Eller](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Hans_Eller)



## Other Famous People With the Last Name Eller

The Olympics is not the only venue to take note of the Eller name. It seems like sports is the primary path to fame, but not for everyone. Below is a list of non-Olympic Ellers whose contributions are/were considered noteworthy enough to warrant a Wikipedia page.

Follow the links below to Wikipedia articles for their stories.

- [Allen Eller](#) (1976–2016), American soccer player
- [August Eller](#) (1907–1990), Estonian chess player
- [Carl Eller](#) (born 1942), American football player
- [Cássia Eller](#) (1962–2001), Brazilian musician
- [Curtis Eller](#) (born 1970), American banjo player and musician
- [Ernest M Eller](#) (1903–1995), Rear Admiral in the United States Navy
- [Fabiano Eller](#) (born 1977), Brazilian footballer (soccer)
- [Heino Eller](#) (1887–1970), Estonian composer
- [Hillar Eller](#) (1939–2010), Estonian politician
- [Hod Eller](#) (1891–1961), American baseball pitcher \*\*\*
- [Johann Theodor Eller](#) (1689-1760), 18th century German physician and scientist
- [Karl Eller](#) (1928-2019), American entrepreneur in Arizona
- [Lars Eller](#) (born 1989), Danish ice hockey player
- [Nino Eller](#) , Italian stage and film actor
- [Olaf Eller](#) (born 1960), Danish ice hockey coach
- [Marlin Eller](#), American programmer
- [Thomas Eller](#) (born 1964), German visual artist and writer
- [Vernard Eller](#) (1927–2007), American Christian author and minister

\*\*\* of special note is Horace Owen Eller (aka Hod Eller), pitcher for the Cincinnati Reds who won 2 games for the Reds in the [infamous 1919 World Series](#) against the Chicago White Sox ([Black Sox Scandal](#)). He was featured in the [Feb 2004 Chronicles](#). However, what was not noted at the time is that, according to FamilySearch, Hod Eller was 4th great grandson of immigrant George Michael Eller

<https://www.familysearch.org/tree/pedigree/landscape/K63Z-DQT>

George Michael Eller (1722-1778)

Leonard Eller (1754-1839)

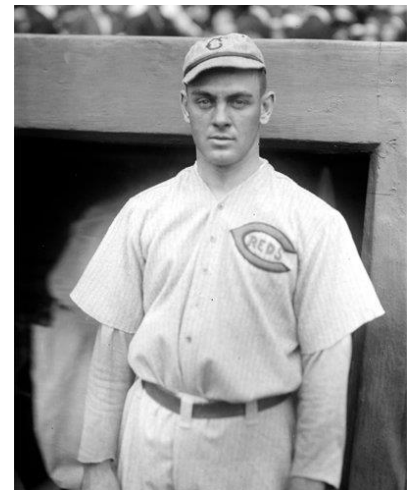
John Eller (1796-1840)

Joseph Eller (1812-1893)

John Eller (1849-?)

William Francis Eller (1873-1954)

Horace Owen Eller (1894-1961)



Hod Eller

[Hod Eller's baseball career in detail](#)

[Hod Eller in the EFA database](#)

# Morris Eller: A Chicago Gangster

By Harvey W. Powers

Morris Eller was born Movsha Eller in the town of Libau in Russia on 16 June 1866.<sup>i</sup> Libau (in Russian Libava) is a port city on the Baltic coast in what is now Latvia. In the 1880's, Libau had a large Jewish population with many shops run by Jews. There were several synagogues including the landmark "Great Synagogue."

It isn't completely clear why Morris left Libau. However, in 1881 and 1882 many Jews in the Russian Empire faced pogroms or anti-Jewish riots. The Russian government responded to the disorders in 1882 with the so-called "May Laws" which sought to reduce conflict by forcing the Jews into specific provinces later referred to as the "Pale of Settlement." Hundreds of thousands of Jews left Russia during the reign of the last two Tzars of Imperial Russia.



Whatever the reason, Morris emigrated to the United States in 1883 through the port of New York. At his arrival he was shown as "Hebrew" and reported he had \$15. He settled in Chicago two days after arrival on 22 September 1883. He became a naturalized citizen in 1891.

The "Daily Jewish Courier" in 1907 profiled Morris Eller's arrival as being "...poor and ... lost in this great Metropolis without money and without knowledge of the English language." The paper says he went to night school to learn English and by day was a peddler.

He soon became a bookkeeper for Jacob Lasker, a tailor of women's' clothing. He married Lasker's sister-in-law, another emigrant, Jennie Kalman, who was born in Bapin, Poland.

Morris entered politics in 1895 when he was elected Deputy Assessor for Chicago and rapidly moved up in Chicago government – to Deputy Collector in 1896 and Deputy Recorder in 1897. He held that last position until 1907 when he ran for the seat of Alderman of the 9th Ward, replacing Abe Harris who moved to a position as Clerk of the Criminal Court.

Newspaper accounts from the time<sup>ii iii</sup> indicate Morris "...long was identified with Republican politics in the 20th ward (of Chicago)."



This was a time of prohibition, organized crime and corrupt politics in Chicago. This was the time when Al Capone was the “mob” boss in Chicago. In newspaper accounts, Morris is described as “the boss” of the “bloody 20th ward.”<sup>iv</sup>

In his book, “The Kosher Capones: A History of Jewish Gangsters v,” author Joe Kraus suggests the Eller gang was headed by Morris Eller and his son Emanuel, the chief justice of the criminal court. Kraus describes one election when Morris faced an opponent, Octavius Granady, in what was called the “Pineapple Primary of 1928.”

“Throughout the day the Eller gang sent cars all around the ward intimidating and slugging where they thought necessary. In several cases, they simply kidnapped people at gunpoint and brought them to a shanty located at 1352 S. Peoria and held them in the house by armed guards until after the polls had closed.

“Such tactics mostly cleared the streets of Eller opposition, but Granady himself was another matter. He, too, drove around the ward, rallying what supporters he could find. Eller gunmen, driving in a convoy, spotted Granady and sped after him.

“After a few blocks, they forced his car to the curb, and he got out and ran. Suddenly, rifle barrels sprouted from the Eller cars’ windows, and machine guns spurted. Granady fell instantly. Some reports suggested a gunman got out of the car and fired a coup de grace; others said the cars just kept going.

“The Eller cars sped off, but they were hardly inconspicuous. Draped with bunting and other election decorations, they bore large banners urging people to reelect Morris Eller as 20th Ward committeeman. The last thing some witnesses to the murder saw was Eller’s own face prominently pictured on the backs of the receding cars.”

Morris Eller was one of 20 persons indicted but later cleared for “conspiracy to violate election laws.” In addition, Morris was charged with “...trading political protection to vice, gambling and liquor establishments in return for votes.” Eller and the others were acquitted at least partly because two of the chief witnesses against the accused men, William Sephus and Sam Watts, precinct workers, disappeared mysteriously.

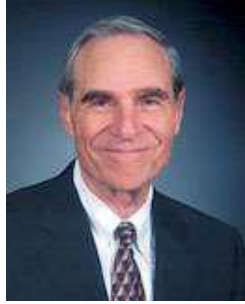
As the demographics of the 20th Ward became less Jewish and more Italian, the “mob” and specifically Al “Scarface” Capone broke with Morris Eller and threw his support behind an Italian candidate. That was followed by a couple bombings of Morris’ home. About 1932, he began to fade from Chicago’s corrupt political life.

Morris Eller died in 1943 at the home of a grandson in Chicago.

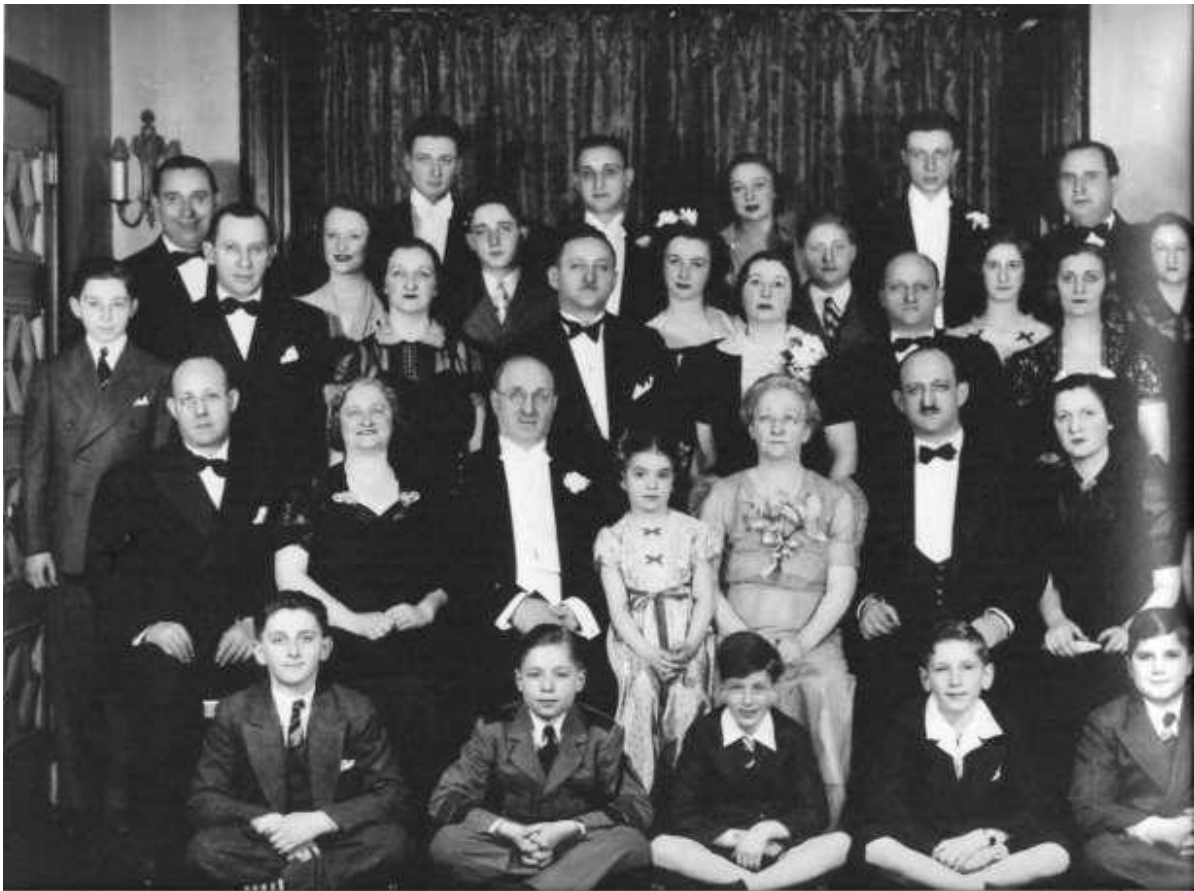
Morris and Jennie had seven children including Emanuel “Manny” Eller (1889-1965) who was a judge in the Superior Court. Manny Eller was heavily involved in Morris’ political operation. Both were associated with Mayor William “Big Bill” Thompson who had clear ties to organized crime.



Another son, Jacob “Jack” Eller (1895-1940), married and had three children. He left his wife and three children about 1933. The wife, daughter Elaine and son Karl moved to Tucson, Arizona, about 1937 so Elaine could attend the University of Arizona. The family helped run a boardinghouse across the street from the university stadium.



Karl Eller (1928-2019) <sup>vi</sup> (pictured left) also went to the University of Arizona and went on to become an outdoor advertising mogul, CEO of the chain “Circle K” and an executive with Columbia Pictures. He donated more than \$20 million to the University of Arizona’s business school, which in 1999 was renamed the Eller College of Management. <sup>vii</sup>



*Morris & Jennie’s 50th Wedding Anniversary, 1928*

i “Movsha (Morris) Eller,” Eller Family Association database:

[http://www.ellerfamilyassociation.com/getperson.php?personID=11&tree=Morris\\_Eller](http://www.ellerfamilyassociation.com/getperson.php?personID=11&tree=Morris_Eller)

ii “Higher Ups Charged in Vote Crimes,” *Tampa Tribune*, 4 Aug 1928.

iii “Morris Eller Home Bombed by Hoodlums,” *Belvidere Daily Republican*, 16 Jan 1930.

iv “Morris Eller Supplied Guns to ‘Bloody 20th’ Ward Gangsters, Promised Protection, Witnesses Tell Jury,” *Chicago Tribune*, 31 Oct 1928.

v “The Kosher Capones: A History of Chicago’s Jewish Gangsters,” Joe Kraus, Northern Illinois Press, 15 Oct 2019.

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## Descendancy for Movsha (Morris) Eller

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- 1-Movsha (Morris) Eller b. 16 Jul 1866, Libau, Russia, d. 22 Nov 1943, Chicago, Cook County, IL
    - +Jennie Kalman b. Feb 1868, Bapin, Poland, d. 2 Sep 1943, Chicago, Cook County, IL
  - 2-Lena Eller b. 22 Jan 1889, Chicago, Cook County, IL, d. 23 Dec 1953
    - +Benjamin A. Wien b. 20 Sep 1885, Russia, d. 4 Aug 1961, Chicago, Cook County, IL
      - 3-Sylvia Wien b. 23 Mar 1911, Chicago, Cook County, IL, d. 31 Jul 1991
        - +Sydney Novak b. 23 Mar 1911, Chicago, Cook County, IL, d. 31 Jul 1991
          - 4-Suzanne Novak b. About 1932
          - 4-David Novak
      - 3-Edwin Wien b. 17 May 1915, Chicago, Cook County, IL, d. 30 Oct 2007, Rockford, Winnebago County, IL
      - 3-Francine Wien b. 30 Apr 1920, Chicago, Cook County, IL
    - 2-Emanuel Eller b. 21 Dec 1889, Chicago, Cook County, IL, d. 15 Jul 1965, Longview, Gregg County, TX
      - +Anna Einsburg b. About 1894, Russia, d. 1 Mar 1982, Chicago, Cook County, IL
        - 3-Leonard L. Eller b. 13 Oct 1925, Chicago, Cook County, IL, d. 2 Dec 2000, Elmhurst, IL
          - +Ruth Frishman b. 19 Apr 1924, Chicago, Cook County, IL, d. 23 Oct 2007, Texas City, Galveston County, TX
      - 2-Nellie Eller b. 22 Jan 1891, Chicago, Cook County, IL, d. 10 Jan 1974, Chicago, Cook County, IL
        - +Israel R. Warshawsky b. About 1887, Russia, d. 22 May 1943, Chicago, Cook County, IL
          - 3-Roy I. Warshawsky b. 15 Jun 1915, d. 26 Apr 1997, Chicago, Cook County, IL
          - 3-Everett Eller Warner Warshawsky b. 17 Dec 1916, Chicago, Cook County, IL, d. 29 Jan 2003, Phoenix, Maricopa County, AZ
            - +Eline Ruth Weber
        - 2-Jacob Eller b. 7 Jan 1895, Chicago, Cook County, IL, d. Before 1940, Tucson, Pima County, AZ
          - +Lillian Berkowitz b. About 1899, Romania, d. 22 May 1985
            - 3-Elaine Eller b. 29 Mar 1920, Chicago, Cook County, IL, d. 4 Jul 2017, West Lafayette, IN
              - +Stuart Alan Goldman b. 1919
                - 4-Mark Goldman
                - 4-Sally Goldman
            - 3-Paul Eller b. 29 Feb 1924, Chicago, Cook County, IL, d. 5 Jul 2006, Prescott Valley, AZ
              - +Jesse Fontes
            - 3-Karl Eller b. 29 Jun 1928, Chicago, Cook County, IL, d. 10 Mar 2019, Arizona
              - +Joan "Stevie" Stevens
                - 4-Scott Eller
                - 4-Elissa Eller
          - 2-Clara Eller b. 2 Jan 1897, Chicago, Cook County, IL, d. 15 Sep 1982, Chicago, Cook County, IL
            - +George Krulewitch b. 1894, d. 1962
              - 3-Howard Bernard Krulewitch b. 1923, d. 1956
              - 3-Lawrence Krulewitch b. 1928, d. 2014
                - +Carol Himmel b. 1929, d. 1988

## **Descendancy for Movsha (Morris) Eller**

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- 2-William M. Eller b. 19 Apr 1899, Illinois, d. 31 Jan 1982, Skokie, Cook County, IL
  - +Ida Cohen b. About 1900, d. Sep 1986, Skokie, IL
    - 3-Estelle Eller b. 11 Feb 1922, Chicago, Cook County, IL, d. 11 Jan 2007, Oakland, CA
      - +Leo Fogelman b. 1921, d. 2002
    - 3-Sherwin Eller b. 1926, d. 2011
- 2-Eva Eller b. 30 Nov 1902, Chicago, Cook County, IL, d. 29 Dec 1992, Evanston, Cook County, IL
  - +Samuel M. Lapin b. 16 Jul 1893, Illinois, d. 12 Jun 1942, Chicago, Cook County, IL
    - 3-Helen Ila Lapin b. 1924, d. 2004
    - 3-Charles E. Lapin b. 1926, d. 1997
      - +Edna Stebelman b. 1926, d. 2000
    - 3-Martin Lapin b. 1939, d. 1975



## Henry Cleveland Eller Family Celebrated Their 51<sup>st</sup> Annual Eller Reunion in 2021

The Henry Cleveland Eller family has been gathering annually at the Boiling Springs Baptist Church in Purlear, NC for over 5 decades. They have been mentioned in the Chronicles several times, including [April 2013](#) (p.24) and [May 1988](#)(p.44). Their 2021 gathering is detailed on the following page. Their lineage can be found in the [May 1995](#) Chronicles, p. 57 and following.



**Henry Cleveland and Martha Patsy Huffman Eller**  
**6/28/1836-8/5/1922                      12/9/1836-1/5/1929**

- (1) George Michael Eller
- (2) Peter Eller
- (3) Peter Eller, Jr.
- (4) Jacob Eller
- (5) Henry Cleveland Eller, Sr.

## Eller Family Reunion Held in Purlear [NC]

By LINDA GREENE Sep 11, 2021 Updated Sep 14, 2021

The Henry Cleveland Eller family met for its 51st reunion on June 13 at Boiling Springs Baptist Church in Purlear,[NC] with about 50 people present.

The reunion wasn't held in 2020 due to COVID-19. It wasn't advertised this year until the last minute due to uncertainty over whether COVID would force cancelation again.

The 11 children of Henry and Martha Huffman Eller are deceased, as well as all of the grandchildren.

Larry Eller, chairman, opened the meeting with prayer and welcomed all who attended. The group said the pledge of allegiance to the United States flag and to the Christian Flag. There were three veterans present. A small business session was held.

Linda Greene read the minutes and names of 28 family members known to have died since the reunion in 2019.

Linda Messick gave the treasurer's report. Jeanette Haynes, publicity chairman, didn't have a report due to uncertainty of the reunion being held

The oldest member attending was Rita Eller Faw, daughter of Sam and Winnie Eller and granddaughter of Susan Eller Eller.

The youngest was Kolbie Parsons, 2 ½-year-old daughter of Jonathan and Hailey Parsons, granddaughter of Benny and Gail Parsons and great-granddaughter of Effie Eller Parsons.

Member of the clan who traveled the farthest to attend was Lila Anne Mourie, granddaughter of John and Hilda McNeil Eller, from Ashtabula, Ohio.

The Susan Eller Eller branch of the family had the most present, with 20 people. Next were the Alice Eller Woodie branch with 11 and the John F. Eller branch with seven.

Officers elected for 2022 were Stoney Greene, chairman; Jonathan Parsons, vice chairman; Linda B. Greene, secretary; Linda Mesick, treasurer; and Jeanette M. Haynes; publicity.

A love offering was taken to help with expenses. A family spokesman expressed gratitude to the Sam Eller brothers for providing drinks and to Boiling Springs Baptist Church for use of its new kitchen area and fellowship hall.

The next reunion is planned at 12:30 p.m. June 13, 2022, again at Boiling Springs Baptist Church.

From: [https://www.journalpatriot.com/eller-family-reunion-held-in-purlear/article\\_4c6a7e91-7729-5dcf-9c28-e8a097b53b2c.html](https://www.journalpatriot.com/eller-family-reunion-held-in-purlear/article_4c6a7e91-7729-5dcf-9c28-e8a097b53b2c.html)

# Eller Descendent Found: John Crunkleton

Submitted by Steve Eller

John Crunkleton was an Eller Descendant going back to Sukey through her son, William "Bill" Eller. I used to work for John as a truck driver back in the day. I had no idea he was an Eller Descendant.

Here is the beginning of a story about John written by Alex Soderstrom in April 2017 for the The Red & Black (online):



On a quiet spring afternoon, Field Street, which runs next to an empty Sanford Stadium, has one vacant parking spot. That spot, the third one on the street, sits, almost like a dog waiting for its owner to return.

On April 22, G-Day, the campus will transform from an academic institution into a jubilee of fans hungry for football. But for the first time in 40 years, that parking spot will see football come to Athens without John Crunkleton, who would often park there in his red and gray Chevy Express van, which played "Glory, Glory" every time he laid on the horn.

Crunkleton died on February 3 [2017] at the age of 92. Whether players, coaches and fans are aware, Georgia football lost a fixture of its program with the passing of Crunkleton. He attended 675 games in a span of more than 50 years, making his absence on Saturday a rare occasion.

The story of Crunkleton's life reads like an All-American odyssey reminiscent of Forrest Gump: he served in the middle of history's deadliest conflict, started an immensely successful business and shook the hand of not one but two U.S. presidents.

For the rest of the story: [https://www.redandblack.com/gday/675-saturdays-remembering-john-crunkleton-georgia-fan-extraordinaire/article\\_42c84818-2554-11e7-ab8e-4b3b1748b340.html](https://www.redandblack.com/gday/675-saturdays-remembering-john-crunkleton-georgia-fan-extraordinaire/article_42c84818-2554-11e7-ab8e-4b3b1748b340.html)

From his obituary (<https://www.hillsidememorialchapel.com/obituary/John-Crunkleton>):

John "J.H." Crunkleton was born October 15, 1924 in Franklin County to Rev. J.H. and [Lillie Mae Wall](#) Crunkleton. Soon after graduation from Cornelia High School, he enlisted in the Navy and served as Quartermaster on the LCI 80 in the Pacific until the end of World War II.

In addition to his parents, Mr. Crunkleton was preceded in death by his first wife Jane Millwood Crunkleton, his second wife Gusti Huber Crunkleton, and step son Ben Kuipers.



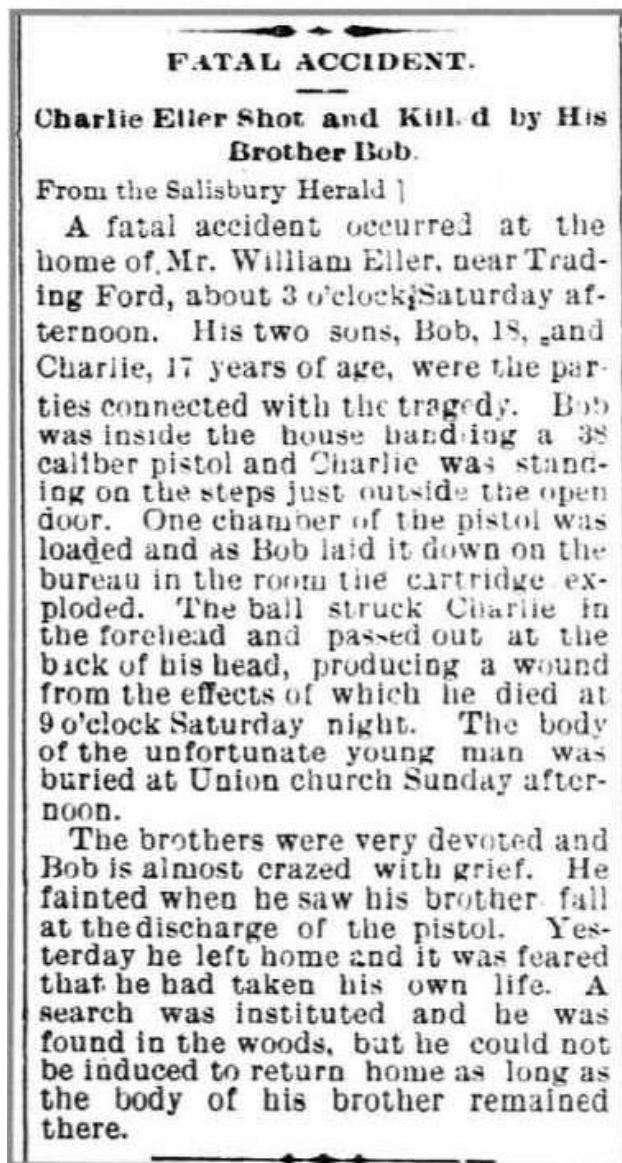
# Eller Descendent In The News: Charley Eller

Submitted by Harvey W. Powers

Apparently, in November 1894, an unfortunate accident took the life of 17-year-old Charley Eller. The newspaper clipping is listed below. What it does not say is that Charley was an Eller Descendent in the John Melchior Eller line.

According to the Eller database (and Ancestry.com), Charley and his brother Bob were sons of William Adam Eller and his wife Mary Jane Earnhardt of the Salisbury, NC area.

William Adam Eller was the son of John Charles Eller, who was the son of John Melker Eller, Jr., son of immigrant John Melchoir (Melker) Eller, Sr.



John Melchior (Melker) ELLER, Sr.  
-- John Melchior (Melker) ELLER, Jr.  
-- John Charles ELLER  
-- William Adam Eller  
-- Thomas Robert "Bob" ELLER  
-- Charles S. Eller

[http://www.ellerfamilyassociation.com/getperson.php?personID=I138&tree=melker\\_eller](http://www.ellerfamilyassociation.com/getperson.php?personID=I138&tree=melker_eller)  
<https://www.ancestry.com/family-tree/person/tree/62596993/person/36368072291/facts>

# Eller Landmarks Found

Submitted by Steve Eller

I recently traveled to Ellijay, Gilmer County, Georgia to meet with an Eller I met online. Another Eller cousin had told me about several roads named Eller in the area. I did a little scouting and found the pictured Eller Trail and Eller Roads. There was an old house sitting close to the Eller Trail. I knocked on the door and no one was home. I left a note asking the



person to call me if they had any info on the Eller name. A lady called me later that evening telling me that the house was the old home place of Lee and Martha Eller. Lee and Martha had no children. They did adopt 4 Hicks children that had lost their mom and dad and raised them. I had no luck digging up any info on Lee and Martha. I was pretty sure they would have been of the John Jacob line. I sent some info to Harvey and I think he has identified them as part of the George Michael line. John Jacob did have some descendants move from Towns County to Gilmer County. This is the first time that I have run into members of the John Jacob and George Michael lines living in the same area (outside of Ashe, Rowan and Wilkes County North Carolina).

Thanks to my Eller Cousin, Wayne Moss for telling me about the roads. Wayne's ggf was Hardy Washington Eller and he lives in Talking Rock, Gilmer County, Georgia.

Thanks to Philip Randy Eller for meeting me in Ellijay to give me some information on his folks. Philip lives in Dallas, Georgia and goes back to Sukey's son, William Bill Eller.



*[ Editor's Note – a quick Google search for Lee Eller Ellijay Ga produced a reference to a [May 1994 Eller Chronicles article](#) referring to a William Henry Eller (1864-1915) of Gilmer County, GA who is buried at Liberty Baptist Cemetery just south of Ellijah, Ga. Lee is listed as part of William Henry's family in the 1900 and 1910 census chart. If this is the same Lee Eller mentioned with Martha Eller above, then he may be in the John Jacob line through William "Bill" Eller, son of Sukey according to the article. ]*

## Corrections to the Chronicles

We received an email from Mary Gromosiak concerning corrections to the May 2000 (Vol. XIV, No. 2) issue of The Eller Chronicles. She detailed several discrepancies and they were added to the end of that issue's PDF file and noted on p. 20 that corrections were added. Thank you, Mary, for keeping us up to date.

The inserted note:

56	* * * * * * Additions/Corrections * * Added 2/5/2022. See * * p.102-109 in this PDF * * * * * *
<b>COCHRAN FAMILY</b>	
<p>ANDREW MURRY COCHRAN (spelled by grandfather in early years – Cochrane) (Record of First Marriage), b. 18 March 1834, d. 20 April 1904, Freeport, Illinois. Burial Greenville, Ohio, Darke County Ohio Semetery. Married first wife Francis Miller, 6 Sept. 1854, Greenville, Ohio. Her father – George W. Miller, born in Virginia (shoemaker). Her mother – Asinth, born in Pennsylvania. Married second wife Mary Elizabeth Bell, 31 Jan. 1869, Greenville, Ohio.</p>	

The beginning of the corrections:

(Revisions/Additions January 2022)  The Eller Chronicles Volume XIV, Issue 2 Page 20	* * * * * * Additions/Corrections * * Submitted 2/5/2022 by * * Mary Gromosiak * * Mgromosiak@woh.rr.com * * * * * *
<p>Louisa Jane Cochran and James Franklin Strader lived in Arcanum, Ohio when I was about 10 years old (1920).</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Children of Andrew and Francis Cochran:</p> <p>Louisa Jane Cochran, b. near Greenville, OH Nov. 25, 1855 d. Dec. 6, 1928. Married James Franklin Strader July 17, 1873 in Arcanum, OH. James was born Dec. 30, 1849 in New Hope Preble County OH. He and Louisa lived in Arcanum, Ohio and had five children.</p> <p>ISSUE:</p> <p>Odlin (Ott) Earl Strader b. 1875 d. 1950 married Caroline "Callie" Johnson Nov. 25, 1902 and lived in Arcanum, Ohio. Caroline was b. 1878 in Savona, OH and d. 1968 in Greenville, OH. They had two children: Helen Aleda Strader b. 1906 Arcanum, OH d. 1989 Beavercreek, OH and Preston Strader b. 1903 Arcanum, OH d. 1982 San Bernadino, CA. Helen Aleda Strader married Roy Hoffman and had one daughter Janice Maxine Hoffman who married Bernard Frank Wieland. They lived in Dayton, OH and had six children: Mary Wieland Gromosiak, Carolyn Wieland Kerr, Paul Edward Wieland, John Bernard Wieland, Robert Eugene Wieland, Stephen Lawrence Wieland.</p> <p>Preston Strader married Augusta Marie Mantia in Dayton, OH b. 1907 d. 1988 in San Jose, CA. They were buried in Valley View Memorial Garden in Greene County, OH. They had a daughter and a son who settled in California.</p>	



# 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.

## Leonard Judson Eller

1940-2022



Leonard Judson Eller 81, of Pineville passed away on Wednesday February 16, 2022. Born April 20, 1940 in Ravencliff, he was the son of the late Lee Earnest and Velva Ethel Allen Eller. He is from the Conrad Eller line.

Leonard was a veteran of the United States Army, and he was a retired coal miner. In addition to his parents he was preceded in death by his wife Elizabeth Eller.

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

## Aubrey "Chick" Wood

1936-2022



Mr. Aubrey "Chick" Dyson Wood, age 85 of Commerce passed away peacefully Thursday, February 17, 2022 at Piedmont Athens Regional Medical Center. Mr. Wood was born in Ila to the late, Esco and Leila Pruitt Wood. Aubrey goes back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller (two ways) in the Jacob Eller line.

Chick was the 5th out of 14 children. He owned and operated with his son, Terry, Wood's Garage and Body Shop for many years.

[ [Obituary](#) | [Aubrey Wood in the EFA database](#) ]

## Kenneth Eugene Eller

1941-2022



Kenneth Eugene Eller, 80, of Fort Wayne, passed away on Monday, February 7, 2022 at Miller's Merry Manor. Born May 8, 1941 in Kalamazoo, Mich.

He was a son of the late Raymond and Hildegard (Swackhammer) Eller from the Henry Eller line. A graduate of Lancaster Township High School, class of 1959, Kenneth proudly served in the United States Air Force from 1961-1965.

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



**Tammy James Eller****1961-2022**

Tammy Eller, age 60 of Marble, passed away Monday, February 7, 2022 in a Chattanooga, Tennessee hospital. She was a native and lifetime resident of Cherokee County. Tammy was a NASCAR fan and enjoyed watching soap operas.

She was the daughter of the late Arthur Odean and Annie Sue Derreberry James. Her ex-husband was Thurman Eller from the Jacob Eller line by way of Sukey Eller's son Joseph Pinion Eller.

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

**Christine Smith Eller****1923-2022**

On the morning of February 7th, 2022, Christine began her new life in Christ, more alive than she has ever been! Christine was born on May 14, 1923, to the late William "Bill" Jennings Bryant and Opal Vestal Oliver Smith.

In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Johnson Hayes Eller. He was from the George Michael Eller line.

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

**Nancy Rhodes Eller****1940-2022**

Nancy Rhodes Eller, 81, of Hays, passed away Friday, Feb. 4, 2022 at Wilkes Health & Rehab Center. She was born April 9, 1940 in Wilkes County to Otto and Mamie Whitley Rhodes. Nancy was a member of Fairplains Baptist Church. She enjoyed quilting, macrame, traveling, camping and shopping.

Mrs. Eller was preceded in death by her husband, Raymond Kenneth Eller who was from the George Michael Eller line.

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

**Jill Julayne Eller Tibbetts****1953-2022**

Jill Julayne Tibbetts, 68, of South Bend, Indiana, passed away on February 15, 2022. Jill was born on October 4, 1953, in Mishawaka. She graduated from Mishawaka High School in 1971 and went on to become a bookkeeper at Werntz Hardware in South Bend.

Her father was Harold J. Eller from the George Michael Eller line.

[ [Obituary](#) | [Jill Tibbetts in the EFA database](#) ]

**Samuel Bennett****1942-2022**

Sam Bennett passed away in Clarksville, Tennessee on 1 February 2022. He was a US Air Force (Vietnam) Retired Veteran.

Sam married Ann Whitworth, who was the daughter of Clarence and Effie Eller Whitworth, in the Jacob Eller line.

[ [Obituary](#) | [Sam Bennett in the EFA database](#) ]

**Barbara Harper Dills****1945-2022**

Barbara Jean Dills, age 76, of Hiawassee, passed away at her home Saturday, January 22, 2022. Mrs. Dills was born October 31, 1945, in Canton, OH, to the late George Jack Harper and the late Montine Shook Harper.

Barbara enjoyed watching TV and loved being with her grandchildren. She was preceded in death by her father, George Jack Harper, mother, Montine Shook Harper, and brother, Barry Harper.

Barbara is from the Jacob Eller line and goes back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller through her sons, Jacob and Joseph.

[ [Obituary](#) | [Barbara Harper Dills in the EFA database](#) ]

**Helen Ford Eller****1932-2022**

Helen L. (Ford) Eller, 89, passed Saturday, January 15, 2022, at Hospice & Community Care in Mt. Joy. She was the wife of the late John L. Eller, her husband of 65 years, who passed September 24, 2015.

Helen was a member of West York Church of The Brethren, and retired from Hershey Foods.

Helen is survived by her children, Clare Ullrich and her husband John of Davenport, IA, John L. Eller, II and his wife Shleva of York, and Ruby L. Perry of Red Lion.

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

**John Edwin Eller                      1935-2022**

John Edwin Eller, 85, of Marble passed away Sunday, January 2, 2022 in a Gainesville, Georgia hospital. He was a native of Clay County, but lived most of his life in Cherokee County. Ed served in the United States Air Force. He worked as an accountant in the timber products industry throughout his life.

He is from the Jacob Eller line. His great grandparents were William Visage Eller and Mary Ann Elizabeth "Polly" Eller. William goes back to Sukey through her son Joseph. Polly goes back to "Sukey" Eller through her son Jacob.

[ [Obituary](#) | [John Edwin nEller in the EFA database](#) ]

**Azalee Clampitt Eller                      1935-2022**

Mrs. Azalee Clampitt Eller, age 86, of Laurel Springs passed away on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at her home. Born June 18, 1935 in Swain County, NC, Azalee was a daughter of the late Harvey and Nannie Clampitt.

Survivors include her husband of 62 years, Wade Eller; and three children. How her husband fits into Eller genealogy could not be determined.

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

**Thomas "Wayne" Eller                      1962-2022**

Thomas "Wayne" Eller, 59, of San Jose Road, Hopewell, PA; passed away due to complications from Covid-19 on Thursday, February 3, 2022 at UPMC Altoona Hospital. He was born on July 27, 1962 in Everett, PA; son of Thomas L. and Carol J. (Ritchey) Eller. He is from the Conrad Iller/Eller line.

Wayne was a graduate of Northern Bedford County High School and spent his life pursuing his passion which was farming. He owned and operated Triple J Dairy in Hopewell.

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

**Jimmy Lee Eller                      1942-2022**

Jimmy Eller, age 79, passed away at his home in Marion, VA on January 26, 2022. He was preceded in death by his brother, David "DF" Eller. Jimmy retired from Brunswick and General Dynamics. He was a member of Grosses Creek Baptist Church.

Jimmy Eller was the son of Andrew David Eller and Nannie Hart Eller and is from the George Michael Eller line through his son Peter Lenn Eller.

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

**Charles Melton Eller****1937-2022**

Charles Melton Eller, age 85, of Longview, Texas went to be with the Lord on Sunday, January 16, 2022. Charles was born in Skiatook, Oklahoma on January 8, 1937 to Ida Leota and David Melton Eller. That is from the Jacob Eller line, through William "Bill" Eller.

Charles married his love, Mary Ann, on July 20, 1985. He served in the United States Army from 1961 – 1963. He enjoyed his job as a Plant Manager at Trinity Industries for over 40 years.

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

**Manuel James Arrowood****1954-2022**

Mr. Manuel James Arrowood, age 67, of Hiawassee, Georgia passed away on January 2, 2022 following an extended illness. Manuel was born on August 27, 1954 to the late Ralph James Garrett and Clara Bell Arrowood. Along with a heart full of Jesus, he dearly loved his family who meant everything to him. He was lovingly known as "Pops" and his legacy will forever live in the hearts of the ones he loved.

He is from the Jacob Eller line and goes back to "Sukey" Eller through her son Joseph 3 different ways.

[ [Obituary](#) | [Manuel Arrowood in the EFA database](#) ]

**Jerry Dennis Hunnicutt****1942-2022**

Jerry Dennis Hunnicutt, 79, passed away Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at CaroMont Regional Medical Center. He was born in Tate City, GA on July 20, 1942, a son of the late James Ballard and Claudine Nicholson Hunnicutt.

Jerry served his country honorably in the US Air Force. He went on to working with Southern Bell (later AT&T/Lucent) as a electronic switching technician, retiring after 40+ years of service.

Jerry goes back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller through her son Joseph and Mariah Hedden. Joseph's daughter married Jonathan Nicholson, starting a history of Eller/Nicholson marriages.

[ [Obituary](#) | [Jerry Hunnicutt in the EFA database](#) ]



**Mildred Elizabeth "Liz" Eller                      1945-2022**

On Thursday, January 27, 2022, Mildred Elizabeth "Liz" Eller, 77, of Greensboro, moved to her Heavenly home. Liz celebrated her 77th birthday, one day before she entered Heaven.

Liz was born in Wilkes County, North Carolina on January 26, 1945; the youngest of six children born to the late Harvey Doughton Eller, Sr. and Minnie Pardue Eller. She was from the George Michael Eller line.

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

**Ruby Erlene Eller                                      1934-2022**

Ruby Erlene Eller of Overland Park, KS died Monday, Jan. 24, 2022. She was the wife of Clifford Allen Eller. Visitation will be 1-2 pm followed by a service at 2 pm Saturday, Jan. 29 at the Amos Family Funeral Home. Graveside services will be 11 am Monday, Jan. 31 at the Concordia, MO Baptist Cemetery.

[ [Obituary](#) \ [Ruby Erlene Eller in the EFA database](#) ]

**Edward Howard Eller, Jr.                              1947-2022**

Edward Howard Eller, Jr., 74, of Marion, North Carolina, passed away Thursday, January 13, 2022 at the Memorial Campus of Mission Hospital.

He was born in McDowell County on September 30, 1947 to the late Edward Howard Eller, Sr. and Rena Mae Young Eller. (Jacob Eller line through son Jake)

Edward retired from Collins & Aikman in engineering and design. He honorably served in the U.S. Army and was a bronze star recipient.

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

**Mavis Ann Eller Peterson                              1935-2022**

Mavis Eller Peterson, 86, of Elon, passed away at Alamance Regional Medical Center on Friday, Jan. 1, 2022. A native of Wilkes County, she was the daughter of Coy Eller and Bernice Foster Eller, both deceased.

Mavis retired from Nokia, Inc. and was a member of the Kingdom Hall of Jehovah's Witness in Gibsonville. She is from the George Michael Eller line through his son Peter Lenn Eller.

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

**Melba Lee Eller Wood****1937-2021**

Mrs. Melba Lee Eller Wood, age 84 of Ferguson passed away Sunday, December 26, 2021 at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist - Wilkes Medical Center. Melba was born June 14, 1937 in Wilkes County to Ms. Pearl Eller. She was a member of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church. She loved flower gardening, taking care of animals especially cats and birds.

She is from the George Michael Eller line.

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

**Neverrett "Junior" Berrong****1954-2021**

On early Tuesday morning, December 21st, 2021, Junior Berrong was called home at the age of 67. The world mourns the loss of a great son, husband, brother, father, grandfather, father-in-law, uncle, and friend. He was one of a kind, a character, and a legend in his own time.

Junior was born to the late Nevert and Robbie (Parton) Berrong in Clayton, GA on February 5th, 1954. He leaves behind many broken-hearted loved ones including his caring wife Vic, and his three daughters.

He is from the Jacob Eller line going back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller through dau Malinda.

[ [Obituary](#) | [Neverett Berrong in the EFA database](#) ]

**Doris Jean Eller Webb****1930-2021**

Mrs. Doris Jean Eller Webb, 91, of Salisbury, passed away Thursday, December 9, 2021 at Novant Health Rowan Medical Center. Born September 1, 1930 in Rowan County, Jean was the daughter of the late John Louis Eller and Grace Owen Eller. She was a 1948 graduate of China Grove High School and received an Associate's Degree from Pfeiffer College. She was previously employed as a Secretary at Rowan Mills and, later, as a teacher's assistant and bus driver for Rowan County Schools. She is from the Melchior Eller line.

[ [Obituary](#) | [Doris Jean Eller Webb in the EFA database](#) ]

**Philmore "Phil" Eller****1946-2021**

Mr. Philmore "Phil" Eller, 75, of Granite Falls, passed away Saturday, Nov. 6, 2021, at Frye Regional Medical Center, following a period of declining health.

Phil was born Oct. 30, 1946, to the late Hubert "Hub" Eller and Ruby Bolick Eller.

He worked as a telecommunications manager at Corning Cable Systems, and was a member of Concord Baptist Church. He was an avid golfer and gardener.

He was a George Michael Eller descendant.

[ [Obituary](#) | [Philmore "Phil" Eller in the EFA database](#) ]

**Esther Grogan Eller****1938-2021**

Esther Grogan Eller, age 83, of Martinsville, Virginia, passed away Saturday, December 11, 2021. Esther was born September 24, 1938. She is preceded in death by her husband of 49 years, James H. Eller, Jr., her brother John Roy Grogan. Sister's-in-law; Ruby Harrell, Dot Eller and Ann Eller. Brother's -in -law; Edd Eller and Murray "Ham" Eller.

Mrs. Eller was a member of Starling Avenue Baptist Church and the DuPont Retirees. She loved playing Bridge and spending time with her grandchildren.

Her husband was from the George Michael Eller line.

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

**Mary Louise Eller Ward****1932-2021**

Mary Louise Eller Ward, 89, of Salisbury, passed away on Thursday, December 2, 2021 at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in High Point. She was born on October 30, 1932 in Rockwell to the late Wilbur J. Eller and Eva Parker Eller.

Mary was a member of Emmanuel Baptist Church in Salisbury. In addition to her parents, Mary was preceded in death by her first husband, Emmitt A Ward; second husband Bruce R Penley, sister Eula Artz, and granddaughter Kelly Whitt.

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

**Joyce Galloway Curtis****1942-2021**

Joyce Galloway Curtis, 79, of Woodstock, GA, formerly of Hayesville, passed away Monday, November 29, 2021. She was born November 24, 1942 in Knoxville, TN. Joyce spent some of her childhood in Canton, OH.

She attended Hayesville High School and met her future husband, Farrell Curtis, there. Joyce and Farrell lived in Doraville, Acworth, and eventually settled in Woodstock, GA in 1979. Joyce worked for the IRS as a tax examiner.

After her retirement, Joyce found great joy in taking care of her three grandchildren.

Joyce is the daughter of Cora Eller and is from the Jacob Eller line.

[ [Obituary](#) | [Joyce Galloway in the EFA database](#) ]

**David Franklin Eller****1938-2021**

David F. Eller, 83, passed away peacefully and surrounded by family on Friday, November 26th. He was born in Chilhowie, Virginia to David Andrew and Nannie Ethel Eller.

David loved his country, and served honorably in the United States Air Force. He served his community as well, first as a patrolman with the Savannah Police Department (SPD) and later as a Detective.

He was from the George Michael Eller line.

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

**Rev. Neal Edwin Eller, Sr.****1931-2021**

Rev. Neal Edwin Eller, Sr. 90, passed away peacefully on Wednesday, December 8, 2021 at his home. He was born on April 19, 1931 in Iredell County to Thomas Irl and Bertha Sherrill Eller.

Neal's home church was Bethel Baptist Church in Statesville. He served as pastor at many churches in North Carolina. In addition to his parents, Neal was preceded in death by his loving wife of 68 years, Faye Bolick Eller.

He is from the Jacob Eller line.

[ [Obituary](#) | [Rev. Neal Eller in the EFA database](#) ]



**Keith Whitney Eller****1966-2021**

Keith Whitney Eller, 55, of Greensboro, NC, passed away on December 6, 2021, at Wesley Long Hospital. He was born on April 23, 1966 in Greensboro to William Whitney Eller, Jr., and the late Celia Dare Sherrill Eller. He graduated from McIver School in Greensboro, and after graduation, he worked on many projects at the Guilford County Sheltered Workshop and at LifeSpan.

He is from the Jacob Eller line.

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

**Evelyn Joan Oiler Eller****1927-2021**

Evelyn Joan Eller, 93, Forest, passed away at 4:25 p.m. on Sunday, Nov. 21, 2021, at Ascension St. Vincent, Kokomo. Joan was born on Dec. 15, 1927 in Howard County to the late Harry and Mary Gladys (Seward) Oilar.

On May 1, 1949, in a small ceremony at home, she married Robert "Bob" Eller, and he survives. He is from the Jacob Eller (Roanoke Branch) line.

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

# On The Lighter Side

## 5 Golden Rules of Genealogy

1. Leave no stone unturned, unless it is a headstone.
2. Handwriting legibility is inversely proportional to a document's importance.
3. The further away a cemetery or library is, the more awkward the opening hours are.
4. The relative you most need to talk with is the one whose funeral you are currently attending.
5. Wherever you find two or more siblings, there also will you find two or more surname spellings.

## That Would Make a Good T-shirt

- Family genealogy explains why we turned out the way we did.
- If your family members won't talk about a particular relative, a seasoned genealogist knows they are keeping mum about something very interesting.
- Every family has one weird relative. If you don't know who it is, it's probably you.
- Genealogy is like a jigsaw puzzle. You're always looking for the missing pieces.
- Genealogy is all about chasing your own tale.
- Genealogy: Life in the past lane. Surely make you lose some time
- Only a genealogist thinks a step backwards is progress.
- I just love Ancestry.com . . . it's Facebook for dead people.
- If you shake your family tree, watch for the nuts to fall.

## Murphy's Laws of Genealogy

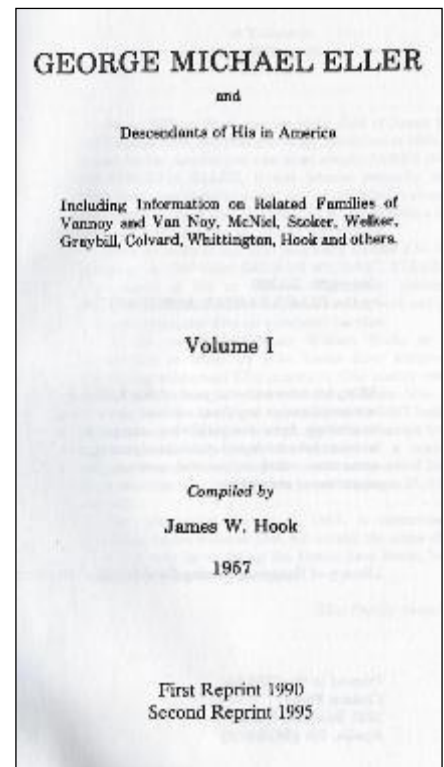
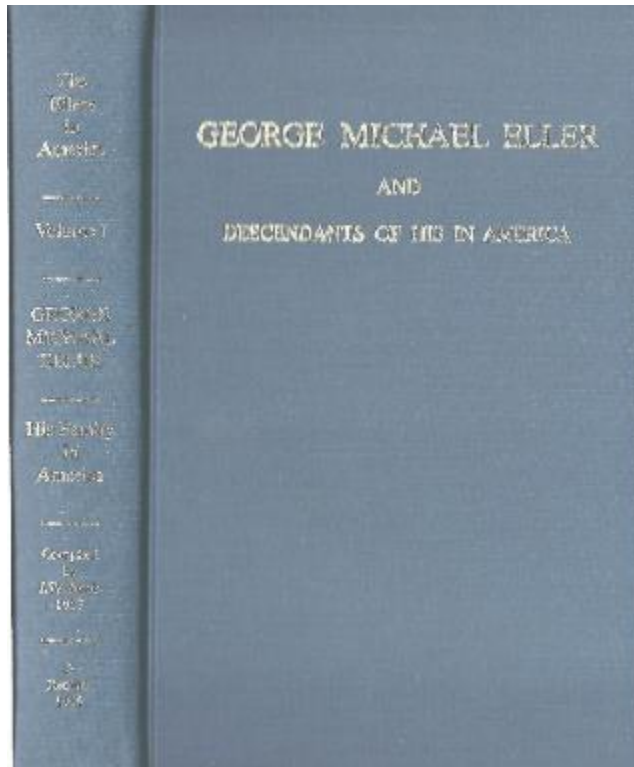
- The microfilm that you have diligently searched page by page will have an index at the end.
- If one brother is left out of the genealogy of a family, guess whose ancestor he is?
- The only overturned, face-down gravestone in the cemetery is your 2<sup>nd</sup> great grandmother's.
- The spelling of your European ancestor's name bears no relationship to its current spelling or pronunciation.
- The tombstone you want to find is always located in the extreme opposite corner of the cemetery to where you started your search.

## Genealogist's Serenity Prayer

God grant me the serenity to accept the ancestors I cannot find, the courage to find the ones I can, and the wisdom to document thoroughly.

## *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](mailto:missliggy@yahoo.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 Lauren Liggett (address above): [missliggy@yahoo.com](mailto: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](mailto:Loveta@comcast.net).

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





# ELLER History and Genealogy

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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.

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## ***Register Now As An EFA Member on the Eller Website***

A special section on the Eller Family Association website ([www.ellerfamilyassociation.com](http://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 17<sup>th</sup> 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:

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☐ 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:

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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.

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