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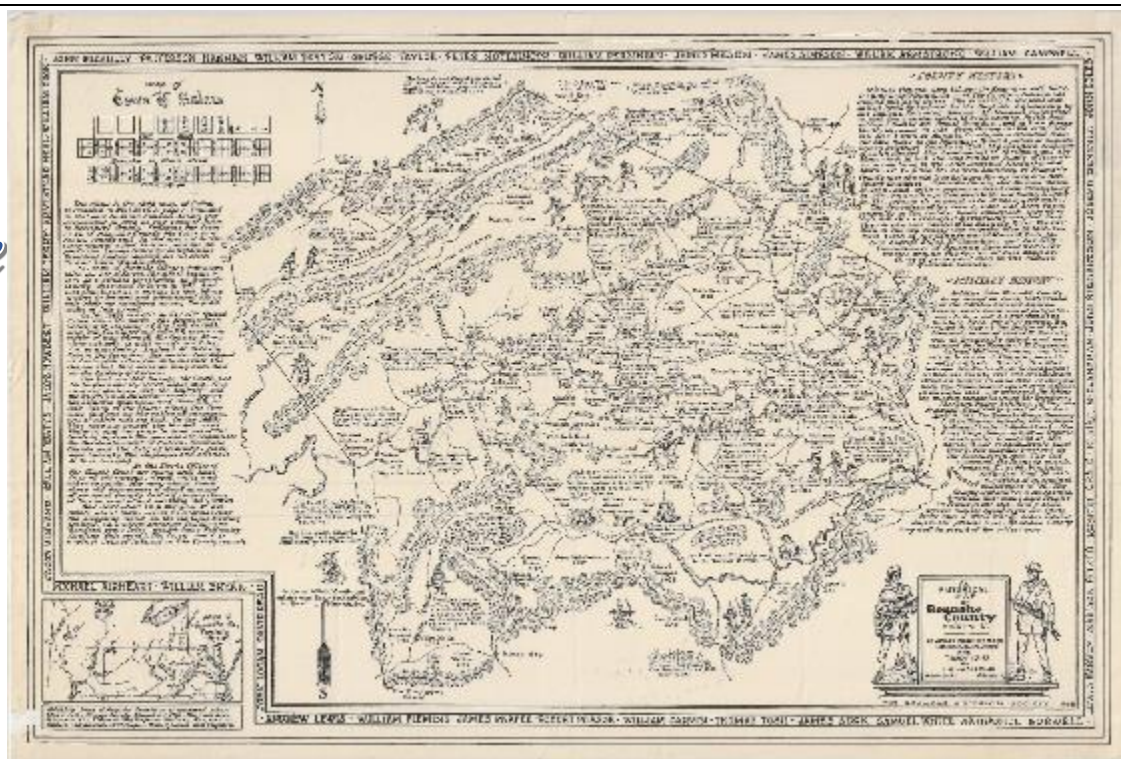
The Official Publication of the ELLER FAMILY ASSOCIATION

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

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



From the President . . . Steve Eller

Hello all,

It has been a tough year so far here in Western North Carolina. I have had some yearly maintenance chemo treatments for bladder cancer and my wife just had her knee replaced several weeks ago. We continue to trust in God and always try to remember that we are

blessed!

Hope you enjoy this quarter's newsletter. Our event organizers have been working extra hard to complete all the final specifics for this year's conference, details are listed all through this edition. Please take a little time to register and ensure that your room accommodations are

made. July will be here before you know it and we look forward to seeing you there. A special thanks to Harvey Powers and Ed Eller for all their efforts. Harvey is this year's host and Ed has assisted him. Dan Liggett also has done some special research on the Roanoke/Salem area and the Eller Folks that lived in this area. I hope you enjoy reading the information he compiled and has included in this edition of the Chronicles.



I am trying to wrap up the John Jacob Eller and His Descendants book update. This project has been a big part of my life for over three years now. If you have any information that you want to be included, please forward to me as soon as possible. Researching and entering data has exposed me to a lot of Eller information. I can see how important it is to capture family history now. If you have family stories, photos or documents, think about sending them to Harvey Powers (our webmaster). His contact information can be found on the last page of the Chronicles. He also has a section on our website where he posts headstone photos.

If your family has a family reunion, please let us know about that as we can help put out the word. We would love to receive your photos and/or written accounts of these events. I have been known to attend family gatherings and take a few pictures.

Hope to see you in July!

Steve Eller

EFA President

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From the Secretary / Treasurer . . . Lauren Liggett

Hello Eller cousins,

I just finished proofreading this issue and now I am excited about the upcoming Eller Family Conference in Roanoke/Salem area. 😊 I do so enjoy getting together with my Eller friends and relatives.

I was born in OH and spent my early years there, so I did not get the warm southern accent that so many of my cousins have. My parents had that accent in their speech, as they both grew up in north Georgia. I love talking with my southern cousins as their speech always makes me feel at home. I'm sure it makes God smile too! So that is one of the things that I am looking forward to at the conference. It is a precious thing to me. That and playing Farkle!! Thanks to Aunt Lois for teaching us that game.



For those of you that are Bible believers, I ask for your prayers for our family. Our 2023 started out with some bad news. Soon after New Year's our daughter got word that her biopsy results were positive for Triple Negative breast cancer. Dan and I have been doing a lot of babysitting for the grands these past weeks as Amy goes off to various tests and appointments. It has settled into a bit of a routine now that treatments have begun. Typically, I go with Amy to her chemo treatments while Dan babysits Chloe. Joshua is in kindergarten for most of the day and Amy's husband Joe is working. After the weekly treatment, I stay at Amy's to watch littles until Joe finishes working. Joe takes Fridays off so that Amy can recover from the chemotherapy. There are a lot of people praying for us to all stay healthy so that Amy can stay on her treatment schedule. So far it is going well. The doctor can tell that the chemo is softening the tumor. So far, the worst side effects are that Amy has lost her hair and she can no longer taste Dr. Pepper.

We have already informed Amy's in-laws that we will be away for the Eller Family Conference in July, so they need to be available to help as needed with the grands. If things stay on schedule she will be finished with the chemotherapy and prepping for surgery about that time.

We greatly appreciate your prayers for Amy and our family during this time.

I hope you will mark your calendars and plan to check out the Eller Family Conference in Virginia this year (even if you don't have a southern accent!). We would love to meet you.

Your cousin and EFA Secretary/Treasurer,

Lauren (Eller) Liggett

EFA Secretary/Treasurer

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From the Webmaster . . . Harvey Powers

Details of our July 2023 Biennial Conference are coming together. The conference will be held in Salem, Virginia (Near Roanoke) July 19-23.

We chose Roanoke to hopefully extend interest to the “Roanoke Botetourt Eller Branch.” [Jacob Eller and his wife Magdalene](#) settled on “Wolf Run” in what is now Roanoke County (created from Botetourt in 1838) about 1790.

The “Eller Homeplace” was sold to Jacob Eller in 1799 and was located about seven miles southwest of Salem on “the headwaters of Craven Creek.”

There is debate as to whether this Jacob Eller was himself an immigrant from Germany or if he is a descendant of George Michael Eller. We know there is a DNA connection between the two but there is also evidence that supports Jacob as an immigrant. Perhaps we’ll find out more at the conference.

Our conference hotel is the Comfort Suites, 2898 Keagy Road, Salem, VA. Rooms are reserved for those attending the conference at the special rate of \$99 plus tax. There is a free breakfast available at the hotel each morning. Please make your reservations as soon as possible.

The hotel will be the location for our meeting room. In addition to EFA business, we expect to have presentations on (1) an update of the John Jacob Eller book, (2) a new Christian Eller book and (3) more on the Roanoke-Botetourt Eller branch. We are seeking others who may want to present information.

We have booked a special excursion for Friday. We have arranged a bus to take our group up the famous Blue Ridge Parkway with a stop at the “Great Valley Overlook.” The great valley seems to stretch forever. It is an opportunity to imagine how it must have looked to our ancestors as they headed west.



The bus excursion will take us to lunch at the “Peaks of Otter.” The “Lake View Restaurant” has a menu featuring fresh and organic local ingredients and regional specialties. We will be able to order from a special lunch menu. Our bus will return us to the conference hotel in mid-afternoon.

Our Saturday night banquet will be near the hotel at Jersey Lily’s Roadhouse, a well-known steakhouse in the area (dinners other than steak will be available).

A sign-up form for the conference is located in this issue of the *Chronicles*. If you are planning to attend, please sign up early as it helps us determine bus-size and the number of meals the restaurant can expect.

Harvey Powers

EFA Webmaster

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From the Editor . . . Dan Liggett

The Eller Family Conference in July will be the 18th Biennial Conference. Which began in Salisbury, NC in 1989. It is also the 35th anniversary of the Eller Family Association. What a rich history we have. Why don't you join us in July.

When webmaster Harvey Powers mentioned in his letter about the location of the "Eller Homeplace" of Jacob Eller, it sparked my curiosity. I just wondered if we could find the area in present day Roanoke County, VA. I found his location hints detailed further in the first few paragraphs of an article in *The Eller Chronicles* originally published in [November 1991](#) and reprinted just last November 2022, but I never really took a hard look at the details in [The Jacob Eller Plantation](#) by [John Clinton Eller](#) (great-great-grandson of [Jacob Eller](#)). After just a few minutes searching online, I found the [map](#) on the front page of this edition of *The Eller Chronicles*, also found on the EFA website under Media > Maps. I went on to put together a discussion of the map and some specific notations there in the article entitled Jacob Eller in the Roanoke County Area found later in this edition of *The Eller Chronicles*.



The Jacob Eller line has been front and center in the EFA since the early days. I found this announcement in the very first edition of the *Eller Chronicles* (Nov 1987):

REUNION: Descendants of Jacob and Magdalena Eller, who settled in the Roanoke VA Valley will hold a reunion in August 1990. Watch for further details in upcoming NEWSLETTERS. Contact Lowell and Sarah Eller, 678 Diamond Rd., Salem, Va

How fitting that we are finally holding a conference in that area. But we need everyone's help finding local Eller descendants to share their stories, pictures and history with us. If you have any contacts in the Roanoke County area, please invite them to the Conference.

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 29, 2023 Board/Directors meeting (by phone) was called to order by president Steve Eller at 9:05pm EST. Present on the call were Steve Eller, Harvey Powers, Jerry Kendall, Lauren Liggett, Dan Liggett, Anna Bliss, Corrine Casper, Emily Cook and Ed Eller. David Eller was unable to attend.

Dan had sent out a preliminary Conference Registration form prior to the meeting which had several items highlighted for discussion, so Steve asked Dan to walk through those items.

1. Registration fee: After discussion, it was decided to set the registration fee at \$10 with a \$20 family maximum (children under 18 are free).
2. T-Shirt pre-orders: Sizes listed were Child M/L and Adult S/M/L/XL/2X/3X. After discussion, it was decided that the price would probably be set at \$10 for most sizes, but may be more for 2X/3X depending on what the actual prices are quoted to Ed when he calls the vendor later this week. Prices may have increased, so once Ed reports to Dan, they are authorized to set the prices either across all sizes or for some individual prices. This will happen in time to reflect in the February Chronicles.
3. Bus tour & lunch: After discussion, it was decided to keep bus trip cost separate from the lunch costs, so the bus trip price was set to \$25 per person (the difference to be subsidized by the EFA). Unless Harvey can arrange a buffet (restaurant is closed for the winter) before the February Chronicles, lunch costs will be up to the individual to pay at Peaks of Otter (<https://www.peaksofotter.com/dine>).
4. Banquet: Since Jersey Lily's Roadhouse (<http://www.jerseylilys.com/>) does not normally offer a buffet, after extensive discussion, it was tentatively decided to only ask how many would be attending the banquet and everyone would order off the menu and pay for themselves. Since Ed plans to go through Roanoke/Salem in mid-February, he will try to meet with the manager of Jersey Lily's (Preston Long) and see if a buffet might be possible. If a buffet is arranged, its cost will be added to the registration form. If that happens, Ed and Dan are authorized to set the price in time for the February Chronicles.

Ed has called Ellers in the Roanoke area, but has had little response. Harvey saw similar results. Steve had a contact there that he will call again and see if he can drum up interest. We need to get local interest started.

Steve reported that the John Jacob Eller book update project is nearing completion with just short of 30,000 names. Anyone wanting to contribute needs to get their info in ASAP. He also mentioned the need for discussion at the Conference about how to publish the book.

Steve also mentioned that the next step for the Old Smyrna Cemetery is for Towns County and the Forrest Service to work together to survey the cemetery area to establish official boundaries. The fund has the money to fix the road into the Cemetery, so he hopes to dedicate the new markers for Jacob L. Eller and Hardy Washington Eller sometime in the spring. It has been in the works for about 3 years now.

Lauren reported that Howard Eller of Kokimo, IN has agreed to present at the Conference. Howard will discuss his DNA experience and how he connects to Jacob Eller (Roanoke). As a descendant of Jacob Eller of Roanoke, VA, his DNA indicated he was connected somehow to the George Michael Eller line. While the actual family tree connection has not been found, it is there somewhere waiting to be discovered. Ed pointed out that Hook had claimed that Jacob Eller was George Michael Eller's son, but that is unproven. They certainly seem to be connected somehow, unless Howard has a different connection to George Michael Eller other than through Jacob Eller. Difficult to know without further research.

Since the last meeting, 6 new members, 8 renewals (1 Lifetime) and 1 Gift membership.

The meeting adjourned at 9:41pm EST.

Update: Since buffets were not available, the Peaks of Otter lunch (from a [limited menu](#)) and the banquet at Jersey Lily's Roadhouse will remain as ordered and paid individually. The t-shirts will be priced at \$12 and \$15 (2X / 3X).

Proposed EFA By-Laws Addition

to be voted on at the General Meeting at the July Conference

In the May 2022 EFA Board/Director's meeting a motion was made, seconded and passed to amend the EFA By-Laws by adding paragraph 7 to Article VI (Officers), Section 5c of the EFA By-Laws that continues the statement "The Secretary/Treasurer shall":

7) Make an annual online report to the IRS (Form 990-N) to maintain tax exempt status of the EFA. This report must be completed between August 1 and December 1. The only information reported is the EFA's EIN number and whether gross receipts exceeded \$50,000. Also, a new Change of Address or Responsible Party — Business (Form 8822-B) shall be filed with the IRS when the Secretary/Treasurer office holder changes.

This was added because the EFA unknowingly let its 501(c)7 tax-exempt status lapse by not reporting to the IRS some years back. This was corrected in 2022 and we have been re-instated, but thought it best to put the need into the By-Laws so future Secretary/Treasurers are aware of their responsibilities. A side note, 501(c)7 is a tax-exempt status for a non-profit organization, but donations are NOT tax deductible. It does mean the EFA does not have to file or pay income tax as long as these reports are kept current.

Article IX (Amendments) states:

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.

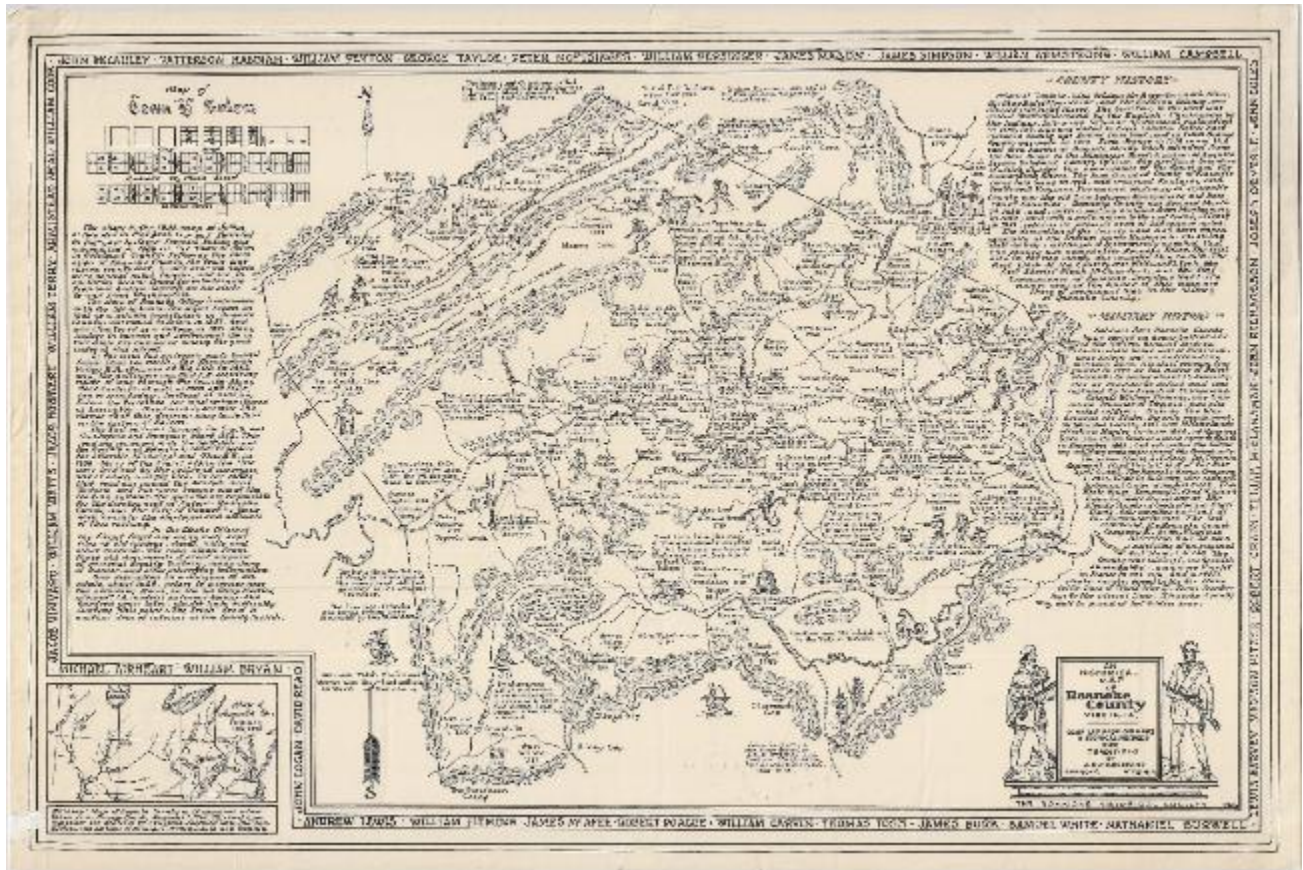
So, there will be vote on this at the EFA Member meeting at the July 2023 EFA Conference.

Jacob Eller in Roanoke County

By Dan Liggett

The article entitled [The Jacob Eller Plantation](#) by [John Clinton Eller](#) (great-great-grandson of [Jacob Eller](#)) was originally printed in the [November 1991](#) Chronicles and reprinted in the [November 2022](#) Chronicles. The article contained surprising helpful details IF a map of the area was available, which was recently discovered at: <https://dc.etsu.edu/rare-maps/160/>

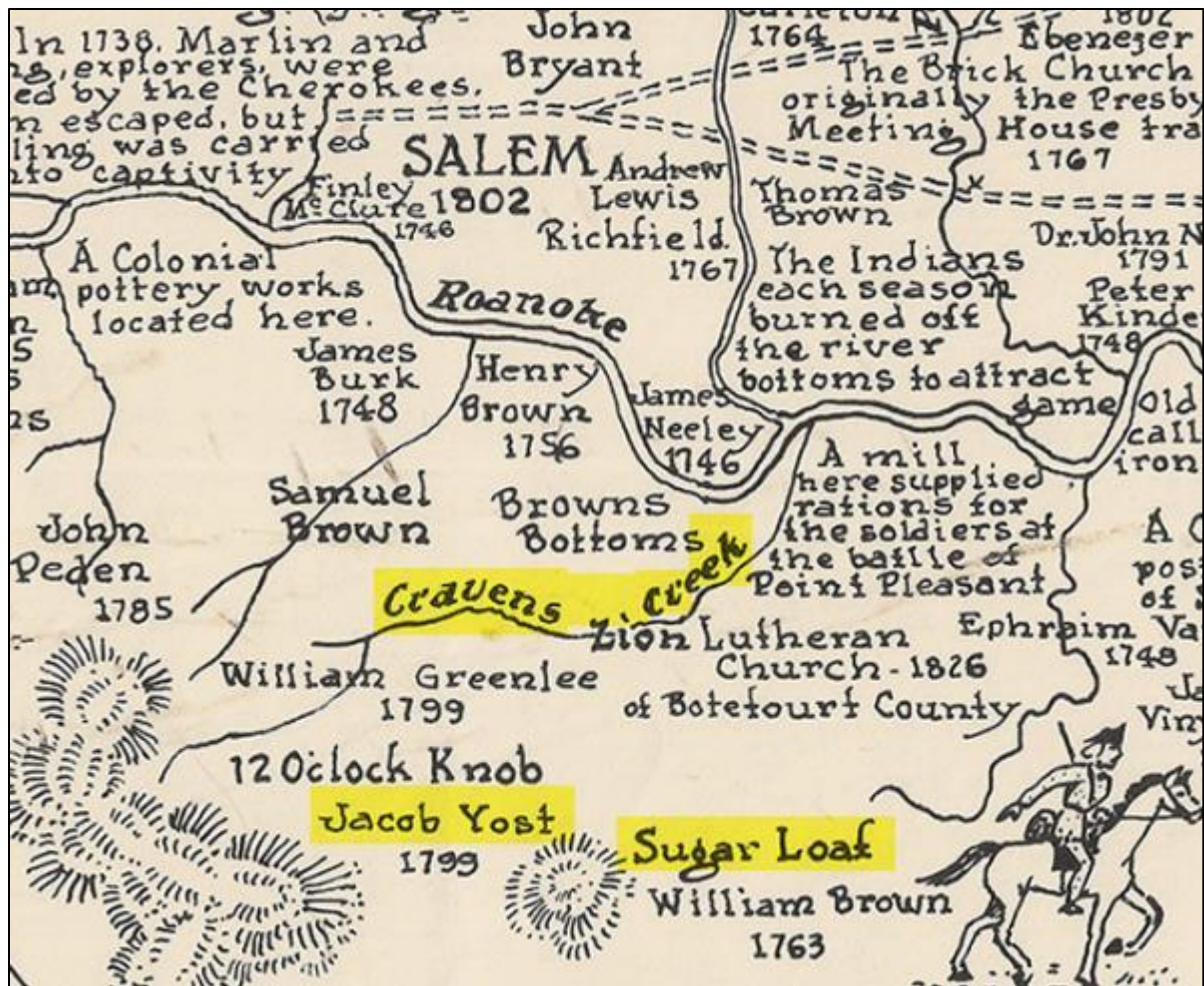
The ability to zoom a PDF makes this 1802 map of Roanoke County easier to read from the EFA website: http://www.ellerfamilyassociation.com/maps/RoanokeCounty_1802.pdf



Notice the following details from the article that can be seen on this 1802 map:

- On February 9, 1802 he bought 400 acres of land in what was then Botetourt County, Virginia from **Jacob and Elizabeth Yest**. [on the map as **Jacob Yost**]
- This land was located in the beautiful Roanoke section of the Valley of Virginia in what was then Botetourt County in the Cave Spring District on **Cravens Creek**, five miles south of Salem Virginia.
- Much of his farm was on the foot hills of **Sugar Loaf** and Long Ridge Mountains.

Look on the next page at the zoomed section of the 1802 map Jacob Yost, Cravens Creek and Sugar Loaf Mountain. This [1802 map](#) complements the first few paragraphs of John C. Eller's descriptions following the map itself.



Growing up on what Jacob Eller called his Plantation was like living and walking through history. Here is where Jacob built his first cabin. This is where they got water out of the creek to wash their clothes. This is where they grew tobacco before grandpa quit. These are Albemarle Pippin apple trees that grandpa planted. This is why they are so big your arm can't reach around them. There is where great grandmother Polly's cabin was. She lived ninety-four years. My father- Christian Emory Eller seemed to know the answer to all my questions.

Jacob Eller immigrated from Germany to what was then Botetourt County Virginia along with many of his fellow countryman in the later part of the 1700. The earliest known date of his presence was when he was given a Grant of 150 acres of land by Governor Beverley Randolph on Wolf Run of Back Creek, a branch of Roanoke River, July 19, 1790. He later sold this land to John Brubaker.

On February 9, 1802 he bought 400 acres of land in what was then Botetourt County, Virginia from Jacob and Elizabeth Yest (Yeast) for \$1066.67.

This land was located in the beautiful Roanoke section of the Valley of Virginia in what was then Botetourt County in the Cave Spring District on Cravens Creek, five miles south of Salem, Virginia. He chose land on the Blue Ridge Mountain side of the Valley.

Much of his farm was on the foot hills of Sugar Loaf and Long Ridge Mountains. There were two streams on the farm. One on the western section, Cravens Creek, and one on the eastern section, Seacat Branch at the foot of Sugar Loaf Mountain. He later bought from Jacob Statler 49 acres of land. Much of the land was covered with timber. Later a road was built and he was appointed "Overseer of the Roads".

The [modern day map of the same area](#) below suggests that the Jacob Eller homestead would have been somewhere near red **X** on the map. It also appears the Cravens Creek has been renamed **Barnhardt Creek** (Barnhardt people appear in Jacob Eller's tree), but there is still a **Cravens Creek Road** nearby. [FYI, the Conference hotel (**Comfort Suites Inn**) is on Keagy Rd.]

Later in John C. Eller's article, he mentioned his grandfather, John W. Eller was the owner.

*By this time much of the land had been cleared of timber. He planted extensive apple orchards including much of the land on **Sugar Loaf Mountain**. Other crops included wheat, corn, and tobacco. He later discontinued raising tobacco because he decided using it was a sin.*

Although he remained a farmer through his life, John W. Eller had other interests. He was ordained by his church, the German Baptist Brethren, later changed to The Church of the Brethren, and was much in demand as a preacher and evangelist.

The Census Records of 1830, 1840, 1850, and 1860 have no reference to slaves being owned by the Ellers of Roanoke County. Also, Jacob Eller's descendants were members of the German Baptist Brethren Church which forbid the owning of slaves.

*By 1906, [Christian E. Eller](#) had inherited the land from his father [John W. Eller](#) and that year he bought the land on top of Sugar Loaf Mountain and a right-of-way south to the **Sugar Loaf Mountain Road** from the Leighton family. Sometime later he cleared the land on the south side of the mountain and planted a peach **orchard**.*

*This was also the year he gave the land to the **Pleasant Grove Baptist Church**. The land was deeded to this congregation of black members as long as it was used for a church.*

The article entitled [The Sugar Loaf Kids](#) by [Edna Francis Eller Snavelly](#), printed originally in the [Feb 1990](#) Chronicles (reprinted [Nov 2022](#)), mentioned the location of the homestead.

*After the marriage they [[Christian](#) and [Rebecca](#) Eller] began their home five miles south of Salem, Virginia **at the foot of Sugar Loaf Mountain**, in the home of [John W.](#) and [Hannah](#) Brubaker Eller.*



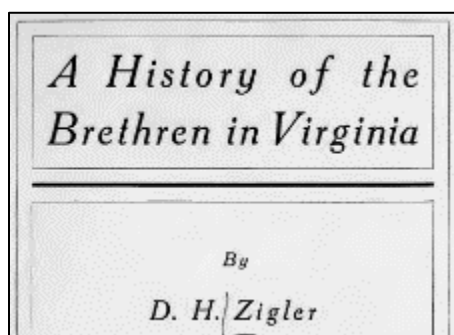
Also mentioned in [The Sugar Loaf Kids](#) article was the **Oak Grove Church of the Brethren**.

Five of the Eller boys were licensed and installed as ministers in our home church. 'This was the Oak Grove Church of the Brethren, Salem, Virginia. Three of the five graduated from Bethany Seminary in Chicago, and served as pastors.

In their own [history of Oak Grove Church of the Brethren](#), C.E. Eller was the organizer:

The [Oak Grove Church of the Brethren](#) congregation started its ministry in the Oak Grove community in 1902, as a Sunday School held in the Oak Grove School. The organizer of this ministry, C.E. Eller, donated much of the lumber, sawed from his timber, for the first meeting place built in 1908. Oak Grove was organized as a congregation in 1923, thus becoming independent from the mother congregation, [Peters Creek Church of the Brethren](#) which had begun north of Roanoke, VA before 1840.

Many of Jacob Eller's descendants were instrumental in the local (German Baptist) Brethren Church. [John W. Eller](#) and his sons C.E. Eller ([Christian Emory "Christ" Eller](#)) and [David Newton Eller](#) are mentioned at length in the book [A History of the Brethren in Virginia](#) by D.H. Zigler, published in 1908 (excerpts below). Note the inclusion of the names Brubaker, Wertz and Barnhart. Those last names also appear often in the family tree of the Jacob Eller line.



FIRST DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA

Brethren preached here soon after the settlement in Botetourt County.

Eld. C. E. Eller in giving a report of Peters Creek church says: "The number of members at present is one hundred and fifty. Beginning with our present ministry, I find that the following Brethren have had oversight of Peters Creek church: C. E. Eller, D. C. Naff, C. A. Williams, John B. Naff, John W. Eller, Moses E. Brubaker, Elias Brubaker, Christian Wertz, John Brubaker, John Eller, and Daniel Barnhart.



FACULTY (1906-'07) OF BOTETOURT NORMAL COLLEGE.

A. C. Flora E. V. Crumpacker J. D. Miller
L. C. Coffman Mrs. Jessie Hylton G. A. Layman
C. S. Ikenberry D. Newton Eller J. W. Ikenberry

THE MISSIONARY WORK OF THE FIRST DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA.

By Eld. D. N. Eller.

[Eld. D. N. Eller, son of Eld. John W. Eller, was born November 16, 1862, near Salem, Roanoke County, Virginia. His early life was spent on his father's farm and he had the advantages afforded by the public schools of the county. At the age of eighteen, he began teaching school. In 1885, he entered Bridgewater College and graduated two years later in the English Course. Subsequent to this, he taught in the public school three years. In 1891, he entered Botetourt Normal College as instructor in English and Philosophy and became president of that institution three years later, which position he holds

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A HISTORY OF THE BRETHREN

at this writing. Pres. Eller was elected minister in 1888 and ordained to the eldership in 1904. He has been secretary of the District Mission Board since 1898.]

Eller Family Conference 2023 News

Mark your calendars for **July 19-23, 2023** at the [Comfort Suites Inn at Ridgewood Farm](#) at 2898 Keagy Road in Salem, Virginia. Salem is immediately adjacent to the city of Roanoke.



We urge everyone to **make your hotel reservations ASAP to guarantee the EFA room rate of \$99/night plus tax**, but **only if** you book your room early. Simply **call the hotel at 540-375-4800 and tell them you are with the Eller Family Association**. That rate is guaranteed until July 12th, 2023.

Breakfast and WiFi are included. Each room has a flat-screen TV, USB ports, work area, coffee maker, a microwave and a refrigerator. A pool, fitness center and laundry facility are also available. Our meetings will be in the hotel and we will have our meals and banquet nearby.

A registration form for the conference is now available in this issue of the Chronicles and a [Printable Registration Form](#) may be filled out and printed online.



Updates will be posted at:

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





Restaurants within walking distance

Reserve your room today

at the EFA rate of \$99 per night by calling

Comfort Inn at Ridgewood Farm

2898 Keagy Road, Salem, Virginia

(540)375-4800

and saying you are with the

Eller Family Association Conference

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July 19-23, 2023

Comfort Suites Inn At Ridgewood Farm

2898 Keagy Road

Salem, Virginia 24153

Breakfast included 540.375.4800 EFA rate: \$99/nt.



REGISTRATION FORM

**** Please includes the names of all attendees per address ****

| | | | | |
|----------|--|--------------|--|----------|
| Name(s) | | | | |
| Address | | | | |
| City | | State | | Zip Code |
| Cell Ph. | | Home/Alt Ph. | | |
| Email | | | | |

| | <u>Conference Fees</u> | <u>Cost per Person/Item</u> | x | <u>How Many</u> | <u>Total</u> |
|-----|---|-----------------------------|-----------------|------------------|--------------|
| WED | Conference Registration Fee | \$ 10 | each (\$20 max) | | |
| | Conference T-Shirt | | <u>Size</u> | | |
| | (sizes only reserved through June 15) | \$ 12 | Child M | | |
| | | \$ 12 | Child L | | |
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| | | \$ 12 | Adult L | | |
| | | \$ 12 | Adult XL | | |
| | | \$ 15 | Adult 2X | | |
| | | \$ 15 | Adult 3X | | |
| FRI | Blue Ridge Parkway Bus Tour | \$ 25 | | | |
| | (lunch at Peaks of Otter together but paid separately) | | | | |
| SAT | Banquet, Awards and Entertainment | diners to expect: | | diner count only | |
| | (dinner at Jersey Lily's Roadhouse but paid separately) | | | | |



Make check payable to:

Mail with Registration Form to:

www.ellerfamilyassociation.com

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

TOTAL DUE ➡

[Download Printable Form here](#)

Conference Agenda

July 19-23, 2023

Wednesday July 19

Afternoon Arrive, sign in/buy shirts; Hotel Conference room
 Dinner on your own
 7pm Social time in Conference room (Farkle or Chickenfoot or whatever)

Thursday July 20

Breakfast Included with Hotel room
 9:30am Welcome (EFA President; former Salem Mayor)
 10am EFA Business meeting/Election of Officers
 10:30am **Presentations (approx. 20 mins each) ****
 12-1pm Lunch on your own
 Afternoon Continuation of meeting / Social time/ available to update database
 4pm EFA Board Meeting
 Dinner on your own
 7pm Social time in Conference room (Farkle or Chickenfoot or whatever)

Friday Jul 21

Breakfast Included with Hotel room
 10am Leave for Blue Ridge Parkway bus trip
 10:30am Stop at scenic overlook
 12noon Lunch at Peaks of Otter Lodge
 1-2pm Return
 2pm Set out auction stuff
 Dinner Informal Group Dinner at a nearby restaurant yet to be agreed upon, but everyone orders and pays for their own meals
 7pm Social time in Conference room (Farkle or Chickenfoot or whatever)

Saturday Jul 22

Breakfast Included with Hotel room
 10am-2pm Silent Auction
 Lunch On your own
 2pm Auction Winners announced (time to pay)
 5pm Photos
 6pm Dinner Banquet (Jersey Lily's Roadhouse), awards, entertainment
 After Social time in Conference room (Farkle or Chickenfoot or whatever)

Sunday Jul 23

Breakfast Included with Hotel room
 Everybody heads for home

**** Contact Steve Eller (ellerpop1@yahoo.com) if you would like to present something about your Eller line at the Thursday meeting. Please keep it to 20 minutes or less.**



Eller Family Conference *July 19-23, 2023*

Calling all descendants of Jacob Eller of Roanoke/Botetourt County, VA from 1790 forward. Are any of these names in your family tree? Abraham Charles Eller, John Ward Eller, Christian Emory Eller, John Clinton Eller, David Newton Eller Please consider joining us for the Conference. Perhaps you could share a family story or written history or pictures.

Comfort Suites Inn at Ridgewood Farm
2898 Keagy Road Salem, VA

Thursday Meetings 9:30-4 Saturday Silent Auction 10-2
Friday Blue Ridge Bus Trip 10-2 Saturday Banquet 6pm

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PEAKS OF OTTER

Lodge and Restaurant

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Jersey Lily's

ROADHOUSE

History: <https://www.jerseylilys.com/> [Jersey Lillys on Facebook](#)



Judge Roy Bean

Born Sometime in the 1830's, Phantly Roy Bean would become one of the most famous and infamous characters of the Old West. His self title "The Law West of Pecos" was not to Be trifled with. Known as the "Hanging Judge," Judge Roy Bean would summarily sentence many to a quick hanging without the benefit of any trail. These "Court" sessions would be held in his own saloon where one could get a cold beer, shoot pool, buy a new hat or simply admire his pet bear. Judge Roy would later curiously name his saloon "The Jersey Lilly" for the famous British actress Lillie Langtry, whom he would never meet. The name "Lily" was misspelled by an employed sign painted who was paid in food and drink for his services. This sign has hung uncorrected to this day. During those years Judge Beans' reputation and legend would grow to the point where the distinction between fact and fiction was not clear.

Emilie Charlotte Le Breton, born in 1853 on the Isle of Jersey in Great Britain, married Edward Langtry at the age of 20. Lillie and her new husband left the Jersey Isle for more glamorous society life of London. Lillie was known for her beauty and would model for the famous artists of the day. Quickly rising through the social ranks, Lillie would become famous for her independent thinking and rejection of strict Victorian edict. Later known as the jersey lily, Langtry became an actress and admired by many important men such as Theodore Roosevelt, Oscar Wilde and Judge Roy Bean.

Lillie did eventually visit Langtry, Texas and the saloon where Judge Roy held court. Sadly, she arrived a year after his death.



Lillie Langtry



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Start thinking NOW how to contribute to our EFA Conference Silent Auction to help defray conference expenses and other EFA projects. Now is the time to start making, buying, painting, knitting, carving, crocheting, quilting, welding, photographing, putting together, pulling out, looking for antiques, or otherwise acquiring anything with good value for your contribution. It can be anything that you think someone would like to bid on, buy and take home. It's always a lot of fun and oh so interesting to see what other members' talents and interests are. Check out those closets and storage units and BE CREATIVE ! ! ! !



We always have fun at the Silent Auction. Sometimes bidding can get fierce on items like the necklaces Aunt Lois brought from Ohio or on the cane syrup that Gene Ellison cooked up for us. Another year, we were furiously bidding on items that Gene Eller brought back on his recent return from living overseas for several years. He donated some nice items from Germany. I was happy to bring home one of the music boxes. — Lauren Eller Liggett

I would like to encourage you to think about what you would like to bring for our Silent Auction. I currently have 4 items that members of our Eller Family Association have either made or painted. I still have a Cherry Wood stool that I purchased while we were in Portland, Oregon. I have gotten other items over the years. However, it is the homemade things that I cherish. So, if you can make something you might consider that or just bring something that you think someone else would want. --- Anna Marie Eller Bliss

NOTE: The Eller Family Association is a 501(c)7 non-profit organization. Donations are NOT tax deductible.

A Brief History of Salem, Virginia

Salem's story—first explored by Europeans 64 years after Jamestown, settled in the 1700s, and developed as a town serving travelers along the Great Road westward in 1802—is unique to a specific locality, but it is also the history of a community within the context of state, national, and world events. The narrative Salem City has to tell is that of every American city touched by wars, economic upheavals, and civic challenges—as well as by a few healing, helping hands along the way. The way Salem and its residents faced the world in which they have found themselves over the years makes their history distinctive, and worth a closer look.



Contact with Europeans changed the Native Americans' lives drastically. In addition to introducing the native population to new technology, colonists also brought with them diseases such as smallpox and influenza which killed a significant number of Indians. Those who survived often joined other tribes to the north and south. Attacks by the neighboring Iroquois drove the Toteris and their allies, the Saponis, out of their villages. By the early 1700s, few Native American tribes remained in the region.

Skirmishes between settlers and Native Americans heightened during the last half of the 18th century. Fort Lewis, named in honor of Andrew Lewis, was constructed to the west of what became Salem in 1752 in order to protect area settlers. Andrew Lewis distinguished himself in the French and Indian War, serving under George Washington in 1754 at Fort Necessity.

Lewis later led Virginia troops against the Confederacy of Indian Nations in the Battle of Point Pleasant in 1774, which was a precursor to the Revolutionary War. During the Revolution, Lewis drove Lord Dunmore, the last British Governor, out of Virginia.

After the American Revolution, Salem began to make the transition from an insular settlement into an emerging town. In 1800, General Lewis's son William sold to his neighbor James Simpson a thirty-one-acre tract of land for \$100. At this time, fewer than twenty-five families inhabited the area between the Roanoke River and Fort Lewis Mountain, but Simpson subdivided the land he bought from William Lewis into purchasable lots on each side of the area's main roadway, and Salem became a town in 1802. Through the sale of those lots, Salem quickly grew into a prosperous community serving travelers as they headed west along the Great Road. In the first decades of the 1800s, local businesses included taverns, stables, blacksmith shops, wagon and buggy repair facilities, groceries, clothing stores, a horse racing track, and a canal navigation company.

With the impending creation of Roanoke County in 1838, Salem citizens saw the opportunity to benefit from becoming the Roanoke County seat. John McCauley, a resident of Salem who had served in the House of Delegates, was commissioned by the town to lobby the legislature in Richmond, and his efforts were successful. Three months after Salem obtained county seat

status, eighteen justices commissioned by Governor David Campbell gathered at Faris' Tavern (where Salem Presbyterian Church now stands) to set the governmental machinery in motion. Three days later, the County Court convened and swore in six lawyers to practice in the new territory.

In 1847, the Virginia Collegiate Institute (later renamed Roanoke College) moved from Augusta County to Salem in a single wagon. The Lutheran school, drawn to the community due to its central location, soon grew into a thriving academy for young men. In fact, Roanoke was one of the few colleges in the south which operated throughout the Civil War, with a home guard troop of students drilling weekly on the campus lawn.



While hardships and losses during the Civil War were many, Salem managed to avoid complete devastation. Two Union attacks on the town resulted in the destruction of railroad lines, depots, barns, storehouses, horses, and supplies –but in relatively few deaths. Salem's most active engagement occurred on June 21, 1864 as retreating Federal forces under Major General David Hunter met up with Confederate cavalry under Brigadier General John McCausland at the Battle of Hanging Rock. Both sides suffered casualties: the North lost about 30 men (killed, wounded, and captured) and 10 pieces of artillery; the South lost a fraction of that amount.

The locally organized Salem Flying Artillery fought for the South in a number of battles during the Civil War, including Fredericksburg, Chancellorsville, Gettysburg, Spotsylvania Court House and Cold Harbor. When the war ended with Lee's surrender at Appomattox, the Salem Flying Artillery is recorded as having fired the final Confederate shot.

Following the Civil War, Salem faced a period of great civic change. In addition to repairing streets and bridges after years of neglect, the town worked to establish free public schools for both white and black children. Electricity, a public waterworks, and telephone lines were all advancements which came to Salem in the 1870s and 1880s and helped boost growth through the next decade.

During World War I, Salem won national prominence as one of the few towns in the country in which every child owned at least one War Saving Stamp. Due to fuel shortages, churches suspended Sunday night services, but the mayor called on residents to pray silently at the sound of church and fire bells during a lights-off moment at nine o'clock each night. Before the praying stopped, 15 Salem men were killed in World War I.

After the War, Salem adopted a council-manager form of government—leading to an increased emphasis on the improvement of public works. Salem paved its streets with concrete in order to accommodate the increased automobile traffic through town. New business buildings, including Salem’s first federal post office, appeared on Main Street. Older stores were renovated and decked out with modernized fronts. Lakeside Amusement Park opened its “concrete lake” swimming pool on the outskirts of town; rides and a roller coaster were added by 1923. The park was a favorite spot in the Roanoke Valley for over 60 years.

This burst of growth, however, was stunted by the Great Depression. Economic setbacks due to the stock market crash were felt as early as 1930 when Salem workers lost paychecks during a two-week shutdown of the Norfolk and Western railroad shops. Welfare recipients in Roanoke County increased from 263 families to 1,407 families in a matter of months. In response, a predecessor to the Chamber of Commerce was formed on a voluntary basis to seek new industries and stimulate trade. Its efforts, along with the arrival of the Veteran’s Hospital, gave Salem’s economy enough strength to pull itself out of the worst years of the depression and face the approaching challenges of World War II.

Of the hundreds sent into battle, 43 Salem men died in the war. Those who returned found a different hometown than the one they left. Salem’s new wave of economic and municipal development carried the town and its citizens into the coming years.

With the annexation of South Salem in 1953 and an eastern tract in 1960, Salem was the state’s largest “town” with a population of 16,058. On December 31, 1967, the Town of Salem officially became Salem City at midnight. Population: 22,500.

In the fifty years since its birth, Salem City has grown considerably, even as it maintains an old-fashioned, small-town community feel. The opening of the Salem Civic Center in 1967, Lewis-Gale Hospital in 1972, Salem High School in 1977, Salem Stadium in 1985, the Salem Museum in 1992, Memorial Stadium in 1995, and the Salem Visitor’s Center in 1997—all have contributed to making Salem a thriving, progressive city.e region

<https://sailemmuseum.org/a-brief-history-of-salem-virginia/>



Mother and Daughter Remembering

Marjorie Ree “Margie” Justice Murdock and Mona Murdock Rumsey

By William Steve Eller



On September 21, 2022, I drove down to Toccoa, Georgia to meet Ms. Margie and her daughter Mona. Margie was born 1931 in Rabun County, Georgia. Margie's grandmother lived in Rabun County and her mother went there just to be with her when Margie was born. Her mother returned home several days later. Margie was the third child born to Fred Cole Justice and Della Leona Eller. She grew up on Upper Hightower, Towns County, Georgia with ten siblings. Both of her grandparents (Harve Penland Eller and Margaret Caroline Maney) were Eller Descendants going back to Susannah “Sukey” Eller through her son, Joseph. I received a warm welcome when I pulled into the driveway. We finished introductions and sat down in the living room. After a few minutes we began to chat about family.



Margie's earliest memory of her childhood was when the family was moving from one house on Upper Hightower to another one in the community. The family was using a sled and a wagon to move their belongings. She was trying to help and recalled dropping her mother's butter dish and breaking it. Her father was a logger and also owned a sugar cane mill. People would bring their cane to him so he could turn it into syrup. The family mule, Sallie was used to turn the mill. The mill was next to their barn where a creek ran close to it. The family's house was built with logs and split boards and you could see the light of day creeping through them. *Della Leona Eller* One part of the roof was open to the outside weather and the wind would blow the snow into the house. Margie could remember waking up and snow being on the covers. Her mother would pile on the quilts till it was hard to turn over. All the time we were talking, I was watching Mona look at her mother and I could see the love that she had for her. At one time they were holding hands and I thought about how important family was and why God gave us family to help us through life.

Ms. Margie's father was a farmer, logger, cane mill owner, and also worked for the WPA. The Works Progress Administration was an ambitious employment and infrastructure program created by President Franklin Roosevelt in 1935, during the bleakest days of the Great Depression. This program put lots of Americans to work building schools, hospitals, roads and other public works. Margie recalled her dad having an old tin lunch pail that he carried to work. Every day when he came home all the kids would rush to see what might be left in the pail. Margie loved to ride the mule to the field. Her father would lift her up onto the mule and lead it to the field. When the day was over, she got to ride the mule home. She loved to stay home from school and go to the field with her father. Once she rubbed poison oak all over her arms and legs and waited for it to break her out. “Just my luck”, she laughed...it didn't bother me a bit.

Margie was really close to her brother John and her sister, Mary. John was born in 1933 and Mary was born in 1932. Mary would get tickled and drop everything and laugh, flop her arms around and just shake. Margie would think of funny things to say just to watch her laugh. Later on her father

divided the room in the loft so that she and her sister Mary had their own room. They would get to laughing and her father would have to tell them to get quiet.

In her younger years, Ms. Margie went to school at Upper Hightower School. Mr. Bert Eller was her teacher for several years. The school was located just across the road from where Upper Hightower Church now sits. She went to high school in Hiawassee. She told me of a time when she had home economics in her last class of the day. The class had prepared food for the PTA meeting that night. Her teacher had left the room to go to the office. She opened the window and called the football players who were at practice over and gave them the food. Everyone hurried home after class and didn't hang around to see what happened. Mary would get notes from Margie's teachers to take home but she never gave them to their parents.

Ms Margie said "We were poor and blessed at the same time". She expressed her belief in an Almighty God and prays for Him to protect her and her family. As I got ready to leave, I asked her for a hug. I thanked her and Mona for their time and walked to my vehicle. I looked at my watch and could not believe that I had been there four hours. I love meeting good people, when they are family, it just makes the experience that much better.

Mona later noted: *I am now officially a member of the DAR, (Daughters of the American Revolution). I am so grateful for all those that helped me!*

Very Grateful most of all for the life and service of my 5th Great Grandfather, Martin Maney(B-1752) who came from Ireland to find a new life here. He came over and served as an indentured servant to Colonel Fielding Lewis (George Washington's brother-in-law). Martin Maney registered for military service in 1776. Private Martin Maney was a true American patriot and a proud North Carolinian. He served under Captain James Knox in the Eighth Virginia Regiment of Foot. He fought in the Battles of White Plains, New York; Germantown, Pennsylvania; and Monmouth, New Jersey prior to being discharged at Valley Forge. Patriot Martin Maney and his Virginia Company were with Washington's Army at Valley Forge. Following his discharge, he enlisted with the North Carolina Militia where he became a personal body guard for General Sevier, later the first Governor of Tennessee, who was receiving death threats from the Tories.



He married Keziah Vann, daughter of John Joseph Vann on 15 September 1781, in Jonesborough, Washington, Tennessee, United States.

I am very proud and so humbled to be a descendant of Martin Maney 1752-1830.

Thanks to Milus Bruce Maney for all his great help....and his love & dedication to this country and our ancestors! Many thanks to Virginia Gorday for all her help doing the application!

I wanted to add that this line is through my great grandmother, Marg Maney Eller, my grandmother, Della Eller Justice and my mom, Marjorie!

Jacob Eller Cemetery - Macon County, TN

By William Steve Eller

Edited by Harvey Powers

Jan and I were in Nashville this week (Dec 2022) for the Grand Ole Opry Christmas Show. While I was close, I wanted to visit the Jacob Eller Cemetery in Hillsdale, Tennessee. I had previously contacted some of Jacob's descendants.



They met us at Meadorville Missionary Baptist Church and we drove up to the cemetery. The cemetery was located on Taylor Branch Lane which goes past the old Jacob Eller homeplace, cemetery, and up into Eller Holler.



[Jacob Eller](#) was born in Asheville, Buncombe County, North Carolina in 1822. He moved to Hillsdale, Tennessee around 1850 and settled down.

He married [Nancy M. Wood](#) and they both are buried in the family cemetery.

Jacob was a millwright and a very industrious man. He built a dam across Goose Creek and built a roller mill and a grist mill.

He blasted rock for the dam from the cliffs above the creek.

His descendant (Rick Eller) has a copy of the grist mill ledger with names of folks who brought corn to the mill to be ground.

Jacob Eller designed and built a family cemetery. Rocks blasted from the cliffs were used to construct a fence all the way around the cemetery. In some of the wall pics, you can see the chisel marks in the rock.

He deeded the cemetery to his Eller family and explained right of way markers and who could be buried in the cemetery. His descendant (Steve Eller) has a copy of the deed and promised to make me a copy.



*Front l to r... Nancy Hagelgan, Kimberly Eller Winslett, Lisa Eller King and Jackie Eller.
Back l to r...Rick Eller, me and Steve Eller. All these folks with me are Jacob Eller Descendants. Nancy comes from his daughter, Lillian C. Eller McClanahan and the others are from Jacob's son, Joseph.*

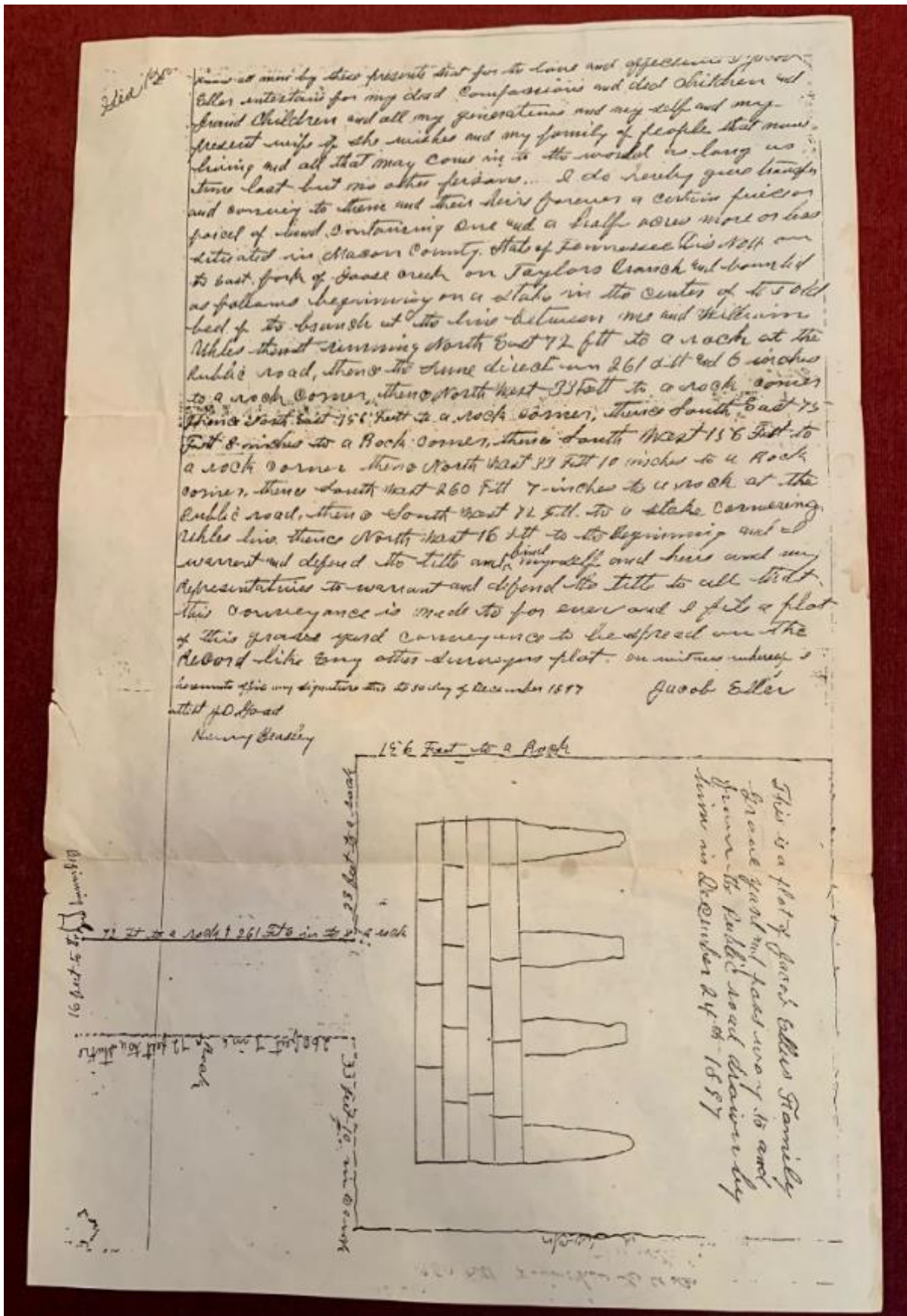


Lillian Catherine Eller McClanahan

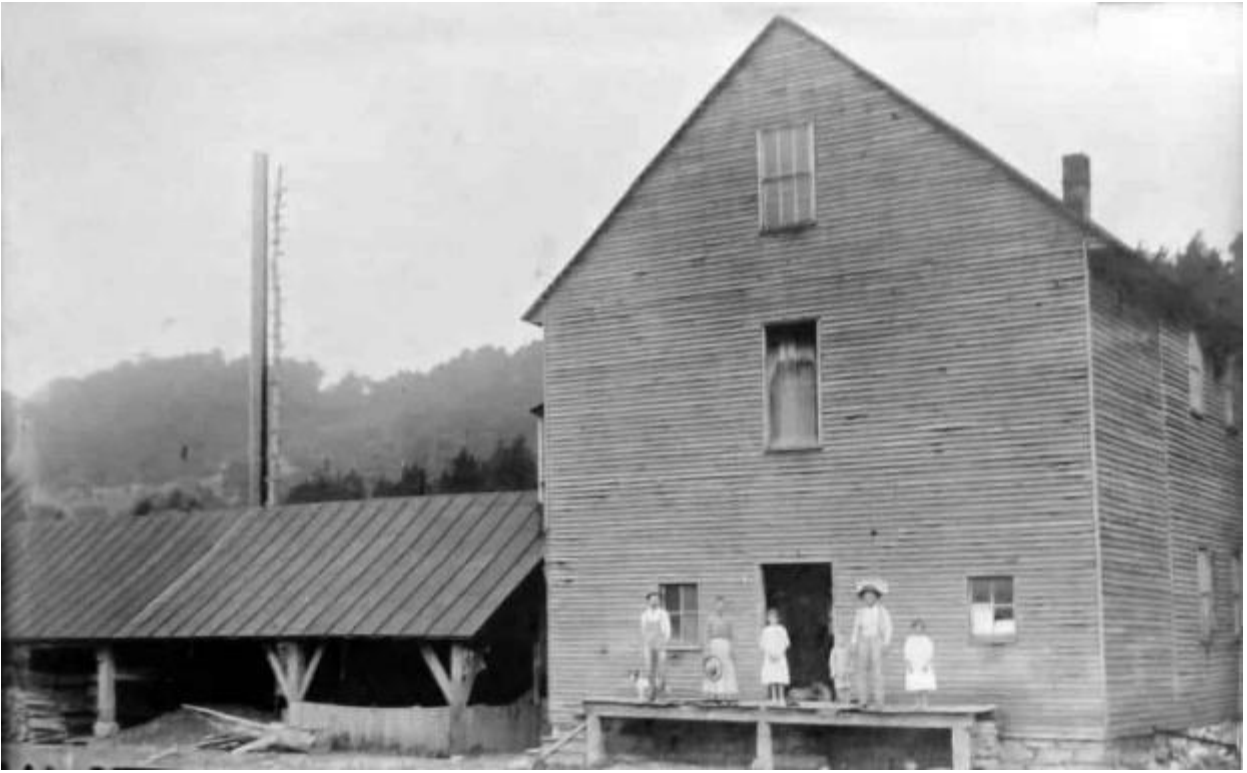
I also received a copy of a [book written by Joe C. Eller](#) and it is now available on the Eller Family Association Website. The name of the book is "The Life and Times of Folks Who Lived in and Around Hillsdale, Tennessee".



Jacob Eller old homesite on Taylor Branch Lane, the original house was torn down years ago.



Deed to Jacob Eller Cemetery



Jacob Eller's Grist Mill that was located in the Hillsdale Area of Trousdale County, TN. This is the Jacob Eller who married Nancy Moss Wood. These folks were from Macon County, Tennessee. Jacob was the son of Joseph F. Eller and Sara Stephens. Joseph F. was Sukey's brother.

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.

Joyce Felts Eller

1938-2023

Mrs. Joyce Felts Eller, age 85 of Wilkesboro passed away Friday, February 17, 2023 at Woltz Hospice Home in Dobson. Joyce was born February 16, 1938 in Wilkes County to Millard Everette and Mae Yale Felts. She was a member of Wilkesboro Baptist Church. She is survived by her husband of 66 years; Earl Dean Eller of the home, a daughter; Angela Yale Eller of Wilkesboro and a son; Mark Dean Eller of Wilkesboro.

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



Trudy Turner Nichols

1934-2023

Mrs. Trudy Turner Nichols, age 88 of Eastanollee passed away Tuesday, February 21, 2023 at her residence. A daughter of the late Rev. Ben F. Turner, Sr. and Joy Turner, she was born November 26, 1934 in Stephens County, Georgia where she lived all her life. She was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Nichols in 2020. He was from the Jacob Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) | [Trudy Turner Nichols in the EFA database](#)]



Claude R. Eller

1947-2023

Claude R. Eller, age 76, passed away on February 1, 2023. He was born on January 23, 1947 in Elkhorn, West Virginia to the late Claude Eller and Callie Pauley. He was from the George Michael Eller line. He served in the US Army for a number of years. Per Claude's wishes, no services will be observed at this time.

[[Obituary](#) | [Claude R. Eller in the EFA database](#)]

David James Eller

1966-2023

David James Eller was born on March 31, 1966, in Cortez, Colorado to Larry and Rosie (Roundtree) Eller, the second of three boys. David started his walk with God and was baptized into The General Assembly and Church of the Firstborn. His parents had always encouraged their boys to believe in God, but they did not attend a church of their own. David found the church, that through the scripture answered a thought that he had wrestled with since he was a little boy.

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

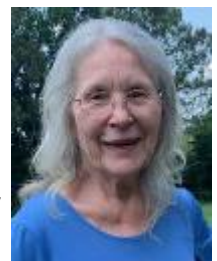


Carolyn Ann Eller Heaton

1942-2023

Carolyn Ann Eller Heaton, 80 of Tellico Plains, TN, finished her Earthly journey on Monday, February 13, 2023 and is now in the arms of Jesus, after many long years of struggling with dementia. Carolyn is preceded in death by her father, Joseph Arthur Eller; mother, Imogene Boring Millsaps; and brother, Tommy Allman. Carolyn is survived by her loving husband, Troy Heaton, of 62 years and her three children.

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



Christopher Lavern Eller 1961-2023

Christopher Lavern Eller, 61, of Huntsville, AL passed away Saturday, February 11, 2023. Mr. Eller is survived by his mother; Barbara Hoage, children; Nicholas Eller (Angela), Sheena Dowling, and Brittany Eller, grandchildren; Michayla Dowling, Izabella Eller, brothers; Jess Eller, Sean Eller, Troy Hoage, sisters; Penny Bowden, Nancy Stromer.

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

Raymond Lewis Eller 1946-2023

Raymond Lewis "Louie" Eller, of Ulm, Montana passed on January 20, 2023, at the age of 77 years. Louie was a loving and caring husband, father, and loyal friend. Louie was born on January 16, 1946, in Great Falls, MT to Samuel Henry and Dorothy Ann Matthews. He grew up on the family farm in Castner Falls, MT with his 4 siblings. He was from the Henry Eller line. He proudly served in the U.S. Army in 1964. Louie is a veteran of the Vietnam War. Louie was preceded in death by his wife of 55 years (Kathleen "Kathy") in August 2022 and his parents Samuel and Dorothy.

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

**Bandy M. Eller 1952-2023**

Bandy M. Eller, 70, of Staunton, Illinois, passed away at 5:11 PM on Friday, January 27, 2023 at Barnes-Jewish Hospital in St. Louis, Missouri. She was born June 26, 1952 in Litchfield, Illinois, the daughter of the late Richard U. Eller Sr. & the late Norma J. (Colbert) Mahanay. She is survived by her cherished daughter, Rose Sarah Marie Eller (Dalton Baugh) of Edwardsville, IL and her brothers & sisters.

[[Obituary](#) / [Bandy M. Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Edith Fay (Eller) Petska 1934-2023**

Edith Faye Petska, 88 of Coalton, IL, passed away Monday, January 30, 2023 at her home with family by her side. Edith Petska was born April 11, 1934 in Ramsey, Illinois to Rev. John and Sarah Frances (Dilbeck) Eller and they preceded her in death. She was from the Jacob Eller line. She loved playing Bingo and had bowled for many years on ladies' leagues at Town Pump Bowl.

[[Obituary](#) / [Edith Faye Eller Petska in the EFA database](#)]

**Renee Bolick Eller 1965-2023**

Renee Bolick Eller, age 57, went home to be with the Lord on Monday, January 30, 2023 at her residence. She resided in the Sawmills Community with her husband of 39 years, William "Glen" Eller. Renee was a loving wife, mother to many people, Nene to her grandchildren, daughter, sister and friends. Her strong will inspired many of the people she came in contact with throughout her life.

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

**Gladys Marie Eller Lambert 1946-2023**

Gladys Marie Eller Lambert, 76, of Springfield, passed from this life on Tuesday January 17, 2023, at her home. Gladys was born September 11, 1946, in Pembroke, KY to the late Austin and Helen Ward Eller. She was from the Jacob Eller line. She was a retired real estate agent. She was preceded in death by her husband: Tommy Lambert.

[[Obituary](#) / [Gladys Lambert in the EFA database](#)]



Norma Eller Anderson 1930-2023

Norma Anderson, 92, of Hayesville passed away Tuesday, January 17, 2023. She was the daughter of the late Alfred and Effie Ledford Eller. She was from the Jacob Eller line. Norma had worked as a florist. She was a Senior member of the Shooting Creek Church of God for over 75 years. The younger generation called her Nana. In addition to the parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Max Anderson; and nine brothers and sisters.

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

**Joe Thomas Eller 1931-2023**

Joe Thomas Eller, age 91 of North Wilkesboro went home to be with his Lord and Savior on January 11, 2023, at SECU Hospice Care Center in Yadkinville. Joe was born to Isaac and Virginia Eller in North Wilkesboro. He was from the George Michael Eller line. After serving in the Korean War, he attended Appalachian Teachers College where he met the love of his life Carole Wilson. They married after finishing college. He worked for the Wilkes County School System for thirty years.

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

**George William "Bill" Eller 1937-2023**

George William "Bill" Eller, Jr., age 85, of Nottingham, PA, died peacefully on Thursday, January 5, 2023, after a short illness. Bill was born on July 10, 1937, in Drumore Township, Pennsylvania, the son of the late George and Genevieve Eller. He was from the George Michael Eller line. He is survived by his wife, Mary Lou (Brinton) Eller; 4 children – Donnie and his wife, Dorothy; Barbara and husband, Bill Gehrlein; Tommy and wife, Tracie; Sandy and husband, Ed Costello; 13 grandchildren, 6 step-grandchildren, 32 great-grandchildren.

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

**Janie McCarter Eller 1921-2023**

Janie McCarter Eller, 101, of Van Alstyne, formerly of Fannin County, was born July 23, 1921 in Ravenna, Texas, the daughter of Charles Oscar "Charlie" McCarter and Mary Katherine Howland McCarter. She was a graduate of Bonham High School and East Texas State Teachers College in Commerce, Texas. Janie married Thomas Stanley Eller on January 26, 1941 in Durant, Oklahoma and he preceded her in death on September 12, 1990. He was from the Christian Eller line. She owned and operated, along with her family, the Ivanhoe General Store for many years and served as the County Librarian for Fannin County.

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

**Ramona West Nichols 1936-2023**

Ramona West Nichols, born in Warne, North Carolina on December 3, 1936, passed away on January 23, 2023, at the age of 86 at her home in Hiawassee, Georgia after a battle with cancer. Ramona was born to Wayne Grade West and Mildred Barnard West and traveled the world as an "Army brat." She is survived by her husband, Ralph and their children. Ralph is from the Jacob Eller line.

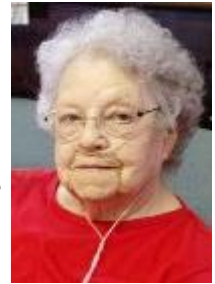
[[Obituary](#) / [Ramona West Nichols in the EFA database](#)]



Jeanette "Judy" Dover 1030-2023

Mrs. Jeanette "Judy" Nicholson Dover, 92, of Hiawassee, Georgia passed away on Friday, January 13, 2023. She was born to the late Hobson and Bertie (Jordan) Nicholson in Franklin County, Georgia on February 26, 1930. Judy was of the Baptist faith. She married the love of her life, Neal Dover, on April 5, 1960. Mr. Dover was from the Jacob Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) | [Judy Nicholson Dover in the EFA database](#)]

**Hayden Travis Eller 1980-2023**

Mr. Hayden Travis Eller, age 42 of Ferguson passed away Wednesday, January 11, 2023. Hayden was born August 4, 1980 in Wilkes County to Reggie Hayden and Linda Wilkerson Eller. He was from the George Michael Eller line. Hayden never met a stranger. He was gifted with a beautiful voice, the ability to play the piano and guitar and he had a way with words.

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

**Robert Warren Eller 1966-2023**

An obituary is not available at this time for Robert Warren Eller of Spartanburg, SC. He died on January 12, 2023 at the age of 56. The E.L. Collins Funeral Home is handling the arrangements.

John Douglas Eller 1968-2023

On Monday, January 9th, 2023 John Douglas Eller laid his crops by after 54 years, finishing his work on earth and entering into the presence of his Saviour. Doug was born on March 25, 1968 in Medina, OH the son of John and Barbara Repp Eller. He grew up in Burbank, OH. He was from the Jacob Eller line. Doug was an excellent mechanic who started at the Honda shop in Wooster, OH and later J&C Snowmobiles in Sullivan, OH where he developed a love for snowmobiles which he continued to enjoy throughout the years. After realizing he "didn't want to turn a wrench for the rest of his life" he returned back to farming.

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

**Patricia Ann "Pat" Eller 1935-2023**

Pat Eller, age 87, of Radcliffe, IA, passed away on Monday, January 2, 2023 at her home in Radcliffe, IA. Patricia was born to James and Marion Partch on June 2, 1935 in Gunnison, Colorado. On June 16, 1956, Pat and Merlin Eller were united in marriage in Gunnison, Colorado. Throughout their lives together, they lived in Powell, Wyoming and Grand Junction, Colorado before settling in Radcliffe, Iowa. They were blessed with four sons, Kent, Kirk, Kory and Kyle.

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

**Janice Elaine Eller 1944-2023**

Janice Elaine Eller, 78, of Pulaski passed away on Saturday, January 14, 2023 at Lewis-Gale Pulaski Hospital. She is survived by her loving husband, Randy Eller, of the home, along with many other family and friends who loved her dearly. She is from the Christian Eller line. Her husband is from the Conrad Eller line. At her request, there will be no services.

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



Mary Eller Faris**1939-2023**

Mary Eller Faris, aged 83, passed away January 13, 2023, surrounded in peace and love in the Midlothian, VA home of her daughter Deborah Bingham. Born October 18, 1939, the last of 10 siblings to Millard Hansford Eller, Sr. and Dora Lewis Eller. She was from the George Michael Eller line. Mary graduated from Riverview High School, Ashe County, NC. After graduating in 1960 from the Alexandria Hospital School of Nursing, Mary started her nursing career in the neonatal ward of the Alexandria Hospital caring for the youngest of premature babies. Mary was a revered and well-respected head nurse at McGuire Hospital in Richmond through her retirement in 2005.



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

Goldie Eller Durham**1930-2023**

Goldie Eller Durham, 92, of Fort Payne, passed away Saturday, January 14, 2023. She was born May 21, 1930 to the late Burt Eller and Ollie Owen Eller. She was from the Jacob Eller line. Her entire family was musical and she enjoyed singing and playing the guitar in her early years with her sisters "The Eller Sisters". She was preceded in death by her husband Billy Jack Durham.



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

Edna Walls Justice**1937-2022**

Mrs. Edna Walls Justice, age 85 of Toccoa passed away January 2, 2023 at Pruitt Health in Toccoa. She was born in Deep Creek, Habersham County, Georgia on December 16, 1937 to Dewey Walls and Lessie Turpen Walls. Edna retired from Sangamo Electric Company in South Carolina. She was preceded in death by her husband of over 50 Years, James Carnes Justice and an infant son. Mr Justice was from the Jacob Eller line.



[[Obituary](#) / [Edna Walls Justice in the EFA database](#)]

Robert Andrew Eller**1936-2022**

Robert Andrew Eller, 86, of Demorest, Georgia passed away on Friday, December 30, 2022. Mr. Eller was born February 8, 1936 in Habersham County, Georgia to the late Arvill J. & Vassie Stroud Eller. He was from the Jacob Eller line. Mr. Eller was retired from the railroad industry with 34 years of service, having started with Southern Railway which became Norfolk Railway and then spending his last four years of service with Amtrak as a Conductor. He was a United States Army Veteran having served during the Berlin Crisis in Germany.



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

Louis Edward Eller**1935-2022**

Louis Edward Eller, 87, passed away on December 27, 2022, in Decatur, IL. Louis was born to Joseph and Mary Eller on December 1, 1935, in Taylorville, IL. He was from the George Michael Eller line. He married Kaye Lynn Grimes on June 2, 1967, in Decatur, IL. Louis loved cars. He was a big NASCAR fan and put together many car models over the years. He also enjoyed bowling, rabbit hunting and antiquing.



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

Nedra Ann Eller 1931-2022

Nedra Ann Eller (nee Sheffler) Age 91, died peacefully on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. She was a beloved resident of New Lenox, IL for the past 65 years. For more than 20 of those years, Nedra served, and became a friend to, so many of the customers of New Lenox State Bank. Nedra and her husband, Chuck, loved to dance together. At home, they would often put a record on the hi-fi and dance the night away.

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

**Clifford Alvin "Cliff" Eller 1931-2022**

Clifford (Cliff) Eller, 91, died on Tuesday, December 13 at Taylorville Memorial Hospital with his wife by his side. Mr. Eller was born in Ramsey, Illinois on September 17, 1931, the son of Rev. John and Francis (Dilbeck) Eller. He married Georgia M. Hayes on August 1, 1968 in Nokomis. He was from the Jacob Eller line. Mr. Eller retired as state supervisor from Henkels and McCoy, Inc. in 1993 after 30 years of service. Mr. Eller was a veteran of the U.S. Army having served in England from 1952 to 1954.

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

**Joanne K. Eller 1934-2022**

Joanne K. Eller, Age 88, of Scott Township, PA, died on Monday, December 5, 2022. Beloved mother of Gene McCutcheon, Richard M. Albert (Roberta Negri-Albert) and the late Thomas McCutcheon; loving grandmother of Brad McCutcheon (Jennifer), Evelyn and Emma Negri-Albert; great-grandmother of Carley and Alexander McCutcheon; sister of Ramon Eller (Diane) and the late Ron Eller. We believe her father was Gustave Ehlers.

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

**Linda Halyard Key 1956-2022**

Linda Halyard Key, age 66, of Dallas, Georgia passed away December 1, 2022. She was born January 18, 1956 in Atlanta Ga. She was a beloved mother and grandmother. She loved her family and the Lord. She enjoyed teaching her kids in the after-school program and training to become a 5th degree black belt at the martial arts studio. She was from the Jacob Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) / [Linda Halyard Key in the EFA database](#)]

**Jeffrey D. Eller 1968-2022**

Jeffrey "Jeff" D. Eller, age 54, of Versailles, Kentucky, and formerly of Germantown, Ohio, passed away unexpectedly, Sunday December 25, 2022, at Sycamore Hospital. He was born in Middletown, Ohio, on August 29, 1968, son of Barbara L. (Day) and the late, Donald W. Eller. He was from the Andrew Euler line. Jeff was dearly loved. He worked at the Anderson County School District in Lawrenceburg, Kentucky; and served as the Gifted & Talented Director for the entire school district.

[[Obituary](#) / [Jeffrey D. Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Syble M. Eller 1934-2022**

On December 24, 2022 we had to say goodbye to Syble M. Eller of Canton, Georgia. She was predeceased by her parents, Alvin F. Cooper and Jessie Mae Jones; her husband Gussie E. Eller; and her son-in-law Jimmy Chester. She is survived by her children, Michael Eller (Theresa) of Cleveland and Starla Chester of Canton, Georgia.

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



Virginia Church Eller 1941-2022

Virginia Church Eller, age 81 of Clarkesville, Georgia took her heavenly flight home to be with the Lord on Thursday, December 15, 2022. Born in Habersham County, Georgia on February 23, 1941, she was a daughter of the late Wade Lester & Rosaline Murray Church. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Richard R. Eller, Sr. He was from the Jacob Eller line. She worked for over 20 years with Habersham Mills Corporation and retired from Tugalo Home Health where she served as a scheduling coordinator.

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

**Knox Edward Dayton 1940-2022**

The family of Mr. Knox Edward Dayton announce his peaceful passing at his home on Friday, December 9, 2022 at age 82. He passed from having led a life full of love, kindness and adventures. Knox was a long-time resident of Hiram, GA. formerly of Hiawassee, GA. Mr. Dayton was born on September 15, 1940, the son of the late Cline Dayton and the late Ruth Moss Dayton. He was from the Jacob Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) / [Knox Edward Dayton in the EFA database](#)]

**Nona Mabel Eller 1924-2022**

Nona Mabel Eller, 98, of Bluford, Illinois passed away at 7:35 p.m. Friday, December 2, 2022, at Doctor's Nursing and Rehabilitation in Salem. She was born February 29, 1924, in Bluford, the daughter of Thomas Alfred and Katie Leota May (French) Simmons. On May 15, 1942, in Mt. Vernon, she married Lawrence C. Eller, Jr., and he preceded her in death on August 10, 1985. He was from the George Michael Eller line. She was a member of Donoho Prairie Christian Church, and enjoyed quilting, embroidery, and needlework.

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

**Angela Marie Eller 1967-2022**

Angela "Angie" Marie Babcock Eller, 55, of Olive Branch, MS, passed away Wednesday, December 28, 2022. Angie was born on July 7, 1967, in Portland, OR. Angie worked as a customer service representative for Apple. Angie is survived by her husband, James Eller of Olive Branch, MS; daughters, Samantha McFarland (Brian) of Lakeland, TN, and Brittany Eller of Knoxville, TN; son, Aaron Eller (Kiesha) of Memphis, TN;

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

**Dorothy Jean Gibson Glenn 1954-2022**

Dorothy Jean Gibson Glenn, age 68 of Toccoa, Georgia went to her heavenly home on Tuesday, December 20, 2022. Dorothy was born on August 31, 1954 in Clayton, Georgia to the late Garnett Ervin & Lena Eller Gibson. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Billy Joe Glenn & by her granddaughter, Stacey "Star" Cash.

[[Obituary](#) / [Dorothy Gibson Glenn in the EFA database](#)]



Gregg Moss 1976-2022

Gregg Moss, 46, of Hayesville passed away Wednesday, December 14, 2022. He was the son of John Thomas (Roger) and Katherine Elaine Moss. Gregg goes back to "Sukey" Eller of the Jacob line through her son Joseph. Gregg had worked in Landscaping. He loved doing anything outdoors, loved his family, especially his children.

[[Obituary](#) / [Gregg Moss in the EFA database](#)]

**Esther Shepherd Eller 1938-2022**

Mrs. Esther Shepherd Eller, age 84 of Millers Creek widow of Bennie C. Eller passed away Wednesday, December 14, 2022 at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist- Wilkes Medical Center. Mr. Eller was from the George Michael Eller line. She was a member of Arbor Grove United Methodist Church where she served as church secretary. She was the Arbor Grove United Methodist Women's Treasurer for over 50 years. She volunteered for the Wilkes Regional Medical Center Auxiliary after retiring from Lowe's Companies as Payroll Manager after 36 years.

[[Obituary](#) / [Esther Shepherd in the EFA database](#)]

**Mark Kevin Eller 1953-2022**

Mark K. Eller, 69 of Mishawaka, passed away peacefully on Friday, December 2, 2022 at 9:50 pm at Elkhart General Hospital. He had been in ill health. He was born in Mishawaka on September 12, 1953 to the late Warren J. and Ruth (Miller) Eller. He was from the George Michael Eller line. Mark was a life-long farmer in the Mishawaka area, and was co-owner and operator of Eller Farms, Inc. until around 2007.

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

**Eileen M. Eller 1927-2022**

Eileen M. Eller, 95, passed away in Denver on November 29, 2022. She is survived by her children Lisa Eller Davis (Jim Harris) and Les Eller (Margaret Segal), grandchildren Dana Kopper (Peter Kopper), Zac (Jeremy Huang) and Carrie Davis, and great-grandchildren Brody & Cameron Kopper. She was predeceased by her son Jim Eller. Eileen was blessed with a life of adventure, learning, art and loving family. Though she endured several tragic losses, she was resilient, joyful, and generous in ways that endeared her to all who knew her.

[[Obituary](#) / [Eileen M. Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Bobby Nando Burch 1940-2022**

Bobby Nando Burch, 82, of Blairsville, Georgia, passed away Sunday, November 27, 2022, surrounded by his family. Bobby was born November 22, 1940, in Hiawassee, GA to Edd and Roberta Burch. He was from the Jacob Eller line. He is survived by his wife Barbara Parker Burch; daughter Tonya Ditmore; son-in-law Phillip Ditmore; sister Annie Ruth Dobbs and husband, Preston Dobbs; sister Mary Lou "Sue" Garrett and brother Bruce Burch.

[[Obituary](#) / [Bobby Nando Burch in the EFA database](#)]



Sherry Eller Moretz 1946-2022

Sherry Elaine Eller Moretz age 76, of Taylorsville passed away November 25, 2022. She was born to the late Paul Eller and Margaret Davis Cannon June 19, 1946. Ms. Moretz was a member of Antioch Baptist Church where she was very active and enjoyed helping where she could. Along with her parents she is preceded in death by her husband Daniel Herbert Moretz, and her son Daniel Herbert Moretz Jr.

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

**Donald Wayne Eller 1954-2022**

Donald Wayne Eller, 67, passed away Sunday, Nov. 20, 2022, at his son's home in Stites, ID after a prolonged illness. Donny was born Dec. 20, 1954, in Grangeville to Orville Eller Jr. and Lois (Mohr) Eller and was raised in Kooskia, ID. He was from the George Michael Eller line. Don was married twice. His union with Crystal Johnson produced two children, Chad and Corey, and his union with Diane Griner produced three, Rhiannon, Angela & Andrew.

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

**Curtis Dover 1936-2022**

Curtis Dover, age 86, of Hiawassee, Georgia, passed away Wednesday, November 16, 2022, at his home in Hiawassee, GA. Curtis was born November 10, 1936, in Hiawassee to the late Fred and Lela Bradshaw Dover. Curtis had retired from Hiawassee Hardware, where he had worked for 37 years. He enjoyed farming in his spare time.

[[Obituary](#) / [Curtis Dover in the EFA database](#)]

**Charlotte Ann Eller 1940-2022**

Charlotte Ann Eller, age 82, of Greenwood, passed away November 14, 2022, after a long battle with Alzheimer's. She was born on July 6, 1940, in Indianapolis to Daniel and Mable Purdy. She adored her father, and loved dancing and music. She is survived by her children: her "baby boy" Daniel (Melody) Eller, Tammy (Jeff) Clements, Jerry (Giselle) Purdy, and Davey (Holly) Coffman.

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

**Derrick Shook 1963-2022**

Derrick Shook, 59, of Hiawassee, Georgia, passed away Wednesday, November 23, 2022, at Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville, GA. Derrick was born June 17, 1963, in Hiawassee, GA to Cecil and Carolyn Shook. He was from the Jacob Eller line. Derrick was of Christian faith and loved his family deeply. He especially enjoyed spending time with his grandchildren. His pastimes included fishing, hunting, and camping. He was happiest on his track hoe. Derrick was known as a man with a "heart of gold."

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

**Charles Edward Eller, Jr. 1955-2022**

On Saturday, November 19, Charles E. Eller, Jr. "Chuck", beloved husband and father passed away peacefully at his home with his wife, Cindy by his side. Chuck was 67 years old. Born to Charles Edward Eller and Barbara Ellen Eller. Chuck is survived by his wife, Cindy; their four sons; Ryan, Michael, Jake and Timmy. Chuck was dedicated to his family and a committed elementary school teacher and Principal in Prince Georges County, primarily Bowie, Maryland.

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



Anna Bell (Shively) Eller 1926-2022

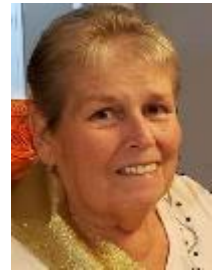
Anna Belle Eller, 96, of Rossville, passed away peacefully on November 17, 2022, at Milner Community Health Care. Anna Belle was born August 7, 1926, in Flora, the daughter of Eldo J. and Leta M. (Royer) Shively. On May 5, 1956, she married Clarence Eller, who passed away January 27, 1996. He was from the Roanoke branch of the Jacob Eller line. Making quilts at the Brethren Home in Flora, cooking, sewing, and walking around the Flora Park brought her joy, but her most loved career was being a homemaker and raising her family.

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

**Linda M. Eller 1941-2022**

Linda Murphy Eller, 81, went home to be with her Lord on Sunday, November 20, 2022. Linda was born in Lawrenceburg, TN, moved to Nashville and then Chattanooga. She was preceded in death by James "Lloyd" Eller, her mother, Tot Moore Murphy, grandparents, several aunts, uncles, and cousins. Linda and Jim had three children, Leigh (Harv) Sanders, Jennifer Eller (Kelly Martin) and Murphy Eller (Jennifer Compton).

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

**Judith McKinley Eller 1947-2022**

Judith McKinley Eller, age 75, passed away peacefully on November 19, 2022, with her family by her side. She was born August 25, 1947. Judith is survived by her loving husband, William Eller; three children, Lisa (John) Chartier, John (Karen) Raines, Jennifer Raines; three stepchildren, Ronnie (Sheila) Eller, Darrell (Michele) Eller and Eugene (Kim) Eller; and thirteen grandchildren. Born and raised in Camden, Alabama, Judith spent the past 26 years residing in Eclectic, Alabama with her husband and beloved dog Ellie.

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

William Eller 1957-2022

Rev. William Eller, age 65, of Buford, GA passed away on Saturday, November 19, 2022. He was preceded in death by his parents, Hoyt and Mattie Eller. He is survived by his brothers, Jerry H. Eller, Buford, GA and Frankie Eller, Buford, GA; aunt, Mrs. Willie Jim Free, Buford, GA; and several cousins. Rev. Eller was born January 6, 1957 in Buford, GA. He had worked at J. D. Dyer School as a custodian. He was a member of Shoal Creek Baptist Church in Buford, GA. William enjoyed church and loved to attend church, revival services, homecomings and reunions.

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



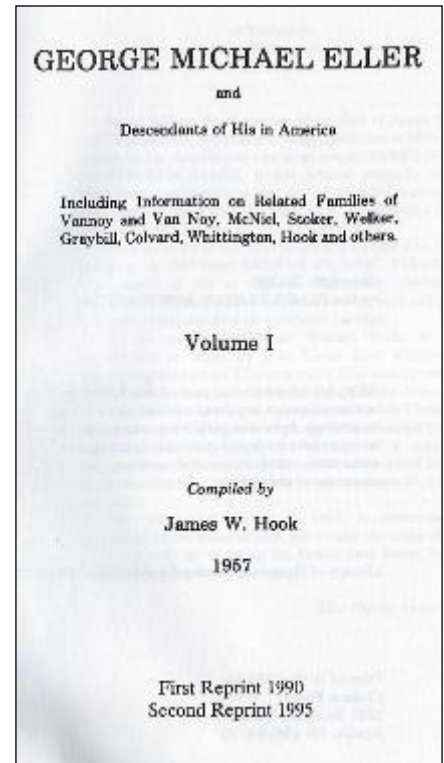
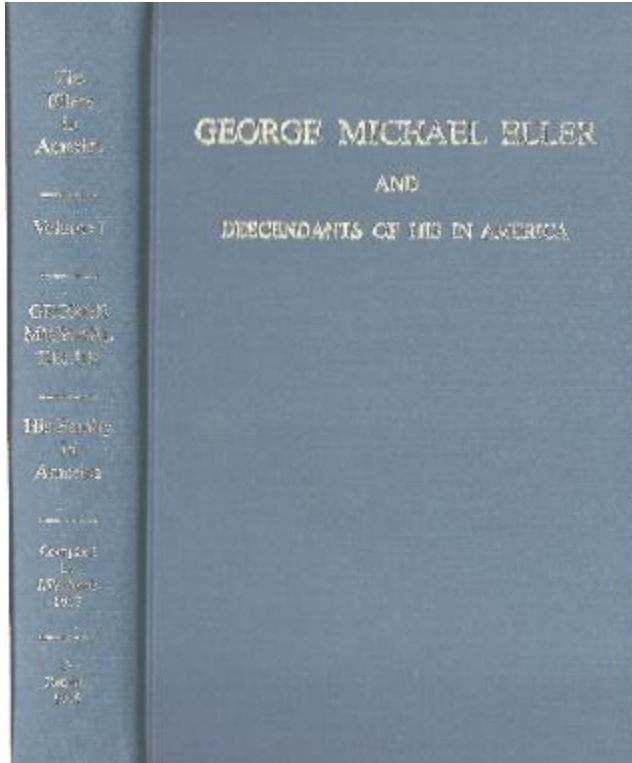
On The Lighter Side

Good Advice for Genealogists

- Remember that when a family member passes away, they take a library of memories with them. It's a genealogist's duty to record them before that happens.
- Genealogy is like a magic mirror. Look into it, and pretty soon, interesting faces appear.
- The kind of ancestors you have is not as important as the kindness of their descendants.
- If you are the last living link between your grandparents and your grandchildren—don't break the chain.
- If you don't want your descendants to put a twisted spin on your life story, write it yourself!
- If you're the family photographer (and not showing up in photos), your family historian descendants will become upset with you.
- To get your family tree done the fastest, run for political office. Your opponents will have it completed way before the election, and then you can resign if you really didn't wish to run in the first place.
- Many genealogists neglect telling their own stories, while in the midst of telling the stories about others. Don't let that happen to your family.
- Your children may not thank you, but if you preserve the family genealogy your great-great-great-great-descendants will remember you as super-great!
- If someone's picture looks like they don't belong in the family tree, well, maybe they don't.
- Some think it's best to grow a family tree one leaf at a time—but as with the spring, you may find that many buds can be produced at the same time.
- Don't take life seriously. Every genealogist knows nobody gets out alive.
- If at first you don't succeed, search, search again. That is why we call it re-search.

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



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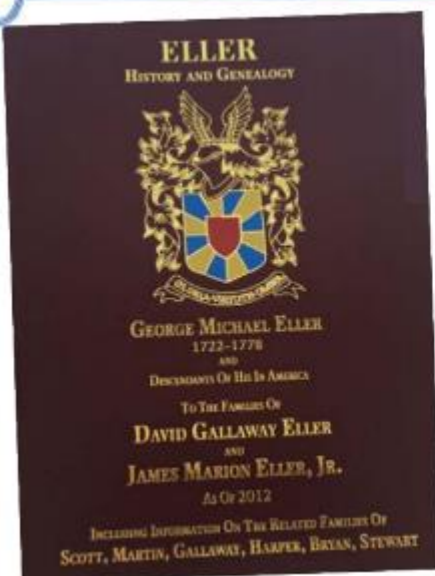
My Eller Cousins Available

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.

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ELLER History and Genealogy

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To The Families Of DAVID GALLAWAY ELLER AND
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Includes Information On The Related Families Of
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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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- 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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