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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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Family Line: people descended from a common ancestor

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From the President . . . Steve Eller

Hello Eller Folks!

Well, summertime is here, and we have pulled out the shorts and sunscreen. It's been in the 90's in Western North Carolina already. I do believe we are in for a long hot summer.

May is the month for high school graduations and several local Eller Descendant Grads have caught my eye:

Murphy High School in Cherokee County, North Carolina had two senior's that are twins. Some of you may remember them from our last family conference. Chris Rumfelt and his sons, Braden and Kellen provided our banquet entertainment. Braden was an Honor Graduate and baseball

standout leading his team in hits and second in the conference in home runs. He plans to complete his Associate Degree from Tri-County Community College next year. Kellen was an Honor Graduate and also (as a high school senior) graduated from Tri-County Community



Kellen Rumfelt

Braden Rumfelt

College with his Associate Degree. Kellen was the quarterback for two state football championships during his high school career. He was injured last year in the championship game and only played 2 1/2 quarters while having a super game. He threw for 300 yards and was the game MVP. I know Chris is extremely proud of these two. Both are talented singers and musicians who travel and sing with the Rumfelt Family Gospel Group. Braden and Kellen go back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller two ways through her son Joseph and his wife, Mariah Hedden Eller.

Hiawassee Dam High School in Cherokee County, North Carolina graduated Seth Hooper. Seth was a talented pitcher on the baseball team who was All Conference and wants to play baseball in college. He plans to study Criminal Justice with hopes to work for the DNA/Fish and Game. Hardy Washington Eller was his 4th great grandfather, so he goes back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller through her son Jacob.



Seth Hooper

An Eller Descendant whose family is from Rabun County, Georgia was a three-sport standout at Newberry Academy in Newberry, South Carolina. Evan Graves was a Junior Civitan, Beta Club Member and his 12th grade Student Body Representative. He is already attending Midlands Tech in Columbia, South Carolina and wants to be a Marine Biologist. Evan also volunteered to assist senior citizens all through his high school years. Evan goes back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller through her son Joseph (3 ways) and her son Jacob.



Evan Graves

Hayesville High School Graduated Hayden Ledford who will be attending Appalachian State to major in Art with a minor in Psychology. Hayden received the Presidential Award for Educational Achievement and was a North Carolina Academic Scholar. He also received the Bethel Guidry Scholarship, the Rock Bottom Recovery Board Scholarship and the Beal Scholarship. Hayden goes back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller through her son Joseph.



Hayden Ledford with his mother Stacie

Landon Moss graduated from Locust Grove High School in Locust Grove, Georgia where he was an Honor Student and baseball star. Landon received a baseball scholarship to Johnson University in Knoxville, Tennessee. Hardy Washington Eller was his 4th great grandfather and goes back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller through her son Jacob.



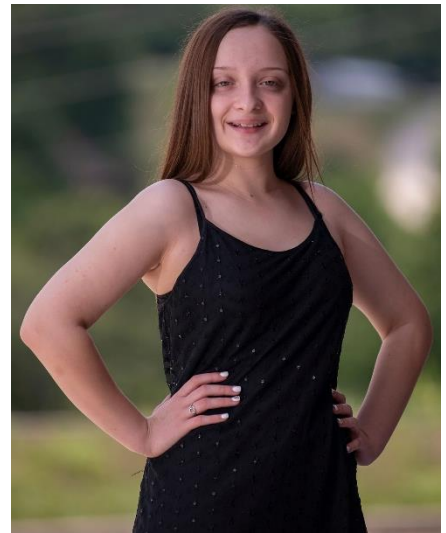
Landon Moss

Tyler Moss graduated from Creekside Christian Academy in Hampton, Georgia. Tyler was an Honor Graduate and a Georgia Scholars Graduate who received the Excellence in Art Award. He wants to pursue a career in the film industry for set design and special effects. Hardy Washington Eller is also his 4th great grandfather.



Tyler Moss

Union County High School in Blairsville, Georgia delivered a well-deserved diploma to Madison Ingram. Maddie plans to attend North Georgia Technical College and major in Nursing. Madison goes back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller through her son Joseph (3 ways).



Maddie Ingram

Congratulations to all the seniors and their families. Please remember all these young folks in your prayers.

I recently took some advice from our former treasurer (Ed Eller) and provided 5 new gift memberships. I encourage everyone who will to do the same. We could have a lot of new members this year, I challenge you to provide one gift membership to someone in your immediate family.

Sincerely,

Steve Eller

EFA President

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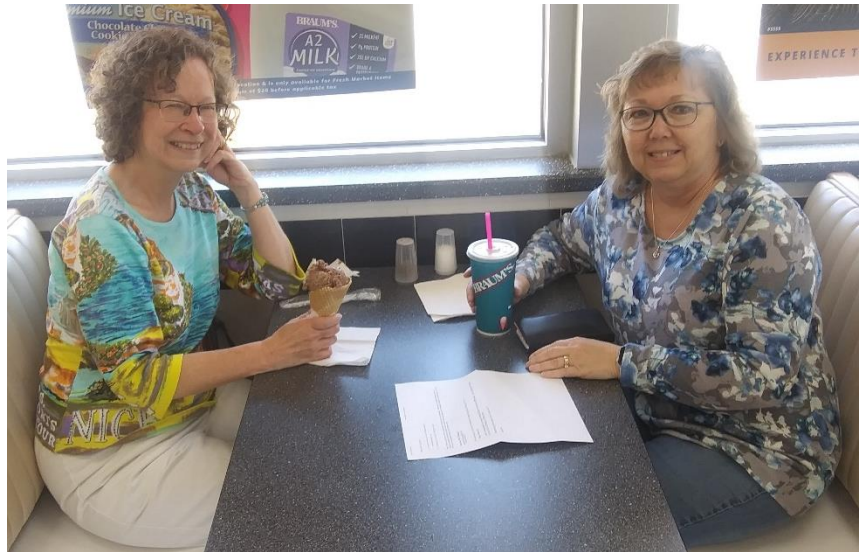


From the Secretary / Treasurer . . . Lauren Liggett

Hi Cousins,

Hope you are having a good spring where you live. It's been pretty warm here lately, above average temperatures, then suddenly a cold front blew in yesterday and today it's only in the 60s in McKinney, TX. I imagine this is the last bit of coolness that we will feel before full-fledged summer weather kicks in and makes every day a scorcher.

A couple of weeks ago I got to meet Helen Eller. Her husband, Ron, is from the Christian Eller line. Since I became the secretary/treasurer of the EFA last year, I now have access to the member's address list. I discovered that Helen lives about 45 minutes from me. We were able to meet at a Braum's Ice Cream place in McKinney and yak about the Ellers for a while. She told us about some Ellers that are buried in nearby Celina, TX. Dan and I may have to take a field trip and visit the cemetery there.



I have been corresponding by e-mail with an EFA member that also lives in McKinney. Thanks to the John Jacob Eller book I was able to plot out our family trees and learn that we are 6th cousins. Hopefully I will get to meet her this summer.

It's nice to be able to meet the descendants of those pioneering Ellers that left their NC roots back in the 1800s. Now they can get reconnected with a whole new set of cousins ☐

I hope you will plan to attend the next EFA conference in 2023 so you can meet more of your cousins too!

Take care and hope to meet you next year,

Lauren (Eller) Liggett

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From the Webmaster . . . Harvey Powers

Recent Eller obituaries are opening up new paths in Eller genealogy. The EFA is now posting more [Eller obituaries](#), both here in the Chronicles and on the EFA website. How, you may ask? There are three major firms supporting funeral homes and newspapers by helping them format obituaries on their websites. These firms also aggregate those obituaries and then make them searchable, country-wide on their own sites. The firms are [Legacy.com](#), [Dignity Memorial](#), and [Echovita](#).

Entering the name “Eller” in the search function on those websites seems to produce most of the recent Eller obituaries. In some cases, you can get more information or photos by following the links and going to the individual funeral home’s websites. Of course, this doesn’t find Eller descendants who trace their ancestry back to Eller women who took their husband’s name.

One of the benefits of these obituary searches has been the discovery of nearly a dozen new Eller lines we’ve never explored before. When we find an Eller obituary, we almost always find the names of the deceased’s parents (or when someone is married to an Eller, their spouse’s name). Entering that into the EFA website’s search function, checks to see if they are already on our site.

If the individual isn’t there, and many are not, then you have to start some detective work! I’ve found entering the parents’ names in both Ancestry.com, MyHeritage and Familysearch.org can often tie into existing research. And from there you can trace back to find if they fit into our database. In many cases the name ties back to an Eller immigrant with whom we weren’t familiar.

For example, the obituary for [Marian Rae Touchberry](#) Eller (1935-2022) (From February 2022) shows she was married to William John Eller. [William John Eller](#) is in the Ancestry database in two different well sourced “public trees.” And from there, you can trace him back to [William Albert Eller](#) (1903-1979) and eventually to [Johann Adam Eller](#) who emigrated to New York from Labach, Germany, with his son [Frank/Franz Eller](#). There are links to the [passenger list](#) that shows Frank was only 1 year old when he and his family arrived in New York on 29 Aug 1854 aboard the ship St. Nicolas.

What makes this family line even more interesting are the several newspaper clippings associated with Frank. [One](#) shows Frank Eller was a real-estate developer in Ridgewood, NY and that just before his death, he returned to Germany to have a Roman Catholic Church built in his hometown.

This obituary opened up the whole Johann Eller line for which we now have 267 people in our database. Elsewhere in this edition of the *Chronicles*, there is an index of the family lines (or family trees) that we have on the EFA website. Several, like the Johann Adam Eller tree, give us insights into Eller families with whom we are less familiar.

Harvey Powers

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From the Editor . . . Dan Liggett

This edition of *The Eller Chronicles* highlights Family Lines. Everyone has one, you just have to find it. With your family, sometimes you need to draw the line and other times you need to tow the line. In genealogy, you often need to read between the lines or even paint outside the lines. Not all lines are straight, some are crooked.

Okay, enough of the analogies. Family lines can be messy and they can be a blessing. Take your pick which way you want to look at it.

In the “Eller family” as we know it, you can hail from George Michael Eller, John Jacob Eller, Christian Eller, Henry Eller, Jacob Eller (Roanoke) or maybe Conrad Eller, but why stop there? You will see in an article written by Harvey Powers that there are even more Eller lines out there you may not know about. Take a look. Some of the named lines are known to be connected, but others are not. Some have proven to be connected either by genealogical research or by DNA. Other lines (like George Michael Eller and John Jacob Eller) appear proven by DNA to be totally unconnected, but is there some hidden circumstance that could connect them otherwise like an adoption or unmarried parents? Who knows what detail might be uncovered at some point in the future? That’s the nature of genealogy research. It is never really finished. That is also what is so fascinating about the journey.

In the end, when all these family lines get together at an Eller Family Conference, all those genealogy and DNA details don’t really matter. When we get together, we’re all family whether it is blood or not. Hey, I married into this and I feel like a part of the family. It is what you make of it.

Speaking of the Eller Family Conference, you will read later in this issue of the *Chronicles* that the venue for 2023 had to be changed. We will be meeting in the Roanoke, VA area in July 2023. Please mark it on your calendar and consider joining us for a most excellent gathering of awesome Ellers.

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 May 1, 2022 Board/Directors meeting (by phone) was called to order by president Steve Eller at 9:05pm EDT. Present on the call were Steve Eller, Emily Cook, Lauren Liggett, Dan Liggett, Corrine Casper, Anna Bliss, Ed Eller and Harvey Powers. Jerry Kendall and David Eller were unable to attend.

Steve asked for an update from Lauren and Dan about the EFA tax-exempt status. The EFA had been advised by a CPA to just re-apply for an EIN number (Employer Identification Number) from the IRS as a non-profit organization in Texas. After starting this process, it became apparent that filing for the tax-exempt status with the IRS would eventually cause us to intentionally falsify information on the application, so we took a step back and applied instead to re-instate our tax-exempt status with the old EIN. That application was posted this past week and we shall see where it leads. Either application cost \$600 to file. As part of that situation, Dan proposed an amendment to the EFA By-Laws to add to the duties of the Secretary/Treasurer the annual reporting to the IRS that apparently had not been done for the past 12 years or so. To that end, a motion was made and seconded to add 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. 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.

Steve commended Lauren and Dan for doing the right thing and following through on the prolonged tax-exempt process. He also commended Harvey for the EFA website that was highly praised by 2 officers of the Chastain Family Association that he (Steve) had recently contacted about their approach to dwindling membership and conference/reunion attendance. They also have seen a drop off of interest by the younger generation and they too have been looking for ways to bolster membership and participation with little success.

Harvey explained the website now has over 75,000 individuals listed in its database (most linked to ancestors and descendants, with birth/death dates/locations). He mentioned that he uses a program that searches the internet looking for obituaries that include the name Eller somewhere. Most obituaries listed on the website are from this program, but still needs our help when the name Eller does not appear and yet they are Eller descendants. He does additional research to fill in the Eller lineage details.

Harvey went on to mention that Christy Robinson, granddaughter of Lecy Eller (1905-1978) of the John Jacob Eller line, has made her new family history book available to the EFA. He says it is quite fascinating and full of information and pictures. [[click here](#)]

Harvey reported that his efforts to correspond with several Ellers local to the Bloomington, Indiana area had garnered no responses whatsoever and so, regretfully, he suggested we abandon Indiana as the destination for the 2023 Eller Family Conference. He also suggested that we consider a "destination location" that might be more appealing to a young or broader crowd such as Myrtle Beach, Hilton Head Island, the NC Outer Banks, Branson or even Virginia Beach.

Everyone agreed to recant the Indiana destination and discussion followed on the merits of a vacation destination. While considered a good idea and deserving consideration, the time factor and unknown variables eventually limited our ability to consider it at this time. It was decided to wait until the following Conference (2025) and to discuss it (with researched details) at the 2023 Conference rather than risk issues trying something "new" when we only have a year to pull it together.

Eventually, it became clear that Roanoke, VA would be a good alternative venue for the 2023 Conference, especially since there is a large contingency of Ellers in the area tied to the Jacob Eller Line (Roanoke). A recent Y-DNA test of a Jacob Eller descendent clearly connected this line to the George Michael Eller line, although we do not have a paper trail established yet. Harvey knows the area, has contacts in the area and volunteered to help. Ed offered to host with Harvey's help. With that established, Roanoke, VA was officially chosen for the 2023 Eller Family Conference, tentatively still scheduled for July 19-23, 2023 pending venue arrangements.

And so, Ed and Harvey agreed to meet in Roanoke area soon to explore the venue possibilities. Anna suggested they make a strong effort to advertise the Conference once dates and destination are locked in. Harvey agreed to handle that (newspaper ads and local flyers). Dan suggested contacting local genealogy societies and organizations for help in getting the word out. And Dan said he would send Ed and Harvey some links of venues already identified as possibilities. Hopefully, an acceptable venue will be secured by the next Board/Meeting sometime around the end of July.

Emily mentioned she has a friend's Eller family information and asked who to send the information. Since it was not John Jacob Eller line (Steve's purview), she was advised to send it to Harvey.

The meeting adjourned at 9:45pm EDT.

Eller Family Conference 2023

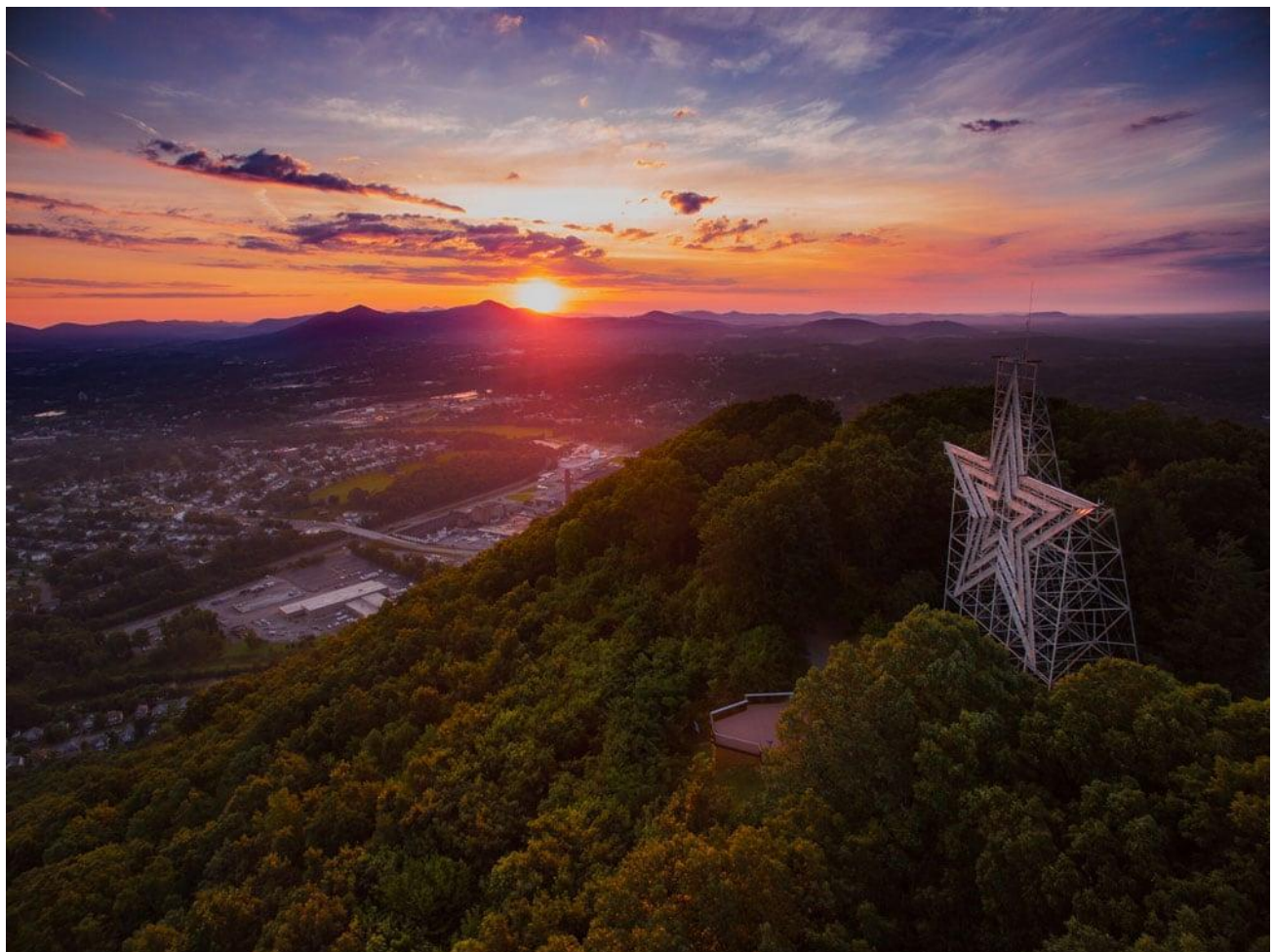
Now in Roanoke County, Virginia

(Change of Venue)

Unfortunately, plans to hold the 2023 Eller Family Conference in Monroe County, Indiana did not pan out (see the minutes from the Directors Meeting). However, after much discussion, the board decided to move it to the Roanoke, Virginia area. The target dates will still be July 19-23, 2023, pending availability of a venue. Ed Eller and Harvey Powers are looking into the details and will hopefully announce a venue in the August Chronicles.

The “Star City of the South,” as Roanoke is called, should be a perfect summer location, nestled at the edge of the Blue Ridge Mountains and not far from the Blue Ridge Parkway.

Vacations details: <https://www.washingtonpost.com/express/wp/2018/04/12/roanoke-va-is-fit-for-whatever-kind-of-vacation-you-have-in-mind/>



The Roanoke area is closely tied to one branch of the Eller family. Jacob Eller and his wife Magdalena 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 has been an ongoing debate among Eller descendants about this Jacob Eller’s origin. One school of thought claimed he was a son or grandson of immigrant George Michael Eller. Another considered him the immigrant and was not tied to the George Michael line.

In 2021, Howard Eller, of Kokomo, IN and 4th great grandson of Jacob Eller of Roanoke County, VA (husband of Magdalene/Magdalena), volunteered to have his Y-DNA tested. The results of that test, when compared to the Eller Family Project at Family Tree DNA, indicated that his DNA markers matched up with the haplogroups from the George Michael Eller line. While the exact relationship is yet to be determined, Jacob Eller (Roanoke) descendants are definitely tied to the George Michael Eller line somehow.

Regardless of their connection to other Eller lines, the “Roanoke Branch” appears to have strong ties to the German Baptist Brethren Church (sometimes called Dunkers).

We encourage you to put July 19-23, 2023 on your calendar and watch future Chronicles and on the EFA website (www.ellerfamilyassociation.com) for more information about our Roanoke area conference.

Below are links to previously published works about Jacob Eller and the Roanoke Ellers:

- [Jacob Eller \(1758-1830\)](#) in the database
- ["The Jacob Eller Family of Roanoke County"](#) - By Dr. David Eller
- ["The Jacob Eller Tree"](#) By Henry Cline Eller
- [Jacob Eller from the Hook book on George Michael Eller](#)

- ["Genealogical Problems Regarding Jacob and Magdalene Eller"](#) by John C. Eller
- ["Roanoke Eller Connection Confirmed"](#) By Steve Eller

Index & Links to Eller Family Lines

In the EFA Online Database

By Harvey W. Powers

We currently have more than 30 Eller family lines included in the [Eller Family Association online database](#). They cover more than 75,000 individuals along with more than 2,000 photos.

Some lines overlap, showing the same people with information provided by different sources, sometimes with conflicting data. Some lines are extensive and frequently updated. Some have only a few individuals listed. Some lines are extensively documented but some are not.

We offer this index to these lines as of May 2022. The [blue underlined words](#) are links to the database.

[Adam George Eller, Sr.](#) (1850-1915) 51 individuals Roman Catholic
Emigrated from Germany to Buffalo, NY in 1888 with wife and four children

Christian Eller (1724-1804) Most likely Lutheran.

There are several databases with Christian Eller.

[Christian Eller](#) (1724-1804) 23,218 individuals
Born in Germany. Emigrated to the American colonies about 1747

[Christian Eller](#) 471 individuals
The Christian line as outlined in [J.W. Eller's 1918 booklet](#). This information is included in the database above.

[John Eller](#) 24 individuals
Possible son of Christian Eller or possibly John Melchoir Eller shown separately.

[Mary "Polly" Eller](#) (1833-) 334 individuals
We believe Polly Eller was the daughter of John Wesley Eller (son of George Jr., son of George Sr. who was a son of Christian Eller. We can find no record of a marriage for Mary "Polly" Eller and all her children carry her maiden name. [Research, 2020](#).

[Conrad Eller/Iller/Eiler](#) (1675-1729) 77 individuals
Born in Germany. Emigrated to the American colonies about 1729. Son of Conrad Michael Oyler & Katharina Herman.

[Elijah "Eli" Eller](#) (1826-1906) 240 Individuals

Immigrant from Ireland. Settled first in Georgia and then Alabama. Son of [John Eller](#).

[Emanuel Eller](#) (1827-1893) 70 individuals Roman Catholic.

Born in Germany. Emigrated to Indiana. Served in Union Army.

Jacob Eller (1787-) Most likely Lutheran.

There are two Jakob Eller databases.

[Jakob Eller](#) (1797-1864) 287 individuals

We refer to this line as "the Erie Ellers". Born in Germany. Emigrated about 1852.

[Jacobus/Jacob Eller](#) (1797-1885) 83 individuals.

Same person as above but from a different source with different details

[George Eller](#) (1820-1870) 45 Individuals

May have emigrated from Germany, then to Rowan County and then to Illinois.

George Michael Eller (1722-1778) May have been connected to the Dunkard faith.

[George Michael Eller](#) (1722-1778) 13,998 individuals

Based on the [James Hook book](#) and [updated by Roger Foster & Julia Eller](#) and including other lines provided by several other researchers.

[Jacob Eller](#) (1776-1855) 2,534 Individuals Shown as "Jacob Eller 3."

Research by Rusty Dicken on the Jacob Eller who moved to Ashe County, NC and who is the son of Peter Lenn Eller and therefore the grandson of George Michael Eller.

Henry (Heinrich) Eller (1726-1788) He may have been connected to the Dunkard faith.

There are multiple databases for Henry Eller who emigrated from Germany in 1746 to Philadelphia and settled in Maryland.

[Henry Eller](#) (1720-1788) 61 individuals. Shown as database: "Henry Eller (3)."

Born in Germany. Concentrates on the line that went to Missouri.

[Henry Eller](#) (1726-1788) 548 individuals. Shown as "Henry Eller 4."

Research by Clarice Eller Stanley, 1993. Born in Germany and moved to Maryland.

[Henry Eller](#) (before 1746-1788) 121 Individuals. Shown as "Henry Eller, Sr."

Research by Kerry Peterson. Germany to Maryland.

[Heinrich Wilhelm "Henry" Eller](#) (1726-1788) 2960 Individuals Shown as "Henry Eller, Sr. (2)"

Provided by Alfred Dennis Eller. Germany to Frederick, MD.

John Jacob Eller (1715-1787) Most likely Lutheran.

[John Jacob Eller](#) (1715-1787) 18,679 individuals

Information from ["John Jacob Eller & his Descendants"](#) 1998 along with a database from Dan Liggett and additional information from Steve Eller.

[Johamm Jacob Elyer/ Eller](#) (1715-1782) 920 individuals Shown as "McKillip Family"

Research by Sharon McKillip on immigrant John Jacob Eller. This research traces his son "[Jake](#)" who leaves his family and moves to Tennessee and has another family.

[Jacob Eller](#) (1817-1866) 63 individuals

The Jacob Eller who moved from Virginia to Kansas. [Information from Robert C. Eller.](#)

[Jacob Eller](#) (1758-1830) Roanoke Botetourt Branch 7,918 Individuals

[Research by David B. Eller in "The Jacob Eller Family of Roanoke County, Virginia"](#) who believes this Jacob is not the same as the one that settled in Rowan County, NC and also not a son or grandson of George Michael Eller. He believes this is a separate German immigrant who settled in Botetourt County, VA. Additional information from other sources. He and many of his descendants are members of the Church of the Brethren.

[Johann Adam Eller](#) (1819-1887) 267 individuals Roman Catholic

Immigrant from Germany with wife and several children, who settled in New York City. Many in the family stay in the New York/Long Island area.

[Johannes "John" Eller](#) (1818-1883) 144 individuals

Immigrant from Germany who settled first in Wayne County, NY and then in Tazewell County, Illinois. He was affiliated [with the Evangelical movement.](#)

John Melchior Eller (1735-6 -) Most likely Lutheran

[John Melker \(Melchior\) Eller](#) (1735-) 219 Individuals

Immigrant from Germany who settled in Rowan County, NC. Information from Peggy Agner Troutman & Louise Berringer File.

[John Eller](#) 24 individuals

Possible son of Christian Eller or possibly John Melchoir Eller.

[Conrad Eller](#) (1784-1850) 421 individuals

Believed to be a son of John Melchior/Melker Eller. Born in Rowan County, NC and died in Wilkes County, NC.

[Lee Taylor Eller](#) (1835-) 55 individuals

It is possible Lee Taylor Eller is the same person as [Levi/Lewis Cox Conrad Eller](#) although there are significant database differences. Some Ancestry.com trees say Lee Taylor Eller was born in Scotland about 1835. There is some doubt about this as other Ancestry records show his father as Conrad Eller who was born 1775 in Rowan County, NC

[Matthes Eller](#) (1585-) 17 Individuals

[Research by Benjamin Eller](#) that offers possible early ancestors to many of the Eller immigrants.

[Morris \(Movsha\) Eller](#) (1865-1943) 68 individuals Jewish

Born in Libau, Russia (now Latvia). Morris Eller becomes [a gangster in Capone-Era Chicago](#).

[Sol Eller](#) (1891-1973) 20 Individuals Jewish

Born in Poland and emigrated to Michigan in 1908

[Thomas Allen Eller](#) (1840-1907) 119 individuals

Born in Tennessee, he brings his family to Missouri.

[Wilhelm Eller](#) (1800-1875) Roman Catholic. 597 individuals

Immigrant (with his son [Frantz/Frank](#)) from Prussia in 1850. Frantz (some records say he was from Koln, Germany) served in the Union Army: Pvt. B company, 11th Regiment, Wisconsin Infantry.

Unknown

We use this "tree" to place individuals who don't seem to fit anywhere else.

A New Eller Line ???

By Harvey W. Powers

I think I've discovered a new (at least new to me) Eller line that traces back to Johannes Eller (1818-1883) who arrived in America and eventually settled in Illinois. He's from Germany and his wife is from that disputed area between Germany and France, Alsace. His children end up in Iowa.

The family is fairly prominent in Hardin County, Iowa. Enough that two of Johannes' children, John and Philip, are featured in a 1911 book on Hardin County (profiles below). The book is online. I think these two items would be interesting to include in an upcoming Chronicles. The write up is in that flowery 1911 style.

I have put Johannes in the database at the address below, but I've just started working on his descendants.

[http://ellerfamilyassociation.com/getperson.php?personID=I1&tree=Johannes Eller](http://ellerfamilyassociation.com/getperson.php?personID=I1&tree=Johannes_Eller)

The following excerpts are from
"Past and Present of Hardin County Iowa"

By William J. Moir

1911

Provided by the Hardin County Historical Society

JOHN ELLER

One would be attempting a task in which failure alone could crown his efforts should he attempt to find in the annals of Hardin County a worthier or better citizen than the late John Eller, a man who, it is true, did not figure prominently in public affairs or carry to successful issue great undertakings of unusual magnitude. but in the more humble walks of life he sought to do his duty at all times and under all circumstances as he saw and understood the right, thereby winning a host of warm personal friends who regarded him as a high grade and valuable citizen, and it will be a long time indeed before he is forgotten here.

Mr. Eller was born in Tazewell County, Illinois, October 3, 1853, and he is the son of John and Justina (Ramage) Eller, natives of Germany, who are mentioned at some length in the sketch of Philip Eller on another page of this work. These parents came to America in their youth



MR. AND MRS. JOHN ELLER

and first settled in the state of New York, later came to Tazewell County, Illinois, where they secured wild timbered land which they improved into a good farm on which the father lived until his death in 1882; the mother is now living among her children, of whom there are seven, namely: Mary, Henry, Sarah, Paul, Philip, George and Lizzie.

John Eller was educated in the schools of Tazewell County, Illinois, and lived at home until he was married, in February, 1878, to Mary Shafer, who was born in Woodford county, Illinois, the daughter of Benjamin Shafer, who was born in Grockle-Voeburg, Westphalia, Germany, December 22, 1817; there he grew up and began life as a farmer, and emigrated to America in 1846, and was married in Boston, Massachusetts, May 25, 1852. In 1856 they located in Washburn, Woodford County, Illinois, where they procured wild land, mostly timbered, which Mr. Shafer cleared and developed into a good farm. There the mother's death occurred June 30, 1884. They were members of the Evangelical church, and their family consisted of six children, namely: William, who is living on the old home place in Illinois; Benjamin died December 19, 1884; Mary, who married Mr. Eller, of this review; Carrie lives in Illinois, as does also Lizzie; Ed. lives at Radcliffe, Iowa. Benjamin Shafer, the father, was an invalid for fifteen years; his death occurred on March 3, 1903.

The following children have been born to Mr. and Mrs. Eller: Carrie, who married Fred Topp, died March 26, 1910; they live in Eddy County, North Dakota, and are the parents of six children, Ruben, Clarence, Ray, Irwin, Harold and Wallace, the last named being deceased. Oren Eller, who is farming in Eddy County, North Dakota, married Jennie Fett, and they have two children, Emerson and Jennie; Benjamin, who is farming in Sherman township, this county, married Lydia Brunemier; Ralph is farming on the home place: Annie is living at home; May, who married Fred Kuhfuss, is farming in Sherman township, and they have one son, Carroll; Clarence is at home, as is also Dora.

In 1876 Mr. Eller came to Hardin County, Iowa, and bought one hundred acres of land in Sherman township, where the family now live, the land then being in the raw state; he returned to Illinois, but he and his wife came back and located on the place in 1878. He first put up a shanty and later, as he prospered through hard work and good management, put up the present home and made all the modern improvements on the place just as they stand today, and added to his first purchase until he owned three hundred and forty acres of very valuable and productive land, also owned a quarter section in Eddy County, North Dakota. He built a fine home and kept everything about the place in shipshape. He paid a great deal of attention to stock raising and always kept good grades of various types, and no small part of his annual income was derived from marketing his live stock, which he knew well how to prepare so as to bring fancy prices. He was regarded as one of the town-ship's best farmers and stock men.

Mr. Eller was a Republican, but not aspire to public offices. He was a member of the United Evangelical church.

The death of Mr. Eller occurred on March 10, 1906. His widow and some of the children still live on the home place, carrying out the work he inaugurated and successfully managing the same.

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A list of Hardin county's worthy families would be incomplete were there failure to make specific mention of the well known farmer and representative citizen, and his relatives, whose name introduces this sketch, for his life has been one of usefulness in many ways, resulting in good to those with whom he has had dealings, whether in business or social life.

Philip Eller was born in Tazewell County, Illinois, November 3, 1856, and he is the son of John and Justina (Ramige) Eller, the father born in 1818 in Hessen-Darmstadt, Germany, and the latter in Alsace-Lorraine, formerly a part of France, now a province of Germany. The father came to America single, when twenty-three years of age, and settled first near Buffalo, New York. He was a cooper by trade, which he followed several years in this country. He married in New York and came west by canal and the great lakes, also a part of the way by train, to Peoria, Illinois, where he remained a short time, then went to Groveland township, Tazewell County, that state, where he bought eighty acres of wild land, mostly timbered; this he cleared and there made necessary improvements and became very comfortably fixed. He was one of the pioneers there and had to undergo many hardships, but he was industrious and later added eighty acres more to his original purchase and



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there continued to live until his death in 1882. His widow, now advanced in years, makes her home with her children. He was a Republican and held several minor offices. He belonged to the Evangelical church, to which his widow also belongs. Their family consisted of the following children: Mary, who married Jacob Braker, lives in Tazewell county, Illinois; Henry, who is farming in Sherman township, Hardin County, was a preacher in the Evangelical church in Illinois for several years and in Iowa for seven years; he married Albertina Voigt, and they became the parents of eight children, four of whom are deceased; Sarah married John Wykle, now a retired farmer living at Radcliffe, Iowa; John, who died in 1900, married Mary Shafer, an early settler in Sherman township, this county (see his sketch on another page) ; Philip, of this review; Fred died when three years of age; William, who lived in Tazewell County, Illinois, is deceased; Elizabeth married G. H. Hake, of Sherman township, this county (see his sketch herein); George, who married Anna Strickfaden, is farming in Sherman township, this county.

The subject attended the common schools in Tazewell County, Illinois, and lived at home until he was twenty-five years of age. He first married. in August, 1880, Sarah Hake, of his native community. A sketch of her people will be found herein, captioned G. H. Hake. Her death occurred on April 5, 1896. The following children were born of this union: Silas W., a jeweler at Zearing, Iowa; Daniel, who is farming at Broadview, Montana; Newton also is farming there; Laura married William Granzow, of Ellis township, this county; Lloyd is living at home.

On May 25, 1898, Mr. Eller married Ricka Hildebrand, a native of Lippe-Detmold, Germany, who came to America on October 21, 1893. Five children were born to this union: Dewey, Rudolph, Thelma, Walter and Verner.

In the fall of 1880 Philip Eller came to Hardin County, Iowa, and bought one hundred acres of land in section 23, Sherman township. It was all wild and he began life here as a pioneer. He put up a rude hut, sixteen by twenty-four feet, and lived in it for a period of fourteen years, then built his present cozy home. In 1889 he erected a large bam. Prospering from year to year, he has added to his original purchase until he is now the owner of one of the valuable and choice farms of the township, consisting of three hundred and seventy acres in Sherman township, and he is also the owner of a half section in Yellowstone County, Montana. He made a specialty of raising short-horn cattle, Norman and Hamiltonian horses, also Duroc-Jersey Red hogs. It is a pleasure to look over his fine herds and his well kept fields.

Mr. Eller is a member of the united Evangelical church, of which he has been steward and class leader, also a Sunday school teacher for the past thirty years. He takes a great deal of interest in religious affairs, being a pillar in the local church, and he carries 'his religion into his every-day affairs, thus living an exemplary life which has gained him the respect and good will of a vast circle of friends.

Editor's Note: More information is available on the EFA website if you follow the link provided:
[http://ellerfamilyassociation.com/getperson.php?personID=11&tree=Johannes Eller](http://ellerfamilyassociation.com/getperson.php?personID=11&tree=Johannes_Eller)

Here is a link to the entire book which provided the excerpts above:

["Past and Present of Hardin County Iowa"](#) by William J. Moir, 1911

And a link to a summary article Harvey has written:

[Eller, Johannes "John" \(1818-1883\)](#) by Harvey Powers, Eller Family Association, 2022

Attracting a New Generation

by Dan Liggett & Steve Eller

Part of the on-going concern of the Eller Family Association is to attract the younger generation to carry on the work in the future. We have seen the average ages of EFA members increase steadily over the past few years and one day we will have to hand over the reins to someone younger. My wife, Lauren Liggett (former President and current Secretary/ Treasurer), suggested we should contact the Pierre Chastain Family Association (www.pierrechastain.com) since several in the John Jacob Eller line are also related to the Chastains. We could ask how they are attempting to deal with what is probably a common issue. President Steve Eller took our suggestion and contacted current president Raleigh Chastine and past president Karyl Chastain Beal. Their comments:

What a nice-looking website. Very impressive. Where do I start? At the beginning?

First off, I'm involved with a couple of genealogical societies, so bear with me. Also, I am currently the host to (my mother's side) a yearly "Crumbley Reunion". This will be the last year of the Crumbley Reunion as I'm calling it quits - for the reunion. The reason why is partially because of what you said below: there is not much interest in the younger generation for genealogical information. My generation (I'm 75) seems to be the last generation where all the cousins and relatives grew up in close geographical proximity to each other. That is, during the summer we (grandkids) would spend a week or more during the summer with our grandparents. This would also give us time to spend playing with first, second or third cousins in the area, etc. Not so today. As one of my adult sons once told me - "I know only one or two people there. You grew up with them but I didn't."



Times are changing where families are no longer the nucleus they once were. That is, when I was young it seemed like we'd spend at least 2 weekends a month at one or the other of my grandparents' homes. We'd go down for a Saturday or Sunday lunch or supper. During the day there was another opportunity to help the grandparents or get together with cousins. And, we had to go whether we wanted to or not. Whatever our parents said was written in stone. We had no choice. That is not true today because there is not a central location where everyone lives. Everyone is scattered and siblings are all across the country. Sometimes it seems that the electronic media (Facebook, Twitter, etc.) has taken over actually talking to one another face-to-face. Someday I expect to be sitting across the room from my granddaughter and receive a text from her rather than her just looking up from her phone to talk to me. 😊

I used to belong to a genealogical society (EGGS - East Georgia Genealogical Society) and watched that slowly dwindle. They are still struggling today. I can tell you a little bit about why they died. When I first joined their ranks, they would have monthly evening meetings (about 7 PM) and approximately 20 - 30 people would attend. The meetings were held at a local LDS church, which was a convenient meeting place. However, someone suggested that the meetings be moved to the local library in Winder, GA, (more central location) and the time for the meetings was changed to 2 PM. Right there it cut any opportunity for some of the existing members, and possibility any new members, to attend because of work issues. So, next thing I know there's 15 members attending, then 10, and finally down to 6 members. For those 6 it was a great time because they all lived in the Winder area and had common interest. I ended up moving about 40 - 50 miles away so it's no longer practical for me to drive 3 to 4 hours for a 1-hour monthly meeting.

Because of the diverse locations of the PCFA members it's not practical to have monthly meetings. We do have Zoom Board meetings, when necessary, but we usually hold them down to about 3 or 4

meetings a year. I call those meetings when I feel there is a need for discussion, such as our yearly reunion. We are in the same boat as you at our reunions in that we normally get about 30 - 50 people attending. You do not have to be a paying member of the PCFA to attend. It's open to all Chastains, Chasteens, Chastines, etc. However, unlike you, we have kept our meetings to 1 1/2 days. Since I've only been president for 2 years, I'm not sure why it was set that way but I prefer that to having a 4-day reunion and having to figure out activities for all the attendees. Not that there's anything wrong with that, but with us it gives some people the opportunity to drive in on the morning of the first day (Friday) and then they can leave to go back home on Sunday. Thus, they might only lose 1 day of work (Friday). Of course, if they desire, they can always come in early and stay an extra day (we make arrangements with the hotel for the same rates.) This also helps keep down out of pocket expenses.

At our meetings we have had planned activities in the past where we've hired buses to take people to special places (historical homes, etc). But some of the time we've asked for those who have cars to drive others to the places we want to visit.

The meetings themselves are fairly simple. On Fridays we start with introductions, where those who want to introduce themselves and tell their blood lines back to Pierre Chastain, Sr. Then we have presentations for the rest of the afternoon and the next day (Saturday) if we have no arranged activities. This year we do not. So, Saturday will be spent with me doing a DNA Basics presentation which will then lead into our Genealogist discussing our DNA project (trying to get people to provide samples to trace lines back to Pierre). I haven't gotten the entire day planned out as of yet.

Sorry if I'm rambling a bit (or a lot?). In any case, we end up with a Saturday night banquet that's normally at the hotel for about 2 hours and everyone gets to visit each other, talk genealogy, whatever. Cost is about \$40 per person. And, like I said, then everyone can head out on Sunday to drive home if they want. All of this is to try and keep cost down as much as possible.

In addition to the banquet, we have a former president (Karyl Chastain Beal) who has done an excellent job as our Social Media Coordinator. We have an online Facebook group that's open to all Chastains, Chasteens, etc. It's free to join and you do not have to be a paying member to join. She also has been putting out a weekly "Chastain Chatter" with highlights of Chastains in the news (think Jessica Chastain or Ross Chastain). Plus, she includes any obituaries of those who have passed, articles from members, etc.

I do not have a magic formula as to how to bring in more young people. Maybe if I could make our genealogy into a video game they might take notice, but I'm not even sure if that'd work. If I come up with something good, I'll keep you posted. Be aware that I'm copying the PCFA Vice President (Sheila Smith) on this as she has always provided good input and ideas and might be able to add something.

Thanks for contacting me and I pray for you to have continued success. After all we are cousins - thank you Nancy Chastain 😊.

Take care.

Raleigh Chastine

I suspect that all genealogical groups are held together primarily by the older family members. There are probably several reasons for this, with number one being - in my opinion - that while families are raising children, the parents simply do not have time to invest in family history. Between work, children's needs, etc. that's about all many can handle at one time. After they retire, they may have more time to invest in family connections.



The main thing I did when I was president of the Pierre Chastain Family Association (for six years) was to start the Chastain Chatter. It's a family type e-mail newsletter I basically scrounge together at least once month and send out to anyone who wants to be on the list. They don't have to actually be paying members of the PCFA; they simply are interested.

Even though I chose for the Chastain Chatter to not officially be a publication of the PCFA, I always include news about the PCFA in every edition and strongly support it. It lets everyone know about our reunions.

We also have a PCFA Facebook group where the reunion is discussed; it functions basically as a message board. I'm careful about who gets into the FB group; people have to ask to join, and then I check out their FB page to make sure they're legitimate. After I feel comfortable that they aren't hackers or people with hidden agendas, I approve their membership and introduce them to the group.

Our reunions had to be cancelled the last two years, of course, due to the pandemic, but we held the PCFA Board meeting, family group meeting, and "introductions and lineage meeting" via Zoom both years so that we maintained a connection of some sort with those who were able to participate.

The year before the pandemic, we held our reunion in Richmond - Midlothian, Virginia. (It was scheduled to be there the preceding year, but due to a hurricane that year, we had to cancel it at the last moment.) There was a large crowd, close to 100 at that reunion, because we had schedule educational events and activities connected to Pierre Chastain's life there, like visiting the Huguenot research center, visiting the place he owned, singing happy birthday to him in French, etc.

For that reunion, most of us arrived on Thursday, and we had meetings and programs all day Friday and Saturday, concluding with our traditional banquet where we had colonial dancers on Saturday night. Some of us even stayed until Sunday and attended the church Pierre had attended (well, the newer version of it where his name is on a church pew.)

This year, the reunion will be more social and in a smaller venue, probably a bit shorter and smaller in attendance. (It will be in Cartersville, Georgia.)

The PCFA began, if I remember right, in 1975 and reunions began almost immediately every year. Our by-laws require that the Board meet annually, so the reunion became the appropriate venue for that meeting.

I visited your website and am very impressed with it. You have an amazing amount of information on it; whoever tends to your website is doing an outstanding job. (Actually, I see Ed Eller is one of your officers. Ed and Betty have attended several PCFA reunions, and I believe that they hosted a reunion some years back.)

My heart hurt reading the news bit about James Thomas Eller and his little daughter being killed in a housefire. What a sad, sad tragedy.

Actually, obituaries, etc. that you put on the website are the types of things I put in the Chastain Chatter. They are both important but we simply share them with people in different ways. Do you believe that many of your members regularly visit your website to read the news and obituaries?

Karyl Chastain Beal

As you can see, they are having similar issues. We may be considering some of their solutions in the near future. We welcome any ideas you may have as well. Stay tuned.

Eller Immortalized in the Cyclorama painting of the Battle of Atlanta



Steve Eller, president of the EFA, shared this email sent to him by Jo Hill in April 2022:

Recently, I had an opportunity to have a guided tour with Robert Jenkins in Atlanta on the Battle of Atlanta and the Battle of Peachtree Creek.

Our ancestor, Jacob Eller, son of Sukey Eller, died in the Battle of Atlanta presumably on July 22, 1864. His body was never recovered and I think it's safe to presume that he is buried in Oakland Cemetery in one of the unmarked confederate graves. His widow filed for a pension and much of that information is captured in her pension application. He served under General Stovall in Stewart's Corps.

Robert Jenkins has done extensive research on both battles and based on the location of the Hiawasse Rangers during the Battle of Atlanta, he believes it is likely that Jacob died somewhere around DeKalb Avenue and Regress Street in Atlanta. The very interesting side note to this is that in the Cyclorama painting now located at the Atlanta History Center there is a portion of the painting which shows the confederate troops of Stewart's Corps breaking through the union forces and coming over the railroad tracks just below the Hurt House (which is the DeKalb Avenue and Regress Street location). So, we could say that his death is immortalized in the Cyclorama painting.

Jo added in a subsequent communication:

Here's a link to the Atlanta History Center's "The Big Picture" <https://www.atlantahistorycenter.com/exhibitions/cyclorama/>.

If you go to the lower section, the Cyclorama painting is shown in sections, Section 7 shows the Hurt House which was located on present day Regress Street off of Dekalb Avenue. They have chopped off the bottom of the painting to allow for these sections, I believe the section with the railroad track and Stewart's confederate troops breaking through is either section 6 or 8.

I had also heard the burial story and Find a Grave is showing burial at Marietta Cemetery. Oakland Cemetery is so close to the battle sites and the site of the Jimmy Carter Library, that it calls into question taking remains all the way to Marietta. But for sure we will never know!

Robert Jenkins who was our guide is an attorney from Dalton, Ga. He is excellent and anyone who is interested in in-depth troop movements for those days leading up to the Battle of Atlanta would really enjoy his tour. He has written a book on the Battle of Peachtree Creek and is an acknowledged historian on that battle. Stewart's Corps were involved throughout those days and battles.

Steve added: Jo Hill is from the Benjamin Zepthia Eller Family. Zep was the son of Hardy Washington Eller and brother to Grandpa Ranzy Eller. I think Ed (Eller) had some of this info. Seems like he (Ed) told me that Jacob and the Hiawassee Rangers were probably buried where the Jimmy Carter Center now stands. The mass graves were moved to the Marietta National Cemetery when the JC Center was built. Jacob (Jake) Eller was my GG Grandfather and was over 50 when he enlisted in the Hiawassee Rangers.

Ellers In The News

2 Die As A Result Of House Fire

By Jule Hubbard, Wilkes Journal-Patriot Staff, Apr 8, 2022, Updated Apr 12, 2022

https://www.journalpatriot.com/news/two-die-as-a-result-of-house-fire/article_78c0268c-3ef8-5f34-94eb-d2ca73bc52ee.html

A man and his young daughter died early Friday morning as a result of a house fire in the Broadway community.

Chief Deputy James Summers of the Wilkes Sheriff's Office identified them as James Thomas Eller, 45, and Ruby Elaine Eller, 5, who both lived where the fire occurred.

Authorities said James Eller and his wife and their young son were asleep in the same bedroom when Eller was awakened by a dog barking, opened the bedroom door and smoke rolled into the bedroom. Realizing the house was on fire, said authorities, Eller told his wife to exit the house with their son through a bedroom window while he went to get their 5-year-old daughter out of the home.



The wife and son made it out of the burning house and were checked at the scene by medical personnel.

A relative at the fire scene early Friday afternoon said Eller and his wife owned and operated Jack's Son's Seafood Restaurant on N.C. 115 in North Wilkesboro. The restaurant's Facebook page said it is closed until further notice.



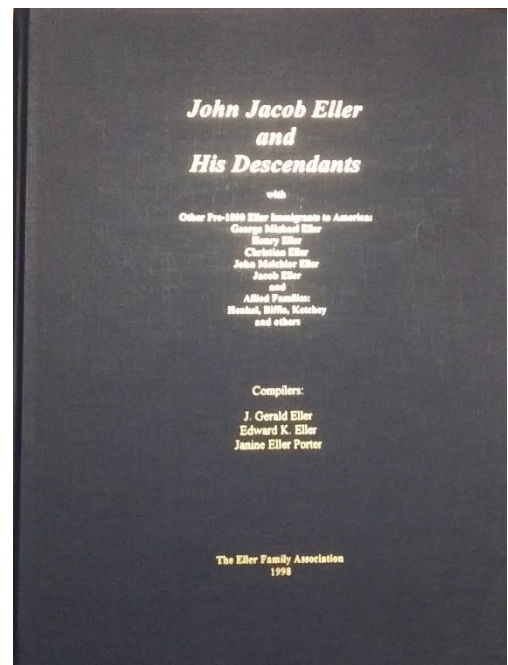
Old Smyrna and John Jacob Eller Book Update

By Steve Eller

Old Smyrna Cemetery Update - The US Forest Service rejected my application for a land use permit. The reason was that they wanted to ensure that the property would be taken care of down the road and suggested that Towns County apply for the permit. I talked with the Towns County Commissioner, Cliff Bradshaw (who is an Eller Descendant) and he agreed to make an application. He has the County Attorney involved and hopefully will be applying soon. It is the policy of Towns County to take over any old, abandoned cemeteries and keep them up. I am hope that the county will receive the permit and allow family members to keep it maintained. We also have requested the forest service to install a gate. My original timeline for this project has been demolished. I wanted to set new headstones for Hardy Washington Eller and Jacob L. Eller and have a dedication service in April. We have now moved the dedication service to sometime in the fall. Our cemetery/road repair fund is now close to \$5,000.



John Jacob Eller and His Descendants Book Update - We have been working on this book for almost 2 1/2 years now. I am sorry it is taking so long. We keep finding lines we didn't have in the 1998 version. During this 2 1/2 year span we have added approximately 10, 000 names and updated approximately 18,000 descendant records. As Ed knows, this experience is amazing, I used to drive by cemeteries where I thought maybe had 10-15 family members to find out over half the cemetery are Eller Folks. Our goal is to try and finish up by the 2023 EFA Conference. Many thanks to all of you that have given me your family info. Thanks go out to Jerry Taylor and Harvey Powers for their help in identifying and updating Eller Descendants.



DNA testing kits: What are the privacy risks?

Commercial DNA testing kits are becoming increasingly popular, but what are the privacy risks involved? We explore who can access your DNA information and the potential unexpected consequences of DNA testing.

By VICTORIA MCINTOSH

CERTIFIED INFORMATION PRIVACY TECHNOLOGIST

January 17, 2020

Have you ever wondered what makes you? Mused over how you came to be, and who you share genes with? There's a new option to find answers, and all it needs is a drop of spit.

It should come as no surprise that commercial DNA tests are rising in popularity. Genealogy itself is, after all, an ancient practice: members of the royal family of the United Kingdom, for example, can trace their ancestry down to Henry VII. Now with commercial DNA testing, genealogy maps are very accessible. Your DNA is a map that holds traits of every person who came before you. With the right analysis, DNA tests can also unlock data on health problems or predispositions.

But if you're considering a test, not so fast. It turns out that knowledge comes with a price, one with potentially long-lasting consequences. Your DNA can expose secrets, even those that aren't your own, and put you at risk in ways that aren't advertised. There are huge, privacy concerns with commercial DNA testing, starting with what you agree to in the fine print.

Rest of the entire article at <https://www.comparitech.com/blog/information-security/dna-testing-kits-privacy-risks/> where the remaining discussions include:

Who owns the data?

When HIPAA and other health privacy regulations don't apply.

What about other legislation, like the GDPR?

Unexpected consequences: when your DNA affects your insurance

Are your parents who they say they are?

Your privacy vs. the privacy of your family

Using commercial DNA tests to catch a killer

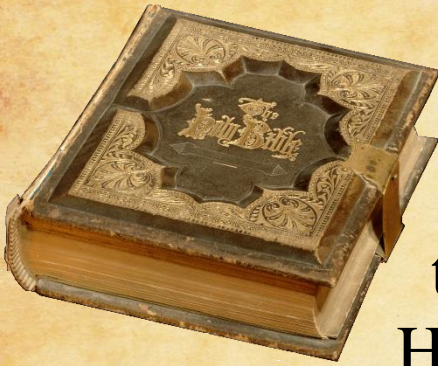
More law enforcement access on the rise

Why is law enforcement of DNA an issue?

DNA on the dark web: hackers want in too

Tip of the iceberg

REWARD OFFERED



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

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

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

This info is described in book:

GEORGE MICHAEL ELLER
AND DESCENDANTS OF HIS IN AMERICA

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

Call with info: 336-921-3430

Christine Eller Walker

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

Obituaries

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

Morris Edwin Eller**1924-2022**

Morris Eller, beloved father, former FBI agent, and WWII veteran, died peacefully at home on May 8, 2022, surrounded by his devoted family. He was just 10 days shy of his 98th birthday. Morris was born on May 17th, 1924, in the tiny mountain community of Lansing N.C., the son of the late Edwin and Ethel Eller of Ashe County. He was from the George Michael Eller line.

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

**Janie Mull Blythe****1949-2022**

Ms. Janie Mull Blythe, age 72, made her heavenly journey May 6, 2022. Janie was born November 26, 1949 in Hiawassee, Georgia to the late Carl and Lucille Mull. She grew up in the Bell Creek community of Hiawassee. Janie goes back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller through Sukey's son, Joseph.

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

**Jennifer Louise Eller Stamey****1966-2022**

Jennifer Louise Eller Stamey of Morganton, North Carolina, passed away at the age of 55, on May 5, 2022. She was born 23 Jul 1966. She was predeceased by her father Lamar Eller. She was from the Jacob Eller line.

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

**James Morey Eller****1939-2022**

James Morey Eller died at home in Loveland, Colorado on May 5, 2022 with his wife and several children at his side. He was born in Terre Haute, Indiana on July 21, 1939 to Cleo Hershel Eller and Winifred (Peggy) Morey. He was from the George Michael Eller line through his son, Peter Lenn Eller.

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

**Barbara Morrison Eller****1927-2022**

Barbara Morrison Eller, amazing mother, Gammie, GG and beloved wife of the late Melvin Eller for 53 years, passed away May 4, 2022 in Tampa, FL, one week before her 96th birthday. Her husband is from the Sol Eller line. Parenting, teaching, and tennis were her greatest joys and skills.

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



Etta Mae Reynolds Eller 1962-2022

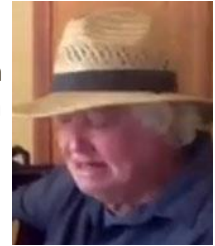
Etta Mae Eller, age 60, of Orlando, passed away Friday, April 29th, 2022 at her residence. She was born in Spencer City, KY the daughter of the late Nancy (Ellegood) and Billy Don Reynolds and was a homemaker.

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

**Timothy Paul Pannell, Sr. 1942-2022**

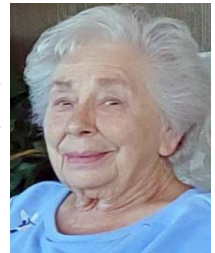
Timothy Paul Pannell passed away on Friday, April 29, 2022 in Godley. He was born March 14, 1942 in Fort Worth, Texas to Hazel (Eller) and R.D. Pannell. Timothy goes back to John Jacob Eller, through his son Joseph (Susannah "Sukey" Eller's brother).

[[Obituary](#) / [Timothy Pannell in the EFA database](#)]

**Mary Spiva Arrowood 1938-2022**

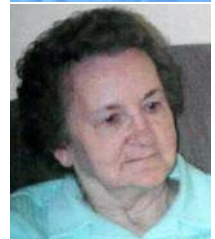
Mary Spiva Arrowood, 84, of Anderson, SC, formerly of Hiawassee, GA, passed away in Anderson on Friday, April 22, 2022. Mary was preceded in death by her husband of sixty-five years, Ernest Arrowood. Mary's grandmother was Ellie Mae Eller Walls who goes back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller through her son, William Bill Eller.

[[Obituary](#) / [Mary Spiva Arrowood in the EFA database](#)]

**Donna Lorene Eller 1924-2022**

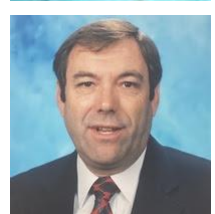
Dora Lorene (Turner) Eller, 97, Attica, IN passed away in the Williamsport Health and Rehabilitation Center on Friday, April 22, 2022. Lorene, as she was known to family and friends, was born in Busseron, Indiana in Knox County, on December 22, 1924. Lee was from the Christian Eller line.

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

**Jimmy Lee Berrong 1944-2022**

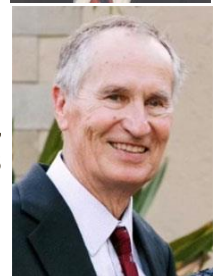
Jimmy Lee Berrong, age 77 of Dahlonega, Georgia passed away Friday, April 15, 2022 at Northside Hospital Forsyth after an extended illness. Jimmy was born and raised in Hiawassee, Ga to the late John Lee and Cora Shirley Berrong. From the Jacob Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) / [Jimmy Berrong in the EFA database](#)]

**Rodney C. Eller 1938-2022**

Rodney was born in Wilkes County, NC on September 18, 1938. A veteran of the US Navy, Rodney served as an operator/dispatcher for Duke Power in Greensboro for more than 33 years. Rodney is survived by his wife of 61 years, Carolene Brock Eller and four daughters. He is from the George Michael Eller line.

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

**Beverly Ann Eller 1943-2022**

Beverly Ann Eller, age 79, beloved mother, grandmother, great-grandmother passed away on April 6, 2022 at Versailles Health & Rehab Center. Bev was born on March 8, 1943 in Darke County, Ohio to the late George & Eva Arnett.

[[Obituary](#) / [Beverly Ann Arnett in the EFA database](#)]



Jeanette Starnes Eller 1937-2022

Rena Jeanette Starnes Eller, 84, of Spencer and then Mount Holly and then Lucia, passed away on Friday April 29, 2022. She passed just 3 days shy of her 85th birthday. Jeanette was born in Rowan County to the late Sawyer Valentine Starnes and Mamie Kathleen Gobble Starnes. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Phillip Eller; her brothers, Bert Starnes and Kenneth Starnes.

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

**Thomas Olin "Tommy" Eller 1927-2022**

Tommy Olin Eller, 94, of Salisbury, passed away April 22, 2022 at Novant Health Glenn A. Kiser Hospice House. Born April 24, 1927 in Salisbury, he was the son of the late William Eller and Elsie Beaver Eller. He is from the George Michael Eller line. He was a veteran of World War II, serving in the South Pacific. He also participated in the Atom Bomb test in the Marshall Islands in 1946.

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

**Sharon Dawn Eller Osborne 1965-2022**

Sharon Dawn Eller Osborne, age 56, of West Jefferson, passed away Thursday, April 21, 2022 at SECU Hospice Center in Yadkinville. She was born October 9, 1965 in Watauga County to Howard Vance and Rosa Belle Richardson Eller. George Michael Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) | [Sharon Dawn Eller Osborne in the EFA database](#)]

**Rev. Denny Lynn Moss 1955-2022**

Pastor Denny Moss, age 67 of Hayesville, was called home to be with his Lord and Savior Jesus Christ, Monday, April 18, 2022 while surrounded by his loving family. He was the son of Norma Moss Smart of Hayesville and the late Ophar Moss. He was preceded in death by a brother, Donny Moss. He was from the Jacob Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) | [Denny Moss in the EFA database](#)]

**Brian L. Eller 1959-2022**

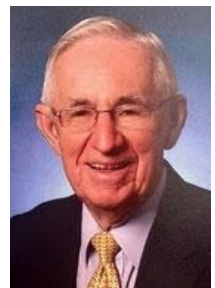
Brian L. Eller, a lifelong area resident (Middletown, NY), entered into rest unexpectedly on Tuesday, April 12, 2022. He was 63 years of age. The son of the late Gilbert Lloyd and Betty Jean Eller, he was born on January 8, 1959 in Liberty, NY. He was from the Jacob Eller line.

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

Joseph Robinson "Jay" Eller 1930-2022

Joseph Robinson "Jay" Eller, 91, of Statesville and formerly of Ashe County, went to be with the Lord April 8, 2022, at the Gordon Hospice House in Statesville. He was born May 22, 1930 to the late William Guy and Bessie Rose Little Eller in Creston, NC. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife of 63 years, Shirley Ann Dollar Eller. He was from the George Michael Eller line.

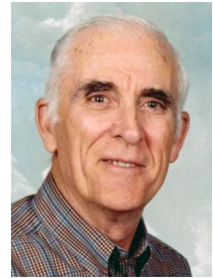
[[Obituary](#) | [Jay Eller in the EFA database](#)]



Homer A. Eller 1927-2022

Homer A. Eller, 94, of Princeton, passed away Saturday, April 30, 2022 at Princeton Health Care Center surrounded by family and friends. He was born August 23, 1927 in Pine Swamp, Idlewild, North Carolina to the late Cora Elizabeth (Collins) and Walter Eller. He is from the Conrad Eller line.

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

**Larry Timothy Eller 1946-2022**

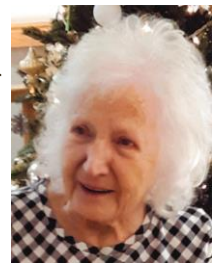
Larry Timothy "Tim" Eller was born June 22, 1946 in Kansas City, Missouri. Within hours, he was adopted and loved completely by a Christian couple, Walter Scruggs Eller & Lois Mae Holmes Eller from Pampa, Texas. Mr. Eller is from the Christian Eller line.

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

**Ethelene Foster Eller 1938-2022**

Mrs. Ethelene Foster Eller, age 84 of Jonesville passed away Friday, April 22, 2022. Mrs. Eller was born March 25, 1938 in Wilkes County to Albert Kelcie and Vivian Mae Watson Foster. Her husband Max Percey Eller (George Michael Eller line) preceded her in death.

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

**Joshua Lee Eller 1989-2022**

Joshua Lee Eller, age 33 passed away on April 11, 2022. Joshua was born in Corpus Christi, Texas on January 2, 1989, to Pamela Eller Sembritzki and Howard E. Eller Jr. He is survived by his mother, daughter Gabriella Eller and son Andrew. Joshua Eller is from the Jacob Eller line through his son Jacob "Jake" Eller, Jr.

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

**Spenser David Eller 1991-2022**

Spenser passed away in Omaha, NE on April 10, 2022. Born 16 Mar 1991, he leaves behind his parents David and Sheila (Fox) Eller; three sisters, Sydney, Stacey, Stephanie; Aunts, Sharon Delezenne and Patrice Eller.

James Thomas Eller 1977-2022

James Thomas Eller, born September 24, 1976, departed this life on 04/08/2022. He was born to Jack and Janice Eller in Wilkes County, North Carolina. He graduated from Wilkes Central High School. He was married to Izchel Eller on October 20, 2005. After 11 years of trying to add to their family, their miracle child, Elaine, was born. Thirteen months later, along came JJ.

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

**Ruby Elaine Eller 2016-2022**

Ruby Elaine Eller was born June 21, 2016 in Wilkes County North Carolina to James Thomas & Izchel Eller. She was in the advanced kindergarten class at Wilkesboro Elementary School. She was fluent in both English, Spanish and also Chinese. Elaine was an active little tot who attended ballet, gymnastics, swimming classes and loved singing. She had also begun her career as a basketball player. Elaine was a "daddy's girl" and her parents' miracle child. She and her dad, Jamie, were inseparable. He was her very own super hero – not only in life, but death.

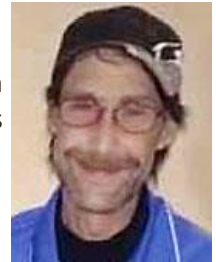
[[Obituary](#) / [Ruby Elaine Eller in the EFA database](#)]



William Roger "Bill" Eller 1966-2022

William "Bill" Roger Eller, 56 of Burlington, passed away at Twin Lakes Healthcare on Sunday, March 27, 2022. He was the son of the late Roberta Lee Dawson Eller Aliff. He is from the George Michael Eller line.

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

**Vada Marie Long Eller 1934-2022**

Vada Marie Eller, age 88, of Bel Air, Maryland passed away peacefully at her home with her daughter by her side on March 18, 2022. Born on January 26, 1934 in Jacox, West Virginia, she was the daughter of Manus and Gertrude (Kellison) Long and wife of the late Herbert Eller. Mr. Eller was from the Henry Eller line. Vada is survived by her daughter, Vonda K. Eller of Bel Air, Maryland.

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

**Dorothy Christine Eller 1932-2022**

On March 15, 2022, at the age of 89, Dorothy Christine Eller of Crossville, Tennessee passed away. She was born on June 10, 1932. She was loved and cherished by many people including: her son Jimmy Eller (Cammie); her grandchildren, Jimmy Eller II and Mandy Monis; and her great grandchildren, Cayden, William, MaKenna and Cooper.

William Lee Eller 1925-2022

William Lee Eller better known as Lee, age 96 of Lansing passed away on Sunday, March 13, 2022 at his home. Mr. Eller was born on Tuesday, April 28, 1925 to the late Cleve and Ellie Stike Eller. He is from the George Michael Eller line.

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

**Gertrude Nicholson Hyde 1929-2022**

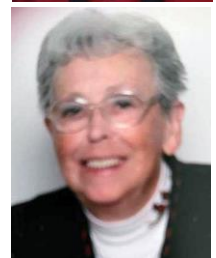
Mrs. Gertrude Hyde, age 92, of Morganton, passed away Sunday, March 27, 2022, in Claremore, OK. She was born October 31, 1929, in Towns County, Georgia, to the late Hubert Nicholson and Della Eller Nicholson. She was from the Jacob Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) / [Gertrude Hyde in the EFA database](#)]

**Mabel Whitted Eller 1940-2022**

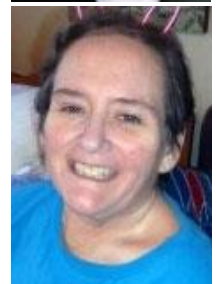
Mabel L. (Whitted) Eller, age 82 of Muncie, passed away peacefully on Saturday March 26, 2022, at her residence with her family by her side. Her husband, Bob Eller, was from the Henry Eller line.

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

**Angela C. Eller 1971-2022**

Angela C. Eller, age 51, of Piqua, OH passed away at 12:19 PM on Friday, March 11, 2022 at Piqua Manor Nursing Home, Piqua, OH. She was born February 22, 1971 in Troy, OH to the late Timothy and Rebecca (Grapner) Eller. She is from the Henry Eller, Sr. line.

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



Carole Elaine Eller 1941-2022

Carole Elaine (Wixom) Eller, 80, of Denison, Iowa and former resident of Bloomfield, Iowa passed away March 4, 2022 at the Denison Care Center. She was born on September 1, 1941 in Bloomfield, Iowa to Roy Lavern and Shirley Mae Goldizen Howard. Her husband Thomas Eller is from the George Michael Eller line through his son Peter Lenn Eller.

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

**Kimberly Lynn Eller 1962-2022**

On March 5, 2022, at the age of 59, Kimberly Lynn Eller of Ashland, Ohio passed away. She was predeceased by her mother Vicki Filibeck. She is survived by her father Allan Filibeck of Ashland; her husband Ed Eller of Ashland and her children.

Dan Raymond Eller 1956-2022

Dan Raymond Eller, age 65, of Chaska, MN, died unexpectedly on Thursday, March 31, 2022 at his home. Dan was born December 2, 1956 in Moose Lake, MN, to Donald and Esther (Mahlman) Eller, the youngest of 4 children. Dan Raymond Eller is from the Wilhelm (William) Eller line.

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

**Patricia A. Musilli 1943-2022**

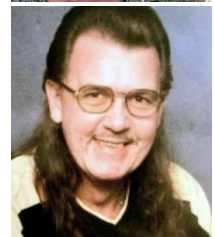
Patricia Musilli passed on March 19, 2022, age 79.. Beloved wife of 60 years to Oliver M. Musilli; loving mother of Michael R. (Kristy) and Kevin J. Musilli. She is from the Adam George Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) / [Paricia Musilliin the EFA database](#)]

**Jackie Phil Hunter, Sr. 1948-2022**

Jackie Phil Hunter, Sr. age 73, of Hiawasee, passed away at his home on Wednesday, March 23, 2022. Mr. Hunter was born November 19, 1948, in Hiawasee to the late Boyd Hunter and Corene Arrowood Hunter. He is from the Jacob Eller line and goes back to "Sukie" Eller through her son Joseph.

[[Obituary](#) / [Jackie Phil Hunter in the EFA database](#)]

**Barbara Stiegemeier Eller 1940-2022**

Barbara Eller of Saint Charles, MO, passed away Saturday, March 12, 2022 at the age of 81. Beloved wife of Edwin J. Eller; cherished daughter of the late Reinhart and Marie Anna Stiegemeier (nee Chrismer); dear sister of the late Rita Foster.

**George Victor Eller, Jr. 1961-2022**

George Victor ELLER Jr., age 61, of Laveen, Arizona passed away on Monday, March 14, 2022. George was born January 3, 1961. He was from the Henry Eller line.

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

Marian Rae Eller 1935-2022

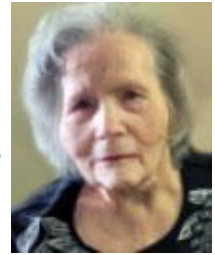
Marian Rae Eller, 87, born in New York, passed away peacefully with her children at her side on February 11th in Pawleys Island, South Carolina. Her husband of 60 years, William John Eller was from the Johann Adam Eller line.

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

Reba "Maygene" Eller 1930-2022

Reba "Maygene" Eller passed from this life on Wednesday, February 23, 2022 in Muskogee, Oklahoma, 5 days prior to her 92nd birthday. Maygene was born on February 28, 1930 in Muskogee, Oklahoma to Jesse and Lucille (Ross) Maloney. On January 23, 1947, at the age of 16, she married the love of her life, Royce Eller. He is from the Jacob Eller line.

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

**Barbara Eller Deditius 1941-2022**

Barbara Ann Deditius of Purdy, Missouri, passed away on Sunday, February 13, 2022 at Cox South Hospital in Springfield, Missouri after a brief illness. She was 80 years old. Barbara was born on April 24, 1941 in Ila, Georgia to John Hobert and Blanche (Bradley) Eller. On December 18, 1979, she married Gary G. Deditius in Georgia, and in 1989 they moved to Missouri.

[[Obituary](#) / [Barbara Deditius in the EFA database](#)]

**Marian Lindholm Eller 1928-2022**

Marian Virginia Lindholm (Johnson) Eller, 93, formerly of Russell, PA, passed away on February 19, 2022 at Bradford Regional Medical Center. Marian was born May 18, 1928, in Busti, NY, daughter of the late Ruth Anderson and John Lindholm. Marian was preceded in death in 2013 by her husband Lawrence Eller, whom she married on July 2, 2001.

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

**Bernadette Eller Collier 1924-2022**

She was born in the family home in Cheektowaga, New York. 24 Mar 1924. She was the daughter of Gisela (Nemeth) and Stephen Eller. Stephen emigrated from Germany in 1888 as a child. She was the wife of James S. Collier. Bernadette was from the Adam George Eller line.

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

**Lounell Shook Barrett 1934-2022**

Lounell Shook Barrett, age 87, went to her heavenly home after a period of declining health February 28th, 2022. A longtime nurse at Chatuge Hospital and later the owner of the Enotah, Barrett House, and Georgia Mountain restaurants in Hiawassee, her passion was caring for others. Born on Hog Creek in Hiawassee, GA, October 20th, 1934, Lounell was a lifelong resident with a part-time home in Tavares, FL for several years. Lounell was from the Jacob Eller line and went back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller through her son Joseph. Her first husband, Everette Barrett was also an Eller Descendant.

[[Obituary](#) / [Lounell Barrett in the EFA database](#)]

**Randolph L. Eller 1940-2022**

Mr. Randolph L Eller, 81, of Thompson, GA passed away at his residence at the Georgia War Veterans Home in Milledgeville, Georgia, on Saturday, February 26, 2022. He was born 9 Apr 1940 to Arvil and Vassie Stroud Eller in the Jacob Eller line.

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



On The Lighter Side

Family Quotes

"Some family trees bear an enormous crop of nuts." —*Wayne Huizenga*

"As a child my family's menu consisted of two choices: take it or leave it." —*Buddy Hackett*

"Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city." —*George Burns*

"A family is a unit composed not only of children but of men, women, an occasional animal, and the common cold." —*Ogden Nash*

"Obviously, if I was serious about having a relationship with someone long-term, the last people I would introduce him to would be my family." —*Chelsea Handler*

"If you cannot get rid of the family skeleton, you may as well make it dance." —*George Bernard Shaw*

"Nothing like watching your relatives fight, I always say." —*Rick Riordan, The Lightning Thief*

"I don't have to look up my family tree, because I know that I'm the sap." —*Fred Allen*

"The other night I ate at a real nice family restaurant. Every table had an argument going." —*George Carlin*

"Family ties mean that no matter how much you might want to run from your family, you can't." —*Unknown*

"Families are like fudge ... mostly sweet with a few nuts." —*Unknown*

"If you don't believe in ghosts, you've never been to a family reunion." —*Ashleigh Brilliant*

"Family: A social unit where the father is concerned with parking space, the children with outer space, and the mother with closet space." —*Evan Esar*

"In some families, 'please' is described as the magic word. In our house, however, it was 'sorry.'" —*Margaret Laurence*

"In the family sandwich, the older people and the younger ones can recognize one another as the bread. Those in the middle are, for a time, the meat." —*Anna Quindlen*

"When our relatives are at home, we have to think of all their good points or it would be impossible to endure them." —*George Bernard Shaw*

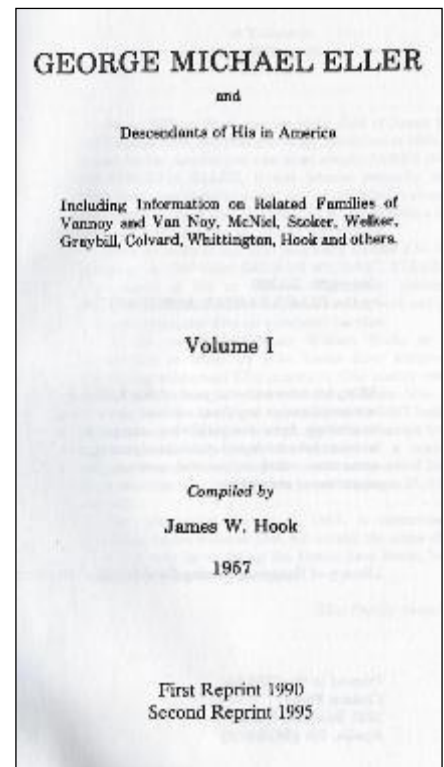
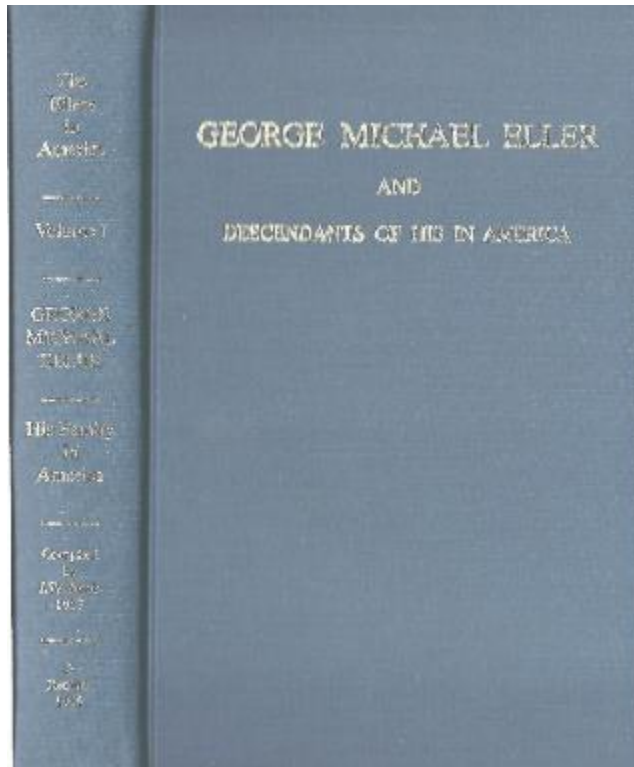
"Genealogy: An account of one's descent from an ancestor who did not particularly care to trace his own." —*Ambrose Bierce*

"Always be nice to your children because they are the ones who will choose your rest home." - *Phyllis Diller*

"Get your facts first, then you can distort them as you please." —*Mark Twain*

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

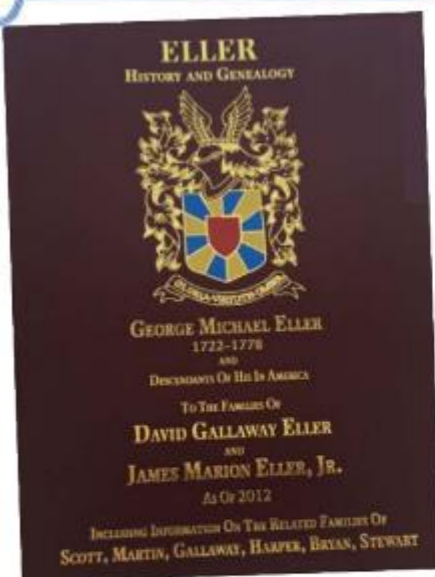
My Eller Cousins Available

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

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

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





ELLER History and Genealogy

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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.

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

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

ELLER FAMILY ASSOCIATION MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

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

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

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

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

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

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