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whose purpose is to draw all Ellers and their 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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in Salem, VA

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From the President . . . Steve Eller

Wow! What a great time we had in Salem, Virginia this year. I wanted to take some time and thank everyone for all the hard work. Dan and Lauren Liggett were really on top of things. I cannot brag enough on these two folks. Thanks to Harvey Powers and Ed Eller for all they did to set things up in the Salem area. There were several folks that stepped up and helped with things behind the scenes. Larry and Sharon McKillip were two of those folks. It was a joy to see the extended Eller family come together and enjoy each other's company so much. I was so thankful that even though we didn't agree on every issue, everyone was kind and showed respect for each other.

We recognized several members with awards. Dan Liggett, Harvey Powers, and Ed Eller received Outstanding Service Awards. Jerry Taylor of Towns County, Georgia received the James Hook Award for his assistance to others in their genealogy efforts. Outgoing board member, Jerry Kendall received the President's Award for his assistance on the John Jacob Eller Book update project. We also had a great deal of support from the local area Jacob Eller - Roanoke Family. We learned a lot about the family area history and local Eller farmers. Their efforts added many interesting facts to our conference agenda. The General Conference voted to retain all current officers and added Sharon McKillip as a board member to replace Jerry Kendall.

Our trip to the Blue Ridge Parkway was very enjoyable. The weather was great, a very nice breeze was blowing to help keep things cool. I noticed that the parkway view is a lot different there than in my part of North Carolina. At the overlook we stopped at you could see about fifteen or twenty miles off one side to the next mountain range. In Western North Carolina, the next mountain is usually very close.



The banquet on Saturday Night had great food and entertainment. Music was provided by a local artist who seemed to sing songs that everyone knew. More than once I looked around and noticed folks singing along. I enjoyed having several children running around talking to anyone that would listen. This really gave the night a real family feel.

Our next venue has not been set in stone. We are looking at the Asheville, North Carolina area. If you have a suggestion about a conference location, please let me know. Please keep in mind that the area has to have enough local Eller's or Eller history to keep the location from being a costly burden on the EFA. If you attended the conference and did not find the answers to your family ancestors you were looking for, please contact me.

Again, thanks to all the members that made this conference possible. If you didn't get to come or would like to become a member of the Eller Family Association, go to our website: www.ellerfamilyassociation.com [EFA Membership](#)

Steve Eller

EFA President

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From the Secretary / Treasurer . . . Lauren Liggett

Hey there fellow Ellers,

We had such a good time together at the EFA Conference last month. It was great to meet the Virginia Ellers. Of course, they were a really nice bunch of people! If you didn't make it to the conference this year, I hope you will try to come in 2025. Keep July of 2025 open on your calendar. We will let you know the exact dates soon.

After we returned home from VA, I had to do my laundry and pack up to go to my daughter's house for a few weeks. Thankfully she only lives 30 minutes away. Amy had surgery for a double mastectomy on July 28. We were



surprised that they sent her home that evening after the surgery. I helped take care of her 3-year-old daughter and 6-year-old son for three weeks. I also folded a lot of clothes, picked up a lot of toys and scooped the kitty litter box every day. It was a busy time. Now that I'm back home it's a little boring, but I enjoy the quiet 😊. Amy has recovered nicely from her surgery. Thank you all so much for the prayers for our family as we went through this time. Amy will have infusions of immunotherapy every 3 weeks for about 6 more months. She is excited that her hair is starting to grow back.



I hope you enjoy reading this issue of The Eller Chronicles. There are lots of pictures of Ellers and all the fun stuff we got to do there in Virginia. We enjoyed our time together. The scenery along the Blue Ridge Parkway was beautiful. It's hard to imagine our Eller ancestors travelling through those mountains in their covered wagon. They must of have been some tough people. I dare not complain about driving for 2 days from Texas to Virginia, in my air-conditioned car, playing my favorite tunes, eating yummy food!

Talk at you later.

Your cousin,

Lauren (Eller) Liggett

EFA Secretary/Treasurer

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From the Webmaster . . . Harvey Powers

We made connections with a number of the descendants of [Christian “Crist” Emory Eller](#) and his wife [Rebecca “Becky” Henry Eller](#) at our July Eller Family Association Conference in Salem, VA. What a great opportunity for the EFA to meet with these folks who, like many of the rest of us, keep extensive records of their ancestry.

We know Christian Emory Eller was the great grandson of the [Jacob and Magdalena Eller](#) who bought the land on Sugarloaf Mountain near Salem in Botetourt County, Virginia. DNA testing suggests he is somehow related to [George Michael Eller](#). Some have suggested he might be his son but [that’s contested by others](#).

Whatever the case, this branch of our family has strong ties to the [‘Church of the Brethren’](#) and specifically the [Oak Grove Church](#) in Salem. Christian Emory Eller gave much of the lumber to build the original structure and was an Elder in the church. His children took leading roles there, including that of pastor.

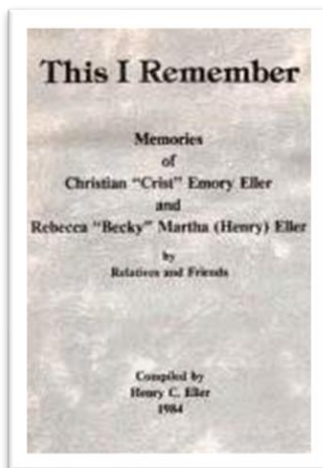
One of the presentations at the conference was a visual record of the Eller family and their progeny. We have placed a copy of it on our website:

<http://www.ellerfamilyassociation.com/showmedia.php?mediaID=8311&medialinkID=8738>

Along with several other EFA members, I got a chance to visit the Oak Grove Church archives where we were given the opportunity to review extensive Eller memorabilia.



Christian Emory “Crist” Eller and his wife Rebecca “Becky” Henry Eller



One really outstanding find was a 46-page booklet from 1984 entitled *“This I Remember.”* Its author was Henry C. Eller and includes photos and biographical sketches of Christian Emory Eller and his wife, along with his children. We were given permission to put a copy on the website: <http://www.ellerfamilyassociation.com/books/Eller%20Book1.pdf>

It includes wonderful, personal reflections from family and church friends. It adds color and texture to genealogy. One man wrote that Mr. Eller took an “unfailing interest” in his family after the death of his father when he was only seven. “I can never remember our family going hungry. On many occasions he hired members of our family to work on his farm.”

Over the years, our Chronicles have included a number of stories about this branch of the family and they leave a glimpse of a time before cell phones and the internet. One such recollection from Edna Eller Snively was written in 1987 and appeared in the 1990 Chronicles. It is entitled *“The Sugar Loaf Kids.”* It’s worth the read:

http://www.ellerfamilyassociation.com/ellerfamilyassociation.com/danliggett/1990_02.pdf#page=19

Thank you, Jacob & Magdalena Eller descendants for sharing this wonderful look into a loving family. And thanks for making our 2023 conference memorable.



Descendants of Jacob & Magdalena Eller at the EFA Conference in Salem, Virginia, in July 2023.
David B. Eller, Sarah Eller, Becky Replogle, Heather Barkey, Jerry R. Eller, Howard Eller, Iris Eller
Pictured separately are Jim Replogle and Stan Eller.



Harvey Powers

EFA Webmaster

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What a joy to spend 3 full days at the Eller Family Conference 2023 in Salem, VA. We had 58 people registered to attend. 4 could not make it at the last second, but 3 people registered at the door and at least 4 other people dropped in. So, we had a total of 61 attend the Conference over all. 44 meetings on Thursday. 44 joined the Blue Ridge Parkway bus tour and 46 people attended the banquet on Saturday. All in all, a great bunch of people and, the family lines blurred as everyone was wished a tearful fair well.

Among others, both Howard Eller and David Eller were presenters at the conference. Both are from the Jacob Eller (Roanoke) line, but they were newly discovered cousins because Howard's great-great grandfather moved his family to Indiana. Since I was curious about their relationship, [I mapped it out](#). See the results below.

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

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EFA General Meeting Business Minutes

Compiled by Lauren and Dan Liggett

Several business items were considered during the General Meeting of the Members of the EFA at the Eller Family Conference on July 20, 2023. After President Steve Eller welcomed everyone, he led everyone in the Lord's Prayer and the Pledge of Allegiance. Then he asked everyone to introduce themselves and identify their family line. 47 people were in attendance including representatives from the following Eller lines: Jacob (Magdalena) Eller (Roanoke), George Michael Eller, Christian Eller (Rowan County), John Jacob Eller. Current board members present: Steve Eller, Anna Bliss, Lauren Liggett, Harvey Powers, Dan Liggett, Ed Eller, Emily Cook, Corinne Casper and Jerry Kendall.

General Meeting Attendees

Eller Descendant (sp)	St.	Eller Line	Eller Descendant (sp)	St.	Eller Line
Ed Stephens (Ann)	NC	George Michael Eller	Faye Minton	NC	George Michael Eller
Emily Cook	NC	John Jacob Eller	Rebecca Replogle (Jim)	VA	Jacob Eller (Roanoke)
Howard Eller (Iris)	IN	Jacob Eller (Roanoke)	Heather Barkey	VA	Jacob Eller (Roanoke)
Sarah Eller	VA	Jacob Eller (Roanoke)	Steve Foster	VA	Jacob Eller (Roanoke)
Paul Andras (Melony)	OH	John Jacob Eller	Serena Mayhew (Paul)	VA	John Jacob Eller
Ron Eller (Diane)	FL	George Michael Eller	Lois Eller Hardy (Lee)	OH	John Jacob Eller
Elva Eller Huneycutt	NC	John Jacob Eller	Bill Bierschwale (Lori)	GA	John Jacob Eller
Debra Cole	NC	John Jacob Eller	Eric Eller	CA	George Michael Eller
John C. Eller	NC	John Jacob Eller	Richard Eller	CA	George Michael Eller
Alice Owens	NC		Jerry R. Eller	FL	Jacob Eller (Roanoke)
Jerry Kendall	GA	John Jacob Eller	Stan Eller	ME	Jacob Eller (Roanoke)
Corinne Casper	VA	George Michael Eller	Harvey Powers	GA	Christian Eller
Pat Bryant (Ty)	OH	John Jacob Eller	Sharon McKillip (Larry)	MO	John Jacob Eller
Sue Koenig (Donn)	MD	Christian Eller	Steve Eller	VA	George Michael Eller
Anna Bliss	AZ	John Jacob Eller	Deonda Shook	GA	John Jacob Eller
Ed Eller	GA	John Jacob Eller	Steve Eller (Jan)	NC	John Jacob Eller
Christine Walker	NC	George Michael Eller	Lauren Liggett (Dan)	TX	John Jacob Eller

Steve officially called the business meeting to order and Emily Cook seconded the motion to begin. The first order of business was the election of officers. Ed Eller moved to keep the same President, Vice-President and Secretary/Treasurer and to continue with the same appointed Webmaster and Chronicles Editor. Emily Cook seconded and the motion passed. So, the following officers were elected through the next Conference in 2025: Steve Eller (President), Anna Bliss (Vice-President), Lauren Liggett (Secretary/Treasurer) and the following appointed positions will continue: Harvey Powers (Webmaster), Dan Liggett (Chronicles Editor).

Since Jerry Kendall was stepping down as a board member, Sharon McKillip was asked to replace him. Steve Eller moved to accept Sharon McKillip to replace Jerry Kendall on the board. Ed Eller seconded it and the motion passed. Christine Walker asked if all the family lines were represented on the board and a quick accounting of the board members showed that, of the lines present at the meeting, only the Jacob Eller (Roanoke) line was missing a representative on the board. Steve agreed to try to keep

all the lines represented when board vacancies occur, so perhaps a Jacob Eller (Roanoke) descendant will agree to fill the next vacancy.

Because one of the recipients needed to leave prior to the Banquet on Saturday evening, Steve went ahead and presented the Awards at this point. He and Ed Eller had already presented the Hook Award to Jerry Taylor in June because Jerry could not attend the Conference. Jerry has helped Steve immensely with the John Jacob Eller Book Update and Ed added that Jerry had also helped him in a big way with the 1998 Edition. He was also awarded a lifetime membership for his contributions. The President's Award went to Jerry Kendall for the endless information he contributed for the JJE 2nd Edition. Outstanding Service Awards (EFA Award) were presented in the form of gift cards to Harvey Powers, Ed Eller and Dan Liggett. Pictures are shown in the Conference summary section.

After several speakers addressed the group (plus lunch), Steve returned to a few more business items. The biennial Treasurer's Report was circulated and accepted. The EFA By-Laws amendment detailing the Secretary/Treasurer's responsibility to report EFA eligibility for Non-Profit status annually was explained. Harvey Powers moved to include the amendment in the By-Laws and Ed Eller seconded. The motion was voted on and passed.

Steve began discussion on EFA sponsorship of the 2nd Edition of the *John Jacob Eller and His Descendants* book. He has quotes on a book of nearly 1800 pages and hopes to be ready to sometime during the last quarter 2023. All but one limit individual books to 1000-1200 pages, so this will need to be a 2-volume set. One printer said they could print up to 1800 pages and he is waiting on a quote from them. Some people expressed concern about handling an 1800-page book. [*Ed, a valid, but moot point since that company later rescinded their claim of printing 1800 pages in a single volume*]

Steve's best quote (48Hr Books) would provide a proof copy for consideration before all the books are printed, plus they would provide a price break with an order of 100. Since this would be a considerable investment by the EFA, pre-orders will be taken to ensure sufficient interest and to offset EFA investment.

Selling or providing some kind of digital version of the book was suggested. Steve mentioned his survey of dozens of John Jacob Eller contacts he made during the update process where over 80% of the respondents preferred a physical book over a CD or flash drive. While that is why a physical book has been the focus, it was acknowledged that an included CD might be worth considering, primarily to add search capabilities. Certainly, a digital version will eventually be available, but concerns were raised that it could undermine book sales.

Steve asked 2 questions: how should the book be titled and when should pre-orders begin? Most agreed the title should only be altered to add either 2nd Edition or Revised and add Steve to the list of authors. As for pre-orders, Ed suggested putting a pre-order form in the next Eller Chronicles (August). The Secretary/Treasurer will take the orders and the money, keeping a log of everyone involved. A 2-volume set is likely to be \$125.

The General Meeting adjourned at 3:30pm with the Board Meeting to follow at 4:00pm.

EFA Board/Directors Meeting Minutes

Compiled by Lauren and Dan Liggett

The July 20, 2023 Board/Directors meeting (at the EFA Conference) was called to order by Steve Eller at 4:00pm EDT. Present at the meeting were Emily Cook, Dan Liggett, Lauren Liggett, Steve Eller, Ed Eller, Sharon McKillip, Corinne Casper, Anna Bliss, Harvey Powers. David Eller was unable to attend.

Steve welcomed Sharon McKillip to the board, replacing outgoing Jerry Kendall. Another board member may be replaced due to inability to attend any recent board meetings. Steve is waiting for a response to his email.

Discussion began about the pricing of the John Jacob Eller 2023 2nd Edition. Ed moved to go ahead and set the price at \$125 now so we can take pre-orders. Sharon seconded the motion. Discussion ensued about the pros and cons of setting the price before we have all the bids in. The current quote is good for 3 months. Consensus was eventually reached although there was some concern about setting the price without a set shipping price. Lauren took the first edition to a post office and got a cross-country shipping estimate which, when doubled, would be about \$25. Dan was asked to make a pre-order form available in the August Eller Chronicles. Steve thinks the book will be ready for printing by October. He plans to contact Young Harris College to get some students to help keep entry work uniform.

Steve also reported that he intends to dedicate the book to Betty Eller, Ed's wife (deceased).

Steve asked for any suggestions about adjusting the length of the conference. Ed said we should keep the conference length the same and any changes should be discussed with the entire membership and not just the board. The only opportunity for that would be at or after the banquet on Saturday.

Steve asked for suggestions for the area/venue of the next conference. With all the frustrations with arranging transportation, restaurants, hotels, etc., most thought the Hinton Center 2 years ago in Hayesville was a better situation and more of the details were built in. Some place like that next time would be preferred. Many agreed that trying to go to a place that is a "hot bed" of Ellers like Hiawasee, Asheville, Salisbury (and now Salem/Roanoke) is the best choice.

Asheville, NC was suggested, but it is a tourist area, with higher prices in the summer. A different time of year perhaps? Steve said he would look into camps/conference centers/retreat centers in the Asheville area and other locations of western NC. Harvey mentioned the Bergland Center (Methodist) for Steve to look into. And so, the next conference area/venue is yet to be determined, but should be determined in time for the November Chronicles. *[Ed. Emails after the conference included [Lake Junaluska](#) near Asheville and an alternate possibility in Skiatook, Oklahoma where a John Jacob Eller descendant lives and claims 64 Ellers in the area and another group of 30 a couple hours away. Obviously, more information is needed.]*

Harvey mentioned how much he appreciated his Distinguished Service Award did not require space on the wall. He then moved to adjourn and Ed seconded it. The meeting adjourned at 4:35pm EDT.

EFA By-Laws Amendment

Voted / passed at the General Meeting at the July Conference

An amendment was made to 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.

Eller Family Association

Income and Expense (Final)

August 1, 2021 – July 31, 2022

August 1, 2022 – July 31, 2023

INCOME	Year End 2022	Year End 2023
Membership Fees	2369.08	2494.11
Conference Registration	44	560.00
T-shirts	980	819.00
Bus Tour		1,175.00
Books		100.00
Auction	983	865.00
Banquet		920.00
Miscellaneous	868	0.00
Total Income	5244.08	6,933.11
EXPENSES		
<i>Conference</i>		
Awards	128.38	403.35
Food	854.35	425.25
Supplies	737.86	70.88
Venue	3705.5	0.00
T-Shirts		661.26
Bus Tour		2,897.68
Banquet		1,974.84
Advertising		97.56
<i>Chronicles</i>		
Office Supplies	348.73	796.30
Postage	483.02	354.19
<i>Website / Online Research</i>		
Subscription/Membership	947.55	466.90
Domain/Software	524	497.05
<i>Miscellaneous</i>		
IRS Exemption Application	600	0.00
Reimbursements	473.35	0.00
Total Expenses	8802.74	8,645.26
ASSETS		
Cash Year Beginning	19828.22	16,240.58
PayPal Balance	1596.96	279.92
Regions Bank Balance	14643.62	14,272.42
Cash Year End	16240.58	14,552.34

Special EFA Board/Directors Meeting Minutes

Compiled by Lauren and Dan Liggett

The August 20, 2023 Special Board/Directors meeting was called to order by Steve Eller at 9:05pm EDT. Present at the meeting were Steve Eller, Sharon McKillip, Dan Liggett, Lauren Liggett, Corinne Casper, Anna Bliss, Emily Cook, Harvey Powers and David Eller. Ed Eller was unable to attend.

The purpose of the special meeting was to discuss the proposed areas for the next EFA Conference. Asheville, NC (or nearby) was proposed at the July 2023 EFA Conference, but we were not ready to commit at that time. Soon after the Conference, Steve was talking with Brenda Eller Ridenour, a John Jacob Eller descendant who lives in Skiatook, Oklahoma where some of Sukey's (through her son, William Bill Eller) folks now live. He asked her what kind of response we could expect if our next conference was there and she responded that 64 Ellers are in the area. Ed Eller had told Steve that he attended an Eller reunion in Skiatook several years ago and over 100 people attended. Steve also talked with Pam Pannell Taylor from Mineola, Texas who said she has a group of about 30 John Jacob Eller descendants that may want to come and she also knew of Eller descendants in Arkansas that would like to come. On top of all that, Brenda also agreed to help host the event.

Sending that information to the Board members, Steve got several positive responses about the Skiatook, OK area, but felt like a meeting was in order to further discuss the possibilities of either potential area for Eller Family Conference 2025 before making a decision.

Before the meeting, Steve did some research and found potential meeting venues at both locations that would probably meet our needs. He also sent out some questions he wanted everyone to consider prior to the meeting – things we needed to consider before choosing:

1. How many of our regular members would not be able to make it to an Oklahoma venue?
2. How many local folks can we expect to attend the conference at either area?
3. Do we have a host for either area?
4. Would one of the locations be more likely to get more Ellers involved and grow the EFA?
5. When was the last time the conference was west of the Mississippi River?
6. What do the EFA By-Laws state about area/ venue selection? The EFA mission statement?
7. Please be ready to discuss any ideas or concerns about either area.

Steve asked Dan about the last conference west of the Mississippi, which was San Diego in 1999. And then Steve asked Dan about the By-Laws and Mission Statement details.

By-Laws:

“Regular meetings of the EFA membership shall be held every other year in conjunction with the Eller Family Conference, the time and place designated by the Board of Directors. The goal will be to hold meetings in the East, West, and Middle regions of the U.S.”

Mission Statement:

“ . . . purpose is to draw **all Ellers** and their associated family lines into a cooperative effort . . . ”

Then Steve asked each person to express their thoughts about either area. As Dan, Lauren, Harvey, Corinne, Sharon, Emily and David spoke, it was soon apparent that we were all thinking similarly that either area would work, but it would be good to try a new area especially since we haven't left the East coast area for the last 24 years. Each of us mentioned that with a local volunteer to host the conference and what appears to be plenty of locals willing to attend, Oklahoma would seem to be a good prospect. Everyone was concerned that some of the VA/NC/GA folks might not make it because

of the distance, but thought it might be worth the risk if we could get enough new people to attend as it appeared likely to be the case. Harvey thought we needed to address whether we should keep the dates in the summer and whether we should be shortening the length of the conference. Steve agreed that these were important issues, but we should table them until the next meeting so we can reach a decision on the area for the next Conference.

And so, after everyone had their say, Steve asked if anyone objected to voting tonight on the area. No one objected, so Steve asked each of us where they thought we should have the 2025 Eller Family Conference. Each person agreed that we should aim for Oklahoma in 2025. Steve will contact Brenda and get the ball rolling toward selecting an actual location. Hopefully, we can find a place with more of a family atmosphere that he felt we had at the Hinson Retreat in Hayesville.

David asked about a date and Steve said that is yet to be determined until we talk through the possibilities of moving away from July and shortening the length of the Conference, which will be the main topics of the next Board meeting (most likely late October or early November).

Steve asked Dan to put the area in the August Eller Chronicles and Harvey to put it on the website.

Emily invited everyone to a local Eller Reunion in the Rockwall, NC area on the first Saturday in October. She will send the information in an email so Dan can put it in the Chronicles and Harvey the website.

The meeting adjourned at 9:40pm EDT.

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Eller Family Conference
2025



John Jacob Eller and His Descendants

2023 Edition

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The Eller Family Association's 18th Biennial Conference Salem, Virginia July 19 - 23, 2023

The 2023 Eller Family Conference was held at the Comfort Suites at Ridgewood Farms in Salem, VA in Roanoke County, home of Jacob (1758-1830) and Magdalena (1752-1830) Eller. The local Ellers today are mostly descendants of Christian "Crist" Emory and Rebecca Eller, great grandson of Jacob and Magdalena Eller (Jacob - Abraham - John W. - Crist). Crist and Rebecca lived at the Eller Homeplace at the base of the north side of Sugar Loaf Mountain. The Homeplace was originally owned by his grandfather Abraham according to a plat map of Roanoke County dated 1864.



Arriving a day early for the Conference, Dan and Lauren Liggett (editor and treasurer) were able to visit the Jamison's Farm Market near the old Eller Saw Mill.



And they found the site of the Eller Home.



Christian Emory Eller was the founder and first pastor of the Oak Grove Church of the Brethren nearby. The Eller Sawmill provided the lumber for the first church building in 1908.

Today, some pieces of that structure still stand as part of what became Showtimers Community Theatre after Oak Grove built a new church building in 1960.



Corey Stewart, Business Manager of Showtimers, was kind enough to give Lauren and Dan a tour of the former Oak Grove building. He knew some of the history of the church, but not about the Eller connection.

Some of the most obvious church influences was in the doors and windows. Corey said that some of the early stained glass is still behind sheetrock.



In the basement of the building, Corey pointed out some original foundation work and what he believed was original wood, most likely provided by Christian Emory Eller and the family saw mill.



Setup for the Conference began on Wednesday morning, setting up tables and chairs for what could be close to 60 people. The Comfort Inn staff were very helpful in getting us started. We used every table and almost every chair they had available.



By early afternoon, people started checking in. One of the earliest of the check-ins was Sarah Eller. We were thrilled she could make it since she and her late husband Lowell Eller were involved in the early years of the EFA, presenting Lowell's family history at the very first Eller Family Conference in 1989 in Salisbury, NC.

Sarah's influence was key in getting many local attendees as well as some who had moved away from Virginia.

As people trickled in, old relationships were renewed . . .



... and new relatives were introduced ...



On the left Ed Eller with Iris & Howard Eller and above with Stan and Jerry Eller.

Pretty soon, it was hard to tell the difference between old and new as people got acquainted.



Some compared family trees and even pulled out a family Bible.



On Thursday morning, people started to trickle in as the meeting was about to begin.



Steve Eller called the meeting to order and asked everyone to say the Pledge of Allegiance.



Then Steve asked everyone to introduce themselves and indicate their Eller Line.

GME=George Michael Eller JJE=John Jacob Eller JE=Jacob Eller (Roanoke) CE=Christian Eller



Ed and Ann Stephens – GME



Emily Cook – JJE Iris and Howard Eller – JE



Sarah Eller – JE Paul and Melony Andras – JJE



Ron and Diane Eller – GME



Elva Eller Huneycutt – JJE



Debra Cole – JJE



John C. Eller – JJE Alice Owens



Jerry Kendall – JJE



Corinne Casper – GME, JJE, CE



Pat and Ty Bryant – JJE



Sue and Donn Koenig – CE



Anna Marie Bliss – JJE

Ed Eller – JJE



Christine Walker – GME



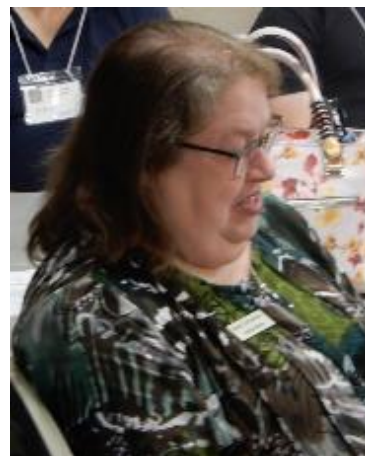
Faye Minton - GME



Becky Eller Replogle - JE



Jim Replogle



Heather Replogle Barkey - JE



Samuel Foster – JE



Serena and Paul Mayhew – JJE



Lois Eller Hardy – JJE



Lee Hardy



Lori and Bill Bierschwale – JJE



Eric and Richard Eller – GME



Jerry Eller – JE



Stan Eller – JE



Harvey Powers – CE



Larry and Sharon McKillip – JJE



Steve Eller – GME



Deonda Shook – JJE Jan Eller



Steve Eller – JJE



Lauren Liggett - JJE

After the election of officers and one new board member (Sharon McKillip), Steve went ahead and presented the Awards because one of the Award recipients needed to leave prior to the Banquet on Saturday evening.

He and Ed Eller had already presented the James W. Hook Memorial Award to Jerry Taylor in June because Jerry could not attend the Conference. Jerry was also awarded a lifetime membership to the Eller Family Association for his invaluable help with both the first and now second edition of the *John Jacob Eller and His Descendants* book.





The President's Award went to Jerry Kendall for extraordinary contributions for the second edition of the *John Jacob Eller and His Descendants* book.

Outstanding Service Awards (EFA Award) were presented in the form of gift cards to Harvey Powers,



Ed Eller,



and Dan Liggett.





Enthusiastically welcomed by Sarah Eller of Salem, VA, who was involved in the early days of the EFA with her late husband Lowell F. Eller, son of Christian Emory "Crist" Eller and great-great grandson of Jacob Eller (Roanoke).

Webmaster Harvey Powers gave a brief presentation of the status of the EFA website, followed by a discussion of the efforts he and Donn Koenig

have made to put together a digital book about Christian Eller (Rowan County, NC)



Jim & Becky Replogle (JE) with Harvey Powers (CE)



Howard Eller (JE) with Paul Andras (JJE)



Ed Eller explaining his journey of interest in genealogy and the EFA.



Jim Replogle (husband of Becky Eller Replogle) gave a presentation with pictures of the Eller home place and the family of Christian Emory Eller, all compiled from the research of Lowell Eller. [Video of PowerPoint](#)



Sarah Eller talked about a booklet written by John Clinton Eller (Lowell's brother) detailing his experiences on a ship with the Heifer Project.



Howard Eller walked through his connection to Jacob Eller & how/why his g-g-grandfather Abraham Jr. moved his family to Indiana for better farmland.



David B. Eller discussed the history of the Church of the Brethren and their struggle to maintain their pacifistic beliefs over the years. John W. Eller was an Evangelist.



47 people made it for the meeting and presentations on Thursday



After dinner Thursday, games of Farkle, Chicken Foot, and Uno broke out as old and new friends and relatives reconnected over table games.



Five grandchildren of Christian Emory “Crist” Eller, one great grandchild and Lowell’s wife Sarah attended the Conference, some still living in the Salem/Roanoke area and others returning to their roots. They made a field trip to the cemetery together and gathered for breakfast where a few more cousins were added to their ranks.



Jerry Eller, Heather Barkey, Jim Replogle,
Becky Replogle, Stan Eller, Sarah Eller

COUSINS Jerry Eller (Raymon), Janet Coffman (Orion),
Becky Replogle (Raymon), Wayne Spangler (Sadie)
Wendell Eller (Henry) – not pictured

Comments from Heather Barkey (granddaughter of Crist and Rebecca Eller):

My thoughts of the Eller Family Assoc. Reunion:

I was nervous and excited going into this reunion. I didn’t know what to expect, but at the same time wanting to learn more.

Believe it or not I am usually shy going into new situations, even at 46, and will often stay close to the people I came with until I feel more comfortable. For whatever reason I was almost instantly at ease and found myself quickly getting into conversations with new “family” and having a blast. My parents were a little surprised, happily, at how quickly I got involved with everyone.

I just want to say thank you to those of you who accepted me so openly. I enjoyed talking with you, playing Farkle with you, and learning the card game of Ups. Thank You! Can’t wait for the next one!

On Friday, 44 of us boarded 2 busses for a tour along the Blue Ridge Parkway,



with a stop at the Great Valley overlook to admire the view and take a few pictures.



Postcard worthy views

GROUP PICTURE



Left to right: Ed Eller, Dan Liggett, Donn Koenig, Molly Owensby, Lauren Liggett, Pat Bryant, Ty Bryant, Corinne Casper, Elva Huneycutt, Randy Poplin, John C. Eller, Richard Eller, Alice Owens, Ed Stephens, Debbie Cole, Anna Bliss, Eric Eller, Tammy Poplin, Ann Stephens, Steve Eller, Emily Cook, Larry McKillip, Jan Eller, Deonda Shook, Sharon McKillip, Harvey Powers, Melony Andras, Paul Andras, Iris Eller, Diane Eller, Howard Eller, Ron Eller, Cathy Hayes, Judy Nagaran, Maggie Wolfe, Glynda Kendall, Lori Bierschwale, Sarah Eller, Jerry Kendall, Bill Bierschwale, David B. Eller



The next stop was the Peaks of Otter Lodge for lunch,



where they had prepared a dining room with a view and a special menu just for us.





A dining room full of hungry Ellers



Lauren Liggett, Jerry & Glynda Kendall, Lori & Bill Bierschwale, Steve & Jan Eller, Deonda Shook



Elva Huneycutt, Alice Owens, John C. Eller, Debbie Cole, Emily Cook



Lee & Lois Hardy, Ed Eller, Tammy Poplin, Molly Owensby, Randy Poplin, Anna Bliss, Harvey Powers



Paul Andras, Sharon & Larry McKillip, Ann & Ed Stephens, Aaron (bus driver), Corinne Casper, Sarah Eller, David B. Eller, Melony Andras



Whitney (bus driver), Sue & Donn Koenig, Judy Nagaran, Cathy Hayes, Maggie Wolfe



Enjoying the grounds of Peaks of Otter before the bus ride back to Salem.



Bonus Tour: Just before we left Friday morning for the bus tour, we found out that Sarah Eller had arranged for the History Room at Oak Grove Church of the Brethren to be open for us at 4pm. So, some of us met over there soon after returning from the lunch at Peaks of Otter Lodge.





Carolyn Broyles introduced us to the church and pointed out the long history of Ellers and their descendants in their congregation, commemorated by pictures and memorials on their walls.



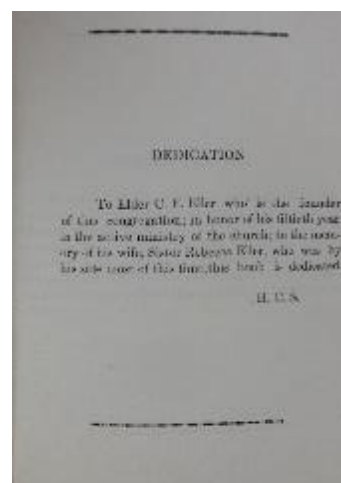
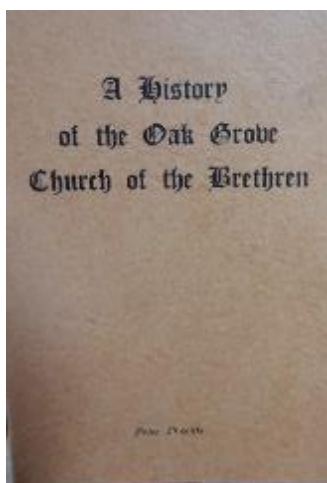
Descendants of Christian Emory Eller were especially eager to see what they could find out about their great-grandfather (or more) and the church he founded.



Heather Barkey holding C. E. Eller's briefcase Carolyn Broyles in the middle



Paintings of Oak Grove Church of the Brethren by Gladys Eller





David B. Eller showing an old German bible to Ann Stephens and Becky Replogle



Carolyn with Sarah while late-comers take a look



After dinner, time for a game of Chickenfoot and a new game called Ups.

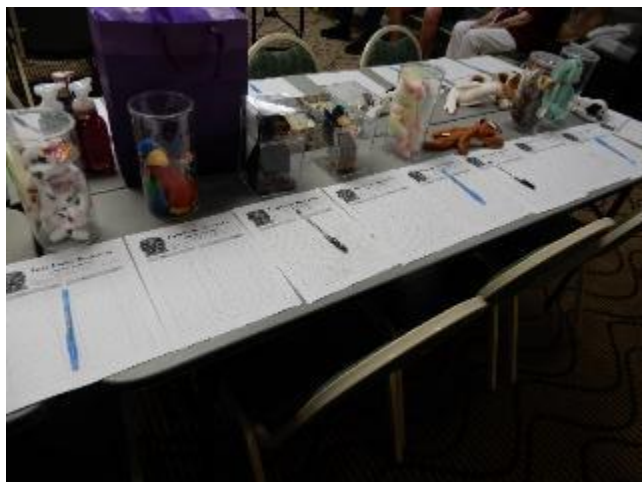


Time for conversation and a game of Farkle

On Saturday morning, it was time to set up for the Auction



Items laid out to bid



And yet there is more



And more



Some items grown or made by hand



Let the bidding begin !



Given a little time after the auction, games broke out once again

GROUP PICTURES

Eller Family Conference 2023



Left to right: Dan Liggett, Lauren Liggett, Paul Andras, Melony Andras, Ed Eller, Tammy Poplin, Randy Poplin, Molly Owensby, Laurel Fields, Cheryl Utley, Becky Replogle, Callan Utley, Christopher Utley, Heather Barkey, Sarah Eller, Jerry Eller, David B. Eller, Elva Huneycutt, Alice Owens, Jan Eller, Steve Eller, John C. Eller, Corinne Casper, Lee Hardy, Lois Hardy, Eric Eller, Anna Bliss, Emily Cook, Richard Eller, Harvey Powers, Augden Utley, Howard Eller, Debbie Cole, Iris Eller, Ed Stephens, Larry McKillip, Ann Stephens, Mark Bray, Sharon McKillip, Julie Bray, Diane Eller, Deonda Shook, Lori Bierschwale, Sue Koenig, Ron Eller, Glynda Kendall, Bill Bierschwale, Donn Koenig, Jerry Kendall

Jacob & Magdalena Eller Descendants



David B. Eller, Sarah Eller, Becky Replogle, Heather Barkey, Jerry Eller, Howard Eller, Iris Eller

George Michael Eller Descendants



Corinne Casper, Laurel Fields, Christopher Utley, Augden Utley, Cheryl Utley, Callan Utley, Eric Eller, Richard Eller, Ann Stephens, Ed Stephens, Diane Eller, Ron Eller

Christian Eller Descendants



Corinne Casper, Lori Bierschwale, Bil Bierschwale, Donn Koenig, Sue Koenig, Harvey Powers

John Jacob Eller Descendants



Left to right: Dan Liggett, Lauren Liggett, Paul Andras, Melony Andras, Tammy Poplin, Molly Owensby, Randy Poplin, Deonda Shook, Elva Huneycutt, Ed Eller, Alice Owens, John C. Eller, Corinne Casper, Lois Hardy, Julie Bray, Lee Hardy, Emily Cook, Jan Eller, Debbie Cole, Steve Eller, Sharon McKillip, Larry McKillip, Anna Bliss, Bill Bierschwale, Lori Bierschwale, Jerry Kendall

FAMILY PICTURES



Lee and Lois Hardy



Alice Owens and John C. Eller



Bill and Lori Bierschwale



Anna Bliss



Sue and Donn Koenig



Ann and Ed Stephens



Elva Huneycutt and John C. Eller



Debbie Cole and Emily Cook



Ty and Pat Bryant



Ron and Diane Eller



Julie and Mark Bray



Paul and Melony Andras



Iris and Howard Eller



Becky Replogle and Jerry Eller



Becky Replogle and Heather Barkey



Sarah Eller



David B. Eller



Becky Replogle, David B. Eller, Heather Barkey,
Sarah Eller, Jerry Eller



Lauren and Dan Liggett



Corinne Casper



Jerry and Glynda Kendall



Eric and Richard Eller



Christopher Utley, Laurel Fields, Cheyrl Utley,
Augden Utley, Callan Utley



Tammy and Randy Poplin, Molly Owensby



Randy & Tammy Poplin, Ed Eller, Molly Owensby,
Lois & Lee Hardy, Anna Bliss



Sharon and Larry McKillip



Steve and Jan Eller



Harvey Powers



A few announcements while we wait for the Banquet to begin.



Where's our food?



Hungry Ellers . . .



Chow time !



Mmm . . . BBQ !



Yes !



Now for some tunes !



Entertainment provided by Jim Korb



Our meal was catered by Mission BBQ



One last opportunity to play Chickenfoot



and Ups before . . .



The tables were empty. Time to say our goodbyes.



We hit the road and dream of next time in 2025 . . . more Little Debbies !

This I Remember

Compiled by Harvey Powers

During our Eller Conference in Salem, we were invited to visit the 'Oak Grove Church of the Brethren' and were graciously allowed to go through their extensive archives. Here we found a 46-page booklet entitled **"This I Remember,"** collected by Henry C. Eller.

This book contains photos and recollections of Christian "Crist" Emory Eller and his wife Rebecca "Becky" Martha (Henry) Eller. It includes memories from the children of Mr. & Mrs. Eller and by friends who remember them fondly. It is a treasure-trove of personal history of a man who clearly left a lasting influence on his family and community.

With permission from the Oak Grove Church, we have placed a PDF copy of the book on the EFA website:

<http://www.ellerfamilyassociation.com/books/Eller%20Book1.pdf>



Does anyone know who these people are?

The picture below was sent to Becky Replogle from a Christian Emory Eller cousin. The “Eller” cousin could not identify anyone in this picture. At the Salem Eller Family Conference, cousin David B. Eller “thought” maybe it was Cora Bream.

If you think you know any of these people, please contact Becky Replogle (tinklogle@comcast.net) or Heather Barkey (hlbarkey@hotmail.com) and copy Dan Liggett (danliggett@gmail.com)





John Alexander Eller Reunion in Rockwall, NC

Sunday, October 1, 2023

(JJE line) Contact Emily Cook at
ecook0821@yahoo.com for details

Come one! Come all! You are invited to the John Alexander Eller Reunion on October 1, 2023.

Since the year following John Alexander Eller's death in 1968, the reunion has become an annual event, celebrated the first Sunday in October each year. Originating as a birthday gathering in the mid-1950's at their home place on Eller Road in Rockwell, N.C. (Rowan County), it became the John Alexander Eller Reunion and continued at the home place until the mid-70's when it was moved to Immanuel Lutheran Church (2070 Emanuel Church Road) in Rockwell, NC, where it continues to this day in their fellowship building. Please come and join us for great fellowship and a wonderful lunch on October 1, 2023. We eat at 1pm.

Bring your favorite goodies and come and eat and fellowship with some more "Ellers"! We would love to have you!

Conference Speakers

Compiled by Lauren and Dan Liggett

Starting Thursday morning and continuing through most of the afternoon, several speakers gave presentations or just talked. 47 people made it for the meeting and presentations.

A local welcome was given by Sarah Eller, wife of Lowell Eller (son of Christian Emory Eller) and an early contributor to the Eller Family Association. She was pinch hitting for Sonny Tarpley, the former mayor of Salem, VA, who was unable to attend at the last minute. Sarah mentioned how glad she was that we were all here celebrating the legacy of Jacob and Magdalena Eller and their descendants, all integral parts of the community, especially his great grandson Christian Emory Eller (Sarah's father-in-law). She also mentioned several points of interest relevant to that Eller line. Sarah was involved in the early days of the EFA with her late husband Lowell F. Eller, son of Chrisitan Emory "Crist" Eller and great-great grandson of Jacob Eller (Roanoke).

Harvey Powers gave a presentation about the website (www.ellerfamilyassociation.com), explaining its costs and purpose including 3000 photos, several books available, research papers, obituaries and links to the Eller Chronicles. And that is in addition to the database built into the website that serves as a genealogy program in its own right. He showed a graphic of traffic on the website noting 6800 people looked at 8000 pages in all of 2022, but in just the first 6 months of 2023, 16,912 people have viewed 19,000 pages. He also gave his email address out for people to contact him if they find anything needing to be added or corrected (harv@harveypowers.com).

Harvey switched over to discussing the Christian Eller book he and Donn Koenig have been putting together, noting that, to his knowledge, no one had ever done a book about Christian Eller. (*Note: This is NOT the Christian Emory Eller mentioned by Sarah Eller, but the Christian Eller (1724-1804) who spent much of his adult life in Rowan County, NC*) He mentioned that this Christian Eller was most likely a cousin or even a brother of immigrant John Jacob Eller, who was also in Rowan County, NC. Since Harvey only knows of a handful of Christian Eller descendants, a printed book would most likely be cost prohibitive, so he was offering the book on a flash drive in person for \$5 or \$10 mailed. He went on to explain that the book is in a search-friendly format.

After a short break, Ed Eller had all the John Jacob Eller descendants raise their hands. He explained how he found out about the EFA in 1988 through his niece Anna Marie. He did not really get interesting until 1992 when Anna Marie gave him a gift membership to the EFA which included the Eller Chronicles. By 1993, he was intrigued and attended the Portland Eller Family Conference with Anna Marie that summer. And after that, he was hooked. He somberly reported that of the 108 people who attended the Eller Family Conference in Portland, OR in 1993, 75 of those people have passed.

Ed went on to explain how Gerald Eller was the force of the EFA in those early days acting as President and especially as the Editor of the Eller Chronicles (remember, in the early 90s computers were not common-place yet). Putting together a newsletter of that magnitude took a tremendous amount of effort.

Once Ed caught the genealogy bug, he began to put together a database on the John Jacob Eller line and created a book over the course of 5 years that is the *John Jacob Eller and His Descendants* book published in 1998 that Steve Eller has been in the process of updating for the past 4 years – 2nd Edition. He expressed great thanks to Jerry Taylor for helping collect family information through

students from classes Jerry taught at Towns County High School. Ed also thanked Gerald's wife Juanita Eller for checking and editing the book. And Ed thanked Steve Eller for agreeing to update the John Jacob Eller book.

Steve Eller began talking about the Revised or 2nd Edition of the John Jacob Eller book, explaining how he started with about 16,000 names from the 1st Edition and has ended up with nearly 32,000 names and counting. He wanted to mention a few folks that helped him a lot besides Jerry Taylor and Jerry Kendall. Alexander Eller helped him find where Rowan County ancestors were buried and identified other Rowan County descendants. John C. Eller, John's sister Elva Rae Eller Huneycutt and John's daughter Emily Eller Cook supplied over 600 names. Corinne Casper gave him names and info on some of her line that he did not know about. He thanked his wife Jan for all of her help as well.

He mentioned how rewarding the experience was for him to see where Ellers have gone and what all they have accomplished. The 3 top locations for Eller marriages are 1) Rowan County, NC 2) Buncombe County, NC 3) Walhalla, SC (since no blood test was required).

After a break for lunch, Jim Replogle (husband of Becky Eller Replogle) gave a summary of his PowerPoint presentation that he has featured in several family reunions in the area. He started with pictures of Christian Emory and Rebecca Eller's home place in Salem, VA. Becky, Stan, Jerry and Samuel all worked in the packing shed of the orchard. Jim and Becky have the copper kettle that apple butter was cooked in. The Eller family farm bordered the Jamison farm, who eventually bought the Eller farm in the 1960's. The Jamison family still has the orchard and operates the Jamison's Orchard Farm Market store. [Video of PowerPoint](#) [Video of Jim Replogle Discussion](#)

Lowell was the youngest of the 10 children of Christian Emory and Rebecca Eller. Jim wanted everyone to know that all of the information he was presenting came from Lowell's research, which included a photocopy of the deed from the Commonwealth of VA dated 1790.

Sarah Eller described a booklet written by John Clinton Eller (Lowell's brother) detailing his journey aboard on a ship involved with the Heifer Project, a joint effort by the Quakers, the Mennonites, and the Brethren providing animals to refugees in Europe immediately after the conclusion of WWII. She had a few of the booklets (entitled Wave Rider for Peace) for sale. She also mentioned that she has a booklet of Jacob Eller family stories that she can copy and send upon request.

Howard Eller presented his connection to the Jacob Eller line. Howard recounted the 1804 land deal between Jacob Eller and John Brubaker. The Ellers and Brubakers intermarried liberally as detailed below. Howard's ancestors moved from the Salem/Roanoke area to Indiana for the good, cheap farm land. Many of the Brubakers went with them, which should be obvious if you looked through Howard's family tree. The Brubaker family shows up often.

Jacob Eller (1758-1830)	m. 1778	Magdalena ? (1752-1830)	10 children
Abraham Eller (1801-1868)	m. 1831	Mary "Polly" Wertz (1814-1906)	11 children
Abraham C. Eller (1848-1924)	m. 1869	Salome Brubaker (1850-1921)	2 children
Josiah F. Eller (1870-1953)	m. 1890	Orpha Brubaker (1859-1947)	6 children
Charles A. Eller (1895-1944)	m. 1916	Faye M. Brubaker (1893-1970)	8 children
Harold D. Eller (1920-2012)	m. 1946	Marjorie A. Gilbert (1922-2006)	3 children
Howard C. Eller (1948 -)	m. 1974	Iris J. Gotshall (1952 -)	2 children

Their close association with the Brubaker family is evident. Lured by the availability of good, cheap farm land, Abraham C. Eller moved his two sons, Josiah and Elias, and their families to Howard County, IN where Josiah purchased 152 acres in 1905.

After a short break, David B. Eller talked mostly about Church of the Brethren history. They were originally called German Baptist Brethren or Dunkards due to their face-first baptism (3 times). Their dress was similar to the Amish and old order Mennonites. They were also known for being peace-loving pacifists, what they called Biblical Pacifism. In the Revolutionary War, they paid fines rather than participate. By 1790, 3 congregations emerged in the Salem/Roanoke area: Franklin (Germantown Brick), Bellville (Valley), and Peters Creek. The Ellers settled around Sugar Loaf Mountain (about 500 acres) and met at the Peters Creek meeting house.

Jacob Eller is in the area by mid-1790s, but he cannot be pinned to any of those congregations of the area Brethren Churches, but 3 of his children married Brubakers who were Brethren. 1826 saw the first mention of Jacob in church records.

In 1660, Virginia passed the Militia Act which required men to register for muster duty where they gathered to practice with weapons for defensive purposes. At that time, no exemptions were allowed. This militia group eventually became what is now the Virginia National Guard. By 1799, the Act was modified to allow 2 exceptions: the Mennonites and the Quakers, but not the Brethren. In the state Archives are 3 documents listing several Brethren men who petitioned to be able to pay a fine rather than report for muster duty. By that time, the muster gatherings became something more like a fair with drinking, playing soldier and frivolity, so they also objected due to the gatherings themselves. The petitions were denied. Not sure what became of them, but Jacob Eller's name was not on the list.

In 1826, another revision of the Militia Act did include the Brethren/Drunkards. On this petition, Jacob Eller's name was on it, along with his 2 sons John and Abraham. David passed around a copy of that petition with what appears to be original signatures. Earliest documentation of Ellers connected to the Brethren church.

John W. Eller, grandson of Jacob Eller, was one of the better-known preachers in the Jacob Eller line. He was of draft age during the Civil War. When he was drafted into the Confederacy in 1862, he went to Preble County, Ohio to dodge the draft. There were 2 groups in the area that travelled through West Virginia to travel through to Ohio. No contact with his family during that time, so when he returned in 1865, he found his wife had died and his children were divided amongst relatives in the area. He eventually remarried and had more children. He settled into the Peters Creek church and eventually became pastor there. He would travel around the area and hold revival meetings and was eventually titled an evangelist (a rare term in those days).

The family eventually settled at what became known as the "homeplace" at the base of Sugar Loaf Mountain and the old Saw Mill foundation still stands near the Jamison Orchards.

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John Ward. Eller (1836-1899)	m. Hannah G. Brubaker (1842-1902)	9 children
Christian Emory Eller (1870-1948)	m. Rebecca Henry (1877-1944)	10 children
Paul C. Eller (1914-1996)	m. Edna Marquis (1919-2009)	4 children
David B. Eller (1945-)	m. Barbara Kritzer (1952-)	3 children

[Video of David Eller Talk](#)

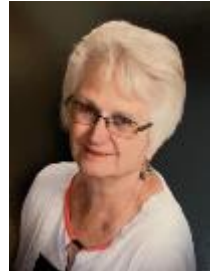
Obituaries

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.

Sharon "Sue" Eller 1943-2023

Sharon 'Sue' Eller, age 80, of Shelby, Nebraska, passed away August 17, 2023 at UNMC in Omaha. Sue was born March 25, 1943 in Stromsburg, Nebraska to Lloyd and Eva (Smith) Scow. On February 23, 1961 she was united in marriage to Leon Nicholus Eller. He is from the Wilhelm Eller line. Sue was a farm wife and enjoyed helping with everything. Sue worked as a secretary at Shelby Public Schools for a number of years.

[[Obituary](#) / [Sharon Sue \(Scow\) Eller in the EFA database](#)]



Dorothy Christopher Eller 1930-2023

Dorothy Christopher Eller, 93, of China grove, passed away Wednesday, August 9, 2023 at her residence. Born in Rowan County on April 12, 1930, she was the daughter of the late Worth Levi Christopher and Bertie Payne Christopher. She was predeceased by her husband, Alby Lewis Eller. He was from the George Michael Eller line. Her favorite things in life included traveling, sitting on the front porch, but most of all, her love for her family. She will always be remembered as being a "super mom".

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



Miok Chon Eller 1969-2023

Miok Chon Eller age 53, passed away on Thursday, August 3, 2023 in the Johnson City (TN) Medical Center. She was born December 12, 1969 in Okku Kun Chonpuk Province in South Korea to the late Chon Sok Chang and Pak Chong Nin of Junsan, South Korea. In addition to her father, she is preceded in death by her husband, Gregory Franklin Eller, who passed away in 2021. He was from the George Michael Eller line. Miok was a homemaker and enjoyed golfing, gardening and cooking. [[Obituary](#) / [Miok Chon Eller in the EFA database](#)]



Daniel Lee Eller, Sr. 1960-2023

Mr. Daniel Lee Eller Sr., a cherished father, devoted grandfather, beloved brother, and dedicated friend departed this world peacefully in his sleep on this 17th day of August 2023, leaving behind a legacy of love, kindness, and unwavering commitment to his family and those many friends he cherished and loved so dearly. He was from the Jacob Eller line. Daniel is preceded in death by his Wife, Darlene Hollis, and his son Chad Eller, He is survived by sons Daniel Eller Jr., Matthew Eller (Kimberly), Danny Eller, Adam Hollis (Brittany). Daughter Carliena Smith (Jeremy) and his 5 beloved granddaughters.

[[Obituary](#) / [Daniel Lee Eller, Sr. in the EFA database](#)]



Roberta Maney Copeland 1931-2023

The family of Roberta M. Copeland announces her passing on Monday, August 7, 2023. Roberta passed peacefully at her home surrounded by her family and dear friend, Donna Zingale. Born July 29, 1931, in Hiawassee, Georgia, to Marlor and Ora Maney, Roberta grew up with her sister and brother on Fodder Creek. She was from the Jacob Eller line. She received her master's degree from West Georgia. Roberta retired from a 37-year career in the Greater Atlanta School System as a Special Education Teacher.

[[Obituary](#) / [Roberta Maney Copeland in the EFA database](#)]



Zelphia B. Eller**1938-2023**

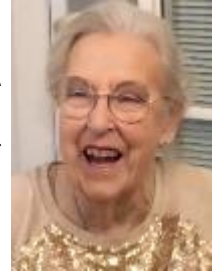
Zelphia B. Eller, 85, passed away on Saturday, August 5, 2023. Zelphia was born in Etowah, TN to the late Ira and Winnie Sutton Bledsoe. She is survived by her husband of sixty-six years, Jerry Eller. He is from the Eli Eller line. She was a devoted and loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and aunt.

[[Obituary](#) | [Zelphia B. Eller in the EFA database](#)]

Faustine Eller Norfleet**1935-2023**

Faustine Eller Norfleet passed at her home surrounded by loved ones on August 22, 2023. A devoted wife; loving mother, grandmother, and great grandmother; and cherished friend. Faustine joins her husband, Wilbur Ray Norfleet; parents, Ralph William and Fannie Stringer Eller; brother, Christopher Eller; and grandson, Michael Norfleet that preceded her in death. She was from the George Michael Eller line.

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

**Starling Miller, Jr.****1835-2023**

Mr. Starling Miller, Jr., age 88 of Liberty Hill Road, Eastanollee passed away peacefully at his home on August 10, 2023. He was born May 12, 1935 in Stephens County, Georgia where he lived all his life. He was a retired machinist from Vermont American. He is survived by his beloved wife of 66 years, Eula Mae Justice Miller of the home; daughters, Renee Miller (Greg) of Eastanollee and Christi Herring (Wil) of Canon; granddaughter, Leah Barnett (Odell); and his great-grandchildren, Trey and Yonna. His wife is from the Jacob Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) | [Starling Miller, Jr. in the EFA database](#)]

**Tina Diane (Eller) Guinn****1965-2023**

Mrs. Tina Diane (Eller) Guinn of Monticello, Kentucky passed away Monday, August 7, 2023, at The U.K. Hospital in Lexington, Kentucky. She was born in Erie, Pennsylvania on Sunday, September 5, 1965, the daughter of Curtis Bryan and Wanda (Brummett) Eller. She is survived by her husband, Grover "G.C." Guinn, children, Tyler Guinn, Latisha (and Jeff) Foust, Christopher Guinn, all of Monticello, Kentucky, Kyle Baker of Florida and Blayze Guinn of Monticello, Kentucky. She was from the Mary Polly Eller line. She was of the Baptist Faith and worked as a Saw Operator for American Woodmark.

[[Obituary](#) | [Tina Diane Eller Guinn in the EFA database](#)]

**Kathryn Marie "Kathy" Eller****1954-2023**

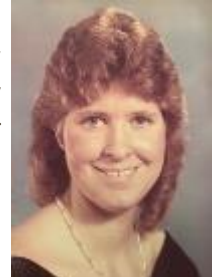
Ms. Kathryn (Kathy) Marie Eller, age 68 of Purlear gained her heavenly wings on July 31, 2023 after a long courageous battle with cancer. She was born August 26, 1954 in Wilkes County to Bill and Mae Eller. She was preceded in death by her parents. She was from the Henry Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) | [Kathryn Marie "Kathy" Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Tina Michelle Eller****1968-2023**

Tina Michelle Eller, age 55, of Cabot, Arkansas passed away peacefully on Wednesday, July 26, 2023 after a 15-year battle with medical conditions. She was born June 17, 1968 in Rocky Mount, North Carolina to Luther and Patricia Carter. She was married to David James Eller of the Jacob Eller line.

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



Barbara Eller Prestwood 1929-2023

Barbara Eller Prestwood, 93, of Lenoir went home to be with her Lord and Savior on Thursday, July 20, 2023 at her residence. She was born on December 8, 1929 to her late parents Maynard Lee Eller, Sr. and Madge Kirby Eller. She was from the George Michael Eller line. Barbara was a loving wife, mother, grandmother, sister and friend. She was a faithful Christian woman, with a servant's heart, who dedicated her life to serving others. She will always be remembered for her faithful service to the Lord and others.

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

**Steve Chastain 1951-2023**

Mr. Steve Chastain, age 71, of Eastman, GA died Saturday, July 15, 2023, at Heart of Georgia Nursing Home. Mr. Chastain was born in 1951 in Hiawassee, GA, in Towns County. He was a 1969 graduate of Sprayberry High School in Marietta. Steve joined the U.S. Air Force Reserves, and he was stationed at Dobbins AFB in Marietta. He served in the Reserves for 10 years. He married in 1973 and lived in Kennesaw while working as a production employee with Kemira Chemical Company. He was from the Jacob Eller line.

[[Obituary](#) / [Steve Chastain in the EFA database](#)]

**Henry Wallace Allen 1938-2023**

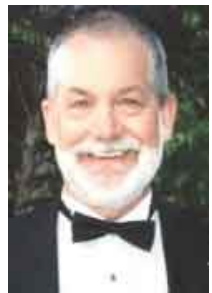
Henry Wallace Allen, age 84, of Hiawassee, Georgia passed away Saturday, July 1, 2023. Wallace was born September 4, 1938 to the late Clay and Blon (Wood) Allen in Hiawassee, Georgia. He was from the Jacob Eller line. He is preceded in death by his parents and his wife, Shelby Jean (Byers) Allen. He owned and operated Wallace Allen Hauling Contractor for over 50 years.

[[Obituary](#) / [Henry Wallace Allen in the EFA database](#)]

**Colin Bertram Guenther Eller 1937-2023**

We announce the passing of Colin Bertram Guenther Eller in his 86th year, on July 1, 2023. Husband of Deborah, Father of Shelley (RJ) of Kitchener and Robert of Vancouver. Predeceased by his son, David (2018). After a successful 30-plus year career, Colin retired as a Tool Engineer from General Motors; his hobbies included woodworking, gardening and singing. Colin sang for many years adding his beautiful bass vocals to the Mountainview Church Choir and Chorus Niagara.

[[Obituary](#) / [Colin Bertram Guenther Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Nathan Allen Eller, Sr. 1981-2023**

Nathan Allen "Nate" Eller, Sr., age 42, of North Wilkesboro, passed away Sunday, July 30, 2023 at Atrium Health-Wilkes Medical Center. He was born March 16, 1981 in Wilkes County to Michael and Judith Morgan Eller. He was from the George Michael Eller line. Nathan was a NASCAR fan, an artist, loved history and pets.

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

**Minnie "Pearl" Eller 1944-2023**

Minnie "Pearl" Johns Eller, age 79 of Claremont passed away Thursday, July 27, 2023 at her residence. She was born May 16, 1944 in Charlton County, Georgia daughter of the late George Washington Johns and Mary Aliene Drury Johns. She was a homemaker. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Kirk Eller in 2012. He was from the George Michael Eller line.

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



Barbara Irene Eller**1936-2023**

Barbara Irene Eller, of Franklin, Ohio, passed away on Tuesday, July 18, 2023, in her home with her husband of 70 1/2 years, Ray S. Eller, and daughter, Sherry Stanton, by her side. Her husband is from the George Michael Eller line. Born in Rogersville, TN, and preceded in death by her parents, Ralph and Ruth Davis, and son, Ray Samuel Sidney Eller, Jr., she is survived by husband, Ray S. Eller; daughter, Sherry (Christopher) Stanton

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

**Reford A. Eller****1964-2023**

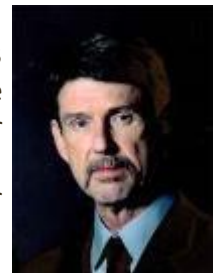
Reford A. Eller, age 58 of Shady Valley, Tennessee, passed away unexpectedly on Tuesday, July 18, 2023. He was born November 6, 1964 to Rosalee Eller and the late Carl Eller. In addition to his mother, Rosalee Eller, Reford is survived by his brothers, Raymond Eller, Wayne Eller, and Malcolm Eller. He was from the George Michael Eller line. Reford had his own business, Eller's Kustom Konversions, where he specialized in window tinting and car accessories.

[[Obituary](#) | [Reford A. Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Keith Eugene Hunnicutt****1957-2023**

Keith Eugene Hunnicutt, age 66, of Hiawassee, Georgia passed away on Friday, July 7, 2023 at Union General Hospital in Blairsville, Georgia. Keith was born on April 15, 1957 to the late Felder "Bill" and Francis (Nicholson) Hunnicutt in Hiawassee. He was from the Jacob Eller line. There was never a dull moment when Keith was around. He was a comedian and a jokester. He also enjoyed hunting, fishing, and camping. He especially loved searching for arrowheads, digging for ramps, and hunting for ginseng.

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

**Shirley Eller****1931-2023**

Shirley L. Eller, 91, of Woodsman Lane, Everett, PA; passed away on Tuesday, July 4, 2023 at home. She was born on December 3, 1931 in Chicago, IL. On September 1, 1950 in Chicago, she was united in marriage to Charles M. Eller. He preceded her in death in 1995. He was from the Pennsylvaniaa Conrad Eller line. Shirley was of the Methodist Faith. She enjoyed sewing and crafting. She worked at Lions Manufacturing in Everett.

[[Obituary](#) | [Shirley L. Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Hansel Ray Eller****1944-2023**

Hansel Ray Eller, age 78, of Seneca, South Carolina formerly of Clayton, Georgia, passed away Monday, July 24, 2023 at his residence. Hansel was born December 18, 1944, in Clayton, Georgia, the son of Bennie Ray and Rosa Mae Eller. He was from the Jacob Eller line. He is survived by his spouse Gloria Chappell Eller of Seneca, SC; three children, Hanselena Graves (Bryan) of Newberry, SC, April Yu (Jae) of Macon, GA, and Bryon Eller of Seneca, SC; Hansel was raised in Rabun County and became a preacher early in life before he joined the United States Army in 1963. He was a Veteran who proudly served our country for three years during the Vietnam Conflict.

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

**Ansley Eller Angel****1974-2023**

Elizabeth "Ansley" Eller Angel, 49 of Lexington, South Carolina, passed away on July 14, 2023. She was born March 4, 1974, to Deborah and Walter Eller, Jr. She was from the George Michael Eller line. As a passionate animal lover, Ansley also considered her many dogs and cats to be part of her family. Her pets were a source of comfort and strength through her ongoing health challenges.

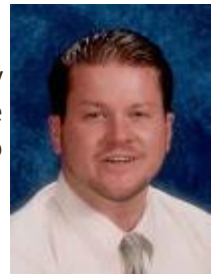
[[Obituary](#) | [Elizabeth Ansley Eller Angel in the EFA database](#)]



Daren Esco King 1971-2023

Daren Esco King of Young Harris died on July 14th. He was born in August 1971 to Harry Winslow and Rita Wimpey King. He was from the Jacob Eller line. He received his doctorate from Clemson and taught math in towns County schools. He was married and had two children.

[[Obituary](#) | [Daren Esco King in the EFA database](#)]

**Lillian "Ollie Belle" Eller 1931-2023**

Lillian "Ollie Belle" Bryant Eller, 91, wife of the late Robert Lee Eller, of Walhalla, SC, passed away on Tuesday, July 4, 2023, at Seneca Health and Rehabilitation Center. Mr. Eller was from the Jacob Eller line. Mrs. Eller was the daughter of the late Coy and Maude McCall Bryant. She was a member of Pentecostal Holiness Church in Walhalla, SC, and was proud to be one quarter Cherokee.

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

**Pauline Orpha Eller 1918-2023**

Pauline O. Eller, 104 years old, passed into heaven on July 4, 2023. She was born on October 28, 1918, to her parents Charley A. and Faye M. (Brubaker) Eller. She was from the Roanoke Jacob Eller line. Pauline graduated from Ervin Township High School in 1937. She worked at Delco Electronics for thirty years from 1944-1974 on the radio production line. During that time, she lived with and cared for her mother, Faye, until her passing in 1970.

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

**Beecher Henderson Eller, Jr. 1953-2023**

Beecher H. Eller Jr, lovingly known as Junior, went to be with the Lord on July 1, 2023, in Norfolk, Virginia. He was born on October 1, 1953, in San Juan, Puerto Rico. He was preceded in death by his beloved father, Beecher H. Eller Sr. Left to cherish his memory is his loving mother, Rita Eller. He was from the George Michael Eller line. Junior lived a remarkable life filled with passion and joy. Throughout his career, Junior displayed unwavering dedication as the assistant shift leader in the maintenance department for Lynnhaven Mall, where he served for over 20 years.

[[Obituary](#) | [Beecher H. Eller, Jr. in the EFA database](#)]

**Argel Jarue Eller Orvin 1930-2023**

Argel Jarue Eller Orvin, age 93, of Millers Creek, passed away Friday, June 23, 2023 at her home. Mrs. Orvin was born March 23, 1930 in Wilkes County to William Arthur and Lola Pierce Eller. She was from the George Michael Eller line. Argel was a graduate from Clevenger College in business, a member of Millers Creek Baptist Church and was the administrative manager with RSM Company in Charlotte.

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

**Jennifer Lynn (Moore) Eller 1970-2023**

Jennifer Lynn (Moore) Eller, 53, of Bainbridge, passed away on Friday, June 23, 2023 surrounded by family. Born April 8, 1970 in Greencastle, she was the daughter of Robert M. and Grace Anne (Kemp) Moore. She was married to Gary Lee Eller. We do not know how he fits into Eller genealogy. She was a member of the Bainbridge Saddle Club and involved in 4-H and the 4-H Horse and Pony Club.

[[Obituary](#) | [Jennifer Lynn \(Moore\) Eller in the EFA database](#)]



Charles Michael West 1951-2023

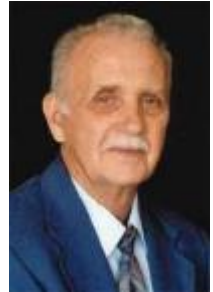
Charles Michael West, age 72, of Hiawassee, passed away on Friday, June 23, 2023 at Chatuge Regional Hospital. He was born in Smyrna, Georgia to the late Charles and Francis (Mitchell) West. He was married to the late Paulette Owenby who was from the Jacob Eller line. Charles was a butcher for many years before retiring. He was a funny, selfless, humble and kind man. He was the Scataway Santa for many years, bringing joy and love to all the children who visited the Christmas lights

[[Obituary](#) | [Charles M. West in the EFA database](#)]

**William Russell Eller 1938-2023**

Mr. William Russell Eller, age 85 of Millers Creek passed away Thursday, June 15, 2023 at his home. He was from the George Michael Eller line. Russell was a loving husband of 52 years, devoted father and grandfather, friend to all. He loved the outdoors, loved to attend church and had a strong faith and relationship with the Lord.

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

**Joan "Joanie" Nesbitt Eller 1947-2023**

Joan "Joanie" Telfair Nesbitt Eller passed away on June 15, 2023, with family by her side after a courageous battle with a brain tumor. Joanie was born in Jacksonville, Florida, on July 30, 1947. She married John "Jack" Harrison Eller May 31, 1969, and they spent 50 loving years together. He was from the George Michael Eller line.

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

**Bobbie Ann Eller 1931-2023**

Bobbie Ann Eller, age 92, of Orange Park, Florida passed away on June 5, 2023 at her home with her family by her side. She was born and raised in Concord, NC. She married Charles Eller on February 18, 1956 and they raised their family in College Park, Maryland. He was from the George Michael Eller line. Bobbie started her career for the telephone company, C&P Telephone (now known as Verizon) as an operator and worked her way up to supervisor.

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

**James Carlton "Jim" Eller 1931-2023**

James "Jim" Carlton Eller, 92, of Winston-Salem, North Carolina, passed away on June 28, 2023. Jim was born on January 6, 1931, in Winston-Salem, North Carolina, where he was a lifelong resident. He attended Summit School and went on to graduate high school from Woodberry Forest School. While at Woodberry, he gained the name "Shady" due to a funny story involving a paper airplane in class. He noted that some of the happiest times in his life were spent at Woodberry. While in college, Jim met Doris McMillan Eller. She was the love of his life. They wed after he returned from serving in the Navy and they were married 67 wonderful years. They have one daughter, Elaine Eller Stephenson.

[[Obituary](#) | [James Carlton "Jim" Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Chantile Dawn Jean Eller 1986-2023**

Chantile Dawn Jean Eller age 36 of Shallotte NC passed away on Thursday, June 22, 2023 at her home. She was born on June 24, 1986 in Rowan County, and was the daughter of Trenton Mullis and Donnia Stiller Mauldin. We do not know how she ties into the Eller family. She worked as a housekeeper at the beach. She loved dancing, singing, walking on the beach and playing with her children.

[[Obituary](#) | [Chantile Dawn Jean Eller in the EFA database](#)]



Martha Lovell Franklin 1944-2023

Martha Louise Lovell Franklin, aged 78 of Clarkesville, went home to be with the Lord on June 22, 2023 after an extended battle with breast cancer. Born in Habersham County on November 18, 1944, she was the daughter of the late Isaac & Mervin Jenkins Lovell. Martha goes back to Susannah "Sukey" Eller through her son William Bill Eller. She was a former secretary at Riegel Textile, owned and operated a poultry and cattle farm with her husband until his passing.

[[Obituary](#) / [Martha Lovell Franklin in the EFA database](#)]

**Martha Elizabeth Eller 1935-2023**

Martha E. Eller died June 15, 2023, age 88. She was the beloved wife of the late Harry "Jim" (deceased 2007). He was from the Andreas Eller/Ellshfski line. She was the loving mother of Donna Shea (Robert) of Davisburg, MI, Cathy Fulton (David) of Troy, MI, Steven Eller (Linda) Rochester Hills, MI, Gary Eller of Shelby Township, MI, Lynda Kluska (the late Mark) of Cincinnati, OH, and the late Deena Eller (deceased 1975).

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

**Jerry Wayne Eller 1944-2023**

Jerry Wayne Eller, 78, of Altoona passed away Wednesday June 14th, 2023, at the VA Hospital in Birmingham. Jerry was preceded in death by his parents Calvin and Evelyn Eller. He was from the Eli Eller line. Jerry was born and raised in Horton and moved to Altoona seven years ago. Jerry was a market manager at Food World for over 20 years until his retirement.

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

**Louise Eller Willett 1923-2023**

Louise Eller Willett, also known as "Great-Mom", 99, of Tinton Falls, passed away peacefully Tuesday, June 6th. Louise was born in Richmond, VA and lived for many years in Wall Township and Oakhurst before moving to Seabrook Village, Tinton Falls in 2004. During WWII, Louise served in the U.S. Army, Private First Class, stationed at Finney General Hospital, GA. Louise was predeceased by her husband Herbert W., whom she met and married while stationed in Fort Stewart, GA.

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

**Dylan Michael Eller 1999-2023**

Mr. Dylan Michael Eller, age 23 of Wilkesboro passed away Friday, June 30, 2023 at Atrium Health Wake Forest Baptist – Winston-Salem. Dylan was born December 26, 1999 in Wilkes County to Tony Ray and Keena Michelle Lambert Eller. He was from the George Michael Eller line. He is survived by his wife, Sarah Beth Hamby Eller.

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

**Edna Mae Gibson Eller 1941-2023**

Edna Mae Gibson Eller, 82, wife of the late Tillman Gene Eller of Westminster, SC went to be with her Lord and Savior, Jesus Christ, on June, 28th 2023 surrounded by her loving Family. Her husband, Tillman, was from the Jacob Eller line. Edna was born on March 22, 1941, in the Richland community of Westminster, SC and was the daughter of the late Isaac Sylvester and Annie Elizabeth Hoxit Gibson. She held many jobs over the years, but the one she enjoyed the most was housekeeping at Oconee Memorial Hospital.

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



Cline Hugh Dayton 1943-2023

Cline was a native of Hiawasse, Georgia living the past fifty plus years in Marietta, Georgia. He was from the Jacob Eller line. At 18 years old he started working with the United States Postal Service and retired when he was 48. After the USPS he started working on cars and that's where he got his nick name "Honda Hugh". He loved fishing, gambling, real estate, and was an avid gardener.

[[Obituary](#) / [Cline Hugh Dayton in the EFA database](#)]

**Quinton Dale Moss 1989-2023**

Quinton Dale Moss age 33 of Fayetteville, North Carolina passed away on June 10, 2023 in route to his favorite destination, somewhere by the ocean. Quinton was born in Toccoa, Georgia to Max and Patricia (Smith) Moss and worked as a handyman. He was from the Jacob Eller line. He loved mixed martial arts, cheering on his favorite sports teams, and "talking politics".

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

**Miriam Kercher Eller 1935-2023**

Miriam A (Kercher) Eller, 88, of Exeter Township, passed away on Friday, June 16, 2023, in Complete Care At Berkshire. She was the wife of the late Glen Eller Jr, who passed away in 2013. He was from the Jacob Eller line. Miriam is survived by her children; Sharon Kitzing wife of Paul, Kathy Guinther widow of Bruce, David Eller husband of Ellen, Glenda Kerschner widow of Kenneth, Donna McFarland wife of David, Brenda Fulmer wife of Wayne, Christian Eller, Polly Jo Kassas wife of Simon, and Ryan Eller husband of Tori, 27 grandchildren, 24 great-grandchildren, 3 great-great-grandchildren and one more on the way.

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

**Judy Eller Wood 1946-2023**

Judy Eller Wood of North Wilkesboro, North Carolina, passed away on June 11, 2023 at the age of 75. She was predeceased by her parents, Blake and Esther Hayes Eller; and her husband Reverend Talmadge M. Wood. She was from the George Michael Eller line. She is survived by her children, Cindy Wood Sparwasser (Carl), Adam Wood (Michelle) and Andrew Wood (Adrienne Hall-Wood).

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

**Patricia Lois "Patty" Eller 1969 -2023**

Patricia Lois Eller, age 53, of Louisville, Illinois, passed away Wednesday morning, May 31, 2023, at her home with her husband and daughters surrounding her with love. She was born August 23, 1969, in Hillsboro, the daughter of Donald Eugene and Shirley (Northcraft) Sisk. She was united in marriage to James A. Eller on March 9, 1994, in Nokomis, and together they have shared 29 wedding anniversaries. He is from the Jacob Eller line.

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

**Iris Ann Eller 1933-2023**

Iris Ann Eller (89), of Midway, WV passed away on May 13, 2023, at Lynchburg General Hospital in Lynchburg, VA from complications of a stroke. She had recently been making her home at Liberty Ridge Senior Living Community in Lynchburg, VA. Iris was born on October 22, 1933, in Stotesbury, WV to Leonard and Nettie Miller Eastman. After high school, she briefly attended Beckley College before marrying her high school sweetheart, Jack Eller. He was from the George Michael Eller line. After marrying, Iris was a homemaker enjoying her family, especially her children and grandchildren.

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



Jack C. Eller**1927-2023**

Jack C. "Papaw" Eller, 95, of Johnson City, TN went to meet his Lord and Savior on May 28, 2023. He was born October 1, 1927, in Johnson County, TN, the youngest son of the late Jesse Franklin and Eliza Patrick Eller. He was from the George Michael Eller line. In 1947, his family moved from Johnson County to Carter County where he met his one true love, June Sanders. They married on June 16, 1950, and were married over 72 years at the time of his passing. Papaw was a proud veteran of the U.S. Army having served in Japan during the Korean Conflict.

[[Obituary](#) | [Jack C. Eller in the EFA database](#)]

**Marvin Ray Waldroup****1968-2023**

Mr. Marvin Ray Waldroup age 54 of Pilots Peak Suches passed away peacefully on Monday May 15, 2023 in Blairsville following an extended illness. Marvin was born on September 8, 1968 in Hiawassee, GA., the son of the late David Waldroup and the late Belva Moss Parker. He was from the Jacob Eller line. He enjoyed wood carving, gardening, fishing and being outdoors. Marvin was a carpenter and pipe fitter by trade. He was a loving father, brother and grandfather.

[[Obituary](#) | [Marvin Ray Waldroup in the EFA database](#)]

**Shirley Ruth Eller****1931-2023**

Shirley Ruth Frank Eller died on Tuesday, May 23, 2023. She was born to George and Linnie (Latham) Frank on November 27, 1931. She was a graduate of Temple High School, and she received a Bachelor of Arts degree cum laude from Baylor University. She was preceded in death by her parents and her husband, Dr. Thomas O. Eller. He is from the Christian Eller line. Shirley is survived by her sister, Marjorie Ferrill of Belton, and by her sons, Dr. Tom Eller, II (Carlette) of Harker Heights and Dr. Richard Eller (Michele) of Plano.

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

**James Edward Arrowood****1964-2023**

James Edward Arrowood, age 59, of Tiger, passed away on Tuesday, May 23, 2023. Born on January 21, 1964, in Demorest, he was a son of the late Frank Arrowood and Joyce Darlene McClellan Arrowood. He was from the Jacob Eller line. James worked in construction for most of his life. He enjoyed art, painting, fishing, telling jokes, and making people laugh.

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

**Joel David Eller****1939-2023**

Joel David Eller of Christiansburg, Virginia, who passed away on May 17, 2023 at the age of 84. He was predeceased by: his parents, Thurman Eller and Annie Spencer Eller; his wife Nikola Sowers Eller; his brother Sonny Eller; and his great grandchild Ryan Joseph Atkinson. He was from the Conrad Eller line.

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



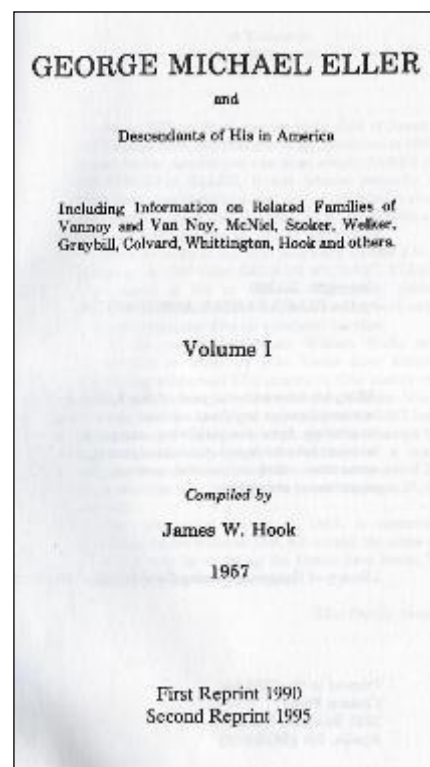
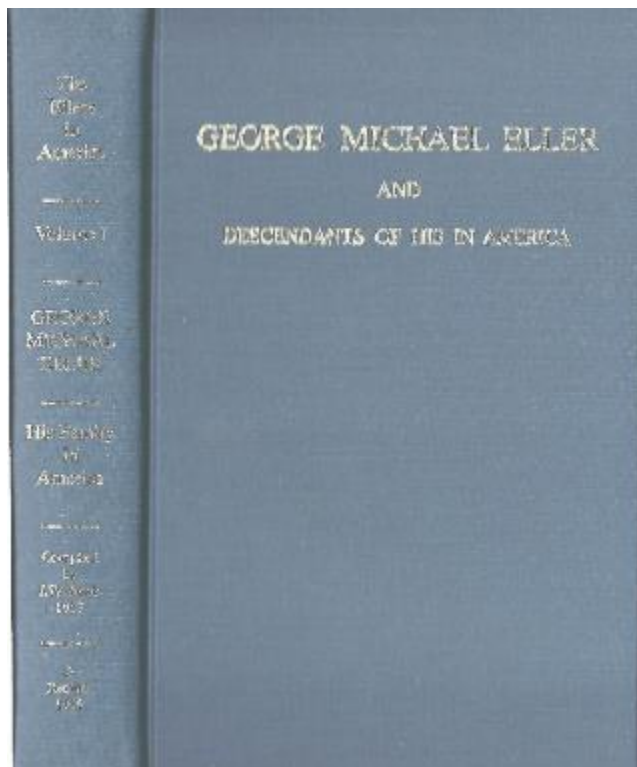
On The Lighter Side

Family Reunions

- Family reunions would be great if they weren't crawling with aunts!
- Clearly, everyone at this reunion fell off the same nut tree.
- The gang's getting back together. Remember, as far as anyone knows, we're all at the Eller Family Conference of our own free will.
- Just trying to relate to the people I'm related to.
- Any family tree produces some lemons, nuts and a few bad apples.
- Remember, as far as anyone knows, we're a nice, normal family.
- I swear, I don't actually know these people.
- Heirlooms we don't have in our family. But stories we've got.
- Happiness is having a large, loving, caring, close-knit family in another city.
- We put the 'fun' in 'dysfunctional'!
- Maybe next year, we can pass out swords.
- Family is like fudge: mostly sweet, with a few nuts.
- Accept it: my family is probably better than yours.
- I went to the Eller Family Conference and all I got was this goofy t-shirt.
- Crazy is a relative term in my family.
- Why be normal when you can be an Eller.
- If you met my family you'd understand.
- The family that shirts together, stays together
- We are the people your mom warned you about.
- Some of us were born into this family, others were crazy enough to join by choice.
- Nothing is more awkward than a large family reunion. Half the people don't know who anyone is, and the other half know way too much about everyone.
- What happens at the Eller Family Conference, shows up in the Chronicles.

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 \$20 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.

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





ELLER History and Genealogy

GEORGE MICHAEL ELLER, 1722-1778
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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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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: [Download Printable Form here](#)

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

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

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

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



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Date

☐ One Year (\$25) ☐ Lifetime (\$250)

☐ Two Year (\$50) ☐ **GIFT** 1 YR (\$20)

Name

Address

City State Zip Code

Country

Cell Ph. Home/Alt Ph.

Email

Please send **The Eller Chronicles** by: ☐ Regular Mailing Address ☐ Email Address

Names, Dates and Places for oldest known Ancestor:

Other family names in which interested:

GIFT Recipient's Information:

Name

Address

City State Zip Code

Country

Cell Ph. Home/Alt Ph.

Email

[Fill Out & Download Form to Print](#)

**Remember...please enclose the membership fee
along with the application for membership.**

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- To apply for membership to the Eller Family Association
- To report a change of address
- To report a failure to receive *The Eller Chronicles*
- To purchase back copies of *The Eller Chronicles*
- To purchase the book *George Michael Eller and Descendants of His in America* by James W. Hook (1995 reprint of 1957 edition) @ \$15 ea

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

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

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