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Plans are in full swing for our EFA meeting in July. Rooms are being held under the Eller Family Association. Each attendee will reserve their own room and rooms will be held for the association rate until June 20, 2005. When calling the Inn be sure to advise that you are with the Eller Family Association.

We do need to advise you that if you are coming in from the Charlotte airport to Winston Salem via I-85 you will need to get onto US 52 north at Lexington, NC. Coming into Winston Salem take exit 109 B onto business I-40 W. Take exit 5 C Cherry Street; turn right

onto Cherry Street, but need to get into the far left lane almost immediately to turn left onto First Street. Go one block and turn left onto Marshall Street. Cross over I-40 and straight through High Street intersection, you will go past the Inn and follow signs behind the Inn and around to the front desk for registration.

Traveling west on I-40 exit off onto highway 52

north and follow above directions.

If anyone is traveling east on I-40 exit onto business 40 and exit on 5 C, which reads Cherry Street downtown, the exit is really High Street and the Hawthorne is on your right.

Dress is casual and bring comfortable walking shoes, for our Friday tour. We do dress up for our Saturday night banquet, not formal, just our Sunday clothes.

### *The Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center*



**Toll Free 877-777-3099**

You may submit material for publication in *The Eller Chronicles* as follows:

Email to [judy.eller@eller.org](mailto:judy.eller@eller.org) OR mail to Judy Eller, 64 Long Lane, Kirkwood, PA 17536.

If you are submitting photographs, please scan in JPEG format and copy to a 3.5" diskette, ZIP disk or CD. Most Kodak developers can perform this service if you do not have a computer. If you prefer, you may submit photo quality copies; however, they will not be returned.

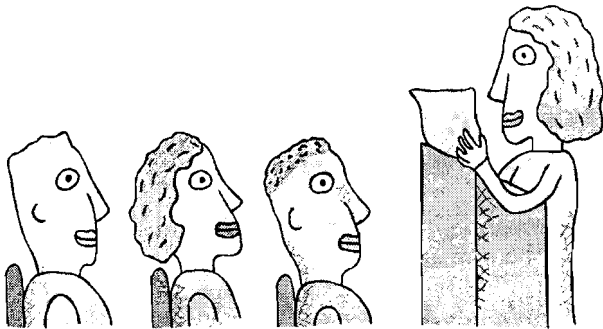


### **\*\* Special Note \*\***

**To those of you wishing to take a day trip to Ashe County on Friday.**

Travel will be on your own, but we will be happy to furnish you with a map of the location of the Peter Eller farm. Travel time is approximately two hours each way.

## *A Message from the President...*



It is once again time to write in the Chronicles an update on the EFA since the November edition. I received the report from the Nominating Committee on January 7th, 2005. The following member's names were submitted:

**Jim Bliss**  
President

**Eric Eller**  
Vice President

**Roger Eller**  
Secretary Treasurer

**Anna Bliss**  
Director /Membership

**Ben Eller**  
Director /History and Research

**Sue Eller**  
Director/Constitution & Bylaws

**Joe Eller**  
Director/Publicity & Social

**Lynn Eller**  
Director/Restoration & Memorials

If there any members that are interested in submitting other names to the slate of officers

or directors, please send the names to me at paula@yukontel.com or call 907-373-5585 or write to P.O. Box 873509, Wasilla, Alaska 99687. Nominations will also be accepted

from the floor during the EFA Conference at the membership meeting to be held on July 23, 2005 at 9:00 am. I would be more than pleased to have ballots made up to vote if we have more candidates.

As was requested in the last edition of the Chronicles, we need more articles sent to Judy Eller for publication. It can be historical research or current events about Eller Families. I'm sure we have members that know interesting information about their family those readers of the Chronicles would enjoy.

I have received information from Betty and Van Eller about areas in or around Indianapolis, Indiana, one of the suggested sites for the 2007 EFA Conference. I also understand from Gene Ellison that Gloria Ellison and Mary Wood are gathering information about Savannah, Georgia, another site for consideration in 2007. The information will be

presented at the membership meeting on Thursday (during the EFA Conference) for the membership to vote their preference.

Devon Dahl will be in charge of the Saturday program from 10:00 am to 2:00 pm. I'm sure you will not want to miss participating in this very interesting session, "The How to Genealogy Research". Devon and Carma hosted a very interesting, enjoyable program for us in Salt Lake, Utah several years ago and certainly sparked our interest in the Eller Research.

Once again I would like to thank the Officers and Director, Ben and Judy, and Joe and Dean for their efforts on behalf of the Eller Family Association. Also, I want to thank the nominating committee (consisting of Jim Bliss, John Eller and Lois Hardy) for their time and effort on submitting a slate of candidates.

Paula

## The Tory Oak



Probably the most historic tree in North Carolina was the Tory Oak, which grew for possibly three centuries in what is now the town of Wilkesboro. It was a vivid reminder of the stirring days of the Revolutionary period. The exact age of this famous old tree will never be known.

The Tory, occasionally referred to as the Cleveland Oak, assisted in the struggle for independence when Col. Ben Cleveland, a leader in the plight for freedom in western North Carolina, used its spreading limbs to hang at least five Tories.

In the fall of 1779, two marauding Tories plundered the Lincoln County home of George Wilfong, a Whig, and brazenly using the man's clothes line to lead off his horses. Wilfong and some others pursued the thieves and regained his horses, but the thieves escaped and headed south toward the British Lines. Before reaching safety, they were ap-

prehended by Ben Cleveland's scouts and brought to the Wilkes County courthouse. Here, Cleveland summarily administered his justice, using Wilfong's clothes line to hang the loyalist from the limbs of the Tory Oak.

The enraged British forces sent a Captain Riddle and two men, named Reeves and Goss, to capture Cleveland. They nearly accomplished this aim, but instead found themselves taken prisoner, shortly after which they too were dangling from the beckoning branches of the Tory Oak.

For the many years afterward, the tree stood nobly as a familiar landmark. But not even the tender care and doctoring from its admirers could hold off the effects of its age. Over recent decades it withstood the strain of three operations to remove rotten portions which were replaced with concrete mortar. The rotting continued however, and two-thirds of the tree was felled by heavy winds in June 1989.

What strong winds in 1989 began was finished in June 1992, when a storm of hail, copious rain, and wind struck down all the lop-sided remainder of this landmark tree leaving but a splintered trunk. Hundreds came to pay their respects to the fallen tree and to gather portions of the wood for souvenirs.

In 1980, the Tory Oak was given the distinction of being North Carolina's "champion"

black oak. The Tory's circumference was 14 feet, its crown height was 50 feet, and its overall limb spread was 40 feet. However, its fate began to dwindle, in June 1989 and June 1992 violent wind storms fell the old tree leaving only a 12 foot stump. This stump was removed in 1997 and a young oak sapling was planted and continues to remind us of the determined patriots whose courage and sacrifice won the freedom that lets us live in a democracy.

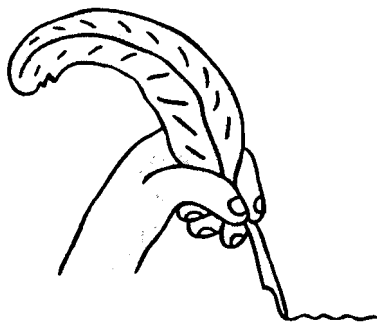


In 1992, the National Park Service designated the Tory Oak Site as a Certified Protected Site of the Overmountain Victory National Historical Trail.

If this old tree had possessed the power of speech articulation, what thrilling stories it could have told - stories of a struggling people growing into their new-found freedom, of daring, of valor, and of devotion to a cause.

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## *From the Desk of the Secretary/Treasurer*



Today is February 13. Happy Valentine's Day to all you ladies. I think that I will fix breakfast for my Valentine tomorrow; a bowl of cereal with all the trimmings.

We do apologize for the delay in getting the November issue of the *Eller Chronicles* to you. It was the epitome of Murphy's law in full force and effect. Practically everything that could go wrong did. However, we are determined to make vast improvements henceforth. We do appreciate and thank you for your calls, e-mails, and notes asking about the newsletter. In the event you did not receive your copy, send me a note or e-mail [rfjse@earthlink.net](mailto:rfjse@earthlink.net) and I will get a copy to you.

We have several new members whom we wish to welcome. They are:

Delphia Jorene (Jo) Eller Pruette  
P O Box 49, Vale, NC 28168  
[704/276-0089](mailto:704/276-0089), [JORMI@charter.net](mailto:JORMI@charter.net)

Gregory Thomas Baker  
(son of Jo Pruette)  
8166 Macedonia Church Rd.,  
Vale, NC 28168  
[704/276-2565](mailto:704/276-2565) [GREGRMI@charter.net](mailto:GREGRMI@charter.net)

Linda Ayers, 4597 N. Woodlake Lane,  
Conyers, GA 30013

Nellie Eller Commisso,  
1410 6<sup>th</sup> Avenue, Sterling, IL 61081  
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Roy C. Eller, 7315 Chapparall Lane,  
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Bart Eller, P O Box 1681,  
Paonia, CO 81428 [970/527-6756](tel:970/527-6756)  
[bart@paonia.com](mailto:bart@paonia.com)

Ashley L. Eller, 1865 Gaylord #B,  
Denver, CO 80206 [ashley@paonia.com](mailto:ashley@paonia.com)  
(Bart and Ashley are son and daughter  
of Richard E. Eller)

We extend a hardy welcome to each of you from the Eller Family Association. We invite your participation in any way you like; doing research, writing articles for the newsletter, become involved with the several committees of the Association, or whatever your interest may be.

We are now getting into a new calendar year; February 2nd was the mid-point of winter. Days are getting significantly longer now. Although that abominable weather prognosticator says that we are to have another six weeks of winter, spring is just around the corner. Then summer and the Ninth Eller Biennial Conference at Winston Salem will be here before we know it. Go ahead and make plans now to attend.

I certainly can't pass up the opportunity to remind you to send a check to me for your 2005 EFA dues. If you haven't and your membership expired 12-2004. I will give you a few weeks to do so before I send out notices by mail. Thanks.

Roger Eller

## *EFA Polo Shirts Available!*

Special polo shirts will be available by special order now through June 15. Stacie Dahl owns Blankie Bundles and has made this special offer possible. EFA is not involved in ordering these shirts. The regular T-shirts will be available at the Conference in July.

The shirts will show the Eller coat of arms (as on our website), made of 100% cotton jersey, with the option of ordering their size in

white, navy, or black. "Winston-Salem 2005" will be embroidered on the shirts. The cost is \$25.00. Your name and office can be embroidered for an additional fee. Please allow 30 days for delivery upon receipt of order. You may order the polo shirts in S, M, L, XL, XXL sizes.

To order your polo shirt, contact Stacie Dahl.  
Phone: 714-848-6739. Email:  
[Stacie@blankiebundles.com](mailto:Stacie@blankiebundles.com) OR

[sdahl@socal.rr.com](mailto:sdahl@socal.rr.com).

Mailing address is: 7541 Shady Glen Circle, Huntington Beach, CA 92648.

To see Stacie's website go to <http://www.blankiebundles.com>.

## *The Eller Family Association*

### *Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting, January 26, 2005*

The Board of Directors met Wednesday evening, January 26, 2005 at 9:00 P.M. Eastern time, by telephone conference hookup. Present were President Paula Eller, Vice President Devon Dahl, Secretary/Treasurer Roger Eller, Directors Van Eller and Gene Ellison. Also present were Ben Eller and Joe & Dean Eller. Absent were Eric Eller, Kent Eller and Sue Koenig, who were unavailable for the meeting. Paula thanked all those for their presence. She noted that Sue was in Indiana attending last rites for her father who passed away last week. Also, Sue's mother passed away a month ago on Christmas day. We all send our condolences to Sue, Donn and the family.

Paula said that the announcement would be made in the February *Eller Chronicles* of the slate of officers and directors submitted by the Nominating Committee. Also, the membership should be reminded of the procedures for making nominations from the floor.

We have had e-mail correspondence recently about golf (collared) shirts. Devon's daughter-in-law, Stacie, is very talented and experienced in doing this work. She has done considerable research about the golf shirt including different cloth materials, colors, embroidery work, and the approximate cost thereof. The board expressed appreciation for her knowledge of the subject and for undertaking the project. The cost of the shirt will be approximately \$25, including the embroidery of the coat of arms with the lettering "Eller, Winston Salem, 2005", etc. Devon has underwritten the set-up cost

of the project. It was suggested and consented to by the board that the information for ordering the golf shirts be included in the February newsletter and that Stacie handle orders directly from anyone interested in getting a shirt. Joe and Dean are taking care of ordering the tee shirts and several of the board members are contributing to the cost of those.

Joe informed those on the call that his dad, Vance, has stomach cancer and is to undergo surgery this week. Hopefully, the operation will successfully remove all of the cancer as he will probably not undergo post-operative treatment.

Van and Betty said that they have obtained information about places around Indianapolis for the 2005 Conference to consider for the meeting in 2007. Gene indicated that Gloria and Mary (Wood) have been gathering data about Savannah, which will be available at Winston Salem for our consideration.

Devon asked about his time allocation at the Conference for the Saturday genealogy study/training program. Paula suggested that there should be time available for a board meeting and Joe said the banquet was scheduled at 6:00. It was concluded that Devon would have about four hours available, two hours each morning and afternoon; and, also, that he should have approximately forty binders of work papers available for participants. The cost of the work papers/binders will be about \$5, which participants will be asked to pay. Devon is planning to show us

how to input our genealogy. He asks that each board member should submit to him by May four generations of our ancestors. Joe asked at what time should the meetings commence each day. The board suggested 9:00 A.M.

The question regarding which airport should those attending the Winston Salem conference use. The Greensboro airport is closest; however, it is usually more costly than either the Raleigh-Durham or the Charlotte airport. Travel directions from all three will be included in the newsletter.

Paula asked whether we thought we should get a professional photographer or do it ourselves. Discussion leaned toward doing it ourselves, and Ben suggested that if we want pictures someone should be in charge.

Roger reported that the November newsletter was somewhat late getting to the publisher; but was delayed even further because the printer was waiting for the mailing labels. The labels were there but had been misplaced. Ben stated that the cut-off date for any data to be included in the February issue is February 12.

Submitted by Roger Eller, Secretary



**Eller Family Association Conference**  
**July 20-24, 2005**  
**The Hawthorne Inn & Conference Center**  
**Winston Salem, North Carolina**

Registration Form

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

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

<u>Conference activities</u>	<u>Cost per person</u>	<u>Total</u>
Registration fee	(each family)	\$10.00
Wed, Jul 20	Dinner on your own (Menus and directions to variety of restaurants will be provided)	
Thur, Jul 21	Group luncheon	\$15.00 X ___ = _____
	Dinner on your own (K & W and others to choose from. Maps will be provided)	
Fri, Jul 22	Tour of Old Salem and lunch	\$28.50 X ___ = _____
	Dinner @ Little Richard's Barbeque (Lexington style, order from menu, Dutch)	
Sat, Jul 23	Lunch on your own	
	Dinner, Group Banquet	\$21.50 X ___ = _____
Total Registration Fee		=====

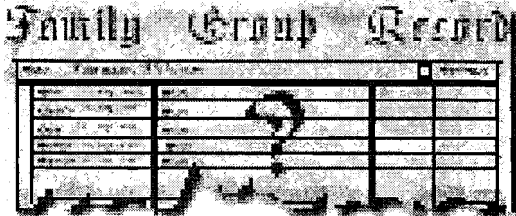
Make check payable to Eller Family Association and mail to:  
 Joe Eller, Meeting Coordinator, 2610 Nantucket Drive, Winston Salem, NC 27103  
 Telephone 336/765-7353, email: [jrgdeller@bellsouth.net](mailto:jrgdeller@bellsouth.net)

**Duplicate this form and send to others who may be interested in attending.**

# Genealogy Exchange

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Paula [mailto: paula@yukontel.com]  
**Sent:** Wednesday, January 05, 2005 11:57 AM  
**To:** rfjse@earthlink.net; DahlEnt@aol.com; benjamin.eller@eller.org  
**Subject:** FW: so many questions  
 Perhaps someone could help William Eller find his roots.  
 Thanks,  
 Paula



My name is Dawn Hynum (born Crystal Dawn Eller) I was born in Little Rock, AR on Feb. 2, 1976. My parents are Edward Eugene Eller II born to Edward Eugene Eller and Dona Mae McDaniel on Aug. 28, 1950 and Anna Clementine Hawkins. My grandfather Ed Eller was the son of Worth Owen Eller. That's as far as I get. How do I fit in the scheme of things here.  
 Thank you

and I look forward to hearing from you!  
 Dawn

*Butler PA.*

*To walk with Him is to walk in light.  
 The Lord  
 is my light and my salvation --  
 whom shall  
 I fear?*

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Michael Eller [mailto: michael.eller@btinternet.com]  
**Sent:** Friday, December 24, 2004 9:42 AM  
**To:** benjamin.eller@eller.org  
**Subject:** Eller's in Great Britain  
 Hi Benjamin,

This is a shot in the dark regarding the Eller family name in the UK. I have visited a lot of the sites that deal with the Eller name, none of them mention that the Eller name is alive and well on this side of the Atlantic, even though there is not many of us. You seem to have a vast knowledge of the history of the Eller name and wonder if you have come across the British branch of the name.

I have recently started an investigation into mine and my wife's family trees and have come to a dead end with my side of the tree. All I have regarding my past is my father's birth certificate, which I thought would be able to help me, but does not.

Even a little bit of background history regarding the UK "Eller's" might help.

Thanking you for reading this and even if you have little or no information it is good to know the Eller name thrives in the USA. With best regards and a Happy Christmas  
 Michael F. Eller  
 Hertfordshire  
 England

-----Original Message-----

**From:** William Eller [mailto: fritowill@zoominternet.com]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, January 04, 2005 6:56 PM  
**To:** paula@yukontel.com  
**Subject:** so many questions  
*Hello, after i googled myself, i came across your website. I have always wondered about my actual Eller family, my grandmother remarried and her first husband is a hush hush topic of conversation. Wondering how i can find some info, thanks for you help.*  
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 Butler PA.

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-----Original Message-----

**From:** mrnngdy@bellsouth.net [mailto:mrnngdy@bellsouth.net]  
**Sent:** Tuesday, October 19, 2004 2:14 PM  
**To:** benjamin.eller@eller.org  
**Subject:** Crystal Dawn Eller  
 Hi!

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Paula [mailto: paula@yukontel.com]  
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 William R. Eller

# Genealogy Exchange

## Inside Story Headline

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Benjamin Eller [mailto:benjamin.eller@epix.net]

**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2005 9:04 AM

**To:** pualanijo@gmail.com

**Cc:** Judy L. Eller; dahlent@aol.com; Roger & Julia Eller; Paula Eller

**Subject:** RE: Eller Family

Hi Tricia:

Great to hear from our Henry Eller cousins. With your permission I will add this information to mine and share your email with the Eller Family Association via our quarterly research newsletter, The Eller Chronicles. If you have more info on your line or a gedcom file you could share that would be great too!

Thanks again and God's Speed!  
Ben Eller

**Benjamin L. Eller, Jr. (Ben)**  
64 Long Lane, Kirkwood, PA 17536 USA  
Phone: 717.529.7525  
Email: benjamin.eller@eller.org

**REPLY TO: benjamin.eller@eller.org**

If you can read this, thank a teacher - if you are reading it in English, thank a veteran... And if you have eyes

to read, a mind to comprehend and air to breath, thank God!

-----Original Message-----

**From:** Tricia Schmidt [mailto:pualanijo@gmail.com]

**Sent:** Monday, February 14, 2005 2:26 AM

**To:** benjamin.eller@eller.org

**Subject:** Eller Family

Dear sir,

I am descended from Henry Eller who married Elizabeth Bigler, through their daughter Esther Eller who married (1) to George Bechtel on 18 March 1794. She was born in 1769 in MD (I know you know this, but I am proving my line). Esther married (2) to Benjamin Rohrer. Esther died in February 20, 1845.

My like is from George and Esther is John C Beagle who married Matilda

Selson. John J. Beagle who married to Joanna Lucinda Houck. Washington Swank who married Mary Rosanna Beagle. Thusnelda Swank who married Charles Clarence Farmer. Harry Vern Farmer who married Margaret Mae Bosworth. Glenna Rose Farmer who married Gordon Leonhard Schmidt. To me: Tricia J. Schmidt.

I find that your site is useful and I will share it with my half uncle. Thank you.

Tricia J. Schmidt

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It is for freedom that Christ has set us free. Stand firm, then, and do not let yourselves be burdened again by a yoke of slavery.  
(Galatians 5:1)





# Effie Virginia Eller Parsons, born March 28, 1909

A Biography, submitted by Gloria "Dean" Eller



I am writing this in honor of Mrs. Effie Virginia Eller Parsons who will celebrate her 96th birthday on March 28, 2005. She is a lovely soft-spoken woman who has lived all her life serving our Lord. Effie was born March 28, 1909 the youngest child of James Richard and Eveline McNeil Eller. Effie is the oldest living member of the Henry Cleveland Eller, Sr. clan. She was born in a two-room house in the Boiling Springs Community of Wilkes County. The house Effie was born in was off the main road and her mother always wanted to move. In 1930, her father moved a two-room storehouse that had belonged to his father to what is now called the Boiling Springs Road. He added extra rooms and an upstairs to these two rooms. As Effie was the youngest child, the house became hers and she has spent the rest of her life in this house. Her favorite place when the weather allows, is sitting on her front porch. She has lovely flowers and bird feeders and, with the help of her son and daughter-in-law, still grows a vegetable garden. Her children, who live next door, keep a close eye on her, but she is able to live alone and walks with her cane or walker. The day we visited, she was walking from her house out her son's driveway and back as her exercise.

The name of Boiling Springs came from artesian springs that were behind the house where Effie lives. Several families used water from these springs as Effie did, however the springs are not in use anymore.

Effie's mother was a midwife and probably delivered me. My parents are dead and no one seems to know for sure, but my oldest brother and Effie seems to think I was the one. Effie had a brother, Fred, who lived next door to her and his wife Mable named me.

Effie remembers her first trip to town, which was somewhere around her twelfth birthday. They rode in a wagon and her mother bought a loaf of bread and would pinch off pieces for the children to eat. She also remembers her first store-bought dress that was purchased at Spainhour's. Her dress was pink, and her only sister Pansy's was blue. She remembers her mother buying fabric for making their dresses and Mr. Spainhour would help them choose matching trim. Those were the days when storeowners really valued their customers and got to know them by name. Effie remembers when her family got electricity; also the telephone. She even remembers her family's ring, two longs and one short.

Effie attended school in a two-room schoolhouse that stood on the property where Boiling Springs Baptist Church now sits. She completed seventh grade, which was the last grade offered. Wanting to continue her education, Effie walked a good distance to the Congo Road where a kind gentleman, Mr. Jimmy McNeil picked her up and along with his own daughter and found a lady in downtown Wilkesboro that he could drop them off on his way to work. She would see that they got to school and then they went to her house in the afternoon until Mr. McNeil finished his workday and picked them up to go home. This was the way that Effie was able to graduate from Wilkesboro High School and was the only member of her family to graduate from high school. This was a real accomplishment in those days as not many people growing up in the country were able to go on to high

school. She still has her high school class ring, which bears the emblem of the Tory Oak. The Tory Oak has a rich history so I am including an article about the tree (page 3).

During World War II, Effie moved to Charlotte, NC to work in a shell loading plant. She started out as an inspector and later became a supervisor over the colored people that worked in the plant. I am sure that Effie handled that job with the grace that she has shown toward everything throughout her life.

Effie was married to Luther Parsons who passed away October 1, 1977. Effie and Luther adopted a son, Benjamin Ray Parsons, who is married to Gail Roten Parsons. Benny and Gail have a son Jonathan Glen Parsons. Effie speaks of her family with much love and appreciates the love and care they offer her.

Effie was a member of Boiling Springs Baptist Church for sixty years and is now an active member of Greater Vision Church. This writer benefited from Mrs. Effie's love of God and His church through her teaching Sunday School and Vacation Bible School. Thank you, Mrs. Effie!

Gloria "Dean" Eller

# Eller Family Association Membership Application

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

The EFA 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 EFA exists to assist all Eller and

associated family lines worldwide to:

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

A quarterly newsletter, *The Eller Chronicles*, is published and sent to each member in February, May,

August and November. Information on all Ellers in the United States and Europe, from the 17<sup>th</sup> century to the current time is being gathered and made available. To join the Association, please fill out the following information (to the extent known) and send with a check for \$25 payable to the Eller Family Association to:

Roger Eller, Secretary/Treasurer  
Eller Family Association  
PO Box 515  
Sneads Ferry, NC 28460

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## Membership Application

Sign up for:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Oldest known ancestor  
(names, dates, place) \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

Other family lines in which  
you are interested \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_



\_\_\_\_\_  
Signature

# Obituaries

## MARY ELLER ANDERS

Weaverville—Mary Eller Anders, 79, formerly of Eller Cove Road, Weaverville, died Thursday, Dec. 2, 2004.

Mrs. Anders was born March 9, 1925, in Buncombe County, where she lived all of her life. Mary was the daughter of the late Woodfin and Cora Hill Eller. Also preceding her in death was a sister, Mildred Herron, and brothers, Dan and Don Eller.

Surviving are her daughters, Patricia Brandy Stokes of Hendersonville, Charlotte Smithson and her husband, Glenn, of Maggie Valley, Marilyn McCarver and her husband, Erick, and Marsha Chapman, son, Rick Parker and his wife, Suzy, sisters, June Parker and her husband, Marion, and Genevieve Eller, all of Weaverville, sister-in-law, Tommie Eller of Asheville, 14 grandchildren and 20 great-grandchildren.

The funeral service will be held at 2 p.m. Sunday in Pleasant Grove Union Church with the Rev. Michael McGuire offi-

ciating. Burial will be in the church cemetery. Serving as pallbearers are Jeff Coche, Brian Black, Derek Wilson, Vaughn Eller, Dennis Parker, Dewayne Brake and Ricky Parker.

The family will receive friends from 6 to 8 p.m. Saturday at West Funeral Home, 17 Merrimon Ave., Weaverville, where the body will remain until placed in the church one hour prior to the funeral service. At other times, the family will be at the home of Rick and Suzy Parker, 21 Salem Hill Road, Weaverville.

Flowers are acceptable, or those desiring to make a memorial contribution are encouraged to consider Mountain Area Hospice, P.O. Box 25338, Asheville, NC 28813.

## DAVID HUGH ELLER

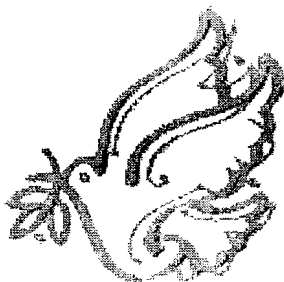
Robinsville—David Hugh Eller, 74, of Robinsville, passed away, Monday, Dec. 13, 2004, at Harris Regional Hospital in Sylva.

He was the son of the late J. W. "Smith" Eller and Lillie Rogers Eller. In addition to his parents, his son, David Gary Eller, preceded him in death.

His wife of 51 years, Irene Sawyer Eller; sons, Michael Eller of Apex and Richard Eller and Keith Eller, both of Robbinsville; brother, Gerald Eller of Asheville; and sister, Hildred Millsaps of Robbinsville survive him, in addition to 11 grandchildren and five great-grandchildren.

A funeral service will be held at 8 p.m. Tuesday at Townson-Smith Chapel. The Revs. Daniel Stewart and Jack Millsaps will officiate. The family will receive friends from 6y to 8 p.m. Tuesday at the funeral home. A committal service will be held at 11 a.m. Wednesday at Sawyers Creek Cemetery. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to Cedar Cliff Baptist Church.

Towson-Smith Funeral Home is in charge of arrangements.





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