

# JAMES H. ELLER

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Among the young men identified with the mining interests of Vermillion county who have gained a place among the leading citizens of their community is James H. Eller, at present the mine boss of the J.K. Deering mine No. 2 near Clinton. He comes of a family whose men have been accustomed to be leaders, and he himself is a strong representative of the ancestral virtues. His forefathers were residents of North Carolina, a state whose sons, wherever they have gone, have made themselves noted for their independence and aggressiveness, combined with a strong loyalty to duty.

James H. Eller is the son of Calvin and Sally (Hodge) Eller, and was born in Belmont county, Tennessee, May 21 1869. Calvin Eller was born in Ashe county, North Carolina, April 12, 1830. He later removed from the state of his nativity to Tennessee. When a mere stripling he enlisted as a soldier in the Mexican war, and, in part as a result of his experience there gained, he was chosen a captain in the Confederate army, and fought entirely through that long and losing struggle, in loyal defense of the rights of his state. His war record was admirable, and exhibits him as a brave and fearless leader, ever careful of the welfare of the soldiers under him. At the close of the war he became the superintendent of a cotton mill in Tennessee, and later, in the spring of 1881, he removed to Indiana. Here he was interested in the lumber business for a time, then turned his attention to farming. He is now living in Fairview, Indiana, and in his old age is enjoying the respect of his neighbors. Sally Hodge Eller, his wife, was born in Tennessee, and died there in 1870.

James H. Eller, after spending his youth in connection with the lumber business of his father, entered the mines in 1888. His first work was in Norton Creek mine, north of Clinton. Later he was with the J.K. Deering Company, and on June 26 1911, he came to the J.K. Deering mine No. 2 as boss, which position he now holds. During his twenty-five years' experience he has thoroughly learned mining in all its branches, and his one of the most valuable men in the service of his company. Fraternally, Mr. Eller is a member of the Odd Fellows at New Goshen, and of the Red Men of Clinton. He is a member of the Methodist church, in which he takes an active part, and in politics has never swerved from the staunch Democracy of his fathers.

On November 2, 1894, Mr. Eller was married to Ida A Battis, the daughter of Elijah and \_\_\_ (Newkirk) Battin. She was born in southern Indiana, on November 3, 1875. To this marriage were born four children, Margaret, Maud, Wilma and Grace, all at home, and these four charming daughters make their home a happy one for their parents and for each other.

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