

# GEORGE ELLER AND ROSENA GOODMAN OF ROWAN COUNTY, NC (1842--)

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## A Possible New Eller Immigrant to Rowan County, North Carolina

Undocumented stories handed down in my Eller family say our Gr. Gr. Grandfather Eller who lived in Germany was a swordsmith and father of eight sons. One son, George was a gunsmith, so the story goes, and was forced to flee from Germany after killing a German warlord. He escaped into Holland and then rode a cattle boat to America. Records show he was in Rowan County, NC on 29 Dec 1842 when he married Rosena Goodman.

An unrelated but persistent part of my family's German stories said Kaiser Wilhelm's wife was an Eller. This is not to claim she was of our line but the story has been told and retold many times in my family. Can someone verify or debunk this?

Bible records show my George Eller was born in 1820. If he were born in Germany as family tradition says, he was the first known 19th century Eller immigrant to Rowan County, NC. Ancestors of other Rowan County Ellers arrived in the previous century. That my great grandfather was in Rowan County suggests he may have been related to the Ellers already there.

### DESCENDANT CHART:

1. George Eller b. 28 Dec. 1820 d. 26 Feb. 1870, Union Co., IL; m. 29 Dec. 1842, Rowan Co., NC, Rocena (Rosena) Goodman, b. 31 Oct. 1921, Rowan Co. , NC, d. 9 Feb. 1869, Union Co. IL. ( Both are buried in Missenheimer Cemetery, Perks, IL)
2. George Henry M. Eller b. 11 May 1848, Rowan Co., NC; m.(1st) Lucinda Penrod, b. 1 Apr. 1858; d. 4 Sep. 1879
  3. William Frank b 14 Mar. 1877 Union Co., IL; d. 7 Mar. 1884, Poolville, TX.
  3. Charles David b. 31 Dec. 1878; d. 1 Jan. 1879. (one day old.)
- " George M. Eller m.( 2nd) 20 Dec. 1887, Laura Elen Eugene (Shaw) McClendon, b. 21 Nov. 1859, Georgia, m. 12 Jul. 1877, H.B. Shaw; one known child Arthur Henry Shaw, b. 5 Jun. 1878, Pennsylvania.
  3. George Joseph Eller b. 19 Sep. 1890, Poolville, TX; d. 5 Nov. 1943, bur. Leveland, TX; m. LoCarrie Louise Biffle, b. 25 Oct. 1894, Throckmorton, TX; d. 21 Jan. 1984, Whitharral, TX. She was the dau. of John Wesley and Rennie Louise Biffle [SEE PICTURES BELOW]

4. Cynthia Mae Eller b. 15 May 1916. A High School Math teacher at Carlsbad, NM.
4. George Milton Eller b. 30 Aug. 1918. U.S.A. Air force WW2; m. 10 Aug. 1946 Willie Muckelroy, b. 14 Jul. 1921.
4. Pearl J. Eller b. 19 Oct. 1920. U.S.A. WAC in WW2; m. Earl W. Bowman, b. 6 Nov. 1924; d. 23 Sep. 1972; m. 19 Apr. 1947
4. Myrtie Eller b: 14 Apr. 1923. Registered Nurse- Anaesthesiologist.
4. Jack Eller b. 23 Nov. 1925, U.S.A. Airforce WW2; m. 7 Oct. 1949, Marjorie M. Mixon, b. 1929.
  5. Michael Glenn Eller b. 30 Jan. 1951
  5. Beverly Ann Eller b. 30 Apr. 1952; m. Terry L. Campbell, b. 19 Sep. 1950.
4. Charlie Glen Eller b. 31 Mar. 1931. U.S.N. WW2; m. 20 Jun. 1954, Rose Marie Zerussi, b. 29 Jan. 1934.
  5. Carrie Marie Eller b. 23 Mar. 1958.
  5. David Glen Eller b. 18 Mar. 1960
4. Robert Daniel Eller b. 13 Nov. 1926. U.S.A. WW2; Executive Baskin Robins Ice Cream; m. 21 Oct. 1950, Gloria Jean Wilson, b. 12 Aug. 1930.
  5. Alan Duane Eller b. 12 Mar. 1952; m. Terri Linda Sharp, b. 8 Sep - -----
    6. Ryan Chase Eller b. 17 Mar. 1981
    6. Kami B. Eller b. 31 May 1984
  5. Randy Gail Eller b. 16 Mar. 1955; m. 26 Nov. 1977, Susan Cheri Guykemper.
    6. Mather Gourden Eller, b. 5 Jan. 1983.
    6. Scott Michael Eller, b. 30 Mar. 1987.
  5. Robert Mark Eller, b. 2 Feb. 1957; m. 6 Dec. 1974, Teresse Lynn Weston.
    6. Terry Grant Eller b. 26 Jun. 1976.

5. Charles Brent Eller b. 6 Jan. 1959, m. 6 Jun. 1980, Sylvai Lynn Hoelher, b. 1 Jun.----
  6. Crystal Lee Eller b. 19 Oct. 1982.
  6. Daniel Lee Eller b. 6 Dec. 1983.
4. J. E. Eller b. 5 Aug. 1933, Lalia Lake, TX; U.S.N. WW2; m. 23 May 1955, Ruby Colone McNeely, b. 22 Feb. 1937
    5. Stanley Lynn Eller b. 12 Sep. 1956; m.(1st) 22 May 1977, Cynthia Lynn McGee, b. 9 Aug. 1956.
      6. Jennifer Renee Eller, b. 2 Aug. 1979 m.(2nd) 21 May 1983, De An Parker,, b. 3 Nov. 1963
      6. Megan Leslie Eller b. 10 Jan. 1885
      6. Latham Brock Eller b. 21 Apr. 1989.
    5. Debra Kay Eller b. 16 Jan. 1958; m. 13 Apr. 1985, Charles Harding, b. 16 May 1955.
      6. Stephen Alexander Harding b. 2 Jul. 1987.
      6. Eric Christopher Harding b. 30 Aug. 1989.
    5. Cynthia Diane Eller b. 27 Jul. 1959; m.(1st) 27 May 1978, Eddie Madison, b. 27 Aug. 1957; d. 26 May 1980.
      6. Amy Lynn Madison b. 3 Feb. 1980. m.(2nd) 9 Jun. 1985, Terry Wayne Tharp, b. 13 Jan. 1953.
      6. Terry Wayne Tharp, Jr. b. 17 Mar 1986.
    5. Karen Sue Eller b. 17 Apr. 1962; m. 1 May 1990, John Melski, b. 4 Dec. 1946.
3. Jewell Earnest Eller (**See Below**) b. 12 Dec. 1895 Poolville, TX: d. 26 Nov. 1964, Mangum, OK; m. 29 Nov. 1914, Olive Etta Biffle, b. 20 Oct. 1897, Seymour, TX, d. 21 Jan. 1964, Lawton, OK. Both are buried in the Plainview Cemetery, Greer County, Willow, OK. Oliva Etta Biffle was the dau. of John Wesley and Rennie Louise Biffle of Throckmorton, TX.
    4. Edith Lucy Eller b. 4 Nov. 1915, Greer Co., OK. Taught school 37 years in Baldwin Park, CA.
    4. Winnie Mae Eller b. b. 21 Dec. 1917, Greer Co., OK. Auditor and book keeper, taught school (EI) 31 years, LaHabra, CA; m. Los Vegas, NM, Barney Green, b. 29 Aug.

1912, Ft. Worth, TX, Heavy Duty Construction Co., Downey, CA, served U.S. Navy SeaBees Const. Battalion attached to the U.S. Marine Corp., South Pacific, WW2.

5. Bonnie Yvonne Green b. 6 May 1947. BA Degree, Whittier College, Whittier, CA; MEd. Degree, Univ. of Texas, San Antonio; Kgn. Teacher.

4. Leona Virginia Eller b. 12 Jul. 1919, Beckman Co., OK. Secretary & Clerk of Const. Dept., S-W. Bell Telephone Co. for 27 yrs.; m- Nov. 1945, Norva Bradley b. 23 May 1918. U.S. Army- WW2; optician.

5. Vona Lee Bradley b. 28 Feb. 1947, Lawton, OK. Worked for the telephone company; m. 10 Oct. 1946, Jerry Deaon who worked fot, the Haliburton Corp.

6. Terry Wayne Deaton, b. 15 Oct. 1974

6. Billy and Tami Deaton (twins) b. 15 Aug. 1976 (Only known twins in our family)

5. Gary Lynn Bradley b. 1 Dec. 1948; works for, S.W. Bell Telephone Co.; m. 7 Dec. 1952,(sic. Maybe '72) Mary Ray, a school teacher.

6. Kirsten Bradley b. 1 Mar. 1977.

6. Amber Nichole Bradley b. 17 Mar. 1981.

4. Earnest Vernon Eller b. 2 Dec. 1921, Greer- Co., OK; d. 17 Sep. 1927 of scarlet fever.

4. Lloyd John Eller b. 13 Jul. 1926; d. 13 Sep. 1976; Foreman of Phelph Dodge Corp., Cowboy-Foreman of Baker Ranch, Vivi, OK, farming and ranching raising wheat and cattle on Eller Homestead, OK. Served 2 hitches in the U.S. Marine Corp., M.Sgt. WW2 in South Pacific, CID duty in Korean War; attended Cameron College, Lawton, OK.

4. Bonnie Elaine Eller, b. 26 May 1929, Greer Co., OK; worked for S.W. Bell Telephone Co. 27 years in Snyder, TX; m.(1st) 1-11-46, Hall Nowell; d. 1952; U.S. Army WW2

5: William Earnest Nowell (Sneed) b. 29 Nov. 1948 worked for Texas Highway Dept., Texas Law; m. Betty Barrow, b. 22 Jul. 1947, Vice-Pres. Texas Bank.

6. Billy Wayne Nowell b. 29 Jul. 1969.

5. LaDonna Kay Nowell (Sneed) b. 8 Oct. 1948; school teacher; m.(1st) 1966, David Talmage, Band Directot-, Music Teacher.

- 6. John Jeffrey Talmadge b. 12 Sep. 1967; m. 16 Jun. 1990, Lee Davis.
- 7. Zachary Talmadge b. 22 Apr. 1991.
- 6. David Douglas Talmadge b. 9 Jun. 1970; m.(2nd) 17 Dec. 1977, Tom Yeager, b. 17 Jan. 1946; Systems Engineer.
- 6. Kimberly Yeager b. 12 Dec. 1979
- 4. Bonnie Elaine Eller m.(2nd) 1853, Norman (Slick) Sneed, b. 9 Sep. 1923; Cowboy, U.S. Army WW2. Sheriff of Borden Co., TX 27 yrs., Farming (wheat and cattle)- Eller Homestead, OK.
  - 5. Sandra Sue Sneed b. 20 Sep. 1952; accountant, Tax Consultant, Big Springs, TX; m. Ricky Evans, b. 9 Sep. 1948; Farmer-Rancher.
    - 6. Angela Evans b. 21 Oct. 1973.
    - 6. Jim Evans b. 6 Oct. 1975.
    - 6. Bradley Sneed b. 18 Aug 1980.
- 4. Darrell Gene Eller b. 8 Oct. 1939; d. 7 Oct. 1953.

## JEWELL EARNEST ELLER



My father, Jewell Eller, was the strict (Old German) type. He was very kind, loving, caring, a good provider but without the patience of Job. He always said, "I never chew my tobacco twice so you had better be listening."

He was proud of his German heritage. We were taught to count to ten in German and when company came, we were to be seen and not heard. We sat quietly with our dresses covering our knees.

My father played games with us and always read our lessons and made sure that we did them well. He had a baby picture of himself in a dress. We girls would tease him for wearing a dress.

He was a scholar of the Bible and a 32rd Degree Mason. We lived on the 160 acre farm where my Grandfather homesteaded in 1902. We raised wheat, cane, maize, cotton, big gardens and

cattle. We were taught to work and take pride in whatever we did. " If it is worth doing, it is worth doing right," we were often reminded. Often when I asked questions he would say, "let sleeping dogs lie."

But, with the "curiosity of a cat" and the hard head of a German, I need to know, and need lots of help in researching the Eller line. My mother was a Biffle, also a German, but with much more patience and a very hard worker who was always at my father's side.