

## James Granville Eller Reunions

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From the time I was eight or nine years old our family has come together for a family reunion each year. This was always a time of fun, laughing, teasing, lots of good food, good music, and lots and lots of love.

Our family consisted of Dad (James Granville Eller), Mother (Janetta Margaret Pressley Eller), A. G. (Gus) Eller, Alice Mae Eller Duckett, W. N. (Nathan) Eller, J. R. (Raymond) Eller, A.R. (Jack) Eller, Maybelle Eller Fincher, E. L. (Leo) Eller, Sammie (Sam) Eller, Hazel Elizabeth Eller James, and P. I. (Paul) Eller. As each one married, our family increased one at a time. Then our family grew even more as the children came along. Mother and Dad had forty-two grandchildren. At the time of mother's death in 1978, she had two hundred and eight living descendants.



After the noon meal, the boys would get their instruments out and start playing and we would sing. A lot of times mother and dad would play too. They both played the banjo and mother played the harmonica. Gus, Jack and Leo all played the fiddle, Raymond played the guitar, Sam played the steel guitar, Nathan played the mandolin, and Paul played the guitar.

Our family reunion was at Mother's and Dad's until his health began to fail and then we had it at one of our homes.

Eventually our family grew so large that we had to find a larger place to meet. On November 24, 1968 we started meeting in the Sheriff Posse Building in Cleburne. We are still meeting there at this time. We usually have a little over a hundred in attendance. Now, years later, a lot of the nieces and nephews have joined in playing and singing too.

We still have fun, laughing and teasing, lots of good food, good music, and lots and lots of love. God has richly blessed our family!