

# MILTON (ELLER) ELLISON

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My father, Esko Ellison (Eller) told me as I was growing up "son, your real surname is Eller, not Ellison. Daddy changed our name to Ellison. You are kin to Ellers from Maysville, Georgia to Murphy, North Carolina."

My grandpa, Milton Eller was born in 1884 and grew up in North Georgia. His first marriage was to Delia Elizabeth Fricks. They had six children, Esko was one of the six. Grandmother Delia died at a young age. Grandpa remarried to a "Miss House" from Maysville, Georgia and they had two sons, Ben and Paul. They grew up near Commerce, Ga. and one of the boys became the postmaster. We never had any contact with them as I was growing up. While married to his second wife, Grandpa Milton became involved with a neighbor named "Lizzie" He allowed this relationship to change his life for the worse. Family that knew him said he changed after Delia died. It was later learned from Ruby Eller, his cousin, that he sent money back to Maysville for Delia's tombstone. To remove himself from the "Lizzie" situation, he moved to south Georgia - leaving Delia's six children with his brother, Tom Eller, who later brought them to him. Esko said he was about seven years old when Uncle Tom took them to their Daddy. When Milton traveled to south Georgia, he settled in Emanuel County. Emanuel was the name of his father - so maybe that is why he stopped in Emanuel County, Georgia! There were people named Ellison in Emanuel County and he was called Ellison by most people instead of Eller. So he just let it be Ellison from that day forward.

His mistress, Lizzie, eventually followed Milton to south Georgia. They married and raised a family of six. Grandpa became an abusive, feared and mean person. When the Emanuel County Courthouse burned and destroyed all records, a new census was taken. Grandpa listed his family as Ellison. This presented a problem for Delia's sons who had run away from home and gone into the armed forces with the Eller name. When it came time to get out the armed forces, there were some delays, because they were now recorded as Ellison in the court records! Grandpa died at our house near Garfield, Georgia and is buried in Hebron Cemetery at Garfield.

After I grew up and began vacationing in North Georgia and North Carolina, I noticed the name "Eller" on mailboxes, businesses, signs, etc. I wondered if we were kin. My neighbor, Mrs. Clough gave me a Towns County newspaper that advertised an Eller Reunion at Hiawassee, Georgia. Ed Eller's phone number was listed as a contact. I called him and told him my "Eller" story. I mailed him all the information and pictures that my father had given me. Ed called me with the information that there was a son of Elisha Emanuel Eller named Milton. Ed connected his research and my information and determined that my grandfather, Milton Ellison (Eller) was that son. Ed, thank you again for making the connection. I am proud to be an "Eller".

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