

Roanoke Eller Connection Confirmed

In the May issue of the Eller Chronicles, we expressed an interest in locating a male descendant of Jacob Eller of what has come to be known as the Roanoke Ellers.

Soon afterward, we got a call from Howard Eller of Kokomo, IN whose ancestry goes back to the Roanoke Ellers (his 4th great grandfather was Jacob Eller, husband of Magdalena). Howard volunteered to do the DNA test as requested. We sent him a DNA kit to send on to Family Tree DNA for Y-DNA testing and comparisons to the Eller Family Project at Family Tree DNA.

The results are in. Howard and presumably all the descendants of the Jacob Eller line of Roanoke, VA match up with other DNA results from the George Michael Eller line.

The exact relationship is yet to be determined, but they are definitely part of the George Michael Eller line.

Want to learn more about the Roanoke Ellers? Read a series of articles on the Roanoke Ellers beginning with the May 1988 Eller Chronicles. And there is more in the May 1993 Chronicles as well. In that article, a Howard Eller is mentioned in the vicinity of the Howard Eller who volunteered his DNA. I suspect the Howard in the article may have been Howard the DNA volunteer's father, but I am not sure.

The EFA website database has a page for Jacob Eller (Roanoke). On that page are links to 5 separate articles (under EFA Research) about Jacob Eller's descendants and of his probable connection to George Michael Eller (which until now was unproven).

- Provided by Steve Eller, November 2021