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Message from the President

Greetings from snowy Colorado again. Since 20 December we have had over sixty inches of snow in Woodland Park and it is not even in the ski areas. Spring cannot be too far off!! Let us continue to pray for the leaders of our nation and for the members of our armed forces who are trying to keep us from having to fight the terrorists here in the United States.

Your EFA Board has met each quarter doing the business of the association. We hope that many of you will volunteer for the many tasks that need doing. If you want to work and do not know where to plug in, please contact one of the board members.

I would hope that each of our members would contact another Eller family and entice them to join our association.

Finally, we are still looking for a regular editor.

Thomas J. Eller, President

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- Plan now on attending the next Eller Family Association Conference July 18-22, 2007 in Akron, Ohio. Registration form inside.
 - If each member of the EFA were to recruit a new member, we would double our size in no time. Please commit to recruiting at least one new member this month. In this issue is a form letter you can use to help recruit others.
 - If you previously had provided material for publication and it has NOT yet been published, please send another copy to Tom Eller.
 - If you are qualified and interested in being the Editor of the Eller Chronicles, please contact President Tom Eller.
 - **Nominating Committee:** Report is in this issue.
 - **Bylaws:** Recommended changes are in this issue for a vote in July.

...*from the desk of the Secretary/Treasurer*

We welcome to the Association the following new members:

Laura Genoe, P O Box 2803, Belfair, WA 98528

She is wintering at Apopka, Florida and returning to the State of Washington in March. Her descendants include Jacob David Eller, Henry Cleveland Eller, Sarah Matilda Eller, and Aswell Peter Eller. Laura would like to find out what happened to her g.g.grandmother, Sarah, after she divorced her g.g.grandfather, Jacob, in Portland, Oregon. (Note: Aswell Peter Eller is the grandfather of EFA members Velma Washington of Greenville, SC and Betty Russelavage of Paris, TN. (see page 2 of the May-August issue of *The Eller Chronicles*.)

Don Carl Eller Jr, 2213 Cushendun Lane, Garner, NC 27529

His lineage is George Michael, Peter, Henry, John, William C., David C, Austin Raymond, and Don Carl Sr.

We extend a Hardy welcome to you and we would be mighty pleased to see you in July at the Tenth Biennial Conference in Akron, Ohio. Lois and Lee Hardy, Conference Coordinators, are planning a wonderful event for us. It is always a real pleasure to meet and get acquainted with those attending the conference for the first time.

You are reminded, invited, enticed, and otherwise encouraged, to write and/or submit accounts and articles of history and events of yourself, family, and ancestors, which may be of interest to the membership. These articles add much toward making our newsletter more interesting. You may be a journalist and don't know it.

Start making definite plans now to attend the meeting in July. Hope to see you there.

Roger
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**The Eller Family Association
Minutes of the Board of Directors Meeting
January 14, 2007**

The Board of Directors of the Eller Family Association met January 14, 2007 at 9:00 P.M. Eastern time via telephone hookup. The following members were present: Tom Eller, President; Eric Eller, Vice President; Roger Eller, Secretary/Treasurer; Directors; Anna Marie Bliss, Lynn Eller, Joe Eller, and Sue Koenig; and Lois Hardy, Conference Coordinator of the 2007 Biennial Conference. All members of the Board were present.

President Tom welcomed all to the meeting and asked Roger to read the minutes of the meeting of October 8, 2006. The minutes were read and approved. Tom then suggested

that we review the dates of the 2007 Board meetings. The next scheduled meeting falls on April 8, which is Easter Sunday. After a brief discussion, the meeting was moved to the following Sunday, April 15, 2007 at 9:00 P.M. Eastern time. The July meeting will be held during the 2007 Biennial Conference, and the October meeting will be on the 14th.

Roger reported that he had mailed dues notices with the November issue of the newsletter to all those who are not life members or had not already paid dues for 2007; and that he has received a large number of checks within the past two weeks.

Lois, reporting on the 2007 Biennial Conference, said that there is not much to add to what was reported in the *Eller Chronicles*. She asked whether any of the Directors have obtained speakers for the Conference; and Tom indicated that he was in the process of getting someone to talk about the "DNA subject". Lois said the silent auction is scheduled for Saturday and of course the banquet Saturday evening.

Sue said that there has been no research activity to report. Tom expressed appreciation for her article in the November newsletter.

Eric stated that he was happy to be back in California after spending several months of last year in French Guyanna. He had nothing to report.

Anna indicated that she had tried to email Tom a copy of her report, but could not get through. Her report was a follow-up of the suggestion which she made at the previous meeting, adopted by the Board, and printed on page nine of the November issue of *The Eller Chronicles*, to make a form letter available to the membership for mailing to local Eller descendants who are not members of the Association. Anna said that she is sending out thirty letters.

Joe stated that he has been working with Lois on the Conference; otherwise nothing else to report.

Lynn said that he is having some problem getting a nominee for the president of the Association for the 2007-2009 term.

Tom indicated that Ed Eller has almost finished reviewing the financial records of the Association for the year ended June 30, 2006. Eric had previously indicated that he thought that he could get a CPA friend to audit the records for no charge. The CPA discussed with Eric the professional meaning of an "audit" and the other levels of verification work such as compilation and review. Tom talked his nephew, who is a CPA, and received similar information. The bylaws of the Association state in Article VII, paragraph 3 d. "The Board of Directors shall authorize and fund an audit of the EFA account ledgers." The cost of an audit would be prohibitive for an organization the size of ours. A review of the records is more what the organizers had in mind. The Board concluded that a change in the wording of the bylaws be proposed to the membership at the 2007 biennial conference as follows:

Article VII, par 3 d. "The Board of Directors shall authorize and fund a review of the financial records of the Association as deemed appropriate by the Board.

Tom, as acting editor of *The Eller Chronicles*, stated that we did get out a November issue of the newsletter. He also said that no one has come forward to volunteer to be the Editor. Lynn asked whether we have considered the possibility of getting someone outside the Association to handle the editor's duties. Tom mentioned that he had talked with an acquaintance in San Francisco about obtaining his services to assist the editor; however, nothing materialized. Lynn said that he knows someone in Atlanta who is a communication specialist who may be able to help. The question of cost and whether we can afford to pay someone was mentioned. Tom said that he will look into this further.

Tom asked if anyone had other business for consideration. Joe asked Tom how his (Tom's) brother-in-law, Walter Conn, is doing. Walter was in a severe automobile accident in Tennessee in December and is recovering in a Nashville hospital.

There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 9:43 p.m.

Roger Eller, Secretary

Audit of the Associations records: Our Treasurer, Roger Eller provided the following items to Edward Eller who performed out financial review the year ending 30 June 2006.

- Income and Expense Statement for the Years ended 6-30-06 and 6-30-05
- Cash flow statement for the year ended 6-30-06 (summary by category/account)
- Itemized Categories statement for year ended 6-30-06
- Paid invoices and deposit tickets
- Bank statements of checking account (First Citizens Bank) for 7/2005-7/2006
- Bank statement of certificate of deposit (BB&T)
- Quicken cash journal transactions for the year (checking account and C/D)
- Notebook of original entry of receipts (name, address, amount received)
- Minutes of the EFA Membership meeting of July 23, 2005
- Minutes of Board of Directors meetings of July 23, 2005; January 22, 2006; April 9, 2006; July 16, 2006; and October 8, 2006
- Copy of EFA organization (names, addresses, etc. of officers and directors)

Ed's report follows:

**Eller Family Association
Receipts and Disbursements Statement (Audited)
For the period from July 1, 2005 to June 30, 2006**

Beginning Balance as of July 1, 2005	\$ 15,626
Receipts	7,167
Expenses	7,881
Net Change for the year (income)	-714
Ending balance as of June 30, 2006	14,912

Auditor's Statement

I have audited the statements of receipts and disbursements for the above period. This audit includes the examination of all the receipts and disbursements, bank statements, and other supporting data. This examination indicates that the funds were properly accounted for and the good records were made, and that invoices or other information are on file, which adequately substantiates these transactions. Based on the results of this audit, I conclude that the receipts and disbursements statements of the funds of the Eller Family Association for the above periods represent the cash transactions for the period and the cash balance of June 30, 2006 is correct.

NOTE: One reason we had a loss from last year we purchased the balance of the GME books which was \$ 1200.


Ed Eller
Auditor

**NOTICE OF PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE BYLAWS
OF
THE ELLER FAMILY ASSOCIATION**

The Board of Directors recommends the following changes to the bylaws of EFA to be voted on during the Biennial Meeting in Akron in July 2007:

Art III – Membership and **Art IV** Dues and Membership overlap in content. And, the category of Life Member is not addressed; yet we have Life Members.

Art III 1. defines a member as one paying “annual dues” yet a Life member is paid up and does not need to pay “annual dues.” Clarify by simply saying who has paid dues to date.

Art IV 3. and 4. are not clear as to whether these donated amounts are in addition to dues or not. Add the definition of Life Member as a member who has paid the Life Membership dues specified by the Board. State that “donations” are amounts paid the the Association beyond the amount of dues required for membership.

Article V – Meetings

1. “...every other yea “ should read “...every other year“
2. c. “...30 members, plus at least three...” should read “...30 members, including at least three...”
5. “...as provided in Article II.” should read “...as provided in Article VII.”

Article VI – Officers

“2...and thereafter be eligible for the same office upon the unanimous approval of the Board.” should read “...and thereafter be eligible to be reelected to the same office upon the approval of the Board and election by the members provided that no person shall serve in the same office for more than three consecutive terms.”

“4. A vacancy ...Directors prior to...” should read “4. A vacancy ...Directors to serve until...”

5.

The President shall:

- a. “Preside over the general meetings of the EFA membership.” should read “Preside over the meetings of the Board of Directors and the general meetings of the EFA membership.”

Article VII – Board of Directors

Par 3. d.:

Present wording: The Board of Directors shall authorize and fund an audit of the EFA account ledgers.

Proposed wording: The Board of Directors shall authorize and fund a review of the financial records of the Association as deemed appropriate by the Board.

Reason for change: The word “audit”, in the professional sense, means to examine and certify, in the highest level, financial statements and records. Professional accountants offer a lesser level of looking and analyzing financial statements called a “review”. A review includes a moderate amount of analysis and examination of the records. Previously, various members of the Association have performed an examination of the EFA records which basically amounted to a “review”. The cost of a professional audit would be prohibitive for the Association. The word “audit” as used in the bylaws was intended in a general meaning and not in the professional sense.

Par 4. A quorum of the Board shall consist of four elected Board members plus one officer.” should read “4. A quorum of the Board shall consist of four Board members including at least one officer.”

Note: The word “elected” was removed do the quorum can include an appointed director serving an unexpired term of a previously elected officer?

Article IX – Amendments

“The bylaws may be amended by the Board...” should read, “Amendments to the bylaws may be proposed by the Board at a general meeting for approval by the membership.”

Nominations for the Board

-----Original Message-----

From: Doncarlrobinson@aol.com

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rfjse@earthlink.net; EllerTJ@aol.com; Loishy@aol.com;
jrgdeller@bellsouth.net

Sent: Mon, 29 Jan 2007 10:11 AM

Subject: EFA Nominations

Please find the following nominations for officers and board of directors for 2007-2009. Election to be in Akron at EFA Conference, July, 2007

President: Edward K. Eller
Vice President: Eric Eller
Secretary - Treasurer: Roger Eller

Board of Directors:
Joe Eller (Winston Salem, NC)
Nancy Eller (Crowley, TX)
Lois Hardy (Clinton, OH)

Tom Eller (Woodland Park, CO)
Joe C. Eller (Houston, TX)

Signed by Nominating Committee:

Lynn
Nancy
Dwight

Eller Family Association Tenth Biennial Conference July 18-22, 2007 Radisson Hotel Akron/Fairlawn OH

Our plans are well on the way for our EFA meeting in July 2007:

- **Rooms are being held under the Eller Family Association name.**
 - **Each attendee will reserve his/her/couple own room.**
 - **Rooms will be held for the Association rate until June 30 2007 at a special rate of \$79.00 per night plus taxes.**
 - **Each room will receive 2 breakfast coupons each day for the full breakfast buffet.**
 - **Check in time is 3 PM and checkout time is 12 noon. Reservations must be guaranteed by credit card or deposit.**
 - **Reservations can be made by calling directly at (330)666-9300 and identify yourself as being with the Eller Family Association.**

**The Conference will be at the Radisson Hotel Akron/Fairlawn
200 Montrose West Ave. Akron, OH. 44321 (330)666-9300**

Our Tour on Friday July 20th. Will be with the Dennison Bus tours to the Amish Country, dress will be casual, and we will be eating a good lunch at an Amish restaurant which is included in the price of the tour.

Saturday night banquet will be dress up but not formal.

We are excited and looking forward to the Conference and hoping that all of you are excited about coming to Ohio for a great time. Any suggestions that anyone might have to help us with the plans for this meeting would certainly be appreciated.

We would like some help in contacting speakers for the meetings and if you would like to be one of the speakers please contact us.

We are bringing back our Silent Auction for this Conference and would like for each one to be thinking of something you could bring for this event, this was always a fun thing that we did, it can be anything, crafts or something you think others would like.

**You can contact us at any time at 2680 Delhi Dr. Clinton, OH.
or Email us at loishy@aol.com Phone #330-825-7567
Lois and Lee Hardy**

Listed is a menu for the food that will be served at the banquet, please note on your application your choice of food.

Children's menu:

- 1. *Chicken fingers, French fries, applesauce and beverage.***
- 2. *Grilled cheese, potato chips, applesauce and beverage.***
- 3. *Hot Dog, macaroni & Cheese, applesauce and beverage.***
- 4. *Hamburger or Cheeseburger, French fries, applesauce and beverage.***

Adults menu:

- 1, *Chicken Linguine***
- 2. *Prime Rib***
- 3. *Stuffed Chicken Florentine***
- 4. *Scrod Parmesan***
- 5. *Pork Chops***

All Entrees are accompanied with your choice of:

Soup du jour or House salad
Red skin potatoes or rice pilaf
Chef's choice of vegetables
Rolls and Butter
Freshly brewed coffee, decaf, tea and iced tea.

Dessert will be a cake for our EFA 20 year Anniversary.

Please duplicate the form below and send to others who may be interested in attending.

Get New Members!

The letter on the following page has been provided by Anna Bliss, Director of the Membership Committee for your use in contacting Ellers you come across to invite them to join our association. Please put your own name at the bottom. Then as you get responses do two things:

1. Schedule a social event to which you can invite the newly found Ellers.
 2. Send the newly found Eller family contact information to our Secretary, Roger Eller.
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Hello _____

Your name is Eller and we are seeking to know more families with the name Eller or with an Eller ancestry connection.

Our Membership Committee has encouraged each member of our association to contact other Eller families they encounter.

We are the Eller Family Association (EFA) founded in 1988. Our purposes include:

- To promote a sense of kinship and a consciousness of the ELLER history and tradition.
- To promote and publicize local family reunions.
- To hold a biennial family conference open all ELLER and allied family members world wide.
- To encourage the restoration and maintenance of cemeteries or other sites of meaning to various ELLER families.
- To encourage and aid genealogical and historical research on ELLER and allied families world wide.
- To encourage and assist in the publication of ELLER family histories and ELLER related genealogies.
- To publish **THE ELLER CHRONICLES**, which shall be the official publication of the Association.

The next Eller Family Association Conference will be held July 18-22, 2007 at the Radisson Hotel Akron/Fairlawn in Ohio. These meetings are held in odd-numbered years in July.

Please contact me if you are interested in:

- The genealogy of your name.
- Simply knowing other Ellers.
- Attending one of our conferences or social events.

I look forward to hearing from you and would like to know how to have our Association Secretary contact you, so let me know your preferred mailing address, phone number, and email address.

Respectfully,

Member, The Eller Family Association

EFA Conference July 2007

Plan now to attend the EFA Conference at the Radisson Hotel in Akron, Ohio July 18-22, 2007. Lois and Lee Hardy are hard at work and have completed contractual arrangements at the hotel.

Ellers Around the World and Miscellaneous Topics

Attached Message

From: judy2thefront@verizon.net
To: thomas.eller@eller.org
Subject: Belle Eller
Date: Sat, 10 Feb 2007 9:52 AM

My name is Judy Vaziri

Do you have any information about Belle Eller who lived in Vigo County, Indiana? She was born Feb 20, 1864 in Kentucky. This could have been her married name, there are other Ellers living in this area, but I thought you might have her in your data base.

Thank you for your time. Judy Vaziri

Reminder: AOL will never ask you to send us your password or credit card number in an email. This message has been scanned for known viruses.

From: troyfore@bellsouth.net
To: ellertj@aol.com
Subject: Ronald Eller, Historian
Date: Wed, 27 Dec 2006 10:54 PM

Tom:

Tonight, while I was reading the November issue of The Eller Chronicles, Georgia Public TV was re-broadcasting a 2005 production, "The Appalachians." One of the on-screen experts was Ronald J. Eller from the history department of the University of Kentucky. He would be a good speaker at a EFA conference. Here's the UK link:
<http://www.as.uky.edu/history/faculty/bios/eller.html>.

Good luck with your continued efforts with EFA. I know it is a labor of love. Thanks for that.

I am descended from John Jacob Eller.

Troy

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I have invited Ronald to be a speaker at a future EFA Biennial Conference. He was unable to attend this year. You can view his bio at
<http://www.as.uky.edu/history/faculty/bios/eller.html>
Tom Eller

January 11, 2007-The News Herald- Donaldson, TN.

Communities Mourn Loss Of Two Local Champions

By Charlotte Parrish

Golfers and auto racing afficianados from far and wide came to the same funeral home this week to join friends and neighbors paying their last respects to legendary sports figures who died at their nearby homes on Jan. 7.

The families of Ruth Eller of Hermitage, one of Tennessee's most important influences on girls' participation in golf, and of NASCAR racing driver and team owner Bobby Hamilton of Mt. Juliet received visits and condolences from hundreds of friends and admirers of their loved ones Tuesday at Hermitage Funeral Home.

Mrs. Eller, 89, of Hermitage was matriarch of the clan often called the First Family of Golf in Tennessee. Herself a proficient golfer, she was wife of the late Harold Eller, long time pro and acclaimed teacher at

Old Hickory Country Club. Their daughters, Beverly Pearce of Nashville and Judy Street of Chattanooga and her sons, Mike and Richard, grew up on the Old Hickory Club course and won numerous club, city-wide, state and regional titles as youths and adults. Mike developed and operates Hermitage Golf Club.

In 1964 Mr. and Mrs. Eller founded the Tennessee Junior Golf Association, of which she was president until it was absorbed by Tennessee Golf Association in 2000. The Ellers were named "Golf Family of the Year" by the National Golf Association in 1993. She won Old Hickory Country Club's ladies golf championship several times, as well as numerous tournaments and served for 17 years as a United States Golf Association committee-woman.

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Ruth Eller

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The rotating trophy presented each year to winner of the Tennessee Junior Girls Golf Tournament is given in her honor, and each year Tennessee's and Canada's best junior girl golfers compete for the Ruth Eller Challenge Cup.

Mrs. Eller's funeral was conducted by Pastor Mark Koch at Ascension Lutheran Church on Jan. 10, followed by burial at Hermitage Memorial Gardens.

She is survived by her children, Mike, Judy and Beverly; sister Ann Gordon of Hendersonville and brother William B. Shouse Jr., of Birmingham, eleven grandchildren and 14 great-grandchildren.

In addition to her husband, Mrs. Eller was preceded in death by her oldest son Richard; her parents William B. and Annie Black Lamberson Shouse of Fort Worth, TX; sister Helen Fields of Old Hickory and five other sisters (including two born with her as triplets) who died as infants.

Jan. 22, 2007

To: Thomas J. Eller
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Harold and Ruth, Beverly and Judy attended the formation meeting of EFA in Salisbury, NC in Aug 1989, but have never attended one since.

They were written up in the EFA Chronicles a few years ago.

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family attended the formation meeting of the EFA in Salisbury, NC in August 1989. They were written up in the Eller Chronicles some years ago.

Reminder: Telephonic board meetings are scheduled for the second Sunday night in July, January, April, July and October. Please communicate with the members of the board on the issues they will be deciding at the meetings. Many thanks to Paula Eller for continuing to provide telephone conference bridge service that enables these meetings.

From: eller_g@bellsouth.net
TO: ellertj@aol.com
Subject: [Eller} Vietnam War Memorial – The Wall – Eller Names
Date: Thu, 28 Dec 2006 12:38 PM

Hi Tom,
Thought you might be able to use this for the Chronicles.

Best Regards,
George

George sent me several pages of text, but due to computer difficulties I do not have it available to put in the Chronicles—Please see the URL below and other associated links. Simply enter ELLER and click begin search. There you can read the items George sent me. Tom Eller

<http://thewall-usa.com/>

Listings

Charles Leroy Eller of Warrensville, NC b. Mar 10 1947
d. Nov 17 1965. Panel 03E-Line 75

John Arthur Eller of Norfolk, VA b Aug 29 1943 d. Aug
23 1968. Panel 47W-Line 40

Lawrence William Eller of Ferguson, NC b. Jun 17 1948
d. April 10 1968. Panel 49E-Line 10

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To apply for membership to the Eller Family Association

To report a change of address

To report a failure to receive *The Eller Chronicles*

To purchase back copies of *The Eller Chronicles*

To purchase the book *George Michael Eller and Descendants of His in America* by James W.

Hook (1957, reprinted 1995) @ \$40 ea

To order copies of the book *John Jacob Eller and His Descendants* by J. Gerald Eller,

Edward K. Eller, and Janine Eller Porter (1998)

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