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KILLIANS IN THE NEWS

by G W Killian

Killians appear in the news from time to time. Here are some nuggets I found in my files.

KILLIAN HIGH SCHOOL

Miami, Florida

Two old newspaper articles make a reference to the Killian High School in Miami, Florida. For whom is it named? When was it named? How big is it? Surely someone who lives in Florida, or who goes there, will be able to determine the facts and let us know. Please help.

A 1975 article which mentions the Killian High School tells of a Steve Southerland who had lost his left leg to halt the spread of cancer. Steve became a pen pal with Teddy Kennedy, Jr. who had also lost a leg.

In a 1969 newspaper picture one boy is shown boosting his little brother to help him get a drink at a fountain in the Killian High School.

CARL D KILLIAN SR & JR (RINs 4821 & 12963)

Dr. Carl Dan Killian, Sr died 29 Jan 1975. He was the retired dean of the Western Carolina University School of Education and Psychology and former state senator. From the state's first Guidance Clinic, which he established at Western Carolina in 1938, ultimately came two programs that became state and national models - a special school for intellectually gifted children and special educational programs for the mentally retarded. Dr. Killian

awakened state and national awareness of the special needs of exceptional children.

There were other achievements. One achievement would have to be the accomplishments of his son, I think an only child. A few months after the death of Dr. Carl Dan Killian, Sr. I found an article about his son, Carl Dan Killian, Jr. The article announced that he had been awarded a Fullbright Hayes Fellowship for graduate study in St. Gallin, Switzerland during the 1975-76 academic year. His studies would have an emphasis on the Swiss economy. He had been assistant to the head of the School of Design at Harvard University. He was a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill and had studied at George Washington University and Harvard and spent one year at Frei University in Berlin, Germany and another year at Lyon, France.

Dan Killian, Jr. had published an 800-page book which analyzes foreign investments entitled *A Foreign Direct Investment Strategy for New England.* While in Germany he wrote a book *Paths to Power* that traced the political career of Willie Brandt. Early in 1975 he and Prof. Stuart Mandell of Lowell Technical Institute completed a 300-page research report, *An Analysis of Foreign Investments in Selected Areas of the United States.*

Who can tell us what this young man has done since 1975?

The above articles and information was provided in 1976 by Corinne Alley Killian of Waynesville, NC.

THE INTERNET, THE WEB & GENEALOGY

by Terri Clayton & Gerald Affeldt (RINs 29587 & 22333)

with footnotes by George W. Killian

Those of us who are grandparents grew up with the automobile and can hardly imagine being without one. Some of our grandparents never learned to drive a car. Our grandchildren are growing up with the Internet and World Wide Web and when they are adults they will marvel at how we lived without it. The Internet and World Wide Web are surely destined to change the world at least as much as TV has. A computer can do many things for you

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including making it much easier to write your personal and family history.

One of the new and exciting things you can do with a computer is genealogy on the Internet. As more people get "on-line" everyday, those interested in genealogy post some or all of their files on web pages. Also numerous free and pay sites have Gedcom's and other data on-line for downloading. The web was responsible for getting ¹Crete Killian's descendants into **George's** database. What used to take weeks can sometimes be done in a few minutes, and responses to e-mail can be as fast. It won't do the work for you, but it can get you in contact with other researchers working on the same family lines, and opens up other possibilities.

There are numerous places on the Internet for genealogy, but we're just going to discuss the World Wide Web. For those of you who have never been on the Internet, it's basically everybody in the world, who has one, web pages. They can be pictures, sounds, video or just plain text. Almost all are linked to other web pages of the same type. As an example, ²our web page, [http://micosaur.granitecity.com] has a picture of **Andreas Killian's** monument, and links to our other pages, which include, our entire database, family pictures, other researchers whose lines tie into ours, and other sites with genealogical information. Our page is also listed on other researcher's sites.

No discussion about genealogy on the web is complete without listing several sites. The first is Cyndi's List of Genealogical Sites on the Internet at [http://www.cyndislist.com] As of this writing, it contains over 40,150 links, categorized & cross-referenced, in over 90 categories. You can find many websites related to genealogy through it. A lot of time and effort went into this site, which is frequently updated. She also put out a book for the beginner, "Netting Your Ancestor's" which is an excellent source. It explains a lot of the terms and how-to's of getting on the Internet and doing genealogical research.

The next is Rootsweb. They want to "make large volumes of data available to the online genealogical community at minimal cost. To provide support services to online genealogical activities such as USENET newsgroup moderation, mailing list maintenance, surname list generation, etc.". They have the support hardware and software for running most surname and location mailing lists, searchable databases and the USGenWeb Project. They are located at: [http://www.rootsweb.com]

The USGenWeb Project is a group of websites, one for each county in the US. All are linked together, through their state page, back to the main USGenWeb page. It began as a place to list surnames you're researching and queries on the county page and other information about the county, all related to genealogy. It has grown through the work of volunteers, and their newer projects include transcribing the entire US Census and putting it on-line for each county, and transcriptions of all cemetery tombstones online for each county. This is all done with the work of volunteers, and is a major undertaking. They are located at: [http://www.usgenweb.org]

The final is Gendex. It contains all the people, on multiple websites submitted by the owners, in a searchable database. The list of people is all that is on this site, but clicking on a listed person, takes you to where the data is. There are presently 2700 databases

¹ I, G W Killian, am not "on-line" but with the computer and e-mail I have contacted people and added thousands of names to my data base, and helped others with information they wanted.

² Each Letters and period etc are vital and must be typed exactly, don't add any spaces. It is merely an "address". In this text such addresses are placed between square brackets []. The brackets are not part of the address. It may look strange, but probably no more strange than your mailing address would look to George Washington.

indexed in the system. They are located at: [http://www.gendex.com]

These are the main free sites we use. There are many other sites we haven't mentioned. If you decide to go on-line, and try out these sites, drop us an e-mail line at [micosaur@granitecity.com] and say hello. Many local libraries now offer Internet access, if you're not sure, give it a try there first. You may just find the answer to that brick wall in your way.

PEANUTS CARTOON BY SCHULTZ

published 11 Dec 1971

In a *Peanuts* cartoon I have saved for many years **Lucy** and **Snoopy** are on the ice. She says "This morning we'll work on our Dutch Waltz - we start in the *Killian* position." In the next box she adds "The man's hand is firmly on the hip of his partner, and the girl presses her hand firmly on his-" **Snoopy** replies "How Cozy!. In the last box **Lucy** says "We're going to be the best act in the show." and **Snoopy** replies "Stick with me, sweetie, and you'll go places!"

LINZA KILLION

From a 1969 newspaper I have a picture with the following text below the picture - *Governor Linza T. Killion and his parents, Mr. and Mrs. George T. Killion, Portageville, MO watching the assembly.* Above the picture is the following text *MBS Governor, Linza Killion and Kyle E. Martin from Raytown were selected to represent Missouri at The American Legion Boys Nation which is to be held in Washington, D.C. July 18-25 1969.*

Who is he? What does "MBS" stand for?

DR. D. W. KILLIAN

A newspaper article of Jan 1973 tells of a **D. W. Killian** and another doctor at the Bronx State Hospital (NY) and some things they did to motivate psychotic and senile patients.

I have no idea who **D. W. Killian** may be, do you?

PULLMAN CAR IS "HOME" FOR DAVID KILLIAN

New York Times Sunday 3 October 1971

This article has two pictures and 26 inches of newspaper column text. The headline is *Pullman Car Is Home for 3 Soldiers.* The three include Specialist **David Killian** and explains how the three have found a home in a 65-ton Pullman railroad car that was parked on an unused siding at the Army electronics command post (in Fort Monmouth, NJ).

Post official had ruled that the car meets the letter, if not the spirit, of Army regulations covering mobile homes. **David Killian** was said to be from Seattle, WA. **Killian** and his companion had bought the Pullman, which cost \$220,000 when it was built in 1950, for about \$15,000

The Pullman car had an interesting history and the name *Mountain View*. It was one of two similar cars and was used by the Pennsylvania Railroad's Broadway Limited, which ran between New York and Chicago until 1966. The *Mountain View* was given a new coat of blue paint in 1969 and included in the special train that headed west to Promontory Point, UT to commemorate the 100th anniversary of the driving of the golden spike that signified the linking of both coasts by rail.

Does anyone know who this **David Killian** is? I don't. Where is he and the rail car now?

DIALING YOUR OWN - EASIER TO BUY PHONES

In the Friday 14 October 1977 *Wall Street Journal* (WSJ) there was an article over thirty column-inches long about how few people were buying rather than leasing their phone. At that time anyone who had his own phone was required to pay a special rate for so-called "protective devices", thereby making phone ownership an uneconomical proposition.

The Supreme Court had removed the last vestige of the phone monopoly. Much of the article dealt with what might be expected to happen. Of course the predictions were wrong!

Near the end of the Wall Street Journal text mention was made of the Rochester Telephone Corporation which serves the area where I, **George W. Killian**, live and how even a few months prior to the Supreme Court ruling the Rochester Telephone Corp began selling customers their phones at \$22.95 and reducing the monthly bill by 80¢. I will now quote the last two paragraphs of the WSJ article.

"To date, 1,200 of the company's customers have bought 1,800 phones. Explains one of the buyers, **George Killian**,: "In a little over two years, I would have paid the purchase price in rental fees." He expects his phone to last much longer than that, however.

More important, if Mr. **Killian's** monthly service bill does go up as a result of Rochester's action, it won't be by much. Company officials say their studies show that at the most, they will need to raise rates 1% to compensate for lost rental revenue."

End quote from WSJ text. I am the **George Killian** that was interviewed. It was a telephone interview. The WSJ writer contacted Rochester Telephone to ask for someone who had purchased a phone and they provided my name.

I have always been a "telephone nut". Indeed my object in studying Electrical Engineering was to be able to work in the telephone industry. Would you believe that my wife and I have six phones in our home? When we go to Texas for the winter we use three phone in our small apartment.

Today very few lease their phone from the phone company. Phones now have many features not dreamed of in 1977 when this article was written.

JOE KILLIAN STUDYING MIME

Rochester, NY July 1977

A newspaper article pictured **Joe Killian** of Detroit, Michigan who was in Rochester taking a program from the Mime Workshop. From the picture I would estimate his age at 20 plus or minus a couple years.

Who is **Joe Killian**? Where is he now? Does anyone know him? I don't.

GILBERT RAYMOND KILLIAN

1898 - 1964 [RIN 16]

From the very low RIN number you may rightly guess that **Gilbert** is closely related to me, he is my uncle, one of my father's younger brothers. He died in 1964 in a car accident in Indiana while on the way to visit children in both NY and VA. Would you believe that a few years later when I was working on entering data in my computer on relatives I was not able to find where the accident was, and the place of death. My mother, a sister-in-law, and his children did not agree on the place. One son "knew" he recalled the place. It finally turned out to be wrong. A few years ago I found a contemporary newspaper article which stated that the death was in Putnamville, IN. When his son was shown this article his memory was jogged and he agreed that it was right.

This demonstrates that events should be recorded when they are current.

Gilbert Killian and his wife enjoyed Japanese art and decorations including bonsai trees. Beside their home in Webster Groves, MO they had arranged a small garden with Japanese decorations and plants. In 1975 **Gilbert's** wife, **May**, contributed a "kasuga" lantern to the St. Louis, MO Botanical Garden. It was placed in their 40 acre Shaw's Japanese Garden on 26 Oct 1975. The "kasuga" lantern stands about seven feet high.

GEORGE KILLIAN FREED AFTER FINE PAID

This is from the 28 Jul 1972 Scranton, PA Tribune. It states that **George Killian**, proprietor of the Rendezvous Lounge, 53 S. Main St., Pittston, was arrested by Pittston Police last Friday and was charged with disorderly conduct. He was fined \$100 plus \$15 costs.

I have no idea who this may be - It is not me!

LUVENA KILLIAN

a granddaughter of **Jacob Killian**
who was a grandson of **John Killian**
who was a son of **Andreas Killian**

Luvena Killian was born in 1881 and died in 1978. She lived in Bollinger Co., MO all her life, except for a few months. In 1971 she was featured in the *Banner Press* (weekly) of Bollinger Co., MO. There were two pictures each of which showed her in different groups of five generations. She first married a **John William Yount** who was descended from **Marellis Killian**, a sister to her grandfather **Jacob Killian**. After the death of **John Yount** she married **John Farmer**. One of the five generation pictures was through her **Yount** marriage and the other through her **Farmer** marriage.

Does anyone else have a five generation picture?

JOHN KILLION, INDIANA REV. WAR PENSIONER

1758 - 1834

This is the article I was really searching for when I searched old files in my file cabinet.

This man has been a mystery to me, and others, for many years. My best information on him is in my book under the "Wills" section and includes a long text of a legal document wherein he applied for a pension as a revolutionary war soldier. Over the years he has been found and mentioned several times by many people who believe they are descended from him. I have not been able to conclude any manner in which he is related to the **Andreas Killian** line.

The newspaper article I found was from the front page of the 9 Oct 1968 issue of the *Shoals News* of Shoals, Indiana. It features a story about **John Killion** and the DAR dedication of a Marker for him. The new marker gives his dates as 20 Jun 1758 and 17 Sept 1834. It is beside an original gravestone which was dark and very difficult to read with reliability, from the picture. But I believe one should have read the original death date as in 1839. If this is the same **John Killion** as the pensioner the death could not have been in 1834 as the pension proceedings include papers dated in 1835. In the pension records he states that he does not know the exact date of his birth, but that it was recorded in his father's bible, in the German language, and that it was June 1759. Shoales is in Martin Co., IN and borders Daviess Co on the west and Orange Co on the east. The legal proceedings were in Orange Co., and many **Killions** are known to have lived in Daviess Co., in the early 1800s.

Who is **John Killion** the pensioner? Please write to me if you want copies of the newspaper article or a record of his pension

application (typed on 4 pages from a photo copy of the original). Please send \$1. each if desired.

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175TH BIRTHDAY OF ASBURY CHURCH

My find of old papers also included a copy of the program for the above mentioned celebration and a page of the Sunday 3 Oct 1976 *Asheville Citizen-Times* which devoted a full page to the event. This church is of historical interest to The **Killian** Family because the church was born in the log cabin home of **Daniel Killian**. **Daniel Killian** built a special chair for use of the famed **Bishop Francis Asbury**. **Daniel** was one of the sons of **Andreas**. **Daniel** deeded several acres to be used for "a church and burying ground forever." The first church was built after 1832. It was first called Beaverdam Methodist Church. That building was replaced in 1879 and was then called Mt. Pleasant Church. That building was replaced in 1927 by a brick building.

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THE KILLIAN SCHOOL IN MISSOURI

A one-room school, known as the **Killian** School was mentioned in the second 1995 issue of *The Killian Family Newsletter*. The school was in Missouri, and called the **Killian** School as it was built on land donated by **Killian, Killians** and their relatives dominated the student body for many years and several also served as teachers. My photo album, and the file cabinet yielded a 1904 photo of the school, students and former students at a picnic social. There are seventy people in the picture and more than half of them are **Killians**, or later married **Killians**. In 1969 My Aunt identified everyone in the picture and knew who was dead or alive, and where most lived at that time. She may very well be the only one still living. She is nearing 100 and still writes a beautiful letter and knows a great deal about the family. For decades she has been a principal source of information.

My cousins should have a copy of this photograph and list of names in their family records.

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DESCENDANTS OF MARGARET KILLIAN DAUGHTER OF ANDREAS

There was a time, not too many years ago, when we knew almost nothing about her descendants. Now we have 1,842 of her descendants including 671 spouses. A few months ago I heard from **Mary Kathleen Kelley** and **Raymond Sidney Kelley** (second cousins) who look to **Margaret** as an ancestor. It is remarkable that they found the relationship. It is usually very difficult to trace a line back through the females, and that is what they had to do. To get from **Margaret** to **Mary** it was a female line in most generations. Starting with **Mary Kathleen Kelley**, her father was **Eunice Francis Kelley**, his father was **Banner Haven Kelley**, his mother was **Louisa Morgan**, her mother was **Adelaine Hale**, her mother was **Margaret Lucas**, her mother was **Margaret Price**, and her mother was **Margaret Killian**, **Andreas** daughter.

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REVOLUTIONARY WARD POWDER HORN

The same **Daniel Killian** associated with the Asbury Church is said to have had a powder horn that was passed down the male line. It is said to be in the possession of a **Daniel Killian** of Oklahoma. I have been unable to contact him. It was a relative who provided the information many years ago. I had forgotten about it but found it in my files recently.

FIRST BABY OF 1975 IN PERRY CO., MO

Holly Ann Sutterer born 2 Jan 1975

Another old paper announces the birth of **Holly Ann Sutterer**. **Holly's** great grandmother was **Clara Julia Killian** (1896 - 1987). **Clara** is descended from **Andreas** through his son **John**. **Clara** is an aunt to **George W. Killian**, editor. **Holly Ann** and her family received an assortment of gifts as the first baby of Perry Co., MO in 1975.

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KEEPING UP TO DATE

Is the data for your family up to date in my files? Remember one of my objects is to place copies of my records in the largest genealogical library in the world so that in the future our descendants, who may become interested in tracing their roots, will be able to find it. Although I submit all the data on people I have in my files it does not all go into their records for access by the public. Because of a right of privacy they do not put data on people, born less than about 100 years ago, in the public record (unless the data was submitted by the person his/herself). I have not gotten a clear answer if they will add people at an appropriate time.

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OLD NEWSPAPER ARTICLES

Do you have old newspaper articles? If you do would you please send me a photo copy if you are willing to have it abstracted and included in a future issue of *The Killian Family Newsletter*. Please try to provide the date of the article and the name of the paper in which it was published.

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THE KILLIAN REUNION

Jim Green, and others, suggested that the "SSS" reunion include at least two days to provide an opportunity to exchange more information, tour cemeteries and visit old **Killian** sites. If this idea appeals to you please write to one of the addresses given in the box on the front page. A Longer reunion would probably attract people from a greater distance who can't justify coming for just a few hours.