

# Killian Family Newsletter

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## President's Points February 2009 Celebrating Our Associations' 75th Year

Hello cousins,

I am Dan Sipe the current president of the Andreas Killian Association of North Carolina. I am a proud descendant of Andreas Killian. I live in York, SC a short distance from Catawba and Lincoln counties of North Carolina. My mother was Ezzie Charles Killian Sipe. I hope this writing finds you and yours doing great.

### **2008 Reunion Recap**

I want to say a word of thanks to those of you on the executive committee who worked diligently at our SSS Killian Reunion last September 2008, in Hickory, N.C. It was a large effort by all involved. Our host church for 2009 again is Mt Zion Lutheran Church on County Home Road, Conover, N.C and adjacent to Sipe Orchards Home. Friday night eating was a good time of fellowship and getting acquainted. The presentation by Siegfried Hackbarth on the Arzbach area of Germany was very interesting to hear since we now have information about Andreas from the general area. "Segi" is a good friend of my brother Major Max Sipe our chaplain. "Segi" grew up in the area and came to the United States as baker and later became an officer in the Salvation Army. The total number attending was about 46. The Saturday tours and genealogy workshops were also well attended, exciting and informative. John Smith of the Catawba County Historical Society presented a lot of information on researching the Killian family in the state archives. A big word of thanks to the Killian Hardware museum and Motor Sports classic cars showroom. Bob, Rick, Teresa and Andy Killian worked hard to pull this off so well. We owe them a debt of gratitude!!! The genealogy workshop was a busy place Saturday afternoon back at Mt Zion. We had large number of attendees. There was a lot of networking and getting to know genealogical lines. Several people were helped in finding out about their ancestors and meeting new cousins. Work was begun by the executive committee with our cousin lawyer Chip Killian in obtaining non-profit status in 2009. Chip is researching this for us. This permits donations to be tax deductible, help us establish trust funds, perform memorial projects and perpetuate the Killian Assn efforts financially.

Our yearly business meeting was held and several items were voted on. The Saturday evening dinner crowd drew about 20 people at the local cafeteria. We had several cousins in attendance Sunday morning at Mt. Zion during worship. The catered lunch commenced at 1:00 PM at Mt Zion. We had a short program by Melinda Herzog, executive director of Catawba County Historical Association. Her presentation was the "Polio Epidemic in Hickory, 1944-1945". (The 1944 and 1945 reunions were cancelled due to the epidemic.) The attendance was about 60 people. It was exciting to see cousins from Missouri, Tennessee, Georgia, Alabama, South Carolina, and North Carolina. We read letters from our cousins in several states who could not attend.

### **Current Happenings**

The new book on Killians is continuing with Cheryl Killian as the editor. Cheryl has worked tirelessly to get this book moving along. Publication and non-profit sales are planned to coincide with our 75<sup>th</sup> year celebration.

**This September 2009 we will celebrate the 75th Year of Killian reunions! The reunion planning began November 16, 2008 by the executive committee at Mt Zion church.** We had good attendance and covered a critique of the 2007 reunion. Several improvement suggestions were made and committees were created to support our 75<sup>th</sup> reunion, September 11-13, 2009. Our final meeting is to be February 8, 2009 to finalize it all. Hotels, meeting times, tours, activities, etcetera will be made then. Information will be posted to [www.andreaskillian.com](http://www.andreaskillian.com) as soon as it becomes available. Please mark your calendars now to attend the SSS Killian Reunion- Celebrating 75 years.

### **Postscript**

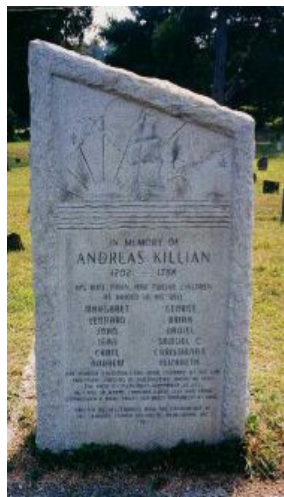
The most interesting thing that occurred this past year was a cold November trip to Christiansburg Virginia looking for information on Andreas' daughter Margaret Killian Price. Please look for Sandy Phillips' article in this newsletter for more information.

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## George W. Killian and wife Shirley have moved

The move to our new home was quite sudden. We were in our last home for 25 years and we thought it would be "our last home". We had lived in the same county for most of the prior 60 years. Our son's job was moved to Syracuse, NY area about 80 miles east of our former home in Fairport. We felt that at our ages it would be expedient to live near him and are now about a mile from him. Our health is good. I had a mild stroke in Jun 2006. There are no obvious consequences, but I am older [85 this year] and move and think and remember slower. I keep adding information to my database and update it at the start of each month. The database may be seen by going to [www.RootsWeb.com](http://www.RootsWeb.com) click on tab "family trees" scroll down and in box under "jump to a specific database" enter Killian

You can select any name alphabetically and look at their pedigree. It is RootsWeb policy not to display any data for living people. My own data display as I have deceived RootsWeb by placing an entry on the line that would normally have my death date. Thus they think I am dead and display my personal data and many notes about the database.

Bill Hinds' data base is also at RootsWeb and may be viewed by entering killion instead of killian. Our information has many overlaps and several areas that do not agree. Neither of us try to include all the information of the other. We exchange our respective databases from time to time.

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## Killian Book Report

In a few short months I am to have a new book printed for The Killian Association's 75 Year Reunion. In the beginning I envisioned a booklet similar to the one published by J. Yates Killian in 1939, with chapters written by a descendant of the associated family lines—each child of Andreas. The association officers at the 2006 SSS Reunion thought with the vast amount of information available the new information should be formatted into a 300 page hard back book. With the help of Ed R. Killian the new Killian book was formatted. My brother-in-law Johnny Killian gave me direction and insight to accomplish the task. Johnny died this past April and Ed has withdrawn from the project.

While I do not think a hard back book is feasible at this time, I have not given up on my original idea. The association needs a new publication and the association will have a new publication printed for the 2009 SSS Killian Reunion. It will not be a hard back book, but a booklet much like the J. Yates Killian publication. Linda Hoyle has submitted a brief history of J. Yates Killian and has the new history of John's family in 'the works'. George W Killian has submitted his chapter on his father Cletus. Wayne Setzer has submitted a history of the Samuel C. family. Dan Sipe with the help of Jimmie Price, Joe Killian and Sandy Phillips is working on the history of Margaret's family. Wayne Milam has the information ready for the Andrew JR chapter. I am awaiting other chapters.

The hard back book was to include a CD with histories of the later generations, Andreas' Great-Grandchildren forward. This idea is no longer part of my mission. My mission is to publish a new booklet of "The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian, His Children and His Grandchildren". If you have information available on Andreas, his children and grandchildren please rush it to me to include in the new booklet. For the later generations, the Killian Family Newsletter would love to publish your articles. The editor (my husband Charles) is always looking for items of interest to print, such as the "Captain John Killian" article in this issue.

Respectfully,

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State of North Carolina.

# This Indenture

made the *twenty first* day of *July* in the year of our  
 Lord one thousand eight hundred and *thirty* and in the *XI* 55<sup>th</sup>  
 year of the independence of the said state, between *Andrew Hoyle Esq*  
*Chairman of the County Court of Lincoln County of the*  
*one part & John Lutz of the other*  
 WITNESSETH, that the said *Andrew Hoyle Esq* as aforesaid

*John Lutz an orphan boy* doth put, place and bind unto the said  
*Andrew M. Killian*  
*about 18 months of age*  
 with the said *John Lutz* to live after the manner  
 of an apprentice and servant until the said apprentice shall attain the age of  
 \_\_\_\_\_ years, during all the time the said apprentice  
 shall faithfully shall serve his said Master and his commands every where  
 gladly obey, he shall not at any time absent himself from his said  
 Master's services without leave, but in all things as a good and faithful ser-  
 vant shall behave towards his said Master and the said *John Lutz*  
 doth covenant, promise and agree, to and with the  
 said *Andrew Hoyle Esq* Chairman that he will teach and  
 instruct, or cause to be taught and instructed, the said *Andrew M. Killian*  
*18 months schooling* to learn to read and write, and also the art and mystery  
 of a *farmer* And to deliver *an orphan* to the  
 Court at the expiration of his apprenticeship

And that he will constantly find and provide for the said apprentice,  
 during the term aforesaid, sufficient diet, washing, lodging and apparel, fitting  
 for an apprentice; and also all other things necessary, both in sickness and in  
 health. In witness whereof the parties to these presents have interchangeably  
 set their hands and seals, the day and year first above written.

Sealed and Delivered  
in the Presence of

*Paragon Roberts*

*Andrew Hoyle Esq*

*John Lutz*

At the 2008  
 reunion, our guess  
 speaker John Smith,  
 VP of the Catawba  
 County  
 Genealogical  
 Society  
 gave a talk about  
 available NC  
 research material.  
 This 1830 indenture  
 was among the  
 material.

This Andrew M  
 Killian born about  
 1828 is not in the  
 database of George  
 Weldon Killian and  
 is unknown to me.  
 I believe him to be  
 Andrew Miles  
 Killian of:  
 1850 York co, SC.  
 1860 Fulton co, GA  
 1870 DeKalb co,  
 GA and Dallas co,  
 AL.  
 1880 DeKalb co,  
 GA.

Miles A. Killian  
 born Feb 1829 died  
 aft 1900 GA. He  
 married abt 1854 to  
 a Lucy L born July  
 1835 died after  
 1910.

Children:  
 Augusta/Adolphus  
 Killian born abt  
 1855 GA died after  
 1920-Living in Los  
 Angeles CA in  
 1920.  
 William A Killian  
 born Feb 1859 GA  
 died after 1910.  
 Mary Killian born  
 1859 GA  
 Susan G Killian  
 born abt 1862 GA.  
 Ella J Killian born  
 about 1875 GA died  
 after 1910 married  
 Robert L Hadden  
 about 1892.

One of the above  
 children of Miles  
 and Lucy died  
 before the 1900  
 census.

## Pennsylvania Dutch Are Of German Heritage, Not Dutch

The people known as the Pennsylvania Dutch, often falsely depicted in travel advertisements by the tourist industry with images of a little Holland Dutch girl with wooden shoes, are not Dutch, but are of German and German speaking heritage. They are the descendants of the early German speaking settlers of the inland counties of Pennsylvania who arrived in Pennsylvania prior to the Revolutionary War and the War of 1812. Large scale immigration to Pennsylvania and the other rebelling colonies was for the most part stopped by the British just prior to the start of the Revolutionary War and was much restricted after that war ended by continuing British interference in the new country's trade and affairs until after the War of 1812. By far, most were German. But if not specifically German, they were more likely to be German speaking Swiss or German speaking refugee French Huguenots, rather than Holland Dutch. These early German speaking settlers of Pennsylvania formed a culturally unique people and are more correctly described as the Pennsylvania Germans.

Thus, because of modern commercial distortions of their true heritage, some beginning genealogists when starting to research the Pennsylvania Dutch assume the term refers to a group of people who were natives of Holland. The purpose of this article is to aide beginning Pennsylvania genealogy researchers by clarifying the true heritage of most of the people described as the Pennsylvania Dutch. How did this misnomer come about? There are several theories:

1. In the 15th and 16th centuries, the English referred to all people of Germanic heritage as Dutch or Dutchmen regardless of whether they came from the Netherlands or from lands now known as Germany. If differentiated, however, they were referred to by the English as the Low Dutch (Low German) for the Netherlanders and the High Dutch (High German) for the Germans and German speaking Swiss, referring to the elevation of their native lands. However, after the United Provinces (the Netherlands) became an independent state, and competition and even wars developed between England and the Netherlands, the English language terms for these two people began to diverge such that by the 17th century the Netherlanders were referred to as the Dutch and the people from areas now in Germany where referred to as Germans. Thus, some theorize that the phrase Pennsylvania Dutch is a linguistic carry over from the earlier, broader usage of the word Dutch.
2. The German word for German is "Deutsch". Thus, if a person described themselves as a Pennsylvania "Deutschman", he meant Pennsylvania German. Thus, recent generations of English speaking people in the United States, corrupted the pronunciation and spelling to Pennsylvania "Dutchman".
3. The Dutch predominantly settled in New Amsterdam (now New York). The Germans predominantly settled in southeastern Pennsylvania, in the inland counties of Northampton, Berks, Lancaster, Lehigh, Montgomery, Bucks, and others. Some very early Palatine German refugees were settled in New York by the British. However, most of these eventually migrated overland to Pennsylvania where William Penn offered religious freedom and better treatment. The languages sound similar to the untrained ear. Because of similarities in the sound of the language, some people theorize that the Pennsylvania Germans were called Pennsylvania Dutch by the English to differentiate them geographically from the similar sounding New York Dutch.
4. Most of the German immigrants sailed to Pennsylvania from Dutch ports, such as Rotterdam and Amsterdam in Holland, after coming down the Rhine River from Germany. Thus, English speaking people may have confused them as being Dutch because the ship lists reported they embarked for the new world from Dutch ports. Thus, some people may have incorrectly thought these Palatine Germans and other German speaking people were Dutch.
5. Dutch Reformed congregations in New York and Holland provided financial and spiritual assistance to the early German Reformed congregations in Pennsylvania due to their shared spiritual beliefs. Dutch ministers, who were also fluent in German, preached to the early PA German settlers in order to insure the Reformed faith was nurtured and grew in the early settlements until such time as the German Reformed Church was solidly established. With the Dutch church heavily involved with the early settlers, this could have further confused the true heritage of these early German speaking settlers as viewed by the English speaking settlers.

Whatever the exact reason for the improper identification of their true heritage, it took root, even among the descendants of the Pennsylvania Germans themselves. This was aided by the decline of the use of the German language by these people. It also gained more acceptance during the two world wars with Germany, when many Pennsylvania Germans did not discourage the confusion of their true ancestry because of the large public backlash against people of German sympathy and nationality, which occurred in this country during the wars. Many of the more recent Germans who arrived in the USA from the modern country of Germany in the late 1800's and early 1900's were openly sympathetic to German causes in the time periods just prior to both WWI and WWII. So the PA Germans, who by the 1900's had very, very deep roots in Pennsylvania, politically and socially wanted to distance themselves from these newly arrived nationalistic Germans who strongly identified with the political issues and positions of the "fatherland". So the PA Germans did not mind being called PA Dutch in those times. The PA Dutch moniker differentiated them from the more nationalistic recent Germans immigrants and thus it somewhat protected the PA Germans from the backlash against the recent nationalistic German immigrants which occurred when the wars started.

Today the tourist industry promotes the Pennsylvania Dutch and Pennsylvania Dutch Country as a tourist attraction because of the quaintness of the people, their architecture, their culture, and their crafts. The various Pennsylvania German heritage societies continue to try and counter and correct the commercialization of the corruption of the true heritage of these people, but it is almost like trying to fight the wind. This article was written to aide the inexperienced researcher of Pennsylvania names to recognize that most of the early settlers of the inland counties of southeastern Pennsylvania were German and/or German speaking and not Dutch.

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## Captain John Killian

### 25 April 1796 - 10 November 1858

By Michael Berger 3<sup>rd</sup> Great-grandson of John Killian by Letha Jane's family line

This is the first of two installments of the history of Captain John Killian. He descends from Andreas Killian through his son John Killian and Elizabeth Zimmerman.

John Killian was born April 25, 1796 in Lincoln County, North Carolina. His father was Philip Killian and his mother was Mary Hoskins. Not much is known about John's childhood. His family moved to Missouri after the War of 1812. They were among the first settlers there. Missouri became a territory in 1812 and a state in 1821. There, he met and courted a widow by the name of Lydia Ann Hopper Conley. Lydia was born October 11, 1795 in Burke County, North Carolina. Her parents were Thomas Hopper and Rebecca.

John married Lydia Hopper on August 25, 1818 in Howard County, Missouri. John and Lydia settled down in Lexington, Lafayette, Missouri and began raising a family. Lydia had three young daughters from her first marriage; Susan, Rebecca Emma and Mary Ann. John and Lydia had their first son, George Hamilton, on September 10, 1819. A second son, Thomas, was born on April 30, 1821. Their first daughter, Letha Jane, was born on October 11, 1822. Their next child was Nancy, born on April 17, 1824. Franklin was born the next year in 1825. At this time the Killian family made a small move and Almira Josephine was born in Perry County, Missouri on March 27, 1827. The last child, Jacob, was born in Caldwell County, Missouri on December 31, 1828.

While living in Caldwell County the family met Oliver Cowdery, who was one of the six original members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. John joined the Church in September 1831 and was baptized by Oliver.

John was called to serve a mission to Kentucky on August 7, 1834. His companion was Jesse Hitchcock, who later married one of Lydia's sisters, Kisiah. Before he could leave for Kentucky, Lydia Ann passed away on October 18, 1834. The older children took care of the younger children so John could serve his mission. He served as a leader of the mission for several years.

John returned from his mission to what is now called Far West, Missouri. He was remarried on August 28, 1837 to Sarah (Sally) McClure. Sally was a cousin of his first wife, Lydia.

The members of the Church started to face ever increasing hostilities from the local citizens. John became a captain in the Caldwell County Militia during this time. He was called upon several occasions to protect the members of the Church from mob violence. Sidney Rigdon wrote; "The militia of the County of Caldwell were now all under requisition, armed and equipped according to law. The mob, after all the authority of the state had been recalled except from the force of Caldwell county, commenced the work of destruction in earnest, showing a determination to accomplish their object. Far West, where I resided, which was the shire town of Caldwell County, was placed under the charge of a captain by the name of John Killian, who made my house his headquarters."

Things came to a head in November 1838 with the order for all members of the LDS Church to be expelled from the state of Missouri. It was in this harsh winter that they walked to Illinois with what little they had. For a time they found refuge in Quincy, Adams, Illinois. It was there that Sally gave birth to a daughter, Harriet Emma, on March 10, 1839.

The members of the Church soon found a new place to live. They called the city Nauvoo, which means beautiful. John and his family moved to an area across the Mississippi River from Nauvoo in the town of Montrose, Lee, Iowa.

John was a farmer by trade and an active member of the Church. He was an Elder in the Church and was called upon many occasions to help others. One such occasion is found in the Philo Dibble autobiography. He wrote the following: "While living upon this farm, I was taken sick, Dr. (Frederick G.) Williams attended me, and after a while said he could do no more for me. I then called for the Elders to administer to me and Brother A. J Stewart, his brother, Levi (Stewart), and Brother (John) Killian were called in, but before they arrived, Mr. Robbins, of whom I rented the farm, called to see me. He declared that I might possibly live till three o'clock, but could not live till morning. When the Elders administered to me, Brother Killian being mouth, I was in bed. He poured the oil on my forehead and I jumped right out of bed and put on my clothes. On hearing that Robbins was going to Quincy in the morning, I walked up to his house, three-quarters of a mile, and went with him in his carriage to Quincy, remained all day and returned with him at night."

John continued to serve as a captain in the Nauvoo Legion (a local militia). He also helped build the Nauvoo Temple and received his temple ordinances in December 1845. He was also ordained a High Priest in the Church at this time.

(continued in next newsletter)

## Margaret Killian wife of Michael Preisch (Price) by Sandy Phillips

On Friday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, Dan Sipe, Joe Killian and I took a trip to Blacksburg to meet our newfound cousin, Jimmie Price. With some clever detective work going through church contacts, Dan discovered the mother load on a line the Association had little information – Margaret Killian Price, oldest daughter of Andreas Killian. Jimmie Price, as it turns out, is a lifelong historian and genealogist. When we arrived, we had lunch with Jimmie, his dear wife, Betty, and members of the Price Family Historical Society.

It is believed that Andreas (with daughter Margaret, age about 12 years) arrived in Philadelphia on the ship Adventure in October, 1732. Siblings Margaret Preisch (with husband) Harless, (John) Michael Preisch, Augustine Preisch, and John Henry Preisch and Daniel Preisch immigrated to Philadelphia on the ship Winter (Galley) in September, 1738. By that time, Margaret would have been about 18 years and Michael 19 years.

Margaret and Michael Preisch were married with children living in Augusta County, Virginia by the mid to late 1740s. We can conclude that Andreas Killian and the Preisch siblings crossed paths between 1738 and about 1745 somewhere between Philadelphia and Blacksburg, VA. Jimmie Price believes, but has been unable to prove, that Margaret Killian and Michael Preisch married in Rochningham County, Virginia, in the Shenandoah Valley.

Michael Price was a colorful character. He and his siblings settled near what is today, Blacksburg, VA. In 1755 during the French and Indian war, Michael's brothers retreated north to the greater German settlement in the Shenandoah Valley. Michael was undeterred by Indian threat. He bought some of his brother's neighboring land and he and Margaret stayed. Family history tells of an occasion when Michael was reading his bible when Margaret saw through the window, an Indian, on their porch. The Brave lunged at Michael where the tomahawk landed in his raised Bible. This Bible, with the tomahawk cut was in the family until 1900 when it was lost in a house fire.

Jimmie was so gracious to Dan, Joe and me. We spent some time in the county courthouse admiring Michael's and Margaret's signature on land deeds and wills – very exciting indeed. Our tour started at the church where Michael and Margaret attended. Not far from this church in a pasture, is where Michael and Margaret are buried. Margaret has no headstone, which, without doubt, must be remedied. From there, you could see across the valley what was once Price land. In the distance, you can see Price's Mountain. Even in the grey of winter, it was a beautiful sight. Jimmie then took us to where Michael and Margaret lived in a stone "fort". The spring from where Margaret drew water is still there. The Fort is gone but some of the handcut stones are still there. Michael had many skills, one of which was stone masonry. They had 2 homesteads, one in Tom's Creek and one in Price's Fork, close by today's standards. Jimmie took us to a cliff overlooking the Horseshoe bend of the New River, to get a birdseye view of some of the most disputed and fertile land. It was quite awe inspiring. It was a great trip. I must say that Jimmie is a special person. He is a minister with a wonderful, caring, giving heart (not to mention a kind, patient wife!) I am very excited that he is planning to speak at our upcoming gathering in September.



Joe Killian, Rev. Jimmie Price and Sandy Phillips

## Killian's Triangle

Franklin Barkley just had a brief hospital stay. He is fine now. He has a sever condition known as Zenker's Diverticulum. Zenker's diverticulum is an outpouching of the mucosa through Killian's triangle. The location of the diverticulum was described by Gustav Killian in 1907 as an area of natural weakness between the oblique fibers of the (1)inferior constrictor muscle, the (2) thyropharyngeus muscle, and the transverse fibers of the (3) cricopharyngeal muscle. It is uncommon with an annual incidence that has been estimated at 2 per 100,000 per year in the UK. At Franklin's age of 90, surgery would not be appropriate. Twenty-five years ago I tried to convince him to see a doctor about his choking and he refused. His condition was caused by so many years of blowing trumpet. This condition is common in trumpet and tuba musicians. It is interesting in seeing the Killian part of the diagnosis. Something of a coincidence for a descendant of Andreas Killian.

Franklin is a descendant of Andreas Killian through John and Elizabeth Zimmerman Killian. He was a member of the first marching band at Lincolnton High School and from there he was a trumpet player during WWII in the Army Marching Band in Europe. After he came home from the war, he was a long-time musician with "The Rhythm Masters" and "The Rhythm Makers" in Lincolnton, NC. He played various instruments but the trumpet was most requested. The bands played the big band sound and were very popular for decades. Having now just turned 90 years of age, he resides in assisted living with his wife Louise and continues to play in a local band at the Presbyterian Church in Gastonia, NC.

Submitted by Linda Barkley Hoyle,  
Lincolnton, NC

## In memory of Emma Killian Valentine

### Died 21 Feb 1938, Maggie Valley, Haywood County, North Carolina

The daughter of Adolphus Nimrod Killian and Rebecca Holyfield, Emma Killian Valentine was born 15 Mar 1867. She is recorded as Emilly on the Haywood County, NC 1870 census as being 3 years old.

Her family moved to Newport, Cocke County, TN shortly after the 1870 census, where her youngest brother John W. Killian born on 26 OCT 1871. Sometime before the 1876 Cocke County courthouse fire Emma's mother and father divorced. In 1877, after the death of her mother, guardianship of her and her siblings was awarded to their father Adolphus. The 1880 census has her family living in Sevier County, TN with the step-mother B. E. Killian. The 1900 Sevier county census names the step-mother Belinda as Melinda A. Killian born Aug 1831, married 26 years, making the 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage of Adolphus Killian about 1874. The gravestone of Belinda Killion (spelled with a "O") is located in Caton's Grove UMC cemetery with the wonderful inscription "She made home HAPPY". Emma is buried in the same cemetery. Emma was 10 when her mother died. The headstone lets us know that Belinda was loved by her step-children.

Emma Killian was a remarkable woman. She married Robert Valentine on 14 May 1887 in Cocke County, TN, by Emma's Uncle John W. Killian, Magistrate Judge. Just 2 years later her Uncle John dies on 12 APR 1889. The 1900 census Robert and Emma ( spelled Emly) are renting a farm in Cocke County and Robert's 82 year old father James is living with them. Her father-in-law dies ca. 1905 and sometime between 1907 and 1910 Emma and Robert are divorced. Unknown to the family until years later, Robert has another family and is known as "Sugar Bob". Not having Robert around seems to have been good for Emma; she is no longer listed as renting on the 1910 and 1920 census. She owns a farm.

Children of Emma Killian and Robert Valentine:

Lester A. VALENTINE b: 25 JUN 1889 in Cosby, Cocke County, Tennessee On 1900 census

Claude L. VALENTINE b: 25 JAN 1890 died 28 Aug 1970

Married 1<sup>st</sup> Loretta Messer 24 OCT 1915. Married 2<sup>nd</sup> Mila Jane Woody 10 Nov 1927

Abraham Lincoln VALENTINE b: FEB 1892 in Tennessee on 1900 census

Ora Mae VALENTINE b: 01 AUG 1895/1894 died 9 Sep 1943

Married James L Miller 6 Jul 1913

Rebecca E. VALENTINE b: APR 1896 on 1900 census

Stella R. VALENTINE b: 12 APR 1897

Married Lewis Clevenger 5 Oct 1919

Wallace VALENTINE b: JAN 1899 [research from Hattie Caldwell Davis]

Univee VALENTINE b: OCT 1900 [research from Hattie Caldwell Davis]

Lillie VALENTINE b: 12 MAY 1902/1901

Married Delozier Jenkins 16 Mar 1923

Bertha Pearl VALENTINE b: 23 JUL 1904 Married R E Caldwell 23 Mar 1923

Ressie VALENTINE b: 28 APR 1907 in Cocke County, Tennessee

Married 1<sup>st</sup> Clyde McCullough. Married 2<sup>nd</sup> Jack Mauney



Emma Killian Valentine

This story takes an unusual turn and some of Adolphus' descendants return to North Carolina. Emma with her daughters, Pearl and Ressie move to Cataloochee Valley, Haywood County, NC to help take care of their brother's Claude children Ivelta, Arletha and Gladys. Claude owned a farm on Little Cataloochee with a Big Weatherboard House. It was at a bean stringing, then at the Post Office, that Eldridge Caldwell met Pearl Valentine. Pearl and Eldridge courted for about two years. They married at the courthouse in Newport, Cocke County, TN in 1923 and lived at Cataloochee, Haywood County, NC until March 1934.

The Caldwell house was a revolving door of family and guest. Pearl's sister Mae and her two children, Pauline and Ernest Miller, along with their cousin Sam Killian came to live with them during the great depression. Of course Emma came to visit her daughter.

In 1928 it was announced to the residents of Cataloochee that the United States Government would buy all the land in the area, to establish the Great Smoky Mountains National Park. In 1933 a big crowd of neighbors gathered at the Eldridge Caldwell house. They were so sad saying, "Where will we go?" Claude Valentine moved back to TN before the 1930 census. We find Emma living with Claude on what could have been her farm.

Eldridge and Pearl moved to Maggie Valley and their open door policy remained enforce. Sam Killian came and married Flora Gibson. Sam's brother Tom came and married Mattie Knight. Their little brother John Killian came with his family. Emma dies in Maggie Valley. Caldonia Carr Killian, mother of Sam, Tom and John died in Haywood County. It took a generation, but part of the Adolphus Killian family came back to Haywood County, thanks to Emma Killian Valentine and her daughters Pearl and Mae.

With thanks to Hattie Caldwell Davis of Maggie Valley, NC for sharing this information.

## Obituaries edited for space

**Gaddis Warren "Gad" Killian**, age 91 of Fort Payne, passed away November 30, 2008 at his home in Collbran surrounded by his family. He is survived by Lorene [Dollar], his wife of 67 years; sons, Gerald (Martha) Killian, Roger (Sally) Killian; daughters, Ellen (Ron) McCalman, Becky (Eddy) Everett; brother, Gene Killian; grandchildren, Tom and Lori Killian, Andrew and Venita Killian, Tim and Heather Stephens, Stephanie and Richard Knizner, LuAnne and Jonathan Barnette, Daniel and Taylor Killian, Sara Ellen and Matthew Allbritton, Mary Esther and Jason Aycock, Benjamin and Lauren Everett and eighteen great-grandchildren. He was the youngest in a family of seven brothers and a sister. He was preceded in death by his parents, Demoville and Mary Ellie Killian; brothers, Almut, Hugh Lois, Jack, Joe and Willard Killian and sister, Irma Killian Majors. He was a life-long resident of the Collbran Community and a graduate of DeKalb County High School. He was a devoted member of Gravel Hill Baptist Church. He took great satisfaction in having established the Gravel Hill Cemetery Trust Fund, which provides for perpetual care of the cemetery. As one who loved his country, he volunteered and served as a Marine during WWII from 1943 until 1946. His vocation was in the Postal Service. He and wife Lorene enjoyed and made many friends buying and selling antiques and collectibles. He lived out his faith in Christian love, humility and as a caring friend to those who knew him. Memorial gifts may be made to either the Gravel Hill Cemetery Fund or the Gravel Hill Baptist Church general fund. Services will be December 2, 2008 at 2 p.m. at Gravel Hill Baptist Church. Burial will follow in Gravel Hill Cemetery with the Rev. Jimmy Griffin, the Rev. Kevin Anderson, Daniel Killian and Jason Aycock officiating. Burt Funeral Home. Published December 2, 2008 [GWK 19815]

**Gaddis is a Killian DNA Project member. His line follows Demoville Stokley b.1872 AL; Daniel Shepard b.1835 AL; Elias b.1811 NC; Daniel b.1790 NC. The lineage of Daniel born 1790 has never been proven. The DNA test for Gaddis didn't tell us much more than we already knew. The wife of Daniel Killian b. 1790, Mary Elizabeth Bost takes this family line back to Lincoln County.**

**Nellie Viola Tredway Killian** On Friday, Sept. 26, 2008, surrounded by her loving family. Nell was born April 24, 1932, in Fruita, CO to Bert and Tressa Groves Tredway. She married Earl Killian on November 28, 1954. That union was briefly interrupted by Earl's death April 28, 2008. Surviving Nell are daughter Dawnie and Mike Carpenter of Meridian, son Dan and Lynn Killian of Meridian, and daughter Dee Dee Killian Medcoff of Parma, six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, and Skitter the Yorkshire Terrier. Nell was preceded in passing by her firstborn son, Doug Killian, her father, mother, and brothers, and her beloved Earl. Summers Funeral Home, Ustick Chapel in Meridian. Published in the Idaho Statesman on 9/28/2008 [GWK 11888]

**Glenn Alfred Killian**, 86, of Hickory, [NC] passed away Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009. He was born Oct. 12, 1922, in Catawba County to the late Baxter and Sadie Bowman Killian. Glenn was a lifelong member of St. Stephens Lutheran Church-Missouri Synod. He retired after 45 years as the sanding room supervisor from Hickory Mfg. Company. He was preceded in death by a brother, Clyde Killian, and a sister, Betty Killian. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Lillian Sigmon Killian of the home; two sons, Allen Killian and wife, Darlene, of Hickory and Harvey Killian and wife, Gail, of Connelly Springs; one daughter, Karen Lafon and husband, Rick, of Hickory; two brothers, Carl Killian and wife, Evelyn, and Worth Killian and wife, Mae, all of Hickory; one granddaughter, Davina Carr and husband, Terry, of Hickory; three grandsons, Monte Killian of Connelly Springs, Derrick Killian of Charlotte and Daniel Killian of Hickory; and two great-grandsons, Devin and Jacob Carr, both of Hickory. The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Tuesday, Feb. 3, 2009, at St. Stephen with the Revs. David Guelzow and David Ziehr officiating. Interment in the church cemetery. Hickory Funeral Home in charge of the arrangements. [GWK 37845]

**Cindy [Cynthia Sue] Killian Livingston**, 56, of Taylorsville [NC], passed away Jan. 29, 2009, at Iredell Memorial Hospital in Statesville. She was born Dec. 9, 1952, to Aaron Monroe Killian and Shirley Rector Killian Capps in Catawba County. Along with her father, she was preceded in death by her paternal grandparents, Vernon and Ninna Killian; her maternal grandparents, George and Tessie Rector; her father-in-law, Perry Livingston; one grandson, Tyler Adams; one sister-in-law, Carol Enloe; and one brother, Flemons Jackson Capps Jr. Cindy was a member of Antioch Baptist Church. She had worked in the banking industry at Community One Bank and recently at CoPak Solutions. She worked as a member of Crime Stoppers of Alexander County and United Way of Catawba County. She is survived by her husband of 20 years, Doug Livingston, her mother Shirley Capps and her husband Flemons "Jack," of Suwanee, Ga.; two sons, Andrew "Andy" Buckner and his wife, Charity, of Granite Falls and Thad Livingston of Lenoir; two daughters, Alicia Cline of Hickory and Julie Anderson and her husband, David, of Lenoir; three sisters, Tamara Lee and her husband, Mark, of Maiden, Robin Little and her husband, Eddie, of Conover and Jackie Allred and her husband, Jason, of Atlanta, Ga.; three brothers, Doug Killian and his wife, Tanga, of Punta Gorda, Fla., Mark Capps and his wife, Melanie, of Newnan, Ga., and John Capps and his wife, Nadine, of Maiden; her mother-in-law, Ruby Livingston of Taylorsville; her stepmother, Helen Killian of Taylorsville; one goddaughter, Brittany Duncan of Lilburn, Ga.; nine grandchildren; her bestfriend, Tamra Arndt of Taylorsville; and a number of aunts, uncles, nieces and nephews. The funeral service was held at 2 p.m. Sunday, Feb. 1, 2009, at Antioch Baptist Church. The Rev. Mark Morris will officiate. Burial Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. Alexander Funeral & Cremation Service Staff in Taylorsville. Published in the Hickory Daily Record on 1/31/2009 [GWK 49558]



## Association of Descendents of NC Pioneer Andreas Killian Celebrating 75 Years Reunion September 11-13, 2009

### Tentative Schedule

We are in the process of securing activities. We will try to be flexible to schedule activities with the most interest. Our goal is to create a fun, informative event with the utmost consideration for expenses. For the first time, we will be asking for a registration fee to cover the cost of supplies and reserve transportation, should we find it necessary. If our final costs are lower than expected, we will deposit the excess into the newsletter and website maintenance treasury. As we get closer to the reunion, we'll put more information online for your convenience at:

[www.Andreaskillian.com](http://www.Andreaskillian.com)

### Accommodations

Hampton Inn of Hickory, 1520 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drive, S.E., Hickory, NC 28602 (828-323-1150) ([hamptoninn.com](http://hamptoninn.com)) has offered the Association a group rate of \$74 for external rooms and \$84 for rooms accessed through the lobby. Mention the Killian Reunion for the discount.

From **WEST** on I-40 take exit #125 to Hickory. Turn right at Lenoir Rhyne Blvd. Turn left at 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. Dr. SE/NC-2267  
From **EAST** on I-40 take exit #125 to Hickory. Turn left at Lenoir Rhyne Blvd. Turn left at 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. Dr. SE/NC-2267

Cross Country Campground of Denver (800-852-4840) is available for those who wish to camp.

### Food

**For meals on your own**, the Hampton Inn offers breakfast or you can go next door to the J&S Cafeteria; a regular stop for our out-of-towners.

**For dinner on Friday evening**, we have chosen the local Boxcar Grille, 3140 N. Oxford St., Claremont, NC 28610  
Phone (828)-459-9287.

Prices range from \$6.99 to \$14.99 for a wide variety from the salad bar, down home cooking to fajitas and steaks.

Directions:

For Hampton Inn Hotel Guests:

Leave Hampton Inn and Take I-40 East for 9 miles. Take exit #135 off I-40 and turn right onto Oxford Street.

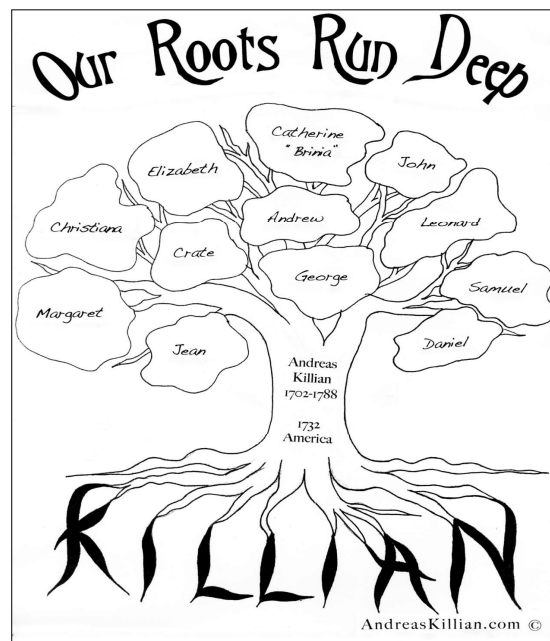
From **WEST** on I-40 take exit #135 and turn right onto Oxford St.

From **EAST** on I-40 take exit #135 and turn left onto Oxford St.

**For lunch on Saturday**, we have made arrangements for a discount at the nearby Subway shop and the Boy Scouts are having their Annual Barbecue - a hit at last year's Reunion. You will have many choices around Hickory on Saturday evening but most attendees go to the J&S Cafeteria. We have asked our wonderful Caterer, Jennifer Brittain, from last year's Reunion to come back for a repeat performance on Sunday for lunch.

In reverence for Andreas Killian, we ask that you be at Old St. Paul's Cemetery for the Wreath Ceremony promptly at noon on Saturday.

Also, so that our speakers on Friday and Sunday can begin their discussions without interruption, please be punctual at those times.



(Our New Logo Designed by Sandy Phillips)

**Association of Descendents of NC Pioneer Andreas Killian  
Celebrating 75 Years Reunion  
September 11-13, 2009  
Schedule of Events**

**Friday, September 11, 2009**

Check-In at hotel as you arrive (Hampton Inn of Hickory check-in is 3:00pm)

**6:00pm** Registration/Social Gathering Boxcar Grille, Claremont

**6:30pm** Dinner, Boxcar Grille

**Approx. 7:15pm** Guest Speaker: Jimmie Price - Author, Historian and descendant of Margaret Killian Price, will give a fascinating talk on the history of Margaret and her husband, John Michael Price.

**Saturday, September 12, 2009**

**8:30am** Registration/Gather at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church  
(mountzionlutheran.org)

**From 9:00-12:00** Choice of Activities (weather permitting)

- Elmer Killian's Private Museum Tour at Killian's Hardware
- Andy Killian's Private Auto Collection Tour
- Catawba County Museum of History (catawbahistory.org)
- Murrays Mill (catawbahistory.org)
- Bunker Hill Covered Bridge (catawbahistory.org)

**12:00pm** Wreath Ceremony on Andreas Killian's Monument and group photo at Old St. Paul's Church and Cemetery (oldstpaulslutheran.org)

**Lunch** On your own (Recommend Subway discount, Boy Scout Barbecue )

**2:00pm** Social Gathering/Genealogy Workshop, Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

**4:00pm** Business Meeting

**Dinner** On your own (Recommend J&S Cafeteria next to Hampton Inn of Hickory)

**8:30pm** Cemetery Night Photography at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

**Sunday, September 13, 2009**

**10:00am** Church Service Old St. Pauls Church OR

**10:30am** Church Service Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

**1:00pm** Catered Lunch at Mt. Zion Church

**1:45pm** Guest Speaker, Cynthia Wells, Genetic Genealogist, will give an interesting and informative discussion on DNA and it's impact on family history.  
Closing and group photo

(all times are Eastern Standard Time)

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If you would like to suggest an activity not listed, please email us at

[Exec@AndreasKillian.com](mailto:Exec@AndreasKillian.com)

or include your suggestion with your Registration Form  
and we will do our best to accommodate you.

# Registration Form

Names of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_

If you know from which child of Andreas Killian you descend, please provide:

\_\_\_ Margaret    \_\_\_ Leonard    \_\_\_ John    \_\_\_ Jean    \_\_\_ Crate    \_\_\_ Andrew  
\_\_\_ George    \_\_\_ Brinia    \_\_\_ Daniel    \_\_\_ Samuel    \_\_\_ Christiana    \_\_\_ Elizabeth

Is this your first time attending the Andreas Killian Family Reunion? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_ no

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## Please check (x) your preferences below for the events you would like to attend:

### Friday

\_\_\_ Dinner and Lecture on Margaret Killian & Michael Price

### Saturday

- \_\_\_ Elmer Killian's Private Museum
- \_\_\_ Andy Killian's Private Auto Collection Tour
- \_\_\_ Catawba County Museum of History
- \_\_\_ Murrays Mill
- \_\_\_ Bunker Hill Covered Bridge
- \_\_\_ Wreath Ceremony on Andreas Killian's Monument, Old St. Paul's Church
- \_\_\_ Genealogy Workshop
- \_\_\_ Business Meeting
- \_\_\_ Cemetery Night Photography at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

### Sunday

\_\_\_ Catered Lunch at Mt. Zion Church followed by DNA Discussion

## Reunion Cost:

Event Registration Fee...\$20/adult = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

(For activity and Reunion expenses)

Sunday Catered Lunch...\$10/plate = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

T Shirts: (T Shirts will be designed using the new Killian Logo)

Qty: \_\_\_ Small ..... @ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Qty: \_\_\_ Medium ..... @ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Qty: \_\_\_ Large ..... @ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Qty: \_\_\_ X Large ..... @ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Qty: \_\_\_ XX Large..... @ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration Form with check or money order payable to: Andreas Killian Family Association  
to: **Killian Family Association, ATTN Sandra J. Phillips, 16310 Barcica Lane, Cornelius, NC 28031**

**\*\*\*Registration must be received by Monday, July 27<sup>th</sup> 2009\*\*\***

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## Return Service Requested

### War Veteran Has Headstone Dedication

Civil war veteran Elijah Killian is the latest reciprocate to get a proper headstone at St. Stephen's Lutheran Church in Hickory NC. Born in Lincoln County (what is now Catawba County), the second child of Joseph Killian (grandson of Andreas Killian) and Catherine Bolick on July 13, 1824; passing away on June 26, 1908. Elijah was a blacksmith, gunsmith and farmer by trade and enlisted in the 28<sup>th</sup> Regiment of the North Carolina Confederate Troops to fight against what was called by Southern states and Southern historians as 'the war of northern aggression'.

Some additional information on Elijah's military record;  
Residence Catawba County NC;  
He mustered into "C" Co. 285th NC Infantry on 13 AUG 1861  
He was listed as:

- \* POW 1 JUL 1863 Gettysburg, PA
- \* Confined 6 JUL 1863 David's Island, NY Harbor
- \* Paroled 6 SEP 1863 David's Island Harbor
- \* Exchanged 8 SEP 1863 City Point, VA (Returned)
- \* He was Paroled on 13 APR 1865 at Lynchburg, VA

Sources used by Historical Data Systems, Inc.  
- North Carolina Troops 1861-65, A Roster  
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Elijah's headstone was set into place by members of the Andreas Killian Association as part of the Friday's 2008 Killian Family reunion and dedicated the following Sunday with help from the local chapter C.F. Conner Camp 849 Sons of the Confederate Solider as a closing to all the activities of the 2008 Second Sunday in September Killian Reunion weekend.



The Killians, those of Killian ancestry and spouses who help carry the stone to the cemetery, dig the hole, level stone, back fill and landscape.  
It wasn't as easy as one would think.