

# Killian Family Newsletter

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Hello Killian cousins and friends,

I want to thank you and express my appreciation for all your messages, thoughts and prayers for me and my family due to the loss of my father, Robert "Bob" Edward Killian, Sr. He will always be in my heart.

The 2017 AKDHA Reunion was outstanding; many thanks and congratulations to those involved in its success. As a short recap of the 2017 AKDHA reunion: On Friday night, attendees enjoyed a home cooked "pot luck" meal prepared by cousins and family members. This "pot luck" meal has become so popular Kandice Waller and Kim Sipe are collecting recipes for a AKDHA cookbook. Our entertainment was music by *Workers in Harvest*. On Saturday, we trekked out to Hart Square Village, the highlight of the 2017 reunion. After our tour of Hart Square Village and lunch, we met back at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church for the annual AKDHA business meeting and meet-greet time. There was a discussion among the cousins to attend the annual Hart Square Village Festival in October and many signed up for pre-event tickets. Saturday evening, there was another gathering of cousins at J & S Cafeteria in Hickory for supper. For Sunday worship, AKDHA's recommended choice of church services is always Old St. Paul's or our host church, Mt. Zion Lutheran. Following worship, our lunch was a benefit meal, catered by the SAM's Club at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church. Afterwards was a DNA presentation of test available and companies providing DNA testing kits by James W. Green, III. Wrapping up the 2017 AKDHA Reunion was our group photo by cousin Worth Pearce.



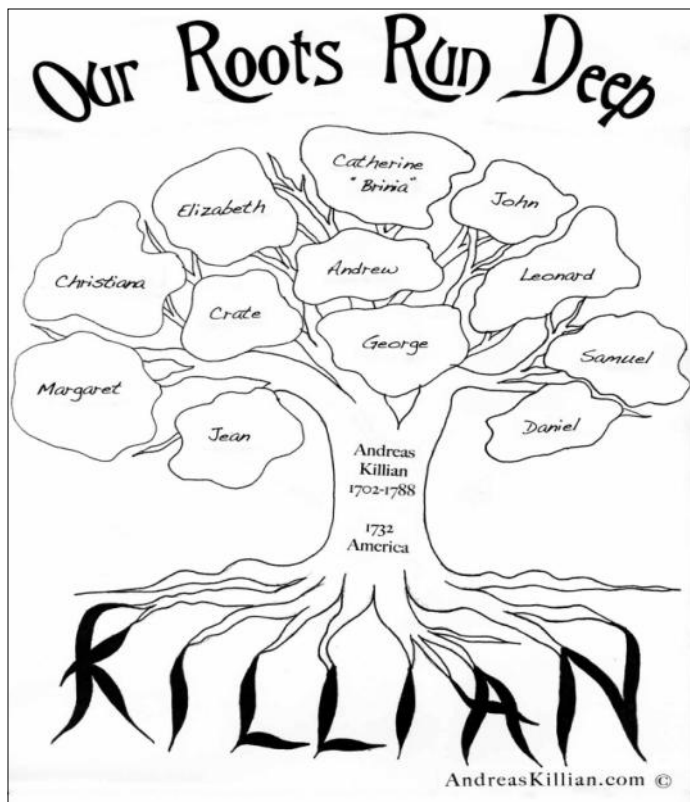
The Deitz House ca. 1820  
Hart Square Village 2017

Plans for this year's AKDHA Reunion planning has begun with the second meeting planned for the end of April. Please contact me and give me your input to ensure we have another successful reunion. Your opinion is very important and this is your opportunity to add/delete from the reunion agenda. I am looking forward to completing the plans for this year's reunion; it should be another exciting one!

Now, please get the word out to your family, friends and acquaintances that everyone is welcome to come and enjoy getting to know their Killian cousins, and enjoy the programs.

Many thanks to each of you that are able to give

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On June 17, 2010, the North Carolina Department of Revenue assigned AKDHA an exempt status for franchise and income tax purposes under Sections 105 — 125 and 105 — 130.11(a)(3), respectively, of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Inquiries regarding our federal or state exemption status may be sent to:

**Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA)**  
P. O. Box 3272, Hickory, NC 28603

### Our Mission Statement:

The primary purpose of the AKDHA is to research, educate and preserve the heritage of the German pioneer Andreas Killian and affiliated families who settled in the mid 1700's around the Catawba River in what is now Catawba County, North Carolina; and secondarily to assist other inquirers nationally or internationally on Killian research which may or may not be related to Andreas Killian.

### Your Donations:

Contributions to AKDHA cover the expenses of the website, newsletter, other publications, the annual "Reunion" educational and business meetings, special events as well as any supporting administrative or fundraising costs needed to further our mission. Future goals supported by contributions will include monument/cemetery preservation, DNA research sponsorship, and educational scholarships. AKDHA has no paid staff or employees and depends entirely on volunteers and donations.

### Confidentiality Policy:

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### Annual Reunion:

The AKDHA meets every year for a 3 — day Reunion and Business Meeting on the weekend of the Second Sunday in September (SSS) in the Catawba County area of North Carolina at a location to be determined each year.

### Newsletter:

The AKDHA Newsletter is published in February and August of each year with the possibility of a third special Reunion edition in Autumn, if needed. The Reunion Planning Committee meets in the first calendar quarter as needed. The printing and postage for your newsletter is paid from the AKDHA's General Fund.

### AKDHA does not have a physical location.

For communication and storage of research material, we rely on:

Our Website: [www.AndreasKillian.com](http://www.AndreasKillian.com)

Our Newsletter: published in February and August

Individual email addresses can be found on the website and some USPS addresses can be found in every newsletter

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*Donations to AKDHA are appreciated.*

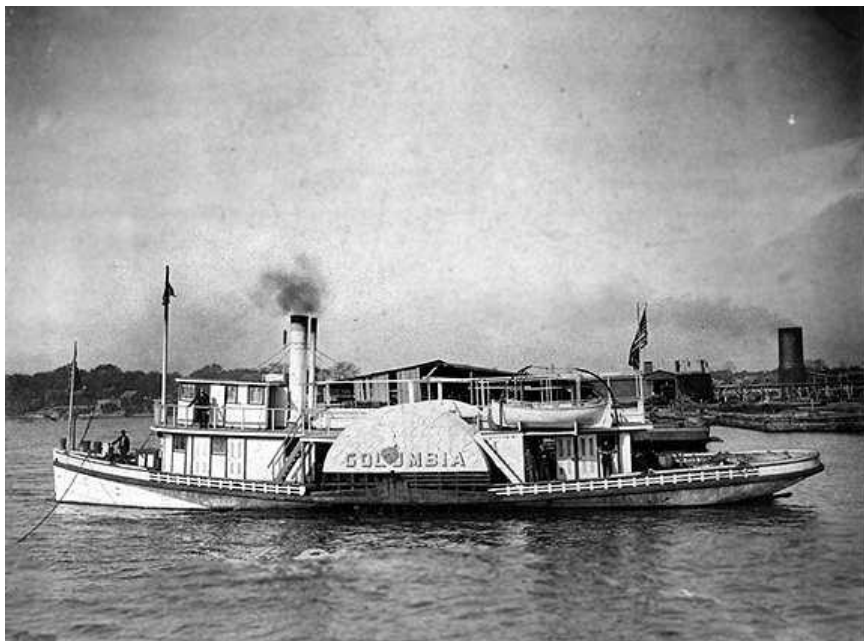
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## The Steamer *Columbia* – a.k.a. “The Killian”

by Chris Dvorscak, maritime archaeology grad student at the University of West Florida



At the University of West Florida, we are very proud of our history, anthropology, and archaeology programs. The maritime archaeology track is especially unique, and is one of the best in the country, for it provides students with the opportunity to study submerged, nonrenewable, cultural resources firsthand. To put it plainly, we dive on shipwrecks! In March of 2013, while surveying the Blackwater River with side-scan sonar equipment, fellow students and I discovered a large anomaly that was previously unknown to the UWF archaeology department. Typically, it is rather difficult to know exactly what you are looking at when analyzing side-scan sonar images.

However, these particular images showed a very obvious shipwreck approximately 100 feet long in about 20 feet of water. An exploratory dive was done soon after. Even though the visibility for divers in the Blackwater River is very poor, we were able to find a paddlewheel hub, some propulsion machinery, and evidence of burnt wood in just a 15-minute dive. With just these few pieces of evidence I was able to infer that it was probably a late 19<sup>th</sup> century to early 20<sup>th</sup> century sidewheel steamboat that most likely sank while burning. I jumped at the opportunity to become the project supervisor and to take on the new site as a thesis project.

I had proposed a few goals for the project, though the most important goal was to positively identify the shipwreck. I utilized many historical documents, newspapers, journal articles, and images, and combined this research with multiple field seasons diving and recording each part of the shipwreck, and examining artifacts to make my conclusion. It feels great to be able to call this shipwreck by its true name, the *Columbia*, though this was not discovered until years after UWF started working on the site. For years, students and I referred to the site as the *Killian*, or “Killian Wreck”. The working title for the site came from hundreds of bricks we found underneath the boiler in the midship of the vessel that all had the name “KILLIAN” impressed on them. I pulled one brick from the wreck to bring to the lab to analyze and conserve since it is a very helpful identifier, and it also gave clues relating to the time period the vessel was built, where it was built, who built it, and what it was used for.



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After years of historical research, speaking with Mr. Hinds, and even a personal trip to South Carolina to visit local libraries and learn some local knowledge, I believe the bricks on the shipwreck of the *Columbia* are actually from the historic Killian's Mill in Killian, South Carolina. The 1890's saw the Killian mill begin to flourish in fire-brick production, and the Carolina-Portland Cement Co. was their sole selling agent shipping throughout the south eastern U.S. The selling company had offices in Charleston, Atlanta, Birmingham, and New Orleans, and even shipped bricks to Mexico out of Gulfport, Mississippi. With all this coverage, it is definitely possible for Killian bricks to be in Pensacola where the *Columbia* was built. There is some evidence that of a company called "Killian 20<sup>th</sup> Century" that called Pensacola home. However, this company seems to have begun later than the date the *Columbia* was built – which leads me to believe the bricks on the shipwreck are indeed from the Killian Fire Brick Co. in Killian, South Carolina.

In the end, I determined the wreck to be that of the steamer *Columbia*. The *Columbia* of Pensacola was a sidewheel steamboat built in 1900 by the W.B. Wright Mill Company to assist in their lumber business. She was 104' long, had beam of 19.8 feet, and a depth of about 6 feet. Around 1904, she was sold to the Dunwoodie-Aiken Tow Boat Company where she continued similar tasks. She was also used as an excursion vessel in the summer months and would ferry passengers from the Palafox wharf, in downtown Pensacola, out to the Santa Rosa Island beaches, or just out around the bay for a sunset cruise complete with fish chowder and tea. On the evening of March 13<sup>th</sup>, 1911, the *Columbia* steamed up the Blackwater to bring a tow of lumber back down river. The crew decided to moor to its tow in the river overnight and continue the job in the morning. However, the *Columbia* suddenly caught fire between the hours of 12 a.m. and 2 a.m., burned to the waterline, and sank where she was moored. The Pensacola Evening News reported that her crew "barely escaped with their lives" and the \$15,000 worth of steam engine propulsion machinery would not be saved.

Discovering and identifying this previously unknown shipwreck for my graduate thesis work has been tough, but knowing that my research has helped link ship brick production, boat production, and the lumber industry of the early 20<sup>th</sup> century makes it even more rewarding.



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## Killian, South Carolina

By William L. "Bill" Hinds

Sometime in the past, I think it was late summer 1999, my wife, Frances and I were in South Carolina (peach picking time). We drove to the old town of Killian, SC found the school, the church, and the cemetery. I didn't find any Killian graves. At the cemetery, the caretaker was cutting the grass. He noticed me and stopped to talk. He said, "Yes, this is the Killian Cemetery, but nobody with that name is buried here." Then he told me where most of the Killian's were buried. Then he said, "I'm through for today. My house is right by the entrance gate. If you will stop by, I'll give you something you will find interesting."

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We spent over an hour with him and his wife. He gave me an oral account of the Killian Brick company, their history and why they were no longer in business. Then he gave me two bricks (which I still have). One he identified as being made in the early years, clearly etched with the name "Killian", and the other that was made after 1900.

All this is relevant because Chris Dvorscak, sent me pictures of the identical bricks I had, which he found in the wreckage of The Steamer Columbia. He was attempting to identify the ship at that time. Apparently, they now know that it was the Columbia and it is also called "Killian Wreck".

Having not heard from him this year, I followed up with an email. His answer included three photos. His brick is identical to the one given to me in Killian, SC.

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## What One Andreas Killian Descendant Is Doing

Hi, my name is Tim Killian and currently serving as chaplain for the Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association. It is my honor to share with you a little of my life details.

I descend from Andreas Killian's son Samuel and my father is Robert "Bob" Wayne Killian of Hickory, NC, whose wife is Nancy Killian. I have one sister and one brother of whom I am the oldest. We were all raised in the Springs Road area of Hickory. I went to St. Stephens Lutheran Church School thru the eighth grade and then went to the public at St. Stephens High School.

On May 1, 1980, I gave my heart to Jesus Christ and accepted the call of God on my life to preach and teach His Word, the Bible. I have attended a local Bible Training Center and I have been actively serving in churches from that time forward. I have made two trips to Kenya, Africa preaching and teaching God's Word with many conversions and healings. God confirms His Word.

On May 7, 1982, I married my bride, Sue Davis of Valdese, NC. We have been blessed with three sons and one daughter of whom is in Heaven from a miscarriage. Two of our sons are married and added to the "Killian Family Tree" eight grandchildren. We currently live in Newton, NC. I have worked at several different established businesses and currently at a local swimming pool store as manager in the Viewmont area of Hickory.



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Although our lives are multifaceted, our true focus is the Church. God is building his Church and we love seeing people trust God. We have served in many areas of the church. We started as Nursery Coordinator and Youth Workers before we were married. From there, we were Youth Pastors, Young Married Couples Leaders, and in charge of a Christian Academy for five years.

In March of 1994, God moved us to our current church, His Image Ministries of Hickory. At such time, we started homeschooling which lasted for 15 years. In the church we found various places to serve. I became Prayer Leader in 2001 of which I am to this day. My wife was leading the Women's Bible Study Group and together we began a bible study at two local elderly care facilities.

In 2011, we were asked to serve as senior pastors at one of our satellite churches in Charlotte, NC. We were there for five years and four months. We were called to come back to our Hickory Church and continue as an Associate Pastor and with the Prayer Team and Sue served as director and teacher at the Preschool Academy.

As you can see, we have served in many different circumstances and we are looking forward to many more to come. Any place that we can help is where we want to be.

I am proud of my heritage and enjoy being a part of AKDHA. I am the 5th Great-Grand son of Samuel Killian, son of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian.

Thank you for reading through some of my history and learning about my current life. I hope to see you at this year's AKDHA Reunion in Hickory, NC.

## **AKDHA Remembers. . .**

Bobby Lee Bollinger, (11 May 1933–6 Aug 2017),  
Sherrills Ford, NC, [Hinds #93235].

Vance Levi Brittain, (30 Jun 1917–7 Aug 2017),  
Connelly Springs, NC, [Hinds #64531].

Pringle Edgar Killian, (19 Mar 1931-16 Sep 2017),  
Conover, NC, [Hinds #62354].

Sarah Huffman, (29 Apr 1933-16 Sep 2017), Burke  
Co., NC, [Hinds #95496].

Frances Glenda Taff, (27 Apr 1949-27 Mar 2017),  
Marshall, NC, [Hinds #55923].

Albert Leroy Pope Jr., (21 Mar 1941-2 Oct 2017),  
Claremont, NC, [Hinds #62368].

Fred William Lafone, (9 Apr 1925-2 Oct 2017),  
Claremont, NC, [Hinds #63740].

Dennis Eubert Moretz, (20 Sep 1944-10 Oct 2017),  
Conover, NC, [Hinds #96975].

Luke Hoyle Willis, (21 Feb 1928-10 Oct 2017),  
Shelby, NC, [Hinds #95065].

Dorothy Ann Sain Huffman, (22 Sep 1955-14 Oct  
2017), Valdese, NC, [Hinds #106238].

Bobby Killian Lloyd, (13 Feb 1935-15 Oct 2017),  
Gastonia, NC, [Hinds #97053].

Jason Scott Leonard, (4 Feb 1979-13 Oct 2017),  
Lancaster, SC [Hinds #101132].

Audrey Hoyle Killian, (23 May 1942-20 Oct 2017),  
Newton, NC, [Hinds #63133].

Eunice Myrle Lail Punch, (25 Jul 1924-22 Oct 2017),  
Conover, NC, [Hinds #64698].

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David Roma Baxley, Jr., (17 Jun 1959-25 Oct 2017), Holly Ridge, NC, [Hinds #22076].

Cleo Caldwell Bumgarner, (09 Jun 1928-26 Dec 2917), Hickory, NC, [Hinds #98966].

Josephine Elizabeth Little Setzer, (1 Oct 1921-27 Oct 2017), Claremont, NC, [Hinds #80616].

Hilda Hensley Bollinger Linder, (23 Aug 1937-1 Jan 2018), Hickory, NC, [Hinds #101180].

Ray Von Lutz, (25 May 1932-29 Oct 2017), Hickory, NC, [Hinds #73740].

James Lewis Sigmon, Sr. (03 Aug 1915-02 Jan 2018), Newton, NC, [Hinds #72972].

Nina Francis Fadler Allgier, (28 Aug 1929-13 May 2017), Sullivan, MO, [Hinds #106443].

Osborne Denford Witherspoon, (30 Jul 1921-07 Jan 2018), Catawba, NC, [Hinds #49756].

Daniel Eugene Coulter, (28 Jan 1941-10 Nov 2017), Trinity, NC, [Hinds #80723].

Martha Doyle Spencer White, (24 Nov 1942-7 Jan 2018). Catawba, NC, [Hinds #22101].

Linnie Gertrude "Mack" Killian Lowry, (22 Apr 1926-13 Apr 2017), KY [Hinds #19321].

Alleen Cosby Lackey Leonard, (6 Mar 1928-7 Jan 2018), Stanley, NC, [Hinds #51223].

Lois Killian Burch, (29 Feb 1924-20 Nov 2017, Hickory, NC, [Hinds #47082].

Catherine Edna Hunt Powell Lockman, (13 Apr 1917 -10 Jan 2018), Hickory, NC, [Hinds #20751].

Vera Mae Drum Arndt, (2 Apr 1919-22 Nov 2917), Newton, NC, [Hinds #51385].

Wayne Everette Rector, (15 May 1953-13 Dec 2017), Zebulon, NC, [Hinds #106946].

Gary Wayne Setzer, (10 Aug 1947-3 Dec 2017). Newton, NC, [Hinds #51151].

Kenneth Craig "Casey" Robbins, (26 Aug 1929-15 Jan 2018), Hickory, NC, [Hinds #66739].

Delma Florine Rhinehart Cope, (3 Oct 1927-28 Apr 2017), Russellville, AR, [Hinds #106558].

Richard Leonard Johnson, (29 Aug 2038 - 22 Aug 2017), Newton, NC, [Hinds #66664].

Ginger Ann Bowman Byers, (10 Feb 1935-15 Dec 2017), Hickory, NC, [Hinds #70084].

Anna Marie Sigmon McCormack Rudisill, (11 Jul 1958-21 Jan 2018), Hickory, NC, [Hinds #22064].

## **Dr. Jimmie Wray Killian, Ph.D. (1921-2016)**

Submitted by William L. "Bill" Hinds

Dr. Jimmie W. Killian, Ph.D. was born on July 27, 1921, in Ilion, NY, the son of Cletus and Leota (Wray) Killian. He died March 17, 2016, in Groton, CT. He served our country as a technical sergeant in the U.S. Army during World War II. He graduated from Cornell University and earned degrees in electrical engineering culminating in his Ph.D. in physics. He corresponded with Albert Einstein, met with him to discuss theory, and later his doctoral dissertation was a partial refutation of Einstein's special theory of relativity. He is survived by his wife Junerose Kuchler Killian; eight children; 20 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; his sister, Margaret K. Heshner; and sister-in-law, Shirley Pierson Killian. Jimmie is predeceased by his parents and brothers, Ralph and George. The Officers and Board of AKDHA send condolences to the family. [Hinds #4414].

## Betty Sue Stafford Pearce (1930-2017)



Betty Sue Stafford Pearce was born September 26, 1930, to the late Dewey Elmer and Blanche Elizabeth Stafford in Alexander County, NC. She passed away August 12, 2017 in Hickory, NC. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her son, Michael David Pearce; a brother and a sister. She is survived by her loving husband of 69½ years, Pastor Harvey "Worth" Pearce; daughter, Carol Goins; sons, Wayne Pearce and Joel Pearce; seven grandchildren; two great-grandchildren (all descendants of Andreas' son, John and wife Elizabeth); and a sister; and 2 brothers, Keith Stafford and Jimmy Stafford.

The Board of Directors of AKDHA sends their sincere condolences to Worth Pearce at the passing of his wife of almost 70 years. It was one month after her passing, Worth attended the 2017 AKDHA reunion. Most of the regular reunion attendees know Worth as our group photographer and he again set up his camera for his contribution to the reunion.

## Robert "Bob" Edward Killian (1935-2017)



In celebration and honor the life of "Bob" Killian, a devoted husband of 62 years to Patricia "Pat" Ann Hunter Killian and a father to Robert Edward "Eddie" Killian, Jr., Michael "Mike" Anthony Killian, and Patrick "Rick" Lee Killian.

Robert "Bob" Edward Killian, Sr., was born on November 9, 1935, to the late Claude Tresvan Killian, Sr. and Mary Isabelle Taylor Killian in Chester County, SC. Bob went peacefully to be with the Lord on December 23, 2017. He was a United States Air Force veteran with 20½ years of service retiring in 1974. He served in Tripoli, Libya during Korean War; two tours during the Vietnam War flying missions out of Okinawa and Saigon over Cambodia, Thailand and South Vietnam (E-5 NCO, Electronics Maintenance, EC-135 Air Command Post, then Looking Glass, later called AWACS) . He received four Associate Degrees in Business from Columbia Commercial College. After his Air Force retirement, he was employed by Tamper (Harsco) for 20 years.

Bob is survived by his wife Pat, three sons; eight grand-children; and one great-grandson. He was predeceased by siblings, Claude Tresvan "C.T." Killian, Jr., John Henry Killian, Jesse "Jake" Alexander Killian, William "Bill" Harden Killian, Davis Grady Killian and Mary Frances Killian Montgomery.

Bob was a regular attendee of the AKDHA annual reunion and attended many of the reunion planning sessions. Robert "Bob" Edward Killian, Sr. [Hinds #26439] lineage to Andreas Killian goes as follows: Bob, son of Claude Tresvan Killian, Sr., adopted son of John Alexander Killian (DNA proven), Chester County, SC, son of Henry Van Killian, son of John Wesley Killian, son of Jacob Killian, Lincoln County, NC, son of John Killian, Erzberg, Germany, son of Andreas Killian, Steinbach and der Holzecke, Barvaria, Germany.

Dad, you will be missed.

Submitted by Robert E. "Eddie" Killian



## Joyce Ann Eckard Boger Huffman (1947-2018)

Submitted by Kimberly “Kim” Honeycutt Sipe

Joyce Ann Eckerd Boger Huffman was born in Catawba County, on April 1, 1947 to Samuel Robert Eckard and Jettie Aileen Killian Eckard. She passed away Monday, January 29, 2018. She is survived by her husband of 21 years, James Randy Huffman; and son Raymond Boger, Jr. She was the granddaughter of Arville L Killian. [Hinds #62842].

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### Editor's Corner

The Spring 2018 edition of the AKDHA had lots of contributors. I would like to thank Tim Killian for his article “What One Andreas Killian Descendant Is Doing”. Tim is the chaplain of AKDHA; his wife Sue is AKDHA’s Treasurer. They are a wonderful Killian Family. I would also like to thank Chris Dvarscak for his article about the Steamer Columbia. The steamer is now also known as The Killian because hundreds of Killian bricks were found underneath the boiler. Our historian, Bill Hinds, got in touch with Chris and the result was more Killian heritage being uncovered.

AKDHA needs new/younger people to get involved in the association. With new people come new ideas, enthusiasm, and information. If you are interested, come to the reunion and speak with some of our officers or email our president, Eddie Killian [robertEKillian@Yahoo.Com](mailto:robertEKillian@Yahoo.Com) for ways you can help. Remember, I always need submissions for the AKDHA newsletter and want to thank everyone for their financial support.

Planning for the 2018 Second Sunday in September Weekend Reunion is already in motion. If you missed the 2017 reunion, you missed a good one. We were fortunate to get a private tour of Hart Square Village with Dr. Robert Hart and his granddaughter, Rebecca Anne Hart, as our tour guides. Dr. Hart collects buildings from the area and moves them to his new village; homes, church, businesses, and everything that you would find in an early 1800 Western North Carolina village. It is a testament to Dr. Hart’s passion, dedication, and his perseverance to have put together this replication of the past. Needless to say, I was greatly impressed. You can search Google for Hart Square Village for more information.

I want to thank all the AKDHA Officers and Board of Directors, and all the volunteers for the work they do. There is more to AKDHA than our reunion, scholarship, website, cemetery projects, etc. Many people work behind the scenes to get the job done.

I hope you can make it to the reunion this September. Bring your research with you. You might find someone that can answer that question you just can’t come up with or you may have the answer to someone else’s question.

Thank you,  
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Jimmie L. Price at St. Mark's Chapel  
Hart Square Village 2017

## I Can Make a Difference

By Cheryl Mann Killian

The AKDHA yearly scholarship application requires an essay entitled “I Can Make a Difference”. I have often thought writing the article would be difficult to write; until a few months back.

One Saturday night, I received a phone call asking me to teach the Sunday morning Pre-Teen Bible Class (Sunday School). These children like coloring pages and wordsearch games with their lessons. I wanted a lesson on “The Valley of Dry Bones” (Ezekiel 37:1-14). Instead, I was lead to a throne scene coloring page. Isaiah 6 would be their lesson.

At class, I realize the lesson was teaching me something about myself. I received a call and I answered “Here am I. Send Me” (Isaiah 6:8b). I then realize that many times in my life, the call was answered. In 2000, George W. Killian, Dr. William “Bill” Killian and his brother, Robert L. Killian retired from publishing The Killian Family Newsletter. Charles and I were newbies to the Killian reunions. Our first reunion was 2002 and by 2005 Charles was the Killian Family Newsletter editor. Among the numerous newsletters we have published, we also had a hand in publishing “The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian” (2009) and “The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian” (2011). We answered the call.

There are many AKDHA members who answer “The Call”. AKDHA became a 501(c)(3), a nonprofit organization in 2009 because members, Dan Sipe, and Sandy Phillips with the help of many others answered the call. Each year there is a AKDHA Reunion Planning Committee (what a job they do!), they answer the call. AKDHA has Association Officers that keep our association going. On August 22, 1935 the first officers to answer the call were John Carpenter, President; Raymond Hefner, Vice President; and Yates Killian, Secretary and Historian.

We need more AKDHA members to answer “The Call.” Last year, not one student applied for the 2017 AKDHA Scholarship Award. If just one descendant of Andreas Killian had applied, that student would have received \$1,000 paid toward tuition. I am trying to make a difference this year by putting out “The Call.” This year one (1) or two (2) scholars will receive paid tuition of \$1,000 each. Won’t you go online, start your application and answer the call to receive this year’s AKDHA Scholarship Award?

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## AKDHA Books For Sale

*“The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788)”* is about Andreas, his children and list most of his grandchildren; available by mail for \$30.

*“The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian”* by William Randolph McCreight, takes us back in time before Andreas came to America; available by mail for \$45.

All proceeds from the sale of books goes to AKDHA. To order your books, make check payable to:

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and mail to:

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## 2018 AKDHA Scholarship Award

The AKDHA Scholarship Award program provides funds for children of members of AKDHA who are planning to further their education at one of the following:

- ◆ Vocational and technical schools (college level)
- ◆ Junior colleges
- ◆ Colleges or Universities

The value is a scholarship amount paid tuition to the school he or she will be attending. This year the amount is \$1,000 for one or two students. We say children, but if you are a young adult trying to further your education, why not apply?

The value to AKDHA is creating involvement of a younger generation of Andreas Killian descendants. We need younger people interested in the heritage of pioneers West of the Catawba, which includes Andreas Killian.

### How Winners are Selected

The winners and alternates are selected by the Scholarship Committee, which is comprised of the AKDHA President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Programs and Projects Director. The selection are based on a competitive nature from the school records, performance scores, personal essay, and outside activities and interests. The applicants must realize that the final selection as made by the Scholarship Committee is final.

This year, one (1) or two (2) scholars will receive \$1,000. Scholars start working on your essay today.

About: [http://andreaskillian.com/project\\_scholarship.shtml](http://andreaskillian.com/project_scholarship.shtml)

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## Killian Potluck Dinner Recipe Cookbook

For the past few years, the Annual AKDHA Reunion has kicked off with a welcoming Friday night meal. At first it was a catered event. Then the local Killian Cousins decided to make the event feel more like a family event. The cousins started bringing in covered dishes of their favorite recipes. If you are coming in from out of town or out of state, the Friday night Potluck Dinner is not to be missed.

Around the dining hall, the talk is about did you try this and did you try that. The food is GREAT! Who made this and who made that. Now recipes are being exchanged. Not to eat too much, entertainment is provided by one of the local singing groups. The Friday night of the reunion is "Oh So Good".

The Friday night tradition has set Kim Sipe, AKDHA Secretary, and Kandice Waller, AKDHA Co-Secretary, on a mission to collect theses Killian family recipes into a cookbook. Kim and Kandice have volunteered to publish an AKDHA cookbook for the 85th reunion (2019). The project will be time consuming, so they need recipes ASAP.

Send your favorite family recipes to:  
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monetarily toward AKDHA and reunion expenses. One can never say thanks enough and bring recognition to the hard working volunteers that make our association a success throughout the year. So, a big THANK YOU to all association officers and volunteers for the fantastic work you all do! And also thank you to our newsletter editor and webmaster in keeping us all informed. Please continue to send your family news to our editor, Charles D. Killian, and webmaster, Wayne Setzer.

One more 2017 AKDHA Reunion announcement: Steven Dawson Corn born July 15, 2017 was 8 weeks old and the youngest attendee at the reunion. His parents are Daniel Gray Corn and Ashley Knox Corn. His Grandmother is our very own AKDHA Co-Secretary, Kandice Waller. Great-grandparents are Virginia Killian Shuford and Charles William Shuford; Great-great-grandparents are and Floyd and Elsie Killian. Little Steven Dawson Corn has multiple lineages back to Andreas. I am glad his mother was able to bring and show him off.



I am looking forward to hearing from you and/or seeing you at the reunion,

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