

Killian Family Newsletter

SPRING 2019

Message from the President

Inside this issue:	
The Walls of Jericho in 1980	3
50th Wedding Anniversary	5
AKDHA Remembers...	6
Patsy Killian Dooley 27 Sep 1934—2 Mar 2018	7
Killian Reunion, Fredericktown, MO	7
Hattie Caldwell Davis 13 Sep 1927—2 Oct 2018	8
Joe Yancey Killian 16 May 1939—1 Aug 2018	8
What One Andreas Killian Descendant is Doing	9
2018 AKDHA Scholarship Winners	10
2019 AKDHA Scholarship Award	10
AKDHA Cookbook	11

Greetings Killian Cousins,

I am pleased to announce that I will be serving once again as our association's president. Our outgoing officers deserve a sincere thanks for the great work over the past two years as well as our reunion planning members. Most people don't realize how much thought and preparation goes into each reunion, with countless hours to make your reunion experience the best ever.

I want you to mark your calendar for the 2019 AKDHA Second Sunday in September Weekend Reunion. As we count it; 1935 being the first and that makes 2019 the 85th Reunion of the Andreas Killian Family. This year's reunion starts, Friday Night September 6th, continuing on all day Saturday September 7th and finishing Sunday afternoon, September 8th, 2019. The Reunion Planning Committee members started their event planning last year. The full details will come in the next issue of "Killian Family Newsletter."

If you missed the 2018 AKDHA Reunion, you missed a relaxed gathering of Killian/Killion family. While the reunion was a three day event, many had wanted a more meet and greet experience. The event was so relaxing, AKDHA Book Editor, Cheryl Killian, slept through it.

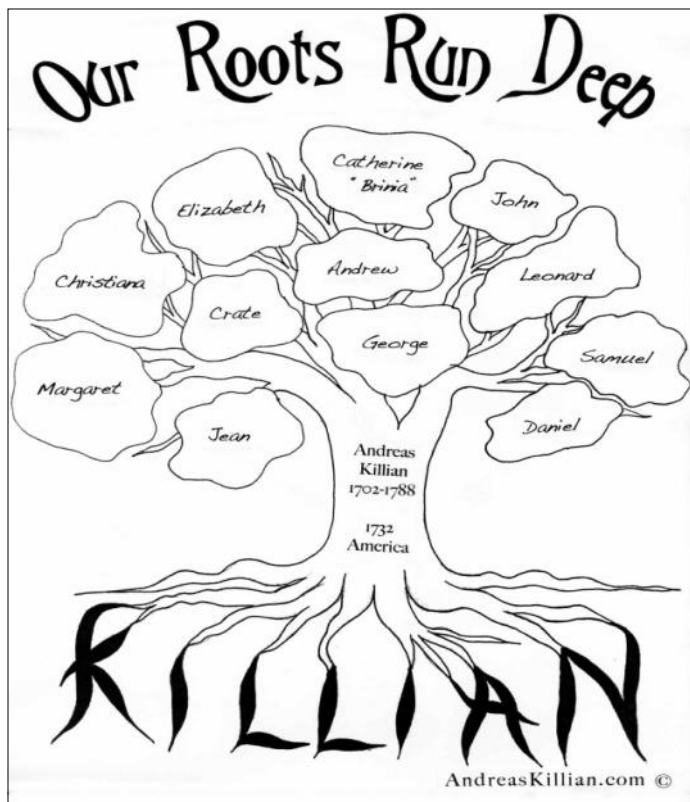
I want to remind everyone that AKDHA runs off of donations. The sale of books, lapel pins and t-shirts do not cover the cost of reunions and newsletters. So won't you mail your tax deductible donation today; AKDHA, P. O. Box 3272, Hickory, NC 28603.

Most of y'all know me from my past service to AKDHA, but for those that don't know me here's some of my bio. I'm a descendant of Samuel son of Andreas, born and raised right here in Catawba where our pioneering grandfather settled before Catawba or Lincoln Counties were established. My lovely wife of 35 years, Cathy and I have four children and two grandchildren which we are very proud of. While my ancestors might have been Lutherans, my family and I are members of Covenant Baptist Church in Conover, NC. I am also a member the Long View Lions Club in Hickory, NC. Some of my many hobbies include fishing , raising chickens and working in my garden.

Goodbye for now; see you in September.

Eric Killian, AKDHA President





Association Officers for 2018-19

President	Eric Killian
V-President	Tim Killian
Secretary	Kandice Waller
Co-Secretary	Kim Sipe
Treasurer	Sue D. Killian
Co-Treasurer	Cathy Killian
Historian	William L. Hinds
Chaplain	Tim Killian
Webmaster	Wayne Setzer
Newsletter Editor	Charles Killian
DNA Administrator	Cheryl Killian
DNA Co-Admin	James Green III
Book Editor	Cheryl Killian
At Large	Lee Killian
At Large	Brenda Killian
At Large	James Green III
At Large	Linda Killian
Programs and Projects Director	Eric Killian
Cemeteries Project Director	Stephen A. Killian
Welcome Committee Chairman	Linda Killian
Welcome Committee Co-Chair	Doris Pope

Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA)

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:

It is our policy that personal information, such as your name, postal, and email address or telephone number, is private and confidential. We do not sell, trade, exchange or otherwise make available any personally identifiable information to any other company or organization. Personal information will not be released to third parties unless release is required by law or is pertinent to judicial or governmental investigations or proceedings.

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

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

This issue and all back issues of the newsletter are available for download at no charge on the website, www.AndreasKillian.com. Please refer to the date of the issue in your search.

Donations to AKDHA are appreciated.

Send To:

AKDHA

P. O. Box 3272

Hickory, NC 28603

The Walls of Jericho in 1980

By M. Brent Stapley

I am a descendant of goodly parents, grandparents and great-grandparents who were honorable people, and who demonstrated lives founded on the principles of integrity, truth, kindness and tenacity. I have discovered, after reading the many written accounts of their ancestors, those values were established long before. This profound discovery would not have been possible if not for the earnest people who doggedly researched and brought to light the lives of my ancestors.

Those ancestors who settled and lived in NC have given me a special connection in my heart to that great state. You see, I am a fifth generation and devoted Arizonian. It fascinates me that my connection to NC goes back as far as the pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788). The following is my family story from Andreas to me and my connection to NC.

Pioneer Andreas Killian settled in NC before 1749. His third child Johann (John) Killian (1729-1799) and his wife Ann Elizabeth (born about 1732), widow of Michael Zimmerman (1730-1758) also lived in NC near his father. John's fourth child was Philip Killian (1766-1815). Philip married Mary (Molly) Hoskins (1773-1820) about 1796. Their first child and son was John Killian (1796-1858). This John was my third great grandfather, and he married Lydia Ann Hopper (1795-1834) in 1818. He and his parents left NC after the war of 1812 and traveled to MO.

In 1831, about a year after the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints was organized and founded by the prophet Joseph Smith, John Killian met Oliver Cowdry who baptized him in September of that year. Oliver Cowdry, a significant figure in the Church's early history, acted as scribe for Joseph Smith as he translated the Book of Mormon.

John Killian lived on a farm near Montrose, Lee County, IA on the Mississippi River. Across the river was the Mormon community of Nauvoo, Illinois. At its height, Nauvoo was larger than Chicago. John was commissioned as a Captain in the Militia in Missouri, and then a captain in the Nauvoo Legion. John's son, George Killian (1819-1882) was born in St. Francisville, MO.

John Killian's wife, Lydia, passed away in 1834 and he remarried Sara (Sally) McClure (1798-1872) in 1837. In 1850, John and a few family members traveled in wagons to Council Bluffs, IA, then over one thousand miles across the plains into the Salt Lake Valley. John's son, George Killian and his wife, Matilda Phoebe Cochran (pronounced Ka-harn according to my mother) (1828-1896), also traveled to UT and settled in Salem. They then moved to northern AZ settling in Concho, just east of the Mormon community Snowflake.

George Hamilton Killian (1869-1959) son of George and Matilda, was born in Salem, UT. In 1894, George Hamilton proposed to Ovidia Serena Mathea Kempe. Consistent with Church Doctrine, they elected to be married in the St. George, Utah temple. They packed their saddle bags, including her rolled up wedding dress, and rode their horses from Concho, AZ to St. George, UT. Their first child, Charles Ray Killian (1896-1989), my grandfather, was born in Concho. By 1902, the family moved to Thatcher, AZ.

C. Ray Killian married Jessie Lourie Ellsworth (1896-1977) in the Salt Lake Temple in 1923. Interesting fact: Ray travelled by automobile from Safford, AZ to Salt Lake City, UT with his future in-laws. Jessie arrived in Salt Lake City from a European trip by rail car. The purpose of meeting in Salt Lake City was to permit them to have their marriage solemnized in the Temple. The three-day trip from Salt Lake City to Safford went well. The parents slept on one side of the car, and the newlyweds on the other. Ray and Jessie settled in Safford, AZ.

(Continued on page 4)

(Continued from page 3)

Their first child, my Uncle, C. Max Killian (1926 -) was born in Safford, AZ. Because of severe complications delivering baby Max, the local doctors referred Ray and Jessie to the Inspiration Copper Mine's state-of-the-art hospital which was staffed by Doctor Bacon from New York City. My mother Marian Eve Killian (1930-2014), first baby born in AZ in the year 1930, was born in Miami, AZ. She was introduced to my father, Glenn Orth Stapley (1925-2009), by her brother, Max. They were at a dance in Tempe; Max and Glenn were Navy friends.

I, M. Brent Stapley, came into the picture in 1961. Even though my parents raised all seven children in Phoenix, my mother insisted that all her children be born in Mesa. When I was fifteen, I was six feet three inches tall and weighed all of a hundred and fifty-five pounds. Yes, a complete bean pole! At home in Phoenix I rode my street bicycle anywhere and everywhere on long distance rides. My other spare time was spent riding horses. I finished high school in 1979. That summer I worked at my cousin Kim Ellsworth's thoroughbred horse farm north of Shreveport, LA just south of Benton.

After completing my first semester of college, I submitted my request to serve a proselyting mission for the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. The call came back and I was to report to the mission training center on March 20th 1980 in Provo, UT. When I arrived in UT, I still weighed a hundred and fifty-five pounds. In the mission training center you study, eat, study some more, eat again and study. Did I mention that you eat and study?

By the end of April, I found myself in NC sitting at the dinner table of my new quasi parents, Sloan Alma Smith my mission president and his wife Alberta Smith. Originally from Alberta Canada, President Smith was a very successful businessman and a spiritual giant. He had a very kind demeanor, but could shake the walls when he taught the gospel. His responsibility was to oversee the proselyting and missionary service in western NC.

The first assignment of my two-year mission was in Kernersville, NC with Elder Steve Parent from MI, my companion and trainer. He was a meat and potatoes guy and I was a salad and Mexican food guy, but the good people of Kernersville fed us very well. Even though we rode bicycles, within my first sixty days away from home, I weighed one hundred and eighty-five pounds! I really loved Southern-cooking. Funny thing was when I introduced taco salads to Elder Parent, that's all he wanted to eat after that.

After a couple of months in Kernersville, I was transferred to Waynesville in the Smokey Mountains! I was so excited to be in the mountains even though they were completely different from the Rocky Mountains of the desert. These mountains were covered in trees. Elder Myers and I rode our bicycles up and down all the hills and into every holler. Occasionally we would meet the missionaries from Cherokee and switch companions at the top of the Blue Ridge Parkway. On our twenty-mile bicycle ride from Clyde, we traveled along the Pigeon River, down Old Clyde Road passing the enchanted Lake Junaluska, past Waynesville and up through the resort town of Maggie Valley to the Blue Ridge Parkway. Every time we took this route, we stopped at the Mountain Top Gift shop above Maggie Valley and a bought a jar of jam. You know my mother would!

Near Waynesville we rented an outside access, upstairs attic apartment from an older couple in Clyde. There was no shower, and guys don't take baths. We would ride our bicycles to the old Methodist church building in town that was sold to the Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. On one occasion, we had a late meeting at the church. Our curfew was 10pm, so our 9pm meeting had to be short and effective. In the basement of the church, the men's room had a large shower and changing room that we found useful. After our showers, we headed outside to get our bicycles. We were shocked to find a mob of about twenty people outside chanting. We approached them, introduced ourselves and asked what they were doing.

(Continued on page 5)

(Continued from page 4)

The pastor of a church from the nearby town of Bethel stepped up to tell us that because the Mormons were teaching false doctrine, his congregation was marching around the church building seven times in faith while chanting and singing praises to God until the walls fall down like the Walls of Jericho! In a few minutes the local sheriff showed up. While Elder Myers was visiting with the pastor and his congregation, I said hello to the sheriff. I asked him if there was a curfew in town. His reply was, "not as long as the gospel of Jesus Christ was being taught." Well, that was enough for me -- I valued my sleep. I encouraged the congregation to continue in faith and that we would see them another time. They kindly invited us to their tent revival. We smiled and thanked them and went home. We received a report a couple days later that their revival tent had an unfortunate mishap and was blown over in a windstorm. So much for Jericho and faith. A couple months later we happened onto the pastor's home and were greeted by two enormous Chow dogs followed by the pastor who was very polite and treated us kindly.

Unfortunately, I was never called to serve in Catawba County where the Killians had settled. But, serving the Lord in western NC for two years was one of the most rewarding experiences of my life. The people were warm and kind. I loved the food and the traditions they shared with me.

In an unforgettable experience in September 2012, I returned to NC with my mother to attend the Andreas Killian Family Reunion. We loved meeting everyone and getting acquainted with relatives. Mom and I toured western NC and visited people and places familiar to me while serving my mission, including novelty shops where my mother bought jam. Now you know where I get it from.

There's a family in Forest City, NC named Chapman. This family was very special to me during my last several months of service. They were warm and loving and welcomed me with open arms. Mother and I made arrangements to visit them at their home one evening. Even though thirty years had passed, the same feeling of Christ-like love overwhelmed me as I stepped onto their porch and into their home. I was practically overcome with tears because the tender feelings were so strong. This solidified my sentimental feelings for NC and all the good folks there. Now you understand why NC has part of this Arizona boy's heart.

50th Wedding Anniversary

Miss Doris Killian and Mr. Ray Pope were married April 4, 1969. Doris is the Andreas Killian descendant, but that does not keep Ray from helping with the AKDHA reunions. He happily putters around the reunion each year doing anything and everything. He has truly integrated himself into the Killian Clan and is a tremendous help to the reunion committee group.

Doris and Ray lived in the same neighborhood and both went to Bunker Hill High School. They are lifetime member of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church. Ray served in the Army before marriage. Their oldest daughter Dorinda Todd and husband Wesley have two children Seth C. Todd and Cassie B. Todd. They live in Conover, NC. Youngest daughter Denise Dickinson and her husband Jason live in Prospect Hill north of Burlington, NC. Doris now works at Trinity Village (The Lutheran Home) on Springs Road. Ray retired in December 2013 after 54 years of service at Southern Furniture Co. Conover NC.



The AKDHA Board of Directors and Members at Large with Doris and Ray a Happy Anniversary, with many more to come.

AKDHA Remembers. . .

William Donald Yount, (14 Feb 1924—02 May 2018), Cape Girardeau, MO [Hinds #84093].

Glenn Hubert Ridley, (14 Feb 1933—21 May 2018), Dalton, GA [Hinds #56382].

Evelyn Virginia Stephens Reid Wickham, (24 Sep 1924—11 My 2018), Bluefield, WV, [Hinds #74814].

Killian, Bobby Ray, (27 Aug 1931—07 Aug 2018, Hickory, NC, [Hinds #62464].

William R. Cook, (16 Aug 1923—07 Jul 2018), Fond de Lac, WI [Hinds #94409].

Virginia Ruth Smith Deal, (1 Jun 1925—02 Sep 2018) Catawba, NC [Hinds #18480].

Robert Owen Hemphill, (18 Dec 1945—04 Sep 2018), Rock Hill, SC [Hinds #81450].

Robert David Dellinger, Jr. (06 Aug 1968—10 Sep 2018),Chapel Hill, NC [Hinds #21837].

Eula Azalee Bollinger Bridges, (31 Oct 1922—10 Apr 2018, Bollinger Co, MO [Hinds 86843].

Alexandria Nicole Wiltcher, (02 Jul 1992—20 May 2018), Mecklenburg Co, NC [Hinds #3230].

Kenneth Glenn Setzer, (07 Nov 1936—17 Sep 2018), Conover, NC [Hinds #75013].

Eva Luetta Flowers Parker, (6 Jul 1927—21 Sep 2018), Newton, NC [Hinds #72823].

Melvin Lee Stroupe, (18 Dec 1942—18 Jan 2019), Conover, NC [Hinds #20746].

Juanita "Maggie" Schlitt Young, (4 Oct 1923—29 Dec 2018), Springdale, AR [Hinds #108729].

Melvin Lee Little, (20 Jun 1928—25 Sep 2018), Catawba Co., NC [Hinds #20784].

Wishon, Jeanette, (6 Jan 1947—29 Sep 2018), Conover, NC [Hinds #63898].

Stuart Lee Reid, (09 Dec 1947—06 Oct 2018), Claremont, NC[Hinds# 47189].

Richard Yance Sipe, Sr., (17 Mar 1927—12 Oct 2018), Conover, NC [Hinds #64664].

Willard Welshimer Mann, (11 Nov 1924—31 Oct 2018), Jonesboro, GA [Hinds #88258].

James Stuart Sigmon, (03 Feb 1938—16 Nov 2018) Blowing Rock, NC [Hinds #108361].

Richard Lafayette Bowman, (01 Jul 1946—19 Nov 2018), Conover, NC [Hinds #71651].

Larry Franklin Sigmon, (21 Dec 1936—25 Nov 2018), Conover, NC [Hinds #62784].

Dorothy Rose Propst Postove, (28 May 1927—03 Dec 2018) Clearwater, FL [Hinds #67502].

Michael Lee Heavner, (16 Jul 1992—06 Dec 2018), Newton, NC [Hinds #108496].

Michael Ray Killian, (29 Aug 1960—11 Dec 2018), Hickory, NC [Hinds #62987].

Ray Derwood Hawn, (2 Aug 1929—24 Dec 2018), Maiden, NC [Hinds #70289].

Paul Gerhardt Leonard, (14 Mar 1928—26 Dec 2018), Hickory, NC [Hinds #51208].

Dorothy Edith Barger Johnson, (24 Apr 1939—31 Dec 2018), Hickory, NC [Hinds #72496].

James Franklin Carpenter, Sr. (02 Jun 1946—15 Jan 2019), Burke Co, NC [Hinds #64547].

Margaret C. Busch Hales, (25 Apr 1926—01 Nov 2018), Salem, OR, [Hinds #108754].

(Continued on page 7)

(Continued from page 6)

Shirley Ann Yount Sherrill. (10 Sep 1934—21 Dec 2018). Quantico, VA. She and her husband, Bobby Franklin Sherrill, where both born in Catawba Co., NC. They are buried together. [Hinds #93254].

Bobby Franklin Sherrill, (12 Aug 1933—30 Jul 2017). Quantico, VA, [Hinds #105114].

Anna Belle West Cookston, (17 May 1930-29 Jul 2018), Franklin, N.C. [Hinds #80808].

In Memory of Patsy Killian Dooley

(27 Sep 1934 – 2 Mar 2018)

Submitted by Susan Dooley



A wonderful and loving mother, Patricia Will ‘Patsy’ Killian Dooley, age 83, of Portersville, passed away at home with family on March 2, 2018. Born September 27, 1934 in Portersville, DeKalb County, Alabama, to the late Noah Bruce Killian and late Lorene Robison Killian. She lived her life on the family farm in Portersville and worked as a bank teller for over 45 years in Fort Payne Alabama. She is survived by her children, Susan Dooley, Mark Dooley and wife, Karen, granddaughter, Isabelle Dooley, niece, Sherry Killian and several cousins. Patsy was the great granddaughter of Daniel Shepard Killian and Mary Ann Winston Killian. She was preceded in death by her parents, and brother, Baily Bruce Killian, of Portersville.

A faithful member of The Shepherd’s Chapel Church of Gravette, Arkansas, she studied the Bible with Pastor Arnold Murray. Patsy was a member of the DeKalb County Chapter 1456 United Daughters of the Confederacy and a member of the Phillip Hamman Chapter Daughters of the American Revolution. A good steward of the land, she received a ‘Forest Stewardship Certification’ in 2014 from the Alabama Forestry Association. The legacy she leaves is love for family, farm and her heritage.

Memorial and graveside service was held March 6, 2018 with interment at Gravel Hill Cemetery, Colbran, Alabama.

Killian Reunion, Fredericktown, MO

Saturday, Aug 24, 2019

Descendants of Gabriel Alexander Killian (1858-1944)

For more information contact:

Rose Killian Polete (636) 933-6565

Or email: RMPolete@polete.us

Hattie Caldwell Davis (September 13, 1927—October 2, 2018)

Submitted by Charles David Killian

Hattie Caldwell Davis was one of the last children born in Cataloochee Valley, Haywood County, NC. "Cataloochee" was a close, tight-knit community and they very much enjoyed socializing with each other whenever possible. A movement to create a nation park in the Great Smoky Mountains forced the residents of Cataloochee to sell their land. Her parents, Eldridge and Pearl, brother Ken, and sister Helen moved to Maggie Valley in 1934. They brought with them, Pearl's cousins, Sam and Tom Killian. Hattie's oldest sister, Nell died in Cataloochee on January 4, 1929 and is buried in the Caldwell Family Cemetery, Cataloochee, NC.

Hattie was active until the time of her death. She retired in 1991 to take care of her mother, Pearl, and decided to write about her beloved Cataloochee Valley. Hattie became a local author of five books, including "Cataloochee Valley Vanished Settlement of the Great Smoky Mountains," and "Reflections of Cataloochee." She also took part in the making of the film, "Cataloochee People and their History."

Always interested in her "Roots", Hattie joined the Killian DNA project, shared photos of her Killian family, and had her house open to me and my wife, Cheryl, as long as we phoned and gave her time to comb out her hair and add lip gloss. She will be missed by many; two sons Gilmer Grasty and Don Grasty, six grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, her brother Ken and many more family members and friends.

Joe Yancey Killian of York, SC

Submitted by Robert Edward "Eddie" Killian

Joe Yancey Killian had the heart everyone loved. For many years he and his wife, Dolly, attended the yearly Second Sunday in September Killian Reunion. He and his cousin, Dan Sipe, among others were instrumental in publishing the 2009 AKDHA book, The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788). Joe served on the board of directors for several years of the newly formed AKDHA 501(c) (3).

Joe Killian was born May 16, 1939 in Filbert, SC to the late Robert Alonzo Killian [Hinds #40285] and Iva Belle Sipe Killian. He was a U. S. Army Veteran. Joe was a Mason for over 50 years at Clover Alpine Lodge #208. He was a Shriner. Joe was the former owner and operator of Auto Body Shop in Clover for 29 years and retired to be an avid cattle farmer.

He passed away Wednesday, August 1, 2018 at his beloved home. He is survived and mourned by his wife Darlene "Dolly" Oliver Killian; son Bryan Mathew Killian of York, SC; brothers Jerry Killian, Lewis Killian, John Killian; sisters Grace White, Linda Abernathy all of Clover, SC; and grandchildren Yancey Killian, Andrew Killian, John Avery Killian, Meagan Bolin, Preston Jonas. He was preceded in death by a sister, Ann Killian Loftis and a brother, Fred Killian.

Funeral service was August 5th, and interment was in Woodside Cemetery, Clover, SC.



Dolly and Joe Killian
Killian Family Reunion 2004

What One Andreas Killian Descendant Is Doing I Can Make a Difference; Salkehatchie 2017

Money is the doorway to happiness. That is what today's society is trying to ingrain into us. We are obsessive over how we look, how big our house is, what generation of phone we have, and if our food is organic. I'm guilty; I've lived a comfortable life and it has given me the opportunity to be picky and have some of these same "first world problems". However, my outlook on life and what I need drastically changed during the week of July 22nd through 29th, 2017. That week of camp, I would live in a gym, have seven sets of clothes that were far from flattering, and would work like I never had before. I would be dirt poor for a week, but at the same time have all I ever needed. I would gain three things that money couldn't buy: 1) the love of a true friend, 2) the satisfaction of helping out a person in need, and 3) a new perspective about money and happiness.

"I'm so hungry, I'm gonna eat these and I don't even like baked beans." This quote marked the beginning of a new friendship on the second day of camp as many of us fell on the Thomas Sumter cafeteria floor laughing. All 100 plus campers couldn't help but hear the enthusiastic Lizzie Lehnhoff and sympathize with her unexplainable hunger. Lizzie Lehnhoff came from John Wesley United Methodist, in Charleston, SC and is about a year older than I.

She and I were of a similar build: short and stocky, with a rounded face, brown hair, and bright eyes. In more aspects than physical, we were so similar it was like we had known each other for years. Furthermore, Lizzie and I were put on the same work sight and had an identical work ethic which led to us doing everything together and becoming very close. We slept right beside each other, ate together, worked together, and played games in the gym together. Lizzie and I were two peas in a pod and we never got tired of each other because we were so much better together. Lizzie made even the hardest of work a little less cumbersome. She cracked jokes, kept me motivated, hydrated, and was there to help work through any problems or confusion. It was a relief to have someone who was on the exact same emotional roller coaster and even now back in my home town her love and support have proved invaluable.

Throughout this week, Lizzie and I would work with the rest of our thirteen-person team to replace a roof on a kind-hearted, elderly woman's house; she asked simply to be called Ms. Ruby. The roof of her home had never been replaced causing it to leak profusely. Ms. Ruby had used every container she could find to keep the water at bay; however, the water damage was starting to affect other parts of the structure such as the ceilings and floors. Roofing a house in a mere six days is a large task and especially with a group of inexperienced teenagers.

To say the least, we all had to work hard and this type of work is physically demanding. (Not to mention that it is the middle of July in the South). However, every day after we would climb off the roof, scorched, Mrs. Ruby would be waiting on her front porch. She would smile, tell us how grateful she was, and you could literally see the burden lift off of her as we fixed her home. The years of hardship were bearable enough, at least for a week, for her to crack a smile. Her smile touched all of our hearts because we knew our work had a greater purpose and was appreciated.

"The King will reply, 'Truly I tell you, whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me'" Matthew 25:40 NIV. In short, I went on this trip to fulfill my duty as a Christian to love and serve the underprivileged. I wanted to become someone's blessing and to be the answer to someone's

(Continued on page 12)

2018 AKDHA Scholarship Winners

For 2018, AKDHA had lots of interest in the AKDHA Scholarship and received six applications. All the applications were reviewed by the committee, but AKDHA was only able to award two scholarships. The winners of the 2018 AKDHA Scholarship Award received \$1,000 paid directly to their account at the educational institution they attend.

Jessica Leigh Killian is attending the Clemson University, Clemson, SC. She is the daughter of Bryon Franklin Killian (a descendant of Andreas' son, Samuel). Her essay appears in this issue of "Killian Family Newsletter."

Kristin Brooke Killian is attending the University of Louisiana Monroe, LA. She is the daughter of Glenn Killian (a descendant of Andreas' son, George). Her essay will appear in the next issue of "Killian Family Newsletter."

The committee would like to encourage non-winning 2018 applicants to re-submit their application for consideration this year. To keep the interest up in AKDHA's scholarship, money has been set aside for two \$1,000 scholarship and gift certificates (\$50) to three runners-up. This doesn't mean you send in an application and you know you are going to get a gift certificate. The AKDHA yearly scholarship application requires; 1) an essay entitled "I Can Make a Difference", and 2) your pedigree back to Andreas Killian (1702—1788). There is work to "Earn" a scholarship. Your pedigree can be a broken lineage proven by DNA or an adopted proven line back to Andreas and your surname does not have to be Killian or Killion.

2019 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 and \$50 gift certificates for three runners-up. 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. AKDHA needs 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 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

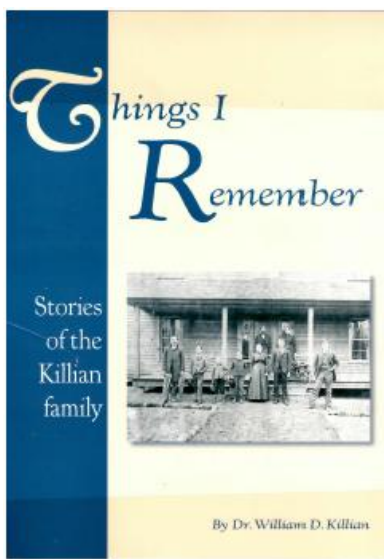
Instructions: http://andreaskillian.com/project_scholarship_instructions.shtml

Application: http://andreaskillian.com/ak-archives/scholarship/scholarship_application.pdf

AKDHA Books For Sale

“The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788)” is available by mail for \$30. Three copies are available.

“The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian” by William Randolph McCreight, September 2011, is available by mail for \$45. The Forefathers book was published by AKDHA with the consent of the author, Mr. William Randolph McCreight. Three copies are available.



“Things I Remember...” by Dr. William D. Killian, 2005, is available by mail for \$20. This book has not been available from AKDHA since 2016. I want to thank Bill for his donation of nineteen copies to AKDHA.

All proceeds from the sale of books goes to AKDHA.
To order your books, make check payable to
Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association or AKDHA
and mail to:

Cheryl Mann Killian
130 Rowan Road
Ellenwood, GA 30294

For more details about these books phone me at
(770) 337-5310 or email: fbCheryl@charter.net.

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 Kandice Waller, AKDHA Secretary, and Kim Sipe, AKDHA Co-Secretary, on a mission to collect these 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 before March 31, 2019

Send your favorite family recipes to:
AKDHA (Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association)
Attn: Cookbook Committee
P.O. Box 3272
Hickory, NC 28603
Email: kimbosipe@charter.net or kcw0721@aol.com

Editor Charles David Killian,
Descendant of Daniel Killian SR
130 Rowan Road
Ellenwood, GA 30294

Return Service Requested

(Continued from page 9)

prayers. However, I didn't realize that blessings are a two-way street; I received much more at this camp than I ever gave. These people had very little and had endured much, yet they were still some of the happiest people I have ever met. They made the most out of what they had because they knew that someone, somewhere was in a situation that was worse than theirs. They were generous, if you asked for the shirt off their back, they would have given it to you. The scars that they had physically and emotionally didn't change the amount of trust they had in the goodness of people. Why? They had relation with the world's living and redeeming Savior and they knew that He had their back.

Looking back on this week, I was amazed that a small group of teenagers led by an even smaller group of adults was able to make such an impact on a few underprivileged families. By fixing their houses, we were able to give them their dignity back and make their quality of life just a little better. Our show of love replenished their spirit and inspired them to keep going . Not only did the week heal the homeowners, but the week taught and healed us, the workers and campers, as the homeowners had little, but were trusting enough to open their homes and share their faith with us. No matter how little you think your impact is, when put together with others and done out of love, you will make a difference.

Jessica Killian
AKDHA Scholarship Application
7 May 2018