

KILLIAN FAMILY NEWSLETTER

MESSAGE FROM AKDHA PRESIDENT

Greetings Cousins,

I will start out by saying I hope this message finds everybody well. It saddens me to inform my cousins the 2020 AKDHA Reunion has been cancelled just like many events planned for 2020. All isn't lost; there will be a gathering at 6:00pm, on Friday night, September 11th at Captain's Galley Granite Falls, 4345 Hickory Blvd, Granite Falls, NC 28630 with a short business meeting at 6:30pm followed by the meal.

This isn't official, but the meeting might be broadcast over Facebook Live on our family page "The Andreas Killian Family". If we can make this possible, there will be more information later sent to AKDHA email list.

As your AKDHA President, I will truly miss each and every one of you, your stories, and adventures since we last met. A special thanks goes out to our reunion committee; the people go way out of their way doing everything possible to put on the best reunion. Even though we finally had to cancel this year's three-day reunion, the reunion committee had finished planning the reunion. We will keep all those plans and ideas in mind for 2021, so all is not lost.

Once again, we will miss each and every one of y'all so stay safe until we meet again.

Sincerely,

Eric Killian

AKDHA President

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**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

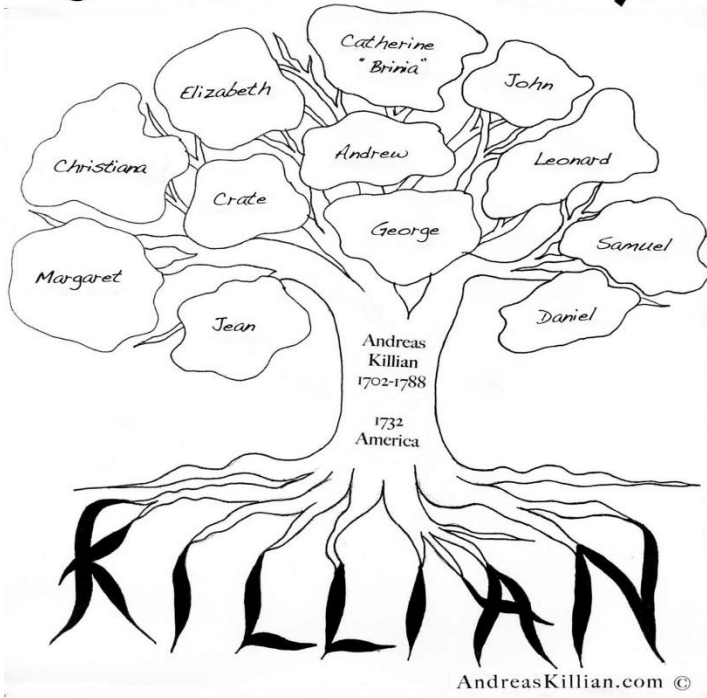
Our Newsletter is published in February and August Individual email addresses can be found on the website and some USPS addresses can be found in every newsletter

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
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Hickory, NC 28603**

Our Roots Run Deep



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ONE MINUTE PROFILE OF DESCENDANTS OF ANDREAS KILLIAN

Robert G. “Bob” Killion of Loda, IL

87 Years old; Born in Center Point, IN

Descendant of Leonard, son of Andreas

Retired: Ordained Minister, Church of the Nazarene for 56 Years; and Senior Manufacturing Engineer for 26 years

Family: Widowed; One Son, Jeff Killion; One Daughter, Barbara Killion Foster; Six Grandchildren; and four Great-grandchildren

Education: Ashboro High School, Indiana; Four-year Apprenticeship, Allison Division of General Motors, Speedway, Indiana (Machine repairman); and B.A. in Religion, Olivet Nazarene University, Kankakee, IL

Best piece of advice: NEVER, NEVER, GIVEUP OR QUIT

Hobbies/Pets: Taking care of my 2 Acres; my dogs and cats are all deceased now

Church: Presently Retired/ Assigned as Pastor of Milford Nazarene Church, IL

Personal Hero: John Wayne

Note: I have both Andreas Killian Books
Rev Robert G. Killion (bobkillion33@yahoo.com)
(217-249-2814)

Stacey Killian Hagewood

I live in Franklin, TN (just south of Nashville).

I am 57 years old and was born in Russellville, KY.

I have worked in television and video production for 35 years and I am currently a managing writer/producer at United Methodist Communications in Nashville.

I always wanted to be a television writer.

My siblings are Debra Killian Phillips and Stephen Walker Killian. We are all married, and each have two children who are descendants of Daniel born 1790 of Dekalb County, AL.

I have a Bachelor of Science in Communications from the University of Tennessee.

Best piece of advice: Be kind, be generous.

I read, love movies, have a little Shih Tzu named Stella and a cat named Taz.

I am an active member at Christ United Methodist Church in Franklin, TN.

My parents were my heroes. I love Carol Burnett and too many actors and musicians to name.

Note: Thank you all for creating this group and providing so much wonderful information. My dad died before the internet was really going well, so he did a lot of his family research by going to Tennessee and North Carolina courthouses and libraries—old school! But thanks to him, we have been able to add to the information he gathered for our own families.

Jimmy L. Price of Blacksburg, VA

Born, raised and lives: September 1940; in Montgomery County, VA.

Descendant of Margaret (née yet to be proved), wife of Michael Price.

Work: Retired Bi-Vocational - Machinist and Ordained Minister. Now serving as Pastor only.

Dream job: Forest Ranger.

Family: Born to Henry and Evelyn Price, a coal mining couple.

Best piece of advice: Watch your mouth and mind your own business; and give your heart to Jesus!

Education: High School and ten years of night school.

Personal Heroes: Biblical characters, my parents, and my pastors.

Comment: Dear Killians, My wife, Betty and I love you, and Thank You for keeping our Heritage alive!

Doris Elizabeth “Flossie” Killian Pope of Conover, NC

Born: Richard Baker Hospital (now Frye Regional Hospital), Hickory, NC.

Profession: Life Enrichment Team Member.

Dream Profession: Hairdresser.

Parents: Perry Monroe Killian and Nancy Mae Lail Killian.

Husband: Ray Pope.

Best piece of advice: Trust in the Lord; Be Faithful; and Love your neighbors.

Hobbies: Sewing, shopping, and enjoying my grandchildren.

Church: Mount Zion Lutheran Church, Conover, NC.

Descendant of Samuel, son of Andreas.

Found

Submitted by Cheryl Mann Killian

What do they say? Nothing gets deleted from the internet, EVER! All the information that goes onto the internet, stays on the internet even if you think that it has been erased. Grace Gilgen's homepage was placed on the internet in late 1990s. She is on the Killian Family Newsletter mailing list. I do not know when her name and address was added to the list; Charles Killian was appointed Killian Family Newsletter Editor in 2005. In the Spring of 2020, her Killian Family Newsletter was returned to Charles and he does not delete a person from the mailing list just because their newsletter comes back. The USPS is not as conscientious as Charles. While he gets newsletters back and pay 70¢ for that service, the address correction requested is sometimes not legible. Grace Gilgen's forwarding address was not legible. After many attempts, Charles found the forwarding address for Grace. That is where I come into play. I want to know who she is. I should have guessed, she is a descendant of Capt. John Killian, son of Phillip Killian and Mary Hockins. It was no big surprise, Grace lived in Utah. A few google searches and there is Grace's webpage, now I know more about Grace Emily Lay Walbom Gilgen's family.

Home Page for Grace Gilgen

My name is Grace Emily Lay Walbom Gilgen



On April 20, 1939, my mother, Jennie Estelle Walton Lay, went to the Cottonwood Maternity Home in Murray, Utah. My Aunt, June Bradshaw, her sister, took her there. I was born the next day and they admitted my aunt with labor pains. My cousin Larry Bradshaw was born four days later. My father, Amos Earl "Doc" Lay was not there at the time. He was a giant of a man working as a superintendent of steel erection (Iron Workers).



I have one brother, Dale Earl and Mom raised my nephew, Ronald Earl Lay as our own.

I went all over the country with my parents on job sites until I started school at Highland Park Elementary on 27th South in Salt Lake City, Utah. I attended many schools early in life until the fourth grade. My father came home one afternoon to tell my mom he had sold the house and we were going gold mining just out of Idaho City, Idaho in 1947. Mom followed Dad and we lived in a tent for three months. You could say gold mining was in the Lay family blood, just like iron work was.

We lived in a cow pasture for two weeks in Glens Ferry, Idaho trying to get enough money to get back to Salt Lake. Needless to say, we didn't strike it rich in gold.

My parents bought a home at 15th East and 30th South in Salt Lake and I stayed there until I married in 1958. I attended Libby Edward, Central Jr. High, and Olympus High School. I worked as telephone operator for Mountain Bell and the Gold Strike Stamp Co. where I met and married my husband, William N. Walbom.

We had five beautiful children, two boys and three girls. Also, I raised William Kregg Walbom from Bill's previous marriage.



Me at 2



TOP ROW: L - R Kurt, Kregg, Kiley
BOTTOM ROW: L - R Kandi, Koddie, Kathy
Photo taken Mar. 1996



Me today [199?]

Went through all the heartaches a mother goes through when your son is in Vietnam. Our marriage ended in divorce after eighteen years in 1975.



I soon met my present husband, Jack Merrill Gilgen and have had an adventure; twenty-two years of surprises. Living on a farm so different from the city life was wonderful. We have raised everything, including any stray children or adults. I hunt, fish, camp, raise a beautiful garden to preserve, as well as a beautiful flower garden to enjoy. Together we work seasonal jobs such as Skinning Mink.

Jack and I were partners for fifteen years shearing the valley sheep. He sheared and I tied the fleece. Sometimes we worked with a crew and I tied for five shearers.

In 1977, I opened the Cauldron Costume Shoppe (rentals). I enjoyed that business for fourteen years. Sewed most of the costumes with the help of my children. We costumed for productions at Utah State University, Unicorn Children's Theatre, various High Schools, Church functions, Centennial for Utah Senate, and the Festival of the American West. Worked with the Special Olympic group in Salt Lake. My life has been full with grandchildren and now a great grandson. And life goes on.

My many hobbies are first love-genealogy, gardening, sewing, crafts, art, classical music, grandchildren, and serving probably more coffee to friends in a day than most cafes. We are blessed with so many friends.

Note:

Jack Merrill Gilgen was born 21 Feb 1941 and died 21 Sep 2018.

AKDHA Remembers...



Timothy Wayne Honeycutt (03 DEC 1961-16 JUL 2020) of Conover, NC. He was the son of Billy Gene Honeycutt and the late Mary Cathrine Killian Honeycutt. He was preceded in death by his mother; and his son, Jason Fender. He was employed in the metal roofing/construction business. Survivors include his wife, Kimberly Sipe Honeycutt; daughter, Aleisa H. Fincannon; three grandsons; one granddaughter; his father; his sister, Kimberly H. Sipe; brothers, Keith Honeycutt of Georgia and Scott Honeycutt, Conover, NC.

The AKDHA Board of Directors sends their deepest sympathies to the family, especially our long-term board member, Kim Sipe.

Ronnie Dean Killian (28 FEB 1962-08 JUN 2020), Hickory, NC. He was born in Catawba County, NC to the late Edgar Dean Killian and Phyllis Annette Weathers Killian. He was preceded in death by parents; and his sister, Tammy Killian. Survivors include his wife, Tammie Killian; children, Megan, Stephen, Kevin, and Tyler; three grandchildren; and his sister, Teresa.

Johnny Doyle Lail (2 JAN 1944-28 JAN 2020) of Catawba County, NC. Survivors his wife of 56 years, Doris Loretta Killian Lail; one daughter DeAnn Lail Barnes of Conover; and a brother and a sister.

2020 AKDHA Scholarship Award

The Executive Committee of the AKDHA is pleased to announce the association will be awarding three \$500 scholarships this year. AKDHA Scholarship Award is a program that 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 recipients will be announced at the 2020 AKDHA Annual Business Meeting on September 11th at Captain's Galley Granite Falls, 4345 Hickory Blvd, Granite Falls, NC 28630. The funds are sent directly to the higher educational institutions of the winners. These institutions include not only universities and colleges but also various professional schools that provide preparation in such fields as law, theology, medicine, business, music, and art. Higher education also includes vocational schools, trade schools and other career colleges that award degrees.

Your tax-deductible contributions to AKDHA fund the annual scholarship award. Please send your contribution to:

AKDHA
P. O. Box 3272
Hickory, NC 28603

Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association Business Meeting Celebrating 86 Years

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 11, 2020 6pm – 8pm (Eastern Standard Time)

Captain's Galley Granite Falls

4345 Hickory Blvd, Granite Falls, NC 28630
828-396-8453

- 6pm - 630pm Social Gathering and Sign-In
- 6:30pm - 7:00pm Annual Business Meeting
 - ✓ Confirmation of AKDHA Officers for 2020-2021
 - ✓ AKDHA Scholarship Clarification to Allow Trade School Entries
 - ✓ Announcement of AKDHA Scholarship 2020 Award Winners
 - ✓ Traditional Count for Andreas Children's Descendants Attending Meeting
 - ✓ Senior Award and Youngest Award
 - ✓ Family Members Traveling the Furthest Award
- 7:00pm - 8:00pm Evening Meal and Socializing
- 8:00pm - 8:30pm Goodbye Until Next Year's Reunion

Contact phone numbers for details and head count at Captain's Galley Granite Falls:

- President, Eric Killian 828-455-4936
- Vice-President, Tim Killian 828-310-4141

For out of town cousins, there are many fine hotels in Hickory for your accommodations.

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If you have any updates to your membership, please return to AKDHA webmaster, Eddie Killian at fairfieldgenealogy@truvista.net

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AKDHA Books for Sale

“The Andreas Killian Family Cookbook” is now available. The cookbook is filled with 299 family recipes, family histories, helpful hints, and much more. We know you will enjoy looking through it and seeing the many names of those who have made this possible. This book will make a great Christmas gift for any of your family members. The books are selling at \$15.00 each with additional \$3.50 for shipping/handling.

For your cookbook order, please make payment to AKDHA and mail to:

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By mail the cookbooks are \$18.50 each, please indicate how many cookbooks you are ordering.

Other AKDHA Books

- “The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788)” is available by mail for \$30.
- “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.
- “Things I Remember...” by Dr. William D. Killian, 2005, is available by mail for \$20.

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