

# KILLIAN FAMILY NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM AKDHA PRESIDENT

Greetings to my Andreas Killian Cousins,

The 2019 AKDHA Reunion is now just a memory and we have ventured into 2020 with many new and old AKDHA projects worthy of attention. One has been on the back burner for many years. Old St. Paul's Lutheran Church located in Newton NC is the first known American church of our pioneering grandfather. Keeping up with the cemetery is very time-consuming task; many markers need cleaning, some markers are broken, and some have settling issues. This project has been on AKDHA's list for many years. As president I would like to see this project started on again. We could use this as a community service project due to the fact many NC pioneer families are buried there.

Last year's successful project was the "Andreas Killian Family Cookbook". AKDHA would like to thank Kandice Waller and Kim Sipe for their diligent work on this family cookbook. The two ladies worked tirelessly gathering and sorting Killian recipes. All the recipes were submitted from Killian family members and many have been handed down generations. Kim stated they could only do so many recipes for this book and with many extra recipes there is the possibility for future Cookbook.

An ongoing association project is the AKDHA Scholarship Award. I would like to remind you, our scholarship program is up for grab again this year for any descendant of Andreas Killian. The program we have is a great opportunity to help with college or vocational school tuition. Information on this program can be found in this newsletter, page 10 and [www.AndreasKillian.com](http://www.AndreasKillian.com).

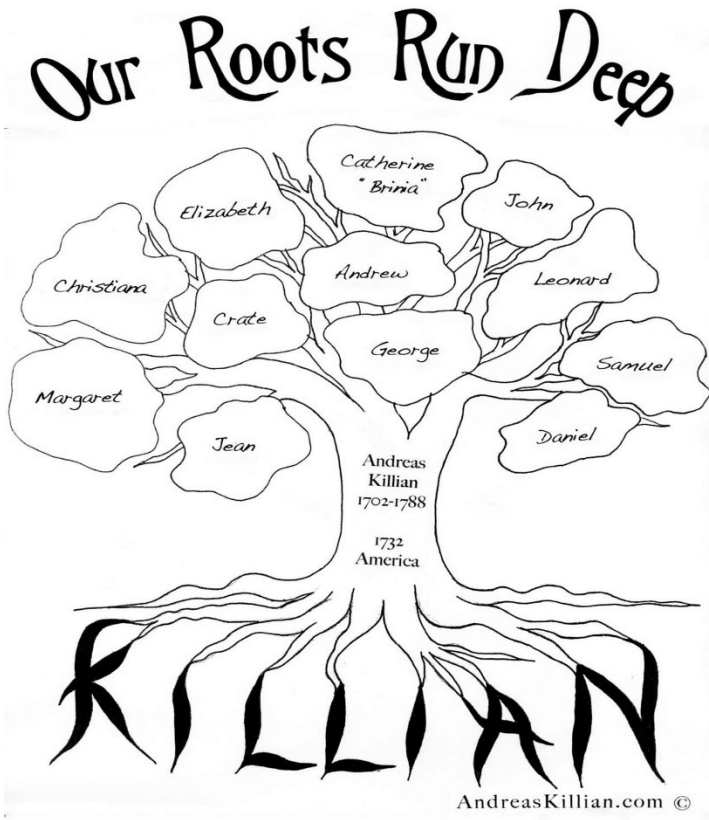
I am happy to announce, William McCreight has uncovered more information in Germany and has published new book "The Origin of the Kilians in Germany, Revision 3". This book is not available through AKDHA, but our Association is very grateful and lucky to have such a talented member of our Killian family.

Our reunion planning committee met in February to discuss our 2020 reunion gathering. Many activities and ideas were bounced around and possibilities will be formulated in the next meeting in April.

Bye for now, 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](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

This issue and all back issues of the newsletter are available for download at no charge on the website, [www.AndreasKillian.com](http://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**

**Association Officers for 2019-2020**

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|--------------------------------|--------------------|
| President                      | Eric Killian       |
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| Welcome Committee Co-Chair     | Doris Pope         |



LENORD KILLION & WIFE TO GEORGE BROWN

THIS INDENTURE made the first Day of January in the year of our Lord One Thousand Seven Hundred and fifty four Between Lenord Killion and Marygreat his wife of Anson County and province of North Carolina of the one part and George Brown of the County and province aforesaid of the other part. WITNESSETH that the said Lenord Killion and Marygreat his wife for and in Consideration of the Sum of five Shillings to them in hand paid by the said George Brown the Receipt whereof is hereby acknowledged have granted bargained and Sold and by these presents Do grant Bargain and Sell unto the said George Brown all that Tract or parcel of Land Situate Lying and being in the County and province aforesaid on the South Side of the Cutabo River and on Killion's Krick beginning at a White Oak and Runs No. 27 Et. 324 poles to a Red Oak Thence So. 23 Et. 506 po. to a White Oak thence South 27 Et. 496 po. to a Red Oak thence to the first Station Containing by Estimation \_\_\_\_\_ acres the Same being granted to the said Lenors Killion by patent bearing Date the 30th Day of September One Thousand Seven Hundred and firty nine Relation Being there unto had may appear and all meadows Ways Waters Water Courses profits Commodities Hereditaments and appurtenances: Whatsoever to the Same belonging or in anyway appurtaining and Reversion and Reversions Remainder and Remainders Rents and Issues and profits thereof To have and to hold the said Tract or parcel of Land Singular other the premises hereby granted with the appurtenances unto the said George Brown his heirs Executors Administrators and Assigns from the Day of the Date hereof for and during the full End and Term of one Whole year from thence next Ensueing fully to be Completed and Ended Yielding and paying therefore the Rent of one pepper Corn On Lady Day next if the Same be Lawfully Demanded To the intent that by Virtue of these presents and force of the Statute for Transferring uses into Possession the said George Brown may be in actual possession of the premises and thereby be enabled to accept and take a grant and whereof the Said Lenord Killion and Marygreat his wife have here unto Set their hands and Seals the Day and Year first above Written.

Signed Sealed and Delivered  
In Presence of  
One Dutch Name  
Henry Johnstone  
Jno. Thomas

*Leonard Killion*  
*George Brown* 022295

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Lenord L Killion (SEAL)  
mark  
her  
Marygreat M Killion (SEAL)  
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The above transcription was submitted by Wayne Milam for publication in the Killian Family Newsletter. The abstract by Brent H. Holcomb was published in the 2009 AKDHA book, "The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788)", page 51.

I looked up many of the terms, and words in the above transcription. The legal agreement was written in 'Old English' terms of Commodities, Hereditament, and appurtenance; along with Reversion, Reversions, Remainder and Remainders, Rents and Issues. I could be understanding this wrong, but it would seem Leonard and his wife were able to remain on the property for one year; "the full End and Term of one Whole year from thence next Ensueing fully to be Completed and Ended Yielding and paying therefore the Rent of one pepper Corn on Lady Day next". But Leonard was not to keep the rents or profits of the land. Also, he was not to teardown or demolish buildings. Leonard and his wife were to pay rent of one pepper corn and live there a year. In theory there is an obligation on the lessee to deliver one peppercorn—an item which has some but clearly minimal economic value—to George Brown. It seems obvious that the 'peppercorn rent' is being used as an alternative to a deed, in order to make a binding. Modern language would read "In consideration of \$1 and other good and valuable considerations in hand paid." The peppercorn rent might have been put in the sale agreement so Leonard could build a new resident for him in this wife.

Interpreted by Cheryl Mann Killian

## ONE MINUTE PROFILE OF DESCENDANTS OF ANDREAS KILLIAN

### Elizabeth Heroin Deal of Durham, NC

**Born:** Concord, Cabarrus County, NC.

**Hometown:** Mt. Pleasant, Cabarrus County, NC.

**Descendant of:** Christianna, daughter of Andreas.

**Work:** Retired 2014; Clinical Social Worker in Private Practice. When growing up, she had no ideas of what she wanted to do. She knew what she didn't want to do.

**Family:** Married Claude V. Deal, Jr. for 58 years; three sons, Jeffrey, Brian, and Douglas; three grandchildren.

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in Sociology, Lenoir Rhyne University; and Master of Social Work, Marywood College.

**Note from Elizabeth:** 2019 was her first Killian Reunion; and for the past three years she has been writing her Barringer history. Christianna Killian and John Barringer are her 4-times great-grandparents.

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### Ronald Wayne Milan of Southside, AL

**Born:** Gadsden, AL.

**Descendant of:** Daniel Killian born 1790 and DNA confirmed descendant of Andreas.

**Work:** Retired from work in steel industry after 34 years. The last 22 as an electronic repairman.

**Family:** Wife of 61 years Catherine Hooks Milan; three children; three grandchildren; and five great grandchildren.

**Best piece of advice:** Be yourself.

**Education:** High School and two years of junior college.

**Church:** Parkway Community Church, Gadsden, AL.

**Hobbies:** Genealogy, metal detecting and fishing.

**Notes from editor:** Wayne used to ride go-carts. He and Catherine have tromped through most Killian cemeteries in the southeast. He has helped many Killians find their Killian roots; his database and notebooks are extensive.

### Pat Abel of Springdale, AR.

**Born:** Prescott, AR.

**Descendant of** Samuel, son of Andreas.

**Work:** Owned and operated a fine jewelry store, 'Mine Creek Jewelry' in Nashville, AR. She wanted to be a nurse when growing up.

**Family:** Married Kenith Lee Harris (died 2004); three children, David, Deanna, and Danny; nine grandchildren; married Ed Abel in 2013.

**Education:** Bachelor of Arts in English; and Master of Science in Psychology.

**Hobbies:** Traveling, reading, piano, and cooking.

**Personal Heroes:** President Donald Trump and The Founding Fathers of the United States of America.

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### Lee Beatty Killian of Denver, NC

**Born, raised and lives:** on the same property in Denver, Lincoln County, NC.

**Descendant of:** John, son of Andreas.

**Work:** Farmer, Army National Guard, Cattle Rancher until 2001, City of Denver Volunteer Fireman for 47 years (Rookie, Fire Chief and Board President) and currently Denver Fire Department Board of Directors, Member at Large AKDHA, sawmill operator, and member of Mount Pleasant United Methodist Church, Denver, NC.

**Family:** Wife of 27 years, Brenda Jean Hines Killian formally of Maiden, NC.

**Best piece of advice:** Don't do anything you would not want your Mama to find out about.

**Education:** High School and one-week Fire School at night.

**Personal Hero:** Mother's youngest brother, Griffin R. Beatty, SR, veteran of World War II. He retired from service as a US Air Force pilot (1939-1968) with the rank of Lieutenant Colonel and received the Distinguished Flying Cross.

## WHAT ONE ANDREAS KILLIAN DESCENDANT IS DOING

### Linda Barkley Hoyle

The Lincoln County, NC Last Man Standing Club, a WWII veterans' group, was organized by Linda Barkley Hoyle in 2008. Her Uncle James "Jim" Leatherman (1926-2013) who was a World War II veteran asked her to help get the club started. Her uncle wanted a veteran's group that met during the day. The club began with 60 members and currently has three. The bylaws state that when the club is down to two members it will fold.



The first Wednesday of every month finds Linda Hoyle at Ingles in Lincolnton, NC setting up for the monthly meeting of the Lincoln County Last Man Club. Linda said for an article in the Lincoln County Times on March 6, 2020, "As long as there's a living WWII veteran in Lincoln County I will do whatever I can to make them feel honored .... They're also known as the greatest generation because of what they did after the war and built a big economy and the great nation that we have now." The Greatest Generation, also known as the G.I. Generation and the World War II generation, is the demographic cohort (group) defined as individuals born between 1901 and 1927. The youngest WWII veteran would now be about 93 years old. The U.S. Department of Veterans Affairs estimates that 348 American World War II veterans are dying every day. Their memories of this horrible war are dying with them.

In addition to the monthly meetings, Linda arranges for a float for WWII veterans in the Fourth of July parade and also, the Veteran's observance held in front of the Lincoln County Courthouse on Pearl Harbor Day. Linda keeps a scrap book with clippings of stories written by various writers with the Lincoln Times-News over the years. Her book also contains obituaries of the ones she has lost. She has established a personal connection to our WWII veterans.

Her Uncle James "Jim" Leatherman was a member of McKendree UMC Church, the American Legion, "Last Man's Club" of which he was the commander, Sons of the Confederate Veterans, and a descendant of John Killian, son of Andreas Killian.

Linda Hoyle is a native of Lincoln County, a descendant of John Killian (son of Andreas Killian), a conservative Republican and a Christian. She worked for many years at the Lincolnton Library. As an active member of the Killian Reunion, she was on the 2000 Killian Reunion Committee. The 2000 reunion was the first three-day reunion for the Killians that brought descendants of Andreas back to North Carolina from all over the United States. It was no small feat for the Killian Second Sunday In September Annual Reunion to go from a Sunday "Meet, Eat and Retreat" to an action filled three-day event. Her participation in the Killian Family Reunions helped make AKDHA what it is today.



## 2019 Scholarship Awarded to Kaitlyn Makenzie Guins

Kaitlyn Guins is enrolled in the College of Arts and Sciences at Gardner-Webb University, Boiling Springs, NC. She is majoring in American Sign Language with a minor in Interpreting. Her college degree trains her for a career in communicating with the deaf and hard of hearing. She will be able to seek occupations that involve interactions with the Deaf community. The AKDHA Scholarship Committee was please to award Kaitlyn a \$1,000 tuition payment. AKDHA is wishing you much success in your specialized career.

Lineage from North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian to Kaitlyn:

Andreas Kilian, baptized December 1, 1702 Germany, will probate 1788.

Samuel C. Killian, born about 1757, died about 1807.

Joseph Killian, born May 16, 1800, died 1889.

Casper E. Killian, born July 18, 1846, died December 25, 1911

James Monroe Killian, born May 21, 1880, died December 15, 1940.

Arville Leonard Killian, born November 22, 1899, died March 26, 1961.

Bobby Joe Killian, born September 9, 1934, died December 3, 1997.

Madeline Celeste Killian Guins Burt, born 1973.

Kaitlyn Makenzie Guins, born 1999.

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## NEWS FROM THE ARVILLE LEONARD KILLIAN FAMILY

Brantley Knox Killian was born April 1, 2019 to Travis Killian (grandson of Bobby Joe Killian, great grandson of Arville Leonard Killian) and Shana Collins.

Travis is the son of Bobby Michael Killian and Malla Zoe Cogger Killian. Bobby Michael Killian is the son of Bobby Joe Killian and 1st wife, Shirley Christine Byers Killian.

Madeline Celeste Killian Guins Burt is the daughter of Bobby Joe Killian and 3rd wife, Sandra Coulbourn Killian.

Bobby Michael and Madeline Celeste are half-siblings and Kaithlyn and Travis are half-cousins. This makes great news for The Killian Family newsletter from for the Arville Leonard Killian Family.

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## AKDHA Remembers...

**Doris Rebecca Yoder Propst** (12 OCT 1921-27 JUL 2019), Hickory, NC [Hinds #67925].

**Peggy Janette Ward Lawing** (8 DEC 1929-12 APR 2019), Maiden, NC.  
Her husband, John Robert "Bobby" Lawing, died 13 Jun 1984 [Hinds #66643].

## **WILLIAM LEE "BILL" HINDS (1932-2020)**

Submitted by Cheryl Mann Killian

William L. "Bill" Hinds, Lt. Col. US Army Retired, and Ordained Gospel Minister, of Graceville, FL entered peacefully into his eternal home on JAN 2, 2020.

Bill was born on FEB 28, 1932 in Porum, OK to Mack Lee Hinds and Mary Elizabeth Killion. In his early years he lived in Porum, moving to Booneville, AR, then to Springdale, AR where he graduated from Springdale High School. After graduation, he entered the US Army and served in Korea. Following a three-year enlistment (1951-1953), he attended Ouachita Baptist University and graduated with his BA. He married Frances Pauline Frazier, on May 26, 1957. They started married life together in Fort Bliss, TX where he attended the US Artillery Guided Missile Officer's training course. Bill was commissioned on JUN 6, 1957 as a 2<sup>nd</sup> Lieutenant and served our country all over the world. While serving overseas, Bill taught Labor Relations for the University of Maryland, in Vietnam and Germany. Following more than 20 years in the US Army and receiving several commendations and awards including the Legion of Merit and Bronze Star, he retired on JAN 1, 1975. Bill and Frances had moved 21 times before his military retirement.

Bill served God wherever he lived. On APR 3, 1955, he became a Southern Baptist Ordained Minister. With Bill's help, not only were churches started in Broward County, but also Indianapolis, New York City, Paris, and Frankfurt. Bill served as Executive Director of Missions for the Gulf Stream Baptist Association after moving to Fort Lauderdale, FL. He served as a Trustee with the Baptist College of Florida. He worked with the International Mission Board, assisting missionaries while in the US. He was an active member of the First Baptist Church from 1999 to 2004, where he served as Sunday School Director. In 2004, Bill served as a missionary pastor in the Northwest Arctic of Alaska. He returned home from Alaska and worked with the Chipola Baptist Association and joined the staff of the First Baptist Church of Marianna, FL. As you see, Bill never truly retired, he stayed busy with church activities and ministered in many ways.

Bill and Frances moved to Graceville, FL in 2013. He was an active member of the Graceville Kiwanis Club and of course his church. As an historian and genealogist, he was dedicated to building an accurate data base of Andreas Killian descendants and served as the AKDHA Historian for several years. I am sorry to report that I have not been able to locate his database on [Rootsweb.com](http://Rootsweb.com). Kim Sipe and I have a copy of the database and will be happy to help with any lineage questions.

Bill is survived by his wife, Frances; three sons, Mark, Paul and Donald; and seven Grandchildren.

Bill Hinds will be missed by many.

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## **GARY LEONARD KILLIAN SR. (1952-2020)**

Gary Killian of Mocksville, NC passed away on March 21, 2020. Gary was born December 24, 1952 in Catawba County, NC, to the late Donald Leonard Killian and Elsie Iona Decker Killian. He is survived by daughters, Goldie Killian of Denver, Chelsea Beamon of Mocksville; his son, Gary Killian, Jr. of Mocksville; grandchildren, Kristine Zimmerman, Jordan Carson, Trey Killian and Braylen Killian; three sisters, Doris Lail, Karen Smith, Patricia Oliver; and two brothers, Donald Killian, Kelly Killian. Adams Funeral Home, Taylorsville, NC, served the Killian Family.

## **VIRGINIA ROSE KILLIAN SHUFORD (1934-2019)**

Virginia Rose Killian Shuford passed away November 6, 2019. She was born on May 15, 1934 to Floyd Glenn Killian and Elsie Viola Killian. On June 14, 1953 she married Charles “Bud” William Shuford. Preceding her in death was her husband; daughter Kathy Lynn Crouch; her parents; and 5 siblings. Survivors include her son Charles William Shuford Jr.; daughters Kandice Ann Waller and Karen Elise Shuford; 6 grandchildren; 5 great grandchildren; and sister, Lucy Killian Eckard. Full Obit can be found online at [www.salemfh.com](http://www.salemfh.com)

## **LUCY JANE KILLIAN ECKARD (1927-2020)**

Lucy Jane Killian Eckard passed away April 01, 2020. She was born on August 17, 1927 to Floyd Glenn Killian and Elsie Viola Killian. She was married to Spurgeon Eugene Eckard for 71 years. Preceding her in death was a daughter, Carmen Huxel; her parents; and 6 siblings. Lucy was the last of this double Killian family and she was very proud to be a double Killian. She is survived by her husband; daughters Pat Hare and Peggy Schmidt; 5 grandchildren; and 5 great grandchildren. Full obit can be found online at Mihovk-Rosenacker Funeral Home, Evendale/Blue Ash location.

## **RAY ALLEN KILLIAN SR. (1922-2020)**



Ray Killian Sr. passed away February 7, 2020 in Charlotte, NC. He was born May 9, 1922 to Albert Otto Killian and Cora Virginia Sipe Killian. Ray the second youngest of eight children. From a farm near Conover, NC, Ray went to Washington, DC where he worked in research for the Navy and studied journalism. At the outset of World War II, he joined the Naval Flight Program and served as a fighter pilot on the aircraft carrier Hancock based in the Pacific, flying 54 missions and earning the Distinguished Flying Cross.

After the war, Ray graduated from Lenoir Rhyne College and completed graduate work at UNC-Chapel Hill. In 1949, he then joined Belk Store Services in retiring as executive vice president. Ray authoring four books. One of his books advocated a greater leadership role for women in the workplace, published in 1971. He completed an autobiography. He taught at Queens University and training seminars throughout the United States and the world. He served in several leadership positions; American Management Association, The Profit-Sharing Council of America and the NC Retail Merchants Association.

He was preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Betty Lynn Pharr Killian, his parents, and seven siblings. He is survived by his son, Ray Allen Killian JR.; daughter Ann Killian Edgerton; four grandchildren; and one great grandson.

Full Obit can be located at [www.kennethpoeservices.com](http://www.kennethpoeservices.com)

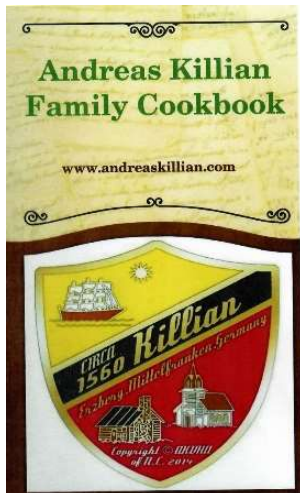
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**Special note:** The three obituaries above were submitted by AKDHA Secretary Kandice Waller. She lost three family members in a matter of months; her mother Virginia Rose Killian Shuford; her aunt Lucy Jane Killian Eckard (her mother’s sister); and her great uncle Ray Allen Killian Sr.

AKDHA Board of Directors offers their sincere condolences to Kandice, her family and all her cousins.



## Andreas Killian Family Cookbook



The Andreas Killian Family Cookbook is now available. This cookbook will make a wonderful keepsake to pass down to family members. Kim Sipe and I are so thankful for all the help we received in putting it together. It has given us the opportunity to reach out to many of our Killian family members.

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.

The books are selling at \$15.00 each with additional \$3.50 for shipping/handling. Please make payment to AKDHA and mail to AKDHA, P.O. Box 3272, Hickory, NC 28603. By mail the cookbooks are \$18.50 each, please indicate how many cookbooks you are ordering.

The cookbooks will also be available to be purchased at the Killian Family Reunion in September. We look forward to seeing everyone who can make this event. If you have any questions, you can contact; Kandice Waller: [kcw0721@aol.com](mailto:kcw0721@aol.com) Or Kim Sipe: [Kimbosipe@charter.net](mailto:Kimbosipe@charter.net).

So again, thank you for your support!  
Kandice Waller

## AKDHA BOOKS FOR SALE

“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.

To order your books, make check payable to  
Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association or AKDHA  
Mail to:  
Cheryl Mann Killian  
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For more details about these books phone me at (770) 337-5310 or email: [fbCheryl@Charter.Net](mailto:fbCheryl@Charter.Net).

All proceeds from the sale of books goes to AKDHA.

## 2020 AKDHA Scholarship Award

The Executive Committee of the AKDHA is pleased to announce we will be awarding one (1) or two (2) \$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

### How the Scholarship Works

The program is available to children whose parent, grandparent, or guardian is an active member of the AKDHA (*attendance of Annual Reunion or subscriber of Killian Family Newsletter*) and a descendant of Andreas Killian. The scholarship is a one-time award paid directly to the student's academic school. The scholarship is not based on the applicant's financial need.

### Who is Eligible?

The term "children" means natural, adopted, stepchildren, or dependent (wards) of a member of AKDHA. Eligibility for the scholarship is to all first, second, third, and fourth year attendees of vocational or technical schools, junior colleges, four-year colleges, universities and high school seniors who have been accepted to an institution of higher learning as previously mentioned are eligible.

### Instructions

Application form can be found on website [www.AndreasKillian.com](http://www.AndreasKillian.com)  
[http://www.andreaskillian.com/ak-archives/scholarship/scholarship\\_application.pdf](http://www.andreaskillian.com/ak-archives/scholarship/scholarship_application.pdf)

Include following Attachments:

1. Current ACT or SAT scores (high school applicants only).
2. Current high school or college transcripts.
3. Current letters of recommendation (2) from teachers or educators familiar with the applicant's scholastic achievement and character.
4. Current letter of recommendation from an individual in the community who can provide information regarding the applicant's character, achievements in civic and potential in leadership and civic affairs.
5. Typed essay on the topic "*I Can Make a Difference*".
6. List of community and/or extra-curricular activities.
7. Applicant's pedigree from known descendent of North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian.

NOTE: Any omission of the above six attachments could automatically disqualify the applicant. Completed applications and all attachments must be mailed and postmarked no later than June 1, 2020 to: AKDHA, P. O. Box 3272, Hickory, NC 28603. Tracking is suggested.

Scholarship details, application and instruction can be found at [www.AndreasKillian.com](http://www.AndreasKillian.com), click on the Projects tab, then click on the Scholarship tab.

### How Winners are Selected

The winners and alternates will be selected by the Scholarship Committee, which is comprised of the AKDHA President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Programs and Projects Director. The selection will be 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.

## 2019 REUNION RECAP

Greetings Cousins,

As I sit here typing this, a warm wood stove fills the air inside my house as a steady cold winter rain falls outside. Making it hard to think back to last September when we last gathered for the Annual Killian Reunion. This is always a great time for me to be reunited with my distant cousins from all over this great country of ours; the country of freedom that was formed by pioneers like Andreas Killian, his sons and daughters.

Thinking back to last year, I slowly start to remember the happenings of the reunion weekend. Friday night started us off with our potluck meal, listening to the delightful tunes from “Bethlehem Bluegrass band.” Afterwards, we had the great joy of meeting and greeting both cousins, some for the very first time. Talking of by gone past and new adventures of the Killian clan. Our evening wouldn’t be complete without our group picture.

Saturday morning kicked off with a trip to Hart Square Village in the south western part of our county, where there is an awesome display of over 100 log homes and other buildings depicting the early times of our country as well as our local area. Dr. Robert Hart collections of log buildings were mostly from around the Catawba County area. Dr. Hart took old pioneer houses and buildings, marked the logs, documented, and photographed the building; he then reassembled the buildings on his land. In during this, he shows us how life was back in the late 1700s and early 1800s.

Following the tour and lunch, we assembled at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church for a brief rest and socializing with homemade ice cream before the AKDHA business meeting. The business meeting was opened with a prayer from AKDHA Chaplain Tim Killian. Roll Call: Samuel C Killian had the most kin present and we had a first-time attendee, Elizabeth Heroin Deal present. Elizabeth is a resident of Cabarrus County and a descendent of Christianna Killian Barringer.

The long time Killian researchers Wayne and Catherine Milam from Alabama received the AKDHA Life-Time Achievement Award for their efforts in documenting Killians. They have traveled the southeast looking for parents of Daniel Killian born 1790. While Daniel’s parents has never been proven, they have gathered a wealth of information from courthouses, archives and cemeteries. A great dedicated couple.

The 2019 AKDHA Scholarship winner for this year Kaitlyn Guins of Conover, NC. She will be attending Gardner Webb University and is majoring in Sign language.

After Sunday morning church services, lunch was catered by Mt. Zion SAMS club. With a few brief announcements, we said our final goodbyes until next year.

Be healthy, happy and safe. I hope to see you at this year’s reunion, Eric Killian, AKDHA President

PS I have sad news Dr. Robert William Hart, III passed away March 15, 2020. He and his collection was part of several AKDHA Reunions.

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## 2020 DESCENDANTS OF DANIEL KILLIAN, BORN 1790 BIENNIAL REUNION

Dear Andreas Killian Descendants,

Planning is in progress for the 2020 reunion of Descendants of Daniel Killian, born 1790, of DeKalb County, AL. The reunion will be held on Saturday, June 18, 2020 in the Fellowship Hall of Gravel Hill Baptist Church, 6 miles South of Fort Payne, AL on U.S. Highway 11; mark this date on your calendar now. The fellowship hall will open at 9am. For the more serious students of genealogy among us should plan to attend a workshop led by Susan Dooley beginning at 10am at the fellowship hall. Lunch will be served at 12 noon followed by a program and business meeting. The remainder of the afternoon will be a time of fellowship, visiting, and learning about Killian relatives. Please bring any family information you wish to share such, as old pictures, wills, deeds, letters, etc. I, Sandra (Killian) Holmes, will oversee the 2020 reunion. If you have suggestions for a program topic or information you wish to share, contact me, Sandra, at (256) 293-9388 or [1SandraHolmes@Gmail.Com](mailto:1SandraHolmes@Gmail.Com).

Our mailing list does not include all our Killian cousins. Please tell any Killian descendants you know about the reunion and invite them to join us on June 18, 2020.

NOTE: Due to the Coronavirus (COVID-19), I plan to follow President Trump's guidelines on social distancing. As of now, social distancing should be lifted May 1. If for any reason the social distancing guidelines are not lifted by June 1<sup>st</sup>, I feel it would be best to postpone or cancel the 2020 Biennial Reunion. Please phone or email me if you have any concerns.

Sincerely,  
Sandra (Killian) Holmes, Reunion President