

Killian Family Newsletter

Fall 2021

Message from the President

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Greetings Cousins and Friends,

From Catawba County, NC, I hope this letter finds you well and blessed. The AKDHA Reunion Planning Committee has finalized the itinerary for the 2021 Killian Reunion.

There is not much to report since last year's reunion due to the lingering effects of Covid-19. A matter of fact, you did not receive a Spring 2021 Killian Family Newsletter. I don't know what happened, but it was like the whole world shut down.

Last year, we did have a small gathering at Captain's Galley Restaurant. There were about 10 Andreas Killian descendants along with their guests at the gathering. Long story short, we had a meet, greet and retreat reunion, and conducted the annual AKDHA business meeting. Sue Killian gave the financial report along with a prospective budget plan for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. We also voted to hold all AKDHA Officers to serve another term for the 2020-2021 fiscal year. Kim Sipe reported on cookbook sales; we have plenty of cookbooks in stock. The cookbooks make a great gift for any occasion.

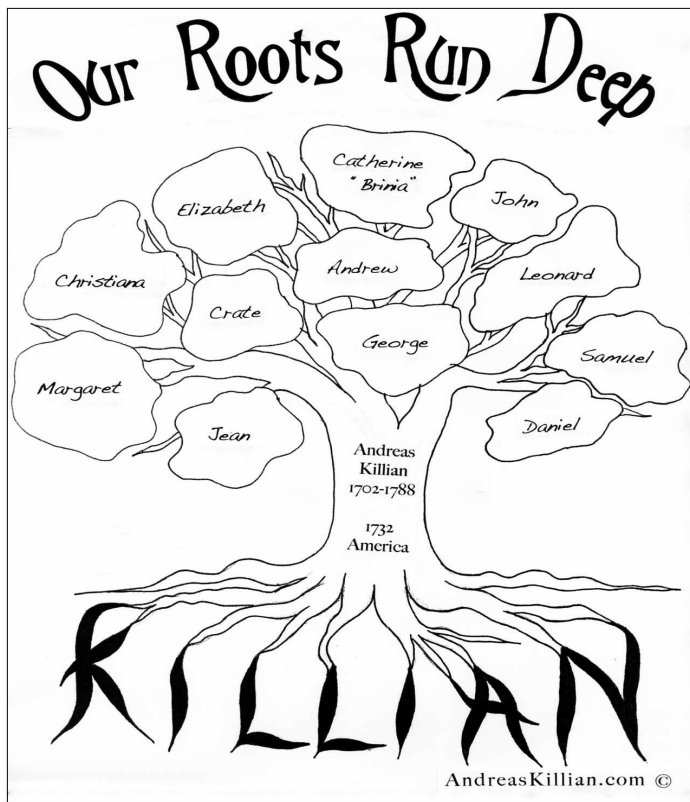
Despite Covid-19 developments, AKDHA received applications for the AKDHA Scholarship. AKDHA awarded two scholarships. The winners of the 2020 AKDHA Scholarship Award received \$1,000 paid directly to their account at the educational institution they attend. The winners were Jacob Fincannon and Kaitlyn Guins.

AKDHA is looking for volunteers for the AKDHA Board of Directors and the appointed/volunteer staff. The positions are for two years and are very "part time" except for newsletter and reunion time. Charles Killian of Ellenwood, GA volunteered to be the Killian Family Newsletter Editor at the 2005 reunion. At that time, there was no email list and the USPS mailing list was something to be "Edited". His wife, Cheryl Killian is retiring as AKDHA journalist and news reporter. You should now report any Killian births or deaths to the AKDHA Historian, Kim Sipe. She has been keeping up with that kind of data.

I hope to see you in a few weeks for this year's reunion.

Sincerely,
Eric Killian
AKDHA President





Association Officers for 2020-21

President	Eric Killian
V-President	Tim Killian
Secretary	Kandice Waller
Co-Secretary	Kim Sipe
Treasurer	Sue D. Killian
Co-Treasurer	Cathy Killian
Historian	Kim Sipe
Chaplain	Tim Killian
Webmaster	Eddie Killian
Newsletter Editor	Charles Killian
DNA Administrator	James Green III
Book Editor and Sales	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:

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Descendants of Julius Killian (1829-1896)



Louise Killian and her lamb
ca. 1931, Sanderson Road,
Hayesville, Clay County, NC

Hi, my name is Danny Stamey from Clay County, NC. I am a descendant of Daniel Wilson Killian born 1851 and died 1933. Daniel's death certificate clearly identifies Julius Killian (1829-1896) from Buncombe County, NC as his father. Daniel's son Bert was the informant per the death certificate. The death certificate also gives the name of Daniel's wife as Emily Kitchens. Daniel Wilson Killian had a son Bert Killian and my grandmother Minnie [other children include Malvin, Fred, and Ella per census records]. In later years, Daniel lived with his son Bert was who found him passed away.

Julius, father of Daniel Wilson Killian, was the son of George Killian and the grandson of Daniel Killian SR (son of Andreas). On March 29, 1831, Daniel Killian SR, conveyed to his son George 196-acres of land on Beaver Dam Creek, Buncombe County, NC. Julius married Emily Kitchens about 1848 and moved to Henderson County (1850 census), then Cherokee County (1860 census) and finally settled in Clay County, NC (1870 census) where he and his family made their home.

This makes Andrea's my great, great, great, great, grandfather. As my mother, Louise was born from Minnie, who was born from Daniel Wilson Killian, who was born to Julius, who was born to George, who was born to

Daniel SR, who was born to North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian. I want you to know that I was named after Daniel SR and Daniel Wilson Killian.

Most of the attention of George Killian's family is on Julius' brother, Daniel (Dr. Dan). That family is mostly doctors and they are very well off, but my mother's family grew up in abject poverty in the Rainbow Springs section of Clay County, NC. My prized possession is a photo of my mother at age 10 or 11 with her lamb. Bert and Julius lived in Tusquittee, NC in the Cold Branch area. Bert and his family were buried with the Killians in Franklin, NC. Minnie is buried in Hickory, NC not far from Andrea Killian's homestead.

I have a daughter Joy. She is a pilot in the US Marines. She was born March 31, 1991. That is exact date, March 31, that my mother Louise died in 1966. I named her Joy, because she was the first joy that I had known since my mother passed away. She is now a 1st Lieutenant stationed in North Carolina. She will be shocked to think someone wants to write about her.



Minnie Killian and
Grandson Danny Stamey
In 1980

Joy knows about the Killian family history and has always been in awe about our family. I taught her to be proud of her Killian roots. There are more descendants of Julius Killian out there who need to tell their story.

The photograph is my Grandmother Minnie and me taken in 1980 just at my undergraduate graduation from University of Tennessee at Knoxville. Minnie was born about 1899. My mother Annie Louise Killian Stamey was born February 12, 1921 and died March 31, 1966. Thank you for taking your time to read about my family.

Take Care,
Danny Stamey

Clifton “Clif” Milam (1970-2021)

Clifton "Clif" Milam, 50, of Gadsden, NC died June 6, 2021. At age 16, Clif was the first junior fireman to serve at Southside Fire and Rescue. He then worked as a medic and then as an LPN. For over 25 years, he worked at multiple places as an LPN, but was currently working at Cherokee Assisted Living. He loved fishing, weather spotting, and enjoyed joking with people and making them laugh. He was a very caring and loving son, brother, uncle, and friend.

Clif is survived by his parents, Wayne and Catherine Milam; sisters, Angela Maness and Felecia Cofield; nieces, Amber Chafik and April Presley; nephew, Skylar Cofield; 4 great-nieces, 1 great-nephew; and a host of extended family. He was preceded in death by his infant sister, Valerie Lynn Milam; grandparents, Hugh and Mary Milam, Connie and Owen Hooks; and uncle, Richard Milam.

AKDHA Board of Directors and Members were very sad to hear of death of Clif Milam. His parents, Wayne and Catherine are very inspiring, important and valuable to the Killian Family Reunion. We mourn with the Milam family and express sincere condolences at this time of grieving.

Sincerely,
Eric Killian, AKDHA President

One Minute Profile of Descendants of Andreas Killian

Robert Edward “Eddie” Lee Killian JR of Gaston, SC.
62 Years old; Born in Chester, SC.
Descendant of John, son of Andreas.
Occupation: Genealogy Researcher and Library Collection Manager.
Retired: Information Systems Engineer and Supervisor.
AKDHA Volunteer: Webmaster.
Family: Wife, Loretta Gleaton Killian; sons, Bob III, Hunter Lee, and Kyle Ryan.
Education: Associate Commercial Education
Pieces of advice: 1) “Golden Rule”, do unto others as you would hope they would do unto you, 2) It takes an Army, Family, and Team to accomplish anything, and 3) It is what it is.
Hobbies: Genealogy, reunions, Scottish Games, Family Associations, and Re-Enacting.
Church: Grace Chapel, Dixiana, SC.
Personal Heroes: Jesus, Apostle Peter, John Wayne, and my Dad.
Note: It has been a long haul since 1998, but wouldn't have missed it. I did want to be a truck driver when I grew up.

“Leroy” J. Killian of Conover, NC.
78 Years old; Born in Conover, NC.
Descendant of Samuel C., son of Andreas.
Retired: Furniture Industry.
Family: Widowed, three children, five grandchildren, four step-children, and six step-grandchildren.
Education: 10th Grade, St. Stephens High School.
Best piece of advice: Do Lay Around and Relax.
Hobbies: Fishing, Fishing, and more Fishing.
Community activities: Going to the Doctors.
Church: Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Conover, NC.

Steven “Steve” B. Killian of Conover, NC.
76 Years old; Born in Catawba County, NC.
Descendant of Samuel C., son of Andreas.
Retired: Upholster.
Family: Wife, Linda.
Education: 12th Grade.
Hobby: Fishing.
Church: Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Conover, NC.

AKDHA Reunion Committee Report

For this year's Killian Big Event: The 2021 AKDHA reunion plans have been finalized for the weekend of September 10-12. The Friday night gathering has been a big hit with pre-registration, then a delicious home cooked potluck meal prepared by local family members, and live music. The Saturday outing will be to the Billy Graham Library, 4330 Westmont Drive, Charlotte, NC 28217. The library receives 5-Stars on Google; a beautiful place to visit. We will car pool to the library and return to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church. As required by law, the AKDHA business meeting will be conducted, and a few special awards given. After the business meeting, we will have the famous Killian Homemade Ice Cream Social, and a few games of Bingo with prizes. Sunday morning church services will be followed by lunch at Mt. Zion Church, prepared by Women in Mission. Finishing up the 2021 AKDHA reunion is more socializing and saying our goodbyes.

AKDHA Reunion Trip to The Billy Graham Library



Until the vision for the Billy Graham Library was explained as “An Ongoing Crusade”, Billy Graham was against the idea of a library bearing his name. When the concept of the Library was described to Mr. Graham as a “Crusade” that would continue for generations to come, he reconsidered.

Reminiscent of Billy Graham's upbringing on a dairy farm on the outskirts of Charlotte, the Library building is styled after a dairy barn. The entrance to the Library is in the shape of a cross, a visual reminder to visitors that it is only through the Cross of Christ that we can be reconciled to God.

The Billy Graham Library is a ministry, prayerfully planned with the intention of communicating the unchanging, life-giving message of Jesus Christ to hundreds of thousands of visitors each year. Over a million visitors have been through the Library since its opening.

Plans for the Library were announced on April 23, 2005 and the groundbreaking ceremony took place in August of that year. The dedication ceremony took place on Thursday, May 31, 2007, and was attended by Billy Graham, former Presidents Carter, Clinton and Bush and a crowd of nearly 1,500.

The Billy Graham Library will endeavor to bring inspiration to its guests through the story of a man who used his God-given potential to bring God's love, strength, hope and kindness to millions of people around the world.

The AKDHA Reunion Committee hopes this year's Killian tip will be enjoyable to all.

Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association Reunion

Celebrating 87 Years of Reunions

September 10-12, 2021

Schedule of Events

Friday, September 10, 2021

(All times are Eastern Standard Time)

- 5 pm-6 pm: **Registration/Social** Gathering at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center
- 6 pm: **Potluck Dinner** with delicious home cooked recipes prepared by local Killian cousins.
Live Music
There will be tables set up for genealogy info, items of interest for sale, DNA info,
The New Andreas Killian Family Cookbook will be available for purchase.
**Any Killian stories* (bring family items to show, Killian products and Killian books, etc.)
- 7:30 pm: **Group photo**

Saturday, September 11, 2021

- 8:00: **Registration** at Mt Zion Lutheran Church
- 8:30: **Trip to Billy Graham Library** by car pool. No Bus will be rented for this trip
(eat breakfast before leaving on your own)
- 12:00 pm: **Lunch** – on your own at the Billy Graham Library.
- 3:00 pm: **AKDHA Annual Business Meeting at Mr. Zion Lutheran Church**
AKDHA Scholarship Awards and Lifetime Achievement Award.
Prizes for youngest, oldest, farthest traveled, etc.
Followed by a Homemade Ice Cream Social and few games of Bingo. Tables will be set up for
genealogy, DNA info, sharing of old photos, etc. and items for sale: new Killian cookbook,
2009 and 2011 books, plus Things I Can Remember by Dr. William D. “Bill” Killian.

Sunday, September 12, 2021

- 10:00 am: Church service at Old St. Paul’s Church or
- 10:30 am: Church service at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
- 1 pm-2 pm: **Catered** lunch at Mt Zion church, prepared by Women in Mission in the Mt. Zion Church
Family Life Center
- 2 pm: **Summary of Saturday’s AKDHA Business Meeting**
Group Photos and farewell until reunion next year.

Contact phone numbers

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

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

4420 County Home Road
Conover, Catawba County, NC 28613

Any out of town cousins our association made arrangements with

Best Western Hickory

1520 13th Ave Dr SE, Hickory, NC 28602,
[\(828\) 323-1150.](tel:8283231150)

****Registration forms (either mail-out or email) need to be received by Saturday, August 31, 2021****

Registration Form for the 87th AKDHA Reunion

****All Registrations to be received by Saturday, August 31, 2021 for planning purposes****

Please register! This will provide the caterer with a headcount. The registration form is available on the website and can be submitted electronically as well. If you have special needs, please indicate those in the "Names of those attending" box of the registration form.

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Home (____) _____ - _____ Cell (____) _____ - _____

Other Names of those attending in your party for name tags: _____

Is this your first time attending the Andreas Killian Family Reunion? _____ Yes _____ No

Accommodations

Will you be staying at the recommended reunion hotel? _____ Yes _____ No

Best Western Hotel located at 1520 13th Avenue Drive, S.E., Hickory, NC 28206.

Continental breakfast included. Phone (828) 323-1150.

Remember to Reserve by Saturday, August 31, 2021.

Please check (x) which activity you plan to attend so that we are properly prepared with handouts and seating.

Friday, September 10, 2021

_____ Registration, potluck dinner and fellowship.

Saturday, September 11, 2021

_____ The Billy Graham Library

_____ Annual required business meeting. Please attend.

Sunday, September 12, 2021

_____ Catered Lunch at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center.

_____ DNA workshop with James Green III

Reunion Expenses: Help us estimate what is needed to make this an enjoyable reunion for all. You may mail a check with this sign up form or pay at the door when you arrive.

Meals:

The Sunday lunch meal will be prepared by Mt. Zion Women in Mission

Sunday Catered Lunch	Adult plates:	# _____	@ \$10 = \$ _____
	Child plates (10 and under):	# _____	@ \$5 = \$ _____

Attention: AKDHA will continue to offer the newsletter, reunion lectures, workshops, and handouts "Free". You can help AKDHA with your tax deductible donations to cover all these "free" expenses!

Your AKDHA Donation Amount: \$ _____

****TOTAL Amount due:** \$ _____

Register online at the website, www.AndreasKillian.com and pay at the door.
OR

Mail registration form and payment to:
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Editor Charles David Killian,
Descendant of Daniel Killian SR
130 Rowan Road
Ellenwood, GA 30294

Return Service Requested

AKDHA Books for Sale

“The Andreas Killian Family Cookbook” is 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 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:

AKDHA

P.O. Box 3272

Hickory, NC 28603

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.

To order family history books, make check payable to AKDHA

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