

REUNION NOTES

Andreas Killian Reunion Sunday 9 Sept. 1990 Castanea Presbyterian Church,
in NE corner of Gaston County, NC on north side of Lucia on NC 16
Business Meeting

1. Pass out this sheet
2. Pass register
3. Read minutes of last meeting
4. Call for Treasurer's Report
5. Call for Old Business
6. Call for New Business
7. Recognize oldest & youngest present
8. Recognize who came the furthest
9. How many from each state are present
10. Each household present introduce its members present & give lineage if known
11. Bill D. & Robert L. Killian tell of the new Killian Reunion in NE Alabama
12. My Program
13. Ask for Volunteers for a Reunion Notices Committee, where volunteers take over their close kin putting them on her "for info only" list & the committee taking over 1) mailing, 2) financing, 3) correcting addresses, & passing on list "for info only":
14. Gather outside for a group photo.
15. The blessing
16. Members see Mrs. Wanda McElveen to correct reunion mailing list
17. Eating & Fellowship & info exchange

My Program--Is this a Social Gathering?!

- I. Apology for not getting a speaker
 - A. I tried to get George W. Killian & then author of Carpenters A'plenty
 1. George is expecting the new LDS compact disks to be a boon to us. He will try to make it to the 1991 reunion.
 2. The author of Carpenters A'plenty had promised to attend another reunion this day. I was too late contacting him.
- II. Why do you attend? [Ask how many reasons at most anyone has for attending & instruct everyone to vote that many votes using fingers to vote extra votes for their strongest reasons. Enter results below.
Number of votes per person: _____
 - ___ A. to eat delicious food
 - ___ B. share culinary discoveries
 - ___ C. the programs
 - ___ D. to see kin
 - ___ E. to please a family member: e.g. spouse
 - ___ F. required to attend: e.g. child coming with parent
 - ___ G. to share information
 - ___ H. in hopes of finding information
 - ___ I. _____
 - ___ J. _____
 - ___ K. _____

III. Good points of Computers in Genealogy

- A. Word processor
 1. easy to correct typographical errors: no need for erasers or white out.
 2. move paragraphs or chapters: no need to cut & paste or re-type whole paper.
 3. relieve one of the burden of listening for bell to hit carriage return
 4. justifies right margin
 5. contains more characters & sizes & pitches than typewriter
 6. some allow you to add drawings you draw or scan
- B. Database program
 1. list addresses in family groups
 2. list addresses in alphabetical order
 3. list addresses by state, then town to plan info gathering trip
 4. list addresses by given name, to search for cousin when can't remember their surname.
- C. Genealogy programs
 1. draw charts of any person's ancestors or descendants

2. print forms to collect data on: family group sheets

IV. Limitations of Computers in Genealogy

A. Word processor: It is easier to fill out a form on a typewriter than using a word processor & the words can be placed more accurately on the blank lines on the form.

B. Database & Genealogy programs: They require the user to state the length of the blank for each type of info & only except the types of info you request, then ask for that type of info for everyone, e.g.: "college attended" is a good field to set up for modern people, but a waste of space in earlier centuries. The point is that the databases are not flexible. The computer genealogy programs make short charts quickly & thus help you visualize relationships, but should not be used to type a genealogy. One should use a word processing program & leave space to paste in photos of people & grave stones & include reproductions of documents & maps. These are the proofs without which, the reader doubts the info.

V. Our responsibility

A. George's book will only have what we provide.

B. Address list of all Killians -- this is necessary to:

1. reunion -- All reunions that mail notices have a mailing list. It is the most valuable thing most reunions do. By mailing notices, they check all the addresses for us & alert us to relatives that have moved then ask us to contact the kinsman & provide the correction. They do the job that the P.O. fails to do: they keep track of people beyond 6 months. If they fail & there is no close kin, think how hard it is to find them. It is a job for Magnum P.I. One would have to go to their last residence & interview the neighbors, asking where he moved or if no neighbor knows, then hopefully the neighbors will know the names of our kinsman's friends & employer who we can contact. This could be done by phone by using a city directory, to find the name of the next door neighbors. With the passage of time, friends lose contact & the trace becomes more difficult or impossible. Thus reunions serve a priceless service. Point a good list will have lineage (note chart) & chronology of addresses. Mine needs work in latter area.

2. Biographical Genealogy

3. Researchers looking for Bibles, photos, legends, missing descendants

C. Reunion should take an annual group photo

VI. My Suggestion

A. divide the work into manageable sizes e.g.: descendants of your ancestor born in 1850 or 1880.

B. volunteer to make an address list for descendants of your grandfather or great grandfather

C. find a descendant of your grandfather or gt. grandfather to make an address list for your grandfather or gt. grandfather.

D. Work needed:

1. pictures photographed, labeled & submitted (give name(s) of people in photo, their lineage, date of photo, address of owner of original photo). DID ANYONE BRING A CAMERA TODAY. SHALL WE TAKE A GROUP PHOTO BEFORE WE EAT?

2. life history of each person & photos

3. chronological list of addresses for each of your close kin

4. financial support for:

a. mailing reunion notices to your branch of Killians

b. publishing your chapter in the book

E. Importance of this work

1. If you don't gather data & photos for the book, it probably won't get done or done to your satisfaction.

VII. Qualifications

A. It does not require a genius! JUST A LOT OF DESIRE FOR A THOROUGH BOOK

B. Time (Retired people have the most potential.)

C. Money enough to phone or visit relatives when they don't respond

D. Good Health:

1. vision to read & drive 3. little arthritis so one can walk & write

2. steady hand to write 4. good hearing, so one hear on the phone.

5. independent spirit: self-motivation