

**Association of Descendants of Pioneer Andreas Killian**  
**Celebrating 77 Years Reunion**  
**September 9-11, 2011**

Our goal is to create a fun, informative and affordable event. This year, we are trying to broaden the time for discovery and socializing by expanding the workshops on Saturday. All information and any last minute changes will be available on our website at:

**[www.AndreasKillian.com](http://www.AndreasKillian.com)**

**Accommodations**

What was formerly the Hampton Inn of Hickory is now the remodeled Best Western, 1520 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drive, S.E., Hickory, NC 28602 (828-323-1150). The Manager, Chanell Owensby, has offered the Association a group rate of \$59.99 plus tax for rooms with 1 king or 2 queen beds. Continental breakfast is included. Mention the Killian Reunion for the discount.

**Food**

For meals on your own, the Best Western offers breakfast or you can go next door to the J&S Cafeteria – a regular stop for our out-of-towners. For Dinner on Friday evening, we will have a catered meal at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church. The Adult menu is chicken, green beans, small potatoes, corn, coleslaw, dessert, rolls, and tea for \$12 per plate. For kids under 10 years, the menu will have chicken tenders for \$6. For Lunch on Saturday, there are several restaurants nearby to choose from. We hope the Boy Scouts will host their Annual Barbecue as it has been a hit in the past. You will have many choices around Hickory on Saturday evening but most attendees go to the J&S Cafeteria next to the Best Western. Look in your attendee bag for the Old German Schnitzel Haus Restaurant flyer, a German restaurant in Hickory named "Best German Restaurant in America" in 2010. Because of the positive feedback, we have asked our wonderful Caterer, Jennifer Brittain, to once again provide lunch on Sunday. The cost for Sunday's lunch is \$12 per plate for adults & \$6.00 for children age 10 and under.

**About the Speakers:**

We continue to find excellent speakers for our Reunions!! So that our speakers can begin their discussions without interruption, please be punctual at the scheduled time.

**Chris J. Hartley** is a frequent speaker for historical groups. He is known for his research and lively narrative. Historian, author, and public speaker, Mr. Hartley was reared at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Wilkesboro, NC. As a child, he was captivated by stories of regular people who achieved greatness and he became curious about events that happened in his own backyard. His book *Stuart's Tarheels: James B. Gordon and His North Carolina Cavalry* covered the history of a general from his hometown. Mr. Hartley graduated from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill with a degree in journalism and a secondary concentration in history. Some twenty years ago, he wrote a paper for an undergraduate history class on Stoneman's Raid. In 2010, his paper was expanded to his book *Stoneman's Raid, 1865*. In *Stoneman's Raid*, he writes the complete story of one of the longest cavalry raids in U.S. military history. Don't miss this intriguing presentation!

**William R. McCreight** is a descendant of Andreas and a valued researcher of our Kilian ancestry. He is the author of *The Origins of the Kilians in Germany* and *Where Did We-The Kilians-Originate?*. Bill has written a new book titled *The Forefathers of North Carolina pioneer Andreas Kilian* and has graciously given it to the Association to sell and distribute. He has spoken at our Reunion and will return this year from Germany with his wife Antje to speak on *The Kilians in Germany (ca.1560 to 1732)*. Educated as a physicist, mathematician, and computer scientist, Bill has traveled the world, working on projects for NASA, Boeing Aerospace Division; developing an air traffic control system in Germany and a massive medical records system for Sweden. Bill and Antje have been on an incredible journey of discovery into

the past looking for our Kilian ancestors. A combination of knowledge, perseverance, time and a touch of luck made this amazing story! Bill has helped us create a beachhead in finding deeper German roots and a modern day German relative. You will most certainly regret this one if you miss it!

**Cheryl Mann Killian** is our DNA Project Co-Administrator and Book Editor. She will follow speaker Bill McCreight with a discussion on the verifiable evidence of Walter Kilian's DNA to Andreas Killian. She also will be introducing the new Killian book Saturday and relate to us her experience in working with Bill McCreight and Sandy Phillips on its publication. Cheryl has worked tirelessly since our last reunion to make this happen. Her efforts have enriched our family legacy and it will be your blessing to hear her speak!

**James W. Green, III** is our DNA Project Co-Administrator. DNA has proven to be invaluable where a paper trail is lost. James will give an interesting briefing on the many uses of DNA.

**Dr. Robert Carpenter** is the author of Carpenters A Plenty, an excellent book about the Pioneer Zimmerman/Carpenter Families whose history is intertwined with the Killians and related families. Dr. Carpenter is President of the Gaston Lincoln Genealogical Society and current Editor of Footprints in Time. Having served as an Educator for 34 years and Principal for 26 years, Dr. Carpenter currently teaches history as an adjunct professor at Belmont Abbey College. We look forward to his lecture on *The German Religious Heritage West of the Catawba* wherein he will discuss German religious groups and what made them unique.

### **Activities:**

**Friday:** We will continue with the success of a dinner followed by speaker Chris Hartley with the added bonus of live musical entertainment during dinner by the Brothers Redeemed Quartet.

**Saturday Morning:** For the first time, we will kickoff a full day of activities with a **Killian Mass Gathering at 9:00am at Mt. Zion Church Fellowship Hall**. With a review and selection of your day's available activities, we will scatter to many interests and places. Workshops and activities will include a genealogy workshop with help from Bill Hinds our [Rootsweb.com](http://Rootsweb.com) Killian database Curator; Wayne Milam, Historian; Wayne Setzer, Webmaster; Cheryl Killian, DNA database Director; James Green, DNA database support person and his master Killian charts & free genealogy family forms to fill out. Eddie Killian will be in charge of guided tours of selected sites by request.

**Saturday Afternoon:** The Big News of 2011 will be first on the agenda after lunch and is threefold: The definitive discovery of a living German cousin AND more on Andreas Killian's Ancestors AND a new book titled *The Forefathers of North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian*. Bill McCreight and Cheryl Mann Killian will be our speakers at this time. After the presentations, the **Genealogy Workshop** and social time will resume and as always will be full of interesting information about the Killian family. If you are unsure of your lineage, there will be folks on hand and databases to provide help in discovering your roots.

**Saturday Late Afternoon:** The very important **Business Meeting** will begin at 5:00pm. We will have a lot to share, especially our progress with new and exciting projects. We make our annual children of Andreas headcount at this time so you **MUST** be there!

**Sunday Morning and Lunch:** We are always welcome for church services at Mount Zion Lutheran and Old Saint Paul's. We will continue with the success of a delicious catered lunch at Mount Zion Church followed by speakers James Green and Dr. Robert Carpenter.

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**Schedule of Events**

**Friday, September 9, 2011**

(all times are Eastern Standard Time)

- 5:30pm-6:15pm: Registration/Social Gathering at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
- 6:30pm: Dinner catered by SAM (Single And Married) Club Ladies of Mt. Zion  
Music will be provided by the Brothers Redeemed Quarter
- 7:15pm: Chris J. Hartley lecture on *Stoneman's Raid*
- Group Photo

**Saturday, September 10, 2011**

- 8:30am-9:00am: Registration/Gather at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
- 9:00am-11:00am: Shotgun start to Social Gathering/Genealogy Workshop/Tours
- 11:00am-1:15pm: Lunch on your own
- 11:30am-1:00pm: Board of Directors will meet (private session)
- 1:30pm: Bill McCreight presentation on *The Killians in Germany (ca.1560 to 1732)*
- 2:30pm: Cheryl Killian book presentation and our German DNA discovery
- 2:45pm: annual Killian Group Photo
- 3:00pm-5:00pm: Resume Social Gathering/Genealogy Workshop  
(Feel free to bring Killian Antiques, Hobbies, Art, Photos, and Recipes to share)
- 5:00pm-6:00 pm: Business Meeting (*Please plan to stay*)
- Dinner on your own

**Sunday, September 11, 2011**

- 10:00am: Church Service Old St. Paul's Church OR
- 10:30am: Church Service Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
- 12:30pm: (Please be prompt) Catered Lunch at Mt. Zion Church Fellowship Hall
- 1:15pm: James Green's briefing on the uses of DNA
- 1:45pm: Dr. Robert Carpenter lecture on *German Religious Heritage West of the Catawba*
- Group Photo

# Registration Form

*Please send in the registration form so that we will have an accurate head count for the caterers. A registration form will be available on the website to submit electronically as well.*

Names of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

If you know from which child of Andreas Killian you descend, please provide:

\_\_\_ Margaret \_\_\_ Leonard \_\_\_ John \_\_\_ Jean \_\_\_ Crate \_\_\_ Andrew \_\_\_ George  
\_\_\_ Brinia \_\_\_ Daniel \_\_\_ Samuel \_\_\_ Christiana \_\_\_ Elizabeth

Is this your first time attending the Andreas Killian Family Reunion? \_\_\_yes \_\_\_ no

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

***Please check (x) below the meals you plan to attend:***

Friday: \_\_\_\_\_ Catered Dinner and Lecture by Chris J. Hartley

Sunday: \_\_\_\_\_ Catered Lunch and Lectures by James Green and Dr. Robert Carpenter

## ***Reunion Expenses:***

Meals: You may mail a check with your registration form or pay at the door when you arrive.

- Friday Catered Dinner... Adult plates: #\_\_ @ \$12 = \$\_\_\_\_  
Child plates: #\_\_ @ \$6 = \$\_\_\_\_
- Sunday Catered Lunch... Adult plates: #\_\_ @ \$12 = \$\_\_\_\_  
Child plates: #\_\_ @ \$6 = \$\_\_\_\_

## Books:

- 2009 *The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788)*  
Qty: \_\_\_\_....@ \$30 each = \$\_\_\_\_
- **New for 2011:** *The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian*  
will be available at the Reunion on Saturday. Qty: \_\_\_\_ @ \$45 each = \$\_\_\_\_

Killian Tee Shirts will be available at the Reunion while supplies last.

**Donation:** \$\_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL.....\$\_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration Form to: **Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA)**  
**c/o Eric Killian, 4404 Jetty Lane, Hickory, NC 28602**

or Register online on the website: [www.AndreasKillian.com](http://www.AndreasKillian.com)

**\*\*\*Registration needs to be received by Wednesday, August 24<sup>th</sup> 2011\*\*\***