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Dear fellow Killian clansman,

It is more than twenty years ago that I started work on:
THE KILLIAN FAMILY and particularly the Ancestors and Descendants of
ANDREAS KILLIAN 1702 - 1788.

Even before it was finished there was missing data. Even now my own grandchildren are not listed. Over the years I have updated a few pages. A total revision is a massive project. However, I am starting a complete retyping and updating and have purchased some word processing equipment to facilitate the work. This winter I expect to get the text into the word processor memory and then add changes and corrections.

Will YOU please help me in the project? Every birth, marriage, death and even divorce is of interest and constitutes the minimum data on an individual. In addition I would appreciate a very few sentences of general interest, about an individual or family, to indicate interests, profession, talents, achievements etc.

Please let me have your data promptly, sending it to the address above. If the data is not in your copy of the book please send it to me; do not assume I already know. Even if it has been sent to me before it may be lost in my files. And if your children, or siblings, might not send the data will you please do so - or urge them to do so. But, please do not assume someone else will attend to your responsibility.

Copies of the original book were placed in many genealogical libraries and I have received many letters from remote (to me) Killians who appreciate the data. Please help me make the next edition be complete and accurate. I will see that copies of the new edition are sent to the Library of Congress and many other appropriate libraries.

I retired from the patent profession in July 1983 (just before turning 59) and have enjoyed a busy active retirement for five years. We go to Texas, near Houston, for the winter and rent an apartment near our daughter and her family. It is while I am in Texas that I expect to do much of this work. All first class mail will be forwarded to me.

Please let me hear from you promptly. By the way, if you know of any errors (dates, spelling, facts etc.) please let me know. My word processor identifies spelling errors and I have been surprised at how many I have found in the two sections I have already put into memory.

We hope you are satisfied with the election results; that you will have a fine Thanksgiving and even more that you will get out your family history and send me the appropriate data. Be sure to indicate relationships and write very clearly so I won't spell a name wrong. Please spell or abbreviate months. Your help will be greatly appreciated.

Respectfully,


George W. Killian

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I certainly hope that you will be able to provide some good information for me on new lines in your area that look back to Andreas Killian. The original book concentrated on the Missouri branch and the colonial branches. Family group sheets would be an excellent way to provide the data.

Also it would be appreciate if you would ask others you know to send me data.

I just hope that I have not bitten off more than I can chew! It is going to be an awful lot of work. I have no idea how I managed to do it 20 years ago with an ordinary typewriter. I know it took an awful lot of typing, proof reading and retyping.

Thanks in advance for your help.

George.

I also hope that you are at the same address or that somehow this will manage to catch up with you. I know this address has been in my files for many years. I have moved 4 times since the book was first published! And yet every once in a while someone will see the book in a library and track me down.