

**Association of Descendants of Pioneer Andreas Killian
Celebrating 78 Years Reunion
September 7-9, 2012**

Our goal is to create a fun, informative and affordable event.
All information and any changes to the schedule will be available on our website at:

www.AndreasKillian.com

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.

Daniel W. Barefoot is a true Tarheel. He was born in Charlotte, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of North Carolina School of Law. He served three terms in the North Carolina House of Representatives, from 1998 until 2002. Dan is also a professional magician, specializing in tricks and illusions related to North Carolina and its storied heritage and people. Dan is the author of four travel guides, *Touring the Backroads of North Carolina's Upper Coast*(1995), *Touring the Backroads of North Carolina's Lower Coast*(1995), *Touring South Carolina's Revolutionary War Sites*(1999), and *Touring North Carolina's Revolutionary War Sites*(1998); the biography entitled *General Robert F. Hoke: Lee's Modest Warrior* (1996); and a trilogy of ghost stories representing all of North Carolina's 100 counties, *Seaside Spectres*(2002), *Piedmont Phantoms*(2002), and *Haints of the Hills*(2002). His most recent books are *Haunted Halls of Ivy: Ghosts of Southern Colleges and Universities*(2004), *Let Us Die Like Brave Men*(2005), *Hark the Sound of Tar Heel Voices* (2008), and *Spirits of '76*(2009). Dan is a frequent speaker to cultural, civic, and church groups throughout the Southeast. We are delighted Dan will speak on ***The Vital Role of the Catawba River Valley and Its Citizens in the Ultimate Outcome of the American Revolution***. His presentation will instill just a bit more pride in our storied Catawba River Valley heritage.

Jason L. Harpe is an historic preservation consultant with nearly twenty years of experience in historic preservation. His career began at the age of 18 as a weekend manager at a historic site and, since that time, he has worked with historic sites, museums, historic preservation commissions, non-profit boards, local governments, and others. Jason is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with both a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in History. He is currently serving as Executive Director for the Lincoln County Historical Association and Lincoln County Museum of History. He has written and edited books on local history, Freemasonry, folk art, and Catawba Valley pottery. He has facilitated the acquisition and preservation of historic sites; written preservation, restoration, and maintenance plans, National Register of Historic Places nominations, and local landmark designation reports. He coordinated projects between historical and cultural organizations and worked diligently to promote historic preservation to groups with varying demographics. His youth, excitement, passion, and understanding offer a fresh, candid, and uplifting view of how to make history and preservation relevant to all generations. You will not want to miss his presentation entitled **"Who Goes There: Historic Cemeteries as Solemn Final Resting Places, Historic Resources & Timeless Seats of Wisdom"**.

Tammy Wilson is a lifelong genealogist, having researched and documented 25 direct lines to the American Colonies prior to 1701 as well as five Revolutionary War patriots. She is President of the Catawba Valley Chapter of the Colonial Dames 17th Century, past Regent of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution John Hoyle Chapter and a member of the United Daughters of 1812. Tammy is currently serving as Public Information Officer for the Catawba County Library System. She will be presenting "**Troublesome Years 1810-1820**", a discussion that will shed some light on major historical events most American history classes ignore but our ancestors couldn't. Aside from the War of 1812, there was the Year of No Summer, the devastating New Madrid earthquakes (yes, there was more than one) and the Panic of 1819, among other events that put our ancestors and our young nation to the test.

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Activities

Location:

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
4420 County Home Road
Conover, NC 28612

Friday: We will continue with the success of a dinner followed by speaker Dan Barefoot with live musical entertainment during dinner by the Brothers Redeemed Quartet.

Saturday Morning: This year we are hiring a 56-passenger coach to simplify the touring process. The **Hickory Killian Tour** will begin at 8:30 at Mt. Zion Church and end at approximately 2:30 with a stop for lunch along the way. The tour will begin with a stop at the ever-popular Killian's Hardware Museum. From there, the tour will head to the Hickory Museum of Art for a guided tour featuring an exhibit by folk artist Arie Reinhardt Taylor. Arie has ties to the Killian family. After a stop for lunch at the Hickory Tap Room, a casual pub style restaurant in keeping with the historic name of the city of Hickory, originally known as Hickory Tavern, the tour will then head over to Old Saint Paul's Church for a very special Ceremony of German Stones Burial. Register early to reserve your seat on the coach! The cost of the tour is \$7 per person.

Saturday Afternoon: At 3:00pm SHARP, Jason Harpe will begin his presentation.

Saturday Late Afternoon: The very important *Business Meeting* will begin at 4:00pm. 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!

Genealogy Workshop: Because most of the folks staffing the genealogy workshop plan to participate in the Hickory Killian Tour, a limited genealogy workshop will follow the Business Meeting. Please check the appropriate box on the registration form of your lineage inquiry and we will coordinate some assistance.

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 catered lunch at Mount Zion Church followed by speaker Tammy Wilson.

Accommodations

The Best Western located at 1520 13th Avenue Drive, S.E., Hickory, NC 28602 (828-323-1150) is offering the Association a group rate of \$69.00 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. We will have a catered meal offered by Jennifer Brittain of Jennifer's Café on Friday evening and Sunday noon prior to each lecture. The cost for each catered meal will be \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children age 10 and under. For Lunch on Saturday and for time allowances, the tour will be stopping on the square in downtown Hickory at The Hickory Tap Room. The restaurant offers a casual atmosphere with typical pub style fare at reasonable prices. Lunch is not included in the cost of the tour.