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KILLIAN REUNION

One of the largest gatherings of the Killian klan was held Sunday evening September 12th, at Old Salem Lutheran-Reformed Church North of Lincolnton. This has been an annual affair since the first meeting ~~eighteen~~ years ago and the attendance continues to grow.

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Attending were descendents of Pioneer Andreas Killian from Lincoln, Catawba, Gaston, Mecklenburg, Burke, ~~and~~ Irdell N.C. Counties and from York, Chester, ~~and~~ Union and Cherokee S.C. counties -

ALEXANDER

Special memorial service was held for J.Y. Killian of Newton- who was the klan's historian and organizer of the klan- He spent many years compiling the data that is contained in the history he ~~published~~ had published-- Raymond L. Hefner of Hickory, Past pres and secretary and chairman of the committee responsible for erecting the monument to Andreas Killian in St Pauls church cemetery- James R. Killian, Sr of Columbus, Ga. and father of James Rhyne Killian, Jr president of M.I.T. of Boston, Mass. He also was responsible for collecting numerous documents of the Killian lineage.

Raymond L. Hefner also responsible for compiling history of Catawba Co

Mrs Henrietta Killian Brady of Newton, daughter of ex Sherrif Jessie Killian of Newton-- Rev John Koons of Maiden our beloved Reformed Church pastor who married into the Killian lineage- Service conducted by Rev John Hall pastor of the Lutheran congregation and Rev Frank Snyder pastor of the Reformed ~~Church of Catawba~~ congregation. Odus Carpenter of Lincolnton was re-elected pres Mrs P.W. Whitner of Linclnton also was re-elected Secty and Treas

D.W. Killian of Stony Point elected Vice pres.

Mrs Martin Carpenter of Maiden, Jessie Sigmon of Newton and Guy C. Killian of Gastonia were appointed the committee on history.

By unanimous vote it was agreed to meet next year on the same date and Sunday in Sept at the same place

Guy C. Killian exhibited a old silk beaver hat which was worn by his great Grand Father Jacob Killian, This hat had been preserved by his daughter Cynthia Killian Yount and handed down to her daughter Mrs Daisy Yount Whitner. Mother of Mrs Howard Goodnight Jacob Killian was a son of Jacob Sr and was born 1789th Wife was Died 1860 - He gave the land to the two congregations jointly for the Salem- Lutheran-Reformed Church

Catherine Carpenter