

9/9/59

The Annual Killion Reunion was held at Salem Lutheran-Reformed Church September 9, 1959. The meeting was opened with devotions led by The Rev. James D. Rumley, Pastor of Salem Reformed Church. The Scriptural background was a responsive reading taken from the Church Hymnal entitled "The Family." Pastor Rumley reminded us that everyone needed a family and that everyone wants to belong to a family.

Special music was rendered by Mrs. Frank Griffin, Soloist of Gastonia with Mrs. Robert Reid of Charlotte, Organist.

During the business meeting Mr. Kemp Nixon and Mr. Joe Nixon of Lincolnton brought greetings. Mr. Kemp Nixon who is 76 has practiced law for 51 years and during that time has worked closely with the Killion families. Mr. Nixon stated that the first John Killion had married a Nixon relative Kate McCaslin and had run a mill in this county (Lincoln).

The following Clan members and guests were introduced:

1. Dr. I. R. Self, Dentist, Lincolnton
2. Attorney Jesse Sigmow, Newton
3. Mrs. Raymond Stefner, Hickory
4. Mr. & Mrs. Edgar Royal, Chester S.C.
5. Mr. & Mrs. H. D. Winget, Gastonia

6. Mrs. Frank Griffin and Children of Gastonia.
7. Howard Killion of Winston-Salem, descendant of Pioneer Samuel Killion who is President of the South Carolina Killion Clan. Mr. Killion extended an invitation to all members to attend the reunion in May, 1960, at Chester, South Carolina.
8. Mr. H. L. Killion of S. Carolina
9. James Killion and Frances of Charlotte
10. Bill Killion of Stony Point
11. Mrs. John Killion and son Charles
12. Mrs. Henry Killion of Gilkey, mother of the president
13. Mrs. Steve Roone, Sister of President
14. Mr. & Mrs. Edwin Killion ~~and~~ of Gilkey who were attending the reunion for the first time.

Mr. Guy Killion of Gastonia read letters from Congressman C. R. Jones and Mr. J. R. Killions, President of M. S. G. who stated their regrets concerning not being able to attend the reunion this year.

Mr. Joe Nixon traced his ~~correct~~ connection with the Killion family through his mother's ancestors.

Mr. Jesse Segmon spoke on this year's reunion being the 24th annual meeting.

Mr. Ware Killian suggested another history to bring the present book up to date. Mr. Frank Killian made a motion that a committee be appointed to study how this can be done. The committee appointed was: Mr. Frank Killian, Chm.

Mr. Joe Nixon

Mr. Ware Killian

Mrs. Raymond Stever of Hickory inquired about the Killian Coat of Arms. We were asked to contact her if we knew anything concerning a Coat of Arms.

The secretary read the minutes of the last reunion and a treasurer's report was given.

The nominating committee composed of Mr. Jesse Sigmow, Chm., D. C. Killian, Mr. Oduis Carpenter, and Mr. Ware Killian offered the following slate of officers for nomination:

President: Mr. John J. Killian, Dickey

V. President: Mr. Frank A. Killian, Lincolnton

Sec. Treas.: Mrs. Frank A. Killian, Lincolnton

All were elected

A motion was made ^{by Guy Killian} to adopt the Rev. James D. Rumley as a member of the Clan and that his name be placed on the mailing list.

The motion carried.

The offering amounted to \$47.10.

A motion was made to present a gift of \$15 to the Salem Lutheran-Reformed Congregation to be used in the cemetery fund of the church.

The president thanked all who made the reunion possible and such an enjoyable occasion.

Respectfully submitted,
Mrs. Frank A. Kilian, Sec.