

The 53rd Killian Reunion

The 53rd Annual Killian Family Reunion was held Sunday, September 13, 1987 at 3 pm at Salem Lutheran and United Church of Christ, Route 2, Lincolnton, NC.

In the absence of President Frances Killian Hampton, Vice President Frank Killian presided.

The Rev. Jack Rhyne, Lutheran Pastor of Salem, presented devotions. He discussed the achievement of those who share family, and showed that the pioneering spirit is always needful.

Minutes were read and approved.

Treasurer Robert Killian reported a balance of \$723.77. (Report attached)

Robert "Buster" Hallman reported on the renovation of the 560 headstones in the Salem Church Cemetery which dates from 1796. The group voted to donate \$400.00 to the cemetery fund. Jacob Killian (son of John Killian who was the third child of Pioneer Andreas Killian) deeded 3 acres to Salem Church in 1815.

Lucy Killian stated that Barbara Cavin extended an invitation to meet in Menlo, Georgia in 1988. Officers will investigate possibility of meeting in Menlo, which is near the Alabama-Georgia state line.

Helen Ellis reported on the activity of Catawba County Geneological Society.

During the business session James Green III was elected Vice President and Vice President Frank Killian will serve as President for 1988 and 1989. Wanda Woolwine McElveen was elected as Secretary, and Robert L. Killian continues as Treasurer. Historians are William D. Killian and Frances Killian Hampton.

George W. Killian of Fairport, NY, who compiled his father's research and printed a book on the Killians in Europe and in Colonial America, talked on the importance of the family and stated that we should be proud to look at our ancestors.

James Green gave a presentation showing maps and telling about the land and sites around Salem Church, Lincoln County, which are owned by descendants of Pioneer Andreas Killian. He also showed a copy of the Catawba County Heritage Book, which is now available.

Historian William D. Killian reported that Mack Canipe continues work on the history of the "German Element in the Carolinas". He reported that Dr. James Rhyne Killian, President Emeritus of Massachusetts Institute of Technology, has been in declining health for some time and is in the M.I.T. Infirmary with a broken hip, according to a letter from his sister, Ruth.

Ed R. Killian of Natchez, Mississippi gave a presentation on the results of research on the life history of George Killian (1740-1830) who lived in Natchez from 1783 through 1803. Through Courthouse records, military pay vouchers, land grants and census records, Ed concludes that this George Killian is indeed the son of Andreas Killian (1702-1788) who arrived in Philadelphia in 1732 aboard the "Adventure". (2 copies of presentation given association)

Following the program a covered dish dinner and fellowship hour were shared by 44 clansmen and guests.

Helen Killian

Helen Houser Killian, Secretary

Treas. Report Killian Reunion

Balance 9/6/86 - 651.94

Collectings & Book Sale 9/6/86 87.00

Book Sale 16.00

MEMORIAL:

WARE Killian 50⁰⁰

Ben Killian

Interest SAVING ACCOUNT 30.97

TOTAL 835.91

Expenses:

9/7/86 - CASTENA Presky, Ch. # 50⁰⁰

MAILING letters (Reunion) 47.14

SUPPLIES 15⁰⁰

112.14

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Robert L Killian - Treas.
Sept 13th 1987.