

ANDREAS KILLIAN 2002 NEWSLETTER

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2002 Killian Family Reunion Schedule

Saturday, September 7

2:00 p.m. Genealogy Workshop at Salem Lutheran/Reform Church, Lincoln Co., NC will include information on the land grant maps of our NC ancestor's by Wendell Kirkham. Located 3410 Startown Rd. Approx 2 mi. out of Lincolnton, NC. (704) 732-7320.

5:00 p.m. Dinner at Aunt Bessie's Restaurant in Lincoln Co., NC, located 1557 North Aspen Street, Lincolnton, NC (704) 732-3774.

7:00 p.m. Return to the Genealogy Workshop at Salem Lutheran/Reform Ch., Lincoln Co., NC, Located 3410 Startown Rd. Approx. 2 mi. from Lincolnton, NC, (704) 732-7320.

Sunday, Sept 8, 2002

10:00 a.m. Special Church Service at Old St. Paul's, Location of Andreas Killian Monument 2035 Old Conover-Startown Rd. Newton, NC, (828) 464-9786.

2:00 p.m. Traditional meeting of the Andreas Killian Reunion at Salem Lutheran/Reform Ch. Lincoln Co. Located 3410 Startown Rd. Approx 2 mi. out of Lincolnton, NC. (704) 732-7320.

3:00 p.m. Ted & Bill Yoder will present a slide show they made in Germany & Switzerland.

5:00 p.m. Covered dish meal. Everyone bring a picnic/covered dish to share.

Greetings cousins and descendants of Andreas Killian,

With the events of 9/11, just after our last year's reunion many of us were wondering about the lives of other people and how these events touched their lives. It was so soon after seeing many of our fellow cousins from all over America including New York, so we wondered how they were coping with this tragic event. Being of good traditional American stock, I felt many would be standing firm in their faith and principles of our founding forefathers, ready to do what is necessary to put down evil. It was not long before most of us were remembering the foundation of our existence and eternal faith. After being put to sleep by the blessings and conveniences of our world, many eyes were opened to the existence of evil in this world. Many returned back to the roots of their faith in God. Many examined their moral character and attitudes toward the real purposes of this life. Many found courage and saw the courage in others that make our country so strong. Many looked even further back to the wonderful and strong ancestry that we have been blessed with. Many of our troubles became small in the wake of those experiencing this event. Now that it has been almost a year, many are more aware of themselves, the small and important things in life and the lives of others around us, so we have grown in character.

Now to the reunion and remembrance of our founding fore father, Happy 300th Birthday, Andreas! Thanks to all who have made it possible for us to now be celebrating the 68th annual reunion of the descendants of pioneer Andreas Killian. In 2000, we successfully accomplished having our first three day reunion, making the reunion an extended time of fellowship, an informative reunion, and a special reunion. Although having a lot of fun and meeting interesting people, it was quite an effort to accomplish this event. So we also thought we should only do this every other year or every five years. It has been almost two years, since our three day reunion, so it is looking more like every five years. Of course, that depends on the new leadership of the association. Last year we continued in the extended reunion theme by offering those who travel from afar, an opportunity for a workshop and more time for fellowship. Saturday afternoon we had the workshop at Salem, an evening old fashion sit down meal at Aunt Bessie's, and then night photography session back at Salem. We encouraged everyone to attend an old fashioned meeting in the Old St. Paul's meeting house, Sunday morning. Then closing out the reunion with our traditional Sunday afternoon business meeting and picnic at Castanea.

The workshop session proved very valuable for some of our cousins from Alabama. They had been looking for a great grandfather's connection back to North Carolina coming back through Georgia. I had heard from a co-worker of some Killian tombstones in Elijah, Georgia located in the mountain valleys northeast of Dalton, Georgia. Prior to last year's reunion, my brother, two of my sons and I had been returning from Nashville, Tennessee and decided to check out this lead. We found tombstones of Andrew Jackson Killian, his wife Mahala and a Bob Killian. We took pictures and brought them to the reunion workshop. During the workshop, I overheard someone say there's a picture of A.J. Killian's tombstone, where is this? I turned and told them Elijah, Georgia. They were very excited, especially when I told them it was an extra picture to keep it. I told them the directions and how to find the tombstones. They said they were going to stop on their way back to Alabama. So you never know what you might find at a workshop. Of course, many times it depends on participation, so please plan to come and bring your Killian materials.

This year we want to continue in the same extended reunion theme. Please plan to come to Salem Church, Saturday at 2:00 PM ET for a workshop that will include information on the land grant maps of our NC ancestor's by Wendell Kirkham. At 5:00 PM ET we will plan to again enjoy the fellowship around an old fashioned meal at Aunt Bessie's. We will then return to Salem and continue the workshop. There will be time for a program, if anyone would like to come prepared to give a program. Once it is nightfall, we will have a night photography session for those who still have not seen the techniques and affects of night photography on tombstones by James Green. Please, plan to join us at 10:00 AM ET, at Old St. Paul's meeting house for an old fashioned Sunday service. Please plan to meet at Salem at 2:00 PM ET, for a program and photos of the parts of Germany and Switzerland where our various ancestor's lived by Ted and Bill Yoder. After the program, approximately 3:00 PM ET, we will have our traditional business meeting. We plan to recognize the youngest and the oldest attendees, the family that has traveled the farthest, each descendant family of the children of Andreas, have a couple of door prizes, some additional special recognitions for time of service and a group photo. Also, this year it is time for elections again, please start thinking, praying and asking people that come to mind that you think may want to hold the positions of president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer and newsletter editor. My term as president will end, our vice-president is not planning to assume the traditional role of becoming president, and our treasure is not planning to continue after this year. Let's keep the tradition going and

see that we have a 69th annual reunion. As usual, the traditional family style covered dish supper will follow the business meeting.

It has been a pure pleasure these past four years serving my extended family of Killian cousins. I personally want to thank you all for support and willingness to help. I would like to extend a special thank you to Linda Hoyle of Lincolnton, North Carolina, Ed Killian of Mississippi, Steve Killian of Lincolnton, North Carolina, Lee Killian of Denver, North Carolina, and James Green of Winnsboro, South Carolina for their help with the 2000 three day reunion, to vice-president and past two years newsletter editor, Linda Hoyle of Lincolnton, North Carolina, treasure Robert Killian of Charlotte, North Carolina, secretary Wanda McElveen of Mt. Holly, North Carolina, snail mailings and snail mailing list officers, Dr. William and Helen Killian of Hendersonville, North Carolina, Killian Rootsweb internet mail list officer, James Green of Winnsboro, South Carolina, past newsletter editor George Killian of Rochester, New York, extensive family research, databases and web pages by Ed Killian of Natchez, Mississippi, Bill Hinds of Graceville, Florida, Wayne Milam of Southside, Alabama, George Killian of Rochester, New York, James Green of Winnsboro, South Carolina, Gerald and Terri Affeldt of Cincinnati, Ohio, Wayne Setzer of Charlotte, North Carolina and others I have not mentioned. Also, thanks for all who have attended and participated in the past four reunions making them a success. It is a great feeling and honor to know so many who find their ancestry important to know and make known for others to find. Lord, willing, I look forward to working, participating and seeing you all in the years ahead. God bless you all!

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KILLIAN_DNA, GERMAN GENEALOGY, RESEARCH, ANDREAS K. COIN

By James Green, III

Abstract: In this article, I will outline what we can hope to find via genealogical research in Switzerland, Germany, Alsace, & Lorraine vs. what we can hope to find via DNA research among living Killians and how every Killian descendant worldwide can help. This includes all Killian descendants & NOT just descendants of Andreas Kilian born 1702 who died in NC about 1788. DNA Testing Genealogists are resorting to Y chromosome testing. For example, we Killians want to know from which immigrant (Andreas or Michael) various groups of Killians (who come from NC) descend. DNA can answer this if Andreas' & Michael's descendants have different Y chromosomes. Before you lose interest, let me say the test is only \$200 per person and we only need a couple of people from each immigrant plus a couple from each group which is concerned that they do not know for sure if they descend from Andreas vs. Michael.

Now before the Killians of the rest of the world lose interest, let me say we need a couple of people from all Killians to be tested. Here is why it is a surname wide project & not just a Andreas Kilian project. We all want to know where our ancestors were from in Europe. Even if you already know where your Killians were in Europe, I would expect you would still want to be tested to know if your Killians are kin to any American Killians such as Andreas. The descendants of the various Killian immigrants to America will especially want you Killians who know your location in Europe to be tested because, if the test shows we are kin to one of you who know your place of origin, then we come from the same Killian ancestor & thus the same place in Europe & thus know where to look for records of our immigrant & his ancestors

In regard to the Celtic Killians vs. the Germanic Killians. I hope some Celtic Killians will be tested. It would be easy to see if Audry Murphy's Killians are German or Celtic if we had one of each or better yet, if we had an exact match with one of a known descendant of one of the immigrants (& thus with the immigrant himself).

Also comparing the DNA of the Celtic Killians to the German Killians would resolve whether the Germanic Killians took their name from places named Kilian where they lived or in honor of St. Kilian vs. being descended from St. Kilian of Wiirzburg, bishop and martyr-, born at Mullagh, County Cavan, Ireland c. 640 and died Wurzburg, Germany 8 July 689. St. Kilian's life is probably 900 to a thousand years before our earliest possible genealogical records, but well within the range for DNA to show descent. Further info on St. Kilian is at: <http://www.shsmmedia.com/killion.html>.

Now a simple short description of how DNA testing reveals kinship. We only look at the Y chromosomes and that is for two reasons. 1) Only males have a Y chromosome & they pass the Y on to only their sons (along with their surname). 2) the Y is not complete since it looks like a Y (part of an X) & part or all of it does not mix with the other sex chromosome - the X chromosome. The other 22 pairs of human chromosomes do split & recombine so one does not inherit whole chromosomes, but rather fragments that add up to a new whole chromosome. To see a simplified drawing of the breaking & mixing of chromosomes & why mitochondria DNA is useless, see: <http://www.familyreedna.com/ancestorchart.html>. So the Y chromosome is unchanged generation after generation & is the only chromosome that is unchanged. It is passed from father to son as well as the surname. So, we test males (because they have a Y chromosome to test) surnamed Killian (because they got their Y from their father surnamed Killian who got the Y & surname from his father & so forth, forever. We do not test Killians who

got their surname from their mother at any point in their Killian lineage because they got their Y from their non Killian father.

At the beginning of this article I said this project is for all Killians. The males not carrying the surname (the Killian Y) and females not carrying any Y chromosome, are just as interested in the results. The goal of women & non-Killian men is to find close Killian kin men named Killian & get them tested. The older generations are better to test, since they are a generation or 2 or 3 closer to the earliest ancestor and each generation, the Y chromosome has a small chance to mutate (change). So we want to them & our early ancestors & thus less generations in which mutations could have occurred.

In the test, the lab looks at 12 to 25 markers (loci) on the Y chromosome, determining the value (number of repeats of a string of bases at each locus (marker)). The report comes back giving the value at each of the 12 to 25 loci which we compare to the tests of other Killians. If they show no difference, then more than likely they descend from the same immigrant ancestor (50% chance that their most recent common ancestor (MRCA) is within 14 generations counting the generations of both testees back to the immigrant, if one is doing a 23 marker test on testees). Anyway, we who are women (or men without the surname) have the job of finding close kin to test & getting them to pay for the test or paying for the test for them.

There has been some trouble in comparing results between labs, so we should probably all use the same lab (company). The 25 marker test checks for more mutation so is much more precise & only slightly more expensive -- 12 markers are nearly \$150 while 25 markers is barely over \$200.

Genealogical Research This brings us to my funding idea which could be used to fund the DNA tests and to fund genealogical research. Before I digress into funding, let me cover the prospects of research on German immigrants immigrating in the 1700s from Germany to America, e.g. Andreas Kilian who was born c. 1702, arrived in PA in 1732 & died in NC c. 1788.

In 1978 the Andreas Kilian Reunion hired Charles Hall of Utah to do a survey of records to see if Andreas' origin had been found or a parish could be suggested that would be worth checking for Andreas. The report is on the web at: <http://genealogy.org/~green/killian/hall.html> duplicated at: <http://members.fortunecity.com/kilian3/killian/hall.html>. and several places were suggested in order of likelihood. We have delayed 25 years as more records have been transcribed. Other families like the Clines have had great success tracing their line back 4 generations in German Europe to the early 1500s, so I think it is worth hiring research on Andreas, as the Clines have just done successfully.

Funding (Andrew coins)

Now moving on to funding, my suggestion is to do something special for this the 300th birthday of Andreas who according to the passenger list was 30 when he arrived in 1732, thus born 1702 or within a few months of 1702. Andreas will not have another centennial birthday for another 100 years! I suggest minting a one ounce pure silver commemorative coin. I understand it cost about \$500 pre side to make a mold for a coin. Let me know of cheaper sources.

On the front I would suggest we put his memorial marker with the wording legible.

Above it put:

Andreas Kilian

German North Carolina

1702 - 2002

and below the monument

300th birthday

and in a tiny font,

1 ounce .999 fine silver or 1 ounce pure silver

This then would be a bullion coin. The coin would cost about \$5. I see silver prices are still about the same as when I bought a hundred 1 ounce pure silver bullion coins for \$5 each, i.e. silver is still about \$4.60/ounce

<http://www.amergold.com/newsroom/spot.shtml>. It is nice to have some money that has value, considering that USA paper money is no longer backed by anything. Eddie has suggested we sell the coins for enough to make up for the cost of minting but I was hoping someone would like to sponsor the \$500 for minting. We both were considering selling the coins for say \$20 to have money for hiring research 8i DNA testing. The USA has found when you mint coins that contain as much silver or gold as its face value, soon the value of the metal exceeds face value & people start selling them for their metal content & the coins are melted down & sold to the country which has to go to the expense of minting more coins to replace those. The country can't continue to take a loss on the coins by buying silver from those who just melted the coins down, so face value of US coins since 1851 has been greater than its metal value (per the red book). We should do the same, esp. if we want a profit to fund DNA testing or research. If you like this idea, contact the reunion. To save the cost of making a dye for the back of the coin, I suggest using an existing coin no longer in circulation. Something particularly appropriate to the area of Andreas Kilian If you are interested, write me (James Green III) at 172 Agnew Road / Winnsboro SC 29180 or phone me at 803-635-9236.

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THE KILLIAN SETTLEMENT AND THE OLD DUTCH MEETING HOUSE

Before attending the Killian Reunion this year, I became interested in the location of Killian Settlement and the Old Dutch Meeting House. In my research I found the following. In the "History of Lincoln County", by Alfred Nixon, eleven miles east of Lincolnton on the great highway is the Old Dutch Meeting House. The deed is from Adam Cloninger to the "German Congregation of Killian's Settlement". I believe this location to be in the vicinity of Macpelah Presbyterian Church as was mentioned by James Green in his report of the reunion to the list. Also in the book "Holding High The Cross For 200 Years", by Mark Smith, Killian's Settlement is mentioned as being at present St. Luke's near Lake Norman and Lebanon Lutheran in early 1800's. I'm wondering if there were Killian Settlement's in different places in different years.

The Rev. Johann Gottfried Arends list the first Communion of John David Kilien in Killian Settlement on June 10, 1783 and Christina Kilianen in Kilian Settlement April 19, 1786. Maria Elisabeth Kilian's first Communion was June 19, 1776 at Cataber. Is Cataber the same place as Macpelah ? I talked to two people on the phone while visiting Linda Hoyle and one said that Killian Settlement could be on Killian Road which is close to Daniel's Lutheran Church west of Lincolnton and the other person said just about anywhere in Lincoln County where Killian's lived could be called Killian Settlement because of so many Killian's. Also in looking at the John F. Sifford genealogy, John and wife Elizabeth are said to be buried in the graveyard of the "Old Dutch Meeting House" which is eleven miles east of Lincolnton. The cemetery is now gone back to an individual landowner and livestock has been turned in on it. No markers are visible. The John David Kilien in 1783 could have been the son of Leonard and Christina Kilianen (Rev. Arends often used an en after unmarried females) may have been the child of Andreas, but Andreas lived on Clark's Creek north of Lincolnton which may have been closer to Old St. Pauls church. I believe Old St. Pauls was called Saut Fark (South Fork) by the Rev. Arends. Someone correct me if I'm wrong.

Now a question for the list. Could Killian Settlement have been named due to where Leonard and family lived ? Leonard sold his land in Anson County in 1754 that was granted in 1749. In 1773, he was granted 270 acres on Little Creek of the Catawba River. This is east of the Macpelah area. Little Creek now lies under Lake Norman. He sold this 270 acres to his son Mathias in 1774. By 1794, Mathias no longer owned this land. know there are some Killian researchers out there who can answer the above question. It may take some digging, but I have faith that you can. Also if you have an opinion of where you think Killian Settlement might be, let us all know by way of the list.

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