

# The Killian Family Newsletter

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## <sup>1</sup>DANIEL KILLIAN, NINTH CHILD OF ANDREAS <sup>51</sup>

BY

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Daniel Killian<sup>60</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup> child of Andreas, was probably the oldest child of Mary Cline<sup>52</sup> Killian and was born <sup>2</sup>ca 1757-59 in Lincoln Co., NC. On 15 Jan 1787 a marriage bond in Lincoln Co. was issued to <sup>3</sup>Daniel Killian and Osley Baker<sup>755</sup> with <sup>4</sup>Samuel Killian surety. On 19 Jan 1784 <sup>5</sup>Daniel Killian was surety on the marriage bond for Philip Smith to Nancy Baker. <sup>6</sup>Osley and Nancy Baker were sisters but the relation, if any, of Daniel to Philip Smith is unknown.

Daniel<sup>60</sup> was a private in the Revolutionary War serving from <sup>7</sup>Lincoln Co. He also performed <sup>8</sup>patriotic service by joining with Peter Mull in providing a wagon and a team. His brother <sup>9</sup>Samuel C. Killian<sup>71</sup> was a captain in the Revolutionary War.

According to the 1790 US Census of NC Daniel was in Burke Co, which became Buncombe Co., in 1791. His next

<sup>1</sup> The subscript numbers appearing after a name have been added by the editor. They are identification numbers for an individual in the genealogical computer program maintained by the editor. With a copy of this computer data it is possible to look up any individual by the number and learn a great deal more about the individual and his relatives.

<sup>2</sup> Jo cites *The History of the Killian Family* as her source. It is assumed this means the J. Yates Killian 1939 text re the NC Killians.

<sup>3</sup> Bynum's Marriage Bonds of Tryon and Lincoln Counties NC.

<sup>4</sup> This is probably his brother, Samuel<sup>61</sup>.

<sup>5</sup> Bynum's Marriage Bonds.

<sup>6</sup> The Journal, 26 October 1803, Francis Asbury.

<sup>7</sup> Roster of Soldiers from NC in the American Revolution. #334 Daniel Killian, payments; #334 Daniel Killian, allowances. NC Archives, Comptroller's Papers, Box 16 - Daniel Killian, Buncombe (Also in his folder: Capt. James Mackey, Burke)

<sup>8</sup> Descriptive List, Burke Co., 3 Oct 1782, found in Vol. 1, page 21, Brevard Papers, NC Archives PC2.1

<sup>9</sup> DAR Patriot Index, Vol II, shows Samuel C. born 1760, died 1813.

neighbor was Phil Smith. His home was on Beaver Dam Creek near the present city of Asheville. He became interested in Methodism and already had a Methodist Society meeting in his home by the time Francis Asbury's travels were expanded to include Western NC. Asbury's 9 Nov 1800 Journal states that Daniel was aware of his planned visit to Buncombe Courthouse and made an appointment with Asbury Tuesday 11 Nov, to visit the Killian home. Asbury further remarks that his group had their horses shod by Philip Smith who also makes wagons and works at carpentry besides making shoes for men and for horses.

From Asbury's Journal the death date of Osley Baker<sup>755</sup> is established between his visit on 7 Nov 1802 and on 26 Oct 1803 for on the latter date he records that "Sister Killian and Sister Smith, sisters in the flesh and kindred spirits in holiness and humble obedience, are both gone to their reward in glory."

Three Historical markers of interest in Asheville are:

- 1) at Merimon Avenue and Beaverdam Road regarding Francis Asbury visiting in the home of Daniel Killian nearby;
- 2) on Beaverdam Road the Asbury Memorial Methodist Church on land given by Daniel Killian. He is buried in the cemetery of this church and he first named the church Mount Pleasant; and
- 3) The Killian home site where Asbury annually stayed from 1800 through 1813. He stood on the granite boulder by the spring below the house to preach.

Daniel and Osley Baker Killian's children were:

JOHN<sup>756</sup> <sup>10</sup>born 2 Dec 1788 Lincoln Co., NC, died 26 Sep 1869 Gordon Co., GA, married 12 Jul 1825 to Priscilla Lee Askew<sup>767</sup>, daughter of Josiah and Phoebe Smith Askew. <sup>11</sup>She was born 14 Feb 1806 Burke Co., NC, died 16 Mar 1833 Habersham Co., GA. Their only child was Mary Ursella Killian <sup>768</sup> b 18 Apr 1826 Habersham Co., GA, d 2 Oct 1855 Gordon Co., GA; m 25 Nov 1848 in Union Co. GA to John Angel Hopper<sup>768</sup>. <sup>12</sup>[*Ed note: they had eleven children including a son, Sanford Harvey Hopper, who is mentioned later in this text.*]

JOSEPH<sup>758</sup> information is in *The History of the Killian Family*. DANIEL<sup>757</sup> b 22 Dec 1793 Buncombe Co., NC, d 28 Jan 1872 Dial Community in Fannin Co., GA, <sup>13</sup>Buried in Killian Family Cemetery. He m ca 1827 Mary Washam<sup>765</sup> b 1 Oct 1807 TN, d 13 Jul 1890 Dial GA. Their children:

Keliah<sup>798</sup> b ca 1830, no further info. except 1850 census.

Mary Jane<sup>789</sup> b Hall Co., GA 9 Sep 1831, d Fannin Co., GA 7 Aug 1901, m Jessie Lovick Rogers<sup>805</sup>.

Martha Isabel<sup>803</sup> b ca 1836 GA, m Thomas J. D. Lance<sup>830</sup>, moved to Washington State early 1900's.

Daniel<sup>800</sup> b ca 1840, GA, died "young", was bushwacked.

<sup>10</sup> Tombstone information, Hopper Family Cemetery, Ranger, GA

<sup>11</sup> Askew Family Bible.

<sup>12</sup> Material in square brackets [ ] or in *Italics* added by the editor.

<sup>13</sup> Killian/Rogers Family Cemetery on hill above Noontootla Creek in Fannin Co., GA at Dial Community. This was on the farm of John Killian.

John P.<sup>801</sup>, b ca 1842, d 15 Oct 1863 CSA Knoxville, TN [*Civil War*].

Eliza P.<sup>802</sup> b ca 1846, m Ira C. Bradley<sup>804</sup> 24 Aug 1869.

Lydia Ann Josephine<sup>766</sup> b 9 Mar 1851 Fannin Co., GA, d 9 Apr 1929 Gordon Co., GA, m 14 Jan 1872 Sanford Harvey Hopper<sup>770</sup> [*Note this is one of the children of Mary Ursella Killian and John Angel Hopper, mentioned above*].

The 1865 Oaths to the United States, Fannin Co., GA, John Killian<sup>756</sup> is described as 76 years old, gray hair, black eyes, dark complexion, 6'2" tall; Daniel<sup>757</sup> 71 years old, gray hair, grey eyes, dark complexion, 6'2" tall. [*How tall was Andreas? Among this editors close relatives none are six feet tall. At 5'10 1/2" I was among the tallest. How about other families?*]

NANCY<sup>760</sup> information in The Killian Family History.

WILLIAM W.<sup>761</sup> information in The Killian Family History.

MARY JANE<sup>764</sup> m John Smart<sup>844</sup> and by 1850 census they were in the home of her [*half*] brother John Killian<sup>756</sup> in Union Co., GA (later this became Fannin Co.), with their three daughters [*Sarah*] Emily, Nancy and Harriet. Lydia E. Smart age 30 appeared in the Smart household on the 1860 census, no further information on Lydia, assumed to be a daughter.

Sarah Emily J. Smart<sup>846</sup> b 1832 NC, m Patrick W. Ray<sup>848</sup> in 1862.

Nancy Smart<sup>847</sup> b 1834 NC, m William P. Thomas<sup>849</sup> ca 1854.

Harriet Smart<sup>854</sup> b 1836 NC, m Peter A. Long<sup>855</sup> 1855 Fannin Co., GA.

Mary Jane's birth date is indefinite: [*per census*] 1840 age 40-50; 1850 she was 48 (b 1802); 1860 age 54 (b 1806); 1870 age 75 (b 1795). This data is important to determine if Mary Jane's mother was Osley Baker<sup>755</sup> or if it was Daniel's second wife, Margaret Watts<sup>759</sup>. She was probably Margaret's daughter.

GEORGE<sup>762</sup>, sixth child of Daniel Killian<sup>60</sup> and Margaret Watts, b 6 My 1802, d 1 May 1880. Data in The History of the Killian Family.

Lydia<sup>763</sup>, youngest child of Daniel and Margaret, b 20 Oct 1806 Bumcombe Co., NC, d 16 Jun 1887, buried Oak Bowery Methodist Church Cemetery, Gaylesville, AL. [*She married George Washington Bell*<sup>797</sup> and the editor has considerable information about some of their descendants.]

**THE 1994 KILLIAN REUNION**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR**

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**SECOND SUNDAY OF SEPTEMBER**

**SUNDAY 11 SEPTEMBER 1994**

**CASTANEA PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH**

**STANLEY, NC**

**GEORGE CALVERT YOUNT**<sup>4672</sup>

BY:

**WILLIAM C. KILLIAN**<sup>2136</sup>

ADAPTED FROM AN ESSAY BY

•<sup>14</sup>**ELIZABETH ANN WATSON**

A GRANDDAUGHTER OF GEORGE C. YOUNT

In •<sup>15</sup>*THE HISTORY OF THE KILLIAN FAMILY IN NORTH CAROLINA*. J. Yates Killian<sup>4660</sup> notes on page eight<sup>146</sup> in the NC chapter of the GWK book] that "George C. Yount, the uncle of John Burnett Yount<sup>4674</sup> came to California in 1831. He owned a large ranch in Napa Valley. He came with a party of trappers and for some time hunted beaver and sea otter in California. He was beloved by the early Californians and is one of the colorful figures of our Western History."

Who was George C. Yount<sup>4672</sup> and what is his connection with the Andreas Killian Clan?

Most of the following information is taken from A SKETCH OF THE LIFE OF GEORGE C. YOUNT by •<sup>16</sup>Elizabeth Ann Watson, a granddaughter of George C. Yount.

John Yount, George C. Yount's grandfather, came to America from Germany with his family in 1750, locating in NC. He did not like living in NC so he moved to Lancaster Co., PA. At that time his son, Jacob Yount<sup>4670</sup> was seven years old. Jacob later returned to NC and married Matilda Killian. (J Yates Killian states that Jacob Yount married a Marellis (Murrillo) Killian<sup>469</sup>, the third child of John<sup>42</sup> and Elizabeth Zimmerman<sup>43</sup> Killian in 1782.) J. Yates and Elizabeth Ann Watson disagree upon the spelling of Marellis/Murrillo/Matilda Killian. It is safe to assume that these names are for the same person since the other parts of the story seem to fit. Since his mother, Matilda Killian was the granddaughter of Pioneer Andreas Killian<sup>51</sup> our George

He Hunted Beaver and Sea Otter in California and made Boats of Sea Elephant Hides

Calvert Yount was the great grandson of Andreas Killian.

George C. Yount was a colorful and adventurous character. He was born 4 May 1794 in Burke Co., NC. In 1804 Jacob Yount, George's father, moved his family to Cape Girardeau, MO. Jacob Yount had eleven children. George C. was the sixth.

In Missouri he was introduced early to Indian fighting because in 1804 that part of the country was wilderness and occupied by tribes of wild Indians. He remained on his father's farm until he was eighteen years old. On 3 May 1812 he joined a military company of riflemen and fought Indians until about 1816. During this time he became an accomplished hunter and had acquired a large farm with herds of cattle. In 1818, at age twenty-four, he married Eliza Cambridge Wilds<sup>5074</sup>.

14 Her ancestry is needed in the files.

15 Written in 1939.

16 Elizabeth Ann Watson did not state from which of George C. Yount's children she is descended.

They had three children, Robert<sup>11629</sup> born 1819, a daughter Frances<sup>11630</sup> born 1821 and Elizabeth Ann<sup>11631</sup> born 1826.

Misfortune overtook him at this time. He had entrusted all his money to an elderly neighbor while he was away hunting and on cattle drives. When he returned he found that his money was all gone. At this time he decided to seek his fortune elsewhere so he sold his cattle, paid his debts, left the remaining money with his wife and three children and set off for New Mexico. He first went to Santa Fe, NM but found that business was overdone there, and he could not find employment. So he joined a group of fur trappers under license from the Government of New Mexico to trap on the Gila and Colorado Rivers. He made a small fortune from his trapping expeditions, so he formed a company to continue this type of endeavor. During one of his trapping expeditions he heard about the lucrative fur trade and gold in California. He returned to NM, took one thousand dollars out of his company, left his partner in charge, and set out for California. He entered CA near Mission San Gabriel. Along the way he formed friendships with the padres at the missions as well as with political leaders. One of his close friends was Thomas O. Larkin, Consul General to Alta, CA from the United States and who resided at Monterey, CA.

About 1833 he settled in Sonoma, CA and became close friends with the Military commander of upper CA, General M. G. Vallejo. He had previously acquired the services of a group of Kanakas Indians who served as servants or workers. These Indians helped him build his ranch and also helped him and General Vallejo fight other Indians in a local Indian War in 1840. He remained in Sonoma from 1833 to 1836. Sonoma is in the same general area as Napa County.

It was through his friendship with General Vallejo and the Father F. Lorenzo Quinglos that he acquired the grant of land in Napa Valley, consisting of two leagues of land (approximately 8,000 acres). This grant became known as Caymus Rancho. It was named after the Caymus Indians who formerly lived in that area. He later obtained a grant (about 1840) for about 4,000 more

acres of land called La Jota Rancho on Howell Mountain.

What happened to his family? Due to all his wanderings he was unable to bring his family to California until 1843. In 1843 his two daughters crossed the plains with friends and came to Caymus Rancho. Elizabeth Ann Watson states that Robert's widow and child also made it to CA. It appears that his wife, Eliza, never made it to CA and that she died at the home place, Cedar Grove, Howard Co., MO, in 1850. George C. later married a Mrs. Gashwiler<sup>5075</sup>, a widow, in 1855.

What about his accomplishments? In addition to hunting and trapping it appears that there wasn't much he couldn't or didn't do.

He developed a method for making shingles and he repaired roofs on the missions, using his shingles. He built boats made of sea elephant hides and explored the bays and islands around San Francisco. He is credited with building the first sawmill, the first flour mill and was the first

American to ever raise a chimney in CA, when he built his house at Caymus Rancho. He was also an accomplished wine maker and had extensive vineyards on his ranch. He gave a part of his ranch for a town site which was called Yountville. He also gave land for a cemetery and later on built a church at Yountville on the condition that any denomination could use it.

George Calvert Yount died at Caymus Rancho 5 Oct 1865 at age seventy-one years and five months.

A quote from "Historical Napa County" published in 1965 by the Napa County Record: "George C. Yount, County's first White Man. Almost synonymous with the name of Napa County is that of George C. Yount, for Yount was already established in Napa Valley long before the state of CA had become a part of the United States, long before there was any Napa County. He was one of the earliest pioneers of civilization on the Pacific Coast, a man who had much to do with the founding of Napa County and with its development."

Napa County is north of the San Francisco area. The town of Yountville is approximately sixty miles



*George C. Yount*

north of the city of San Francisco. There are two historical markers in Yountville about Yount. <sup>17</sup> One denotes his log blockhouse which served as a gathering place and fort for the early settlers in that area, as well as showing the location of his adobe house, grist and saw mills. The other marker marks the location of his grave and honors him as the first United States Citizen to be ceded a Spanish land grant in Napa County (1836).

The Napa County Historical Society, Goodman Library Building, 1219 First Street, Napa, CA 94559 has additional information in its archives about George C. Yount. Material can be obtained from them at 25¢ per copy plus the cost of postage. George C. Yount's great, great granddaughter, Mrs. Meridie D. Porterfield is currently a member of the Napa County Historical Society.

Additional material on George Calvert Yount may be found in various references. The *Dictionary of American Biography* (Copyright 1964) includes information on pages 637-638. The *Encyclopedia Americana* 1953 edition also includes information. *California Pioneer Register* for 1542-1848 also mentions George C. Yount. It may be interesting to know that the first two references give the name as George Conception Yount. This name comes from the time, in about 1835, when he joined the Roman Catholic Church and took Conception as a middle name. He was also a Mason. Catholicism and Masonry and usually mutually exclusive. He was buried with full Masonic honors; an Episcopalian minister preached his funeral sermon, and his will provided for the erection of a church to be used by all denominations. I think we can assume he was only a nominal Catholic.

In 1811 California belonged to Spain but in 1822 California gave allegiance to Mexico. In 1845 there were not over 700 Americans in California. On 7 July 1846 the US flag was first raised at Monterey and California proclaimed part of the United States. California became a state on 9 September 1850.

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THE KILLIAN FAMILY  
AND PARTICULARLY THE  
ANCESTORS AND DESCENDANTS OF  
ANDREAS KILLIAN  
1702 — 1788

<sup>17</sup> California Inventory of Historical Resources, State of CA Department of Parks and Recreation, P.O. Box 2390, Sacramento 95811.

As many of you know, George W. Killian prepared a book, with the above, title in 1969. All copies were photo copies. Subsequently editions included various additions and corrections. It is hopelessly out of date. For the past few years he has worked on an update of the book. The major improvements include: an improved format, (similar to the format of this newsletter), a combined index of names, places, things and some events. The text includes RIN (Record Information Numbers) numbers for people included in the computer file. Thus, it is possible to distinguish between different people having the same name. This helps distinguish between the 21 John Killions and 45 John Killians in my computer. Using the RIN numbers one can look up an individual in the computer and find his/her exact relationship to Andreas, or any other person. Currently the computer has over 5,500 descendants and ancestors of Andreas' and over 8,300 including spouses. Each year many hundred new names are added. Is yours included? The text has reached a penultimate stage and copies can be produced.

The text includes: *The History of the Killian Family in NC*, *Cletus Killian's Comments after Reading The History of the Killian Family in NC*, *Colonial Killians and their Families*, *Killians in Europe*, *Andreas Killian and some of his Descendants in Georgia*, *Indiana Killions*, *The Killen Family*, *Killians and The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints*, *Miscellaneous Information*, *Philip Killian 1766—1815*, *George Killian 1740—1830*, *An account of the Unveiling of the Andreas Killian Memorial*, and some selected Wills and other legal documents. It is anticipated that additional sections will be included in the ultimate edition: *Margaret Killian, daughter of Andreas*, and *Killians of Southeast Missouri*.

The book, on pages like this Newsletter, is about ¾ of an inch thick (printed on both sides). The books are printed from my computer to order. For the few who may want this book I have to charge \$70 to cover some of the cost of reproduction and supplies in connection with the work.

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FUTURE SUBJECTS

What would you like in future issues of the Newsletter?

Here are some suggested subjects:

Who are the Indiana Killions?

Colorful people with colorful backgrounds.

Who is the oldest living person with Killian ancestry?

Descendants of Andreas' daughters.

Colonial Wills.

**Famous Killians.**

**Who has the most unusual job, and what is it?  
What Killians have held elective office? When?  
Where?**

**Who has received special recognition for heroism?**

**Did Leonard Killian marry Mary Margaret Killen?**

**Records of current births, marriages and deaths.**

**What other subjects would you like? Please make suggestions and submit drafts of text. This Newsletter is for you. Help us provide what will be of most interest to you.**

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*The Alabama-Georgia-Tennessee Descendants of Andreas Killian Reunion will be held on 26 Jun 1994 at the fellowship hall of Gravel Hill Baptist Church in the Collbran Community (5 miles south of Fort Payne on U.S. 11 in DeKalb Co., AL. Contact Roger Killian • P O Box 4 • Fort Payne, AL for more information*

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