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## THE REST OF THE STORY:

In the last newsletter there was an incomplete article about the First Annual Killian Reunion in 1935. Bill Killian, our founder, has provided the rest of the text which follows: [text in *Italic* and footnotes have been added by the editor].

Pioneer **Andreas Killian** probably married •<sup>1</sup>twice as is evidenced in his will. His family consisted of twelve children, six boys and six girls. He made a will in which he names the following children: **Margaret**, the oldest child, supposed to have been born about the year 1721, being eleven years old when the family came to America; she •<sup>2</sup>married **Michael Price**. [11 children]

**Leonard**, the oldest son, was born May 15, 1723; his wife's name was **Mary Margaret**, but no record has been found of her •<sup>3</sup>maiden name. They had four children, or more; **William**, **Mathias**, **Mary** and **Margaret**. **Leonard Killian** •<sup>4</sup>died May 15 1795, and was •<sup>5</sup>buried at Saint Paul's Church near Newton. [5 children ??]

**John**, the third child of **Andreas Killian**, was born about the year 1726. He married Mrs. **Elizabeth Zimmerman** (Carpenter), who had a son **Michael**, by her first husband. **John** and **Elizabeth Killian**'s children were: a daughter [**Elizabeth**], who married **David Smith**; **Jacob**, born April 8, 1760, married **Rebecca Creasemore** [*sic: should be Cresamore*] and settled on what is now the **A. J. Seagle** farm near Salem Church in Lincoln

<sup>1</sup> We do not know if Andreas' wife came with him from Germany. If not, there may have been another marriage as there were children born after his arrival in 1732 and prior to his marriage to Mary.

<sup>2</sup> We now have over 850 of her descendants.

<sup>3</sup> It is now believed that her maiden name was Killen.

<sup>4</sup> The tombstone gives the death as 6 Jun 1795. It also gives age in years months and days. The birth and death dates do not add up to the age given!

<sup>5</sup> The Andreas Killian monument is located next to Leonard's tombstone, which is in the German language.

County; **Marellis**, married **Jacob Yount**; **John**; **Phillip**; **Mary** (first married **John Jonas**, and had one child, **John Jonas, Jr.** Then she married **Jacob Fey**, a saddler, of Crowdertown, in 1791. **Jacob Fey** died in 1800, and **Mary** married **Martin Suttlemyre** in 1801. **Mary Killian** thus became the mother of all the **Jonas** clan in Lincoln and Catawba Counties, the mother of the entire **Fey** family in North Carolina and the mother of part of the large **Suttlemyer** family of this section of the State); **Abraham**; and **Sarah**, who married **Jacob Dietz**. [*John had 8 children*]

**Jean**, the fourth child of **Andreas Killian**, married **William Lewin (Lawing)** of the **Hager** neighborhood.

**Crete**, the fifth child of **Andreas Killian**, •<sup>6</sup>married probably a brother of pioneer **William Hager**, likely **George Hager**. [7 children]

**Andrew, Jr.**, the sixth child of **Andreas Killian, Sr.**, was rather a favorite of his father. They owned land together and **Andreas, Sr.**, in his will included **Andrew, Jr.**'s, two sons, **Andrew** and **David**, in the division of his property. **Andrew, Jr.**, built a mill on the waters of Liles Creek, on what is known as the **Noah Rowe** place. [4 children]

**George** was the seventh •<sup>7</sup>son [*sic; should be child*] of **Andreas Killian, Sr.** [8 children]

**Bunia** [*sic: Brina is now accepted as the correct spelling.*] married **James Pritchett**. [No children known]

**Daniel**, ninth child, is supposed to have been the oldest child of **Andreas Killian**'s second wife, whose name was **Mary**, thought to have been a Miss **Cline** or a Miss **Beaver**. [8 children]

**Samuel** was the tenth child of **Andreas Killian, Sr.** He married **Barbara**, the youngest child of **William Hager**, who lived on Killian's Creek. **Andreas, Sr.**, gave to these two sons, **Daniel** and **Samuel**, all the real estate and stipulated in his will that they were to provide for his wife (their mother) during the remainder of her life. [10 children]

**Christiana** [*sic: Christianna*], the eleventh child of **Andreas, Sr.** Married **John Barringer**. [11 children]

**Elizabeth**, the twelfth child of **Andreas, Sr.**, •<sup>8</sup>married **Michael Hank** [*sic: Houck is now the more accepted spelling*]. This **Elizabeth** was received into the Lutheran church, 'Catawber,' by the Rev. **John Gottfried Arndt** June 19, 1776, and **Michael Hank** by the same Rev. Mr. **Arndt** into the South Fork Lutheran church (now Saint Paul's) in August [1 child of record at present]

**Jacob Killian, Jr.**, son of **Jacob**, son of **John**, son of **Andreas Killian**, the pioneer, married **Catherine Carpenter** (See 1902), and among their children were **Caroline**, who married

<sup>6</sup> See another article about Crete in this newsletter.

<sup>7</sup> In 1987 Ed Killian of Natchez, MS presented to the Killian association information on the life and family of this George.

<sup>8</sup> See the AL, GA & TN Reunion for new information on Elizabeth.

**Melchi Rhodes**, and <sup>9</sup>**John**, who married **Ibby Wilkinson**, and lived near Denver in Lincoln County.

**Andreas Killian** died in the year 1788, at about the age of 85 years, and is supposed to be buried at Saint Paul's Church. These pioneer **Killians** remembered the first commandment of the Bible given to man, 'Be fruitful and multiply.' **Andreas** had <sup>10</sup>twelve children and his children were like unto him to the extent of their descendants their <sup>11</sup>descendants can be found in every Southern State from Virginia to Arkansas.

Following the address of **J. Yates Killian**, the clan was organized and the following officers elected: President, **John Carpenter**, of Maiden; Vice-President, **Ramon Heafner** [*sic: Raymond Hefner*], of Hickory; Secretary-Treasurer, **J. Yates Killian**, of Newton.

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## WHO ARE WE? WHAT ARE WE LIKE? A SURVEY!

Our original American ancestors were mostly farmers. What are we today? **Andreas Killian**, our first Killian ancestor in America had twelve children who grew to maturity and were mentioned in his will.

Does anyone have a family the size of **Andreas**'? Or larger?

Lets find out about some of the unusual things we do, and more about some of our families. Would you please review these questions and write your response to those that might be of interest. **Answers should always be with respect to the family member that has Killian ancestry.**

- Who has the most children? Some of my first cousins, and a brother, have eight.
- What is the youngest and oldest age for a first marriage?
- Who had the most spouses?
- What is the youngest and oldest age one of us became a parent for the first time?
- Has anyone been a member of Congress?
- Do you live in the state where you were born, or raised?
- I have seen many patents issued to **Killians**, but could not identify the individuals (except for my own, my brother's and my father's). Please identify any of your patents.
- **Andreas** came from Germany. Have you become a citizen of a country other than the United States? What country?
- What is our religion? I know there are Roman Catholics, probably nearly every variety of Protestant, Mormons (Latter-day Saints), and I am quite sure there are some who are Jewish. Please let us know. How about Christian Scientist, Seventh Day Adventists, Jehovah's Witness or any other?
- We have a few college presidents, for example our own **Bill Killian** (a major force behind this Newsletter), and **James R. Killian** whose history was reviewed in a prior Newsletter.
- What is our typical education? How many are college graduates? How many have advance degrees?

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<sup>9</sup> John is believed to be a grandson of the last named Jacob, not a son. "Ibby" is a nickname for Isabella.

<sup>10</sup> Twelve lived to be mentioned in his will. It seems logical to believe there must have been others who died - especially when you consider the high infant mortality in those early days. So far as I know none have been proven.

<sup>11</sup> My computer now has in excess of ten thousand direct descendants of **Andreas**'.

- What do we do for a living? Have any been involved in space flight or atomic energy? Are any members of the clergy? Has anyone been a state governor? A mayor? Please mention both very unusual and mundane occupations.
- Have you lived abroad for extended periods?
- Has anyone circumnavigated the globe?
- We may be proud of our long American heritage through **Andreas** who arrived in 1732. Who has American heritage through other lines that go back even further? Please identify the family name as others may share the same name. (I have: **Manley, Loomer, Morgan, Hickok and Clark**).
- How many grandchildren have you?
- How many great grandchildren?
- Will anyone admit to having been in jail?
- Has a member of your family been murdered?
- Has anyone won a large lottery?
- How many lawyers, doctors and surgeons are in our ranks?
- Does anyone know the **John Killian** killed when Mt. St. Helens blew up in March 1980?
- Do boys or girls dominate in your family?
- What rank did you hold if you served in the military? Identify Army, Navy, Marine, Air Force etc.
- In your branch of Killians is there baldness, or do the elderly have a full head of hair?
- Does your branch turn grey at an early age?
- What do you consider a common Killian trait?
- Are most of your new born children bald, or do they have a lot of hair?
- In your branch what is considered average height for males and females?
- How tall is the tallest male and female?
- Are the Senior Citizens of your branch "portly" or "thin"?
- What was the oldest age for your **Killian** ancestry parents and grandparents?
- Do you think of **Killians** as having a short, average or long life span?
- Is there a common cause of death among your parents, siblings, cousins, aunts or uncles? If so what is it?
- Did most in your line wear glasses before age 35 or 40?
- At what age did you have your first surgery? What for?
- If you are retired did you move to a new state on retirement?
- At what age did you retire, or at what age do you plan to retire?
- Have any of you been in commercial movies or TV?
- How long was your engagement?
- Are you a Democrat or Republican?
- Do you use a computer? If so do you go "on line"?
- Have you, or parents or grandparents had a Golden Wedding Anniversary?
- What would you consider the two or three best improvements in the quality of life since your youth?
- What is your favorite hymn?
- Do you prefer classical, jazz, rock, country or some other kind of music?
- If you are a Senior Citizen how are your eyes, teeth, hearing and blood pressure?
- Do you know of a **Killian** with an artificial heart?
- Do you know of a **Killian** who has had a surgical transplant?
- What is your favorite ethnic food?
- What are your major hobbies?

- What have your children done to make you proud?
- Do your adult children live nearby?
- Have any of your children followed in your line of work?
- If you had to move to another state where would you go?
- What is your favorite vacation?
- What was the saddest and happiest event of your life?
- Is divorce more common in the generation of your children than it was in your generation? Answer only with respect to those with **Killian** ancestry.
- Do you know of more **Killian** widows or widowers?
- Are your immediate ancestors buried near their ancestors?
- Are you planning on burial near your immediate ancestors?
- Did you live most of your adult life within a few hundred miles of your parents?
- Did you start a business that employs 25 or more people? If so what is the nature of the business?
- Do you think most **Killians** have below, average or above average intelligence and education?
- Do you feel you have led a charmed life or that you have had an exceptional number of tough breaks?

How can you possibly answer these questions without a form to check off the answers? I would suggest that you mark some of the questions that you can answer and then write a few brief paragraphs about yourself and family and try to answer many of the questions. To give an example I will write a few paragraphs about myself.

### A BRIEF AUTOBIOGRAPHY OF GEORGE W. KILLIAN

I was born in 1924, the third of three boys. Later a sister joined our family. Both of my parents were raised on farms in Missouri, but I was born in Brooklyn, NY. Today I am a Senior Citizen. I studied Electrical Engineering at Cornell University in Ithaca, NY. My education was interrupted by World War II. I'm sure they were preparing our outfit to go to the Pacific Theater, but the dawn of the atomic age ended that. Telephones had fascinated me from my youth and after college I worked in a Telephone Engineering Lab.; work I enjoyed very much. After a few years I got into Patent work (one of my father's professions) and worked on patents and inventions the rest of my life. At age 55 I had my first surgery for a hiatus hernia (a problem between the stomach and esophagus). The doctor fixed up the plumbing and I have had no trouble since. I retired at age 58 and have had a ball. When I retired we returned to the Rochester, NY area where we raised our two children. I was nearly 30 when I married, after an engagement of only a few months.

Our daughter married at age 21, and finished college a few months later. She now lives near Houston, TX with her husband and four children. We have spent our winters in Texas since 1984 - we rent an apartment and the grandchildren enjoy coming to see us and being an only child for a day. Our son married at age 26. He had no children until he was 35. Now he has a son and a daughter born in 1994 & 1996.

My brother has a larger family with seven boys and one girl. One of them has six children, and that took three wives! Two cousins also have eight children.

My father, the second of nine children, died at age 71 and his father and grandfather at ages 79 & 32, respectively. Only five of his siblings grew to maturity. There was a heart attack death at 45, cancer at 55, accident at 66 and one died at 91. My father had a stroke a few years before his death. None of my

aunts or uncles had more than one spouse, except after the death of a first spouse. There are **Killian** cousins in three families. Curiously all four children in one of these families have been divorced, and none of the others. Of sixteen of us cousins two died before age 7. Two more died at ages 71 & 62, siblings and children of the mother who lived to age 91. Another child of the same family is now 76.

I am not aware of any fairly close **Killian** relative who became a citizen of a foreign country, or even one who has lived in a foreign country for several years. Before the Civil War our **Killian** branch was Roman Catholic, but one left the RC church at that time. Now descendants of both branches are members of several different Protestant churches as well as RC. Both my wife and I were raised in a Congregational church, but in 1966 we joined The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints (The Mormons). Descendants from at least four of **Andreas'** children are currently Mormons.

Among my cousins most went to college. My brother has a PhD in Physics, one cousin became a brain surgeon. Another an Architect. In general I would say our **Killians** are a little above average in intellect. We are not among the tall. None made the six foot mark. My aunts and uncles, and now my cousins and I, are tending to add a spare tire around our middle. With rare exceptions the men retain their hair.

With only two children we now have six grandchildren ranging from 7 months to nearly 17 years. A cousin with 8 children has at least 21 grandchildren. When my cousins were first having children, boys outnumbered girls nearly 7 to 1. It finally evened out to just over 2½ to 1. The next generation is nearly even.

Our spouses often say that **Killians** are stubborn. Thrifty and stingy have also been applied. I have never heard it suggested that any of us were mean, lawbreakers, drunkards, liars, cheats, or such. Some of our spouses wish we would show more affection. Our group doesn't discuss politics much. I think most tend to be conservative Republicans. We do not consider ourselves rich. Having grown up during the depression 1930s I knew the wisdom of saving, and saved towards retirement. We have a modest income from investments. We are not part of the "jet set" but we know we will be able to eat next week. Although we are very healthy (for our age) we worry about high medical expenses.

Have we been in a movie? Well we were "extras" in a couple scenes of an IMAX movie which we have not seen. We were told our scenes were cut. We got \$35 per day, two days.

Although I studied Electrical Engineering in college I never heard the word "transistor" in college. That shows how old I am, and how fast the industry has moved. I got into the use of computers in retirement to be able to work on genealogy. I have not gone "on line". From what I hear, and observe, it can be too addicting - and I don't have the time to spare.

Probably the creature comforts I enjoy most are air conditioning, computers and not having to shovel coal into a furnace. My favorite hymn is *What a Friend we have in Jesus*. I keep my radio tuned to a classical music station. I don't care for everything they play, but it averages much better than any of the other stations. We enjoy Chinese food. When I retired, in 1983, we considered where we would live (at the time we were into our fifth year in Connecticut). We decided to return to the NY area where we raised our children and had many friends. Now we have the best of two worlds with three nice seasons in upstate NY and a very mild winter in Texas. If I had to move I think we

would give serious consideration to one of the Carolinas and perhaps the Atlanta, GA area. We reject Florida, Arizona and some other popular Senior Citizen havens. Texas is much too hot in the summer.

We know more widows than widowers. I have prepared a list of instructions for my wife in the event of my death. We have set up a living trust in hopes that this will simplify things. My parents' tombstone is with her parents and sister, but no other relatives there. We, and my wife's brother, have bought lots in a cemetery in our area. There are no other relatives there. Most of my working life I was in the same state as my parents, but several hours away.

We feel that we have lived a charmed life with no major problems, unemployment, illness or loss of children. Our children are solid citizens exercising excellent parenting skills in raising their children. This brings us much happiness.

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### HAVE YOU WRITTEN YOUR PERSONAL HISTORY?

In Volume 2, Number 2 (1994) of *The Killian Family Newsletter* it was suggested that you should write a personal and family history. If you have given any thought to answering any of the numerous questions you are well on the way to writing a personal or family history. Just think how you would appreciate it you could read a few paragraphs (like mine above) written by your parents or grandparents.

Please write a few paragraphs about your family so the rest of us can learn more about you and find how different, and yet alike, all of us **Killians** are. Please send your history to:

**William D. Killian** • 1995 Haywood Road  
Hendersonville, NC 28791-1924; or

**Robert L. Killian** • 5115 Freedom Drive  
Charlotte, NC 28208; or

**George W. Killian** • 17 Charing Cross  
Fairport, NY 14450-3926

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### AN INQUIRY

Seeking contact with anyone who has connected **Calib Killian** living in Dade Co., GA on 1850 Census page 22 as son of **David** and Christina (**Dietz**) **Killian** same census page 3. **Calib** become **Logan Killian's** administrator when **Logan** died Oct 1867 Clark Co., Ark. Probate papers refer to a lawsuit involving Logan in Dade Co., GA. Believe **Logan** is half-brother; **Calib** is son from **David's** 2<sup>nd</sup> marriage. **Calib** b abt 1822 NC (every census so states), m **Sarah** ??Riddle??. d 1880 + Hot Springs Co., Ark. Please contact: **Sue Mercer Thompson**; 118 Springwood E.O.; Mabank, TX 75147.

This is the first inquiry we have published. Would you like to see more inquiries published? Inquiries should be brief.

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### SOURCE OF NC GENEALOGICAL DATA

From the Houston, Texas Chronicle:

New Books:

*North Carolina Wills: A Testator Index from 1665-1900* was compiled by **Thomas W. Mitchell**.

It is available from the publisher, The Genealogical Publishing Co., 1001 N. Calvert St., Baltimore, MD. 21202. The book costs \$53.

*North Carolina Wills* is an alphabetical index of all wills available at the North Carolina State Archives in Raleigh, NC. It includes original wills and those recorded in county record books or microfilm at the archives.

The index is arranged in a columnar database format. It lists the name of the testator, the county of record and the year of the will. It also lists the will book and page where the county copy was recorded. This book should be consulted by all researchers with North Carolina ancestry.

### Membership

The North Carolina Genealogical Society was chartered in 1974. Annual membership dues are \$25 for individuals. The address of the society is P. O. Box 1492, Raleigh, NC 27602.

Membership includes a subscription to the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*. The *Journal* is published four times a year. Each member is entitled to one free query per year in the *Journal*.

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### THE 1996 REUNION

A special edition of *The Killian Family Newsletter* was prepared for the 8 September 1996 reunion. I had planned to attend and present the news about Crete Killian in person. However, a day before I would have left for the reunion, hurricane Fran swept through the general path I would travel to get to NC. The special edition was prepared hurriedly and sent by special mail to **Bill Killian**. He got it just barely in time to make copies for distribution at the reunion. For the rest of you the text is reproduced below:

Day by day we don't see ourselves getting older. Even the oldest among us remember our high school days as if they were only a few months ago. We don't see our children getting older, yet suddenly they are in high school, married and we are in our sixties and grandparents. We can each look back and remember joys, heart-breaks, successes and probably some failures.

The **Killian** Association first met in 1935 and is now having its sixty-second annual meeting at and in conjunction with the 200<sup>th</sup> anniversary of *Salem Church* for which **Jacob Killian** deeded three acres in 1815. The **Killian** Association is old enough to have had a life time of experiences. Has it lived up to its potential? Has it met the expectations of the founders?

What did our founding fathers envision for the **Killian** Association? One of the founding fathers was **John Yates Killian**, more commonly known as "**J. Yates**". I believe it was his desire to bring **Killian** relatives together so they might all know each other and so that their lives might be documented. To this end he worked on a text he called *The History of the Killian Family in North Carolina* and published it in 1939. In it he started with our pioneer father, **Andreas Killian**, and listed his 12 children, as given in **Andreas'** will. **J. Yates** researched and gave as much information as he could on the descendants of these 12 children. Unfortunately, little if anything, was known about more than half of them. He concluded his compilation with the following:

"The purpose of this manuscript is for the descendants of the pioneer **Killian** to build from the generations given, the descendants from these pioneer families, an accurate

history of their following descendants down to the present generation, even including the babies now in the cradles.

"It is too great a task for the historian to write a complete up-to-date history of our family without the aid of other descendants, but if a representative of each family receiving this manuscript will begin on their respective family line where this history stops and continue the work of such line to the present day and send this data to the **Killian** Family organization, in a very short time we could compile a complete history of our family from the pioneer down to the present generation."

End Quote

Others had already started similar work. In 1934 **Thomas Daniel Killian** of Georgia, (more commonly known as **T. D.**), prepared a text about *Killians in Georgia*.

Lets examine some of what has happened since **J. Yates** issued his challenge, or request.

My father was **Cletus Hugo Killian** who was born in 1891 in southeast MO where **Killians** had resided since before 1810. In the early 1940s **Cletus** began work to identify his ancestry. He corresponded with **J. Yates** and **T. D.** (Of GA) and together they exchanged information and collaborated in expanding the knowledge of **Andreas'** descendants.

In Oct 1952 The **Killian** Clan dedicated a monument to the memory of **Andreas**. **Cletus** spoke at the dedication. Let me quote a little from his reconstruction of his talk.

" ... I put on a little pantomime of waking up — stretching, rubbing my eyes, looking around, and asking in German: Where am I? What is this?, then slowly recognizing, after rubbing my eyes, the old church, and asking Is this the old church? I then announced that I was **Andreas Killian** awaking after almost 200 years. Then I began to recognize "meine Kinder" in the audience. I then asked my children **Margaret, George, Brina** and **Elizabeth** why they hadn't kept in touch with their parents — meaning, of course, that we interested in the history of the family could find so little about these four children of the pioneer. I then said that I had only recently heard that <sup>12</sup>**Margaret** was in Philadelphia, that **Brina** was near Pittsburgh, that **George**, although he had lived for a time nearby, yet went away without a word of where he had gone; then I chided **Elizabeth** similarly. I then said that I was very proud of all my children, of all my grandchildren, and of their descendants to this day, and that I was unhappy that so many of them had not kept in touch with the old folks at home."

End quote

**J. Yates** died less than a year after the Unveiling. **Cletus** continued his research and collection of **Killian** data. He died a few days short of ten years after the unveiling.

A few years after my father's death I began to study his genealogical files and was astonished at the extent and magnitude of the material he had collected and researched. I knew he had hoped to publish a book with the collected data. I resolved to do so in his memory and to make the data more widely available.

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**12** It is now known that Margaret did not go to Philadelphia, but went to Virginia with her husband Michael Price. Price descendants have written a book with hundreds of her descendants. The book is entitled *Increase in Prices*.

In 1969 I published a text which comprised copies of the articles written by **J. Yates** and by **T. D.** together with various articles and essays written by my father. I added footnotes, cross indexing of information and an index of names. At first copies went to my cousins and I donated copies to libraries in several areas where I knew **Killians** had resided.

My work was well received, others learned of it and desired copies. Over the next several years I edited, corrected and expanded the text and made more copies, all were made as Xerox copies. Perhaps as many as 200 to 300 were distributed.

By the early 1980s I knew my text was hopelessly obsolete and that a new text had to be prepared. I retired in 1983 and bought and learned to use a computer so I could work on the text.

In the meantime an **Ed Killian** of Natchez, MS got interested in tracing his ancestry. He worked back and found that **George Killian, Andreas's** son, was his ancestor and that old **George** had been in the Natchez area. He presented his findings about **George Killian** at the 1987 **Killian** Reunion.

In early 1991 I was searching in *The Family History Center* and as a result of their exceptional cross indexing found **Margaret**, the daughter of **Andreas**. This was exciting, and in a sense a disappointment! The material I found quoted a 1972 letter from me concerning **Margaret's** ancestry. The recipient was a descendant of **Margaret's** and knew a great deal about her, but not enough about her father. Had I followed up I would have learned about **Margaret's** descendants nearly 20 years earlier. In any event I now have collected data on over 1,300 of her descendants.

In 1993 **William Lee Hinds** of Florida published an article on Descendants of **Leonard Killian** (son of **Andreas**) who had migrated to Indiana by the early 1800s.

In 1993 my new text was sufficiently advanced that I began to distribute copies. Each copy is individually printed from my computer. Each copy is dated, individualized and may have additions, corrections and information not included in prior copies.

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## CRATE KILLIAN FOUND

A most exciting event occurred within the last month [August 1996]. *The Killian Family Newsletter* is published twice a year and mailed to about 300. A copy of the most recent issue fell into the hands of a **Gerald Affeldt** of Oak Harbor, WA. He sent our **Bob Killian**, of NC, a chart of over 1,500 descendants of **Crate Killian**, the fifth child of **Andreas**. A most welcome addition to our pursuit for all of **Andreas'** descendants. Curiously I have corresponded with two other **Killian** descendants residing in Oak Harbor, WA. All are from different children of **Andreas'**!

This finding was, in a sense, embarrassing. It turns out that some of the **Killians** who were in MO by 1810 must have written to some of their cousins back in NC and extolled the virtues of MO. These cousins were **Hagers**, descended from **Crate Killian** and her husband **George Hager**. Thus, by about 1820 there were **Hagers** in MO, in the same town where my father was born in 1891. But by the time my father began to trace his ancestry all memory of the relationship between the **Killians** and **Hagers** must have been forgotten.

Another embarrassing aspect of this find is that for the last few years I have had a book about the migration of German Speaking people to MO and I had not noted that it mentioned the

**Hagers** as descendants of **Crate Killian**...We get too soon old and too late smart!

In summary I believe that we have made great strides in fulfilling the request of **J. Yates**. But we are not done. Is your information of record? Make it so!

You should know that a prime objective of mine is to make this data available to our descendants for decades to come. I do this by contributing a copy of the data to *The Family History Center* about once a year. The FHC is the largest genealogical library in the world with branch libraries in hundreds of locations. Thus, any interested descendant will eventually look in that library and will find these thousands of people all connected together. A Family History Center may be located by looking in the white pages of your phone book under the heading: *Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints* and under this you will usually find a listing for a Family History Center. Most Family History Centers are operated by volunteers and each have their own hours, including at least some evening hours. There is no charge for use of their facilities. State of the art computers, with many millions of names, are available for your use. In addition they have access to millions of film records which you may order for your study. There is a modest charge of ordering such films or for use of copy machines.

Please contribute your data by sending it to me.

*George W. Killian* September 1996

The Killian text mentioned above is entitled: *The Killian Family and Particularly the Progenitors and Posterity of Andreas Killian (1702 – 1788)*. The text has about 300 pages, printed in this format. Copies are printed on request and are individually personalized. I make frequent additions and corrections. I charge \$75 per copy to cover direct costs, some supplies, a portion of the cost of reference materials etc. If you want to contribute a copy to a library I reduce the price to \$45. You may contact me at: George W. Killian • 17 Charing Cross Fairport, NY 14450-3926

I am in Texas for the winter, but mail to Fairport will be forwarded to me.

## SUBMITTING INFORMATION AND YOUR COMMENTS

You are respectfully invited to submit information or articles for inclusion in *The Killian Family Newsletter*. We would like to know what you have found to be of interest, and what you would like to see in future issues. *The Killian Family Newsletter* can not continue without your help.

Several of you have sent comments about this Newsletter to **Bill**, **Bob** or **George Killian**. We appreciate the generally favorable comments.

## RIN NUMBERS [RECORD INFORMATION NUMBERS]

The mailing label used to send this Newsletter to you should have a RIN number under your name. If there is no RIN number it means that we have no record of your relationship to **Andreas Killian**. Please be sure that your relationship is made a matter of record. This may be of material help to a future descendant. Those who have recently provided the information will note that a RIN number has been added to their address label. If you would like to see what data I have on your family please write to **George W. Killian** (address above), give your RIN number and ask for a

copy of the data on your family. A stamped envelope will be appreciated.

## ANDREAS' WILL

In the second Newsletter of 1996 the text of **Andreas'** will was printed. It was stated that I had not seen a copy of the original. Copies were sent by **Nora Garrett**, who has **Killian** ancestry, and by **Beverly Nelson**, whom I can't identify. It was not stated if the copy was made directly from the original, I assume it was not. Obviously the original is over 200 years old. The submitted copy is very difficult to read and seems to show several pieces of scotch tape. A better copy would be required to make a valid comparison with the typed copy. Does anyone have a better copy?

## THE ALABAMA, GEORGIA & TENNESSEE KILLIAN REUNION OF 23 JUN 1996

The above organization published an essay which included data about **Elizabeth Killian**, daughter of **Andreas**, and her husband **Michael Houck**. It outlines his service as a Revolutionary soldier. It gave the names of some descendants which I have added to the computer data base.

## INFORMATION PLEASE

We have also received information about a **George Lane Killian** who was an Olympic torch bearer in Rome, GA for the 1996 Olympics. I would like to know his connection to Andreas!