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## AN 1876 PHOTOGRAPH

This is not a Killian story, but it is exciting, and it happened to a **Killian**, me! As a little boy I remember seeing an old family photo. My grandmother pointed to herself as a little girl and to her grandmother, **Betsey Wright** who was born in 1793 in Connecticut. The picture, which was taken in 1876 included more than 80 descendants of Betsey's. Unfortunately the only people identified were my grandmother, her parents, her brother and her grandmother, **Betsey Wright**.

Now for the rest of the story! Through a curious set of circumstances I contacted another descendant of **Betsey Wright** and told her about the picture. She was excited so I sent her a copy. She identified a few in her line and sent a copy of the picture to a cousin. The cousin sent back a list of the names of all but two or three of the people.

There is even more to the story. The cousin who had all the names was a granddaughter of a couple I had met more than fifty years ago.

This event almost makes me wish I had not discarded several old photographs more than 20 years ago. They were old photographs on which my grandmother had written she did not know who they were. My mother added a note that she did not know either. If they didn't, how could I identify them? So I discarded them. Had I waited there might have been a miracle as with the 1876 photograph.

KILLION FAMILY NEWSLETTER

We are related to many **Killions** and some of them are working on some of the **Killian-Killion** puzzles. **Pete Simmons** publishes a Killion Newsletter that has provided me with some helpful information.

## MORE ALABAMA KILLIANS

**Willard Israel** died in March 1998. He had spent years identifying his **Killian** (and other) ancestry and sought to identify a connection to **Andreas**. Shortly before his death he published a <sup>1</sup>book of his findings and what he believed to be the connection between his Alabama Killians and **Andreas**.

His Killians were not the only Alabama Killians! A few years ago a **Claude Edward Killian**<sup>19236</sup> and **James Henry Parr**<sup>19470</sup> corresponded with me. They both had **Killian** ancestry in Alabama, none of whom are mentioned in **Willard's** book! They are another set of **Killions**. In the Birmingham, Alabama library **James Parr** found notes on the Killian Family written by

a **Mrs. B. H.** <sup>2</sup>**Killian**. A copy was sent to me and it provided very interesting information. However, even with my large data base of **Killions** I was unable to identify who they were. **Mrs. B. H. Killian** did not give her maiden name, or much about her husband's ancestry (he was born in 1904), although there was considerable information about close relatives and descendants.

Through members of the E-Mail group of those interested in **Killian**, and which

**James W. Green III**, organized, I have corresponded with a **Patricia Juanita Hensley**<sup>34003</sup> (married to **Stephen Petty**). **Patricia** provided the missing information. **Patricia** is a second cousin, two generations removed to **Barney Henry**. **Mrs B. H. Killian** was **Olivia Skaggs**<sup>35483</sup> and her husband was **Barney Henry Killian**<sup>35482</sup>. His line to **Andreas** is: **Henry, Barney, Henry, Jacob, John, John** son of **Andreas**. She provided a photograph of **Barney Henry Killian's** tombstone as well as a map of Cleburne Co, Alabama showing the locations of various members of the early **Killions**.

<sup>1</sup> It is believed that copies of the book are still available through his sister, Eleanor Woodruff • 17890 Al Hwy 68 • Crossville, Al 35962. The price is of the order of \$40.

<sup>2</sup> Mrs. B H Killian's text acknowledged the work and research of J Yates Killian of NC, Cletus H. Killian, (this editor's father), and myself. She had obtained a copy of what I call my 1969 book in 1976. Unfortunately she did not send me a copy of the work which **James Henry Parr** eventually found in the Birmingham, AL library.

**Barney Henry** was born in 1904 in Pickens Co., AL, and died in 1971. His first wife died at the birth of their first child, who was born dead. He then married **Olivia Skaggs** in 1946. She received a BS in Elementary Education with a minor in business and Masters at Mississippi State University. **Barney** was a devout Baptist, a wonderful husband who dearly loved all his family connections and tried to keep in touch with them. He often made the remark that he did not want to go into competition with the farmer, so as a young man of eighteen, he went to Columbus, MS and became a mechanic. With a keen mind, and the ability to organize and handle people, he soon opened his own shop. Within a few years he received the dealership for the Hudson cars. Later he had the White truck dealership for North Mississippi. In 1959 he purchased the City Bus Company, Inc, and operated school buses for children in the City of Columbus, as well as owing and operating a Cab Company. When the Forest Church wanted to build a new brick church on another lot, **Barney** purchased the land on which to build the church and his Uncle, **Jesse Johnson**, gave acreage to increase the size of the cemetery.

**Barney's** uncle **Mark Harlan Killian** (born in 1873) was an excellent story teller. His relatives would gather to hear the **Killian** legends and humorous stories.

**Patricia Juanita Hensley** (married to **Stephen Petty**) who provided me with much of this information lives in Texarkana, TX. They own a family business, a machine shop which specializes in making parts for paper mills. **Steve** travels in the US and Canada for his business. He started the business in 1972 in a 10 x 10 wooden shed with a dirt floor. When he got his first job he had to hustle and buy a machine. Of course they had no money but God provided a \$350 machine that started the business. He poured a piece of concrete for the machine and ran an electric line to the shed. In the winter he stood with a small electric heater between his feet. He had to work elsewhere so they could eat. A lot of sacrifices were made, but it was worth it. They try to return a portion of what God has blessed them with. They find they can't out give Him. Several family members are now involved in the business. See the photograph of their family.

## GENEALOGY ON THE INTERNET

At the risk of possibly violating a copyright I would like to quote liberally from a recent newspaper article which I saw posted but on which there was no date or name. As I have said numerous times, in prior issues of *The Killian Family Newsletter*, The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints maintains the largest genealogical library in the world. Recently they have greatly magnified the access to their data by going "online". This has

been in the news a few times and you may have heard it – but here are a few more specific details which may be of use to those of you who actively seek information on your forebears. Quote:

The LDS Church's Family History Department has recently made available a new Web site, known as FamilySearch Internet Genealogy Service at:

www.familysearch.org This new service will make genealogical research easier for anyone who has access to the Internet. It is designed to help people find and share their family history information.

Although this is [was] a public test of the new Web site, researchers are able to search the following databases from their homes:

- Ancestral File, containing over 35 million names lineage-linked into families and



The women from left to right are: Kerri L. Petty, (dau) md Crocker; Patricia J. Hensley (mother); Sandi C. Petty (dau) md Ward. The men: Stephen C. Petty, Sr. (Father) and Stephen C. Petty, Jr. (Son).

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pedigrees.

- International Genealogical Index, an index to over 285 million names of deceased individuals submitted to the Family History Department. It also includes names that have been copied from vital records and other sources from around the world.

- Family History Library Catalog (FHLC) identifies over 2 million rolls of microfilm and thousands of books and other sources available at the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, UT. FHLC serves as a guide to materials housed in the main library that can identify and link families.

- Family History SourceGuide, a genealogical reference library of information containing 150 Family History Department research outlines that describe records in countries, states, and provinces, letter writing guides, a glossary of word meanings and other useful reference aids.

- Family History Centers: a list of over 3,400 family history centers located throughout the world.

- Internet Web sites are categorized by topics, such as Census, Family Histories and Genealogies, Libraries, Migration, Military, Places, Vital Records, and others. This will lead the user to many different Internet sites for that particular subject.

Collaboration Lists for registering users of the new Internet service. Here you will be able to preserve your genealogical records, contact other researchers, or add a Web site to FamilySearch Internet. You will also be able to e-mail others through family history mailing lists.

One of the major features is *Search for Ancestors* where you enter your ancestors' names, or you can

search by just a surname. Two other ways to search the linked Internet sites is *Keyword Search* and *Custom Search*. These searches also check SourceGuide for pertinent references.

Researchers will also be able to give the developers feed back and offer suggestions about the site, learn more about the LDS Church, and learn about other Family History products available on compact disc from the Family History Department.

New products on DC-ROM available from an online Catalog include the 1851 British Census, British Isles Vital Records Ices, North American Vital Records Index, Australian Vital Records Index, and Personal Ancestral File Companion. Personal Ancestral File (PAF) 3.0 is a downloadable software program.

Because this is a public <sup>3</sup>test of the Internet service, users may experience some delay or slow response while searching the site.

This new Internet site is easy to use. It is one of the most valuable genealogical sites on the Internet and is available to anyone with Internet access. It will greatly aid individuals in their family history research.

If you do not have Internet in your home, you should be able to search this site in a public library. No password is required and there are no charges for this service.

It is anticipated that this new Internet genealogical service will be formally <sup>4</sup>launched within the next few weeks. Genealogy is already one of the most popular subjects on the Internet and this new Web site will create even more interest.

### Family History Library

The Family History Department of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints has been at the forefront of microfilming, record preservation, and technological advancement in family history for many years. The Department is an international leader in collecting and preserving genealogical records.

With over 2 million rolls of microfilm, 711,000 microfiches, and over 278,000 genealogy books, the Family History Library in Salt Lake City, UT is the world's largest genealogical research library. Although researchers will still need to search books at the main library and also at the Joseph Smith Memorial Building in Salt Lake City, UT, many of the microfilms are available by loan to their over 3,400 Family History Centers (branches of the main library) located in 65 countries and territories.

It is estimated that the library has records for over 2 billion names throughout the world. Records available include those from the United States, Canada, the British Isles, Europe, Scandinavia, Latin America, Asia, Australia, New Zealand, and other countries. The collection increases monthly by approximately 5,000 rolls of microfilm and 1,000 books. Microfilming is continuing with over 200 cameras in nearly 50 countries.

The Family History Library is located at 35 N. West Temple St., Salt Lake City, UT 84150-3400 (phone (801)

<sup>3</sup> Remember this article is several weeks old and any stated problems may no longer exist.

<sup>4</sup> I believe the formal launch was in May 1999.

240-2331). Their e-mail address for reference queries is:

FHL@LDSCHURCH.ORG [no spaces in an e-mail address]. End Quote

### FOLLOW UP FROM LAST NEWSLETTER

In *The Killian Family Newsletter* Vol 7, Number 1, mention was made of an article in the *New York Times* of 3 Oct 1971 about a **David Killian**. It told how, while he was in the Army, he purchased and lived in a Pullman (railroad) car.

**Curtis Loy Killian** of Albuquerque, NM gave us information about **David Killian** in the Pullman car. Unfortunately **David** died at about age 50 early this year. He probably did not get to see the article about him in *The Killian Family Newsletter*. His ancestors were: **Stanley, Luther, Gabriel, Elijah, Joseph, Samuel C, and Andreas**.

*The Killian Family Newsletter* Vol 7, Number 1 mentioned the **Killian** High School of Miami, Florida. We have been informed that it is a large high school located in the Kendall section of South Miami. It is named after the father of **A. Dan Killian, Jr.**, namely **Alfred Killian**. We also understand that there is a main east-west thoroughfare in that area named **Killian Drive**. Unfortunately I am not certain of the identify of **A. Dan Killian**, who receives this newsletter. Was your grandfather **Daniel Linton Killian**. If so I have the ancestry back to **Andreas**, but would appreciate having more details about the descendants of **Alfred Killian**. The **Killian** high school was in the news early this year because of a student protest.

In the last *Killian Family Newsletter* a 1969 article about **Linza T. Killian** was cited. His parents were given as Mr and Mrs. **George T. Killian**. A cousin gave some information which indicated that **George T. Killian's** ancestry is: **Henry, William Monroe, John, John and Andreas**. The information was provided by **John W. Drerup** who is a grandson of **William Monroe Killian** or **Killian**.

**John Drerup** is preparing information about the Obion and Madrid Co., TN **Killians** and **Killions**. I hope he will be able to identify exactly where the name changed from **Killian** to **Killion** for this group of **Killians/Killions**. Are they also related to the **Killions** of south-east Missouri?

### AUDIE MURPHY

The Most Decorated Soldier of WWII

**Audie Murphy** was from Celeste, Texas. There is a marker on U.S. 69 near the southern edge of Celeste. The most important part (to **Killians**) is:

**Audie Murphy**...most decorated soldier in World War II was born 4.5 miles south, June 20 1924, sixth of nine children of tenant Farmers **Emmet** and **Josie Killian Murphy**.

Although **Audie Murphy** has been brought to my attention a few times no one has identified his mother. In my data base I have three **Josie Killians**. One was born in 1874 and I have no spouse or descendants for her. It seems unlikely that she would be having a son, **Audie**, in 1924 when she was 50 and still have

three additional children. Another **Josie Killian** was born in 1888. Biologically she might be **Audie's** mother, but my records state that she was married to **George Allen** and there are two known children, the last born in 1921. Another **Josie Killian** was born 1888. The record shows her as married to **Solon Eculid Heard** and having nine children. **Solon Heard** died in 1939 and his wife, **Josie**, in 1944. The sixth child is **Agnes**, no child is named **Audie**. Can anyone shed more light on **Audie Murphy** and his **Killian** connection?

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### ELVA KILLIAN 1909 - 1999

**Elva Killian** was born 5 Jan 1909 and died 27 Jun 1999 at age 90. Her ancestry back to **Andreas** is: **John, James, Thomas, John, Philip, John** and **Andreas**. This information was provided by **Lisa Killian Ratzlaff**, a grand niece, and a recipient of these newsletters.

The middle **John** in **Elva's** ancestry is one of the very early Mormons (Latter-day Saints) Killians who went west with the pioneers in the days of **Brigham Young**. **Elva** was a teacher of rare talent and devoted 45 years to elementary education. She was exceptionally gifted at inspiring children and youth to love and appreciate music.

She is survived by 19 grandchildren and a brother, one of the many **George W. Killians** besides this editor!

**Elva** had a brother, **Rulon Killian**, that your editor (**George W. Killian**) had the opportunity to meet in 1968. **Rulon** and his wife, **Reva**, served us some ice cream and I demonstrated an amusing little trick that some of you might like to try on your grandchildren. Warning, try it first to assure yourself that what I tell you is true, it is. When the ice cream was served I requested the pepper and, as if it were the most natural thing in the world, I peppered my ice cream. This drew startled expressions and vocal expressions of horror. I proceeded to eat the ice cream with gusto. The secret is that the cold of the ice cream totally kills the pepper – you absolutely can't taste the pepper.

Many years later I heard from **Lisa Killian** (md **Ratzlaff**), one of **Rulon's**, granddaughters. When she heard I had known her grandfather she recalled hearing about the ice cream trick.

There is an interesting story about the ancestry of the siblings **Elva** and **Rulon Killian**. Their grandfather, **James Killian** (born in 1845), was not a **Killian**! Their great grandfather, **Thomas Killian**, married a woman who already had an infant son by a prior marriage. The son, **James**, was raised in the **Killian** household using the name **Killian**. Thus neither he, nor his descendants carry **Killian** blood. Having met and corresponded with a few of these descendants I know they are good and honorable people and I am proud to call them relatives. **Rulon** was kind enough to say he felt the same way about me.

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### THE RS&K MUSEUM IN SAYER, OK

In 1991 **Ray** and **Shirley Killian** of Sayer, Oklahoma attended *The Killian Family Reunion* in North Carolina and provided information about his connection to **Andreas**. It is: **Ray, James Oscar, Ephriam, Logan, David, Samuel C.** and **Andreas**. **Ray** worked for the Postal Service for 32 years. Now he has turned his interest in model railroading into a Sayre, OK attraction. **Ray** and his wife **Shirley** operate the RS&K Museum as a tribute to the days when trains were popular and brought us

everything from soup to hay. **Ray** and **Shirley** are taken back to those days every time they set foot inside their railroad shrine.

According to an article in the *Tri-Counties Gazette* of Sayer, OK on 24 Feb 1999 **Ray** and **Shirley** have 290 trains. More than 100 porcelain houses line the track. 1,500 box cars, 400 Matchbox cars, and a lot of other railroad memorabilia is in their museum. The sounds help bring back the stench of black soot familiar to those who traveled by train decades ago.

The museum is unlike any other in Oklahoma. Seen everywhere are antique railroad lanterns, steam whistles, railroad crossing signs, brass bells, engineer uniforms and railroad tokens. Their exhibit also includes some old currency that depict railroads and a poster from 1869 when the "Golden Spike" was driven to connect the Atlantic and Pacific oceans.

The museum is located just one step outside their kitchen in a metal barn attached to their home. Twelve trains can run on the tracks at the same time. Kids especially love "Thomas the Tank Train" which has eyes that move as it makes its way around the track.

The layout includes a town, a trading post, skating pond, and much more. They have had visitors from 42 different states and five different countries. They add something new to the museum at least once a month. They dream of expanding the museum.

Doubtless **Ray** and **Shirley** would give **Killians** a special welcome to their museum. Sayre is on I-40 near the western edge of Oklahoma.

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### JAN DON KILLIAN

**Jan Don Killian** is on the mailing list for *The Killian Family Newsletter*. He sent a detailed pedigree chart that shows his ancestry to **Andreas** is: **Don Thorne, Delos, Thomas Heber, Thomas, John, Philip** (also sometimes given as **Phillip**), **John** and **Andreas**. He also shows that **Andreas'** father is **Johannes Philipp Wolfgang Kilian** of Germany. **Jan Don**, this may not be right. Several people have tried to research the relationship between **Andreas** and **Johannes** and, so far as I know, have failed to demonstrate that it is either right or wrong. To the best of my knowledge it was **Cletus Hugo Killian**, my father, who first made the connection. Some **Killians** have concluded it is wrong. I agree the weight of evidence is against the presumed relationship but would like to see the proof.

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### SHOULD THE ANNUAL KILLIAN FAMILY REUNION IN NORTH CAROLINA BE EXTENDED?

In the first 1999 issue of *The Killian Family Newsletter* it was suggested that this reunion be extended to at least two days to provide an opportunity to exchange more information, tour cemeteries and visit old **Killian** sites. There were several favorable responses to this concept. It is believed that the longer time would be of interest to many who can't justify the trip to NC for just a few hours. It would also give everyone the opportunity to tour and see interesting sites. If this would appeal to you please write to any whose name and address appears in the shaded box on page 6. If there is sufficient interest and an indication of an intent to attend such a meeting in the year 2000 a committee will be formed to organize the event and schedule tours. PLEASE RESPOND.

Your editor anticipates attending the extended reunion in 2000 instead of this year.

### ANDREAS' TWELVE CHILDREN

For decades we knew nothing of **George Killian** a son of **Andreas** who was born in 1740. At the 1987 **Killian** Family Reunion **Ed Killian** of Natchez, MS presented the results of his research on **George**. **Ed** is continuing his work and hopes to be able to provide more information in the not too distant future.

When **John Yates Killian** wrote his *History of the Killian Family in NC* (in 1939) he was unable to provide information about six (half) of **Andreas**' children (there was virtually no information for: **Margaret, Crate, George, Brina, Christianna** or **Elizabeth**). By the combined efforts of many we are now approaching 26,000 in families whose children look to **Andreas** as an ancestor. However, no descendants of **Brina** have been identified. All that is known is that she married **James Pritchett**.

There are several who receive this newsletter whose relationship to **Andreas** is not known to the editor. If there is not a line immediately below your name, on the mailing label, that includes "RIN" and a number it means that your relationship is not known. If this is the case you are respectfully requested to send a copy of your direct **Killian** ancestry to one of the people whose name is in the shaded box on page 6.

### THE WILL OF JOHN MICHAEL PRICE <sup>•5</sup>

Husband of **Margaret Killian**, dau of **Andreas Killian**

On Record in the Montgomery Co, VA court house

In the name of God Amen. I, **J. Michael Price** of the county of Montgomery and State of Virginia being of sound and perfect mind and memory, do make and ordain this my last will and testament, in form following, I will and bequeath my soul to God, and my body to the earth to be buried in a decent and Christian like manner at the direction of my executors herein named, and as to such worldly estate wherewith I have been blessed with in this life. I will and dispose of the same as follows, viz. It is my will and desire that all my just debts and funeral expenses be first paid out of my personal estate or so much thereof as may be necessary for that purpose and I order the same accordingly. I give to my son **David** one Negro Woman Slave, **Nell**, he paying, therefore to my executors the sum of Two hundred dollars, I give to my son **Michael**, a small Negro Girl **Linyzey** he paying therefore to my executors the sum of fifty dollars, and to his son <sup>•6</sup>**Lewis** or (**Sodowiek**?) My big Bible. I give to my son **Jacob** a Negro Boy Slave, **Will**, he paying therefore to my executors the sum of one hundred and thirty three dollars, thereby three <sup>•7</sup>(cenlz?) Also my house clock, still and

<sup>5</sup> This will is copied from a typed text. The use of "(...?)" is presumed to mean that the person transcribing from the original was unable to read the writing. Footnotes, of course, are not part of the original.

<sup>6</sup> Lewis is believed to be a twin to John.

<sup>7</sup> Perhaps the sum should have been one hundred thirty three dollars and thirty three cents.

<sup>•8</sup>slitting utensils including a large copper kettle, he paying therefore to my executors the sum of one hundred dollars, likewise my black Smith's Tools he paying to my son **Christian** in lieu thereof the sum of sixteen <sup>•9</sup>pounds. I give to my son **Henry** a Negro Woman Slave **Clary** and her increase now in his possession also my iron stove (...?) He paying therefore to my executors the sum of two hundred and seventy dollars. I give to my son **George** the Big Wagon and Jack Screw, with out the harness or (...?), he paying therefore to my executors the sum of sixteen pounds to them severally and their heirs forever and should it happen that any of the Negroes aforesaid should die, be emancipated or kept out of the estate, then and in that case, I will and order that the price of such slave or slaves be rewilled to such of my said sons or sons as my chance he lose the gain. It is my will and desire that in case my wife **Margaret** should <sup>•10</sup>survive me that she have and enjoy her bed and bedding, spinning wheel and other household furniture during her natural life also one full and equal third part in addition to the aforesaid bequest of all my estate, that I may die <sup>•11</sup>(...?) Off for her comfort and support but should she marry after my decease, she is to have and receive from my estate no more than a child's part, and I will and devise the same accordingly and whereas there may be some of my real estate not disposed of and personal estate not herein before devised. I order that such part or parcel of any such remain, and the money in the hands of my executors, and all moneys which may come into their hands by virtue of this my will, be equally divided among all my children and their legal representatives alone (my son **Alexander** excepted) and I devise the same accordingly. And for the due execution of this my will I appoint my worthy friend and Neighbor **James Patton Preston** and my sons **David** and **Henry** my whole and sole executors. Hereby revoking and making void all former wills by me made, declaring this only to be my last will and testament. In witness whereof I here unto set my hand and seal this 11th day of June in the year of our Lord 1802.

Signed Sealed and acknowledged before  
**Abram Trigg John Gardiner**

A codicil to my last will and testament above written made and subscribed this ninth day of July eighteen hundred and two. Whereas from my present infirmity I am impressed with the opinion that I shall not recover, I have thought proper, (in justice to my wife **Margaret**) to alter the devise to my son **Michael**; be it therefore understood that it is my will and thereby my devise that my wife shall have and (...?) During her natural life, my Negro Girl named **Lizie**, and she shall afterwards as is herefore devised. But my executors shall not demand from my son **Michael** the sum which by my will he is to pay until the same Negro Slave **Lizie** shall be delivered to him by some one of my

<sup>8</sup> Can anyone tell us what a "slitting utensil" is?

<sup>9</sup> It is interesting that some funds are set forth in dollars and some in pounds.

<sup>10</sup> From this will it is apparent that Margaret survived her husband and therefore died no earlier than very late 1802.

<sup>11</sup> It is guessed that the word here might have been "seized" meaning to have possession of. Often used in wills. The next word "Off" should probably be "of".

executors. In testimony wherewith I have herewith set my hand and seal this day and date above mentioned in the presence of **John Gardiner James P. Preston J. Michael Price** This will probated by **Charles Taylor** at Montgomery October Court 1802.

A note re the above will. **Raymond S. Kelley** who provided the will points out that for some unknown reason **John Michael Price** did not mention either of his daughters in his will. It could have been that **William** and **Parker Lucas** fought in the Revolutionary War, and **John Michael Price** was a Tory.

UNKNOWN KILLIANS

I found a roll of paper with several rolls of surplus wall paper which we had used in our home over the years. I have no recollection of when, how or from whom I got it. The roll of paper is over eight feet long and is three feet wide. It has two typed descendency charts. One for a **William T. Killian** born 1-12-1787, died 12-29-1843. He was married twice 1) **Elizabeth** & 2) **Orlenia**.

The following is at the head of his descendency chart  
The Family **Killian**  
Came from Ireland via Holland  
Both the 1820 and the 1830 Tennessee Census had a **William T. Killian** in Warren County (White County organized in 1807) with children.

**W. T. Killian** moved from McMinnville, Tennessee in the 1830s to Trenton (Dade County) settled in Rising Fawn, 2 miles north of Trenton. There was only one other white man (a Mr. **Tanner**) and a few Cherokee Indians who lived in huts.

Most of the locations are in either GA or TN. Most dates are given in the form of 9-15-48 and I am not certain if they mean 1848 or 1948. But I think there are dates into the 1970s.

At the bottom of the sheets thanks are extended to those who helped provide the information and then the following names: **Emma Jo Krause** • P O Box 1615 • Harrison, AR 72601 and **Edith Benson** • Rt 1 Box 220-A • Omaha, AR 72662

I have no idea when I acquired the sheet. I do not find the names in my computer. I have no idea who they are. Does it sound familiar to anyone? If so I would be delighted to learn more information and share with those who may be interested.

JEAN KILLIAN DAU O ANDREAS

In the first *Killian Family Newsletter* of 1998 it was reported that we had only 72 of **Jeans's** descendants. Thanks to the help of others, and most recently a **James David Elliott**, there are now 358. Hopefully he will be able to provide several more as we continue to exchange information.

MATTHEW THOMAS KILLIAN

**George and Shirley Killian**, of Fairport, NY (and the editor of this newsletter) announce that they have a new grandson, **Matthew Thomas Killian** born on 5 June 1999 to join a brother, **Mark**, age 5, and a sister **McKenna**, age 3. The parents are **Thomas & Kimberly Killian**. Counting **Andreas** as the first generation **Matthew** and his siblings are tenth generation. I know this is not a maximum. **CAN ANYONE SHOW MORE GENERATIONS BACK TO ANDREAS?** I'm sure there are eleventh generation. How about twelve or thirteen?

INFORMATION PLEASE

Send information of new births, marriages and deaths. Also who is the most generations removed from Andreas?

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