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REMOS KILLIAN RIN 12422

Abstracted from *Northshore Citizen* serving Bothell and other areas of Washington State, dated 17 Nov 1999. The newspaper included a photo of **Remos** and his sister-in-law **Bonnie**. They are RINs 12422 & 35722, respectively.

Remos Killian considered skydiving for his 90th birthday, on 1 Nov 1999, but had second thoughts because he figured it was too expensive and his legs just aren't what they used to be. Aside from that he makes few concessions about his age. It's not his style.

"I still have control of my spirit," he said. "You have to work at it. If the little things begin to bother us they'll take over."

He has shown a hard-driven yet compassionate spirit from his days of working in the mines of Idaho and helping young men climb up the corporate ladder of the insurance industry in the 1940s. Looking back over a career that brought him many accolades – the biggest from helping others find success – he is proud to say he's worked hard all his life.

I realized I'd gotten where I was by trying to help others try to be as good as they could be," he said.

Remos was born in 1909 in the Missouri Ozarks. In 1911, the family moved to Idaho where they eventually settled in the small town of Burke. His ancestry goes back to **Andreas** through **Samuel C. Killian**.

At 15 **Remos** dropped out of school and started working in the mines of Idaho. He eventually went back to school and completed three years of credits in two years, and earned a spot on the school's honor roll.

He worked his way through a few years at the University of Idaho and eventually moved to San Jose, CA but not before marrying his childhood sweetheart, **Nadine June LeFavor**.

One of his first jobs in San Jose was running a Mobil gas station, which had seen three different owners in nine months. During the day **Remos** would hire local teens to watch the station while he traveled to local businesses armed with a bucket of water, a rag and a tire pressure gauge. After washing the windows and checking the tires, **Remos** would fill out a report card letting the potential customer know if any tires were low and directing him to his gas station to solve the problem.

Soon the world was at war and **Remos** moved to Napa, CA to become a welder for military projects. **Remos** was not the first with **Killian** ancestry to be in Napa. See the story of **George Calvert Yount** in Volume 2 Number 1 of the 1994 issue of *The Killian Family Newsletter*.

Many of his welding jobs required him to use mirrors while lying on his back and welding in precarious positions. Only three other men in the group could perform the feat.

His longest stint with a company came soon after the war when he took a job with State Farm Insurance. At the time the company primarily served rural areas. **Remos** changed that, taking State Farm into the bigger cities of San Francisco and Bakersfield. Along the way, he established a number of friendships with employees and their families. To those families, many of which are in the third generation, he is known as Uncle **Remos**. While at State Farm "Uncle **Remos**" helped many a young agent work his way up the corporate ladder using a

philosophy he had long since adapted into his personal life. "Life is made less complicated by taking a few nuggets of wisdom and sticking with them", he said. Among his most cherished are: "Know the way, pay the price." and "You don't have to like it, you have to understand it."

When **Nadine**, his wife of sixty years died, he found that living alone in Albuquerque, NM was lonely. **Bonnie Jean Lane** [RIN 12423], the widow of **Remos'** brother, **Stanley Killian** [RIN 35723], felt the same loneliness. They vacationed together in 1998 and decided to combine forces. He moved to **Bonnie's** home area in Bothell, WA.

As far as living as long as he has, **Remos** says it all comes down to staying active and taking care of your body. "Too many people don't give their body as much attention as they give their car," he said.

Remos wrote to **Bill Killian** of NC in Nov 1999. His was a moderately large and very clear hand. One might wonder how his writing could have been much better, but he said: "Like many other 'skills' where 'age' takes its toll, my penmanship is beginning to show it too." He mentioned attending a family reunion in Fredericktown, MO about 1993.

*The Second Sunday of
September Meeting Will be
on Sunday, September 10th
Supplemented with Fri & Sat events.
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The Killian Family Newsletter*

AUDIE MURPHY STAMP

By George W. Killian

For many years the American Legion has requested that the U S Postal Service honor some of the outstanding military heroes of the US on stamps. The Postal Service has announced that this year stamps will be issued to honor **John L. Hines, Omar N. Bradley, Alvin C. York** and **Audie Murphy**.

As was reported in the second number of the 1999 Killian Family Newsletter **Audie Murphy's** mother was a **Killian**. I believe we have identified her connection to the **Andreas Killian line**. The **Audie Murphy** Foundation has not responded to my communication which gave her probable ancestry to **Andreas** (through the **Andrew Jr.** line) and the reasons for believing it to be correct. Audie's relatives seem to prefer to concentrate on his Irish ancestry and several military ancestors.

Audie is one of the most decorated servicemen of World War II. **Alvin York** almost single-handedly captured 132 German soldiers during one WWI battle. **John L. Hines** and **Omar N. Bradley** were commanders of WWI and WWII and both served as Army chief of staff.

My local post office has informed me that the stamps will be issued in May. It is understood that the four men will be pictured individually, but on the same sheet of stamps.

WHO ARE WE

by: George W. Killian

About fifty years ago I had a record of a ballad sung in colonial style. I believe the vocalist was **John Charles Thomas**. The singer was asked "Who are you?" He replied (not a quote) that he is, and he named in a rapid succession many nationalities. The question was repeated and in reply he named many types of labor. The question was repeated and the response was many religions. In response to the repeated question the answer was "You know who I am, I am an American."

Today we **Killians** would probably answer collectively in much the same manner. As I refer to **Killians** I include people of any other name in families whose children have **Killian** ancestry.

My data base of people in families whose children share common ancestry with my children now exceeds 36,000. In the last few months I have reviewed many of the notes I had about many of these people. Not everybody has a note, but still it was a massive and time consuming job. After I got started I realized that it would be interesting to summarize some of the things I noticed. Here are some of my observations,

When Were we Born? I can't give any distribution of births by month. There is one couple who were born on the same day, but different years. Just for fun I did a little research to determine how often Leap Year Day (LYD) appears in my data base. There are 15 births for LYD including one set of twins. It is curious that there are only four deaths on LYD. This disparity may result from the fact that my data base probably includes a

smaller percent of the dates of deaths than that for births. People have little choice about their date of birth and death. However, they can select their wedding date. It appears that few wanted to be married on LYD. Out of well over 12,000 marriages only three were on LYD. For comparison I found the number births on 29 January (a date selected at random), it was 56. I did not check any other date for comparison. In theory there should be about four times as many born on any given day as on LYD. Thus based on 29 Jan only it appears that LYD has approximately what might be expected. 26 were married on 29 Jan. There was at least one set of triplets.

Where were we born? I will not attempt to identify all the countries of birth. However, in addition to most, if not all states, it included at least the following: Japan, China, Ethiopia, Holland, Wales, Denmark, Guam, Israel, Jerusalem, Chile, Panama, Brazil, Romania, Scotland, Korea, Iran, Thailand, Viet Nam, Lithuania, Yugoslavia and Switzerland.

Are there any with Indian ancestry? During the summer of 1999 this became a matter of interest. There are some **Killians** who claim Indian ancestry. This includes **Audie Murphy**. However I do not know who an Indian ancestor might have been. It was not his mother if I have calculated her ancestry correctly. I am told that his wife does have Indian ancestry. During my searching I noted at least three cases where an American Indian ancestor was identified for a **Killian**.

There is an interesting case wherein a child asked his/her grandfather "Where did we come from?" The response was a non response. The child was told "Never ask again!"

What is our religion? **Andreas** was almost surely a somewhat inactive Lutheran. Today all the major religions are represented: Catholic, Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist, Mormon, Episcopalian, Amish, Jewish, and others. There are other religions, too, of course. I am not sure I saw a Seventh-Day Adventist or Jehovah's Witness. Relative few people in my files are identified by religion. I assume that these, and others, are represented.

What do we do for a living? Of course until about 1900 the majority were farmers. But a substantial number were educators. In the twentieth century there are few job descriptions that are not filled by someone in my files. Not nearly all people are identified by their work, profession or education. Among those that are identified doctors and lawyers as well as educators are quite common. There are nurses, truck drivers, a stage coach driver, architects, policemen, (including at least two who died on duty). They are in every military branch. There are lots of clergymen. Several have held elective offices. Many have served in a variety of civic or public service organizations as voluntary workers. A few work for the IRS. Think of a job slightly more common than US Senator and some Killian has probably held it.

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Not all Killians have Killian blood! There are several who were adopted into a **Killian** family. There are numerous cases wherein children with no **Killian** ancestry were adopted into a **Killian** family when their parent subsequently married a **Killian**. Some were raised by grandparents, or aunts and uncles, after the death of their parents.

Have many been in jail? Relatively few are known to have been in jail. In early September 1999 one person identified a **Killian**, of 100 years ago, who he had heard was jailed as a counterfeiter. See also *The Killian Family Newsletter* Number 1 of 1998.

Who is the most famous Killian? The answer would probably depend upon your own interests. If you are an educator it might be the •¹**James R. Killian** who served as science advisor to President **Eisenhower**, and President and CEO of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, one of the most prestigious technical and engineering schools in the nation. If your interest is more in entertainment or war you would identify **Audie** •²**Murphy**, the most decorated hero of WWII and afterwards a movie actor. Doctors, lawyers, farmers and engineers etc. might identify others. If we decide to include, among the famous, those who have studied **Killian** ancestry I think we would have to begin with •³**John Yates Killian** and •⁴**Thomas Daniel Killian** from NC and GA, respectively and both of whom did extensive research and wrote on their lines well over fifty years ago. I would also like to include my own father, •⁵**Cletus Hugo Killian**, who also did an outstanding job of collecting data and in doing research. And of course it was his work that inspired •⁶me to pursue **Killian** information.

Many, of course, were pioneers in this country. **Andreas** himself must be considered a pioneer for even coming to America. He was in PA in 1732 and in NC by about 1750 where there were still many hostile Indians. A **Killian** girl married a •⁷**Yount** and pioneered the Napa Valley of California. Indeed there is a town there named Yountville. And for that matter in Louisiana there is a town named **Killian**. This was surely named for **George Killian**, the son of **Andreas**. While I have not travelled extensively I have seen and heard of **Killian** Roads or Streets in several cities and states. Especially in this presidential election year I would like to learn of **Killians** in politics.

Who had the most children? **Andreas** may be on the short list. Twelve children were mentioned in his will. And I have suspected that there may well have been more who did not survive to adulthood. No one has ever found any so far as I know. Has anyone looked? Let's challenge our readership to identify some one who had more than 12 children. They do not all have to be by the same spouse, **Andreas'** children did not all have the same mother.

1 See V 3 #1 of *The Killian Family Newsletter*.

2 See V7 #2 of *The Killian Family Newsletter*.

3 See V1 #1 of *The Killian Family Newsletter*.

4 ibid.

5 See V3 #1 of *The Killian Family Newsletter*.

6 See V5 #1 of *The Killian Family Newsletter*.

7 See V2 #1 of *The Killian Family Newsletter*.

Who was the oldest Killian? I have no idea. But I suspect that it is unlikely that **Andreas**, at 86, was even in the top ten. Another challenge – who can identify those with **Killian** ancestry who lived past age 90?

In an earlier newsletter the **longest married couple** was explored. Can anyone beat **Ralph A. Killion** and **Clara Houghland** who, in 1998, completed 68 years of marriage?

Who had the most spouses? I am quite sure that I have noticed at least four. Can you identify anyone with more?

What are our given names? I have mentioned previously that **Andreas** is a unique name among **Killians**. It may also exist with other last names, and at least one **Killian** has it as a middle name. In like manner my father's name of •⁸**Cletus Hugo Killian** is unique. There are many names that are very common. The most common are probably **John** and **William** which are both represented more than 80 times each with **Killian**. This duplication of names is what makes it so important that I have a unique •⁹number associated with every individual so I can distinguish one from the other. My own name, **George**, has over 40 but has rarely been used for several years. There was one in 1960 and another named for one of the Beatles in 1997. There are many other interesting names wherein the parents must have decided to create a unique name by producing different spellings for more common names. And of course there are several names that leave the sex in doubt. There are several couples whose first names start with the same letter. An example it might be **Anna** and **Albert**, also **Jimmie** and **Juneroose**.

How did we die? A couple were murdered. At least one died when a tree fell on him/her. There were several drownings and, unfortunately, numerous auto accidents. At least one was killed in an accident with a runaway horse. There were a few suicides and at least one infant with •¹⁰SIDS. One spouse has been jailed for killing his **Killian** spouse.

Who are we? We surely fit "American" as described in the old ballad.

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THE KILLIAN HIGH SCHOOL

In the first issue of *The Killian Family Newsletter* for 1999 mention was made of the **Killian** High School in Miami, FL. At that time your editor did not know for whom the school was named. Subsequently the information was provided. The **Killian** school is named for **Daniel Linton Killian** [RIN 3977]. The information was provided by a granddaughter, **Jean Ann Killian Ortland**.

Daniel Linton Killian's line of descent from **Andreas** is through **John, Jacob, Daniel** and **Andrew Hall Killian**. It was **Jacob Killian** who deeded 3-acres in 1815 to Salem Church in Lincoln Co., NC.

Daniel Linton went to Miami, FL in 1916 from Memphis, TN. He started and ran a country store and was a county commissioner in Dade Co., FL.

8 His grandfather had an even more unique name, John Medartus Anacletus Killian. That is the source of my father's name.

9 The unique number is automatically assigned in sequential order by my genealogy program. It is called a Record Information Number or "RIN" for short.

10 Sudden Infant Death Syndrome.

Your editor has no information concerning **Daniel's** birth or death, his spouse or any more than the names of two children. He would appreciate additional information.

through **Samuel C. Killian**. **Fred Killian** ancestry is not known to this editor. Can anyone help?

SOME WHO HAVE RECENTLY PASSED ON

Elmore Arman Martin, Jr. [RIN 4410] Was born 6 Jun 1913 and died 24 Sep 1999. His mother was a **Killian** with ancestry going back to **Andreas** through the **Samuel C.** line. He was a graduate of the University of South Carolina with a degree in Journalism in 1934. He also attended Tulane and UCLA with a Phd in Psychology in 1946. During WWII he was in the Navy serving in Africa and Italy.

Elmore and **James R Killian, Jr** (who had been science advisor to President Ike, and president of MIT) were first cousins. **Elmore** corresponded with your editor several times and entered into a lively discussion concerning what the "R" stood for in **James R Killian's** ¹¹name. There was controversy concerning whether it was "**Robert**" for his father or "**Rhyne**" for his mother's maiden name.

Elmore Martin contributed considerable information about his branch of the **Killians** which added many names and data to the **Killian** data base which now includes well in excess of 26,000 people in families whose children look to **Andreas** as an ancestor.

He was a resident of Columbia SC and was a frequent attendee of the "SSS" meeting. A memorial service was held at the Unitarian church at Columbia, SC.

Mrs **Ruby Killian Jenkins** died 12 Sep 1999. Her husband had served as a former president of the **Andreas Killian** Reunion Association although he himself had no **Killian** ancestry.

Franklin Amzie Killian died 18 Oct 1999. He had recently served as president of the **Andreas Killian** Reunion Association. He had been Assistant and acting Postmaster of the Lincolnton, NC Post Office. He is a brother to **William David & Robert Killian** and **Elizabeth Killian Mosteller**.

J. D. McCall died in April or May of 1999. He was related to the **Killians** through the **Lawings**. He had served as Tax Supervisor for Mecklenburg Co., Charlotte, NC.

Mrs **Pauline Killian** died 30 Oct 1999. She was the widow of **Fred H. Killian** who was a former president of the **Andreas Killian** Reunion Association. Her ancestry goes back to **Andreas**

¹¹ See more details concerning his name on page 3 of Number 2 for 1995.

A REUNION WITHIN A REUNION

Below is a picture taken at the 1999 "SSS" reunion. Those in the picture are all descended from **Edward Franklin Killian** [RIN 3997] who was born in 1877, or are married to one of his descendants. Thus, this picture depicts a mini reunion within the reunion of **Andreas Killian's** descendants.

Numbering the heads from left to right they are:

- 1) Robert Murdock [RIN 36182]
- 2) Beverly Scott Gadsden Murdock [RIN 34789]
- 3) Eddie [RIN 8679] Edward Franklin Killian III
- 4) Myrna Weeks Killian [RIN 8681]
- 5) Linda Gail Killian Bensten [RIN 8680]
- 6) Judith Killian Gadsden [RIN 4964]
- 7) Richard Wayne Killian [RIN 34937]
- 8) Cecil Gadsden [RIN 34787]
- 9) Paul Wright Killian, Jr. [RIN 29794]

#1 **Robert** and #2 **Beverly** are married.

#6 **Judith** and #8 **Cecil** are married.

#3 **Eddie** and #4 **Myrna** are married.

All with **Killian** ancestry are grandchildren of **Edward Franklin Killian** [RIN 3997] (born 1877), except **Judith** who is his daughter. **Edward Franklin** (born 1877) is a great grandson of **Andreas** through his son, **John**.

#5 **Gail** and #3 **Eddie** are children of **Edward Franklin Killian, Jr.** [RIN 4960] mentioned below.

The underlined names are those with **Killian** ancestry and the underlining also indicates the name by which they are most commonly recognized.

The RIN numbers are computer generated numbers that help to identify a person and distinguish him/her from other people with the same or similar name. For example there are three **Edward Franklin Killians** mentioned herein.

It was **Gail's** & **Eddie's** father,

Edward Franklin Killian Jr. [RIN 4960] (born 1907 & died 1995) who provided some of his personal history in the first issue of *The Killian Family Newsletter* in 1993. In the same issue he also wrote about **Thomas Daniel Killian** [RIN 3999] who lived in Georgia and wrote an important article on *Killians in Georgia* in 1934.

These descendants of the first **Edward Franklin Killian** [RIN 3997] have been loyal supporters of the **Killian** reunion. We would appreciate similar pictures from other families and essays about some of our cousins.



REUBEN PIE

At the last "SSS" reunion **Brenda Jean Killian** [RIN 8480] served "Reuben Pie". She has provided the recipe in response to requests for it.

1 (12 oz) can corned beef

1 (14-16) can sauerkraut (Bavarian w/caraway seeds)

add separate caraway seeds if necessary.

½ lb. Swiss cheese, grated

½ c. Mayonnaise

¾ c. Bisquick

1 c. Milk

2 eggs, beaten

Layer corned beef, sauerkraut and Swiss cheese in 8 x 12 inch Pyrex dish. Combine other ingredients: mix well. Pour over layers. Bake in 350 - 400° oven for 30 - 35 minutes.

THE 66th

ASSOCIATION OF DESCENDANTS OF PIONEER ANDREAS KILLIAN ADPAK

Annual Reunion Announcement

The annual Second Sunday in September (SSS) ADPAK will be held at 3:00 pm ET Sunday, 10 September 2000 at Castanea Presbyterian Church. This year's traditional reunion will be supplemented with Friday and Saturday events. The association has appointed a reunion committee consisting **Steve Killian** (current ADPAK president), **Eddie Killian** (current ADPAK vice-president and web site gatekeeper), **Linda Hoyle**, **Lee Killian** and **James W. Green, III**. This committee met in January to work on the 2000 SSS annual reunion. Please, let us know of any comments, suggestions, and any recommendations for the weekend long 2000 SSS reunion in care of **Eddie Killian**. **Eddie's** E-mail address is: ekils5@aol.com and his US mail address is 1122 Meadowfield Road • Gaston, SC 29053. The reunion is not an RSVP black-tie affair, however, a list of those committed to attending Friday and Saturday is necessary for us to negotiate the best deal on hotel meeting rooms and food. Therefore you should plan on registering before September and contributing a nominal registration fee at Friday's registration. The tentative plan is for Friday, 8 September to be a reunion registration check-in, settle-in, contact day with a meeting room reserved at one of the hotels for this. Sharing genealogical information and socializing is encouraged. Saturday, 9 September, will include opportunities for visits and tours of nearby areas of interest, a web site class, more genealogy, and if weather permits an out-door get together. Sunday, 10 September, the traditional reunion meeting and pot-luck is scheduled. The web site is being updated with those interest in attending, e-mails from the "Killian-L" E-mail list, a pre-registration form, current goals and tentative plans for this year's reunion. For now, there is no planned special mailing for the reunion. Therefore you can monitor the progress of the reunion via the ADPAK web site under the reunions topic at: <http://fortunecity.com/millennium/bluepeter/1081/html.index>

Web Site

The association of Descendants of Pioneer **Andreas Killian** (ADPAK) now has an official on line web site at: <http://fortunecity.com/millennium/bluepeter/1091.index.html> The web site

was requested and approved at the 1999 ADPAK Second Sunday in September (SSS) Annual Reunion at Castanea Presbyterian Church in Lucia, NC. Like the ADPAK Killian newsletter the web site is intended to celebrate the social, historical and genealogical threads of pioneer **Andreas Killian** descendants. A special thank you goes to **Eddie Killian** (current ADPAK vice-president) who volunteered to establish a web site and be the first web page gatekeeper. Also, a special thank you goes to **James W Green, III** for his assistance and technical support, and ADPAK for support. The web site is evolving and new features will be added and some will be changed. Please, let us know what you think and send your comments, suggestions, and recommendations to us in care of **Eddie Killian**. **Eddie's** E-mail address is: ekils5@aol.com and US Mail address is 1122 Meadowfield Road • Gaston, SC 29053.

Steve Killian [RIN 2186], **Linda Hoyle** [RIN 36307] and **James W. Green III** [RIN 2745] are all fifth great grandchildren of **Andreas'**. **Eddie Killian** [RIN6618] and **Lee Killian** [RIN 5521] are both sixth great grandsons of **Andreas**.

SAMUEL C. KILLIAN'S DEATH

by George W. Killian

A poor excuse is better than none! My excuse is that I receive more material than I am able to digest and all too often it gets set aside and forgotten. But it is seldom discarded.

For years my records on **Samuel C. Killian**, the tenth child of **Andreas**, has been shown in my data base as born about 1762 and died 1813. **John Yates Killian's** *The History of the Killian Family in North Carolina* states in the ¹²second paragraph of the section about **Samuel**, "... **Samuel Killian** died in the year 1813, and is supposed to have been buried at St. Paul's Church. His land was divided among his ten children Dec. 28-30, 1813 ... "

The division of the land in late 1813 makes the death in 1813 very logical.

However, during the summer of 1998 **Nora Garrett** [RIN 4027] did some research in the Lincolnton library and found an abstract of the **Samuel C.** estate record. She obtained 75 pages from the NC archives for the complete record. She provided a copy of one page that shows **Samuel** was dead prior to 3 Jan 1808.

The document is dated 3 Jan 1808 and comprises a document that accepts **Barbara Killian** and **David Killian** as administrators of **Samuel C. Killian**, deceased.

With **Samuel** dead by 3 Jan 1808 he must have died no later than sometime in 1807.

Nora Henry Garrett traces her **Killian** ancestry back to **Samuel C. Killian** through **Samuel's** son **David**. Hopefully **Nora** has found additional data since she submitted this and will provide us with additional information for a future issue of *The Killian Family Newsletter*.

OTHER KILLIANS

by George W. Killian

As we know **Andreas** had 12 grown children when he died and descendants of all but one of his children have been identified. Indeed I have more than 26,000 descendants, including the spouse of blood descendants. It is believed that most **Killians**, in America, are his descendants. However, we

12 Paragraph NC #114 of the G W Killian book.

should not lose sight of the fact that there were other **Killians** who came to America. For example There was **Henry** or **Henrich** who arrived in 1730, two years ahead of **Andreas**. **Henry** may have been two or three years older than **Andreas**. **Matheus Killian** arrived in 1741 and may have been about five years older than **Andreas**. All of these were of Palatine (German) origin, and all settled in Pennsylvania. They are not known to have been related, but there is evidence that they may have been. I have told many people that I am interested in any person in a family whose children look to **Andreas** as an ancestor. Actually I also include any family who looks to any colonial **Killian** as an ancestor. Other than **Andreas** this comprises less than 100 people in my computer. There must be many more.

One of these people is **Patricia Helen Collins** [RIN 18169] married to **Joseph Lombardo**. She has identified her ancestry as going back from her through **Helen Steward**, **Anna Killian**, **John Henry Killian**, **Jacob Killian**, and another **Jacob Killian**, **Johan Killian** and **Matheus Killian** who arrived in 1741. Incidentally **Patricia Helen Collins** was born in Philadelphia, PA. All of her named ancestors were also born in PA except the last two who were born in Germany.

Unfortunately I have not corresponded with **Patricia** in a few years. In the early 1990s she was searching out her ancestry in both the United States and in Germany. In 1995 she visited Germany and I quote a note she sent in 1995:

“Our trip to Germany was better than we had hoped. The country is beautiful, the people warm and helpful, and the food delicious. I did not find any more information about **Matheus Killian** but we visited Heilbronn and **St. Kilian**’s church. It is now a Lutheran Church but surely was Catholic when built. It was begun in 1020, completed in 1529. The name **Kilian** appears every where, streets, shops and millions of **Kilians** in the phone book.

I have joined the Palatines in America, PA chapter and hope to find help thru them. My promise to myself in ‘96 is to gather more information and hopefully connect these 2 men.” End Quote.

A picture of the **Kilian** church is reproduced below.

It is my personal hope that sometime someone will identify the relationship between the colonial **Killians**, or determine that there is no relationship. Note that **Patricia** indicates that **Kilian** is a common name in Germany.



DAVID KILLIAN [RIN 35724]

who lived in a Pullman Car

See KFN V 7 #1 (1999)
by George W. Killian

Information provided by **Curtis Loy Killian**, the only son of **Remos Killian**, the subject of the first article in this issue.

The **David Killian** who owned the Pullman Car as described in the first issue of *The Killian Family Newsletter* of 1999 turns out to be a nephew of **Remos Killian**. **David** was a son of **Stanley**, **Remos**’ brother.

As indicated in the last newsletter **David** died a little over a year ago.

BRENNAN REED KILLIAN

Was born 23 Jan 2000 to **Patrick Lee** and **Staci Killian**. **Brennan** is a seventh great grandson of **Andreas** through **John**. **Patrick**’s father is **Robert Edward Killian** [RIN 6616].

GEORGE W. KILLIAN RESIGNS AS EDITOR

George W. Killian has edited this newsletter since its inception in 1993. He believes it is time for a new editor who is closer to, and more familiar with, the NC area. Also in view of his age he feels he must give priority to other matters. The next issue will be his last. Someone is respectfully requested to take over the work. Volunteers should contact **W. D. Killian** (see shaded box on page 2) and he will forward your name to the Killian Association officers. **George** has agreed to assist the new editor by submitting an article from time to time.