

The Killian Family Newsletter

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- The Killian Association of North Carolina has been holding annual reunions starting in 1935.
- They have met in various churches in the vicinity where Andreas Killian lived in the latter half of the 1700's.
- Meetings are held on the **Second Sunday of September**. (note the **SSS** to help remember the date.)
- For several years the officers of the Killian Association discussed the possibility of a Killian Family Newsletter.
- In 1993 they began to publish a Killian Family Newsletter. It began with a twice a year publication of a four (once in a while six) page Newsletter.
- If there is sufficient interest, enough financial support, and enough information submitted, both the size and the number of issues may be increased.

The pages that follow comprise copies of the text of the all the issues of The Killian Family Newsletter, as edited by George W. Killian. William D. Killian spearheaded the concept and took care of the printing and distribution.

The copies herein are not identical to the original format. For one thing I am not able to reproduce the photographs in my computer. The original newsletters had the individual columns numbered and the table of contents referred to the columns. In these copies a footer has been added which is similar to that used in my personal history. The newsletter was published twice a year from 1993 through 2000.

The reception of the Newsletter was gratifying and the volunteer contributions supported the direct costs of production and mailing. After eight years I felt that it was time for a new editor to take over the work. A person with new ideas, new sources and more experience with modern research methods and communication skills. I gave about a years notice of my intent to resign. Unfortunately no one took over the writing of the newsletter and it has not been published through September 2002.

I felt that for The Killian Family Newsletter to continue it was essential that various members of the extended family submit articles about their branches of the family. I also suggested publishing records of new births, marriages and deaths. The last page of Volume 2, Number 1 included a list of

several topics which might be of interest.

I was very pleased to report that the distribution of The Killian Family Newsletter had generated considerable correspondence and that additional descendants of Andreas' children had been identified. I maintained genealogical data about any family whose children look to Andreas Killian as an ancestor. For this I use the Personal Ancestral File program published and distributed by The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. From time to time I gave a copy of the data to the largest genealogical library in the world. In the early 1990s there were about 10,000 relatives of Andreas in my computer. Now, in 2002, the number exceeds 30,000. The largest Genealogical Library in the world is The Family History Center of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. They have hundreds of branch libraries around the country. Thus, even decades from now, any of your descendants who become interested in tracing their roots will be able to find this data with all the relationships shown.

The newsletter was printed through V8 #2 in the fall of 2000. At that time the NC Killian Association held a three-day reunion that was very well attended. During Friday and Saturday, prior to the usual Sunday meeting there were various activities including a tour of interesting and historic sites in the area. There was also a seminar at which there was a panel of speakers including William Lee Hinds, Eddie R. Killian and myself, George W. Killian and others. Bill Hinds presented some of his latest findings on Leonard's children.

Prior to this meeting I had asked to be released from my work as editor and author of the newsletter in the belief that the association would be better served by "new blood" and by someone who lives in the NC area. I was given warm appreciation for my work on the newsletter and my extensive Killian genealogy data base and presented with a plaque. No one was found who would continue with the newsletter, at least as of this writing in September 2002.

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