

Killian Family Newsletter

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NEW GERMAN RECORDS ON KILIANS

From the Killian-L posted by Ed R. Killian,
April 4, 2008 and May 3, 2008
Summarized

Newly discovered churchbook records from Germany indicate with some reliable probability that Andreas Killian 1702-1788 of North Carolina was from Steinbach, Middle Franconia, Bayern, Germany.

This Andreas (1702) is the son of Andreas Kilian, the elder, who was from Schambach but living in Steinbach when he married first Anna Busch on 13 February 1677 in Erzberg, Bayern, Germany. We have no information on whether there were children from his marriage to Anna Busch, but it seems likely.

When Anna Busch died at the age of about 34, Andreas Kilian, the elder, a widower, re-married to Dorothea Knaus on 30 October 1694 in Erzberg, Bayern, Germany.

On 1 December 1702 Andreas Kilian, the younger, was baptized in the Erzberg Evangelical Lutheran Church. This church is one mile from the village of Steinbach where Andreas Kilian, the elder, lived. At the time, the elder Andreas was described as a 'cooper' (a barrel maker). Andreas Kilian, the elder was the son of Georg Kilian.

Other, newly discovered churchbook records from the Feuchtwangen Evangelical Lutheran Church in Germany indicate that an Andreas Kilian (1702) of Arzbach married Magdalena [Margaretha] Fischer of Steinbach on 6 May 1722 in the Evangelical Lutheran Church of Feuchtwangen. Feuchtwangen is a larger town about eight miles southeast of Erzberg, Arzbach, and Steinbach. Magdalena Fischer is also referred to as Margaretha Fischer in subsequent church records.

On 30 April 1724 the son of Andreas Kilian (1702) and Margaretha Fischer Kilian was baptized in Erzberg and named Leonhardt after the child's godfather, Leonhardt Steyern, a blacksmith from Wildenholz. Wildenholz is one mile south of Steinbach. Andreas Kilian (1702) was described as a weaver. This baptismal record is consistent with the date of Leonhardt's birth taken from his grave marker at St. Paul's Cemetery, Newton, NC; that stone recorded his birth date as 15 May 1723.

Additional records of the Erzberg Lutheran Church indicate the baptisms of: Anna Margaretha, baptized 29 April 1726 (Erzberg 172-1, 1726, page 218) Johann, baptized 24 September 1729 (Erzberg 172-1, 1729, page 226)

Translation of Anna Margaretha's Christening Record: Monday 29 April 1726 Andreas Kilian, weaver and resident of Steinbach and his wife Margaretha born Fischer, christened a legitimate daughter with the name Anna Margaretha. Anna Margaretha Steger and Leonhardt Steger, blacksmith and Schutzverwandten in Wildenholz were named as witnesses and god parents. (This is the same blacksmith Leonhardt, the surname translated as Steyern, mentioned in Leonhardt's baptismal record.)

Translation of Johann's Baptismal Record: Saturday, 24 September 1729, Andreas Kilian, day laborer in Steinbach and his wife Margaretha born Fischer, a

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was produced in part
by a generous donation
from Association
President Dan Sipe.
There was lots of news
to report. Thank You,
Charles D. Killian, The Editor*

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legitimate born son was baptized and named Johann. The godfather was Han Lang, share farmer in Arzbach. These make three records of baptisms for Andreas Kilian and Margaretha Fischer's children. The first being that of Leonhardt Kilian baptized 20 April 1724. (Erzberg 172-1, 1724, page 211)

All three records note the name of the mother as Margaretha Fischer, wife of Andreas Kilian.

On 12 January, 1736, Andreas Kilian, the elder, died at the age of 83 years, one month, and 24 days. The translator of the record reports this implies he was born on 19 November 1652. This was 3 years after the North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian 1702-1788 is believed to have come to America.

We do not know who the wife of Andreas Kilian, 1702-1788, was when he came to the American colonies in 1732. She may have been Margaretha [Magdalena] Fischer, but we have no confirmation of that being the case.

We do know North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian 1702-1788 named at least one daughter Margaretha (aka Margaret), one son Andrew, and another George. These names were apparently honoraria for, respectively, their mother, grandfather, and great grandfather. And, of course, Andreas Killian 1702-1788 had a son Leonhardt [as did Andreas Kilian and Margaretha Fischer of Bayern].

This newly discovered Andreas Kilian born 1702 son of Andreas the Elder and grandson of Georg Kilian was not from the Rhenish Palatinate. He is from Middle Franconia, westernmost Bayern, Germany, more commonly known as Bavaria. This is the area in Germany from which most of the better known Kuntslerfamilie Kilian (the notable German artists of the sixteenth and seventeenth centuries) are known to have come from; an area circumscribed by Augsburg, Regensburg, Nuremberg, Wurzburg, Wallduern, and Heilbronn. We do not know how this Andreas Kilian, his father Andreas and his grandfather Georg are related to the Kilian artist, but it seems more likely that they were distant cousins.

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We can all thank Ed R. Killian for posting the [German Records On Killians](#) to the Killian-L. Also, we can thank William McCreight for his interest and assistance in bringing the baptismal records of Andreas Kilian's eldest children, Leonhart, Margaret and Johann, to light. The evidence is beginning to stack up in favor of the Andreas Kilian from Steinbach being the Andreas Killian of North Carolina.

The website www.andreaskillian.com has been updated to reflect Steinbach, Middle Franconia, Bayern, Germany as the birthplace of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian 1702-1788

Visit Ed Killian's website for more research and information.
<http://familytreemaker.genealogy.com/users/k/i/l/Ed-R-Killian/>

Killian DNA Project by Cheryl Mann Killian

The Killian DNA Project only had one new member added so far this year and what a member he is!! He descends from William Killion born 1768 NC. William has always been assumed to be the brother of RS Jacob Killion born 1755 Orange County, NC. DNA has proved Jacob and William are not related. I think it is very important to verify the DNA profile of Michael Killion of Orange County, NC. Therefore, one of the men could be a son of RS Michael Killion, but not both. I have put out a call for a known descendant of Michael Killion to join the DNA Project to establish a DNA Baseline Profile for Michael Killion.

In my opinion, a descendant of RS John Killion and Rebecca Wilborn would be the best choice. Rebecca's RW pension application says her husband John Killian was drafted from Stokes County and served with his father, Michael, 'who was killed'. If a descendant of John Killion and Rebecca Wilborn matched William, DNA would distinguish the different Killian/Killion families of Colonial North Carolina.

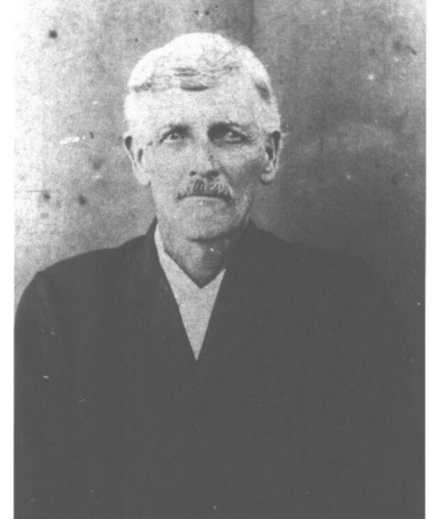
Breaking News—My husband Charles and I went to the Alabama Killian Reunion Workshop in Fort Payne on June 21st. I gave my usual sells pitch to join the Killian DNA Project, which had not been my intent. I wanted to go and support Wayne Milam's workshop and maybe met Gene Killian. For anyone who has met Wayne or corresponded with Gene Killian you know how helpful and likable they are. I got to say all the folks I met that day were just as likable as Wayne and Gene, and to my joy a Descendant of Daniel Killian born 1790 NC and died 1876 DeKalb County, Alabama has ordered a DNA kit. Daniel's lineage back to Andreas is broken. I am hoping DNA will shed some light on the mystery.

NOTE: I would like to encourage anyone who has a DNA kit to take the time to use it and mail back in the next few days. They do not expire, I carried one around for 15 months before finding the opportunity to ask my 2nd cousin join the Yarbrough DNA Project. There are 4 kits that have been out for over a year that have not been returned, please find time to use your Q-tips and mail your kits back.

Gone But Not Forgotten— Elijah Killian born July 13, 1824 died January 26, 1908

By Eric Killian

In the beginning I didn't have a passion for my family genealogy. My grandfather would always spin wild tails of family happenings through out many generations. But the day I hooked up my first computer, not knowing what to do on the inter net, and not knowing what kind of response I would get I decided to type in my name, and from this I found a whole new world that I didn't even know that existed. Most of the sites that appeared where about Andreas Killian and Old St Paul's Lutheran Church in the town that I have lived in for all of my life. In addition I found a small book that was posted on line the Yates book "The History of the Killian Family in North Carolina." Which I downloaded and read not realizing what an affect this little 39-page book would have on my life. My father and his two brothers where my only connection to the past for all of my elders have already passed on. So I started with my great grandfather's name, and with this one name I preceded to the county court house Register of Deeds Office. With no clue of what I was doing so I searched the records and was able to find all of my relatives all the way back as far as the county records went. After documenting all of my findings I went back and reread the Yates book again and was able to connect my self all the way back to Andreas Killian.



Elijah Killian

This lead to deeper studying of my family to which I had found that my great, great, great grandfather Elijah Killian had no recorded death or burial dates. This was really puzzling to me checking the family church records I found nothing of a funeral, there was no proof of a cemetery plot for him, knowing he had to be buried there because family members before and after him were buried at this same church. Digging even deeper into this matter I found that he had enlisted in Company C, 28th Regiment of the North Carolina Confederate Troops on August 8, 1861. While fighting at Gettysburg, Pennsylvania he was captured July 1, 1863 and was held a prisoner of war at David's Island, New York, and was paroled Lynchburg, Virginia on April 13, 1865. Thinking that how bad the economy in the southern states was after the war Elijah was probably a poor man, and it may have taken many, many years for our family to recover thus at his death the family didn't have the money for a proper headstone. After all this research the fact still remained the same I still had no death date or burial place. Many theories were given to me maybe he wasn't buried at a church maybe a family grave yard somewhere in the area, or some of his family had moved to the Rock Hill area of South Carolina. As I was just about to give up on this issue I just happen to be at the Patrick Beaver Library in Hickory, North Carolina with my kids when I noticed they had a genealogy room so I went in to see what kind of information they had. Explaining my problem with the lady there she suggested that had copies of funeral records that had dated back to the early twentieth century and that they had been indexed by the genealogy society. Taken this into consideration I sat down and looked through them, finally there in the Shuford funeral home records was a receipt for Elijah Killian with a death date, burial place, and cause of death.

Now that we are up to date on this subject comes the thought how can I honor my long forgotten Great, great, great grandfather? I will place a tomb stone in the family church cemetery, talking to other family members about this subject they suggested since Elijah was a veteran the United States Government would supply a headstone for his grave, and working with the church grounds committee we have picked a place close to the other Killian relatives buried in the church cemetery. Currently I am still waiting for the head stone, the local chapter of the Sons of the Confederate Soldiers along with Boy Scouts have agreed to help place the headstone. I am hoping to have the headstone in place by the 2008 Killian family reunion.

The Frances Killian Hampton Building Southlake Church (PCA)



Joe Killian, Joan Sipe, Frances Killian Hampton, Dan Sipe, Frances' sons William and Rick At the Frances Killian Hampton Building Dedication



Jessie Killian, Vera Killian, Frances (sisters)



The Frances Killian Hampton Building At Southlake Christian Academy



Frances Killian Hampton and Pastor Adam Mumpower

Resolution

WHEREAS God has blessed the ministry of Southlake Church with spiritual and numerical growth to the point that a new facility is being constructed in our midst for the education of our children and the children of this community and

WHEREAS Frances Killian Hampton has, by God's grace, been instrumental in the development and growth of Southlake Church and it's educational ministry, Southlake Christian Academy, by her prayers and support of the same, and

WHEREAS her support extends to hosting the first Bible studies that became this Church in her home, BE IT RESOLVED, that the current facility under construction shall be known as Frances Killian Hampton

Hall and dedicated to the glory of God with gratitude to Him for the faithful labor and encouragement of His dedicated and much loved servant above named,

ORDERED BY, The session of the Southlake Presbyterian Church this 12th day of November: 2006

The above resolution was read as the new Frances Killian Hampton building began construction November 2006. The building was completed April 2008. It speaks well of one of our own about family, faith, and generosity. Her gift is an eternal gift that few give in such measure.

Congratulations Frances!

If you have time drop of a note of congratulations to Frances at 1600 Killian Road, Stanley, N.C 28164

President's Points 74th Killian Reunion Sept 12-14, 2008

Hello cousins, I am Dan Sipe the current president of the Andreas Killian Association of North Carolina. I am a proud descendant of Andreas Killian. I live in York, S.C. a short distance from Catawba and Lincoln counties of North Carolina. My mother was Ezzie Charles Killian Sipe. I hope this writing finds you and yours doing great. It is a great thing to appreciate our genealogy as descendants of Andreas Killian and our relations to ourselves as Killian cousins. Reunions and times together give greater appreciation, direction, excitement and comfort when we are in touch with our colorful ancestors and one another. I want to say a word of thanks to those of you on the executive committee who has worked diligently to set up our 74th Killian Reunion for September 12-14, 2008, in Hickory, N.C. It is a large effort by all involved. Your executive committee met this year in Hickory at Mt. Zion Lutheran to plan out this reunion. Members from Georgia, S.C. and N.C. added many miles to their cars, made many calls, sent many e-mails, met a lot of new cousins, and made arrangements to pull off this reunion. Please let 2008 be the year you decide to become involved. This newsletter has much information on all the happenings to occur this September, so read it good and makes plans to attend all of the events.



Our host church this year again is Mt Zion Lutheran Church on County Home Road , Conover, N.C and adjacent to Sipe Orchards Home. A big thanks to Mt Zion for the use of their facility again.

The Friday night eating is always a good time to fellowship and get acquainted. The “out-of-towners” enjoy this time especially so let me encourage the “in-towners” to be present as hosts.

We are planning another interesting speaker as last year was. Afterwards we usually retire to the host hotel meeting area and continue our fellowship.

The Saturday tours and genealogy workshops have always been exciting and informative. This year we have our tour(s) to include several cemeteries, Killian sites and this year the Killian Museum adjoining the Killian Hardware on Springs Road. Elmer Killian, left behind a priceless museum showpiece you need to see to appreciate. Bob and Rick Killian will be showing their beautiful vintage car collection just down the road from the hardware museum. Tours will begin at Mt Zion Church –please see agenda in this newsletter.

Saturday Workshop: If you have Killian information (books, bibles, pictures, articles, anecdotes, stories, etc from any source and willing to share it with us be at the Saturday afternoon workshops and business meeting. This will begin at 1:30. We have a local speaker, John Smith, VP of the Catawba County Genealogical Society. He will be covering Killian papers, wills, estate information and the War Between The States. During the workshop copiers will be available. You just never know but your information will help someone else find a link they have searched for over the years.

Last year was the best yet and this one will be just as good. **Saturday night** is “on your own” evening. We usually get together again to eat, shop or have a good sit-down at the host hotel. **Sunday morning** we usually go to worship either at Old St Paul’s where the Andreas Killian monument is or at the host church. We plan to visit Mt Zion since they are hosting our meeting again this year. Sunday school begins at 9:15 with Worship at 10:30. This year we have made arrangements to have a Sunday catered meal and be eating by 1:30PM followed by a short program, reports and a speaker we hope. We should be complete by 2:30 or 3:00 PM. The meal will be \$7.00 adults and \$5.00 12 and under (if you would like to help more we welcome that too.)

Post script: I mentioned in the February newsletter that Joe Killian and myself made a visit to three of our cousins in Lincoln County. They are Vera Killian, Jessie Killian, and Frances Killian Hampton all decedents of the late Jessie Claude Killian from the Samuel C. Killian line. Frances is a busy person these days with writing books and working in her church, Southlake PCA Church. The church’s beginning was due to bible studies in her home. They recently named a beautiful educational building there after her, the “Frances Killian Hampton” building. We attended the dedication service on April 20th and also celebrated her notable birthday. Please see the pictures in this newsletter on the service.

Last Call: I understand the price of gas is bad but don’t let that keep you from attending the “Big One” in the area of your beginnings. Last year all my siblings attended and had a great time! Plan an entire weekend with us and let this be the year you become active. Bring your parents who need assistance and want to take part. You can choose any or all events but please attend! Thanks, Your President,

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A big word of thanks to Charles Killian and his wife Cheryl for the professional newsletter work. It’s a great newsletter. If you can, contribute to the costs incurred by mail to The Andreas Killian Association, % Sandra J. Phillips, 16310 Barcica Lane, Cornelius, NC 28031 or at the reunion or sign up for the email newsletter (see page 9)

A Man for Many Seasons: Johnny Killian and the CRS

December 4, 2007 By Emily Yehle, Roll Call Staff



Johnny Killian's 1963 Remington typewriter still sits in his office, proudly displayed near tall stacks of court briefs, newspaper articles and copies of blog postings. It's been with him since he started his long career as a constitutional expert at the Congressional Research Service — one that has spanned the appointment of 16 Supreme Court justices and countless Congressional fights over constitutional law.

After 44 years on the job, the 70-year-old Killian has a list of dedicated Congressional clients (he won't give names) who ask him to provide expert advice. And as an authority on constitutional law, those questions relate to some of the most public disputes of the day — most recently, he's been working on Guantanamo Bay detainees' right to habeas corpus. The Supreme Court will hear a case on the issue Wednesday.

All CRS employees use their expertise to answer Members' questions, but in the American Law Division, Killian has been doing it longer than anyone else — he celebrated his 44th anniversary in September. He's second in longevity agency-wide as well, behind a 47-year specialist in the Foreign Affairs, Defense and Trade Division.

On a recent Tuesday, Killian took a break from moving into his recently renovated office in the Madison Building, taking a seat among the stacks of papers and books waiting to be organized. Leaning back in his chair, he talked openly about himself and his life growing up in rural North Carolina — but was careful to keep his work for Members confidential. He is friendly and relaxed, and his conversation occasionally turns to self-deprecation.

"Southerners tend to be storytellers and go off on tangents," Killian said. "I'm like that." Added Charles Doyle, a criminal law specialist who has worked with Killian since 1968: "He's no man of pomp."

Killian took a job at CRS straight out of law school, thinking he would get a few years of experience and move back home, but he never left. The job has all kinds of perks, he said. It's engaging, academic, rewarding. He reads the morning newspaper and knows what he'll be working on that day.

"I guess the kind of things I like to do, the kind of things I felt good about doing in law school, were public policy issues and the like," he said.

"I wasn't drawn to private practice, representing people or representing clients in tax cases and all of that. I was simply interested in something that did have a public policy aspect to it and this fit the bill."

Killian's breadth of knowledge can be intimidating. He reads all day — newspapers, political and legal blogs, court briefs. At home, he turns to philosophy and anthropology; if he thinks that his reading speed is slowing down, he switches to a fast-moving mystery novel. He can give a date for court cases and national events — and he's almost always "right on the money," Doyle said.

Killian claims his memory isn't as good as it once was. His work — the briefs, cases and history — all come to him quickly, he said, but his day-to-day memory is lagging. When talking about his personal life, he stumbles a bit on the dates of long-ago vacations and a few names. He's thinking about retirement, though he said he doesn't know when he will make that move.

"I mean, I'm 70 and I hate to think I'm slowing down, but I am," he said "Sometimes I wake up in the morning and I just resist getting out of bed for a little while."

He seems to be the only one noticing. Killian is still the one to go to for tough questions, his colleagues say, the one who reads dozens of Supreme Court briefs and remembers them. They also credit him with playing a large role in keeping the atmosphere of the American Law Division collegial.

Hints of this comity are all around the division's somewhat cramped quarters. Office doors are always open. Common rooms house shelves of law books and useful texts, such as the U.S. Code. Employees constantly work together on projects. In fact, many hired never work anywhere else.

Employees stay on so long that the agency has had to enact a "succession plan" to fill the upcoming holes of all the retirement-age employees (though there isn't a mandatory retirement age). Each year, several new employees

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are hired, and a program ensures that current specialists help them pick up the institutional memory.

But colleagues say Killian has been encouraging such interaction for decades. Mort Rosenberg, a CRS specialist in American public law and a veteran of 35 years himself, remembers sitting in Killian's office every weekday morning back in the '70s, debating with a half-dozen others the news of the day. Over coffee and doughnuts, they would talk and argue for an hour before starting the day's work.

Now, Killian facilitates a more structured meeting every Thursday, more structured than in the past because CRS is that much bigger.

When Killian began at CRS, there were 200 employees agency-wide; now there are almost 700.

"It's a great place to go to in the morning," Rosenberg said. "The collegiality is inspired by guys like Johnny."

Killian grew up in Maggie Valley, N.C., a rural town named in the late 19th century after the first postmaster's daughter. During summers, Killian worked on his father's small farm ("He was one of the evil doers. He grew tobacco," Killian said). The job consisted of handling the sticky plants and picking off "big fat worms" that ate the leaves.

"My own philosophy about tobacco, having worked there summers and that sort of thing, was it was awful stuff to work around," he said. "You come out of the tobacco field looking as if you've been in a coal mine all day."

He has never been a smoker.

As a teenager, Killian was a voracious reader, picking up not only books but also his county's newspaper, "The Mountaineer." By the time he was 15, he had convinced his parents to buy him a subscription to The New York Times. It was always two or three days late, he said, "but it was news to me."

After earning a political science bachelor's degree and a law degree at the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, he moved to Washington and landed a job at CRS.

Now he is the author of hundreds of reports, some of which have shown up in court decisions. One of his greatest achievements is something he calls "The Annotated," a large reference book on the history of interpretation of the Constitution. Released in book form every 10 years and updated biannually, the book allows Members, lawyers and others to quickly reference the judicial history of any constitutional amendment. For decades, Killian was the editor, only recently stepping aside and taking on an editor emeritus role.

Even now, he can talk about many of the cases referenced within the large book without opening it up. His recall may have been helped from years of writing "The Annotated" with his Remington, which forced Killian and others to rewrite far more of the book for each revision than is necessary with a computer.

"It was a mess to do because you had to in effect start all over again," he said. "This thing is 2,200 pages long, but now with a computer you can simply go through making changes and the like." The computer has changed more than the production of such references.

Killian has had to adapt to a new way of research, following information through the clutter of the Internet rather than the straightforward time line of books. He's now mastered the technique, but it took years of convincing. Killian used his Remington — the same one given to him when he was first hired — until the 1990s.

"I was a Luddite, but not a dyed-in-the-wool Luddite," he said with a laugh.

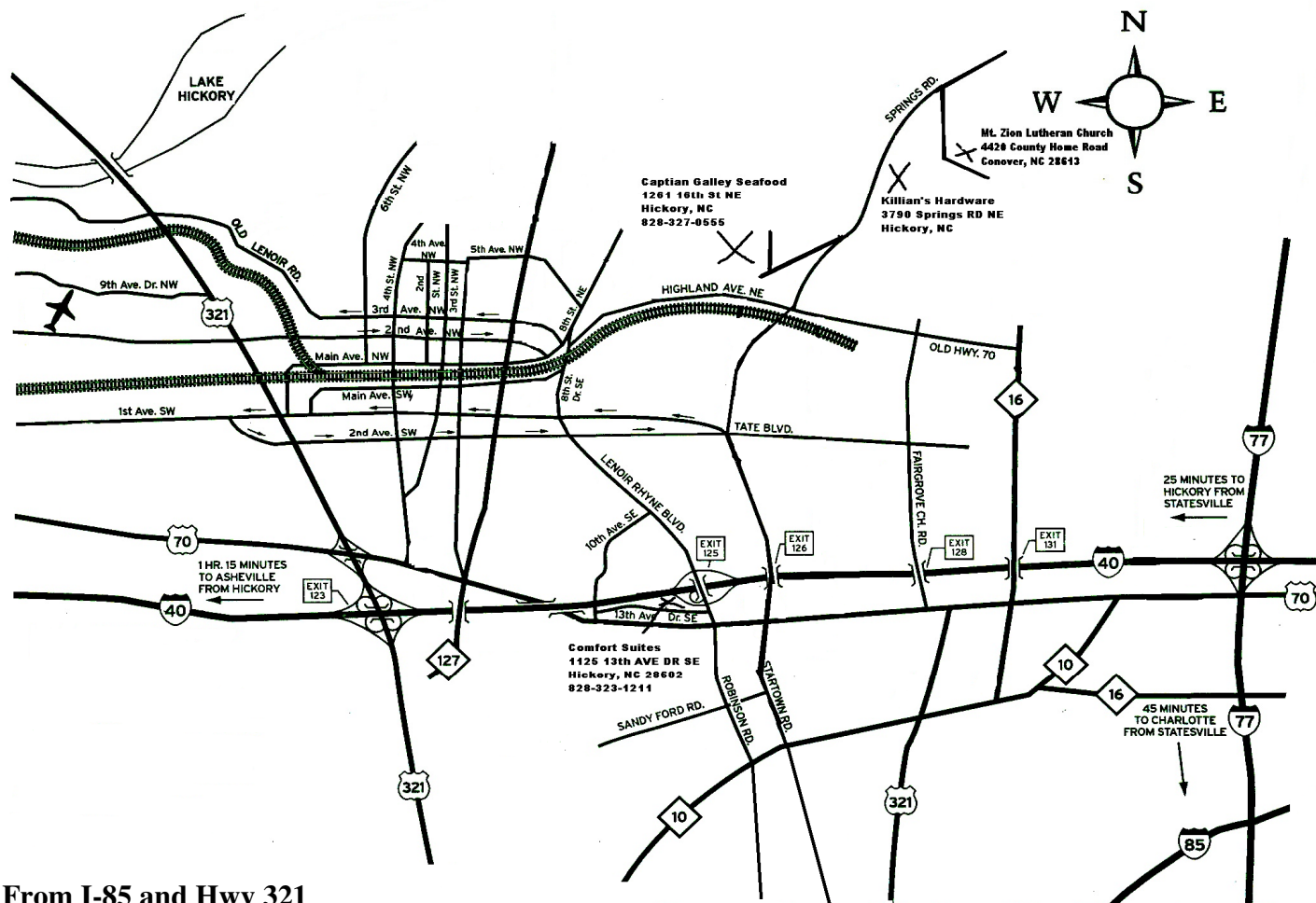
"I was greatly surprised that it was actually a labor-saving device." But he hasn't given up the Remington just yet. It's still in good condition; all it needs is a new ribbon.

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Note from the Editor Charles David Killian

Johnny Hulan Killian passed away on Sunday April 27, 2008. Roll Call is a publication of the Congressional Research Service of the Library of Congress and the above article captured his personality. He served over the years as the recognized expert in constitutional law, civil rights and labor law. He served as a resource for members of Congress, the staff of the committees of Congress, and for the staff of the Congressional Research Service. On subjects as diverse as school desegregation, item vetoes, presidential powers, newsmen's privilege and congressional power over the jurisdiction of federal courts, his memoranda and reports regularly appeared in the Congressional Record, congressional hearings and other congressional publications over the years. He was the brilliant man and was proud of his work with the Library of Congress over the last 44 years. He is the son of Samuel Wiley Killian and Flora Jane Gibson, and he is my brother. [GWK 63818]

Maps and directions for reunion



From I-85 and Hwy 321

Exit I-85 at the Hwy 321 exit, turn north on Hwy 321 to the Startown Road exit. Turn right onto Startown Road stay on Startown until you arrive to Hwy 70 in Hickory. Continuing straight crossing Hwy 70, at this point Startown Road becomes McDonald Blvd.

To Comfort Suites: Once on McDonald Blvd turn left at the 3rd stop light onto I-40 west go to exit 125. Exit I 40 turning left onto Lenoir Rhyne Blvd, at second light turn right onto 13Th Ave Dr SE Comfort Suites will be on the right .

To Captain's Galley: Take McDonald Blvd to the end arriving at Springs Road turning left at the light go to 2nd light turn right onto Sandy Ridge Road Captain's Galley is in the 2nd shopping center on the left. (This will also take you passed the 3 churches St. Stephen's Lutheran, Miller's Lutheran and St Stephen's Lutheran Missouri Synod.)

To Mt Zion Lutheran Church: At the end of McDonald Blvd turn right onto Springs Road continuing down Springs Road it will go from a four lane road to a two lane road, Springs Road then will bare sharply to the left at this point you will need to go straight to the stop sign and do not bare to the left. At the stop sign turn right onto County Home Road stay on County Home Road until arriving at Mt Zion Lutheran Church which will be on the left. (This will also take you passed Killian's Hardware Store and Museum.)

From I 40:

To Comfort Suites: Exit I 40 at exit 125 turning South onto Lenoir Rhyne Blvd, at light (first light from I-40 west or second light from I-40 east) turn right onto 13Th Ave Dr SE, Comfort Suites will be on the right just passed Hooters.

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Descendants of Andreas Killian 2008 Reunion

September 12-14

- Friday, September 12th; 9AM** Gather at Mt Zion Lutheran Church, 4420 County Home Rd, Conover, NC parking lot to place pink silk roses on graves of our Catawba County Killian ancestors.
- Friday, September 12th; 6PM** Gathering for dinner at Captain's Galley Seafood Restaurant, 12610 16th ST NE, Hickory, NC 828-327-0555.
A Guess Speaker is planned
After dinner fellowship can continue at Comfort Suites, 1125 13th Ave. Dr. S.E., Hickory 828-327-0555
- Saturday, September 13th; 8:30AM** Gather at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church 4420 County Home Rd, Conover, NC for tours of the Killian Museum and churches of interest. Tour will leave at 8:45 and last until about 12 Noon. Wear comfortable clothing and walking shoes.
- Saturday, Lunch on your own** Don't go by yourself - invite a new found Killian cousin along
- Saturday, 2PM** Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
Speaker John Smith, VP of the Catawba County Genealogical Society to address Killian documents, estates, wills and the War Between The States
Research and Genealogy Workshop
Meeting - Greeting - Sharing
Bring family charts, bibles, photos, books and histories
- Saturday, 3:30 -5PM** Light Refreshments
and
Business Meeting of the Association of Descendants of Pioneer Andreas Killian to review the activities of the Association.
Plan to attend and see what your association is doing.
- Sunday, September 14h;** Worship at 10:30AM Mt. Zion Lutheran Church or 10 AM Old Saint Paul's Lutheran Church, site of Andreas Killian Monument, 2035 Old Conover-Startown RD, Newton, NC.
Join the congregation for homecoming and worship in the old church building.
- Sunday, 1PM LUNCH** Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall
A catered lunch will be provided \$7.00 adults/ \$5.00 12 and under.
Bring your favorite deserts if you like.
We may have a short program.
A report on business items from the Saturday session.

ALL ARE WELCOME TO COME

Obituaries

Terri Ann Burch, of Hickory, NC passed away unexpectedly July 7, 2008, at her residence. Terri was born Oct. 14, 1955, in Catawba County to Lois **Killian** Burch and the late Jack T. Burch. Survivors include her mother, Lois Killian Burch of Hickory; two sisters, Linda B. Church, of Hickory and Jane B. Reid Hickory. Funeral was Thursday at St. Paul's Lutheran Church; burial, Fairview Cemetery. Bass-Smith Funeral Home. [GWK Granddaughter of 13277]

John Lee Killian, Died on April 21, 2008 at age 72, in Tupelo, Mississippi. He was the son of Floyd Glenn Killian and Elsie Viola (Killian) Killian - making John a "double" Killian. [See the February 2007 Killian Newsletter page 4 and 5] He was the brother of Lucy Jane (Killian) Eckard, Helen Ruth (Killian) Wilson, Jocie Mae (Killian) Daggett, Virginia Rose (Killian) Shuford, and two deceased brothers, Glenn Albert Killian, and Jerry Rayford Killian. [GWK son of 2783]

Winifred Lois Douglas Wain Barringer died Feb. 21, 2008 at Regency Nursing Home, Springfield, IL. She was born Sept. 25, 1921, Round Top, NY, daughter of Harry Douglas Wain and Mabel Swift LaRue. In 1929, Winifred sailed to England to live with her grandparents in Derbyshire. She met Dr. Floyd Barringer at the Queen Elizabeth Hospital in Birmingham, England. He had volunteered for medical services with Doctors for Britain to help in the war effort. Winifred and Floyd married June 2, 1945. Floyd died in 1993. She is survived by her children, Judith Wain (Richard Kerhlikar), Daniel Monroe, David Malcolm, and Douglas McDowell (Pamela Broughton); and grandchildren, Emily, Justin, Andrew, Alexandra, Abigail and Mark Nickum. [GWK 67011]

Kerry Killian's journey through life began with his parents, Dennis and Maxine King, and his older brother, Kevin King on June 3, 1964 in Clarkston Wash. When he was 17 months old, a sister KaLyn was born. When he was 12, Kerry's mom married Jim Killian and his family grew with the addition of six more brothers and sisters. Kerry's life ended on Nov. 8, 2007. Kerry is survived by sons, Christopher and Austin Killian; "daughter" Kelly Carrigan; and their mother, Mindy Killian; parents Maxine and Jim Killian, Dennis and Carole King, brother, Kevin (Cathy) King and Family; sister KaLyn (Steve) Harding and family; sisters Lorrie (Jim) Staley; Linda Killian; Shari Meyers; brother, Gene (Susan) Killian; sisters Dawn (Ryan) Ackley; and Kari (Paul) Lustenberger and their families. [Adopted Killian]

Earl Killian of Boise, ID, formerly of Parma, passed away at home Monday, April 28th, 2008. Earl was born April 11, 1928 in Camas, Jefferson County, Idaho to Harvey Elmer Killian and LaVon Hardcastle Killian. In early 1954 he met Nell Tredway in Parma on a blind date, they were wed on November 28th; a marriage destined for failure, lasting only fifty-three years and counting. Surviving Earl are his wife Nell, daughter Dawnie and Mike Carpenter of Meridian, son Dan and Lynn Killian of Meridian, and daughter DeeDee Killian Medcoff of Parma, six grandchildren, four great-grandchildren, brother Harvey (Buzz) Killian of Idaho Falls, and sister Vonda and Hadley Sorenson of Boise. He was preceded in passing by his firstborn son, Doug Killian, his parents, mother and father-in-law, and a brother-in-law, Don (Bud) Tredway. [GWK 3911]

Byrlea Bumgarner Killian 87, of Hickory, NC went home to be with her Lord on June 3, 2008, at Catawba Valley Medical Center. Born Nov. 27, 1920, in Catawba County, she was the daughter of the late Charles B. and Cassie Eckard Bumgarner. she was preceded in death by her husband, Joe Carson Killian; son, K. Sam Killian; She is survived by her children, Judy Wilson and husband, Bill, of Conover, Howard Killian and wife, Annie, of Hickory, Robert Killian and wife, Nancy, of Hickory, Dwight Killian and wife, Betty, of Conover, Jerry Killian of Conover and Stephen Killian and wife, Phyllis, of Hickory; stepmother, Berlie Bumgarner Deal; sisters, Carolyn Deal and Kay Bumgarner, both of Hickory; brothers, Tom Bumgarner and C.B. Bumgarner, both of Hickory; 17 grandchildren; 22 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren. [GWK 2801],

James (Kelly) Killian, of Taylorsville, NC passed away Oct. 7, 2007. Born Aug. 24, 1958, in Catawba County. He was the son of the late Bessie Stillwell and J.P. Killian. Along with his parents, he was preceded in death by three sisters, Brenda Webb, Faye Poovey and Sherile Poovey. Mr. Killian is survived by two daughters, Jackie Killian Brewer and Crystal Killian Morgan, both of Conover; two brothers, Richard Killian of New Jersey and Melvin Killian of Hickory; a sister, Delores Price of Hickory; five grandchildren, Alicia, Casey, Catlyn, McKenzie and Sabria. [lineage unknown]

Lina Ruth Killian, 86, of Hickory, NC passed away Saturday, Dec. 22, 2007, at Lutheran Home-West. She was born Nov. 12, 1921, in Goldsboro to the late Perry Stamey and Sally Pratt Stamey. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Glenn Walter Killian. Survivors include a son, Albert Junior Killian of Hickory. [GWK 49466]

Tony E. Killian, 55, of Pennsville, N.J., passed away Dec. 2, 2007, at Christiana Medical Center in Delaware. Born in Hickory, he was the son of Billy F. and Ada (Ramsey) Killian. He is survived by his loving wife, Nancy S. Haste Killian; his daughters, Andrea Killian of Pennsville, N.J., and Tina Almond of Elsinboro, N.J.; his mother, Ada Killian of North Carolina; sisters, PJ Stephens of Williamstown and Billie Jean Joseph of Ohio; four half siblings in North Carolina; five grandchildren; and six step grandchildren. He was preceded in death by his father, Billy F. Killian. [GWK son of 38054]

An Article of Interest to the Descendents of Ephriam Killian, A Descendent of Samuel C. Killian

I am William D. "Bill" Killian. My Killian line is Andreas, Samuel C. (10th child named in Andreas' Will), David, Ephriam, Amzie, and David C. On page 22 of The History of the Killian Family in North Carolina compiled by J. Yates Killian—J. Yates indicates the son of David Killian and Grandson of Samuel, Ephriam married Mary Killian daughter of William and Nancy Cresamore Killian. This is correct, but Yates also indicates that William Killian's daughter Susan married Ephriam Killian [this is were the confusion begins]. Since William and David are listed by Yates as brothers it would indicate that Ephriam married his first cousin. Ephriam is my great grandfather, this would also say that my great grandparents were first cousins.

Research of Wayne Milam and Gene Killian seems to indicate Ephriam and Mary were not first cousins, there were two William Killians. The William Killian (son of Samuel C) whose daughter was said, in The History of the Killian Family, to have married Ephriam moved to Tennessee in 1817. He is found in the census of 1820 as living in Warren County Tennessee. Therefore his daughter would not have married Ephriam in 1835.

Wayne strongly suggests that the William Killian whose daughter married Ephriam Killian is a descendent of Leonard Killian. Leonard and Samuel C are half brothers. Wayne believes Mary's father William is a son of Andrew (Senior) who in turn is the son of Leonard (2nd child named in Andreas' Will). This is based on where they lived. Andrew (Senior) and Leonard lived in the Killian's Creek area of what is now eastern Lincoln County, Denver, NC. Henry Cresamore whose daughter Nancy married William Killian in 1815 was also a neighbor. Henry Cresamore lived in the Salem community of Lincoln and Catawba counties. The conclusion to be drawn form this is Ephriam did not marry his first cousin but married a second cousin one time moved—the daughter of his second cousin. Also—these are half-cousins, descendents from different wives of Andreas Killian.

There is some supposition to all this. Families did live close together. It is logical to think that William is the son of Andrew (Senior) and Andrew (Senior) is the son of Leonard.

I wish to give full credit to Wayne Milam and Gene Killian for the research found in this article and invite comments from anyone who may find it of interest.

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The chart below is by Bill Killian.
The notes are from Gene Killian and the Killian-L.
Many Thanks-Good Work, The Editor

Andreas Killian (1702-1788)

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Leonard Killian
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Andrew (Senior)
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William Killian and Nancy Cresamore
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Daughter Mary Killian

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Samuel C. Killian
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David Killian and Catherine Cline
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Ephraim Killian
      married
Mary Killian

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From a Lincoln County deed in 1828, Henry Cresamore named his daughter, Nancy, wife of William Killian, deceased, and their five children: Mary, Salina, Lawson, Susannah, and Laban Killian.(LincNC DB32 pg 345) [Also found in: "German Speaking People West of the Catawba River..." by Lorena S. Eaker (c)].

Nancy Cresamore Killian is buried beside her father, Henry Cresamore at Salem Church Cemetery (from Lorena Eakers' - German Speaking People West of the Catawba River...).

Ephraim's father, David, had a brother, William, who moved to Tennessee in 1817 and is listed on the 1820 census in Warren County TN; therefore a daughter of William, brother to David, father of Ephriam would not be a candidate to be the wife of Ephriam, as indicated by J. Yates Killian.

Also, Mary Killian wife of Ephraim has a sister Susan (Susannah), therefore the name of Ephraim's wife should be known as Mary and not Mary Susan.

GEORGE KILLIAN (1740-1830)

by E. R. Killian, August 1, 2007

"This is the second installment of the history outline of the Killian descendants of Andreas Killian through his son George Killian, 1740-1830. George left North Carolina in 1781-1782 following his Patriot service in the Revolutionary War and, sailing down the Holston, Tennessee, Ohio and Mississippi Rivers, took his family to The Natchez District, an area on the Spanish frontier of the newly forming United States of America. Originally settling on two Spanish Land Grants of 1000 acres near Natchez, Mississippi, at age 64 George Killian moved south to the Spanish West Florida Province where he and two of his sons achieved 4000 acres of Spanish Land Grants."

George's grandson, John, ran the U. S. Land Office in Greensburg and became the first mayor of Clinton. John had widespread business interests up and down the Mississippi River and a large family. John Killian applied for a land grant that encompassed the Killian Wharf and sawmills but the patent was never finalized because yellow fever killed John and two of his children in 1853, leaving his redheaded wife and six daughters to fend for themselves.

Killian Crossroads was a busy thoroughfare for wagons headed south to the Spanish government center at Springfield and on to Killian's Wharf. About 1820, the Killians established a cemetery on the northwest corner of the crossroads near where the elder George lived. In 1891 Killians founded and built a Methodist Episcopal Church adjacent to the cemetery.

The Killian sons in St. Helena were vigorous and Killians were plentiful in number. George, Jr. left St. Helena and served in Captain Alpuente's Regiment of Louisiana Militia in the War of 1812. Serving with several compatriot brothers named Hooter, George, Jr. later married, in 1821, Barbara Hooter of Avoyelles Parish, which is west of the Mississippi River and West Feliciana Parish's St. Francisville and Bayou Sara. He settled for a while in West Feliciana Parish and then returned to St. Helena, working on the courthouse conversion. When 'Barbary' Hooter died in the first year of their marriage, he remarried in 1822 to Mary Mcrae and raised a small family. Joseph remained on his grants near Montpelier and raised a large family. Of George's sons, Joseph, the eldest, was the most involved with his father in matters of business and farming. Mary Ann and Prescilla Ann married farmers and raised their own families in East Feliciana and St. Helena Parishes. Meanwhile, in the Natchez area, some of George and Anne's daughters prospered and one son met death early in life.

Nancy Ann had married, at age fifteen, Abraham Galtney and they raised a large family while running a successful farm on the 300 acres that George had deeded to them at Natchez upon their marriage. Following Galtney's death, Nancy Ann remarried the widower Abram Buckles (aka Buckholtz, or Buckholts). After Buckles died, Nancy Ann moved to Street near Liberty in Amite County, Mississippi and lived out her final years at Beechgrove Plantation near her son, James Ranalson Galtney, and several Buckholts stepchildren.

Sara Ann married George Lawing and for a short time they lived in the town of Washington five miles east of Natchez. Washington became the territorial capitol and later, for a brief period, it was the state capitol of Mississippi. George Lawing and Sarah may have died, or otherwise departed the area about 1805. No other record of Sara's presence after 1805 has been found.

George's second eldest, John, had married Elizabeth in Natchez and moved to Claiborne County about 1791, farmed and raised his small family near Carpenter on the Claiborne/Copiah County line.

David married Nancy Ann Hughes, the sister of his older brother Joseph's wife, Mary Ann Hughes, and started his family at the time his father and two brothers had left for Spanish West Florida. He died young unexpectedly in 1812, leaving a young wife and five children. The eldest of these, George III, cared

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for his younger siblings after he reached his majority then later married Mary Parrot in Adams County and moved to Port Gibson, Claiborne County, Mississippi.

While George Senior was moving his family south because of the incentive of free Spanish land, his grandson George III, son of David, moved north from Natchez and founded his own plantation near Port Gibson, Mississippi about 1820. George III established a successful cotton plantation and speculated on buying and selling open government land in Mississippi and Louisiana. Then, just as the Mississippi plantation vitality began to wane in the 1860, the Port Gibson Killians prepared to move to their new farms located west in Louisiana. Before they could finish moving the entire operation westward over the Texas Road from St. Joseph, Louisiana, General Ulysses S. Grant's army landed at Bruinsburg, just nine miles west of the Killian Plantation and began its sweeping envelopment of Vicksburg. Following the Union army's pillaging of his plantation, George Killian III fled in the middle of the night by horseback and waded the Mississippi River to escape capture and imprisonment as a Confederate sympathizer. From the new Louisiana farm, he and his son Joseph built a new life with a cotton gin, a grist mill and a ferry for those who needed to cross the Bayou Macon.

George Killian, Senior, son of Andreas Kilian, died at age ninety (according to family legend and census) in 1830 and is buried in Killian Chapel Cemetery at Killian Cross Road near Montpelier. Beside him lies Anne, his wife of over forty years, his eldest son, Joseph, and his wife with twenty other Killian-named descendants from three generations of his family.

The number of Killian males in the Florida Parishes declined over the generations and by 1920 there were no Killian households recorded in the St. Helena Parish Census. The last Killian surnamed individual living in the Parish was Mary Starns Killian, wife of Dock Saunders Killian. She passed at age 92 in 1956. Today the name is limited to the creeks, the crossroad, a church and a small riverside town in the adjacent Livingston Parish from which the Killians shipped timber and cotton to New Orleans in the 1800s.

As for the northern Louisiana branch of Killians, there are still Killians in and near Crowville and Killian's Ferry in Franklin Parish, Louisiana; land is still held by Killian family members, area businesses bear the name and local cemeteries hold many descendants of George(3) and his son Joseph.

George Killian Senior's direct descendants in Mississippi and Louisiana are numbered in excess of forty-eight hundred individuals. Living descendants of his children, namely Joseph, David, Nancy Ann, and Mary Ann Killian have been identified.

New Newsletter Format

It was suggested the newsletter use a different format for easier reading from a computer screen.

When reading from a computer screen the 2 and 3 column format requires strolling up and down from column to column. A single column format will allow the page to be read left to right. This is very helpful in full page articles such as the one above; George Killian (1740-1830) by Ed R. Killian.

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Eric, Tyler and Eric's dad Don Killian.

Distinguished Eagle Scout Tyler Killian by Dan Sipe

Tyler Dale Killian, son of Eric and Cathy Killian of Newton, NC received his distinguished Eagle Scout award Saturday July 19, 2008 at Zion Lutheran Church. This is an honor only a small percentage reach in their scouting experience. There were a sizable number of people in attendance including his grandparents, sisters, friends of the family, fellow scouts and a cousin Scout Master Mr. Bob Killian of Hickory. After completing the Cub Scout's highest award, Arrow of Light, Tyler went on to become a member of BSA troop 238 in 2001 under the leadership of scout Master Mr. Dale Hollar and Mr. Wayne Reese. During Tyler's eight years of earning thirty-nine merit badges, Tyler also attended the yearly scouting encampments at Camp Bud Schiele of NC; aboard USS Yorktown, Charleston, SC, at Luther Rock, at Luther Ridge, at Sweetwater Tennessee Caverns and at the 2005 forty thousand membership of the national BSA Jamboree at Fort A.P. Hill, VA. While at Fort A.P. Hill he visited the White House and shook hands with the President of

the United States. During the ceremony Saturday Tyler received several notable recognitions from: President George Bush and First Lady Laura; Congressman Patrick T. McHenry, NC; Mr. Robert Mazzuca Chief Scout Executive USA; and Mr. David Allen, Executive of the Piedmont Council BSA, Tyler. Tyler was also given a United States flag by Congressman McHenry which was flown over the United States Capital on April 24, 2008. Tyler has served as den leader, patrol leader, troop guide and now an eagle scout. Tyler's father, Eric Killian is also a leader in troop 238 and was recognized by Mr. Dale Hollar as being involved closely with Tyler these many years. We congratulate Tyler in his accomplishment of Eagle Scout and wish him the best in years to come. Tyler is planning college or a military career. We congratulate his parents Eric and Cathy Killian for the fine job they have done in supporting Tyler. I'm sure Andreas and Samuel C. Killian would be proud of Tyler if they were here to say so!



Scout Master Dale Hollar, Cathy, Tyler, Eric, Scout Leader Wayne Reese

The 75th Reunion Killian Book Update by Cheryl Killian

I now know why Yates wrote "The History of The Killian Family in North Carolina" himself. Don't worry; the 75th Reunion Book is coming right along. I know there is a lot of material available for the book. I have received numerous files and data, but it looks like I am going to have to write several chapters myself. There are new discoveries made what seems like monthly (see page 1); the book will include new birth-years for Leonard, Margaret, John, Daniel and Samuel C. Keep me in your prayers; I am to have a notebook draft ready by SSS 2008. . .not much time and a lot to do.

New way to receive your Killian Family Newsletter

Join the Andreas Killian email list by completing the email signup form at www.andreaskillian.com. You may also use the form to update your email address or other information. You will be notified when the newsletter is available for viewing, upcoming reunion information or other Killian information that may be of interest to all. (2 - 6 mailings per year) Your email address will not be posted on the website, sold, or given away.

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Back to Andreas Killian 1702-1788

Our pioneer ancestor came from Germany on the ship Adventure. Landing at Philadelphia where he took the oath of allegiance September 12, 1732. He came to North Carolina about 1747 and later established a home about two miles northwest of here (Old St Paul's Church) .

The following is a suggested format to take you from Andreas to yourself

My family line to Andreas Killian

1. Andreas Killian b: 1702 Germany d: 1788 North Carolina

Your lineage from Andreas down to you

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Please add any information you are willing to share with your Killian Cousins

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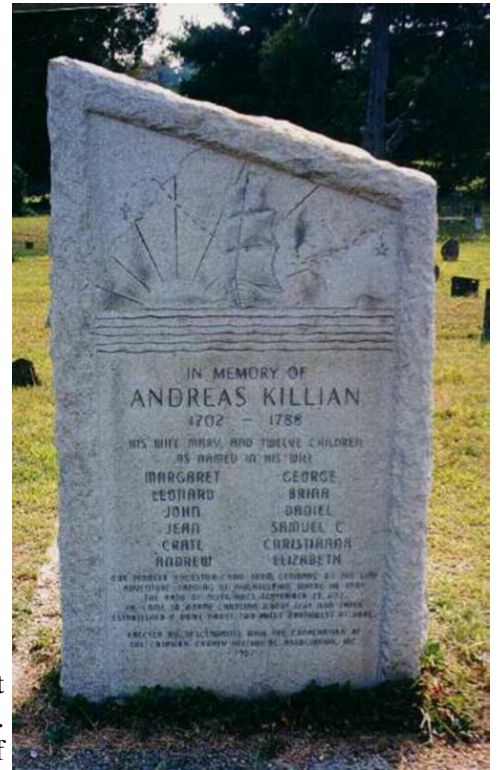
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The Andreas Killian Monument by George W. Killian

The monument is somewhat like a large upright tombstone with the left side longer than the right side; thereby producing a slightly slanted top. An unfinished or rough margin gives a border effect. At the top is a map of the Atlantic Ocean with America and Europe. A star indicates the country of birth. Germany; a dotted line, the route of travel; a cross, the place of death and burial; a sail ship represents the type in which Andreas came to America; a rising sun is symbolic of his life in a new country.