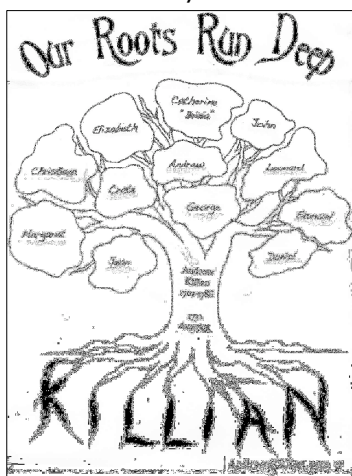


# Killian Family Newsletter

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### President's Points:

Hello Cousins,

First, let me introduce myself. I am Eric Killian from Hickory, North Carolina. I am a 9<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of Andreas Killian, through Samuel C. Killian. Some of my interests are compiling Killian histories and collecting Killian artifacts, fishing, and most anything having to do with being outdoors. My wife Cathy and I have been married for 26 years and we have four children ages 25 years to 15 years. For the last three years I served as the Vice President of the Descendants of Andreas Killian Historical Association. Also I have been on the planning committee for the family reunions.

I am the first president of the new Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA). The team which coordinating the formation of AKDHA includes Chip Killian, Dan Sipe, Joe Killian, Sandra Phillips, Dan Tingen and myself. You will read more about AKDHA in this newsletter.

The 2009 Killian reunion, held the weekend of the Second Sunday in September, was very successful; one and all had a great time. We started on Friday evening with a meet and greet of Killian cousins, followed by supper and Jimmie Price's presentation on the Price family settlement in Virginia. Saturday kicked off at 9:00 am with a historical sketch inside the 200 year old historical Old Saint Paul's church. Later William McCreight presented some of his research and discoveries in Germany. The day finished at 10:00 pm at Mt. Zion church with night photography. Sunday began with worship at Old Saint Paul's Church and Mt. Zion Church followed by a catered lunch followed by a DNA Research Specialist discussing how DNA impacts the family tree. The reunion closed with a group picture. The attendance for the three day event was over two hundred people, representing many states plus Germany.

The 2009 reunion will be a challenge to top but soon the reunion staff will be hard at work planning the 2010 reunion, scheduled for September 10-12, 2010. The reunions are a special time to fellowship with Killian cousins, sharing

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## 2009 Killian Book

### Excellence in Family History Award

On November 21, 2009 Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society in Asheville, NC presented the 2009 "Foster A. Sondley Award" to the Descendants of Andreas Killian for the book The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788); Andreas, his children and grandchildren. This award is present by OBCGS for books that demonstrate excellence in family history.

Congratulations researchers, compilers and authors!

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## Exciting News Effective June 16, 2009

The Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA) is a Public Charity under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) and 170(b)(1)(A) (vi). Contributions are deductible under section 170 of the Code. The Association is also qualified to receive tax-deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts under section 2055, 2106 or 2522 of the Code.

You may request a copy of the Form 1023 Application for Tax Exemption and all supporting correspondence with the Internal Revenue Service. You will be asked to pay the cost of copying and postage. Please submit your request to Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association, ATTN: Treasurer Sandra Phillips, 16310 Barcica Lane, Cornelius, NC 28031. Please provide your phone number so that you may be contacted. All documents will be available for inspection at no cost during the Annual Reunion activities and Business Meeting in September. If possible, we will make these documents available for download on our website in the near future.

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stories and family memorabilia. We also have Killian researchers on site if you're not sure how you and your family fit in the family tree. So please try to attend the 2010 Killian Reunion.

My hat is off to Cheryl M. Killian and all of the authors, compilers and researchers of the newly completed Killian book "The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian". What an outstanding job! The time and effort that went into this project was very impressive. Old Buncombe County Genealogical Society in Asheville, NC considered our new Killian book an excellent family history and awarded the Descendants of Andreas Killian the "Foster A. Sondley Award". Congratulations goes to Cheryl and her team for a job well done.

Mac Hayes and his co-administrators are pleased to announce the addition of 6 new members to the Killian DNA project in 2009, including Robert L. Killian who is considered the first baseline member with proven ancestry back to Andreas. The database is growing. This important project is helping put a common thread of individuals into groups by comparing DNA of other Killian's.

The duties of the association officers have change as we voted in the new officers. We have grown so much in the past few years that the duties of secretary and treasurer were getting too big for one person to handle. So the position of Treasurer is Sandra Phillips. Doris Pope and Kimberly "Kim" Sipe are to share the position of Secretary. Not to be pushing our past president Dan Sipe out of the picture as he was a fantastic president and an anchor for the association; Dan Sipe is now our Program and Project Manager.

In closing, I'm looking forward to fulfilling the duties of president. I will do my best to preserve the Andreas Killian Family name and spread the word about the yearly reunions. One of my personal goals is to have five hundred Killian cousins in attendance for the Second Sunday in September Killian Family Reunion. Come meet me personally, I'm sure you won't forget me.



Reenactor Eric Killian at the 2009 Killian Reunion

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and obedient servant,  
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## Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association

Two years ago, the Association of Descendants of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian voted to move forward with applying for nonprofit status for the association. J. Yates Killian helped organize in 1935. North Carolina attorney and a descendant of Andreas Killian, Leon Marcus Killian III aka "Chip" Killian volunteered to spearhead the legal process. The association incorporated in the State of North Carolina, received a Tax Identification Number and established formal Bylaws. The association directors filed the Tax Exemption Application Form 1023 with the IRS. In December the Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA) got the approval effective June 16, 2009. AKDHA is now a Public Charity under Internal Revenue Code 501(c)(3) and 170(b)(1)(A)(vi). This means that the association is a tax-exempt "not for profit" entity with an educational purpose and is qualified to receive tax-deductible bequests, devises, transfers or gifts. You will see some changes as the AKDHA puts in place procedures and practices to comply with our new status.

The former Killian Association was already behaving as a public charity with an educational purpose, supported by our newsletter and website brimming with information. In 2000 the Second Sunday in September Killian Reunion was expanded from the "Meet, Greet, Eat, and Retreat Reunion" in favor of an educational event with interesting speakers and projects geared toward celebrating our heritage. The 2009 Killian Book was a monumental effort toward sharing our research on the Killian / Killion / Kilian family and the colonial migration to America. These efforts are proof that we have been and will continue, with our newly incorporated AKDHA, to act as a "not-for-profit" entity.

With the newly formed AKDHA's new distinction as a national Public Charity, the hope is to do even more. The board of directors of AKDHA has a "wish list" when financial goals are met. We want to repair and restore historical markers where tombstones and cemeteries are in disrepair. We believe we can install historical markers where none exists. We look forward to helping our young Andreas Killian descendants with scholarships to help their education. We aspire to publish more research findings. And we hope to support DNA research as it is such an important tool where the paper trail falls short.

Two very important factors are needed to accomplish all these great things:

- AKDHA needs to grow the Treasury. There is no contribution too small and no contribution too large! Remember contributions are now tax-deductible.
- AKDHA needs people. This is your association and it needs people who can contribute ideas and opinions, or do research, or greet people at the door of the Reunion, to name just a few. You can help in a little way or a big way, but please consider helping. AKDHA needs local people but it is okay if you live thousands of miles away. Association officers live in 4 States – we can do a lot by email!

We are a great family  
but it takes all of us to do great things!

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Reenactor Sandy Phillips  
at the 2009 Killian Reunion

## Programs and Project Director

**Greetings Killian Cousins,** This is another exciting year for our association and ongoing expected growth. My new job is the newly created position of Programs & Projects Director (PPD). In this position we have a lot of positive tasks and challenges to accomplish in the years ahead. We voted last fall to put this PPD position in place in full anticipating of us getting a “not for profit” approval which we now have. A nonprofit organization (abbreviated **NPO**, also **not-for-profit**) is an organization that does not distribute its surplus funds to owners or shareholders, but instead uses them to help pursue its goals. Examples of NPOs include charities (i.e. charitable/historical organizations) and public arts organizations. We were methodically and carefully questioned by the government on what actions we planned to do as a normal NPO association requirement. This approval also involved our agreeing to have structured programs and projects within our association as we moved toward final approval. It will also require the generation of funds to implement our proposals. Getting NPO is a great success for our association and opens the way for exciting growth in many ways. **We now have the opportunity to put in place lasting programs and permanent arrangements for years to come for the Andreas Killian Association legacy.** We must now move with a concerted determination toward fulfilling our agreements.



Reenactor Dan Sipe  
at  
Old Saint Paul's Cemetery  
2009 Killian Reunion

With this in mind, here's where we are presently:

- Program planning for 2010 reunion has started to a degree. Last year's efforts may be harder to match but we hope to make our September reunion another great one in which your travels will be gratified.

Our plans for the 2010 reunion will be more formalized in the April timeframe. Mark your calendars now for September 10-12 reunion!

- Project selections and planning is our next big challenge to implement. Several ideas have been suggested such as legible grave markers for Andreas' children at Old St Paul's cemetery, placement of a marker for Margaret Killian Price in Price's Fork, Virginia Walls cemetery, placement of our new book in more libraries and historical research facilities, and some sort of marker/plaque at St. Gallus Lutheran church near Steinbach Germany where Andreas and his family attended church.

- Fundraising as you know, is necessary for capital needs and success in our associational goals. It requires funding to proceed in an orderly manner. As an NPO any donations, trusts, will beneficiaries to the association are fully tax deductible. Be thinking of ways to leave your legacy as an Andreas Killian ancestor through the association. Other fund raising ideas are being developed.

These are truly exciting days for Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association! If you have suggestions, critiques, ideas or comments on our reunion planning, project suggestions or fund raising please let me know by email at [jdsipe@bellsouth.net](mailto:jdsipe@bellsouth.net) or by mail@ 2335 One Iron Dr, York, S.C. 29745.

Thanks, Dan Sipe, PPD  
Andreas Killian Descendants  
Historical Association

## News from the Kilian Homeland

*William McCreight  
Altweilnau, 3 February 2010*

### New findings in Germany - the continuing saga

I wish I could tell you I have found out who Andreas' grandfather Georg Kilian was, where he was born, who he married and who his parents were. Unfortunately I have not yet discovered this, but I have found a good bit about Georg's family and his descendent that I did not know at the reunion in September 2009.

The marriage records of Andreas senior (born 1652), father of Andreas (born 1702), said his father was a farmer named Georg in Schambach. I wasted a lot of time looking for Georg in the four Schambachs in Bavaria. Finally my wife had the idea that in German handwriting of the 1600s an "m" was identical to an "in" except for the dot over the "i". There is a village named Schainbach only about eight miles from Steinbach an der Holzecke.

In the church family register of Wallhausen, 2.3 miles from Schainbach, I found marriage records of children of Georg Kilian:

1. Apollonia, married Hans Ebert on 3 April 1676<sup>1</sup>
2. Martin, married Barbara Crantz on 10 January 1682<sup>2</sup>
3. Jacob, married Sophia Neidhart on 14 October 1683<sup>3</sup>
4. Andreas, born 18 November 1652<sup>4</sup>, married Anna Busch on 12 February 1677<sup>5 6</sup>

There was also a baptismal record of Michael Kilian, baptized on 23 May 1675 who would have been about 12 to 18 years younger than the other children and it is not clear if he was a sibling. He may be son of another Georg Kilian living there, but this seems unlikely. Michael is more likely the brother of Andreas born 1652, but no proof. Even greater age differences were not unusual.

No baptismal records of the siblings were found. They must have been born somewhere else. Georg must have lived somewhere else and the family moved to Schainbach at least before the first of these children was married in 1676. This is another dead end that I need to find a way around to determine where Georg and his children were born.

The marriage record of Martin Kilian said he was a "Bestandsbauer auf dem Pfarrgut in Schainbach". That means he was a farmer on the estates of the church in Schainbach.

<sup>1</sup> Wallhausen, Ahnenregister Volume II, 1616-1718, p 171

<sup>2</sup> Wallhausen, Ahnenregister Volume II, 1616-1718, p 408

<sup>3</sup> Wallhausen, Ahnenregister Volume II, 1616-1718, p 406

<sup>4</sup> Erzberg 172-1, 1736, page 537 birth date calculated from age at death

<sup>5</sup> Wallhausen, Ahnenregister Vol II, 1616-1718, p 407

<sup>6</sup> Erzberg Traugregister 172-1, 1677, p 335

#### To be continued.

The article will be distributed in four newsletters scheduled for February 2010, August 2010, February 2011 and August 2011. The August issue will discuss Andreas' siblings and half-siblings .

The article in its entirety was distributed in February by E-Mail to members who provided an E-Mail address and it can also be found on the Killian Family Internet site. [www.andreaskillian.com](http://www.andreaskillian.com)



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## **The gravestones of James Watts Killian and family were moved to Davidson River Cemetery in Transylvania County, NC.**

**Submitted by Dan Sipe**

On November 19, my brother Max and I met with Linda Osborn Yandle and Janet Osborn Hoke. These 2 sisters descend from James Watts Killian, who had two daughters who married into the Osborn family. The sisters Linda and Janet were very warm and helpful to us on our mission to visit the old gravesites.

We were also able to visit Mary Osborn who has the old Killian bible showing James Watts Killians information.

Husband James Watts Killian October 15, 1802— died Augusta 17, 1872

Wife Jane L. Clayton May 6, 1817 (Headstone says July 6, 1817)— died May 29, 1871

Children:

Mary Eliza born March 1841— October 27, 1890

Miles Leander April 24, 1843— June 30, 1862

Sarah Lucinda October 13, 1844— January 17, 1935

Ann Catharine April 21, 1846 — April 14, 1887 (“Kate”, wife of H. C. Osborne)

Daniel Markuss October 6, 1847 — November 27, 1933

Rachel Emma October 26, — April 6 1880

James Leonidus April 13, 1852 — November 13, 1943

Susan Martha February 14, 1855 — November 24, 1924

John Baxter June 15, 1856 — May 11, 1944

James Watts Killian was a Captain in the local company of volunteer militia that was mustered into service April 29, 1838 from Buncombe and Henderson Counties. This company was attached to the U.S. Army for the purpose of forcing the Cherokees to move to Indian Territory in the famous "Trail of Tears." (from files of Bill Hinds)

In 1850 Henderson County, NC census James Killian was a blacksmith. In the household are himself, his wife, 6 children, and 4 unrelated individuals, one of whom was another blacksmith, one was a merchant, and one was a Medical Doctor. The fourth is a 25 year old female, Martha Herman, occupation not listed.

When Transylvania County was formed in 1861, James Watts Killian played a prominent role. Having previously served on the commission to select the county seat in neighboring Henderson County, he had some knowledge on how county government ought to operate. He was elected Chairman of the Justices of Peace who organized the county government and also Chairman of the Select Court, which had judicial powers in the county between the quarterly sessions of the county court. Thus he became the first County Judge of Transylvania County. (from files of Bill Hinds)

Several of the tombstones of this prominent Transylvania family were removed from the old Killian Cemetery gravesites and placed elsewhere on the original property of Judge James Watts Killian possibly sometime in 1950s for no one knows when. An examination of the old gravesites revealed next to nothing of any remains, clothing, buttons, etc. On November 1, 2009 the tombstones were moved to the Old Davidson River Cemetery off US64 on 1 November 2009. This was accomplished in accordance with NC cemetery regulations; and that our Transylvania County and Brevard officials were involved.

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**Dan Sipe, Max Sipe, Janet Osborn Yandle, and Janet Osborn Hoke at Old Davison River Cemetery.**

The stones of Miles Leander Killian (son) is on the left, James Watt Killian (father) is in center and his wife, Jane Lousia Clayton Killian (mother) is on right.

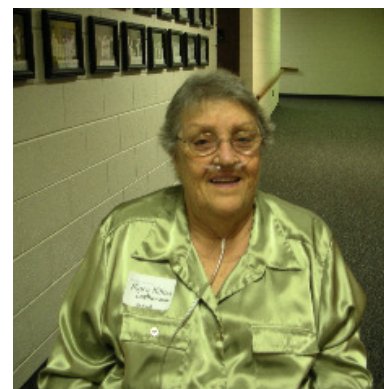
Miles lost his life as a confederate soldier at Frasers Farm Battle, Virginia. 19 years, 2 months, 6 days old. Incriptions reads "Died at Frasers Farm Va In Defense Of The Lost Cause" (June 30, 1862)

There was a gathering at 3 p.m. on 28 November 2009 (Saturday after Thanksgiving) at the Old Davidson River Cemetery for a short dedication, etc. Davidson River Cemetery is located at Boyd Twp., County Rd. #1519 off US 64.

## Obituaries

**Adrian Sidney Propst, Sr.** went to be with his Lord 30 November 2009, at the Lutheran Home, Rockville, Montgomery County, MD from complications resulting from a fall off a ladder at his home several weeks ago. Adrian was born on 17 Feb 1915 in Newton, Catawba County, NC. He was predeceased by his wife of 60 years, Martha Lucile Punch Propst (1914-2008); his parents in Hickory, NC Carroll Milton Propst (1890- 1972) and Lizzie Eugenia **Killian** Propst (1891-1978); his sister, Anna Geneva Propst Setzer (1918-2004) Hickory, NC; his brothers, Paul Killian Propst (1921-2008) Alexandria, VA; and Norman Wiley Propst (1927-2005) in Sun Valley, ID. Adrian is survived by five children, Adrian S. Propst, Jr. and wife, Ann, of Brevard, NC; Martha Propst Bell and husband, Martin, of Silver Spring, MD; David L. Propst and wife, Janie, of Centerville, GA; Robert L. Propst and wife, Betsy, of Brevard, NC; and Tony D. Propst and wife, Barbara, of Austell, GA; and his brother, Carroll Melvin Propst of Conover, (1916- ) NC; numerous grandchildren, great-grandchildren and great-great-grandchildren.

**Mary Cathrine Killian Honeycutt Leatherman**, wonderful homemaker, wife, mother, grandmother, great-grandmother and sister, dedicated to family and friends, passed away Saturday, Jan. 9, 2010. She was born Dec. 12, 1938, in Catawba County, she was the daughter of the late Arville and Metta Celeste Starnes Killian. Mary was a member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Conover and attended Calvary Baptist Church in Newton. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by five brothers, Paul Starnes, Ray Starnes, D.L. Killian, Bill Killian and Bob Killian; five sisters, Margie Virgilio, Coleen Barnette, Earleen Raine, Ruby Killian and Aileen Eckard; and a grandson, Jason Fender. She is survived by her husband, Ron Leatherman; three sons, Keith Honeycutt, Tim Honeycutt and Scott Honeycutt; daughter, Kimberly Sipe; sister, Jeanie K. Duckworth of Hickory; five grandchildren, Aleisa H. Fincannon, Corey Honeycutt, Amber Honeycutt, Kendall Sipe and Zachary Sipe; and three great-grandchildren, Scott Holland, Jacob Fincannon and Jackson Fincannon. The funeral service was held on Tuesday, Jan. 12, 2010, at Calvary Baptist Church in Newton. Burial followed in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens in Hickory.



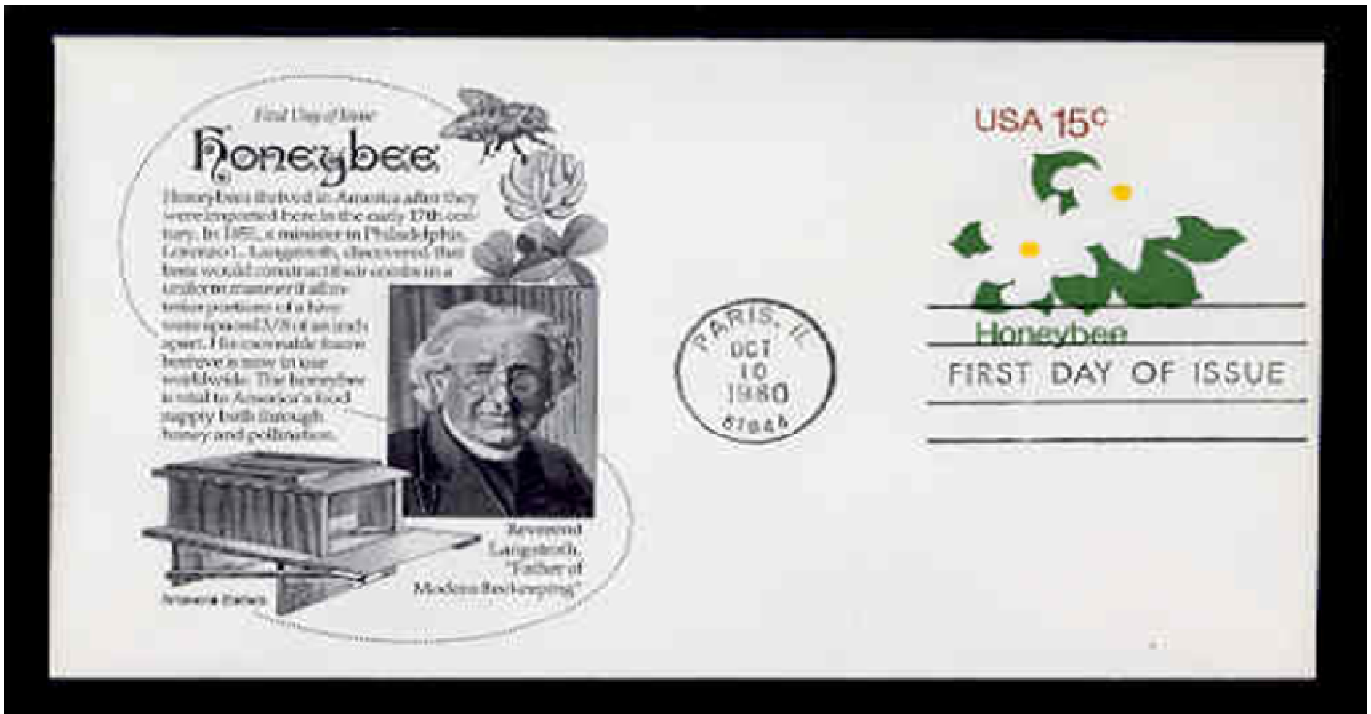
Mrs. Leatherman  
at the 2009 Killian Reunion

## Carl Killion (1899-1979) and Gene Killion (1923- )



Father and son commercial beekeepers, Carl and Gene Killion, were Illinois state Chief honey bee inspectors having 27 deputy bee inspectors working under them. They were also partners operating 1000 colonies of honey bees producing fancy comb honey. Carl was Chief inspector for 38 years in the Illinois Department of Agriculture and retired in 1970. His son Gene replaced his father and was Chief for 18 ½ years and then became Extension Specialist in Apiculture at University of Illinois for 15 years until his

retirement. Both father and son wrote numerous articles for the leading bee journals and authored the book titled "Honey in the Comb". Carl also wrote a book titled "The Covered Bridge", his autobiography, which is still used in the schools in Indiana about the history of Indiana during the early 1900s. Both have written chapters on comb honey production in the book titled "The Hive and Honey Bee" which is claimed to be the beekeepers' bible. Gene has finished revising the new edition of this book. In 1951 Carl and Gene broke the world's record in section comb honey which still stands today averaging 336 one pound sections of comb honey from each bee hive. Both father and son were chief judges of many honey exhibits at state fairs and national honey shows. Gene has been a consultant for the United States Department of Agriculture for many years. He has worked with the Africanized honey bee in Venezuela and Mexico. He trained veterinarians in the country of Mexico so that they could teach the Mexican beekeepers how to cope with the Africanized honey bee. Killion's honey has won 33 trophies and blue ribbons at the American National Honey Shows sponsored by the American Beekeeping Federation throughout the years since 1951. Both father and son were instrumental in having the U.S. Postal Service issue an embossed envelope honoring the honey bee. 8 years later a postage stamp was issued. The envelope was 15 cents and the stamp was 25 cents. By coincidence the stamp and ceremony was issued on Carl Sr.'s birthday September 2<sup>nd</sup>, 1988.







## William Riley Killian Son of Sarah Mingus

By Mac Hayes

I was in Warren County, TN, in late July 2009 to photograph the headstone that almost certainly belongs to my Great-grandfather William Riley Killian (1814-1860). Jerry B. Scott of McMinnville, TN, gets credit for locating it, and I have pictures of him, my sister and me with the headstone.

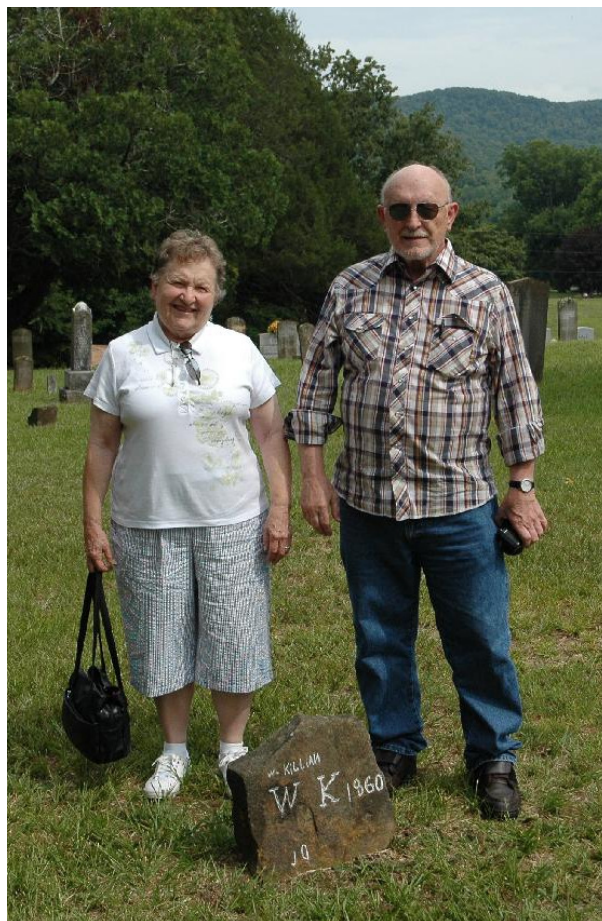
I visited the Center Hill Cemetery, Warren Co., TN, on July 26, 2009 and met with Jerry B. Scott, who found my query about Wm Riley Killian that I had placed on a Rootsweb or Ancestry.com board nearly ten years ago. He said he searched every

cemetery in Warren County that he knew of, and is reasonably sure the headstone in these photos is the one I have been looking for. He lives a few miles south of Irving College, which is about 10 miles south of McMinnville. He says he is related to the John Gross line as well as other Killians in the area.

I met him at the cemetery, which is on Hills Creek Road about five miles east of Irving College, and took a few pictures of the headstone before he chalked in the letters for later pictures. We presume the initials "JO" at the bottom left of the headstone are those of the engraver. The stone itself is very hard and has weathered much better than many stones that were installed at later dates. The grave is located very near the highest point in the cemetery, with not a lot of other headstones nearby, although there were a few "rocks in the ground" that looked like the same material as WRK's stone, and might have once been markers that were broken off, or maybe even sank into the ground. The lat-long coordinates, useful for some GPS units, or some web mapping services, are: 35° 33' 43.33" North, 85° 38' 39.68" West.

The lady in the photo is my sister, Minerva Kathryn "Katie" Hayes Mason and I am the bald geezer.

**Note: Mac Hayes is the Killian/Killion DNA project administrator. DNA has proven William Riley Killian's father was a descendant of Andreas Killian.**



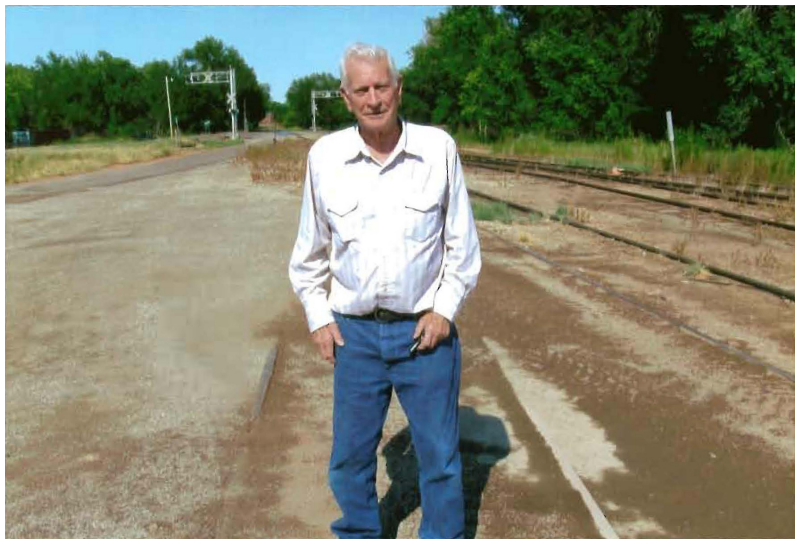
## The OK Killians and their RS & K RR Museum

By Jerry G. Rose

Ray Haskell Killian and his wife Shirley have been entertaining and delighting children of all ages for the past 19 years at their **R**ay **S**hirley **K**illian **R**ail**R**oad Museum in the tiny hamlet of Sayre in west-central Oklahoma. Thus, the name—RS&K RR Museum—and its motto—Model Railroading at Its Best, Lots of RR Memorabilia. Ray is a 7<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of Pioneer Andreas Killian. Ray's family line left the Carolinas in the early/mid-1800s by the way of Georgia. His grandfather Ephriam Louis Killian (1854-1919) [GWK 4006] likely participated in the Oklahoma Land Rushes of 1889 or 1893, thus their entry into Oklahoma. Ray is one of nine children. His father was James Oscar Killian (1891-1977).

Since retiring from the U.S. Postal Service in 1990, Ray, now 76 years old, and Shirley's RR Museum has averaged about 500 visitors per year. These include tourists from all 50 states and 19 foreign countries. The inside portions of the (3 car garage) museum feature numerous operating model trains layouts complete with scenery and buildings. Several trains of various configurations simultaneously puff and grind their route around the several loops through villages, by industries, across bridges and through tunnels. Various RR historical artifacts, depicting the railroad industry of yesterday and today, which Ray and Shirley have collected over the years, are positioned as wall and floor displays and some even hang from the ceiling. Ray keeps several "pointing sticks" strategically positioned around the museum so that he has ready access to a stick to point out an item, many times in answer to a question. Occasionally he has to reach under a table to "fetch" an item of interest to a particular visitor.

The museum also spills over to the outside. Many items, including various types of signal masts, baggage carts and even a first-generation motorized "gandy-dancer" track maintenance car, are positioned in the back and side yards. Most of these are protected under a carport. Ray has been able to obtain many artifacts as the railroad was retiring items to be replaced with more modern technology. Most of the museum is historical in nature, thus providing a railroad educational experience for many of the visitors, particularly the young folks.



They routinely receive follow-up thank-you notes. Recently a father from MN replied ".....Thank you so very much for taking the time to show Doris Ann, Amanda and me all the model trains and the fascinating railroad historical artifacts. We learned a lot..... it is obvious that your knowledge of RR history is detailed and extensive."

Sayre has a rich railroad history. It is located on the old Rock Island Railroad mainline from Memphis on through Little Rock and Oklahoma City to Tucumcari, NM where it connected with the Southern Pacific's Golden State route to California. Ray loaded and off-

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loaded mail bags from the Rock Island passenger trains as part of his duties with the Postal Service. The Rock Island even had a rail yard in Sayre complete with a turntable and Harvey House. The line is presently operated by *Farmrail*, a shortline railroad company providing freight rail service to rural west-central Oklahoma.

Ray and Shirley appreciate all visitors, but indicate they particularly enjoy any and all of the Killian clan to visit them. The museum is still a “work in action” as they continue to collect items to display along with the stories depicting the history and “from where” the item was obtained. They are conveniently located about halfway between Oklahoma City and Amarillo, a mile off of I-40 at 411 N. 6<sup>th</sup> Street in Sayre, OK 73662. An advanced phone call, 580-928-3525, assures the Engineers will be in. The museum is open every day, when the Engineers are home, from 9 am till 9 pm, and there is no charge. I happened to visit the museum by chance, having picked up a brochure at the nearby I-40 Welcome Center. Fortunately, the Engineers were home on that day.

***Editor’s Note** -- The author is Jerry G. Rose of Lexington, KY, an engineering professor specializing in railway engineering at the University of Kentucky. He is married to the former Patsy Killian, daughter of James Roberts Killian (1912-1993). James, originally from Blacksburg, SC, is an 8<sup>th</sup> generation descendant of Pioneer Andreas Killian. He attended Berea College in Kentucky, where he met his future Kentucky wife, Lillian M. Wilson. He secured employment with the Soil Conservation Service in Kentucky. They settled in nearby Estill County, KY where they raised two children, James Wilson (1942- ) and Patricia Gail (1944- ). After retiring from the SCS, he taught school for several years in Estill County. His father was James Garfield Killian (1881-1967), father of eleven children and a life-long resident of Blacksburg, Gaffney, and Charlotte area of the Carolinas, where many of his descendants still reside.*

# Hickory Tavern Monument in downtown Hickory, NC

2nd Street SW, Hickory, NC 28601

## OLD HICKORY TAVERN

BIRTHPLACE OF HICKORY

TO THE REAR OF THIS SPOT STOOD A LOG HOUSE KNOWN IN 1799 AS HICKORY TAVERN. THIS TRACT OF 640 ACRES WAS SURVEYED BY COL. CHRISTOPHER W. BEEKMAN ON JUNE 8, 1779 AND WAS GRANTED TO WILLIAM McMULLEN OCT. 26, 1783. ON THE SOUTH SIDE OF THIS TAVERN RAN THE FOLLOWING ROAD

"ON MAY 10, 1769 THE WORSHIPFUL COURT OF ROWAN COUNTY, N.C. MET:

PRESENT

WILLIAM TEMP. COLES JOHN FORD  
JOHN OLIPHANT, ESQUIRES"

ON PETITION OF SUNDRY INHABITANTS OF THE UPPER PART OF THE CATABA RIVER FOR TO VIEW AND LAY OFF A ROAD FROM THE COVE ON THE NORTH FORK OF THE CATABA RIVER THE BEST WAY TO SALISBURY BY SHERRILL'S FORD. THE FOLLOWING JURY BE APPOINTED, TO WIT,

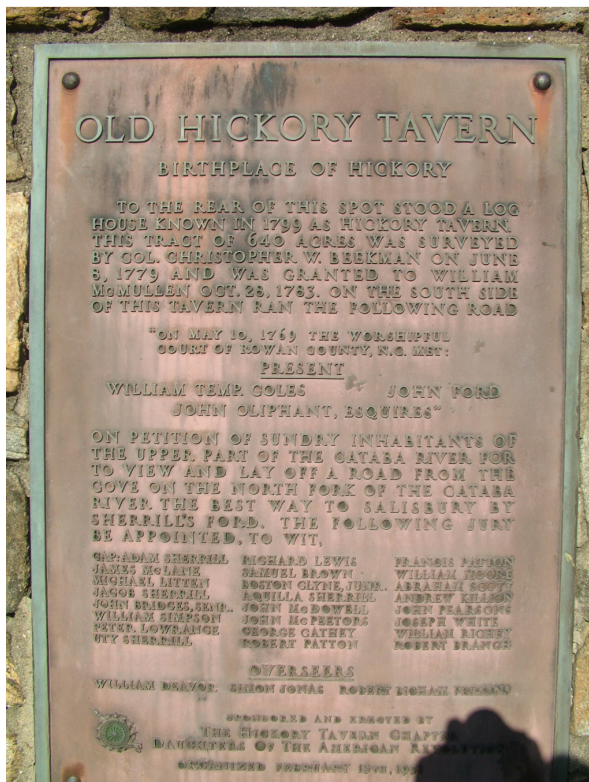
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| MICHAEL LITTON      | BOSTON CLYNE, JUNR. | ABRAHAM SCOTT  |
| JACOB SHERRILL      | AQUILLA SHERRILL    | ANDREW KILLIAN |
| JOHN BRIDGES, SRNR. | JOHN McDOWELL       | JOHN PEARSONS  |
| WILLIAM SIMPSON     | JOHN McPEETORS      | JOSEPH WHITE   |
| PETER LOWRANCE      | GEORGE CATHEY       | WILLIAM RICHEY |
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OVERSEERS

WILLIAM DEAVOR SIMON JONAS ROBERT BIGHAM PERKINS

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It looks like Association President Eric Killian enjoyed the snow fall in Hickory. Among the many pictures he shared this one of Old Saint Paul's is special. The old church and cemetery have seen all kinds of weather over the years.



*Killian Boys with their Mother*

Steve Killian and Leroy Killian  
at the 90th birthday celebration  
of their mother  
Beulah Mae Lail Killian  
b: November 8, 1919  
Beulah is the widow of Roy E. Killian

*Photo sent to the  
Killian Family Newsletter from  
Steve's wife, Linda McCaslin Killian.*

The SSS Killian Reunion gathering at Old Saint Paul's was event filled with reenactors and a wreath laying at the 1952 Andreas Killian



Monument. More photos can be found at our website. [www.AndreasKillian.com](http://www.AndreasKillian.com)

## Killian Book Editor's Report

The Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association has much to be proud of in 2009 including two new books:

- William McCreight published "The Origin of the Kilians in Germany" available only on the internet at <http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/742754>
- "The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788); Andreas and his children and grand children" was published by the Association through the efforts of many volunteers. This book is a chronicle of Andreas' family and includes information and chapters by William McCreight.

As book editor I have received a lot of praise and I am humble at the attention I receive because this book could not have been made possible without a whole lot of other people! But Proud—you better believe I am proud of the 2009 Killian book. It is a great research tool and the content has very few historical glitches.

A major historical glitch is the omission of John Killian's and Elizabeth Zimmerman's grand-daughter Sally Deitz. According to the book German speaking people west of the Catawba river, Sally was (1) a daughter of Sarah Killian and Jacob Deitz and (2) the mother of Jonas Conrad Killian who was born out of wedlock in 1827 in what would become Catawba County, NC. The Killian DNA project has proven Jonas' father was a Killian male. I consider the omission of our DNA project member Samuel "Lee" Killian Jr.'s ancestor Sally Deitz as a grand-daughter of John Killian a major glitch which needs to be corrected in the next printing.

This first printing has numerous formatting, spelling and grammatical errors, we all wanted the book printed in time for the 2009 Reunion and the first book came off the press on Wednesday September 9<sup>th</sup>; literally, the ink was still drying when my husband Charles and I picked up the books to bring to the reunion.

Even with the glitches, the content is fabulous and makes "The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788); Andreas and his children and grandchildren" a must have book. There are 29 copies left. The book is available by mail for only \$30.00. This includes handling and shipping. Most books of this importance sell for a lot more. Order your copy before this printing is gone, because the next edition may cost more.



Reenactor Charles Killian  
At the 2009 Killian Reunion

Make your check payable to  
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Historical Association**

and mail to:

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All proceeds from the book  
will fund future publications.



Killian Book editor Cheryl Mann Killian  
with Foster A. Sondley Award

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## Baseline Killian Y-DNA

Leon Marcus “Chip” Killian III has been considered the baseline of Andreas Killian’s Y-chromosomes DNA. “Chip” now has a 37 marker match; Robert Lantz Killian. Robert descends from Samuel C. Killian. Robert L. Killian lineage runs from Andreas (1702)> Samuel Killian (1757)> David Killian (1788)> Ephriam Killian (1810)>Amzie Adolphus Killian (1850)>David Coon Killian (1884)> Robert Lantz Killian (1916). Yes, Robert is 93 years old. He will be 94 on AUG 27, 2010.

The DNA project is so very pleased a known male line descendant of Andreas Killian matches what is considered baseline. Many have asked, how did we know we have the DNA of Andreas when Chip’s lineage could not be confirmed by a paper trail? The YDNA37 project tests 37 markers of the male Y-chromosome. We knew Chip carried the marker values of Andreas because 36 of the 37 markers matched other known descendants of Andreas and now he has a 37/37 match.

These nine members have tested 37 markers of which 36 match each other:

George Weldon Killian (John)	David Lamar Killian (John )
Woodroe Willis Killian (undocumented John)	
Richard Lee Killian ( Andrew JR)	William Hunter Killian (Andrew JR)
Eddie Royce Killian (George)	Charles David Killian (Daniel SR)
David O. Killian (Samuel C.)	Joe Yancey Killian (Samuel C.)

There are an additional 12 members of the Y-DNA project who descend from Andreas and carry very similar marker values; matching 34 or more markers of baseline. The Killian Y-DNA project has 25 descendants of Andreas in the project including 2 descendants of Leonard and some project members have only tested 12 or 25 markers.

Andreas had 6 sons. The Killian Y-DNA project is looking to establish baseline for each son and needs more participants. If you are a male line descendant of Andreas consider joining the project. The 37 marker test costs \$149 plus shipping when purchased through the Killian project at [www.familytreedna.com](http://www.familytreedna.com) .

## Killian / Killion / Kilian DNA Project News

A great grandson of William Henry Killian born on FEB 01, 1884 in Dongola, Bollinger County, Missouri joined the Killian DNA project. His results were not complete in time to be included in the 2009 Killian Book. This DNA project member is a match to a descendant of William Killion born 1768, NC. (It is assumed William (1768) is the son of Michael Killion of Orange County, NC.)

This DNA match is exciting news because William Henry Killian (1884) is the son of John H. Killian born ca. 1850 in Bollinger County, MO and his wife Raney Rowe born ca. 1852. John H. Killian is recorded in the:

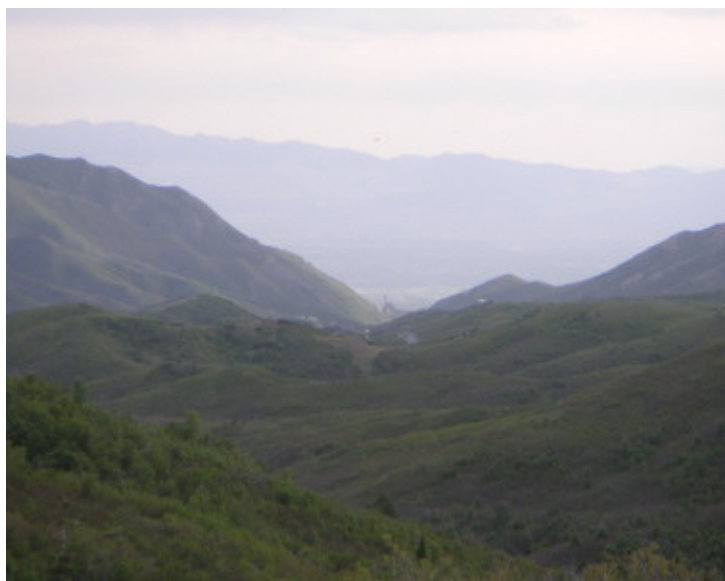
*1860 Bollinger Co., MO census household-347*  
*Killian, Henry age 31[ca. 1829] born Tennessee*  
*Killian, Margaret J. age 31 born Missouri [Nee: Sweezy/Sweezie]*  
*Killian, John M. [H.] age 10 born Missouri*

It is assumed this Henry Killian born ca. 1829/30TN is the son of Andrew Killian born ca. 1791, NC who married Peninah Lasater in Bledsoe County, TN (from History of SE Missouri - Goodspeeds History of SE MO - 1887). Andrew Killian (1791) is the son of Henry Killion/ian born ca. 1763, NC.

If these lineages are correct, DNA confirms William Killion born 1768 and Andrew Killion 1763 are most likely brothers. The DNA project is looking for a male line Killion descendant of John Killion and Rebecca Wilborn to confirm the DNA profile of Michael Killion of Orange County. John Killion is the only known documented son of Michael Killion of Orange County.

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## Return Service Requested



### Killyon Canyon:

Where am I and what Killian ancestor am I named after?  
Answer in August 2010 Newsletter.



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**Late breaking news,** The Killian DNA project would like to welcome another descendant of Leonard Killian. Terry Howell has recruited his cousin William Killion. This family lines runs;  
Adam > Aaron Leonard > William Aaron > Ezekiel Pitts > William Edward > Thomas Edward > William Killion  
Results will be back in about 6 weeks.