

Killian Family Newsletter

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Greetings Cousins,

President's Points

This will be my last article for the Killian newsletter as your President, though I have taken on other responsibilities within the Association and will still be around. I'm honored and proud to report that many accomplishments have been made during my term as president. I have witnessed the growth in attendance at the family reunion, DNA project discoveries, newsletter and website improvements, more family lines added to the Andreas Killian family, new friendships and so much more. With the establishment of our nonprofit status, I witnessed growth in the treasury that has afforded scholarship programs, historical marker improvements, books being published, and DNA research support. With new leadership moving into the Association, we will continue to move forward on other projects for the future. I would personally like to thank everyone involved in all the projects mentioned, these people are a dedicated group that go well past their duties within our Association. If you haven't taken an active role in the Association, please consider it. It's an honorable and worthwhile way to support your Killian heritage.

This year's reunion is approaching quickly and we have another great program of family history and fun planned. We also have a surprise for this year that I believe will make this year's reunion a very remarkable one! The reunion will have the same 3-day format as years past with plenty of food and fellowship, tours, genealogy and speakers. I hope you will be able to join us.

In closing, as president I have enjoyed meeting all of my Killian cousins and sharing stories and old pictures. In the years to come, I'm especially looking forward to meeting more Killian cousins. If you cannot attend the reunions, are planning a trip to the Hickory area of North Carolina, and would like to see the Killian points of interest, I do give personal tours of the area. Just contact me in advance. Once again, I would like to thank all of the officers and committee chairs for all the hard work and the terrific job they do for the Association.

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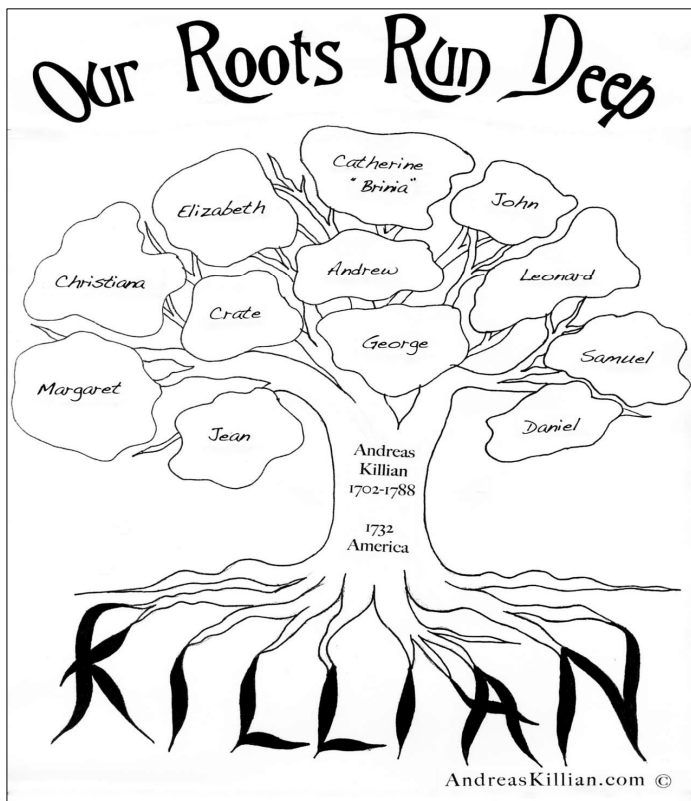


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The primary purpose of the Association is to research, educate and preserve the heritage of the German Pioneer Andreas Killian and affiliated families who settled in the mid 1700's around the Catawba River in what is now Catawba County, North Carolina; and secondarily to assist other inquirers nationally or internationally on Killian research which may or may not be related to Andreas Killian.

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News from the Kilian Homeland

*William McCreight
3 February 2010
Updated May 2011*

New findings in Germany - continued from the February 2011 Newsletter

Who was the Georg Kilian living in Steinbach an der Holzecke at the same time as North Carolina pioneer Andreas?

At the 2009 reunion I showed burial records from the Saint Gallus Church in Erzberg of Georg Kilian and his wife Eva. This Georg was buried on 10 August 1723 and his record said he lived in Steinbach and was 76 years old at his death ¹. This means he was born in 1647.

Since the reunion I learned from their children's baptismal records that Eva's maiden name was Eyßin and Georg had an earlier wife named Barbara, whose maiden name was not mentioned. The various records describe Georg as a farmer and as a Köbler. From the dates it is assumed Barbara died either in childbirth in 1685, or at the latest before November 1686.

Georg Kilian and first known wife Barbara had the following children:

1. Georg, baptized 1 April 1673 ².
2. NN, baptized and died 16 February 1674 ³.
3. Andreas, baptized 1 December 1675 ⁴.
4. Johann Georg, baptized 13 June 1676 ⁵.
5. Martha, baptized 11 December 1679 ⁶.
6. Barbara, baptized 5 November 1680 ⁷ (apparently died young)
7. Barbara, baptized 8 December 1681 ⁸.
8. Jacob, baptized 1 March 1683 ⁹.
9. Johann Lorenz, baptized 1 March 1683 ¹⁰.
10. Johan Jacob Lorenz, baptized 30 May 1684 ¹¹.
11. Hannß Lorenz, baptized 14 January 1685 ¹².

Jacob and Johann Lorenz were twins born 15 minutes apart between 4:00 and 5:00 AM. The pastor wrote in the church book that he was called to the house for an emergency baptism because of "great weakness". Johann Lorenz was born first and then Jacob. Both were named for their Godfather who was a schoolmaster.

Georg Kilian and second known wife Eva Eyßin had the following children:

1. Margaretha, baptized 6 July 1687 ¹³.
2. Johann Michael, baptized 6 December 1688 ¹⁴.
3. Johann Martin, baptized 27 October 1690 ¹⁵.

Who this Georg was remained a mystery until I discovered a record of an earlier marriage between Andreas' grandfather Georg Kilian and Ursula Raysigs ¹⁶ on the 20th of February 1642 in Triensbach. They lived in Lobenhausen where they had five children. Ursula died ¹⁷ on the 9th of July 1649, a week after her twins Leonhard and Maria were baptized:

1. Ursula, baptized 9 April 1644 ¹⁸.
2. Johannes, baptized 16 November 1645 ¹⁹.
3. Georg, baptized 31 January 1647 ²⁰.
4. Leonhard, baptized 2 July 1649 ²¹.
5. Maria, baptized 2 July 1649 ²².

Georg had a marginal note in his baptismal record that he died in Steinbach on the 8th of August

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1773. The penultimate digit was illegible. He died in another village 26 kilometers from Lobenhausen and it is not known who initiated the entry or when. But it was entered into his baptismal record at least 76 years after his birth.

The Georg Kilian who lived in Steinbach an der Holzecke was buried on the 10th of August 1723²³. His burial record said he was 76 years old and this meant he was born in 1647. Burials normally took place three days, or sooner, after death. This means one would expect Georg was born between the 7th and 10th of August 1647. This conforms to the marginal note mentioned in the record of Georg Kilian, baptized in Triensbach on the 8th of August 1647, and indicates they are the same person.

The conclusion is: This Georg Kilian was the half-brother of the North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian's father. The fourteen children of Georg and the fourteen children of Andreas' father, all living in the tiny village of Steinbach an der Holzecke, were half-first-cousins. The mystery is finally solved.

ENDNOTES

1. Erzberg Bestattungsregister, 172-1, 1723, Seite 517, Nummer 2, 10 August 1723, Georg Kilian
2. Erzberg Taufregister, 172-1, 1673, Seite 15, 1 April 1673, Georg Kilian
3. Erzberg Taufregister, 172-1, 1674, Seite 16, , 16 Februar 1674, NN
4. Erzberg Taufregister, 172-1, 1675, Seite 18, 1 Dezember 1675, Andreas Kilian
5. Erzberg Taufregister, 172-1, 1676, Seite 22, 13 Juni 1676, Johann Georg Kilian
6. Erzberg Taufregister, 172-1, 1679, Seite 31, 11 Dezember 1679, Martha Kilian
7. Erzberg Taufregister, 172-1, 1680, Seite 33, 5 November 1680, Barbara Kilian
8. Erzberg Taufregister, 172-1, 1681, Seite 36, 8 Dezember 1681, Barbara Kilian
9. Erzberg Taufregister, 172-1, 1683, Seite 40, 1 März 1683, Jacob Kilian
10. Erzberg Taufregister, 172-1, 1683, Seite 40, , 1 März 1683, Jacob Lorenz Kilian
11. Erzberg Taufregister, 172-1, 1684, Seite 44, 30 Mai 1684, Johann Jacob Lorenz Kilian
12. Erzberg Taufregister, 172-1, 1685, Seite 48, 14 Januar 1685, Hanns Lorenz Kilian
13. Erzberg Taufregister 172-1, 1687, p 53, 6 Juli 1687, Margaretha Kilian,
14. Erzberg Taufregister 172-1, 1688, p 56, 6 Dezember 1688 Johann Michael
15. Erzberg Taufregister 172-1, 1690, p 61 27 Oktober 1690, Johann Martin
16. Triensbach Eheregister 20. Februar 1642, Georg Kilian und Ursula Raysigss
17. Triensbach Bestattungsregister 9. Juli 1649, Ursula Kilian née Raysigss
18. Triensbach Taufregister 9. April 1644, Nummer 2, Ursula Kilian
19. Triensbach Taufregister 16. November 1645, Nummer 26, Johannes Kilian
20. Triensbach Taufregister 31 Januar 1647, Nummer 2, Georg Kilian
21. Triensbach Taufregister 2 Juli 1649, Nummer 8, Leonhard Kilian
22. Triensbach Taufregister 2 Juli 1649, Nummer 9, Maria Kilian
23. Erzberg Bestattungsregister. 172-1,44, 1723, Seite 517, Nummer 2, 10 August 1723, Georg Kilian

This is the conclusion of this series, "*News From the Killian Homeland*", but not the end of research and reports from William Randolph McCreight. Mr. McCreight had spent years trying to track down the homeland of Andreas by researching the many family legends of Andreas' birthplace. From the 1930s and J. Yates Killian until 2007, we did not know who Andreas' father was. With one clue in 2007, Mr. McCreight tracked down documentaion and he will be one of our key speakers at this year's reunion. If you missed the 2009 and 2010 reunions, this year's reunion is one not to miss. On Saturday afternoon, Mr. McCreight will be one of our key speakers, *The Kilians in Germany, ca. 1560-1732*. You will see photos of the place Andreas married, the house where Andreas probably lived, and the church were Andreas was baptized. You will be presented with proof Mr. McCreight found the correct Andreas Killian in Germany and his forefathers back to the 16th century.

~~New Book ~~

The Forefathers of North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian

By William Randolph McCreight

Published by Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association

William Randolph McCreight has written 3 books on the Origin of the Kilian family of Mittelfranken, Bavaria, Germany. The first was in 2009, *The Origin of the Kilians in Germany*. Then in 2010, he wrote *Where did we – the Kilians- originate?*. In his search for related Kilians still living in Germany, he wrote letters to all Kilians living within a 20 mile radius of the villages where he found Kilian records. One gentleman, Walter Kilian, proved to be the needle in the haystack. As a result of Mr. McCreight's tenacity, a modern German relative of Andreas Killian was found and finally proves the European origins of this American family. In 2011, with these new discoveries, his third book, titled *The Forefathers of North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian*, was finished and written for publication by the Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association.

This book begins with *The historical setting in Germany leading up to the time of Andreas Kilian* and the *Ethnicity of Bavaria and Württemberg where the Kilians lived*. The chronicle of Andreas forefathers begins with the patriarch Sebastian Kilian, a farmer in Kühnhard, born before 1560, and ends with his great-great-great grandchildren living in America in the 1700s. Sebastian was the great-great-grandfather of the immigrant Andreas Kilian who settled in North Carolina, west of the Catawba River, before 1749. Proof of the *Fatherland* of our North Carolina Killian family has been found through DNA testing and links descendants of Andreas to a modern day German Kilian family in Schainbach.

Within these pages you will find:

- ◆ The ethnicity of Bavaria and Wurttemberg
- ◆ The lives and genealogy of the Andreas Kilian family of Germany and America
- ◆ A historical perspective on the social, economic, and political challenges of the times
- ◆ The study of German documents up to 400 years old
- ◆ Glossary of terms
- ◆ Footnotes for easy reference

Records from 17th -19th centuries reference 117 people from other families including Busch, Butz, Cranz, Ebert, Fischer, Gross, Hörner, Probst, Trump, Walther and Weber.

Supporting documents include:

- ◆ 85 baptismal, marriage and burial records from German church books
- ◆ Land records for 1612 and 1613 from the Barons of Wollmershausen in Württemberg
- ◆ The 1732 passenger list of the ship *Adventure*
- ◆ 2 oaths signed by Andreas Kilian in Philadelphia in September 1732
- ◆ 30 pages of land grants, deeds, militia lists and a will from the North Carolina archive
- ◆ Captain Samuel Coburn's North Carolina Colonial Militia Muster List
- ◆ 114 photographs of the places where members of the family lived

For the very first time, the Associations' newest book *The Forefathers of North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian* will be offered for sale on Saturday afternoon at the 2011 *Second Sunday in September Killian Reunion* in Hickory, NC.

The Forefathers of North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian is \$45.⁰⁰ including handling and shipping.

Make payment to ***Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association [AKDHA]*** and mail to:

Cheryl Mann Killian, 130 Rowan Road, Ellenwood, GA 30294

Email: fbcheryl@charter.net

Mail orders will be shipped after the reunion.

Back to Andreas, I'm looking for your connection

William "Bill" Hinds, Rootsweb.com "Killion" Database Curator

Our pioneer ancestor came from Germany on the ship Adventure. Landing at Philadelphia where he took the oath of allegiance September 23, 1732. He came to North Carolina about 1749 and later established a home about two miles northwest of here (Old St Paul's Church). I am always looking for new connections to descendants of Andreas Killian. The following is a suggested format to list your ancestors from Andreas to yourself.

My family line from Andreas Killian to me

1. Andreas Killian b: 1702 Germany d: 1788 North Carolina
2. Child of Andreas _____
3. _____
4. _____
5. _____
6. _____
7. _____
8. _____
9. _____
10. _____
11. _____
12. _____

**Your lineage back to Andreas,
and now back to Sebastian,
born before 1560 in Germany**

Please add any information you are willing to share with your Killian Cousins, birthdates, spouses, locations.

Notes _____

Your Name and Address _____

Bring to the Reunion and take time to talk to me or Cheryl Killian.
Or mail to me: William L. "Bill" Hinds, 1026 8th Ave., Graceville, FL 32440
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Looking for the connection to Andreas Killian

In my database there are 74,123 people. They have something in common with me and most have something in common with you; most have a connection to Andreas. I work each week searching the internet for what I call "Missing Killians". Yet, they are not missing, their link in my database is missing.

Can you help find the connection back to the family tree for the following "Missing Killians"?

What is the Killian ancestry of **Patsy Lee Killian** who married Billy Joe Dockery, 21 Oct 1961? They have a daughter Tammy Letusia Dockery born 21 Aug 1962 in Guilford County and a son William Glenn Dockery born 28 Feb 1964 in Davidson County, NC. With that much information, it looks like I would know who her parents are.

Who was the **Mr. Killian** who married Mary Elizabeth Stewart (daughter of Emmanuel Stewart and Lucinda Byers)? He died before 1910. His wife was born 6 Apr 1885, died 7 Jul 1970, Catawba County, North Carolina. The marriage would probably have been around 1903-1905. They had one known son, **John Anderson Killian**, born 19 Jun 1905 and died 6 Oct 1977, Iredell Hospital. John Anderson Killian was listed as informant, living at Rt. 1, Hickory in 1970 when his mother died. At the time of her death Mary Elizabeth Stewart was the widow of her second husband, Franklin W. Frye. She is buried Hudson Chapel, Catawba County, NC. John Anderson Killian had a daughter named Pearl, who may have been a twin.

Pearl Virginia Killian, born 29 Sep 1906, Catawba County, NC. She married (1926-27) Robert Tate Pope (son of George W. Pope & Frances Sipe), b. 16 Oct 1885, d. 27 Sep 1971, Catawba Memorial Hosp. He was a carpenter. She had a daughter, Frances, born about 1928. I believe Frances is living and I would like to know the names of her Killian grandparents.

Florence Eckard Killian, b. 24 Jan 1918, Burke County, NC, died. 30 Sep 1997 in Frye Regional Medical Center, Hickory. She was the widow of a **Mr. Killian**. Who was he?

An Oklahoma mystery is **Jimmy Clay Hooper** (#46166), a descendant of Leonard Killian. He was born 19 May 1925 in Logan County, Ark., and died 8 Jul 1995 at Okemah, Oklahoma. Reportedly married three times, his first wife was **Johnny Fay Killian**, ancestry unknown.

While people might know some of the above, the following "Missing Killians" are a little more difficult.

Who was the father of **John Killian**, #70392 b. abt 1788, a miner in Burke County, NC on 1850 census? This unidentified John Killian married Elizabeth "Betsy" Bean in Burke County, in 1815 and had seven known children. The oldest was Thomas Killian who married Elizabeth Webb, 6 May 1839 in Burke County, NC. Also, he was most likely the John Killian who served in the War of 1812 with 1st Regt. Burke County, NC. This John is not the John who was in Habersham County, Georgia in 1850 with his sister, Mary Jane and brother-in-law John Smart and their three daughters. The Habersham County John is Andreas' grandson, son of Daniel Killian, Sr.

Who was the father of **Sarah Killian Teague**, #37640, born about 1785, probably in Burke County, NC. Sarah and Michael Teague moved and there is some uncertainty as to when, but Michael Teague died in Indiana around 1845. They had nine children, all supposedly born in Lincoln County (remembered the Catawba River, etc.), between 1810 and about 1828. Sarah Killian Teague died in Texas during the Civil War.

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Three Children of Albert Otto Killian Passed Away

By Lucy Jane (Killian) Eckard ¹, 2011

On May 2, 2011, Norman William Killian, son of Albert Otto and Cora Virginia (Sipe) Killian died at age 91 years (b. 1919) following a prior extended stay at the Lutheran Home on Springs Road, Hickory, NC. At that time Norman's living brothers were Ray Allen Killian and Billy Otto Killian, and he had one living sister, Pauline (Killian) Kiziah. Norman's gravesite is near his beloved parents at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Conover, NC.

On May 4, 2011, Pauline Virginia (Killian) Kiziah died at 95 years of age following a few years of residing at the Springs Road Lutheran Home. Pauline was the third daughter of Albert and Cora Killian. At her death, her living siblings were brothers, Ray of Charlotte, NC and Billy of Raleigh, NC. Pauline is survived by her three children; Nancy Sigmon of Chattanooga, TN, Judy Brittain of Conover, NC, Dave Kiziah of Conover, NC, and her four grandchildren. Pauline's gravesite is near her beloved parents at Mt. Zion.

On July 6, 2011, Billy Otto Killian, born Oct 3, 1927, youngest son of Albert and Cora, died at age 83 while residing at Sunrise Assisted Living in Raleigh, NC. At his death, his living sibling is Ray Allen Killian of Charlotte, NC. Billy is survived by his three children; Richard Esley Killian, Thomas William Killian of Summit, NJ, and Cynthia Allen Killian of Raleigh, NC, and five grandchildren. Funeral services were held at the Good Shepherd Lutheran Church in Raleigh on July 9, 2011. Interment, Oleander Memorial Gardens alongside his deceased wife, Betty Sue (Dedmon) Killian, in Wilmington, NC.

Albert and Cora had eight children: Elsie Viola, Clara Ruth, Gaither McDewey, Pauline Virginia, Paul Albert, Norman William, Ray Allen, and Billy Otto.

In 2007, Ray, Pauline, and Billy attended the Killian Family Reunion held at the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church in Conover, NC.

¹ This article is submitted by Lucy Jane (Killian) Eckard, who is the daughter of Elsie Viola Killian and Floyd Glenn Killian. Lucy and her Uncle Billy were born the same year (1927).

DANIEL LINTON KILLIAN

Dade County (Florida) Killians

Submitted by William Hinds

Daniel Linton Killian was born on 9 Feb 1871 in Egypt, Chickasaw County, Mississippi. He was the son of Andrew Hall Killian and Mary Caroline Brown, and a great, great, great grandson of North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian. He grew up on the family farm where he was born. After completing public school, he entered Normal College in Buena Vista, MS where he received his A. B. degree. Daniel married Mary Elizabeth Moore and they lived in Memphis, TN.

Daniel enjoyed success in both wholesale and retail selling. He was active in his community and became a Master Mason. Together with a partner, he owned and operated a chain of grocery stores with some involvement in real estate. Daniel was left "holding the bag" when his partner walked off with the funds. This event brought on a nervous breakdown and his brother-in-law, Dr. Alfred Moore, suggested he go to Florida and get his health back.

Upon arriving in Miami, Daniel went to see a Mr. Rompf at the First National Bank, who suggested that he go to a small town south of Miami and buy a building to open a store. The year was 1916, Daniel Killian went to Larkins. He bought a nice house on Sunset Drive (now called Southwest 72nd Street) for his

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family. In surveying other possibilities, he discovered the Hinson store in Kendall. The store was operated by the Mitchell brothers; Daniel bought it from them in 1917.

At first, Daniel commuted back and forth, but decided it would be better if he lived nearer the store. He purchased a corner lot south of the store. He hired some men to build a house on the corner and a duplex in the center of the lot.

At the store (about 20 ft. by 20 ft.), he traded and bartered with the Native American Indians, who lived, trapped, and farmed nearby. Many times he let them take whatever merchandise they needed with the understanding they would pay him when their crops were harvested. It has been said that they were very honest and "never did him out of a dime". ("The Villages of South Dade," by Jean Taylor.)

Daniel and Mary M. Killian's four children were all born in Memphis. The eldest, Alfred Daniel Killian, was namesake of Mary's brother, Dr. Alfred Moore. The second born was namesake of her father, George. In 1902, 22 month old George died. The third child was Mary Moore Killian and she married a Mr. Henderson. The fourth child was Virginia Killian and she married Lock Graham.

Daniel Linton Killian was deeply interested in and committed to his community. This soon became apparent to his friends and neighbors. He was elected to the County Commission in 1922 and served until 1926. At that time there were five members of the Dade County Commission. Those four years were a real boom period in the history of Dade County. Sometimes, Daniel Killian was the swing vote that determined key issues concerning growth and development. Kendall benefitted from their selection.

As a County Commissioner, Daniel was in charge of naming the various roads in the district.

- ◆ The unofficial boundaries of the town were Southwest 88th Street, (which was the surveyors' dividing line between Townships 54 and 55, Range 40 East) on the north and Southwest.
- ◆ 104th Street (the north boundary of the land granted in 1897 by the family of Dr. Henry Perrine, a well known botanist who was murdered by Indians on Indian Key in 1840) on the south.
- ◆ 104th Street (South Kendall Drive) was named in honor of the Englishman Henry J. B. Kendall.

Over the years, the name "South Kendall Drive" has fallen into disuse in favor of 104th St., but the name "Kendall" became permanently associated with the area. The Kendall area suffered severe damages in a hurricane in 1937. In August 1992, Hurricane Andrew hit south Dade County with widespread damage.

Mrs. Mary Elizabeth Moore Killian was the daughter of Dr. George Henry Moore, who served as a surgeon in the Civil War. Her younger brother, Alfred Moore, was also a medical doctor. Mrs. Killian was deeply committed to her community. In 1922, she was the leader of a religious group that held services in an old shop on Elizabeth Street, west of the Killian store in Kendall. From that group, the Kendall Methodist Church was organized and Rev. C. H. Kutch was appointed circuit pastor. They met in a blacksmith shop and later in the train depot before Mr. Richard Rice gave them a lot on Smoak Road where they built a small frame sanctuary. In 1926, when Rev. C. E. Cray was pastor, a hurricane demolished the building. It was replaced the following year. In 1929, following the collapse of the land boom, many in the congregation became penniless and others left the community. The church closed its doors; the doors were reopened in 1946 with six families. In 1950, the small congregation acquired land at the corner of 104th Street and 77th Avenue and continued to grow throughout the years that followed.

Daniel L. Killian was instrumental in getting a county charity hospital and also, a home for old folks, delinquent children and orphanage, built at SW 107th Avenue and 80th Street. In 1924, when the building was nearly completed and moving day loomed, someone belatedly discovered that there was no electricity in Kendall. Daniel Killian persuaded the Miami Electric Light and Power Company to run some lines that far south. According to The Miami News, Daniel Killian promised, "This will not only furnish light and power to the county institution but will be used by the people of Kendall and will supply lights at needed points along the public highway." At the time the "public highways" were narrow, potholed cart tracks which hardly justified the installation of expensive street lights. The coming of electric power to Kendall provided a jolt for growth.

Obituaries

In Memory of the Life between the Dash.

Marjorie Killian Peterson of Provo, Utah, (OCT 4, 1920—JUN 5, 2010). She was born in Salem, Utah, to Alexander Killian and Eleanor Irene Pierce Killian. She was the youngest of six children. In 1941, she married Lee Lewis Peterson of Provo, Utah. Together they were blessed with five children: Linda Lee Peterson, Barbara (Harold) Hoyal, Paul (Peggy) Peterson, Russell (Shawna) Peterson, and Mark (Anita) Peterson, all of Orem. She has 19 grandchildren and 26 great-grandchildren (3 on the way). She was preceded in death by her husband, Lee Lewis Peterson; her parents; brothers: Byron (Mina) Killian, Glen (Elva) Killian; sisters: Zola (Ted) Carlson, Beatrice (Al) Lonas, Hazel (Victor) Petersen and one great-grandson, Steven. She was a member of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. Funeral services were held June 10, 2010 at the Slate Canyon 4th Ward Chapel, Provo, Utah. Interment, Provo City Cemetery. [Hinds RIN #34346]

Oliver Eckard of Hickory, NC, (JAN 6, 1922—JAN 9, 2011). He was born in Burke County to David and Jane Biddix Eckard. He was preceded in death by his parents, his wife, Joan Caroline Taylor Eckard, six brothers and five sisters. He is survived by two sons, Alan (Kathy) Eckard of Saw Mills, Buddy (Lucy) Eckard Hickory; three daughters, Diane (Andrew) Neece of Connelly Springs, Iris (Terry) Gilliland of Nebo, and Bonnie Young of Morganton; and one sister, Christine Eller of Lenoir. Also surviving are nine grandchildren and 17 great-grandchildren. He served his country as a member of the U.S. Army during World War II and retired from Drexel Heritage Furniture Co. Funeral services were held Jan. 14, 2011 at Heritage Funeral Service, Valdese. Interment, Woodlawn Cemetery, Hickory. [Hinds RIN #71131]

Henry Bennett Huffman, (MAR 4, 1924, Scott County, MO—MAY 4, 2010, St. Louis, MO). He was the son of Daniel Augustus Huffman and Maude Etheleen Johnson and the husband of Erma Lena Heuer, who died in 2001. [Hinds RIN #58578]

Jack Killion, (OCT 31, 1925, Hymera, IN—MAY 7, 2010 North Canton, OH). He was son of Arthur and Eva (Jones) Killion. He served our country proudly in the United States Army Airforce during WWII. He is survived by his wife, Gloria; brother Charles; son Jim; daughter, Terri Kirkpatrick; grandchildren, Stephanie and Joe Killion, Heather and Joe Davis, John and Kara Kirkpatrick, Carrie and Gib Yoho and 5 great grandchildren. Interment at Sunset Hills Memorial Gardens. [Hinds RIN #42543]

Merle Peek Dryman, (SEP 16, 1914, Macon County, NC—MAY 29, 2010, Franklin, NC). She married Perlo James Dryman on 12 Apr 1936. Perlo is the descendant of Andreas and he died in 2002. She is survived by sons Richard L and Larry Wayne Dryman. [Hinds RIN # 70178]

John Cloyd Killian of Dallas, TX, (OCT 13, 1929, Dallas, Texas—JAN 14, Jan 2010). He was the son of John Rumney Killian and Juanita Charity Johnson. [Hinds RIN # 70615]

Marshall Cerug Killian Jr., (DEC 21, 1919, AL—SEP 18, 2010, Beaver, PA). He was the son of Marshall Cerug Killian Sr. and Floree Blankenship. [Hinds RIN #70157]

Clyde G. Killian of Roosevelt, UT, (OCT 14, 1920—DEC 9, 2010). He was the husband of Joy Frandson whom he married 21 Aug 1939 and the son of Charles Willard Killian and Kate Leone. Survivors include four sons, Bart C. Gill, Val J. and Todd; four daughters Frances, Ann, Kim and Star. [Hinds RIN # 33619]

Vernon Briscoe Williams of Morganton, NC, (APR 24, 1922—DEC 14, 2010). He was the son of Edward Sampson Williams and Addie V. Cline. He enlisted as a Private in the U.S. Army on 1 Oct 1942 at Camp Croft, South Carolina for service in World War II. [Hinds RIN # 71518]

Phyllis Annette Weathers Killian of Conover, NC, (MAR 23, 1939—JAN 12, 2011). Survivors include one son, Ronnie Dean Killian, and one daughter, Terese Annette. Her daughter, Tammy Denise, died at age 8 in 1972. [Hinds RIN #59009]

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Horace Bruce Sellers of Haywood County, NC, (SEP 25, 1930—FEB 10, 2011). He is a descendant of Andreas Killian through Daniel Killian, b. 1777). [Hinds RIN #71203]

Henry Samuel Killian Sr., (JUL 21, 1940, DeKalb County, AL—FEB 18, 2011, Fort Payne, AL). He was the son of Lorane Bell “Jack” Killian and Annie Carr. Survived by his wife, Bobbie Bloom Killian, son Henry Jr., and daughter, Tammy Killian Bush. [Hinds RIN #25321]

Norman William Killian of Murrells Inlet, Georgetown, SC, (JUN 10, 1919—2 May 2011). He was the son of Albert Otto Killian and Cora Virginia Sipe. Interment at Mt Zion Lutheran, Conover, NC. [Hinds RIN #21131]

Pauline Virginia (Killian) Kiziah, (NOV 11, 1915—MAY 4, 2011). She was the daughter of Albert and Cora Killian. Interment at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church, Conover, NC. [Hinds RIN #21129]

Billy Otto Killian, (OCT 3, 1927—JUL 6, 2011). He was the youngest son of Albert and Cora. Interment, Oleander Memorial Gardens alongside his deceased wife, Betty Sue (Dedmon) Killian, in Wilmington, NC. Bill served his country in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve during the Korean war. He graduated from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill in 1949. The Killian Family Old Well Scholarship was established in 1999 by alumnus Thomas W. Killian of Summit, NJ, in honor of Bill and Betty Killian, his parents. The scholarship goes to outstanding students from New Hanover County to attend UNC. [Hinds RIN #21133]

Judy Gilbert Huffman Killian, of Hickory, NC, (NOV 11, 1939—JAN 6, 2011). She was the daughter of Hugh and Charlotte Gilbert Huffman. She is survived by two sons, Timothy Killian and Douglas Killian; daughter, Robin Sigmon; three brothers; one sister; nine grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. The funeral service was held JAN 8, 2011, at St. Stephens Lutheran Church in Hickory. Interment at the church cemetery. [Hinds RIN #22382]

Lena Killian Thomas, of Early, TX, (SEP 29, 1919, Mitchel County, TX—8 Jan 2011). She was the daughter of Tom Petty Killian and Annie Mae Jones Killian. On SEP 3, 1939, she married Jess Walter Thomas in Lorraine, Texas. Jess died in 1994. She is survived by her daughter Romona Kunkel; 6 grandchildren; 11 great grandchildren; 3 great great grandchildren. She was preceded in death by parents; sisters Juanita Szymanski, Gladys Crittendon, Dorothy Forbes, Joe Barbea, Grace Harris; brothers Tom P. Killian; step-brothers, Tom Roberts, Dude Roberts, Nick Roberts, Estes “Bunk” Roberts. Graveside services were held JAN 11, 2011 at the Colorado City Cemetery. [Hinds RIN #70662]

Janet Ruth Killian Pugh of Poteau, OK, (NOV 18, 1944—JUL 8, 2011). She was born in Greenwood, MS to Sidney Ernest "S.E." Killian and Hazel Marie "Sue" (Garrett) Killian. Janet married Curtis Alton Pugh on JAN 29, 1966 in Memphis, TN. She is survived by her husband; two daughters, Ruth McLellan of Scotland, and Anna Rebecca Cattermull of Michigan; one brother, William Eston "Bill" Killian of Little Rock, Arkansas; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. [Hinds RIN # 21719]

Life brings tears, smiles and memories. The tears dry, the smiles fade, but the memories live on forever.
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Database identification reference numbers [Hinds RIN #] from William “Bill” L. Hinds. You can find these reference numbers at Rootsweb.com in the Killian database. Go to www.rootsweb.com click on Family Trees, in box under “Jump to a database”, Type "Killian" without the quotes. This takes you to Hinds’ database eliminating all others.

Reminder that tax deductible cash Memorials, Wills, Gifts, and Estate Planning can always be made to benefit the Association and/or its programs. As you plan your future gifting consider a charitable contribution to support our great Association. Donations are always noted in our fall reunion business meeting. For information in estate planning and how, contact: Dan Sipe, jdsipe@bellsouth.net or call 803-230-1175.

Cash memorials can be made to Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA) by mailing them to our Treasurer, Pete Whitener, 5585 Startown Road, Newton, NC 28658.

Association of Descendants of Pioneer Andreas Killian
Celebrating 77 Years Reunion
September 9-11, 2011

Our goal is to create a fun, informative and affordable event. This year, we are trying to broaden the time for discovery and socializing by expanding the workshops on Saturday. All information and any last minute changes will be available on our website at: www.AndreasKillian.com

About the Speakers:

We continue to find excellent speakers for our Reunions!! So that our speakers can begin their discussions without interruption, please be punctual at the scheduled time.

Chris J. Hartley is a frequent speaker for historical groups. He is known for his research and lively narrative. Historian, author, and public speaker, Mr. Hartley was reared at the foot of the Blue Ridge Mountains in Wilkesboro, NC. As a child, he was captivated by stories of regular people who achieved greatness and he became curious about events that happened in his own backyard. His book *Stuart's Tarheels: James B. Gordon and His North Carolina Cavalry* covered the history of a general from his hometown. Mr. Hartley graduated from the University of North Carolina-Chapel Hill with a degree in journalism and a secondary concentration in history. Some twenty years ago, he wrote a paper for an undergraduate history class on Stoneman's Raid. In 2010, his paper was expanded to his book *Stoneman's Raid, 1865*. In *Stoneman's Raid*, he writes the complete story of one of the longest cavalry raids in U.S. military history. Don't miss this intriguing presentation!

Dr. Robert Carpenter is the author of *Carpenters A Plenty*, an excellent book about the Pioneer Zimmerman/Carpenter Families whose history is intertwined with the Killians and related families. Dr. Carpenter is President of the Gaston Lincoln Genealogical Society and current Editor of *Footprints in Time*. Having served as an Educator for 34 years and Principal for 26 years, Dr. Carpenter currently teaches history as an adjunct professor at Belmont Abbey College. We look forward to his lecture on *German Religious Heritage West of the Catawba* wherein he will discuss German religious groups and what made them unique.

William R. McCreight is a descendant of Andreas and a valued researcher of our Kilian ancestry. He is the author of *The Origins of the Kilians in Germany* and *Where Did We-The Kilians-Originate?*. Educated as a physicist, mathematician, and computer scientist, Bill has traveled the world, working on projects for NASA, Boeing Aerospace Division; developing an air traffic control system in Germany and a massive medical records system for Sweden. He has spoken at our Reunion and will return this year from Germany with his wife Antje to speak about his recent findings on the Kilians in Germany and his new book titled *The Forefathers of North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian* that Bill has graciously given to the Association to sell and distribute. Bill and Antje have been on an incredible journey of discovery into the past looking for our Kilian ancestors. A combination of knowledge, perseverance, time and a touch of luck made this amazing story! Bill has helped us create a beachhead in finding deeper German roots and a modern day German relative. You will most certainly regret this one if you miss it!

Cheryl Mann Killian is our DNA Project Co-Administrator and Book Editor. She will follow speaker Bill McCreight with a discussion on the verifiable evidence of German born Walter Killian's DNA to Andreas Killian. She also will be introducing the new Killian book Saturday and relate to us her experience in working with Bill McCreight and Sandy Phillips on its publication. Cheryl has worked tirelessly since our last reunion to make this happen. Her efforts have enriched our family legacy and it will be your blessing to hear her speak!

James W. Green, III is our DNA Project Co-Administrator. DNA has proven to be invaluable where a paper trail is lost. James will give an interesting briefing on the many uses of DNA.

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Activities:

Friday: We will continue with the success of a dinner followed by speaker **Chris Hartley** with the added bonus of live musical entertainment during dinner by the *Brothers Redeemed Quartet*.

Saturday Morning: For the first time, we will kickoff a full day of activities with a **Killian Mass Gathering at 9:00am at Mt. Zion Church Fellowship Hall**. With a review and selection of your day's available activities, we will scatter to many interests and places. Workshops and activities will include a genealogy workshop with help from **Bill Hinds** our Rootsweb.com Killian database Curator; **Wayne Milam**, Historian; **Wayne Setzer**, Webmaster; **Cheryl Mann Killian**, DNA database Director; **James Green**, DNA database co-administrator and his master Killian charts and free genealogy family forms to fill out. **Eddie Killian** will be in charge of guided tours of selected sites by request.

Saturday Afternoon: The Big News of 2011 will be first on the agenda after lunch and is threefold: The definitive discovery of a living German cousin AND more on Andreas Killian's Ancestors AND a new book titled **The Forefathers of North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian**. **Bill McCreight** and **Cheryl Mann Killian** will be our speakers at this time. After the presentations, the **Genealogy Workshop** and social time will resume and as always will be full of interesting information about the Killian family. If you are unsure of your lineage, there will be folks on hand and databases to provide help in discovering your roots.

Saturday Late Afternoon: The very important **Business Meeting** will begin at 5:00pm. We will have a lot to share, especially our progress with new and exciting projects. We make our annual children of Andreas headcount at this time so you MUST be there!

Sunday Morning and Lunch: We are always welcome for church services at *Mount Zion Lutheran* and *Old Saint Paul's*. It is homecoming at Old Saint Paul's and the service will be in the historic old building. After morning worship service, we will continue our *Second Sunday in September* weekend reunion with a delicious catered lunch at Mount Zion Church followed by speakers **James Green** and **Dr. Robert Carpenter**.

Accommodations

Best Western [formerly the Hampton Inn of Hickory], 1520 13th Avenue Drive, S.E., Hickory, NC 28602 (828-323-1150). The hotel has been remodeled and Manager, Chanell Owensby, has offered the Association a group rate of \$59.99 plus tax for rooms with 1 king or 2 queen beds. Continental breakfast is included. Mention the Killian Reunion for the discount.

Food

For meals on your own, the Best Western offers breakfast or you can go next door to the J&S Cafeteria – a regular stop for our out-of-towners. For Dinner on Friday evening, we will have a catered meal at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church. The Adult menu is chicken, green beans, small potatoes, corn, coleslaw, dessert, rolls, and tea for \$12 per plate. For kids under 10 years, the menu will have chicken tenders for \$6. For Lunch on Saturday, there are several restaurants nearby to choose from. We hope the Boy Scouts will host their Annual Barbecue as it has been a hit in the past. You will have many choices around Hickory on Saturday evening but most attendees go to the J&S Cafeteria next to the Best Western. Look in your attendee bag for the *Old German Schnitzel Haus Restaurant* flyer, a German restaurant in Hickory named "*Best German Restaurant in America*" in 2010. Because of the positive feedback, we have asked our wonderful Caterer, Jennifer Brittain, to once again provide lunch on Sunday. The cost for Sunday's lunch is \$12 per plate for adults & \$6.00 for children age 10 and under.

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Schedule of Events

Friday, September 9, 2011

(all times are Eastern Standard Time)

5:30pm-6:15pm: Registration/Social Gathering at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall

6:30pm: Dinner catered by SAM (Single And Married) Club Ladies of Mt. Zion
Music will be provided by the Brothers Redeemed Quarter

7:15pm: Chris J. Hartley lecture on *Stoneman's Raid*
Group Photo

Saturday, September 10, 2011

8:30am-9:00am: Registration/Gather at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

9:00am-11:00am: Shotgun start to Social Gathering / Genealogy Workshop / Tours

11:00am-1:15pm: Lunch on your own

11:30am-1:00pm: Board of Directors will meet (private session)

1:30pm: Bill McCreight presentation on *The Kilians in Germany (ca.1560 to 1732)*

2:30pm: Cheryl Killian book presentation and our German DNA discovery

2:45pm: Annual Killian Group Photo

3:00pm: ***The Forefathers of North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian*** offered for
sell for the first time. \$45.⁰⁰

3:00pm-5:00pm: Resume Social Gathering/Genealogy Workshop
(Feel free to bring Killian Antiques, Hobbies, Art, Photos, and Recipes to
share)

5:00pm-6:00 pm: Business Meeting (*Please plan to stay*)

Dinner on your own

Sunday, September 11, 2011

10:00am: Church Service at Old St. Paul's Church
OR

10:30am: Church Service at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

12:30pm: (Please be prompt) Catered Lunch at Mt. Zion Church Fellowship Hall

1:15pm: James Green's briefing on the uses of DNA

1:45pm: Dr. Robert Carpenter lecture on
German Religious Heritage West of the Catawba.

Group photo and farewells until September 7, 8, and 9, 2012

Tee Shirts will be available at the reunion while supply last.

Registration Form

*Please send in the registration form so that we will have an accurate head count for the caterers.
A registration form will be available on the website to submit electronically as well.*

Names of those attending:

If you know from which child of Andreas Killian you descend, please provide:

Margaret Leonard John Jean Crate Andrew
 George Trinia Pritchard Daniel Samuel Christiana Elizabeth

Is this your first time attending the Andreas Killian Family Reunion? yes no

Mailing Address: : _____ City:: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: Home (____) _____ Cell (____) _____

Please check (x) below the meals you plan to attend:

Friday: _____ Catered Dinner and Lecture by Chris J. Hartley

Sunday: _____ Catered Lunch and Lectures by James Green and Dr. Robert Carpenter

Reunion Expenses:

Meals: You may mail a check with your registration form or pay at the door when you arrive.

Friday Catered Dinner...	Adult plates: #__ @ \$12 =	\$ _____
	Child plates: #__ @ \$6 =	\$ _____

Sunday Catered Lunch...	Adult plates: #__ @ \$12 =	\$ _____
	Child plates: #__ @ \$6 =	\$ _____

Meals TOTAL\$ _____

Books:

2009 *The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788)*

Qty: _____ @ \$30 each = \$ _____

New for 2011: *The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian*

Will be available on Saturday

Qty: _____ @ \$45 each = \$ _____

Donation: \$ _____

TOTAL\$ _____

Mail Registration Form to:

Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA)

c/o Eric Killian, 4404 Jetty Lane, Hickory, NC 28602

or Register online on the website: www.AndreasKillian.com

*****Registration needs to be received by Wednesday, August 24th 2011*****

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Return Service Requested

**Reunion Time, descendants of
Gabriel Alexander Killian (1858-1944)
and
Camilla Louise Hallman (1859-1913)
Yount, Missouri**

Saturday, August 27, 2011 at 12 noon

The location is Calvary Temple,
1725 E Hwy 72, east of Fredericktown, Missouri.
Enjoy the basket (pot luck) dinner with your
cousins. Feel free to bring any games and
genealogy info you may have.

For the young folks with children, there is a nice
playground for the little guys and girls.

Questions? Just phone 636 933 6565.

Rose Killian Polete: hp1william@earthlink.net

Send your Killian reunion news and
announcements to:

Charles Killian, Killian Newsletter Editor,
130 Rowan Road, Ellenwood, GA 30294.
Email: ckilli@charter.net

MEMO: Copies are available of the 2009 Killian book:
*The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788),
Andreas, his children and grandchildren*

The book is \$30.00 including handling and shipping.

Make payment to **Andreas Killian Association**, mail to:

Cheryl Mann Killian, 130 Rowan Road, Ellenwood, GA 30294

**Reunion, descendants of
Adolphus Nimrod Killian (1827 NC - 1903 TN)
and
Rebecca Holyfield (1840 NC - 1877 TN)
Killian, Duggan, Kear, Carr, Swabe, Williams
Sevier and Cocke counties, Tennessee**

**Saturday, September 24, 2011 at 12:00 noon
Gathering will begin about 10:30**

The location this year is Corntassel Presbyterian,
2100 Povo Rd, Madisonville, TN 37354.

All cousins are welcome. Bring your favorite
covered dish for lunch at noon, and photos of
your family, past and present.

Phyllis Leming: 865-982-2830