

# Killian Family Newsletter

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**Friday, Saturday, and Sunday**  
**September 7, 8 and 9, 2012**

Greeting Cousins,

If you don't know me, I am Dan Sipe (Andreas >Samuel C. >Andrew >John Yancey >Ezzie Killian Sipe), the Programs and Projects Director of the Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association. I have served as Vice President and President in years past but being the Program and Projects Director has been intensive and interesting work. Each year we are challenged with differing matters and we face those challenges. It is my pleasure to have this occasion to write to you about our Association's projects.

One project we are planning this fall is the repair of grave stones at Old Saint Paul's Lutheran Church in Newton, NC. This has proven to be a complex endeavor. Steve Killian and I are putting the details together to accomplish this goal.

Another project was to have more representatives of AKDHA in attendance at the Alabama Killian Reunion near Ft. Payne, Alabama on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Saturday in June. I was able to attend this reunion along with Newsletter Editor, Charles Killian and his wife, Cheryl. William D. "Bill" Killian of North Carolina has been a regular for years. Bill Killian and Wayne Milam could not attend this year due to health reasons. Both were greatly missed by everyone. It was a full day of workshops, genealogy, speakers and fellowship which everyone enjoyed very much. The Current President, Charles Killian of Alabama, headed this great meeting. I was especially impressed with the work George Killian has done in restoring the Killian Cemetery not far from the meeting place. The Killians of Alabama are very engaged in promoting and preserving their Killian heritage. Kudos for all you do in Alabama. We hope to see our Alabama cousins at the North Carolina Reunion in September.

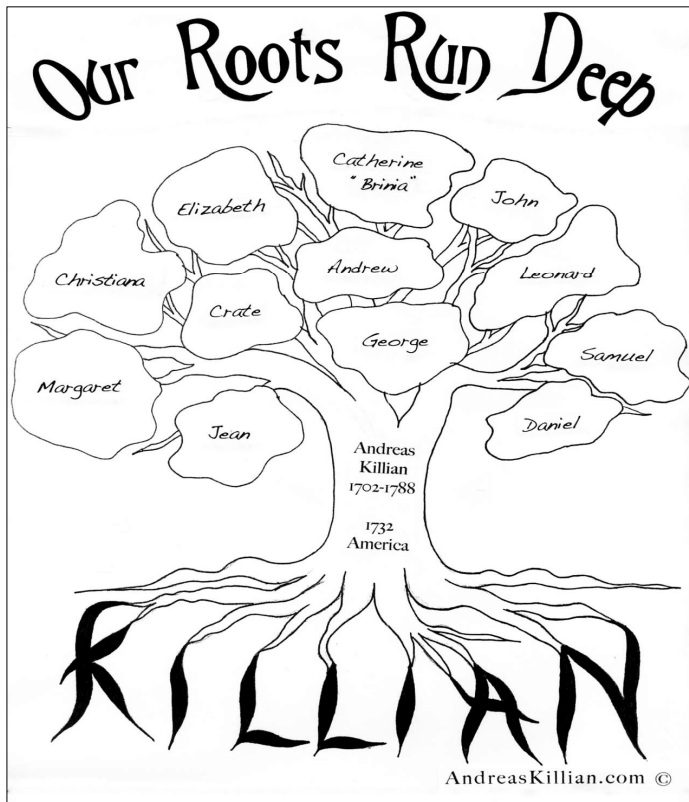
Our next project was to put together the agenda for our 78<sup>th</sup> Andreas Killian Reunion in North Carolina. Your Executive Committee has had two heavily filled planning sessions for this year's Reunion. It takes an all-embracing effort not to mention many phone calls and emails. The Executive Committee needs to be commended because it has worked flawlessly as a team throughout it all! They will be wearing orange or gold T-shirts, some with new Killian family designs, at the Reunion so you can identify them. Let them know of your suggestions and appreciations.

Another project was planned for this year, a memorial plaque to be placed in Saint Gallus Lutheran Church of Erzberg, Germany where our Killian forefathers worshiped for several generations. William McCreight, Sandy Phillips, Cheryl Killian and I had the plaque wording and style worked out but the church board did not support it's purpose. William is our liaison in Germany who worked hard for the approval. We still hope that somehow in the future this may happen.

For this year's Reunion, we have lined up three great guest speakers for our programs on Friday night, Saturday afternoon and Sunday after church. A large tour bus has been arranged on Saturday to take us on a special historical tour including the final leg of the German Stones Burial ceremony at Andreas' monument at Old Saint Paul's Church. This reunion and its agenda is one not to miss for sure. The details begin on page 12. We have developed new T-shirt designs with several colors to choose from. The T-shirts are impressive! We also plan to have a genealogy workshop. Please take time to read this newsletter to capture all the highlights. Let me encourage each one who reads this and have been meaning to come over the years or have missed some years, come and be with us this year especially! You will not find a better bunch of people to be with than your Killian cousins!

Dan Sipe  
 Program and Projects Director, AKDHA





### Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA)

On June 17, 2010, the North Carolina Department of Revenue assigned the Association an exempt status for franchise and income tax purposes under Sections 105-125 and 105-130.11(a)(3), respectively, of the General Statutes of North Carolina.

Inquiries regarding our federal or state exemption status may be sent to:

#### Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association

c/o Pete Whitener, Treasurer,  
5585 Startown Road, Newton, NC 28658

#### Our Mission Statement:

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.

#### Your Donations:

Contributions to the Association cover the expenses of the website, newsletter, other publications, the annual "Reunion" educational and business meetings, special events as well as any supporting administrative or fundraising costs needed to further our mission. Future goals supported by contributions will include monument/cemetery preservation, DNA research sponsorship and educational scholarships. The Association has no paid staff or employees and depends entirely on volunteers and donations.

#### Confidentiality Policy:

It is our policy that personal information, such as your name, postal, and email address or telephone number, is private and confidential. We do not sell, trade, exchange or otherwise make available any personally identifiable information to any other company or organization. Personal information will not be released to third parties unless release is required by law or is pertinent to judicial or governmental investigations or proceedings."

#### Annual Reunion:

The AKDHA meets every year for a 3-day Reunion and Business Meeting on the weekend of the Second Sunday in September (SSS) in the Catawba County area of North Carolina at a location to be determined each year.

#### Website:

The AKDHA maintains a website with the address: [www.AndreasKillian.com](http://www.AndreasKillian.com) where all information including the Association's activities, research, and news is available to the public.

#### Newsletter:

The AKDHA Newsletter is published in February and August of each year with the possibility of a third special Reunion edition in Autumn, if needed. The Reunion Planning Committee meets in the first calendar quarter as needed.

#### Physical Location:

The AKDHA does not have a physical location. Materials are digitized when possible and made available on our website. Physical storage of materials is kept mainly at the Charles Raper Jonas Library of Lincolnton, North Carolina. Private or personal information is not available to the public and is either password protected or stored privately by an Officer of the AKDHA.

This issue and all back issues of the newsletter are available for download at no charge on the website, [www.AndreasKillian.com](http://www.AndreasKillian.com). Please refer to the date of the issue in your search.

*Donations to the Association are appreciated.*

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## The Life and Times of Jonas Conrad Killian

By Samuel Lee KILLIAN, Jr.

June 1, 2012

My Great-Great-Grandfather, Jonas Conrad Killian, lived a hard but interesting life. After 40 years of research and much DNA testing, in many ways he remains a mystery. Jonas was born out of wedlock in 1827, in Catawba County, North Carolina, to Sally Deitz, daughter of Jacob Deitz and Sara Killian Deitz. He was christened Jonas Conrad Deitz and his baptismal record is written in German. During his childhood, Jonas was bonded or indentured to 3 different men. At the age of 3, he was bonded to 1 of the 4 David Killians living in Catawba County at that time. In 1830, his last name changed from Deitz and Court Records list him as Jonas Conrad Killian.



In 1834 something happened, possibly Jonas' father had died or moved from the county. Jonas, now 7 years old, is bonded to his Uncle Emanuel Deitz, a blacksmith. Seven-year-old Jonas begins learning the blacksmith trade. In 1840, Emanuel Deitz moves to Mississippi and Jonas, age 13, remains in North Carolina with his mother. Jonas is then bonded to Elias Smyre, a wealthy blacksmith and continues to learn the blacksmith trade. In June 1850, Jonas, age 23, marries Roxanna Cline, daughter of William and Suzanna Cline. In 1851, they had their first son, David William Killian. Also in 1851, Jonas' next-door neighbor Solomon Killian dies. Jonas then sells the plot of land he is living on to Solomon Killian's estate which is administered by Solomon's son Jesse Killian. I am puzzled by how Jonas Conrad acquired this land. When he sold it to Solomon's estate, he bought the neighboring farm owned by his parents-in-law. However, he only owns this farm for a couple of years before selling it and moving back onto Solomon Killian's land. To me, all of this indicates some kind of relationship between Solomon, Jesse and Jonas. Jonas continues to work as a blacksmith for the next 10 years. He was not considered a farmer and did not own slaves.

In 1861, North Carolina secedes from the Union and the Civil War began. Jonas' life takes a turbulent turn for more hardship and struggle. At age 34, Jonas is too old to serve and as a unionist, tries to remain neutral. However, in 1863 as the war drags on, men in Jonas' age bracket are being conscripted into the Confederate Army. Jonas (a unionist) hides out from conscription. His mother Sally Dietz, his wife Roxanna Killian and his neighbor Jesse Killian (son of Solomon and grandson of Revolutionary War Soldier John Killian and Susanna Fry) are charged with harboring Jonas from the Confederate Draft. Jonas then leaves for Yancey County in the North Carolina mountains, an area of the state that was much more pro-Union than Catawba County. In June 1864, Jonas and several other men from Yancey County go to Knoxville, Tennessee. They joined a Union Regiment, the North Carolina Third Mounted Infantry Volunteers serving in eastern Tennessee and western North Carolina. Jonas was the blacksmith for this unit. They saw action in western North Carolina. In August 1865, Jonas returned home to Catawba County, not as a hero, but as a villain to most citizens. The parents of Jonas' wife, Roxanna Cline, had lost two sons and had another badly wounded fighting for the Confederacy during the war. Even Jonas' in-laws must have hated him.

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Three years later, in 1868, North Carolina rejoined the Union. Jonas, along with Jesse Killian and Andrew Ramsour, were attempting to raise the American flag in front of the Catawba County Courthouse in Newton when suddenly suspected Klansmen Phillip Burns, Mathew Wilson and several others attacked Jonas, ripping the flag away from him and throwing it away. In 1869, Jonas Killian and Andrew Ramsour brought a legal suit against the Ku Klux Klan in Catawba County. Both Ramsour and Jonas were beaten and harassed by members of the Klan. According to Dr. Gary Freeze, history professor at Catawba College, the court case took over six years and was never completely resolved. However, this did lead to over 300 men associated with the Klan leaving Catawba County.

Jonas is plagued with asthma, brought on by exposure to the weather during the war. In 1886, now 59 year old, Jonas finally received his War Pension from the United States Government. Jonas had first applied for it four years earlier. He was almost penniless at this time. He and his wife were living with their son Luther. Six years later, in October 1892, Jonas died of Asthma. He was buried in an unmarked grave in Zion Lutheran Church, south of Hickory.

Last year, my brother, Ron Killian requested a military headstone for Jonas from the United States Government. The gravestone is now in place at Zion Lutheran Church Cemetery.

Jonas' mother was Sally Deitz, granddaughter of Andreas' son John Killian. Thanks to DNA testing our family knows Jonas' father also descended from Andreas Killian. A personal relationship between Jesse Killian and Jonas Killian is undeniable. Is it possible they are cousins and both descend from Leonard's son, Revolutionary War Soldier John Killian and his wife, Susanna Fry? It is my hope DNA will reveal the identity of Jonas' father. If you are a male line descendant of Soldier John, I urge you to become a member of the Killian/Killion DNA project.

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## **Soldier John Killian And Wife, Susannah Fry**

American Revolution Soldier John Killian is a very notable son of Leonard Killian. The Killian/Killion DNA project needs the DNA 37-marker values for Soldier John to compare with Jonas Conrad Killian and Daniel Killian born 1790. The difficulty in finding a willing descendant is like finding a needle in a haystack. The known sons of Soldier John are Solomon, David, and Jesse. **Solomon Killian and wife, Catherine Benfield**, with their son, Jesse, remained in the Clark Creek area of Newton, NC for years after Soldier John moved to Indiana. **David Killian and wife, Barbara Fulbright**, with their family moved to Cocke County, TN sometime after 1844. David's son, Eli, moved on to Arkansas where it is believe a male descendant might be found. **Jesse Killian and wife, Abigail née Unknown**, moved to Warren County, TN and onward to Indiana with Soldier John. The Jesse Killian of Warren County, TN line might have died out. If you descend from Jesse Killian, born ca. 1802 in Lincoln County, NC and died before 1860 in Morgan County, IN, then this is a call for your lineage (male or female). AKDHA wants every descendant of Andreas to be recognized.

I found many of the family lines of Soldier John but only female lines remain and females do not carry their father's Y-chromosome DNA. This Y-chromosome DNA research is important to the Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association. If you are a male line descendant of Soldier John, the AKDHA will sponsor your DNA kit. You can contact me, Cheryl Killian, by phone at (770) 337-5310, by email to [fbcheryl@charter.net](mailto:fbcheryl@charter.net), or by letter to 130 Rowan Road, Ellenwood, GA 30294.

## Arie Reinhardt Taylor, Possible Descendant of Andreas

Submitted by Sandy Jenkins Phillips

As a member of the reunion planning committee, I'm always looking for new and fresh ideas to add to the reunion schedule. I'm very busy so Google allows me to explore ideas and places from my laptop when I have little pockets of time. Imagine my excitement when I discover a painting of Old Saint Paul's Church, the home of our Andreas Killian monument, on display at the Hickory Museum of Art. The folk artist, Arie Reinhardt Taylor, has lived not far from there her entire life surrounded by family who instilled a love of the Catawba Valley, art, family and faith.

Well, I am a strong believer that if your family has lived here for at least 100 years, you just might have a connection to Andreas Killian. With a little amateur genealogical sleuthing, I found Arie's possible ties to the Killian family through Andreas' son Samuel and the Gross family. The Hickory Museum of Art is exhibiting her work through September 2012 and they were hosting a 91<sup>st</sup> birthday party for her on June 10<sup>th</sup>. Off I went to meet this woman with my amateur genealogical chart in hand to share. What a pleasant surprise to meet Arie and her family. Imagine their surprise to learn they might be Killians. It's always a delight to meet folks who share an interest in their heritage.

**1 Andreas Kilian b: 1702 in Steinbach an der Holzhecke, Bavaria, d: 1788 in Lincoln County, NC [Pioneer to America]**

∞ Maria Margaretha Fischer b: 1695 in Dürnhof, Bavaria, m: 06 MAY 1722 in Feuchtwangen, Bavaria

**2 Samuel Killian b: 1757 in NC, d: 1807 in NC**

∞ Barbara Hager b: about 1760 in NC, d: APR 1847 in NC

**3 Sallie (Sarah) Killian b: 10 MAY 1790 in Lincoln County, NC, d: 02 OCT 1868 in Grundy County, TN**

∞ John Gross b: 15 APR 1780 in Lincoln County, NC, d: 25 JUN 1874 in Grundy County, TN

Many family trees show Sallie Killian Gross, wife of John Gross, as the mother of the Malinda Gross, who married Phillip Whitener in Lincoln County, NC. I found there is a gap in the documentation to connect the Sallie Killian who died in Grundy County, TN to Malinda Gross of Lincoln County, NC.

Arie Reinhardt Taylor known lineage:

**1 Malinda Gross** m: 17 OCT 1835 in Lincoln County, NC

∞ Phillip Whitener

**2 Sarah Ann Whitener** b: 21 SEPT 1838, m: 22 MAY 1856, d: 11 JUN 1885

∞ Andrew Reinhardt b: 14 FEB 1828 in Lincoln County, NC, d: 11 NOV 1907

**3 Pinkney Andrew Reinhardt** b: 21 FEB 1863 in Catawba County, NC, m: 30 DEC 1888, d: 12 AUG 1931

∞ Susan Seagle b: 17 JUL 1860, d: 24 MAY 1941

**4 Belton Henry Reinhardt** b: 06 APR 1893, d: 07 JAN 1989

∞ Minnie Smith b: 01 JAN 1898, d: 27 OCT 1986

**5 Arie Reinhardt Taylor**

The relationship between Malinda Gross and John and Sallie (Sarah) Killian Gross needs further research. I wanted to prove this lineage before the reunion. Gene Killian, Cheryl Killian and I worked on this and could not make the connection. Anyone who has information or would like to help us research these family members is encouraged to contact me, Sandy Phillips, by email to [sandyjp@bellsouth.net](mailto:sandyjp@bellsouth.net) or letter to 16310 Barcica Lane, Cornelius, NC 28031-8720.

On September 8<sup>th</sup>, the **Hickory Killian Tour** includes a stop at the Hickory Museum of Art for a guided tour featuring an exhibit by folk artist Arie Reinhardt Taylor. Fingers crossed that Arie (and her sisters) will be able to join us when we go together to admire her extraordinary work!



## Receiving Money from Corporations, Businesses, Trusts

Have you heard the idiom or said this to someone, “money doesn’t just grow on trees”? As any organization finds out early, it takes money to support its purposes and programs. Our association of Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA) has been fortunate in years past to receive donations and adequate proceeds from selling items such as T-shirts and books for our treasury. AKDHA has a lot of projects and programs that demand an ongoing supply of money to reach its purposes. Now that we have 501(c)(3) non-profit status, we are eligible for another type of donation, specifically corporate grants. Many corporations and large businesses offer dollar grants to their employees for external organizations they are members of. For the last 2 years, AKDHA has received grant money from the Duke Energy Foundation, because I, Dan Sipe, as a Duke Energy employee, made the request.

Below is Duke Energy’s statement on supporting public projects:

*“The Duke Energy Foundation supports the company’s philanthropic efforts in communities where our employees live and work. The Foundation provides financial support for communities across our territory and programs that support the volunteer efforts of our employees and retirees. The Foundation helps Duke Energy build strong communities and makes funding decisions based on our certain areas of focus.”*

I have worked for Duke Energy (formally Duke Power) for 33 years in nuclear power generation at Catawba Nuclear Station, York, SC. My company has always been in support of employees’ volunteerism to the general public. Grants of money are offered to deserving and qualified community, charitable and non-profit groups. Duke has a process of submitting applications for grant money. If approved as a non-profit group, it can receive two \$1,000 grants yearly, but the requestor has to be an active or retired Duke employee. This rule varies as to the type of project chosen.

Three types of grants are administered by Duke Energy:

**A community improvement volunteer grant** provides funding to purchase materials for hands-on (sweat equity) volunteer projects.

**A walk grant** supports employee teams who raise a minimum of \$1,000 and recruit at least 50 walkers for a charitable walk.

**A non-profit board leadership grant** provides funding support for employee leadership with a non-profit organization.

AKDHA falls under the **non-profit board leadership grant** and has received \$4K from 2010-2012.

How can you help? Do you work for or are retired from a corporation or business that offers similar grants? Take time to research the matter with your employer. If they do, I will gladly help you with my experience to make application for it. You can also search at [www.philanthropyjournal.org](http://www.philanthropyjournal.org) for determining other means of getting grant money for our association.

## Wills and Estate Planning

What if you don’t have the opportunity we have been discussing? Another avenue to help our association financially would be for you to put AKDHA in your estate planning. It’s not hard to do. You can describe it in an addendum to your current will. Check with your lawyer, he can help usually and sometimes at no cost if you have an existing will. I have done this and it’s a great way to be sure you continue to support the Killian legacy for years to come.

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## Former Reunion Guest Speaker Dr. Robert Hart Publishes Book

Dr. Robert Hart, Catawba County resident and Guest Speaker at the 2010 Reunion, has spent a lifetime amassing 75 authentic log cabins, stores and buildings on his 200 acre farm. On the fourth Saturday in October of each year, Dr. Hart opens his property with the help of volunteers, artisans, and re-enactors to create a 19<sup>th</sup> century village. For those unable to attend the limited engagement, he has published a book, "*Hart Square: One Man's Passionate Preservation of North Carolina's Pioneer Heritage*" published by Goosepen Studio and Press in Conover, NC. The 400-page book is \$75 and features 798 color photographs. The purchase price benefits the Hart Square Foundation, which preserves the village.

MAIL ORDERS: This is a big, heavy book; the shipping rate is for media mail (the cheapest rate) and covers postage, insurance, and the cost of the box and packaging materials. Send check or money order for \$89.75 (\$75.00 + \$5.25 NC Sales Tax + \$9.50 shipping) payable to "Hart Square Foundation" to the following address (the total for out-of-state orders is \$84.50):

HART SQUARE FOUNDATION  
PO Box 313  
Hickory, NC 28603

"*HART SQUARE*", a clothbound, full-color, 400-page coffee table book, is also available year round at the Hickory Museum of Art and the Catawba County Museum of History, where 10% of the proceeds benefit these museums. All remaining proceeds benefit the Hart Square Foundation for the long-term preservation of the village.

FESTIVAL TICKETS, which go on sale the first working day in October (October 1, 2012), are available through the [Catawba County Museum of History](#). The festival takes place on the fourth Saturday in October (October 27, 2012).

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### "Stills in the Hills"

In support of the Catawba County Historical Association, we are passing along information about their big fundraising event held on Saturday, September 8th, 2012. Called "Stills in the Hills" the popular event is about moonshine and its' historic impact on the political, religious, and economic development in the region going back to colonial times. More than just alcohol, it was considered a safe alternative to water, a profitable cash crop and even a medicinal cure for all types of ailments.

The event will include tours of significant areas, a barbecue dinner, moonshine tasting, live music and dancing all set up at the historic Murray's Mill. The event runs from 5:00pm - 10:00pm just as we are wrapping up our formal reunion activities for the day.

\*\*Tickets are \$50 per person and advanced reservations and payment are needed. Please call the Catawba County Museum of History for more information and to place your ticket orders at 828-465-0383 (Tues-Sat 9-4, Sun 1:30-4:30EST) [www.catawbahistory.org](http://www.catawbahistory.org).

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You can also use the internet form to update your email address or other information.  
You will be notified when the newsletter is available for viewing, upcoming reunion information,  
New findings in Germany from William McCreight  
or other Killian information that may be of interest to all (3-6 emails per year).

## The Shook House



The Shook house is the oldest house in Clyde, Haywood County, NC. In 2008, the house was given Historic Preservation status by being listed on the National Register of Historic Places. Currently the house is being operated as a museum and will operate indefinitely due to a gift from Joseph S. Hall, who has donated the house to the Haywood County Historical/Genealogical Society.

The Shook house has ties to Bishop Francis Asbury and two different Daniel Killian families. The granddaughter of Daniel Killian Sr., Margaret Killian, married James Mill Shook. The grandson of Daniel Killian (1777), Daniel Marcus Killian married the daughter of Nancy Jencie Shook. James Mill Shook and Nancy Jencie Shook were brother and sister.

## New Arrival, Lucas Alexander Bornhorst



Lucas, not actually in the photo, is the new arrival to the family of Timothy “Tim” Lee Killian and Karla Ann Nowak Killian (Hinds RIN# 47170 and 47178). **Lucas Alexander Bornhorst** was born on FEB, 06, 2012 at the Northeast Georgia Medical Center in Gainesville, GA. He weighed 9 lbs and was 21.75 inches long. The proud parents are his mother, Kara Elizabeth Killian Bornhorst, and father, Matthew Alexander Bornhorst. Lucas Alexander is the grandson of Arthur Garland Killian (1921-1980) of Catawba County, NC.

Andreas Killian would be proud of this picture perfect family.

**Front Row-** Brent Evans, Kendra Marie Killian Evans, Kara Elizabeth Killian Bornhorst (holding son, Isaac Joseph Bornhorst and “carrying” Lucas Alexander Bornhorst), Kameron Alexander Killian, Karla Ann Nowak Killian, Kristofer Lee Killian (holding son, Zakariah Lee Killian), Kristofer's wife, Nicole Harrison Killian. **Back Row-** Matthew Alexander Bornhorst, Timothy Lee Killian

## Send Your Killian Family News and Announcements

This is your newsletter. The Killian Family Newsletter is about preserving history and telling stories; past and present. You might have never thought of yourself as a journalist, but this newsletter is about telling what you know about the family of Andreas Killian; 1st generation or 10th generation. While not all articles are printed and some are edited for space, your family is important to the success of this newsletter. Send your Killian articles and announcements to:

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



## Jake Hinds — Cub Scout to Boy Scout

Earlier this year, Jacob Frazier Hinds was presented the Arrow of Light, Cub Scouts highest award. Earning this rank prepares a Webelos<sup>1</sup> Scout to become a Boy Scout. Webelos Scouts who have earned the Arrow of Light Award have also completed the requirement for the Boy Scout Badge. This award is the only Cub Scout badge that can be worn on the Boy Scout uniform when a boy graduates into a troop.



In late May, Jake was inducted into the National Elementary Honors Society. A week later, he was off to Boy Scout camp for a week. That will be followed by a week at “inventors camp,” which he also attended last year. In July, he will go with his father and brother Zac to the Oshkosh Air Show and spend a week with his maternal grandparents who live nearby.

When Jake first began talking, he was speaking words that only his older brother, Zac, could understand. At that time, his mother, Cheryl, was ill with breast cancer, which became leukemia. Cheryl died when Jake was 4 and Zac was 6. It took awhile to diagnose, but Jake’s speaking problem turned out to be a “hearing” problem. Once that was cleared up, his speaking improved rapidly. Grandparents Bill and Frances Hinds are especially proud of Jake.

<sup>1</sup> The word "Webelos" means WE'll BE LOyal Scouts.

## Book Addendums to The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian

Mr. William McCreight is always looking for new information on the Kilians of Middle Franconia, Germany. As each piece is collected and tied back to Andreas’ family, an addendum is written and posted to [www.AndreasKillian.com](http://www.AndreasKillian.com). A brief synopsis of two corrections which are available:

### Addendum number 11, Page 94, 29 February 2012

Correction, Margaretha's maiden name does not appear in any of the documents found.  
Second Paragraph

Andreas married Maria Margaretha Fischer, daughter of Hans Leonhard Fischer and **his wife Margaretha née unknown**, on the 6<sup>th</sup> of May 1722 in Feuchtwangen, Bavaria.

### Addendum Number 13, Page 94, 8 March 2012

Correction, Andreas Killian’s death date is more narrowly defined.

Andreas' exact death date has not been determined. It is now estimated he died in the three month and two day period between the 4<sup>th</sup> of October 1787 and the 6<sup>th</sup> of January 1788.

To date there are 15 Addendums to Mr. McCreight’s book. Check the AndreasKillian.com website often. William McCreight keeps his research current.

## Obituaries

### In Memory of the Life between the Dash.

**Lois J. Mayes** of Morristown, TN, (JUL 29, 1929—MAR 22, 2010). She was born in Jefferson County, TN, the daughter of the late William Arlie Killian and Etta Beulah Workman Killian. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, James Mayes; son, Richard Mayes; brother, James Killion; sisters, Hazel Killian and Ramah Lou Dearing. She was a member of Central Baptist Church and a long time employee of Lea Industries. She is survived by daughter Arlene Wilkes; daughter-in-law, Judy Mayes; four grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; sisters, Pauline Moyers, Vivian Nothern, Bobbie Ghormley, and Billie Buckner; brother, Vernon Killion. She descends from Andreas' son, Leonard. Note that both Killian and Killion is used in this obit for brothers and sisters, as well as parents. [Hinds RIN #71297]

**Farrell Lee Shimpock** of Albemarle, NC, (MAR 23, 1924—OCT 6, 2011). He was born in Cabarrus County, NC, the son of Oscar Charlie Shimpock and Lalar Mardecia Hopkins Shimpock. He was also preceded in death by his sister, Beatrice Shimpock Burris Horn; and brothers, Herman Morrison Shimpock, Troy Daniel Shimpock, and Archie Ray Shimpock. He was a Baptist minister for 62 years and served his country in the US Air Force during WWII. He served churches in Stanly, Cabarrus, Randolph, Rowan, Davidson, and Montgomery Counties. He is survived by his wife of 65 years, Doris "Dot" Thomas Shimpock; son, Edwin Thomas Shimpock of Oakboro, NC; daughters, Karen Shimpock Lowder of Badin, NC, and Angela Shimpock Barbee of Oakboro, NC; eight grandchildren; and 12 great-grandchildren. He descends from Andreas' daughter, Christianna. [Hinds RIN #78912]

**Judy Byrlea Killian Wilson** of Conover, NC, (NOV 26, 1946—JAN 17, 2012). She was born in Catawba County, NC, the daughter of the late Joe Carson Killian and Byrlea Bumgarner Killian. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by two brothers, Howard and Sam Killian. A lifelong member of Messiah Lutheran Church, she was involved with the LWML group at the church. Mrs. Wilson was retired from General Electric. She is survived by her husband, Bill Wilson of the home; son, Eric Wilson of Conover, NC; daughter, Pam Godfrey of Conover, NC; four grandchildren, all of Conover, NC; four brothers: Jerry Killian of Conover, NC, Steve Killian of Hickory, NC, Dwight Killian of Conover, NC, and Bob Killian of Hickory, NC. She descends from Andreas' son, Samuel. [Hinds RIN #22371]

**Robert Hayward McGeachy** of Mt. Gilead, NC, (SEPT 11, 1921—JAN 25, 2012). He was born in Mecklenburg County, NC, the son of the late Robert Wisner McGeachy and Hazel Hayward McGeachy. He was a graduate of Davidson College and a WWII Army Air Force Veteran. He and his wife were owner and operators of *The Sundry Center* in Mt. Gilead for over 50 years. He was a former member of Mount Gilead Volunteer Fire Dept. and Lions Club. He is survived by his wife, Martha Scarborough McGeachy of the home; daughters, Laura Brown of Raleigh, NC and Sherry McGeachy of Columbia, SC. He was grandfather to four grandchildren and two great-grandchildren. He descends from Andreas' daughter, Christianna. [Hinds RIN #80247]

**Stephen Wiley Hass** of Hickory, NC, (JAN 1, 1947—MAR 19, 2012). He was born in Catawba County, NC, the son of the late Dewey Kerney Hass and Anna Geneva Propst Hass. He is survived by daughters, Ann Wilkie and Helene Katie Hass; and 6 grandchildren. He was buried in the Veterans Cemetery, Black Mountain, Buncombe Co., NC. He descends twice from Andreas' son, John. [Hinds RIN #40138]

**Davis Grady Killian** of Chester, SC, (NOV 12, 1931—MAR 19, 2012). He was born in Chester County, SC, the son of the late Claude T. Killian and Mary Taylor Killian. He was a US Army veteran of the Korean Conflict and retired from the SC National Guard. He was also retired from the South Carolina Department of Public Transportation as traffic signal foreman. He was a member of Masonic Lodge #18, York Rites, Hejaz Shrine Temple, the Chester Shrine Club and was a lifetime member of the Lancaster Moose Lodge. He is survived by his wife of over fifty-nine years, Mary C. Killian; daughter, Jennie K. Stuart of Fort Mill, SC; two grandchildren; one brother, Bob Killian of Lexington, SC. He descends from Andreas' son, John. [Hinds RIN #26457]

*(Obituaries continued from page 10)*

**Gwendolyn Killian Arrowood** of Salisbury, NC, (NOV 16, 1926—MAR 26, 2012). She was born in Mount Holly, Gaston County, NC, the daughter of the late Esley Otto Killian and Ethel Baker Killian. She was a graduate of Mount Holly High School and Salisbury Business College. Gwen retired in 1994 from Rowan County School Food Service as a bookkeeper at the Central Office after 25 years of service. She was a member of Bethel United Methodist Church, where she was in the Joy Club and a member of United Methodist Women. She was widowed at the age of 34 and was mom and dad to her four boys, David L. Arrowood of Cleveland, NC, Allen K. Arrowood of Salisbury, NC, Mark C. Arrowood of Linwood, NC and Paul R. Arrowood of Salisbury, NC. Preceding her in death were her husband, Paul Joseph Arrowood, in 1960; brothers, Fred Killian, Ernest Killian, Roy Killian, and Charles ("Deaner") Killian; and sisters, Edith Littlejohn, Edna Forbes and Frances Patterson. Those left to cherish memories are her sons; sister Imogene Killian Teeter of Texas; six grandchildren; two step-grandchildren; five great-grandchildren; and two step-great grandchildren. She descends from Andreas' son, Samuel. [Hinds RIN #80644]

**Carl Whitener Stewart** of Hickory, NC, (AUG 10, 1924—MAR 28, 2012). He was born in Catawba County, NC, the son of the late Robert Lee Stewart and Rosa Lee Hahn Stewart. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five brothers; two sisters; an infant son, Carl Lester Stewart; and step-mother, Annie Vaughn Stewart. He was a veteran of the U. S. Army, a past master and life member of Conover Masonic Lodge, and was of the Baptist faith. He enjoyed his family, farm, and restoring antique wagons. Survivors include his wife of 64 years, Audrey Welch Stewart; sons, Randy Stewart, Jerry Stewart; brother, Roy Stewart; sisters, Francis Barger, and Ruth Sigmon; five grandchildren; five great-grandchildren. The family would like to thank Nurse Melony, Chaplain Kenny, and the Veterans Administration of Hickory for their support and care. He descends from Andreas' son, Samuel. [Hinds RIN #39740]

**Zelma Turner Killian** of Conover, NC, (JUN 4, 1924—MAY 9, 2012). She was born in Catawba County, the daughter of the late David Lawson Turner and Mary Lou Killian Turner. She was a long-time member of St. Peter's Lutheran Church, and retired as sewer and sewing instructor at Hickory Tavern Furniture. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 53 years, Frederick Darel Killian; son, Gary Nelson Killian; daughter-in-law, Hilda Mae Gillis Killian; grandson, Brian Thomas Killian; six sisters, Della Turner, Bessie Turner, Eva Spencer, Sylvia Pope, Neta Hunt, Lois Satterwhite; and two brothers, Cloyd Turner and Clifford Turner. Mrs. Killian is survived by daughter, Judy Dellinger, of Conover, NC; three grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren. Zelma's children are double Killians by way of Andreas' son, Samuel. [Hinds RIN #62306]

**Wyndle Gordon "Bud" Killion, Sr.** of Dallas, TX (MAR 3, 1930—MAY 3, 2003). He was born to Coleman D. Killion and Lois Geraldine Castle Killion and he is not a descendant of North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian. This family line goes back to Goodwin Killion and Jane Tharp/Sharp. In the Killian/Killian/Killion DNA Project, the search goes on to connect all Killi\*n descendants to their family tree and "Bud" Killion's son was one willing to help. I feel it is only fitting to include a remembrance of "Bud" in the Killian Family Newsletter. "Bud" was in the home building business for many years. He married Betty Ann Wallace in Marshall on Dec. 27, 1949. He attended Trinity Episcopal Church and First United Methodist Church. He was a member of the Rotary Club, the Optimist Club, and the Marshall Lakeside Country Club. He served in the U.S. Army during the Korean War. He is survived by his wife, Betty Killion; son, Wyndle Gordon Killion Jr. of Dallas, TX (DNA Project Member); daughter, Debra Teresa Killion Bullock of Rowlett, TX; two grandchildren, Priscilla Melissa Hamby Price of Bossier City, LA and Keith Killion O'Reilly of Dallas, TX; one great-granddaughter; three sisters. "Bud's" lineage is: Goodwin Killion, Perry Tomas Killion [Hinds RIN #31403], William Goodwin Killion [Hinds RIN #31421], Coleman D. Killion born 1909. Submitted by Cheryl Mann Killian.

**Life brings tears, smiles and memories. The tears dry, the smile fades, but the memories live on forever.**  
**Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association**

**Database identification reference numbers** [Hinds RIN #] **from William "Bill" L. Hinds.** You can find these reference numbers at Rootsweb.com in the Killion database. Go to [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com) click on Family Trees, in box under "Jump to a database", Type "Killion" without the quotes. This takes you to Hinds' database eliminating all others.

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Our goal is to create a fun, informative and affordable event.  
All information and any changes to the schedule will be available on our website at:

**[www.AndreasKillian.com](http://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.

**Daniel W. Barefoot** is a true Tarheel. He was born in Charlotte, graduated Phi Beta Kappa from the University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill, and earned his Juris Doctor degree from the University of North Carolina School of Law. He served three terms in the North Carolina House of Representatives, from 1998 until 2002. Dan is also a professional magician, specializing in tricks and illusions related to North Carolina and its storied heritage and people. Dan is the author of four travel guides, *Touring the Backroads of North Carolina's Upper Coast*(1995), *Touring the Backroads of North Carolina's Lower Coast*(1995), *Touring South Carolina's Revolutionary War Sites*(1999), and *Touring North Carolina's Revolutionary War Sites*(1998); the biography entitled *General Robert F. Hoke: Lee's Modest Warrior* (1996); and a trilogy of ghost stories representing all of North Carolina's 100 counties, *Seaside Spectres*(2002), *Piedmont Phantoms*(2002), and *Haints of the Hills*(2002). His most recent books are *Haunted Halls of Ivy: Ghosts of Southern Colleges and Universities*(2004), *Let Us Die Like Brave Men*(2005), *Hark the Sound of Tar Heel Voices* (2008), and *Spirits of '76*(2009). Dan is a frequent speaker to cultural, civic, and church groups throughout the Southeast. We are delighted Dan will speak on ***The Vital Role of the Catawba River Valley and Its Citizens in the Ultimate Outcome of the American Revolution***. His presentation will instill just a bit more pride in our storied Catawba River Valley heritage.

**Jason L. Harpe** is an historic preservation consultant with nearly twenty years of experience in historic preservation. His career began at the age of 18 as a weekend manager at a historic site and, since that time, he has worked with historic sites, museums, historic preservation commissions, non-profit boards, local governments, and others. Jason is a graduate of the University of North Carolina at Charlotte with both a Bachelor of Arts and Master of Arts in History. He is currently serving as Executive Director for the Lincoln County Historical Association and Lincoln County Museum of History. He has written and edited books on local history, Freemasonry, folk art, and Catawba Valley pottery. He has facilitated the acquisition and preservation of historic sites; written preservation, restoration, and maintenance plans, National Register of Historic Places nominations, and local landmark designation reports. He coordinated projects between historical and cultural organizations and worked diligently to promote historic preservation to groups with varying demographics. His youth, excitement, passion, and understanding offer a fresh, candid, and uplifting view of how to make history and preservation relevant to all generations. You will not want to miss his presentation entitled **"Who Goes There: Historic Cemeteries as Solemn Final Resting Places, Historic Resources & Timeless Seats of Wisdom"**.

**Tammy Wilson** is a lifelong genealogist, having researched and documented 25 direct lines to the American Colonies prior to 1701 as well as five Revolutionary War patriots. She is President of the Catawba Valley Chapter of the Colonial Dames 17<sup>th</sup> Century, past Regent of the National Society of the Daughters of the American Revolution John Hoyle Chapter and a member of the United Daughters of 1812. Tammy is currently serving as Public Information Officer for the Catawba County Library System. She will be presenting "**Troublesome Years 1810-1820**", a discussion that will shed some light on major historical events most American history classes ignore but our ancestors couldn't. Aside from the War of 1812, there was the Year of No Summer, the devastating New Madrid earthquakes (yes, there was more than one) and the Panic of 1819, among other events that put our ancestors and our young nation to the test.

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Activities**

**Location:**

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Fellowship Hall  
4420 County Home Road  
Conover, NC 28612

**Friday:** We will continue with the success of a dinner followed by speaker Dan Barefoot with live musical entertainment during dinner by the Brothers Redeemed Quartet.

**Saturday Morning:** This year we are hiring a 56-passenger coach to simplify the touring process. The **Hickory Killian Tour** will begin at 8:30 at Mt. Zion Church and end at approximately 2:30 with a stop for lunch along the way. The tour will begin with a stop at the ever-popular Killian's Hardware Museum. From there, the tour will head to the Hickory Museum of Art for a guided tour featuring an exhibit by folk artist Arie Reinhardt Taylor. Arie has ties to the Killian family. After a stop for lunch at the Hickory Tap Room, a casual pub style restaurant in keeping with the historic name of the city of Hickory, originally known as Hickory Tavern, the tour will then head over to Old Saint Paul's Church for a very special Ceremony of German Stones Burial. Register early to reserve your seat on the coach! The cost of the tour is \$7 per person.

**Saturday Afternoon:** At 3:00pm SHARP, Jason Harpe will begin his presentation.

**Saturday Late Afternoon:** The very important *Business Meeting* will begin at 4:00pm. 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!

**Genealogy Workshop:** Because most of the folks staffing the genealogy workshop plan to participate in the Hickory Killian Tour, a limited genealogy workshop will follow the Business Meeting. Please check the appropriate box on the registration form of your lineage inquiry and we will coordinate some assistance.

**Sunday Morning and Lunch:** We are always welcome for church services at Mount Zion Lutheran and Old Saint Paul's. We will continue with the success of a catered lunch at Mount Zion Church followed by speaker Tammy Wilson.

**Accommodations**

The Best Western located at 1520 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drive, S.E., Hickory, NC 28602 (828-323-1150) is offering the Association a group rate of \$69.00 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. We will have a catered meal offered by Jennifer Brittain of Jennifer's Café on Friday evening and Sunday noon prior to each lecture. The cost for each catered meal will be \$10 for Adults and \$5 for children age 10 and under. For Lunch on Saturday and for time allowances, the tour will be stopping on the square in downtown Hickory at The Hickory Tap Room. The restaurant offers a casual atmosphere with typical pub style fare at reasonable prices. Lunch is not included in the cost of the tour.

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**Friday, September 7, 2012**

(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 Jennifer's Café  
Music provided by the **Brothers Redeemed Quartet**  
7:15pm: Dan Barefoot lecture on *The Vital Role of the Catawba River Valley and Its Citizens in the Ultimate Outcome of the American Revolution*  
Group Photo following lecture

**Saturday, September 8, 2012**

- 8:00am-8:30am: Registration/Gather at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church for tour  
8:30am-2:30pm: Hickory Killian Tour via 56-seat coach  
*The Tour coach will make a stop for lunch. All others need to plan lunch on your own.*  
1:30pm : **Ceremony of German Stones Burial** at Old Saint Paul's Church  
3:00pm-4:00pm: Jason Harpe lecture titled *Who Goes There: Historic Cemeteries as Solemn Final Resting Places, Historic Resources & Timeless Seats of Wisdom*  
4:00pm-5:00pm: Business Meeting (*Please plan to stay*)  
5:15pm-6:30pm: Genealogy Workshop following Business Meeting  
(*location and staffing will be based on anticipated need*)  
Dinner on your own

**Sunday, September 9, 2012**

- 10:00am: Church Service Old St. Paul's Church  
OR  
10:30am: Church Service Mt. Zion Lutheran Church  
12:30pm: (Please be prompt) Catered Lunch at Mt. Zion Church Fellowship Hall  
1:15pm: Tammy Wilson presentation *The Troublesome Years: 1810-1820*  
Group photo and farewells until 2013

**\*\*\*Registration needs to be received by August 25<sup>th</sup> 2012\*\***



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## Return Service Requested

### Reunion Time

Descendants of  
**Adolphus Nimrod Killian**  
(1827 NC - 1903 TN)  
**and Rebecca Holyfield**  
(1840 NC - 1877 TN)

**Saturday, September 22, 2012**

Gathering will begin about 10:00am  
Cortassel Cumberland Presbyterian Church  
2100 Povo Rd, Madisonville, TN 37354.

All cousins are welcome.

Bring your photos of your family, past and present and remember to bring your favorite covered dish for lunch at 1pm.

Bring enough food to feed your group. Food will be shared with all but we want to make sure and have enough. Plates, napkins, cups, lemonade, tea, water and coffee will be furnished.

For more information contact:  
Tom Swabe (865) 584-3788  
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### Our Sick List

The AKDHA is run by a team of mostly distant relatives who come together as brothers and sisters to make this Association something of which we can all be proud. Sometimes things go well. Sometimes things don't go so well. But we manage to make it work and have a little fun along the way! Since last year's Reunion, the following Officers faced major health issues with surgeries, hospital stays or cancer. Some are in recovery and some are still in the fight:

Board Member Joe Killian and his wife Dolly

Dan Sipe, our Program Director  
Pete Whitener, our Treasurer  
Max Sipe, our Chaplain  
Wayne Milam, our Historian

We may not know about everyone's challenges but this we know for sure: We are so very thankful for each and every one of these folks. We pray they know how important they are to us and we support them with every step of their journey!

### Reunion Time

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

**Saturday, August 25, 2012**  
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?  
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