

Killian Family Newsletter

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President's Points

Howdy Cousins,

Oh my, how times flies! The 2013 National AKDHA Family Reunion will soon be here. This year's program was designed from the feedback we received on the surveys provided from last year's attendees. We listened and hopefully you will enjoy the great weekend we have planned. In addition to music and fellowship, we will hit the road once again in a coach for a busy day of activities including Lee Killian's sawmill and touring the area of the 1749 Killian land grant on Killian Creek. For Sunday, Bill McCreight and Dan Sipe worked together to create an interesting presentation on our contemporary cousins living in Germany. Look to page 13 for more information about the upcoming reunion.

Another BIG project has gotten underway - our first cemetery improvement project thanks to funding from Duke Energy and the efforts of Steve Killian, our Old Saint Paul's Project Leader and Dan Sipe, our Program and Projects Director. After years of preparation, work began on June 29, 2013. You can read more about it on Page 3.

For the third consecutive year, the AKDHA will be awarding scholarships to two of our young Killian cousins who have shown themselves to be deserving of this honor. The announcement will be made at the Business Meeting on September 7, 2013 and reported in the Winter 2014 Killian Family Newsletter.

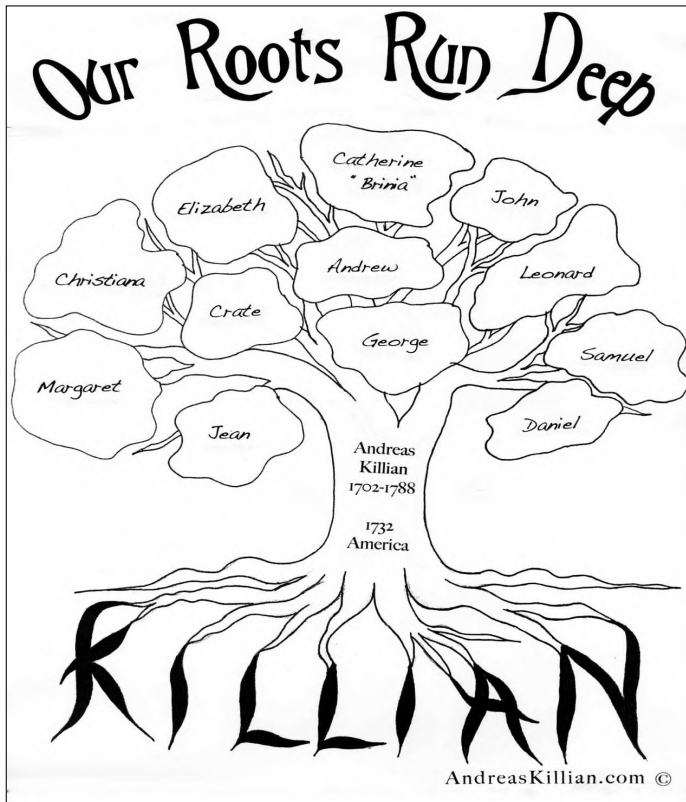
I am excited to announce with great pride that our Killian Newsletter won the 2013 National Genealogical Society's Family Association Newsletter Competition! It was our first year entering the competition and this announcement proves what we Killians have known all along. We have a great newsletter, a great editor in Charles Killian and his wife Cheryl, and a great group of people who contribute interesting articles to this publication. Now the National Genealogical Society knows it too. Read more about it on Page 4.

As you can see by our accomplishments this year, we Killians are a great family who can come together and accomplish good things. Let's continue the momentum. Please join us at the reunion.

Goodbye for now,

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Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA)

On June 17, 2010, the North Carolina Department of Revenue assigned AKDHA 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 (AKDHA)

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

Our Mission Statement:

The primary purpose of the AKDHA 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 AKDHA 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. AKDHA 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.

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. The printing and postage for your newsletter is paid from the AKDHA's General Fund.

AKDHA does not have a physical location.

For communication and storage of research material, we rely on:

Our Website: www.AndreasKillian.com

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Individual email addresses can be found on the website and some USPS addresses can be found in every newsletter

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

Donations to AKDHA are appreciated.

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Old Saint Paul's Church Cemetery Restoration Project Gets Underway

One of the AKDHA's most ambitious projects became a reality on Saturday, June 29, 2013, when the restoration of Old Saint Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery (OSP) began with major repairs to four markers, the cleaning of 20-25 markers, and the resetting of six bases and stones.

The old white clapboard church at Old Saint Paul's was built about 1818 and replaced two previous structures. This historic building remains the oldest existing church in North Carolina west of the Catawba River. The OSP Cemetery has gravestones dating back to the 1700's. Graves of Andreas Killian descendants can be found there. The Andreas Killian monument, our association's first project, stands prominently in the cemetery. Time has taken its toll. More than two hundred gravestones and markers are in need of critical repairs and cleaning.

Planning this project goes back more than two years. Dan Sipe, Program and Projects Director of AKDHA spearheaded the effort. Steve Killian was appointed OSP Project Leader. Together they educated themselves on what this project would require. The leadership at Old Saint Paul's Church was approached and wholehearted gave their support and cooperation. In a strategy meeting in October 2012, all agreed it was necessary to hire a "Cemetery Restoration Consultant". Mr. Jason Harpe of Harpe Consulting of Charlotte, NC (and former speaker for the AKDHA Reunion) was chosen to lead this project. His extensive credentials as an historic preservation specialist and his passion for this type of project made a perfect fit.



The next hurdle was funding. We are fortunate to have Dan Sipe as an active member of the AKDHA (a legal 501(c)(3) nonprofit) and an employee of Duke Energy Corporation. With this criteria, Dan applied and received funding several times from the Duke Energy Corporation grant program.

On June 29th, 31 people donning blue t-shirts provided by Duke Energy attended training on how to safely repair and clean gravestones. Members of three other churches attended as well. Jason brought his associate, Bill Beam, so we could have two teams working simultaneously. It was a full day of hands-on work. The most challenging task involved gravestone bases buried below the grass line tilting the markers in precarious positions. Those required a bit of digging for removal and resetting to level status.

This day begins a journey of repairs that will take a long time to accomplish for sure. We now have AKDHA volunteers trained to perform many of the restoration tasks needed. With Jason's leadership skills, other workdays will be planned this year. Our Killian family will honor our departed ancestors by making their resting place a safe and enjoyable place to visit.

Don't miss this: If you missed the training session and would like to learn how to clean stones, be sure to sign up for the Saturday tour at the 2013 Reunion. Plans are in the works for Killian cousins to assist in cleaning and resetting a few stones during the tour stop at OSP. You're welcome to give it a try, anyone can do it. Wear clothing you won't mind getting a little dirty. Tents will be set up in case of rain or high temperatures. The old church building will be opened for viewing and seating. It is truly a gratifying experience.

Submitted by Steve Killian, OSP Project Leader
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From the Editor's Desk

In case you haven't heard, the National Genealogical Society (NGS) awarded the Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA) first place in the family association newsletter category.

The announcement: *"Each year, the NGS Newsletter Competition recognizes the hard work, long hours, and creativity that editors devote to their newsletters. A panel of three judges reviews each newsletter on material interest, variety, organization, quality of writing and editing, readability, and attractiveness. NGS President Jordan Jones presented the Family Association Newsletter winning award to The Killian Family Newsletter, edited by Charles D. Killian of Ellenwood, Georgia."*



Charles and Cheryl Killian

It was Sandy Phillips who discovered the competition and entered the two issues of the 2012 newsletter. Using the NGS criteria as a reference, the goal was to make our newsletter the best it could be. Original articles and research are the foundation of each newsletter.

Sandy also deserves much credit for the proofreading, encouragement, ideas and suggestions. She has been called a "Go To Person" because she has had many roles in AKDHA. Her real job has taken her away from a full time position with AKDHA, but her zest for making things happen has been proven again by winning this award.

On May 8, 2013, my wife, Cheryl, and I went to the conference in Las Vegas, NV, to accept the award on behalf of AKDHA. The conference was a large event with a lot of seminars. We only had time to attend the opening session, so we didn't get to attend any of the educational seminars. Next year, the NGS conference will be held in Richmond, VA, May 7-10, 2014.

Make plans to attend the AKDHA Reunion September 6-8, 2013, bring your pictures, family tree, and anything you think might be of interest. If you are having trouble with your family tree, you just might meet someone that can help. Cheryl and I will have a table set up so drop by and visit with us. Hope to see you there.

Greetings from Germany, from William "Bill" McCreight

May 23, 2013

Our most distant known Kilian cousins in Germany welcomed another member to the family. Markus Kilian and his wife Dagmar had a baby girl named Linea Kilian. She was born on the 14th of February, 2013. This is the 4th grandchild of DNA project member Walter Kilian born 1940 in Germany.

In May, Walter Kilian had a stroke. I have been keeping up with his recovery. Walter's daughter Andrea says he is getting *"better and better"*. She went on to say, *"... There are still some confusion, he sometimes has problems with remembering the days (Monday, Tuesday, weekend or not) and also with the time (morning, afternoon) but everything else is more or less fine. He's still not in his old physical condition but he feels more or less good. There are days which are better and days which are not so good. Anyway, we are really thankful having him back in such a good condition..."*

Bill will not be at this year's AKDHA Reunion, but he has sent a PowerPoint presentation based on his latest research on two families living in Germany today who descend from Sebastian Kilian born before 1560 in Kühnhard, Württemberg.

Oscar Daniel Killian

February 4, 1897-April 16, 1978

Andreas Killian (1702-1788) > Andrew Killian Jr. > Daniel Killian > Andrew Jackson Killian >
John Lafayette Killian > Oscar Daniel Killian
Submitted by Billy Mack Killian

My grandfather, John Lafayette Killian, abandoned Gilmer County, Georgia, in 1879 after the death of his wife Mary Jane Reeves. He left his two-year-old daughter with her maternal grandparents. Arriving in Texas that year, he stopped in the Lockhart-Martindale area of Caldwell County. On August 2, 1885, he married Mary Ellen Cruesturner of Martindale in Lockhart, Texas.

My father, Oscar Daniel Killian, was born in Martindale, Texas, on February 4, 1897. Oscar was the fifth of the eleven children of John L. Killian. According to the 1900 census, John was an itinerant farmer and lived in Kaufman County, Texas. The birth certificate of Oscar's brother, Jim Gaddy, shows the family lived in Erath County, Texas, in 1905. The 1910 census shows the family in Mitchell County, Texas. This would place them in or near Colorado City, Texas, where both John and Mary Ellen remained and were buried in Colorado City Cemetery.

Oscar would have helped his father with farm work. When war broke out in Europe, the United States decided to enter the action. A chance for adventure attracted young men. Oscar, a man who loved his country, its values, and principles, traveled to Dallas, Texas, with his younger brother, Norman, to enlist in the Texas National Guard.

Their enlistment was July 19, 1917, in the 36th Division (Texas Division). Their assignment was Battery D First Artillery. Oscar and Norman landed in France on July 18, 1918. Oscar showed leadership abilities. He was offered a field commission, but turned it down having promised his mother he would stay with and take care of Norman. Oscar became the victim of a mustard gas attack in the Argonne Forest. He left the front to allow his burned lungs to heal. Upon recuperation, Oscar was assigned to Bakery Company with the 321st Quarter Master Corp. He was honorably discharged on May 10, 1919.

Oscar's time with the Quarter Master Corp may have inspired a career in business when he returned to the states. He went to work in a store in Alvord, Wise County, Texas. The town is near Decatur, Texas, where my mother Viola Fowler and her family lived.

Oscar earned a partnership in a dry goods store. He joined the Masonic Lodge in Alvord, becoming a 32nd degree mason. Viola taught school in nearby Rhome, Texas, in 1926. They started seeing each other at this time. Oscar's efforts in business were successful. While acquiring enough capital to look for his own business, Oscar and Viola married on December 24, 1928. The couple moved to Slaton, Lubbock County, Texas, in 1929.

Oscar purchased a dry goods store in Slaton and Viola taught school. Viola's mother, brother, and sister lived with them. The store was a successful venture. Oscar Jr. was born on February 4, 1934. Joe Lee was born on November 12, 1938. The business provided enough capital for Oscar to acquire a grocery store in Andrews, Andrews County, Texas. According to the 1940 census, a residence was maintained in Lubbock and Andrews concurrently. By 1942, the business in Andrews had sold. Oscar registered for the World War II draft in Lubbock that same year.

Seeing the possibilities in real estate, Oscar sold the store in Slaton and joined a real estate office in Lubbock. In 1945, he opened the Killian and Cox Real Estate Office. In 1947, the business moved downtown to an office in the Conley Building. A third son, Billy Mack, was born on November 25, 1949. A second office was opened in Stephenville, Erath County, Texas. In 1953, Oscar started buying mineral rights and land. One investment included buying a 24,000 acre ranch in Kent County, Texas. This was divided into smaller tracts and sold. This type of investing continued as he made purchases in Yoakum and Gains Counties.

Our family farmed and ranched in an area close to the New Mexico/Texas state line. That's what you do in Texas. Yet when Oscar passed away on April 16, 1978, he and Viola were still selling real estate in Denver City, Texas.

Many thanks to Billy "Bill" Mack Killian for submitting this narrative on his father. In this year's World Fish Carving Championships, Bill's trout won second place and his red drum won first place. Congratulations!



Researching Ancestral Roots At Old St. Paul's Church Cemetery

Derick S. Hartshorn has a list of 46 Confederate soldiers buried at Old St. Paul's Lutheran Church Cemetery. His list is posted on the internet at: <http://www.ncgenweb.us/catawba/military/Civil%20War/OldStPaul.htm>. With OSP Cemetery in the limelight with AKDHA, each name on the list was compared with William "Bill" Hinds' database. Four direct descendants of Samuel C. Killian and one who married a descendant of Samuel C. were identified. Please send corrections and additions to fbcheryl@charter.net.



Franklin L. Herman

FRANKLIN L. HERMAN, Private, Company E, 72nd Regiment, NC Troops [B-246]. He was born 07 FEB 1821 in what was Lincoln County, NC, and died 29 JAN 1900 in Catawba County, NC. He married Orpha Mahala ISENHOUR on 14 NOV 1844 in Catawba County, NC. She was born 03 MAR 1827 in NC and died 01 APR 1914 in Catawba County, NC. She shares the gravestone with her husband. He was the son of John Daniel HERMAN and Mary KILLIAN, daughter of Samuel C. KILLIAN.

WILLIAM F. KILLIAN, Private, Company F, 23rd Regiment, NC Troops - Resided in Catawba County where he enlisted 6 JUN 1861. Present or accounted for until wounded at Seven Pines, VA, on 31 MAY 1862. Returned to duty prior to 14 SEP 1862, when he was captured at South Mountain, MD. Confined at Fort Delaware, DE, until paroled and transferred to Aiken's Landing, James River, VA, on 2 OCT 1862, for exchange. Declared exchanged at Aiken's Landing on 10 NOV 1862. Returned to duty prior to 1 MAY 1863. Present or accounted for until wounded in the right ankle and captured at Gettysburg, PA, on 1 JUL 1863. Hospitalized at Gettysburg and at Baltimore, MD, until paroled at Baltimore on 23 AUG 1863, and transferred to City Point, VA, where he was received 24 AUG 1863, for exchange. Returned to duty in JAN-APR, 1864. Present or accounted for until paroled at Appomattox Court House, VA, on 9 APR 1865 [NCT-7:200]. He died 15 FEB 1873 aged 34 years and 10 months. His headstone reads: "*Farewell my wife children dear; Keep Christ the Lord in your fear; And if in heaven we all shall meet; We'll shout around the saviour's seat.*" His wife and children have not been identified. He was the son of Andrew KILLIAN, son of Samuel C. KILLIAN, and Sophie REESE.



William F. Killian

NOAH W. KILLIAN, Private, Company F, 32nd Regiment, NC Troops - Resided in Catawba County and enlisted at Camp Hill at age 20, on 17 OCT 1862. Present or accounted for until he died 14 DEC 1863, of disease. Place of death not reported [NCT-9:61]. He was born 18 JUL 1837 in Lincoln County, NC. He was the son of Frederick KILLIAN, son of Samuel C. KILLIAN, and Catherine LUTZ.

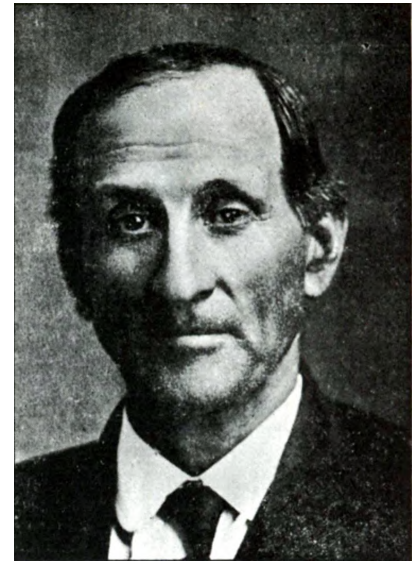


Noah W. Killian

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SAMUEL E. KILLIAN, Private, Company K, 46th Regiment, NC Troops - Born in Catawba County where he resided as a farmer prior to enlisting in Catawba County at age 18, on 13 MAR 1862. Present or accounted for until wounded in the left hand at Wilderness, VA, on 5 MAY 1864. Returned to duty in JUL-AUG, 1864. Detailed for light duty in the division commissary department on 29 OCT 1864, by reason of disability for field service. Surrendered at Appomattox Court House, VA, on 9 APR 1865 [NCT-11:234]. He was born 9 SEP 1842 in Catawba County, NC, and died 22 MAR 1919 in Catawba County, NC. After the war he farmed and later became involved in merchandising. He was a local Magistrate for 30 years and a Notary Public for ten years. He married Frances FRY on 20 NOV 1866 in Catawba County, NC. She was born 31 OCT 1846 in Catawba County, NC, and died 20 JUN 1884 in Catawba County, NC. She was buried 22 JUN 1884. He married, second, Alice Minerva HUNSUCKER about 1886, NC. She was born 20 NOV 1860 in Catawba County, NC, and died 06 SEP 1919 in Catawba County, NC. She was buried 08 SEP 1919 in Oakwood Cemetery, Hickory, Catawba County, NC. He was the son of Frederick KILLIAN, son of Samuel C. KILLIAN, and Catherine LUTZ.



Samuel E. Killian

JOHN SUMMEY COULTER, Private, Company E, 72ND Regiment, NC Troops [M-4:321, P-326] He was born 30 JAN 1847 in Columbia, Richland County, SC, and died 7 OCT 1925 in Catawba County, NC. He married Sarah Ann Saphronia Herman; she is a descendant of John Daniel HERMAN and Mary KILLIAN, daughter of Samuel C. KILLIAN.

Since names are repeated in the same generation, researching these lineages proved to be a test of tenacity. Derick reviewed this article and reported that descendants of Andreas' son, John, are also buried at OSP. As of today, the descendants of John have not been verified. We hope to have that research completed for the Winter 2014 issue of the Killian Family Newsletter.



John Summey Coulter

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B = "North Carolina Confederate Militia Officers Roster: As Contained in the Adjutant-General's Officers Roster", Stephen E. Bradley, Jr., 1992.

Many thanks to Derick S. Hartshorn for sharing the military records of these Catawba County soldiers. Photos by Derick S. Hartshorn - All rights reserved.

Heirs of John Bowman vs. George Killian & Thomas Black

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Burke County Estate Papers, John Bowman (1781), North Carolina State Archives;
digital images 27-28, *FamilySearch* (<http://www.familysearch.org> : accessed 11 March 2013).

State of North Carolina, Burk County} To wit

Agreeable to a Dedimous Potestatem from the workshipfull Court of Burk County we have call'd before us Robt Brank as a witness in a suit Between George Killian plantiff & the Heirs of John Bowman Decd Defft Being Duly sworn Deposeth & sayeth—That about Eighteen or ninteen years past Josias Black Came on the premises now in Dispute Between the Contending parties & made a small Improvement theron & went Home to Mack-lingburg—And in a few Days after that Andrew Killian Came to the House of the Deponent & Requested of him to go & help him to Raise a Cabbin on the aforesd premises to Keep the Divels out which the sd Deponent sayeth he understood to be the Blacks And the Deponent further sayeth that he never heard that George Killian laid any Righ or Title to the above premises until Andrew Killian went off with the Torys. That the first Improvement was made by Black by Deading Two trees & Cutting down One sapling & the Second by Andrew Killian who Erected a cabbin thereon about 12 or 14 feet square & cover'd & that young Andrew Killian went into the Cabbin & live'd there some time and clear'd some ground. Then the sd Blacks Returned & Built an other Cabbin twenty & Sixteen feet & cover'd & liv'd in it On which young Andrew Killian mov'd away—

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And this Deponent further sayeth that there was at that time great quarreling Between the Killians & the Blacks & that he believ'd it to be on acct of the aforesd Land & further that he believes from every surcomstance that a Certain Abraham Scott During above Dispute Join'd with the Killians Against the Blacks—And further the Deponent sayeth not

Sworn & subscribed this 8th

Sepr 1785 before us

John Hardin JP
Jno Bradburn JP

his
Robt R Brank
mark

The image shows two columns of handwritten signatures. The left column contains the signatures of John Hardin and Jno Bradburn. The right column contains the signature of Robt R Brank, with the word 'his' written above it and 'mark' written below it.

Persis Fidelia Reynolds, "Burke County Land Entries," *Burke County Genealogical Society Journal* 7 (December 1989): 99; citing stack number SS 950.1, North Carolina State Archives; [emphasis added]. no. 254. James Greenlee, Esq., 640 acres beginning on the corner of Waightstill Avery, Esq. being that quantity of Land covered with the Catawba River running down the said River between the lines of John Bowmans his own lines & Charles McDowells—taking up the vacancy of the water Course for Complement & *bounded by land now In contest & not decided between George Killian, Thomas Black & the Executors of John Bowman*. Entered 31 Mar. 1790. Warrant Issued 22 May 1790.

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

Addendum, June 2013

Correction of Page 89 and Page 95

Transcription of Burke County Estate Papers, John Bowman (1781)

The original citation on pages 89 and 95 were based on review of a partial transcription [abstract] of the original document. The following is revised as of 27 June 2013 after reading the complete testimony of Robert Brank from the original document photocopy. The Burke County, NC, Court record about the George Killian vs. Josias Black case is dated 8 September 1785 and found in the Estate Files of John Bowman from the NC Archives and posted at FamilySearch.org. After further study, I [Gene Killian] realized that 19-20 years past would have been in 1764-65, and that date was when Josias Black came to the property in dispute and "made improvements" that Brank described.

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In 1773, George Killian, brother of Andrew, received a grant for 300 acres of land on Hunting Creek in Burke County, NC. About 1779, a dispute between the John Bowman heirs, Josias Black, and George Killian arose about the 300 acres of land. Josias Black sold the 300 acres to John Bowman and gave bond for the title. In a deposition to the court in 1785, Robert Brank said, "~~that 18 or 19 years ago, Andrew Killian came to the house to keep the "Divels" out (Josias Black), until he (Andrew) went off with the Tories". The 18 or 19 years was probably a transcription error, and probably should have read 8 or 9 years ago, 1776-1777.~~ **“That about Eighteen or nineteen years past Josias Black Came on the premises now in Dispute Between the Contending parties & made a small Improvement thereon. . . And the Deponent further sayeth that he never heard that George Killian laid any Right or Title to the above premises until Andrew Killian went off with the Torys.”**

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About ~~1776-77~~ **1764-1765**, Josias Black claimed [improved] the 300 acres on Hunting Creek that George received in 1773. Josias sold this 300 acres plus other acreage to John Bowman and gave bond to guarantee title to the 300 acres. John Bowman was the sheriff of Burke County and was killed in the battle of Ramsour's Mill in 1780. In 1785, a lawsuit arose between the John Bowman heirs and George Killian. A witness in the lawsuit, Robert Brank Sr., said in a deposition ~~that 18 or 19 years ago, Andrew Killian (most likely the brother of George) came to the house to keep the "Divels" out, (meaning the Josias Black family) until he (Andrew) went off with the Tories". The 18 or 19 years was probably a transcription error or copied wrong later. We assume the correct date to be 1776-77.~~ **“That about Eighteen or nineteen years past Josias Black Came on the premises now in Dispute Between the Contending parties & made a small Improvement thereon. . . And the Deponent further sayeth that he never heard that George Killian laid any Right or Title to the above premises until Andrew Killian went off with the Torys.”**

The partial transcription [abstract] of that record is essentially correct, but leaves out some very important details, such as naming the "**young Andrew Killian.**"

“Second by Andrew Killian who Erected a cabbin thereon about 12 or 14 feet square & cover'd & that **young Andrew Killian** went into the Cabbin & live'd there some time and cleard some ground. Then the sd Blacks Returned & Built an other Cabbin twenty & Sixteen feet & cover'd & liv'd in it On which **young Andrew Killian** mov'd away—“

The document does not indicate which Andrew Killian "went off with the Torys." An unidentified Andrew Killian was found listed in British pay records in 1780-82 and a George (Killin/Killen/Killon) name appears in British pay records 1777-79-81. Descendants of George Killian (born 1740), son of Andreas, reject the implication that the soldier on British payrolls was Andrew Killian Jr., the son of Andreas Killian. This leaves a question: Were both Andreas Killian and Andrew Killian Jr. soldiers in the North Carolina Tory Militia commanded by the British? Or, could Andrew Killian Sen., son of Leonard, have been one of the Andrew Killians named in British pay records?

AKDHA would like to thank: Kathy Gunter Sullivan for transcribing and publishing the Estate Record of John Bowman (1781); Gwinn Sherrill passing the information along to Dan Sipe; Dan Sipe sending the information onward; and Gene Killian for interpreting what the original image of the document was implying. An abstract gave enough information to form an opinion, but the complete document gave a more accurate account of the very important detail of naming the young Andrew Killian and the time line. There is nothing like reading the original document before forming an opinion.

New Andreas Killian Descendants Y-DNA Project Members

Let us welcome two descendants of Andreas Killian to the Kilian/Killian/Killion Y-DNA project. Mr. John I. Killian joined in April 2013. He is a descendant of Samuel C. Killian. Mr. Eugene "Gene" Killion of Paris, IL joined the project in May 2013. He is a descendant of Leonard Killian. A full DNA project report is scheduled for the Winter 2014 Killian Family Newsletter.

[Gene Killion is our Honey Bee Expert who provided honey for everyone at the 2012 National AKDHA Reunion in Hickory. Gene is doing well. While he doesn't think he will be at this year's reunion, reunion attendees might be receiving Killion Honey again.]

Obituaries

In Memory of the Life between the Dash.

Betty Lou Maher of Fairfield, CA (MAR 15, 1930—JUN 16, 2012). She was born in Heber Springs, AR, to Franklin and Hattie Matteson. She married Billy C. Maher on AUG 2, 1947. Betty and Bill "retired" to Circle M Ranch in Fairfield, where she enjoyed working with all of her animals in the Maher Mini Zoo. Later, her time was spent on the genealogy of her families. It consumed her life and she had a wonderful time exploring all of this history. She is survived by her husband, Bill Maher of Fairfield; son, Charles Maher; daughter, Beverly LeMasters; son, Stanley Maher; five grandchildren, Jennifer and Aaron Maher of Houston, TX, Amanda LeMasters of Fairfield, and Alexander and Andrew Maher of Fairfield. She was preceded in death by her parents; two sisters and two brothers, Onita Barnum, Juanita Maher, and Beauton and Gene Matteson. Interment in Rockville Cemetery in Fairfield. She descends from Leonard Killian. [Hinds RIN #86904]

Katherine (Kay) Martin Turner of Atlanta, GA (MAR 23, 1918—JUN 25, 2012). She was born March 23, 1918, in Columbia, SC, to Elmore Atmar Martin and Emma Catherine (Killian) Martin. She was married to the late Thomas J. Turner for 59 years. Kay is survived by her sons, Thomas J. Turner III of Pensacola, FL, Timothy Turner of Atlanta, and Theodore Turner of Santa Fe, NM; and daughter, Nancy Turner Miranda of Atlanta; eight grandchildren and seven great grandchildren, as well as numerous nieces and nephews. Interment at Floral Hills Memory Gardens, Atlanta, DeKalb County, GA. She descends from Samuel C. Killian. [Hinds RIN #21425]

Sarah Killian Johnson of Hickory, NC (JUL 6, 1928—JUL 28, 2012). She was born in Caldwell County, NC, to the late Emory Herman and Beulah (Spencer) Killian. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, William Raymer Johnson and a brother, Herman Killian. She is survived by daughters, Doris Smith of Hickory, Betty Marker of Berlin, PA, and Libby Tucker of Hickory; ten grandchildren; seven great-grandchildren; and sister, Erma Rollins of Greensboro, NC. Interment in Trinity Lutheran Church Cemetery, Hickory. She descends from Samuel C. Killian. [Hinds RIN #22135]

Viola Goforth Mann of Newton, NC (MAY 15, 1920—OCT 2, 2012). She was born in Catawba County, NC, to the late Robert Ray Goforth and Cordie Bell Sigmon Goforth. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband of 50 years, Ford Marshall Mann; daughter, Janice Wilkinson Braswell; five brothers; and two sisters. Survivors include daughters, Becky Bowman of Newton, Jean Piotrowski of Baltimore, MD; grandchildren, Renee Long, Susie Canrobert, Eddie Bowman, Rebecca Sajjad, and Amy Zesiger; step-grandchildren, Dale Wilkinson, Cora LeFevers; ten great-grandchildren; four step-great grandchildren; six great-great-grandchildren; numerous nieces and nephews. Interment in Mt. Olive Lutheran Church Cemetery, Newton, NC. She descends from Andrew Killian Jr. [Hinds RIN #75251]

Norman Leroy Pethel of Salisbury, NC (DEC 19, 1917—NOV 8, 2012). He was born in East Spencer, NC, to the late Jacob Roy Pethel, Sr. and Lottie Rebecca (Lingle) Pethel. Norman served four years in the United States Navy during World War II, from 1942-1946. He was discharged as a First Class Petty Officer after the war having served mostly in the South Pacific. In addition to his parents, Norman was preceded in death by an infant daughter, Deborah Gibson Pethel; a son, Charles Roy Pethel; a brother, James Pethel; and a sister, Kathleen Pless. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Doris Gibson Pethel; son, Dennis Pethel of Salisbury; and two daughters, Becky Pethel Williams of Faith, NC,

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and Cathy Pethel Lyerly of Rockwell, NC. He is also survived by a brother, Jacob Roy Pethel, Jr. of Salisbury; grandchildren, Justin Williams of Greenville, SC, Brooke Lyerly of Winston Salem, Holly Moody of Faith, Lindsay Draper of Kernersville, and Shawn Pethel of Salisbury; and three great-grandchildren, Max and Charles Pethel and Brooks Moody. Interment in Salisbury National Cemetery. He descends from Christianna Killian Barringer. [Hinds RIN #81041]

Shirley Sue Hildebrand Killian of Sayre, OK (AUG 20—JAN 9, 2013). She was born at Delhi, OK, to Jessie V. "Dutch" and Oma Bell (Ellison) Hildebrand. She married Ray Killian on November 28, 1957. Ray descends from Samuel C. Killian. She wrote the historical book entitled "Sayre" for the Images of America series. She was preceded in death by her parents and a sister, Bonnie Jean Tatyrek. Survivors include her husband, Ray Killian; two daughters, Marilyn Sue Thomasy of Sayre, Laura Denise Hoffman of Union Star, MO; five grandchildren, seven great grandchildren, three sisters, Evadean Richmond of Las Vegas, NV, Francis Blakely of Odessa, TX, and Roxie Babek of Elk City, OK; and two brothers, Ralph "Bud" Hildebrand of Sayre and Roy Hildebrand of Enid, OK. Interment in the Sayre-Doxey Cemetery, Sayre, OK. (Note: She and Ray Killian were featured in stories in Killian Family Newsletters Vol. 7, No. 2, 1999 and February 2010). [Hinds RIN #39347]

Wade A. Killian of Cardwell, MO (SEP 11, 1922—FEB 5, 2013). He was born in Senath, MO, to the late Jimmy and Parlee (Hahn) Killian. He married Johnnie Marsh on October 29, 1948, in Piggott, AR. He served his country in the United States Air Force. Survivors include his wife, Johnnie Killian of Cardwell, MO; son, Clarence Killian of Paragould, AR; daughter, Connie Atchison of Paragould; three grandchildren, Stacey Atchison, Audrey Boggs and Cara Boggs; and four great-grandchildren, Kali Boggs, Wade Boggs, Cady Mae Herren, and Layne Herren. He was preceded in death by two brothers and one sister. Interment in Memorial Gardens Cemetery in Paragould, AR. He descends from John Killian born 1729, son of Andreas. [Hinds RIN #34945]

Clyde Richard Killian of Hickory, NC (JUN 16, 1933—FEB 20, 2013). He was born in Cabarrus County, NC, to the late James Edward Killian and Vernie (Hart) Killian. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by two brothers, Bill Killian and Marvin Killian. Survivors include his wife of 60 years, Margie Hefner Killian of Hickory; a daughter, Mary Hamby of Granite Falls; a son, Kenneth Davis of Taylorsville; a sister, Odell Honeycutt of Concord; six grandchildren and seven great-grandchildren. Interment in Woodlawn Memorial Gardens. He descends from John Killian born 1729, son of Andreas. [Hinds RIN #68222]

Evelyn Charlotta Payne Killion of Rocky Comfort, MO (MAR 16, 1914—APR 22, 2013). She was born in Newton County, MO, the daughter of Charlie H. and Lottie H. (Arfstrom) Payne. On Sept. 19, 1931, she married Charlie Killion, who preceded her in death in 1974. He is a descendant of Leonard Killion. Also preceding her in death were her parents; one son, Gary Don Killion; one daughter, JoAnn Swearingen; siblings, Clyde, Selma, Alma, Earl, Ocie, and Lola Mae Payne; and one granddaughter, Kelly Dawn Killion. Surviving are two grandsons, Shawn Killion of Wheaton, MO, and Danny Swearingen of Monett, MO; three granddaughters, Jennifer Bray of Centerton, AR; Carol Steinbach of Big Cabin, OK, and Kristy Montz-Goble of Cassville, MO; 15 great-grandchildren; and seven great-great grandchildren. She loved the Lord and was a member of Church of Christ at Rocky Comfort. Interment in Dice Cemetery, Fairview, MO. [Hinds RIN #46005]

Tommy Blair Killian Sr. of Claremont, NC (SEP 26, 1937—MAR 20, 2013). He was born in Catawba County to the late Hassie Lon Killian and Lottie Rebecca (Hedrick) Killian. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by a son, Tommy Blair Killian Jr.; sister, Ovalene Drum; and brother, Kenneth "Mack" Killian. He is survived by his wife of 36 years, Martha B. Killian; a son, Lonnie Oren Killian, of Newton; daughter, Arrietta Marie Burgess of Denver, NC; stepdaughter, Tammie Whitlow of Iron Station; brother, Billy Harold Killian of Catawba, NC; sisters, Betty Ann Poovey of Newton, Aileen Wallace of Statesville, Joyce Hudson of Maiden, and Jeannie Houston of Florida; seven grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. Interment in Catawba Memorial Park in Hickory, NC. He descends from John Killian (1788) and Elizabeth Bean (1797). [Hinds RIN #70305]

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 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.

Killian Gatherings

Fredericktown, MO - August 31, 2013

Descendants of:

**Gabriel Alexander Killian (1858-1944) and
Camilla Louise Hallman (1859-1913)**

Saturday, August 31, 2013. Gathering will begin at 12:00 noon. The location is Calvary Temple, 1725 E Hwy 72, east of Fredericktown (west of Yount, MO). 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.

For more information contact:

Rose Killian Polete (636) 933-6565,
Email hp1william@earthlink.net .

Madisonville, TN - September 28, 2013

Descendants of:

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

Saturday, September 28, 2013. Gathering will begin about 10:00am. The location is Cornassel Cumberland Presbyterian Church, 2100 Povo Rd, Madisonville, TN 37354. Bring your photos of your family, past and present and 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 have enough. The plates, napkins, cups, lemonade, tea, water and coffee will be furnished.

For more information contact:

Tom Swabe (865) 584-3788,
Email tswabe@comcast.net .

Blacksburg, VA - September 13 and 14, 2013

Descendants of:

Anna Margaret Kilian (1726-about 1810) and Johann Michael Preisch aka Michael Price (1718-1802)

Friday and Saturday, September 13 and 14, 2013. The Price Family Historical Society is having a 275th Anniversary celebration of Johann Michael Preisch, his brothers and sister "Coming To America." There will be speakers, tours, meals and much more. We have had a lot of interest from our Price cousins in New York and California who plan to attend. We hope that some of our Killian cousins will attend and see the marker placed in memory of Margaret Price. There will be a block of rooms reserved at a local hotel. For a schedule of events contact:

Jimmie and Betty Price (540-951-2321), Email jimmie_price@hotmail.com or bettycsprice@hotmail.com .

AKDHA Books Are Available

"The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788)" published in 2009 by AKDHA is available by mail for \$30. *"The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian"* by William Randolph McCreight and published in 2011 by AKDHA is available by mail for \$45.00. These prices include handling and shipping. All proceeds from the book go to AKDHA. I would like to remind you, these books are great gifts for your Killian family members. Make your check payable to AKDHA and mail to:

Cheryl Mann Killian
130 Rowan Road
Ellenwood, GA 30274

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

Visit the Association website often for updates and corrections to the book and on the Association.

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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

Location:

Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center (formerly known as the Fellowship Hall), 4420 County Home Road, Conover, NC 28612

Friday: We will begin the evening at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center. Arrive at 5pm for registration, hors d'oeuvres and fellowship before dinner. The ladies group from Mt Zion will provide our meal. Music will be presented by "Workers in the Harvest" quartet, followed by a Genealogy sharing/workshop.

Saturday Morning: Local Historical and Killian Focus Tour: Due to positive feedback we will again be hiring a 56 passenger coach to simplify our touring process. The coach will leave from Mt. Zion's church parking lot at 8:30am heading out to Old St Paul's Cemetery to view the Andreas Killian Monument dedicated in 1952. As a treat you can participate in a directed "hands-on" stone cleaning and setting. (It's easy to do by all ages). Then off to the Bunker Hill Covered Bridge. It is one of only two original remaining covered bridges in North Carolina; an example of the Improved Lattice Truss patented by General Herman Haupt. Our lunch break will be at the well known Box Car Grille for a delicious meal on your own, rest and fellowship.

Saturday Afternoon: Local Historical and Killian Focus Tour Cont'd: After lunch, we will return to the coach and continue to the historic Murray's Mill. Preserved intact are the 1913 mill, the 1890s Murray & Minges General Store, the 1880s Wheathouse, used as an exhibit gallery, the 1913 John Murray House furnished to the period, and numerous outbuildings. Admission is normally \$5 per person which is included in the coach tour cost. Our exciting fifth activity will include riding by the old "Killian Farm" near Denver, NC, then on to the 1749 Killian's land grant area and Killian Creek named after our pioneer Andreas Killian. He built his home here and remained until 1754. Our tour will then proceed to Lee Killian's farm for a great treat! Lee and Brenda will host us at his sawmill. While there, Lee will demonstrate his sawmill. You don't want to miss this!

Saturday Late Afternoon: Returning by coach to Mt Zion Lutheran Family Life Center, 5pm is the time for our annual business meeting and reports on our exciting projects that AKDHA carry on as well as the annual cousin count. We aspire to have all of Andreas' children represented.

Genealogy Workshop: A genealogy workshop will follow the business meeting and can last up to 8pm. Bring along old pictures, history notes, questions and genealogical materials.

Sunday Morning, Lunch and Presentation: We are always welcomed for church services at Mt. Zion Lutheran and Old Saint Paul's. Our reunion will continue with a catered meal at Mt Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center following church services. After lunch, Dan Sipe will present a PowerPoint presentation by Bill McCreight entitled, **Modern German Families related to Andreas Killian (1702-1788).**

Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association Reunion
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September 6-8, 2013
Schedule of Events

Friday, September 6, 2013

(all times are Eastern Standard Time)

- 5pm-6:30pm: Registration/Social Gathering/hors d'oeuvres at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center (formerly known as the Fellowship Hall).
- 6:30pm: Dinner catered by a ladies group of Mt Zion Lutheran Church.
 Music provided by the "Workers in the Harvest" quartet.
 Group Photo followed by Genealogy sharing/workshop.

Saturday, September 7, 2013

- 8am-8:30am: Registration/Gather at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church for all day touring.
- 8:30am-11:30am: OSP cemetery stone cleaning, Bunker Hill covered bridge.
- 11:30am-12:30am: Lunch at the Box Car Grille. (Dutch Treat)
- 12:30pm-3pm: Murray's Mill, Killian's Farm, Killian Land-Grant area and Killian Creek.
- 3pm-4:30pm: Lee and Brenda Killian host the Killian Sawmill operation.
- 5pm-6pm: Annual Business meeting and scholarship announcements followed by a group photo.
 Genealogy sharing/workshop will follow the business meeting.
 Dinner is on your own.

Sunday, September 8, 2013

- 10:00am: Church Service at Old St. Paul's Church
 OR
- 10:30am: Church Service at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church
- 1pm-2pm: Catered Lunch at Mt. Zion Church Family Life Center.
- 2pm: Presentation of **Modern German Families related to Andreas Killian (1702-1788)**
 Followed by Group Photo then farewells.

****Registration needs to be received by Saturday, August 24th, 2013 ****

Accommodations

The Best Western Hotel located at 1520 13th Avenue Drive, S.E., Hickory, NC 28206 is offering the AKDHA Reunion a group rate of \$69.00 plus tax for rooms with 1 king or 2 queen beds. Continental breakfast included. Phone 828-323-1150 and mention the Killian Reunion to receive the discounted rate.

Food

For meals on your own many out-of-towners and locals gather at the J&S Cafeteria next to the Best Western Hotel. The tour will stop for Saturday lunch at the Box Car Grille. It is Dutch Treat and not included in the tour price. The Friday evening meal will be catered by the ladies group of Mt. Zion Lutheran Church and Sunday lunch will be catered by Jennifer Brittain of Jennifer's Café. The cost of each catered meal will be \$10 for adults and \$5 for children age 10 and under.

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What Some Descendants of Andreas Killian Are Doing

"It is amazing what you can accomplish if you do not care who gets the credit." This quote from Harry S. Truman is very true when it comes to teamwork.

Descendants of Andreas Killian were among the 31 people at Old Saint Paul's Lutheran Church (OSP) Cemetery on June 29, 2013. They were there to attend a hands-on training session on how to safely clean and repair gravestones.

Just to the left side of the Andreas Killian monument rests the marker for Leonard Killian, son of Andreas. Pastor Robert Sain of OSP spent all morning and part of the afternoon meticulously cleaning and scrubbing Leonard's gravestone using proper brushes and cleaners. His interest is in the German writing it contains. You will not believe what it looks like now! Wayne Milam, the AKDHA historian and descendant of this Leonard, will be impressed! Thanks to Worth Pierce, our Killian photographer, who took this picture of the participants for us.

Pictured are AKDHA members Eric Killian, Dan Sipe, Steve Killian, Pete Whitener, Doris and Ray Pope, Lee and Brenda Killian, and Worth Pearce; Cemetery Restoration Consultant Jason Harpe, his assistant Bill Beam; members of OSP, Mt. Pleasant UMC, and Zion Lutheran Church who came to help.

Read more about this project on page 3.

