

Killian Family Newsletter

Fall 2014

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Program and Projects Director's Points

Greetings Killian (Kilian and Killion) Cousins,

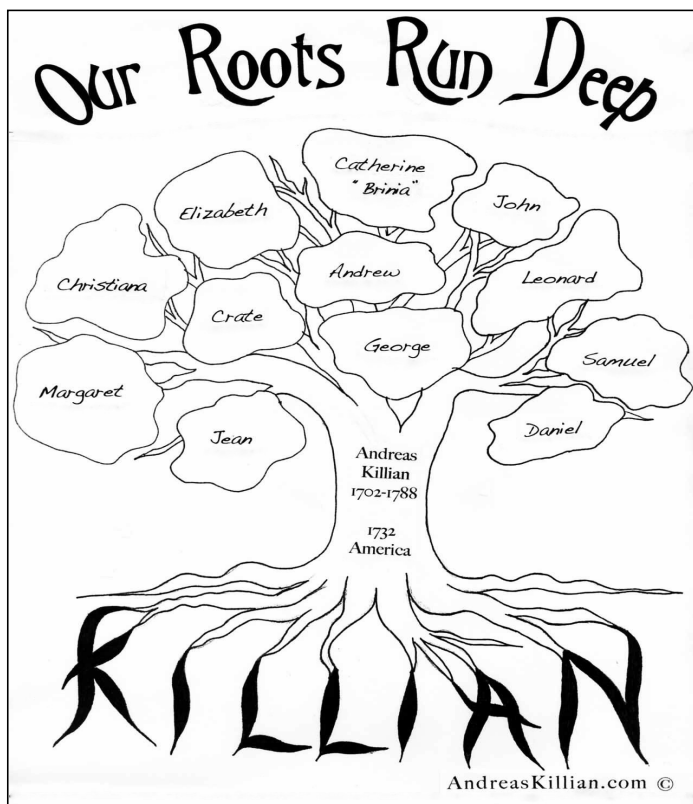
J. Yates Killian and others organized the Reunion of the Killian Family of North Carolina on August 22, 1935, at Salem Lutheran and German Reformed Church, just north of Lincolnton, NC. **This year is a hallmark occasion for the descendants of Andreas Killian; The 80th Annual Meeting and Reunion on September 12, 13, 14.** Each year the officers and planning committee members are challenged with planning the reunion for our association. This year's annual meeting has been no easier to plan than past years. I wish each of you could have attended just one of our three planning meetings and see the effort and hours your cousins have spent on our 80th celebration. We have great programs with several new items created just for the 80th reunion. Our theme this year focuses on the colonial years, pre and post American Revolution, in the North Carolina counties of Lincoln and what would become Catawba.

Friday's happenings will include a evening gathering for fellowship, eats and presentations. We are asking attendees to wear colonial apparel, accessory or item; use your imagination. Our Doris Pope has arranged a great meal to be served by the youth department of Mt. Zion. A real treat will be a "Welcome" by the mayor of Hickory, G. Rudy Wright Jr., followed by Mr. David Kilby. David is the president of the local Sons of the American Revolution presenting information on the SAR followed by question and answer time. Our group picture will be done by our cousin Rev. Worth Pierce immediately following the program, so don't rush off.

Saturday starts with an 8:00am sharp departing bus trip to the Kings Mountain Federal Battleground site in South Carolina. The battle at Kings Mountain was the turning point in the American Revolution. It is one of the finest historical parks in the USA with great facilities like a stirring 25 minute movie on the battle, the museum and many interesting items in the store for purchase. We will take the paved trail up to the main monument with interesting stops on the way. Easy escort to the main monument provided by park rangers using a six seated golf cart. At the monument, we will listen to a historical presentation from the park ranger about the battle that took place right where you will be standing. After reloading the bus, we will stop for a fast food lunch before returning to Mt Zion Church for afternoon activities.

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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

Our Newsletter: published in February and August

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.

Send To:

AKDHA

ATTN: Phyllis Killian, Asst. Treasurer

2041 36th St NE

Hickory, NC 28601

80th Annual AKDHA Reunion

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Saturday afternoon, we have Cheryl Killian and James Green III speaking on new DNA related technology of the Killian DNA lineage reaching back to circa 200AD, yes really back to 200AD! Don't miss this one. By 4:30pm, we will have our business meeting ASAP (as short as possible this year) followed by a group picture by our cousin Worth Pierce. Your welcome bag has a listing of eating places you can go to for the Saturday evening meal.

Sunday after church services, we will meet for lunch together as usual. After lunch, we have recognitions of two of our more senior members who remember the early years of our association beginnings. We plan to have a video of them prior to recognizing them. This will be followed by Professor Richard Eller, chairman of the history department of the Catawba Valley Community College, speaking of colonial life and dealing with Indian warfare our ancestors faced. His biography is most impressive and sure you will enjoy his historical presentation.

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Pete Whitener

To Pete Whitener, our
Friend and AKDHA
Treasurer:

Give yourself whatever
gift of time and rest you
need to get well soon -
and know that you are
surrounded by caring
thoughts, prayers, and
heartfelt wishes. Rest
easy. Feel better and we
all hope to see you at the
reunion, Friday Night,
September 12th.

The AKDHA Officers
and Friends

THE KILLIAN FAMILY NEWSLETTER

George Weldon Killian, with the help of William D. "Bill" Killian, published the first Volume of *The Killian Family Newsletter* in 1993. The newsletter has been successful in many ways; the announcement of the yearly September reunion, collection of data, sharing knowledge, and finding lost cousins. Many of the articles you read are things just stumbled across. What is needed is text and pictures to include in *The Killian Family Newsletter*. Many of you must have old or new newspaper clippings that would be of general interest. How about old wills, or military records? Some of you may have letters from grandparents or great grandparents. Perhaps someone would like to write an "open letter" to their grandchildren.

In reading old newspapers, I realize how import a Journalist would be to the AKDHA meetings. Many newspaper articles have more info about reunion speakers' presentations than you will find in Association minutes. In the next newsletter, I plan to have something to share about the 7th Killian Reunion; the minutes vs. the newspaper, two views. There has to be a inspiring journalist in our group to take up the task of reporting AKDHA news.

Please submit text, pictures, newspaper clippings, etc, via email to
ckilli@charter.net or USPS mail to:

Charles David Killian
130 Rowan Rd
Ellenwood, GA 30294

80th Annual AKDHA Reunion

What One Andreas Killian Descendant Is Doing

Submitted by William L. "Bill" Hinds

Looking for excitement in your job? Andreas Killian descendant and Tsunami Chaser, Rocky Lopes, has found life interesting, challenging, demanding, and satisfying. (The name Lopes is pronounced so as to rhyme with the "lopes" in "envelopes.") Whether he's riding a Harley-Davidson, hang-gliding, or doing volunteer work around home in Montgomery County, Maryland, Rocky is involved with people around him. Civic leader, senior supporter, care-giver, yep, that's Rocky.

Rocky Lopes has more than 30 years professional experience in the fields of Emergency Management and safety in the public sector. He joined the staff of American Red Cross National Headquarters, Disaster Services Department, in 1987 and developed its Community Disaster Education Program, as well as developed response worker training and worked on many disaster relief operations nationwide.

Rocky served as the Convener of the National Disaster Education Coalition from 1992-2004, getting 22 federal and not-for-profit organizations to agree on disaster preparedness messaging and resulted in the production of *Talking About Disasters: Guide for Standard Messages*, the definitive source of vetted and approved disaster safety messaging.

He has spoken at hundreds of conferences worldwide, specializing in the topic of Risk Communication and disaster preparedness. He is recipient of FEMA's Outstanding Public Service Award and the USGS Medal for Outstanding Contribution to Public Service, among other citations and honors.

After serving for several years with the American Red Cross, Rocky served as a Manager in the Community Services Division at the National Association of Counties in Washington, DC where he provided support to county governments nationwide and offered technical assistance to NACo members. He worked on activities related to homeland security and emergency management, among other duties. This work was a natural extension from his civic involvement. The position ended in June, 2010, because the grant that supported it ran out and was not renewed.

In November 2010, Rocky renewed his passion to serve as Manager of Outreach and Education for the *National Tsunami Hazard Mitigation Program* through Integrated Systems Solutions, Inc., a NOAA Contractor. The position is based at NOAA/National Weather Service Headquarters in Silver Spring, Maryland. He has developed a national tsunami education plan and is implementing it in collaboration with state and local partners.

Rocky has a long-standing record of community service where he has lived his entire life in Montgomery County, Maryland. He contributes to his community as a leader of an umbrella group of civic associations and has served 10 years



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as President of his Homeowner's Association. He continues to serve (for more than 15 years) as Treasurer of the public/private partnership Graffiti Abatement Partners, working to eliminate the blight of graffiti in Montgomery County through education, enforcement, and eradication. Rocky also rides with the Montgomery County Chapter of the Harley Owners Group, and serves as the chapter Webmaster and a Road Captain.

Rocky remains passionate about disaster preparedness, and continues to write, publish, and speak on the topic at various conferences nationwide.

Rocky has degrees in Elementary Education and Microbiology from the University of Maryland, College Park, including one year of study at the *Università degli Studi di Padova*, Padua, Italy. While an undergraduate, he helped to found the Alpha-Alpha Chapter of the Kappa Sigma Fraternity; was inducted to (Omicron Delta Kappa), the national leadership honor society; and was offered membership and joined the (Phi Beta Kappa) National Honor Society. He has a Master's in General Administration from the University of Maryland, University College, as well as other post-graduate studies.

Rocky was born William Jerome Lopes in Washington, D.C. After the attacks on 9/11, he had his name legally changed to Rocky Lopes to conform with the name by which he is known. You can visit his web site at www.rockylopes.com

Rocky [Hinds RIN #79593] is the son of Edna Mae KINDRICK and Jerome Nathan LOPES. Rocky's family line goes back to William Riley Killian b: 03 MAY 1814 in Lincoln County, NC, son of Sarah Mingus. The exact line back to Andreas has never been confirmed. What we have is Rocky LOPES > Edna Mae KINDRICK > Mary Essie PHILPOTT > Mary Taletha KILLIAN > William Riley KILLIAN.

Fredericktown, MO

Killian Gatherings

Madisonville, TN

Descendants of:

**Gabriel Alexander Killian (1858-1944) &
Camilla Louise Hallman (1859-1913)
Saturday, August 30, 2014.**

The gathering will begin at 12:00 noon. The location is Calvary Temple, 1725 E Hwy 72, east of Fredericktown (west of Yount, MO). Bring your favorite dish to share and any games and genealogy info you may have. Please encourage the younger generation to get involved. There is a nice play playground available for the youngest folks. The pavilion has electricity for fans, food preps or whatever. If you would like to go to Snowdenville to the cemetery where G'pa Killian is buried before dinner let me know.

For more information contact:
Rose Killian Polete (636) 933-6565
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Descendants of:

**Adolphus Nimrod Killian (1827 NC-1903 TN) &
Rebecca Holyfield (1840 NC-1877 TN)
Saturday, September 27, 2014.**

The 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 1:00pm. 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,
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80th Annual AKDHA Reunion

THE 60TH ANNUAL KILLIAN REUNION

The 60th reunion was held on September 11, 1994 at 3:00pm at Castanea Presbyterian Church, Lucia, NC.

President: Dr. William D. "Bill" Killian presided.

Vice President: John W. Killian.

Secretary: Wanda McElveen.

Treasurer: Robert L. Killian.

Devotions led by Frances Killian Hampton.

Welcome by President and recognition of those present.

William Israel reported the Fort Payne, AL. Reunion is held the 3rd Sunday in June every other year.

40 Clansman and guest were present.

George W. Killian gave remarks about the new edition of his book *The Killian Family* and the *Killian Family Newsletter*. He stated that he had 11,000 Killian related names in his computer.

Cost of new Killian Book is \$75.⁰⁰. George stated that help was needed with news or essay on some person for the newsletter.

Business Session:

Secretary Report: read minutes and approved.

Treasurers Report: Balance \$781.¹⁷. [actually was \$780.⁰⁸]

Bill Killian reported mailed 300 newsletters at an approximately \$250.⁰⁰ cost. [postage rate 29¢ vs 49¢ today]

Election of Officers for 1995-1996

President: John W. Killian Vice-President: None

Secretary: Wanda McElveen

Treasurer: Robert Killian

1995 Meeting to be held at Castanea Presbyterian Church.

1996 Meeting to be held at Salem Church for their 200 Anniversary.

A donation of \$100.⁰⁰ was given to St. Pauls Lutheran Church and \$50.⁰⁰ to Castanea Presbyterian Church.

Offering was taken for expenses. \$497.⁴³.

Standing prayer for deceased members and blessing for picnic supper was given by Francis Killian Hampton.

Picnic Supper: Fellowship Hall.

Respectfully submitted,

Wanda McElveen, Secretary

In honor of the 80 years of Killian Family Reunions, I have included the obituary of Past President, John Wilson Killian. He is a descendant of Andreas' son, John. 20 years ago in 1994, he was elected as the Killian Association President for the 1995-6 term. He wrote the Killian clan song for use at the 1996 Second Sunday in September Killian Reunion, sung to tune of "Faith of our Fathers"

*Faithful will I be to the Killian clan, enjoying the fruits of this great land.
Do what I can to drive it to fame, never neglect nor send it to shame.
Faithful to the clan I will always be, for there are many depending on me.*

*Andreas he came from over the sea, preparing the way for you and me.
Now let us look to the Heavens above, where there will be both joy and love.
Faithful to the clan I will always be, for there are many depending on me.*

John Wilson Killian (1917-2014)

Submitted by Roy Garfield "Bud" Killian

John Wilson Killian of Charlotte, NC (29 SEP 1917-9 MAR 2014); born in Gastonia, NC; son of the late James Garfield Killian and Margaret Roberts Killian; and step-son of the late Pansy Killian. He was preceded in death by brothers Ware, James, and Bill; sisters Dorothy, and Ruby; step-brother Ben; step-sister Carolyn; and an infant son, John W. Killian, Jr. He is survived by his wife of 72 years, Sara Louise Kirk Killian (married 4 APR 1942); three sons, James H. Killian, Sr., Don W. Killian, and J. Kirk Killian, all of Charlotte; six grandchildren; one great-granddaughter; sisters, Margaret K. Betty and Frances K. Jenkins; and brother Roy Garfield (Bud) Killian.



John Wilson Killian grew up in Blacksburg, SC. At an early age, he started his business career by making a cart and picking up railroad babbitt (metal) and by giving buggy rides with his old mule, Pete. As a young adult, John worked as a store clerk for his uncle. His service in the Army Field Artillery ended when another uncle asked for his release to help him with his service station. He also ran a taxi business. John came to Charlotte for a job opportunity with Electrolux. When their office moved to Asheville, he returned to Fort Mill and the taxi business. While in the Army Reserves in late 1941, he was called back into service and sent overseas in 1943. He spent a year in England and then was stationed in Compeign, France for the remainder of his service time. In 1955, he established Killian Super Service on North Tryon Street and later added locations in Harrisburg. Mr. Killian served as a wholesale gasoline distributor to several additional locations and provided home heating oil to many residents in northeast Charlotte. Killian Plaza was developed on NC



49 in Harrisburg. In 1966, he developed Killian Mobile Home Park on McDaniel Lane that today provides 190 manufactured home sites. While in business, John wrote those in Congress many times and in 1973, he ran for the 9th US district seat. He received strong support from the area he lived in, but would take no contributions - as he wanted to owe no political favors - and fell short in the election.

In 2001, John received his high school diploma through correspondence work. He attended numerous real estate and business management classes at Central Piedmont over the years. After retirement, gardening and dancing on Friday nights were enjoyed for many years. John was a charter member of Westover Hills Presbyterian Church and served as an elder. Later he became a member of Mallard Creek Presbyterian Church in Charlotte until his death. He is buried in Mallard Creek church cemetery. [Hinds RIN#20960]

/John KILLIAN d: 1801

/Jacob KILLIAN b: 08 APR 1760 d: 07 SEP 1830

| \Ann Elizabeth [widow Zimmerman] b: 1732 d: 1820

/Jacob KILLIAN Jr. b: 06 JUL 1789 d: 16 JAN 1860

| \Rebecca CRESEMORE b: 10 OCT 1768 d: 26 JUL 1851

/Levi Elijah KILLIAN b: 28 FEB 1813 d: 19 MAY 1876

| \Catherine CARPENTER b: 20 OCT 1790 d: 16 APR 1836

/William Littleton Coleman KILLIAN b: 04 FEB 1853 d: 05 JUL 1930

| \Isabella WILKERSON b: 10 MAY 1817 d: 08 MAR 1898

/James Garfield KILLIAN b: 19 AUG 1881 d: 19 APR 1967

| \Cora WILSON b: 12 JUN 1861 d: 05 JAN 1935

John Wilson KILLIAN b: 29 SEP 1917 d: 09 MAR 2014

\Margaret Mae ROBERTS b: 19 MAY 1882 d: 03 OCT 1921

MARIAN EVE KILLIAN STAPLEY OF MESA, ARIZONA (1 JAN 1930-18 JUN 2014)

The daughter of C. Ray Killian and Jessie L. Ellsworth Killian, Marian Eve Killian Stapley was Arizona's very first baby of the 1930 New Year. She descends from two pioneer families of Arizona; the Killian family and the Ellsworth family.

She lived in Safford, AZ until she was five years old, when her family moved to 440 East 1st Avenue in Mesa, just a block away from the Mesa LDS Temple. She graduated from Mesa High as Salutatorian in 1947. At Mesa High, she was a member of the Rabbettes marching group that performed at football games and in parades. She loved to ballroom dance, and performed at the Mezona and Orpheum theaters. After high school, she attended the University of Arizona, and graduated from Arizona State University with a degree in Home Economics Education in December of 1950. She took a teaching position at Prescott High School in Prescott, AZ. She was very active in Pi Beta Phi, serving as an Arizona delegate to the National Convention and as Phoenix Alumnae Club president twice, in 1957-58 and 1975-76.

In 1951, she married Glenn Orth Stapley of Phoenix, AZ. She was active in The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints, serving in many positions including Relief Society President. Although she was busy raising seven children, she volunteered for several community-based organizations including the Goodwill Auxiliary, where she participated for many years in organizing its annual antique sale. She was in demand as a speaker, teaching classes in gracious living and etiquette for the Phoenix Honors Cotillion and other organizations.

Mrs. Stapley supported the Boy Scouts of America and served in many positions, including Cub Pack Leader and Scout Advancement Chairman. One of her proudest accomplishments was that each of her four sons earned the Eagle Scout award. The majority of her grandsons have earned that award as well, with a few still in process. In addition to her own sons and grandsons, she has inspired and assisted many young men in earning this achievement.

You cannot help but call her Mrs. Stapley. She was an elegant and warm hearted lady. She attended the 2012 reunion with her son, Brent Stapley. In 2013, she brought more of her family; Brent, his wife Julia, and her brother's wife, Gay Killian. She was making plans to come again this year. A family friend, Lori Brooke Olsen, summed up how wonderful Mrs. Stapley was:

Things I learned from Marian Killian Stapley. . .

The soup spoon does not go back into the bowl when you are finished.

Flowers make everything better.

Arizona pride.

Ladies do not wear purple lipstick .

A carefully planned table and thoughtful hand penned notes leave a lasting impression.

If you are going to do it, do it well.

A pint of Hagen Dazs is more delicious if you put it into the microwave for 20 seconds before eating it.

Doing dishes in her kitchen is more fun than doing dishes anywhere else.

Every thought that comes to mind need not come out of the mouth .

If you are going to the church dance on Saturday night, you can probably get ungrounded.

ALWAYS be a lady.

She was a lovely lady and I am grateful for all the love and mentoring she shared with me.



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Mrs. Stapley enjoyed spending time with her seven children and their spouses, and especially her 36 grandchildren and 13 great-grandchildren. She is survived by a brother, C. Max Killian; and her children, Melinda Peterman, Charles Stapley, Gregory Stapley, Brent Stapley, Ray Stapley, Jessie Pitcher, Milena Delgado. Interment at the City of Mesa Cemetery in Mesa, AZ.

Mrs. Stapley descends from Andreas' son, John; grandson, Philip; and great-grandson, Captain John Killian. According to Killian family tradition and Mormon church history, Capt. John was baptized a Mormon in 1831, one year after the church was organized. [Hinds RIN # 33552]

Submitted by son, Brent Stapley. Edits and additions by Cheryl M. Killian

JESSIE IRENE KILLIAN (18 APR 1914-26 MAY 2014)

Submitted by Dan Sipe



Jessie Irene Killian, 100, of Stanley, NC was the oldest of the 6 children of the late Jessie Claude Killian and Rena Sifford Killian. Her father Jessie Claude Killian descends from Andreas's son, Samuel C. Killian. Survivors include her sister, Vera Mae Killian of Stanley; brother, Claude Alonzo Killian of Stanley; and another sister, Frances Killian Hampton of Stanley. She was predeceased by a brother, John Wiley Killian and sister, Isabell Laney Killian. Also surviving is her niece, Rebecca Kay Killian, two nephews, Richard Hampton, Jr. and William K. Hampton. two nephews predeceased her in death, Robert K. Hampton and John D.

Hampton. Also, surviving, one great nephew, four great-nieces, two great-great nieces and four great-great nephews. Miss Killian grew up on a farm in Gaston County. Her first jobs away from the farm were in mills in Cornelius, Lincolnton and Mt. Holly before she joined Efir's Department Store in Charlotte in 1946 as a sales associate. Later, as the bookkeeper for Plaza Men's Store in Charlotte, a position she kept until retirement in 1980. She was a member of Unity Presbyterian Church and was the oldest member at the time of her death. Several South Carolina members of the Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association visited Jessie on April 13 for her 100th birthday party: Joe Killian, Dan and Joan Sipe, Madge and Manning Biggers, and Betty Whitesides. Funeral services were conducted at Unity Presbyterian Church in Denver, NC on May 28. Interment was at Martha's Chapel Cemetery on Killian Farm Road. [Hinds RIN # 40186]

/Andreas KILIAN b: 1702 d: 1788

/Samuel C. KILLIAN b: ABT 1762 d: 03 JAN 1808

| \Mary

/Andrew KILLIAN b: 1804

| \Barbara HAGER b: ABT 1760 d: APR 1847

/Peter Osbourne Alonzo KILLIAN b: 23 JUN 1849 d: 08 APR 1928

| \Sophie REESE b: ABT 1809 d: BEF 1860

/Jesse Claude KILLIAN b: 23 MAY 1887 d: 28 OCT 1975

| \Mary Keziah DERR b: 09 DEC 1856 d: 12 JAN 1938

Jessie Irene KILLIAN b: 01 JUN 1914 d: 26 MAY 2014

\Rena Iola SIFFORD b: 17 JUL 1887 d: FEB 1980

In Memory of . . .

Joseph Otto Killian of Fredericktown, MO (31 AUG 1927-14 APR 2014). He was the son of the late Otto Lafayette Killian and Mabel Laura Dollar Killian. He was the grandson of Gabriel Alexander Killian, son of Elijah. He married Nora F. Sikes, of Fredericktown, MO on April 19, 1949 in Randolph Co., AR. He was a Mechanical Engineer for McDonnell Douglas and enjoyed feeding and watching the birds, reading and traveling. He was preceded in death by his parents; and sister, Amylee Huffman. Survived by his wife; daughters, Karen Boyle and Janice Fritch of Flagstaff; brothers, Harold of Windsor, NY and William "Bill" of Fredericktown; sisters, Rose Polete of Festus, MO and Faye Olsen of Missouli, MT; five grandchildren; and three great-grandchildren. Interment at Walker Memorial Cemetery. [Hinds RIN # 41269].

Gabriel A. Hale of Maryville, IL (3 FEB 1921-9 JUL 2014). He was born in Fredericktown, MO and passed away in Edwardsville, IL. He was preceded in death by his parents, Oscar L. Hale and Nola May Killian Hale; his first wife, Marcella Franks Hale; his six brothers, Allen V., Arlando B., Hubert W., William C. E. "Dub", Howard L., and Stephen "Dines" ; five of his sisters, Gertrude L. Baker, Mary M. Mathes, Pauline L. Wilkinson, Nina Imogene Gross, and Juanita ; a grandson, Andrew James Hale; a great-grandson, Nicolas Hann; two great-grandchildren. He is survived by his wife, Nancy Sue; three daughters, Dorothy Hall of Maryville, IL, Shirley Howard of Collinsville, IL, and Betty Novich of Maryville, IL; two sons, Vernon Hale of Caseyville, IL, and Alvin Hale of St. Louis, MO; a stepdaughter; five stepsons; 15 grandchildren; 16 step-grandchildren; many great-grandchildren and one great-great-grandson; and one sister, Runa Hale Gross of Bonne Terre, MO. Each year, he was an important part of the Killian / Huffman / Hale Family reunion in Fredericktown, MO and will be missed this year. Interment Walker Memorial Cemetery. [Hinds RIN #58649]

John Ivery Linker of Concord, NC (27 MAY 1918-4 APR 2013). He was born in Cabarrus County to the late Henry Joshua Linker and Annie Gray Linker. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife, Amanda Vernice Boger Linker; brothers, Lewis, William, and Marvin; and sister, Margie Roseman. Survived by his sons, Johnny Wayne Linker of Concord and Kenneth Larry Linker of Asheville; grandsons, Gary Linker, and Chad Linker; granddaughter, Amy Linker; great-grandchildren, Jake Linker, John Ivery Linker Kanuk, Ashlie Linker, and Eleanor Linker Kanuk; and sisters, Lena Sides and Virgie Bame. Interment at Boger Reformed Church Cemetery. [Hinds RIN #81183]

Junior Leroy Edgin of Batesville, AR (7 NOV 1931-8 FEB 2014). He was born at Randell, MO to John Franklin and Mildred Tinnin Edgin. Preceded in death by his parents; an infant brother, Bobby Gene Edgin; and a sister, Mary Lou Edgin Cagel. Survived by his wife of 60 years, Ina Bell "Jo" (Foster) Edgin; one son, Dennis Leroy Edgin of Batesville; three grandsons, Jeromy Keith Edgin of Cabot, Jonathan Lee Edgin and Jason Michael Edgin of Batesville; ten great-grandchildren, Brandon, Christian, Alyssa, Carmin, Lance, Celsi, Zachary, Cadin, Keith and Zoe Edgin; and three brothers: Jan Everett Edgin of Benton Harbor, MI, Gene Franklin Edgin of Leachville, AR, and Johnny Paul Edgin of Prospect, TN. He enjoyed spending time with his family and was a Korean War Army veteran. Interment in Oaklawn Cemetery. [Hinds RIN #32573].

Ruth Yount Sigmon of Hickory, NC (12 FEB 1921-25 APR 2014). She was the daughter of the late O. V. Yount and Dorothy Eckard Yount. Preceded in death by her parents; husband, Max J. Sigmon; sisters, Nina White and Margaret Corey of Hickory; and brother, Earl Yount, of Spartanburg, SC. She is survived by her son, Michael J. Sigmon of Hickory; granddaughter, Adrienne Nicole Sigmon, of Asheville; and sister,

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Barbara Rudisill, of Cherryville. Ruth grew up on her father's dairy farm in the Highland area of Hickory. As a nurse, she worked at Richard Baker Hospital, now Frye Regional Medical Center, served on the original nursing staff of the Hickory Lutheran Home in 1962, and at the Catawba County Health Department. She was a member of St. Andrews Lutheran Church of Hickory where she and her loving husband, Max, were the first couple to be married in the new church facility in 1951. They were married 61 years until Max's passing in 2012. [Hinds RIN #920410].

Peggy Harper Killian of St. Simons Island, GA (8 SEP 1923-10 FEB 2014). She was born in Stillmore, GA to Robert W. Harper and Edith C. Harper. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband of 65 years, William Russell Killian, who she married in 1945; son, William Russell Killian, Jr.; and sister, JoBert Harper O'Quinn. Survived by her son, Robert P. Killian of St. Simons Island; her daughter, Marie Killian Franklin of Gainesville, GA; her daughter-in-law, Frances Killian of Brunswick; and four grandchildren; and a sister, Laraine Harper Sikes of Memphis, TN. She graduated from Georgia State College for Women (now Georgia College) with a major degree in home economics and a minor in chemistry. She taught at Darien High School. She worked for Georgia Power Company as a home economist. At Georgia Power, she was stationed in the Brunswick office and provided home economics services in Glynn, McIntosh and Camden Counties. Later, she enjoyed a teaching career at Glynn Academy and Jane Macon Junior High School. Peggy was a member of the Pirates of the Spanish Main, the Brunswick Jaycettes, the Junior Women's Club, the Brunswick Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, the Windsor Park Garden Club and the Hamilton Plantation Garden Club. While her children were of scouting age, she served as Scout Leader for the Cubs Scouts and the Brownies. Interment at Palmetto Cemetery in Brunswick. [Hinds RIN #23295].

John Charles Killian of Rhinebeck, NY (8 AUG 1926-8 FEB 2014). He was born in Perryville, MO, to Ralph D. Killian and Ella Miget Killian. Mr. Killian served in the U.S. Navy from 1944 to 1946 including service on the USS Intrepid. On April 28, 1961, he married Mary R. Jullian. He is preceded in death by his parents; brother, Ralph Killian; and sister, Ruth Gravett. He is survived by his wife; two daughters, Anita Killian of Hong Kong, and Regina Recchia of Rhinebeck; a son, John Killian of Hong Kong; and two grandsons, Benjamin and Alexander Recchia. Mr. Killian was a former longtime Poughkeepsie resident. He received a bachelor degree in accounting from Boston College and was a Certified Life Underwriter for Northwestern Mutual Life Insurance Co. Mr. Killian also worked for Dutchess Community College and prepared tax returns for private clients. Interment at Calvary Cemetery, Poughkeepsie, NY. [Hinds RIN #34281].

James William "Jimmy" Killian of Rossville, GA (3 OCT 1956-29 JAN 2014). Jimmy was a member of Elizabeth Terrace Baptist Church. Survivors are his father, James B. Killian; his mother, Dorothy L. Eison; daughter, Vickie Gibson; sister, Teresa Killian; brothers, Edward Killian, Robert Killian, Jeffery Singleton; step-brother, Tim Vincent. Interment at Garmany Cemetery. [Hinds RIN #71323].

Thomas "Bubba" Lee Killian of Maiden, NC (1 OCT 1953-19 DEC 2013). He was born in Catawba County to the late Norman Willard Killian and Wilma Cook Killian. Survivors include his wife of 30 years, Cathy White Killian; sons, Chris Killian of Newton and Joshua Bixby of Maiden; daughter, Shana McCall of Maiden; sisters, Bonnie Mullins of Newton and Norma Jean Yount of Newton; eight grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren. He was a member of Calvary Baptist Church in Newton, and retired owner/operator of his own construction company. [Hinds RIN #91321]. **NOTE:** This is the son of Norman Willard Killian whose obituary was in the Spring 2014 edition, and whose parents are not known. Norman Willard Killian is now RIN #91319 in the Hinds database.

80th Annual AKDHA Reunion

Our Key Speaker for Sunday September 14, 2014

Professor Richard E. Eller

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. Prof. Richard D. Eller is an exceptional celebrity as you see!!!!

Education: M.A., History from the University of North Carolina at Charlotte
 B.A., Theatre, Communication from Lenoir-Rhyne College in Hickory, NC
 A.A., from Caldwell Community College in Hudson, NC

Employment: Catawba Valley Community College, Hickory, NC
 Professor of History, Department Head of Social Sciences (since 11/2008)
 2002-present

Caldwell Community College, Hudson, NC
 Adjunct instructor of History
 1999-2004

Prime Cable/Charter Communications, Hickory, NC
 Production Manager, Interim Sales Manager
 1987-2002

Bojangles Corporation, Charlotte, NC
 Audio-Video Specialist
 1986

Radio work in Hickory, Lenoir, Charlotte markets (1977-1987)

Publications: *Speedbird: The History of Piedmont Airlines*
 Video Documentary produced as part of the "Hands On History" program at CVCC
 Anticipated release date: 3/2011

Piedmont Airlines: A Complete History
 McFarland Press, published 7/2008
 2009 winner of the NC Society of Historians' "Willie Parker Peace Award"

The Tarheel Lincoln with Jerry Goodnight
 Tarheel Press, published 12/2003
 Reported on CNN, Chicago Tribune, WFAE, WGHP, Charlotte Observer

Back Then... Video Documentary Series
 16 episodes 1994-2002
 1999 Winner of the NC Cable & Telecommunications Association's "Partner's Award"

Current: Developing "Hands On History" Program at CVCC including classes on documentary history and courses with travel components. Previous courses on The American Civil War, The American Revolution, North Carolina History, Native-American History, African-American History presented as well as numerous student produced documentaries.

"Rock'n'Roll: A Musical History" taught 5 part history of the musical genre through Prime Life Ed-Ventures, at the Appalachian Center in Hickory, NC

Sign Up for the 80th AKDHA Reunion

All Registrations to be received by Friday, September 5, 2014 for planning purposes

(NOTE: "This is the "mail In" Only Form)



Recommended Registration is online at: <http://www.AndreasKillian.com> and pay at the door.



Full Name: _____

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

Email Address: _____

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

Other Names of those attending in your party for name tags: _____

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

- Leonard John Andrew George Daniel Samuel
 Margaret Price Jean Lawing Crate Hager Christiana Barringer
 Elizabeth Houck Brina/Trina/Catron Pritchard, thought to be the widow of Capt. John Dobson

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

Please check (x) which activity you plan to attend so that we are properly prepared with handouts and seating:

Friday, September 12, 2014

- 4:45-6:00pm (All times are Eastern Standard Time) registration, hors d'oeuvres, and fellowship.
 6:00pm Catered dinner \$\$.
 6:45pm Guest speakers will be the Mayor of Hickory, Rudy Wright and Mr. David R. Kilby, President of Catawba County Chapter SAR (Sons of the American Revolution).

Saturday, September 13, 2014

- 8:00am Bus tour to the Kings Mountain Battle Field (\$10.00 Bus fee). Tell us of any special needs.
 3:00pm DNA Program. by Cheryl Mann Killian & James Green III.
 4:00pm Group pictures by Rev. H. Worth Pearce.
 4:30pm Annual required business meeting & scholarship announcements.
 Genealogy workshop after business meeting. Do you need assistance with your lineage? yes no

Sunday, September 14, 2014

- 10:00am: Church Service Old St. Paul's Church.
 or 10:30am Church Service Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.
 1:00pm Catered Lunch \$\$ at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center.
 1:45pm Recognition of pioneer reunion leaders Robert L. Killian and Dr. William D. "Bill" Killian.
 2:30pm Presentation by Professor Richard Eller, *Indian Warfare circa 1740-1763.*

Expenses for this years' reunion on next page



Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association Reunion Celebrating 80 Years on September 12-14, 2014 Schedule of Events

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, 4420 County Home Road, Conover, NC 28612

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Group pictures by Rev. H. Worth Pearce.

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Lunch: Fast food stop after tour. Bring lunch money.

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3:30pm: DNA question and answer session.

4:00pm: Group pictures by Rev. H. Worth Pearce.

4:30pm: Annual required business meeting and scholarship announcements. Please attend, plans are for the meeting to be as short as possible.

After business meeting: Genealogy sharing/workshop. Wayne Milam and Cheryl Killian will be on hand to help. Do you need assistance with your lineage? yes no

Dinner: On your own. There are usually two or three groups going to different local restaurants of interest.

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Accommodations

Best Western Hotel located at 1520 13th Avenue Drive, S.E., Hickory, NC 28206 is offering AKDHA a reunion group rate of \$72.00 night 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. Remember to Reserve by **Friday, September 5, 2014**. 30 rooms reserved.

Contact phone numbers

Eric Killian, President (828) 455-4936

Dan Sipe, Program and Projects Director (803) 230-1175

Keep a copy of this page with you while at the reunion; the times and phone numbers will be a great help to you.

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Thanks so much for your interest

