

Killian Family Newsletter

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President's Points

Hello cousins,

I hope everyone has stayed warm during this cold winter. Also, I hope that your Christmas and New Year were good to you and your family. The 2014 AKDHA reunion was a success due to the hard work from the planning committee and all of the officers. My thanks goes out to all of you. I am proud to say the 2014 reunion was our 80th and that was a wonderful accomplishment. The planning of the 2015 reunion has begun. It is our mission to make each reunion memorable and one that you can tell other cousins and kin about.

I would like to take this time to introduce myself to you. My name is Stephen A. Killian and I am a sixth generation descendent from Samuel, son of Andreas. I have been happily married to my wife Phyllis for 28 years. She is the current treasurer for AKDHA. We have two children, Michelle and Jimmy, and two grandchildren. Our daughter lives in Charleston, SC and our son lives in San Diego, CA. I taught school for 28 years and now I am a painting contractor. When time permits, I like to play golf and travel.

I would like to thank R. Eddie Killian, Jr. for accepting the position of Vice President, Eric Killian for accepting the position of Programs and Projects Director, Bill Hinds for accepting the position of Historian, and Linda Killian for accepting the position of Welcome Committee Chairman. Together we will grow!

I also would like to thank the other board members and the members at large who make the reunion happen. You will find a list of these fine people on the second page of this newsletter.

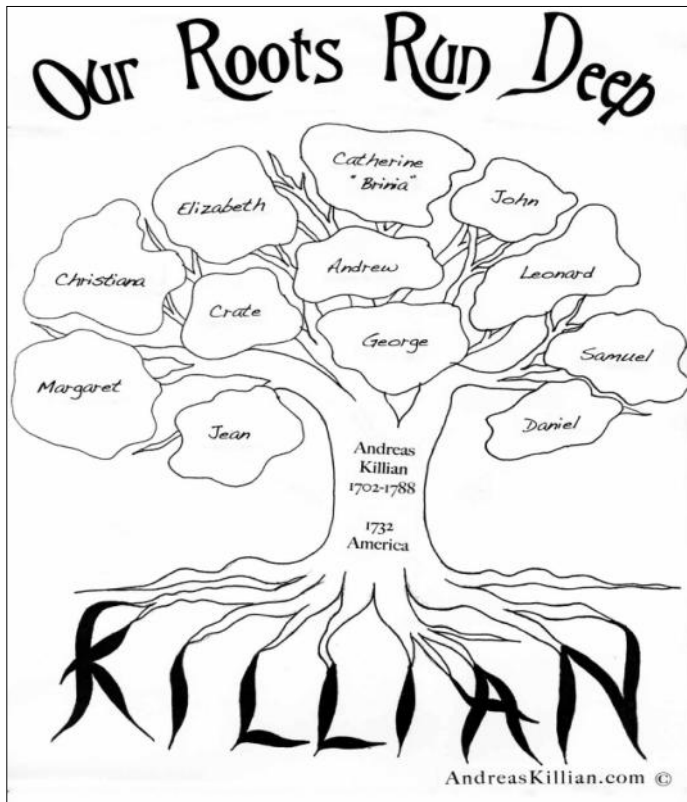
In closing, I would invite all who have attended a reunion before to please come back and bring a family member with you; let them see what we do. We are proud of what we have accomplished in the AKDHA.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the 81st family reunion this year.

Sincerely,

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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)

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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.

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Donation of Books from Dr. William D. "Bill" Killian

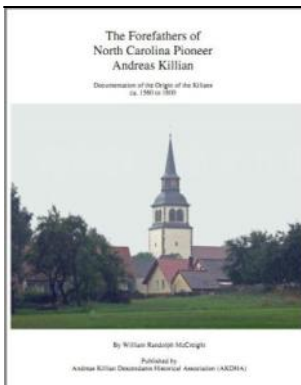
It is always good to see Bill Killian (b:1922) and his brother Robert (b:1916) at the Killian reunions in September. In the last few years, they have not attended all the reunions, so for both of them to be at the 2014 reunion was a treat. Over the years, Bill served as president of the reunion twice; and his brothers Robert and Frank (1915-1999) also served as president. Robert served as treasurer for a number of years. Their father, David Coon Killian (1884-1976), always enjoyed going to the reunions. For this Killian Family, the Killian reunions have been work and a social occasion.

In 2005, Bill Killian wrote a book about his Killian family. The book was dedicated to his wife Helen (1924-2011). Helen and Bill were active in the Killian reunion all their married life. Helen served as secretary and treasurer of the reunion for a number of years. Their son, Steve served as president of the Killian reunions twice.

After the publication of Bill's book "*Things I Remember...*", Bill would bring copies to the reunion to sell. What many may not realize, Bill would donate the money collected from books sales back to the reunion. And 2014 was no exception; Bill brought books; Bill sold books; and Bill donated the proceeds. Yet 2014 was different, Bill left 12 copies of his book for AKDHA to sale for \$20 each, and the proceeds go to AKDHA for Programs and Projects. AKDHA wants to thank Bill and his family for all the work they have put into the Killian reunions.

Books Available From AKDHA

"*The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788)*" is available by mail for \$30.



"*The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian*" by William Randolph McCreight, September 2011, is available by mail for \$45.

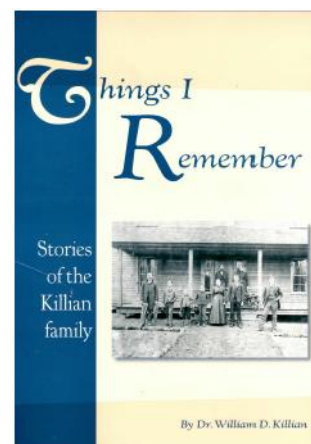
The Forefathers book was published by AKDHA with the consent of the author, Mr. William Randolph McCreight and all proceeds from the book going to AKDHA.



"*Things I Remember...*" by Dr. William D. Killian, 2005, is available by mail for \$20. All proceeds from the book going to AKDHA.

To order your books, make check payable to **Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association** or **AKDHA** and mail to:
Cheryl Mann Killian
130 Rowan Road
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For more details about these books phone me at (770) 337-5310 or email: fbCheryl@charter.net



What One Andreas Killian Descendant Is Doing

Russell Hinds

Submitted by William L. "Bill" Hinds

Thousands of descendants of Andreas Killian have been and are involved in different lines of work in places around the globe. Among Andreas' descendants there are people like Russell Hinds who lives in Northwest Arkansas. Now a grandpa, each day brings new experiences. While a student, Russell took flying lessons, and then got his license. He went to work for the local police department, working undercover narcotics. His mother was deeply concerned about his safety, but Russell was committed to his job. Suddenly bomb threats became a threat to the local department. With the help of a retired army sergeant whose specialty was ordinance disposal, Russell got approval to start the Northwest Arkansas Bomb Squad. It took a lot of dedication, fundraising and hard work, but the squad became known far and wide for their skill. A four page article on Russell and his time with the bomb squad was printed in The Detonator, Official Publication of the International Association of Bomb Technicians and Investigators; Entitled, "*Hinds Sight is 20/20, a Tribute to Russell Hinds*". It was written by Sgt. Michael Meadors, who now leads the bomb squad headquartered at Northwest Arkansas Regional Airport. Fully equipped with armor and robots, they are able to deal with bomb threats of all types, even an armored laboratory in which the "bomb" can be analyzed, remotely, for explosives, biological, or radiation threat, and then destroyed safely.



Pictured is the present facility, the mobile truck, 2 remote controlled handling and retrievers. Some of the men, and the mascot. What's not in the picture is the heavily armored sphere mounted on a separate trailer than can be used to detonate the bomb safely. They set off one in the sphere down the street and there was no sound or shock three blocks away. That was a test.

As for Russell, he now works just down the street. He retired from the police department moved to the corporate world with worldwide security for Wal-Mart stores wherever they're located. His job is to make it safer for people who work, shop, and visit a Wal-Mart store. Those cameras you see, Russell can select any one of them in any store from his office in Bentonville, Arkansas.

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Russell descend from Andreas' son, Leonard.

Andreas KILIAN b: 1702

Leonard KILLIAN b: 15 MAY 1723

Mathias KILLIAN b: ABT 1750 d: ABT 1830

David KILLIAN b: 1788 d: 18 DEC 1858

William A. KILLION b: 22 SEP 1839 d: 1908

David Price KILLION b: 19 JAN 1863 d: 18 APR 1901

William Oscar KILLION b: 10 JUL 1884 d: 11 FEB 1971

Mary Elizabeth KILLION b: 27 APR 1910 d: 31 JUL 1992

David Lloyd HINDS b: 1935 (Now retired, he lives in Springdale, next door to his son, Russell)

Russell HINDS b: 1965 (Wal-Mart worldwide security)

Russell's son Jonathan HINDS b: 1994 (U. S. Marines. He is stationed in California and is working on electronics in jet aircraft the Marines use.)

Gene Killion's Retirement Is Official

Submitted by Mark Killion

Esteemed Illinois beekeeper, Gene Killion gave his last public presentation January 30, 2015. He got his first beehive at age 5 from his father, Carl Killion (1899-1979). Carl started raising bees at age 16. The father-son team had nationwide recognition as experts in honey production and raising bees. After reaching his 90th birthday, Gene decided it was time to slow down. He retired from commercial beekeeping in 2014, ending a family business that spanned 99 years.



Gene attended the University of Illinois for a degree in entomology with an emphasis on honeybees where he encountered a professor who said no one could teach him more about bees than his own father.

At the height of "Killion Honey" production, the father and son kept nearly 1,000 hives at locations in northern Illinois. "We specialized in comb honey, which is more difficult than liquid honey, because the bees want to swarm," Gene said. "We developed a process to lessen swarming."

In addition to honey, Gene specialized in raising queen bees for his own hives, and he also sold the queens to other beekeepers.

"Killion Honey" was a long-time Paris business, but most people did not know the extent of its operation. "Killion Honey" was the first company to package honey in the now familiar bear-shaped bottles.

Gene is now in the ranks of hobbyist beekeepers. He maintains two hives to supply himself and his family with honey for personal use. "Killion Honey" is no longer available for sale.

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Killion retirement is official, by Gary Henry

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THE 7TH ANNUAL KILLIAN REUNION

Researched by Cheryl Mann Killian

Last year, Roy Garfield “Bud” Killian submitted the obituary of John Wilson Killian and a newspaper clipping entitled “*Killian Ancestor Worked Alongside Martin Luther*” by Dalton Stowe. The obituary was published on page 7 of the Fall 2014 Killian Family Newsletter, but the newspaper article took a little research.

The first line got my attention, “*DALLAS.--More than 100 members of the Killian clan met....*” Unbelievable, today we are pleased to have 70+ attendees. So when was this Reunion which attracted more than 100 members of the Killian clan? The article said Raymond L. Hefner (1885-1953) read the histories of Joseph and Fredrick Killian, two grandsons of Andreas, compiled by Gladys Stine (1906-2000). Therefore this reunion had to be prior to Mr. Hefner’s death in 1953. Raymond Hefner was an active member of the Reunion for many years so I needed more.

A little more insight to the year was found with this reference: “*Oliver P. Rhodes, 85-year-old [1857-1946] Dallas citizen, who was responsible for organization of the Rhodes clan some years ago, was also instrumental in making the Killian reunion an annual event. His mother was Caroline Killian, who married Melchi Rhodes.*” Now we know this reunion was held prior to 1946.

A few more names helped the search for which reunion this could be; C. E. Rozzelle, Wyke Lippard, Guy C. Killian (President), Jesse C Sigmon (Vice-president), Dora Rhodes Carpenter (Secretary/Treasurer), John F. Carpenter (Executive Committee).

Reading minutes is not easy. While the top of the page will say “*The 7th Killian Reunion was held Aug 7, 1941...*” there are published pages and there are pages of notes. The notes are taken during the meeting. The published pages are written and ratified after the fact. I did not find an attendances list for this reunion, but all the names in the newspaper article match the www.AndreasKillian.com archive pages for 1941.

From the published reunion meeting of 1941: “*Few attended the meeting because of recent rains which had swelled the streams and at places made it unsafe to cross the bridges.*”

“*Few attended*” doesn’t sound like the newspaper’s report of “*More than 100 members of the Killian clan...*”. This leaves my question unanswered and me to ponder the possibility the Killian Family Reunion normally attracted 100 or more each year.

The 7th Reunion notes and minutes are “COLD HARD FACTS” and nothing special. But this newspaper article is special. Yet you must remember, it is a newspaper article and newspapers don’t sell without a little flare. The headline “*Killian Ancestor Worked Alongside Martin Luther*” was the flare and it is flare that has no documentation behind it. Anyone that reads the first paragraph of the “Killian History” will know this has been found to be wrong. More flare was; “*DALLAS.--More than 100 members of the Killian clan met....*”. Don’t get me wrong, the article is worth reading and I am passing on some highlights.

The key speaker that day was C. E. Rozzelle, pastor of Main Street Methodist Church, Gastonia, NC. His topic was “*What Is Your Name?*” based on Proverbs 22:1. He boasted North Carolinians had excellent family records, saying: “*In the New England states it’s ‘How much to you know?’, in New York, ‘How much do you*

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have?', in the west 'What can you do?', but in North Carolina, 'Who was your grandfather?'. Rozzelle said, "You can get away from anything else, but never from your name." He recited the poem "Your Name" by Edgar A. Guest and said "You can get away from anything else, but never from your name."

From my research I am sure this was the 7th Annual Killian Reunion. There were no reunions held from August 7, 1941 until July 14, 1949. During WWII there was the rationalizing of gasoline and food. In 1948, the area was severely hit with polio. NOTE: By 1962 or '63, the numbering of the reunions no longer reflected the years the reunions were not held.

Editor's Comments

It's time to be getting the spring 2015 issue of the *Killian Family Newsletter* in the mail. It really doesn't seem very much like spring, but March 20 and spring flowers will be here soon. I hope the spring weather will be nice where you are. The weather has been very interesting so far this winter.

In 2002, I attended my first Killian Reunion with my wife Cheryl. I am remembering there were about twenty people in attendance that year. I'm still not sure how it happened, but in 2005 I became the editor of the *Killian Family Newsletter*. Our first edition as editor was published in November that year (all four pages). When I talk about the Killian Family Newsletter I always like to say "we or our", because Cheryl is as much the editor as I. In the years following 2002, I have seen The Killian Association (now AKDHA) grow quite a bit. In 2009, AKDHA became a 501 (c) (3) organization and contributions to AKDHA are now tax deductible. Also in 2009, the first Killian book in 70 years was published; *The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian*. In 2011, a second book was published; *The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian* by William McCreight. The reunion has grown from a one day reunion to a three day reunion attracting descendants of Andreas Killian from all over the USA and Germany.

AKDHA has no paid employees and is staffed entirely by a group of very dedicated volunteers who have made the growth of AKDHA possible. We have lost some of our volunteers along the way and they can never be replaced. But, we have been very fortunate to have new volunteers to step in and carry on. They bring with them new ideas and energy, things that every organization needs to continue to grow and improve. If you are interested in becoming involved with our association, there is always a need. In 2034, the AKDHA will be having its 100th Reunion and we want it to be very special. I know that 20 years seems far away; but time passes a lot faster than we think. In the mean time, we need new people just to get us there.

AKDHA is dependent entirely on contributions. So for all who are able, we would greatly appreciate your donation. AKDHA is an incorporated public charity and all contributions are tax deductible. AKDHA has special projects that must be funded. Last year, two descendants of Andreas received \$500 scholarships to help fund their education. It has been said that our young people are our future and that is surly true for AKDHA. Another project is refurbishing headstones in Old Saint Paul's Cemetery which is much needed. The education and supplies to do the work come with a cost. If you haven't tried headstone restoration, it is hard work and rewarding work. All contributions should be sent to the association treasurer at the

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address given on page 2 of this issue or on our website, www.AndreasKillian.com, just click on the “about us” button. The website is better than most you will find in a family association. www.AndreasKillian.com has a wealth of information just waiting for you to view.

Remember AKDHA publishes your *Killian Family Newsletter* twice a year. The newsletter is the most efficient way to keep in contact with the descendants of North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian and all who are interested in the Kilian/Killian/Killion surname. A sizable amount of money, \$1,500, is budgeted each year to mail the printed version. AKDHA knows even in today’s fast pace society, we have many subscribers without internet access or the high speed that is required to download the newsletter file. I am asking if you do not have high speed internet to contact me and I will mark your name as “ALWAYS MAIL”. Your name will remain “forever” on the USPS mail list, but if you are able to receive the newsletter electronically you can sign up for it on our website. The email version will save AKDHA about two dollars per issue per year for every person that signs up. Remember to select the remove from mail list when you sign up.

When you plan your vacations this year, I would like to remind you to save some days to attend the reunion this Sept. 11th, 12th, and 13th. The agenda will be in the next issue of the newsletter, which should be out in late July.

We have an abundance of obituaries in this Newsletter. Some were friends of ours, and some were acquaintances. They all will be missed and our prayers and condolences go out to their loved ones. Due to space, the death notices have been edited to recognize their passing. The longer obituaries were submitted by family or friends.

I hope to see you all in Hickory this September. You are encouraged to bring all your research, pictures and anything you think might be of interest. We have people that are very knowledgeable and are willing to share information that they have. Who knows, you may find the answer that you have been searching for or you may have the answer that someone else is looking for.

Please submit text, pictures, newspaper clippings, etc, via email to ckilli@charter.net or USPS mail to: Charles David Killian, 130 Rowan Road, Ellenwood, GA 30294

In Memory of Pete Whitener

Submitted by Cheryl M. Killian

Peter “Pete” Wilfong Whitener Jr. passed away September 26, 2014, just two weeks after the 80th AKDHA Reunion. He had planned to attend the reunion Friday Night to hear the presentation by David Kilby, the president of the local Sons of the American Revolution (SAR). In 2010, he received approval for SAR membership. 2010 was the year Pete became AKDHA’s beloved Treasurer. I say beloved, because he was so good at his job. He had retired in June 2009 as a Vice President at Bank of Granite after 34 years in the Banking Industry.

Pete was special in the genealogy world. He was born June 13, 1946 and was a descendant of Andreas Killian’s son, John. Pete grew up on family land in Lincoln County that had been passed down from Jacob Killian, son John Killian. Can you imagine, living on land that had been in your family for decades? His mom, Mildred Cansler Whitener, served as Secretary/Treasurer of the Killian reunions in the 1950s. His grandmother, Daisy Catherine Yount Cansler, talked often of her Killian cousins and it was Pete’s great-grandmother Daisy Cynthia Mary Killian Yount who was the last Killian in his lineage.

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Andreas KILIAN b: 1702 d: 1788

John KILLIAN d: 1801

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

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

Cynthia Mary KILLIAN b: 05 APR 1832 d: 21 JAN 1931 married John Hosea YOUNT

Daisy Catherine YOUNT b: 28 DEC 1877 d: 28 FEB 1973

Pete was the son of the late Peter Wilfong Whitener Sr., and Mildred Cansler Whitener; the grandson of Claude Robert Whitener and Daisy Catherine Yount Whitener. He was a member of Salem Lutheran Church where Killian Reunions were held many many times over the years. Pete served in the U.S. Air Force. He was the General Treasurer at his church (Salem), Treasurer of Conover Lions Club and a former Board Member and Treasurer of Sipe's Orchard Home. He was an avid gardener, enjoyed genealogy and studying his family history.

The funeral service was held at his church, Salem Lutheran Church in Lincolnton, NC, with the burial in the Salem church cemetery; a church and cemetery which holds so much Killian history. Our sympathy goes out his is family; Pete's wife of 33 years, Phyllis Deitz Whitener; son, Daniel Whitener and wife, Jennifer; daughter, Heather Klavuhn and husband, Tory; sister, Janice Houser and husband, Jerry; and grandchildren, Braden Klavuhn and Henry Whitener.

In Memory of Gene Killian

Submitted by Wayne Milam

Thomas Eugene "Gene" Killian was a tireless Killian researcher, great friend, first cousin once removed, caring father and untiring husband. He was born February 23, 1929 in Dekalb County, Alabama, died February 1, 2015 in Gadsden, Alabama. Gene is buried in the McNutt Memorial Cemetery on Lookout Mountain in Dekalb County close to where he grew up.

Gene and I descend from Daniel Killian whose was born in 1790 in North Carolina and died in 1876 in Dekalb County, Alabama.

Gene was a longtime Killian researcher and was unselfish in sharing his research with me. If I found anything he did not have, I would be sure and let him know about it. He not only researched our Daniel Killian, but also most if not all the early Killian's in North Carolina and other states.

We were not able to uncover the parents of our Daniel with undisputed evidence before he died, so the research goes on.

The last e-mail I received from Gene was December 28, 2014 and he stated he would be caring for his wife Olivia who had a stay in the hospital and would most likely be in rehab and have home health care. He stated he would be out of the loop for some time to come. He took great care of Olivia and also of his youngest son who attended special school every day.

Gene Killian, great friend and cousin. I'm really gonna miss him.

In Memory of . . .

Stella Ashe Taylor (26 JUL 1921—08 JAN 2014) of Murphy, NC. [Hinds #82246]

Cecil Ralph Tester (31 MAY 1927—16 MAR 2014) of Lexington, NC. [Hinds #95011]

Alice Margrete Killian (11 JAN 1959—25 MAR 2014) of Vernon, TX. [Hinds #95903]

Frances Lizette Killian Thomas Davis (21 JAN 1935—01 APR 2014) of Gastonia, NC. [Hinds #80878]

Clebert Lee Huffman (02 JUN 1943—18 APR 2014) of Valdese, NC. [Hinds #95505]

Erin Marie Killian (31 JUL 1972—28 APR 2014) of Dodge City, KS. [Hinds #96224]

Rodney Dean Killian (16 AUG 1954—01MAY 2014) of Dodge City, KS. [Hinds #40054]

Donna Virginia Killian James (07 MAY 1952—30 APR 2014) of Fort Payne, AL. [Hinds #23621].

Dennis Neil Danner (06 FEB 1942—17 MAY2014) of Bostic, NC. [Hinds #95062]

Jerry Lee Icard (03 AUG 1950—18 MAY 2014) of Valdese, NC. [Hinds #95471]

Dennis Allen McLean (30 APR 1950—13 JUN 2014) OF Valdese, NC. [Hinds #95678]

Garry W Aldridge (30 JUN 1947—10 JUL 2014) of Banner Elk, NC. [Hinds #95190]

Joyce Killian Brinkley (02 JAN 1943—20 JUL 2014) of Hickory, NC. [Hinds # 63088]

Clyde Eugene "Buck" Killian (01 APR 1938—01AUG 2014) of Conover, NC. [Hinds #62688]

Earl Jay Stacey (23 JUN 1929—24 AUG 2014) of Idaho Falls, ID. [Hinds #95936]

Nadine Marie Harrop Killian (24 SEP 1934—25 JUL 2014) of Mountain Home, AR. [Hinds #95882]

Duane Alex Carlson (06 JUN 1933—26JUL 2014) of Spanish Fork, UT. [Hinds #93452]

Kenneth Oney "K.O." Killian (24 NOV 1923—05 AUG 2014) of Abilene, TX. [Hinds #73980]

Daniel Artemus Killian (23 JUL 1927—30 AUG 2014) of Tuscaloosa, AL. [Hinds #95989]

Bobbie Sue Dickerson Elder (04 JAN 1944—18 SEP 2014) of Ooltewah, TN. [Hinds #94217]

Ronald "Ron" Part Killian (24 JAN 1933—21SEP 2014) of Shelley, ID. [Hinds #33665]

Janice Cole Luebbert (08 NOV 1939—09 OCT 2014) of Pilot Mountain, NC. [Hinds #95298]

Dee Edwin Stacey (16 JUN 1935—09 OCT 2014) of Idaho Falls, ID. [Hinds #95940].

In Memory of continued

Karen Kay Barnes Hinds (25 AUG 1944—30 OCT 2014) of Lowell, AR. [Hinds #53]

Earl Lee Killian (23 JUN 1931—31 OCT 2014) of Pineville, AR. [Hinds #85051]

James Edwin "Ed" Killian (07 APR 1950—09 NOV 2014) of Spring Hill, FL. [Hinds #40056]

Betty Jean Ivie (25 MAR 1934—21 NOV 2014) of Mountain Home, AR. [Hinds #85047]

Jeroline Killian Barger (19 AUG 1928—07 DEC 2014) of Hickory, NC. [Hinds#69275]

John Douglas Driggs (16 JUN 1927—11 DEC 2014) of Phoenix, AZ. [Hinds #96288]

Chestean Manervia Cline Killian (30 APR 1931—21 DEC 2014) of Taylorsville, NC. [Hinds #47045]

This *Killian Family Newsletter* issue has over 31 death notices. As you can see they have been edited down to name, life span (the—dash) and where they lived. From AKDHA's website www.AndreasKillian.com, go to William L. Hinds database, index page, and use the name of the deceased to find the persons record. Compare Hinds #ID and dates to confirm you have the correct person. You will find the full obituary on the page.

As the death notices have grown in number, there has been discussions among AKDHA board members of how to handle publishing them. One thought is only publish the notices submitted by family and friends. My personal opinion is that every Andreas descendant should be recognized. AKDHA has a goal of genealogy research and the death notices are about remembering Andreas' descendents and connecting family lines.

In Memory of Ray Killian

Submitted by William L. "Bill" Hinds.

Ray Haskell Killian, age 80, said goodbye to his model train museum, in Sayre, Oklahoma and went to his heavenly Father on January 9, 2014. To many readers, he is not a stranger. If you did not meet him at the 1991 Killian reunion, or later, maybe you read about him, his hobby and career, in Vol 7, No. 2, 1999 of the Killian Family Newsletter. He called Beckham Co., Oklahoma home all his life. He retired as a Postal Clerk from the U.S. Postal Service in Sayre, but he never retired from his hobby. His model train museum, the RS&K Railroad Museum, has been a tourist attraction for many years.

Ray was born on June 21, 1933 in the Delhi-Spring Creek Community in Oklahoma; the son of the late James Oscar "O. J." Killian and Laura Lu Flettie (Groves) Killian. He married his best friend and sweetheart, Shirley Sue Hildebrand on November 28, 1957 in Delhi, Oklahoma. They established their home in Fairview, Oklahoma. In 1959, they returned to Sayre. Shirley preceded him in death on January 5, 2013.

Ray was a member of the Masonic Order and a member of the Scottish Rite of Freemasonry since 1967. He received his forty year Pin in 2007. Ray achieved his 32nd degree and was a member of the India Shriners. Ray was a member of the American Legion of Sayre, Oklahoma and an active member of the First Baptist Church of Sayre, Oklahoma. Ray is survived by his two daughters, Marilyn Sue Thomasy and Laura Denise Hoffman; two grandsons; four granddaughters; eight great-grandchildren; one sister; and two brothers. He was preceded in death by his wife; parents; three sisters; and two brothers. [Hinds #39292]

80th AKDHA Reunion Recap

Submitted by Bill Killian
Woodway, TX

The 80th Annual Killian Reunion started on Friday Night, September 12, 2014. Registration began at 4:45PM with hors d'oeuvres and plenty of good fellowship until the wonderful meal at 6PM. We heard from Mayor Rudy Wright concerning the affairs of the city of Newton and trends in population in recent years. The evening concluded with a presentation by David Kilby, President of the Catawba County Chapter of the Sons of the American Revolution. Both presenters gave us facts and information that were useful and very enlightening for someone living in Texas.

Saturday morning, September 13, sent all those interested on a tour of the Kings Mountain Battle Field. A bus full of Killians unloaded for a walking tour around the battle field that morning. It was a truly interesting experience. Of course while on the bus, there was the opportunity to visit and recall past family fun.

After our lunch break, a DNA program was presented by Cheryl Killian at 3PM. At 4PM, we all enjoyed being a part of the traditional group picture. The annual business meeting was held at 4:30PM, where all AKDHA business was addressed. The winners of the two scholarships were announced (read more in this issue) and it was nice to meet the two recipients who were at the meeting. They both spoke and seem to be very promising young descendants of Andreas. AKDHA needs more young people...Madison Killian needs more competition in the youngest member attending.

Sunday morning, September 14, brought the opportunity to worship at Old St. Paul's or Mt. Zion Lutheran Church. Of course no one is hog tied, anyone can attend another church of their choice. Lunch was served at 1PM. This was a treat for a guy from Texas. The traditional chicken pie that you local folks are so use to was new to me and I enjoyed it very much. Eric Killian has made every effort to introduce me to local customs and food. It has been a delightful experience.

Following lunch, Robert L. Killian and Dr. William D. "Bill" Killian were recognized for their contributions to the strengthening of the Killian Reunion effort. It is an uplifting experience to meet and hear from people who have given so much effort strengthen our family ties. A big thank you goes to Dan Sipe for the interviews he conducted with these two fine gentlemen.

The last presentation of the day was by Professor Richard Eller on *Indian Warfare circa 1740-1763*. He gave a insightful picture of what our ancestors had to face at that time and with whom they had to deal.

A final group picture was taken. All the goodbyes were said and we left eager to return for the next gathering of the Killian family.

Killian Lapel Pin

The Killian Lapel Pin is a symbol of our Killian heritage. The colors are black, red and gold; German flag colors today. The sailing vessel is for Andreas' immigration mode to the colonies. The star represents his hope for a bright future. The Church is central to worshipping God. The cabin for home and family on the Colonial Frontier. Pins are available by mail for only \$10 including postage.

Make check or money order out to AKDHA and mail to:

AKDHA, c/o Treasurer Phyllis Killian, 2041 36th St NE, Hickory, NC 28601



2015 AKDHA Scholarship Award

The Executive Committee of the AKDHA is pleased to announce we will be awarding one (1) or two (2) \$500 scholarships this year. AKDHA Scholarship Award is a program that provides funds for children of members of AKDHA who are planning to further their education at one of the following:

- ◆ Vocational and technical schools (college level)
- ◆ Junior colleges
- ◆ Colleges or Universities

How the Scholarship Works

The program is available to children whose parent, grandparent, or guardian is an active member of the AKDHA (attendance of Annual Reunion or subscriber of *Killian Family Newsletter*) and a descendant of Andreas Killian. The fund is a one-time award paid directly to the student's academic school. The scholarship is not based on the applicant's financial need.

Who is Eligible?

The term "children" means natural, adopted, step-children or dependent wards of a member of AKDHA. Eligibility for the scholarship is to all first, second, third, and fourth year attendees of vocational or technical schools, junior colleges, four-year colleges, universities and high school seniors who have been accepted to an institution of higher learning as previously mentioned are eligible.

Instructions

Application form can be found on website www.AndreasKillian.com

http://www.andreaskillian.com/ak-archives/scholarship/scholarship_application.pdf

Include following Attachments:

1. Current ACT or SAT scores (high school applicants only).
2. Current high school or college transcripts.
3. Current letters of recommendation (2) from teachers or educators familiar with the applicant's scholastic achievement and character.
4. Current letter of recommendation from an individual in the community who can provide information regarding the applicant's character, achievements in civic and potential in leadership and civic affairs.
5. Hand-written or typed essay on the topic "*I Can Make a Difference*".
6. List of community and/or extra-curricular activities.
7. Applicant's pedigree from known descendent of North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian

NOTE: Any omission of the above six attachments could automatically disqualify the applicant.

Completed applications and all attachments must be mailed and postmarked no later than May 11th, 2015 to: Stephen A. Killian, President AKDHA, 2041 36th St. NE, Hickory, NC 28601

Scholarship details, application and instruction can be found at www.AndreasKillian.com, click on the Projects tab, then click on the Scholarship tab.

How Winners are Selected

The winners and alternates will be selected by the Scholarship Committee, which is comprised of the AKDHA President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Programs and Projects Director. The selection will be based on a competitive nature from the school records, performance scores, personal essay, and outside activities and interests. The applicants must realize that the final selection as made by the Scholarship Committee is final.

2014 Scholarship Awarded to Justin Thomas Whitesides

Andreas KILIAN b: 1702 d: 1788
 Samuel KILLIAN b: ABT 1762 d: 03 JAN 1808
 Andrew KILLIAN b: 1804
 John Yancey KILLIAN b: 23 SEP 1846 d: 01 JAN 1919
 Ezzie Charles KILLIAN b: 04 AUG 1908 d: 28 JAN 2002
 married Daniel Jackson SIPE
 Betty Lou SIPE married Thomas Dennis WHITESIDES
 Thomas Warren WHITESIDES b: 13 NOV 1964
 Justin Thomas WHITESIDES b: 23 JUN 1995



“I Can Make A Difference”

All people can make a difference in the world and in others' lives in so many different ways. I believe that anyone can make a difference if they put their mind to it and really strive to do all they can. But since we are talking about me in particular; here we go. I know, I can make a difference in people's lives just by doing the small things to show them that somebody cares. To the friend that lives on the so called “rough side of town”, I invite them to my house to do things. Just the interaction with a whole family that loves and spends time together can show them that they have the opportunity to be whatever they desire, encouraging them to go to college and put forth the effort to make something of themselves. To the hard working student that may not have a car to drive home, I offer them a ride. I think that helping people can be a positive reward in my life.

I can make a difference in our country and the world by treating people as they are all equal. Too often it is evident that there still is a large gap between races and social classes. That will not change unless every one treats one another as one of their own kind. I can make a difference by demonstrating my actions to friends and others around me.

I can make a difference in regards to people finding their faith. I am not and do not claim to be a saint or theologian but that does not mean that I cannot share what I do know and try to get someone headed in the right direction.

The bottom line is that there are numerous ways I can make a difference, but I think they all have the same foundation. I believe that to make a difference in the world you have to start off by making a difference in individual's lives.

Essay submitted by Justin T. Whitesides

2015 AKDHA Scholarship Award

Dates to Remember

Monday, May 11th, 2015: Completed application and all attachments mailed (not faxed) and postmarked no later than May 11th to the President of the AKDHA (see bottom of application section for address). The Scholarship Committee determines the finalists. In case of more than two finalists, applicants may be contacted by a member of the Scholarship Committee for a brief telephone interview.

Saturday, August 1st, 2015: The winners are notified prior to August 1st.

September 12th, 2015: Announcement of the winner(s) at the Annual Association Business Meeting. The winner need not be present at the meeting, but understands that his/her name will be introduced to the attendees.

2014 Scholarship Awarded to Kendall McCree Sipe

Andreas KILLIAN b: 1702 d: 1788
Samuel C. KILLIAN b: ABT 1762 d: 03 JAN 1808
Joseph KILLIAN b: 16 MAY 1800 d: 28 JUN 1889
Casper Elcaine KILLIAN b: 18 JUL 1846 d: 25 DEC 1911
James Monroe KILLIAN b: 21 MAY 1880 d: 15 DEC 1940
Arville Leonard KILLIAN b: 22 NOV 1899 d: 26 MAR 1961
Mary Catherine KILLIAN b: 12 DEC 1938 d: 09 JAN 2010
Kimberley “Kim” HONEYCUTT married Phillip SIPE
Kendall McCree SIPE b: 01 JAN 1996



19 year old, Kendall McCree Sipe, resident of Conover, NC, is currently attending Catawba Valley Community College (CVCC) in Hickory, NC. He enrolled in the ‘Computer Integrated Machining’ Program. He started CVCC in August of 2014. Now, he is in his second semester with a full course load of classes – pertaining to machining, a field which he truly enjoys. Kendall has made several tools, and pieces of steel molded into various objects, in line with his classroom. Kendall is excited with the classes his school offers, and can’t wait till the programming part of second year comes around. He has been a great asset to his classmates in helping them along too! He thinks highly of his instructor, Ronnie Brittain. At the moment, he plans to complete a two-year program, and possibly transfer to Appalachian State University (ASU), possibly focusing on the engineering side of it. He is in the top percentile of his class with high A’s. He is so excited with his classes, that he shows and tells everyone who’ll listen about what he has learned. Even taking his projects with him wherever he goes – that’s exciting for his parents, Kimberly and Phillip Sipe.

Right now, Kendall’s main focus is on school. He enjoys spending time with family and a few friends. He is very family oriented. He enjoys camping, going to the beach and mountains. He is very knowledgeable in computers. Kendall loves some of the old TV shows. He has been a great asset in helping his mother and father out, as he cooks thru the week dinner and helps clean house for his parents. He also enjoys spending time with his grandfather and helping him out with various projects. He is an ‘old-soul’ in a young man’s body.

Kendall is very thankful for the Andreas Killian Descendants of Historical Association Scholarship helping with his pursuit of a college education. This has been a blessing to him and his family.

Submitted by Kendall’s proud mother,
Kim Sipe

Let AKDHA Spread the Love in 2015

In 2014, the AKDHA scholarships were awarded to two young Carolinian men. AKDHA would like to extend a invention to all descendants of NC pioneer Andreas Killian (man, woman, boy, girl, Alabamian, Arizonian, Arkie, Californian, Coloradoan, Muskrat, Floridian, Illinoisan, Hoosier, Hawkeye, Wolverine, Cornhusker, Mainer, Nevadan, Jerseyite, Buckeye, Okie, Sooner, Pennamite, Rhodean, Volunteer, Texan, Utahan, Cheesehead, Canadian, Latin, European, so on, so forth) to apply for scholarship money. Let AKDHA spread the love.

Editor Charles David Killian,
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2014 AKDHA Scholarship Award Presentation

Saturday, September 13, 2014 AKDHA presented two \$500 scholarships. Both winners were present at this year's reunion showing respect to and recognition of their parents. The Scholarship Committee introduced the winners.



Left to right: Treasurer, Phyllis Killian; Vice-President, Stephen A. Killian; Winner, Kendall McCree Sipe; Winner, Justin T. Whitesides; President, Eric Killian; and Programs and Projects Director, Dan Sipe.