

**ASSOCIATION OF DESCENDANTS OF PIONEER ANDREAS KILLIAN**  
**73<sup>rd</sup> ANNUAL KILLIAN REUNION**  
**8 SEPTEMBER 2007**  
**MOUNT ZION LUTHERAN CHURCH, 4420 COUNTY HOME RD, CONOVER, NC**

Business meeting was held in the Fellowship Hall. Seventy (70) people were in attendance at the Business Meeting and workshop. Fifty-five (55) people attended dinner at Captain's Galley Seafood Restaurant on Friday. Thirty-six (36) people attended lunch and fellowship on Sunday.

**Invocation:**

Call to order: Dan Sipe, Pres.

Rev. Worth Pearce led with prayer.

**Recognition:**

Dan Sipe recognized the efforts of those who helped in the planning and execution of the Reunion. Those named included Alan Killian, Eric Killian, Wayne Milam, Lee Killian, Worth Pearce, Charles Killian, Cheryl Mann Killian, Wayne Setzer, Brenda Killian, and Sandy Killian. Eric Killian mailed 197 personal letters to Killian names and addresses he obtained in Catawba County, the location of this year's reunion. Eric recognized his children, Taylor and Tyler Killian, who helped with this mailing.

**Remembrances of cousins who have passed:**

JoAnn Killian  
JoAnn Burch Killian  
Jerry L. Killian  
Lucy Killian of Lincolnton  
Willian Killian of Japan  
Bob Killian's (of Columbia) Brother

**Additions to the Killian Clan:**

Noah Sipe (Dan Sipe's grandson)  
Noah Goddard (Laura Elizabeth Killian Goddard's son)  
Gunner Elaine Smith

**Traveled the greatest distance:** Tommy Killian of New York (600 miles)

**Oldest Attendee:** Pauline Killian Kaziah, 91 years, of Newton, NC

**Youngest Attendee:** David Waller, 9 years, of Winston Salem, NC

**Family Represented:**

Leonard (3)	Samuel C. (21)
Jean (0)	Elisabeth (0)
George (0)	John (6)
Christiana (0)	Andrew (19)
Margaret (0)	Daniel (2)
Crate (0)	

### **Old Business:**

2006 minutes to Business Meeting were approved.

### **DNA Project:**

Cheryl Mann Killian updated the attendees on the DNA project. The DNA project is going slowly. There are 12 members so far with 1 commitment to join. Ideally, we need at least 12 more members. We believe some of the markers can be linked to the sons of Andreas Killian. If we can find a German Killian who would join the project, we believe we can determine the link to Andreas. Currently the cost of the DNA test is somewhat of a deterrent to some. We hope the cost will become cheaper. Technology is improving every year. To join the project is simply a swab to the inside of the cheek and mail the swab kit to the Family Tree Project. The 12 Marker Test (\$99) will determine if you are a Killian, Killum, Killium, or Killion. The 25 Marker Test (\$150) is not as useful to us. However, the 37 Marker Test (\$199) could identify the markers that link you to the son of Andreas Killian. Participants can get the 25 Marker Test (\$150) and upgrade to the second test by sending \$50 later.

### **Treasurer's Report:** Attached.

Our newsletter has grown into an 8-12 page publication packed with great information. Unfortunately, the cost to produce this twice per year endeavor has increased as well. We need to budget approximately \$1000 (\$500 per newsletter) for the newsletter and \$600 for the costs associated with the annual Reunion. Expenses related to this year's Reunion included \$100 for Speakers, \$150 for use of Church, \$150 for local invitations mailed, \$200 for roses placed on 200 gravesites at 8 local church cemeteries and \$100 for food related items. It will be the duty of the Executive Committee this year to find an appropriate avenue in which to cover the costs of the Association. I received anecdotal feedback that some attendees absorbed some costs for the Reunion. We may be developing into a situation where 10% of the people are covering 90% of the work/cost. We should do our best to make this a more equitable contribution by all who enjoy the efforts of the Association.

A request for donations in the April newsletter resulted in total donations of \$347.

### **Those who donated this year by check:**

Peggy Killion-Steffen, St. George, Utah  
C. Max Killian, Mesa, AZ  
Robert and Loretta Killian, Gaston, SC  
Harry and Lesley Hodges, Jacksonville, FL  
G.B. Moore, Granite Falls, NC  
George and Shirley Killian, Fairport, NY  
Mr. and Mrs. Ray A. Killian, Charlotte, NC  
Ray and Shirley Killian, Sayre, OK  
James and Maxine Killian, Meridian, ID  
Worth Killian, Hickory, NC  
David and Marianne Mosteller, Shreveport, LA  
Raymond Kelley, Elliston, VA  
Ms. Betty P. Echerd, Hickory, NC  
Eddie R. Killian, Clinton, TN  
Lucy Jane Killian Eckard, Cincinnati, OH  
Luther and Abbie Killian, Chattanooga, TN  
Roy (Bud) and Fay Killian, Shelby, NC  
Delcyne Grant, Tahlequah, OK

### **New Business:**

Comments included with Donations regarding the newsletter:

“The Killian Newsletter that I receive is the best in the world.”

“Thank you for your work on the Killian Newsletter.”

“I enjoy getting the letter. Good work is done by the association.”

“We enjoy reading this letter each time we receive it.”

“Thank you for your efforts in keeping everyone informed. We appreciate receiving the newsletter.”

“Thanks for sending me the newsletter and for printing my family ancestors.”

“Please don’t take my name off your mailing list.”

Other comments included with donations:

“[The DNA project] has been great to see how close we are to other people in the Killian Clan.”

“We would like to find out about the new up-to-date booklet being published, about the descendents of Andreas Killian... We are definitely interested in a booklet, so let us know.”

“Are contributions tax deductible?”

I also received 2 genealogical charts.

### **Election of Officers:**

There was no change to the current slate of Officers this year except to add Doris Pope and Kim Sipe as Members at Large.

#### **Current**

President: Dan Sipe (1 yr served)

Vice President: Eric Killian (1 yr served)

Secretary: Sandy Phillips (3 yrs served)

Treasurer: Sandy Phillips (1 yr served)

Webmaster: Wayne Setzer (5 yrs served)

Newsletter: Charles Killian (2 yrs served)

Historian: Wayne Milam (2 yrs served)

Chaplain: Rev. Worth Pearce (1 yr served)

At Large Members: Linda Hoyle (1 yr served), Lee Killian (1 yr served), Worth Pearce (1 yr served), Doris Pope, Kim Sipe

The Association was reminded that the terms of Office is 2 years.

### **Silent Auction:**

This year as a new approach to raise much-needed funds, a silent auction was held. The silent auction became a lively auction and raised \$266! Cheryl Mann Killian served as Auctioneer and did a great job.

### **Yates Killian Book Update:**

Due to the tremendous efforts of members of the Executive Committee and particularly, our Historian, Wayne Milam, a draft booklet will be ready by the 74<sup>th</sup> Reunion. The final booklet is expected to be ready by the 75<sup>th</sup> Reunion. It is most critical that we collect all family line updates as soon as possible.

### **2008 Business Meeting and Reunion:**

The reunion members discussed the location and structure of the Reunion. Motion was made to keep the annual Reunion and Business Meeting in Hickory at Mt. Zion Church. The motion was approved and all agreed.

Worth Pearce gave thanks/prayer for a successful family gathering and bid everyone a safe and healthy year.

Meeting Adjourned,  
Respectively reported by Sandy Phillips, Secretary (original signed)

Donations received over Reunion weekend: \$1,069.42

## Treasurer's Report September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007

Balance a/o September 9, 2006 \$1,462.44

### Receipts

Donations on September 10 <sup>th</sup> , 2006	\$ 289
Donations received by Mail	\$ 681

**TOTAL RECEIPTS** \$970

### Disbursements

Postage and Copy expenses related to April 2006 Newsletter	\$ 328.96
Postage and Copy expenses related to November 2006 Newsletter	\$ 333.62
Postage and Copy expenses related to April 2007 Newsletter	\$ 392.82
Banner for Ramsour's Mill Booth	\$ 53.00
Wayne Setzer for Website Maintenance	<u>\$ 45.00</u>

**TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS** \$ 1,153.40

### Payables

Postage and Copy expenses related to August 2007 Newsletter	<u>\$ 509.32</u>
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**TOTAL PAYABLES** \$ 509.32

**Balance a/o September 9<sup>th</sup>, 2007** **\$ 480.72\***

\*Excludes collections at 2007 Reunion: (\$1,069.42)

\*Excludes payables of mailing costs \$142.61

\*Excludes payables of church rental \$100.00

\*Excludes payable of speaker costs \$100.00

## Addendum to Business Meeting Minutes:

On Sunday, our typical day for the business meeting, we instead, had a luncheon gathering and fellowship.

President Dan Sipe led the fellowship with a recap of the weekend's events. Thanks was given to Eric Killian for his efforts in planning the Reunion and to having it at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church. We mailed 330+ newsletters plus 197 personal letters to Catawba County Killians from Eric Killian. We gave Eric a standing ovation. Eric named Steve, who was present, for helping as well as Alan Killian, Ricky Killian, Harvey Killian, Steve's brother – Bob Killian all of whom helped with the planning. Eric also wanted to name his children, Taylor and Tyler Killian who helped seal the envelopes and attached the stamps.

Everyone greatly enjoyed the Killian Museum located at Elmer Killian's Hardware on Saturday. The items in his collection could only be described as incredible. We also got an unplanned tour of Andy Killian's fabulous car collection. Andy was so gracious to give us the history of the cars in his collection, notably President Lyndon Johnson's Mustang purchased for Lucy Bird, his Woody station wagon, and 1974 Gold Trans Am with 75 miles on it just to name a few.

Dan recapped the business meeting from Saturday. Wayne Milam, historian, has gathered a tremendous amount of information. Many received much assistance with discovery of their own family line. We received many letters from all over the country in response to the newsletter. Twenty new subscribers were added to the newsletter over the weekend. We had many first time attendees to the Reunion (10 on Sunday alone). States represented at the Reunion: NC, SC, GA, TN, VA, OH, AL, NY, IN. 10-11 families stayed at the Comfort Inn.

Cheryl Mann Killian commented on the costs of the newsletter. The newsletter costs \$0.25 per 4 pages; \$0.75 per 8 pages; \$1 per 12 pages to print. Add postage of approximately \$0.25, the newsletter costs about \$1.25 to print and mail.

Doris K. Pope and Kim Sipe was added as a member at large to the Executive Committee.

200 single silk roses were placed on Killian gravesites at local church cemeteries: Marvins Chapel, St. John's, St. Stephens Lutheran ELCA, St. Stephens Lutheran MO Synod, Millers Lutheran, St. Peters, Wesleys Chapel Methodist, Mountain View Minonnite, St. Pauls, Old St. Pauls, Mt. Zion Lutheran and Salem Lutheran Church.

Linda Hoyle spoke about the formation of Catawba County and the Killian family's involvement, notably John Killian, a respected and experienced politician. She featured a book "A history of Catawba County" copyright 1954, which was published by the Catawba County Historical Society in memory of J. Yates Killian. Yates Killian died 9/24/1953.

Linda also spoke of the struggles for freedom and liberty by the early pioneers and the difficulties they faced. She spoke of the militia and the pivotal roles their battles played in the defeat of the British.