

The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian

Johann Leonhard Kilian born the 21st of May 1711

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Sixth Generation, Johann Leonhard Kilian, Walter's 5th Great-Grandfather

Johann Leonhard Kilian was named in the baptismal records of his four known children. He and Lucia Rosina Wäckler were married before the 20th of October 1739, because their first known child Margaretha's baptismal record said she was legitimate. Each of the four children's baptismal records spelled their mother's surname a different way: Wöcklin, Mäcklin, Vöcklerin, Wäcklerin. From the document content they are obviously the same person. The suffix "*in*" is a feminine suffix. The four children's baptismal records spelled Leonhardt with a "t" at the end. However, his baptismal record did not have the "t". There was no standard spelling and each cleric spelled names the way he believed they sounded.

Johann Leonhardt Kilian was a subject of Rothenburg ob der Tauber. The earliest record shows he lived in Bastenau and was a *Hausgenosse* (tenant). Between 1742 and 1745 he moved from Bastenau to Arzbach where he was a *Halbbauer* (half-farmer). Johann Leonhard Kilian and Lucia Rosina Wäckler had four known children:

1. Margaretha Barbara Kilian was baptized on the 20th of October 1739 in Erzberg, Bavaria. She died on the 15th of September 1749.
2. **Johann Michael Kilian** was baptized on the 9th of January 1742 in Arzbach, Bavaria.
3. Johann Leonhard Kilian was baptized on the 9th of April 1745 in Bastenau, Bavaria.
4. Johann Georg Kilian was baptized on the 31st of August 1749 in Erzberg, Bavaria

Johann Georg Kilian received a farm in Oberwörnitz on the 15th of November 1777. Peter Kilian also received a farm there on the 26th of November 1746. He remains unidentified, but is probably a relative.

Johann Leonhard Kilian was buried in Erzberg on the 15th of October 1769. His wife Lucia Rosina was buried in Erzberg eleven years and four months later on the 2nd of February 1791.

The marriage record of Johann Leonhardt Kilian and Lucia Rosina Wäckler would name his parents and prove the genealogical continuity between Sebastian Kilian and Walter Kilian. Despite searching the marriage records in all of the places where Kilians lived, no marriage record was found. Lucia Rosina may have come from the Ansbach territory, but the marriage registers of Insingen, Wettringen, Colmberg, Erzberg, Breitenau and Feuchtwangen did not mention this marriage. Insingen is the only village where the surname Wäckler, and its variations, appeared in the entire Ansbach and Rothenberg districts at that time.

The one remaining hope of finding the origin of Lucia Rosina Wäckler is through the annual tax accounts prior to 1739 if they still exist. If Lucia Rosina moved from somewhere else into the Rothenburg district she would have been required to pay a tax on her dowry. The tax files are kept in the Bavarian State Archives in Nürnberg.

This opens the question: Was Johann Leonhard Kilian, son of Johann Jacob Lorenz Kilian and Maria Margaretha Klink, born on the 21st of May 1711, the same person as Johann Leonhardt Kilian, husband of Lucia Rosina Wäckler?

It is not necessary to find the marriage record that would name Johann Leonhard's parents, to prove this Johann Leonhardt Kilian was the same person as the Johann Leonhard Kilian, son of Johann Jacob Lorenz Kilian and Maria Margaretha Klink and thereby prove the direct line from Sebastian Kilian to Walter Kilian.

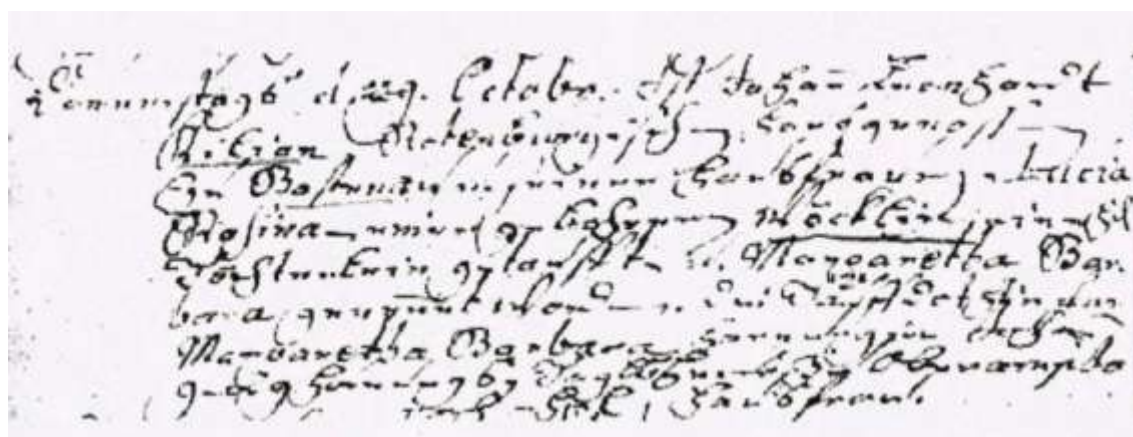
The baptismal record proves the son of Johann Jacob Lorenz Kilian was born on the 21st of May 1711 in Steinbach an der Holzecke, only one kilometer from Arzbach, where Johann Leonhardt Kilian and his wife Lucia Rosina lived and died. Johann Leonhardt, husband of Lucia Rosina Wäckler, was buried in Arzbach on the 15th of October. 1769 at the age of 58 years, 4 months, 3 weeks and 2 days. This leads back to the 23rd of May 1711. This agrees with the baptismal record of Johann Leonhard Kilian on the 21st of May 1711, assuming the baptism was on the day of birth and the burial was two days after death. He is the only man by this name listed in the death registers of the entire area.

Lucia Rosina's burial record, dated the 2nd of February 1791, said she was the widow of Johann Leonhardt Kilian, a subject of Rothenburg and Halbbauer in Arzbach. Lucia Rosina is an extremely rare combination of names in Germany and the Wäckler / Wöcklin / Mäcklin / Vöcklerin surname did not appear anywhere else in the entire Rothenburg and Ansbach districts, except in Insingen, at that time.

Assuming the Johann Leonhard Kilian born in 1711 was not the husband of Lucia Rosina Wäckler would mean this man vanished with no burial recorded and another man by exactly the same name, with exactly the same age, showed up in Arzbach and took over a farm of the same size. Arzbach is a tiny village with a population of only 46 inhabitants today and this probability is so remote it can be excluded.

A professional genealogist said this is sufficient proof to verify the continuity of the line and other genealogies have been professionally accepted with less proof.

Margaretha Barbara Kilian baptized on the 29th of October 1739



Taufe der Margaretha Barbara Kilian am 29.10.1739 (Erzberg 172-1, 1739 S. 267)

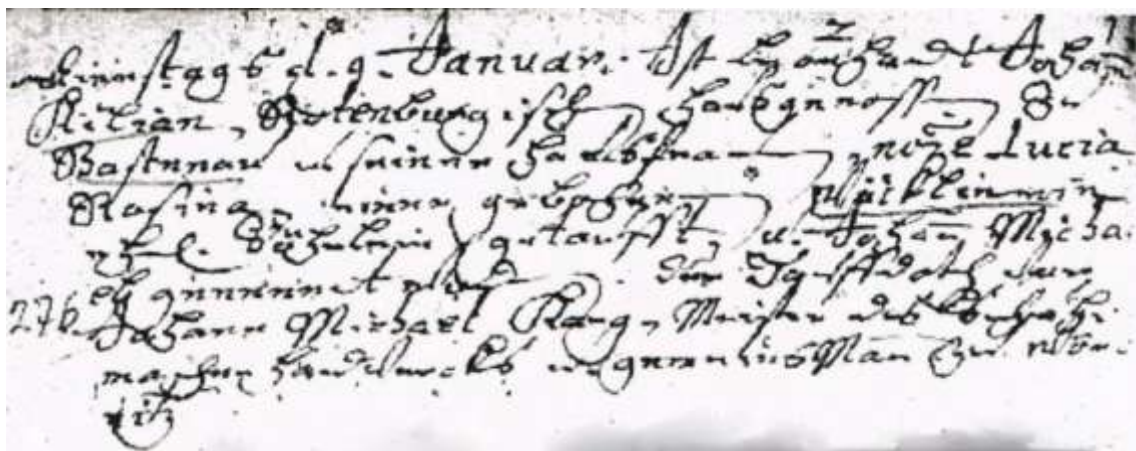
Donnerstags d[en] 29. Octobr[is 1739] ist Johann Leonhardt Kilian, Rotenburgischen Hausgenossen zu Bastenau u[nd] seiner Hausfraen Lucia Rosina, einer gebohrenen Wöcklin, ein ehel[iches] Töchterlein getauft. u[nd] Margaretha Barbara genennet worden. Die

Tauffdothin war Margaretha Barbara Hornungin, Johann Georg Hornungs Taglohnern zu Oberampts nacher al[s] Hausfrau.

Baptism of Margaretha Barbara Kilian on the 29th of October 1739 (Erzberg 172-1, 1739 S. 267)

Thursday, the 29th of October [1739] Johann Leonhardt Kilian, a Rothenburger [Rothenburger] tenant in Bastenau and his wife Lucia Rosina born Wöcklin, had a legitimate daughter baptized and named Margaretha Barbara. The godmother was Margaretha Barbara Hornungin [feminine form of Hornung], later wife of Johann Georg Hornung, day laborer in Oberamts [Oberampfrach].

Johann Michael Kilian baptized on the 9th of January 1742



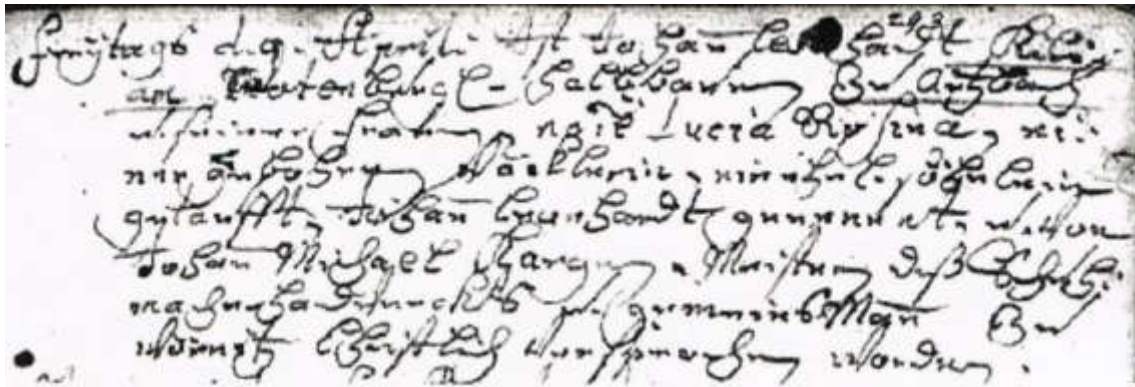
Taufe des Johann Michael Kilian am 09.01.1742 (Erzberg 172-1. 1742 S. 276)

Dienstags d[en] 9. Januar [1742] ist Johann Leonhardt Kilian, Rotenburgischen Hausgenossen zu Bastenau u[nd] seiner Hausfrauen nomine [namens] Lucia Rosina, einer gebohrnen Mäckin, ein ehel[iches] Söhnlein getauft u[nd] Johann Michael genennet worden. Der Tauffdoth war Johann Michael Karg, Meister des Schuhmacherhandwercks u[nd] Gemeinmann zu Wörnitz.

The baptism of Johann Michael Kilian on the 9th of January 1742, (Erzberg 172-1. 1742 S. 276)

Tuesday the 9th of January [1742] Johann Leonhardt Kilian, a Rothenburger tenant in Bastenau and his wife named Lucia Rosina born Mäckin [Wäckler] a legitimate son was baptized and named Johann Michael. The godfather was Johann Michael Karg, a master shoemaker and resident of Wörnitz.

Johann Leonhardt Kilian baptized on the 9th of April 1745



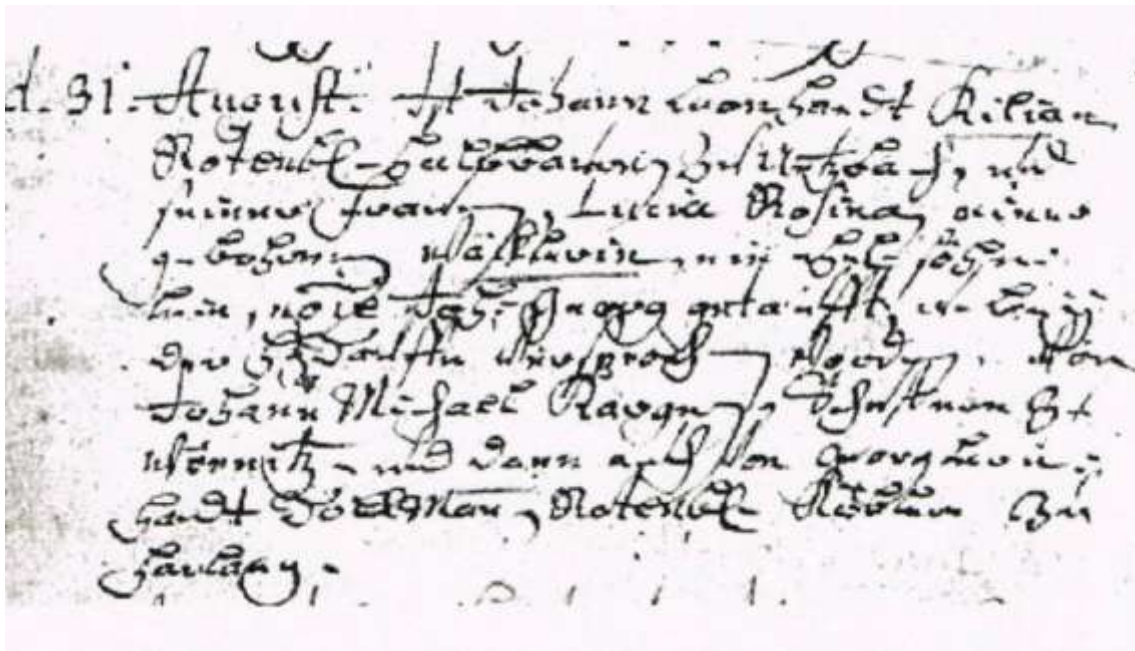
Taufe des Johann Leonhardt Kilian am 09.04.1745 (Erzberg 172-1, 1745 S. 293)

Freytags d[en] 9. April [1745] ist Johann Leonhardt Kilian, Rotenburg[ischen] Halbbauern zu Artzbach u[nd] seiner Frauen nomine [namens] Lucia Rosina, einer gebohrnen Vöcklerin ein ehel[iches] Söhnlein getauft, Johann Leonhardt genennet u[nd] von Johann Michael Kargen Meistern deß Schuhmacherhandwercks u[nd] Gemeinmann zu Wörnitz christlich versprochen worden.

Baptism of Johann Leonhardt Kilian on the 9th of April 1745, (Erzberg 172-1, 1745 S. 293)

Friday the 9th of April [1745] Johann Leonhardt Kilian, a Rotenburger [Rothenburger] half-farmer in Artzbach [Arzbach] and his wife named Lucia Rosina born Vöcklerin [Wäcklerin feminine form of Wäckler] has a son baptized and named Johann Leonhardt and Johann Michael Kargen, master shoemaker was named as godfather.

Johann Georg Kilian baptized on the 31st of August 1749



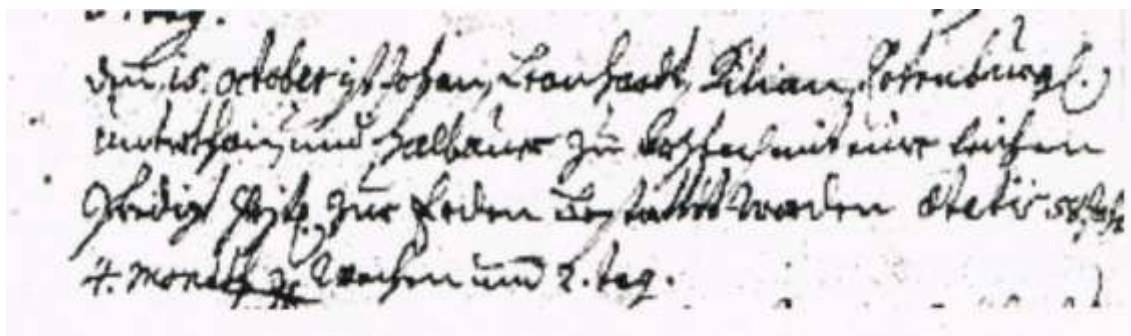
Taufe des Johann Georg Kilian am 31.08.1749 (Erzberg, 172-2, 1749 S. 261)

Dien] 31. August [1749] ist Johann Leonhardt Kilian, Rotenb[urgischer] Halbbauern zu Artzbach und seiner Frauen Lucia Rosina, einer gebohrnen Wäcklerin, ein ehel[iches] Söhnlein nomine [namens] Johann Georg getaufft u[nd] bey der h[eiligen] Tauffe versprochen worden von Johann Michael Kargen, Schustern zu Wörnitz und dann auch von Georg Leonhardt Döllmann, Rotenb[urgischer] Köbler zu Harlang.

Baptism of Johann Georg Kilian on the 31st of August, (Erzberg, 172-2, 1749 S. 261)

Tuesday, the 31st of August [1749] Johann Leonhardt Kilian, a Rotenburger [Rothenburger] half-farmer in Artzbach [Arzbach] and his wife Lucia Rosina, born Wäcklerin [feminine form of Wäckler] had a legitimate son baptized and named Johann Georg. The godfathers were Johann Michael Kargen, a shoemaker in Wörnitz and Georg Leonhardt Döllmann, a Rothenburger day laborer in Harlang.

Johann Leonhardt Kilian buried on the 15th of October 1769



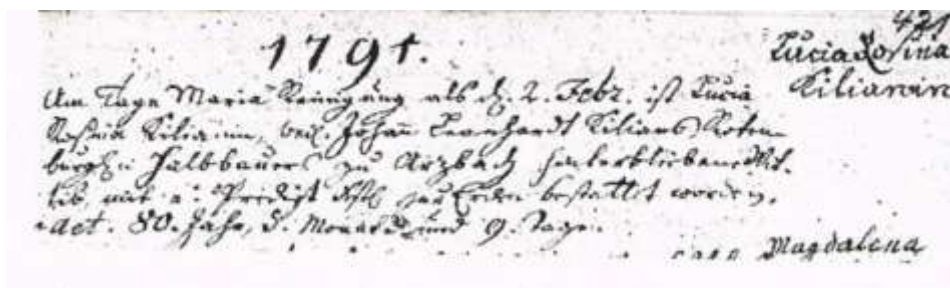
Bestattung des Johann Leonhardt Kilian am 15.10.1769 (Erzberg 172-2, 1769 S. 685)

Den 15. October [1769] ist Johann Leonhardt Kilian, Rotenburg[ischer] Unterthan und Hal[b]bauer zu Arzbach mit einer Leichenpredigt chri[s]tl[ich] zur Erden bestattet worden, aetatis [im Alter von] 58 Jahr, 4 Monath, 3 Wochen und 2 Tag.

Burial of Johann Leonhardt Kilian on the 15th of October 1769 (Erzberg 172-2, 1769 S. 685)

The 15th of October [1769] Johann Leonhardt Kilian, a Rotenburg [Rothenburger] subject and half-farmer in Arzbach was buried with a Christian sermon at the age of 58 years, 4 months, 3 weeks and 2 days.

Lucia Rosina Kilian buried on the 2nd of February 1791



Bestattung der Lucia Rosina Kilian am 02.02.1791 (Erzberg, 172-3, 1791 S. 421)

1791. Am Tage Maria Reinigung als d[en] 2. Febr[uar 1791] ist Lucia Rosina Kilianin, weil[and] Johann Leonhardt Kilians, Rothenburg[ischen] Halbbauers zu Arzbach hinterbliebene Wittib mit e[iner] Predigt christl[ich] zur Erden bestattet worden, aet[atis] [im Alter von] 80 Jahr 5 Monate und 9 Tage.

Burial of Lucia Rosina Kilian on the 2nd of February 1791 (Erzberg, 172-3, 1791 S. 421)

1791. On the day of Maria's cleansing, the 2nd of Febr[uary 1791] Lucia Rosina Kilian, surviving widow of the deceased Johann Leonhardt Kilian, a Rothenburger half-farmer in Arzbach was buried with a Christian sermon at the age of 80 years, 5 months and 9 days.