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Killian Newsletter

Greetings From the Editor

My name is Charles Killian. My wife, Cheryl and I volunteered to put together the Killian newsletter. We hope to put out two newsletters per year, maybe more if there is a need. We have never tried anything like this before and it's going to be a learning experience for us. We hope you will find it helpful and informative.

The most exciting news is the 2006 date for the Killian Reunion. The reunion will be held in conjunction with the reenactment of the Revolutionary War Battle of Ramsour's Mill in Lincolnton. We would like to encourage everyone to come and bring the children. Maybe we all will learn something about the revolutionary war and how the Killian family was involved. We are looking forward to a great reunion. For more info see the write up on page 3 by Sandy Phillips.

Included in this issue we have a transcription of a letter \written by Sandy's ancestor Daniel Killian and a picture of him.

We have an article by Mac Hayes on the Killian DNA project and would like to encourage all male Killians participation in this project.

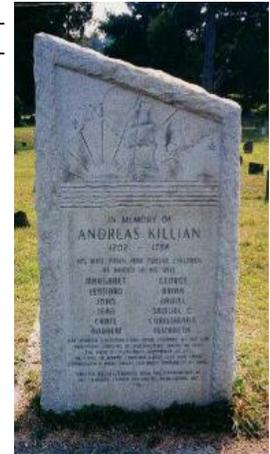
Of course we want to encourage you to visit the Andreas Killian web site where you can find a wealth of information. The address is www.andreaskillian.com. Also sign up for the Killian-L list to receive messages at your email address.

If you know of someone who doesn't get this newsletter but that might be interested in Killian research or the reunion pass the info on. This reunion promises to be the

best yet and we hope it is well attended.

If you have information you believe would be of interest to your cousins please send it to us and maybe we can use it in the next newsletter. Any deaths, births, marriages, achievements, queries. etc. Our address is:
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Obituaries

Contributed by Eric Killian

LARRY E. KILLIAN HICKORY -

Larry Eugene Killian, 68, of Hickory, died Oct. 15, 2005, at Catawba Valley Medical Center. Born Dec. 9, 1936 in Catawba County, he was a son of the late Roy Eugene Killian and Pearl Cline Killian. A member of Victory Baptist Church, he retired from Sherrill Furniture Co. He was a loving father and grandfather and enjoyed spending time with his family and his church family. Survivors include his wife, Martha Robinson Killian of the home; two daughters, Robin Renae and Cheryl Ann of Hickory; a grandson and his wife, Brad and Michelle Nix of Hickory; two brothers and a sister-in-law, Thomas Reed Killian and Donald and Karen Killian of Hickory; two special friends, Marty Killian and Roger Brittain; and two pets, Dolly and Tia.

Note: Larry is one of the Killian DNA Testees

FRED H. KILLIAN HICKORY -

Fred Harold Killian, 82g, a resident of Community Alternatives Group Home of Sixteenth Street, NE, in Hickory, passed away on Friday, Sept. 16, 2005. He was born Aug. 21, 1923, in Catawba County to the late James Monroe and Fannie Lail Killian. He attended St. Peter's Lutheran Church in Conover. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by five sisters, Rosie Jones, Nina Gantt, Sadie Killian, Freda Sigmon and Louise Carpenter; seven brothers, Arville, Vernon, Fredrick, Cecil, Ralph, Vance and Ervin Killian; and a number of nieces and nephews. Survivors include a sister-in-law, Zelma T. Killian of Conover; a brother-in-law, Junius G. Carpenter of Claremont; eight nieces; four nephews; and his extended family, the staff and friends of the Sixteenth Street, NE, Home in Hickory.

ROY E. KILLIAN HICKORY -

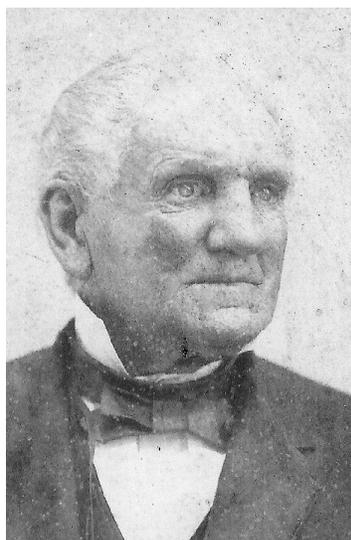
Roy Elcanie Killian, 83, of Crabapple Street, Conover, died Tuesday, Aug. 30, 2005, at Brian Center-Viewmont after a period of declining health. Born April 25, 1922, in Catawba County, he was a son of the late Perry Fonce and Annie Coulter Killian. A member of Mount Zion Lutheran Church, he retired from Hickory Chair Co. and was a U.S. Army veteran of World War II. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by six sisters and two brothers. Survivors include his wife, Beulah Lail Killian of the home; two sons, Leroy Killian and Steven Killian and wife, Linda, of Conover; two granddaughters, Samantha Bowman and husband, Cary, of Lofton, Va., and Annette Medlin and husband, Eddie, of Catawba; a grandson, Bryant Killian and fiancée, Tammy Walton, of Lenoir; and five great-grandchildren..

Letter written by Daniel Killian, dated July 24, 1886 of Atlanta, Georgia. Transcribed by Sandy Phillips

Written to W.L.C. Killian (William Littleton Colman Killian), of Newton, (Catawba County) NC. Guy C. Killian (Mr. W.L.C. Killian's son) had the original letter along with a typed transcription of the letter made by Raymond L. Hefner, Hickory, N.C. dated May, 1952. The parenthetical insertions were made by Mr. Hefner:

Atlanta, Georgia
July 24th 1886

This sketch is intended as a short sketch of my family. Both of my grandfathers were natives of Pennsylvania in Lancaster City. From the information I have both of grandfathers must have emmigrated to North Carolina about the year 1760. My father, Jacob Killian, fought in the Battle at Ramsours Mill 20th of June 1785 (correct year 1780). My fathers name was Jacob Killian. He had two brothers, John Killian & Abraham Killian. I think he had one



sister that married a man by the name of Settlemier. His given name was Martin. Lived near what was called in my day Crowders Town (a vicinity about five miles southeast of Hickory, N.C.) where this was an Election Precinct in the neighborhood of John Wilfong Mill. My grandfather on my mothers side was Cresimore. I think Henry Cresimore was the only son of my grandfather Cresimore. I think my mother had one brother & one sister. She married a man by the name Flenor. He removed to the State Ohio when I was about ten years old. Why I recollect that my father bought his land my brothers place paid him \$1000 in specie for the place. Why I recollect that well it was the first thousand dollars that I ever saw. When my father went to pay for the land I went (with) him. The money was tied up in a cotton handkerchief. This is about all I can give. You will have to make allowances for me as I am just recovering out of a sick bed. I hope now to get well. My kind regards for your family & self & all my relatives. Please if this is received acknowledge its reception.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) Daniel Killian

2006 Battle of Ramsour's Mill Encampment

Sandy Phillips

I met with Darrell Harkey today regarding the Battle of Ramsour's Mill Encampment. Here are the specifics as of today. Official planning begins in January, 2006:

Darrell will provide a tent, tables, chairs and power source on site for the Killian Clan. We would need a banner or signage and someone to man the booth. We can bring our computer, scanner, printer, etc. We can sell books or crafts or whatever. Reinhardt's, Warlick's, and Ramsours have participated and are expected to participate this year as well. Some clans wear matching T Shirts. There is no charge for the booth. Saturday barbecue lunch is only refreshment provided. Bring your own refreshments otherwise.

In May, Darrell sends out notices to all media within a 40 mile radius including Hickory, Shelby, Statesville, Rock Hill SC, and Charlotte. Notices are faxed to radio, TV and newspapers.

Last year 1000 people were estimated to have come, 652 people ate barbecue. Darrell guessed that 75% came on Saturday, 25% came on Sunday. I believe he said they've been doing it for 5 years.

Participation grows each year from the year before. It will go on, rain or shine. Two years ago, they had a terrible rain. The creek next to the encampment left it's banks so they had to shut down early because of the mud. Donations are accepted and are split equally with the setup/breakdown crews and barbecue servers (it's like a tip).

Schedule of Events:

Saturday , June 10, 2006

9:00 am:

Parade begins across from Cultural Center on Main Street ,Lincolnton and goes to the site of the encampment next to Lincolnton High School. A local TV personality usually participates. Anyone can participate (kids can bike, wheelchairs, clans with banners, etc.) - just show up. You will need to make your own arrangements for pick up and/or return.

9:00am Saturday –3:00pm Sunday:

Re-enactors are setup at the encampment (practice field next to the Lincolnton High School football stadium). Re-enactors are in colonial dress and carry out activities from colonial period. These activities span from weaving, cooking, soap making, blacksmithing, tomahawk throwing, cannon/ mortar practice, to doctors performing amputations! The re-enactors live there overnight on Saturday. Plenty of parking and signage.

11:30 - 1:30 pm Saturday:

Barbecue Lunch provided by the Historical Society. Free.

2:00 pm Saturday:

DAR Wreath Ceremony. Formal wreath laying and ceremony at the mass gravesite - complete with bagpipes. The wreaths are to honor those that died. 70 unclaimed bodies, both Whig and Tory, were buried in one mass grave together. Last year 44 wreaths were laid.

4:00 pm Saturday:

Battle Re-enactment using black powder, muzzle-loading rifles. Kids love this. Lasts about 30-45 minutes.

approx. 8:00-9:30pm Saturday:

Ghost Walk with Darrell Harkey around the Battleground talking about the battle itself. He has stories to tell!

Sunday, June 11, 2006

11:00 am Sunday:

Church service near the log cabin next to encampment. Militia were required to attend church. Chairs are provided.

2:00 pm Sunday:

Battle Re-enactment like the one on Saturday. 30-45 minutes.

3:00 pm Sunday:

After battle, all re-enactors start packing up.

Okay folks, I think that's everything. I am to follow up with Darrell in early February on the planning.

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Killian DNA testing progress

There are now ten participants in the Killian Group at Family Tree DNA testing. Two new members were recruited at the 2005 Killian Reunion in North Carolina. Their test results will likely take 8 to 10 weeks to get back.

We need someone who is positively known to be a descendant of Michael Killion, born 1732, who fought in the American Revolutionary War and died in Orange County, North Carolina in 1781.

Of the first eight testees, four are positively known to be Andreas Killian descendants and provide a standard against which to compare for other Andreas descendants; two have been proven, by the first four, to be also just as closely related, and two are not descendants of Andreas Killian, although they might be related to much earlier ancestors of his. There is a possibility one or both of the two newest testees could show a relationship to the two non-Andreas participants, which should, hopefully, give some data pointing to the Michael Killion line.

The DNA test involved is the Y-DNA 25 test, which requires male to male descendants participants. Females do not carry the Y chromosome which is required for this test; a father, brother, uncle, or male cousin could provide the DNA sample for females who are interested in these tests.

The Y-DNA 25 test costs \$171.

I'll keep you informed.

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