

# Killian Family Newsletter

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## President’s Points:

What a great and busy year for the Andreas Killian Association. We have been busier than Richard Simmons on a fat farm. Three major projects have been on the Association’s table this year.

**First**, our Executive Committee has been working on getting our Non-Profit status which has taken cousins, Attorney Chip Killian, Sandy Phillips, Eric Killian and me quite a few hours in completing. We plan to have it approved and presented at our September Reunion. Our Executive Committee is currently thinking of Killian related projects we can perform in the near future as a non-profit. Non-Profit status would make donations to the association tax deductible for contributors and an attractive way to raise necessary funds.

**Second**, a new tee shirt with a Killian family tree logo has been designed by Sandy Phillips. Joe Killian purchased the shirts, took the logo to a local printer and we now have those shirts for sale this year. The color is heather gray with blue lettering. The quality is very good and not flea market grade. You will love the new look and I’m sure no one will mind paying \$10.00 for one.

**Third**, the new book has been a labor of love for the authors and compilers. Contributors have spent a few hundred hours, a few thousand miles, meetings, headaches, surprises, joy, emotional realizations, emails and phone calls to roll out this new book in September. The book will contain at least 200 pages of what is considered historically correct information. The book’s focus is a detailed account of Andreas Killian and his family in America. One of our authors, Andreas descendant and Killian information specialist, William L. “Bill” Hinds, stated “It sounds like this book will be a must have for anyone who is seriously researching the descendants of Andreas Killian.”

Your executive committee has also had three planning sessions for the September reunion. Since we are celebrating the 75<sup>th</sup> Diamond Jubilee of the association, it has taken much more effort this time around. The Executive Committee needs to be commended because it has worked flawlessly and as a team throughout it all! They will be wearing orange tee shirts with the new Killian family tree logo during the reunion so you can identify them for any reason.

Also included in this newsletter is the form “Back to Andreas” for you to fill out. If you cannot attend this year’s reunion we would like it mailed in to recognize you at our meeting on Sunday afternoon. We welcome the sheets and have enjoyed reading the comments each year.

If you know of any deceased Killian relatives since last year it is recommended we have those for recognition in September. Contacts are Eric at [blademannc@yahoo.com](mailto:blademannc@yahoo.com); Sandy at [sandyjp@bellsouth.net](mailto:sandyjp@bellsouth.net); Dan at [Jdsipe@bellsouth.net](mailto:Jdsipe@bellsouth.net); Cheryl at [fbcheryl@charter.net](mailto:fbcheryl@charter.net).

The weekend itinerary and schedule for September 11-13 reunion in this newsletter has it all spelled out with exciting activities on each day and evening. Take time to read it all and plan your trip to be with us. It’s not very often one can be a part of such a celebration as this will be. Let me encourage each one who reads this and have been meaning to come over the years or have missed some years, come and be with us this year especially! You will not find a better bunch of people to be with than your cousins.

Hoping to see you in September, Dan Sipe, President



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## More on Andrew M. Killian from the February Newsletter

Submitted by Cheryl Mann Killian

In the last Killian Newsletter I asked the question who is Andrew M. Killian? While we may never know the lineage of Andrew Miles Killian back to Andreas this is what we now know.

Andrew Miles Killian was born on February 11, 1829 NC and died August 16, 1900 as transcribed from his tombstone at City Cemetery, Stone Mountain, GA. He was counted in the 1900 census of DeKalb County, GA on June 25, 1900. He married Lucy Ann Armstead on May 11, 1854 in Fulton County, GA. He enlisted in July 1864 in Atlanta; a private of Clemmon's Company, Georgia Infantry, CSA. He surrendered in Decatur in April 1865. After the war, he was a blacksmith in Stone Mountain. On July 4, 1876, Killian attained local celebrity by dynamiting two enormous boulders off of Stone Mountain in commemoration of the Union's Centennial. After his death, Lucy filed for and was granted a pension for her husband's Confederate service.

### Back to Your Killian German Roots Tour 2010

If you are interested in taking a tour in Germany May 2010 please read this.

Dr. Wolfgang Grams directed our May 2009 Germany tour.

He is willing to customize a tour for the Killian Association for 2010.

It would include several Killian places of interest plus

a mix of many beautiful towns, castles, museums, cathedrals, the Black Forest and possible Rhine river tour.

It will also probably include parts of Austria or France or Switzerland.

The tour is usually ten days with breakfast, dinner and room included.

The costs can be as low as \$1400.00 plus airfare to Frankfurt and back.

Total package would be approximately \$2100.00 if we have 14-15 to register.

There are six people already wanting to go. Notify me at [jdsipe@bellsouth.net](mailto:jdsipe@bellsouth.net)

or write me at Dan Sipe, 2335 One Iron Drive, York, SC 29745.

Information will be sent to you via email or US postal Service when Dr Grams presents it to me.

I hope to have brochures available at the reunion.

Join the Andreas Killian email list by completing the email signup form at [www.andreaskillian.com](http://www.andreaskillian.com). You can also use the form to update your email address or other information. You will be notified when the newsletter is available for viewing, upcoming reunion information or other Killian information that may be of interest to all (2 -6 emails per year). Your email address will not be posted on the website, sold, or given away. A 12 page newsletter cost about \$1.90 to print and mail and a 8 page newsletter cost about \$1.65.

## **"The Origin of the Kilians in Germany"** by William Randolph McCreight born 1934 in Newton, North Carolina.

Book review by Dan Sipe

William Randolph McCreight just published a book written on Andreas Kilian of Bavaria, Germany. It presents recent records discovered in Germany on the Kilians. He comes to the conclusion that Andreas Kilian of Bavaria is the one and same Andreas Killian of North Carolina. He has centered his book about Andreas Kilian's baptism record; marriage record; Andreas' children's Baptisms at Saint Gallus Lutheran church in Erzberg Germany; and the marriage and burial records of his parents. NC Pioneer Andreas Killian's father was also Andreas and his grandfather was Georg. It investigates these records and other records of the times such as politics, wars, religion, means of travel, laws of marriage and possible origins of the Kilian name. It is filled with colorful pictures of Kilian sites and many other German sites that draw the reader into the book. It acts as another building block to understand Germanic records as they relate to genealogy and help those who are serious in tracing their roots in Germany. It carries the reader from the rural German countryside to the departure of Andreas to America at Rotterdam but leaves the American story for others to write about. He has expressed his research information well and has documented his sources well. It is a valuable book for the descendants of Andreas Kilian and others interested in family history and how it is formed over the years.

The book is only available on the internet at <http://www.blurb.com/bookstore/detail/742754>

Blurb is a print-on-demand company that prints single copies in paper back or hardcover on demand when ordered.

Their print and paper quality is very good.

### **Killian/Killion DNA Project by Cheryl Mann Killian**

**I have a big correction to information I first reported in 2006.** The DNA project does not have a descendant of Jacob Killion of Orange County in the project. I identified the project member as being a descendant of Jacob based on the earliest known ancestor's name and location-this identification was not correct. Our DNA project member Woodroe "Woody" W. Killian's father was Lloyd Jewel (1913). Lloyd Jewel's father was William Joseph Killian born 1863 IL; found on the 1870, 1880, 1900, 1910 and 1920 census. William Joseph Killian parents are Joseph born 1838 in MO and wife Elizi Louisa née unknown. Joseph born 1838 was not found in the 1850 census to connect him back to his father.

Woody is an exact match with George Weldon Killian and a close DNA match to several descendants of John (son of Andreas) project members. I apologize to everyone for misidentifying Woody's lineage. With this correction it is hopeful we will find "Woody's" lineage to back to Andreas.

This correction places "Woody" into the group with descendants of Andreas. This correction places descendants of William Killion, possible son of Revolutionary Solider Michael Killion, into separate groups of Colonial North Carolina Killians/Killions. This is in keeping with meeting one of the objectives of the Killian DNA project; Eliminate or confirm the relationship of individuals or lines to other Killian/Killion lines. a) Andreas Killian lines. b) Michael Killion lines. c) Pennsylvania and other Colonial Killian lines. d) Irish Killion lines.

For those who have read William Randolph McCreight's book "The Origin of the Kilians in Germany", many will realize Mr. McCreight and I have a different opinion in the value of the Killian DNA project. Quote from Mr. McCreight's book, "There is a group in the Killian Association conducting a DNA project to determine if the members of the group have a common ancestor. They all already know from historical records they have a common ancestor, Andreas Kilian. . .". In response to the "Historical records" Bill mentions, written records can be accurate and helpful, but DNA offered proof of lineage to Andreas. In fact, the DNA project is already credited with the following discoveries about incomplete historical records:

1. Jonas Conrad Killian was born out of wedlock and was baptized, Jonas Conrad Dietz at Zion Lutheran Church, Catawba County in 1827.
2. William Riley Killian was first documented in the Lincoln Co. North Carolina Court Minutes, October Sessions 1821: "Ordered by Court that William R. Killian, 7 years old the 3rd. day of last May be bound to Henry Mengers..." (Court records research by Kathy Sullivan).
3. It has been a matter of debate if Daniel Killion born 1777 of Iredell County, NC was a descendant of Andreas Killian or Michael Killion.

Conclusion: DNA results has confirmed the three men named above are descendants of Andreas Killian, while at the same time historical records only show they carried the Killian surname. In this we see the DNA project as a way of connecting descendants of Andreas Killian with weak or no paper trail back to the clan.

I am asking male Killians to please consider joining the Killian DNA project and help descendants of Andreas link themselves back to their lineage. The 37 marker test is preferred for Andreas descendants or the 12 marker test for Irish and descendants of Revolutionary Solider Michael Killion.

Join the project at: <http://www.familyreedna.com/group-join.aspx?Group=Killian>

## The 2009 Andreas Killian Book

As I sit here to write this update on the New Killian Book, you should know the book is almost finished. Apex Book Manufacturing Company (a print on demand company) has reassured me twice the book will be finished on time. Yet no matter how much reassurance Apex gives me, I know the book needs to be indexed which cannot be done until the book is formatted and pages are numbered. The days keep ticking away.

I want everyone to know the new Andreas Killian book would not have been possible without the donation of information Wayne Milam has collected over the years. The chapter by William "Bill" Hinds on the Leonard Killian family is a fantastic detailed account of Andreas' first son. The book gained German records with the addition of 2 chapters written by William McCreight. Many chapters were written and re-written as historically correct as possible through the edits and additions by Thomas Eugene "Gene" Killian. Wayne, Bill, William and Gene formed the frame work of the book. This does not discount the contributions of authors Dan Sipe, Sandy Phillips and Wayne Setzer. Also there was the behind the scenes people; I cannot tell you how many people were involved in getting this book to where it is today. My sincere thanks to you all.

William McCreight of Germany added his knowledge of Andreas Kilian of Steinbach, Bavaria, Germany. This knowledge and research includes information on Lutheran German Records, the social system in Andreas' time and the trip from Steinbach to Philadelphia.

The 17 or so years between Philadelphia to North Carolina has been explored as theory only. When Cletus H. Killian researched the Colonial Killians, I found he was not sure where Andreas Killian and his family lived for those 17 years. This chapter leaves me the feeling someone should take up the gauntlet and look for Andreas in the state archives of Virginia, Pennsylvania, Maryland, Delaware and maybe New Jersey.

The chapter on DNA introduced other colonial Killians into your New Andreas Killian book. We have 2 chapters on Killian's not related to Andreas Killian; Pennsylvania Killian and North Carolina Killians born before 1800. While the book is titled "The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788); Andreas and his children and grandchildren", the book has far more information than I ever expected.

The book has gone through a metamorphosis; going from my envisioned booklet, to a hard back book with a CD of information available on Killians up to the 20<sup>th</sup> century, back to the booklet I first envisioned, to a paperback book of about 200 pages of 18th century Colonial Killians. I hope everyone will be pleased with the final result.

The book will be available at this year's reunion for \$20 each. By mail the book will be available from me for \$30 each. Make check payable to **Andreas Killian Historical Association**. All proceeds from the book will fund future publications.

Respectfully,  
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### Who was Cletus H. Killian? By George Weldon Killian

Cletus H. Killian was born 1891 in Missouri. He researched his Killian ancestry in 1940s and 50s. It was he who thought that the Andreas Killian's ancestry might include Wolfgang-Phillipp Kilian and such information became widely distributed. He was an engineer, Patent Attorney and inventor. In the book *Forces of Production: A Social History of Industrial Automation* (published 1984) by MIT professor David F. Noble, devotes three pages to Cletus stating "Cletus Killian was an early entrant in the field of automatic machine tool control, as well as a pioneer of programmable electro-mechanical computers." Cletus gave the dedicatory address at the unveiling of the Andreas Killian monument in 1952. He died in 1962.

# Back to Andreas

Our pioneer ancestor came from Germany on the ship Adventure. Landing at Philadelphia where he took the oath of allegiance September 12, 1732. He came to North Carolina about 1747 and later established a home about two miles northwest of here (Old St Paul's Church).

The following is a suggested format to take you from Andreas to yourself

## My family line to Andreas Killian

**Your lineage back to Andreas**

- 1. Andreas Killian b: 1702 Germany d: 1788 North Carolina
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_\_\_
- 10. \_\_\_\_\_
- 11. \_\_\_\_\_
- 12. \_\_\_\_\_

Please add any information you are willing to share with your Killian Cousins

Notes \_\_\_\_\_  
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Your Name and Address \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Bring to the Reunion or  
Mail to: Dan Sipe, 2335 One Iron Drive, York, South Carolina 29745**

## Captain John Killian

### 25 April 1796 - 10 November 1858

By Michael Berger 3<sup>rd</sup> Great-grandson of John Killian by Letha Jane's family line

“ This is the second installment of the history of Captain John Killian a descendant of Andreas Killian through Andreas' grandson Philip Killian. Capt. John Killian and his family moved to Missouri after the War of 1812. They were among the first settlers there. While living in Missouri the family met Oliver Cowdery, who was one of the six original members of The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints. John joined the Church in September 1831 and was baptized by Oliver. The members of the LDS Church started to face ever increasing hostilities from the local citizens and the family moved to the town of Montrose, Lee, Iowa across the Mississippi River from Nauvoo.”

Just as in Missouri, the local citizens started to find fault with the leaders and members of the LDS Church. John took an active part in protecting the leaders and members of the Church. In the book “A History of the Church” by B. H. Roberts, Joseph Smith in June of 1844 was giving some instructions to some members on where he would be staying to keep away from a mob. In these instructions he states: “If you can ascertain by tomorrow morning that there is anything wrong, come over the river to Montrose, to the house of John Killien (Killian), and there you will learn where we are.” A few days later a mob killed the Prophet Joseph Smith and his brother Hyrum while they were in a jail.

In 1846 the members of the Church were forced from their homes and fled west. They stopped around Council Bluffs, Iowa and made camp. They referred to the camp as Winter Quarters. Here many lived in tents or wagons until they could move west. Brigham Young, as the new leader of the LDS Church, had set his sights on the Salt Lake Valley. There they hoped to find a place to practice their religion in peace.

The first pioneer company reached the Salt Lake Valley in 1847. The trip from Winter Quarters to Salt Lake was over a thousand miles. John, his wife Sally, his sister Letha Jane Killian Hood (the widow of Joseph Hood), her two daughters and Harriett came across the plains in 1850. Because they did not travel with an organized wagon train, we do not have a record of their trip.

Jacob, his wife Susan and Franklin Killian were members of the Joel Edmund's company in 1852. Their half-sister, Rebecca Emma Conley Tryon, and her family were also with this company. They are listed on the company records as follows: “Crossed the Mo (Missouri) river June 8<sup>th</sup>, 1852... Franklin Killion, Age 23, 1 loose cattle, two horses, 1 gun, Jacob Killion, age 21, I yoke oxen, 2 loose cattle, 1 horse, 2 ducks, 1 gun, Susan Killion Age 16.” We do not have any other record of when the other children came to Salt Lake.



Leatha Jane Killian Hood Newnan

After the members of the Church arrived in Salt Lake many were asked to colonize other locations. Many of John's children took part in the colonization of Utah and the west.

George married Matilda Phoebe Cochran on July 19, 1853 in Clark County, Missouri. They went to what would later become the Concho area of Arizona. They had five children.

Thomas married Mirium Elizabeth Sampson August 18, 1846 and helped settle the Parowan, Utah area. Thomas adopted Mirium's son by her first marriage and they had six more children together.

Letha Jane remarried in October 1850 to Elijah Newman. Elijah was an early member of the Church, like the Killians, and had experienced many of the

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same hardships in Missouri and Illinois. He was one of the original pioneers to come across the plains with Brigham Young's first company. They moved to

Parowan, Utah in 1851 and had seven children.

Nancy married Aquila Hopper, a second cousin to her mother, on July 13, 1848 in Lafayette County, Missouri. They were part of the original settlers of Salem, Utah. They had at least five children.

Franklin moved around and eventually ended up in San Bernardino, California. Some accounts say that he married a Spanish Indian lady by the name of Polonia Morongo.

Almira Josephine Killian married her cousin, Joseph Charles Killian, on 30 Mar 1845 in Perry County, Missouri. They stayed and raised their family in Missouri. They had 11 children with only four living to adulthood.

Jacob Killian and Susan Coons were married sometime between 1850 and 1852. They joined Nancy in settling Salem, Utah. They had at least seven children.

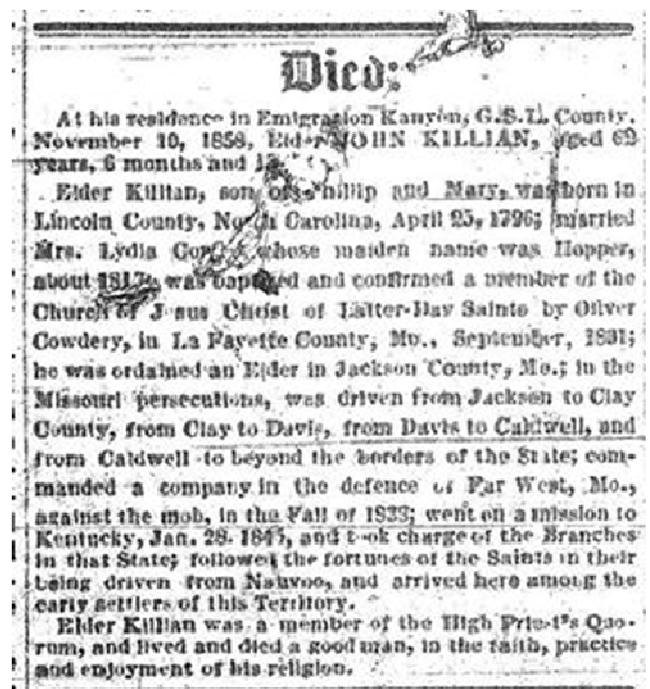
Harriet Emma married John Busby on August 28, 1857 in Salt Lake City, Salt Lake, Utah. They raised seven children in Salt Lake.

John stayed in Salt Lake. The pioneers had come to the mountains and had suffered many hardships; unfortunately all was not as well as the pioneers had hoped. War and strife continued to intrude itself in the Zion that the pioneers were trying to create. As the Nauvoo Legion had protected the Mormons in Nauvoo, Brigham Young was compelled to continue this protection in the Utah Territory. John, ever the Soldier, was elected a Captain of Company B of the Battalion of Silver Greys Infantry of the Salt Lake Military District. (The family has the original commission signed by Brigham Young in 1855) Part of his assignment was protecting Emigration Canyon. The ill-fated Donner Party had first used Emigration Canyon in 1846. It was also used as the final camp before Brigham Young's company entered the Salt Lake Valley in 1847.

John and one of his militia commanders, Daniel H. Wells, worked as partners to protect the access and resources contained in the Canyon. A little later, Daniel H. Wells was given a grant to control the lumber being removed from the canyon. In his original grant the people of the Salt Lake Valley were to make arrangements with John Killman (Killian), his partner, to remove any lumber. John was later awarded a similar grant as Daniel and made the move to the Cottonwood Canyons. John built a large ranch in a small side canyon about five miles up the main canyon. This small canyon would soon come to be called Killian Canyon. The spelling of John's last name was misspelled and the canyon is now called Killyon Canyon. The land John owned is now part of the Wasatch National Forest and thus is protected under federal law.

John died as a result of a logging accident in his beloved canyon and was buried there in November of 1858. He lived a great life, survived many trials and as his obituary said he lived and died a good man, in the faith, practices and enjoyment of his religion.

By Michael Berger, 3<sup>rd</sup> Great-grandson of John Killian by Letha Jane's family line  
With contributions by Doug Gant and Rachel Anderson



## Obituaries

**Elizabeth "Lib" Killian Mosteller**, born May 2, 1912-died August 4, 2008. Lib was the daughter of Bessie Lantz Killian and David Coon Killian. She was a graduate of Lincoln High School and Lenoir-Rhyne College. She married Daniel F. Mosteller in 1937. They lived in the Mosteller family home in Vale, NC raising five children. Dan died in 1979, and Lib remained in the family home until her death. Lib is survived by two brothers, Robert Killian of Charlotte and Bill Killian of Hendersonville; five children, Alice Mosteller of Lake Junaluska, David Mosteller of Shreveport, Louisiana, Robert Mosteller of Chapel Hill, Ann Sumner of Raleigh, and Helen Rutledge of Vale; ten grandchildren, Debbie Bryant, Paulette Childers, Karen Fullett, Kevin Mosteller, Daniel Mosteller, Benjamin Mosteller, Lauren Sumner, Mark Sumner, Tyson Rutledge, and Talia Shutt; ten great grandchildren, Elisha Leonard, Emma, Jack, and William Fullett, Henry Mosteller, Andrew and Jenna Rutledge, and Isabella, Genevieve and Seraphina Shutt; and one great-great grandchild, Brandon Leonard. [Hinds 38914, GWK 2133]

**George W. Killian**, Rochester, NY died May 20, 2009. Survived by wife, Shirley; children, Nancy (Randall) Smith, Thomas (Kimberly) Killian; 7 grandchildren; 4 great grandchildren; brother, Jimmy (Junerose) Killian; sister, Margaret (William) Heshner; nieces and nephews. Funeral Service were Tuesday at The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-Day Saints, Pittsford, NY 14534. Interment, White Haven, Pittsford, NY. In lieu of flowers, contributions may be made to LDS Philanthropies, JSMB, 15 East South Temple, 2nd Floor East, Salt Lake City, UT 84150. [Hinds 14416, GWK 1]

**Jocie Mae Killian Daggett**, born November 5, 1931-died May 15, 2009. She was a double Killian in that she was the daughter (4th child) of Elsie Viola Killian Killian and Floyd Glenn Killian. Jocie is survived by her husband, Robert Daggett, four children, seven grandchildren, and one great grandchild. Jocie had three sisters, now living, and they are Lucy Jane Killian Eckard, Helen Ruth Killian Wilson, and Virginia Rose Killian Shuford. Jocie also had three brothers, now deceased, Glenn, Jerry, and John. Jocie was happily married on a farm in Maroa, Illinois. Submitted by Lucy Jane Killian Eckard. [Hinds 121138, GWK 2365]

**Dorothy Killian Edwards** was born in Haywood County on December 8, 1944 and passed away on June 29, 2009 at her residence on Soco Road in Maggie Valley, NC. A native and lifelong resident of Haywood County, she was the daughter of Mattie K. Killian of Maggie Valley and the late Thomas Robert Killian. Dorothy was a loving and devoted wife and mother, who loved her boys with all her heart. In addition to her mother, she is survived by her husband of more than 45 years, Verlin Edwards; three sons, Colin and Jason Edwards of Maggie Valley and Alan Edwards of Raleigh; one sister, Harriet Jimison and her husband, Charles, of Canton; one brother, Robert Killian and his wife, Darlene, of Waynesville; and many nieces and nephews. Funeral services were held on July 2, 2009 in the Waynesville chapel of Wells Funeral Home with Reverend G. David Reeves, Reverend Erma Bond, and Reverend Timothy McConnell officiating. Burial at Garrett-Hillcrest Memorial Park. Memorials may be made to the American Diabetes Association, 16-A Brozzini Court, Greenville, SC 29614 or The Hope Chest for Women, P.O. Box 16948, Asheville, NC 28816. [daughter of; Hinds 146673, GWK 62236]

**Eugene Tillman "Gene" Killian**, age 95 of Fort Payne, AL, passed away on Tuesday, February 24, 2009 at DeKalb Regional Medical Center. Funeral services will be February 27, 2009 at 2 p.m. at Burt Funeral Home Chapel with the Rev. Jim Griffin and Chaplain Matt Brewer officiating. Burial in Gravel Hill Cemetery. Survivors include three daughters, Beverly Stapp, Barbara (Ken) Allen and Sarah (Bill) Brewer; seven grandchildren, Brook Allen, Amy Fischer, John Brewer, Mark Brewer, Matthew Brewer, David Stapp and Susan Rogers and 14 great-grandchildren. He is preceded in death by his wife of 68 years, Ethel Bailey Killian; parents, Demoville and Mary E. Walton Killian; son-in-law, Gerald Stapp; brothers, Almer [Almut], Lois, Willard, Joe, Jack and Gad Killian and sister, Irma Majors. In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to the Gravel Hill Cemetery Fund. Published February 26, 2009 Copyright © 2009 The Times-Journal, Thursday, DeKalb County, Alabama. [Hinds 23066, GWK 26056]

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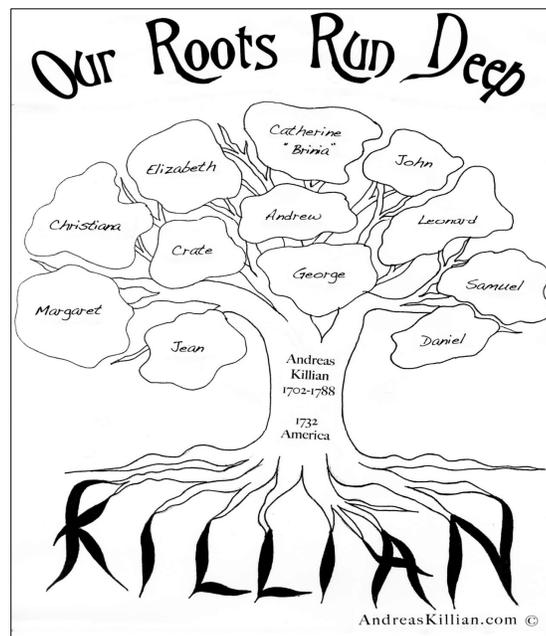
Note from Thomas Eugene "Gene" Killian; There is a 'typo' in the obit. It lists "Almer" Killian as a deceased brother. His name was "Almut" (Almut W.) according to Willard A. Israel's 1995 book and the records I have.

Note from Wayne Milam; This Gene Killian is the brother of Gaddis "Gad" Killian. The obit for "Gad" appeared in the February 2009 newsletter. Our condolences go out to the family of Demoville Killian for this double loss in such a short time.

## Association of Descendants of NC Pioneer Andreas Killian Celebrating 75 Years Reunion September 11-13, 2009

### Schedule

We have much to celebrate this year! Friday, we will have, for the first time, a descendant of Margaret Killian Price speak on the Price family history. On Saturday, in honor of the 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our Association, we will be presenting the Association's labor of love, a 200 page book titled: The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788); Andreas, his children and grandchildren! We will be presenting the book along with a special celebratory event honoring Andreas Killian and our "Diamond Anniversary" on Saturday morning at Old Saint Paul's Church. On Saturday afternoon, our President will discuss his touching trip to Germany to explore Andreas' roots. In the afternoon genealogy workshop, we hope to help attendees discover their lineage and discuss the research in the new book. The Annual Business Meeting will follow and after a break for dinner, fascinating night photography in the Old Saint Paul's Church cemetery.



(Our New Logo Designed by Sandy Phillips)

### Accommodations

Hampton Inn of Hickory, 1520 13<sup>th</sup> Avenue Drive, S.E., Hickory, NC 28602 (828-323-1150) ([hamptoninn.com](http://hamptoninn.com)) has offered the Association a group rate of \$74 for external rooms and \$84 for rooms accessed through the lobby. Mention the Killian Reunion for the discount.

From **WEST** on I-40 take exit #125 to Hickory. Turn right at Lenoir Rhyne Blvd. Turn quick left at 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. Dr. SE/NC-2267

From **EAST** on I-40 take exit #125 to Hickory. Turn left at Lenoir Rhyne Blvd. Turn left at 13<sup>th</sup> Ave. Dr. SE/NC-2267

Cross Country Campground of Denver (800-852-4840) is available for those who wish to camp. The rate for full hookup is \$30 per night. Let us know ASAP that you intend to camp and we can contact the campground with a total site count for the group rate of \$27 per night. Call Sandy (704) 892-3911 or email at [sandyjp@bellsouth.net](mailto:sandyjp@bellsouth.net).

### Food

For meals on your own, the Hampton Inn offers breakfast or you can go next door to the J&S Cafeteria – a regular stop for our out-of-towners. For dinner on Friday evening, we have chosen the local Boxcar Grille, 3140 N. Oxford St., Claremont, NC 28610 (828-459-9287). Prices range from \$6.99 to \$14.99 for a wide variety from the salad bar, down home cooking to fajitas and steaks. Directions to the Boxcar Grille:

For Hampton Inn Hotel Guests: Leave Hampton Inn and Take I-40 East for 9 miles. Take exit #135 off I-40 and turn right onto Oxford Street.

From **WEST** on I-40 take exit #135 and turn right onto Oxford St.

From **EAST** on I-40 take exit #135 and turn left onto Oxford St.

For lunch on Saturday, we recommend the Boy Scouts Annual Barbecue at St. Stephens ELCA Church—a hit at last year's Reunion. You will have many choices around Hickory on Saturday evening but most attendees go to the J&S Cafeteria for further fellowship. We have asked our wonderful Caterer, Jennifer Brittain, from last year's Reunion to come back for a repeat performance on Sunday for lunch.

**Association of Descendants of NC Pioneer Andreas Killian  
Celebrating 75 Years Reunion  
September 11-13, 2009  
Schedule of Events**

**Friday, September 11, 2009**

(all times are Eastern Standard Time)

Check-In at hotel as you arrive (Hampton Inn of Hickory check-in is 3:00pm)

6:00pm Registration/Social Gathering Boxcar Grille, Claremont, NC

6:30pm Dinner, Boxcar Grille

Approx. 7:15pm Guest Speaker: Jimmie Price - Author, Historian and descendant of Margaret Killian Price, will give a fascinating talk on the history of Margaret and her husband, John Michael Price. This will be held in the Boxcar Grille's private room.

**Saturday, September 12, 2009**

8:45am -9:20 am: Registration/Gather at Old St. Paul's Church ([oldstpaulslutheran.org](http://oldstpaulslutheran.org))

9:30am-11:00am: Special Appearance by Andreas Killian and Children!

Book Dedication/Wreath Ceremony/Group Photo, Old St. Paul's Church

11:00am-2:00pm: Free time to Explore (Selection of Self Guided Activities)

(We will provide maps and brochures and scheduling assistance at Registration)

Elmer Killian's Private Museum Tour at Killian's Hardware (closed 12-2pm)

Andy Killian's Private Auto Collection Tour (available all day)

Catawba County Museum of History ([catawbahistory.org](http://catawbahistory.org)) (9:00am-4:00pm)

Murray's Mill ([catawbahistory.org](http://catawbahistory.org)) (\$3/person) (9:00am-4:00pm)

Bunker Hill Covered Bridge ([catawbahistory.org](http://catawbahistory.org))(8:30am-4:30pm)

[Lunch on your own - We recommend the annual Boy Scout Barbecue at St. Stephens ELCA Church not far from Killian's Hardware and Mt. Zion Church]

**2:00pm to 5:30pm Mt. Zion Lutheran Church**

2:00pm-2:30pm: Dan Sipe's "Route to Roots" Presentation of Germany

2:30pm-4:00pm: Social Gathering/Genealogy Workshop

4:00pm: A Discussion about our new Killian Book

4:30pm: Business Meeting

Dinner on your own (Recommend J&S Cafeteria next to Hampton Inn of Hickory)

8:30pm: Cemetery Night Photography at Old St. Paul's Church

**Sunday, September 13, 2009**

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 Church (\$10/adult plate. \$5/child plate)

1:45pm Guest Speaker, Cynthia Wells, Genetic Genealogist, will give an interesting and informative discussion on DNA and it's impact on family history (group photo)

# Registration Form

Names of those attending: \_\_\_\_\_

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

\_\_\_ Margaret      \_\_\_ Leonard      \_\_\_ John      \_\_\_ Jean      \_\_\_ Crate      \_\_\_ Andrew      \_\_\_ George  
\_\_\_ Brinia/Catherine      \_\_\_ Daniel      \_\_\_ Samuel      \_\_\_ Christianna      \_\_\_ Elizabeth

Is this your first time attending the Andreas Killian Family Reunion? \_\_yes \_\_ no

Mailing Address: \_\_\_\_\_ City: \_\_\_\_\_ State: \_\_\_\_\_ Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone Number: Home (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

## Please check (x) your preferences below for the events you would like to attend:

### Friday

\_\_\_ Dinner and Lecture on Margaret Killian & Michael Price

### Saturday

- \_\_\_ Interview with Andreas Killian and Children!/Book Dedication/Wreath Ceremony, Old St. Paul's Church
- \_\_\_ Elmer Killian's Private Museum
- \_\_\_ Andy Killian's Private Auto Collection Tour
- \_\_\_ Catawba County Museum of History
- \_\_\_ Murrays Mill
- \_\_\_ Bunker Hill Covered Bridge
- \_\_\_ "Route to Roots", Tour of Killian sights in Germany by Dan Sipe
- \_\_\_ Genealogy Workshop
- \_\_\_ Business Meeting
- \_\_\_ Cemetery Night Photography at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church

### Sunday

\_\_\_ Catered Lunch at Mt. Zion Church followed by DNA Discussion

## Reunion Cost:

Sunday Catered Lunch...\$10/plate = \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Adult Plate  
\$5/plate= \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Child's Plate (age 12 years and under)

### T Shirts:

- Qty: \_\_\_ Small ..... @ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Qty: \_\_\_ Medium ..... @ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Qty: \_\_\_ Large ..... @ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Qty: \_\_\_ X Large ..... @ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_
- Qty: \_\_\_ XX Large..... @ \$10 each = \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Reserved copies of new Killian Book: The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788)

Qty: \_\_\_\_\_ @ \$20 each= \$ \_\_\_\_\_

TOTAL ENCLOSED.....\$ \_\_\_\_\_

Mail Registration Form with check or money order payable to:

Andreas Killian Historical Association

to: c/o Sandra J. Phillips, Treasurer, 16310 Barcica Lane, Cornelius, NC 28031

**\*\*Registration must be received by Monday, August 27<sup>th</sup> 2009\*\***

A link to the online registration form is available at [www.andreaskillian.com](http://www.andreaskillian.com).

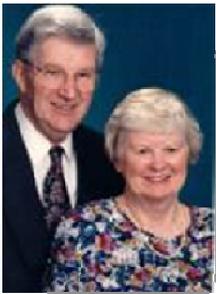
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### In Memory of George Weldon Killian (1924-2009)



George Weldon Killian was born October 12, 1924 and died on May 20, 2009 at age 84. He is survived by his wife, Shirley and children Nancy (Randall) Smith and Thomas (Kimberly) Killian.

The Andreas Killian Association of North Carolina shares the sadness of the passing of George Weldon Killian on May 24, 2009 who so faithfully supported our Killian Association for many years as a leader and the newsletter publisher.

His travels from New York to the Second Sunday September Reunions showed us all his dedication to our ongoing efforts to keep the Association growing, interesting and inventive. George was always open to new data. He also had willingness to cooperate with others to get historical accuracy and truth.

George passed some of his writings and database to newsletter editor Charles Killian and his wife Cheryl. The information has been instrumental and helpful in compiling our fresh new book on Andreas and his children. The new book is slated to be published for our reunion in September 2009 with a very special section in honor of George which our editor Cheryl Killian prepared prior to George's passing. His recent notes to Cheryl Killian are very special and for everyone to read in our new book. Our association will forever remember George for his service to the Association for many years. We encourage others to get involved with the association efforts as George did, to carry on the Andreas Killian tradition so loved by him. George will be missed.

Speaking for the executive board of our association, "George, we salute you, are proud of you and to have had an association with you for many years!"

Sincerely, Dan Sipe, President of NC Pioneer Andreas Killian Association