

# Killian Family Newsletter

February 2011

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Hi Cousins,

Looking back over the years that I have been associated with Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association [AKDHA], I have observed an abundance of growth. When I first started attending the reunions a successful Killian reunion would be 25 to 30 attending. Now we have reached on an average of 150 Killians from all over this great nation we live. The 2010 reunion was a major success due to the reunion planning committee and all of the officers. I would like to thank everyone involved in the planning of each reunion. In the coming months the process of planning the 2011 reunion will begin. It is our mission to make your AKDHA Family Reunion a memorable moment so you can tell other Killian descendants why they should attend next year.

My special thanks goes to Sandy Phillips, for all her hard work within the Association. Sandy stepped down as Treasurer and she will be well missed. The Association has not lost her all together and she will have a function within the Association as soon as her schedule permits. With that said, I would like to welcome our new Treasurer ,Pete Whitener, to our team. Pete is well qualified for this position because of his experience in banking and nonprofits. In 2011, there will be other offices opening up; President, Vice President and Chaplain. Anyone who wishes to serve as officers you can send your resume via e-mail to me.

Our Project/Program Director, Dan Sipe, has been working hard on the tombstone restoration projects at Old St Paul's Church in Newton, NC and he has been working toward the placement of a monument for Margret Killian Price (daughter of Andreas Killian) in Virginia. Dan Sipe and Steve Killian attended classes on tombstone restoration in Swannanoa, NC.

Our Newsletter Editor, Charles Killian, wanted me to remind everyone who receives this newsletter by US Mail if you can receive your newsletter by e-mail to sign for the email newsletter and lower the expense of printing and postage. The e-mail signup form is on the homepage [www.andreaskillian.com](http://www.andreaskillian.com). You will be notified when the newsletter is available for viewing.

On a sad note, please keep the Association's Past President, William D. "Bill" Killian of Hendersonville, NC and his family in your thoughts and prayers. Bill's wife Helen passed away in January. The Association will miss her greatly, she has been Bill's constant companion at the Association reunions and events for years.

In closing I would like to thank all involved, our officers and planning committee and all the cousins who attended the reunion. I'm looking forward to meeting all of you and maybe even some new cousins for the 2011 family reunion.

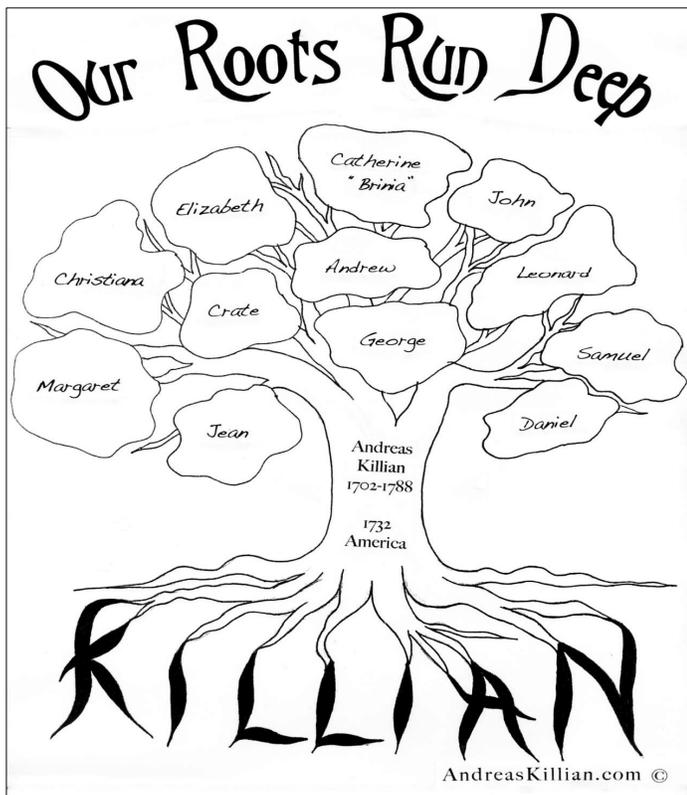
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## Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association

On June 17, 2010, the North Carolina Department of Revenue assigned the Association 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 Assoc.,**  
c/o Pete Whitener, Treasurer,  
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### Our Mission Statement:

The primary purpose of the Association 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 the Association 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. The Association has no paid staff or employees and depends entirely on volunteers and donations.

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## News from the Kilian Homeland

*William McCreight  
3 February 2010*

### **New findings in Germany - continued from the August 2010 Newsletter**

#### **Who was Andreas' Wife, the Mother of Leonard, John and Margaret?**

Andreas (born 1702) married Magdalena Fischer in Feuchtwangen 6 May 1722<sup>1</sup>. The baptismal records of all three children say the mother was named Margaretha Fischer, not Magdalena Fischer. Because no burial record was found for Magdalena and no marriage record for Margaretha, it is fairly certain these are the same person. It must have been either a clerical error in the marriage record or she had a double name.

The children of Andreas and Magdalena/Margaretha were:

1. Leonhard, baptized in the Saint Gallus Church in Erzberg on 30 April 1724<sup>2</sup>.
2. Anna Margaretha, baptized in Saint Gallus Church in Erzberg on 29 April 1726<sup>3</sup>.
3. Johann, baptized in the Saint Gallus Church in Erzberg on 24 April 1729<sup>4</sup>.

Dorothea Knaus Killian was buried in the Saint Gallus Church cemetery in Erzberg on 8 February 1727<sup>5</sup>. almost five years after her son Andreas' marriage to Magdalena/Margaretha Fischer. She lived to see two of her grandchildren.

Andreas' father Andreas (born 1652) was buried in the Saint Gallus Church cemetery in Erzberg on 12 January 1736<sup>6</sup>. four years after Andreas immigrated to Philadelphia in 1732. The family lived in Steinbach an der Holzecke at the latest when Andreas (born 1652) married Anna Busch on 13 February 1677.

Normally marriage records named the parents and witnesses, where they lived and their occupation. Andreas' marriage record did not say who Andreas' or Magdalena's parents were and no witnesses were named. This was probably due to the circumstances of the marriage, as described at the reunion.

There were a great many Fischer's in the surrounding area. I found 157 Fischer baptisms and 197 Fischer marriages and organized these into various families. No evidence was found of a connection between these families, although most probably were related.

I obtain baptismal records of 27 Fischers who were possible relations. These baptismal records included two Magdalena Fischers that were both born far too early to be Andreas' wife. There was a Magdalena Fischer baptized 2 November 1708<sup>7</sup>, daughter of Hans Peter Fischer and his wife Margaretha in Magersbronn. This Magdalena was 14 years old at the time of the marriage of Andreas. It was very unusual for women to marry so young. According to a Bavarian Lutheran church archivist, the normal age at the time for women to marry was eighteen, but many waited a few more years. But because of the circumstance of the marriage there is a remote possibility she was Andreas' wife.

There were six Margaretha, but only two were possible candidates as Andreas' wife. One of these was ruled out because she would have been only eleven years old at the time of the marriage. Although she may have reached puberty, there is only a remote chance she would marry at this age.

This left Maria Margaretha Fischer, baptized on 9 September 1696, daughter of Leonhard Fischer in Dürnhof.

The various baptismal records describe Leonhard Fischer as a carpenter, distiller, messenger, Köbler and a day laborer. These are not mutually exclusive. He could have been all of these at various times, or even at the same time.

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The Children of Leonhard Fischer and his wife Margaretha were:

1. Maria Margaretha, baptized 9 September 1696<sup>8</sup>.
2. Elizabetha, baptized 28 August 1698<sup>9</sup>.
3. Johann Georg, baptized 5 December 1700<sup>10</sup>.
4. Johan Michael, baptized 5 January 1704<sup>11</sup>.
5. Maria, baptized 8 April 1707<sup>12</sup>.
6. Kunigunda, baptized 5 August 1712<sup>13</sup>.
7. Catharina Barbara, married Johan Jacob Walther, 31 January 1730<sup>14</sup>.

Catharina Barbara Fischer married Johann Jacob Walther, son of Conrad Walther, a half farmer in Magersbronn. Andreas Kilian from Steinbach was named as a witness at the marriage. This is not clear evidence. It is only the process of elimination supported by the documentary evidence that Andreas was a witness at Margaretha's sister's marriage. But, this and the fact that she was the only Margaretha Fischer found who could possibly be the Andreas' wife; it is enough to be reasonably sure this Margaretha was Andreas' wife.

### To be continued.

This article is a part of four installments. Two past articles were in February and August of the 2010 newsletters. This month's newsletter article is the third and August 2011 will be the final installment. The August 2011 issue will discuss Georg Kilian, his wives Margaretha, and Anna Eyßin and their children.

<sup>1</sup>Feuchtwangen, 1722, number 33

<sup>5</sup>Erzberg 172-1, 1727, page 523, number 1

<sup>9</sup>Feuchtwangen, 40-4, 1698, page 120

<sup>2</sup>Erzberg 172-1, 1724, page 211

<sup>6</sup>Erzberg 172-1, 1736, page 537

<sup>10</sup>Feuchtwangen, 40-4, 1700, page 141

<sup>3</sup>Erzberg 172-1, 1726, page 218 number 5

<sup>7</sup>Feuchtwangen, 40-4, 1708, page 217

<sup>11</sup>Feuchtwangen, 40-4, 1704, page 172

<sup>4</sup>Erzberg 172-1, 1729, page 226

<sup>8</sup>Feuchtwangen, 40-4, 1696, page 100

<sup>12</sup>Feuchtwangen, 40-4, 1707, page 203

The article in its entirety was distributed in February 2010 by E-Mail to members who provided an E-Mail address. It can also be found on the Association website [www.andreaskillian.com](http://www.andreaskillian.com)

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**New database identification reference numbers [RIN] from William "Bill" L. Hinds.** When George Weldon Killian published the newsletter, he used reference numbers from his database in his articles. George was kind enough to give me [Cheryl Mann Killian] a copy of his database in hopes that I would continue the tradition. To his disappointment I was only diligent in the use of reference numbers for the obituaries. With George's death in 2009 his database is no longer being updated. I now have a copy of Bill Hinds' database to use as reference. [Hinds RIN #]

As in the past you can find these reference numbers at Rootsweb.com in the Killion database. Go to [www.rootsweb.com](http://www.rootsweb.com) click on Family Trees, in box under "Jump to a database", Type "Killion" without the quotes. This takes you to Hinds' database eliminating all others.

As reported in the August 2010 newsletter, a February 2010 newsletter was returned marked deceased: **Ms. Thelma Goodson** (1923-2009). Her obituary was printed in the August 2010 newsletter as a person interested in Killian genealogy. Bill Hinds and Ann Propst traced Thelma Mae Goodson's ancestry back to Andreas.

1. Her father Carter Irvan Goodson son of Rhoda Caroline Lawing to her father William A. Lawing to James Lawing to William Lawing Jr. to William Lawing who married Jean Killian, daughter of Andreas.
2. Her mother Bessie Steel Keener daughter of Emma Nancy Abernathy to her mother Mary Malinda Cline to Henry Cline to Michael S. Cline, Sr. who married Fannie Killian, daughter of Leonard Killian son of Andreas.

Many thanks to Bill and Ann for tracing Thelma back to Andreas, twice. [Hinds RIN #66583]

## Obituaries

## In Memory of the Life between the Dash.

**Beulah Lail Killian**, 91, of Conover, NC passed away Dec. 14, 2010 in Newton, NC from a stroke on Dec. 3, 2010. She was born Nov. 8, 1919, in Catawba County to the late Henry George Lail and Lula Sipe Lail. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband of 65 years, Roy Elcanie Killian [Hinds id#62674]; sister, Eva Lail Propst; brother, Troy Lail; and daughter-in-law, Ann A. Killian. Mrs. Killian is survived by her sons, Steve Killian and wife Linda, and Leroy Killian; grandchildren, Samantha K. Bowman/husband Cary, Annette K. Medlin/husband Eddie, Bryant L. Killian/wife Tammy; great-grandchildren, Tabitha Duckett, Michael Duckett, Austin Medlin, Bryant Killian Jr., Brylee Killian, Jessica Pless and husband Dustin, Jennifer Bowman, Reanne Walton, and Matthew Walton; three great-great-grandchildren; brothers, Vernon Eugene Lail and Paul Luther Lail, both of Conover; and sisters, Sadie Lail Arndt and Eunice Lail Wray, both of Conover. Funeral service was Dec. 17, 2010 at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church. Burial followed in the church cemetery. [Hinds RIN#62677]

**Lucy Pauline Kuhn Iddings**, born 24 Dec 1905, Lincoln Co, NC – 16 Nov 2010, Salisbury, Rowan Co, NC. [Hinds RIN#69779]

**Hanson D. Power, Jr.**, 17 Mar 1931 – 2 Nov 2010, Glenn Dale, Prince George's Co, MD. [Hinds RIN#69722]

**Paul Henry Townsend**, 18 Sep 1940 – 30 Sep 2010, of Pancreatic Cancer, Morristown, Hamblen Co, TN. [Hinds RIN#68980]

**Thelma Lois Killian Friar Allen Scoville**, 16 Oct 1913, McClain Co, OK – 17 Jul 2010, Bakersfield, CA. [Hinds RIN#9740]

**Ruth Lawing Huntley Webb**, 30 Jul 1918, Mecklenburg Co, NC – 2 Jul 2010, Charlotte, NC. [Hinds RIN#68339]

**James Dennis Abernethy**, 30 Jun 1921, Catawba Co, NC – 9 Jun 2010, Hickory, Catawba Co, NC. [Hinds RIN#66689]

**Bessie Minnetta Toler Boley**, Cherokee Co, KS. 18 Sep 1924 – 1 May 2010, NV. [Hinds RIN#64144]

**Walter Eli Millwood**, 15 Nov 1950, Gaston Co, NC – 12 Apr 2010, Gastonia, NC. [Hinds RIN#41604]

**George S. Robinson, Jr.**, 12 May 1939, Lincoln Co, NC – 23 Feb 2010, Lincolnton. Husband of Bessie Edith Lawing, who is the descendant. [Hinds RIN#66830]

**Mary Marguerite Cambron Harwood**, 14 Apr 1915 – 13 Feb 2010, Asheville. Husband Charles Ray Harwood is the descendant. [Hinds RIN#69735]

**Michael Beecher Killion** of Yelm, WA passed away at his home on November 16, 2010. He was born June 2, 1924 to John Curtis Killion and Pearl Edlen in St. Louis, MO. He was preceded in death by his parents; wife Nancy Mead; siblings Jessie, Chauncey and Elsie Fern Breeden; Roy and Harold Killion, Mary Ellen Johnson and Uvenious Montgomery. He served in the US Navy for 20 years, including WWII and Korea. He leaves daughters Peggy Killion, Susan Killion and Michelle Rogers and son Michael B. Killion, JR. He was cremated and his ashes were scattered into the Pacific Ocean. Military services are pending at Tahoma National Cemetery in Kent, WA where a memorial plaque will be placed in his honor. Michael was a Killian DNA project member from the Leonard line. [Hinds RIN#60074]



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**Pamela Opal Lee Archer Murphy** [widow of Medal of Honor winner, actor and Andreas Killian descendant, Audie Murphy] was born October 7, 1923 and died April 8, 2010. She and Audie had two children, Terrance Michael "Terry" Murphy, born 1952 and James Shannon "Skipper" Murphy, born 1954. Audie was killed when his private plane crashed into Brush Mountain, near Catawba, Virginia, 20 miles west of Roanoke on Memorial Day weekend 1971. He was buried with full military honors at Arlington National Cemetery on June 7, 1971. Following Audie's death, Pamela moved from a comfortable home in Van Nuys, California where she raised two sons to a small apartment. She took a clerk's job at the nearby VA to support her family and pay off her husband's debts establishing a career in her own right working as a patient liaison at the Sepulveda Veterans Administration Hospital. She was known for giving every soldier or Marine who entered the hospital the same treatment and treating every visiting veteran as a VIP. Pamela called every veteran "Mister" out of respect and made sure they got to see the specialist they needed, cutting quickly through red tape when necessary. She was considered an angel by the veterans and refused any honors. In 2002 Pam's job was going to be eliminated due to budget cuts as she was considered excess staff, but the veterans held a rally for her outside of the VA gates and her job was saved. She continued to work at the VA until 2007 when she retired at the age of 84. [Hinds RIN#22584]

**Marion Francis Killion**, 22 Dec 1927, Clay County, Indian — 11 Sep 2010 at Anderson, Madison Co, IN. He served three years in the U. S. Navy (1946-1948). Marion was preceded in death by his parents Kenneth Harold Killion and Gertrude Lucille Mustard. He is survived by his wife of 58 years, Lois Ann Shepherd Killion, and sons Steven, Ronald and James Harold; sister Carolyn Sue Thomas and brother Kenneth Robert Killian, ten grandchildren and 19 great-grandchildren. [Hinds RIN# 17563]

**Robert R. Killion**, 6 Oct 1928 in Terre Haute, Indiana, — 12 Dec 2010. He was preceded in death by his parents Squire A. Killion and Wilma Farrand Killion. He was a lifelong resident of Terre Haute. [Hinds RIN# 47020]

**Muriel Delores Killion Wells Van Vector**, 7 May 1918, North Terre Haute, Indiana — 27 Aug 2010, Terre Haute Regional Hospital. Preceded in death by her parents, Charles Edgar Killion and Lena Latta, and son Charles James Wells, Jr. Survived by sons Paul Wells, and Charles, Joseph, and William Van Vector; daughters Muriel Wells White and Renee Liffick. [Hinds RIN#47013]

**Claude "Curly" Killian**, 31 July 1919 — March 14, 2010. He was preceded in death by his wife Emogene (Chapman), first son Michael, and parents Mr. and Mrs. Homer O. Killian. He is survived by his son Bill, two grandchildren Michael and Tafeana; and two great-grandchildren Harper and Mia. He was a Platoon Sargent in the United States Marine Corps WWII. He enter the service on Oct. 2, 1940 and was wounded in action. [Hinds RIN#68120]

**Dorothy "Dot" Almeta Beard Watts**, of Conover, born June 12, 1928, in Catawba County, NC — died March 16, 2010. She was the daughter to the late Emmitt Beard and Grace Litten Beard. Besides her parents, she was preceded in death by one daughter, Ann Greer, and one granddaughter, Carla Withers. She is survived by her husband, Carl Watts [the descendant of Andreas Killian]; son, Terry Watts; two grandchildren, Brad Withers and Greg Withers; and three great-grandchildren. [Hinds RIN#66435]

**Ann Carter Hipp**, (20 NOV 1934 — 1 APR 2010). Her husband Walter N. Hipp Jr. died in 1991 was a Jean Killian Lawing descendant. She is survived by her sons and daughters-in-law, Jeffrey and Debbie Currie and Lynn and Tamesha Overcash and grandchildren Michael Currie, Bailey Elizabeth Overcash and Matthew Lynn Overcash. [Hinds RIN#68611]

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**William Paul Mauney**, (17 SEP 1920—31 MAR 2010); native of Gastonia, Gaston Co, NC; son of the late Willie Mauney and Jennie Mae Goodson; husband of the late Nellie Jenkins; brother to the late Bill and Jack Mauney; US Army WWII Veteran; VFW Commander; Mason; survived by his two sisters, Jennie M. Lowe and Dorothy M. Leeper. [Hinds RIN#66553]

**Leota Christine Delk Cline**, (28 JAN 1918—17 MAR 2010), wife of the late Claude Hubert Cline Sr., who was the Killian descendant; mother of 3, the late Claude H. Cline Jr., the late Robert Cline and daughter Jane Britt; grandmother of Allison Britt White, Brandon Eric Britt, and Melinda Cline; and 4 great-grandchildren. She was a native of Guilford Co, NC and was the oldest living charter member of Montlieu United Methodist Church in High Point. [Hinds RIN#65530]

**Albert Jenkins Killion**, (23 MAR 1927—21 MAR 2010); he married Lily "Bell" Isabell Mustard; he is survived by his wife, daughters Debra Akers, Vicki Williams, Coleen Thompson, and sister Christine Clark. He was preceded in death by his parents Albert R. and Olyn M. Jenkins Killion, sisters Anna May in infancy, Ruth, and Alice, and brothers Roscoe and Harold. He had worked for the B&O Railroad until World War II, when he served in the U.S. Navy until his Honorable Discharge in 1946. [Hinds RIN#9409]

**Willa Mae McDonald Dockery**, ( 30 OCT 1913—8 MAR 2010); she was a native of Cherokee County, NC and daughter of the late Noah and Dovie Fricks McDonald; she was preceded in death by parents, her husband, Clyde Andrew Dockery; one son, Mack Alden Dockery; three brothers, Fred, Olen and Leonard; three sisters, Bessie Johnson, Beatrice Kephart and Lola Dockery; she is survived by three sons, Guy Charles, Dennis, and Noah Odis; one daughter, Eva Beth Decker; one brother, J.D.; one sister, Nettie Green; seven grandchildren, 14 great-grandchildren, and two great-great-grandchildren. [Hinds RIN#69553]

**Ronald "Ron" L. Sartin**, (20 SEP 1947—7 MAR 2010); son of Dorsey L. and Pauline (Drybread) Sartin; he married Carol S. Wells on June 1, 1968; survivors are his wife; daughter, Rhonda Stevens; son, Paul; grandchildren, Joseph, Leigh, Karolyn and Morgan; great-granddaughter, Aubrey; three brothers Steve, David and Greg; and one sister, Debby Workman; after high school he entered the United States Air Force, serving from 1966 to 1987; he was a proud Vietnam veteran; a native of Illinois he lived in seven US states, five foreign countries, and visited another nine countries. [Hinds RIN#66310]

**Velma Killion Montgomery**, (27 FEB 1920 AR– 29 FEB 2010 TX); daughter of Benjamin Franklin Killion and Delila Watson. She was preceded in death by her parents; husband Albert Montgomery; daughter Joan Rhodes; sister Wilma Marie Ridenhour; and brother Benjamin Franklin Killion, JR. She is survived by her son Robert Montgomery; sister Esther Wagner; brother Roy Killion; grandchildren, Kirk Montgomery, Robert Ryan Montgomery, Tracy Montgomery, Kelly Sheriff and Shana Bobo; and great-grandchildren, Megan, Colton, Jake, Bret and Wyatt Montgomery, Brandon Sides, Brenna Sheriff and Bryson Sheriff. [Hinds RIN#46388]

Life brings tears, smiles and memories. The tears dry, the smile fades, but the memories live on forever.  
Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association

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## Letha Jane Killian Hood Newman

*This is the second installment of the history of Letha Jane Killian Hood Newman  
Originally written by Frank John Gant in 1975  
and additional facts added by his son Douglas J. Gant in 2010.*

Letha Jane Killian Hood's daughter, Nancy married a Samuel Kenner in 1862. They had several children and resided in the Sanpete area of southern Utah.

Mary Ann Hood married Seth James William Ollerton on 16 January 1871. She and her husband were prominent in Parowan. She served as the Stake Relief Society President (woman's volunteer organization) and he was the City Attorney for several years.

Letha Jane and husband Elijah Newman's first daughter, Matilda Almira, listed as one and a half years old in the Parowan, Iron County, Utah Territory Census of 1854, was born about December 1852 in Salt Lake City. She is not listed on the 1860 Census so we believe she died during this time.

Their next daughter, Lydia, died soon after birth in about 1853 in Parowan.

Their next child, John Killian, also known on Parowan Ward records on his baptism date as Elijah John Killian Newman, was born 27 November 1854 in Parowan. He died in Arizona, July 1911. Rumor has it; he married an Indian girl in Arizona, but we have not found any records of such.

LaVinnia Dame Newman, was born 27 March 1857 in Parowan. She married John Thomas Gant in Salt Lake City, Utah Territory, 4 July 1877. They were the parents of eight children. LaVinnia died of cancer in Salt Lake City; 19 January 1895 and is buried in the old section of Salt Lake City Cemetery. Before this, the family lived for many years in Anaconda, Montana. Letha Jane lived with LaVinnia and her husband's family in Salt Lake City in the 1880s.

Letha Newman, born 9 April 1859 in Parowan. She married Robert Hunter, on 29 December 1873 at the age of 15. They had several children. She and her husband and family finely settled in the Twin Falls area of Idaho and Letha Jane lived with them off and on. Letha died on 20 February 1940.

George Newman, born 27 March 1862 in Parowan. He never married. Exact death date is unknown.

Solomon Alonzo Newman, born 26 March 1865 in Parowan, he married Winnie Louisa Davis, in November 1888. He died on 1 April 1924. They were the parents of five children. They lived for years in Bruneau, Idaho. Solomon Alonzo is buried in Buhl, Idaho. Their daughter, Nugget (Newman) Axe is responsible for a lot of the details of this history as Letha Jane spent a great deal of time with them. Nugget describes Letha Jane as a tall woman with a large frame.

One of the stories Nugget shares was about the family in the early 1870's. Elijah Newman was very ill and it was necessary for Letha Jane to provide for the family. She was employed as a Cook for men who worked in the mines at Peoche, Nevada. This was about 100 miles from Parowan. She took her two youngest sons with her. While she was in Peoche, Elijah Newman lived with his stepdaughter, Nancy Jane Hood Kenner and her husband or they with him in his home. He became very homesick for his two little sons, so Letha Jane sent Solomon Alonzo back to Parowan. Elijah died 12 December 1872. He had been buried for several days before Letha Jane knew about his death.

One of Letha's legacies is the many items left to her family. A photo album, which contains pictures of many of her family members and relatives from the 1870s to the 1890s. She left this to her granddaughter, Nugget. Nugget gave  
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these items to my mother in 1976. She also left a handmade wooden box made by a man whose initials are P.G. Letha Jane used it for her buttons. Also an envelope pattern cut from The Deseret News of April 4, 1860. Part of a fiery sermon by Brigham Young appears on the pattern. A book printed in 1850 called the Child's First Book of Arithmetic and a slate board owned by William Dame (he married Elijah's daughter Virginia) was probably used to teach her children to read and write. There was also a book The Key to Theology in which Letha Jane signed the back cover.



After Elijah's death, she sold the home in Parowan and lived with her children in Salt Lake City and parts of Idaho. Letha Jane was also a cook and laundress for miners in Idaho.

She died on August 30, 1898 in Bruneau, Idaho. She was probably living with her son Solomon or daughter Letha and their families. She is buried in the Hot Springs Cemetery. This cemetery is in the middle of the Idaho desert. No trees, just sage brush and sand. The local Boy Scout Troop keep the grounds well maintained. Her grave marked has her name misspelled. A new grave marker was placed on her gravesite in the spring of 2010.

As I reflect on Letha's history, I am in awe of her strength and courage. She out lived her two husbands. She gave birth to 10 children-raising seven of them to adulthood. She walked across the Plains and was one of the original pioneers in southern Utah. Her family was persecuted for their beliefs and yet she held true to her faith and her love for her family.

## **My Grandmother: Bertha Killian Knox 1874 GA -1969 TX**

Andreas > Daniel Sr. > George > Daniel Wilkinson Killian > Bertha Killian

My Grandmother was Bertha Killian Knox. Bertha was a great granddaughter of Pioneer Daniel Killian Sr. through his son George. Her father was Dr. Daniel W. Killian and her mother was Martha Ann McClure Killian. Bertha was born in Hiawasse, GA on June 29, 1874. Dr. Killian and Martha had 5 children, my grandmother being the youngest. Bertha was 3 years old when her mother died in 1877. Martha Ann McClure Killian is buried in the family plot in Hayesville, NC.

Dr. Killian remarried Sarah Jane Rowland and 5 children were born to them in Hayesville, NC. In 1891, Dr. Killian moved to Texas; First to Chillicothe, then Whitewright, and to Pilot Grove where he is buried.

Bertha Killian married Dr. Albert Henry Knox, February 7, 1895 in Pilot Grove, Denton Co, Texas. While living in Pilot Grove, they had 7 children Edith, Howell, Helen, Cecil, Douglas, Ruth and Marjorie. I am the daughter of Marjorie.

Dr. Knox and Bertha moved to Krum, Denton Co, Texas in 1909 where he started a bank and owned a cotton gin. He died in 1947 and she died in 1969. Both are buried in the Krum Jackson Cemetery.

I have visited the Asbury Methodist Church in Asheville, NC on two different occasions. When I had family still alive they mentioned relatives in NC, but I am unable to remember much of what I was told. I have a portion of a quilt my grandmother (Bertha Killian Knox) was given on her wedding day by her father, Dr. Daniel Killian. This quilt was part of a dowry given to her mother, Martha Ann McClure on her wedding day, August 27, 1861. I was given a book compiled by my aunts with pictures of my grandparents, Bertha and Dr. Knox. I am very grateful for the family items I have.

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# H. J. Killian Inventor

Submitted by: Mac Hayes

My grandfather, Henry Jonathan Killian, was born 17 MAY 1852 Mountain Dale, Webster County, Missouri and died 6 APR 1923 in Seymour, Webster County, Missouri.

He had a 360 acre farm near Seymour. On April 27, 1903 he applied for a patent for a "Loading or Unloading Apparatus," to be used to load and unload corn and other grain, fruits, vegetables and other loose or packaged goods. He was awarded U.S. Patent 761,770 dated June 7, 1904.

My thanks go to cousin Deborah Bollinger Creed, grand-daughter of Theodocia Bell (Killian) Bollinger (1894-1992) for finding this patent image.

Theodocia was the great-grand-daughter of William Riley Killian (1814-1860) grand-daughter of William Franklin Killian (1836-1894) daughter of Jacob Goldsbury Killian (1863-1929).

No. 761,770.

PATENTED JUNE 7, 1904.

## H. J. KILLIAN. LOADING OR UNLOADING APPARATUS.

APPLICATION FILED APR. 27, 1903.

NO MODEL.

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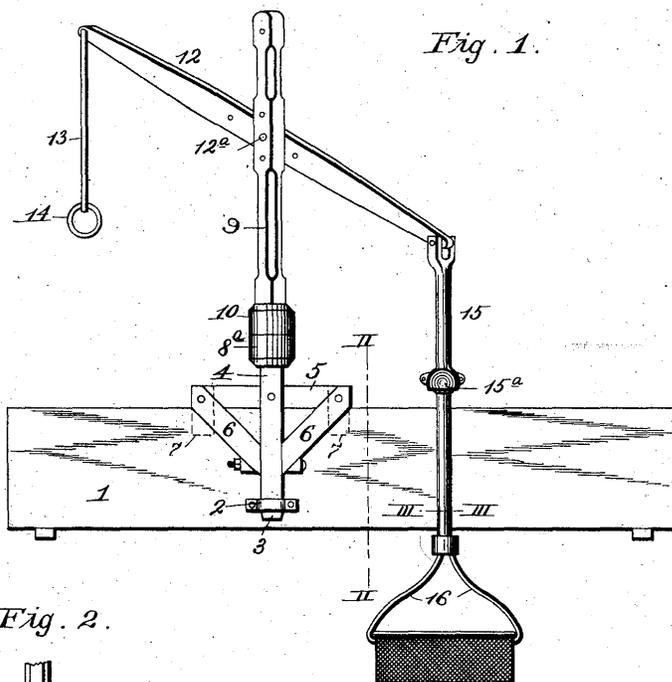


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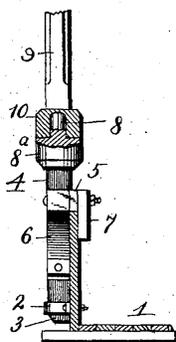


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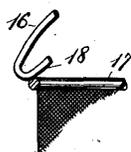
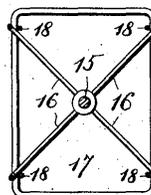


Fig. 3.



Witnesses:  
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*S. A. Wickey*

Inventor:  
*Henry J. Killian*  
By *F. G. Fischer* atty.

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## DNA Report

Submitted by Cheryl Mann

In February, 2010, FamilytreeDNA announced a new DNA test, Family Finder (FF). The FF test uses Autosomal DNA (atDNA) which is the 22 pairs of chromosomes previously ignored by FamilyTreeDNA (FTDNA), most genetic genealogy companies like FTDNA and most genealogists. Until recently, only the Y-chromosome of the 23rd pair of chromosomes (the sex chromosome pair) was used plus mitochondrial DNA occasionally.

The Killian Y-DNA project compares male lines of Mr. Killians to other male lines of Mr. Killians, because the Y-chromosome (Y-DNA) was compared. By using atDNA, FF can possibly trace any ancestral

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line, no matter where that ancestor is in a male's or female's family tree and the test identifies matching segments of DNA passed down no matter if the common ancestor is male or female or where they are in the family tree.

In the Killian DNA Project 4 descendants of Samuel C Killian, 1 descendant of Daniel Sr. and 2 descendants of Wiley Jefferson Killian (1861-1912) have taken the FF test. While some Samuel C descendants show a relationship to each other, the Daniel Sr. descendant shows no relationship to the Samuel C descendants tested thus far.

The 2 Wiley Jefferson Killian descendants results shows a relationship to each other, but not to the other Killians. I cannot recommend FF for use in tracing unlinked Andreas Killian descendants back too Andreas, but co-administrator James Green recommends FF for people who can easily afford it, who can be patient waiting on matches and has the time to contact matches when they occur.

Another aspect of FF is Population Finder. This add-on to FF determines your bio-geographical ancestry — the story of your personal genetic history — by comparing your atDNA to that of familytreeDNA's world DNA population database. The Population Finder results consist of up to four out of seven continental groups; African, American, East Asia, Europe, Middle Easter, Oceania, and South Asia. Therefore if you are looking for the "Indian Princess" [Native American] in your family tree this test might be of interest to you.

If you are interested in Family Finder or Population Finder test read more at [www.familytreeDNA.com](http://www.familytreeDNA.com) .

## 2009 Killian Book Addendum

The 2009 Killian Book focused on Andreas, his children and grandchildren. Hopefully the book has not missed any of the grandchildren. When I received a book order from Willeen Young of Lawton, OK it was discovered Susannah, daughter of Samuel Jr. and Lucinda Hill was somehow left out of the list of their children. Susannah and Wiley Bess were living next to her mother, Lucinda (Hill) Killian in the 1850 Warren County, TN census. Shortly after 1850 Lucinda took her children to Huntsville, Madison County, AR where they lived for a while before moving on to Texas. Parents:

Samuel Killian Jr. b.ca. 1801 NC d. abt. 1845 Hill's Millrace in Warren County, TN (Barnes Papers).  
Lucinda Hill b.ca.1803 TN (daughter of Henry John Alexander Hill)

Children:

1. Melchesadek b.13 Jul 1823 Warren County, TN (birth -Hill family records), vanished after 1845 while charged in Warren County, TN with murder of Sterling Savage).
2. Henry b.14 Jun 1825 Warren County, TN (birth - Hill family records)(lived in Madison County, AR 1860).
3. Britannia b.ca.1826 Warren County, TN.
4. Susannah "Susan" b.ca.1827-28 Warren County, TN (married 14 Jan 1845 Wiley R. Bess - from: Central Gazette, McMinnville, TN, Fri Jan 24 1845).
5. Isaac S. b.ca.1831 Warren County, TN (Montague County, TX 1880)
6. Irvine b.ca.1834 Warren County, TN (Creek Indian Terr. 1900 says he was born in May 1832)
7. Hugh L. W. b.ca. 1836 Warren County, TN (1880 Montague Co. TX)
8. Solon B. b.Feb 1838 (1900 Collin County, TX)
9. William M. (1900 McLennan County, TX. b.12 Jan 1842 d.9 Jul 1919, buried Gholson, TX. Tombstone)
10. Nelly b.ca. 1843 Warren County, TN.

If anyone finds a correction or omission in the 2009 Killian Book please forward the information to me and thanks so much for your understanding. E-mail address: fbcheryl@charter.net

If you have not purchased your copy of the 2009 Killian Book, copies are available. Send \$30 made payable to the Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association or AKDHA and mail to me.

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## **Experiences of Otto (Fate) Killian in WWI**

Submitted by Rose Killian Polete

It was springtime in Missouri with scent of dogwood and wild honeysuckle permeating the air—a season of awakening except the year was 1918 and our country was immersed in WWI. Otto Lafayette (Fate) Killian, son of Gabriel A. Killian, son of Elijah Killian, was inducted 5-13-1918, just shy of his 24<sup>th</sup> birthday. He was sent to St. Louis to be “sorted out” and then by train to Camp MacArthur Waco, TX to the Headquarters outfit. “Big carloads of us,” he said in a taped 1976 interview recounting his memories of his participation in WWI. Having worked in his father’s blacksmith shop and thus accustomed to horses, he was assigned to exercising the horses. He always said, wryly, “and then they send me to France and make me a foot soldier!”

As a child I recall my farmer father riding across a field, straight backed as a general, with the horse at a cantor – a beautiful, magical sight to behold. Dad loved horses and they evidently reciprocated as they always obeyed either his gentle touch with the bridle or a “gee haw” when plowing.

From Texas, again by train, he went to Hoboken, New Jersey where, he reports, “We had about seven miles, or maybe nine miles, to get to the coast, you know, to get on the boat. We had to walk that and some of the boys fell out and they got picked up. If I’d known it, I could’ve fell out and got picked up, but I didn’t know and I just kept hanging along and I made it alright. When I got there I was plumb give out.” They then loaded onto the Leviathan for transport to Brest, France, arriving 8-2-1918. The Leviathan was the German luxury ocean liner, Vaterland, which was not allowed to leave New York harbor after war broke out and was converted into a troopship and renamed. It was considered the biggest ship in the world at the time and 14,416 troops traveled home on her in a crossing in March, 1919.

Dad describes his crossing thus: “There was about 14,000 of us on the boat and sometimes we’d get to wandering around there and be too late getting back into our quarters and we’d just have to lay down on the ship until daylight.” Did they lock everything up? “No, you were free to go through but then just didn’t know how to get back. There wasn’t any light, you know, because of the blackout so the enemy wouldn’t see our ship, so we’d have to lay on the floor. A lot of us ‘d do that. It was a big ship and a man could get lost.”

Another of Fate Killian’s lifetime loves was eating candy. I was last born and Dad was almost 50 yrs old so he probably indulged me but no trip to town was ever complete until we stopped by the Dime Store for a chunk of chocolate. I understood the importance, then, when he said, “I heard that you couldn’t get candy over there so I got me a box of peanut brittle candy and stuck it in my blouse (in Hoboken). I ought to have known better than to have done it. I was coming off the ship and the Captain was standing there and he took that candy away from me and then put me on KP. I had to peel potatoes.” I suspect that peeling potatoes was more agreeable to Fate Killian than standing for 12 hour while waiting to greet President Woodrow Wilson as he had to do later in Brest.

“I’d saved a little money and had it on me,” Dad continued, “I think it was \$10.00, and I was afraid I’d lose it while I was over there and I let my Lieutenant have it and never did see it again. I didn’t think about him leaving, you know, and I guess he got transferred. He wouldn’t have given me that back anyway, if I’d just thought. Used my head. But that Lieutenant was pretty nice to me all and all. Things coming up so fast . . . I didn’t know hardly how I was doing.

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Things did indeed come up fast. He landed in Brest, France and described the camp he was sent to this way: "They took us about two miles up to a Napoleon camp. It was made of rock, I guess, a couple acres around, big rock wall just had big doors at it . . . there was a terrible war and they did that to keep their enemy out (during Napoleon's time). Of course didn't amount to anything . . . they blew it all to pieces . . . Couldn't hardly get enough water to wash your face, awful short on water and right there at the ocean!



Leaving Brest they marched inland, ending up near Metz, the final front of the war. They were quartered with local residents along the way. Of course they were good "farm people" and Dad liked them. He was always a sensitive person and, even from a distance of 58 years, teared up describing his experiences. "I remember kids comin' up and eatin' out of the garbage cans. French kids. They were starvin' over there then. It was pitiful over there. And you read of it now, how it was pitiful for kids."

Being young men themselves, Dad and his fellow soldiers had found fun, even in the midst of war. Dad said the French lived upstairs and had their stock beneath. "We were batchin' and they had some goats and one of the boys peppered one of these goat's noses and, boys, it went upstairs there and we got into it over that! . . . The crops were grown in fields outside of the town. The officer had us out pulling carrots and it rained over there every day and it was raining hard and us out there pulling carrots and he (the officer) was under the shed watching." (and laughing?)

He found the French people appreciative and helpful. One lady that kept about 6 soldiers showed them how to wash their clothes by first beating out the clothes with a paddle and then washing them against a bag of rocks that was kept around the pond. Not speaking the language, he could only surmise her situation, but said, "There weren't any young people there at that time. She was just there by herself. She was awful nice to us. She showed us how to wash them and we'd get our washing done while she was showing us how, you know it was an old lady who had the place there. I guess her boys all got killed or something. She had good featherbeds and all and she invited us up to let us sleep in her featherbeds and things . . . and she didn't chase us out even after the goat problem."

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Nearer the front, he describes the tunnels (trenches). "We stayed back under the mountains in tunnels. They couldn't have us out or we might get a bomb on us so they made the tunnels under the mountain. We'd retreat back and we'd do our cooking under there." Did you have any lights? "No, we didn't. Just lanterns." The trenches were not the best for human habitation. They were fed "these hard biscuits -- oh man, you could hardly get a bite off of 'em -- had to soak them -- and we hadn't had anything else, I think, for a day or so and they wouldn't let us have much til we kind of got tempered to it and trying to eat thathardtack was difficult -- they gave us a meal then. I guess they were tempering us up so we wouldn't eat so much when we were given a meal."

I once toured the Imperial War Museum in London and saw the trenches in their WWI exhibit. They were deep so could accommodate the height of a man and broad enough to secure radio equipment and cooking areas but, oh how terribly damp and dreary!!

Dad succumbed to the mustard gas employed during that war. "When I first came back to camp, they threw me on a stretcher and just turned the water on me and washed me all off. I thought they were going to drown me, using a hose and washin' me off. But that's when I was real bad sick. I didn't think I'd ever get back." Actually, luck was with him. Though his outfit went "over the top" that night, Dad was on his way to a hospital in Bordeaux, France.

In Bordeaux, Dad found a similarity to home. He said, "It was pretty there. I got to where I could walk around. I guess they raised everything—oranges, grapes, all kinds of fruit, just like Florida or California." In his partially completed diary, Otto (Fate) writes "Jan 19, 1919. I left from Bordaux, France today. We sailed at 7:00 this morning and we came by the Azores." He records landing at the Azores Islands at 5:00 in the afternoon and then says they sailed for the U.S. at 4:00 in the afternoon of Jan 24. They landed in the States at 6:00 in the afternoon of February 4 and got off the ship the next morning. He was taken to the Embarkation Hosp. #1 Hoboken, NJ at 11:00. On Feb 23 he left from St. Mary's Hospital #1, Hoboken, leaving from Jersey City Central Station. He was on his way to Oteen, NC and was to be admitted to the US General Hospital #19. On March 16, he was granted a 15 day furlough.

While in the hospital in Oteen, he was visited by his cousin, James Miller, and other relatives. We have a letter dated 4-19-1919 from James Miller to Fate at the US Hospital #19 in Oteen, NC.

I know his experiences in the war had a lifelong effect on my dad. For one thing, he always had health problems due to his exposure to mustard gas. More importantly, I think he came home with a heightened sensitivity to those around him. His legacy was indeed one of demonstratively loving his fellow man and always doing as much as he could for another human being. He endeared himself to all those lucky enough to have known him.

Faye Killian Olsen  
Missoula, Montana

A \$500.00 to \$1000.00 scholarship(s) is available to children whose parents are participating in the Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association, excluding Executive Committee/Board of Directors.

Go to the [www.andreaskillian.com](http://www.andreaskillian.com) , "Project Tab" for the rules, guidelines and application. All applications must be postmarked by May 10, 2011. Winners will be notified by August 1. The Winners will be announced to the association at our regular September business meeting.

# Photo Gallery of the Killian ancestors of Carrie Bowers Bartz



Carrie Bowers Bartz with her grandfather Charles Olan Killian

Carrie Bowers 1975 -  
Sharon Killian 1954-  
Charles Olan Killian 1928-  
Charles H. Killian 1896-1966  
Benjamin Franklin Killian 1870-1947  
David P. Killian 1849-1918  
Phillip Killian 1808-1867  
Phillip Killian 1766-1815  
John Killian 1726-1795  
Andreas Killian 1702-1788



Sharon Killian



Benjamin Franklin Killian



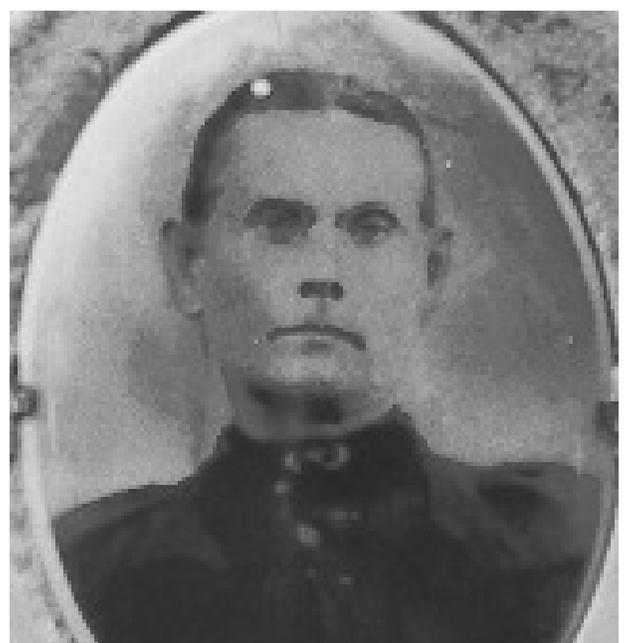
Headstone of Benjamin Franklin Killian (1870-1947) and wife Molley A. Gibbs (1871-1928)



Charles Henry Killian (left) and friend. This photo was taken before Charles went to France during WWI.



David P. Killian



Mary Jane Triplett Killian wife of David P. Killian

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## Return Service Requested

### **Extending deep and heartfelt sympathy to the family of Helen Shuford Houser Killian, 24 JAN 1924 – 17 JAN 2011.**

**Helen Killian** died Monday, January 17, 2011. She was the daughter of Charles A. Houser and Helen Edmonya Shuford; wife of Dr. William D. “Bill” Killian; mother of Jeff, Mike, Steve and Susan; grandmother of Matt Killian, and Kathryn and Amy Sutton; and she was a friend to many including the Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association.

Helen was a native of Lincoln County, NC. She and husband Bill moved to Henderson County, NC in 1969 when he took the position of President of Hendersonville County Technical institute (now Blue Ridge Community College). *The Dr. and Mrs. William D. Killian Outstanding Teacher Award* is handed out every year by the Blue Ridge Community College Educational Foundation.

Helen attended Lenoir Rhyne College in Hickory. During her working career she worked in the Educational Foundation Office of North Carolina State University while her husband attended school there. She also worked as the secretary to the President of First National Bank Lincolnton. Helen served the Killian Association as Secretary and attended all the Killian Reunions with her husband Bill until 2010 when she was unable to make the trip.

Helen was not just the beautiful wife and the wonderful mother, she lived an active life; in her church, 4-H, Cub Scout and Girl Scout Clubs; the Forest Women's Club of Hendersonville; and many more originations.

Helen was truly a loving and lovely lady and she will be missed by all who knew her. [ Hinds RIN#38964 ]