

Killian Family Newsletter

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President's Points

Hello Cousins,

I am Ed Killian from Gaston, SC. My Killian surname line goes back to Jacob, son of John, son of Andreas. My wife is Loretta Gleaton Killian from Dixiana, SC. We have been married 29 years as of March 26th and have three sons, Rob (25), Hunter (23), and Kyle (21). Many who attend the Reunion have known me for years, since my first Second Sunday in September Reunion was 1991 and much has changed since that time. I have had the privilege of serving the Association as President, Vice President, Committee Chairman of the first 3-day Reunion in 2000, Webmaster, member at-large, and many other capacities such as giving guided cemetery tours, taking cemetery pictures and doing Killian research in NC.

I am proud of the outstanding cousins I have come to know and their accomplishments toward our Killian Reunion and Association. Who would have known ten years ago our Reunion and organization would have grown to what it is today, the Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA), a 501(c)(3) nonprofit. Congratulations and gratitude for all the efforts, sweat, and many hours of time and dedication to those that have made it happen. We can all be proud of the timeless memories and history that has been made for our future generations.

By attending the Reunion, I have met new cousins (new lifelong friends), seen and obtained family information, pictures, programs with great speakers, tours, museums, food, and the list goes on. You never know just what might happen. At a reunion workshop many years ago, I displayed over 200 pictures I had taken of Killian cemetery tombstones from NC, SC and GA. The White/Holcombe family of GA, descendants of Andrew Jackson Killian, attended that year for the first time. I was talking with Wayne Setzer (our Webmaster) when I noticed the White/Holcombe family looking over the pictures from GA. Mrs. Ruth Killian White (who is 91 years young) asked me about the photo of Andrew Jackson Killian's tombstone because she had been looking all of her life for her grandfather's tombstone. I replied Ellijay, GA and gave her the photo. She was beaming! It is the little things in life like this that really brings pleasure to your soul and meaning to our Reunion. She knew where Ellijay was and the family made plans to return home to Marietta via Ellijay. The White/Holcombe family (Ruth, Beverly and Leonard) has attended our Reunion every year since and it wouldn't be the same without them! So you never know what you might discover by attending.

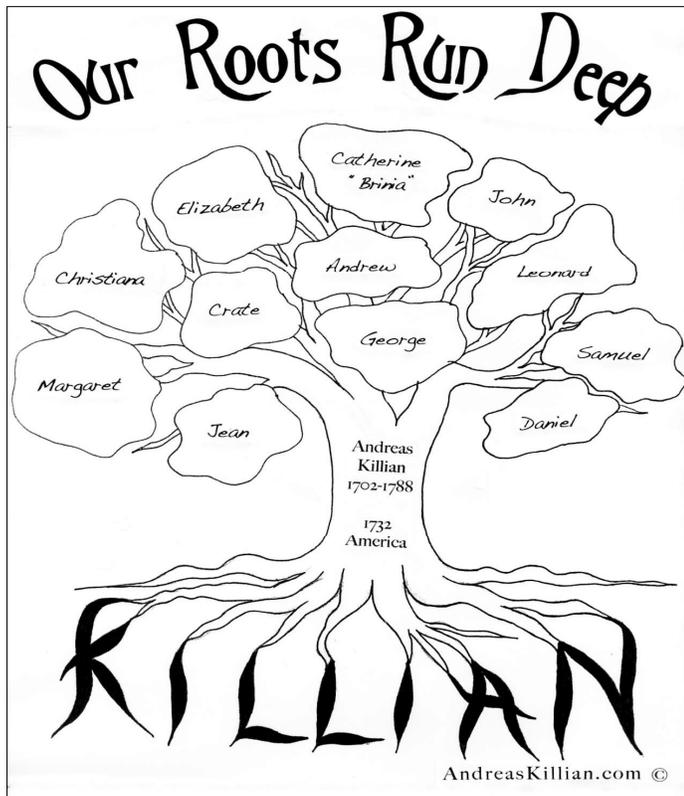
Start making your plans to attend the 2012 Reunion. The Reunion Planning Committee met on February 19th in Conover to plan and discuss this year's Reunion. If you have any suggestions or comments to make this Reunion the best ever, please contact me. And please consider taking an active role in this Association, YOUR family Association, to help it grow and prosper.

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 new findings in Germany from William McCreight
 or other Killian information that may be of interest to all (3-6 emails per year).



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 Association

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.

Confidentiality Policy:

It is our policy that personal information, such as your name, postal, and email address or telephone number, is private and confidential. We do not sell, trade, exchange or otherwise make available any personally identifiable information to any other company or organization. Personal information will not be released to third parties unless release is required by law or is pertinent to judicial or governmental investigations or proceedings."

Annual Reunion:

The AKDHA meets every year for a 3-day Reunion and Business Meeting on the weekend of the Second Sunday in September (SSS) in the Catawba County area of North Carolina at a location to be determined each year.

Newsletter:

The AKDHA Newsletter is published in February and August of each year with the possibility of a third special Reunion edition in Autumn, if needed. The Reunion Planning Committee meets in the first calendar quarter as needed.

The printing and postage for your newsletter is paid from the Association's General Fund.

This issue and all back issues of the newsletter are available for download at no charge on the website, www.AndreasKillian.com. Please refer to the date of the issue in your search.

Donations to the Association are appreciated.

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The Association does not have a physical location. For communication and storage of research material, we rely on:

Our Website: www.AndreasKillian.com

Our Newsletter: published in February and August

Individual email addresses can be found on the website and some USPS addresses can be found in every newsletter



Mr. McCreight and AKDHA President Eric Killian

McCreight Donates Manuscript Material

William Randolph McCreight, author of the new book, *"The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian"* (2011), gave his Killian research documents (notebook, CD, along with the book publishing rights) to the Association at the Reunion in September. Eric Killian, President of the Association, in turn, donated the manuscript material to the Rhodes Local History Room at the Catawba County Library in Newton, NC. Alex Floyd, the Associate Librarian who assisted Mr. McCreight with some of his research, received the materials on behalf of the genealogy department.

Thanks to Mr. McCreight's extensive research and tenacity, descendants can trace their roots beyond pioneer Andreas Killian, 1702-1788, to Andreas' great-great-grandfather Sebastian Kilian, born before 1560 in Kühnhard, Germany, a town currently within the borders of the German state of Baden-Württemberg. Included on the CD and in the notebook are copies of baronial land records from 16th century Germany as well as gleanings from church books, passenger lists, oaths of allegiance, land grants, deeds and wills from Germany, Pennsylvania and North Carolina, all of which are published in the new book.

The Rhodes Room houses hundreds of family history files plus records from various locations in North Carolina as well as other states, particularly Pennsylvania, Virginia, South Carolina, Georgia and Tennessee. The Rhodes Room is open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Tuesday through Saturday. For more information, contact Mr. Floyd at (828) 465-8669.

Two other copies of the book (along with a CD of the manuscript material) have been donated to the Lincoln County Room of the Charles Raper Jonas Library of Lincolnton, NC and the Genealogy/North Carolina Room of the Patrick Beaver Memorial Library of Hickory, NC, respectively.

If you would like to purchase a copy of the book to donate to a library or association of your choice, copies are available by mail for \$45.00. This includes handling and shipping. Make check payable to

Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association
or AKDHA

and send to:

Cheryl Mann Killian,
130 Rowan Road
Ellenwood, GA 30294



Past President, Eric Killian presents documents to Alex Floyd

The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian

Documentation of the Origin of the Kilians
ca. 1560 to 1800



By William Randolph McCreight

Published by
Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA)

WANTED: Kilian/Killian/Killion Y-chromosome DNA project members

Is your Killian family line represented in the DNA project?

The grandsons of Andreas listed in *Italic* have a descendant in the Kilian/Killian/Killion DNA project.

The grandsons of Andreas listed in **Bold** do **not** have a male line descendant in the Kilian/Killian/Killion Y-DNA project. If you descend from one of these men, and are a Mr. Killi*n we ask you to consider joining the DNA project. If you know of a male line Killian/Killion descendant of one of these grandsons, please encourage him (Mr. Killian or Mr. Killion) to join this research project.

The known sons and grandsons of Andreas KILIAN

(2.) Leonard KILLIAN (b. Bef. 30 Apr 1724-Bavaria,Germany; d. 6 Jun 1795-NC)

(3.) *Mathias KILLIAN (b. Abt 1750-NC; d. Abt 1830-IN)*

(3.) *Andrew KILLIAN "Sen." (b. Abt 1752-NC)*

(3.) *Adam KILLION (b. Abt 1754-NC; d. Bef 25 Dec 1820-IN)*

(3.) William KILLIAN (b. Abt 1755-NC)

(3.) John KILLIAN (b. Jun 1758-NC; d. 17 Sep 1839-IN)

(3.) David KILLIAN (b. 1766-NC; d. Aft 1843-NC)

(2.) John KILLIAN (b. Bef. 24 Sept 1729-Bavaria, Germany; d. Abt 1799-NC)

(3.) *Jacob KILLIAN (b. 8 Apr 1760-NC; d. 7 Sep 1830-NC)*

(3.) John KILLIAN Jr. (b. Abt 1764-NC; d. BET 1830 AND 1840-NC)

(3.) *Philip KILLIAN (b. Abt 1766-NC; d. Abt 1815-MO)*

(3.) *Abraham KILLIAN (b. Abt 1770-NC; d. Bef 20 Oct 1823-NC)*

(2.) Andrew KILLIAN Jr. (b. Abt 1737; d. Bef 22 Sep 1785-NC)

(3.) *Daniel KILLIAN (b.1765-NC; d. Abt 1861-NC)*

(3.) Andrew KILLIAN III (b.7 Apr 1771-NC; d. Nov 1828-NC)

(2.) George KILLIAN (b. Abt 1740-; d. Abt 1830-MS)

(3) *one descendant is in the DNA project*

(2.) Daniel KILLIAN Sr. (b. 12 May 1757-NC; d.1832-NC)

(3.) John KILLIAN (b. 2 Dec 1788-NC; d. 26 Sep 1869-GA)

(3.) *Joseph KILLIAN (b. 22 Oct 1791-NC; d. 22 Aug 1867-NC)*

(3.) Daniel KILLIAN Jr. (b. 22 Dec 1793-NC; d. 28 Jan 1872-GA)

(3.) William Wilkinson KILLIAN (b. 5 Jan 1800-NC; d. 21 Apr 1860-NC)

(3.) *George KILLIAN (b. 16 May 1802-NC; d. 1 May 1880-SC)*

(2.) Samuel C. KILLIAN (b. Abt 1762-NC; d. 3 Jan 1808-NC)

(3.) *William Thomas KILLIAN (b. 12 Jan 1787-NC; d. 29 Dec 1845-GA)*

(3.) *Andrew KILLIAN (b. 1804-NC)*

(3.) *David KILLIAN (b. Abt 1788-NC; d. Bef 19 Nov 1867-AR)*

(3.) Frederick KILLIAN (b. 1793-NC)

(3.) *Joseph KILLIAN (b. 16 May 1800-NC; d. 28 Jun 1889-NC)*

(3.) Samuel C. KILLIAN Jr. (b. Abt 1802-NC; d. 1845-TN)

We need as many baseline profiles of the grandsons of Andreas as possible. Unfortunately, some of the grandson's lines may have died out, such as John Jr., son of John. It is believed that John Jr. did not have any sons. If this is so, all the sons of John are represented in the Kilian/Killian/Killion Y-DNA Project.

Baselines must come from males only. Males pass on their surname to their descendants, while a female's surname changes with every generation and marriage. When females are born, they're given their father's surname; and, when they marry, they're given their husband's surname. So, why can't a woman join the Y-chromosome project? The chromosome markers being tested are male and only passed down from father to son. I'll use Robert Lantz KILLIAN's

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ancestry as an example to demonstrate the reason for this "males only" restriction.

Robert Lantz Killian's G-G-G-G-Grandfather _____ **Andreas KILLIAN**
 His G-G-G-Grandfather _____ Samuel C. KILLIAN
 His G-G-Grandfather _____ David KILLIAN
 His G-Grandfather _____ Ephraim KILLIAN
 His Grandfather _____ Amzie Adolphus KILLIAN
 His Father _____ David Coon KILLIAN
Killian Y-DNA Project member _____ **Robert Lantz KILLIAN**

Every male ancestor of Robert Lantz Killian has the same Y-chromosome markers. As a matter of fact, three project members, Robert Killian, Leon Marcus "Chip" Killian III and Walter Kilian (born 1940, Germany), have the same 37 marker matches. This fact proved Walter Kilian is related to every descendant of Andreas and thus proves Mr. William Randolph McCreight found documentation on the correct ancestral family of Andreas in Germany. See page 7 of this newsletter and read more about Walter Kilian in the Association's newest book, "The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian".

Barring rare mutations, the descendants of the North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian have the same DNA marker pattern. It is the rare and random mutations which make the study of Y-chromosome DNA beneficial to genealogy. The mutations give clues to family groups. The most interesting pattern is shared by the descendants of Jonas Conrad Killian, born 1827 and Daniel Killian, born 1790. In this project study, it would be easy to say, Jonas Conrad and Daniel are nephew and uncle. But we can't say they are nephew and uncle, because no one else in the project has the same pattern. The project needs that one member who has that same interesting pattern; that unique marker. It is only by getting a descendant from each of Andreas' grandsons to join the Killian/Killion DNA project that this mystery might be solved.

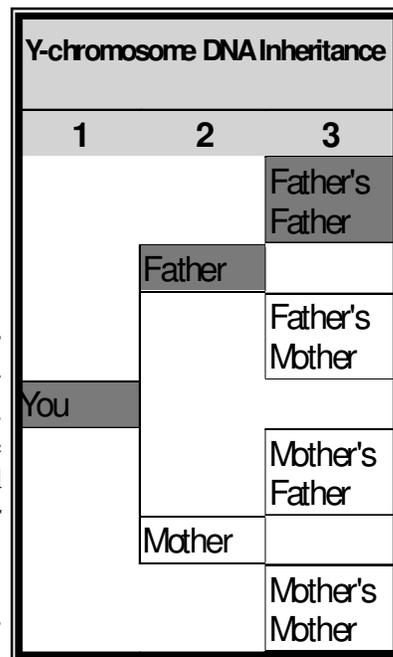
By joining the DNA project, you would help the project along. The project started in 2002 with just 4 members and has grown to 28 descendants of Andreas, plus a descendant of Andreas' half cousin living in Germany. The project is missing several key grandsons of Andreas. Is your ancestor one of those grandsons?

Because the Y-DNA project is a male project and a woman does not carry Y-chromosomes, a woman can help the Killian/Killian/Killion Y-DNA project by recruiting new members. A female born Killian or Killion has a Killi*n father, brother, uncle, nephew or male Killi*n cousin who can become a member of the Y-chromosome project. Women tend to be the best recruiters. There are three descendants of Andreas' grandson Abraham in the DNA project due to the efforts of one woman. She wanted to prove Henry born 1804 was the son of Abraham, born ca. 1770. The pattern of Henry matched the pattern of Abraham's known son, Moses. Her effort was rewarded with success. DNA research supports oral and written history as well as filling gaps in paper trails. In the 1800's, wooden courthouse structures and their historic documents were often lost to fire.

Please consider joining the DNA project and have your name added to the graph. If you are concerned about confidentiality, you may use your father's or grandfather's name on the kit and internet.

Your new Killian DNA Project Administrator, Cheryl Mann Killian, will try to answer any questions you might have. Her phone number is (770) 377-5310 and her email address is fbcheryl @charter.net.

Discounts are available when ordering DNA kits through the Killian DNA project website.
<http://www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx?Group=Killian>



Andreas Kilian; Bavaria to Philadelphia

What are the Choices of Embarkation Ports from Germany?

Excerpt from 2009 Killian Book

The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788)

Most Germans who immigrated to America embarked at three ports: Rotterdam, Bremen and Hamburg. Of the 225,000 Germans in America by the time of the revolution, 70% arrived in the port of Philadelphia.

- Hamburg is in the far north, 105 kilometers up the Elbe River, and flows into the North Sea at Cuxhaven. The land journey from Steinbach to Hamburg is 585 kilometers.
- Bremen is also in the far north, 70 kilometers up the Weser River, and flows into the North Sea at Bremerhaven. Bremerhaven was founded in 1827 and did not exist in Andreas' time. The land journey from Steinbach to Bremen amounts to 558 kilometers
- Rotterdam is directly at the mouth of the Rhine where it flows into the North Sea, 650 kilometers from Steinbach by land journey. By car on modern autobahns today this journey would require 5 ½ hours.

[For Andreas] The obvious choice is Rotterdam. . . .Most of the journey can be made by river travel either from Speyer on the Rhine, or from Heilbronn on the Neckar. **The Neckar flows into the Rhine at Mannheim.** [See map on facing page]

If you haven't gotten your copy of "*The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian*" order today. The book is \$30.00 including handling and shipping.

Make payment to **Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association or AKDHA** and mail to:
Cheryl Mann Killian,
130 Rowan Road, Ellenwood, GA 30294

Walter Kilian of Germany

Walter Kilian was born in Germany in 1940 and is now living in Schainbach where Andreas' father, Georg, was born. In 2011, Mr. William McCreight spoke to Walter about joining the Killian/Killion DNA project and Walter agreed. The test proved he shares a common ancestor with descendants of North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian. The DNA test and documentary evidence of Walter Kilian's genealogy proves conclusively the Andreaß Kilian from Steinbach an der Holzecke was in fact the person who settled in North Carolina.

Walter Kilian is an exact 12 Marker match with 22 descendants of the NC pioneer Andreas Killian. The DNA test showed 5 additional matches with a genetic distance of 1. The 12 marker test showed the chance of the common ancestor being within 11 generations was 67.54%. Just before the book "*The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian*" was published, the 37 Marker test results refined this to 99.29%.

Walter Kilian is an exact 37 Marker match with Robert Lantz Killian of Charlotte, NC and Leon M. "Chip" Killian III of Raleigh, NC. Considering all the documentation, DNA proves without any doubt that Mr. McCreight found the correct Kilian family in Germany of the NC pioneer Andreas Killian.

Killian/Killion men, join the Y-DNA project and see how well you match your most distant (time and space) Kilian cousin.

Discounts are available when ordering DNA kits through the Killian DNA project website.

<http://www.familytreedna.com/group-join.aspx?Group=Killian>

What Goes Into a Book After It is Written

Reflecting on my involvement in the book:

The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian

William Randolph McCreight, Author,

Edited first by Cheryl Mann Killian and last by me, Sandy Phillips

I am a big fan of Bill McCreight. I relish in his Kilian discoveries and his vast knowledge of European history. He is a superb researcher. I live vicariously through him, as I would love to have the time and energy to dig around looking for my ancestors, filling in the big puzzle that is my heritage because it is an addiction. What a thrill when you find a link!

I admire Cheryl Mann Killian, our tireless resident master of newsletters. She has a true sense of family and an incredible memory when it comes to genealogical lines. She took on the job of book editor working with Bill on this project. Cheryl is great when it comes to publishing books. I worked with her on our first book and I know she learned a lot.

Cheryl asked Bill McCreight to write *The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian* for AKDHA shortly after the 2010 reunion. Bill had most of the material, it was a matter of getting it into book form. I have become the unofficial spell checker for the newsletter so it should have come as no surprise when Cheryl asked me to help her proofread Bill's new book. The book was written but they needed a fresh set of eyes to look over it. At first, I thought I wouldn't have time. But when I realized I would see the research before the book was published, I said "I'll do it"! I must admit the project became bigger than I ever expected. I had many questions. There was so much information, a tight timetable for the book to be published in time for the 2011 Reunion, and we were still waiting on DNA results for a potential connection to a living German Kilian. Genealogy is tricky, too; a lot of common names and lots of dates. Bill and Cheryl were so knowledgeable of the material, it was all very clear to them. But for me, I would get confused and have to ask "Which Georg is this?"

This book is unique because Bill puts the genealogy into historical perspective and there was a lot of history to summarize! Cheryl, Bill and I sent countless emails back and forth working out the best way to tweak the information. We each have such very different perspectives that I marveled at how well we worked together. I was also fascinated that we were able to work together so well when I live in North Carolina, Cheryl lives in Georgia and Bill lives in Germany! On top of these challenges, both Bill and Cheryl ended up in the hospital so spouses stepped in! At least Cheryl's husband Charles and Bill's wife Antje were familiar with the work. My husband would have been completely lost so I was careful and prayed a lot!

I never knew just how much went into publishing a book and the problems that can arise. Cheryl was a real trouper especially at the end when problems arose with the actual manufacturing of the book. Bill was incredibly patient and open to ideas and suggestions on wording and formats. In the end, we had to let go and hope that we did not miss anything important. I privately decided that the mistakes that were left were just meant to be. I read every word in the book many times. I should have it memorized.

The bottom line is that I have a better sense of what life was like for my German Kilian ancestors in Middle Franconia. I know that their villages were small and Evangelical Protestant, not Roman Catholic. I know they had large families and lived in the same area for hundreds of years. I know that Andreas did not leave because he was being persecuted for his religious beliefs. I know he probably left for economic reasons. And I know that every Kilian descendant should have a copy of this book.

'The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian' by William Randolph McCreight is available by mail for only \$45.00. This includes handling and shipping. All proceeds from the book go to AKDHA. Make check payable to **Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association** or AKDHA and send to:

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Addendums to The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian

Mr. William McCreight is always looking for new information on the Kilians of Middle Franconia, Germany. As each piece is collected and tied back to Andreas' family, an addendum is written and posted to www.AndreasKillian.com. Visit the Association website often for updates to the book and on the Association. Two subchapters are available now.



Scholarship Awarded to Hunter Killian

Hunter Killian is a graduate of Pelion High School in 2007, Pelion, SC and a 2011 graduate of Midlands Technical College, West Columbia, SC with an Associate Degree in Liberal Arts. As a rising Junior in 2012, he plans to major in Criminal Justice and minor in Business Administration at the main campus of the University of South Carolina, Columbia, SC. He attends 12 subject hours or less each semester during the day, while working third shift at the William J. McCord Center for troubled teens, Orangeburg, SC. He loves History and currently reenacts Medieval Combat. He also loves being with family and attends family reunions whenever possible, including the AKDHA annual reunion each fall. He is engaged to Brittany Shay Johnson of Orangeburg and they plan to marry upon his graduation at the University of South Carolina. He was born on May 4, 1988 in Lexington, SC to

Robert (Eddie) Edward Killian, Jr. and Loretta Gleaton Killian of Gaston, SC. Hunter has an older brother Rob, III and younger brother Kyle.

When the Association elected to seek nonprofit status in 2009, one of our goals was to seek out ways to engage our younger Killian cousins. While we have done much to look back at our past, we need to also look to our future. A budget was ironed out and a scholarship program* was added to the list of potential activities. Based on financial goals, we hope to afford a scholarship for one or two of Andreas Killian descendants every year. One of our challenges, as with any new activity, is to get the word out so that we have many worthy candidates to choose from. At the SSS Reunion in 2011, AKDHA awarded the first scholarship to Hunter Killian of Gaston, SC. The scholarship amount was \$500.

*Please share this scholarship news with your Killian cousins. If you would like to donate to the scholarship fund of the AKDHA, please contact our Program Director, Dan Sipe. Candidate selection is based on a competitive nature from school records, ACT/SAT scores, a personal essay, outside interests and activities. Completed applications need to be postmarked no later than May 10th, 2012. Application forms are available on our website at www.AndreasKillian.com

Condolences from the Officers and Board of Directors of AKDHA

go out to our Old Saint Paul's Church Cemetery Project Leader,
Steve Killian,
and his wife Phyllis of Hickory, NC
on the passing of members of his family:
his sister, Judy Killian Wilson (1946 - 2012),
his brother, Howard Joe Killian (1937-2011)
and their son-in-law, Andrew Weiner (1971-2011)

Obituaries

In Memory of the Life between the Dash.

In 2009, **Andrew Weiner**, had planned to attend the 75th Andreas Killian Reunion with his fiancé Michelle Killian, daughter of Stephen Andrew Killian and Phyllis Diana Swanson Killian, and granddaughter of the late Joe Carson Killian [Hinds RIN #22363] and Byrlea Bumgarner Killian. Andrew and Michelle had a schedule conflict and missed the reunion. On May 22, 2010, Andrew and Michelle were married in a beautiful wedding ceremony at Magnolia Plantation in Charleston, SC. On July 29, 2011, Andrew died in a plane crash while piloting his own plane. Investigators said Andrew, and his friend Jacobe Daniel Foster, of San Francisco, crashed at the north rim of the Grand Canyon. The single-engine Cirrus SR20 was flying from Rock Hill, SC., to Henderson, NV, where he and Michelle made their home. [Hinds RIN #34860]

Howard Joe Killian of Hickory, NC, (FEB 1, 1937—FEB 9, 2011). He was the son of the late Joe Carson Killian and Byrlea Bumgarner Killian. He served as a volunteer fireman for 35 years with the St. Stephens Fire Department and served as Fire Chief from 1986 to 1990. He was a charter member of the Oxford Fire Department. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his brother, Kenneth Samuel Killian. He is survived by his wife, Annie Abernathy Killian, daughter, Jo Ann Killian Eckard of Hildebran, grandchildren, Monica Ann Eckard and Neil Franklin Eckard, brothers, Bob Killian of Hickory, Stephen Killian of Hickory, Dwight Killian of Conover, and Jerry Killian of Conover, sister, Judy Killian Wilson of Conover. The funeral service was held on February 13, 2011 at Bethel Lutheran Church in Claremont and burial followed in the church cemetery. [Hinds RIN #22367]

Jaxon Ryder Killian (SEP 6, 2011—SEP 6, 2011). He was the son of William David Wilson and Tiffany Dawn Killian [Hinds RIN #62172] of Hickory, NC. Survived by his parents, paternal grand-parents, James and Melissa Mazza of Mooresville and William Wilson Jr. of Glade Springs, Va., and maternal grand-parents, Eric [Hinds RIN #62156] and Cathy Killian of Hickory. A graveside service was held Friday, September 9, 2011 in the Garden of Angels section of Startown Jenkins Cemetery.

James 'Jim' Eldridge King of Charlotte, NC (AUG 28, 1925—JUN 22, 2011). He was born in Charlotte to the late William Edwin King [a descendant of Andreas Killian through John's son Abraham] and Myrtle Jones King. He is survived by his daughters, Leigh Black of Charlotte, Cindy Price of Waxhaw, Susan Osmar of Ft. Mill, SC, and Jan Ivey of Charlotte, brother, W.E. King, Jr. of Charlotte, and three grandchildren. Mr. King was married twice, first in 1948, to the mother of his four daughters, Sarah Jones King of Charlotte, and later in life to Betty Jean Gowan-King. [Hinds RIN #74464]

Edith Mary Killian Boston of Hickory, NC (SEP 6, 1918—JUN 21, 2011). She is survived by her son, Grady Boston and her daughter, Gail Bowman, both of Hickory, grandsons, Gary Boston and his wife, Joyce, of Newton, Gregory Boston, Geoffrey Boston and his wife, Amy, and Damon Bowman, all of Hickory, a granddaughter, Jennifer Throneburg, of Hickory, great-grandchildren, Cristina Boston, Eric Boston, Harrison Boston, Benjamin Boston, Locke Throneburg, Emma Throneburg and Anna Grace Throneburg. She was born in Catawba County to the late John and Mary Alice Lail Killian. In addition to her parents, she is preceded in death by her husband, Henkel Columbus Boston, an infant son, a son, Harry Boston, a daughter, Darlene Yount, grandchildren, Leia Bowman, Anna Yount, Marissa Yount and Bryan Boston, a brother, Preston Killian, sisters, Essie, Lizzie and Claudia Killian and Ollie Mae Killian Lynch. She was the Great-Great-Granddaughter of Andreas' son Samuel C. Killian. [Hinds RIN #26551]

Bernard William Cruse, Jr. of Concord, NC (JUL 14, 1927—MAY 2, 2011). He was born to the late Bernard William Cruse, Sr. and Juanita Boland Cruse in the Parsonage at St. Enoch Lutheran Church, Enochville, Rowan County, NC, where his grandfather was the minister. He is survived by his children, Bernard William Cruse, III, of Concord, Kathy Parnell of St. Petersburg, FL, grandchildren, Bernard William "Brad" Cruse, IV of Indian Trail, Jeffrey Michael Harrison, of Columbia, SC, and Alicia Anne Parnell, of St. Petersburg, FL, great grandchildren, Bailey William Cruse, Alexis Danielle Cruse, and Matthew Logan Cruse, all of Indian Trail, and brother, Kenneth Boland Cruse, Sr., of Rockwell. He was a present member of the Sons of the American Revolution, Sons of Confederate Veterans, Cabarrus Genealogy Society, Rowan Genealogical Society, NC Genealogical Society, and NC Society of Historians. His books and publications include, Descendants of Johann Nicholas Heinrich Kress (Cress), Descendants of Johann Phillip Gruss (Cruse), Some of the Descendants of John Boland, Descendants of Johann Wilhelm Paulas, Descendants of Hans Fegert (Faggart), Descendants of Johan Martin Derr (Dry/Drye), Descendants of Peter Eary (Arey), Descendants of Johan Counrath Ehernhart (Earnhardt), Union Churches in NC During the 18th and 19th Centuries, 2001, Transcription of the Samuel Rothrock Diaries, 1835-1893, and many other works. [Hinds RIN #78339]

Doris Jean Coley Herrin of Concord, NC, (SEP 6, 1941—AUG 23, 2009). Mrs. Herrin was born in Cabarrus County to the late Hugh Colen Coley and Annie Belle Smith Coley. In addition to her parents, she was preceded in death by her husband, Albert Frank Herrin Jr., and a granddaughter, Angel Lefler. Survivors include her daughter, Cindy Herrin Lefler, of Concord, son, Mark Herrin, of Concord, brother, Dale Coley of Mount Pleasant, and brother, James Coley of Mount Pleasant. She descends from Andreas daughter Christianna Killian Barringer. [Hinds RIN #78400]

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Emily Lane Rodgers Cline of Charlotte, NC, (AUG 28, 1917—SEPT 2, 2011). She was born in Mecklenburg County, NC to the late Thomas Francis and Lillie Gertrude Elliott Rodgers. Her late husband, Glenn C. Cline, descends from Andreas' daughter, Christianna Killian Barringer. She is survived by a daughter, Sherry Hutchinson of Baton Rouge, LA., sons, Glenn Francis of Madison, Ala., and Wayne Allen Cline of Landrum, SC., five grandchildren, and two great-grandchildren. [Hinds RIN #78310]

Edward Louis Champion of Calhoun County, AL (AUG 29, 1919—AUG 2, 2011). He was the son of Franklin David Champion and Minnie Belle Lowe. Survivors include his wife Mary Belle, daughters Patsy Gidley and Brenda Edmundson. He descends from Andreas' daughter Elizabeth Killian Houck. [Hinds RIN #75382]

Anna Lee Cable Westner, (JAN 21, 1920, Guilford Co., NC—APR 10, 2011, Savannah, GA). She descends from Andreas' son John and was preceded in death by her parents, John William Cable and Clara Bell Yoder Cable, and her husband, Warren J. Westner who died in May 2000. [Hinds RIN #76071]

Wilburn Leon Killian, of Bakersfield, CA, (APR 2, 1939—MAR 24, 2011). He was the son of David Millard Killian and Johnnie Ethel Stapp. He descends from Andreas' son Leonard. [Hinds RIN #53887]

Mamie Lou New, of Snyder, TX (JUN 17, 1913—MAR 19, 2011). She descends from Daniel, the son Andrew, Jr. son of Andreas. Her parents were Sam Houston Bedrord and Mattie Elizabeth Killian. Her husband was Marion New. [Hinds RIN #70679]

Wendell Hoyt Moore, of Cedar Grove, NC, (OCT 18, 1918, Neshoba Co., MS — MAR 16, 2011, Cedar Grove, NC). Survivors include sons Thomas and Roger Moore and daughters Susan Moore and Robbin Wiseman, descendants of Andreas' daughter Elizabeth Killian Houck. [Hinds RIN #75566]

Gertie Mae Coffey Killian, of Lenoir, Caldwell County, NC, (JUN 14, 1915 –MAR 3, 2011). She was preceded in death by her husband, Robert Neal Killian. Survivors include sons James and Robert Fillman, and daughter Lillie Pearl. Her children descend from Andreas' son Samuel. [Hinds RIN #68984]

William Frank Killion, of Reelsville, IN, (JUL 26, 1924—FEB 28, 2011). He is a descendant of Andreas' son Leonard. He was born in Brazil, Clay County, IN to Joseph Frank Killion and Tressie Maxine Ogle Killion. He is survived by his wife, Betty Lawson Killion, six children, Nancy McCullough of Brazil, Sally Paris of Valley View, TX, Laura McCullough of Dallas, TX, Beth Flint of Greencastle, IN, Tom Killion, and Rod Killion, both of Indianapolis, a sister, Mary Jo McBeth of Brazil, 11 grandchildren, 18 great-grandchildren. He served his country in the U.S. Army Air Force during World War II. He was one of the youngest P51 pilots on Iwo Jima, flying 11 missions over Japan. He retired from Killion Building & Supply. [Hinds RIN #54180]

Peggy Plott Mishoe of Apex, NC, (AUG 7, 1929—JUN 11, 2011). She was born in Dearborn, MI to the late Carr and Geneva Plott of Richfield, NC. She was preceded in death by her son, Mike Mishoe, of Skyland, NC. She is survived by her four daughters, Kris Russell of Louisville, KY, Sandy Nance of Apex, NC, Cindy Mishoe, of North East, MD, and Taylor Mishoe, of Apex, NC, five grandchildren, two great-grandchildren, her sister Mary Broome. Peggy died after a two month battle with pancreatic cancer. She is a descendant of Andreas' daughter, Christianna Killian Barringer. [Hinds RIN #78457]

Walter LaVaughn Sanders of Anderson, MO, (FEB 7, 1916—JUN 20, 2011). He was born in the McNatt Community in rural McDonald County MO to the late Walter Crave and Katie (Edmonds) Sanders. On May 14, 1938 he was united in marriage to Eva Merle Durham. He was preceded in death by his wife, a daughter, Linda, two sons, Robert LaVerne and Dennis, and two brothers, Bythol and Athol Sanders. Walter is survived by six sons, R.L. Sanders of Neosho, MO, Gene Sanders of Stella, MO, Darrell Sanders of Anderson, MO, Clyde Sanders of Stark City, MO, Tony Sanders of Goodman, MO and Donnie Sanders of Dodge City, KS, nineteen grandchildren, twenty great grandchildren, two step grandchildren, and six step great grandchildren. [Hinds RIN #78678]

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

Database identification reference numbers [Hinds RIN #] **from William "Bill" L. Hinds.** You can find these reference numbers at Rootsweb.com in the Killion database. Go to 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.

Reminder that tax deductible cash Memorials, Wills, Gifts, and Estate Planning can always be made to benefit the Association and its programs. As you plan your future gifting consider a charitable contribution to support our great Association. Donations are always noted in our fall reunion business meeting. For information in estate planning and how, contact: Dan Sipe, jdsipe@bellsouth.net or call (803) 230-1175. Cash memorials can be made to AKDHA by mailing them to our Treasurer, Pete Whitener, 5585 Startown Road, Newton, NC 28658.

Captain Samuel Cobrin's 1756 North Carolina Militia Roster

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Samuel Cobrin's undated militia roster includes two names of great interest to Killian researchers: Lenard Kilen, number 37 among the married men, and John Kilen, number 5 among "The Young [unmarried] Men." Despite earlier uncertainty, the specific year of Cobrin's militia roster is proved as 1756 and documented as such in 2003.

On 13 October 1755, the General Assembly passed an Act commanding that "*on or before the first Day of January next [1756] after the passing of this Act every Captain of a Company ... shall give in a List of the Names of all the single Men on his Muster-roll ...*" The purpose was to ascertain the number of single men available for drafting into three militia companies of only unmarried troops to assist Virginia in frontier defenses. The Act stipulated an expiration date of 10 November 1756 and was never renewed. Therefore, the Act applied only in 1756.²

The above law explains why Anson County militia rosters of Captains Adam Alexander, Samuel Cobrin, and Andrew Pickens are arranged according to the troops' marital status, and it establishes the exact year of Cobrin's undated roster as 1756.

The original of Cobrin's militia roster is in Troop Returns: Militia, Box 1-2, Military Collection, North Carolina State Archives. Its first publication was in 1904 in *The State Records of North Carolina*.³ This transcription was published amongst other military-related lists dated 1748, incorrectly implying that date for Cobrin's roster as well.

In 1966, Robert W. Ramsey published a useful and interesting analysis of Cobrin's roster, but his conclusions were predicated on his assumption that the 1748 date implied in *The State Records* was accurate.⁴ Meanwhile, North Carolina State Archives staff penciled a notation onto Cobrin's roster as "[Anson 1750s]," and it appeared under that date in Murtie June Clark's, *Colonial Soldiers of the South, 1732-1774* (Baltimore: Genealogical Publishing Co., Inc., 1983), 651-653. However, also relying upon the 1748 date, two widely-read genealogical works published in 1982 and 1986 incorporated Cobrin's roster and further disseminated the dating error.

In 1993, Miles S. Philbeck, an astute researcher familiar with the militiamen on Cobrin's roster, published a carefully documented rebuttal to the 1748 date and concluded that the militia record "certainly was made in the 1750s." His article includes a replica of the roster along with the most accurate of all published transcripts.⁵

I, too, had a puzzled, personal interest in Cobrin's militia roster as it includes my immigrant kinsman, Valentine "Velty" Dellinger (recorded as Feltey Taliner), who did not arrive in the Port of Philadelphia until 13 September 1749. Researching law in effect for the period led to my fortunate discovery of the 1755 General Assembly Act, which completely resolves the date question. I reported my findings to my client, the Hoyle Historic Homestead, in October 2003,⁶ and eventually published my research in the *North Carolina Genealogical Society Journal*.⁷

The 1904 publication in *The State Records of North Carolina* was the genesis of dating confusion that continued for at least eighty-nine years until Philbeck's 1993 article, and even longer if we consider that the 1748 date remains viral on websites of family researchers unaware of published corrections. A Google search for "Spanish Alarm" points to unfortunate birth year and immigration calculations based on the original, erroneous 1748 date. These are more numerous than is feasible to report here, but among them are biographies of Peter Hoyle (repeatedly), Frederick Hambright, Andrew Hampton, Abraham Kuykendall, John

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Summit, Joseph Green, Dietrich Ramsaur, George Rutledge, and Killians.

It is a pleasure to contribute Cobrin's militia roster history to the *Killian Family Newsletter* because it is obvious that accurate, current information is not being shared widely enough.

Endnotes

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- ³ Walter Clark, ed., *The State Records of North Carolina* (Winston and Goldsboro: State of North Carolina, 1904), vol. 22: 281-282.
- ⁴ Robert W. Ramsey, Ph.D., "Captain Samuel Cobrin's Company of Militia: The First Settlers of Gaston and Lincoln Counties" in *Journal of North Carolina Genealogy*, vol. 12, no. 4 (Winter 1966): 1773-1779, and vol. 13, no. 3 (Fall 1966): 1926-1933
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2011 Reunion Recap

Another year of great speakers and fellowship

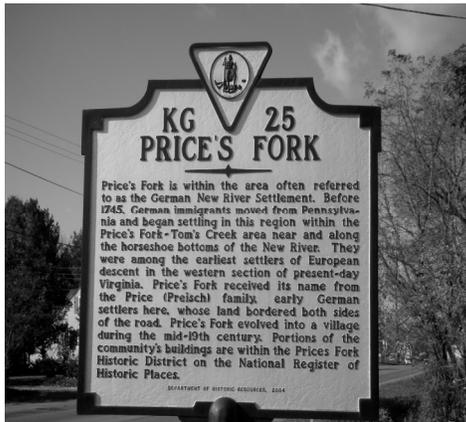
The 77th Reunion, held September 9-11 in Conover, NC, used the same 3-day format as years past but relaxed the schedule by extending the workshop and fellowship portion to before lunch on Saturday as well as the afternoon before the Business Meeting. We also tried something new by having a lively gospel group, the Brothers Redeemed Quartet, during Friday's dinner. Author Chris Hartley gave an interesting narrative on Stoneman's Raid of 1865, one of the longest cavalry raids in U.S. military history. Author William Randolph McCreight came back to discuss his latest discoveries and his new book *The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian* and the journey along the way. James Green reviewed the great strides in our DNA project, which included the genetic match between Robert Killian and German native Walter Kilian. Through DNA, we are able to confirm that our Andreas came from Germany. One of our favorite speakers, Author Robert S. Carpenter returned to discuss a fascinating new topic, German Religious Heritage West of the Catawba. At the Business Meeting, the traditional Sibling headcount was made and descendants of Samuel C. Killian outnumbered the other siblings once again. So for all of our competitive Kilians out there, based on available records, we have never had descendants from Catherina or Elizabeth to attend the Reunion. If you descend from one of these children, please consider coming so we can take that zero off the record! The Reunion is not a local affair. Cousins from Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Missouri, Montana, New Mexico, South Carolina, Tennessee, Virginia, and Germany joined their Tar Heel cousins for the activities this year. We have had 29 states represented at the Reunion. We would love to change that number to 50!

The treasury has been enhanced, thanks in part to the sell of our first book and a grant from Duke Energy, which allowed us to expand our activities. With a balance in the Treasury of about \$6000, we gave our first scholarship and placed our first monument in memory of Margaret Killian Price, daughter of Andreas. We were also able to afford the cost of the publication of our second book, given to the Association by William McCreight. The majority of individual donations are received at the Reunion. Donations are welcomed at anytime of the year and are the main source of revenue to publish the *Killian Family Newsletter* (See page 2).

Margaret Price Monument Dedication

Because it is the belief of the Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association that the wife of John Michael Price is the eldest daughter of Andreas Killian, the Association voted to join with the Price Society to erect a monument at the presumed burial site in the Wall Family cemetery in Price's Fork, Virginia. After much work spearheaded by our Project Director, Dan Sipe, a well-attended monument dedication took place on a chilly Saturday, October 15th, 2011. The Prices and the Killians came together to honor these great ancestors and to celebrate their legacy. The Price Family hosted a tour of local sites including the location of the stone fort built by John Michael Price. After an excellent memorial service and as a symbolic gesture to the arduous journey of these pioneers, stones were brought from Steinbach, Germany, by Bill McCreight near Margaret's birthplace and placed at the site of Margaret's gravestone. Later, Steinbach stones will be placed at the Andreas Killian monument in Newton, NC. Six stones were placed at Margaret's grave, three from the Price Family and three from the Killian family. A moving tribute in the voice of young Margaret was then given in modern German and translated by a Margaret descendant. A joint resolution honoring the Wall family for permitting and supporting our commemoration was also given.

Much appreciation and thanks is given to Dan Sipe and Jimmie Price in their tireless effort to envision and carry out a beautiful and lasting tribute to these ancestors.



Historical Marker at Price's Fork, Virginia



AKDHA President Eddie Killian and Price Society President Carol Crawford with the stone believed to be carved by Michael Price used in his stone fort.



Dan Sipe, Project Director, speaking at the Memorial Service.



Irmtraut Hartenstein translates in modern German as descendant Suzanne Jones speaks as young Mrs. Michael Price.



Robert Lantz Killian, 95, eldest attendee



Until records are found or DNA evidence confirms Margaret as a daughter of Andreas Killian, all agreed the monument would not give Margaret's maiden name as Killian but the Association's name on the marker would leave the viewer with that assumption. McCoy Memorials provided the stone at cost and Ralph Johnson and his grandson Austin set the stone at no charge. AKDHA and the Price Society split the cost of the stone, each paying \$229.



Margaret's marker is now next to her husband's marker as it should be.



Margaret Price descendant and Price Society Historian Jimmie Price places a German stone at Margaret's monument



Location of Price Fort in the Spring of 2011

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Killian Michael Horace was born July 23, 2011. This young fellow is a descendant of John Yancey **Killian** [Hinds ID #3410] and Mattie **Bumgardner Killian**. He is the son of Jonathan Christopher “Chris” **Horace**. He goes by the name Killian and is the grandson of Betty Sipe Whiteside.

Send your Killian reunion news
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Alabama Reunion Time

Descendants of
Daniel Killian (1790-1876)
and
Mary Elizabeth Bost (1790-1878)
Dekalb County, Alabama

Saturday, June 16, 2012
Gravel Hill Baptist Church
fellowship hall.
14701 US Highway 11, Collbran, AL
6 miles south of Ft. Payne, Alabama

Doors will be open at 8AM.
A workshop will begin around 9AM with
a catered meal (\$12/adult plate)
served at noon.
Business meeting will begin at 1PM
or shortly thereafter.

Charles Killian of Ft. Payne is the
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The Alabama Killian family reunion is held
on even numbered years.
The next reunion will be held in 2014.

“SAYRE”

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Shirley Hildebrand Killian**

Sayre, Oklahoma, is the hometown of Shirley Hildebrand Killian. It’s historical downtown area has many buildings that date from the city’s founding in 1901. Shirley has preserved stories and photos from the past that shaped the character of Sayre. Many legendary people have called Sayre home, including singer Roger Miller, horseman Walter Merrick, world champion bull rider Justin McBride, and bronc riders Gene Ross and Jonas DeArmon. Shirley was born and raised on a farm at Delhi, OK, just south of Sayre, and learned a lot about life growing up in the country. Shirley and her husband, Ray Killian, have lived in the area for most of their 53 years together. They have owned and operated the RS & K Railroad Museum for the past 20 years. The book can be ordered from:
www.arcadiapublishing.com
128 pages, \$21.99.