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What is Missing From This Newsletter?

It has been a very long time since the *Killian Family Newsletter* was eight pages. I remember times I had to squish all the information passed on into 16 pages. Yes, I have complained. The information submitted was not a finished article ready to published, but, my friend Gene Killian of Gadsden, AL was always an email away to help me put the information into good articles.

I couldn't find anything in my files to use for this issue, but I know what I was missing the most. It is all the help I received from Gene. I miss him.

Cheryll Killian

President's Points

Hello cousins,

I hope everyone is having an enjoyable summer. The 2016 AKDHA Reunion is fast approaching and will be here in about one month. I hope that many of you are planning to attend the reunion and will bring another family member with you. We look forward to seeing all of you. The planning committee has spent considerable time organizing this 82nd reunion. My thanks to them for their hard work and dedication.

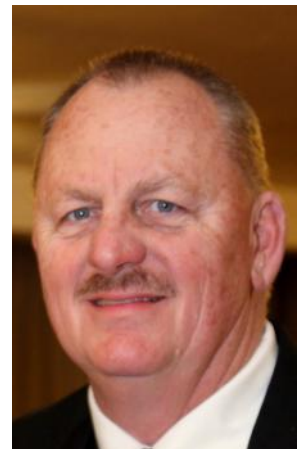
The 82nd AKDHA Reunion will begin Friday night with a potluck dinner; everyone seemed to enjoy the feast last year. There are some really good cooks in the Killian family. For our out of town cousins, please don't worry about bringing anything and enjoy a home cooked meal. Music will be provided by *Workers in Harvest*.

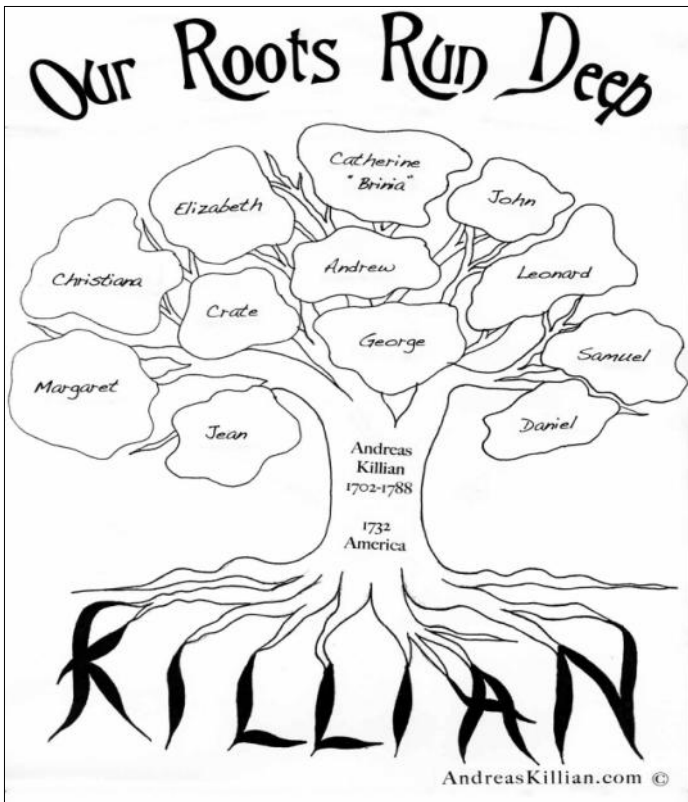
On Saturday, we will be visiting the wonderful collections of antiques at Killian's Hardware, and cars at Auto Sports. It seems like you can always find something new that you haven't seen before, even if you visited these local attractions in the past. Lunch will be on your own. A list will be provided of local eateries. At 2pm, make plans to return to Mt. Zion. There will be a genealogy workshop, discussions on our Killian heritage in America and Germany, and James Green III and Cheryl Killian plan to explain how DNA and genealogy work together. The AKDHA 2016 Scholarship Awards will be presented promptly at 4:30pm, followed by the AKDHA Business Meeting. New officers will be elected this year, so please plan to attend. The evening meal will be on your own, and many go to J and S Cafeteria in Hickory.

Sunday, you will have your choice of church services to attend; returning to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center for a benefit meal catered by the SAM's club at Mt. Zion. After the meal, our guest speaker will be Mike Baxter. He is a college history professor and local archaeologist. He is familiar with our ancestor, NC pioneer Andreas Killian and has recently visited Germany. I was very pleased he was available for this year's reunion.

In closing, this is my personal invitation all of you who have attended the reunion in the past to please come again and bring someone new to reunion with you. We are proud of what we have accomplished and what we are doing in the AKDHA.

Sincerely,
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Andreas Killian Descendants Historical Association (AKDHA)

On June 17, 2010, the North Carolina Department of Revenue assigned AKDHA 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 (AKDHA)

c/o Phyllis Killian
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Our Mission Statement:

The primary purpose of the AKDHA 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 AKDHA 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. AKDHA 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 AKDHA's General Fund.

AKDHA 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

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 AKDHA are appreciated.

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AKDHA

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| President | Stephen A. Killian |
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| Welcome Committee Chairman | Linda Killian |

In Memory of . . .

Josephine Anna Block (24 MAY 1925—24 January 2016) of Carthage, MO. [Hinds #102584]

James Delane Yount (20 JUN 1928—7 MAY 2016) of Hickory, NC. [Hinds #65451]

Elsie Savchenko Sebens (25 JAN 1919—7 DEC 2015) of Spokane, WA. Her husband was a descendant of Andreas' son, Leonard. [Hinds #103064]

Fred Alvin Smith (26 JUL 1928—15 APR 2016) of Pittsburg, OK. [Hinds #79127]

Marjorie Ellen “Marj” Herring Hornbaker (17 SEP 1933—10 FEB 2016) of Greeley County, Kansas. Her husband was a descendant of Andreas' son, Leonard. [Hinds #54516]

Christine Pearl Hendrick Killian (23 MAR 1923—10 FEB 1923) of Catawba County, NC. [Hinds #22348]

Benny Dean Fox (28 NOV 1949—16 SEP 2015) of Pilot Mountain, NC. He is a descendant of Andreas' son, Leonard through Fannie Killian and Michael. [Hinds #103247]

Wallace Edwin Killian (7 FEB 1928—7 JUN 2016) of Chattanooga, TN. [Hinds #59619]

Hazel Bery Hornbaker Rogers (26 SEP 1929—27 JAN 2016) of Dallas, TX. [Hinds #54863]

Barbara Janet Winter Killion (20 NOV 1930—13 APR 2016) of Carmi, White County, IL. Her husband was a descendant of Andreas' son, Leonard Killian. [Hinds #103308]

Joy Lee Sutherland Gunther (17 MAY 1928—12 JULY 2016) of Batesville, AR. [Hinds#60201]

Alfred Benjamin “Bud” Raby (28 DEC 1915—25 JUN 2016) of Catawba County, NC. [Hinds #99779]

Howard Rowe Poovey, Jr. (2 JUN 1945—14 JUL 2016) of Hickory, NC. [Hinds #6427]

Edwin W. “Ed” Mattox, Sr. (15 JAN 1945—30 MAY 2016) of Brewer, MS. [Hinds #103566]

Clyda Rhea Shaver Brooks (15 JUL 1938—4 APE 2016) of Melbourne, AR. She is a descendant of Andreas' son, Leonard. [Hinds#103543]

In Memory of James Wesley Killian

James Wesley Killian was born on Valentine Day, 1944 and passed from this life on August 6, 2016 at Maggie Valley Nursing Home and Rehabilitation in Haywood County, NC. Jim lived life on his terms; a free spirit. He worked for years on offshore drilling rigs in Louisiana. Jim was a native of Sevier County, TN as most of his Killian family. He was preceded in death by his father, John Wesley Killian and Ruby Lee Suttles Turner; his wife, Dorothy Jean Rinehart Killian; and his young son, Michael Allen Killian. Jim is survived by his sister Peggy Hannah of Waynesville, NC; and brother, Carroll Killian of Greenwood, SC. [Hinds #56387].

Submitted by his cousins, James Samuel Killian and Charles David Killian.

In Memory of Phillip Stanley Guins, Jr.

Submitted by Kim Sipe



Phillip Stanley Guins, Jr. was a wonderful man, great all-around guy, and very involved in the church. He was a beloved hospice nurse for Catawba Regional Hospice, Newton, NC. He was born January 10, 1969 in Catawba County to the late Stanley Guins, Sr. and to Inez Taylor Trent of Damascus, VA.

At 47 years old, he had a fatal heart attack, and after 5 days was removed from life support on July 13, 2016 at Wake Forest Baptist Medical Center in Winston-Salem, NC.

Those left to cherish his memory include; his wife of 24 years and 11 months, Celeste Killian Guins; son, Kyle Guins of Conover; daughter Kaitlyn Guins of Conover; his mother and stepfather of Damascus, VA; brother, Steven Guins of Maiden; and half-Sister, Rebecca Ward of Hickory. His wife, Celeste Killian Guins, is the daughter of Bobby Joe Killian, and the grand-daughter of Arville Leonard Killian.

A memorial service was held July 16, 2016 at Emmanuel Baptist Church in Conover, NC. Pastor Brian Correll and Mr. Kyle Guins officiated. [Hinds #62918]



In Memory of Ada Elizabeth Ramsey Killian

Submitted by Kim Sipe

Ada Elizabeth Ramsey Killian of Hickory, NC passed away Aug. 2, 2016. She was born Aug. 26, 1924 to the late Major Lee Ramsey and Bessie Sisk Ramsey. She was also preceded in death by her husband of fifteen years, Billy Franklin Killian; and son, Tony Killian. [Hinds #62855]

Hinds Reference Identification Numbers # [Hinds RIN #]

William "Bill" L. Hinds is AKHDA's historian. Almost everyday, Bill updates his Rootsweb.com family tree database. The database is added to and updated with information received via the internet (websites and emails). As he gains knowledge of descendants and spouses, another update is done. Each person in the database has a RIN. You can find Hinds RIN # at Rootsweb.com in his "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 Bill Hinds' database eliminating all others.

Why "Killion" as his database name? George W. Killian [RIN #4416] had already taken the name "Killian". Bill Hinds is a descendant of Andreas Killian's son, Leonard Killion. His mother was Mary Elizabeth Killion [RIN #7]. Can you guess the RIN # of William Lee Hinds?

Registration Form for the 82nd AKDHA Reunion

All Registrations to be received by Friday, September 2, 2016 for planning purposes

Please register! This will provide the caterer with an accurate headcount. We will also staff the genealogy tables according to anticipated needs. The registration form is available on the website and can be submitted electronically as well. If you have special needs, please indicate those in the "Names of those attending" box of the registration form.

Full Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Numbers: Home (_____) _____ - _____ Cell (_____) _____ - _____

Other Names of those attending in your party for name tags:

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

- Leonard John Andrew George Daniel Samuel
 Margaret Price Jean Lawing Crate Hager Christiana Barringer
 Elizabeth Houck Brina/Trina/Catron Pritchard, thought to be the widow of Capt. John Dobson

Is this your first time attending the Andreas Killian Family Reunion? Yes No

Accommodations

Will you be staying at the recommended reunion hotel? Yes No
 Best Western Hotel located at 1520 13th Avenue Drive, S.E., Hickory, NC 28206.
 Continental breakfast included. Phone (828) 323-1150.
 Remember to Reserve by Friday, September 2, 2016.

Please check (x) which activity you plan to attend so that we are properly prepared with handouts and seating.

Friday, September 9, 2016

Registration, potluck dinner and fellowship.

Saturday, September 10, 2016

- Carpool tour to Killian Hardware, and Auto Sports.
 Workshops and classes.
 Annual required business meeting and scholarship announcement. Please attend.

Sunday, September 11, 2016

- Church Service Old St. Paul's Church.
 Church Service Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.
 Catered Lunch at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center.
 Mike Baxter presentation.

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Schedule of Events for the AKDHA 82nd Reunion

September 9-11, 2016

All information and any changes to the schedule will be available on our website at www.AndreasKillian.com

Location: Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center, 4420 County Home Road, Conover, NC 28612

Friday, September 9, 2016 (All times are Eastern Standard Time)

- 5:00-6:00pm:** Registration and fellowship at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center.
- 6:00pm:** Pot Luck dinner. The suggestion is to bring enough to feed your family and two guest. Music provided by the "Workers in The Harvest". There will be tables for genealogy, displays, items for sale and DNA information.
- 7:30pm:** Wrap up evening with a group photo.

Saturday, September 10, 2016

- 8:30-9:00am:** Meet at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church for maps and info
- 9:00-12:30pm:** Leave for Killian's Hardware and Auto Sports. Car pooling for short distance.
- 12:30-1:30pm:** Lunch on your own. Maps will be provided to local eateries.
- 1:30-2:00pm:** Return to Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.
- 2:00-4:00pm:** AKHDA Genealogy workshop, Killian DNA Projects, Socializing and Sales Tables.
- 4:00pm:** Group Picture.
- 4:30-5:30pm:** Presentation to Scholarship Winners and AKDHA Business Meeting. Dinner on your own. Many gather at J and S Cafeteria.

Sunday, September 11, 2016

- 10:00am:** Church Service Old St. Paul's Church.
OR
- 10:30am:** Church Service Mt. Zion Lutheran Church.
- 1:00-2:00pm:** Catered Lunch at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center.
- 2:00pm:** Mike Baxter, Professor in the History Department at Central Piedmont Community College, Charlotte, NC and local Archaeologist.

Mike Baxter teaches United States History and World Civilization courses at CPCC and upper level history courses at Belmont Abbey College. He does Southern Campaigns Revolutionary War archaeology work in the Carolinas and works with UNC Charlotte graduates and undergrad students in the Summer Archaeology Program. He is responsible for an exploration of the Kings Mountain CCC site (Civilian Conservation Corp site from the 1930's) for the South Carolina State Park system. He loves local history and making public presentations on history of our area.

Farewells until next year: Group Photo.

Keep a copy of this page with you while at the reunion; the times and phone numbers will be a great help to you.

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Who Do You Think You Are?

By Cheryl Killian

In the [Ancestry.com](#) commercial, Kyle Merker wears lederhosen and thinks he is of German ancestry. Since receiving his Autosomal DNA test results, he is turning in his lederhosen for Scottish kilts. Kyle's DNA test results showed he is 52% Irish, Welsh and Scottish. Actually Kyle is European. The complete profile reports, he is 28% Scandinavian, 10% Italian and Greek and 10% other.

Autosomal DNA contains most of the DNA that makes us who we are. Because of the way it is transferred down the generations, the test does not identify which specific ancestor gave us specific genes (unless we compare our results with people we know we are related to). Kyle was born with 50% of his father's ethnicity and 50% of his mother's. These means he is 25% of each of his grandparents; 12.5% of each of his great-grandparents; 6.25% of GGgrandparents; and 3.125% of each of his 32 GGGgrandparents.

Because Autosomal DNA is a mixture of the mother's and father's DNA, it is unique to each person. The Autosomal DNA test is designed to find relatives on any ancestral lines within the last five generations [1st you, 2nd your parents, 3rd grandparents, 4th great-grandparents and 5th GGGgrandparents]. This test is good to about fourth or fifth cousins and does not distinguish between matches from your mother's side versus your father's side. Both men and women can complete this test.

AKDHA's prefers the Autosomal DNA test FamilyFinder available from [FamilyTreeDNA.com](#). If you have taken any of the DNA test, let James Green III or I tell you more at the 82nd AKDHA Reunion. If you have not taken a DNA test we will be glad to offer you ideas on how DNA may help in your research.