

Killian Family Newsletter

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***Mark your calendar for
the
2017 AKHDA Reunion
on
September 8, 9 and 10
2017***

Message from the President

Hello cousins,

I hope this message finds you are doing well. The 2016 AKDHA Reunion was great. My congratulations to all involved in its success.

The 2017 AKDHA Reunion planning will be getting started soon. Please contact us and give us your input to ensure we have another successful reunion. Your input is very important to us and this is your opportunity to add or delete from the reunion agenda. My contact information is below.

Also, it is very appropriate for me to take a minute to commend and bring recognition to the hard working volunteers that make our association a success throughout the year. When I share our website, newsletters, books and information to others, they are amazed of the extensive information and continued hard work that others do to make known more about our Killian roots. DNA is a big conversation piece now-a-days and again many are amazed and overwhelmed with the work done with DNA in validating genealogy. Thanks to all the AKDHA association officers and volunteers for the fantastic work you do! Another big thank you, is to our newsletter editor and webmaster in keeping us all informed.

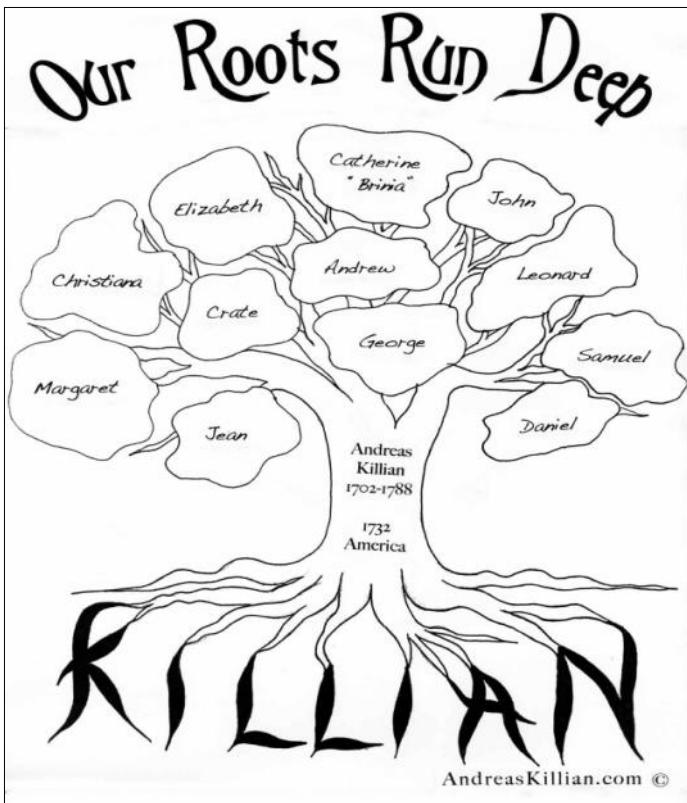
We are thankful for those that are able to give monetarily toward association projects and reunion expenses. In the past, Dan Sipe, our past president, past vice-president, past program director and DNA project member, was able to secure monies for our AKDHA Scholarship Award from his employer. He retired and AKDHA no longer receive money from his source. If you are able to give toward this award, please state on the 'for' line of your check, so your donation can be put directly toward the AKDHA Scholarship Award.

As with the reunion planning, we would welcome any suggestion to enhance our communications to you. I know all of you are looking forward to hear about the plans for this year's reunion. Please get the word out to your family, friends and acquaintances that everyone is welcome to come, enjoy the programs and get to know their Killian cousins.

I look forward to hearing from you and hopefully seeing you at this year's reunion.

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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:

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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.

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Fanny Killian Finger (1820-1885)

By Wayne Milam

Killian roots run deep in Lincoln, Catawba and surrounding counties. A few years back some Finger descendants were regular attendees of the annual Killian reunion. During my research, I have concluded there could be more members of the Finger, Beal, Bynum, and Mullen families who may not be aware they descend from North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian.

Just one of the interesting finds I made while researching library and courthouse records, is the lineage of Fanny Killian Finger.

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### **Lincoln County Court Records July Sessions 1820**

#### **Barbara Sumerow vs Andrew Killian**

On motion of Robert Williamson Esquire, it was ordered by court that Andrew Killian [son of Joseph Killian and Rebecca Cresamore] should pay unto Barbara Sumerow [daughter of Henry Summerow and Elizabeth Whitener] thirty dollars for the first, twenty dollars for the second and fifteen dollars for the third and last years maintenance of a base born child begotten on the body of the said Barbara of which the said Andrew is the reputed father. 1st paid the woman, 2nd was paid her, 3rd was paid in office and her.

### **Lincoln County Court Records July Sessions 1821**

Ordered by court that the Sheriff bring to next court the following children to be put to proper persons to take charge of them viz: two illegitimate children at [the home of] Henry Summerow Senrs [second child was Margaret Killian daughter of Elizabeth Summerow].

### **Lincoln County Court Records October Sessions 1821**

Ordered by court that Fanny Killian about 9 years old [should be 1 year old] be bound to Barbara Sumrow until she attain lawful age to learn the trade of a spinster who is to have the said Fanny taught to read and write and at the expiration of her time to give her a wheel and cards and a reel and bed.

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Andrew Killian and Barbara Summerow did not marry each other. Andrew married Susannah Moody. Barbara married Wiley Hallman.

A few Internet search results have Fanny Killian as the daughter of Wiley Hallman. This confusion is caused by Wiley Hallman's last will and testament. His will "bequeaths unto his daughter Fanny equal valuation of money out of my estate with my other children." He also states that she is the natural born daughter of his wife Barbara and raised her until she married Solomon Finger. Fanny Killian was born in January 1820. Barbara Summerow and Wiley Hollman married in 1823. I can surmise from Wiley Hollman's will Fanny was loved as his daughter.

Fanny (Frances) Killian married Solomon Finger in 1846. Solomon's father was Jonas Finger and his mother was Susan Summerow, sister of Barbara. In 1826, when Solomon was three years old, his father Jonas died. Joseph Killian, son of Joseph was named guardian of Solomon by the Lincoln County Court in June of 1843.

Solomon Finger died in 1871 and is buried in the Finger Cemetery in Iron Station in Lincoln County. Fanny (Frances) Killian Finger died in 1885 and is also buried there.

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Found: The Family of David Killian

Son of Philip Killian and Mary Hoskins

Y-DNA results provided proof, Woodroe "Woody" Willis Killian is a descendant of Andreas Killian, but not how they are related. When Woody joined the Killian Y-DNA project, he had me look for his ancestor Joseph Killian born about 1838 in Missouri. I hit a wall by not finding Joseph with his parents in the 1850 census and Joseph was living in his own household in 1860. I am pleased to announce the 1850 census record with Joseph Killian living with his parents has been found. I was not looking for Joseph, but a less common name, Moses Killian. I had Moses living with Phillip Killian in 1860, but I had no proof Phillip was Moses' brother. Moses could have been his cousin.

This year Gail Wilder-Stewart asked me to look for the ancestry of Moses Killian born about 1835 in Missouri. She had been told Moses was the son of David Killian, but had not seen any proof. Off I go looking for David Killian born about 1803 in North Carolina and Moses in the same household. Again, I find David on the 1840 census with a big family. I could not find David's household on the 1850 census. So after much time looking for David in the 1850 census, I looked again in the 1860 census. Of course, I am looking at an index; names and ages. This is where I remember Gene Killian telling me to look at the original source. The 1860 census has David, his wife and children and I see that two of the children were born in Kentucky about 1850. This sends me off looking for David and his family in Kentucky in the 1850 census. No Luck! But with the unusual name of Moses born about 1835 in Missouri, I start looking for Moses born 1835 in Missouri (using no last name) living in Kentucky. There, Moses was in the index as Moses Kelling, age 15, born in Missouri. This was pure luck for the descendants of David Killian born about 1803 in North Carolina, the son of Philip Killian and Mary Hoskins.

Space is limited in this issue of the *Killian Family Newsletter*. I have compiled a list of David Killian's probable children, how many wives I believe David had, the 1860 census of David and the 1870 census with Easter/Ester Killian married living with her husband and family.

More to come in the next newsletter.

Submitted by Cheryl Mann Killian

David Keeling 1850 United States Federal Census

Name: David Keeling

Age: 40

Birth Year: abt 1810

Gender: Male

Birthplace: Missouri

Home in 1850: Livingston County, Kentucky

Family Number: 643

Household Members:

Name	Age	Notes
David Keeling	40	Born MO
Isabelle Kelling	40	Born KY
Moses Kelling	15	Born MO
Joseph Kelling	12	Born MO
Sarah Kelling	10	Born MO
Susan Kelling	8	Born MO
Eliza Kelling	6	Born MO
Barberra Kelling	4	Born MO
<u>Patrick Kelling</u>	2	Born MO Twins
<u>Easter Kelling</u>	2	Born MO Twins
Nancy Kelling	25	Born MO
James Kelling	23	Born MO Laborer
Mary Kelling	21	Born MO
Phillip Kelling	18	Born MO
Elizebeath Kelling	17	Born MO
Missouria Kelling	16	Born MO Twins
David Kelling	16	Born MO Twins

I have underlined Patrick and Easter. They were my clue to look in Kentucky in the 1850 U.S. Census. Having Eliza, Barbara, Patrick and Ester in the 1860 household confirmed I had the correct family.

What One Andreas Killian Descendant Is Doing

David Waller, one of the 2016 AKDHA Scholarship Winners, has been very busy during his teen years. His scholarship application was chosen as this Killian Family Newsletter issue of *What One Andreas Killian Descendant Is Doing* article.

I Can Make a Difference

By
David Waller

I know I have made a difference and I will continue to do so. In 2013, a freshman at Mt. Tabor High School, I joined the Crosby Scholars. Each year you are required to do a certain amount of hours for community service. The same year a young boy at our church was diagnosed with cancer. With medical expenses, the family couldn't afford to take Collin anywhere. Members of the church contacted "Walk for Wishes" to organize a team for Collin. That November, I started volunteering and was a member of the Collin's Team. The event took place at "The Festival of Lights" at Tanglewood Park in Winston-Salem, NC. We raised enough money to send Collin and his family to Walt Disney World. The look of joy on his face was worth every step I took. For the past four years, the Collin's Team has been recognized as a top fundraising team for "Walk for Wishes". I have continued to walk with them and hope my schedule in College will allow me to keep participating in the walk. In addition to this I have also worked with the youth group in feeding the homeless. We prepare lunch bags, a sandwiches, chips, cookie, and drink and take them downtown in Winston-Salem and hand them out to the homeless people on the streets. They are very grateful for this small meal that we take for granted daily. I have also been to Puerto Rico on mission trips. Our Youth group at Poplar Springs Church of Christ in King, NC travels there every other year to help Brian Smith, a good friend and pastor of Toa Baja Christian Church. While there, we fix and repair the church and school and participate with the youth of his church. It's a lot of fun to help these students and I have learned a lot from being there with them. I plan to continue to do many things involving the youth. I have been a camp counselor for my church for the last two summers when we had Collide week. This is a week of community service and activities. It is a good way to give to others and still have fun. I plan to attend Liberty University in Virginia in the fall of 2016. I am going to major in Graphic Art Design and minor in Youth Ministry. I am hoping somewhere to be able to throw in Christian Music and will participate in music in College. I am a member of the Jazz Band, Woodwinds Band, and Marching Spartans at Mt. Tabor High School and the Wachovia Winds of Winston-Salem. Music is a big part of my life and I know it has brought a lot of people joy, including myself. I know that we all have it in us to make a difference. My God has showed me this and I know he will continue to show me how to help others. By ministry, music, or giving a helping hand to those in need, I know I can make a difference.



Harold Luther Killian (1929-2016)

Submitted by
Faye Killian Olsen

Harold Luther Killian was born September 22, 1929. He was the son of Otto Lafayette Killian and Mabel Dollar Killian. He died on June 11, 2016. His last months were spent at VA Hudson Valley Health Care Center at Montrose, NY where he received excellent care. Internment was at West Point Cemetery in a military ceremony on July 14, 2016. He felt a strong attachment to West Point so it was very fitting to be returning there as his "last home." He had taught at West Point in the automotive department various times for a total of 13 years. He retired from there as Chief Warrant Officer (W4) April 30, 1976.

Harold's father, Otto, was the son of Gabriel Alexander Killian (s. of Elijah), a blacksmith with a love of animals as was Harold. Otto (Fate) was so fond of animals that Harold insisted his dad would go hungry himself in order to feed any livestock in his care. As well as having personal pets (including a pet monkey), Harold donated time and resources to stray animals.

Harold had dropped out of high school and so lacked an official high school diploma, but found work that gave him skills that would start him on an enviable military career. He joined the US Army in October 1948. He was sent to Camp Chaffee, Arkansas for basic training and then to Aberdeen Proving Grounds in Aberdeen, Maryland where he received automotive training. It obviously was Harold's niche as he was sent next to the US Military Academy at West Point as an automotive's instructor.

On a furlough home in 1950 he drove a green Pontiac sedan and thereafter sported a new Pontiac almost every year. When home in 1951 he placed an alligator figure on his dashboard and it became a fixture thereafter in all of his cars. Although strong mentally and physically and being a career soldier, he also was very sentimental and thus the significance of the alligator memento. Too, furloughs home meant special gifts for family from the exotic places he had been.

After West Point he was sent to Iran as part of the Military Assistance Advisory Group (MAAG). He saw the overthrow of Iranian Prime Minister Mosaddeq which triggered the reinstatement of the Shah as supreme leader. His automotive advisory duties included taking care of the Shah's infamous Rolls Royce with the gold trim. During this assignment Harold was able to take side trips to Egypt and elsewhere. Even there Harold sought out animals as attested by pictures of him riding camels by the Pyramids and in the Holy Lands. He liked the people of Iran and enjoyed his time there.

While in Iran he was given the highest award Iran could give an American, the Government of Iran Medal of Honor, Grade 1. (see picture) During his military career he also received many other medals including

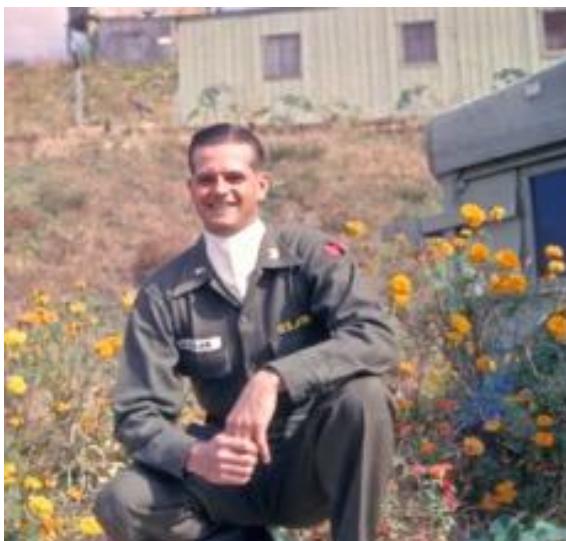
two Bronze Stars, Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross, Vietnam Campaign Medal, U.S. Army Commendation medal and many others.

Another tour was to Korea. There he was to oversee the arrival of vehicles as well as inspections prior to sending them back to the States. One comment in a letter home relative to Korea was that the buses were made from 2 ½ ton army trucks and he saw very few civilian cars.

A three-year stint in Paris, France was a nice respite before his next tour: Vietnam. While in Vietnam he helped with the building of a chapel in Qui Nhon. In a letter home he wrote "the men assigned to our battalion joined together and volunteered their efforts in building a church which proved quite successful." A grand opening was held and in excess of 200 people attended services. This caring side of Harold was also evident in another letter home where he shared a quote he had seen and thought worthwhile to remember: "There will be peace only when the power of love overcomes the love of power." Harold was to be sent to Vietnam for two separate tours.

In one conversation I had with him he did relate that one of his duties was to be taken by helicopter into battlefield areas to account for and inspect abandoned jeeps and tanks. He rode at an open door with machine guns at each door. When the helicopter "banked" he could see directly below which was necessary to spot the equipment. The helicopter was an easy target as it necessarily flew close to the ground. The temperature in Vietnam was unbearable. He described one incident in which one of the large reefers used to bring frozen meat to the troops was then put to use to stack twelve dead soldiers to ship home. Somehow it wasn't marked properly and so sat on the beach in 130-degree heat for several weeks. Experiences such as these were undoubtedly difficult to bear. He contacted Agent Orange, paralleling his dad's WW1 experience with Mustard Gas.

Among the things Harold loved most were Family, Our Country, the Army and the West Point Military Academy. Thank you, Harold, for almost 28 years of service.



AKDHA Remembers . . .

Willie Earl Killian (2 JUL 1932—12 FEB 2016) of Mountain Park, OK. [Hinds #84783].

Frances Hawn Bell (24 MAY 1927—11 May 2016) of North Augusta, SC. [Hinds #104845].

Lois Laney Hovis (7 DEC 1919—29 JUN 2016) of Maiden, NC. [Hinds #70230].

Margie Hefner Killian (28 May 1932—17 JUL 2016) of Hickory, NC. [Hinds #87188].

Ronald Steven Sisk (16 DEC 1947—5 SEP 2016) of Casar, NC. [Hinds #104565].

Joe Wayne Kaylor (30 JUL 1934—2 OCT 2016) of Conover, NC. [Hinds #62804].

Harvey Lynn Killian (14 JUL 1948—4 OCT 2016) of Connelly Springs, NC. [Hinds #62766].

Luther "Cecil" Franklin (17 AUG 1927—8 OCT 2016) of Drexel, NC. [Hinds#72320].

Mary Frances Lewis Batte (11 JAN 1927—1 JUN 2016) of Manhattan, KS. She descends from Jonas Conrad Killian [Hinds #104327].

Susan Marie Fikkan Rushing (7 AUG 1943—12 MAY 2016) of Albemarle, NC. [Hinds #104387].

Harry Stephen Killian (4 AUG 1953—11 OCT 2016) of Maiden, NC. [Hinds #96368].

Daniel Gene Fulbright (19 SEP 1937—13 NOV 2016) of Hildebran, NC. His wife, Gale Perry Fulbright, is descendant of Samuel C. Killian. [Hinds #101448].

Mildred Carolyn Newton (29 DEC 1927—6 DEC 2016) of Hickory, NC. [Hinds #22291].

Worth McLee Killian (2 SEP 1927—14 DEC 2016) of Hickory, NC. [Hinds #47075].

Joyce Lugene Bost Huffman (14 OCT 1942—19 DEC 2016) of Newton, NC. [Hinds #38879].

Ernest Harold Hawn (4 DEC 1922—24 DEC 2016) of Hickory, NC. He was a United States Veteran who served our country in World War II. [Hinds #70287].

James "Jim" Homer Ratchford (12 JUL 1929—26 DEC 2016) of Newton, NC. [Hinds #96848].

Kathryn Elizabeth Settemyre Killian (5 JULY 1916—29 DEC 2016) of Newton, NC. [Hinds #62360].

Robert "Bob" Preston Killian (27 NOV 1940—9 JAN 2017) of Bethlehem, NC. [Hinds #26332].

Ronald Lynn Blalock (2 JUL 1939—17 JAN 2017) of Arlington Heights, IL, formerly of Hickory, NC. [Hinds #47088].

Kenneth Ray Hawn (20 APR 1964—14 FEB 2017) of Maiden, NC. [Hinds #105052].

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Eileen G. Thrasher Bandi (13 MAY 1923—7 JAN 2017) of Roaming Shores, OH. She descends from John Killian and Susan Fry. [Hinds #90455].

Timothy R. "Tuff" Killian (5 MAR 1963—11 AUG 2016) of Fleetwood, NC. AKDHA was glad “Tuff” came to the 2015 reunion. [Hinds #62150].

Darwin "Eddie" Gragg (16 JUN 1938—30 JAN 2017) of Morganton, NC. Sgt. First Class Darwin "Eddie" Gragg, USAR Ret. was the son of the late Earl S. Gragg and Ganel Vance Gragg. He spent four years in the U.S. Navy aboard the USS William C. Lawe and then became a member of the NC National Guard. He retired as a Drill Sergeant with the U.S. Army Reserve with approximately 30 years of service. In addition to his parents, he was preceded in death by his wife, Annie Sue Epley Gragg; brothers, Larry Gragg and Dariel Gragg; and a sister, Maloy Gragg Gates. He is survived by a daughter, DeAnna Gragg Abee and husband, Kevin; grandchildren, Lauren Abee and Kaitlyn Abee; and sisters, Betty Higgins and Connie Lewis. [Hinds #101274].

Charles Lynn Gragg (18 AUG 1927—21 FEB 2017) of Hickory, NC. [Hinds #22204].

Stanley Wayne “Bo” Killian (29 SEP 1953—22 SEP 2016) of Vale, NC. [Hinds # TBA].

Memories of My Family.....

My beloved “Aunt Jeannie”, Shelbie Jean Killian Deal Duckworth, passed away September 4, 2016. What a loss for my family! She was the youngest child of Arville Leonard Killian and Metta Celeste Starnes; the last of 12 children. I felt so lost when realizing a whole generation of family was gone. Aunt Jeannie always wondered why they left her, but they did not leave her. Her family was awaiting her arrival for a reunion in heaven. Her love of the Lord was enormous!



My Aunt Jeannie was very talented and craft-wise. She could walk into a room and see what décor and decorations was needed. I told her many times, she had missed her calling. She could come up with some of the most creative ideals for crafts. In her home, all her walls were filled with her creations and treasures. She said several times, that *“if a house was not full of things, walls and all, that it wasn’t lived in”*. Family photos adorned her walls. They were placed above her windows, on window boxes, and photos just sitting everywhere of her beloved family. She treasured her son, granddaughter and grandchildren; along with her siblings. She would purchase large old windows sashes and put family photos in them and hang them wherever there was a blank space on her walls. We shared many times visiting craft stores, making crafts, sewing, and canning things for her family to share.

Aunt Jeannie as young woman she married George Deal, with whom they had a son, Terry, and later a granddaughter, Tia, and two great-grandchildren, Korbin and Kimberlyn. Later, she married Danny Duckworth. They were married some 38 years and oh how she loved him too! My Uncle Danny never denied Aunt Jeannie anything. He loved to travel with her and was extremely good to her.

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My mother, Mary Catherine Killian "Cass" Honeycutt Leatherman, and Jeannie, her sister, called each other daily. They were very close. After my mother's passing, I took Aunt Jeannie by the graveyard to visit. As we were standing there, Aunt Jeannie just started crying, I asked her why? While looking at the grave she said, "Cass, I am so sorry for being mean when we were young". Aunt Jeannie said she caused my mother to get whippings. I laughed and told her that momma understood, and she loved her still.

For the last 23 years, our family planned a dinner near Christmas; inviting family to bring food, a gift to exchange, and play games. Santa Claus came for the children. My Aunt Jeannie would always bring a special gift for a door prize to draw out a name of those who attended the gathering. She said she wanted to do that to show her love for family.

What fond memories I have of my family. My fondest and most loved memories are every weekend we (all of the family that could) would get together at my Uncle Pete and Aunt Margie's house. We shared our lives with each other, play with our cousins, play music, danced, and play cards (oh yeah, my family were card players)! That was the best times of my life growing up. Oh how, I wish families would still do that, get to know aunts and uncles, grandparents, cousins, and extended family. *What treasured times and memories you'll have.*

Shelbie "Jeanie" Killian Duckworth of Hickory, NC was born Jan. 10, 1940 to the late Arville Killian and Metta Starnes Killian. She was also preceded in death by her husband Danny Duckworth; brothers, June Starnes, Ray Starnes, D.L. Killian, Bobby Joe Killian, Bill Killian; and sisters, Ruby Killian, Margie Viriglio, Jettie Ailene Eckard, Fannie Coleen Barnette, Sally Earleen Raine, and Mary "Cass" Leatherman. Those left to cherish her memory is her son, Terry Deal of Taylorsville; one granddaughter; and two great-grandchildren. Jeanie was a member of Sandy Ridge Baptist Church in Hickory and was manager of Little Caesars Pizza in Hickory.

Submitted by Kimberly Honeycutt Sipe

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Fanny Killian Finger (1820-1884)

The children of Solomon Finger and Fanny Killian are:

Henry Finger was born in 1846 and died in 1863 in the Winder Hospital in Richmond, Virginia.

Jonas C. Finger was born in 1848 and died in 1916. He is buried in the Asbury Church Cemetery in Ironton. Jonas married Mira A. **Beal** April 21, 1867 in Lincoln County. Mira was born October 22, 1847. Their children are William, Dora E. Finger, Sarah, Laura Finger, Augustus Edgar Finger, John Cecil Finger, and Robert Finger. Mira Beal Finger died in 1922.

Amy Susan Finger was born in 1851. She married John **Bynum**. Their children are Luther Bynum, Minnie Bynum, Florence Louise Bynum, Hettie Bynum, and Preston Bynum.

Laura Julia Finger was born in 1859 died in 1947. She married John P. **Mullen** in 1878 in Lincoln County. John Mullen was born in 1854 and died in 1932. Both Laura and John are buried in the Antioch Baptist Church Cemetery in Lincolnton. Their children are Joseph Mullen born in 1883, Bessie Mullen born in 1888, Bonnie Mullen born in 1894, and Lawrence Mullen born in 1898.

The Lineage of Stanley Wayne “Bo” Killian

His obituary reads, Stanley Wayne “Bo” Killian was born in Caldwell County, NC in 1953 to the late James P. Killian. In addition to his father, he was preceded in death by a brother, Terry D. Killian; and a sister, Debra J. Coffey. Survivors include his mother Helma Crump Prestwood; two sons, Michael Killian and Travis Killian; one brother, Steve Perry Killian of Lenoir; two sisters, Lori Hildebran of Hildebran and Susan Killian of Lenoir; and a beloved uncle, Wayne Crump.

“Bo” Killian’s family was not in Bill Hind’s database. This meant I needed to go looking for his parents, James P. Killian and Helma Crump.

After a few Ancestry.com searches, I was able to find his father on Find-a-Grave and the NC marriage record of James P. Killian and Helma Crump. Now, I had lineage from Andreas to Bo.

Andreas Kilian and wife Mary
Samuel C. Killian and Barbara HAGER

Joseph Killian and Regina BOLICK
Anthony Killian and Madaline Elizabeth YOUNT
Robert Ellis Killian (1860-1924) and Lizzie DANNER
Julian Perry Killian (1884-1938) and Lillie COLVARD
James P. “Jay” Killian (1925-1998) and Helma CRUMP
Bo KILLIAN (1953-2016)

It always makes me feel good when I can add to the Killian Family Tree.

Submitted by Cheryl Mann Killian

Total Eclipse Reminder

By Eddie Killian



Eclipse reminder, there will be another total eclipse on August 21, 2017, that will be once again visible across much of the United States.

A solar eclipse occurs, when the moon passes between earth and the sun, thereby totally or partly obscuring the image of the sun for a viewer on earth. A total solar eclipse occurs when the Moon’s apparent diameter is larger than the sun’s, blocking all direct sunlight, turning day into darkness. Totality occurs in a narrow path across earth’s surface, with the partial eclipse visible over a surrounding region thousands of miles wide.

You can click on the following link: <https://www.eclipseglasses.com/pages/the-2017-eclipse-what-you-need-to-know> or type the link in your web browser to find out more information and the narrow total eclipse path across the United States.

Also, you can look for upcoming eclipse events from organizations, schools, professionals and academics from colleges and universities in your area; just like the photo above.

DNA and Your Genealogical Roots.

By Eddie Killian

For years, (since 1999) I had been involved with the AKDHA (formerly just called the Andreas Killian Family Association) and enjoyed the extensive information that the association volunteers had made available for their Killian cousins, databases, reunions, etc. I was very excited about my Killian heritage and was very involved.

The association decided to do a Y-DNA project with FamilyTreeDNA to develop a baseline of Y-DNA for the sons of Andreas Killian by obtaining DNA from male descendants of each son. Once this was completed, we were blessed with a Killian cousin Bill McCreight from Winnsboro, South Carolina that is married and living in Germany. He was doing Andreas Killian research and was able to locate Walter Killian who agreed to do his Y-DNA. Walter Killian's Y-DNA came back matching our Y-DNA base line from the descendants of the sons of Andreas Killian. Great news! This news confirmed oral and written history of Andreas Killian came from the Bavarian area of Germany. Along with this new information, Bill McCreight was able to validate his research, find five more generations in Germany and write three wonderful books on the family.

Now, the reason I am writing this article is to inform my cousins about the impact of doing your DNA. I want to encourage you to do your DNA. You might have to brace yourself for the findings (results) you receive from your test. My Y-DNA came back not matching the descendants of Andreas Killian Y-DNA baseline. Boy was I set back for awhile, but received much encouragement from my Killian cousins.

I am still here with my Killian adopted cousins....., but where do I go from here. I started looking back over my genealogy research much more carefully. This time instead of looking at the printable version of the census on Ancestry.com, I looked at the actual images. 1940 okay, 1930 okay, 1920 okay, 1910 saw a small line above the word son, started increasing the size of the display and soon the small line became a bracket with the word adopted. Well as you can guess, this is why my Y-DNA was not matching.

This was a big surprise to my uncles, aunt and my father, all whom never were aware that their father had been adopted. My grandfather Claude Tresvan had been adopted by John Alexander and Mary Ann Melton. Thus my adopted lineage to Andreas Killian goes like this: Eddie (me), Bob (father), Claude (grandfather), John (great-grandfather by adoption), Henry Van, John Wesley, Jacob, John, Andreas.

DNA can confirm and/or authenticate your oral, written or researched genealogy records. I encourage you to join the FamilyTreeDNA project today. www.FamilyTreeDNA.com surname Killian or Killion. There is a link at www.AndreasKillian.com.



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From Webmaster, Wayne Setzer

Great News! The AndreasKillian.com website is now mobile friendly. In the past you needed a desktop or laptop computer to view the AKDHA website; www.AndreasKillian.com. This new upgrade will allow you to view the website on your smart phone or tablet and AKDHA information is now available to you on the "fly" anywhere you have a hotspot or a data connection.

2017 AKDHA Scholarship Award

The Executive Committee of the AKDHA is pleased to announce we will be awarding one (1) or two (2) \$500 scholarships this year. AKDHA Scholarship Award is a program that provides funds for children of members of AKDHA who are planning to further their education at one of the following:

- ◆ Vocational and technical schools (college level)
- ◆ Junior colleges
- ◆ Colleges or Universities

How the Scholarship Works

The program is available to children whose parent, grandparent, or guardian is an active member of the AKDHA (attendance of Annual Reunion or subscriber of *Killian Family Newsletter*) and a descendant of Andreas Killian. The fund is a one-time award paid directly to the student's academic school. The scholarship is not based on the applicant's financial need.

Who is Eligible?

The term "children" means natural, adopted, step-children or dependent wards of a member of AKDHA. Eligibility for the scholarship is to all first, second, third, and fourth year attendees of vocational or technical schools, junior colleges, four-year colleges, universities and high school seniors who have been accepted to an institution of higher learning as previously mentioned are eligible.

Instructions

Application form can be found on website www.AndreasKillian.com

http://www.andreaskillian.com/ak-archives/scholarship/scholarship_application.pdf

Include following Attachments:

1. Current ACT or SAT scores (high school applicants only).
2. Current high school or college transcripts.
3. Current letters of recommendation (2) from teachers or educators familiar with the applicant's scholastic achievement and character.
4. Current letter of recommendation from an individual in the community who can provide information regarding the applicant's character, achievements in civic and potential in leadership and civic affairs.
5. Hand-written or typed essay on the topic "*I Can Make a Difference*".
6. List of community and/or extra-curricular activities.
7. Applicant's pedigree from known descendant of North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian

NOTE: Any omission of the above six attachments could automatically disqualify the applicant.

Completed applications and all attachments must be mailed and postmarked no later than June 1, 2017 to:
Robert Edward "Eddie" Killian, Jr., President AKDHA, PO Box 39, Gaston, SC 29053-0039. (803) 747-9906

Scholarship details, application and instruction can be found at www.AndreasKillian.com, click on the Projects tab, then click on the Scholarship tab.

How Winners are Selected

The winners and alternates will be selected by the Scholarship Committee, which is comprised of the AKDHA President, Vice President, Secretary, Treasurer, and Programs and Projects Director. The selection will be based on a competitive nature from the school records, performance scores, personal essay, and outside activities and interests. The applicants must realize that the final selection as made by the Scholarship Committee is final.

2016 KILLIAN REUNION RECAP

Submitted by Eddie Killian

I consider the 2016 AKDHA Reunion very successful. It was more laid back than the past few years.

Friday night is the reunion's big kickoff. Everyone enjoys the potluck meal. The Killian women can cook, but you are not required to bring a dish to enjoy a plate. The meal is for fellowship and relaxation. This year's entertainment was by "Workers in the Harvest"; a local group from Taylorsville, NC.

Saturday morning we gathered in the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church parking lot for a caravan tour to visited the wonderful collections of antiques at Killian's Hardware Museum and the cars at Auto Sports Inc. These are two favorite places of the reunion out-of-towners' to go. The museum is open just for special events and the owners are always happy to open the buildings and grounds for the AKDHA reunion. Andy and Justin Killian, the owners of Auto Sports Inc., have a passion for classic cars and don't mind talking cars all morning long with their Killian cousins. These locations are just up the road from Mt. Zion and car pooling is the best mode of transportation.

Saturday afternoon was spent at Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center with discussions on Killian heritage in America and Germany; a genealogy workshop; and a program by James Green III and Cheryl Killian on how DNA and genealogy work together. Before the AKDHA Business Meeting, the 2016 AKDHA Scholarship Awards were presented to two young descendants of Andreas Killian. This year's business meeting included the election of new association officers. I am pleased to announce I won the president's office with a unanimous vote (Thank You!).

Saturday evening many went to J and S Cafeteria in Hickory for supper/dinner, whatever you call the evening meal. Later, many continued their Killian research in the lobby of the Best Western Hotel in Hickory, NC.

Our religious roots run deep and Sunday morning and many attended worship at Old St. Paul's Lutheran Church or at Mt. Zion Lutheran. Old St. Paul's worships at the old historic building each Second Sunday in September.

After worship, AKDHA wrapped-up the reunion with a benefit dinner/lunch in the Mt. Zion Lutheran Church Family Life Center catered by the SAM's club of Mt. Zion. Our special guest speaker was Mike Baxter, a college history professor and local archaeologist. He is familiar with our ancestor, NC pioneer Andreas Killian and had recently visited Germany.

The 2017 AKDHA Reunion will be September 8, 9, and 10; mark your calendars today! See you then.

Grow Your Family Tree!

Submitted by Kim Sipe

When researching your family history, use these smart steps and you can watch your tree grow!

- Do a one-stop search at the National Archives! Find free census, immigration and military service records at Archives.gov. They also offer no-cost genealogy workshops nationwide.
- "Crowd-source" for info! Family photos have folks you don't recognize? Post them on a family-tree website like MyHeritage.com, and the invite relatives to share what they know!
- Get the right DNA test! An autosomal DNA test (offered at FamilyTreeDNA.com and Ancestry.com/DNA) checks 700,000 genetic markers. It gives adoptees the best chance of finding a match!

2016 Scholarship Awarded to Zachary Taylor Sipe

Zachary Taylor Sipe is the son of Phillip and Kimberly Sipe and is a descendant of Samuel. He attended Bunker Hill High School in Claremont, NC where he was a BETA Member for four years and was accepted into the National Technical Honor Society by keeping a high GPA. He played JV and Varsity Baseball for Bunker Hill High School and ran cross country. He also served in the Boy Scout program for five years. Zachary helps out the deacons in his church during service.

Zachary will be attending CVCC (Catawba Valley Community College) in Hickory, NC for two years earning an Associate Degree. He then plans to transfer to a higher college to obtain a Bachelor's Degree; to hopefully become a CPA.

Zachary Taylor Sipe descends from Samuel C. Killian, son of North Carolina pioneer Andreas Killian.
 Andreas Killian
 Samuel C. Killian
 Joseph Killian
 Casper E. Killian
 James Monroe Killian
 Arville Leonard Killian
 Mary Catherine Killian Honeycutt Leatherman
 Kimberly Honeycutt Sipe
 Zachary Taylor Sipe, AKHDA 2016 Scholarship Winner

Congratulations Zachary! AKDHA wishes you much success.

2016 Scholarship Awarded to David Glen Waller

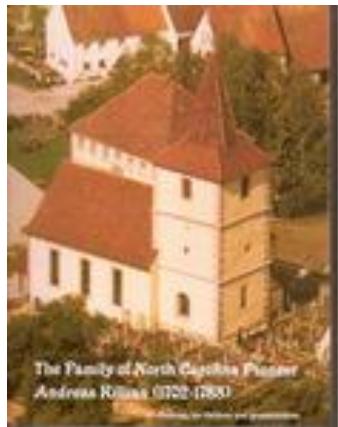
The Killian family of David Glen Waller are not strangers to AKDHA or the Killian Reunion. And his family is not shy about their double lineage back to Andreas. Floyd Glenn Killian (1909-1994) married Elsie Viola Killian (1911-1961). Floyd and Elsie were 1st cousins twice removed, both descending from Joseph Killian, son of Samuel C. Killian. You can read more about Glenn Waller on page 5 in this newsletter.

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Congratulations David! AKDHA wishes you much success in the future.

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AKDHA Books Are Back In Stock

"The Family of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian (1702-1788)" is available by mail for \$30. This book is about Andreas, his children and list most of his grandchildren. A must have book for all descendants of NC pioneer Andreas Killian.

"The Forefathers of North Carolina Pioneer Andreas Killian" by William Randolph McCreight is available by mail for \$45. The Forefathers book was published by AKDHA in 2011 with the consent of the author. This book takes us back in time before Andreas came to America. It features a color section of important Killian places and churches. It is a must have book for those who have wondered where in Germany the NC pioneer Andreas Killian was born.

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